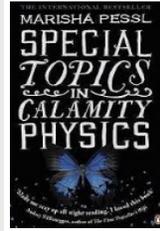
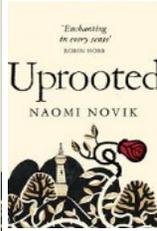
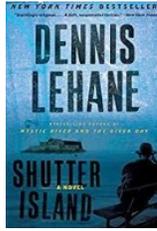
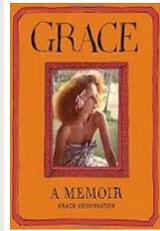
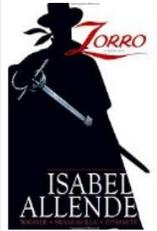
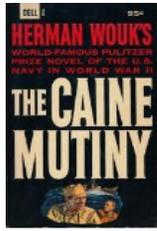
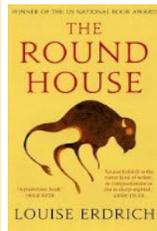
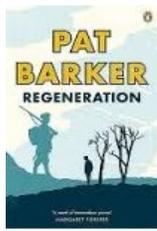
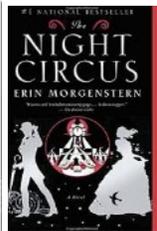
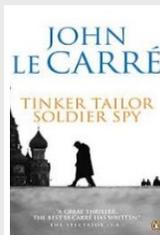
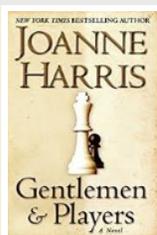
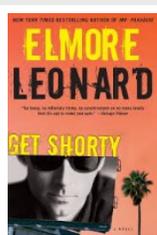


What to Read Next



Treasures in the Stacks

Do you always head straight to our new releases? Summer is a great time to check out the terrific reading selections available throughout the whole library! In addition to the following “treasures,” we always love to make recommendations.



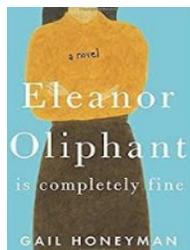
What's Your Genre?

Norma: One of her favorite genres is known as the Macabre and Supernatural. She notes, “It may be a gruesome category, but most early works were not bad. Many authors, such as Poe and Blackwood, wrote in short story format. Stephen King takes it to another level.” She points out that the genre is not horror. If you are also a fan of the show the *Twilight Zone*, as is Norma, you’re bound to enjoy some of her book selections.

Some of Norma’s favorite examples of the Macabre genre are the following: *The Pit and the Pendulum* by Edgar Allan Poe, *The Raven* by Edgar Allan Poe, and *Insomnia* by Stephen King.

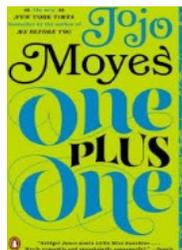
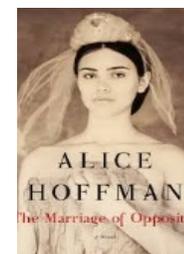
Monthly Staff Favorites

Val: *Besieged* by Kevin Hearne. Atticus O'Sullivan is a Druid who has walked the earth for over 2,000 years, and he’s had many adventures along the way. *Besieged* gives us a fresh look into the life and back story of this popular series hero in a collection of nine new short stories related to the *Iron Druid Chronicles*. For fans of the series, Hearne considers this to be book 8.5.



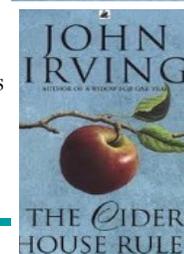
Claire: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Meet Eleanor Oliphant: she struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Combined with her unusual appearance, she has become a creature of habit and a bit of a loner. Everything changes when she meets Raymond. His big heart will help her repair her own damaged heart.

Amy: *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. Set on the tropical island of St. Thomas, this is a forbidden love story about one of history's most captivating and rebellious 'invisible' women: Rachel Pissaro. She was the Jewish mother of impressionist painter Camille Pissaro. In 1825, she defied her insular religious community to follow her heart. Inspired by a true story, this sweeping romance follows the course of one woman's life.



