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# Staff Picks 2023

\* More than 1 person selected this title

## Fiction

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| <i>Practice Makes Perfect</i> by Sarah Adams                           | Fiction ADA                          |
| <i>Mrs. Nash's Ashes</i> by Sarah Adler                                | Fiction ADL                          |
| <i>The Whispers</i> by Ashley Audrain                                  | Fiction AUD                          |
| <i>Anxious People</i> by Fredrik Backman                               | Fiction BAC                          |
| <i>Beartown</i> by Fredrik Backman                                     | Fiction BAC                          |
| <i>*Us Against You</i> by Fredrik Backman                              | Fiction BAC                          |
| <i>The Winners</i> by Fredrik Backman                                  | Fiction BAC                          |
| <i>Mixed Signals</i> by B.K. Borison                                   | Fiction BOR (audio or eBook - Libby) |
| <i>Modern Girls</i> by Jennifer S. Brown                               | Fiction BRO                          |
| <i>Shotgun Lovesongs</i> by Nickolas Butler                            | Fiction BUT                          |
| <i>Mary</i> by Nat Cassidy   | Fiction CAS                          |
| <i>Remarkable Creatures</i> by Tracy Chevalier                         | Fiction CHE                          |
| <i>The Guest</i> by Emma Cline   | Fiction CLI                          |
| <i>The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot</i><br>by Marianne Cronin | Fiction CRO                          |
| <i>Dances</i> by Nicole Cuffy  | Fiction CUF                          |
| <i>In the Valley of the Sun</i> by Andy Davidson                       | Fiction DAV                          |
| <i>The Unnamed</i> by Joshua Ferris                                    | Fiction FER (audio or eBook - Libby) |
| <i>Meet Me at the Lake</i> by Carley Fortune                           | Fiction FOR                          |
| <i>Lessons in Chemistry</i> by Bonnie Garmus                           | Fiction GAR                          |
| <i>Olga Dies Dreaming</i> by Xochitl Gonzalez                          | Fiction GON                          |
| <i>*The Midnight Library</i> by Matt Haig                              | Fiction HAI                          |
| <i>Black Sheep</i> by Rachel Harrison                                  | Fiction HAR                          |
| <i>Weyward</i> by Emilia Hart  | Fiction HAR                          |
| <i>The Golden Couple</i><br>by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen      | Fiction HEN                          |
| <i>Book Lovers</i> by Emily Henry                                      | Fiction HEN                          |
| <i>Happy Place</i> by Emily Henry                                      | Fiction HEN                          |

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| <i>The Soulmate</i> by Sally Hepworth                           | Fiction HEP |
| <i>The Five-Star Weekend</i> by Elin Hilderbrand                | Fiction HIL |
| <i>Never Let Me Go</i> by Kazuo Ishiguro                        | Fiction ISH |
| <i>Pineapple Street</i> by Jenny Jackson                        | Fiction JAC |
| <i>The Family Remains</i> by Lisa Jewell                        | Fiction JEW |
| <i>Yours Truly</i> by Abby Jimenez                              | Fiction JIM |
| <i>Happiness Falls</i> by Angie Kim                             | Fiction KIM |
| <i>Fairy Tale</i> by Stephen King                               | Fiction KIN |
| <i>*The House in the Cerulean Sea</i> by TJ Klune               | Fiction KLU |
| <i>*Yellowface</i> - R.F. Kuang                                 | Fiction KUA |
| <i>Just the Nicest Couple</i> by Mary Kubica                    | Fiction KUB |
| <i>Sea of Tranquility</i> by Emily St. John Mandel              | Fiction MAN |
| <i>Looking for Jane</i> by Heather Marshall                     | Fiction MAR |
| <i>The Heaven &amp; Earth Grocery Store</i><br>by James McBride | Fiction MCB |
| <i>The Only Survivors</i> by Megan Miranda                      | Fiction MIR |
| <i>Nora Goes Off Script</i> by Annabel Monaghan                 | Fiction MON |
| <i>Hello Beautiful</i> by Ann Napolitano                        | Fiction NAP |
| <i>Julia</i> by Sandra Newman                                   | Fiction NEW |
| <i>Close Enough to Touch</i> by Colleen Oakley                  | Fiction OAK |
| <i>*The Dutch House</i> by Ann Patchett                         | Fiction PAT |
| <i>The Messy Lives of Book People</i><br>by Phaedra Patrick     | Fiction PAT |
| <i>The Seven Year Slip</i> by Ashley Poston                     | Fiction POS |
| <i>Carrie Soto is Back</i> by Taylor Jenkins Reid               | Fiction REI |
| <i>Interview With The Vampire</i> by Anne Rice                  | Fiction RIC |
| <i>If We Were Villains</i> by M. L. Rio                         | Fiction RIO |
| <i>The Guncle</i> by Steven Rowley                              | Fiction ROW |
| <i>Things We Left Behind</i> by Lucy Score                      | Fiction SCO |
| <i>Things We Never Got Over</i> by Lucy Score                   | Fiction SCO |
| <i>*Romantic Comedy</i> by Curtis Sittenfeld                    | Fiction SIT |

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| <i>This Time Tomorrow</i> by Emma Straub                           | Fiction STR |
| <i>*Remarkably Bright Creatures</i><br>by Shelby Van Pelt          | Fiction VAN |
| <i>Crying in H Mart</i> by Michelle Zauner                         | Fiction ZAU |
| <i>*Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow</i><br>by Gabrielle Zevin | Fiction ZEV |

