Fall Picks from Our Staff

**Marrow: A Love Story**  
by Elizabeth Lesser (Harper Wave)  
This deeply moving memoir concerns two sisters, one with advanced cancer and the other, her bone marrow donor. When it becomes clear that Elizabeth is the perfect genetic match for her younger sister, both patient and donor perform a detox regimen in preparation for the transplant. These sisters, however, also decide that they will detoxify themselves spiritually, particularly their relationship with each other. It takes tremendous courage and resilience to heal the issues in their past, especially in light of the physical challenges they face. Heartbreaking at times, this is a redemptive story, written exquisitely. It has the power to change lives. ~ Jane

**The Trouble with Goats and Sheep**  
by Joanna Cannon (Scribner)  
This charming small town tale is part mystery and part coming of age. Margaret Creasy is missing and the residents of the cul de sac where she lived with her husband are gossiping! Everyone harbors secrets about Margaret, and young Grace and her friend Tilly are determined to solve the mystery. The real joys of this story are the conversations between Grace and Tilly as they eavesdrop on the furtive conversations of adults. If you loved *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, you will love this story of neighbors’ attempts to contrive little lies to conceal what happened one fateful day. ~ Susan

**Dog Gone: A Lost Pet’s Extraordinary Journey and the Family Who Brought Him Home**  
by Pauls Toutonghi (Knopf)  
A real-life Lassie-come-home story with a twist! Toutonghi deftly tells the tale of Gonker, a loveable golden retriever who disappeared on the Appalachian Trail in October 1998. His family conducted a massive search, while Gonker’s human “grandmother” Virginia set up a pre-social media command center at home to spread the word, garnering world attention. Virginia and Gonker form the heart of the story, showing both human resilience in the face of cruelty, and the deep, imponderable bond between humans and canines. ~ Victoria

**Heroes of the Frontier**  
by Dave Eggers (Knopf)  
When Josie loses her dental practice in a lawsuit and her husband finds another woman, she journeys to Alaska with her two young children in a rickety RV, hoping to experience some resolution and adventure in the juncture between her old life and whatever’s next. Josie’s disdain for contemporary society is insightful, her humor down to earth, and the situations this trio find themselves in are memorably hilarious. This is not a “poor me” woman, but someone who knows she must come to terms with her past, provide for her children and find a place they can call home. I wish I had been along for the ride. ~ Julie

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When Breath Becomes Air
by Paul Kalanithi (Random House)
Gifted with fluency in both literature and medicine, brilliant young neurosurgeon Kalanithi was uniquely poised to articulate his moving insights on what makes human life meaningful in the face of mortality—his patients’ as well as his own. Spurred by a diagnosis of stage IV lung cancer to write the book, Kalanithi beautifully charts his struggle to reconcile his many accomplishments and early plans with what lay ahead for him and his wife. As he writes, “The fact of death is unsettling. Yet there is no other way to live.” I’m deeply grateful for his witnessing. ~ John

The Mighty Currawongs & Other Stories
by Brian Doyle (Red Hen Press)
There are thirty-some short, magically exquisite pieces in this collection. There is one about the Archbishop who loses his faith after the salad course at a country club function. There is a letter from two sons to their mother starting with, “all the charges were dropped.” And there’s the Catholic priest who develops stigmata that disappear on Easter. All have a certain fantastic twist. But most wonderful is Doyle’s recounting of his father’s delight in his sons’ Christmas and Easter performances at Saint John Vianney Grade School. It will have you, as his father says, “spitting your apple tea across the table.” ~ Ann

The Sea & Civilization:
A Maritime History of the World
by Lincoln Paine (Vintage)
Histories rarely include much of the 70% or so of the Earth that’s covered in water. There’s good reason for that: no one really lives there, but a great deal happens there. This ambitious book looks at a wide swath of civilization, from early riverine developments five thousand years ago to the great world wars of the last century. Paine manages to include not only individual civilizations, but also the global network slowly built as sailing technology improved—and how that network influenced language, commerce, and culture. ~ Tim

The Woman in Cabin 10
by Ruth Ware (Gallery/Scout Press)
Travel journalist Lo Blacklock has been given a plum assignment: a week on a luxury yacht. Her fellow passengers are journalists and the ship’s owner, a titled billionaire. As they sail the North Sea, Lo witnesses a woman being thrown overboard. Her attempts to have the crew investigate are futile, and no one appears to be missing. As the week wears on, Lo finds herself trapped by someone desperate to cover up the crime! A classic set-up with a cleverly modern climax, and reminiscent of Agatha Christie, this spine-tingler will leave you nervously reading to the last page! ~ Susan

Before the Fall
by Noah Hawley (Grand Central)
I couldn’t put down this tightly wired tale of a plane crash, two survivors, and the preceding media frenzy. Scott Burroughs, a painter, is offered a ride to NYC from Martha’s Vineyard on a media mogul’s jet. A former competitive swimmer, Burroughs makes it to Long Island carrying the young son of the family. At first considered a hero, he is besieged by the media, the rich, and the FBI as each tries to figure out what happened. Hawley rivets readers with the backstory of all the passengers, keeping the cause of the crash just out of sight until the end. Fascinating! ~ Victoria

Don’t Miss Our Staff Picks New in Paperback on Page 11!
Sting  
by Sandra Brown

When Jordie and Shaw lock eyes across a backwater bar, something sparks. Shaw has a dangerous vibe that makes men wary and women take notice. None feel that more strongly than Jordie, who doesn’t belong in this seedy dive. But here she is... and Shaw is here to kill her. However, Shaw abducts Jordie instead, hoping to get the $30 million her brother stole. The two play each other against their common enemies. Burning for answers—and for each other—this unlikely pair ultimately makes a desperate move that could be their last. Grand Central $26. ★

