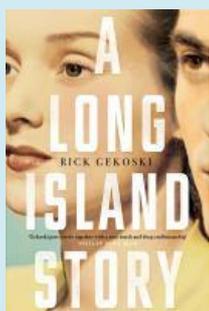


Horace Winter says goodbye / Conor Bowman

Horace Winter has lived an unexceptional life. He prefers to spend time with his butterfly and moth book instead of with other human beings. But when Horace retires from his job, and then receives a devastating prognosis he is forced to confront the life he has (or hasn't) led. He discovers a letter that his father never posted, and sets off on a quest that changes everything. Will he discover the man he was meant to be before it's too late?



A Long Island story / Rick Gekoski

It is 1953, a heat wave is sweeping across America and the Grossmans - Ben, Addie and their two children - are moving their lives from the political heart of Washington DC to suburban Long Island. With their future uncertain, life in Long Island starts to open old wounds for Ben and Addie, both start to wonder if they were meant for more, whether their future might look different than they planned, and whether their marriage-- their family-- is worth fighting for . . .



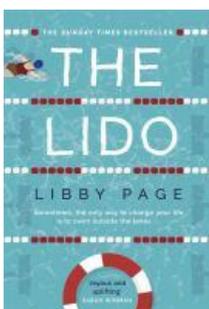
Calling Major Tom / David M. Barnett

A man who has given up on the world. A family who show him how to live. Forty-something Thomas is very happy to be on his own, far away from other people and their problems. But beneath his grumpy exterior lies a story and a sadness that is familiar to us all. And he's about to encounter a family who will change his view of the world for good.



America for beginners / Leah Franqui

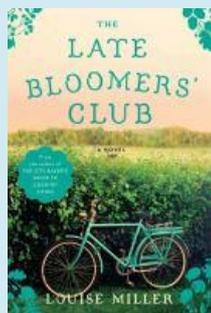
Recently widowed Pival Sengupta has never travelled alone before and her first trip to this strange country masks a secret agenda: to find out the truth about her long-estranged son. She is accompanied across country by Satya her tour guide and Rebecca her modesty companion. A big-hearted, hilarious tale of forgiveness, hope, and acceptance, reminding us that there is no roadmap to life.



The lido / Libby Page

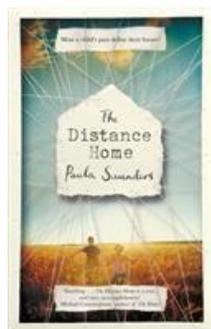
Kate is a 26 year old riddled with anxiety and panic attacks who works for a local paper in Brixton, London. When she's assigned to write about the closing of the local lido (an outdoor pool and recreation center), she meets Rosemary, an 86 year old widow who has swum at the lido daily since it opened its doors when she was a child. But when a local developer attempts to buy the lido for a posh new apartment complex, Rosemary's fond memories and sense of community are under threat.





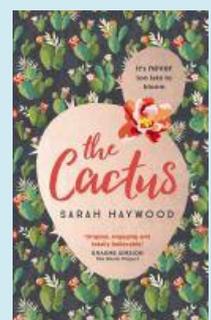
The late bloomers' club : a novel / Louise Miller

A delightful novel about two headstrong sisters, a small town's efforts to do right by the community, and the power of a lost dog to summon true love.



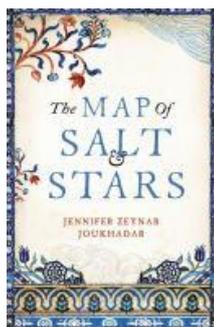
The distance home / Paula Saunders

A penetrating and insightful deconstruction of a Midwestern family in the years after World War 2. The story starts with Eve and Al, high school sweethearts who marry and raise their children. Their two children grow side by side, one given opportunities the other just misses. A profoundly American story spanning decades--a tale of haves and have-nots, of how our ideas of winning and losing, success and failure, lead us inevitably into various problems with empathy and caring for one another.



