

Book Group in a Bag Titles

Author	Title	Description	Notes
Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi	<i>Americanah</i>	A young woman from Nigeria leaves behind her home and her first love to start a new life in America, only to find her dreams are not all she expected.	
Amato, Mary	<i>Please Write in this Book</i>	When Ms. Wurtz leaves a blank book in the Writer's Corner with a note encouraging those who find it to "talk to each other" in its pages, the student's entries spark a classroom-wide battle.	Children's Fiction
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Speak</i>	A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.	Teen Fiction
Applegate, Katherine	<i>The One and Only Ivan</i>	When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.	Children's Fiction
Atwood, Margaret	<i>The Handmaid's Tale</i>	A chilling look at the future depicts a country, formerly known as the United States, where women are no longer allowed to read and are valued only for reproduction.	
Austen, Jane	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Mr. Darcy and spirited Elizabeth Bennett dislike each other at first sight, while Elizabeth's mother plots economically advantageous marriages for all of her daughters.	
Awdish, Rana	<i>In shock: my journey from death to recovery and the redemptive power of hope</i>	The gripping story of a physician who suddenly became a dying patient, and a riveting exploration into the worlds of personal loss and faltering medical care. In Shock offers a brave road map for anyone navigating illness and presents physicians with a new paradigm and rationale for cultivating emotional bonds with their patients.	Non-Fiction
Backman, Frederik	<i>A Man Called Ove</i>	A curmudgeon hides a terrible personal loss beneath a cranky and short-tempered exterior while clashing with new neighbors, a boisterous family whose chattiness and habits lead to unexpected friendship.	
Backman, Frederik	<i>Beartown</i>	Beartown explores the hopes that bring a small community together, the secrets that tear it apart, and the courage it takes for an individual to go against the grain.	
Barbery, Muriel	<i>The Elegance of the Hedgehog</i>	The lives of fifty-four-year-old concierge Rene Michel and extremely bright, suicidal twelve-year-old Paloma Josse are transformed by the arrival of a new tenant, Kakuro Ozu.	

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Barnes, Julian	<i>A Sense of an Ending</i>	Tony Webster thought he left his past behind as he built a life for himself, and his career provided him with a secure retirement and he has an amicable relationship with his ex-wife and daughter. When he is presented with a mysterious legacy, he is forced to revise his estimation of his own nature and place in the world.	
Barrows, Annie	<i>Ivy + Bean</i>	When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.	Children's Fiction
Baskin, Nora Raleigh	<i>Ruby on the Outside</i>	Eleven-year-old Ruby Danes has a real best friend for the first time ever, but agonizes over whether or not to tell her a secret she has never shared with anyone--that her mother has been in prison since Ruby was five--and over whether to express her anger to her mother.	Children's Fiction
Bauermeister, Erica	<i>The Scent Keeper</i>	A moving and evocative coming-of-age novel about childhood stories, families lost and found, and how a fragrance conjures memories capable of shaping the course of our lives.	
Beanland, Rachel	<i>Florence Adler Swims Forever</i>	A shocking tragedy results in three generations of the Adler family grappling with heartbreak, romance, and the weight of family secrets over the course of one summer.	
Beard, Janet	<i>The Atomic City Girls</i>	Oak Ridge, Tennessee has sprung up in a matter of months—a town of trailers and segregated houses, 24-hour cafeterias, and constant security checks. There, June Walker joins hundreds of other young girls operating massive machines whose purpose is never explained. They know they are helping to win the war but must ask no questions and reveal nothing to outsiders.	
Benedict, Marie	<i>The Personal Librarian</i>	The remarkable, little-known story of Belle da Costa Greene, J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, who became one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she kept in order to make her dreams come true.	This kit includes large print copies
Benítez, Sandra	<i>A Place Where the Sea Remembers</i>	When Chayo, the flower seller, and her husband, Candelario, learn they are finally going to have a child, it sets off an unexpected chain of events in their small village.	
Benjamin, Melanie	<i>The Children's Blizzard</i>	Draws on oral histories of the Great Plains blizzard of 1888 to depict the experiences of two teachers, a servant, and a reporter who risk everything to protect the children of immigrant homesteaders.	This kit includes large print copies

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Bird, Kai	<i>The Good Spy</i>	A comprehensive profile of CIA intelligence officer Robert Ames, who died in 1983. Ames was a recognized expert who served as a key policy advisor for the Middle East to U.S. decision makers. This absorbing portrait of a family man and dedicated professional also offers a compelling account of the region's history up to his death.	Non-Fiction
Bohjalian, Chris	<i>Hour of the Witch</i>	A young Puritan woman—faithful, resourceful, but afraid of the demons that dog her soul—plots her escape from a violent marriage.	
Boulley, Angeline	<i>Firekeeper's Daughter</i>	Daunis Fontaine must learn what it means to be a strong Anishinaabe kwe (Ojibwe woman) and how far she'll go to protect her community, even if it tears apart the only world she's ever known.	Teen Fiction
Brennert, Alan	<i>Moloka'i</i>	Seven-year-old Rachel is forcibly removed from her family's 1890s Honolulu home when she contracts leprosy and is placed in a settlement, where she loses a series of new friends before new medical discoveries enable her to reenter the world.	
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	<i>The War that Saved my Life</i>	A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.	Children's Fiction
Brontë, Charlotte	<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Jane Eyre becomes a governess in Mr. Rochester's home of Thornfield and falls in love with him before she finds that he has a tragic secret.	
Brooks, Geraldine	<i>Horse</i>	A scientist from Australia and a Nigerian-American art historian become connected by their shared interest in a 19th century racehorse, one studying its remains, the other uncovering the history of the Black horsemen who were critical to its success.	This kit includes 10 large print copies
Brooks, Geraldine	<i>March</i>	Brooks builds on her research into the actual journals of Louisa May Alcott's father to create the fictional Civil War experiences of Mr. March from <i>Little Women</i> .	This kit includes large print copies
Brown, Curt	<i>Minnesota, 1918: When Flu, Fire, and War Ravaged the State</i>	In 1918, Minnesota and its residents were confronted with a series of devastating events that put communities to the test, forcing them to persevere through untold hardship.	