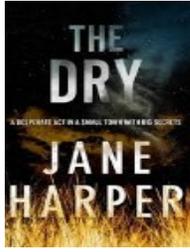
Emily: *One Plus One* by Jojo Moyes. Jess’ husband has done a vanishing act; her teenage stepson is being bullied, and her math whiz daughter has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that she can't afford. An unexpected knight in shining armor offers to rescue them, but unfortunately, he’s the obnoxious tech millionaire whose vacation home she happens to clean. Will he redeem himself?

Richard: *The Cider House Rules* by John Irving. Homer Wells' odyssey begins among the apple orchards of rural Maine. As the oldest un-adopted child at St Cloud's orphanage, he strikes up a profound friendship with Wilbur Larch, the orphanage's founder. As an adult, Homer runs a cider factory and forges complicated relationships.





What to Read Next



Monthly Staff Favorites Continued...

Diane: *The Dry* by Jane Harper. Federal Agent Aaron Falk arrives in his hometown for the first time in decades to attend the funeral of his best friend, Luke. Twenty years ago, when Falk was accused of murder, Luke was his alibi. Falk was saved from prosecution only because of Luke's assertion that the boys were together at the time of the crime.

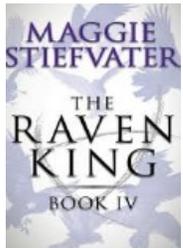
Jessica: *The Freemason's Daughter* by Shelly

Sackier. Saying goodbye to Scotland is the hardest thing Jenna MacDuff has had to do. Her small clan has risked their lives traveling the country as masons, secretly drumming up support and arms for the exiled King James Stuart to retake the British throne. However, their next job brings them into enemy territory: England.



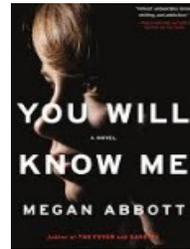
Anna: *The Raven King* by Maggie Stiefvater.

All her life, Blue has been warned that she will cause her true love's death. She doesn't believe in true love and never thought this would be a problem, but as her life becomes caught up in the strange and sinister world of the Raven Boys, she's not so sure anymore. This is the final installment of the *Raven Cycle Series*.

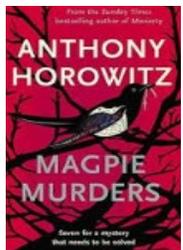


Heather: *You Will Know Me* by Megan Abbott.

How far will you go to achieve a dream? That's the question a celebrated coach poses to Katie and Eric Knox after he sees their daughter Devon, a gymnastics prodigy and Olympic hopeful, compete. For the Knoxes, there are no limits. When a violent death rocks their close-knit gymnastics community, everything they have worked so hard for is suddenly at risk.

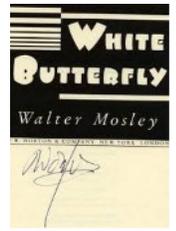
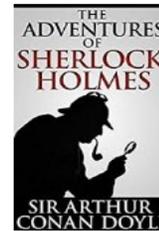
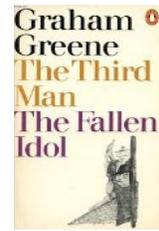
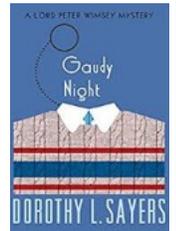
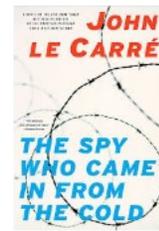
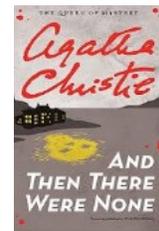


Ann: *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz. Author Alan Conway's traditional mystery formula has proved hugely successful, and his editor, Susan, must continue to put up with his troubling behavior if she wants to keep her job. Reading his latest tale, she is soon convinced another story is hidden in the manuscript: one of real-life jealousy, greed, and ruthless murder.



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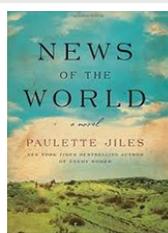


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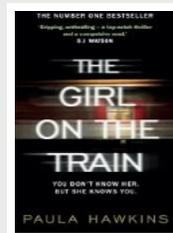
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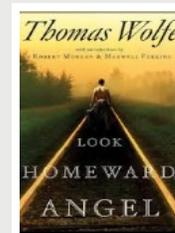
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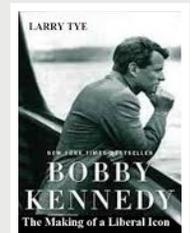
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