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## Accidents of Marriage

A Novel, by Randy Susan Meyers

"Meyers deftly explores the issue of emotional abuse in her new novel. This is the story of Maddy and Ben and their three children. Maddy, a working mother, struggles to balance both career and family. Ben, a public defender, lives with a short fuse and drives the car that sends Maddy to the hospital in critical condition after a road rage encounter. *Accidents of Marriage* is an engrossing and provocative read."

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A Novel, by David Mitchell

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A Novel, by Michel Faber

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A Novel of the Great War, by Jacqueline Winspear

"In this poignant portrait of the lives of two friends during the Great War, Winspear draws on her skill as a storyteller to illustrate the changes and opportunities these years brought to women. Kezia and Thea both had thoughts of being teachers, but the former marries Thea's brother, a farmer, and the latter becomes a suffragist and pacifist. Both women grow and change with their circumstances, and, like many stories of the Great War, this one is not without tragedy."

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A Novel, by Robert Bausch

"It is a delight to experience the Montana and Wyoming territories circa 1870-1876 through the adventures of Civil War veteran Bobby Hale. His original plan to travel to California fades as he rides west with settlers, scouts for the army, and cares for an injured woman who is running from her Indian husband. The dialect of the narrator and the language of the characters are accurate for the period, allowing the reader to be completely immersed in the setting of this rip-roaring tale."

—Paula Steige, MacDonald Bookshop, Estes Park, CO



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A Novel, by Caitlin Moran

"In Wolverhampton, England in 1990, 14-year-old Johanna humiliates herself on live television. Shortly thereafter, she decides to reinvent herself as Dolly Wilde, a fast-talking, hard-drinking sex-adventurer who writes for the local music rag. Never mind the fact that she doesn't drink, that she's a virgin, and that her music collection is comprised solely of The Beatles and the Bee Gees. Armed with eyeliner, a fair amount of Thunderbird, and pure determination, Dolly breaks onto the scene and makes a new life for herself, only to realize that the hardest—and most heartbreaking—changes are the ones we make within. Laugh-out-loud hilarious, inspiring, and profound, Moran has written the coming-of-age story of our time."

—Amanda Hurley, Inkwood Books, Tampa, FL



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A Novel, by Lydia Netzer

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A Novel, by Rainbow Rowell

"Georgie McCool's professional dreams are coming true and she couldn't be happier, except that it means the slow implosion of her marriage is about to speed up. Georgie's husband, Neal, and their kids leave for Christmas while Georgie stays behind to work on her new TV show. Those memories almost become reality when she discovers that her mother's landline can connect her with Neal in 1998, before he proposed. *Landline* is an incredibly emotional, honest, and often hilarious look at a marriage on the brink and the choices that must be made when dreams aren't enough."

—Paige Mushaw, Northshire Bookstore, Manchester Center, VT

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A Novel, by Amy Bloom

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A Novel, by Bill Roorbach

"A massive storm threatening record-breaking snow and frigid temperatures is bearing down on Maine in Roorbach's new novel. Eric, a small-town lawyer, has a chance encounter at a grocery store with a disheveled young woman who has no car and not enough money to pay for her purchases. He's buying food to prepare a gourmet meal for his estranged wife in a hopeless attempt at reconciliation. The woman, Danielle, resists Eric's help but the storm forces them to seek shelter in the remote cabin where she is staying. A wonderful, harrowing tale of survival and the power of love, truth, loss, and human kindness."

—Ellen Burns, Books on the Common, Ridgefield, CT

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A Novel, by David Nicholls

"This gorgeous novel manages to be heart-wrenching and hilarious all at once. Connie tells Douglas that she suspects their 20-year marriage has 'run its course' right before they're set to leave on a European tour with their teenage son. Regardless, they take the trip and flashbacks of their more passionate days are interspersed with the narrative of their everything-at-stake adventure. A brilliant and humanizing picture of mature love—and a look at whether or not people truly outgrow each other."

—Mary Cotton, Newtonville Books, Newton, MA

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