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Great Read

Everything Was Beautiful and Nothing Hurt: A Novel

By Ben Reeves

"Unique, heartbreaking, and profound. This novel broke me in half but left me with immense gratitude for life, even for the toughest of times. You will want to share this with everyone you know."

—Barb Rascon, Page 158 Books, Wake Forest, NC

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Country People: A Novel

By Daniel Mason

"Entering the magical world of Daniel Mason is discovering the most perfect illustration of literature. The characters are quirky, the plot is inventive, and the landscape defies convention. Loved every page from beginning to end."

—Mary McBride, Monstera's Books, Overland Park, KS

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Great Read

The Shampoo Effect: A Novel

By Jenny Jackson

"This is a juicy and fun summer read, but it also has wonderful depth of character and a truly thoughtful exploration of what happens to a tight-knit group of friends as they reassess their lives, negotiate adulthood, and raise their own kids."

—Debra Ginsberg, DIESEL, A Bookstore, Santa Monica, CA

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A Real Animal: A Novel

By Emeline Atwood

"This novel follows Lucy as she navigates her twenties in the aftermath of an assault. Her journey is raw and unflinching, capturing the complexity of trauma and its effects on every aspect of her life, but particularly her relationships. Unsettling, powerful, and unlike anything I've read before."

—Katherine Czyzewski, Thunder Road Books, Spring Lake, NJ

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Great Read

In Stormy Weather: A Novel

By Chelsea Curto

"A super swoony and sexy romance between two rival meteorologists, plus a best friend's brother? Say less! If you love banter and rivals-to-lovers, *In Stormy Weather* is the perfect summer romance for you!"

—Claire McWhorter, River & Hill Books, Rome, GA

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Great Read

Tata

By Valérie Perrin, Hildegard Serle (Transl.)

"An absolutely gorgeous read. Perrin's writing quietly wraps its arms around you, and before you know it, you are embracing her back. Take this book on vacation or give yourself a week to be fully immersed in this story."

—Danielle Glasky, Long Story Books, Atlanta, GA

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Great Read

It Could Have Been Her: A Novel

By Lisa Jewell

"WOW. In perfect Lisa Jewell fashion, this book read like a storm: it started off with a vague swirling that got tighter and tighter, ultimately reaching a thrilling conclusion. The characters and imagery leapt off the pages."

—Kelly Blazo, 2 Dandelions Bookshop, Brighton, MI

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Great Read

The Romance Revival

By Christina Lauren

"Emery is given the chance to save her husband Luca's life, and their marriage, after an accident. Combining a sweet and spicy romance with a science fiction thriller, this will keep you turning the pages!"

—Melissa Law, Mostly Books, Tucson, AZ

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Great Read

**The Exquisite Torment of Loving Your Enemy
(Dearly Beloathed #2)**

By Brigitte Knightley

"For fear of waxing rhapsodic, I'll simply say I LOVED the second part of this story. The overarching world and plot, the romance, the yearning, the fight scenes, the adventure – this book was magic!"

–Destinee Hodge, East City Bookshop, Washington, DC

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Hot Girl Murder Club: A Novel

By Ashley Winstead

"If you're into detectives and the underbelly of the Hollywood elite, this is a fun dual timeline thriller that keeps you hooked. Winstead's prose is top-notch, and it helps bring the settings and characters to life."

–Jeff Morse, Partners in Crime Bookshop, Chicago, IL

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Great Read

Fabulous Bodies

By Chuck Tingle

"Gruesome, intelligent, and full of biting commentary about parasocial relationships with celebrities, clout and wealth chasing, social media influencing, body image and how self absorbed we can be when we limit our world to what's on our phones."

–Jennifer Tidwell, Favorites Bookstore, Batesville, MS

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Great Read

Tropesick: A Novel

By Lauren Okie

"*Tropesick* was a beautiful and tortured second-chance romance with a healthy balance of new beginnings, past traumas, and a dash of magic. Okie solidified herself as a voice in romance that demands to be heard."

–Kristina Muffoletto, Afterglow Books, Buffalo, NY

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Great Read

Helpless: A Novel

By Jessica Knoll

"*Helpless* was a wild ride in the best way. The story has it all – reuniting with the one that got away, kidnapping, murder, and Hollywood! I was hooked from the first few pages and stayed up way too late to finish."

–Courtney Hyzer, Wonderland Bookshop, Shorewood, WI

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Great Read

The Death Row Club

By V. A. Vazquez

"V. A. Vazquez has written an enthralling story about the adult children of serial killers. A darkly fascinating look at the usually unspoken horrors that killers leave behind which asks how far you'll go to protect yourself and your family."

–Kris Stephens, Watermark Books & Cafe, Wichita, KS

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Great Read

Man Overboard!: A Novel

By Kathleen Rooney

"Kick Kilpatrick is in his early 30s, treading water (metaphorically). Alone in open water after going overboard on a cruise, he's at the mercy of sting rays, sharks, and his own mind while treading water (literally) to stay alive. A beach read like you've never seen before."

–Laurel Rhame, Phoenix Books, Essex Junction, VT

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The Someday Garden

By Ashley Poston

"Will Sophie be able to help the handsome man trapped in a magical garden while grieving her best friend *and* deciding if she still loves her job? I can't wait for everyone to read this beautiful and heartfelt story!"