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Brown, Daniel James	<i>The Boys in the Boat</i>	<i>The Boys in the Boat</i> describes how a group of working class youths from the University of Washington rowing team emerged from obscurity to defeat a field of elite international rivals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.	Non-Fiction; This kit also available with a combination of audiobook on CD and large print copies
Bruel, Nick	<i>Bad Kitty Gets a Bath</i>	Takes a humorous look at the normal way cats bathe, why it is inappropriate for humans to bathe that way, and the challenges of trying to give a cat a real bath with soap and water.	Children's Fiction
Chevalier, Tracy	<i>Girl with a Pearl Earring</i>	A servant girl knows her place in the household of the painter Johannes Vermeer, but when he begins to paint her, whispers and rumors circulate throughout the town.	
Cleave, Chris	<i>Little Bee</i>	The fates of a 16-year-old Nigerian orphan and a well-to-do British couple seeking to repair their strained marriage with a free holiday are joined when the couple decide to stray beyond the walls of their holiday resort on a Nigerian beach.	
Coates, Ta-Nehisi	<i>Between the World and Me</i>	A bold and personal investigation into America's racial history and its contemporary echoes, told through the author's own evolving understanding of the subject over the course of his life.	Non-Fiction
Coates, Ta-Nehisi	<i>The Water Dancer</i>	Set during the era of slavery, this novel follows a young black man who discovers that his memories trigger a mysterious power of teleportation that can help escaped slaves flee.	This kit includes large print copies
Conway, Jill K.	<i>The Road from Coorain</i>	A woman of intellect and ambition describes growing up on an Australian ranch, coping with her father's death and her mother's depression, her intellectual awakening at the university, and her path to becoming the first woman president of Smith College.	Non-Fiction
Cullen, Lynn	<i>Mrs. Poe</i>	Struggling to support her family in mid-19th-century New York, writer Frances Osgood makes an unexpected connection with literary master Edgar Allan Poe and finds her survival complicated by her intense attraction to the writer and the scheming manipulations of his wife.	
Daniel, Susanna	<i>Sea Creatures</i>	A mother must make the unthinkable choice between her husband and her son.	

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Dare, Abi	<i>Girl with the Louding Voice</i>	A powerful, emotional debut novel told in the unforgettable voice of a young Nigerian woman who is trapped in a life of servitude but determined to get an education so that she can escape and choose her own future.	Kit added in 2023. This kit includes large print copies
De Leon, Jennifer	<i>Don't Ask Me Where I'm from</i>	First-generation American LatinX Liliana Cruz does what it takes to fit in at her new nearly all-white school. But when family secrets spill out and racism at school ramps up, she must decide what she believes in and take a stand.	Kit added in 2023. Teen Fiction
Dell'Antonia, K.J.	<i>The Chicken Sisters</i>	For a century, two rival chicken shacks have been vying to serve the best fried chicken and a feud between the two families has lasted as long. On the reality TV show Food Wars, the rivals and sisters hope to settle the feud. Yet when family secrets become public, the sisters must choose: will they fight with each other, or for their heritage?	
Diamant, Anita	<i>The Red Tent</i>	The story of Dinah, a tragic character from the Bible whose great love is killed by her brother, leaving her alone and pregnant.	
DiAngelo, Robin	<i>White Fragility</i>	Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. In this in-depth exploration, antiracist educator DiAngelo explores how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.	Non-Fiction
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>	Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi and learns lessons in friendship with the help of her big ugly dog, Winn-Dixie.	Children's Fiction
Doerr, Anthony	<i>Cloud Cuckoo Land</i>	A tapestry that stretches across centuries, linking the lives of the characters through words, stories, libraries and, most notably, an invented manuscript (for which the novel is named) written by the very real ancient Greek author Antonius Diogenes.	
Doig, Ivan	<i>The Whistling Season</i>	Hired as a housekeeper to work on the early 1900s Montana homestead of widower Oliver Milliron, the irreverent Rose and her brother, Morris, endeavor to educate the widower's sons while witnessing local efforts on a massive irrigation project.	

