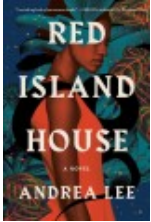


## 2021 Fiction:

### Books, Lists and Articles

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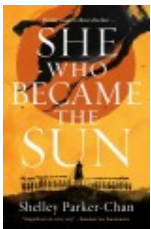
#### Red Island House (Mar 2021)

**By:** Lee, Andrea, 1953-

Shay is surprised when her husband Senna declares his intention to build her a spectacular dream house on an idyllic beach in the tropical island nation of Madagascar. But the Red Island House casts a spell from the moment she sees it, and before she knows it Shay has become the somewhat reluctant mistress of a sprawling household, caught between her privileged American upbringing and education, and her connection to the continent of her ancestors. A sweeping novel about marriage and loyalty, identity and heritage, fate and freedom, Red Island House reintroduces readers to a powerhouse literary voice and an extravagantly lush, enchanted world.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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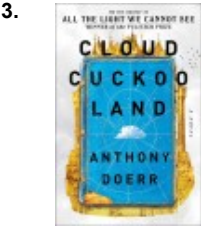
#### She who became the sun (Jul 2021)

**By:** Parker-Chan, Shelley

When the Zhu family's eighth-born son, Zhu Chongban, given the fate of greatness, dies during a brutal attack, his sister, escaping her own fated death, uses her brother's identity to claim another future altogether—her brother's abandoned greatness.

**Series:** Radiant emperor, 1

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction



### Cloud cuckoo land (Sep 2021)

**By:** Doerr, Anthony, 1973-

Follows four young dreamers and outcasts through time and space, from 1453 Constantinople to the future, as they discover resourcefulness and hope amidst peril in the new novel by the Pulitzer Prize--winning author All the Light We Cannot See.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

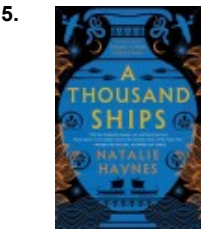


### Outlawed (Jan 2021)

**By:** North, Anna

A riveting adventure story features a fugitive girl, a mysterious gang of robbers, and their dangerous mission to transform the Wild West.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

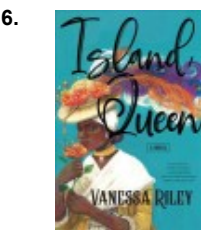


### A thousand ships (Jan 2021)

**By:** Haynes, Natalie, 1974-

A feminist retelling of the Trojan War - giving voices to the women the myths forgot.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

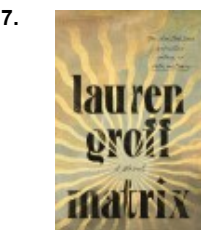


### Island Queen (Jul 2021)

**By:** Riley, Vanessa

"A former slave rises above the harsh realities of being owned and colonialism on Montserrat working hard to buy freedom for herself, her mother, and her sister and becoming an entrepreneur, merchant, hotelier, and planter".

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction



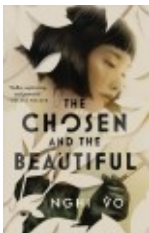
### Matrix (Sep 2021)

**By:** Groff, Lauren

Cast out of the royal court, 17-year-old Marie de France, born the last in a long line of women warriors, is sent to England to be the new prioress of an impoverished abbey where she vows to chart a bold new course for the women she now leads and protects.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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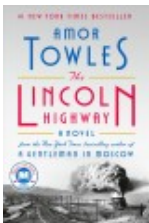
## The chosen and the beautiful (Jun 2021)

**By:** Vo, Nghi

Treated as an exotic attraction by her peers, Jordan Baker, queer and Asian, has the world of illusion, magic and mystery at her fingertips but the most important doors remain closed to her until she can figure out a way to open them.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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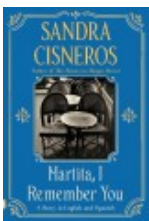
## The Lincoln highway (Oct 2021)

**By:** Towles, Amor

In June of 1954, 18-year-old Emmett Watson, released after serving 15 months for involuntary manslaughter, discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car and have hatched a different plan for Emmett's future.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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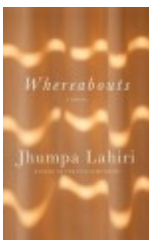
## Martita, I remember you: Martita, te recuerdo (Sep 2021)

**By:** Cisneros, Sandra

When she unearths a letter in a closet, Corina finds the memories of her days spent in Paris rushing back as she remembers her intense friendships with two women with whom she fell out of touch and out of mind.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

11.