The White Mirror  
by Elsa Hart

In this follow-up to Jade Dragon Mountain, Li Du, an imperial librarian and former exile in 18th century China, is now an independent traveler. On a detour, his caravan comes across the body of a monk, who has apparently committed suicide. The party seeks hospitality from a local lord, and while there, Li Du becomes convinced that all is not as it seems in regards to the monk and the manor. Surrounded by secrets, Li Du discovers evidence of the monk’s murder and pieces together the dark circumstances of his death. Minotaur $25.99. ★

The Risen  
by Ron Rash

During the summer of 1969, sixteen-year-old Eugene and his brother Bill meet Ligeia, a bewitching redhead who reveals the hidden differences in the brothers’ natures. Ligeia introduces Eugene to the counterculture movement, and the rift between he and his cautious brother solidifies. And then she’s gone. Decades later, Bill is a successful surgeon, Eugene, the town reprobate. When a reminder of the past surfaces, Eugene revisits that fateful summer. But will the truth destroy his damaged life and everyone he loves? Ecco $27.99.

Angel of History  
by Rabih Alameddine

Over the course of one night in a psych clinic waiting room, Jacob revisits his life, from his maternal upbringing in an Egyptian whorehouse to his adolescence under the aegis of his wealthy father and his life as a gay Arab man during the height of AIDS. Haunted by Satan who taunts Jacob to remember his pain and Death who urges him to give up on life, Jacob is also attended to by 14 saints. Set in Cairo, Beirut, Sana’a, Stockholm, and San Francisco; Alameddine gives us a charged portrait of a mind in crisis. Atlantic Monthly $26. Avail. 10/4 ★★★

The Fortunes  
by Peter Ho Davies

Funny and intelligent, The Fortunes recasts American history through Chinese Americans and reimagines the multigenerational novel through the fractures of immigrant family experience. Inhabiting four lives—a railroad baron’s valet, Hollywood’s first Chinese movie star, a hate-crime victim whose death mobilizes Asian Americans, and a biracial writer visiting China for an adoption—this novel captures over a century of our history, showing that even as family bonds are denied, a community can survive. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt $27.

Leave Me  
by Gayle Forman

Maribeth Klein is a harried working mother who’s so busy taking care of her husband and twins, she doesn’t even realize she’s had a heart attack. Surprised to discover that her recuperation seems to be an imposition on those who rely on her, Maribeth packs up and leaves. But once she gets where she’s going, she gains new perspective. Far from the demands of family and career and with the help of new friendships, Maribeth is able to own up to secrets she has been keeping from herself and those she loves. Algonquin $26.95.

Jerusalem  
by Alan Moore

In the epic novel Jerusalem, Alan Moore channels both the ecstatic visions of William Blake and the theoretical physics of Albert Einstein through the hardscrabble streets and alleys of his hometown of Northampton, UK. Employing a kaleidoscope of literary forms and styles, Jerusalem’s rich cast of characters includes the living, the dead, the celestial, and the infernal in an intricately woven tapestry that presents a vision of an absolute and timeless human reality in all of its exquisite, comical, and heartbreaking splendor. Liveright $35. ★★★

I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.

— L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables —
Historical Novels

The Other Einstein
by Marie Benedict
Mitta Maric has always been different from other girls. Most twenty-year-olds are wives by now, not studying physics at an elite Zurich university with only male students trying to outdo her clever calculations. But Mitta knows that, for her, math is an easier path than marriage. And then fellow student Albert Einstein takes an interest in her, and the world turns sideways. Theirs becomes a partnership of the mind and of the heart, but there might not be room for more than one genius in a marriage. Sourcebooks $25.99. Avail. 10/18

By Gaslight
by Steven Price
William Pinkerton, son of a notorious detective, descends into the underworld of Victorian London in pursuit of the con Edward Shade, a man who eluded William’s father. Adam Foole is looking for his lost beloved. What he learns of her fate, and its connection to Shade, will force him to confront his long-buried grief. A hunt through sewers, opium dens, and seance halls ensues, creating an unlikely bond between Pinkerton, the detective, and Foole, the man who may hold the key to finding Edward Shade. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux $28.

The Wonder
by Emma Donoghue
Lib Wright is a nurse who is brought to a small Irish village to observe what appears to be a miracle—a girl said to have survived without food for months. She arrives to find tourists flocking to the cabin of eleven-year-old Anna O’Donnell, who believes herself to be living off manna from heaven. And Lib soon finds herself fighting to save the child’s life. A tale of two strangers who transform each other’s lives, Donoghue’s latest masterpiece is a powerful psychological thriller, and a story of love pitted against evil. Little, Brown $27.

The Orphan Mother
by Robert Hicks
In the years following the Civil War, Mariah Reddick, former slave to Carrie McGavoc, has built a new life for herself as a midwife to the women of Franklin, Tennessee. But when her ambitious, politically-minded son, Theopolis, is murdered, Mariah finds her world once more breaking apart. How could this happen? Who wanted him dead? Mariah’s journey to uncover the truth leads her to unexpected people—including George Tole, a recent arrival to town—and forces her to confront the truths of her own past. Grand Central $26.

