

OCTOBER 2026

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Bad Words: A Novel By Rioghnach Robinson

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

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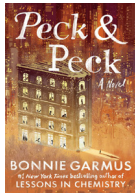
—Leighellen Landskov, Fabled Bookshop & Café, Waco, TX



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)

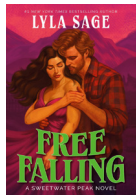
Recommended by Cheryl McKeon, Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, NY



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)

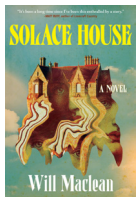
Recommended by Errol Anderson, Charis Books & More, Atlanta, GA



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

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

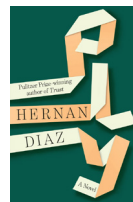
Recommended by Jess Feder, Kiss and Tale Romance Bookshop, Decatur, GA



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)

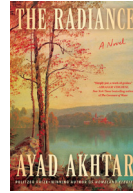
Recommended by Alana Haley, Schuler Books, Grand Rapids, MI



Mothsblood: Deluxe Limited Edition By Lynn D. Jung

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

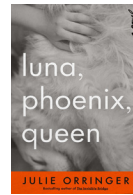
Recommended by Vaughn Lachenauer, Main Point Books, Wayne, PA



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

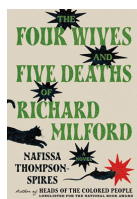


The Court of Venus By Bel Banta

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

Recommended by Brooke Williams, Beanbag Books, Delaware, OH

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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

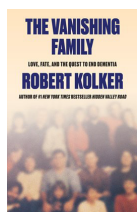


Sophie, Standing There: A Novel

By Meg Mason

(Harper, 9780063493131, \$30, Sept. 29, Fiction)

Recommended by Jill Smith, Still North Books & Bar, Hanover, NH

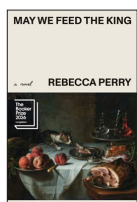


The Vanishing Family: Love, Fate, and the Quest to End Dementia

By Robert Kolker

(Doubleday, 9780385551038, \$35, Sept. 29, Science)

Recommended by Caitlin Baker, Island Books, Mercer Island, WA

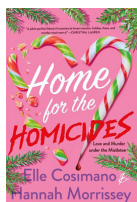


May We Feed the King

By Rebecca Perry

(Transit Books, 9798893380620, Paperback, \$18.95, Sept. 29, Fiction)

Recommended by Logan Walley, Recluse Books, Fort Worth, TX

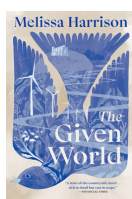


Home for the Homicides: A Holly & Mark Mystery

By Elle Cosimano, Hannah Morrissey

(Minotaur Books, 9781250413352, \$29, Oct. 13, Mystery)

Recommended by Becky Anderson, Anderson's Bookshops, Naperville, IL

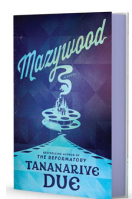


The Given World

By Melissa Harrison

(Biblioasis, 9781771967365, \$18.95, Oct. 6, Fiction)

Recommended by Ian McCord, Rec Room Books, Athens, GA

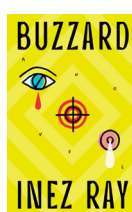


Mazywood

By Tananarive Due

(S&S/Saga Press, 9781668075142, \$32, Sept. 22, Horror)

Recommended by Audrey I-Wei Huang, Belmont Books, Belmont, MA

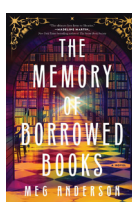


Buzzard ii

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

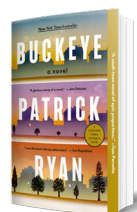


Bad Bad Girl: A Novel

By Gish Jen

(Vintage, 9780593689653, \$20, Sept. 22, Fiction)

Recommended by Anton Bogomazov, Politics and Prose Bookstore, Washington, DC

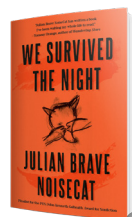


Buckeye: A Novel

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