## Whereabouts (Apr 2021)

**By:** Lahiri, Jhumpa

Follows the routines of a misfit city dweller who experiences a year of remarkable transformation in the aftermath of a parent's death.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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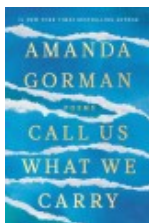
## Radha & Jai's recipe for romance (Jul 2021)

**By:** Sharma, Nisha, 1985-

Told in two voices, teens Radha and Jai, seniors at a New Jersey performing arts high school, reignite their passion for dance and find strength in one another to pursue their dreams.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Teen Fiction

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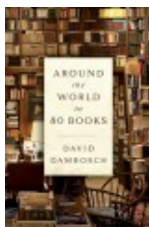
## Call us what we carry: poems (Dec 2021), Forthcoming

**By:** Gorman, Amanda, 1998-

The presidential inaugural poet—and unforgettable new voice in American poetry—presents a collection of poems that includes the stirring poem read at the inauguration of the 46th President of the United States.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

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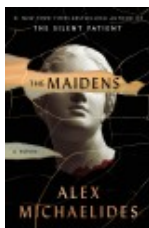
## Around the world in 80 books (Nov 2021)

**By:** Damrosch, David

Following a literary itinerary from London to Venice, Tehran and points beyond, and via authors from Woolf and Dante to Nobel prizewinners Orhan Pamuk, Wole Soyinka, Mo Yan and Olga Tokarczuk, David Damrosch explores how these works have shaped our idea of the world, and the ways the world bleeds into literature. To chart the expansive landscape of world literature today, Damrosch explores how writers live in two very different worlds - the world of their personal experience, and the world of books that have enabled great writers to give shape and meaning to their lives. Around the World in 80 Books is a global invitation to look beyond ourselves and our surroundings, and to see our world and its literature in new ways.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

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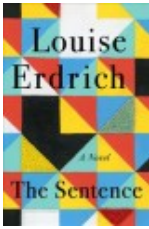
## The Maidens (Jun 2021)

**By:** Michaelides, Alex, 1977-

When a member of a secret society known as The Maidens is murdered, a brilliant, but troubled, group therapist finds her obsession with proving the guilt of an untouchable Cambridge University professor spiraling out of control, threatening to destroy her credibility as well as her life.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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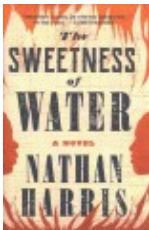
### The sentence (Nov 2021)

**By:** Erdrich, Louise

The Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author presents this unusual novel in which a small independent bookstore in Minneapolis is haunted from November 2019 to November 2020 by the store's most annoying customer.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

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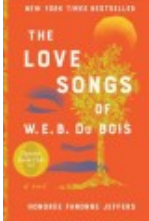
### The sweetness of water (Jun 2021)

**By:** Harris, Nathan

"In the waning days of the Civil War, brothers Prentiss and Landry, freed by the Emancipation Proclamation, seek refuge on the homestead of George Walker and his wife, Isabelle. The Walkers, wracked by the loss of their only son to the war, hire the brothers to work their farm, hoping through an unexpected friendship to stanch their grief. Prentiss and Landry, meanwhile, plan to save money for the journey north and a chance to reunite with their mother, who was sold away when they were boys. Parallel to their story runs a forbidden romance between two Confederate soldiers. The young men, recently returned from the war to the town of Old Ox, hold their trysts in the woods. But when their secret is discovered, the resulting chaos, including a murder, unleashes convulsive repercussions on the entire community. In the aftermath of so much turmoil, it is Isabelle who emerges as an unlikely leader, proffering a healing vision for the land and for the newly free citizens of Old Ox"

**Popularity:** ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

18.