Fictional Lives

Here I Am
by Jonathan Safran Foer
Unfolding over four tumultuous weeks in Washington, D.C., Here I Am is the story of a fracturing family in a moment of crisis. As Jacob and Julia Bloch and their three sons are forced to confront the distances between the lives they think they want and the lives they are living, a catastrophic earthquake sets in motion a quickly escalating conflict in the Middle East. At stake is the meaning of home and the fundamental question of how much aliveness one can bear. Hilarious, irreverent, and emotional. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux $28.

A House Without Windows
by Naida Hashimi
Zeba’s quiet life in her Afghan village is shattered when her husband is found brutally murdered. Zeba is unable to account for her whereabouts at the time of his death and is arrested and jailed. Awaiting trial, she meets Nafisa, imprisoned to protect her from an “honor killing,” Latifa, a teen runaway who stays because it is safe shelter, Mezghan, pregnant and unmarried, waiting for a court order to force her lover’s hand. Is Zeba a cold-blooded killer, these young women wonder, or has she been imprisoned, like them, for breaking some social rule? Morrow $26.99.

Another Brooklyn
by Jacqueline Woodson
For August and her girls, sharing confidences as they ambled through neighborhood streets, 1970s Brooklyn was a place where they believed that they were beautiful, talented, brilliant. Beneath the veneer, there was another Brooklyn, a place where men reached for girls in dark hallways, where ghosts haunted, and mothers disappeared. Another Brooklyn illuminates the formative time when childhood gives way to adulthood and renders a powerful and fleeting friendship that united four young lives. Amistad $22.99.

The Mothers
by Brit Bennet
It is the last season of high school life for Nadia Turner, a rebellious, grief-stricken, seventeen-year-old beauty. Mourning her mother’s recent suicide, she takes up with the former football star Luke. Nadia becomes pregnant, and as she hides her secret from everyone, including her best friend Aubrey, the years move ahead. Soon, Nadia, Luke, and Aubrey are adults, caught in a love triangle they must carefully maneuver, and dogged by the constant question: What if they had chosen differently? Riverhead $26. Avail. 10/11
Elite
by Mercedes Lackey
When Joy came to Apex City, all she cared about was protecting the Cits from the dangers outside their protective barriers. She understood the need for the secrecy surrounding her Hunts—no need to cause a panic by announcing the true threat of the Othersiders. But as she quickly discovers, city conspiracies run deep. And a dangerous mission leaves Joy as a target. While infighting threatens the city’s stability, Othersider forces gain strength. And Joy must uncover her enemies before war breaks out. Disney-Hyperion $17.99.

The Forgetting
by Sharon Cameron
What isn’t written, isn’t remembered. Even your crimes. Nadia lives in Canaan, where life is safe and structured, hemmed in by stone walls and no memory of what came before. But every twelve years the city descends into the bloody chaos of the Forgetting, when each person’s memories—of parents, children, love, life, and self—are lost. Unless they have been written. Your book is your truth and your identity, and Nadia knows exactly who has written lies. Because Nadia is the only person who has never forgotten. Scholastic $18.99.

Goldenhand
by Garth Nix
The long-awaited fifth installment in Garth Nix’s NYT bestselling Old Kingdom series. Six months after Abhorsen: Lirael lost one of her hands in the binding of Orannis, but now she has a new one of steel and Charter Magic. On a dangerous journey, Lirael receives a warning from her long-dead mother about the Witch with No Face. But who is the Witch, and what is she planning? And can Lirael use her new powers to fight this danger—not only in the living world but also in the cold river of Death? HarperCollins $19.99.

And the Trees Crept In
by Dawn Kurtagich
When Silla and Nori arrive at their aunt’s home, it’s immediately clear that the “blood manor” is cursed. The creaking of the house and the stillness of the woods surrounding them would be enough of a sign, but there are secrets too—the questions that Silla can’t ignore: Who is the beautiful boy that’s appeared from the woods? Who is the man that her little sister sees, but no one else? And why does it seem that, ever since they arrived, the trees have been creeping closer? Terrifyingly beautiful. Little Brown for YR $17.99. ＊＊

Three Dark Crowns
by Kendare Blake
In every generation on the island of Fennbirn, a set of triplets is born: three girls who must use their magic in a battle that will cost two of them their lives, while the victor gets the crown. Mirabella is a fierce elemental who channels her power through flames or storms. Katharine, a poisoner, gets the crown. Mirabella is a fierce elemental who channels her power through flames or storms. Katharine, a poisoner, has the deadliest of potions at her disposal and can consume them without any effect. And Arsinoe, a naturalist, has the ability to command any animal. With powers that intense, this will surely be a fight to remember. Harper Teen $17.99. ＊＊

Lost Stars
by Lisa Davis
Before her sister Ginny died, Carrie was a science nerd, obsessively tracking her beloved Vira comet. But now that Ginny is gone, sixteen-year-old Carrie finds herself with Ginny’s friends, a close-knit group of seniors who skip school and party hard. Fed up, her father enrolls her in a summer work camp at a local state park. Carrie likes the days spent in nature. And when she meets Dean, a guy who likes the real Carrie—astrophysics obsessions and all—she starts to get to the heart of who she is and who she wants to be. HMH for YR $17.99.

