

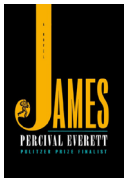


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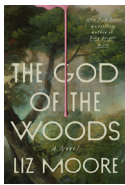
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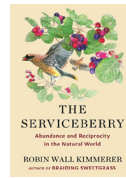


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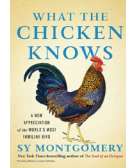
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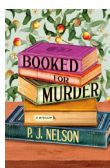
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### OTHER HARDCOVER INDIE FAVORITES



**Booked for Murder**  
P. J. Nelson, Minotaur Books, \$28  
"Madeline inherits her aunt's bookstore and mansion. She finds herself in the middle of much drama and mystery, with a murder to solve. In the midst of everything, Madeline finds kindred spirits and possibly a home."  
—Alexandra Bender, Fonts Books, Mclean, VA



**Private Rites: A Novel**  
Julia Armfield, Flatiron Books, \$27.99  
"No one does atmosphere like Julia Armfield: vivid and utterly engrossing. *Private Rites* is a haunting story about family, grief, and love in a slow-burn apocalypse. You won't be able to come up for air — or want to."  
—Evan Fornicola, Left Bank Books, St. Louis, MO



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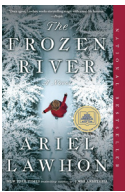
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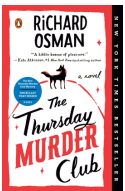
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**8 Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow**  
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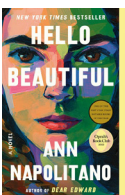
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**10 A Court of Thorns and Roses**  
Sarah J. Maas, Bloomsbury Publishing, \$19

**11 The Hunter**  
Tana French, Penguin, \$19

**12 The Best American Short Stories 2024**  
Lauren Groff, Heidi Pitlor (Eds.), Mariner Books, \$19.99

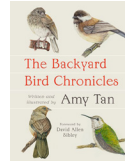


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Ann Napolitano, Dial Press Trade Paperback, \$18.99

**14 Devotions**  
Mary Oliver, Penguin, \$20

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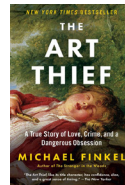
### RANK NONFICTION



**1 The Backyard Bird Chronicles**  
Amy Tan, Knopf, \$35

**2 Braiding Sweetgrass**  
Robin Wall Kimmerer, Milkweed Editions, \$20

**3 On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century**  
Timothy Snyder, Crown, \$12



**4 The Art Thief**  
Michael Finkel, Vintage, \$18

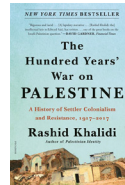
**5 Say Nothing**  
Patrick Radden Keefe, Vintage, \$20

**6 Greenlights**  
Matthew McConaughey, Crown, \$20

**7 The 2025 Old Farmer's Almanac**  
Old Farmer's Almanac, \$10.95

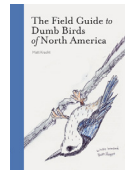
**8 Democracy Awakening**  
Heather Cox Richardson, Penguin, \$18

**9 All About Love: New Visions**  
bell hooks, Morrow, \$16.99



**10 The Hundred Years' War on Palestine**  
Rashid Khalidi, Metropolitan Books, \$19.99

**11 The Field Guide to Dumb Birds of North America**  
Matt Kracht, Chronicle, \$15.95



**12 All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me**  
Patrick Bringley, Simon & Schuster, \$18.99

**13 World Travel: An Irreverent Guide**  
Anthony Bourdain, Laurie Woolever, Ecco, \$22

**14 The Body Keeps the Score**  
Bessel van der Kolk, M.D., Penguin, \$19

★ **15 Emperor of Rome: Ruling the Ancient World**  
Mary Beard, Liveright, \$21.99

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### OTHER PAPERBACK INDIE FAVORITES



**Not in My Book: A Novel**  
Katie Holt, Alcove Press, \$19.99

"WOW! I loved this book. Great characters, great uses of several romance tropes in a great way, and I was crying through the last few pages. An exciting debut; I can't wait to read more of Katie Holt's work."

