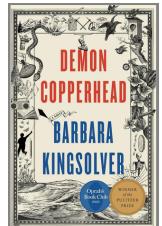


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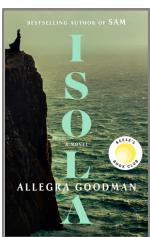
Book Recommendations

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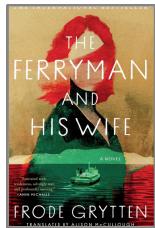
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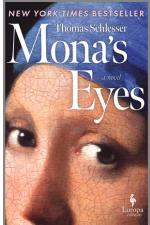
Demon Copperhead by **Barbara Kingsolver** - Set in Appalachia, the story of a boy born to a teenage single mother with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks, copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival.



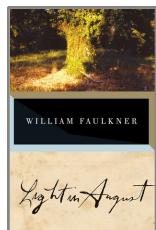
The Ferryman and His Wife by **Frode Grytten** - Ferry driver Nils Vik's remembrances while steering his last voyage along the fjord, on what he knows will be his last day alive.



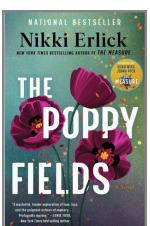
Isola by **Allegra Goodman** - Heir to a fortune, Marguerite is orphaned and, despised by her guardian, banished to a remote island. a timeless tale of survival inspired by the story of a sixteenth-century heroine.



Mona's Eyes by **Thomas Schlessser** - A 10-year-old and her beloved grandfather visit fifty-two works of art and commit to memory "all that is beautiful in the world" before Mona loses her sight forever.



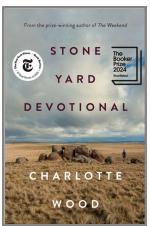
Light in August by **William Faulkner** - Set in the American South during Prohibition, the story of hopeful perseverance in the face of mortality.



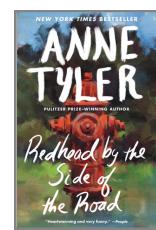
The Names by **Florence Knapp** - Spanning thirty-five years, what follows are three alternate and alternating versions of a mother and her young son's lives, shaped by her choice of name.



The Poppy Fields by **Nikki Erlick** - An experimental and controversial treatment center allows those suffering from the heartache of loss to sleep through their pain... How far are we willing to go to be healed?



Redhead by the Side of the Road by **Anne Tyler** - A meticulous tech expert's carefully ordered life is disrupted when his partner faces eviction and a teenager claims to be his son, forcing him to see the world differently.

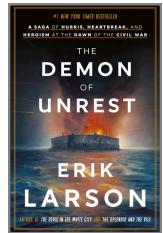


Stone Yard Devotional by **Charlotte Wood** - Burnt out and in need of retreat, a middle-aged woman leaves Sydney to return to the place she grew up, taking refuge in a small religious community. This meditative life is interrupted by three troubling events.

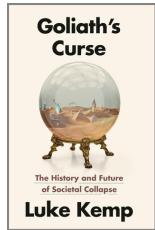


The Paris Library by **Janet Skeslien Charles** - Based on the true story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris during World War II, an ode to the importance of libraries, books, and the human connections we find within both.

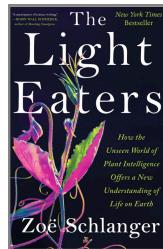
NONFICTION



Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War by **Erik Larson** - The pivotal five months between the election of Abraham Lincoln and the start of the Civil War in this “riveting reexamination of a nation in tumult.”



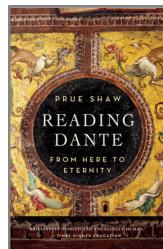
Goliath's Curse: The History and Future of Societal Collapse by **Luke Kemp** - A historical autopsy on our species, from the earliest cities to the collapse of modern states.



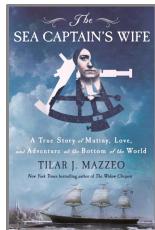
The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth by **Zoë Schläger** - An eye-opening and informative look at the ecosystem we live in, this book challenges us to rethink the role of plants – and our own place – in the natural world.



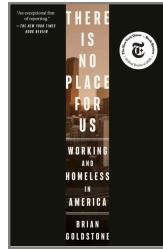
A Marriage at Sea: a True Story of Mutiny, Love and Adventure at the Bottom of the World by **Sophie Elmhirst** - An adrenaline-fueled high seas adventure and a gutting love story that asks why we love difficult people, and who we become under the most extreme conditions.



Reading Dante by **Pru Shaw** - Dante's questions are our questions: What is it to be a human being? How should we judge human behavior? What matters in life and in death? Reading Dante helps the reader understand Dante's answers to these timeless questions and see how surprisingly close they sometimes are to modern answers.



The Sea Captain's Wife: A True Story of Mutiny, Love, and Adventure at the Bottom of the World by **Tilar J. Mazzeo** - The little-known 1856 story of a young, pregnant woman who navigates a clipper ship around Cape Horn when her sea-captain husband takes ill.



There is No Place for Us: Working and Homeless in America by **Brian Goldstone** - Illuminates the true magnitude, causes, and consequences of the new American homelessness – and shows that it won't be solved until housing is treated as a fundamental human right.