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**A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel, by Louise Penny**

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A Novel, by Tana French

"In her fourth novel, French maintains her masterful prose, engaging characters, and complex but lucid plotting. While the story revolves around the murder of a male student on the grounds of an exclusive Dublin girls' school, it gains richness and depth with its exploration of the thorny relationship between the investigators, plus the rivalries, adolescent anxieties, and barbed dialogue of the students. The plot launches when the daughter of Detective Frank Mackey—first introduced in French's *Faithful Place*—brings to the police an anonymous claim about the identity of the murderer of the student a year earlier. A gripping addition to the Dublin Murder Squad series."

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A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League,

by Jeff Hobbs

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A Novel, by Katy Simpson Smith

"Simpson's debut novel is a quiet and radiant book. This story of love and loss is set during the later part of the American Revolutionary War and is told from the shifting viewpoints of a 10-year-old white girl, Tabitha; her family; their slave, Moll; and Moll's young son, Davy. While we can never know exactly what it felt like to be living on the North Carolina coast, on land and sea, at the end of the 18th century, Smith's graceful writing seems to capture the very essence of a different way of being in the world. This is an exceptionally written novel with characters whose hard lives are redeemed by moments of both beauty and mercy."

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