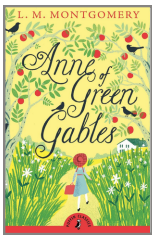
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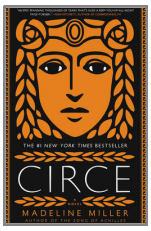
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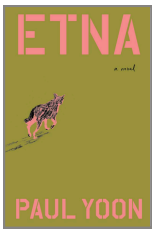
FICTION



Anne of Green Gables by **Lucy Maud Montgomery** - The celebrated classic about a red-headed orphan and the family who falls in love with her.



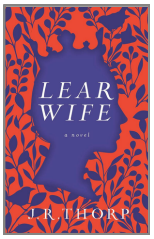
Circe by **Madeline Miller** - A reimagining of the life of Circe, formidable sorceress of *The Odyssey*, as she discovers her own power, forges her identity, and challenges the gods who seek to control her.



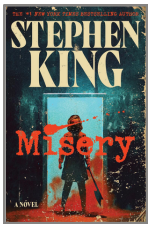
Etna by **Paul Yoon** - An ex-military dog sets out across a war-torn country in search of home, hope, and a life beyond conflict; a novel about the power of an idea and never giving up.



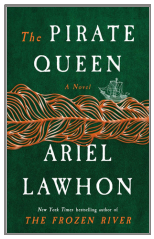
Hollow Bones by **Jodi Picoult** - A story about the risks we take to protect the ones we love in a world where crisis is always just around the corner, and the ties that bind mothers and daughters.



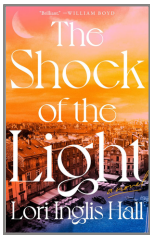
Learwife by **J.R. Thorpe** - Inspired by Shakespeare's *King Lear*, this breathtaking debut novel tells the story of the most famous woman ever written out of literary history.



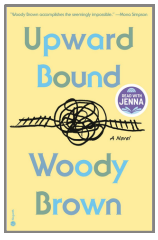
Misery by **Stephen King** - A bestselling novelist discovers his nurse is a rabid fan who is furious that he killed off her favorite character and is using devious means to convince him to write a new book...



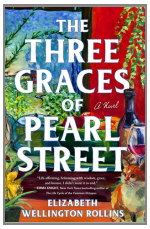
The Pirate Queen by **Ariel Lawhorn** - A sweeping historical adventure inspired by the life of Grace O'Malley, the legendary Irish folk heroine who risked everything to defend her people.



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

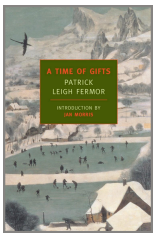


Upward Bound by **Woody Brown** - A deeply affecting portrait of the interlocking lives at an adult day care center in Southern California, depicting an often overlooked community with extraordinary wit and grace.

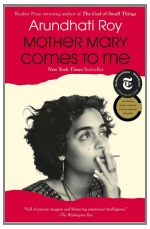


Three Graces of Pearl Street by **Elizabeth Wellington Rollins** - A novel about an Italian-American grandmother, daughter, and granddaughter who find their lives entangled when, after years apart, they come to live under the same roof. (A local author's debut!)

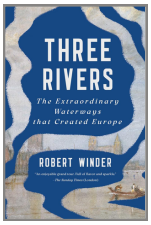
NONFICTION



A Time of Gifts: On Foot to Constantinople: From the Hook of Holland to the Middle Danube by Patrick Leigh Fermor - A memoir of coming-of-age and an account of a journey, *A Time of Gifts* is also a portrait of a continent already showing ominous signs of the holocaust to come.



Mother Mary Comes to Me by **Arundhati Roy** - A memoir that traces the author's complex relationship with her mother, Mary Roy, a fierce and formidable force who shaped her life both as a woman and a writer.



Three Rivers: The Extraordinary Waterways that Created Europe by **Robert Winder** - A fascinating exploration of the rich, varied cultural worlds shaped by three great European rivers: the Rhine, the Rhone, and the Po.

ALSO DISCUSSED

The New York Times, September 29, 2026
Sebastian Berry: Behind His Great Novels...an Unbearable Family Secret
Helene Tursten, author of *Detective Inspector Huss* series, *An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good,* and *An Elderly Lady Must Not Be Crossed.*