



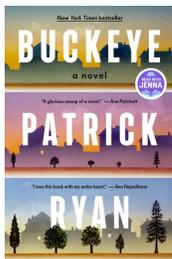
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Atmosphere

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

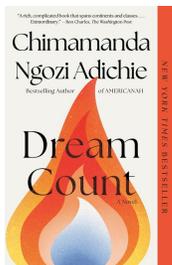
Thoughtful and reserved, Joan is content with her life as a professor of physics and astronomy at Rice University and as aunt to her precocious niece Frances -- that is, until she comes across an advertisement seeking the first women scientists to join NASA's space shuttle program.



Buckeye

by Patrick Ryan

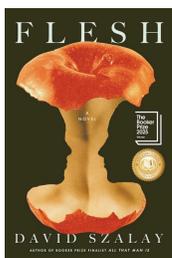
Cal's wife Becky has a spiritual gift: she is a seer who can conjure the dead, helping families connect with those they've lost. Margaret's husband Felix is serving on a Navy cargo ship, out of harm's way -- until a telegram suggests that the unthinkable might have happened.



Dream Count

by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Chiamaka is a Nigerian travel writer living in America. Alone in the midst of the pandemic, she recalls her past lovers and grapples with her choices and regrets.



Flesh

by David Szalay

Teenaged Istváan lives with his mother in a quiet apartment complex in Hungary. Shy and new in town, he is a stranger to the social rituals practiced by his classmates and soon becomes isolated, with his neighbor as his only companion.



A Guardian and a Thief

by Megha Majumdar

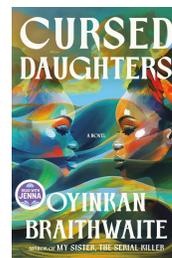
Ma, her infant daughter, and her elderly father are just days from leaving her collapsing city behind to join Ma's husband in Michigan. After procuring long-awaited visas, they pack their bags for America. But in the morning they awaken to discover that their immigration documents were stolen.



Audition

by Katie Kitamura

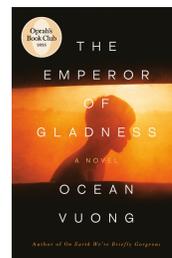
Two people meet for lunch in a Manhattan restaurant. She's an elegant and accomplished actress in rehearsals for an upcoming premiere. He's attractive, troubling, and young. Who is he to her -- and who is she to him?



Cursed Daughters

by Oyinkan Braithwaite

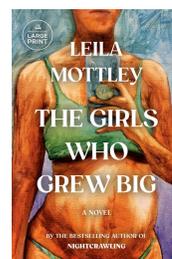
When Eburn gives birth to her daughter, Eniyyi, on the day they bury her cousin Monife, there is no denying the startling resemblance between the child and the dead woman. So begins the belief that Eniyyi is the actual reincarnation of Monife, fated to follow in her footsteps.



The Emperor of Gladness

by Ocean Vuong

A year in the life of a wayward young man in New England who, by chance, becomes the caretaker for an eighty-two-year-old widow living with dementia, powering a story of friendship, loss, and how much we're willing to risk to claim one of life's most treasured mercies: a second chance.



The Girls Who Grew Big

by Leila Mottley

Adela is sixteen years old. When she tells her parents she's pregnant, they send her from their home in Indiana to her grandmother's in Florida. There, Adela meets Emory and Simone, young moms who watch each other's backs. The town thinks they've lost their way, but really they are finding it.

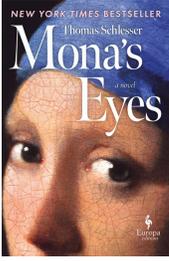


Martyr!

by Akbar, Kaveh

An alcoholic, addict and poet, Cyrus Shams, the orphaned son of Iranian immigrants, finds his obsession with martyrs leading him to examine the mysteries of his past and to a terminally ill painter living out her final days in the Brooklyn Museum.

