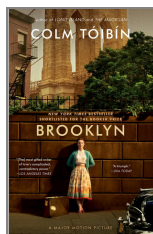


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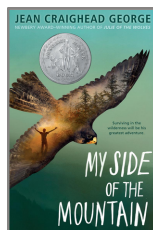
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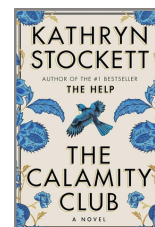
FICTION



***Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin** - A young woman from small-town Ireland emigrates to Brooklyn in the early 1950s, leaving her fragile mother and her charismatic sister behind.
(Read this before *Long Island* so you have the backstory.)

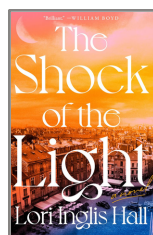
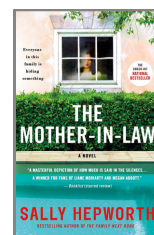


***The Calamity Club* by Catherine Stocklett** - A bold, big-hearted novel set in Oxford, Mississippi, in 1933, about a group of unbreakable women, fighting for what's rightfully theirs – and the power of friendship to change everything.



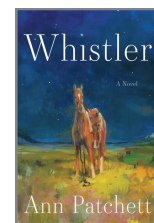
***My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George** - A timeless classic full of hope, adventure, and a deep search for identity for readers of all ages who have ever wondered what it would be like to live off the land.

***The Mother-in-Law* by Sally Hepworth** - A twisty, compelling new novel about one woman's complicated relationship with her mother-in-law that ends in death...

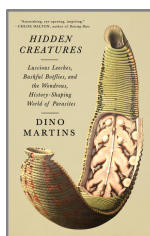


***The Shock of the Light* by Lori Inglis Hall** - A novel of bravery, the brutal human cost of WWII, a brother and sister bond that outlasts even death, and the redemptive love that grows in unexpected places.

***Whistler* by Ann Patchett** - A story about two adults looking back over the choices they made, and the choices that were made for them; about bravery, memory, the often small yet consequential moments that define our lives.

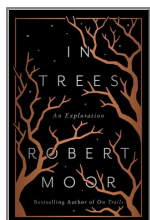
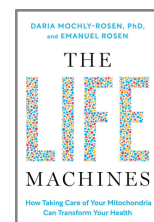


NONFICTION



***Hidden Creatures: Luscious Leeches, Bashful Botflies, and the Wondrous, History-Shaping World of Parasites* by Dino Martins** - Welcome to the hidden, squirming world of parasites – some of the most misunderstood creatures with whom we share the Earth (and our bodies).

***The Life Machines: How Taking Care of Your Mitochondria Can Transform Your Health* by Daria Mochly-Rosen, Emanuel Rosen** - Mitochondria, “powerhouses of the cell,” make every heartbeat, thought, and movement possible and orchestrate critical functions that keep you alive and healthy.



***In Trees: An Exploration* by Robert Moor** - A witty, curious excursion through philosophy, history, and science; what begins as an ode to the miracle of trees becomes a hopeful effort to “arborize humanity.” ([Video of R Moor's program at NWPL.](#))