### The love songs of W. E. B. Du Bois (Jul 2021)

**By:** Jeffers, Honoree Fanonne, 1967-

To come to terms with who she is and what she wants, Ailey, the daughter of an accomplished doctor and a strict schoolteacher, embarks on a journey through her family's past, helping her embrace her full heritage, which is the story of the Black experience in itself.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

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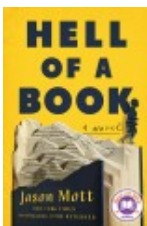
## The Trojan women: a comic (May 2021)

**By:** Euripides

"Here is a new comic-book version of Euripides's classic The Trojan Women, which follows the fates of Hekabe, Andromache, and Cassandra after Troy has been sacked and all its men killed. This collaboration between the visual artist Rosanna Bruno and the poet and classicist Anne Carson attempts to give a genuine representation of how human beings are affected by warfare. Therefore, all the characters take the form of animals (except Cassandra, whose mind is in another world)"--Provided by publisher.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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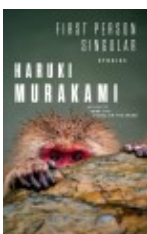
## Hell of a book (Jun 2021)

**By:** Mott, Jason

A work of fiction goes to the heart of racism, police violence, and the hidden costs exacted upon Black Americans, and America as a whole.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

21.



## First person singular: stories (Apr 2021)

**By:** Murakami, Haruki, 1949-

The eight masterly stories in this new collection are all told in the first person by a classic Murakami narrator. From nostalgic memories of youth, meditations on music, and an ardent love of baseball to dreamlike scenarios and invented jazz albums, together these stories challenge the boundaries between our minds and the exterior world. Occasionally, a narrator who may or may not be Murakami himself is present. Is it memoir or fiction? The reader decides.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

22.



## The women of Chateau Lafayette (Mar 2021)

**By:** Dray, Stephanie

A multi-generational saga based on true events is set in an extraordinary castle in the heart of France, where a schoolteacher, a socialite and a noblewoman question their roles and identities in the face of three major wars.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

23.



### Intimacies (Jul 2021)

**By:** Kitamura, Katie M.

Seeking a fresh start an interpreter takes a position at the International Court at The Hague and is drawn into numerous personal dramas, including her lover's ongoing entanglement in his marriage and her friend witnessing a random act of violence.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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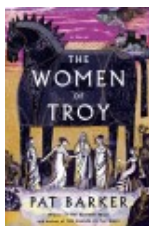
### Basil's war (May 2021)

**By:** Hunter, Stephen, 1946-

An accomplished agent in the British Army, Basil St. Florian embarks on his toughest assignment yet as he, going undercover in Nazi-occupied France during World War II, searches for an ecclesiastic manuscript that holds the key to a code that could prevent the death of millions.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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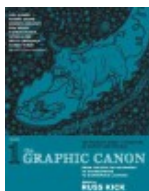
### The women of Troy (Aug 2021)

**By:** Barker, Pat, 1943-

Held captive by the victorious Greeks, one time Trojan queen Briseis, formerly Achilles's slave, forges alliances when she can with Priam's aged wife, the defiant Hecuba and the disgraced soothsayer Calchas, all the while shrewdly seeking her path to revenge.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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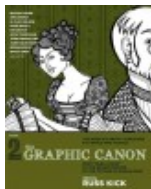
### The graphic canon. volume 1, from the epic of Gilgamesh to Shakespeare to Dangerous Liaisons (May 2012)

Collects classics from around the world in graphic novel format, including "The Iliad," "The Divine Comedy," and "Don Quixote."

**Series:** Graphic canon, 1

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

27.



## The graphic canon. volume 2, from Kubla Khan to the Bronte sisters to The picture of Dorian Gray (Jan 2012)

Collects graphic adaptations of nineteenth century literary classics from "Frankenstein" and "Moby-Dick" to "Great Expectations" and "Huckleberry Finn," including illustrations inspired by famous poems and speeches.

**Series:** Graphic canon, 2

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

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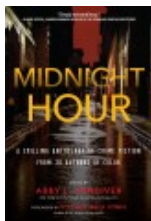
## The graphic canon. volume 3, from Heart of Darkness to Hemingway to Infinite Jest (Jun 2013)

Collects graphic adaptations of twentieth century literary classics, including "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," "The Metamorphosis," and "Lady Chatterly's Lover."

