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Author	Title	Description
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.
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.
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.
Atwood, Margaret	<i>The Handmaid's Tale</i>	A chilling look at the future depicts a country, used to be 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>	*NEW KIT* 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 <i>Shock</i> 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.
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>	*NEW KIT* <i>Beartown</i> 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.
Barnes, Julian	<i>A Sense of an Ending</i>	Tony Webster and his clique first met Adrian Finn at school, and they all swore to stay friends for life. Now Tony is in middle age. He's had a career and a single marriage, a calm divorce. He's certainly never tried to hurt anybody. Memory, though, is imperfect. It can always throw up surprises, as a lawyer's letter is about to prove.
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.
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.
Bauermeister, Erica	<i>The Scent Keeper</i>	*NEW KIT* 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.
Beard, Janet	<i>The Atomic City Girls</i>	In November 1944, eighteen-year-old June Walker boards an unmarked bus, destined for a city that doesn't officially exist. 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 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.
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.

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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
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.
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>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> .
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.
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.
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>	Told through the author's own evolving understanding of the subject over the course of his life comes a bold and personal investigation into America's racial history and its contemporary echoes.
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.
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.
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>	*New Kit* 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. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. 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.
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.
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.
Farrell, Chris	<i>Unretirement: How Baby Boomers are Changing the Way We Think about Work, Community and the Good Life</i>	Humans have always found meaning and motivation in work and community, Farrell notes, and the boomer generation, poised to live longer in better health than any before, is already discovering unretirement: extending their working lives, often with new careers, entrepreneurial ventures, and volunteer service. Their experience, wisdom--and importantly, their continued earnings--will enrich the American workplace, treasury, and our whole society in the decades to come.
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, 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.
Fountain, Ben	<i>Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk</i>	A satire set in Texas during America's war in Iraq that explores the gaping national disconnect between the war at home and the war abroad. Follows the surviving members of the heroic Bravo Squad through one exhausting stop in their media-intensive "Victory Tour" at Texas Stadium, football mecca of the Dallas Cowboys, their fans, promoters, and cheerleaders.
Frankel, Laurie	<i>This Is How It Always Is</i>	*New Kit* <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.
Gates Jr., Henry Louis	<i>Stony the Road</i>	*New Kit* 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.
Gautreaux, Tim	<i>The Missing</i>	Former World War I soldier Sam Simoneaux loses his job in a department store in New Orleans when a little girl goes missing during his shift. He sets out to find her by working on a steamboat plying the Mississippi.
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.

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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.
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.
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.
Griffith, Nicola	<i>Hild</i>	Set in seventh-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.
Grisham, John	<i>A Time to Kill *</i>	Criminal lawyer Jake Brigance faces the fight of his life when he is asked to defend Carl Hailey, who, in a rage of anger, shot and killed the men on trial for the rape of his daughter.
Gyasa, Yaa	<i>Homegoing</i>	A novel of breathtaking sweep and emotional power that traces three hundred years in Ghana and along the way also becomes a truly great American novel.
Haddon, Mark	<i>Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time **</i>	Christopher, an autistic 15-year-old, narrates the story of his search for the killer of his neighbor's dog and his quest for more information about his mother.
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--doors that can whisk people far away, if perilously and for a price
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.
Hannah, Kristin	<i>The Great Alone</i>	*New Kit* 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.
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.
Hill, S. Kirkpatrick	<i>Toughboy and Sister</i>	The death of their drunken father strands ten-year-old Toughboy and his younger sister at a remote fishing cabin on the Yukon River near Ruby, Alaska, where they spend a summer trying to cope with dwindling food supplies and hostile wildlife.
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.

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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.
Hirsi Ali, Ayaan	<i>Infidel</i>	A celebration of triumph over adversity, Hirsi Ali's story tells how a bright little girl evolved out of dutiful obedience to become an outspoken, pioneering freedom fighter.
Hiranandani, Veera	<i>The Night Diary</i>	*New Kit* 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.
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.
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.
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.
Howe, James and Deborah	<i>Bunnacula: a Rabbit Tale of Mystery</i>	Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire.
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 our children that would highlight the connections between our religions.
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.
Jones, Lloyd	<i>Mister Pip</i>	On a copper-rich tropical island shattered by war, on which survival is a daily struggle, Mr. Watts spends his days reading to the local children from <i>Great Expectations</i> .
Jones, Tayari	<i>An American Marriage</i>	*New Kit* 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>	The memoir by a young neurosurgeon faced with a terminal cancer diagnosis who attempts to answer the question What makes a life worth living?
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.

