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Your Next Great Read



## #1 PICK

**Bad Words: A Novel**  
By Rioghnach Robinson

(St. Martin's Press, 9781250431295, \$30, Oct. 6, Romance)

"A book about books, publishing, writing, the internet, and the very best, *truly* enemies to lovers, unexpected romance. What a timely read — from the constant pressure online to the ways AI is changing publishing. An incredible look at the power of words."

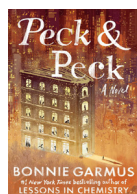
—Leighellen Landskov, Fabled Bookshop & Café, Waco, TX



**Partita: A Novel**  
By Barbara Kingsolver

(Harper, 9780063577541, \$32, Oct. 6, Fiction)

Recommended by Jude Sales, Readers' Books, Sonoma, CA



**Peck & Peck: A Novel**  
By Bonnie Garmus

(Scribner, 9781668251065, \$30, Oct. 13, Fiction)

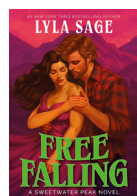
Recommended by Cheryl McKeon, Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, NY



**American Hagwon**  
By Min Jin Lee

(Cardinal, 9781538752036, \$36, Sept. 29, Fiction)

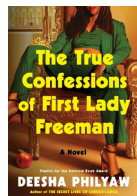
Recommended by Emilie Sommer, East City Bookshop, Washington, DC



**Free Falling: A Sweetwater Peak Novel**  
By Lyla Sage

(Dial Press Trade Paperback, 9780593977798, Paperback, \$20, Sept. 22, Romance)

Recommended by Jessica Johnson, Under the Cover, Kansas City, MO



**The True Confessions of First Lady Freeman: A Novel**  
By Deesha Philyaw

(Mariner Books, 9780063383074, \$32, Sept. 29, Fiction)

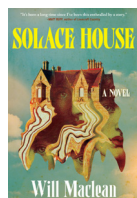
Recommended by Errol Anderson, Charis Books & More, Atlanta, GA



**Victorious (Villains #3)**  
By V. E. Schwab

(Tor Books, 9781250192233, \$31.99, Oct. 6, Fantasy)

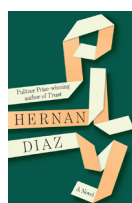
Recommended by Jess Feder, Kiss and Tale Romance Bookshop, Decatur, GA



**Solace House**  
By Will MacLean

(Grove Press, 9780802168689, \$28, Oct. 13, Horror)

Recommended by Torrin Nelson, Queen Anne Book Company, Seattle, WA



**Ply: A Novel**  
By Hernan Diaz

(Riverhead Books, 9780593719541, \$32, Sept. 29, Fiction)

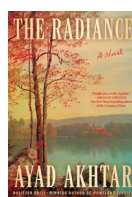
Recommended by Alana Haley, Schuler Books, Grand Rapids, MI



**Mothsblood: Deluxe Limited Edition**  
By Lynn D. Jung

(Bloomsbury Publishing, 9798260200438, Hardcover, \$32; 9781639737888, Standard Hardcover, \$30, Oct. 13, Fantasy)

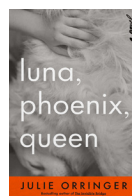
Recommended by Vaughn Lachenauer, Main Point Books, Wayne, PA



**The Radiance: A Novel**  
By Ayad Akhtar

(S&S/Summit Books, 9781668078631, \$29, Sept. 29, Fiction)

Recommended by Karen Hwang, Wellesley Books, Wellesley, MA



**Luna, Phoenix, Queen: A Novel**  
By Julie Orringer

(Knopf, 9798217207886, \$32, Oct. 13, Fiction)

Recommended by Cody Morrison, Square Books, Oxford, MS



**As You Wake, Break the Shell: A Novel**  
By Becky Chambers

(Harper Voyager, 9780062936066, \$32, Oct. 13, Sci-Fi)

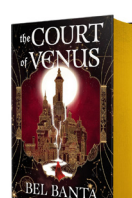
Recommended by Kit Fitzgerald, Noe Valley Books, San Francisco, CA



**Look What the Cat Dragged In: A Novel**  
By Jason Rekulak

(Flatiron Books, 9781250895875, \$29.99, Oct. 13, Thriller)

Recommended by Nichole Bryant, Bryant Books & Music, Hastings, NE



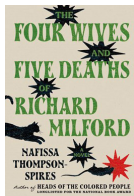
**The Court of Venus**  
By Bel Banta

(Tor Books, 9781250437136, \$29.99, Sept. 29, Fantasy)