Labyrinth Lost
by Zoraida Cordova
Alex is a bruja, the most powerful witch in a generation...and she hates magic. At her Deathday celebration, Alex performs a spell to rid herself of her power. But it backfires. Her whole family vanishes into thin air, leaving her alone with Nova, a brujo boy she can’t trust. A boy whose intentions are as dark as the strange marks on his skin. The only way to get her family back is to travel with Nova to Los Lagos, a land in-between, as dark as Limbo and as strange as Wonderland…. Sourcebooks Fire $17.99. ＊＊

Replica
by Lauren Oliver
Replica is a flip book that contains two narratives in one. Turn the book one way and read Lyra’s story; turn it over to read Gemma’s. The stories can be read separately or in alternating chapters, combining to produce an unforgettable journey. Lyra’s story begins in the Haven Institute, a research facility where replicas, or human models, are born, raised, and observed. Gemma spends her life in and out of hospitals. But after she is nearly abducted, she discovers her father’s connection to the Haven facility. HarperCollins $19.99.
**Groovy Joe:**
*Ice Cream and Dinosaurs*
*by Eric Litwin, illus. by Tom Lichtenheld*
Eric Litwin, author of *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*, and bestselling artist Tom Lichtenheld, illustrator of *Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site*, have created a captivating new canine character who will groove his way into readers’ hearts and have them giggling all the while. In his debut adventure, Groovy Joe faces three roaring dinosaurs hungry for his doggy ice cream! Oh no! But Joe knows just what to do and soon enough he has them all sharing while moving and singing along. Orchard $17.99. Ages 3-5.

**The Very Fluffy Kitty, Papillon**
*by A. N. Kang*
Papillon is a very fluffy kitty. So fluffy that he’s lighter than air! His owner tries to weigh him down, but Papillon just wants to fly. One particularly sunny day, he floats right out the window! Exploring the wide world is exhilarating, but it’s also a little scary. Will his new friend, a bird, be able to help him find his way home? Whimsical art and airy text come together seamlessly in this delightful debut by A. N. Kang. Disney-Hyperion $16.99. Ages 3-6.

**Before Morning**
*by Joyce Sidman*
Illus. by Beth Krommes
There are planes to fly and buses to catch, but a small child wishes for a different sort of day in this striking picture book. When clouds gather and heavy flakes begin to fall, her invocation comes true. As a too-busy world falls silent, a family revels in the peace of a snow day. In a spare text that reads as pure song and illustrations of astonishingly beautiful scratchboard art, Sidman and Krommes remind us that sometimes, if spoken from the heart, wishes really can come true. HMH for YR $17.99. Ages 4-7. Avail. 10/4

**Ada Twist, Scientist**
*by Andrea Beaty*
Illus. by David Roberts
From the team behind *Rosie Revere, Engineer* and *Iggy Peck, Architect* comes a new celebration of STEM, perseverance, and passion. Like builder Iggy and inventor Rosie, scientist Ada has a boundless imagination. When her house fills with a horrific smell, Ada conducts experiments to find the source. But her experiments lead to even more stink! Inspired by makers such as Ada Lovelace and Marie Curie, *Ada Twist, Scientist* brings welcome diversity to picture books about girls in science. Abrams for YR $17.95. Ages 4-8.

**NanoBots**
*by Chris Gall*
A boy inventor creates high-tech superheroes that could save the world—but they have smaller problems to take on first! NanoBots are tiny, but they can each do a unique job: Medibot makes sure their Inventor never catches cold... Chewbots gobble up discarded gum... Binobot scans crime scenes for clues... and Seekerbots meet microscopic creatures. When the most awesome robot in town is in trouble, they band together and prove that sometimes small helpers can be big heroes! Little Brown for YR $16.99. Ages 5-8.

**Happiest Book Ever**
*by Dan Shea*
What could be happier than a book with a dancing cake, a candy parade, and a hug monster? YOU! Your happy thoughts will make this book super happy! But wait—what’s up with that frowny frog? Perhaps we could shake some sense into him. No? Well then, maybe it’s time for that frog to scram! Hooray! He’s gone! But now what’s wrong? No one seems happy! Let’s see if we can’t do something to truly make this the happiest book ever in Bob Shea’s most interactive story yet. Disney-Hyperion $16.99. Ages 5-8. Avail. 10/11

**Eek! Halloween!**
*by Sandra Boynton*
Boynton celebrates Halloween! Perfect as a holiday gift for your favorite little ghost, *Eek! Halloween!* is all treat and no tricks, a journey with Boynton and her nutty characters through the tradition of Halloween. It starts with an uh-oh—the chickens are nervous! Strange things are happening. One chicken saw a pumpkin with eyes, another spied an enormous mouse. They all saw a wizard and a witch, and a spooky robot. *What’s going on here? What does it mean? Relax, silly chickens!* It’s Halloween! Workman $6.95. Ages 2-5.

**Bad Kitty Scaredy Cat**
*by Nick Bruel*
Kitty wasn’t always such a scaredy-cat. She used to be brave and lionhearted. That is, until one late October day a group of terrifying monsters showed up on her doorstep and Kitty became VERY scared. Then she decided to take matters into her own paws. Bad Kitty is back in her first full-length picture book since *A Bad Kitty Christmas*, just in time for another holiday! Now she’s up against something scary, something creepy, something more frightening than Puppy’s good moods: Halloween. Roaring Brook $16.99. Ages 5-8.
Kids, Tweens, and Teens

Ratpunzel—Hamster Princess
by Ursula Vernon
Rapunzel gets a rodent twist in book three of the critically acclaimed and hilarious series that’s perfect for fans of Babymouse. Princess Harriet Hamsterbone does not like sitting around at home. How’s she supposed to have any fun with her parents always reminding her to act princessly? So when Prince Wilbur needs help finding a stolen hydra egg, Harriet takes up the quest. The thief’s trail leads them to a wicked witch and a tall tower, occupied by a rat whose “tail” has more to it than meets the eye! Dial $12.99. Ages 8-12. Avail. 10/18

