

Once There Were Wolves: A Novel

By Charlotte McConaghy

"Telling of the reintroduction of wolves to the Scottish highlands, *Once There Were Wolves* affirms the importance of our connections to the human and more-than-human worlds that sustain us, worlds we sever at our own peril."

-Ben Platt, Jackson Hole Book Trader, Jackson, WY



Damnation Spring: A Novel

By Ash Davidson

"With this debut set in a Pacific Northwest logging town, Ash Davidson has immediately established herself as a true writer of the American experience, in all its potential for self-destruction and beauty."

-Josh Popkin, Odyssey Bookshop, South Hadley, MA



Nightbitch: A Novel By Rachel Yoder

"At once weird, darkly funny, moving, relatable, and deliciously messed up, *Nightbitch* is a rallying howl to women, and especially mothers, everywhere."

-Danielle Raub, Itinerant Literate Books, Charleston, SC



She Who Became the Sun: A Novel

By Shelley Parker-Chan

"Zhu's tooth-and-nail fight for her destiny merges hero and antihero into a transcendent figure with an incomparably strong will. *She Who Became the Sun* carves out a bold and bloody new genre of epic fantasy."

-Jessie Prutisto-Chang, Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park, WA



The Manningtree Witches: A Novel

By A.K. Blakemore

"A brilliant story set in 17th-century England about a women's community at the margins of society and the constant dangers of religious fervor. Dark, unsettling, and highly entertaining."

-Ulrika Moats, Brazos Bookstore, Houston, TX



Intimacies: A Novel

By Katie Kitamura

"A cool and precise portrait of a woman and system on the verge of breaking, this latest literary thriller from Kitamura quietly insinuates itself into readers' consciousness with subtle and haunting force."

-Stephen Sparks, Point Reyes Books, Point Reyes Station, CA



Afterparties: Stories

By Anthony Veasna So

"These stories of the members of a compact Cambodian-American community, from the refugees to the business owners to the gay teenagers, seamlessly balance humor with hardships."

-Sofia Silva Wright, Phoenix Books, Burlington, VT



All's Well: A Novel

By Mona Awad

"Gloriously bananas, dark and weird, and so, so good. *All's Well* is a big, messy, strange journey about chronic pain, Shakespeare, friendship, mental health, witchcraft, and work."

-Rachel Barry, WORD Bookstores, Brooklyn, NY



We Are the Brennans: A Novel

By Tracey Lange

"Tracey Lange has created some truly memorable characters and a wonderfully moving experience in seeing this tight-knit family cope with conflicts, setbacks, and the disclosure of long-buried secrets."

-John Lynn, The Kennett Bookhouse, Kennett Square, PA



Mrs. March: A Novel

By Virginia Feito

"Virginia Feito has effortlessly updated the comedy of manners in this darkly funny mystery. This book will haunt you until you reach the breathtaking conclusion, and you'll remember *Mrs. March* for a long time to come."

-Olivia Edmunds-Diez, Boulder Book Store, Boulder, CO



Radiant Fugitives: A Novel

By Nawaaz Ahmed

"Two sisters and their mother are reunited as the eldest sister is about to give birth, but they struggle to find common ground. Brilliantly told through the voice of the unborn child, love, loss, politics, faith, sexuality, and race intersect across decades and continents."

-Jan Blodgett, Main Street Books, Davidson, NC



Appleseed: A Novel By Matt Bell

"This cross between a Shakespeare drama and a Grimm fairy tale is unsettling, attention-grabbing, and thought-provoking in the way stories do so well when reason often fails. A powerful read!"

-Helen Eddy, The Book Shoppe, Boone, IA



If the Shoe Fits: A Meant to Be Novel By Julie Murphy

"There simply aren't enough words in my vocabulary to explain how beautifully Julie Murphy is able to craft such sweet stories. *If the Shoe Fits* is the Cinderella twist readers have been waiting decades for."

-Hannah Oxley, Mystery to Me, Madison, WI



It Happened One Summer: A Novel

By Tessa Bailey

"This story opened its broad arms and admitted me into the recharging station that I needed so badly in 2021. It was cute. It was sweet. It was heart-wrenching. It was steamy. It was everything!"

-Stephanie Arrache, Waterwheel Gifts and Books, Dubois, WY



Clark and Division: A Novel By Naomi Hirahara

"Clark and Division is a propulsive mystery and a heart-wrenching examination of Japanese internment and relocation in the 1940s. Hirahara beautifully weaves history and injustice into this fascinating and compelling crime novel."

-Luisa Smith, Book Passage, Corte Madera, CA



Where the Truth Lies: A Novel By Anna Bailey

"You'll find yourself invested in and rooting for each of the young people in this book as they navigate secrets and prejudices to unravel the mystery of what happened to their sister and friend—and why."

