



Now: Cassie Simmons is enthusiastic about solving mysteries from the past. So when a cache of whisky is unearthed during a local home renovation, Cassie hopes to find answers about the legendary family of bootleggers.

1918: Corporal Jeremiah Bailey is badly wounded in an explosion and he finds himself in a Belgium field hospital under the care of Adele Savard. As Jerry recovers, he forms a strong connection with Adele, who is from a place near his hometown of Windsor, along the Detroit River.

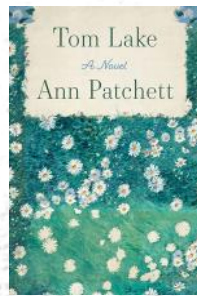
By war's end, both Jerry and Adele return home to Windsor, scarred by the horrors of what they endured overseas.

Pulled from the pages of history, *Bluebird* is a compelling, novel about the strength of the human spirit and the power of love to call us home.

BLUEBIRD

Genevieve Graham

MARCH 12



In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.

Tom Lake is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born.

TOM LAKE

Ann Patchett

MAY 14



The Jazz Age was the height of the uniquely American hate group, the Ku Klux Klan. Their domain was not the old Confederacy, but the Heartland and the West. They hated Blacks, Jews, Catholics and immigrants in equal measure, and took radical steps to keep these people from the American promise. And the man who set in motion their takeover of America was D.C. Stephenson.

Within two years of his arrival in Indiana, Stephenson became the Grand Dragon of the state. Judges, prosecutors, ministers, governors, and senators all proudly proclaimed their membership. At the peak of his influence, Madge Oberholtzer's deathbed testimony finally brought the Klan to their knees.

A FEVER IN THE HEARTLAND

Timothy Egan

APRIL 9

The Brighton District Library Brunch Bunch Book Group meets at 11:30am the **second Tuesday of each month in Room A/B. We will meet the first Tuesday in November due to the election, which is held in the Library.**

The group is led by library staff and does not require registration.

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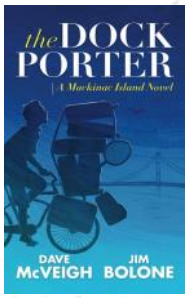


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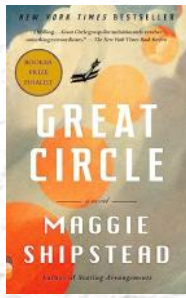


THE DOCK PORTER

Dave
McVeigh

SEPTEMBER 12

It's the summer of 1989. Jack McGuinn is a dockporter, transporting tourists' luggage, piled high in the basket of his bike on Mackinac Island, Michigan. He's got the season wired tight: a family cottage on the bluff, a dream job, and a loyal crew of hell-raising, tip-hustling buddies. When his old friend-turned bitter rival challenges him to ride a record-setting load, he takes the bet and soon realizes he's not just carrying suitcases, he's carrying the future of the island, which is about to be paved over for profit.



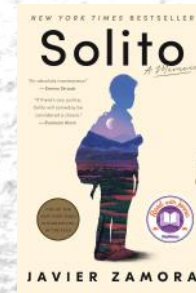
GREAT CIRCLE

Maggie
Shipstead

NOVEMBER 14

After being rescued as infants from a sinking ocean liner in 1914, Marian and Jamie Graves are raised by their dissolute uncle. After encountering a pair of pilots passing through town in a beat-up biplane, Marian commences her love affair with flight. At fourteen she drops out of school and finds a wealthy bootlegger who provides a plane and subsidizes her lessons, an arrangement that will haunt her for the rest of her life.

A century later, Hadley Baxter is cast to play Marian in a film that centers on Marian's disappearance. Hadley is eager to redefine herself after a romantic film franchise. Her immersion into the character of Marian unfolds, thrillingly, alongside Marian's own story, as the two women's fates—and their hunger for self-determination in vastly different geographies and times—collide.



SOLITO

Javier
Zamora

JANUARY 9

Javier's adventure is a three-thousand-mile journey from his small town in El Salvador, through Guatemala and Mexico, and across the U.S. border. He will leave behind his aunt and grandparents to reunite with a mother who left four years ago and a father he barely remembers. Traveling alone except for a group of strangers and a coyote hired to lead them to safety, Javier's trip is supposed to last two short weeks.

At nine years old, all Javier can imagine is rushing into his parents' arms. He does not know that those two weeks will expand into two life-altering months alongside a group of strangers who will come to encircle him like an unexpected family.



FRANKENSTEIN

Mary Shelley

OCTOBER 10

Scientist Victor Frankenstein learns how to create life, but his discovery goes quickly awry when he creates a monster larger and stronger than an ordinary man. As the monster uses its power to destroy everything Victor loves, the young scientist is forced to embark on a treacherous journey to end the monster's existence.



WINTER SOLSTICE

Rosamunde
Pilcher

DECEMBER 12

Elfrida Phipps, once of London's stage, moved to the English village of Dibton in hopes of making a new life for herself.

Oscar Blundell gave up his life as a musician in order to marry Gloria.

Carrie returns from Australia at the end of an ill-fated affair with a married man to find her mother and aunt sharing a home and squabbling endlessly.

Sam Howard is trying to pull his life back together after his wife has left him for another.

It is the strange rippling effects of a tragedy that will bring these five characters together in a large, neglected estate house near the Scottish fishing town of Creagan.



SCARLET IN BLUE

Jennifer
Murphy

FEBRUARY 13

For Blue Lake's entire life, she and her mother, Scarlet, have been on the run from HIM. But now, at fifteen years old, Blue has begun to resent the nomadic life that once seemed like an adventure. She only yearns to settle down in one place, to live a normal life.

When Scarlet and Blue arrive in the beachfront town of South Haven, Michigan, it seems that Blue's wishes might finally come true. She makes a good friend and has found a piano teacher who recognizes her talent. But Blue cannot shake her worry about her mother. Scarlet, meanwhile, has very different intentions for their stay in South Haven. It was no accident that she brought them there and she is determined to find a way to finally escape the shadow of her traumatic past.