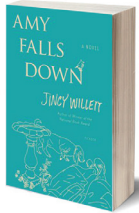




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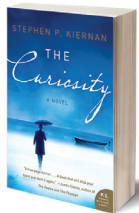
Amy Falls Down A Novel, by Jincy Willett

(Picador, 9781250050250, \$16)

"A once-famed writer considered the voice of her generation 30 years ago, Amy now teaches creative writing online and lives a hermit's life. One day, she falls down in her yard and receives a concussion, and afterward gives a most peculiar and stirring interview, none of which she remembers. While seemingly inconsequential,

the interview restarts her career, and within a year Amy is once again the voice of writers everywhere. *Amy Falls Down* is a wonderful exploration of the business of writing in our modern era."

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The Curiosity

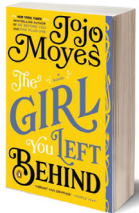
A Novel, by Stephen Kiernan

(William Morrow Paperbacks, 9780062221070, \$14.99)

"A group of scientists have been reanimating small creatures frozen deep in Arctic ice. Upon discovering a man in the ice, dubbed Jeremiah, they bring him back to their lab and try to reanimate him. Imagine a man from 1906 waking up in the world today. Imagine the scientists who stand to make a lot of money and

fame for themselves from such an accomplishment. Imagine also other scientists with a moral compass who try to figure out what is best and right in such a situation."

—Diane Grenkow, The Galaxy Bookshop, Hardwick, VT



The Girl You Left Behind

A Novel, by Jojo Moyes

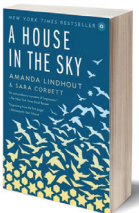
(Penguin Books, 9780143125778, \$16)

"In France, Sophie LeFevre's husband was sent off to fight in World War I, leaving her with only a portrait that he had painted of her. Ninety years later that portrait, hangs in Liv Halston's house, a wedding gift from her late husband. When descendants of the artist claim ownership

of the painting and demand restitution, Liv's life becomes a battle, both legal and emotional. Liv fights to keep

Sophie's portrait and to learn everything she can about her, as she believes that knowledge can help her figure out where her own life is going."

—Josh Cook, Porter Square Books, Cambridge, MA



A House in the Sky

A Memoir, by Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett

(Scribner, 9781451645613, \$16)

"As a child, Amanda escaped from her bleak, impoverished surroundings by immersing herself in the wonders and exotic locales in old *National Geographic* magazines. As a young adult, she found that she could make good money as a cocktail waitress and take herself to those same

faraway places. Fearless, curious, hungry for experience and adventure, Amanda traveled the world. It was when she went to Somalia that her hunger for adventure took her too far. Sometimes difficult to read, this is ultimately a story beautifully told with a happy outcome."

—Cathy Langer, Tattered Cover Book Store, Denver, CO



Longbourn

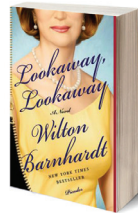
A Novel, by Jo Baker

(Vintage, 9780345806970, \$15.95)

"This is the very enjoyable 'downstairs' version of *Pride and Prejudice*—the lives of maids, housekeepers, and footmen at the Longbourn estate. Even Jane Austen herself would be enthralled with this tale filled with fully realized characters, a very romantic plot, and tantalizing glimpses of all our favorite literary figures. I

savored each and every moment and I trust you will too!"

—Mary Toni, R.J. Julia Booksellers, Madison, CT



Lookaway, Lookaway

A Novel, by Wilton Barnhardt

(Picador, 9781250022288, \$16)

"This is a wildly entertaining novel that examines the lives of a Southern family in contemporary America. Barnhardt casts his novelist's eye on society and culture and expertly delivers a searing, touching, and hilarious novel that deserves a wide audience and teaches us all a thing or two. If you like to laugh, cry, and learn

while marveling at exquisite writing, this book should not be missed."