**Series:** Graphic canon, 3

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

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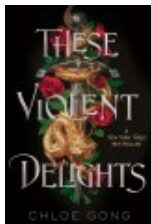


## Midnight hour: a chilling anthology of crime fiction from 20 authors of color (Nov 2021)

This brilliant collection of short stories, edited by a best-selling author, showcases some of today's finest voices of color—and are guaranteed to keep you up at night.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

30.



## These violent delights (Most Recent: Nov 2021)

**By:** Gong, Chloe

(First book in series) In 1926 Shanghai, eighteen-year-old Juliette Cai, heir of the Scarlet Gang, and her first love-turned-rival Roma Montagov, leader of the White Flowers, must work together when mysterious deaths threaten their city.

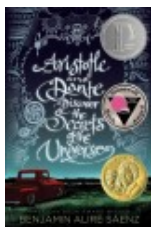
**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ **Teen** **Fiction**



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## Books, Lists and Articles

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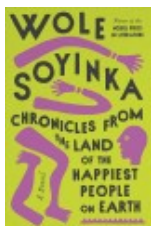
## Aristotle and Dante (Most Recent: Oct 2021)

By: Saenz, Benjamin Alire

This leisurely-paced coming-of-age series set in the 1980s follows Mexican-Americans Ari and Dante as their friendship blossoms into romance. The novels are both thought-provoking and lyrical, appealing to readers who love books that make them feel deeply.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Teen Fiction

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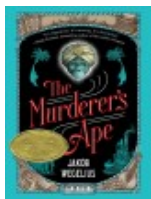
## Chronicles from the land of the happiest people on earth (Sep 2021)

By: Soyinka, Wole

Duyole Pitan-Payne realizes that someone is trying to stop him from assuming a prestigious job in the United Nations after discovering that a wily entrepreneur is stealing body parts from a Nigerian hospital for use in rituals.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

33.



## The murderer's ape (Jan 2017)

By: Wegelius, Jakob

When her best friend, the sailor Henry Koskela, is falsely accused of murder, a gorilla named Sally Jones visits the run-down docks of Lisbon, embarks on a dizzying journey across the seven seas, and calls on the Maharaja of Bhapur's magnificent court--all in an attempt to clear Henry's name.

Lexile: 870 Lexile: 870 Accelerated Reader: IL: MG, BL: 6.4, AR Pts: 18

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Ages 9-12 Fiction

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### Sharpe's assassin: Richard Sharpe and the occupation of Paris, 1815 (Dec 2021), Forthcoming

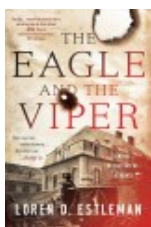
**By:** Cornwell, Bernard

The New York Times best-selling author returns with his iconic hero, Richard Sharpe--outsider, hero, rogue and the one man you want on your side.

**Series:** Richard Sharpe novels, 23

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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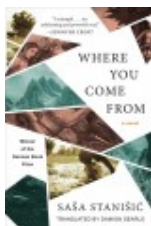
### The eagle and the viper: a novel of historical suspense (Mar 2021)

**By:** Estleman, Loren D.

This much is history: On Christmas Eve, 1800, an "infernal machine" exploded in one of the busiest streets in Paris, France, destroying buildings and killing innocent civilians. It wasn't the first attempt on the life of Napoleon Bonaparte, First Consul of the newly minted Republic of France. This much is exclusive to our story: Upon the failure of the Christmas Eve plot, the conspiracy takes a new and more diabolical turn. Posterity knows what became of Napoleon: He led France into a series of military adventures that ended in his defeat, followed by decades of peace. But this future hung on a precarious thread. One man can make history; another can change it. Part high-octane suspense, part dire warning, this novel reveals how close our world came-at the dawn of a promising new century-to total war.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

36.



### Where you come from (Dec 2021), Forthcoming

**By:** Stanisic, Sasa, 1978-

In August, 1992, a boy and his mother flee the war in Yugoslavia and arrive in Germany. Six months later, the boy's father joins them, bringing a brown suitcase, insomnia, and a scar on his thigh. Sasa Stanisic's Where You Come From is a novel about this family, whose world is uprooted and remade by war: their history, their life before the conflict, and the years that followed their escape as they created a new life in a new country.

**Popularity:** ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

37.



