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Anything Is Possible

By Elizabeth Strout

"*Anything Is Possible* merges the interlocking story form of Strout's *Olive Kitteridge* with the characters from *My Name Is Lucy Barton*. No one captures both the decency and cruelty of small towns the way Strout does—the kindness of a school janitor, the merciless taunts an impoverished child must endure. The story of Mississippi Mary, about a woman visiting her mother in Italy, just might break your heart. Every story in this amazing collection is about the events that can make or break us—war, abuse, poverty, illness—and how we respond. I loved this marvelous book, and you should absolutely read it."

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The Baker's Secret: A Novel

By Stephen P. Kiernan

"Emma is an apprentice baker in a small Normandy village during the Nazi occupation whose quiet determination to keep her friends and grandmother alive is heroic and heart-wrenching. Forced to bake ten loaves of bread for the Kommandant each day, Emma stretches her supplies to make extra loaves to help feed the starving villagers. While she refuses to think she is part of the resistance and has lost hope of the Allies arriving, Emma epitomizes the French spirit of survival. What a beautiful book to recommend to book groups and customers seeking a well-written story."

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By Weike Wang

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By Don Winslow

"Denny Malone, veteran NYPD detective and leader of the elite Manhattan North Task Force, didn't start out as a dirty cop. Over the years, however, the odd payoff and favor became routine, and a talented and effective cop slid past the point of no return, stealing millions in money and drugs. As Winslow shows us, keeping citizens safe isn't always clean and easy work, but even Malone and his team's corruption is chump change compared to the real players behind the scenes who are busy rebuilding the city after the September 11 attacks. A gutsy and uncompromising look at the dark heartbeat of modern America."

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Girl in Snow: A Novel

By Danya Kukafka

“Perfectly paced and completely compelling, *Girl in Snow* by newcomer Danya Kukafka immerses you in a chilling small-town tale in which star high-school student Lucinda Hayes is found dead on a school playground. Most clues point to Cameron, an obsessed, window-peeping classmate who often lives in an ‘alternate’ state of mind. Conflicting clues come from the backstories of classmate Jade, the questionably motivated policeman Russ, and Cameron himself. Readers will be spellbound and remain puzzled as the characters expose the town’s secrets. This is a not-to-be-missed story!”

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By Dani Shapiro

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By David Grann

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Magpie Murders: A Novel

By Anthony Horowitz

“Who better than the talented Anthony Horowitz to create this marvelous mystery within a mystery. Yes, we’re treated to two mysteries for the price of one: One set in a peaceful village in England during the 1950s with the one and only Detective Atticus Pund taking the case, and the other set in contemporary times with a book editor who becomes an amateur sleuth. Horowitz pays tribute to the golden age of British crime with references to mysteries created by the likes of Dorothy Sayers and Agatha Christie. A perfect book to read in a cushy chair with a cup of tea (hot or iced).”

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By Kate Eberlen

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—Kelly O'Sullivan, R.J. Julia Booksellers, Madison, CT



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Rise & Shine, Benedict Stone: A Novel

By Phaedra Patrick

"The novels of Phaedra Patrick are good for what ails you! *Rise and Shine, Benedict Stone* is a charming novel about a dull British jeweler who finds new light in his life when his American niece springs a surprise visit on him. Gemma may only be 16 years old, but she is a catalyst for some much-needed change in Benedict's life and for the entire village. Readers would need a heart of stone to miss the joys of this delightful, feel-good novel. Book clubs are going to be taking a 'shine' to *Benedict Stone*."

—Pamela Klinger-Horn, Excelsior Bay Books, Excelsior, MN



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The Shadow Land: A Novel

By Elizabeth Kostova

"This is one of the most engrossing novels that I've read in a while. It is ultimately a road trip through the beautiful haunted land of Bulgaria. An American woman arrives to teach English and inadvertently picks up the wrong bag while getting into a taxi. The bag holds a beautiful wooden box containing human remains. Her helpful, enigmatic taxi driver takes her into Bulgaria's unsettled present in search of the family that surely wants the urn back. This novel about self-discovery and historical reconciliation is thrilling, introspective, and very well paced."

—Dianne Patrick, Snowbound Books, Marquette, MI



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The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane: A Novel

By Lisa See

"This captivating story is set in a remote Yunnan village where, for many years, the Akha people have followed the rituals and cycles of harvesting tea leaves. Slowly, the changes going on in the rest of China begin to reach the area. Li-yan, one of the few educated girls in the village, acts as translator for a stranger seeking a rare tea from Yunnan. When Li-yan gives birth to a baby out of wedlock, she leaves her in a city where she will be taken to an orphanage. Over the years, mother and daughter dream of finding one another again. Brew yourself a cup of tea and settle down with *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*."

—Elizabeth Merritt, Titcomb's Bookshop, East Sandwich, MA



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