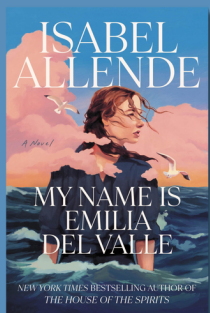


BOOKS TO TRANSPORT



MY NAME IS EMILIA DEL VALLE BY ISABEL ALLENDE

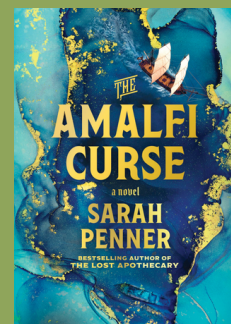
Set across decades and continents, this sweeping novel follows Emilia del Valle, a fiercely independent woman whose life is shaped by revolution, love, and exile. From her privileged childhood in Chile to her escape to Europe during political unrest, Emilia must confront the weight of family secrets and the cost of freedom. With lyrical prose and rich historical detail, this powerful story explores identity, resilience, and the ties that bind across generations.

Backlist comp: *The Great Divide* by Cristina Henríquez

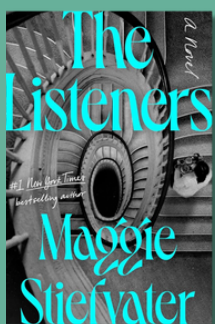


THE AMALFI CURSE BY SARAH PENNER

In this atmospheric mystery steeped in folklore, a young American art historian travels to the Amalfi Coast to investigate a centuries-old family curse. As she restores a crumbling villa and uncovers cryptic journals, she's drawn into a world of superstition, betrayal, and forbidden love. When past and present collide, she must decide whether to break the curse—or become part of it. A haunting, evocative tale of passion and destiny.



Backlist comp: *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner



THE LISTENERS BY MAGGIE STIEFVATER

In this fascinating World War II novel, hotel manager June Porter Hudson is tasked with hosting detained Axis diplomats at the luxurious Avallion Hotel in West Virginia. As she navigates the complexities of serving enemy guests, June must also contend with FBI agent Tucker Minnick, who is investigating potential espionage within the hotel's walls. Amidst the backdrop of war and the hotel's mysterious sweetwater springs, June and Tucker uncover secrets that challenge their loyalties and force them to confront the true cost of hospitality.

Backlist comp: *Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys



HAPPY LAND BY DOLEN PERKINS-VALDEZ

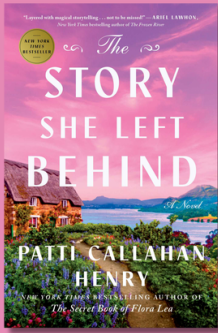
In this powerful multigenerational novel, D.C. real estate agent Nikki Lovejoy-Berry returns to North Carolina at her grandmother's request and uncovers the hidden history of the Kingdom of the Happy Land—a real post-Civil War Black utopia founded by her ancestors. As she fights to protect her family's land, Nikki must confront buried truths and embrace a legacy of resilience and resistance.



Backlist comp: *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson



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THE STORY SHE LEFT BEHIND BY PATTI CALLAHAN HENRY

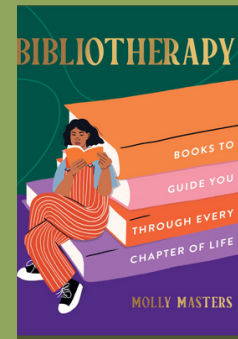
In this heartfelt Southern tale, a woman returns to her coastal hometown after her mother's death and discovers a hidden manuscript that reveals long-buried family truths. As she delves into the story within the story, past and present intertwine, leading her on a journey of reconciliation, forgiveness, and self-discovery. A tender exploration of love, legacy, and the stories we carry.

Backlist comp: The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club
by Helen Simonson

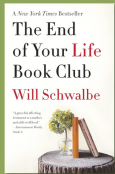


BIBLIOTHERAPY BY MOLLY MASTERS

Books to Guide You Through Every Chapter of Life, Molly Masters offers a heartfelt and inclusive guide to finding the perfect read for life's varied moments. Drawing from her experience as the founder of the feminist book club Aphra, Masters curates a collection that spans celebrated classics and overlooked modern masterpieces, with a focus on underrepresented voices. Whether you're navigating new beginnings, experiencing heartbreak, or seeking self-discovery, this book serves as a literary companion to help you find solace, inspiration, and understanding through the power of stories.



Backlist comp: The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe



THE FOREST FEAST MEDITERRANEAN BY ERIN GLEESON

Erin Gleeson brings the flavors of the Mediterranean to life with over 100 vegetarian recipes inspired by her travels through France, Portugal, Spain, and Italy. Accompanied by her signature watercolor illustrations and stunning photography, this cookbook is a feast for the senses, celebrating simple, fresh, and vibrant dishes.



