**Fiction**

*The Travelers* by Regina Porter

An exploration of what it means to be American today as a cast of lovers’ and friends’ lives intersect: the lesbian who finds her groove in 1970s Berlin; a mover stranded in New England during a storm; two brothers who meet as adults in a factory.

*Valentine* by Elizabeth Wetmore

Written with the emotional power of Elizabeth Strout and Barbara Kingsolver, an astonishing novel that explores the effects of a brutal crime on the women of one small Texas oil town in the 1970s.

*Zero Zone* by Scott O’Connor

Artist Jess processes the defining moments of her childhood culminating with Zero Zone, an installation at a former nuclear bomb testing site. But when a group of viewers barricade themselves inside the work, chaos ensues.

*Something to Talk About* by Meryl Wilsner

An actor and her assistant give the world something to talk about when they accidentally fuel a rumor that they’re a couple. When a film project allows them to spend even more time together, they realize there might be some truth to the rumors after all.

*The Limits of the World* by Jennifer Acker

This debut novel illuminates the mosaic of cultural divisions and ethical considerations that shape the ways in which we judge one another’s actions.

*Ring Shout* by P. Djèlí Clark

In this fantasy novella, *The Birth of a Nation* cast a spell across America, swelling the KKK’s ranks. Standing in their way is Maryse and her fellow resistance fighters, a foul-mouthed sharpshooter and a Harlem Hellfighter. Can they stop the Klan before it ends the world?

*The Broken Girls* by Simone St. James

In 1950, haunted Idlewild Hall is for girls who are troublemakers. In 2014, Fiona is still grieving her sister’s death, when her body is found near Idlewild. When the school begins renovation, a discovery links her sister to its secrets.
The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where To Go From Here
by Hope Jahren
An essential pocket primer on climate change that will leave an indelible impact on everyone who reads it.

The Lions of Fifth Avenue
by Fiona Davis
A series of book thefts roils the iconic New York Public Library, leaving two generations of strong-willed women to pick up the pieces.

The Orphan’s Guilt
by Archer Mayor
John Rust’s arrest for drunk driving turns into a homicide investigation. A private eye looks into the recent death of John’s younger brother, and together with the Vermont state investigator, uncovers suspicion around his death and the Rust family.

Daughter from the Dark
by Marina Dyachenko, Sergey Dyachenko, and Julia Meitov Hersey (Translator)
DJ Aspirin’s life is flipped upside down when a young girl enters his life with nothing but a teddy bear and claims to be his daughter. Discover the truth of their relationship and the mysteries it beholds in this dark magical realism novel.

The Body Papers: A Memoir
by Grace Talusan
A critically acclaimed memoir and a New York Times Editors’ Choice selection that explores the fraught contours of the author’s life as a Filipino immigrant and survivor of cancer and childhood abuse.

Leave the World Behind
by Rumaan Alam
A magnetic novel about two families, strangers to each other, who are forced together on a long weekend gone terribly wrong.

The Butterfly Lampshade
by Aimee Bender
On the night her mother is taken to a mental hospital, eight-year-old Francie goes to live with her aunt and uncle. Twenty years later, Francie conjures up her past, as she begins to question her own relationship to reality.

The Hilarious World of Depression
by John Moe
An account of the author’s and other well-known people’s clinical depression. Stories are derived from recorded interviews. Enlightening as well as humorous and hopeful.

Non-Fiction

The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where To Go From Here
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An essential pocket primer on climate change that will leave an indelible impact on everyone who reads it.
Macbeth in Harlem: Black Theater in America from the Beginning to Raisin in the Sun by Clifford Mason

Tells the story of how African American performers fought to carve out a space for authentic Black voices onstage and their struggle to gain recognition among theater critics.

White Tears/Brown Scars: How White Feminism Betrays Women of Color by Ruby Hamad

Hamad shows how the division between innocent white women and racialized, sexualized women of color was created, and why this division is crucial to confront. A long overdue validation of the experiences of women of color.

Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World by Fareed Zakaria

Speaks to the past, present, and future, and, while urgent and timely, is sure to become an enduring reflection on life in the early twenty-first century.

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Take a look at the ecology of our planet through the eyes of our plants and what they can teach us. For every nature lover out there, written and told by a member of the indigenous people, a scientist, and a mother.

Science and Cooking by Michael Brenner

The scientific basis of why recipes work. Professors and chefs bring the classroom to your kitchen to teach physics and chemistry through experiments and recipes.

The Smallest Lights in the Universe: A Memoir by Sara Seager

Newly widowed at the age of 40 and the mother of two young sons, Sara sets out to rebuild her life. This accomplished MIT astrophysicist learns earthly lessons from other widows in her community to find her place again in the universe.

What to Eat When by Michael F. Roizen and Michael Crupain

This guide reveals how to use food to enhance our personal and professional lives and increase longevity. This is not a diet book. Instead, it offers readers choices that benefit them the most and that are based on science.

The Power of Ritual by Casper ter Kuile

Explores how we can nourish our souls by transforming common, everyday practices like yoga, reading, gardening, painting, walking the dog, into a spiritual practice.
Virtual Author Events & Writing Workshops

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