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Ellis, Mary Relindes	<i>The Bohemian Flats</i>	From a nineteenth-century German farm to the thriving, wildly diverse immigrant village below Minneapolis on the Mississippi to the European front in World War I, and returning to twentieth-century America--this is a story that takes a reader to the far reaches of human experience and the depths of the human heart.	
Erdrich, Louise	<i>LaRose</i>	An emotionally haunting contemporary tale of a tragic accident, a demand for justice, and a profound act of atonement with ancient roots in Native American culture.	
Erdrich, Louise	<i>Love Medicine</i>	The members of the Chippewa Kaspaw and Lamartine families describe their simple existence as they both deny and discover their native heritages.	
Eskens, Allen	<i>The Life We Bury</i>	Joe Talbert has finally left home, but not without guilt over leaving his autistic brother in the care of his unreliable mother. A college assignment gets the young man entangled in a cold case, racing to clear the name of a Vietnam veteran.	
Fallon, Siobhan	<i>You Know When the Men are Gone</i>	A collection of interconnected stories relate the experiences of Fort Hood military wives who share a poignant vigil during which they raise children while waiting for their husbands to return.	
Farrey, Brian	<i>The Secret of Dreadwillow Carse</i>	A princess and a peasant girl, who hides a sorrow in a town where everyone lives with unending joy, embark on a dangerous quest to outwit a centuries-old warning foretelling the fall of the monarchy.	Children's Fiction
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	Jay Gatsby still adores Daisy Buchanan although she has married someone else, and he risks everything to lure her back.	
Foer, Jonathan Safran	<i>Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close</i>	Oskar Schell, the nine-year-old son of a man killed in the World Trade Center attacks, searches the five boroughs of New York City for a lock that fits a black key his father left behind.	
Ford, Ashley	<i>Somebody's Daughter</i>	An extraordinarily powerful memoir: the story of a childhood defined by the looming absence of her incarcerated father.	Kit added in 2023. This kit includes large print copies.
Ford, Jamie.	<i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i>	When artifacts from Japanese families sent to internment camps during WWII are uncovered during renovations at a Seattle hotel, Henry Lee embarks on a quest that leads to memories of growing up Chinese in a city rife with anti-Japanese sentiment.	

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Fortune, Carley	<i>Every Summer After</i>	Five summers to fall in love. One moment to fall apart. A weekend to get it right. A magazine writer has to make a choice when she returns to the lake she grew up on, and to the man she thought she'd never have to live without	This kit includes large print copies.
Frankel, Laurie	<i>This Is How It Always Is</i>	<i>This Is How It Always Is</i> is a novel about revelations, transformations, fairy tales, and family. Change is always hard and miraculous and hard again; parenting is always a leap into the unknown with crossed fingers and full hearts; children grow but not always according to plan. And families with secrets don't get to keep them forever.	
Garcia, Gabrielle	<i>Of Women and Salt</i>	A sweeping, masterful debut novel about a daughter's fateful choice, a mother motivated by her own past, and a family legacy that begins in Cuba before either of them were born.	Kit added in 2023. This kit includes large print copies.
Gates Jr., Henry Louis	<i>Stony the Road</i>	A profound new rendering of the struggle by African-Americans for equality after the Civil War and the violent counter-revolution that resubjugated them, as seen through the prism of the war of images and ideas that have left an enduring racist stain on the American mind.	Non-Fiction
Genova, Lisa	<i>Love Anthony</i>	In Nantucket, two women, one a mother of a severely autistic son, dealing with their own separate issues of death and heartbreak, find solace in each other's friendship.	
Genova, Lisa	<i>Still Alice</i>	After a diagnosis of early onset Alzheimer's disease, Harvard psychologist Alice Howland struggles to find meaning and purpose in her life.	
Gibney, Shannon	<i>Dream Country</i>	The heartbreaking story of five generations of young people from a single African-and-American family pursuing an elusive dream of freedom.	
Grann, David	<i>Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI</i>	In the 1920s, a string of unsolved murders rocked the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma. Made rich by oil rights, the Osage were already victimized by unscrupulous businessmen and societal prejudice, but these murders were so egregious, the newly formed FBI was brought in to investigate.	Non-Fiction
Green, John	<i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>	Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.	Teen Fiction

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Green, John	<i>Paper Towns</i>	One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears.	Teen Fiction
Griffith, Nicola	<i>Hild</i>	Set in 7 th century Anglo-Saxon England, Hild, a young girl and niece to the king, becomes his trusted seer. She attempts to stay in his favor, treading carefully among the large egos of the court and knowing that her survival depends as much on luck as it does on the accuracy of her predictions.	
Gyasa, Yaa	<i>Homegoing</i>	Stretching from the tribal wars of Ghana to slavery and Civil War in America, from the coal mines in the north to the Great Migration to the streets of 20th century Harlem, Yaa Gyasi's novel moves through histories and geographies and captures the troubled spirit of our own nation.	
Haddon, Mark	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime</i>	Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.	This kit contains one audiobook on CD.
Hamid, Mohsin	<i>Exit West</i>	In a country teetering on the brink of civil war, two young people meet--sensual, fiercely independent Nadia and gentle, restrained Saeed. They embark on a furtive love affair, thrust into premature intimacy by the unrest roiling their city. When it explodes, turning familiar streets into a patchwork of checkpoints and bomb blasts, they begin to hear whispers about doors that can whisk people far away for a price.	
Hall, Ron	<i>Same Kind of Different as Me</i>	A modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound them together.	
Hammett, Dashiell	<i>The Maltese Falcon</i>	Sam Spade's partner is murdered while working on a case, and it is Spade's responsibility to find the killer. In his search, Spade runs mortal risks as he comes closer to the answer.	
HAMPL, Patricia	<i>The Florist's Daughter</i>	Prompted by her mother's death, the author reassesses her youth as the daughter of a debonair, Czech florist father and an Irish mother with a talent as a storyteller.	Non-Fiction