BOOKS TO DELIGHT



NO ONE WAS SUPPOSED TO DIE AT THE WEDDING BY CATHERINE MACK

Bestselling author Eleanor Dash attends her best friend's wedding on Catalina Island, expecting a peaceful getaway. However, when a body is discovered, Eleanor finds herself entangled in a real-life murder mystery. With her knack for sleuthing, she navigates a web of secrets, suspects, and surprises, proving that even the most idyllic settings can harbor dark truths

Backlist comp: Every Time I Go on Vacation Someone Dies
by Catherine Mack

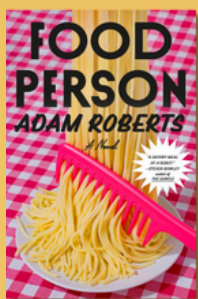


IT'S A LOVE STORY BY ANNABEL MONAGHAN

Former child star Jane Jackson has reinvented herself as a Hollywood exec—until a white lie about landing pop star Jack Quinlan forces her to team up with the infuriatingly charming Dan Finnegan. As they spend a week in his Long Island hometown trying to salvage her career, sparks fly and Jane must face her past to find a new future. A witty, heartwarming rom-com about second chances and unexpected love.



Backlist comp: I'm Glad My Mom Died by Jennette McCurdy



FOOD PERSON BY ADAM ROBERTS

In this delectable comedy of manners, socially awkward food writer Isabella Pasternack's career implodes after a live-streamed soufflé disaster. Desperate for redemption, she accepts a job ghostwriting a cookbook for Molly Babcock, a scandal-plagued Hollywood starlet with little culinary skill. As Isabella navigates the chaotic world of celebrity culture and high-stakes publishing, she must confront her own ambitions and the true meaning of authenticity in the food world.

Backlist comp: Be Ready When the Luck Happens by Ina Garten



GREAT BIG BEAUTIFUL LIFE BY EMILY HENRY

On a secluded Georgia island, two journalists—optimistic Alice Scott and brooding Pulitzer winner Hayden Anderson—compete to write the biography of reclusive heiress Margaret Ives, who vanished from the public eye decades ago. As they delve into Margaret's enigmatic past, secrets unravel, and unexpected connections form, leading to a story that intertwines mystery, romance, and the complexities of storytelling itself.



Backlist comp: The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid & anything by Emily Henry

BOOKS TO DELIGHT



THE SUMMER WE RAN BY AUDREY INGRAM

In this poignant tale of love and ambition, rising political star Tess Murphy faces her past when she runs against her ex-boyfriend in a gubernatorial race. Told through dual timelines, the story weaves together their youthful romance and present-day rivalry, exploring themes of class, betrayal, and the enduring impact of first love.

Backlist Comp: *Husbands & Lovers* by Beatriz Williams



THE NAMES BY FLORENCE KNAPP

Cora Atkin stands at a crossroads, choosing a name for her newborn son that will shape their future. Spanning 35 years, this novel presents three alternate realities based on her choice, delving into themes of domestic abuse, resilience, and the profound impact of seemingly small decisions. Knapp's debut is a haunting exploration of identity and the paths we take.



Backlist comp: *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson



ABIGAIL AND ALEXA SAVE THE WEDDING BY LIAN DOLAN

In this sparkling summer read, two mothers with clashing personalities must join forces to plan their children's wedding in glamorous Montecito, California. Greek-born Alexa Diamandis, a single mother by choice, and Abigail Blakeman, a traditionalist from Connecticut, find themselves at the helm of wedding preparations after unforeseen circumstances arise. As they navigate their differences, unexpected friendships form, leading to a heartwarming tale of family, resilience, and the chaos of wedding planning.



Backlist comp: *Love & Saffron* by Kim Fay

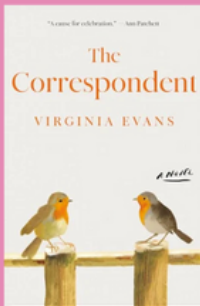


PRANZO BY GUY MIRABELLA

Pranzo is a heartfelt celebration of Italian food and Guy Mirabella's Sicilian heritage. Through evocative storytelling and sumptuous recipes, Mirabella captures the essence of family, tradition, and the simple pleasures of shared meals. This book is both a culinary journey and a love letter to the flavors that shaped his life.