–Amanda Nurse, The Doylestown & Lahaska Bookshops, Doylestown, PA

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It's All River: A Novel

By Carla Madeira, Alison Entrekin (Transl.)

"A powerful book that focuses on obsession, tragedy, betrayal and ultimately forgiveness. A trio of unlikely characters work to overcome hardship and heartache to forge a new relationship. Well worth the challenge!"

—Jocelle Skinner, Shared Stories Books, Caldwell, ID

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70,000: Poems

By Lenna Jawdat

"I was so enraptured by Jawdat's project and her multi-media approach to exploring unspeakable loss, heartache, bewilderment, exile, identity, family, love, and yes, hope. A truly original and remarkable work."

—Toni Thayer, Loganberry Books, Shaker Heights, OH

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Great Read

Every Version of You: A Novel

By Natalie Messier

"I absolutely adored *Every Version of You*. Messier crafts a beautifully messy and compelling love story in a world where second chances aren't just wishful thinking. These characters are people you can root for with all your heart."

—Sarah George, Bookish, Modesto, CA

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Great Read

The Very Definition of Love

By Sophia Benoit

"This was such a refreshing take on historical romance from a brilliant new voice in the genre. I stayed up all night to finish this. I look forward to more from Benoit, hopefully with the rest of the Bancroft sisters."

—Sami Melaragno, Riverstone Books, Pittsburgh, PA

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Voyagers: A Novel

By Meg Charlton

"I love *Voyagers*' exploration of memory, friendship, and the way a single day in childhood can define us. The complex family relationships and the narrator's willingness to interrogate his own flawed memory make for a page-turning read!"

—Kara Balcerzak, Bonfire Bookstore, Woodstock, VA

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Should the Waters Take Us: A Novel

By Stephanie Soileau

"This is a force of nature (human and otherwise), no less powerful than the disasters faced by the characters at the story's heart. A family saga that takes on environmental change and disaster, history, race, immigration — a remarkable debut."

—Kathy Crowley, Belmont Books, Belmont, MA

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Great Read

Agnes Lives!: A Novel

By Hallie Elizabeth Newton

"A non-stop whirlwind 24 hours in which a successful, busy NYC woman seeks someone, anyone who will do her a really big favor and end her life. This is a sharp, feral, and funny rollercoaster."

—Seth Tucker, Carmichael's Bookstore, Louisville, KY

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Most Ardentlly Yours: A Novel

By Freya Sampson

"Austen fans rejoice! Any romance reader who thinks that a book boyfriend is better than the real thing will love this modern-day romp with the 'real' Fitzwilliam Darcy who suddenly appears from a worn copy of *Pride and Prejudice*."

—Terry Gilman, Creating Conversations, Redondo Beach, CA

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Great Read

Devotions

By Lucy Caldwell

"Lucy Caldwell writes 'about the thin membrane between normal and psychosis' in the second story in this collection. There is an immediacy to these tales I cannot quite describe, but they will leave readers gasping for oxygen."

—Veronica Brooks-Sigler, River Bend Bookshop, Glastonbury, CT

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Great Read

Cry for Me, Argentina: Stories From My Messed-Up Life

By Tamara Yajia

"Tamara Yajia finds a not-so-delicate balance of irreverent crassness and heartfelt storytelling. Her life is almost unbelievable while still somehow relatable. Perfect for fans of Samantha Irby, Jenny Lawson, and Maria Bamford."

—Mara Panich, Fact & Fiction Downtown, Missoula, MT

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The Emperor of Gladness: A Novel

By Ocean Vuong

"Ocean Vuong's sophomore novel is a societal epic as seen beneath a microscope. A lonely young man meets a lonely older woman, and after that? Everything. This book is a quiet marvel."

—Laurel Rhame, Phoenix Books, Essex Junction, VT

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Forest Euphoria: The Abounding Queerness of Nature

By Patricia Ononiwu Kaishian

"A wonderful celebration of the beauty and strangeness of the natural world, as well as a fascinating memoir about growing up different. You will love Kaishian's clear, vivid prose!"

—Michael Bender, Split Rock Books, Cold Spring, NY

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A Magical Girl Retires: A Novel

By Park Seolyeon, Anton Hur (Transl.)

"A quixotic blend of fantasy and reality. Magical girls are real, but so too are credit card debt, COVID-19, and mass unemployment. This strangely nostalgic, deceptively simple novel taps into both the dreams and anxieties of millennials."

—Shay Shortt, Brick & Mortar Books, Redmond, WA

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A Marriage at Sea: A True Story of Love, Obsession, and Shipwreck

By Sophie Elmhirst

"A raw telling of the fight a young couple endures physically and mentally as their boat is capsized by creatures in the middle of the sea. Reads like a novel — it's wild that this is a true story!"

—Alex Hammett, Serendipity Books, Chelsea, MI

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Great Read

What We Can Know: A Novel

By Ian McEwan

"The world has been greatly reduced in both size of dry land and population, and an academic in 2130 feels nostalgia for our era through his search for a lost poem. I love McEwan's eternal ability to find beauty in the most mundane moments."

—Anne Peck, Righton Books, St. Simons Island, GA

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