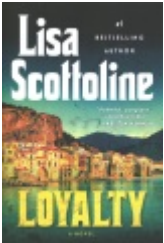
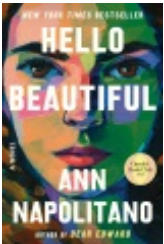
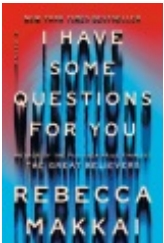

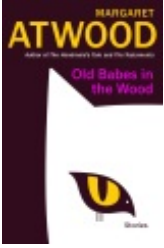






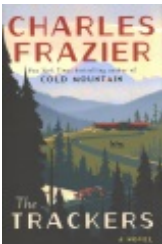

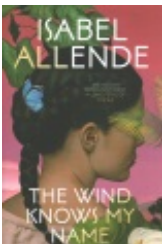
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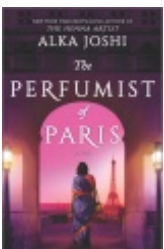

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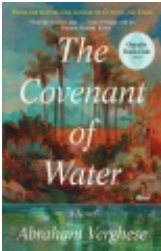

Books, Lists and Articles

- 1. **Loyalty** (Mar 2023)
By: Scottoline, Lisa
Set during the rise of the Mafia in 19th-century Sicily, this epic story of good vs evil follows four individuals -- a desperate lemon grower; an idealistic lawyer with a secret life; a new mother; and a reclusive goatherd under constant threat of being discovered as a Jew -- as their lives collide.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
- 2. **Hello beautiful** (Mar 2023)
By: Napolitano, Ann
Awarded a college basketball scholarship away from his childhood home silenced by tragedy, a young man befriends a spirited young woman who welcomes him into her loving, loud, chaotic household.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
- 3. **I have some questions for you** (Feb 2023)
By: Makkai, Rebecca
In the riveting new novel from the author of the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award finalist *The Great Believers*, a woman must reckon with her past when new details surface about a tragedy at her elite New England boarding school.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

4.  **Pineapple Street** (Mar 2023)
By: Jackson, Jenny, (Editor)
 A funny, sharply observed novel of family, wealth, love and tennis, this zeitgeisty debut follows three women in an old Brooklyn Heights clan: one who was born with money, one who married into it, and one, the millennial conscience of the family, who wants to give it all away. Rife with the indulgent pleasures of affluent WASPS in New York and full of recognizable if fallible characters, it's about the peculiar unknowability of someone else's family, about the haves and have-nots and the nuances in between, and the insanity of first love-Pineapple Street is a scintillating, wryly comic novel of race, class, wealth and privilege in an age that disdains all of it.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
5.  **Old babes in the wood: stories** (Mar 2023)
By: Atwood, Margaret, 1939-
 The internationally acclaimed, award-winning author of *The Handmaid's Tale* presents this stunning collection of short stories that showcase both her creativity and her humanity as she explores family relationships, marriage, loss and memory and what it means to spend a life together.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
6.  **The Mitford affair** (Jan 2023)
By: Benedict, Marie
 After her sister Diana divorces her wealthy husband to marry a fascist leader and her sister Unity follows Diana to Munich, inciting rumors that she's become Hitler's mistress, novelist Nancy Mitford, after uncovering disquieting documents, must make difficult choices as Great Britain goes to war with Germany.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
7.  **Romantic comedy** (Apr 2023)
By: Sittenfeld, Curtis
 A sketch writer for a late-night comedy show, Sally Milz pokes fun at the phenomenon of talented but average men who've gotten romantically involved with beautiful women and how the reverse never happens until she meets a pop music sensation who flips the script on all her assumptions.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

