

Book Title	Author	Description	Genre	Recommender
<i>The Frozen River</i>	Ariel Lawhon	It takes place in Maine as the Kennebec River begins to freeze in the winter of 1789. A corpse floats down the river and becomes trapped in the ice. The story follows Martha Ballard, an 18th-century midwife in Maine, as she leverages her standing as a medical professional to investigate two crimes: both a murder and a rape.	Historical Fiction	Nan Healy Sharon Jones Elly Stephens
<i>The Book of Lost Names</i>	Kristin Harmel	In <i>The Book of Lost Names</i> , by Kristin Harmel, we're introduced to Eva Traube, a young Jewish woman living in Paris during World War II. When her father is arrested by the Nazis, Eva and her mother flee to the free zone in southeastern France. There, Eva stumbles into a job at a local church, where Remy, a handsome forger, teaches her the craft of forging documents.	Historical Fiction	Nan Healy
<i>Once There were Wolves</i>	Charlotte McConaghy	A woman journeys to Scotland determined to save the wilderness—but tragedy bites just as her new life starts to settle.	Fiction	Nan Healy
<i>Shark Heart: A Love Story</i>	Emily Haebeck	A lyrical and provocative debut novel about newlyweds Wren and her husband, Lewis, who over the course of nine months, transforms into a great white shark. For Lewis and Wren, their first year of marriage is also their last. A few weeks after their wedding, Lewis receives a rare diagnosis.	Fiction	Nan Healy
<i>The Lost Apothecary</i>	Sarah Penner	A female apothecary secretly dispenses poisons to liberate women from the men who have wronged them - setting three lives across centuries on a dangerous collision course.	Historical Fiction	Nan Healy

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<i>Marjor Pettigrew's Last Stand</i>	Helen Simonson	Major Pettigrew's Last Stand is a 2010 novel by English author Helen Simonson. Set in a small town in the English country called Edgecombe St. Mary, it follows the titular protagonist, the retired Major Ernest Pettigrew, whose peaceful life is disrupted when his brother dies. He befriends a Pakistani shopkeeper in town, Mrs. Jasmina Ali, and soon becomes entangled in several marriage plots while also trying to negotiate the terms of his brother's will.	Fiction	Carolyn Derby
<i>Wish You Well</i>	David Baldacci	Louisa "Lou" Cardinal – the protagonist of the story. Lou is a 12-year-old girl whose world is thrown into chaos when her father, whom she is very attached to, is killed, and her mother stuck in a comatose state. She eventually goes to live with her great-grandmother, and experiences a completely different lifestyle.	Fiction	Carolyn Derby
<i>The Covenant of Water</i>	Abraham Verghese	Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, The Covenant of Water is set in Kerala, on India's Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning—and in Kerala, water is everywhere.	Fiction	Carolyn Derby Cindy Feeley
<i>James</i>	Percival Everett	James is a retelling, for the most part, of Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, told from the point of view of enslaved Jim.	Historical Fiction	Carolyn Derby
<i>The Four Winds</i>	Kristin Hannah	In The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah, Elsa Wolcott is a woman trying to raise two children on farm in the Great Plains during the Dust Bowl following the Great Depression. She watches as the lands around her crack in their perpetually parched state and the hopelessness threatens to breaks the spirit of those around her.	Historical Fiction	Gail Macneill

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<i>Miss Morgan's Book Brigade</i>	Janet Skeslien Charles	Millionaire and philanthropist Anne Morgan (daughter of JP Morgan) founded a group of international women (American Committee for Devastated France... also known as CARD) to help rebuild French communities during WWI. In 1918, Jessie Carson takes a leave of absence from the New York Public Library to work for the organization in France and she implements innovative methods during her tenure. A dual timeline in 1987 introduces us to Wendy Peterson who stumbles across a reference to Jessie Carson in the archives of the New York Public Library and is consumed with learning more about her.	Historical Fiction	Gail Macneill
<i>Mercy</i>	Jodi Piccoult	Cameron MacDonald, a police chief in a small town, arrests his cousin for killing his wife, who was dying of cancer, on her request. The story follows the arrest and subsequent trial. The book explores themes of power dynamics in romantic relationships, the weight of familial duty, and mercy and the law.	Fiction	Barbara Mulholland
<i>Brooklyn</i>	Colm Toibin	"Brooklyn" is a historical romance novel by Colm Toibin that follows young Irish immigrant Eilis Lacey's settling in, and romantic experiences in Brooklyn.	Historical Fiction	Leigh Warren
<i>The New Couple in 5B</i>	Lisa Unger	Unger's "The New Couple in 5B" uses the haunted house trope to examine a marriage, friendship, evil and even New York real estate in a plot that steadily builds, offering numerous well-placed misdirections that ramp up the suspense	Fiction	Leigh Warren
<i>The Paris Daughter</i>	Kristin Harmel	This is the story of three mothers and friends— Juliette, Ruth, and Elise— living in Paris right before the German invasion.	Historical Fiction	Leigh Warren

