



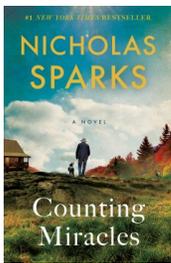
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The Book Swap

by Tessa Bickers

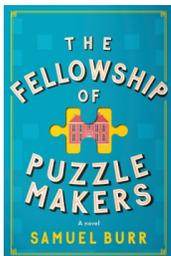
When Erin accidentally donates her favorite book containing a precious memento to the community library, and the book turns up a week later with fresh notes in the margins, she starts a life-changing conversation through an anonymous book exchange that leads to something unexpected.



Counting Miracles

by Nicholas Sparks

Returning to 1903 Iowa, reclusive musician Otis Taylor returns to settle family affairs and find his missing niece, while Sadie West, seeking to help her family, creates a transformative bond with him, potentially unlocking the mystery of his niece.



The Fellowship of Puzzle Makers

by Samuel Burr

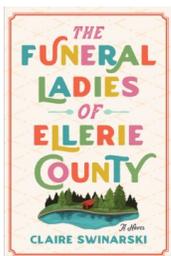
Clayton Summer was raised by a group of eccentric enigmatologists. When the esteemed crossword compiler and main maternal presence in his life passes away, he embarks on a quest to uncover the secrets surrounding his birth.



For the Love of Summer

by Susan Mallery

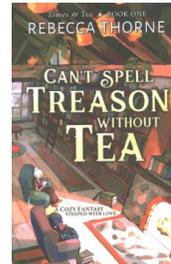
Fearing she's losing her teen daughter to her "other family," a Seattle salon owner is shocked when her ex-husband is arrested and her daughter convinces her to take in her stepmother, desperate for a friend.



The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County

by Claire Swinarski

Armed with a slow cooker and a pile of recipes, a grandmother, her granddaughter and a mysterious young man work to bring a community together.



Can't Spell Treason Without Tea

by Rebecca Thorne

Settling in a town near dragon country, a former private guard of the Queen and her girlfriend open a tea-serving bookshop but find their idyll cracking when the queen throws a murderous temper tantrum.



Death of a Spy

by M. C. Beaton

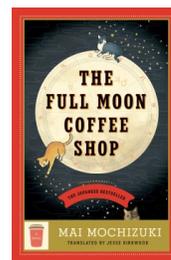
Scottish Highland village Sergeant Hamish Macbeth introduces as his new assistant officer, James Bland, an American who is secretly investigating a Russian spy ring, in the latest addition to the long-running series following *Death of a Traitor*.



Feline Fatale

by Rita Mae Brown

Mary Minor Harristeen investigates a murder in Albermarle County, Virginia with assistance from her beloved pets, including cats Mrs. Murphy and Pewter and dogs Pirate and Tucker, in the latest novel in the long-running series following *Hiss and Tell*.



The Full Moon Coffee Shop

by Mai Mochizuki

In Japan, in an enchanting coffee shop run by talking cats, every person who visits there feels lost, and these feline guides set them back on their fated paths, for there is a very special reason the shop appeared to each of them.



The Good, the Bad, and the Aunties

by Jesse Q. Sutanto

While in Jakarta to spend Chinese New Year with her family, newlywed Meddy Chan is unwittingly drawn into a decades-long war between Jakarta's most powerful business factions, along with her Aunties, and must come with a plan to save them all.

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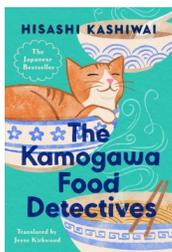
The Great Hippopotamus Hotel

by Alexander McCall Smith
With spacious rooms overlooking the countryside and a fine and loyal staff, The Great Hippopotamus Hotel has served as a refuge to weary travelers for many years. But a sudden string of misfortunes threatens to ruin the hotel's reputation.



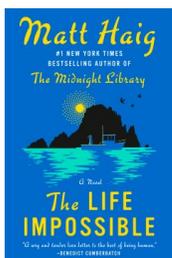
How to Age Disgracefully

by Clare Pooley
The quirky members of the Senior Citizen's Social Club join forces with the tiny members of the daycare next store to thwart the city council's planned sale of the building housing both centers.



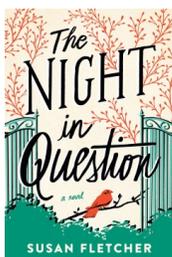
The Kamogawa Food Detectives

by Hisashi Kashiwai
Down a quiet Kyoto backstreet, "food detectives" Koishi Kamogawa and her father Nagare, recreate dishes from a person's treasured memories, which hold the keys to their forgotten past and future happiness. Translated from Japanese.



The Life Impossible

by Matt Haig
When Grace Winters is left a house on a Mediterranean island by a long-lost friend, she arrives in Ibiza with no guidebook and no plan, in a novel by the bestselling author of *The Midnight Library*.



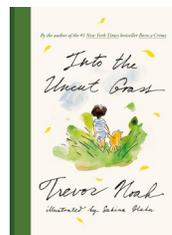
The Night in Question

by Susan Fletcher
Florrie Butterfield, age eighty-seven, believes there can't be any more adventures or surprises in life to experience. Yet one midsummer's evening, there's a strange accident at the home where she lives, and Florrie is suspicious. Is she living alongside a potential murderer?



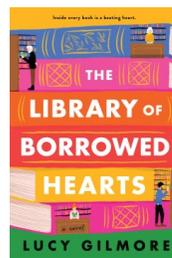
The Guncle Abroad

by Steven Rowley
With his brother getting remarried in Italy, Patrick takes his niece and nephew back under his wing, and as they travel through Europe, he tries his best to help them understand love, while dealing with a groom with cold feet, his over-flirtatious sister and other disasters.



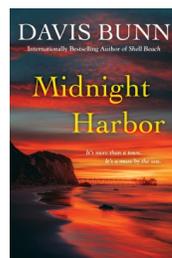
Into the Uncut Grass

by Trevor Noah
In the tradition of *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* comes a gorgeously illustrated fable about a young child's journey into the world beyond the shadow of home, where he discovers the secrets of solidarity, connection, and finding peace.



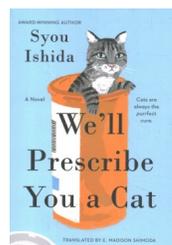
The Library of Borrowed Hearts

by Lucy Gilmore
Stumbling across a rare edition of a book with love notes scribbled in the margins, librarian Chloe Sampson is sent on a hunt that brings about unexpected friendship and the discovery that some love stories begin in the unlikely places.



Midnight Harbor

by T. Davis Bunn
When his Aunt Amelia, his closest friend and greatest supporter, passes away, leaving him her home in Miramar, classical guitarist Ian Hart tries to reflect and move forward after a destroyed career but instead finds himself drawn to another newcomer, artist Kari Langham, who changes everything.



We'll Prescribe You a Cat

by Ishida Syou
The Kokoro Clinic for the Soul can only be found by people who are struggling in their lives and genuinely need help. The mysterious clinic offers a unique treatment to those who find their way there: it prescribes cats as medication.



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