8.  **The golden doves** (Apr 2023)
By: Kelly, Martha Hall
 To finally secure justice and protect the ones they love, two former female spies, American Josie Anderson and Parisian Arlette LaRue, aka the Golden Doves, risk everything to hunt down an infamous Nazi doctor in the aftermath of WWII.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
9.  **Maame** (Jan 2023)
By: George, Jessica, 1994-
 A young British Ghanaian woman navigates her 20s and finds her place in the world.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
10.  **The trackers** (Apr 2023)
By: Frazier, Charles, 1950-
 Commissioned to create a mural representing Dawes, Wyoming, for their new Post Office, Val Welch, a painter in Depression-era America, stays with a wealthy art lover, his wife and a mysterious elder cowboy where he turns up secrets that could spark formidable changes for all of them.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
11.  **Two wars and a wedding** (Mar 2023)
By: Willig, Lauren
 As the Spanish-American war begins, archaeologist Betsy Hayes joins the Red Cross in search of her former best friend and follows Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders straight to the heart of the fighting where dark memories of her last war resurface and her need to protect old and new friends intensifies.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
12.  **The wind knows my name** (Jun 2023), Forthcoming
By: Allende, Isabel
 Traces the ripple effects of war and immigration on two children-- five-year-old Samuel, whose mother puts him on a Kindertransport train out of Nazi-occupied Austria to England in 1938, and seven-year-old Anita, who boards another train eight decades later to the U.S. where she's separated from her mother.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

13.  **Lady Tan's circle of women** (Jun 2023),
Forthcoming
By: See, Lisa
Sent into an arranged marriage, Tan Yunxian, forbidden to continue her work as a midwife-in-training as well as see her forever friend Meiling, is ordered to act like proper wife and seeks a way to continue treating women and girls from every level of society in 15th-century China.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
14.  **The librarian of burned books** (Feb 2023)
By: Labuskes, Brianna
Set against the backdrop of WWII, this unforgettable novel, inspired by the true story of the Council of Books in Wartime, follows three women whose fates become intertwined by their belief in the power and goodness in the written word to triumph over the very darkest moments of war.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
15.  **Stars in an Italian sky** (Feb 2023)
By: Santopolo, Jill
In 2017 New York, Luca and Cassandra, the perfect match for each other, find their blossoming relationship changed forever when a chance meeting between their grandparents reveals a long-buried family secret linked back to two star-crossed lovers in post-World War II Italy.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
16.  **The perfumist of Paris** (Mar 2023)
By: Joshi, Alka
In 1974, Paris perfumer Radha, on the cusp of a breakthrough, travels to India where she enlists the help of her sister and the courtesans of Agra, who use the power of fragrance to seduce, while finally confronting a past secret, which threatens her already vulnerable marriage.
Series: Henna artist, 3
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
17.  **River sing me home** (Jan 2023)
By: Shearer, Eleanor
A redemptive story of a mother's gripping journey across the Caribbean to find her stolen children in the aftermath of slavery.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

18.  **Coronation year** (Apr 2023)
By: Robson, Jennifer, 1970-
 In 1953, as a new queen is about to be crowned, Edie Howard, owner and operator of the floundering Blue Lion Hotel, and her friends, to save Coronation Day and their home, must expose those who seek to erase the joy and promise of Coronation Year.
Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction
19.  **Where coyotes howl** (Apr 2023)
By: Dallas, Sandra
 In 1916 Wallace, Wyoming, schoolteacher Ellen Webster finds purpose in her work as a rancher's wife and in her bonds with other women settled on the prairie as they look out for each other, share their secrets and help one another in times of need.
Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction
20.  **Georgie, all along** (Jan 2023)
By: Clayborn, Kate
 Honest and deeply emotional, Georgie, All Along is a smart, tender must-read for everyone who's ever wondered about the life that got away . . .
Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction
21.  **The covenant of water** (May 2023)
By: Verghese, A. (Abraham), 1955-
 Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, The Covenant of Water is set in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning-and in Kerala, water is everywhere.
Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction
22.  **The house is on fire** (Apr 2023)
By: Beanland, Rachel
 Told from the perspectives of four people whose actions changed the course of history, this masterful work of historical fiction takes readers back to 1811 Richmond, Virginia, where, on the night after Christmas, the city's only theater burned to the ground, tearing apart a community.
Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

23.



