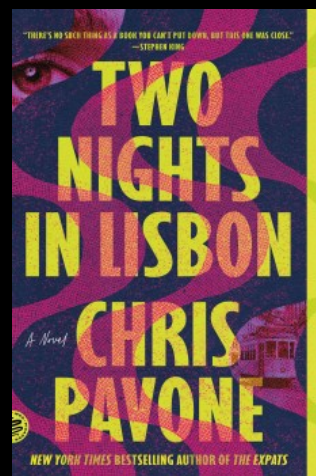
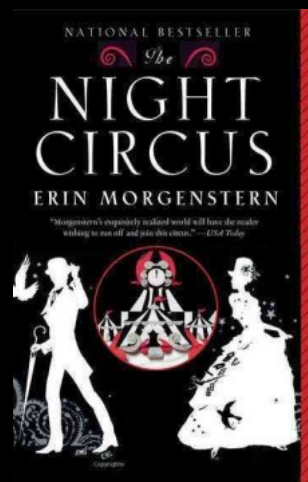
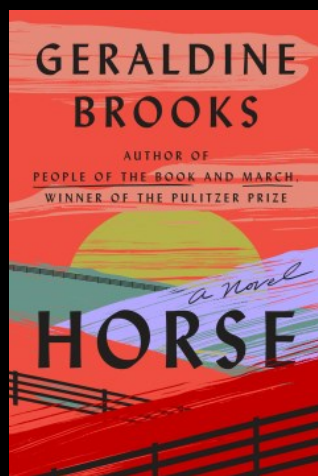
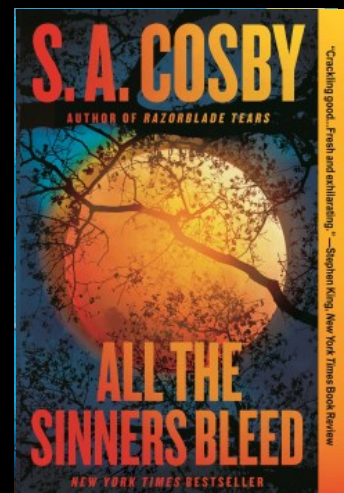
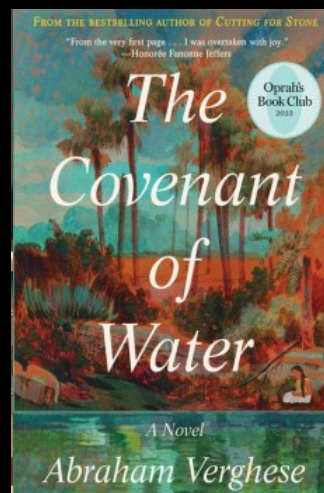
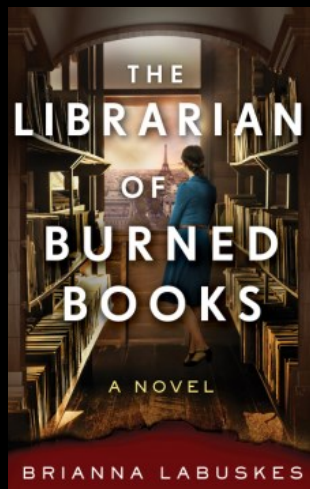


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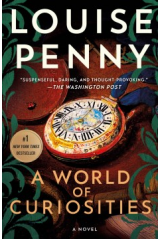
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JANUARY 18

A world of curiosities

by Louise Penny

Chief Inspector Gamache investigates after a 150-year-old letter points to the discovery and opening of a bricked-up room in an attic that's filled with curiosities

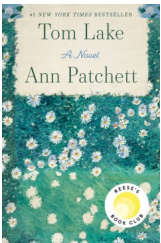


FEBRUARY 15

News of the world : a novel

by Paulette Jiles

In the wake of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd, a widower and itinerant news reader, is offered fifty dollars to bring an orphan girl, who was kidnapped and raised by Kiowa raiders, from Wichita Falls back to her family in San Antonio

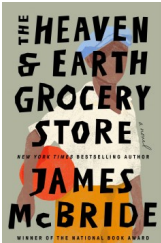


MARCH 21

Tom Lake : a novel

by Ann Patchett

Recalling the past at her daughters' request, Lara tells the story of a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance with, which causes her daughters to examine their own lives and reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.



APRIL 18

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store

by James McBride

When a skeleton is unearthed in the small, close-knit community of Chicken Hill, Pennsylvania, in 1972, an unforgettable cast of characters—living on the margins of white, Christian America—closely guard a secret, especially when the truth is revealed about what happened and the part the town's white

establishment played in it.



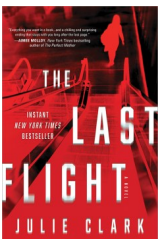
MAY 16

The librarian of burned books : a novel

by Brianna Labuskes

Set against the backdrop of World War II, a novel inspired by the true story of the Council of Books in Wartime follows three women whose fates become intertwined by their belief in the power and goodness of the written word to triumph over the

very darkest moments of war

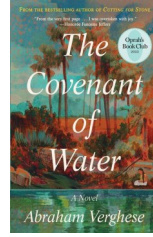


JUNE 20

The last flight : a novel

by Julie Clark

Working for months on a plan to escape her secretly violent husband, Claire impulsively swaps airline tickets with a stranger also on the run before a fateful accident compels her to assume the other's identity.

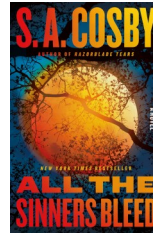


JULY 18

The covenant of water : a novel

by Abraham Verghese

Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, and set in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast, an epic of love, faith and medicine follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning.

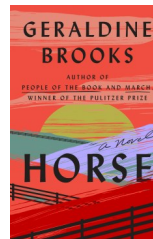


AUGUST 15

All the sinners bleed

by S. A. Cosby

Former FBI agent Titus Crown returns to his hometown and decides to run for sheriff to fight a bigoted police force and must trust his instincts when a serial killer appears to be hiding in plain sight.

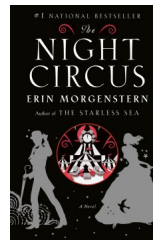


SEPTEMBER 19

Horse

by Geraldine Brooks

A scientist from Australia and a Nigerian-American art historian become connected by their shared interest in a 19th century race horse, one studying its remains, the other uncovering the history of the Black horsemen who were critical to its success.

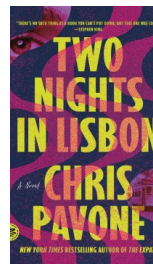


OCTOBER 17

The night circus : a novel

by Erin Morgenstern

Waging a fierce competition for which they have trained since childhood, circus magicians Celia and Marco unexpectedly fall in love with each other and share a fantastical romance that manifests in fateful ways.



NOVEMBER 21

Two nights in Lisbon

by Chris Pavone

"A dazzling literary thriller about a woman whose husband is kidnapped and held for ransom while they are visiting Portugal, leaving her no choice but to reach out to the one person she fears most"



DECEMBER 12

Good night, Irene

by Luis Alberto Urrea

After D-Day, two heroic Red Cross women, Irene Woodward and Dorothy Dunford join the Allied soldiers streaming into France where they are embroiled in danger, from the Battle of the Bulge to the liberation of Buchenwald, and where Irene learns to trust again through their friendship.