

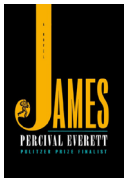


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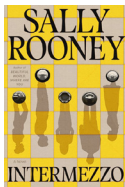
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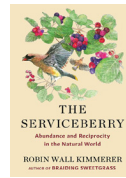


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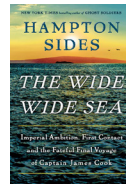
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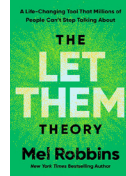
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OTHER HARDCOVER INDIE FAVORITES



Sister Snake: A Novel

Amanda Lee Koe, Ecco, \$28

"A unique book about two ancient sisters who are both human and snake. Su lives her life as humanly as possible; Emerald is very much herself. Though this novel was pitched as dark humor, it explored themes of identity, queerness, and family poignantly."

—Sara Landon, Paragraphs Bookstore, Mount Vernon, OH



Shy Creatures: A Novel

Clare Chambers, Mariner Books, \$30

"An inventive and satisfying novel. Not just a story you'll look forward to cozying up with, but a brilliant affirmation of non-conformity, self-determination, and the power of art. For fans of Elizabeth McCracken, Tessa Hadley, and Ann Patchett!"

—Kristen Iskandrian, Thank You Books, Birmingham, AL



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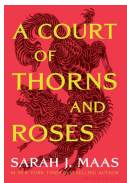
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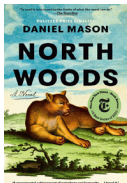
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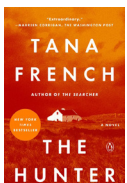
6 **North Woods**
Daniel Mason, Random House Trade Paperbacks, \$18



7 **Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow**
Gabrielle Zevin, Vintage, \$19

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Gregory Maguire, William Morrow Paperbacks, \$19.99

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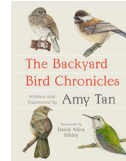


13 **The Best American Short Stories 2024**
Lauren Groff, Heidi Pitlor (Eds.), Mariner Books, \$19.99

14 **The Vegetarian**
Han Kang, Hogarth, \$17

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Patrick Radden Keefe, Vintage, \$20

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Matthew McConaughey, Crown, \$20

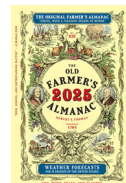
7 **All About Love: New Visions**
bell hooks, Morrow, \$16.99



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

9 **Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America**
Heather Cox Richardson, Penguin, \$18

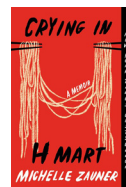
10 **The Body Keeps the Score**
Bessel van der Kolk, M.D., Penguin, \$19



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

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

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

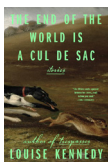


14 **Crying in H Mart: A Memoir**
Michelle Zauner, Vintage, \$17

15 **Killers of the Flower Moon**
David Grann, Vintage, \$18

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OTHER PAPERBACK INDIE FAVORITES



The End of the World Is a Cul de Sac: Stories
Louise Kennedy, Riverhead Books, \$18
"Kennedy displays why she was able to make her name, writing with a delicateness that articulates a great love for these characters as they weave through domestic peril. Her ability to fit complex characters into a short window is remarkable."
—Richard Dixon, Politics and Prose Bookstore, Washington, DC

MASS MARKET

- 1 **1984** George Orwell, Signet, \$10.99
- 2 **The Way of Kings** Brandon Sanderson, Tor, \$12.99
- 3 **Mistborn: The Final Empire** Brandon Sanderson, Tor, \$10.99
- 4 **Dune** Frank Herbert, Ace, \$10.99
- 5 **Animal Farm** George Orwell, Signet, \$9.99
- 6 **Dune Messiah** Frank Herbert, Ace, \$9.99
- 7 **The Name of the Wind** Patrick Rothfuss, DAW, \$10.99
- 8 **The Exchange** John Grisham, Vintage, \$10.99
- 9 **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** Douglas Adams, Del Rey, \$8.99
- 10 **The Left Hand of Darkness** Ursula K. Le Guin, Ace, \$10.99



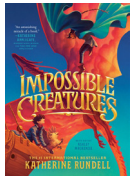
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CHILDREN'S

RANK EARLY & MIDDLE GRADE



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



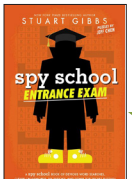
2 The Bletchley Riddle
Ruta Sepetys, Steve Sheinkin, Viking Books for Young Readers, \$18.99



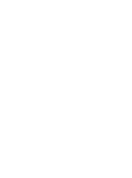
3 The Squad: A Graphic Novel
Christina Soontornvat, Joanna Cacao (Illus.), Graphix, \$12.99



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



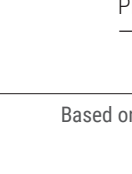
5 Warriors Graphic Novel: The Prophecies Begin #1
Erin Hunter, Natalie Riess (Illus.), Sara Goetter (Illus.), HarperAlley, \$15.99