Moo
by Sharon Creech
Fans of Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech will love her newest tween novel! Following a family’s move from the city to rural Maine, an unexpected bond develops between twelve-year-old Reena and an ornery cow. With the move, Reena expects beaches, blueberries, and a lobster buffet. Instead, her parents volunteer her and her brother to work for an eccentric neighbor with a pig, a cat, a snake, and Zora the cow. And Reena discovers the bonds that emerge when we let others into our lives. HarperCollins $16.99. Ages 9-12. ⭐⭐⭐

The Scourge
by Jennifer Nielsen
As a lethal plague sweeps the land, Ani Mells is captured by the governor’s wardens and tested for the deadly Scourge. The test results are positive, and she is sent to Attic Island, a quarantine for the ill. The Scourge’s victims, Ani now among them, can expect to live out short, painful lives there. However, Ani discovers she doesn’t know the whole truth about the Scourge or the Colony. She’s been caught in a devious plot, and with the help of her friend, Weevil, Ani means to uncover what is actually going on. Scholastic $16.99. Ages 10-14.

A Taste for Monsters
by Matthew Kirby
London 1888, and Jack the Ripper is terrorizing the people of the city. Evelyn, a disfigured young woman with nowhere to go, does not know what to make of her new position as a maid to the Elephant Man in London Hospital. However in Joseph Merrick, the Elephant Man, she finds a gentle and understanding kindred. But when Joseph and Evelyn are haunted by the ghosts of the Ripper’s dead, Evelyn must face her fears and uncover humanity’s worst nightmares, in which the real monsters are men. Scholastic $18.99. Ages 12-17.

Tales of the Peculiar
by Ransom Riggs
A companion to the bestselling Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children, soon to be a major motion picture directed by Tim Burton. Before Miss Peregrine gave them a home, the story of peculiars was written in the Tales, a collection of fairy tales known to hide information about the peculiar world. Riggs now invites you to share his secrets of peculiar history, with a collection of original stories in this deluxe volume, as collected by Millard Nullings, scholar of all things peculiar. Dutton Books for YR $24.99. Ages 12+.

The Way Things Work Now
by David Macaulay
Explainer-in-Chief David Macaulay updates the worldwide bestseller The New Way Things Work to capture the latest developments in the technology that impacts our lives, from touchscreens to 3D printers. Famously packed with information on the inner workings of technology as diverse as windmills and Wi-Fi, this extraordinary and humorous book guides readers through the fundamental principles of machines, and shows how the developments of the past are building the world of tomorrow. HMH for YR $35. Ages 12+. Avail. 10/4

Dragonfish
by Vu Tran
Robert, an Oakland cop, still can’t let go of Suzy, his enigmatic Vietnamese wife who left him two years ago. Now she’s disappeared from her new husband, a violent smuggler who’s blackmailing Robert into finding her for him. As he pursues her through the gambling dens of Las Vegas, Robert learns more about his ex-wife than he ever did during their marriage. He finds himself chasing her past, reaching back to a refugee camp in Malaysia. And as Robert illuminates Suzy’s life, her sins threaten to immolate them all. Norton $15.95.

City on Fire
by Garth Risk Hallberg
New York City, 1976. Meet Regan and William Hamilton-Sweeney, estranged heirs to one of the city’s great fortunes; Keith and Mercer, the men who love them; Charlie and Samantha, two teenagers seduced by the punk scene; a reporter and his idealistic neighbor; and the detective trying to figure out what any of them have to do with a shooting on New Year’s Eve. The mystery will open up the corners of the city. And when the blackout of July 13, 1977, plunges them into darkness, each of their lives will be changed forever. Vintage $17.

The Girl on the Train
by Paula Hawkins
Soon to be a major motion picture! Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning and night, and stops at a signal that allows her to watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. Their life—as she sees it—is perfect. And then one day she sees something shocking. It’s only a minute until the train moves on, but it’s enough. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel goes to the police. Soon she is entangled not only in the investigation but in the lives of everyone involved. Has she done more harm than good? Riverhead $16.

Slade House
by David Mitchell
Down the road from a British pub, along the brick wall of an alley, if the conditions are right, you’ll find the entrance to Slade House. A stranger will greet you by name and invite you inside. At first, you won’t want to leave. Later, you’ll find that you can’t. Every nine years, the house’s residents—an odd brother and sister—extend an invitation to someone who’s different or lonely: a teenager, a divorced policeman, a shy college student. But what really goes on inside? For those who find out, it’s already too late… Random House $16.

All the Rage
by Courtney Summers
The sheriff’s son, Kellan, is not the golden boy everyone thinks he is, and Romy Grey knows it. Because no one wants to believe a girl from the wrong side of town, the truth has cost her everything. Bullied and branded a liar, Romy finds refuge in the diner where she works outside of town. But when a girl with ties to Kellan goes missing, Romy feels the urgency to speak up. With a shocking conclusion, All the Rage examines the shame and silence inflicted upon women in a culture that refuses to protect them. St. Martin’s Griffin $9.99.