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Hannah, Kristin	<i>The Four Winds</i>	Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. Elsa Martinelli--like so many of her neighbors--must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life.	
Hannah, Kristin	<i>The Great Alone</i>	Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier.	
Hannah, Kristin	<i>The Nightingale</i>	The story of two sisters in France on the eve of World War II, and their struggle to survive and resist the German occupation of France.	
Harris, Nathan	<i>The Sweetness of Water</i>	Depicting Georgia in the violent crucible of the Reconstruction era and the unlikely bond between two freedmen who are brothers and the Georgia farmer whose alliance will alter their lives	
Hart, Erin	<i>Haunted Ground</i>		
Haruf, Kent	<i>Plainsong</i>	An unlikely extended family is formed when a high school teacher helps a pregnant student make a home with two elderly bachelors in a prairie community in Colorado.	
Hawkins, Paula	<i>The Girl on the Train</i>	Rachel is a washed-up thirty-something who creates a fantasy about the seemingly perfect couple she sees during her daily train ride into London. When the woman goes missing, Rachel manages to insert herself into the investigation of the woman's disappearance.	
Hautman, Pete	<i>Slider</i>	Hoping to win a cash prize in a pizza eating contest after racking up a tab on his mother's credit card, David must juggle his competitive eating training with the responsibility of looking after his autistic younger brother.	Children's Fiction
Hay, Ashley	<i>Railwayman's wife</i>	In 1948, in a town overlooking the vast, blue ocean, Anikka Lachlan is destined to raise her daughter on her own. Awash in grief, she looks for answers in the pages of her favorite books and tries to learn the most difficult lesson of all: how to go on living.	
Henry, Emily	<i>People We Meet on Vacation</i>	Poppy is a travel writer that has one last shot at reconnecting with the best friend, Alex, who she just might be in love with.	This kit includes large print copies

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Hillenbrand, Laura	<i>Unbroken: a World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption</i>	Relates the story of a U.S. airman who survived when his bomber crashed into the sea during World War II, spent forty-seven days adrift in the ocean before being rescued by the Japanese Navy, and was held as a prisoner until the end of the war.	Non-Fiction; This kit also available with 10 large print copies
Hinton, Anthony Ray	<i>The Sun does Shine</i>	Anthony Ray Hinton was arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder in Alabama in 1985. Hinton believed that the truth would prove his innocence. He resolved to find a way to live on Death Row, and for the next 27 years he transformed not only his own spirit, but those of his fellow inmates. Released in 2015, Hinton shows how you can take away a man's freedom, but you can't take away his imagination, humor, or joy.	Non-Fiction
Hiranandani, Veera	<i>The Night Diary</i>	Shy, twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.	Children's Fiction
Hobbs, Jeff	<i>The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace</i>	Presents the life of Robert Peace, an African American who became a brilliant biochemistry student at Yale University, but after graduation lived as drug dealer and was brutally murdered at the age of thirty.	Non-Fiction; This kit includes large print copies
Hodgman, George	<i>Bettyville</i>	George Hodgman leaves Manhattan for his hometown of Paris, Missouri, and finds himself--an unlikely caretaker and near-lethal cook--in a head-on collision with his aging mother, Betty, a woman of wit and will.	Non-Fiction
Hosseini, Khaled	<i>The Kite Runner</i>	Traces the unlikely friendship of a wealthy Afghan youth and a servant's son in a tale that spans the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy through the present day.	This kit includes one copy of the audiobook on CD
Hurston, Zora Neale	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>	Meet Janie Crawford, an articulate African-American woman in the 1930s. The book traces Janie's quest for identity, through three marriages, on a journey to her roots.	
Idliby, Ranya	<i>The Faith Club: a Muslim, a Christian, a Jew</i>	Three mothers from three faiths -- Islam, Christianity, and Judaism -- who got together to write a picture book for their children that would highlight the connections between their religions.	Non-Fiction

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Ingraham, Christopher	<i>If You Lived Here You'd Be Home by Now</i>	The story of Ingraham's decision to uproot his life and move his family to Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, the community he made famous as "the worst place to live in America" in an article he wrote for the Washington Post.	
Jiles, Paulette	<i>News of the World</i>	In the aftermath of the American Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this morally complex, multi-layered novel of historical fiction that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor and trust.	
Johnson, Adam	<i>Orphan Master's Son</i>	The son of an influential father who runs an orphan work camp, Pak Jun Do rises to prominence using instinctive talents and eventually becomes a professional kidnapper and romantic rival to Kim Jong Il.	
Jones, Tayari	<i>An American Marriage</i>	Newlyweds Celestial and Roy, the living embodiment of the New South, are settling into the routine of their life together when Roy is sent to prison for a crime he didn't commit. An insightful look into the lives of people who are bound and separated by forces beyond their control.	
Joukhadar, Jennifer Zeynab	<i>The Map of Salt and Stars</i>	To keep her father's spirit alive, Nour tells herself their favorite story--the tale of Rawiya, a twelfth-century girl who disguised herself so she could be an apprentice to a famous mapmaker. Soon, Nour and her family are forced to choose: stay and risk the violence of war or flee in search of safety--along the very route Rawiya and her mapmaker took eight hundred years before in their quest to chart the world.	
Kalanithi, Paul	<i>When Breath Becomes Air</i>	A memoir by a young neurosurgeon faced with a terminal cancer diagnosis who attempts to answer the question: What makes a life worth living?	Non-Fiction
Kamkwamba, William	<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope</i>	A true story of tenacity and imagination describes how an African teenager built a windmill from scraps to create electricity for his home and his village, improving life for himself and his neighbors.	Non-Fiction
Katz, Catherine Grace	<i>The Daughters of Yalta</i>	Tensions during the Yalta Conference in February 1945 threatened to tear apart the wartime alliance among Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Joseph Stalin just as victory was close at hand. Katz uncovers the dramatic story of the three young women who were chosen by their fathers to travel with them to Yalta	Non-Fiction

