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A Novel, by Margaret Dilloway

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"Beautiful Maddy and her successful author husband, Harry, have an idyllic marriage. Living in the Hamptons, perfectly suited to one another, and always surrounded by a close circle of friends, they draw admirers like moths to a flame. Enter Claire, a young New Yorker, who quickly becomes enamored of the couple and inserts herself within their circle. While young and innocent, Claire's presence will ultimately destroy everything Maddy and Harry hold dear. Narrated by Maddy's childhood best friend, Walter, who is also secretly in love with her, this tale is mesmerizing in its telling."

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A Novel, by Emma Straub

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"This is the kind of memoir you've likely never read before. To be human is to understand what anxiety is, but few understand anxiety as a true mental disorder. Smith's real strength is his ability to provide the reader with very clear descriptions of what it means to suffer from chronic anxiety in ways that are both bracingly honest and self-deprecatingly funny. For readers who suffer anxiety, the world just may feel a tiny less lonely; for others, the hope is that this book will give insight into, and compassion for, those who do."

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7 Variations on a Love Story, by Joan Wickersham

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A Novel, by Lydia Netzer

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by Natalie Serber

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—Kate Bonilla, Third Street Books, McMinnville, OR

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—Josh Cook, Porter Square Books, Cambridge, MA

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