-Alana Haley, Schuler Books, Grand Rapids, MI



Made in China: A Memoir of Love and Labor By Anna Qu

"Made in China is an emotionally wrenching and engrossing memoir about abuse, immigration, and the American dream. Qu's pain is raw and unfinished, but her resiliency and growth are unforgettable."

-Marie Cloutier, Greenlight Bookstore, Brooklyn, NY



The Reading List: A Novel

By Sara Nisha Adams

"A beautifully written novel about people connected by a local library and an amazing reading list. As the characters' lives are revealed through interweaving storylines, readers will root for them, cry for them, and celebrate their victories."

-Lisa Driban, Hockessin Book Shelf, Hockessin, DE



Goldenrod: Poems By Maggie Smith

"Maggie Smith is the kind of magician who can make a poem breathe and sing. Goldenrod leaves the reader feeling as though the poet has gently struck their heart with a mallet, sending vibrations echoing throughout them for a long time."

-Jennifer Wills Geraedts, Beagle and Wolf Books & Bindery, Park Rapids, MN



The Book of Accidents: A Novel By Chuck Wendig

"Despite the classically creepy content of a true horror tale, I found myself devouring these pages before going to sleep at night and seeking them out again first thing in the morning, nightmares be damned."

-Sara Knight, Maria's Bookshop, Durango, CO



The Turnout: A Novel

By Megan Abbott

"The Turnout is a deliciously uncomfortable story, from the brutality imposed on dancers' bodies to the uneasy dynamics of sisterly relationships and the tension when someone new intrudes on their domain."

-Lexi Beach, The Astoria Bookshop, Astoria, NY



Born Into This: Stories

By Adam Thompson

"I am thrilled to have read *Born Into This*, which is filled with stories about Aboriginal people existing between cultural heritage and cultural change, and the seemingly inexorable loss of the natural world in which they live."

-Linda Bond, Auntie's Bookstore, Spokane, WA



The Union of Synchronized Swimmers: A Novella By Cristina Sandu

"Six girls living behind the Iron Curtain turn their leisurely summer swimming routine into something more. Glimpses into their adult lives join atmospheric vignettes of their journey into synchronized swimming."

-Maggie Henriksen, Carmichael's Bookstore, Louisville, KY



It's Not What You Thought It Would Be By Lizzy Stewart

"Through Lizzy Stewart's wistful art, these stories feel like bruises that leave you tender, thoughtful, and forgiving for not living up to your own expectations when adulthood isn't at all that you'd imagined."

-Julie Jarema, Avid Bookshop, Athens, GA



The Hunter and the Old Woman: A Novel By Pamela Korgemagi

"In this eerily beautiful tale of nature and humanity, we follow Cougar from birth to death, while the man hunting Cougar is drawn in by the echoing call of the forest and the stories told by the men of his town."

-Lily Hunter, Skylark Books, Columbia, MO



Betty: A Novel By Tiffany McDaniel

"Betty walks us through a childhood filled with good and evil, and shows us that one can survive and come out the other side in one piece, fractured and whole at the same time."

-Annie Philbrick, Bank Square Books, Mystic, CT



Confessions on the 745: A Novel By Lisa Unger

"Lisa Unger is amazing at writing twisted thrillers that could pretty much be happening to someone you know. *Confessions on the 7:45* may be my favorite one of her books yet!" —Laura Taylor, The Oxford Exchange, Tampa, FL

Your Next NDIENEXT Great Read

Impersonation: A Novel By Heidi Pitlor

"Struggling ghostwriter and solo mom Allie is trying to do everything right but inevitably feeling as though she's getting it all wrong. I couldn't stop turning the pages to see how far she'd go to survive."

-Hannah Harlow, Book Shop of Beverly Farms, Beverly, MA



Milk Fed: A Novel

By Melissa Broder

"When calorie-obsessed Rachel, an unlikely but irresistible heroine, meets Miriam at the yogurt shop, sparks (and sprinkles!) fly. Unflinchingly honest, unexpectedly moving—I couldn't put it down."

-Kristen Iskandrian, Thank You Books, Birmingham, AL



Universe of Two: A Novel

By Stephen P. Kiernan

"This finely crafted love story weaves a well-researched history of the shrouded creation of the atomic bomb with the blossoming love of two people."

-Renee Reiner, Phoenix Books Essex, Essex Junction, VT



White Ivy: A Novel

By Susie Yang

"Ivy Lin's unassuming looks and demeanor hide a dark side: She is obsessed with the wealth and privilege she sees around her and will cross boundaries to get what she needs."

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

