The Book of Magic: A Novel
By Alice Hoffman
(Scribner/Marysue Rucci Books, 9781982151492, $17.99, Oct. 18, Fiction)
“A wonderful conclusion to the series with a new generation of Owens to charm us. For fans who like their books with a good dose of magic, and readers who enjoy a family saga with characters that win you over. What a treat!”
—Laura Taylor, The Oxford Exchange, Tampa, FL

Brown Girls: A Novel
By Daphne Palasi Andreades
(Random House Trade Paperbacks, 9780593243442, $17, Nov. 15, Fiction)
“What an achievement this book is. Andreades gives the reader a glimpse into the lives of a tight-knit group of girls who are first-generation Americans growing up in Queens. Their stories announce the arrival of a major new talent.”
—Cody Morrison, Square Books, Oxford, MS

Girl in Ice: A Novel
By Erica Ferencik
(Gallery/Scout Press, 9781982143039, $17.99, Nov. 1, Thriller)
“I knew little about linguistics or the Arctic until I read Erica Ferencik’s fascinating book. Her style is fast, impossible to put down, and the landscape is beautifully written. This is my first Ferencik book, it will not be the last.”
—Connie L. Eaton, Three Sisters Books & Gifts, Shelbyville, IN

The Postmistress of Paris: A Novel
By Meg Waite Clayton
(Haper Paperbacks, 9780062946997, $18, Oct. 11, Fiction)
“This is a beautifully written story filled with nuanced and compelling characters. Clayton draws the reader into the harrowing world of a young American woman determined to help artists and others flee Vichy France.”
—Jean Forstner, Kepler’s Books, Menlo Park, CA

Reckless Girls: A Novel
By Rachel Hawkins
(St. Martin’s Griffin, 9781250791573, $17.99, Nov. 22, Thriller)
“A tropical murder mystery perfect for mid-winter reading, this book is set on a sinister island in the Pacific, packed with Hawkins’ wonderfully gritty characters and a murderer amongst them. I devoured this one.”
—Samantha Ladwig, Imprint Bookstore, Port Townsend, WA

These Precious Days: Essays
By Ann Patchett
(Harper Perennial, 9780063092792, $18, Nov. 1, Essays)
“I’m a fiction reader, but the love I have for Patchett’s essays is absolutely incandescent. She’s the wise friend you wish you had, delivering life advice and hard truths. Patchett dazzles with her honesty, insight, and admirability.”
—Emily Crowe, An Unlikely Story, Plainville, MA

Indie Next List titles sold as ebooks and audiobooks at participating stores.
Signal Fires: A Novel By Dani Shapiro (Knopf, 9780525535154, $32, Oct. 18, Fiction)

“Come for King olive’s classic markers of language and descriptions that leave you overwhelmed in the most soulful way. Stay for a heart wrenching and compassionate story of survival that will go down as one of her best works of all time.”

—Lizzy Monahan, Twice Told Tales, McPherson, KS

Demon Copperhead: A Novel By Barbara Kingsolver (Penguin, 9780525535055, $32.50, Oct. 18, Fiction)

“This book will most likely be my favorite of the year! Dani Shapiro has written two family stories, telling their stories and secrets in nonlinear time. Between the gorgeous writing and perfect plotting, I didn’t want this to end.”

—Sue Kowalski, The Bookstore of Glen Ellyn, Glen Ellyn, IL

The Islanders: Stories By Dionne Irving (Knopf, 9781978032324, $16.95, paperback, Nov. 1, Short Stories)

“The Jamaican drag queen is so diverse, far from the stereotypes of Bob Marley and marijuana. The islands depict colonialism, migration, and the immigrant experience. For readers of Anthony Veasna So, Ye Chun, and Nicole Dennis-Benn.”

—Audrey Huang, Belmont Books, Belmont, MA

The White Rose: A Memoir By Sofia Samatar (Catapult, 9781646220622, $17, Nov. 23, Memoir)

“Sufuruous weaves together myths, folk histories, and memories to tell the story of a 15th century pilgrimage by Mennonites into Uzbekistan and how she used it along the same route. A wonderful book written by a writer whose sentences sing.”

—Sally Sullan, Strand Book Store, New York, NY

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Now Is Not the Time to Panic: A Novel By Kevin Wilson (Riverhead, 9780525535100, $27.95, Nov. 8, Fiction)

“Now Is Not the Time to Panic is a towering comeback of novel writing, the power of art, the short lived resistance of adolescence, and the nostalgia of first loves. Wilson’s beautiful, funny, sad novel is one that I recommend again and again.”

—Alex Brokoff, Midtown Scholar Booksellers, Harrisburg, PA

Case Study By Graeme Macrae Burnet (Harper, 9780062536522, $27.99, paper, Nov. 1, Fiction)

“Such a good, satisfying, smart read. This has it all: a psychological drama between therapist and client; espionage; a London set; a writer fully enjoying the storytelling, sharply observed moments of family. One of my favorites of 2022.”

—Tode Cox, Three Lives & Co., NY, NY

Flight: A Novel By Lynn Stegg Snyger (Warner Books, 9780313314477, $27.99, Fiction)

“An intimate exploration of complicated family dynamics with nuanced, distinct characters. A perfect book for fans of Alice Hoffman. I have ever felt out of place going home for the holidays. This book explores the nature of belonging and continuity.”

—David Vogel, Linenleaf Books, Ards, PA

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We Are the Light: A Novel By Matthew Quick (Flatiron Books, 9781250847652, $27.99, Nov. 1, Fiction)

“Matthew Quick scores a perfect 15 in this deeply stirring, gorgeously hopeful novel that shines a brilliant beam on the path out of guilt and toward healing. May we all learn the way to be such lights from this luminous gem.”

—Beth Shaltz, Viewpoint Books, Columbus, IN

And Yet: Poems By Kate Baer (Harper Perennial, 9780062811532, $15, paper, Nov. 8, Poetry)

“Bear captures our children growing before our eyes and our own inevitable deaths. These poems grip you from the start and refuse to let you go. She explores womanhood and wholeness and what that even means. I can’t get enough!”

—Brittania Anesi-Gonzalez, Napa Bookmine, Napa, CA

The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks By Shauna Robinson (Flatiron Books, 9780310383444, $16.99, paper, Nov. 1, Horror)

“I love a book about a bookshop! This was cute and funny, but also showed that we’re never too old to figure out what to do with our lives. I had a blast reading this!”

—Danny Cucklick, East City Bookshop, Washington, DC

The Passenger By Cormac McCarthy (Knopf, 9780375703994, $20, Oct. 15, Fiction)

“The Passenger is Cormac McCarthy’s latest novel. Not his best since The Road, not his best since The Border Trilogy. Not his best since Alamosa. Not his best, ever. An astounding work of art, and I feel grateful to be able to say it.”

—John Dowmeny, The Elliott Bay Book Company, Seattle, WA

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Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six: A Novel By Lisa Unger (Penguin, 9780999232242, $27.99, Nov. 1, Thriller)

“This has family drama, secrets and great gothic characters—so clear your weekend. Every book establishes Lisa Unger as a fantastic thriller writer and storyteller. This will bring even more fans in for her next.”

—Laura Taylor, The Oxord Exchange, Tampa, FL

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