

Recommended Book List – League of Women Voters Roseville Area (July 25, 2017)

Title	Author	Genre	Description
Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China	Evan Osnos	Non-fiction	<p>From abroad, we often see China as a caricature: a nation of pragmatic plutocrats and ruthlessly dedicated students destined to rule the global economy-or an addled Goliath, riddled with corruption and on the edge of stagnation. What we don't see is how both powerful and ordinary people are remaking their lives as their country dramatically changes.</p> <p>Writing with great narrative verve and a keen sense of irony, Osnos follows the moving stories of everyday people and reveals life in the new China to be a battleground between aspiration and authoritarianism, in which only one can prevail.</p>
The Blood of Emmett Till	Timothy B. Tyson	Non-fiction	<p>This extraordinary <i>New York Times</i> bestseller reexamines a pivotal event of the civil rights movement—the 1955 lynching of Emmett Till—“and demands that we do the one vital thing we aren’t often enough asked to do with history: learn from it” (<i>The Atlantic</i>).</p> <p>But what actually happened to Emmett Till—not the icon of injustice, but the flesh-and-blood boy? Part detective story, part political history, <i>The Blood of Emmett Till</i> “unfolds like a movie” (<i>The Atlanta Journal-Constitution</i>), drawing on a wealth of new evidence, including a shocking admission of Till’s innocence from the woman in whose name he was killed. “Jolting and powerful” (<i>The Washington Post</i>), the book “provides fresh insight into the way race has informed and deformed our democratic institutions” (Diane McWhorter, Pulitzer Prize–winning author of <i>Carry Me Home</i>) and “calls us to the cause of justice today” (Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II, president of the North Carolina NAACP).</p>
Camino Island: A Novel	John Grisham	Fiction & Literature	<p>The book begins with the theft of five rare F. Scott Fitzgerald manuscripts from the Firestone Library at Princeton University and then embarks on a journey to a resort town on a Florida Island in search of clues about the heist. Although the Federal Bureau of Investigation and an "underground agency" of investigators working for Princeton's Insurance company pursue the perpetrators in the black market, the novel focuses on a novelist who pursues an independent investigation of the heist.</p>

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Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right	Jane Mayer	Non-fiction	Why is America living in an age of profound and widening economic inequality? Why have even modest attempts to address climate change been defeated again and again? Why do hedge-fund billionaires pay a far lower tax rate than middle-class workers? In a riveting and indelible feat of reporting, Jane Mayer illuminates the history of an elite cadre of plutocrats—headed by the Kochs, the Scaifes, the Olins, and the Bradleys—who have bankrolled a systematic plan to fundamentally alter the American political system. Mayer traces a byzantine trail of billions of dollars spent by the network, revealing a staggering conglomeration of think tanks, academic institutions, media groups, courthouses, and government allies that have fallen under their sphere of influence. Drawing from hundreds of exclusive interviews, as well as extensive scrutiny of public records, private papers, and court proceedings, Mayer provides vivid portraits of the secretive figures behind the new American oligarchy and a searing look at the carefully concealed agendas steering the nation. <i>Dark Money</i> is an essential book for anyone who cares about the future of American democracy.
Dear Ijeawele, Or a Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Essays & Anthologies	A few years ago, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie received a letter from a dear friend from childhood, asking her how to raise her baby girl as a feminist. <i>Dear Ijeawele</i> is Adichie's letter of response. Here are fifteen invaluable suggestions--compelling, direct, wryly funny, and perceptive--for how to empower a daughter to become a strong, independent woman.
Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan	Children's	Esperanza thought she'd always live with her family on their ranch in Mexico--she'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home, and servants. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard labor, financial struggles, or lack of acceptance she now faces. When their new life is threatened, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances--Mama's life, and her own, depend on it.
The Evangelicals: The Struggle to Shape America	Frances FitzGerald	Non-fiction	Evangelicals have in many ways defined the nation. They have shaped our culture and our politics. Frances FitzGerald's narrative of this distinctively American movement is a major work of history, piecing together the centuries-long story for the first time. Evangelicals now constitute twenty-five percent of the American population, but they are no longer monolithic in their politics. They range from Tea Party supporters to social reformers. Still, with the decline of religious faith generally, FitzGerald suggests that evangelical churches must embrace ethnic minorities if they are to survive.