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Kendi, Ibram X.	<i>How to Be An Anti-Racist</i>	"The only way to undo racism is to consistently identify and describe it -- and then dismantle it." Kendi asks us to think about what an antiracist society might look like, and how we can play an active role in building it. Weaving ethics, history, law, and science, Kendi brings it all together with an engaging personal narrative of his own awakening to antiracism.	Non-Fiction
King, Laurie	<i>The Beekeeper's Apprentice</i>	When Mary Russell meets famous detective Sherlock Holmes, she discovers that he is also a beekeeper. Soon she finds herself on the trail of kidnappers and discovers a plot to kill both Holmes and herself.	
Kline, Christina Baker	<i>Orphan Train</i>	Close to aging out of the foster care system, Molly Ayer takes a position helping an elderly woman named Vivian and discovers that they are more alike than different as she helps Vivian solve a mystery from her past.	
Kolker, Robert	<i>Hidden Valley Road</i>	The heartrending story of a midcentury American family with twelve children, six of them diagnosed with schizophrenia, that became science's great hope in the quest to understand the disease.	Non-Fiction; This kit includes large print copies
Krueger, William Kent	<i>This Tender Land</i>	The Lincoln School is a pitiless place where hundreds of Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, are sent to be educated. It is also home to an orphan named Odie O'Banion, a lively boy whose exploits earn him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee, he and his brother Albert, their best friend Mose, and a little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own.	This kit includes large print copies
Landay, William	<i>Defending Jacob</i>	Andy Barber is respected in his community, tenacious in the courtroom, and happy at home with his wife, Laurie, and son, Jacob. But when a shocking crime shatters their New England town, Andy is blindsided by what happens next. His fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student.	This kit includes a combination of audiobook on CD and large print copies
LaRocca, Rajani	<i>Red, White, and Whole</i>	Reha feels torn between two worlds: school, where she's the only Indian American student, and home, with her family's traditions and holidays. Reha feels disconnected from her mother, or Amma, but they are a universe apart. Then Reha finds out that her Amma is sick. Reha, who dreams of becoming a doctor even though she can't stomach the sight of blood, is determined to make her Amma well again. She'll be the perfect daughter, if it means saving her Amma's life.	Children's Fiction

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L'Engle, Madeline	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	Young Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three eccentric women, when they set out to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.	Children's Fiction
Lee, Harper	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Scout's father defends a black man accused of raping a white woman in a small Alabama town during the 1930s.	
Lewis, Sinclair	<i>The Minnesota Stories of Sinclair Lewis</i>	A collection of Lewis' acerbic tales set in Minnesota that reflect his favorite themes: local boosterism, the plight of strong women, native fascism, the grip of materialism.	
Lin, Grace	<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>	Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.	Children's Fiction
Look, Lenore	<i>Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Things</i>	A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.	Children's Fiction
Lyons, Annie	<i>The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett</i>	Eudora Honeysett has lived a full life, and witnessed the indignities and suffering of old age. At eighty-five, her end will be on her terms. A call to a clinic in Switzerland sets the plan in motion. Then she meets ten-year-old Rose Trewidney, a pint-sized rainbow of color and sparkling cheer. Eudora is reminded of her own childhood--and realizes she must come to terms with what lies ahead.	This kit includes large print copies
Maltman, Thomas	<i>Little Wolves</i>	Their family farms devastated by a Minnesota drought in 1987, a father searches for answers after his son commits a heinous murder, while a pastor's wife returns to the town for mysterious reasons of her own.	
Marsh, Katherine	<i>Nowhere Boy</i>	Fourteen-year-old Ahmed, a Syrian refugee, and thirteen-year-old Max, an American boy, are bound by a secret that sets them on the adventure of a lifetime.	Children's Fiction
McCall Smith, Alexander	<i>The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency</i>	Mma (aka Precious) Ramotswe is Botswana's one and only lady private detective. Her love of Africa, as well as her wisdom and humor, shine through these pages.	This kit includes large print copies
McCarthy, Cormac	<i>The Road</i>	Apocalypse grips the earth; wildlife has disappeared; and starvation prevails. Amidst this bleak backdrop, a man and his young son slowly make their way toward the coast. Avoiding roves of marauding cannibals and fighting off starvation, they gain hope and stamina in knowing they are some of the remaining few virtuous people.	

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McDonald, Megan	<i>Judy Moody</i>	Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.	Children's Fiction
McEwan, Ian	<i>Atonement</i>	Three children lose their innocence--as the sweltering summer heat bears down on the hottest day in 1935--and their lives are changed forever.	
McLain, Paula	<i>The Paris Wife</i>	A novel of Ernest Hemingway's first marriage to Hadley Richardson and the start of his literary career in Paris. Hadley makes a convincing transformation from an overprotected child to a game and brave young woman who puts up with impoverished living conditions and shattering loneliness to prop up her husband's career.	
Miller, Madeline	<i>Circe</i>	Neither powerful like her father Helios nor viciously alluring like her mother Perse, Circe turns to the world of mortals for companionship. There, she discovers that she does possess the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods themselves. Banished to a deserted island, she hones her craft, tames wild beasts and crosses paths with many figures in mythology.	
Mirza, Fatima Farheen	<i>A Place for Us</i>	A story of family identity and belonging follows an Indian family through the marriage of their daughter, from the parents' arrival in the United States to the return of their estranged son.	
Moriarty, Liane	<i>Apples Never Fall</i>	A novel that looks at marriage, siblings, and how the people we love the most can hurt us the deepest.	This kit contains 10 large print copies
Morton, Kate	<i>The Secret Keeper</i>	Withdrawing from a family party to the solitude of her tree house, sixteen-year-old Laurel Nicolson witnesses a shocking murder that throughout a subsequent half century shapes her beliefs, her acting career, and the lives of three strangers from vastly different cultures.	
Moyes, JoJo	<i>The Giver of Stars</i>	Set in Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their unforgettable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond.	This kit is available with large print copies
Moyes, JoJo	<i>Me Before You</i>	Taking a job as an assistant to extreme sports enthusiast Will, who is wheelchair bound after a motorcycle accident, Louisa struggles with her employer's acerbic moods and learns of his shocking plans before demonstrating to him that life is still worth living.	

