

The Beekeeper's Daughter

By Santa Montefiore FIC MON Susan's Pick
Grace Hamblin is growing up on a rural estate when her father dies unexpectedly. She is alone except for the man she loves, whom she can never have. Years later, Grace's daughter Trixie is in love. Jasper is wild and romantic. Tragedy strikes and he must return to his home in England. Weighed down by memories, unaware of the secrets that bind them, mother and daughter are searching for lost love.

Maine

By Courtney Sullivan FIC SUL Pat G's Pick
For the Kellehers, Maine is a place where children run in packs, showers are taken outdoors, and old Irish songs are sung around a piano. Three generations of women arrive for the summer and bring along secret dreams and fears, guilt, heartache and resentment in this compelling portrait of a family.

How To Be A Grown-Up

By McLaughlin and Kraus FIC MCL Annette's Pick
Rory McGovern's husband, Blake, loses his dream job and announces he feels like "taking a break" from being a husband and father. Without warning, she is single-parenting two kids, juggling their science projects, flu season, and pajama days, while coming to terms with her disintegrating marriage. And without Blake, her only hope is to accept a full-time position working for two full-time twenty-somethings.

The Golem and the Jinni

By Helene Wecker FIC WEC Lori's Pick
A chance meeting between mythical beings takes readers on a dazzling journey through turn-of-the-century New York. Ahmad, a jinni and Chava, a golem, become unlikely friends and soul mates in this tale that weaves strands of Yiddish and Middle Eastern literature, historical fiction and magical fable, into a wondrously inventive and unforgettable tale.

Secrets We Keep

By Stephanie Butland FIC BUT Pat R.'s Pick
Mike always walks the dog in the evening while Elizabeth relaxes in the bathtub—but one night he doesn't come back. Mike has drowned while saving a teenage girl named Kate. Kate won't reveal the details of what really happened that night and Elizabeth finds herself facing the unfathomable possibility that she may not have known her husband at all.



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Picks

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Mountain Story

By Lori Lansens FIC LAN Dot's Pick
Four strangers, lost hikers, are about to discover they're capable of something extraordinary. When a series of missteps strands this group together, they realize their only defense against the brutality of nature is one another. As one day without rescue spirals dramatically into the next, misadventure turns to nightmare and the three who make it home alive will be forever changed by their harrowing days on the mountain.

Snowblind

By Christopher Golden FIC GOL Alison's Pick
Once upon a time, Coventry weathered a horrific blizzard, one that left many people dead--and others mysteriously lost. Twelve years later, the town is still haunted by the snow that fell that one fateful night and now a new storm is on the way. Old ghosts are trickling back to life as a new threat rolls in. Could it be that this storm will be even more terrifying than the last?

The Man Who Mistook His Wife For a Hat

By Oliver Sacks 616.8 SAC Loretta's Pick
One of the great clinical writers of the twentieth century recounts the case histories of patients lost in the bizarre, apparently inescapable world of neurological disorders. Inconceivably strange, these brilliant tales remain, in Dr. Sacks's splendid and sympathetic telling, deeply human. They are studies of life struggling against incredible adversity, and they enable us to enter the world of the neurologically impaired, to imagine with our hearts what it must be to live and feel as they do. A great healer, Sacks never loses sight of medicine's ultimate responsibility: "the suffering, afflicted, fighting human subject."

Let's Pretend This Never Happened

By Jenny Lawson BIOG LAW Laura's Pick
In this irreverent memoir, Lawson's long-suffering husband and daughter help her uncover the surprising discovery that the most terribly human moments are the very same moments that make us the people we are today. For every intellectual misfit who thought they were the only ones to think the things that Lawson dares to say out loud, this is a poignant and hysterical look at the dark, disturbing, yet wonderful moments of our lives.

The Wild Girl

By Kate Forsyth FIC FOR Hilda's Pick
Dortchen Wild lives in the small German kingdom of Hesse-Cassel in the early 19th century. She finds herself drawn to the handsome but very poor fairy tale scholar Wilhelm Grimm. Forced to live under oppressive French rule, Wilhelm and his brothers quietly rebel by preserving old half-forgotten tales that had once been told by the firesides of houses grand and small over the land. Dortchen's father will not give his consent for them to marry and war, death, and poverty also conspire to keep the lovers apart.

Showing Up For Life: thoughts on the gifts of a lifetime

By Bill Gates Sr. 179.9 GAT Alice's Pick
Gates introduces the people and experiences that influenced his thinking and guided his moral compass. Among them: the scoutmaster who taught him about teamwork and self reliance; and his famous son, Bill, whose curiosity and passion for computers led him to co-found Microsoft. He discusses the importance of hard work, getting along, honoring a confidence, speaking out, and much more.

A Painted House

By John Grisham FIC GRI Ed's Pick
Luke Chandler never kept a secret or told a single lie. But in the long, hot summer of his seventh year, two groups of migrant workers — and two very dangerous men — came through the Arkansas Delta to work the Chandler cotton farm. A brutal murder leaves the town seething in gossip and suspicion. A beautiful young woman ignites forbidden passions. A fatherless baby is born ... and someone has begun furtively painting the bare clapboards of the Chandler farmhouse, slowly, painstakingly, bathing the run-down structure in gleaming white. And as young Luke watches the world around him, he unravels secrets that could shatter lives.

Little Pretty Things

By Lori Rader-Day FIC DAY Annette's Pick
Juliet is used to losing. In high school, she lost every track team race to her best friend, Madeleine Bell. Ten years later, she's in a dead-end job cleaning rooms at a motel that attracts only the cheap or desperate. One night, Maddy checks in. Well-dressed, with a huge diamond ring, and as beautiful as ever, Maddy has it all. By the next morning, Juliet is no longer jealous of Maddy—she's the chief suspect in her murder.

Girl With the Dragon Tattoo Trilogy

By Steig Larsson FIC LAR Annie's Pick
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo, The Girl Who Played With Fire and The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest make up the original Lisbeth Salander novels. Part blistering espionage thriller, part riveting police procedural, and part piercing exposé on social injustice, all entries in the trilogy are masterfully told and Salander, a punk prodigy is the most original fictional character of the last decade.

Luckiest Girl Alive

By Jessica Knoll FIC KNO Dot's Pick
As a teenager at the prestigious Bradley School, Ani endured a shocking, public humiliation that left her desperate to reinvent herself. Now, with a glamorous job, expensive wardrobe, and handsome blue blood fiancé, she's *this close* to living the life she's worked so hard to achieve. But Ani has a secret. There's something buried in her past that haunts her, and threatens to destroy everything.

The Third Wife

By Lisa Jewell FIC JEW Annette's Pick
In the early hours of a summer morning, a woman steps into the path of a bus. A tragic accident? Or suicide? At the center of this puzzle is Adrian Wolfe, a successful architect and grief-stricken widower, who, a year after his third wife's death, begins to investigate the cause. As Adrian looks back on their brief but seemingly happy marriage, disturbing secrets begin to surface.

Other Staff Favorites

Still Alice by Lisa Genova
I Regret Nothing by Jen Lancaster
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski
Dune by Frank Herbert
Attachments by Rainbow Rowell
What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty
Me Before You by Jo Jo Moyes