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Everyone Brave Is Forgiven	Chris Cleave	Fiction & Literature	Set in London during the years of 1939–1942, when citizens had slim hope of survival, much less victory; and on the strategic island of Malta, which was daily devastated by the Axis barrage, <i>Everyone Brave is Forgiven</i> features little-known history and a perfect wartime love story inspired by the real-life love letters between Chris Cleave’s grandparents. This dazzling novel dares us to understand that, against the great theater of world events, it is the intimate losses, the small battles, the daily human triumphs that change us most.
Evicted, Poverty and Profit in The American City	Matthew Desmond	Non-fiction	In <i>Evicted</i> , Harvard sociologist and MacArthur “Genius” Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they struggle to keep a roof over their heads. Hailed as “wrenching and revelatory” (<i>The Nation</i>), “vivid and unsettling” (<i>New York Review of Books</i>), <i>Evicted</i> transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of 21st-century America’s most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.
Four Seasons in Rome	Anthony Doerr	Biography & Memoir	Exquisitely observed, Four Seasons in Rome describes Doerr's varied adventures in one of the most enchanting cities in the world. He reads Pliny, Dante, and Keats -- the chroniclers of Rome who came before him—and visits the piazzas, temples, and ancient cisterns they describe.
The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad	Fareed Zakaria	Non-fiction	Translated into twenty languages <i>The Future of Freedom</i> is a modern classic that uses historical analysis to shed light on the present, examining how democracy has changed our politics, economies, and social relations. Prescient in laying out the distinction between democracy and liberty, the book contains a new afterword on the United States's occupation of Iraq and a wide-ranging update of the book's themes.
Giant of the Senate	Al Franken	Biography & Memoir	In this candid personal memoir, the honorable gentleman from Minnesota takes his army of loyal fans along with him from Saturday Night Live to the campaign trail, inside the halls of Congress, and behind the scenes of some of the most dramatic and/or hilarious moments of his new career in politics.
Give a Girl a Knife	Amy Thielen	Biography & Memoir	Amy Thielen’s coming-of-age story pulses with energy, a cook’s eye for intimate detail, and a dose of dry Midwestern humor. <i>Give a Girl a Knife</i> offers a fresh, vivid view into New York’s high-end restaurants before returning Thielen to her roots, where she realizes that the marrow running through her bones is not demi-glace but gravy—thick with nostalgia and hard to resist.

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The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars	Dava Sobel	Biography & Memoir	Elegantly written and enriched by excerpts from letters, diaries, and memoirs, <i>The Glass Universe</i> is the hidden history of the women whose contributions to the burgeoning field of astronomy forever changed our understanding of the stars and our place in the universe.
Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota	Sun Yung Shin	Non-fiction	<p>In this provocative book, sixteen of Minnesota's best writers provide a range of perspectives on what it is like to live as a person of color in Minnesota. They give readers a splendid gift: the gift of touching another human being's inner reality, behind masks and veils and politeness. They bring us generously into experiences that we must understand if we are to come together in real relationships.</p> <p>Minnesota communities struggle with some of the nation's worst racial disparities. As its authors confront and consider the realities that lie beneath the numbers, this book provides an important tool to those who want to be part of closing those gaps.</p>
The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism	Edward E. Baptist	Non-fiction	Americans tend to cast slavery as a pre-modern institution—the nation's original sin, perhaps, but isolated in time and divorced from America's later success. But to do so robs the millions who suffered in bondage of their full legacy. As historian Edward E. Baptist reveals in <i>The Half Has Never Been Told</i> , the expansion of slavery in the first eight decades after American independence drove the evolution and modernization of the United States. In the span of a single lifetime, the South grew from a narrow coastal strip of worn-out tobacco plantations to a continental cotton empire, and the United States grew into a modern, industrial, and capitalist economy. Told through intimate slave narratives, plantation records, newspapers, and the words of politicians, entrepreneurs, and escaped slaves, <i>The Half Has Never Been Told</i> offers a radical new interpretation of American history.
Half of a Yellow Sun	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Fiction & Literature	With effortless grace, celebrated author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie illuminates a seminal moment in modern African history: Biafra's impassioned struggle to establish an independent republic in southeastern Nigeria during the late 1960s. We experience this tumultuous decade alongside five unforgettable characters: Ugwu, a thirteen-year-old houseboy who works for Odenigbo, a university professor full of revolutionary zeal; Olanna, the professor's beautiful young mistress who has abandoned her life in Lagos for a dusty town and her lover's charm; and Richard, a shy young Englishman infatuated with Olanna's willful twin sister Kainene. <i>Half of a Yellow Sun</i> is a tremendously evocative novel of the promise, hope, and disappointment of the Biafran war.