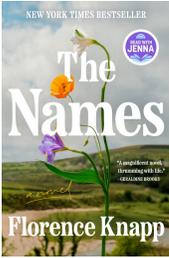
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Mona's Eyes

by Thomas Schlessler

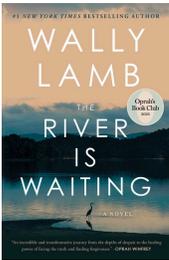
Ten-year-old Mona and her beloved grandfather have only fifty-two Wednesdays to visit fifty-two works of art and commit to memory all that is beautiful in the world before Mona loses her sight forever, while doctors can find no explanation for her forthcoming permanent vision loss.



The Names

by Florence Knapp

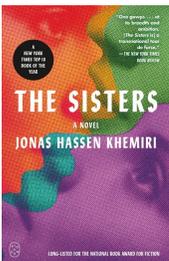
In the wake of a storm, Cora sets off with her nine-year-old daughter, Maia, to register her son's birth. Her husband, respected in the community but a controlling presence at home, intends for her to name the infant after him. But when the registrar asks what she'd like to call the child, Cora hesitates.



The River is Waiting

by Wally Lamb

Corby Ledbetter is struggling. New fatherhood, the loss of his job, and a secret addiction have thrown his marriage into a tailspin. And that's before the tragedy that tears the family apart. Sentenced to prison, Corby struggles to survive, and witnesses brutality but also small acts of kindness.



The Sisters

by Jonas Hassen Khemiri

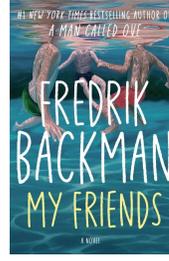
Meet the Mikkola sisters: Ina, Evelyn, and Anastasia. Their mother is a Tunisian carpet seller, their father a mysterious Swede who left them when they were young. Following the sisters from afar is Jonas, the son of a Swedish mother and a Tunisian father.



What We Can Know

by Ian McEwan

At a dinner for close friends and colleagues, renowned poet Francis Blundy honors his wife's birthday by reading aloud a new poem dedicated to her. Little does anyone gathered around the table know that for generations to come, people will speculate about the message of this poem.



My Friends

by Fredrik Backman

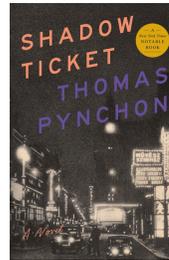
Most people don't even notice them -- three tiny figures at the end of a long pier in the corner of one of the world's most famous paintings. Most people think it's just a depiction of the sea. But Louisa, an artist herself, is determined to find out the story of these three enigmatic figures.



People Like Us

by Jason Mott

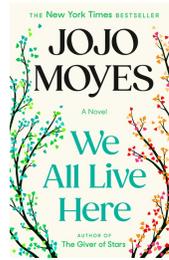
Two Black writers are trying to find peace and belonging in a world that is riven with gun violence. One is on a global book tour after a big prize win; the other is set to give a speech at a school that has suffered a shooting. And as their two storylines merge, truths and antics abound in equal measure.



Shadow Ticket

by Thomas Pynchon

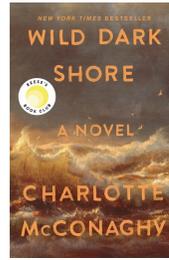
Milwaukee, 1932. Hicks McTaggart, a one-time strikebreaker turned private eye, thinks he's found job security until he gets sent out on what should be a routine case, locating and bringing back the missing heiress of a Wisconsin cheese fortune.



We All Live Here

by Jojo Moyes

Lila Kennedy has a lot on her plate. A broken marriage, two wayward daughters, a house that is falling apart, and a stepfather who quietly moved in. Her career is in freefall and her love life is--complicated. So when her real dad suddenly appears on her doorstep, it feels like the final straw.



Wild Dark Shore

by Charlotte McConaghy

Dominic Salt and his three children are caretakers of Shearwater, a tiny island not far from Antarctica. Home to the world's largest seed bank, Shearwater was once full of researchers, but the Salts are now its final inhabitants. Until, during a storm, a woman mysteriously washes ashore.



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