**Fiction**

**The Fifth Petal** by Brunonia Barry
When a boy dies suspiciously on Halloween, Chief of Police John Rafferty suspects it may be linked to a triple homicide twenty-five years earlier involving three descendants of Salem Witch Trial victims.

**The Heart of Henry Quantum** by Pepper Harding
A socially awkward man goes on a quest to find his wife a last-minute Christmas gift and encounters several distractions—his ex-girlfriend, who was the one who got away.

**The Bone Clocks** by David Mitchell
Interweaves six narratives spanning 1984 and 2030 to chronicle a secret war between a cult of soul-decanters and a small group of vigilantes who are trying to take them down.

**Blind Goddess** by Anne Holt
A small-time drug dealer is found battered to death on the outskirts of Oslo. A young Dutchman, walking aimlessly in Oslo, covered in blood, is taken into custody but refuses to talk.

**Hitler, Mussolini and Me** by Charles Davis
The story of an ordinary man living in extraordinary times, times when being ordinary was an act of rebellion in itself.

**The Bear and the Nightingale** by Katherine Arden
In northern Russia, a stranger presents a new father with a gift: a jewel on a chain, intended for his daughter. Pytor hides the gift away and Vasya grows up a willful girl. When mysterious forces threaten their village, Vasya discovers that, armed with the necklace, she may be able keep the darkness at bay.
An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir
Laia is a Scholar living under the iron-fisted rule of the Martial Empire. When her brother is arrested for treason, Laia goes undercover as a slave in exchange for assistance from rebel Scholars who claim that they will help to save her brother from execution.

The Man in High Castle by Philip K. Dick
After the defeat of the Allies during World War II, the United States is divided up and ruled by the Axis powers.

Barkskins by Annie Proulx
Working as woodcutters under a feudal lord in seventeenth-century New France, two young Frenchmen follow separate journeys, one of extraordinary hardship, the other of wealth and craftiness, that shape their families throughout three centuries.

1984 by George Orwell
Portrays life in a future time when a totalitarian government watches over all citizens and directs all activities.

Royal We by Heather Cocks & Jessica Morgan
Rebecca Porter’s twin sister, Lacey, has always been the romantic who fantasized about glamour and royalty, yet it’s Bex who seeks adventure at Oxford and finds herself living down the hall from Prince Nicholas, Great Britain’s future king.

The Trespasser by Tana French
While Detective Antoinette Conway and her partner Stephen Moran work a seemingly routine investigation of a lovers’ quarrel gone bad, they discover the case isn’t as by-the-numbers as they thought.

Lost Among the Living by Simone St. Jones
England, 1921. Three years after her husband gets shot down over Germany, Jo Manders still mourns his loss, but when she discovers her husband’s darkest secrets, she wonders if she ever really knew him.

This is Where You Laugh by Peter Brown Hoffmeister
Rising sophomore Travis and his best friend, Creature, spend a summer in a Eugene, Oregon, trailer park dealing with cancer, basketball, first love, addiction, gang violence, and a reptilian infestation.

Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky
A story of life in France under the Nazi occupation includes two parts—"Storm in June," set amid the chaotic 1940 exodus from Paris, and “Dolce,” set in a German-occupied village rife with resentment, resistance, and collaboration.
**Non-Fiction**

**All the Singe Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation** by Rebecca Traister

Discusses the notion that a powerful single woman, often perceived as a modern phenomenon, is not a new idea.

**They Can’t Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a New Era in America’s Racial Justice Movement** by Wesley Lowery

A behind-the-scenes account of the #blacklivesmatter movement shares insights into the young men and women behind it, citing the controversies that have motivated members and the economic, political, and personal histories that inform its purpose.

**Other Minds: The Octopus, the Sea, and the Deep Origins of Consciousness** by Peter Godfrey-Smith

A leading philosopher of science discusses the evolution of the cephalopod mind, shares photos of cephalopod encounters taken during his advanced scuba dives, and offers insights into how nature became self-aware.

**The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History** by John M. Barry

An account of the deadly influenza epidemic of 1918, which took the lives of millions of people around the world, examines its causes, its impact on early twentieth-century society, and the lasting implications of the crisis.

**The Superfun Times Vegan Holiday Cookbook** by Isa Chandra Moskowitz

A best-selling vegan cookbook author presents her first book on entertaining, in a guide that includes menus and tips for every holiday, as well as recipes for vegan versions of such dishes as Cinnamon Apple Crepes and Biscuits and Gravy.

**Living Candida Free** by Ricki Heller

A comprehensive guidebook for living a life free of refined sugar, which includes a three-stage program; a full list of substitutions; and satisfying recipes that anyone can prepare.

**Against Empathy: The Case for Rational Compassion** by Paul Bloom

A controversial call to arms by a Yale psychology professor argues that the natural impulse to share the feelings of others can lead to impaired judgments in public policy and interpersonal relationships, drawing on scientific findings to cite the benefits of choices made through distanced compassion.

**The Real Frank Zappa Book** by Frank Zappa

Recounts the life and career of the inventive and controversial rock musician, and includes information on his philosophies on art, his opinions on the music industry, and his thoughts on raising children.
Speaking American by Josh Katz
From the creator of the New York Times dialect quiz that ignited conversations about how and why we say the words we say comes a stunning, map-laden exploration of American language.

Iron Dawn: the Monitor, the Merrimac, and the Civil War Sea Battle that Changed History by Richard Snow
A popular historian describes the naval battle that changed the course of the Civil War, when the North built a complicated warship out of iron, the Monitor, in record time, to combat the Merrimack.

Born to Run by Bruce Springsteen
In an account inspired by the 2009 Super Bowl halftime show, Springstein traces his life from his childhood in a Catholic New Jersey family and the musical experiences that prompted his career to the rise of the E Street Band and the stories behind some of his most famous songs.

Black, White, and Jewish: Autobiography of a Shifting Self by Rebecca Walker
Describes the personal journey of a woman born to a black mother and Jewish father, including her struggle with drugs and complicated friendships, and culminating in her endeavor to find her own identity.

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