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The Harder They Come	T.C. Boyle	Fiction & Literature	Inspired by a true story, The Harder They Come is a devastating and indelible novel from a modern master. Acclaimed New York Times bestselling author T.C. Boyle makes his Ecco debut with a powerful, gripping novel that explores the roots of violence and anti-authoritarianism inherent in the American character.
Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, Parts One and Two: The Official Playscript of the Original West End Production	J.K. Rowling and Jack Thorne	Science Fiction & Fantasy	The playscript for <i>Harry Potter and the Cursed Child</i> was originally released as a "special rehearsal edition" alongside the opening of Jack Thorne's play in London's West End in summer 2016. Based on an original story by J.K. Rowling, John Tiffany, and Jack Thorne, the play opened to rapturous reviews from theatergoers and critics alike, while the official playscript became an immediate global bestseller.
Heretics!: The wondrous (and Dangerous) Beginnings of Modern Philosophy	Steven and Ben Nadler	Non-fiction (graphic novel)	A brilliant account of one of the most brilliant periods in philosophy, <i>Heretics!</i> is the story of how a group of brave thinkers used reason and evidence to triumph over the authority of religion, royalty, and antiquity.
Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race	Margot Lee Shetterly	Biography & Memoir	Starting in World War II and moving through to the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Space Race, Hidden Figures follows the interwoven accounts of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, four African American women who participated in some of NASA's greatest successes.
Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis	J. D. Vance	Biography & Memoir	<i>Hillbilly Elegy</i> is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of poor, white Americans. The disintegration of this group, a process that has been slowly occurring now for over forty years, has been reported with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. In <i>Hillbilly Elegy</i> , J.D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hanging around your neck.

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The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Rebecca Skloot	Biography & Memoir	Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can't afford health insurance. This phenomenal New York Times bestseller tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew.
It Can't Happen Here	Sinclair Lewis	Classic Literature	<p><i>It Can't Happen Here</i> is the only one of Sinclair Lewis's later novels to match the power of <i>Main Street</i>, <i>Babbitt</i>, and <i>Arrowsmith</i>. A cautionary tale about the fragility of democracy, it is an alarming, eerily timeless look at how fascism could take hold in America.</p> <p>Written during the Great Depression, when the country was largely oblivious to Hitler's aggression, it juxtaposes sharp political satire with the chillingly realistic rise of a president who becomes a dictator to save the nation from welfare cheats, sex, crime, and a liberal press.</p>
Kindred	Octavia E. Butler	Fiction & Literature	Dana, a modern black woman, is celebrating her twenty-sixth birthday with her new husband when she is snatched abruptly from her home in California and transported to the antebellum South. Rufus, the white son of a plantation owner, is drowning, and Dana has been summoned to save him. Dana is drawn back repeatedly through time to the slave quarters, and each time the stay grows longer, more arduous, and more dangerous until it is uncertain whether or not Dana's life will end, long before it has a chance to begin.
Lab Girl	Hope Jahren	Biography & Memoir	Geobiologist Hope Jahren has spent her life studying trees, flowers, seeds, and soil. <i>Lab Girl</i> is her revelatory treatise on plant life—but it is also a celebration of the lifelong curiosity, humility, and passion that drive every scientist. In these pages, Hope takes us back to her Minnesota childhood, where she spent hours in unfettered play in her father's college laboratory. She tells us how she found a sanctuary in science, learning to perform lab work "with both the heart and the hands." She introduces us to Bill, her brilliant, eccentric lab manager. And she extends the mantle of <i>scientist</i> to each one of her readers, inviting us to join her in observing and protecting our environment. Warm, luminous, compulsively readable, <i>Lab Girl</i> vividly demonstrates the mountains that we can move when love and work come together.