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Kendi, Ibram X.	<i>How to Be An Anti-Racist</i>	*NEW KIT* "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. Kendi weaves an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science, bringing it all together with an engaging personal narrative of his own awakening to antiracism.
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.
Kingsolver, Barbara	<i>Flight Behavior</i>	Dellarobia Turnbow is a discontent farmwife engaging in a flirtatious relationship with a younger man when she discovers an unusual fire in a forested valley behind her house. This causes to Dellarobia to question everything she thought she believed in.
Klaussmann, Liza	<i>Tigers in Red Weather</i> ◇	Old secrets are revealed and lives become unraveled when the children of a well-heeled New England family discover the body of a murder victim near Tiger House, their vacation home.
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.
Koch, Herman	<i>The Dinner</i>	Meeting at an Amsterdam restaurant for dinner, two couples move from small talk to the wrenching shared challenge of their teenage sons' act of violence that has triggered a police investigation and revealed the extent to which each family will go to protect those they love.
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler</i>	Claudia and her brother run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she sees a statue so beautiful, she must identify its sculptor. To find out, she must visit the statue's former owner, the elderly Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.
Krueger, William Kent	<i>Red Knife</i>	Corcoran O'Connor is caught in the middle of a gang dispute between the Aurora Anglos and the Ojibwe Reservation Red Boyz, a situation that turns deadly when the Red Boyz leader and his wife are found murdered.
Krueger, William Kent	<i>This Tender Land</i>	*New Kit* 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.
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.
Landvik, Lorna	<i>The View from Mount Joy</i>	Joe Andreson and his mother move to Minneapolis, and hockey star Joe falls under the seductive spell of Kristi, the head cheerleader. Years later, Joe learns that being a grocer is like being the mayor of a small town. Customers confide astonishing things and always appreciate Joe's kindness. Kristi is as wild as Joe is tame. But who has really risked more? Who has lived more? And who is truly happy?
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.
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.

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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.
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.
Malladi, Amulya	<i>The Mango Season</i>	While visiting family in India, Priya plans on announcing her engagement to an American man, but soon learns that her parents have selected a husband for her.
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>	*New Kit* 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.
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.
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.
McDermott, Alice	<i>Charming Billy</i>	When Billy Lynch's relatives gather together to keep his memory alive, stories are woven and memories relived detailing his life in the close Irish-American community.
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.
McDonald, Megan	<i>Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid</i>	The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.
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.
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>	*New Kit* Set in Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their unforgettable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond.

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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.
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.
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.
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.
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 MN lake to sort things out, a difficult process made more so by Kathy's disappearance.
Odell, Jonathan	<i>The Healing</i>	Concerned about his wife's extensive grief over the loss of their daughter and worrying about a mysterious illness that is afflicting his slaves, Master Satterfield purchases a slavewoman known as a healer only to be further unsettled by her troubling predictions and possible inauthenticity.
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.
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.
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.
Patchett, Ann	<i>State of Wonder</i>	A researcher at a pharmaceutical company, Marina Singh 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.
Pickard, Nancy	<i>The Virgin of Small Plains</i>	Seventeen years after the discovery of a female murder victim near Small Plains, Kansas, the girl's grave has become the source of strange miracles and legends.
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.
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>	*NEW KIT* 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, where no one dare publish it, 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.

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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>	*New Kit* 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.
Reynolds, Jason and Ibram X. Kendi	<i>Stamped</i>	*New Kit* (Teen Non-Fiction title) 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.
Richardson, Kim Michele	<i>The book woman of Troublesome Creek</i>	*New Kit* 1936. Tucked deep into the woods of Troublesome Creek, KY, 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.
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.
Rosnay, Tatiana de	<i>Sarah's Key</i>	On the sixtieth anniversary of the 1942 roundup of Jews by the French police in the Vel d'Hiv section of Paris, American journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article on this dark episode during World War II.
Runyon, Brent	<i>The Burn Journals</i>	The author recounts the year he spent in a burn unit following his suicide attempt at fourteen, describing the rehabilitation and psychotherapy. (Nonfiction)
Rushin, Steve	<i>Sting-Ray Afternoons</i>	A bittersweet memoir of the author's 1970s childhood nostalgically shares observations of his family life growing up in Bloomington, MN as it was shaped by influences ranging from the Steve Miller Band and Saturday morning cartoons to Bic pens and Schwinn Sting-Ray bikes.
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression. (Children's Non-Fiction title)
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.
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.
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>	*New Kit* The Island of Sea Women 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.

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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.
Setterfield, Diane	<i>The Thirteenth Tale</i>	When her health begins failing, the mysterious author Vida Winter decides to let Margaret Lea, a biographer, write the truth about her life.
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.
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.
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.
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Maniac Magee</i>	After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe and inspire everyone around him.
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.
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.
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.
Stonich, Sarah	<i>Vacationland</i>	On a lake in northernmost Minnesota, you might find Naledi Lodge. And 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 "Vacationland" 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 in this delicious debut from Stradal.
Stradal, Ryan J.	<i>The Lager Queen of Minnesota</i>	*New Kit* 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?
Thompson, Jean	<i>The Humanity Project</i>	Relocated to the home of her resentful estranged father after surviving a high-school shooting, Linnea is unwittingly placed in charge of a bizarre and well-endowed charity fund and confides in a handyman, who is shouldering his own struggles with a painkiller-addicted parent.
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.

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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.
Verghese, 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.
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>	*New Kit* 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.
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>	*New Kit* Nashville, August 1920. The Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, granting all women the 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. This is the moment of truth for the suffragists, and Nashville becomes a frenzied battleground as the enormous forces allied for and against women's suffrage make their last stand.
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.
Wingate, Lisa	<i>Before We Were Yours</i>	*New Kit* 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>	*New Kit* 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.
Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	In vivid poems, Jacqueline Woodson shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.
Yang, Kao Kalia	<i>The Latecomer</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.
Yang, Kao Kalia	<i>The Song Poet: A Memoir of My Father</i>	Yang tells the story of her father, a poet who composed kwv txhiaj in his native Hmong. These songs, she says, taught her how the human heart operates, shielded her from poverty, and showed her windows where she had only ever seen walls.
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.

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