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<i>Someone Else's Shoes</i>	JoJo Moyes	Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes is about two women, Nisha Cantor and Sam Kemp, whose lives are changed when they accidentally switch gym bags and end up wearing each other's shoes	Fiction	Leigh Warren
<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	Bonnie Garmus	Lessons in Chemistry follows Elizabeth Zott as she navigates the treacherous and misogynistic 1950's society and workplace. First as a woman of intellect trying to make it in a "man's profession" and then as a single mother, fighting tooth and nail to keep herself and her child alive. By sudden a twist of fate, she ended up hosting a cooking show that proved revolutionary in helping women see their true potential.	Fiction	Lauren Dela Cruz
<i>The Women</i>	Kristin Hannah	In Kristin Hannah's The Women, Frankie McGrath is a young woman from a wealthy family who decides to enlist as a nurse in the Vietnam War after her older brother is killed in action.	Historical Fiction	Lauren Dela Cruz
<i>The Professor</i>	Robert Bailey	Law professor Thomas Jackson McMurtrie literally wrote the book on evidence in the state of Alabama. But when a power-hungry colleague uses a recent run-in between McMurtrie and headstrong student Rick Drake to end his career, he is left unsure what to do next.	Fiction	Lauren Dela Cruz
<i>The Waterkeeper</i>	Charles Martin	The Water Keeper is a novel by Charles Martin that is about a priest who gets involved in the world of modern-day slavery. The book is the first in the Murphy Shepherd series and takes place on the Florida Intercoastal Waterway. The story includes themes of love, loss, forgiveness, and redemption	Fiction	Lauren Dela Cruz
<i>The Color of Water</i>	James McBride	The Color of Water is a memoir by James McBride that tells the story of his biracial upbringing and his mother's journey from her Jewish roots to her life as an African American woman. It explores the complexities of identity, race, and family.	Memoir	Mary Kirk

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<i>The Hail Mary Project</i>	Andy Weir	Set in the near future, it centers on school-teacher-turned-astronaut Ryland Grace, who wakes up from a coma afflicted with amnesia. He gradually remembers that he was sent to the Tau Ceti solar system, 12 light-years from Earth, to find a means of reversing a solar dimming event that could cause the extinction of humanity.	Science Fiction	Mary Kirk
<i>Transatlantic</i>	Colum McCann	It tells the intertwined stories of Alcock and Brown (the first non-stop transatlantic fliers in 1919), the visit of Frederick Douglass to Ireland in 1845/46, and the story of the Irish peace process as negotiated by Senator George Mitchell in 1998. The book fuses these stories with fictional narratives of women spanning the course of two centuries.	Historical Fiction	Anne Morgan
<i>Gone Tonight</i>	Sarah Pekkanen	Catherine Sterling thinks she knows her mother. Ruth Sterling is quiet, hardworking, and lives for her daughter. All her life, it's been just the two of them against the world. But now, Catherine is ready to spread her wings, move from home, and begin a new career. And Ruth Sterling will do anything to prevent that from happening.	Fiction	Anne Morgan
<i>Cloud Cuckoo Land</i>	Anthony Doerr	Doerr's cast includes an orphan girl and farmer's boy in Constantinople in the 1400's, an environmental activist setting off a bomb in a library in 2020, and a girl on a mission to a distant planet in the not-so-distant future. In telling the story of their lives, we also see the journey of an ancient story through time. This is one for people who love books and storytelling.	Fiction	Anne Morgan
<i>The Women Who Ran 5th Avenue</i>	Julie Satow	When Women Ran Fifth Avenue: Glamour and Power at the Dawn of American Fashion by Julie Satow is a book about three women who transformed the American department store industry in the 20th century	Historical Fiction	Suzie Maxson

