

**Jan. 17 *Circling the Sun*** by Paula McLain

Set against the landscape of early 20th-century Africa, this novel tells the tale of Beryl Markham, whose unconventional upbringing set the stage for her bold life, which included a career as a pioneering female aviator.

**Feb. 21 *The Children's Crusade*** by Ann Packer

From the author of *The Dive from Clausen's Pier* comes a family drama featuring adult siblings Robert, a stressed internist, brilliant psychiatrist Rebecca, and sensitive, dreamy teacher Ryan, who together must deal with the return of their ne'er do well brother, James.

**March 21 *Howard's End*** by E.M. Forster

Considered by many to be Forster's masterpiece, this novel explores social conventions, codes of conduct and personal relationships through the story of three families in early 20th century England.

**April 18 *Cold Sassy Tree*** by Olive Ann Burns

Only three weeks after the death of his wife, Enoch Rucker Blakeslee of Cold Sassy, Georgia, announces he will be marrying Miss Love Simpson, who works at his store and is years younger than him. His teenage grandson Will supports the marriage, but the rest of the family worries what the gossips of town will say.

**May 16 *The Most Dangerous Thing*** by Laura Lippman

A group of estranged friends reunites in their hometown after the mysterious death of one of its members. A mysterious event years before broke them up, and now they think their friend's recent death may be connected to that incident.

**June 20 *Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule*** by Jennifer Chiaverini

This novel follows Julia Grant, wife of Ulysses S. Grant, and her relationship with her slave, Jule, from childhood through her life with her husband during his military career and presidency.

**July 18 *The Little Paris Bookshop*** by Nina George

Calling himself a "literary apothecary," bookseller Monsieur Perdu uses his intuition to prescribe the exact right book to mend the broken hearts and souls of his customers.

**Aug. 15 *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*** by J. Ryan Stradal

Her early years with her single dad chef leave a strong impression on Eva Thorvald. Now the country's hottest chef, one of her \$5,000 a plate pop-up dinners attracts someone from her past who wants to reconnect with her.

**Sept. 19 *Rosemary: the Hidden Kennedy Daughter*** by

Kate Clifford Larson

This well-researched book examines a once-forgotten member of one of America's most prominent families. Larson chronicles the life of the Kennedy family's intellectually disabled daughter and their efforts to get her the best schools and resources available at the time. The years of her eventual institutionalization are also covered.

**Oct. 17 *The Orchardist*** by Amanda Coplin

Still tortured by his sister's disappearance nearly 50 years earlier, orchardist William Talmadge's solitary, orderly life is interrupted when two runaway girls arrive at the edge of his orchard, dirty, starving and pregnant.

**Nov. 14\* *I Remember Nothing*** by Nora Ephron

Witty and tender, filmmaker and writer Ephron's essays riff on aging, divorce, and growing up in Beverly Hills with her film industry parents.

**Dec. 12\* *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*** by Neil Gaiman

After delivering the eulogy at a funeral in his small English hometown, the unnamed narrator recalls a dark and fantastical adventure from his childhood involving a neighboring family consisting of an old woman and her daughter and granddaughter.

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