

Caleb's Crossing

By Geraldine Brooks FIC BRO Hilda's Pick
Inspired by a true story, Bethia Mayfield is restless and curious growing up on Martha's Vineyard in the 1660s. At age 12, she meets Caleb, son of a chieftain, and the two forge a secret bond. Bethia's father is a Calvinist minister who seeks to convert the native Wampanoag, and Caleb becomes a prize in the contest between old ways and new, eventually becoming the first Native American graduate of Harvard College.

Wild

By Cheryl Strayed BIOG STR Annette's Pick
In the wake of her mother's death, her family scattered and her own marriage destroyed. Cheryl Strayed made the impulsive decision to hike more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail—alone. Told with suspense and style, sparkling with warmth and humor, *Wild* captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds.

New Jersey Curiosities

By Peter Genovese Alison's Pick
Whether you're a born-and-raised New Jerseyan, or a recent transplant, New Jersey Curiosities will have you laughing out loud as Peter Genovese takes you on a rollicking tour of the Garden State. Be introduced to strange sights and stranger characters on this fascinating trip.

The Silent Sister

By Diane Chamberlain FIC CHA Both Pats' Pick
Riley MacPherson has spent her life believing her sister Lisa committed suicide as. Now, over twenty years later, her father has passed away and she's in New Bern, North Carolina cleaning out his house when she finds evidence to the contrary. Lisa is alive and living under a new identity. But why was she on the run all those years ago, and what secrets are being kept now?

My Ideal Bookshelf

By Thessaly LaForce 028.9 MY Alice's Pick
The books that we choose to keep --let alone read-- can say a lot about who we are and how we see ourselves. In MY IDEAL BOOKSHELF, dozens of leading cultural figures share the books that matter to them most; books that define their dreams and ambitions and in many cases helped them find their way in the world. Contributors include Malcolm Gladwell, Thomas Keller, Michael Chabon, Alice Waters, James Patterson, Maira Kalman, Judd Apatow, Chuck Klosterman.



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Picks

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Yes Please

By Amy Poehler BIOG POEHLER Laura's Pick
One of our most beloved funny folk delivers a smart, pointed, and ultimately inspirational read. Full of the comedic skill that makes us all love Amy, *Yes Please* is a rich and varied collection of stories, lists, poetry, photographs, mantras and advice.

Revival

By Stephen King FIC KIN Loretta's Pick
In a small New England town, a shadow falls over a small boy playing with his toy soldiers. Jamie Morton looks up to see the new minister along with his beautiful wife. The men and boys are all a bit in love with Mrs. Jacobs; the women and girls feel the same about Reverend Jacobs. With Jamie, the Reverend shares a deeper bond based on a secret obsession.

One Hundred Names

By Cecelia Ahern FIC AHE Pat R's Pick
Scandal has derailed journalist Kitty Logan's career, a setback compounded by devastating loss. Constance, the woman who taught Kitty everything she knew, is dying. At her bedside, Kitty asks—what is the one story she always wanted to write? The answer lies in a single sheet of paper buried in Constance's office—a list of 100 names—with no notes or explanation.

Station Eleven

By Emily St. John Mandel FIC ST. Susan's Pick
An audacious, darkly glittering novel set in the eerie days of civilization's collapse, *Station Eleven* tells the spellbinding story of a Hollywood star, his would-be savior, and a nomadic group of actors roaming the scattered outposts of the Great Lakes region, risking everything for art and humanity.

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry

By Gabrielle Zevin FIC ZEV Lori's Pick
A. J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. He lives alone, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. But when a mysterious package appears at the bookstore, its unexpected arrival gives Fikry the chance to make his life over--and see everything anew.

The Potty Mouth at the Table

By Laurie Notaro 814.6 NOT Alison's Pick
New York Times bestselling author Laurie Notaro—rightfully hailed as “the funniest writer in the solar system” (*The Miami Herald*)—spares nothing and no one, least of all herself, in this uproarious new collection of essays on rudeness.

How We Got to Now: Six Inventions That Made the Modern World

By Steven Johnson 338.064 JOH Alice's Pick
In this illustrated history, Steven Johnson explores the history of innovation over centuries, tracing facets of modern life (refrigeration, clocks, and eyeglass lenses, to name a few) from their creation by hobbyists, amateurs, and entrepreneurs to their unintended historical consequences. Filled with surprising stories of accidental genius and brilliant mistakes.

In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto

By Michael Pollan 613 POL Laura's Pick
Because in the Western diet, food has been replaced by nutrients and common sense by confusion--most of what we're consuming today is longer the product of nature but of food science. The result is what Michael Pollan calls the American Paradox: The more we worry about nutrition, the less healthy we see to become. With *In Defense of Food*, Pollan proposes a new (and very old) answer to the question of what we should eat that comes down to seven simple but liberating words: "Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants."

The Search for Anne Perry

By Joanne Drayton BIOG PER Loretta's Pick
In 1994, director Peter Jackson released the movie *Heavenly Creatures*, based on a famous 1950s matricide committed in New Zealand by two teenage girls. It changed the life of best-selling writer Anne Perry, who was outed as Juliet Hulme, one of the murderers. A new light was cast, not only on Anne's life but also on her novels, which feature gruesome and violent deaths and confront dark issues, including infanticide and incest.

All We Had

By Anne Weatherwax FIC WEA Susan's Pick
The stunning debut novel from sculptor and painter Annie Weatherwax, a wry and sharply observed portrait of a gritty mother and daughter, living on the edge of poverty, who find an unlikely home amid the quirky residents of small town America.

Have a Nice Guilt Trip

By Lisa Scottoline 814.54 SCO Lori's Pick
Bestselling writer Lisa Scottoline and daughter Francesca Serritella are back with another collection of warm and witty stories that will strike a chord with every woman. This four book series is among the best reviewed humor books published today and has been compared to the late greats, Erma Bombeck and Nora Ephron.

People of the Book

By Geraldine Brooks FIC BRO Hilda's Pick
Inspired by a true story, this novel traces the harrowing journey of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a Hebrew manuscript created in 15th century Spain. When it falls to Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, the series of tiny artifacts she discovers in its ancient binding--an insect wing fragment, wine stains, salt crystals, a white hair--only begin to unlock its deep mysteries and unexpectedly plunges Hanna into the intrigues of art forgers and ultra-nationalist fanatics.

Once Upon a Lie

By Maggie Barbieri FIC BAR Annette's Pick
Maeve Conlon's life is coming apart at the seams. Her bakery is barely making ends meet, and one of her daughters spends as much time grounded as the other does studying. Her ex-husband has a new wife, a new baby, and a look of pity for Maeve that's absolutely infuriating. Her father insists he's still independent, but he's slowly and obviously succumbing to Alzheimer's. And now, her cousin Sean Donovan has been found dead, sitting in his car in a public park in quiet Farringville, New York, shot through the head.

The Girl on the Train

By Paula Hawkins FIC HAW Popular Pick
Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning. Every day she passes a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. One day she sees something shocking. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel goes to the police and becomes entwined in what happens next. Has she done more harm than good?