Fiction

The Lies that Bind by Emily Giffin

28-year-old Cecily has just broken up with her boyfriend when she meets Grant, and they immediately connect. However, when Grant disappears in the chaos of 9/11, Cecily wonders if she ever really knew him that well.

Separation Anxiety by Laura Zigman

Judy’s career took a nosedive, her best friend is dying, and her husband has become a pot-addled “snackologist.” On top of it all, she writes for a self-help website - a poor fit for someone seemingly incapable of helping herself.

My Dark Vanessa by Kate Elizabeth Russell

Vanessa has an affair with her teacher. Years later, a reckoning is coming due. Alternating between present and past, the novel raises questions about agency, consent, complicity, and victimhood.

Excellence, Volume One by Brandon Thomas and Khary Randolph

Spencer was born into a world of magic, and his father belongs to a society ordered to better the lives of others. When Spencer joins, he sees a system in need of change.

The Oppenheimer Alternative by Robert J. Sawyer

While J. Robert Oppenheimer and his team developed the A-bomb, Edward Teller researches a bomb based on nuclear fusion. He discovers the sun will eject its outermost layer, destroying the entire inner solar system - including Earth.

Crescent City by Sarah Maas

Bryce, a half-human, half-fae, and Hunt, a skilled fallen angel, must team up as Bryce’s friends have been brutally murdered. The catch is there is one killer behind bars but similar murders are still happening, so who is the killer?

The Bookish Life of Nina Hill by Abbi Wexman

Nina Hill’s life of books and trivia may not seem like much, but for a person battling anxiety, it’s more than enough. Everything changes when the father she never knew existed dies, and she falls for a member of a rival trivia team.
The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes
Volunteering for Eleanor Roosevelt’s traveling library in Kentucky, an English bride joins a group of women whose commitment to their job transforms the community.

Long Bright River by Liz Moore
A story about two sisters: one, suffering from addiction, has suddenly gone missing amid a series of mysterious murders; the other, a police officer who patrols the neighborhood from which she disappeared.

His and Hers by Alice Feeney
A dark and complex mystery that alternates between Anna’s and Jack’s point of view, with the killer’s perspective interspersed. Will keep readers guessing until the very end.

The Boyfriend Project by Farrah Rochon
After Samiah is catfished, she decides to invest in herself and develop the app she’s always dreamed of creating. She can’t decide if her new co-worker is too good to be true or the real deal.

A Memory Called Empire by Arkady Martine
Ambassador Dzmare travels from her tiny space station to the center of an intergalactic empire, only to determine that her predecessor was murdered. Now she must solve a murder and prevent a war.

Boyfriend Material by Alexis Hall
To clean up his image, Luc has to find a nice, normal relationship, and Oliver is as nice as they come. Unfortunately, Luc and Oliver have nothing in common.

You Let Me In by Camilla Bruce
Cassandra, a recluse and eccentric bestselling novelist has died…or has she? She has left behind no body, just her massive fortune, and one final manuscript.

Non-Fiction

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson
The Pulitzer Prize-winning, bestselling author of The Warmth of Other Suns examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions.

This Is Major: Notes on Diana Ross, Dark Girls, and Being Dope by Shayla Lawson
From a fierce and humorous new voice comes a relevant and insightful collection of personal essays on the richness and resilience of black girl culture - for readers of Samantha Irby, Roxane Gay, Morgan Jerkins, and Lindy West.
From Amourette to Zal: Bizarre and Beautiful Words from Europe by Alex Rawlings

There are some ideas that English has no word for; concepts that other languages do better. This book presents words that you didn’t know you needed - untranslatable but oh so useful.

Life Will Be the Death of Me: And You Too! by Chelsea Handler

Everyone needs a laugh. Enjoy Chelsea Handler’s honest, funny, thrilling, insightful memoir and journey to your own self-discovery along the way.

Queen of the Negro Leagues by James Overmyer

The story of Effa Manley, the first woman inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame and owner of the Newark Eagles, a competitive team in Negro Leagues Baseball.

The World Eats Here by John Wang and Storm Garner

A look at the food that vendors from all over the world serve at the Queens Night Market in Queens, New York.

The Soul of Care: The Moral Education of a Husband and Doctor by Arthur Kleinman

Arthur Kleinman, a renowned psychiatrist and medical anthropologist, had much to learn about caregiving when he became the primary caregiver to his wife diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer’s disease.

You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington by Alexis Coe

An informative, breezy and funny new biography of the nation’s first president. Alexis Coe punctures myths and highlights the strengths and failings of an American icon.

The Last Voyage of the Andrea Doria by Greg King and Penny Wilson

Drawing on in-depth research and new interviews with survivors, this book offers a fresh look at this legendary liner and her tragic fate, in this vibrant story of fatal errors, shattered lives, and the triumph of the human spirit.

The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson

A compelling portrait of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz that takes readers out of today’s political dysfunction and back to a time of true leadership. In the face of unrelenting horror, Churchill’s eloquence and perseverance bound a country, and a family, together.

Uncanny Valley by Anna Weiner

Selected from the archives of Catapult magazine, twenty essays on immigration, family and the meaning of home, highlighting the human side of immigration policies and polarized rhetoric.
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