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LaRose	Louise Erdrich	Fiction & Literature	In this literary masterwork, Louise Erdrich, the bestselling author of the National Book Award-winning <i>The Round House</i> and the <i>Pulitzer Prize</i> nominee <i>The Plague of Doves</i> wields her breathtaking narrative magic in an emotionally haunting contemporary tale of a tragic accident, a demand for justice, and a profound act of atonement with ancient roots in Native American culture.
The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir	Kao Kalia Yang	Biography & Memoir	In search of a place to call home, thousands of Hmong families made the journey from the war-torn jungles of Laos to the overcrowded refugee camps of Thailand and onward to America. But lacking a written language of their own, the Hmong experience has been primarily recorded by others. Driven to tell her family's story after her grandmother's death, <i>The Latehomecomer</i> is Kao Kalia Yang's tribute to the remarkable woman whose spirit held them all together. It is also an eloquent, firsthand account of a people who have worked hard to make their voices heard.
The Lioness of Morocco	Julia Drosten	Fiction & Literature	<p>Independent-minded Sibylla Spencer feels trapped in nineteenth-century London, where her strong will and progressive views have rendered her unmarriageable. Still single at twenty-three, she is treated like a child and feels stifled in her controlling father's house.</p> <p>When Benjamin Hopkins, an ambitious employee of her father's trading company, shows an interest in her, she realizes marriage is her only chance to escape. As Benjamin's rising career whisks them both away to exotic Morocco, Sibylla is at last a citizen of the world, reveling in her newfound freedom by striking her first business deals, befriending locals...and falling in love for the first time with a charismatic and handsome Frenchman.</p> <p>But Benjamin's lust for money and influence draws him into dark dealings, pulling him ever further from Sibylla and their two young sons. When he's arrested on horrible charges, the fate of Sibylla's family rests on her shoulders, as she must decide whether she'll leave him to his fate or help him fight for his life.</p>
Listen, Liberal: Or, What Ever Happened to the Party of the People	Thomas Frank	Non-fiction	Hailed as "the most prescient book" of the year, <i>Listen, Liberal</i> accurately described what ailed the Democratic Party even before the election of 2016 made their weaknesses obvious. It is the story of how the "Party of the People" detached itself from its historic constituency among average Americans and chose instead to line up with the winners of our new economic order.

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Little Dorrit	Charles Dickens	Classic Literature	A satirical critique of British bureaucracy and the impossibility of social mobility, Little Dorrit tells the story of kind-hearted Amy Dorrit and Arthur Clennam, both of whom are unaware that their family histories have been fabricated to cover a complex web of secrets and lies. After living with his father in China for twenty years, Arthur returns home to London to inform his mother of his father's death. Before he died, however, his father gave him a mysterious watch. This gift sets in motion revelations and confessions that change both Arthur and Amy's fortunes
Louisa: The Extraordinary Life of Mrs. Adams	Louisa Thomas	Biography & Memoir	In this deeply felt biography, the talented journalist and historian Louisa Thomas finally gives Louisa Catherine Adams's full extraordinary life its due. An intimate portrait of a remarkable woman, a complicated marriage, and a pivotal historical moment, Louisa Thomas's biography is a masterful work from an elegant storyteller.
My Life on the Road	Gloria Steinem	Biography & Memoir	<i>My Life on the Road</i> is the moving, funny, and profound story of Gloria's growth and also the growth of a revolutionary movement for equality—and the story of how surprising encounters on the road shaped both. From her first experience of social activism among women in India to her work as a journalist in the 1960s; from the whirlwind of political campaigns to the founding of <i>Ms.</i> magazine; from the historic 1977 National Women's Conference to her travels through Indian Country—a lifetime spent on the road allowed Gloria to listen and connect deeply with people, to understand that context is everything, and to become part of a movement that would change the world.
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness	Michelle Alexander	Non-fiction	Once in a great while a book comes along that changes the way we see the world and helps to fuel a nationwide social movement. <i>The New Jim Crow</i> is such a book. Praised by Harvard Law professor Lani Guinier as "brave and bold," this book directly challenges the notion that the election of Barack Obama signals a new era of colorblindness. With dazzling candor, legal scholar Michelle Alexander argues that "we have not ended racial caste in America; we have merely redesigned it." By targeting black men through the War on Drugs and decimating communities of color, the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial control—relegating millions to a permanent second-class status—even as it formally adheres to the principle of colorblindness. In the words of Benjamin Todd Jealous, president and CEO of the NAACP, this book is a "call to action."
Nobody's Fool and the sequel Everybody's Fool	Richard Russo	Fiction & Literature	This slyly funny, moving novel about a blue-collar town in upstate New York—and in the life of Sully, of one of its unluckiest citizens, who has been doing the wrong thing triumphantly for fifty years—is a classic American story.

