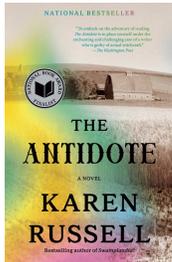


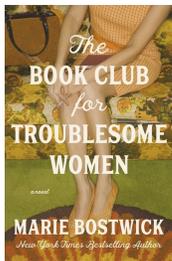
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## The Antidote

by Karen Russell

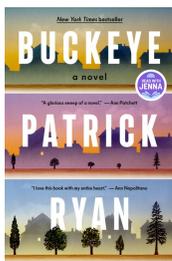
A gripping dust bowl epic about five characters whose fates become entangled after a storm ravages their small Nebraskan town that was already collapsing under the weight of the Great Depression.



## The Book Club for Troublesome Women

by Marie Bostwick

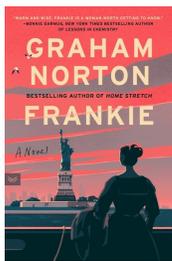
Margaret Ryan never really meant to start a book club -- or a feminist revolution -- in her buttoned-up 1960s suburb, but that's what happens when she starts a book club there.



## 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.



## Frankie

by Graham Norton

Always on the periphery, young Frankie Howe was never quite sure enough to take center stage -- after all, life had already judged her harshly. Now old, Frankie finds it easier to forget the life that came before. Then Damian arrives at her London flat to help her as she recovers from a fall.



## The Heart in Winter

by Kevin Barry

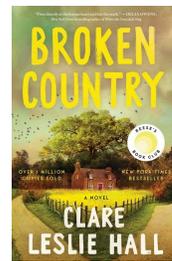
October 1891. The city of Butte, Montana is rich on copper mines and rampant with debauchery. Here we find Tom Rourke, a young poet, but also a degenerate. He feels his life is heading nowhere, when Polly Gillespie arrives in town as the new bride of the extremely devout mine captain.



## 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.



## Broken Country

by Clare Leslie Hall

Beth and her gentle, kind husband Frank are happily married, but their relationship relies on the past staying buried. Gabriel Wolfe, the man Beth loved as a teenager, has returned to the village with his young son Leo, a boy who reminds Beth very much of her own son, who died in a tragic accident.



## Fagin the Thief

by Allison Epstein

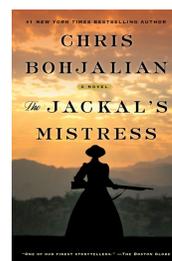
Long before Oliver Twist stumbled onto the scene, Jacob Fagin was scratching out a life for himself in the dark alleys of nineteenth-century London. Jacob's prospects are forever altered when a light-fingered pickpocket takes Jacob under his wing.



## Good Dirt

by Charmaine Wilkerson

The daughter of a rich Black family pieces together the connection between a old tragedy and a beloved heirloom, tracing it back from the 1800s to the present.



## The Jackal's Mistress

by Chris Bohjalian

In this Civil War love story, inspired by a real-life friendship across enemy lines, the wife of a missing Confederate soldier discovers a wounded Yankee officer and must decide what she's willing to risk for the life of a stranger.

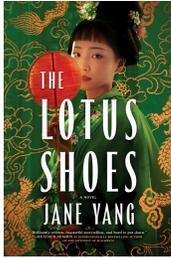
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## The Land in Winter

by Andrew Miller

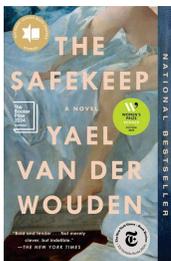
December 1962: In a village deep in the English countryside, two neighboring couples begin the day. But when the ordinary cold of December gives way -- ushering in violent blizzards of the harshest winter in living memory -- so do the secret resentments harbored in all four lives.



## The Lotus Shoes

by Jane Yang

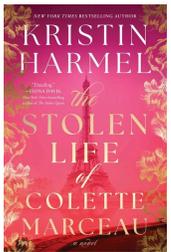
1800s China. Tightly bound feet are the mark of an honorable woman, eclipsing beauty, a rich dowry and even bloodline in marriage stakes. When Little Flower is sold as a maidservant to the prominent Fong family, she clings to the hope that one day she will be led out of slavery.



## The Safekeep

by Yael Van Der Wouden

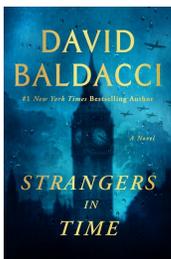
It is fifteen years after World War II, and Isabel built a life of discipline and routine in her late mother's country home. But all is upended when her brother Louis delivers his new girlfriend at Isabel's doorstep -- as a guest, there to stay for the season.



## The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau

by Kristin Harmel

Colette Marceau has been stealing jewels for nearly as long as she can remember -- taking only from the cruel and unkind, and giving to those in need. But one night in 1942, it all went wrong.



## Strangers in Time

by David Baldacci

Fourteen-year-old Charlie Matters is up to no good, but for a very good reason. Without parents, peerage, or merit, ducking school but barred from actual work, he steals what he needs, living day-to-day until he's old enough to enlist.



## The Lilac People

by Milo Todd

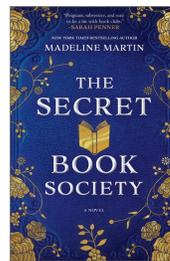
In 1932 Berlin, Bertie, a trans man, and his friends spend carefree nights at the Eldorado Club, the epicenter of Berlin's thriving queer community. Bertie works to improve queer rights in Germany and beyond, but everything changes when Hitler rises to power.



## The Names

by Florence Knapp

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



## The Secret Book Society

by Madeline Martin

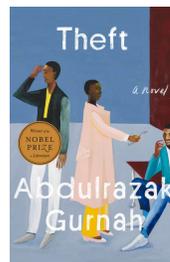
London, 1885. Trapped by oppressive marriages and societal expectations, three women receive a mysterious invitation to an afternoon tea at the home of the reclusive Lady Duxbury. Beneath the genteel facade of the gathering lies a secret book club.



## The Stolen Queen

by Fiona Davis

Egypt, 1936: When anthropology student Charlotte Cross is offered a coveted spot on an archaeological dig in Egypt's Valley of the Kings, she leaps at the opportunity. That is, until an unbearable tragedy strikes.



## Theft

by Abdulrazak Gurnah

At the turn of the twenty-first century, three young people come of age in Tanzania. As rapidly accelerating global change reaches their quiet corner of the world, each arrives at a different understanding of what it means to take fate into your own hands.



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