BOOKS TO INSPIRE



THE CORRESPONDENT BY VIRGINIA EVANS

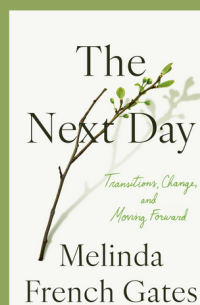
Sybil, a septuagenarian with a sharp wit, embarks on a journey of self-discovery through a series of letters to friends, family, and even famous authors. As she reflects on her past, confronts old wounds, and forges new connections, Sybil's correspondence becomes a testament to the enduring power of storytelling and the human spirit.

Backlist comp: 86 Charing Cross Lane by Helene Hanff



THE NEXT DAY BY MELINDA FRENCH GATES

In this candid memoir, Melinda French Gates shares personal stories of transformation, from motherhood and friendship to her departure from the Gates Foundation. Offering insights on embracing change, letting go of perfectionism, and finding purpose, Gates provides a roadmap for navigating life's transitions with grace and resilience.



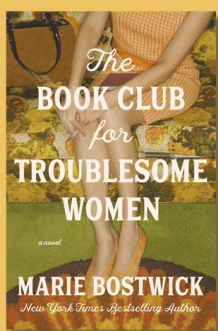
Backlist comp: Gift from the Sea by Anne Morrow Lindbergh



THE BOOKCLUB FOR TROUBLESOME WOMEN BY MARIE BOSTWICK

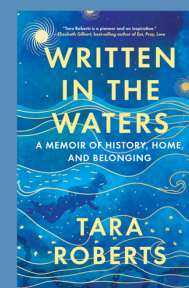
In 1963 suburban Virginia, four housewives—Margaret, Viv, Bitsy, and newcomer Charlotte—form a book club to read *The Feminine Mystique*. As their discussions deepen, so does their bond, leading them to challenge societal norms and embark on personal journeys of self-discovery. Marie Bostwick's novel is a heartfelt tribute to friendship, empowerment, and the transformative power of literature.

Backlist comp: The Change by Kristen Miller



WRITTEN IN THE WATERS: A HISTORY OF HISTORY, HOME & BELONGING BY TARA ROBERTS

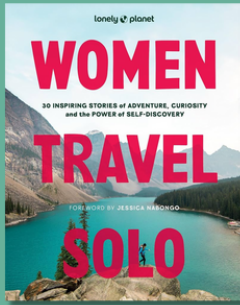
National Geographic explorer Tara Roberts embarks on a profound journey tracing the transatlantic slave trade's submerged history. Diving into shipwrecks and ancestral stories, she uncovers lost narratives and reclaims a heritage long buried beneath the waves. This memoir is a poignant exploration of identity, history, and the enduring quest for belonging.



Backlist comp: The Amalfi Curse & Happy Land



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WOMEN TRAVEL SOLO BY LONELY PLANET

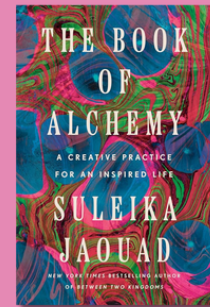
This empowering anthology features 30 inspiring stories from women who have embraced the world on their own terms. From cycling across continents to discovering inner strength through solitude, these narratives celebrate the courage, resilience, and transformative power of solo travel. A must-read for any woman seeking adventure and self-discovery.

Backlist comp: The Ride of her Life by Elizabeth Letts

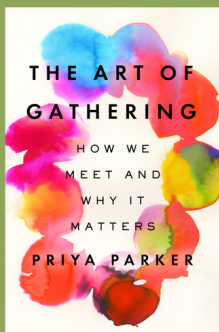


THE BOOK OF ALCHEMY BY SULEIKA JAOUAD

Suleika Jaouad offers a luminous guide to journaling as a tool for transformation. Through essays, prompts, and contributions from notable creatives, she invites readers to navigate life's challenges and joys with introspection and creativity. This book is a sanctuary for those seeking clarity, healing, and inspiration.



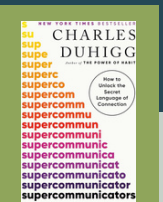
Backlist comp: Between Two Kingdoms by Suleika Jaouad



THE ART OF GATHERING BY PRIYA PARKER

The Art of Gathering is the definitive book on helping people create meaningful, memorable experiences, large and small, for work and for play. Parker has written a fabulous book filled with practical suggestions and interesting anecdotes - it is as interesting to read as it is useful. This book is for anyone longing to improve and deepen connections for any gathering regardless of size.

Backlist comp: Super Communicators by Charles Duhigg



BAKING ACROSS AMERICA BY B. DYLAN HOLLIS

In this whimsical, flour-dusted road trip, B. Dylan Hollis unearths 100 vintage dessert recipes that capture the quirky charm of American baking. From jazzy New Orleans beignets to Palm Springs date shakes, each treat tells a story. With his signature wry humor, Hollis revives forgotten confections in a nostalgic celebration of the country's sweet, regional traditions.