Dust child (Mar 2023)

By: Nguyen, Phan Que Mai, 1973-

From the internationally best-selling author of *The Mountains Sing* comes a suspenseful saga about family secrets, hidden trauma and the overriding power of forgiveness, set during the war and in present-day Vietnam.

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

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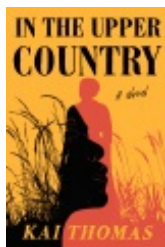
Essex dogs (Feb 2023)

By: Jones, Dan, 1981-

July 1346. Ten men land on the beaches of Normandy. They call themselves the Essex Dogs: an unruly platoon of archers and men-at-arms led by a battle-scarred captain whose best days are behind him. The fight for the throne of the largest kingdom in Western Europe has begun.

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

25.



In the upper country (Jan 2023)

By: Thomas, Kai

The fates of two unforgettable women--one just beginning a journey of reckoning and self-discovery and the other completing her life's last vital act--intertwine at the terminus of the Underground Railroad.

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

26.



The first ladies (Jun 2023), Forthcoming

By: Benedict, Marie

Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt fight together for justice and equality, holding each other's hands through tragedy and triumph.

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

27.



A most intriguing lady: a novel of the Victorian era (Mar 2023)

By: Sarah, Duchess of York, 1959-

Victorian London was notorious for its pickpockets. But in the country houses of the elite, gentleman burglars, art thieves and con men preyed on the rich and titled. Wealthy victims—with their pride and reputation at stake—would never go to the police. What they needed was a society insider, one of their own, a person of discretion and finely tuned powers of observation, adept at navigating intrigue. That person was Lady Mary Montagu Douglas Scott, the youngest child of Queen Victoria's close friends the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

28.



Beware the woman (May 2023), Forthcoming

By: Abbott, Megan E., 1971-

A pregnant woman undergoes a health scare that brings up whispered conversations about her husband's complicated family history and long dead mother in the new novel from the author of Give Me Your Hand.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

29.



Moonrise over New Jessup (Jan 2023)

By: Minnicks, Jamila, 1977-

Winner of the 2021 PEN/Bellwether Prize for Socially Engaged Fiction, a debut novel follows a black woman who will do whatever it takes to protect all she loves at the beginning of the civil rights movement in Alabama.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

30.



This bird has flown (Apr 2023)

By: Hoffs, Susanna

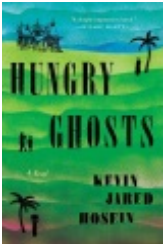
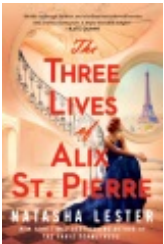
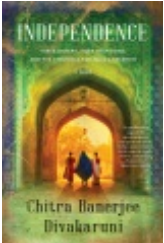
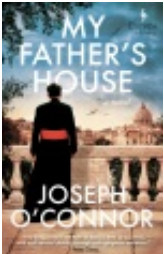
A novel about music, fate, redemption, and love, from a songwriter and the co-founder of The Bangles.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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2023 Spring Fiction (Staff):

Books, Lists and Articles

31.  **Hungry ghosts** (Feb 2023)
By: Hosein, Kevin Jared
 After a young man from the poorest part of Trinidad goes missing during the end of British colonialism, a farmhand is offered a generous stipend to become a watchman and determine what happened to the missing man.
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
32.  **The three lives of Alix St. Pierre** (Jan 2023)
By: Lester, Natasha, 1973-
 Tells the tale of an orphan turned World War II spy turned fashion icon in Paris.
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
33.  **Independence** (Jan 2023)
By: Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee, 1956-
 In 1947 India, three sisters, after their father, a well-respected doctor, is killed during a riot and their neighbors turn against them, find themselves separated from one another, each on different paths due to events beyond their control.
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
34.  **My father's house** (Jan 2023)
By: O'Connor, Joseph, 1963-
 In a German-occupied Rome during WWII, as diplomats, refugees and escaped Allied prisoners flee for protection into Vatican City, a small band of unlikely friends led by a courageous Irish priest risk everything, including their lives, to help those seeking refuge.
Series: Rome escape line trilogy, 1
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

35.



Night wherever we go (Jan 2023)

By: Peyton, Tracey Rose

A debut novel about a group of enslaved women staging a covert rebellion against their owners.

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

36.



The last Russian doll (Mar 2023)

By: Loesch, Kristen

A haunting, remarkable debut about secrets, revenge, and redemption that follows three generations of Russian women, from the 1917 revolution to the last days of the Soviet Union, and the enduring love story at the center. In a faraway kingdom, in a long-ago land.

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

37.



We could be so good (Jun 2023), Forthcoming

By: Sebastian, Cat

Casey McQuiston meets The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo in this mid-century rom-dram about a scrappy reporter and a newspaper mogul's son.

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

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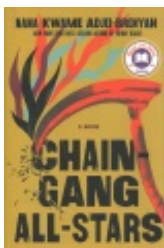
Banyan moon (Jun 2023), Forthcoming

By: Thai, Thao

Follows three generations of Vietnamese American women reeling from the death of their matriarch, revealing the family's inherited burdens, buried secrets and unlikely love stories.

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

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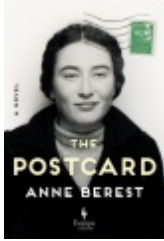
Chain-gang All-stars (May 2023)

By: Adjei-Brenyah, Nana Kwame

The star of a popular, but controversial for-profit program in the private prison industry that basically turns prisoners into gladiators contemplates freedom, in the new novel from the New York Times best-selling author of Friday Black.

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

40.



The postcard (May 2023)

By: Berest, Anne, 1979-

Fifteen years after the arrival of an anonymous postcard with the names of her maternal great-grandparents and their children -- all killed at Auschwitz. Anne Berest is moved to discover who sent it and why and embarks on a journey to learn the fate of the Rabinovitch family.

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

41.



Blue skies (May 2023)

By: Boyle, T. Coraghessan

From best-selling novelist T. C. Boyle, a satirical yet ultimately moving take on contemporary American life in the glare of climate change.

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

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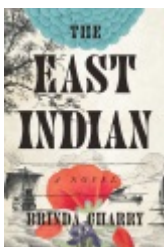
The long march home: a World War II novel of the Pacific (May 2023)

By: Brotherton, Marcus

Inspired by true events, this gripping coming-of-age tale of friendship, sacrifice, and the power of unrelenting hope during WWII follows three friends from Mobile, Alabama, as they struggle to survive the Bataan Death March and make it home to their families--and the girl they left behind.

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

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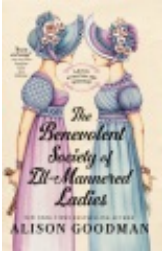



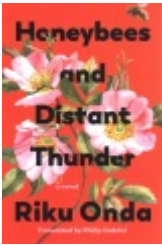


The East Indian (May 2023)

By: Charry, Brinda

Kidnapped and transported to the new world after traveling from the British East India Company's outpost on the Coromandel Coast to the teeming streets of London, Tony finds himself in Jamestown, Virginia, where he works the tobacco plantations as he dreams of becoming a medicine man.

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

44.  **The benevolent society of ill-mannered ladies** (May 2023), Forthcoming
By: Goodman, Alison
 After rescuing their friend's goddaughter from her violent husband, Lady Augusta Colebrook and her twin sister Julia return to London, where they set out to prove the innocence of an old acquaintance, who was falsely accused of murder and decide to secretly help others in need.
Series: Ill-mannered ladies, 1
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆☆ **Adult Fiction**
45.  **Hula** (May 2023)
By: Hakes, Jasmin Iolani
 A young daughter of the legendary Hawaiian Naupaka dynasty dreams of healing the rift in her family by competing in and winning the next Miss Aloha Hula contest and proving herself worthy of carrying on her family's name
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆☆ **Adult Fiction**
46.  **The secret book of Flora Lea** (May 2023)
By: Henry, Patti Callahan
 When a woman stumbles across a mysterious children's book, long-held secrets about her missing sister and their childhood spent in the English countryside during World War II are revealed.
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆☆ **Adult Fiction**
47.  **You are here** (May 2023)
By: Lin-Greenberg, Karin
 The inhabitants of a small town have long found that their lives intersect at one focal point: the local shopping mall. But stores are closing, and as the institution breathes its last gasp, the people inside it dream of something different, something more. In its pages, *You Are Here* brings this diverse group of characters vividly to life—flawed, real, lovable strangers who are wonderful company and prove unforgettable even after the last store has closed.
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆☆ **Adult Fiction**
48.  **Honeybees and distant thunder** (May 2023)
By: Onda, Riku, 1964-
 Follows three Japanese piano students as they participate in a televised Japanese music competition that awes their fans but pushes them to the brink as they navigate love, courage and rivalry and what it truly means to be a friend.
Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆☆ **Adult Fiction**

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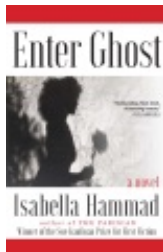
A history of burning (May 2023)

By: Oza, Janika

At the turn of the 20th century, teenaged Pirbhai is taken from his village in India to labor on the East African Railway for the British. One day he commits an act to ensure his survival that will haunt him forever, and reverberate across his family's future for years to come. Pirbhai's children are born and raised under the jacaranda trees and searing sun of Kampala during the waning days of British colonial rule. As Uganda moves towards independence and military dictatorship, Pirbhai's granddaughters, Latika, Mayuri, and Kiya, are three sisters coming of age in a divided nation. As they each forge their own path for a future, they must carry the silence of the history they've inherited.--.

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

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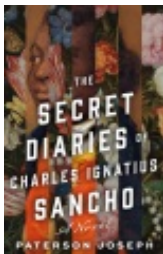
Enter ghost (Apr 2023)

By: Hammad, Isabella

A stage actress returns to Palestine to visit her older sister and becomes unwittingly involved with a local group who wants to put on a production of Hamlet in the West Bank using all Palestinian actors.

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

51.



The secret diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho (Apr 2023)

By: Joseph, Paterson

A tale of adventure, artistry, romance and freedom is set in 18th-century London and inspired by a true story.

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

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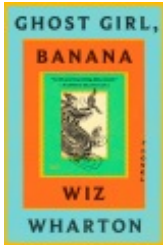
The all-American (Apr 2023)

By: Milan, Joe, Jr.

Deported to South Korea after a misadventure with his adopted family, 17-year-old Bucky Yi, as one mishap leads to another, must rely on his physical strength, character and attitude to stubbornly rebuild himself from scratch to make it back home -- wherever that might be.

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

53.



Ghost girl, banana (Apr 2023)

By: Wharton, Wiz, 1969-

Set between the last years of the "Chinese Windrush" in 1966 and Hong Kong's Handover to China in 1997, a mysterious inheritance sees a young woman from London uncovering buried secrets in her late mother's homeland.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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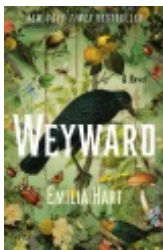
The lonely hearts book club (Mar 2023)

By: Gilmore, Lucy

A young librarian and an old curmudgeon forge the unlikeliest of friendships in this charming uplit novel about one misfit book club and the lives it changed along the way.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ 🎧🎧 Adult Fiction

55.



Weyward (Mar 2023)

By: Hart, Emilia

Told over five centuries through three connected women, this riveting novel follows Kate, in 2019, as she seeks refuge in Weyward Cottage; Altha, in 1619, as she uses her powers to maintain her freedom; and Violet, in 1942, as she searches for the truth about her mother's death.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

56.



The flames (Mar 2023)

By: Haydock, Sophie

Set in the extravagant, Bohemian art world of early 20th century Vienna, the electrifying untold story of the four women who posed for and inspired the groundbreaking erotic art of controversial painter Egon Schiele.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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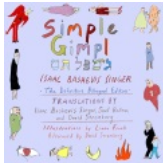
Our best intentions (Mar 2023)

By: Jain, Vibhuti

An immigrant family gets caught in the middle of a criminal investigation.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

58.



Simple Gimpl: the definitive edition (Mar 2023)

By: Singer, Isaac Bashevis, 1904-1991

A gorgeously produced, bilingual edition of Nobel Prize laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer's canonical story—one of the most influential of the 20th century—about a hapless yet charmingly resilient baker named Gimpl, who resists taking revenge on the town that makes him the butt of every joke. Singer's original Yiddish appears alongside his own partial translation, now completed and edited by writer and scholar David Stromberg, and the 1953 translation by fellow Nobel laureate Saul Bellow. With illustrations by Liana Finck and an afterword by David Stromberg.

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

59.



Lover man (Feb 2023)

By: Anderson, Alston, 1924-2008

Stories of loners, outsiders, tricksters, addicts, jazzmen, and drifters in the Jim Crow South.

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

60.



Playhouse (Feb 2023)

By: Bausch, Richard, 1945-

As renovations begin at the Shakespeare Theater of Memphis, a colorful cast of characters gather together for the fall production of King Lear, but soon tensions mount onstage and off, building toward a breaking point that places the very fate of the theater itself on the line.

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

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2023 Spring Fiction (Staff):

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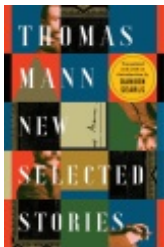
Empty theatre: or, the lives of King Ludwig II of Bavaria and Empress Sisi of Austria (Queen of Hungary), cousins, in their pursuit of connection and beauty despite the expectations placed on them because of the exceptional good fortune of their Status as beloved national figures. With speculation into the mysterious nature of their deaths (Feb 2023)

By: Jemc, Jac, 1983-

History knows them as King Ludwig II of Bavaria and Empress Elizabeth of Austria, icons of the late nineteenth century who died young and left behind magnificent portraits and palaces. But to each other they were Ludwig and Sisi, cousins who shared a passion for beauty and a stubborn refusal to submit to the roles imposed upon them. With wit, pathos, and imagination, Jac Jemc takes us on an unforgettable journey through two extraordinary parallel lives and the complex, tenuous friendship that linked them.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

62.



New selected stories (Feb 2023)

By: Mann, Thomas, 1875-1955

A towering figure in the pantheon of twentieth-century literature, Thomas Mann has often been perceived as a dry and forbidding writer -- "the starched collar," as Bertolt Brecht once called him. But in fact, his fiction is lively, humane, sometimes hilarious. In these fresh renderings of his best short work, award-winning translator Damion Searls casts new light on this underappreciated aspect of Mann's genius.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

63.



The sun walks down (Feb 2023)

By: McFarlane, Fiona, 1978-

A new novel tells the many-voiced, many-sided story of a boy lost in colonial Australia.

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

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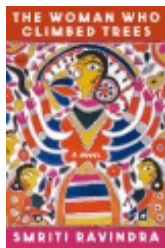
Dangerous love (Feb 2023)

By: Okri, Ben

From the Booker Prize–winning author of *The Famished Road*, a classic story of doomed love in a country trying to come to terms with its violent past.

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

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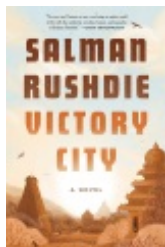
The woman who climbed trees (Feb 2023)

By: Ravindra, Smriti

Weaving together ghost stories, myths and song, this haunting novel follows a young bride as she leaves her life in India behind to move to Nepal with her new husband and his family, examining the loss she experiences as she gives up one home to become part of another.

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

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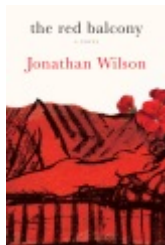
Victory City (Feb 2023)

By: Rushdie, Salman

Giving rise to the great city Bisnaga, a wonder of the world, Pampa Kampana, the vessel for her namesake, the goddess Pampa, who has given her powers beyond her comprehension, attempts, over the centuries, to make good on the task the goddess set for her: women equal agency in a patriarchal world.

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

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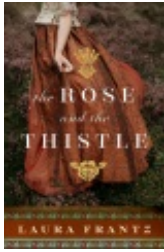
The red balcony (Feb 2023)

By: Wilson, Jonathan, 1950-

In 1933 Palestine, Ivor Castle, while preparing for the trial of two men accused of murdering a leader of the Jewish community, falls deeply in love with an artist who may be a key witness and learns the hard way about the violence simmering just beneath the surface of British colonial rule.

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

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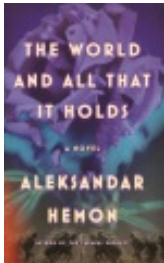
The Rose and the Thistle (Jan 2023)

By: Frantz, Laura

Amid the Jacobite uprising of 1715, an English heiress flees to the Scottish lowlands to stay with allies of her powerful family. But while castle walls may protect her from the enemy outside, a whirlwind of intrigue, shifting allegiances, and temptations of the heart lie within.

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

69.



The world and all that it holds (Jan 2023)

By: Hemon, Aleksandar, 1964-

A sweeping novel looks at love, memory, and history in the making.

As the Archduke Franz Ferdinand arrives in Sarajevo one June day in 1914, Rafael Pinto is busy crushing herbs and grinding tablets behind the counter at the pharmacy he inherited from his father. It's not the life he expected during his days in libertine Vienna. And then the world explodes. War devours all that they have known, and the only thing Pinto has to live for is Osman, a fellow soldier, and his protector and lover. Together they escape the trenches, survive near-certain death, tangle with spies and Bolsheviks.

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

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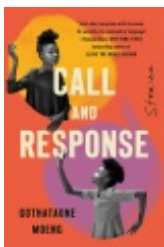
Lunar love (Jan 2023)

By: Jessen, Lauren Kung

Olivia Huang Christenson is excited-slash-terrified to be taking over her grandmother's matchmaking business. But when she learns that a new dating app has taken her Pó Po's traditional Chinese zodiac approach and made it about "animal attraction," her emotions skew more toward furious-slash-outraged. Especially when L.A.'s most-eligible bachelor Bennett O'Brien is behind the app that could destroy her family's legacy...

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

71.



Call and response: stories (Jan 2023)

By: Moeng, Gothataone

Looks at the lives of ordinary families in contemporary Botswana as they navigate relationships, tradition and caretaking in a rapidly changing world.

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

72.



The Sweet Spot (Jan 2023)

By: Poeppel, Amy

In the Sweet Spot, a dive bar at the heart of Greenwich Village, three women, when a baby lands on their collective doorstep, rise to the occasion in order to forgive, to forget and to track down the wayward parents, unexpectedly finding their own happily-ever-afters along the way.

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

73.



Ghost music (Jan 2023)

By: Yu, An, 1992-

A Beijing piano teacher who gave up her career as a concert pianist bonds with her mother-in-law over cooking unexpected parcels of mushrooms that keep arriving in the mail and discovers the sender is a world-famous pianist who disappeared.

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

74.



Stella Maris (Dec 2022)

By: McCarthy, Cormac, 1933-

1972, Black River Falls, Wisconsin: Alicia Western, twenty years old, with forty thousand dollars in a plastic bag, admits herself to the hospital. A doctoral candidate in mathematics at the University of Chicago, Alicia has been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, and she does not want to talk about her brother, Bobby. Instead, she contemplates the nature of madness; she surveys the intersection of physics and philosophy; and she introduces her cohorts, her chimeras, the hallucinations that only she can see. Told entirely through the transcripts of Alicia's psychiatric sessions, Stella Maris is a philosophical inquiry that questions our notions of God, truth, and existence.

Series: Passenger novels, 2

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

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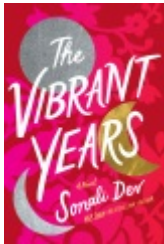
A dangerous business (Dec 2022)

By: Smiley, Jane

Monterey, 1851. Ever since her husband was killed in a bar fight, Eliza Ripple has been working in a brothel. It seems like a better life, at least at first. The madam, Mrs. Parks, is kind, the men are (relatively) well behaved, and Eliza has attained what few women have: financial security. But when the dead bodies of young women start appearing outside of town, a darkness descends that she can't resist confronting Side by side with her friend Jean, and inspired by her reading, especially by Edgar Allan Poe's detective Dupin, Eliza pieces together an array of clues to try to catch the killer, all the while juggling clients who begin to seem more and more suspicious.

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

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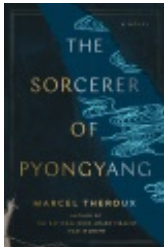
The vibrant years (Dec 2022)

By: Dev, Sonali

Three generations of the Desai women--65-year-old Bindu, her daughter-in-law Aly and her granddaughter Cullie--navigate bad dates, reemerging exes and secrets that refuse to remain hidden as they embark on a daring shared journey of self-discovery to live their most authentic lives.

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

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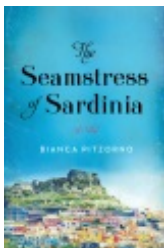
The sorcerer of Pyongyang (Nov 2022)

By: Theroux, Marcel, 1968-

A novel about a North Korean boy whose life is irrevocably changed when he stumbles across a mysterious Western book -- a guide to Dungeons & Dragons.

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

78.



The seamstress of Sardinia (Dec 2022)

By: Pitzorno, Bianca, 1942-

In 1900 Sardinia, an intelligent and ambitious young woman with an impossible dream, becoming the seamstress for a wealthy family, is drawn into a world far different than her own where she observes the town's residents who are not quite what they pretend to be.

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

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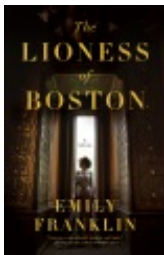
Weaving sundown in a scarlet light: fifty poems for fifty years (Nov 2022)

By: Harjo, Joy, 1951-

"In this gemlike volume, Harjo selects her best poems from across fifty years, beginning with her early discoveries of her own voice and ending with moving reflections on our contemporary moment. Generous notes on each poem offer insight into Harjo's inimitable poetics as she takes inspiration from Navajo horse songs and jazz, reckons with home and loss, and listens to the natural messengers of the earth"--.

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

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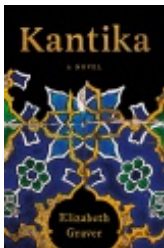
The lioness of Boston (Apr 2023)

By: Franklin, Emily

Based on the life of an eccentric trailblazer who lived life on her own terms, this deeply evocative novel follows Isabella Stewart Gardner who, exploring the world of art, ideas and letters, developed a keen eye for paintings and objects, scandalizing Boston's polite society and transforming the city itself.

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

81.



Kantika (Apr 2023)

By: Graver, Elizabeth, 1964-

Kantika -- "song" in Ladino -- follows the joys and losses of Rebecca Cohen, feisty daughter of the Sephardic elite of early 20th-century Istanbul. When the Cohens lose their wealth and are forced to move to Barcelona and start anew Rebecca fashions a life and self from what comes her way - a failed marriage, the need to earn a living, but also passion, pleasure and motherhood. Moving from Spain to Cuba to New York for an arranged second marriage, she faces her greatest challenge -- her disabled stepdaughter, Luna, whose feistiness equals her own and whose challenges pit new family against old.

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