6 The New Girl: A Graphic Novel
Cassandra Calin, Graphix, \$12.99



7 The Sherlock Society
James Ponti, Aladdin, \$18.99



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

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

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

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

★ **12 Scholastic Year in Sports 2025**
James Buckley, Scholastic, \$14.99

13 Bluey 5-Minute Stories
Penguin Young Readers, \$14.99

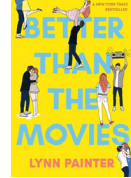
14 Spy School Entrance Exam
Stuart Gibbs, Jeff Chen, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$10.99

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

RANK YOUNG ADULT



★ **1 Heavenly Tyrant**
Xiran Jay Zhao, Tundra Books, \$20.99



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



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



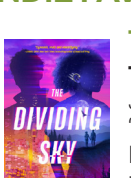
4 Nothing Like the Movies
Lynn Painter, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$19.99



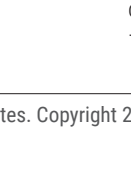
5 Heir
Sabaa Tahir, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, \$21.99



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



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



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

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

10 The Grandest Game
Jennifer Lynn Barnes, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, \$19.99

11 Divine Rivals
Rebecca Ross, Wednesday Books, \$18.99

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

13 Betting on You
Lynn Painter, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$12.99

14 Darkly
Marisha Pessl, Delacorte Press, \$19.99

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

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OTHER CHILDREN'S INDIE FAVORITES



AGES 8 TO 12

Bye Forever, I Guess

Jodi Meadows, Holiday House, \$18.99

"Never want to say goodbye to *Bye Forever, I Guess!* The perfect middle grade novel about the changing nature of friendship, finding your fit while remaining true to yourself, and where to sit at lunch. Plus, a focus on nerdy girls rocks!"

—Susan Williams, M. Judson Booksellers & Storytellers, Greenville, SC



TEEN READERS

The Dividing Sky

Jill Tew, Joy Revolution, \$19.99

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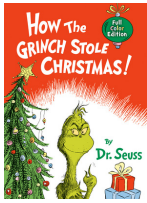
—Vania Stoyanova, Brave + Kind Bookshop, Decatur, GA

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



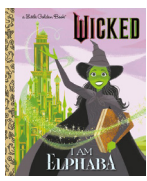
2 The Polar Express
Chris Van Allsburg, HMH Books for Young Readers, \$21.99



3 The Snow Day
Ezra Jack Keats, Viking Books for Young Readers, \$19.99



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



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



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



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



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

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

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

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

★ **12 I Am Elphaba (Little Golden Book)**
Mary Man-Kong, Elsa Chang (Illus.), Golden Books, \$5.99

13 The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Eric Carle, World of Eric Carle, \$10.99

14 Knight Owl
Christopher Denise, Christy Ottaviano Books, \$17.99

★ **15 I Am Glinda (Little Golden Book)**
Mary Man-Kong, Elsa Chang (Illus.), Golden Books, \$5.99

RANK SERIES



1 Dog Man (hardcover)
Dav Pilkey, Graphix



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



3 Wings of Fire
Tui T. Sutherland, Mike Holmes (Illus.), Scholastic
New in Series: Escaping Peril: A Graphic Novel



4 The Wild Robot
Peter Brown, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

5 Percy Jackson and the Olympians
Rick Riordan, Hyperion

6 Elephant & Piggie (hardcover)
Mo Willems, Hyperion

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

8 Keeper of the Lost Cities
Shannon Messenger, Aladdin

9 The Bad Guys (paperback)
Aaron Blabey, Scholastic

10 InvestiGators (hardcover)
John Patrick Green, First Second

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OTHER CHILDREN'S INDIE FAVORITES



AGES 4 TO 8

Bigfoot's Big Heart

Sarah Glenn Marsh, Ishaq Lobo (Illus.), Viking Books for Young Readers, \$18.99

"This is adorable! Bigfoot and all the cryptids around the globe find some unexpected (and very determined) allies in scouting kids worldwide. Here's a perfect Valentine for all the introverts or shy kids or delightful weirdos!"

—Tegan Tigani, Queen Anne Book Company, Seattle, WA

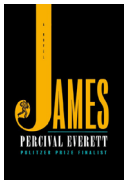


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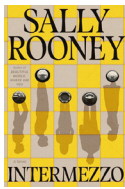
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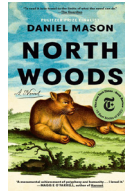
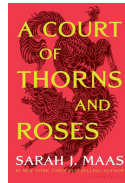
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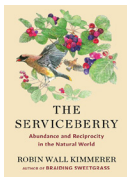
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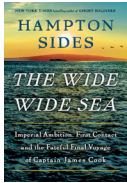
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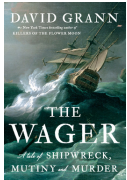
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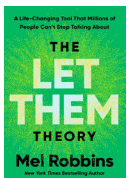


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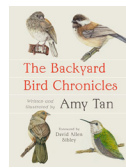


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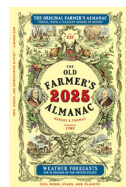
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