### Beasts of a little land (Dec 2021), Forthcoming

**By:** Kim, Juhea

After her desperate family sells her to a courtesan school Jade befriends JungHo, an orphan boy begging on the streets of Seoul, and must decide to pursue her dreams or risk everything in the fight for independence.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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### The singles table (Nov 2021)

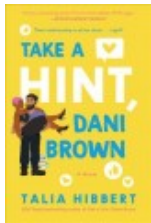
**By:** Desai, Sara

Opposites attract in this laugh-out-loud romantic comedy about a free-spirited lawyer who is determined to find the perfect match for the grumpy bachelor at her cousin's wedding.

**Series:** Marriage game novels, 3

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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### Take a hint, Dani Brown (Jun 2020)

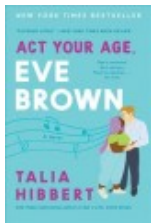
**By:** Hibbert, Talia

A young woman who agrees to fake-date her friend after a video of him "rescuing" her from their office building goes viral.

**Series:** The Brown sisters, 2

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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### Act your age, Eve Brown (Mar 2021)

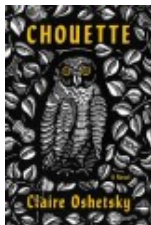
**By:** Hibbert, Talia

When his life is taken over by a purple-haired tornado of a woman named Eve Brown, B&B owner Jacob Wayne tries to fight his attraction to this sunny, chaotic woman who is his natural-born enemy.

**Series:** The Brown sisters, 3

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

41.



## Chouette (Nov 2021)

**By:** Oshetsky, Claire

Tiny is pregnant. Her husband is delighted. "You think this baby is going to be like you, but it's not like you at all," she warns him. "This baby is an owl-baby." When Chouette is born small and broken-winged, Tiny works around the clock to meet her daughter's needs. Left on her own to care for a child who seems more predatory bird than baby, Tiny vows to raise Chouette to be her authentic self. Even in those times when Chouette's behaviors grow violent and strange, Tiny's loving commitment to her daughter is unwavering. When she discovers that her husband is on an obsessive and increasingly dangerous quest to find a "cure" for their daughter, Tiny must decide whether Chouette should be raised to fit in or to be herself - and learn what it truly means to be a mother.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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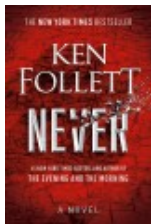
## Five Tuesdays in winter: stories (Nov 2021)

**By:** King, Lily

A collection of short stories from the best-selling author of *Writers & Lovers* explores desire, heartache, loss and love in tales about a neglected teenage boy befriended by housesitting college students and a bookseller's unspoken love for his employee.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

43.



## Never (Nov 2021)

**By:** Follett, Ken

Navigating terrorist attacks, illegal arms trading and smear campaigns, Pauline Green, the country's first women president, is caught in a complex web of alliances with the most powerful counties that are being orchestrated by the enemy, and only those the most elite skills can stop the inevitable.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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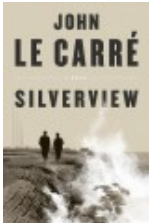
### Harsh times (Nov 2021)

**By:** Vargas Llosa, Mario, 1936-

Describes the international conspiracies and conflicting interests during the Cold War that led the CIA to assist in perpetrating a coup in Guatemala in 1954 in the new novel from the Nobel Prize in Literature Award-winning author.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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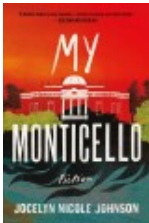
### Silverview (Oct 2021)

**By:** Le Carre, John, 1931-2020

Giving up his high-powered career to run a bookshop in a small English seaside town, Julian Lawndsley finds his life upended by Edward, a Polish emigre living in Silverview, the big house on the edge of town, who is rather too interested in the inner workings of his modest new enterprise.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★🔍🔍 Adult Fiction

46.



### My Monticello: fiction (Oct 2021)

**By:** Johnson, Jocelyn Nicole

A young woman descended from Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings driven from her neighborhood by a white militia. A university professor studying racism by conducting a secret social experiment on his own son. A single mother desperate to buy her first home even as the world hurtles toward catastrophe. Each fighting to survive in America. An irresistibly accessible yet startlingly bold book of short stories and a novella, inspired by Black lives in America and featuring the gripping eponymous work "My Monticello."

