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The Book of Two Ways
Jodi Picoult
From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Small Great Things and A Spark of Light comes a riveting novel about the choices that alter the course of our lives.

Fiction

Magic Lessons
Alice Hoffman
Beloved author Alice Hoffman unveils the story of Maria Owens, accused of witchcraft in Salem and matriarch of the Owens family.

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The Order
Daniel Silva
A detective is on a holiday in Venice with his wife and two children, when he is summoned to Rome to investigate the mysterious death of Pope Paul VII. Was the Pope murdered?
**Fiction**

**Monogamy**  
_Sue Miller_  
Derailed by the sudden passing of her husband of 30 years, an artist on the brink of a gallery opening struggles to pick up the pieces of her life as she learns about her husband’s affair.

**The Boy from the Woods**  
_Harlan Cohen_  
A mysterious outcast living in the woods is recruited to help find two missing teens and he must reconnect with a community full of deep secrets.

**Everything Beautiful in Its Time**  
_Jenna Bush Hager_  
Former first daughter and granddaughter and co-anchor of the _Today_ show, shares moving, funny stories about her beloved grandparents (George Sr. & Barbara Bush) and the wisdom they passed on.

**Camino Winds**  
_John Grisham_  
As a hurricane ravages Camino Island, a bookstore owner discovers that a local mystery writer has been killed, but his death is suspicious causing plot twists.

**The Vanishing Half**  
_Brit Bennett_  
The lives of twin Black girls are explored as they both follow different paths, yet are always intertwined in this provocative story of race, family and identity.

**A Burning**  
_Megha Majumdar_  
A young woman from India finds happiness with a job, a phone and a Facebook account. After witnessing an act of terrorism, she writes about the incident attracting the corrupt police.

**Hamnet**  
_Maggie O’Farrell_  
Shakespeare’s son succumbs to the black plague causing profound family grief, yet his love for his son becomes manifest in his finest play, _Hamlet_. A piercing story filled with historical detail.

**The Splendid and the Vile**  
_Erik Larson_  
A fresh and compelling portrait of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz from 1940-1941. How Churchill fights against Hitler’s attacks and rallies England to persevere reveals his true leadership.

**Is This Anything?**  
_Jerry Seinfeld_  
The first book in 25 years from Jerry Seinfeld features his best work across five decades in comedy. Page after hilarious page reveals the evolution of the great comedian.

**Memoirs**

**Greenlights**  
_Matthew McConaughey_  
Drawing on the Academy Award-winning actor’s journals & diaries from the last 40 years, this book presents his unique approach to achieving success & satisfaction.

**Begin Again**  
_Eddie Glaude Jr._  
James Baldwin’s America of civil unrest and the urgent lessons for today are explored in this powerful and searing interrogation of the tangled web involving race, trauma, and civil rights.

**The Meaning of Mariah Carey**  
_Mariah Carey_  
The global icon & award-winning singer tells the unfiltered story of her life including the ups and downs of her famous career.
Everyone Can Bake
Dominique Ansel
Acclaimed pastry chef Ansel tempts readers to learn “the building blocks of baking.” This results in a delightful and cookbook that guides bakers of all levels through the mind of pastry chefs.

Cookish: Throw it Together
Christopher Kimball
A flexible approach to getting dinner on the table, Milk Street delivers a winning resource for home cooks seeking practical recipes that offer maximum flavor with little time and effort.

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents
Isabel Wilkerson
In this outstanding social history, Wilkerson explains how a rigid social order, or caste, creates and maintains power influencing U.S. social, political and economic policy.

After the Last Border
Jessica Goudeau
The compelling story of two refugee families and their hope and resilience as they fight to survive and belong in America. The human impacts of America’s ever-shifting refugee policy are explored.

The Sirens of Mars
Sarah S. Johnson
Part natural history of Mars, part personal story, this eloquent narrative is essential for armchair explorers and Mars enthusiasts. A colorful history of the red planet and the people who have attempted to uncover its secrets.

Hidden Valley Road
Robert Kolker
The heartrending story of an American family with 12 children, 6 of them diagnosed with schizophrenia, who became science’s great hope in understanding the disease. A fascinating read.

These Violent Delights
Chloe Gong
Chloe Gong’s debut novel is a unique reinterpretation of Romeo and Juliet set in Shanghai in the 1920’s. But what is the mysterious malady or monster attacking both their rival gangs. Who will survive?

Battle Ground
Jim Butcher
Harry Dresden, a Wizard for Hire working in Chicago, has taken on challenges from vampires and fallen angels over the course of the 17 book series, but can he overcome the last of the Titans?
Check Please: Sticks & Scones (Book 2)
Ngozi Ukazu
College freshman Bitty, a southern boy who enjoys baking pies and figure skating, finds himself on his college’s hockey team. He develops a crush on the team’s star player.