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Nazario, Sonia	<i>Enrique's Journey</i>	Documents the journey of a Honduran teen who braved hardship and peril to reunite with his mother after she was forced to leave him behind and seek migratory work in the United States.	Non-Fiction
Ng, Celeste	<i>Little Fires Everywhere</i>	Meet the members of two families living in the idyllic, perfectly-planned suburb of Shaker Heights, Ohio: Mia and Pearl, a mother and daughter living a less traditional lifestyle, moving from town to town every few months, and the Richardsons, the perfect nuclear family in the perfect suburb...until Izzy Richardson burns her family home down.	
Niffenegger, Audrey	<i>The Time Traveler's Wife</i>	Chicago librarian Henry De Tamble suffers from a rare genetic disorder that causes him to drift uncontrollably back and forth through time. He meets the love of his life, Claire, and they marry. The problems and complexities of any relationship are multiplied by Henry's inability to remain in one time and place, so that he and his beloved are continually out of sync.	
Noah, Trevor	<i>Born a Crime</i>	<i>Born a Crime</i> is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother—his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life.	Non-Fiction
O'Brien, Tim	<i>In the Lake of the Woods</i>	John and Kathy Wade, whose marriage has been built on mutual deception, visit a Minnesota lake to sort things out, a difficult process made more so by Kathy's disappearance.	
O'Farrell, Maggie	<i>Hamnet</i>	Drawing on the author's long-term fascination with the little-known story behind Shakespeare's most enigmatic play, <i>Hamnet</i> is a luminous portrait of a marriage, at its heart the loss of a beloved child.	Kit added in 2023. This kit includes large print copies
Orange, Tommy	<i>There There</i>	<i>There There</i> follows twelve characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to each other in ways they may not yet realize. This chorus of voices tells of the plight of the urban Native American—grappling with a complex and painful history, with an inheritance of beauty and spirituality, with communion and sacrifice and heroism.	

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Owens, Delia	<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i>	<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder.	his kit is available with large print copies
Palacio, R.J.	<i>Wonder</i>	Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.	Children's Fiction
Patchett, Ann	<i>State of Wonder</i>	Marina Singh, a researcher at a pharmaceutical company, journeys into the heart of the Amazonian delta to check on a field team that has been silent for two years--a dangerous assignment that forces Marina to confront the ghosts of her past.	
Porter, Carolyn	<i>Marcel's Letters</i>	A graphic designer's search for inspiration leads to a cache of letters and the mystery of one man's fate during World War II.	Non-Fiction
Potok, Chaim	<i>The Chosen</i>	A baseball game between Jewish schools is the catalyst that starts a bitter rivalry between two boys and their fathers.	
Prescott, Lara	<i>The Secrets We Kept</i>	At the height of the Cold War, two secretaries are pulled out of the typing pool at the CIA and given the assignment of a lifetime. Their mission: to smuggle Doctor Zhivago out of the USSR and help Pasternak's magnum opus make its way into print around the world.	
Preus, Margi	<i>Shadow on the Mountain</i>	In Nazi-occupied Norway, fourteen-year-old Espen joins the resistance movement, graduating from deliverer of illegal newspapers to courier and spy.	Children's Fiction
Prose, Nita	<i>The Maid</i>	A <i>Clue</i> -like, locked-room mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit, <i>The Maid</i> explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different—and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.	
Purnell, Sonia	<i>A Woman of No Importance</i>	Virginia Hall, a young American woman--rejected from the foreign service because of her gender and her prosthetic leg--talked her way into the spy organization deemed Churchill's "ministry of ungentlemanly warfare," and, before the United States had even entered the war, became the first woman to deploy to occupied France.	

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Reid, Taylor Jenkins	<i>Malibu Rising</i>	Four famous siblings throw an epic party to celebrate the end of the summer. But over the course of twenty-four hours, their lives will change forever.	Kit added in 2023. This kit includes large print copies
Reimringer, John	<i>Vestments</i>	Just a few years after his ordination as a priest in the Catholic Church, James Dressler finds himself attracted again to his first love, Betty Garcia, and is torn by his opposing desires for the Church and for Betty.	
Reynolds, Jason	<i>All American Boys</i>	Two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension.	Teen Fiction
Reynolds, Jason and Ibram X. Kendi	<i>Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You</i>	The construct of race has always been used to gain and keep power, to create dynamics that separate and silence. Racist ideas are woven into the fabric of this country, and the first step to building an antiracist America is acknowledging America's racist past and present. This book takes you on that journey, showing how racist ideas started and were spread, and how they can be discredited.	Teen Non-Fiction
Richardson, Kim Michele	<i>The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek</i>	Tucked deep into the woods of Troublesome Creek, Kentucky, lives blue-skinned Cussy Carter, the last living female of the rare Blue People ancestry. She joins Roosevelt's Pack Horse Library Project of Kentucky and becomes a traveling librarian, riding across slippery creek beds and up treacherous mountains on her mule to deliver books and other reading material to the impoverished hill people of Eastern Kentucky.	This kit is available with large print copies
Ronson, Jon	<i>So You've Been Publicly Shamed</i>	Simultaneously powerful and hilarious in the way only Jon Ronson can be, this deeply honest book about modern life, full of eye-opening truths about the escalating war on human flaws--and the scary part we all play in it.	Non-Fiction
Rum, Etaf	<i>A Woman is no Man</i>	Three generations of Palestinian-American women in contemporary Brooklyn are torn by individual desire, educational ambitions, a devastating tragedy, and the strict mores of traditional Arab culture.	
Sacks, Rebecca	<i>City of a Thousand Gates</i>	A novel of present-day Israel and Palestine, following many diverse characters as they try to protect what they love. Their interwoven stories reveal complicated, painful truths about life in this conflicted land steeped in hope, love, hatred, terror, and blood on both sides.	

