Your Next 

Great Read

Tiger's Mouth

By Lucy Tan

"*Tiger's Mouth* is a searing, emotionally charged novel of an intense and unlikely friendship between two very different Jacks. The summer they team up during a cutthroat internship changes the course of their lives forever. If you loved *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*, you will love *Tiger's Mouth*."

—Andrew King, Edmonds Bookshop, Edmonds, WA

Your Next 

Great Read

A Magical Girl Rehired: A Novel

By Park Seolyeon, Anton Hur (Transl.)

"Not even magical girls can escape the thrall of capitalism. Our favorite unwitting magical girl returns to show all us burnt-out millennials that there's still good in this world, even if we have to make it ourselves."

—Cheyenne Maier, Orinda Books, Orinda, CA

Your Next 

Great Read

Alma Vampires (The Icarus University #1)

By Elena Armas

"There's something about a pining, mysterious, and a little overprotective vampire that will always keep me coming back for more, and Armas has done it with Hadrian and Valle. They have chemistry that everyone in the room can see (and are all a little jealous of)."

—Monica Russell, Blushing Books, Huntsville, AL

Your Next 

Great Read

Wild Aster: A Novel

By Anna Hogeland

"Mae's voice, quiet and strong, tells the story of a woman living an ordinary life, full of moments both brilliant and brutal. Her story succinctly encapsulates and reveals the collective lived experiences of many women of the 20th century."

—Courtney Roach, The Novel Neighbor, Webster Groves, MO

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Murmuration
By TJ Klune

"In Amorea, everything is perfect. Everyone knows your name, everyone is happy. The sun shines, the moon is perfect every night. But, you begin to notice, there are no cars, no children…and you can't remember your life before the last few years. A captivating novel."

—Nona Camuel, CoffeeTree Books, Morehead, KY

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Winter Song: A Novel
By Rebeca Lee Morales

"Just released from prison for a hit-and-run he insists he didn't commit, a young man tries to rebuild his life and clear his name, drawing a retiring police chief back into his case. A page-turner about chance and self-determination, justice and love."

—Sara Hinckley, Hudson Booksellers, Marietta, GA

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

In Every Future, It's Us
By Katie Naymon

"A sparkling, genuine, and emotional slow-burn romance set over decades of friendship. Florence and Tom are perfect for each other. I loved their faith in one another, and the deep, almost obsessive love they share. I felt their pain, I laughed, I cried."

—Olivia Eldridge, Main Street Books, Davidson, NC

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

A World Apart (Deluxe Edition)
By Meghan Nesmith

"*A World Apart* is a beautiful queer fantasy with so much to offer. This was a lush, romantic book with so many underpinnings — the lengths we'll go to protect our family, the dangers of power, and a love for the ages."

—Emily Hall Schroen, Main Street Books, St. Charles, MO

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Call Me Traitor
By Everina Maxwell

“Wow! En is a magically created killing machine enslaved to the magus who commands her. She’s a little bit ancillary, a little bit Murderbot, and strangely captivated by one of the traitors she’s been sent to destroy. Great worldbuilding, featuring dark academia and queer romance.”

—Carol Schneck Varner, Schuler Books, Okemos, MI

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Beneath a Midnight Moon (Deluxe Edition) (Starlight Grove #3)
By Catherine Cowles

"I've been excited for Aster and Mav's story from the beginning of the series. This story did not disappoint! I loved learning about their past and what's kept them apart for so many years. And loved seeing them come together again. As always, this book was full of twists that I didn't see coming. Just when I think I'll be able to predict a Cowles story, she fools me again!"

—Cameron Lagrone, Finney's Books, Austin, TX

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

All Nighter (The Undergrads #2)
By Julie Murphy

“I ABSOLUTELY LOVED THIS! Daisy and Heath had such a fun dynamic and I was obsessed with their banter and the building tension between them. I loved the found family elements in the book and the relationships with all of the side characters!”

—Jenna Williams, Good Girl Books, Knoxville, TN

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Warrior of the Shards (The Shards of Magic #3)
By Sarah Hawley

“This was PURE excellence and the perfect conclusion to this epic trilogy. The stakes are devastatingly high, the worldbuilding lush, and the characters so dynamic and refreshing. I know this is a series I’ll be revisiting soon!”

—Anna Griffiths, Page 2 Books, Burien, WA

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Universe of Grace: A Novel

By Rachel Calnek-Sugin

"This is such a special coming-of-age story for our times, for anyone who has felt overwhelmed by their own emotions, or for anyone who has felt like an alien among the human race."

—Lucy Lawrence, Serendipity Books, Chelsea, MI

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Two Can Play That Game

By Zakiya N. Jamal

"There was truly nothing fake about Chelsea and AD's relationship. I loved how these two were so obvious in their feelings for one another yet clueless in realizing how the other felt. For all my sports romance lovers, this is a must read!"

—Meghan Molinari, Lark and Owl Booksellers, Georgetown, TX

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Bedside Manner: A Novel

By Stephanie Archer

"Stephanie Archer created two amazing characters, in a funny and unique situation, that you'll root for the entire time. Their love story was so sweet. I had the best time reading this. If you love grumpy/sunshine in a workplace setting, this is the book for you."

—Elle Polito, A Novel Romance, Louisville, KY

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Til Quest Do Us Part

By Ivelisse Housman

"*Til Quest Do Us Part* has the cadence of all the cozy romantasies I love, with more of the adventure element of traditional fantasies. We all know how easy it is to fall in love as a teenager, but seeing that love last and evolve into something much sturdier touched my heart."