—Nicole Miller, Barbara's Bookstore, Chicago, IL

### MASS MARKET

- The Way of Kings** Brandon Sanderson, Tor, \$12.99
- 1984** George Orwell, Signet, \$10.99
- Mistborn: The Final Empire** Brandon Sanderson, Tor, \$10.99
- Dune** Frank Herbert, Ace, \$10.99
- The Exchange** John Grisham, Vintage, \$10.99
- Animal Farm** George Orwell, Signet, \$9.99
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** Douglas Adams, Del Rey, \$8.99
- The Name of the Wind** Patrick Rothfuss, DAW, \$10.99
- Dune Messiah** Frank Herbert, Ace, \$9.99
- The Left Hand of Darkness** Ursula K. Le Guin, Ace, \$10.99

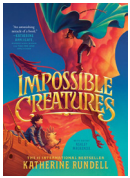


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## CHILDREN'S

### RANK EARLY & MIDDLE GRADE



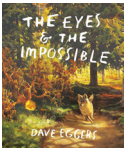
**1 Impossible Creatures**  
Katherine Rundell, Ashley Mackenzie (Illus.), Knopf Books for Young Readers, \$19.99

**2 The Bletchley Riddle**  
Ruta Sepetys, Steve Sheinkin, Viking Books for Young Readers, \$18.99

**3 The Millicent Quibb School of Etiquette for Young Ladies of Mad Science**  
Kate McKinnon, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, \$17.99



**4 The Eyes and the Impossible**  
Dave Eggers, Shawn Harris (Illus.), Knopf Books for Young Readers, \$19.99



**5 The Sherlock Society**  
James Ponti, Aladdin, \$18.99

**6 The Squad: A Graphic Novel**  
Christina Soontornvat, Joanna Cacao (Illus.), Graphix, \$12.99



**7 Warriors Graphic Novel: The Prophecies Begin #1**  
Erin Hunter, Natalie Riess (Illus.), Sara Goetter (Illus.), HarperAlley, \$15.99

**8 Orris and Timble: The Beginning**  
Kate DiCamillo, Carmen Mok (Illus.), Candlewick, \$16.99



**9 The Hotel Balzaar**  
Kate DiCamillo, Júlia Sardà (Illus.), Candlewick, \$17.99

**10 The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**  
Barbara Robinson, HarperCollins, \$9.99

**11 Super Duper Extra Deluxe Essential Handbook (Pokémon)**  
Scholastic, \$16.99

**12 The Last Dragon on Mars**  
Scott Reintgen, Aladdin, \$18.99

**13 Spooky Lakes**  
Geo Rutherford, Harry N. Abrams, \$24.99

**14 Bluey 5-Minute Stories: 6 Stories in 1 Book? Hooray!**  
Penguin Young Readers, \$14.99

**15 Hatchet**  
Gary Paulsen, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$9.99

### RANK YOUNG ADULT



**1 Powerless**  
Lauren Roberts, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$19.99

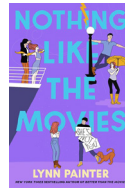
**2 Better Than the Movies**  
Lynn Painter, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$12.99

**3 Heir**  
Sabaa Tahir, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, \$21.99



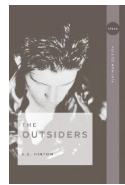
**4 Darkly**  
Marisha Pessl, Delacorte Press, \$19.99

**5 The Book Thief**  
Markus Zusak, Knopf Books for Young Readers, \$14.99



**6 Nothing Like the Movies**  
Lynn Painter, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$19.99

**7 The Outsiders**  
S. E. Hinton, Viking Books for Young Readers, \$14.99



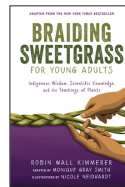
**8 The Reappearance of Rachel Price**  
Holly Jackson, Delacorte Press, \$20.99

**9 Pride and Prejudice**  
Jane Austen, Anna Bond (Illus.), Puffin Books, \$17

**10 If He Had Been with Me**  
Laura Nowlin, Sourcebooks Fire, \$10.99

**11 Eleanor & Park**  
Rainbow Rowell, Wednesday Books, \$15

**12 The Perks of Being a Wallflower**  
Stephen Chbosky, MTV Books, \$15.99



**13 Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults**  
Robin Wall Kimmerer, Monique Gray Smith, Nicole Neidhardt (Illus.), Zest Books, \$17.99

**14 Divine Rivals**  
Rebecca Ross, Wednesday Books, \$18.99

**15 If Only I Had Told Her**  
Laura Nowlin, Sourcebooks Fire, \$12.99

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### OTHER CHILDREN'S INDIE FAVORITES



#### AGES 8 TO 12

##### The Graveyard Gift

Fern Forgettable, as told by Piper CJ, Random House Books for Young Readers, \$14.99  
"This book gave me all the Wednesday Addams vibes. Young Rosemary can see how people die. She's a student at Fern's school for other demi-fae. When classmate goes missing, she'll have to use her gifts to find him. Mystery, friendship and so much more!"  
—Morgan DePerno, Bookmarks, Winston-Salem, NC



#### TEEN READERS

##### I Shall Never Fall in Love

Hari Conner, HarperAlley, \$26.99, Hardcover; \$18.99, Paperback  
"This Austen retelling allows for a new queer look at regency England. The characters' relationships kept me reading and urgently wanting to know what would come next. For fans of any genre, this graphic novel is adorably written and will have you reading more and more."  
—Landon Krandall, Back Cove Books, Portland, ME



