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## The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue

By Mackenzi Lee

"Get ready to swoon over this book. *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* meets *Sorcery and Cecelia* in this delicious, historical romp. Monty and Percy, best friends since forever and Monty hopes maybe something more, are headed off on their grand tour. Despite severe prohibitions on alcohol, sex, and other vices, Monty is determined to have a decadent time. But they get more than they bargained for when Monty accidentally steals an important object from the French court. Filled with highwaymen, pirates, and heart-pounding exploits of a romantic nature, this is the summer road-trip adventure you've been waiting for."

—Marika McCoala, Porter Square Books, Cambridge, MA



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## Words in Deep Blue

By Cath Crowley

"*Words in Deep Blue* is one of those books that stick with you long after you've finished reading them. The center of the story is Howling Books in Gracetown, Australia, home of the Letter Library, a collection of books you can't buy but which you can write in, circle a favorite passage, or leave a letter to a stranger, friend, or lover. Like the precious books in the Letter Library, *Words in Deep Blue* is about life and death and love and friendship, about what was and is and can be. It's about books and reading and the immediacy of teen life, and it ripped my heart out in the best way."

—Kate Reynolds, Colgate Bookstore, Hamilton, NY



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## Beyond the Bright Sea

By Lauren Wolk

"Lauren Wolk is a master of those quiet books that work their way into your head and chest. *Beyond the Bright Sea* is a quietly powerful look at the meaning of home and the pull to understand ourselves through our pasts. *Beyond the Bright Sea's* heroine, Crow, is the perfect mix of naive determination and unerring practicality. She is the perfect vessel through which to introduce readers to the history of the Elizabeth Islands and the tragedy of Penikese Island. Both *Wolf Hollow* fans and new readers will not be disappointed."

—Amy Brabenec, Brookline Booksmith, Brookline, MA



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## Orphan Island

By Laurel Snyder

"A ragtag bunch of children live together on an island free of adults, and it is all they have ever known. Every year a boat comes ashore, taking the oldest child on the island somewhere unknown and leaving behind a young child who must be taught how to survive and to become a part of the group. When Jinny steps into the role of Elder, she must consider that her time on the idyllic island will soon come to an end as she raises the newest and youngest addition to the group, a spunky young girl named Ess. A heartbreaking and thoughtful tale about the magic and wonder of childhood and the exhilarating yet frightening transition to young adulthood, *Orphan Island* will stay with the reader for a long time. I adored this book! It is certain to be a classic!"

—Diane Capriola, Little Shop of Stories, Decatur, GA



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## Windfall

By Jennifer E. Smith

"At its heart, Jennifer E. Smith's *Windfall* is about what we choose to do with luck, whether it is good or bad. Heart is something this book has plenty of—heart and hope fill every page. *Windfall* is one of those books that forces a happy sigh out of you once you've turned the last page, and inspires you to care—not just about its wonderful trio of characters, but about the world around you and the people on the outskirts of your mind. Winning the lottery is about luck, but *Windfall* reminds us that luck can only bring so much, and our choices, our reactions to that luck, are what impact our lives."

—Rachel Strolle, Anderson's Bookshop, Naperville, IL



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## Once and for All

By Sarah Dessen

"Growing up working with her mother, a coveted local wedding planner, Louna has witnessed every type of wedding imaginable. Louna's own shot at love was brief but amazing, and it has left her feeling uninterested in anything less and still reeling from the shock of its sudden loss. So when flirty and flighty Ambrose is foisted upon her work life, she finds his charms more annoying than anything else, despite his kindness and attentiveness. Although the growing romance is lovely, reading Sarah Dessen always means discovering many layers to the characters, and this book is no exception. *Once and for All* is another heartfelt character exploration (with a completely lovable guy)."

—Danielle Borsch, Vroman's Bookstore, Pasadena, CA



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## When Dimple Met Rishi

By Sandhya Menon

"Dimple wants to defy her parents' expectations and attend a summertime coding seminar in San Francisco. She has no idea why her parents agreed to let her go, but she does know she is definitely not interested in finding a guy. Rishi wants to obey his parents, find a nice Indian girl to marry, and have his future laid out perfectly. He's going to the seminar, too, but only to meet Dimple. A sparkling YA rom-com that had me grinning like a fool!"

—Jennifer Laughran, Oblong Books and Music, Millerton, NY



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## Hattie & Hudson

By Chris Van Dusen

"A heartwarming tale of a brave, intrepid girl and her friendly neighborhood lake creature! Hattie loves nothing more than paddling her canoe around the lake near her house. While exploring one day, Hattie happens upon a curious creature who shares her love of the water. Unfortunately, the rest of her town is convinced the creature is actually a monster. Can Hattie change their hearts and minds? Told through Chris Van Dusen's signature lively illustrations, *Hattie & Hudson* is a delightful summer read full of wonder and heart."

—Bill Grace, Buttonwood Books & Toys, Cohasset, MA



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## Posted

By John David Anderson

“John David Anderson must have a pipeline straight to the brain of adolescent boys, because he is masterful at writing the day-to-day life of the average middle-grade kid. The tribe that Frost has created with his three best friends is infiltrated by a strange and confident girl named Rose at the same time as his middle school creates a new rule about cell phones, and suddenly his closely guarded friendships are threatened. With warmth and laughter and tremendous depth of character, *Posted* is a novel that shows with specificity and rare truth the ways that kids grow within and beyond their early relationships.”

—Jamie Thomas, Women & Children First, Chicago, IL



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## Life

By Cynthia Rylant, Brendan Wenzel (Illus.)

“Through the eyes of animals from around the world, Cynthia Rylant gives readers a look at the many wondrous things in all lives, including beauty, strength, and perseverance. When her gorgeous prose is combined with Brendan Wenzel’s stunning illustrations, the result is pure magic. A book for every home, library and classroom, this is a must-read for all ages!

—Cathy Berner, Blue Willow Bookshop, Houston, TX



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