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Salinger, J.D.	<i>Catcher in the Rye</i>	Story of Holden Caulfield with his idiosyncrasies, penetrating insight, confusion, sensitivity and negativism. Holden, knowing he is to be expelled from school, decides to leave early. He spends three days in New York City and tells the story of what he did and suffered there.	
Saramago, José	<i>Blindness</i>	A city is hit by an epidemic of "white blindness" whose victims are confined to a vacant mental hospital, while a single eyewitness to the nightmare guides seven oddly assorted strangers through the barren urban landscape.	
Schiff, Stacy	<i>Cleopatra: a Life</i>	Separates fact from fiction to reconstruct the life of the most influential woman of her era, revealing Cleopatra as a complex woman and shrewd monarch whose life and death reshaped the ancient world.	Non-Fiction
See, Lisa	<i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</i>	Strict social codes and strong friendships are themes of this story set in isolated 19th century China.	
See, Lisa	<i>The Island of Sea Women</i>	<i>The Island of Sea Women</i> introduces readers to the fierce and unforgettable female divers of Jeju Island-- a world turned upside down, one where the women are in charge, engaging in dangerous physical work, and the men take care of the children. Set over many decades beginning in the 1930s and 1940s, readers witness the dramatic history that shaped their lives.	
See, Lisa	<i>The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane</i>	Explore the lives of a Chinese mother and her daughter, who has been adopted by an American couple, tracing the very different cultural factors that compel them to consume a rare native tea that has shaped their family's destiny for generations.	
Semple, Maria	<i>Where'd You Go, Bernadette</i>	When her notorious, hilarious, volatile, talented, troubled, and agoraphobic mother goes missing, teenage Bee begins a trip that takes her to the ends of the earth to find her mother.	
Septys, Ruta	<i>I Must Betray You</i>	A gut-wrenching, startling window into communist Romania and the citizen spy network that devastated a nation.	Kit added in 2023. Teen Fiction
Shaffer, Mary Ann	<i>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i>	Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey, who tells her about the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.	
Shin, Sun Yung	<i>A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota</i>	Essays that challenge, discomfort, disorient, galvanize, and inspire all of us to evolve now, for our shared future.	Non-Fiction

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Shipstead, Maggie	<i>Great Circle</i>	Spanning Prohibition-era Montana, the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, New Zealand, wartime London, and modern-day Los Angeles, <i>Great Circle</i> tells the unforgettable story of a daredevil female aviator determined to chart her own course in life, at any cost.	This kit includes large print copies
Shriver, Lionel	<i>Should We Stay or Should We Go</i>	Healthy and vital in their early fifties, the Kay and Cyril fear what may lie ahead. To spare themselves and their loved ones a humiliating and protracted decline, they agree to commit suicide together once they've both turned eighty. When their deal is sealed, but then they turn eighty....	This kit includes large print copies
Skloot, Rebecca	<i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i>	Henrietta Lacks' cancer cells--taken without her knowledge--became one of the most important tools in medicine. The story of the Lacks family is inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the birth of bioethics, and the legal battles over whether we control the stuff of which we are made.	Non-Fiction
Snyman, Matthew	<i>Dementia Diaries</i>	Follow the stories of Brie, Fred, and other young caregivers as they try to understand and cope with their grandparents' dementia at all stages of the illness.	Children's Fiction
Stein, Garth	<i>The Art of Racing in the Rain</i>	A dog decides that when he dies and returns to earth as a man, he will model his behavior after his beloved owner, a race car driver.	
Stedman, M.L.	<i>Light Between Oceans</i>	Set on a remote Australian island, where a childless couple live quietly running a lighthouse, until a boat carrying a baby washes ashore.	
Stevenson, Bryan	<i>Just Mercy</i>	The founder of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama recounts his experiences as a lawyer working to assist those desperately in need, reflecting on his pursuit of the ideal of compassion in American justice.	Non-Fiction
Stockett, Kathryn	<i>The Help</i>	Limited and persecuted by racial divides in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi, three women, including an African-American maid, her sassy and chronically unemployed friend, and a recently college-graduated white woman, team up for a clandestine project.	
Stone, Nic	<i>Dear Martin</i>	Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.	Teen Fiction