American Gods
by Neil Gaiman
First published in 2001, American Gods became an instant classic, lauded for its brilliant synthesis of mystery, satire, sex, horror, and poetic prose. It is the story of Shadow, released from prison and recruited to be assistant to the enigmatic trickster Mr. Wednesday. So begins Shadow’s strange road trip, one that introduces him to eccentric characters whose fates are intertwined with his own. For beneath the surface of everyday life, a storm is brewing an epic war for the soul of America, and Shadow is standing in its path. Morrow $9.99.

Wake of Vultures
by Lila Bowen
A rich, dark fantasy of destiny, death, and a secret world. Nettie Lonesome dreams of a greater life than toiling as a slave in the sandy desert. But when a stranger attacks her, Nettie wins more than the fight. Now she’s got friends, a good horse, and a better gun. But if she can’t kill the thing haunting her nightmares and stealing children across the prairie, she’ll lose it all—and never find out what happened to her real family. Wake of Vultures is the first novel of the Shadow series featuring the fearless Nettie Lonesome. Orbit $15.99.

I would rather sit on a pumpkin
and have it all to myself, than be
crowded on a velvet cushion.
—Henry David Thoreau—
Memoirs

Born to Run
by Bruce Springsteen
Over the past seven years, Bruce Springsteen has devoted himself to writing the story of his life, offering the same honesty, humor, and originality found in his songs. From growing up in New Jersey to seeing Elvis Presley’s debut on The Ed Sullivan Show, he vividly recounts his drive to become a musician, and the rise of the E Street Band. Born to Run is more than a rock star’s memoir. This is a book for workers, dreamers, lovers, loners, freaks, or anyone who has wanted to be baptized in the holy river of rock and roll. Simon & Schuster $32.50.

The Girl with the Lower Back Tattoo
by Amy Schumer
The Emmy Award-winning comedian, actress, writer, and star has taken the entertainment world by storm with her smart, satirical humor. Now, Amy Schumer has written a candid and uproariously funny collection of personal and observational essays. In this hilarious memoir, Schumer mines her past for stories about her teenage years, her family, relationships, and sex and shares the experiences that have shaped who she is—a woman with the courage to bare her soul to stand up for what she believes in, all while making us laugh. Gallery $28.

Marrow: A Love Story
by Elizabeth Lesser
Elizabeth Lesser returns with a profound memoir of two sisters who, in the face of a bone marrow transplant—one the donor and one the recipient—begin a quest for acceptance, authenticity, and love. The sisters take on a “soul marrow transplant,” examining their family history, having difficult conversations, and offering forgiveness. Their process offers unexpected spiritual growth. Reflecting on the multifaceted nature of love, Marrow is an beautiful memoir about getting to the very center of ourselves. HarperWave $25.99.

Seasonal Cookbooks

The Art of the Pie
by Kate McDermott
Kate McDermott has taught thousands of people across the country that pie-making should be simple and fun. In The Art of the Pie: A Practical Guide to Homemade Crusts, Fillings, and Life, her confidence (and the stunning photographs) will inspire readers to don an apron and get cooking. Over the years, McDermott developed more than a dozen crusts, half of which are gluten-free. A pie needs filling, too, and she neglects no detail when describing her yummy ingredients and methods. Countryman Press $35. Avail. 10/4 ★

Danielle Walker’s Against All Grain Celebrations
by Danielle Walker
When people adopt a new diet for health or personal reasons, they worry about the parties and holidays with strong food traditions, fearing their fond memories will be lost along with the newly eliminated food groups. Now Walker has revived the joy that holiday cooking can bring in Danielle Walker’s Against All Grain Celebrations: A Year of Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free, and Paleo Recipes for Every Occasion. Features include birthday cakes, finger foods for showers, full Thanksgiving spreads, and menus for Christmas dinner. Ten Speed Press $35.

My Life with Earth, Wind, and Fire
by Maurice White
With its dynamic horns, contrasting vocals, and vivid stage shows, Earth, Wind & Fire was one of the most popular acts of the late twentieth century, and its music continues to inspire modern artists. The band’s founder Maurice White, died February 2016; in this posthumous memoir, he shares the story of his success, from forming EWF; working with Barbra Streisand and Neil Diamond; his diagnosis of Parkinson’s; and his final public performance with the group at the 2006 Grammy Awards. Amistad $27.99.
Understanding Our World

**Time Travel: A History**
by James Gleick

From the author of *The Information* and *Chaos* comes a mind-bending exploration of time travel. The story begins at the turn of the 20th century with H. G. Wells and *The Time Machine*. Gleick tracks the evolution of time travel as a cultural idea—from Marcel Proust to *Doctor Who*. He explores the looping paradoxes and examines the porous boundary between fiction and physics. Finally, he delves into a temporal shift of our own moment: the instantaneous wired world, with its all-consuming present and vanishing future. Pantheon $26.95.

**Enough Said**
by Mark Thompson

Free speech has always been limited by laws, social restrictions, technology, and the limits of language. Social media has introduced a new era, but with such openness of language and opinion, we still have a poor understanding of today’s issues. Why? In *Enough Said: What’s Gone Wrong with the Language of Politics*, NYT CEO Mark Thompson argues that public language is misused or misunderstood, outlining the dangers of speech without accountability, while exploring our new age of public engagement. St. Martin’s $27.99.

**Feminist Fight Club**
by Jessica Bennett

Part manual, part manifesto, this hilarious guide to navigating sexism at work provides real-life career advice for a new generation of professional women. *Feminist Fight Club* blends personal stories with research and expert advice, and offers a new vocabulary for sexist archetypes such as the Manterrupter who talks over female colleagues in meetings. With fun extras, Bennett tackles external (sexist) and internal (self-sabotaging) behaviors that plague women in the workplace and the system that perpetuates them. Harper Wave $24.99.

