

Adult Fall Reading Recommendations 2021

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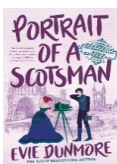


Fiction

Great Circle by Maggie Shipstead



Rescued from a sinking ocean liner in 1914, Marian and her twin are raised in Missoula. As a teen, she discovers her passion for flight and finds a questionable patron who allows her to fulfill her destiny: piloting around the globe.



Portrait of a Scotsman by Evie Dunmore

A suffragist goes toe-to-toe with a brooding financier with a dark past after she finds herself unexpectedly married to him.



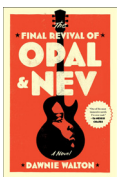
The Return by Rachel Harrison

Julie is missing but Elise knows she will return. When Elise sees Julie, she knows something is wrong - she has chipped teeth and odd appetites. The Julie who vanished isn't the same Julie who came back.



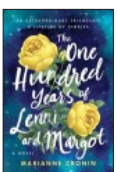
The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August by Claire North

Forced to relive his life over and over again, Harry August receives a message on his eleventh death bed, from a little girl who tells him that the world is about to end, and it is up to him to stop it.



The Final Revival of Opal & Nev by Dawnie Walton

The stories of Opal, a black singer from Detroit; Nev, a British singer/songwriter; and the people that revolve around them in this oral history of the fictional '70s interracial Afro-punk rock duo.



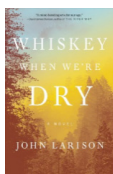
The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin

Teenage Lenni lives on the terminal ward in a hospital, where she meets Margot, an 83 year-old. Their friendship blooms with the help of Lenni's nurse and Father Arthur, the hospital chaplain.



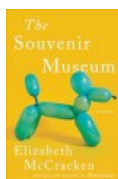
The Shadow of the Gods by John Gwynne

The Gods are gone, the world is left in turmoil, and monsters roam the earth. Three unlikely characters must find their salvation in this Norse themed epic tale of battles, myth, magic, and vengeance.



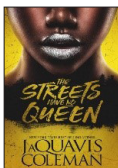
Whiskey When We're Dry by John Larison

Jessilyn finds herself alone on her family's homestead. Desperate to fend off predatory neighbors, she sets off to find her outlaw brother. On the way, Jess must outmaneuver those who underestimate her, rising to become a hero.



The Souvenir Museum by Elizabeth McCracken

In this collection of stories the mysterious bonds of family are tested, transformed, fractured, and fortified.



The Streets Have No Queen by JaQuavis Coleman

A painter mourning the death of his wife is thrown into a psychological game when he is trapped inside a suburban estate for 72 hours.



Empire of Wild by Cherie Dimaline

Inspired by the Canadian Métis legend of the Rougarou, a woman reconnects with her heritage when her missing husband reappears in the form of a charismatic preacher who does not recognize her.



Off the Wild Coast of Brittany by Juliet Blackwell

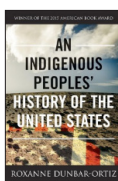
Two sisters form an unlikely partnership to save an old guesthouse that harbors hidden stories from WWII.

Non-Fiction



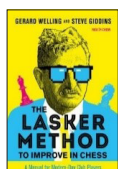
Humankind: A Hopeful History by Rutger Bregman

Bregman shows how believing in human kindness and altruism can be a new way to think, and act as the foundation for achieving true change in our society.



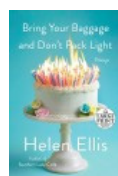
An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

A history of the United States told from the perspective of Indigenous peoples that challenges its founding myth, and shows how policy against the Indigenous peoples was designed to seize their territories by displacement or elimination.



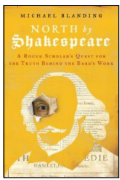
The Lasker Method by Gerard Welling & Steve Giddins

An efficient toolkit as well as an entertaining guide that will help chess players boost their skills.



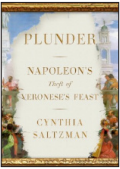
Bring Your Baggage and Don't Pack Light by Helen Ellis

The bestselling author of *American Housewife* and *Southern Lady Code* returns with a hysterically funny collection of literary essays on love, family, and friendship among women.



North by Shakespeare by Michael Blanding

Did Shakespeare plagiarize Sir Thomas North? North had the education and courtly experience that Shakespeare lacked, and which some experts think were necessary attributes.



Plunder: Napoleon's Theft of Veronese's Feast by Cynthia Saltzman

Painted in 1563, Veronese's *Wedding Feast at Cana* was a masterpiece. In 1797, under the command of Napoleon Bonaparte, it was taken from a monastery and put in the Louvre.



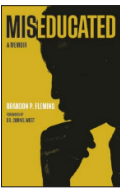
Tokyo Junkie by Robert Whiting

A colorful social history of what Anthony Bourdain dubbed "the greatest city in the world," and a revealing account by a journalist who witnessed it all firsthand.



Fulfillment: Winning and Losing in One-Click America by Alec MacGillis

A study of Amazon and how its business practices contribute to economic inequality in communities across the nation.



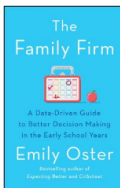
Miseducated: A Memoir by Brandon P. Fleming

An inspiring memoir of one man's transformation through literature and debate from a drug-dealing dropout to an award-winning Harvard educator, all by the age of 27.



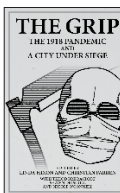
Getaway: Food & Drink to Transport You by Renee Erickson

Acclaimed chef Renee Erickson invites you on a culinary journey via her favorite places in the world.



The Family Firm by Emily Oster

A smart and winning guide on how to think clearly, and with less ambient stress, about the key decisions of the elementary school years.



The Grip: The 1918 Pandemic and a City Under Siege by Linda Hixon, Shawn Driscoll, et al.

The story of Worcester as it struggled to contain the influenza pandemic of 1918. Politics and science clashed, leading to the deaths of over 1,000 people. *The Grip* delves into a calamity we thought would never repeat.



Super Fly: The Unexpected Lives of the World's Most Successful Insects by Jonathan Balcombe

Illustrates the essential role that flies play in every ecosystem as pollinators, waste-disposers, predators, and food source, and how flies continue to reshape our understanding of evolution.

Events, Workshops, and Book Clubs

WRITING WORKSHOPS



Tilia Klebenov Jacobs



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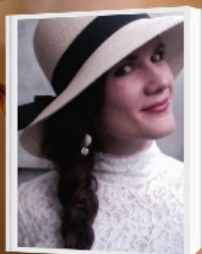
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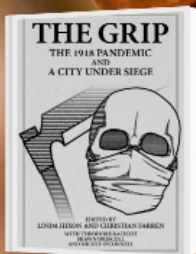
Saturdays from 2:30 - 3:30 pm
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