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Staff

Picks

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Re Jane

By Patricia Park FIC PAR Annette's Pick
Jane Re is a half-Korean, half-American orphan, toiling away in her uncle's store in Flushing, Queens. Ready for a new life, she's thrilled to become the au pair for the Mazer-Farleys, adopted Chinese daughter. When a family death compels Jane to fly to Seoul, she struggles to learn the ways of modern-day Korea, and upon return to Queens, she must find a balance between two cultures and accept who she really is.

Innocence

By Dean Koontz FIC KOO Alison's Pick
He lives in solitude beneath the city, an exile from society, which will destroy him if he is seen. She dwells in seclusion, a fugitive from enemies who will do her harm if she is found. The bond between them runs deeper than the tragedies that have scarred their lives. Something more than chance has brought them together in a world whose hour of reckoning is at hand.

The Red Tent

By Anita Diamant FIC DIA Kristen's Pick
Diamant imagines the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood--the world of the red tent - through the life of Dinah. It begins with the story of the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that sustain her through childhood, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah's story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate connection with the past.

Waiter Rant

By Steve Dublanica 647.95 DUB Annie's Pick
According to Dublanica, 80 percent of customers are nice people. The rest are socially maladjusted psychopaths. Eye-opening, outrageous, and unabashed—replete with tales of customer stupidity, arrogant misbehavior, and unseen tidbits of human grace, Dublanica presents the server's point of view, revealing surefire secrets to getting good service, and ensuring that your waiter won't spit on your food.

Barefoot

By Elin Hilderbrand FIC HIL Pat G's Pick
Three women arrive on Nantucket with emotional issues. They are met by college student Josh who soon becomes part of the chaotic household, acting as babysitter, confidant, and, eventually, lover.

Back Channel

By Stephen L. Carter FIC CAR Loretta's Pick
In the midst of the Cuban Missile Crisis, Kennedy and Khrushchev are at odds. The only way for the leaders to negotiate is to open a "back channel" by way of a clandestine emissary- Cornell sophomore Margo Jensen. Protected by nothing but her own ingenuity, Margo is drawn deeply into the crossfire as the clock ticks toward World War III.

Troublemaker: Surviving Hollywood & Scientology

By Leah Remini BIOG REM Annie's Pick
In this frank, funny memoir, Remini opens up about leaving the Church of Scientology, revealing the details of her painful split. When she began to raise questions about the church's actions, she was declared a threat to their organization and her family and fellow parishioners—were told to disconnect from her forever.

The Stargazer's Sister

By Carrie Brown FIC BRO Hilda's Pick
Composer and astronomer William Herschel rescues his sister Caroline from a life of drudgery to serves as the captain of his busy household. William is wise, and charismatic; an obsessive genius whom Lina serves with the fervency of a beloved wife. When William announces his marriage, Lina watches her world collapse.

Summit Lake

By Charlie Donlea FIC DON Dot's Pick
Summit Lake, North Carolina seems too beautiful to be touched by horror, until Becca Eckersley, is brutally murdered. At first, reporter Kelsey Castle thinks of the assignment as a fluff piece. But the savagery of the crime, and the efforts to keep the case quiet, all hint at something far more sinister.

The Lightkeepers

By Abby Geni FIC GEN Susan's Pick
Miranda, travels to the Farallon Islands, an archipelago off the coast of California, for a one-year residency. Her only companions are the scientists studying there. Shortly after her arrival, she is assaulted by one of the inhabitants. A few days later, her assailant is found dead. When more violence occurs, each member of this strange community falls under suspicion.

Every 15 Minutes

By Lisa Scottoline FIC SCO Pat's Pick
Eric Parrish takes on a new patient and his world begins to crumble. Max can't turn off the rituals he needs to keep calm and soon reaches a breaking point. When a girl is found murdered, Max vanishes. Worried, Eric goes looking for him and puts himself in danger of being seen as a "person of interest". Next, one of his staff turns on him. Is this chaos random? Or is someone trying to destroy Eric's life?

All the Stress In the Heavens

By Adriana Trigiani FIC TRI Loretta's Pick
A hypnotic tale based on a true story and filled with family ties, artistry, romance, and adventure. In this spectacular saga as radiant, thrilling, and beguiling as Hollywood itself, we travel to Tinsel Town's golden age—an era as brutal as it was resplendent—and into the complex and glamorous world of a young actress hungry for fame and success.

The Things We Keep

By Sally Hepworth FIC HEP Dot's Pick
Anna is 38, but her mind is slipping away. Armed with keen wit and determination, her family takes her to an assisted living facility. She knows there's just one another resident who is her age, Luke. What she does not expect is the love that blossoms between her and Luke as she resists her new life. As her disease steals more and more of her memory, Anna fights to hold on to what she knows, including her relationship with Luke.

The Snow Child

By Eowyn Ivey FIC IVE Alison's Pick
Alaska, 1920: Jack and Mabel view a little girl, who seems to be a child of the woods. She hunts with a red fox at her side, skims across the snow, and survives alone in the Alaskan wilderness. Jack and Mabel come to love her as their own. But in this beautiful, violent place things are rarely as they appear, and what they eventually learn about Faina will transform all of them.

The Marks of Cain

By Tom Knox FIC KNO Hilda's Pick
When David Martinez receives an ancient map from his dying grandfather, he is led into the heart of the Basque mountains, where a curse lies buried and a frightening secret about the world is hidden. In London journalist Simon Quinn is investigating two violent murders. Both victims had once been interned in a top-secret Nazi camp and both came from the Basque region.

Been There, Done That: Family Wisdom

Al Roker & Deborah Roberts 070.43 ROK Kristen's Pick
A funny, heartfelt, and empowering collection of life lessons, hard-won wisdom, and instructive family anecdotes from Al and Deborah's lives. Here, they share childhood obstacles; the challenges and blessings that come from raising very different kids; hard-won truths about marriage and career; the illuminating "little things" that adults can learn from children; and the genuine wisdom that the elderly can.

Impasse

By Royce Buckingham FIC BUC Annette's Pick
After being fired from his prestigious job as an attorney, Stu's best friend gifts him a trip into the Alaskan wilderness. Stu thinks it might do him some good. But after a horrible week, Stu is crushed when he realizes that no one is coming back for him. Dying, Stu is found by a grizzled old hunter who informs him that winter has set in, and they're not going anywhere for a while.

Letters to the Lost

By Iona Grey FIC GRE Lori's Pick
Jess finds a mysterious letter and is drawn into the story of lovers from another time. London 1942, Stella meets Dan, a US airman and there is no denying the unstoppable attraction that draws them together. In the midst of uncertainty, the thing they hold onto is the letters they write to each other. In the present, Jess is determined to find out what happened to them.

What She Knew

By Gilly Macmillan FIC MAC Susan's Pick
Rachel is walking with her son Ben, when he asks if he can run ahead. It's an ordinary request and Rachel has no reason to worry—until Ben vanishes. Police are called, search parties go out, and Rachel feels herself coming undone. As days pass without a sign of Ben everyone is called into question, from Rachel's newly married ex-husband to her mother-of-the-year sister.