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Stonich, Sarah	<i>Vacationland</i>	On a lake in northernmost Minnesota, you might find Naledi Lodge. There you might meet Meg, or the ghost of the girl she was, growing up under her grandfather's care in a world apart and a lifetime ago. Now an artist, Meg paints images reflected across the mirrors of memory and water, much as the linked stories of <i>Vacationland</i> cast shimmering spells across distance and time.	
Stovall, Jim	<i>The Ultimate Gift</i>	When billionaire Howard "Red" Stevens dies, he leaves the bulk of his fortune to his lazy, ill-mannered grandson, Jason, but in order to receive his wealth, Jason must complete twelve designated tasks intended to make him a better person.	
Stradal, Ryan J.	<i>Kitchens of the Great Midwest</i>	A young girl navigates a tumultuous childhood to become one of the top chefs in the country.	
Stradal, Ryan J.	<i>The Lager Queen of Minnesota</i>	A family is split when their father leaves his inheritance entirely to his younger daughter Helen, who builds a successful brewery. Her older sister, Edith, struggles to make a living. Edith's granddaughter, Diana, grows up knowing that the real world requires a tougher constitution than her grandmother possesses. She earns a shot at learning the IPA business from the ground up. Will that change their fortunes forever, and perhaps reunite her splintered family?	
Torres Sanchez, Jenny	<i>We are Not from Here</i>	A poignant novel of desperation, escape, and survival across the U.S.-Mexico border, inspired by current events.	Teen Fiction
Towles, Amor	<i>The Lincoln Highway</i>	Set in the summer of 1954, shenanigans ensue when Emmett Watson hits the open road with two friends and a younger brother in search of a better future, encountering a few detours along the way.	This kit contains 10 large print copies
Trigiani, Adriana	<i>The Shoemaker's Wife</i>	Two star-crossed lovers--Enza and Ciro--meet and separate, until, finally, the power of their love changes both of their lives forever. Set during the years preceding and during World War I.	
Vance, J.D.	<i>Hillbilly Elegy: a Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis</i>	From a former Marine and Yale Law School Graduate, a poignant account of growing up in a poor Appalachian town, that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class.	Non-Fiction; This kit includes large print copies
Vergheze, Abraham	<i>Cutting for Stone</i>	Marion and Shiva Stone, twin brothers born from a secret love affair between an Indian nun and a British surgeon in Addis Ababa, come of age in an Ethiopia on the brink of revolution, where their love for the same woman drives them apart.	

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Waldman, Amy	<i>The Submission</i>	Selected for a jury that must choose an appropriate memorial for September 11 victims, Claire Burwell struggles to navigate a media firestorm when the winning designer is revealed as an enigmatic Muslim-American.	
Ward, Jesmyn	<i>Salvage the Bones</i>	Enduring a hardscrabble existence as the children of alcoholic and absent parents, four siblings from a coastal Mississippi town prepare their meager stores for the arrival of Hurricane Katrina while struggling with such challenges as a teen pregnancy and a dying litter of prize pups.	
Watson, Renee	<i>Piecing Me Together</i>	Tired of being singled out at her mostly white private school as someone who needs support, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls.	Teen Fiction
Watts, Stephanie Powell	<i>No One is Coming to Save Us</i>	JJ Ferguson has returned home to Pinewood, North Carolina, to build his dream house and to pursue his high school sweetheart, Ava. But as he reenters his former world, where factories are in decline and the legacy of Jim Crow is still felt, he's startled to find that the people he once knew and loved have changed just as much as he has.	
Weiss, Elaine	<i>The Woman's Hour</i>	Nashville, August 1920. The Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, granting all women the right to vote, is on the verge of ratification--or defeat. Out of the thirty-six states needed, thirty-five have approved it, and one last state is still in play--Tennessee. Nashville becomes a frenzied battleground as the enormous forces allied for and against women's suffrage make their last stand.	Non-Fiction
White, E.B.	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	The story of Wilbur, the pig, smallest of the litter, who is raised by the farmer's daughter, and who finds a friend in Charlotte, the spider.	Children's Fiction
Wilson, Diane	<i>The Seed Keeper</i>	A haunting novel spanning several generations, <i>The Seed Keeper</i> follows a Dakhóta family's struggle to preserve their way of life, and their sacrifices to protect what matters most.	
Wingate, Lisa	<i>Before We Were Yours</i>	A heartbreaking tale based on true events: from the 1930s through 1950, Georgia Tann's Tennessee Children's Home Society kidnapped thousands of mostly poor children for sale in illegal adoptions nationwide. This novel tracks the consequences for one group of siblings, taken in 1936 Memphis.	
Winick, Judd	<i>Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth</i>	When a mysterious boy falls from the sky, friends D.J. and Gina must discover the secrets of his identity and help him save the world.	Children's Graphic Novel

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Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Red at the Bone</i>	An unexpected teenage pregnancy pulls together two families from different social classes and explores their histories – reaching back to the Tulsa race massacre of 1921 -- and exposes the private hopes, disappointments, and longings that can bind or divide us.	
Yang, Kao Kalia	<i>The Latehomecomer</i>	Presents the journey from refugee camp to America and the hardships and joys of a family's struggle to adapt in a strange culture while holding onto traditions.	Non-Fiction
Yang, Kao Kalia	<i>The Song Poet: A Memoir of My Father</i>	Yang tells the story of her father, a Hmong poet. These poems, she says, taught her how the human heart operates, shielded her from poverty, and showed her windows where she had only ever seen walls.	Non-Fiction
Yang, Kelly	<i>New from Here</i>	A middle grade novel about courage, hope, and resilience follows an Asian American boy fighting to keep his family together and stand up to racism during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus	Children's Fiction
Zusak, Markus	<i>The Book Thief</i>	Death narrates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing helps to sustain her family, and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.	Teen Fiction