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The Nordic Theory of Everything: In Search of a Better Life	Anu Partanen	Non-fiction	<p>In <i>The Nordic Theory of Everything</i>, Partanen compares and contrasts life in the United States with life in the Nordic region, focusing on four key relationships—parents and children, men and women, employees and employers, and government and citizens. She debunks criticism that Nordic countries are socialist “nanny states,” revealing instead that it is we Americans who are far more enmeshed in unhealthy dependencies than we realize. As Partanen explains step by step, the Nordic approach allows citizens to enjoy more individual freedom and independence than we do.</p> <p>Partanen wants to open Americans’ eyes to how much better things can be—to show her beloved new country what it can learn from her homeland to reinvigorate and fulfill the promise of the American dream—to provide the opportunity to live a healthy, safe, economically secure, upwardly mobile life for everyone. Offering insights, advice, and solutions, <i>The Nordic Theory of Everything</i> makes a convincing argument that we can rebuild our society, rekindle our optimism, and restore true freedom to our relationships and lives.</p>
The Price of Thirst: Global Water Inequality and the Coming Chaos	Karen Piper	Non-fiction	<p>The product of seven years of investigation across six continents and a dozen countries, and scores of interviews with CEOs, activists, environmentalists, and climate change specialists, <i>The Price of Thirst</i> paints a harrowing picture of a world out of balance, with the distance between the haves and have-nots of water inexorably widening and the coming crisis moving ever closer.</p>
The Rosie Project: A Novel	Graeme Simsion	Fiction & Literature	<p>The art of love is never a science: Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who’s decided it’s time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner: a sixteen-page, scientifically valid survey to filter out the drinkers, the smokers, the late arrivers.</p> <p>Rosie Jarman possesses all these qualities. Don easily disqualifies her as a candidate for The Wife Project (even if she is “quite intelligent for a barmaid”). But Don is intrigued by Rosie’s own quest to identify her biological father. When an unlikely relationship develops as they collaborate on The Father Project, Don is forced to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie—and the realization that, despite your best scientific efforts, you don’t find love, it finds you.</p>