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

47.



### Olga dies dreaming (Jan 2022), Forthcoming

**By:** Gonzalez, Xochitl, 1977-

In the wake of Hurricane Maria, Olga, the tony wedding planner for Manhattan's power brokers, must confront the effects of long-held family secrets when she falls in love with Matteo, while other family members must weather their own storms.

**Popularity:** ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

48.



## The last rose of Shanghai (Dec 2021)

**By:** Randel, Weina Dai

In Japanese-occupied Shanghai, two people from different cultures are drawn together by fate and the freedom of music....

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

49.



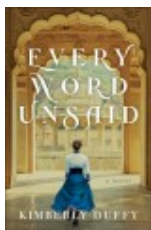
## Blue-skinned gods (Nov 2021)

**By:** Sindu, SJ

Born with blue skin, an Indian boy believed to be the 10th human incarnation of Vishnu blesses pilgrims, but ultimately questions his divinity.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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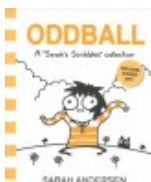
## Every word unsaid (Nov 2021)

**By:** Duffy, Kimberly

As the nation's most fearless travel columnist, Augusta Travers explores the country, spinning stories for women unable to leave hearth and home. Suddenly caught in a scandal, she escapes to India to visit old friends, promising great tales of boldness. But instead she encounters a plague, new affections, and the realization that she can't outrun her past.

**Popularity:** ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

51.



## Oddball: a Sarah's scribbles collection (Dec 2021)

**By:** Andersen, Sarah (Sarah C.)

Explores the evils of procrastination, the trials of the creative process, the cuteness of kittens, and the beauty of not caring about your appearance as much as you did when you were younger.

**Series:** Sarah's scribbles

**Popularity:** ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

52.



## Department of mind-blowing theories (Apr 2020)

**By:** Gauld, Tom

A collection of one hundred and fifty comic strips topical and funny enough to engage any layperson with a rudimentary recall of their old science classes as well as those who consider themselves boffins of the contemporary physical and natural world.

**Popularity:** ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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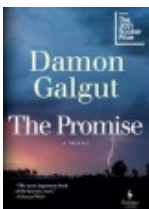
## Baking with Kafka (Oct 2017)

**By:** Gauld, Tom

"A best-of collection of literary humour cartoons from the critically-acclaimed Guardian cartoonist. In his inimitable style, British cartoonist Tom Gauld has opened comics to a crossover audience and challenged perceptions of what the medium can be. Noted as a "book-lover's cartoonist," Gauld's weekly strips in The Guardian, Britain's most well-regarded newspaper, stitch together the worlds of literary criticism and pop culture to create brilliantly executed, concise comics."

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

54.



## The Promise (Apr 2021)

**By:** Galgut, Damon, 1963-

A modern saga that could only have come from South Africa, written in gorgeous prose by the Booker Prize-shortlisted author Damon Galgut.

**Popularity:** ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

55.



## The lying life of adults (Sep 2020)

**By:** Ferrante, Elena

Presents the story of an Italian teen who searches for a sense of identity and clear perspectives when she finds herself torn between the refinements and excesses of a divided Naples.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

56.



## Before the coffee gets cold (Nov 2020)

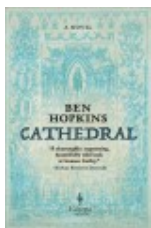
**By:** Kawaguchi, Toshikazu, 1971-

At a century-old Tokyo coffee shop rumored to offer patrons the chance to travel back in time, four customers reevaluate their formative life choices.

**Series:** Before the coffee gets cold, 1

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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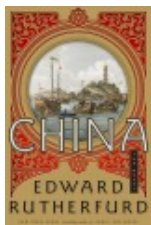
## Cathedral (Jan 2021)

**By:** Hopkins, Ben

The 12th- and 13th-century construction of Hagenburg's Cathedral and its related depravities shape the religious, political and economic lives of diverse characters, from the local bishop and his treasurer to regional stonecutters and Jewish denizens.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

58.



## China (May 2018)

**By:** Rutherford, Edward

Chronicles the drama and the rise and fall of family fortunes in China from 1839 at the beginning of the First Opium War, through Mao's Cultural Revolution to today.

**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction