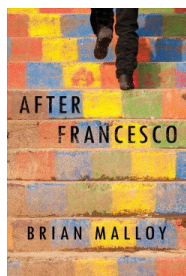


Hot Summer Reads

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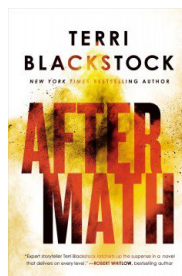
Brand New and Highly Recommended Adult Fiction



After Francesco

by Brian Malloy

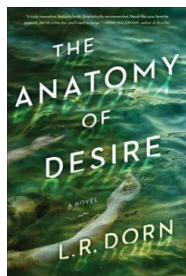
A gay man who lost his partner to AIDS in mid-1980s New York wallows in his loss and at a mind-numbing job before hitting rock bottom and realizing it is time to return home to Minnesota to start over.



Aftermath

by Terri Blackstock

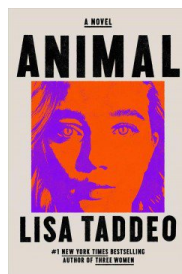
Framed for shocking acts of violence, Dustin, the owner of a security firm, turns to criminal attorney and friend Jamie Powell for help in finding out who is behind all this — and why.



The anatomy of desire

by L. R. Dorn

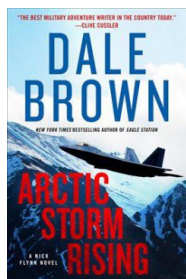
A reimagining of Theodore Dreiser's An American Tragedy follows the disappearance of popular fitness coach, social media influencer, and possible murderer, as her secret life and what she risked to have it all are exposed.



Animal

by Lisa Taddeo

Joan returns to Los Angeles to come to terms with a childhood trauma and forge the power to fight back against the people who hurt her, in a new novel by the author of Three Women.

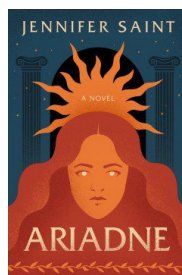


Arctic storm rising

by Dale Brown

Exiled to guard a remote radar post along Alaska's Arctic Frontier, U.S. Air Force intelligence officer Nicholas Flynn, after an American F-22 collides with a Russian interloper, is ordered to find a missing stealth bomber before the enemy and prevent a potential

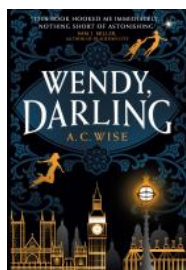
nuclear holocaust.



Ariadne

by Jennifer Saint

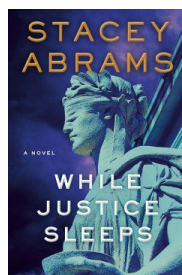
A feminist retelling of the Greek Myth of Theseus and the Minotaur follows Ariadne as she, defying the gods, betraying her family and country, and risking everything for love, helps Theseus kill the Minotaur.



Wendy, Darling

by Wise, A. C.

A lush, feminist re-imagining on what happened to Wendy after Neverland, for fans of Circe and The Mere Wife.



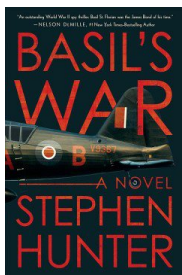
While justice sleeps

by Stacey Abrams

Plunged into an explosive role she never anticipated, Avery Keene, now the legal guardian of power of attorney for the legendary Justice Howard Wynn, must unravel the clues he left behind in regards to a dangerous conspiracy that has infiltrated the highest power

corridors of Washington.



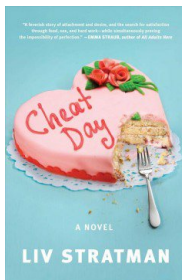


Basil's war

by Stephen Hunter

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.

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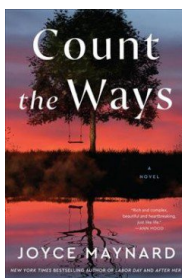


Cheat day

by Liv Stratman

Hungry in more ways than one, Kit, while on a 75-day cleanse, falls into a passionate affair with a carpenter, and to suppress the guilt of betraying her husband, adheres more and more strictly to the Radiant Regimen, pushing the diet, and her infidelity, to greater

extremes.

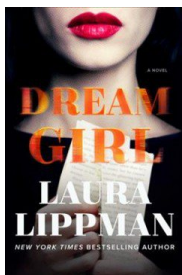


Count the Ways

by Joyce Maynard

The New York Times bestselling author tells the story of Eleanor and Cam as their marriage is shattered by tragedy and infidelity and how, during the decades that follow, they make surprising discoveries and decisions that bring them together, and tear them

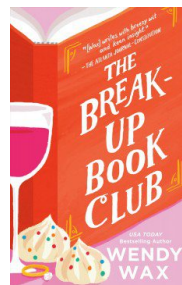
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Dream Girl

by Laura Lippman

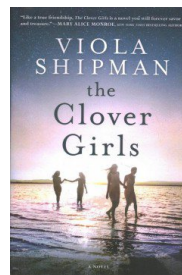
Bedridden after a freak accident, a novelist begins to question his own sanity as he moves through dreamlike memories of his own fictional characters.



The break-up book club

by Wendy Wax

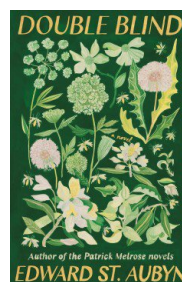
Four very different women leading very different lives, with the help of books, laughter and friendship, find the courage to seek their own versions of happily-ever-after.



The Clover Girls

by Viola Shipman

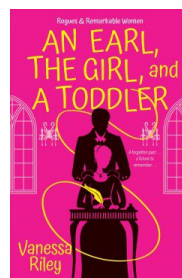
The new owners of Camp Birchwood — thanks to their late friend, Emily — Elizabeth, Veronica and Rachel must spend a week together remembering the dreams they put aside and find a way to become the women they always swore they'd grow up to be.



Double blind

by Edward St. Aubyn

Olivia and her new lover, Francis, a committed naturalist living off the grid, welcome a friend from New York and the trio form a unique bond as they each go through a year of transformation.



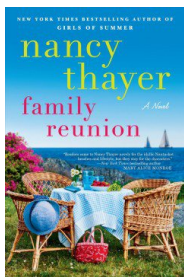
An earl, the girl, and a toddler

by Vanessa Riley

Suffering amnesia after surviving a shipwreck, a young woman is freed from Bedlam by a London barrister determined to uncover her true identity in the second novel of the series following A

Duke, the Lady, and a Baby.

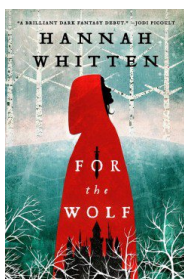




Family reunion

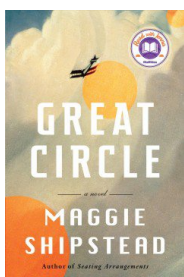
by Nancy Thayer
Newly widowed, Eleanor Sunderland finds dreams of a family reunion in Nantucket shattered when her money-driven children suggest she sell the house and move to a retirement home, and finds a lone ally in her 22-year-old granddaughter, Ari,

who moves in with her for a summer.



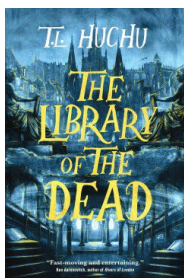
For the wolf

by Hannah Whitten
Red, a rare Second Daughter, is supposed to be sacrificed to the Wolf in the Wood, who turns out to be a man who encourages her to use the dangerous power she can't control.



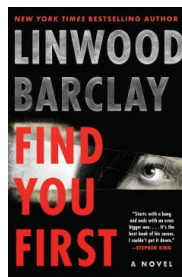
Great circle

by Maggie Shipstead
A century after daredevil female aviator Marian Graves's disappearance in Antarctica, actress Hadley Baxter is cast to play her and immerses herself in the role as their fates — and their dreams — become intertwined. Read with Jenna book club pick.



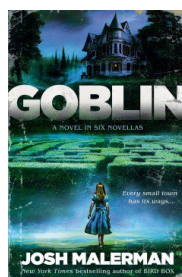
The library of the dead

by T. L. Huchu
Speaking to Edinburgh's dead, carrying messages to those they left behind, Ropa, when she discovers that someone's bewitching children, feels honor-bound to investigate until what she finds in the underground below the city rocks her world.



Find you first

by Linwood Barclay
Searching for the children he has never known, tech billionaire Miles Cookson, diagnosed with a terminal illness, discovers that, one by one, his potential heirs are vanishing — every trace of them wiped, like they never existed at all.



Goblin : a novel in six novellas

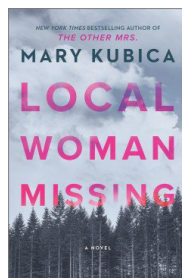
by Josh Malerman
The New York Times bestselling author of Bird Box and Malorie presents this novella collection in which every story reveals a sinister secret about a mysterious small town. Illustrations.



The guncle

by Steven Rowley
When Patrick, or Gay Uncle Patrick (GUP) for short, takes on the role of primary guardian for his young niece and nephew, he sets "Guncle Rules," but soon learns that parenting isn't solved with treats or jokes as his eyes are opened to a new sense of

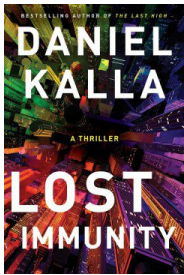
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Local woman missing

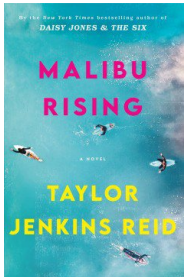
by Mary Kubica
When Delilah, who disappeared 11 years earlier when she was only 6 years old, shockingly returns, the residents of a quiet suburban neighborhood want to know what happened to her, but no one is prepared for what they'll find.





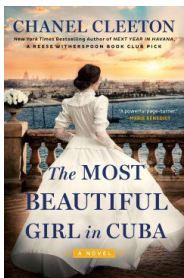
Lost Immunity

by Daniel Kalla
In this explosive new thriller from international bestselling author Daniel Kalla, an experimental vaccine is deployed to battle a lethal outbreak--until patients start dying of unknown causes.



Malibu rising

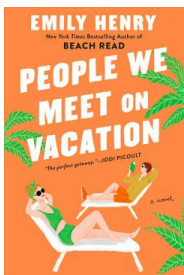
by Taylor Jenkins Reid
Four famous siblings throw an epic end-of-summer party that goes dangerously out of control as secrets and loves that shaped this family's generations come to light, changing their lives forever. Read with Jenna book club pick.



The most beautiful girl in Cuba

by Chanel Cleeton
At the end of the 19th century, reporter Grace Harrington and a courier secretly working for Cuban revolutionaries in Havana free "The Most Beautiful Girl in Cuba" who has been unjustly

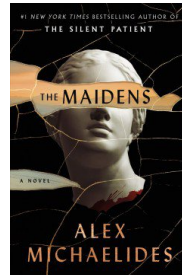
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People we meet on vacation

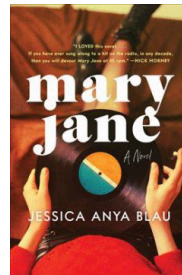
by Emily Henry
Best friends Alex and Poppy try to repair their relationship two years after a disastrous vacation together by planning another vacation together in the new novel from the New York Times best-selling

author of Beach Read.



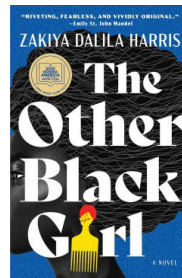
The maidens

by Alex Michaelides
When a member of a secret society known as The Maidens is murdered, a therapist finds her obsession with proving the guilt of an untouchable Cambridge University professor spiraling out of control, threatening to destroy her credibility and her life.



Mary Jane

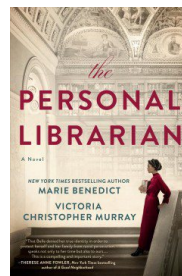
by Jessica Anya Blau
Taking a summer job as a nanny for the daughter of a local doctor, Mary Jane is introduced to a world of sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll, which helps her figure out what she really wants out of life, and what kind of person she's going to be.



The other black girl

by Zakiya Dalila Harris
Tired of being the only Black employee at Wagner Books, 26-year-old editorial assistant Nella Rogers is thrilled when Harlem-born and bred Hazel is hired until she after a string uncomfortable events, is elevated to Office Darling, leaving Nella in

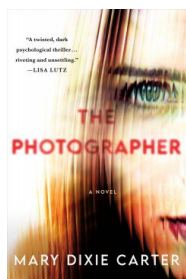
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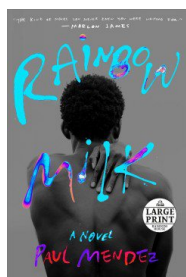
The personal librarian

by Marie Benedict
Hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare books and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library, Belle de Costa Greene becomes one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she keeps.

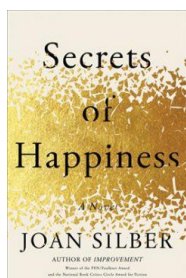




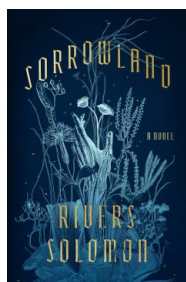
The photographer
by Mary Dixie Carter
When Delta Dawn, the photographer she hired for her daughter's 11th birthday, starts slowly integrating herself into their lives, Amelia Staub soon discovers that she will do anything to permanently become of the picture.



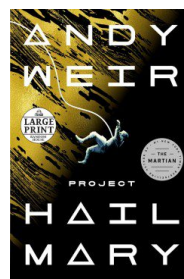
Rainbow Milk
by Paul Mendez
Seeking a fresh start in London after escaping a repressive religious community, Jesse finds himself at a lost for a new center of gravity and turns to sex work, music and art to create his own notions of love, masculinity and spirituality.



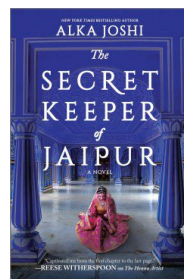
Secrets of happiness
by Joan Silber
When Ethan, a young lawyer, discovers his father in New York has had another, secret, family—a wife and two kids—the interlocking fates of both families lead to surprise loyalties, love triangles, and a reservoir of inner strength.



Sorrowland
by Rivers Solomon
Fleeing from the strict religious compound where she was raised, Vern, in the safety of the forest, gives birth to twins, and to keep her small family safe, unleashes incredible brutality far beyond what a person should be capable of.



Project Hail Mary
by Andy Weir
The sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission to save both humanity and the earth, Ryland Grace is hurtled into the depths of space when he must conquer an extinction-level threat to our species.



The Secret Keeper of Jaipur
by Alka Joshi
Back in the Pink City where he was once a street urchin, Malik, assigned to help Samir Singh's feckless son Ravi build the new public cinema, finds his livelihood and the people he loves most threatened after Ravi implicates him in a ruthless scandal.

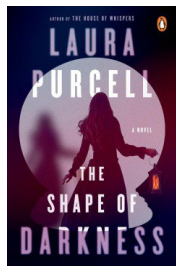


Seven days in June
by Tia Williams
Running into reclusive author Shane Hall at a literary event, bestselling erotica writer Eva Mercy, over the next seven days, reconnects with this man who broke her heart 20 years earlier until he disappears again, leaving more questions than answers.
Reese Witherspoon's x Hello sunshine book club pick.



The summer seekers
by Sarah Morgan
Answering an advert for a driver and companion to take an epic road trip across America, Martha meets 80-year-old Kathleen who craves adventure and together these women embark on the journey of a lifetime.



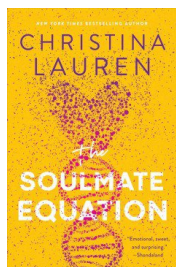


The shape of darkness

by Laura Purcell

Struggling to keep her business afloat in Victorian Bath, silhouette artist Agnes desperately seeks answers when several of her clients are murdered, and turns to a child spirit medium to contact those who died to find the truth with

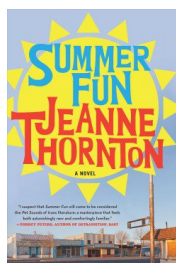
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The soulmate equation

by Christina Lauren

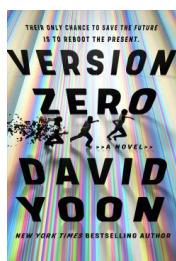
This novel follows single mom and data and statistics wizard Jess Davis as she, using a revolutionary new scientific dating app, is matched with the app's arrogant creator who is not what he seems.



Summer fun

by Jeanne Thornton

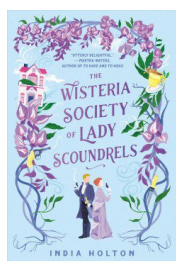
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Version zero

by David Yoon

Fired after questioning what his company does with the data they collect, data whiz Max and his friend Akiko team up with a reclusive tech to get even by rebooting the internet, which has unintended consequences.



The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels

by India Holton

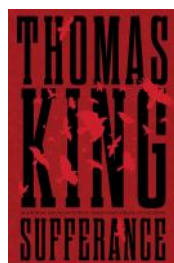
A prim and proper lady thief must save her aunt from a crazed pirate and his dangerously charming henchman in this fantastical historical romance.



Sisters Tale

by Powning, Beth

A novel of orphans and widows, terror and hope, and the relationships that hold us together when things fall apart.

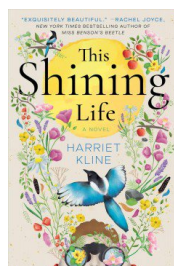


Sufferance

by Thomas King

Jeremiah Camp can look into the heart of humanity and see the patterns that create opportunities and profits for the rich and powerful. Problem is, Camp has seen what he hadn't expected to see and has come away with no hope

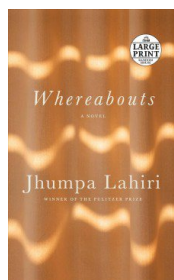
for himself or for the future.



This shining life

by Harriet Kline

When his larger-than-life father dies of brain cancer, leaving his family in disarray, Ollie, who hasn't met a puzzle he couldn't solve, is convinced that his dad left behind a series of clues to the biggest puzzle of all — the meaning of life.



Whereabouts

by Jhumpa Lahiri

An English translation of a first Italian-language novel by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Lowland follows the routines of a misfit city dweller who experiences a year of remarkable transformation in the aftermath of a parent's death.