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<i>By Any Other Name</i>	Jodi Piccoult	Set in colonial India, "By Any Other Name" explores a few days in the lives of two young sisters, Premila and Santha, who find themselves enrolled in an Anglo-Indian day school. Against the backdrop of British colonial rule, the story takes place in a provincial town where the clash of cultures becomes evident in the sisters' struggle to reconcile their Indian heritage with the expectations imposed by the British-run educational system.	Historical Fiction	Suzie Maxson
<i>North Woods</i>	Daniel Mason	Daniel Mason's gorgeous fifth novel, North Woods, is the story of a place — a yellow house deep in the woods of western Massachusetts — and its motley succession of occupants, human and otherwise, who leave their mark on the property over the course of four centuries.	Fiction	Hannah Smith
<i>The Wager</i>	David Grann	A mesmerizing story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth.	Fiction	Elly Stephens
<i>The Vanishing Half</i>	Brit Bennett	Identical twins' lives diverge in this reflection on family, Black identity, and how our past shapes our present.	Fiction	Elly Stephens
<i>The Berry Pickers</i>	Amanda Peters	A novel about a Mi'kmaw family from Nova Scotia who travel to Maine in 1962 to pick berries. The story follows the effects of the disappearance of their youngest child, Ruthie, on the family and on Norma, a young girl raised by a white family in Maine	Fiction	Sharon Jones
<i>When the Jessamine Grows</i>	Donna Everhart	A historical novel about a Southern woman's fight to keep her family together during the Civil War. The story takes place in rural North Carolina and is told from the perspective of Joetta McBride, a woman who refuses to support the Confederacy.	Historical Fiction	Sharon Jones

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<i>Going Zero</i>	Anthony McCarten	Ten people attempt to 'Go Zero', by eluding a sophisticated computer system called FUSION for 30 days for the chance to win 3 million dollars in cash. Though it's difficult to disappear in the age of electronic dependence, anyone determined enough can still manage it.	Fiction	Mary Carol Stearns
<i>Table for Two</i>	Amor Towles	Table for Two includes six short stories and a novella which I wrote in the last ten years. The six stories, all set in New York, mostly take place around the turn of the Millennium. So, unlike my novels, they represent a time and place that I have witnessed firsthand, albeit through the eyes of a fabulist.	Fiction	Mary Carol Stearns
<i>The Briar Club</i>	Kate Quinn	A historical fiction novel about a group of women living in an all-female boarding house in Washington, DC during the 1950s. The book explores themes of loyalty, secrets, and the changing roles of women in postwar America.	Historical Fiction	Mary Carol Stearns
<i>All the Colors of the Dark</i>	Chris Whitaker	Life isn't quite normal for best friends Patch and Saint, since girls have started disappearing in their Missouri town. Their lives are forever impacted after Patch saves one of the targeted girls and becomes a hero. As they navigate small-town life in the Ozarks, we watch them come of age haunted by this past.	Fiction	Mary Carol Stearns
<i>The Beautiful Mystery</i>	Louise Penny	Gamache and Beauvoir travel to the remote and secluded Saint-Gilbert-Entre-les-Loups in the wilderness of Quebec, to see about the murder of Prior Mathieu, the leader of the choir at the monastery.	Mystery	Anne Horton
<i>Late Migrations</i>	Margaret Renkl	Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss by Margaret Renkl is a collection of essays that explore the cycles of life, including the natural world, families, and bodies. The book is a combination of memoir, nature writing, and family history.	Fiction	Anne Horton

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<i>Fox Creek</i>	William Kent Krueger	The novel follows Cork in a race against time to save his wife, a mysterious stranger, and an Ojibwe healer from bloodthirsty mercenaries.	Fiction	Anne Horton
<i>Demon Copperhead</i>	Barbara Kingsolver	Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, <i>Demon Copperhead</i> is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival.	Fiction	Cindy Feeley
<i>1984</i>	George Orwell	Winston Smith wrestles with oppression in Oceania, a place where the Party scrutinizes human actions with ever-watchful Big Brother. Defying a ban on individuality, Winston dares to express his thoughts in a diary and pursues a relationship with Julia. These criminal deeds bring Winston into the eye of the opposition, who then must reform the nonconformist.	Science Fiction	Cindy Feeley
<i>The Push</i>	Ashley Audrain	In <i>The Push</i> , Blythe Connor is a woman who is trying desperately to be the perfect mother that everyone else seems to be, but she's struggling. Soon, she begins to wonder if there's something genuinely wrong with her daughter, Violet, though her husband insists it isn't true.	Fiction	Jill Mountan
<i>A Better Man</i>	Louise Penny	It's Gamache's first day back as head of the homicide department, a job he temporarily shares with his previous second-in-command, Jean-Guy Beauvoir. Flood waters are rising across the province. In the middle of the turmoil a father approaches Gamache, pleading for help in finding his daughter.	Mystery	Gail McNeill
<i>Happiness Falls</i>	Angie Kim	One biracial family grapples with the meaning of happiness and their own lives when their father suddenly goes missing.	Fiction	Jill Mountan