**Truevine**
by Beth Macy

Truevine, Virginia, 1899: George and Willie Muse were born to a sharecropper family and captured into the circus by a white man. They became superstars, exploited for their skin color and forced to assume outrageous caricatures. Their mother spent 28 years trying to get them back. Beth Macy now explores: Were the brothers better off on the stage as stars or in poverty at home? *Truevine: Two Brothers, a Kidnapping, and a Mother’s Quest: A True Story of the Jim Crow South* is rife with implications to race relations today. Little, Brown $28. Avail. 10/18

**What the F**
by Benjamin K. Bergen

Nearly everyone swears—whether it’s over drinks, or in reaction to a stubbed toe. And yet, we insist people excise profanity from their vocabularies, and we punish children for yelling our dirty words. Swearing, it seems, is something we selectively deny, but swearing is useful—funny, cathartic, emotionally arousing. As linguist Benjamin K. Bergen shows us in *What the F: What Swearing Reveals About Our Language, Our Brains, and Ourselves*, it also opens a window onto how our brains process language. Basic $27.99.

**Words are My Matter**
by Ursula K. LeGuin

Ursula K. Le Guin is one of our foremost public literary intellectuals. *Words are My Matter: Writings About Life and Books, 2000-2016, with a Journal of a Writer’s Week* is a collection of her recent talks, essays, introductions, and book reviews. It is a powerful manual for traveling the worlds explored in recent fiction and the most useful guide to the country we’re visiting: life. Among Le Guin’s honors are a National Book Award, the Hugo, Nebula, and Kafka awards, and a Pushcart Prize. Small Beer Press $24. Avail. 10/11

**A Field Guide to Lies**
by Daniel J. Levitin

We are bombarded with more information each day than our brains can process—especially in election season. It’s raining bad data, half-truths, and even outright lies. NYT bestselling author Daniel J. Levitin shows how to recognize misleading announcements, statistics, and written reports. Readers also learn to avoid the extremes of passive gullibility and cynical rejection. This charming, entertaining, accessible guide can help anyone wake up to a things that aren’t so. And catch some lying weasels in their tracks! Dutton $28.

**The Aliens are Coming!**
by Ben Miller

Actor and bestselling science writer Ben Miller pushes to the cutting edge of one of the greatest questions of all: Is there life beyond Earth? In the last few years as our probes escape the solar system and our telescopes reveal thousands of Earthlike planets, scientists have taken huge leaps toward an answer. We are living through one of the most extraordinary revolutions in the history of science: the emergent belief of a generation of physicists, biologists, and chemists that we are not alone. The Experiment $15.95. Avail. 10/4
STAFF PICKS NEW IN PAPERBACK!

**The Light of the World**: A Memoir  
by Elizabeth Alexander  (Grand Central Publishing)
Alexander, a distinguished poet, lost her husband Ficre suddenly, leaving her and her two young sons devastated. With a poet’s eye for detail, her deeply moving memoir charts the ways in which aspects of daily life become permeated with his simultaneous absence and presence. Ficre’s joys and passions—for his painting, his cooking, his garden, his family, for life itself—come alive in ways that bring the reader into intimate contact with the layers of Alexander’s grief. If any redemption of such a tragedy is to be had, this is one book that eloquently points the way.  ~ John

**SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome**: by Mary Beard  (Liveright)
It’s virtually impossible to do Rome in one book, let alone make it informative and interesting, but the ever-impressive Beard manages it with aplomb.  ~ Tim

**Witches: Suspicion, Betrayal, and Hysteria in 1692 Salem**: by Stacy Schiff  (Back Bay Books)
Effectively combining historical research and an engaging narrative, Schiff creates a book where fact and storytelling intertwine, making this book both informative and captivating. It reads as a suspense-filled fiction, yet shows an unflinching look at the real terror and bad blood circulating in Salem township.  ~ Caitlin

**The Three-Year Swim Club: The Untold Story of Maui’s Sugar Ditch Kids and Their Quest for Olympic Glory**: by Julie Checkoway  (Grand Central)
What an inspiring account! Having its origins in 1937 with a group of kids who learned how to swim in an irrigation ditch of a Maui sugar plantation, the Three Year Swim Club’s goal was nothing less than participating in the Olympics scheduled for Tokyo in 1940. What is more, these children of laborers were coached by a school teacher who barely knew how to swim himself! Global history intervened on the original plan, but I loved reading the story of these scrappy kids persevered, matured, and went on to become champions.  ~ John

**The Edge of the World**: A Cultural History of the North Sea and the Transformation of Europe  
by Michael Pye  (Pegasus)
Histories of post-Roman Europe almost always focus on the Mediterranean, particularly as the Renaissance approaches. While the Mediterranean world was a hotbed of trade, conflict, and development, the northern reaches of Europe are often neglected by mainstream scholars. Here Pye exposes the vitality of North Sea trade during the Dark Ages, and the technological and social advances that trade drove. Diverse and detailed without losing itself in the verve, Pye’s book shines a light on an influential portion of history.  ~ Tim

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**EHBC BOOK GROUPS**

**Eagle Harbor Reader’s Circle**
Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm.

**Tuesday, October 25th, 7 pm**  
*The Rosewood Casket* by Sharyn McCrumb  
“McCrumb’s love for the mystical beauty of modern Appalachia … and her fascination with the history of the region add depth and charm to a story that’s warm without being sentimental.”  ~ Booklist

**Tuesday, November 22nd, 7 pm**  
*Memory Man* by David Baldacci  
“Amos Decker is an amazing character. Reading how Decker journeys from hitting rock bottom to finding ultimate redemption is nothing short of rewarding.”  ~ Associated Press

**Eagle Harbor Mystery Book Group**
Meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 pm.

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**Eagle Harbor Speculative Fiction Reading Group**
Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm.