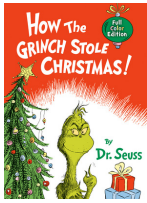
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**1 How the Grinch Stole Christmas!**  
Dr. Seuss, Random House Books for Young Readers, \$19.99

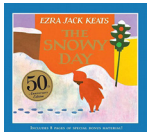
**2 How Does Santa Go Down the Chimney?**  
Mac Barnett, Jon Klassen (Illus.), Candlewick, \$18.99

**3 Santa's First Christmas**  
Mac Barnett, Sydney Smith (Illus.), Viking Books for Young Readers, \$18.99



**4 The Polar Express**  
Chris Van Allsburg, HMH Books for Young Readers, \$21.99

**5 The Snowy Day**  
Ezra Jack Keats, Viking Books for Young Readers, \$19.99



**6 Knight Owl and Early Bird**  
Christopher Denise, Christy Ottaviano Books, \$18.99

**7 The Mitten**  
Jan Brett, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, \$9.99



**8 Alice in a Winter Wonderland**  
Jan Brett, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, \$19.99

**9 The Bakery Dragon**  
Devin Elle Kurtz, Knopf Books for Young Readers, \$18.99



**10 Goodnight Moon**  
Margaret Wise Brown, Clement Hurd (Illus.), Harper, \$10.99

**11 Little Blue Truck's Christmas**  
Alice Schertle, Jill McElmurry (Illus.), HMH Books for Young Readers, \$18.99



**12 Knight Owl**  
Christopher Denise, Christy Ottaviano Books, \$17.99

**13 Christmas at Hogwarts**  
J. K. Rowling, Ziyi Gao (Illus.), Scholastic, \$19.99

**14 Where the Wild Things Are**  
Maurice Sendak, Harper, \$21.99

**15 Where's Bluey? At Christmas**  
Penguin Young Readers, \$8.99

### RANK SERIES



**1 Dog Man (hardcover)**  
Dav Pilkey, Graphix

**2 The Wild Robot**  
Peter Brown, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

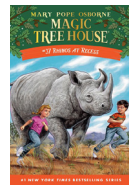
**3 Diary of a Wimpy Kid (hardcover)**  
Jeff Kinney, Harry N. Abrams



**4 Wings of Fire**  
Tui T. Sutherland, Scholastic

**5 Percy Jackson and the Olympians**  
Rick Riordan, Hyperion

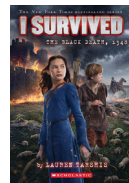
**6 Elephant & Piggie (hardcover)**  
Mo Willems, Hyperion



**7 The Bad Guys (paperback)**  
Aaron Blabey, Scholastic

**8 Magic Tree House**  
Mary Pope Osborne, Sal Murdocca (Illus.), Random House Books for Young Readers

**9 Keeper of the Lost Cities**  
Shannon Messenger, Aladdin



**10 I Survived**  
Lauren Tarshis, Dave Shephard (Illus.), Scholastic

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### OTHER CHILDREN'S INDIE FAVORITES



#### AGES 4 TO 8

##### Ten-Word Tiny Tales of Love

Joseph Coelho, Various Illustrators, Candlewick, \$18.99  
"What if you had to condense your adoration into just ten words? I absolutely love this coffee table worthy picture book with ten-word expressions of love. Stunningly illustrated by some of the best, it's a perfect gift for anyone who makes your heart sing."

—Angie Tally, The Country Bookshop, Southern Pines, NC

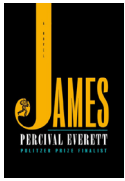


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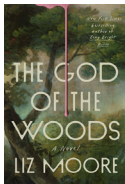
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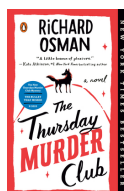
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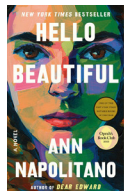
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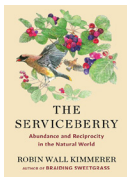


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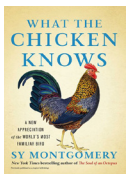
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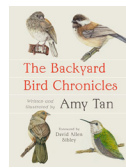


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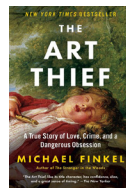
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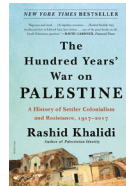
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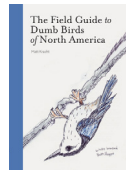
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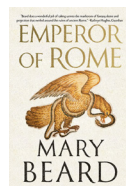
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