Recommended by Brooke Williams, Beanbag Books, Delaware, OH

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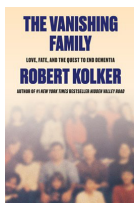
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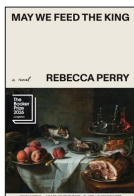
**The Four Wives and Five Deaths of Richard Milford: A Novel**  
By Nafissa Thompson-Spires  
(Scribner, 9781501168048, \$26, Oct. 6, Fiction)  
Recommended by Kat Neilson, Paper Hearts Bookstore, Little Rock, AR



**Sophie, Standing There: A Novel**  
By Meg Mason  
(Harper, 9780063493131, \$30, Sept. 29, Fiction)  
Recommended by Jill Smith, Still North Books & Bar, Hanover, NH



**The Vanishing Family: Love, Fate, and the Quest to End Dementia**  
By Robert Kolker  
(Doubleday, 9780385551038, \$35, Sept. 29, Science)  
Recommended by Caitlin Baker, Island Books, Mercer Island, WA



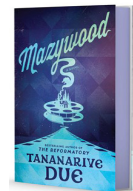
**May We Feed the King**  
By Rebecca Perry  
(Transit Books, 9798893380620, Paperback, \$18.95, Sept. 29, Fiction)  
Recommended by Logan Walley, Recluse Books, Fort Worth, TX



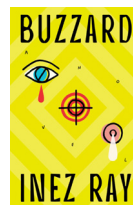
**Home for the Homicides: A Holly & Mark Mystery**  
By Elle Cosimano, Hannah Morrissey  
(Minotaur Books, 9781250413352, \$29, Oct. 13, Mystery)  
Recommended by Becky Anderson, Anderson's Bookshops, Naperville, IL



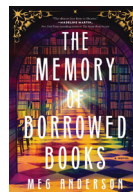
**The Given World**  
By Melissa Harrison  
(Biblioasis, 9781771967365, \$18.95, Oct. 6, Fiction)  
Recommended by Ian McCord, Rec Room Books, Athens, GA



**Mazywood**  
By Tananarive Due  
(S&S/Saga Press, 9781668075142, \$32, Sept. 22, Horror)  
Recommended by Audrey I-Wei Huang, Belmont Books, Belmont, MA



**Buzzard ii**  
By Inez Ray  
(Left Unread, 9781967967261, Paperback, \$19.95, Sept. 22, Sci-Fi)  
Recommended by Stephen Hayes, Fred & June's Bookstore, Mooresville, NC



**The Memory of Borrowed Books: A Novel**  
By Meg Anderson  
(Sourcebooks Landmark, 9781464295164, Hardcover, \$32.99, 9781464278372, Paperback, \$18.99, Oct. 6, Fiction)  
Recommended by Julie Schultz, This House of Books, Billings, MT



**Rottenheart**  
By Kat Dunn  
(Zando, 9781638934653, \$28.95, Oct. 13, Horror)  
Recommended by Mirna Villeda, Godmothers, Summerland, CA

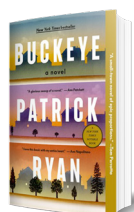
## NOW IN PAPERBACK



**As Many Souls as Stars: A Novel**  
By Natasha Siegel  
(William Morrow Paperbacks, 9780063418035, \$18.99, Oct. 6, Fantasy)  
Recommended by Jennifer Lieberman, Books Are Awesome, Parker, CO



**Bad Bad Girl: A Novel**  
By Gish Jen  
(Vintage, 9780593689653, \$20, Sept. 22, Fiction)  
Recommended by Anton Bogomazov, Politics and Prose Bookstore, Washington, DC



**Buckeye: A Novel**  
By Patrick Ryan  
(Random House Trade Paperbacks, 9780593595053, \$20, Sept. 29, Fiction)  
Recommended by Robert McDonald, The Book Stall, Winnetka, IL



**We Survived the Night ii**  
By Julian Brave NoiseCat  
(Vintage, 9780593315286, \$21, Oct. 13, Memoir)  
Recommended by Melinda Powers, Bookshop Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA



**The Wilderness: A Novel**  
By Angela Flournoy  
(Mariner Books, 9780063318816, \$18.99, Sept. 29, Fiction)  
Recommended by Brooke Williams, Beanbag Books, Delaware, OH



**Will There Ever Be Another You: A Novel**  
By Patricia Lockwood  
(Riverhead Books, 9780593718568, \$20, Oct. 6, Fiction)  
Recommended by Kristen Iskandrian, Thank You Books, Birmingham, AL