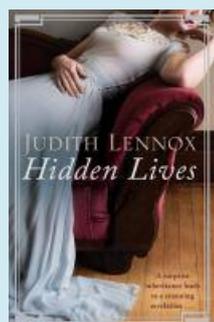
The cactus / Sarah Haywood

People aren't sure what to make of Susan Green. Family and colleagues find her prickly and hard to understand, but Susan makes perfect sense to herself and that's all she needs. At forty-five, she thinks her life is perfect, as long as she avoids her indolent brother, Edward. Yet suddenly faced with the loss of her mother and, implausibly, with the possibility of becoming a mother herself, Susan's greatest fear is being realised: she is losing control.



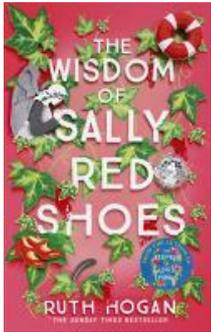
The map of salt & stars / Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar

In the summer of 2011, just after Nour loses her father to cancer, her mother moves Nour and her sisters from New York City back to Syria to be closer to their family. But the Syria Nour's parents knew is changing, and it isn't long before the war reaches their quiet Homs neighborhood. Eventually the family are forced to choose: stay or flee across seven countries of the Middle East and North Africa in search of safety.



Hidden lives / Judith Lennox

Following her grandmother's death, Rose Martineau inherits The Egg, an extraordinary house nestling in the Sussex countryside. She discovers that the mysterious house originally belonged to her grandmother's younger sister, Sadie, who Rose never knew existed. In her search to uncover why the sisters grew apart, Rose is drawn back into the glamorous and decadent world of the 1930s. An epic tale of secrets, scandal, jealousy and passion spanning the twentieth century.



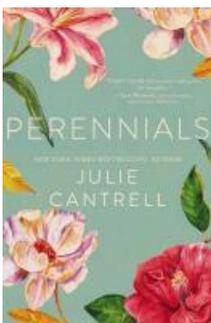
The wisdom of Sally Red Shoes / Ruth Hogan

Masha's life was forever changed by a tragic incident 12 yrs ago. she finds solace in the silent company of the souls of her local Victorian cemetery and at the town's lido, where she seeks refuge underwater - safe from the noise and the pain. But a chance encounter with two extraordinary women opens up a new world of possibilities, and the chance to start living again. Until the fateful day when the past comes roaring back.



Stella and Margie / Glenna Thomson

Stella and her mother-in-law Margie are two very different women. Stella is kind, compassionate and just a little chaotic. Margie is prickly, demanding and a stickler for convention. When Margie needs help recovering from a major operation, Stella offers her a place to stay. With no other options, Margie returns to the family farm where for decades, until Stella's arrival, she was the one in charge. But as the summer turns to a beautiful autumn, the two women gradually form an unlikely bond, as the ambitions, secrets, and tragedies that have shaped their lives are slowly uncovered.



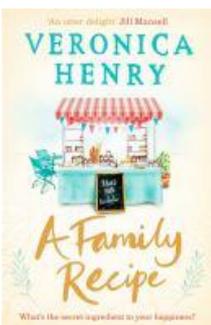
Perennials / Julie Cantrell

When two estranged sisters Eva and Bitsy, reunite for their parents' 50th anniversary, a family tragedy brings unexpected lessons of hope and healing amid the flowers of their mother's perennial garden. Eva's journey home, to the memory garden her father has planned as an anniversary surprise for her mother, becomes one of discovering roots, truth, love and what living perennially in spite of disappointments and tragedy really means.



It takes one to know one / Isla Dewar

Charlie Gavin was abducted as a baby. He didn't know who he was or where he came from. His mission was to find himself. And when he did, he decided to spend his life finding other lost souls by opening the Be Kindly Missing Persons Bureau. Martha Walters, his assistant, lives with her mum and dotes on her young daughter. Charlie appears to be a man who is a loser and dreamer, but, hey, his office is near her house, she can lie in of a morning, take her kid to school and the work isn't too heart-breaking. Or is it?



A family recipe / Veronica Henry

Laura Griffin is preparing for an empty nest. Feeling lost, Laura turns to her greatest comfort: her grandmother's recipe box, a treasured collection dating back to the Second World War. Everyone has always adored Laura's jams and chutneys, and piled their sandwiches high with her pickles. Inspired by a bit of the old Blitz spirit, Laura has an idea that gives her a fresh sense of purpose and her own exciting path to follow.

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