Haikyu!! Cats’ Claw (Vol. 34)
Haruichi Furudate
This popular Manga series follows high school volleyball player Hinata who is unusually short, but has an incredible leap. His new teammate Kageyama is the perfect partner for him.

Demon Slayer: A Close Fight (Vol. 11)
Koyoharu Gotoge
Tanjiro makes a living selling charcoal, but his peaceful life is shattered when a demon slaughters his family. His little sister is the only survivor, but she’s transformed into a demon. He must fight to restore his life.

Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio
Derf Backderf
This is the untold story of the Kent State shootings in honor of the 50th anniversary. The lives of the four students who were killed for protesting the Vietnam War are explored.

Jack Kirby: The Epic Life of the King of Comics
Tom Scioli
This full-color comic book bio tells the complete life story of Jack Kirby, co-creator of major superheroes and villains for Marvel Comics and DC Comics, including his work with Stan Lee.

Dancing After Ten
Vivian Chong
A powerful graphic memoir about how the author’s life changed in 2004 when a rare skin disease left her with scar tissue that would eventually blind her. As she was losing her sight, she documented her experiences with drawings and traces her journey out of darkness and into the spotlight.

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17 year-old Fable joins the young, motley crew of the Marigold to escape the island where her father abandoned her, but she quickly realizes that life off the island is dangerous.

Cinderella is Dead
Kalynn Bayron
In the former kingdom of Cinderella, teen girls are now required to appear at the Annual Ball, where men select wives based on a girls display of finery. Queer black girls, however, team up to overthrow the king.

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**Young Adults**

**Tweet Cute**
*Emma Lord*
Pepper is helping her family's fast food chain by managing its Twitter account. While Jack works in his family's deli that competes with Pepper's business. They begin a viral Twitter war and romance ensues.

**Felix Ever After**
*Kacen Callender*
Felix Love, a transgender 17-year-old, attempts to get revenge by catfishing his anonymous bully, but winds up in a quasi-love triangle with his former enemy and his best friend.

**Legendborn**
*Tracy Deonn*
To discover the truth behind her mother's mysterious death, a teen girl infiltrates a magical secret society claiming to be the descendants of King Arthur and his knights.

**You Should See Me in a Crown**
*Leah Johnson*
A black teen competes for a scholarship for her midwestern high school's prom king and queen, which plunges her into a gauntlet of social media. She learns a great deal about her identity and the value of true friendships.

**Midnight Sun**
*Stephenie Meyer*
Return to the world of *Twilight* with this highly anticipated companion. It focuses on the iconic love story of Bella and Edward from the vampire's point of view. Learn fascinating details about his past and the dangerous risks of their love.

**The One and Only Bob**
*Katherine Applegate*
Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister with the help of his friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane approaches, he finds courage and learns about friendship and family.

**Tune It Out**
*Jamie Sumner*
Lou Montgomery has the voice of an angel, or so her mother tells her. But she can only hear the fear in her voice. She’s afraid of crowds and loud noises, which makes her think there’s something wrong.

**Kenny & the Book of Beasts**
*Toni DiTerlizzi*
Kenny Rabbit’s jealousy leads to trouble after Dante the Manticore escapes from an evil witch’s magical book and reunites with his old friend, Grahame the Dragon.

**Hike**
*Pete Oswald*
Take to the trails for a celebration of nature. Follow a father and child into the mountains as they witness the magic of the wilderness, overcome challenges, and play a role in the survival of the forest.

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**Chapter Books**

**Class Act**
*Jerry Craft*
8th grader Drew Ellis is constantly told to “work twice as hard to be just as good.” But what if he works ten times as hard and still isn’t given the same opportunities as his privileged classmates at Riverdale Academy Day School?

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Children’s

Picture Books

I Promise
LeBron James
An inspiring picture book that reminds us that tomorrow’s successes start with the promises we make to ourselves and our community today.

Where Happiness Begins
Eva Eland
A great introduction to mindfulness and emotional literacy. Happiness is a character that comes and goes, and is sometimes hard to find, but begins with your family and friends.

Hurry Up! A Book About Slowing Down
Kate Dopirak
A busy boy and his dog learn to slow down and enjoy life together in this lyrical, rhyming picture book that is perfect for hurried families everywhere.

The Couch Potato
John Jory & Pete Oswald
The Couch Potato has everything within reach of his sunken couch cushion. But when the electricity goes out, he is forced to peel away from the couch & venture outside.

Jeff Kinney Classics

Rowley Jefferson’s Awesome Friendly Adventure
Jeff Kinney
From the imagination of Rowley Jefferson comes an adventure of epic proportions. Join Roland and his friend, Garg the Barbarian, as they leave their safe village to rescue Roland’s mom from the White Warlock.

The Deep End
Jeff Kinney
In The Deep End, book 15 of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, Greg Heffley and his family hit the road for a cross-country camping trip, ready for the adventure of a lifetime.

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