**Tuesday, November 1st, 7 pm**  
*All the Birds in the Sky* by Charlie Jane Anders  
“Anders’ humor elevates this marvelous book above the morass of dystopian novels that have flooded the literary landscape. The result feels like one of William Gibson’s baroque complex worlds...”  ~ The Los Angeles Times
October 2nd, Sunday, 3 pm (Rescheduled from September 18th)

PAULA BECKER

Looking for Betty MacDonald: The Egg, The Plague, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle, and I

Help welcome back Washington state history expert Paula Becker, who brings the fruits of her research into a Northwest literary icon. Betty MacDonald, author of The Egg and I—a book that has never gone out of print since its 1945 publication—was one of the premiere memoirists of her era, and one of the first Seattleites to achieve worldwide recognition by translating her difficult life experiences into books whose biting humor and vivid storytelling strike readers as both hilarious and reassuring.

October 6th, Thursday, 7:30 pm

HOB OSTERLUND

Holy Möli: Albatross and Other Ancestors

Kauai resident and award-winning writer Hob Osterlund discusses her fascinating personal study of the albatross, a bird that can sometimes live longer than sixty years and spends the majority of its life airborne, gliding across vast oceanic expanses. Osterlund relates a true tale of courage, celebration and grief involving how the albatross guided her on her own long journey back to a binding bargain she struck when she was ten years old, shortly after her mother’s death.

October 9th, Sunday, 3 pm

BIMA Auditorium

BRENDA PETERSON, Author, & ANNIE MARIE MUSSELMAN, Photographer

Wolf Haven: Sanctuary and the Future of Wolves in North America

A wonderful afternoon at The Bainbridge Island Museum of Art is in store as author and wildlife expert Brenda Peterson returns with photographer Annie Marie Musselman for a stunning presentation on one of nature’s most misunderstood beasts. The photos in this stirring book introduce wolves that have been given sanctuary at Wolf Haven International near Mt. Rainier. Peterson puts the stories of these wolves into context as she describes their behavior patterns, uncovering new ways humans are finding to coexist with these wild animals.

October 13th, Thursday, 7:30 pm

BIMA Auditorium

KATHLEEN ALCALÁ

The Deepest Roots: Finding Food and Community on a Pacific Northwest Island

It is our privilege and pleasure to host Island Treasure Kathleen Alcalá for a down-home, home grown book launch at BIMA. Alcalá re-examines her relationship with food at the most local level, in light of the history of Bainbridge, its food-growing community, and her childhood memories of planting and harvesting fresh food with her parents. Illustrated with evocative photographs by Island Treasure Joel Sackett, her book offers a blueprint for sustainability, and shows us how we can mature into responsible food stewards.

October 14th, Friday, 1 pm

PETE FROMM

Brown Bag Lunch

The Names of the Stars: A Life in the Wilds

Seize the opportunity to meet one of the great writers of the American West in the intimacy of our Brown Bag Lunch series in the Used Book Annex! EHBC favorite and award-winning author Pete Fromm introduces his new memoir, showing how an impulsive kid transformed into a father without losing his love for the wilds. Fromm explores his passion for wilderness, his education as a father, and all the costs and risks and rewards of life lived on its own terms.

October 15th, Saturday, 2:30 pm

Bainbridge High School Commons

WEST SOUND READS:

ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH

Precious and Grace: No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency #17

We’re thrilled to be partnering with Liberty Bay Books and Kitsap Regional Library to host beloved best-selling author Alexander McCall Smith! He will read from and discuss the delightful 17th installment in the Precious Ramotswe series, which took the book world by storm. This event is free and open to the public. Please note the special day, time and venue of this not-to-be-missed event! Purchase of the book from EHBC prior to the event will give customers priority in the signing line. Customers who preorder and prepay for the book will receive a 20% discount! When ordering on our website, use coupon code WSR20.

October 20th, Thursday, 7:30 pm

JOHN HENRY BROWNE

The Devil’s Defender: My Odyssey Through American Criminal Justice from Ted Bundy to the Kandahar Massacre

Local author John Henry Browne, one of America’s leading criminal defense attorneys, discusses his fascinating memoir of a 40-year career based at his law offices in Seattle. Although the Browne that America has come to know cuts a dashing figure, he has been haunted by his job as counsel to serial killer Ted Bundy, the case that started it all, asking himself the question: Does defending evil make you evil, too?

November 12th, Saturday, 7 pm

BRIAN DOYLE & DAVID JAMES DUNCAN

In Conversation

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October 23rd, Sunday, 3 pm

Bethany Lutheran Church

JANE ALEXANDER


Bethany Lutheran is the place to be this afternoon! We’re excited to be hosting veteran actress, author, and former chairperson of the National Endowment of the Arts Jane Alexander, whose book testifies to her work as an impassioned wildlife activist and conservationist. Alexander presents a moving and inspiring look at the efforts of scientists to protect the planet’s most endangered species from extinction. Please note the special venue of this event! We offer priority seating for those who purchase the book from EHBC prior to the event.

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