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Round House	Louise Erdrich	Fiction & Literature	One of the most revered novelists of our time—a brilliant chronicler of Native-American life— Louise Erdrich returns to the territory of her bestselling, Pulitzer Prize finalist <i>The Plague of Doves</i> with <i>The Round House</i> , transporting readers to the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota. It is an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family.
Small Great Things	Jodi Picoult	Fiction & Literature	With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion—and doesn't offer easy answers. <i>Small Great Things</i> is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game.
The Somali Diaspora: A Journey Away	Abdi Roble and Doug Rutledge	Biography & Memoir	The story of Somali immigrants in America. Since 2003, Abdi Roble - who came to the US from Somalia in 1989 - and Doug Rutledge have been documenting the lives of Somalis who have fled to camps in Kenya and to the US. This book follows the story of a family as they struggle to survive in Kenya and then in America.
The Song Poet: A Memoir of My Father	Kao Kalia Yang	Biography & Memoir	<p>In the Hmong tradition, the song poet recounts the story of his people, their history and tragedies, joys and losses. He keeps the past alive, invokes the spirits and the homeland, and records courtships, births, weddings, and wishes.</p> <p>Following her award-winning memoir <i>The Latecomer</i>, Kao Kalia Yang now retells the life of her father, Bee Yang, the song poet—a Hmong refugee in Minnesota, driven from the mountains of Laos by America's Secret War. Bee sings the life of his people through the war-torn jungle and a Thai refugee camp. The songs fall away in the cold, bitter world of a St. Paul housing project and on the factory floor, until, with the death of Bee's mother, they leave him for good. But before they do, Bee, with his poetry, has burnished a life of poverty for his children, polishing their grim reality so that they might shine.</p>
The Underground Railroad: A Novel	Colson Whitehead	Fiction & Literature	Like the protagonist of <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> , Cora encounters different worlds at each stage of her journey—hers is an odyssey through time as well as space. As Whitehead brilliantly re-creates the unique terrors for black people in the pre-Civil War era, his narrative seamlessly weaves the saga of America from the brutal importation of Africans to the unfulfilled promises of the present day. <i>The Underground Railroad</i> is at once a kinetic adventure tale of one woman's ferocious will to escape the horrors of bondage and a shattering, powerful meditation on the history we all share.
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech	Children's	In her own singularly beautiful style, Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech intricately weaves together two tales, one funny, one bittersweet, to create a heartwarming, compelling, and utterly moving story of love, loss, and the complexity of human emotion.

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Washington: A Life	Ron Chernow	Non-fiction	Celebrated biographer Ron Chernow provides a richly nuanced portrait of the father of our nation and the first president of the United States. With a breadth and depth matched by no other one volume biography of George Washington, this crisply paced narrative carries the reader through his adventurous early years, his heroic exploits with the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, his presiding over the Constitutional Convention, and his magnificent performance as America's first president. In this groundbreaking work, based on massive research, Chernow shatters forever the stereotype of George Washington as a stolid, unemotional figure and brings to vivid life a dashing, passionate man of fiery opinions and many moods.
When the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lin	Children's	Grace Lin, author of the beloved <i>Year of the Dog</i> and <i>Year of the Rat</i> returns with a wondrous story of adventure, faith, and friendship. A fantasy crossed with Chinese folklore, <i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i> is a timeless story reminiscent of <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> and Kelly Barnhill's <i>The Girl Who Drank the Moon</i> . Her beautiful illustrations, printed in full-color, accompany the text throughout. Once again, she has created a charming, engaging book for young readers.
White Oleander	Janet Fitch	Fiction & Literature	Everywhere hailed as a novel of rare beauty and power, <i>White Oleander</i> tells the unforgettable story of Ingrid, a brilliant poet imprisoned for murder, and her daughter, Astrid, whose odyssey through a series of Los Angeles foster homes—each its own universe, with its own laws, its own dangers, its own hard lessons to be learned—becomes a redeeming and surprising journey of self-discovery.
Who Stole the American Dream	Hedrick Smith	Non-fiction	This is a book full of surprises and revelations—the accidental beginnings of the 401(k) plan, with disastrous economic consequences for many; the major policy changes that began under Jimmy Carter; how the New Economy disrupted America's engine of shared prosperity, the "virtuous circle" of growth, and how America lost the title of "Land of Opportunity." Smith documents the transfer of \$6 trillion in middle-class wealth from homeowners to banks even before the housing boom went bust, and how the U.S. policy tilt favoring the rich is stunting America's economic growth.
Mystery novels J.A. Jance		Mystery	J.A. Jance is the top 10 New York Times bestselling author of the Joanna Brady series; the J. P. Beaumont series; three interrelated thrillers featuring the Walker family; and <i>Edge of Evil</i> , the first in a series featuring Ali Reynolds. Born in South Dakota and brought up in Bisbee, Arizona, Jance lives with her husband in Seattle, Washington, and Tucson, Arizona.