—Ed Conklin, Chaucer's Books, Santa Barbara, CA



The Lowland

A Novel, by Jhumpa Lahiri

(Vintage, 9780307278265, \$15.95)

"In this epic tale, two brothers close in age but of very different temperaments are inseparable in their younger years in Calcutta. They become more distant as they mature, however, due to the political passions and ideology of the older, more outgoing brother. An ensuing tragedy forces the younger brother to evaluate his strong

bond to his brother and to take on responsibilities he never expected. This is a story of decisions and consequences, family ties and separation, deceit and honesty, as well as cultural differences and similarities. Lahiri's prose is exquisite."

—Janice Shannon, BookTowne, Manasquan, NJ



The Never List

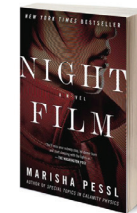
A Novel, by Koethi Zan

(Penguin Books, 9780143125587, \$16)

"Zan's debut is a doozy! Part thriller, part mystery, and all spellbinding, *The Never List* leads the reader into a world of kidnapping, hostages, dank cellars, BDSM, and many wicked characters. Set in the present day, *The Never List* chronicles Sarah's attempt to locate

Jennifer, who disappeared shortly after their abduction and three-year captivity in a cellar of torture and abuse. Zan keeps the narrative lively with terse dialog, top-notch character development, an occasional red herring, and edge-of-your-seat confrontations. This engrossing book has Hollywood movie written all over it. Treat yourself and read this book!"

—Nancy Simpson-Brice, Book Vault, Oskaloosa, IA



Night Film

A Novel, by Marisha Pessl

(Random House Trade Paperbacks, 9780812979787, \$18)

"When Ashley Cordova, daughter of cult filmmaker Stanislas Cordova, is found dead by an apparent suicide, disgraced journalist Scott McGrath feels that there is more to her death than meets the eye. McGrath, who lost his career and his family while trying to expose the elder Cordova, is driven by a

desire for revenge. With her compelling writing and her effective use of web pages, documents, and photos to add context, Pessl has created a tense, gripping, and utterly original novel that kept me up all night!"

—Flannery Fitch, Bookshop Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA



The Night Guest

A Novel, by Fiona McFarlane

(Faber & Faber, 9780865478169, \$14)

"From the very beginning, this tale of a widow living alone in an isolated locale and the mysterious woman who comes to take care of her is filled with a subtle haunting menace that lurks behind even the most simple of day-to-day events. It is the rare kind of novel that is genuinely unexpected and surprising. More than once while reading, you will have to pick up the phone and call your mom to make sure she's alright."

—Robert Sindelar, Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park, WA



The Paris Architect

A Novel, by Charles Belfrage

(Sourcebooks Landmark, 9781402294150, \$14.99)

"In 1942, the city of Paris was overrun by German soldiers and security troops who were on the lookout for Jews. There were some Parisians who wanted to hide the Jews, and some who wanted to turn them in. In the middle was Lucien Bernard, one of the few men capable of assisting either side if he so chose. Lucien was an architect who built secret hiding spaces for Jews in old homes. He was also

short on cash and willing to risk his life for the city he loved. When something went terribly wrong, Lucien was forced to rethink his dedication and come up with a way to make amends in this powerful story."

—Linda Bond, Auntie's Bookstore, Spokane, WA



Quiet Dell

A Novel, by Jayne Anne Phillips

(Scribner, 9781439172544, \$16)

"Award-winning author Phillips has been haunted by this story for 40 years. Her novel is based on the murder of the Chicago widow Asta Eicher and her three children in 1931. Lonely and out of money, Asta corresponds with a seemingly moneyed and well-mannered stranger named Harry Powers. She is lured to West Virginia,

where, within a few days, the family is brutally murdered. Emily Thornhill is the journalist who becomes involved in solving the sensational case, during which she falls into a passionate but problematic love affair. Phillips portrays the Eicher family so charmingly, that our horror and outrage are tenfold. This earns a place on the shelf with such classics as *Night of the Hunter* and *In Cold Blood*."

—Lisa Howorth, Square Books, Oxford, MS