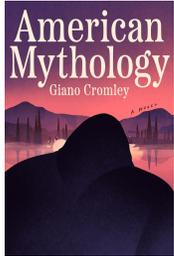




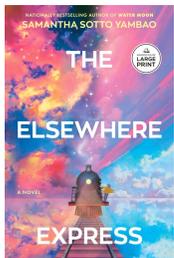
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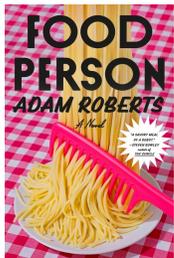
American Mythology
by Giano Cromley
Every month at St. Pete's Tavern in rugged western Montana, a meeting is convened by the Basic Bigfoot Society's members -- both of them. Jute and Vergil are lifelong friends, bound by an affinity for the elusive North American Wood Ape -- Bigfoot.



The Case of the Missing Maid
by Rob Osler
Harriet Morrow has long been drawn to the idea of whizzing around the city on her bicycle as a professional detective. Only an hour into the job, Harriet has an assignment: Discover the whereabouts of a missing maid from one of the most extravagant mansions on Prairie Avenue.



The Elsewhere Express
by Samantha Sotto Yambao
When you lose your way in life, the Elsewhere Express just might find you. Step on board the train that may take you to your life's purpose in this wistful fantasy from the bestselling author of "Water Moon."



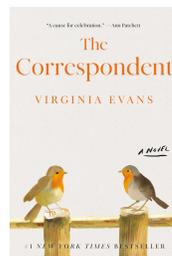
Food Person
by Adam Roberts
Isabella Pasternack is a food person. When offered the opportunity to ghostwrite a cookbook for Molly Babcock, the once-beloved television actress now mired in scandal, Isabella warily accepts. Unfortunately, Molly quickly proves herself to be a nightmare collaborator.



Hot Desk
by Laura Dickerman
Rival editors Rebecca and Ben work for competing publishing houses that share a space in the same building. As they compete for the rights to a posthumous work based on notes left in a literary giant's desk, Rebecca learns startling information about her family history and herself.



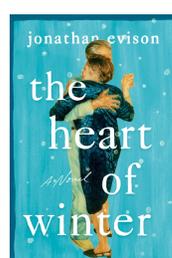
Brigands & Breadknives
by Travis Baldree
Fern has weathered the stillness and storms of a bookseller's life for decades, but now, in the face of crippling ennui, transplants herself to the city of Thune to hang out her shingle beside a long-absent friend's coffee shop. What could be a better pairing?



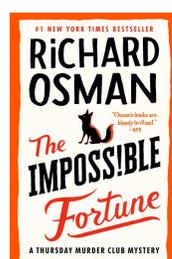
The Correspondent
by Virginia Evans
Sybil is seventy-three years old, in the winter of her life. Sybil has always made sense of the world through writing letters and through this epistolary novel we see how she comes to terms with her past and present and learns forgiveness.



Finlay Donovan Digs Her Own Grave
by Elle Cosimano
Finlay Donovan and her partner-in-crime Vero have not always gotten along with Finlay's elderly neighbor, Mrs. Haggerty, the and president of the neighborhood watch. But when a dead body is discovered in her backyard, Mrs. Haggerty needs their help.



The Heart of Winter
by Jonathan Evison
Abe Winter and Ruth Warneke were never meant to be together. Yet a blind date in college evolved into a seventy-year marriage. But when Ruth's loose tooth turns out to be something more malicious, Abe must relearn how to take care of her again.



The Impossible Fortune
by Richard Osman
It's been a quiet year for the Thursday Murder Club. But when Elizabeth meets Nick, a wedding guest asking for her help, she finds the thrill of the chase is ignited once again.

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It's a Love Story

by Annabel Monaghan

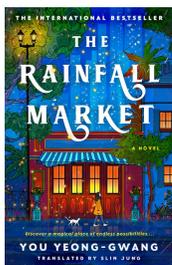
Jane Jackson spent her adolescence as Poor Janey Jakes, the barbecue-sauce-in-her-braces punch line on America's fifth-favorite sitcom. Now she's trying to be taken seriously as a studio executive by embracing a new mantra: Fake it till you make it. But she might have faked it too far.



The Matchmaker

by Aisha Saeed

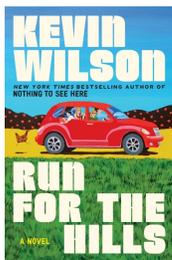
A society matchmaker realizes she's in danger when her clients' weddings are sabotaged in increasingly disturbing ways—an utterly original mystery the *New York Times* bestselling author.



The Rainfall Market

by You Yeong-Gwang

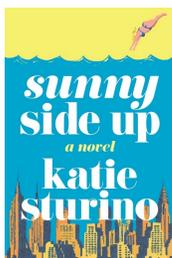
On the outskirts of Rainbow Town, there is an abandoned house. They say that if you send it a letter detailing your misfortunes there, you could receive a ticket to be granted entrance into the mysterious Rainfall Market -- where you can choose to completely change your life.



Run for the Hills

by Kevin Wilson

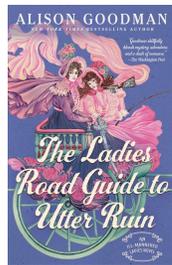
Ever since her dad left them twenty years ago, it's just been Madeline Hill and her mom on their farm in Coalfield, Tennessee. Then one day, Reuben Hill pulls up in a PT Cruiser and informs Madeline that he believes she's his half-sister.



Sunny Side Up

by Katie Sturino

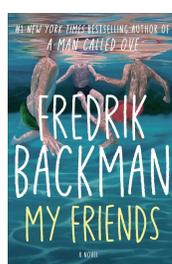
Sunny Greene is thirty-five, recently divorced, facing the looming prospect of going solo to her little brother's wedding. It's not going well. But isn't rock bottom the perfect place to start a climb? She decides it's now or never.



The Ladies Road Guide to Utter Ruin

by Alison Goodman

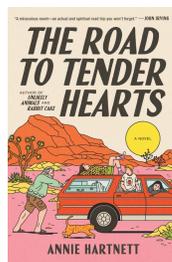
In Regency England, the eccentric Colebrook sisters are amateur detectives who use their wits and invisibility as old maids to fight injustice in this delightful and fiercely feminist novel of mystery and adventure from a bestselling author.



My Friends

by Fredrik Backman

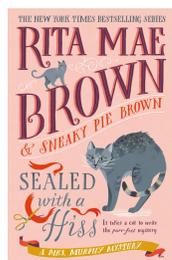
Most people don't even notice them -- three tiny figures at the end of a long pier in the corner of one of the world's most famous paintings. Most people think it's just a depiction of the sea. But Louisa, an artist herself, is determined to find out the story of these three enigmatic figures.



The Road to Tender Hearts

by Annie Hartnett

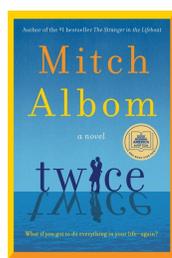
A darkly comic and warm-hearted novel about an old man on a cross-country mission to reunite with his high school crush -- bringing together his adult daughter, two orphaned kids, and a cat who can predict death.



Sealed with a Hiss

by Rita Mae Brown

Spring is in full bloom, and everything is blossoming just right for Harry in Crozet, Virginia. The long-shuttered local school is being restored. To honor the former students, Harry and her friends are hard at work planning a reunion.



Twice

by Mitch Albom

What if you got to do everything in your life -twice? The heart of Mitch Albom's newest novel is a love story that dares to explore how our unchecked desires might mean losing what we've had all along.



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