—Lindsey Buck, Author's Note, Medina, NY

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Triple Threat: A Novel

By Katie Chandler

"Katie Chandler has become a fast favorite of mine. *Triple Threat* is a story of quiet devotion, tender connections, and resilience that fits so well into the tennis world Chandler depicts and accompanies *Backhanded Compliments* so well."

—Marlee Salas, Slow Burn Bookshop, Nashville, TN

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Uprising: A Novel

By Tahmima Anam

"*Uprising* left me breathless. While this novel is slim, it packs a punch. Tahmima Anam is masterful at building tension. These characters' circumstances will break your heart, but their resilience and tremendous resolve to take back their power will put it back together and fill it with hope."

—Denton Williams, Monstera's Books, Overland Park, KS

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Fieldwork as a Sex Object: A Novel

By Meena Kandasamy

"Living in the digital age can be terrifying for many reasons, to say nothing of the potential of being deepfaked into porn. We follow our main character through the fallout of her life no longer being her own. This book is a statement about the power of the internet and the people behind it."

—Natasha Kanter, Trident Booksellers & Cafe, Boston, MA

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

The First Ladies' Guide to Murder

By Amanda Flower

"A good old-fashioned whodunnit made even more fun by the characters, all former or current First Ladies of the US, led by the daughter of President Ulysses S. Grant. A welcome piece of brain candy."

—Camille Kovach, Completely Booked, Murrysville, PA

Your Next 

Great Read

Wolf Point: A Novel

By Lisa Howells

"In Wolf Point, the harsh elements render it nearly impossible to get in. This also means that the residents can't get out. When Angela Stone goes missing, other unsolved mysteries begin to resurface and Wolf Point's villagers may be snowed in with a killer. A fast-paced, twisty-and-turny thriller."

—Stephanie Stoneback, Literati Bookstore, Ann Arbor, MI

Your Next 

Great Read

1,000 Words Left to Live

By Gyatei Murasaki, Matt Treyvaud (Transl.)

"Perfect for breaking a reading slump, *1,000 Words Left To Live* packs a lot of punch across its sometimes just three-page-long tales. Come for the boyfriend turned into tinned fish, stay for Murasaki's wry takes on how weird it is to be human."

—Caleb Masters, Bookmarks, Winston-Salem, NC

Your Next 

Great Read

The Anti-hero (Deluxe Edition) (The Goode Brothers #1)

By Sara Cate

"In true Sara Cate fashion, *Anti-Hero* is as addicting as it is entertaining! Sage and Adam deliver high heat with impeccable chemistry all while wading through religious trauma. You don't want to miss out on book one in The Goode Brothers series!"

—Olivia Pack, Forbidden Love Bookstore, Bemidji, MN

Your Next 

Great Read

Botany of Madness: A Novel

By Leon Engler, Alexandra Roesch (Transl.)

"A perfectly blended emulsification of fiction and memoir. The writing is so beautiful and raw, and the translation doesn't exceed itself. It's scary, vulnerable, but so innately human. It's tragic but doesn't try to disguise itself with blind optimism."

—Shura McCartin, Reads & Company, Phoenixville, PA

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Falling for Evil
By Celia Aaron

"Grave is the epitome of a touch her and die villain who's only nice to his love, and Clem has him on a tight leash (as she should). I really enjoyed this one, the banter and seeing Grave's inner monologue during their conversations was hilarious."

—Kylie Tamayo, The Book Nook, Brenham, TX

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Dandelion Is Dead: A Novel
By Rosie Storey

"What happens when you fall in love with your dead sister's dating app connection? Instead of telling Jake that she is not 'Dandelion,' Poppy takes up her sister's relationship with a stranger. For those who like romantic entanglements!"

—Linda Bond, Auntie's Bookstore, Spokane, WA

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

House of Day, House of Night: A Novel
By Olga Tokarczuk, Antonia Lloyd-Jones (Transl.)

"*House of Day, House of Night* is further proof of Olga Tokarczuk's genius. Each fragment of this book creates a fable-like tapestry that illuminates deeper truths. Piecing everything together is a thrilling experience."

—James Harrod, West Side Books, Denver, CO

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

I, Medusa
By Ayana Gray

"Gray explores timely themes of power, diversity, agency and humanity through a mythological lens. Even though I knew Medusa's ultimate fate, I wanted to go on this journey with her."

—Ginger Young, WordsWorth Books, Little Rock, AR

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

The Jaguar's Roar: A Novel

By Micheliny Verunschk, Juliana Barbassa (Transl.)

"In *The Jaguar's Roar*, Verunschk makes full use of heart, mind, and voice to map remote corners of the past and present, speaking out strongly for those who would otherwise be forgotten."

—James Crossley, Leviathan Bookstore, St. Louis, MO

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

Lucky Seed: A Novel

By Justinian Huang

"*Good Eggs* meets *Crazy Rich Asians* as a wealthy Chinese family with multiple dysfunctional issues bank on the leading queer son to produce a male heir to continue the traditional namesake and lineage."

—Gerard Villegas, Auntie's Bookstore, Spokane, WA

Your Next INDIE NEXT Great Read

The Merge: A Novel

By Grace Walker

"With a sense of dread and unease that brings to mind notes of *The Stepford Wives*, this slow-burn science fiction thriller gripped me from the first page. This book will give you so much to think about."

—Brandy Herr, Arts & Letters Bookstore, Granbury, TX

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