## Graphic Novel and Manga

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| <i>Snow Angels</i> by Jeff Lemire              | Graphic Novel Fiction LEM |
| <i>My Brother's Husband</i> by Gengoroh Tagame | Manga Fiction TAG         |

## Mystery

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| <i>I Will Find You</i> by Harlan Coben                                 | Mystery COB |
| <i>The Ink Black Heart</i> by Robert Galbraith                         | Mystery GAL |
| <i>The Goodbye Coast: A Philip Marlowe novel</i><br>by Joe Ide         | Mystery IDE |
| <i>All That Is Mine I Carry With Me</i><br>by William Landay           | Mystery LAN |
| <i>The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency</i><br>by Alexander McCall Smith | Mystery MCC |
| <i>The Housemaid</i> by Freida McFadden                                | Mystery MCF |
| <i>Zero Days</i> by Ruth Ware  | Mystery WAR |
| <i>The Last Election</i> by Andrew Yang                                | Mystery YAN |

## Science Fiction

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| <i>Ninth House</i> by Leigh Bardugo               | SF BAR |
| <i>*When Women Were Dragons</i> by Kelly Barnhill | SF BAR |
| <i>Babel</i> by R.F. Kuang                        | SF KUA |
| <i>The Hero of Ages</i> by Brandon Sanderson      | SF SAN |

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| <i>Starter Villain</i> by John Scalzi          | SF SCA |
| <i>The Children of Húrin</i> by J.R.R. Tolkien | SF TOL |
| <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> by J.R.R. Tolkien | SF TOL |
| <i>Blindsight</i> by Peter Watts               | SF WAT |
| <i>*All Systems Red</i> by Martha Wells        | SF WEL |
| <i>Mister Magic</i> by Kiersten White          | SF WHI |
| <i>*For the Wolf</i> by Hannah Whitten         | SF WHI |
| <i>Fourth Wing</i> by Rebecca Yarros           | SF YAR |

## Biography

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| <i>Surrender: 40 Songs, One Story</i><br>by Bono  | Bio BONO           |
| <i>The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession</i><br>by Michael Finkel | Bio BREITWIESER,S. |
| <i>Everything / Nothing / Someone: a memoir</i><br>by Alice Carriere                              | Bio CARRIERE       |
| <i>A Heart that Works</i><br>by Rob Delaney   | Bio DELANEY        |
| <i>Spare</i><br>by Prince Harry   | Bio HARRY          |
| <i>Paris: the memoir</i><br>by Paris Hilton   | Bio PARIS          |
| <i>Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood</i><br>by Trevor Noah                     | Bio NOAH           |
| <i>Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing: a memoir</i><br>by Matthew Perry                  | Bio PERRY          |

## Non-Fiction

*Think Again: the Power of Knowing What You Don't Know*

by Adam Grant

Non-Fiction 153.42 GRA

*Empire of Pain*

by Patrick Radden Keefe

Non-Fiction (audio or eBook- Libby)

*Last Call: a True Story of Love, Lust, and Murder in Queer New York*

by Elon Green

Non-Fiction 363.15 GRE

*Behind the Door: The Dark Truths and Untold Stories of the Cecil Hotel*

by Amy Price

Non-Fiction 364.152 PRI

*I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer*

by Michelle McNamara

Non-Fiction 364.1532 MCN

*Taste: My Life Through Food*

by Stanley Tucci

Non-Fiction 641.5092 TUC

*The Secret History of Wonder Woman*

by Jill Lepore

Non-Fiction 741.5973 LEP

*Where Are Your Boys Tonight? The Oral History of Emo's Mainstream Explosion 1999-2008*

by Chris Payne

Non-Fiction 781.6609 PAY

*Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times*

by Katherine May

Non-Fiction 818.603 MAY

*The School that Escaped the Nazis: The True Story of the Schoolteacher Who Defied Hitler*

by Deborah Cadbury

Non-Fiction 940.5318 CAD

*Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*

by David Grann

Non-Fiction 976.6 GRA

## Juvenile Fiction

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| <i>*The Probability of Everything</i><br>by Sarah Everett          | J Fiction EVE |
| <i>The List of Things That Will Not Change</i><br>by Rebecca Stead | J Fiction STE |
| <i>Finally Seen</i> by Kelly Yang                                  | J Fiction YAN |

## Young Adult Fiction

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| <i>The Poet X</i> by Elizabeth Acevedo                                   | YA Fiction ACE  |
| <i>Five Survive</i> by Holly Jackson                                     | YA Fiction JAC  |
| <i>Ride With Me</i> by Lucy Keating                                      | YA Fiction KEA  |
| <i>Beholder</i> by Ryan LaSala   | YA Fiction LA   |
| <i>Sinner's Isle</i> by Angela Montoya                                   | YA Fiction MON  |
| <i>Star Wars. The High Republic: Path of Vengeance</i><br>by Cavan Scott | YA Fiction STAR |
| <i>Red Wolf</i> by Rachel Vincent  | YA Fiction VIN  |
| <i>Cursed Princess Club</i> by LambCat                                   | YA Manga LAM    |
| <i>Frieren: Beyond Journey's End,</i><br>by Kanehito Yamada              | YA Manga YAM    |