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The German House: A Novel
By Maria Geisler-Head, Elizabeth Laffuer (Trans.)
(Scribner, 2023/09/26, $26)

The German House captures my imagination. The author expertly tells a story of Eva Bruzes, a translator for the 1930 Frankfurt Ausland Trade, with such believability that the reader feels complicit in the denial of the past. As she hears testimonies, Eva discovers that anyone can be guilty of some horrific role in the war, however unaware they were of inhumane acts, or however prey to propaganda. The reader's nausea will build as Eva gets of some horrific role in the war, however unaware they were of inhumane acts, or however prey to propaganda. The reader's nausea will build as Eva gets

Winter Grave: A Novel
By Helene Tursten, Mariana Dolgicz (Trans.)
(HarperCollins, 2023/09/15, $25.99)

Helene Tursten has crafted a fast-paced Swedish police drama that is real and utterly delighting. Two children turn up missing in a small town, and when the main suspect, a teenage boy, won't defend himself, the town turns on him. A spree of seemingly unconnected murders haunts the police, while young Evert embarks on a quest through the mess with panache and grace. The sharp, well-thought-out, complex plotting will keep you up all night. —Becky Reed, Skyfolk Bookshop, Columbia, MO

The Second Sleep: A Novel
By Robert Harris
(William Morrow, 2023/09/12, $28.99)

The year: 1888. The place: a remote English village. Despite a smallpox outbreak, a priest, who is interested in his community, has come to bury a woman whose interest, in his community, has come to bury a woman whose interest

Not the Girl You Marry: A Novel
By Audjo K. Christopher
(Wilson Publishing, 2023/09/12, $26.99)

A fun and engaging read. Don't let the concept (a reversal of Rear Window to Lose a Guy in 10 Days) or cute premise fool you. There's a lot more depth to this book than meets the eye; it's about being open and accepting your true self. Jack and Hannah both try to be what they think others want them to be, but because of their deceptions about job obligations, are actually their natural selves. I can't wait for book two.

The Wicked Redhead: A Novel
By Michael Crummey
(Simon & Schuster, 2023/09/12, $25.99)

Michael Crummey is a master chronicler of isolation, and The Wicked Redhead is a perfect example. Following an orphaned brother and sister trying to survive on the coast of Newfoundland, this is a spare and elemental novel about the power of family and the act of survival, even in the harshest circumstances.

NYK: A Novel
By Temple Drake
(HarperCollins, 2023/09/12, $25.99)

A weirdly wonderful read of love, tragedy, lust, and, yes, a new breed of vampires: the auto-created immortal undead. Set in a society of vampires and humans, NYK tells a story of a young businessman who meets and falls for an auto-created undead. Their affair becomes a mystery as well as smeared and unknown questions as Drake seductively draws the reader into a world of secrets and strange desires. The novel is a different telling of the love story novels that will appeal to readers who believe, perhaps, that the undead do walk among us, seeking love and connection, and not necessarily0 looking for their next meal.

The Innocents: A Novel
By Anna Blair
(William Morrow, 2023/09/12, $26.99)

A terrifyingly powerful story of the power of love and the act of survival, even in the harrowing circumstances.

By Tyler Goodson, Artist Bookshop, Athens, GA

The Clergyman’s Wife: A Pride & Prejudice Novel
By Molly Greasley
(William Morrow, 2023/09/12, $26.99)

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The Inevitable: A Novel
By Miss Blandish
(William Morrow, 2023/09/12, $26.99)

An extraordinary and thrilling novel, The Inevitable is a perfect example. Following an orphaned brother and sister trying to survive on the coast of Newfoundland, this is a spare and elemental novel about the power of family and the act of survival, even in the harshest circumstances.

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Death Astronauts: A Novel
By Jeff VanderMeer
(Walker & Company, 2023/09/12, $26.99)

‘Let in the same world as his excellent 2017 novel Borne, Death Astronauts finds VanderMeer again at the top of his game exploring a universe destroyed by the nefarious Company. Delightful strangeness abounds: a man masquerading into hundreds of VanderMeer's most engagingly strange and beguiling novels. As he continues to explore deeply environmental themes, his unique lens makes the reader ponder our current climate crisis in a new way. A wonderfully weird, nature-driven science fiction odyssey through time and space.’

By Caleb Marmo, Booksmith, Winston-Salem, NC

The Wicked Redhead: A Novel
By Beartly Williams
(William Morrow/HarperCollins, 2023/09/12, $26.99)

‘There has been a rash of then-and-now novels recently, but Williams weaves together two time frames so skillfully that the reader doesn’t feel it is disjointed by the time and narrative switching in successes chapters. Williams is a storyteller who keeps the reader intrigued by how it all will play out.’

By Susan Thrust, Books on the Move, Menomonie, WI

Secondhand: Travels in the New Global Garage Sale
By Adam Miller
(University of Texas Press, 2023/09/12, $26.99)

‘This book has completely consumed my last 600-page! Secondhand uncovers the curious world of the world of recycling and reuse culture. This is an honest book about how the things that have been discarded by others show up in your life, and how the things that have been discarded by others show up in your life.’

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