



The Accidental by Ali Smith

Set #24

Amber, 30-something, and a stranger, shows up at the door of the Norfolk cottage that the Smarts are renting for the summer. As Amber insinuates herself into the family, the question of who she is fades away. Dazzled by her seeming exoticism, the Smarts begin to examine their own lives.

All My Puny Sorrows by Miriam Toews

Set #65 NEW

Elfrieda, a world-renowned pianist, is glamorous, happily married and wants to die. Yolandi, her younger sister is divorced, broke, and desperately wants to keep her older sister alive. As the situation becomes ever more complicated, Yoli faces the most terrifying decision of her life.

American Dervish by Ayad Akhtar

Set #44

Hayat, a young Pakistani boy now living in America, finds transformation through a family friend, Mina. But when Mina begins dating a man, Hayat feels betrayed and is compelled to act – with devastating consequences for all those he loves most.

An Atlas of Impossible Longing by Anuradha Roy

Set #21

Mukunda, an adopted orphan boy and Bakul, the motherless granddaughter of the house, grow up together in Bengal. As they grow, their closeness matures into something else, and Mukunda is banished to Calcutta. He prospers in the turbulent years after Partition, but his thoughts stay with Bakul and he knows that he must return.

Atlas of Unknowns by Tania James

Set #30

In the wake of their mother's mysterious death, sisters Linno and Anju are raised in Kerala by their father. Both girls dream of coming to the United States, but it is Anju who wins a scholarship to a prestigious school in New York by betraying her sister. When Anju's lies are eventually exposed, her future crumbles and she runs away. Meanwhile, Linno has built a career in Kerala and, despite her sister's betrayal, resolves to find Anju and bring her home.

Beauty of Humanity Movement by Camilla Gibb

Set #31

Tu' is a young tour guide working in Hanoi who meets Maggie, Vietnamese by birth but has lived most of her life in the U.S. and has returned to her country of origin in search of clues to her dissident father's disappearance during the war. Weaving the story together is Old Man Hung who has found a way to feed hope and pho to his community of pondside dwellers.

Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo (non-fiction)

Set #55

In the shadow of luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport, Abdul, an enterprising Muslim teenager, sees a fortune in the recyclable garbage that richer people throw away. But when he is falsely accused in a shocking tragedy, and terror and a global recession rock the city, suppressed tensions over religion, caste, sex, power, and economic envy turn brutal.

Black Swan Green by David Mitchell

Set #22

It is January, 1982 and thirteen-year-old Jason Taylor – covert stammerer and reluctant poet – anticipates a stultifying year in his backwater English village. But he hasn't reckoned with bullies, simmering family discord, the Falklands War, a threatened gypsy invasion and those mysterious entities known as girls.

Burial Rites by Hannah Kent

Set #56

Inspired by a true story and set against the stark landscape of nineteenth century Iceland, this book tells of the final days of Agnes Magnúsdóttir, a young woman accused of murdering her employer. She is sent to an isolated farmhouse to await her execution and there she meets a young priest who is given the task of preparing Agnes for her death.

The Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Strout

Set #57

Catalyzed by a nephew's thoughtless prank, a pair of brothers confronts painful psychological issues surrounding the freak accident that killed their father when they were boys – a loss linked to a heartbreaking deception that shaped their personal and professional lives.

Come, Thou Tortoise by Jessica Grant

Set #17

This debut novel tells a delightfully off-beat story that features an opinionated tortoise, Winnifred, and an IQ-challenged narrator who find themselves in the middle of a life-changing mystery.

Constellation of Vital Phenomena by Anthony Marra

Set #45

Eight-year-old Havva, the neighbour Akhmed who rescues her after her father's disappearance in war torn Chechnya, and Sonia, the doctor who shelters her over five dramatic days, must all reach back into their pasts to unravel the intricate mystery of coincidence, betrayal and forgiveness which unexpectedly binds them and decides their fate.

Cool Water by Dianne Warren

Set #26

The town of Juliet sits at the edge of the Little Snake sand hills in Saskatchewan, and it is the setting for Cool Water. The story unfolds over the course of a single day, and the day is anything but ordinary: secrets are revealed, marriages tested, and a life ended. This is a wonderfully entertaining, witty and deeply felt novel.

Dead Wake: the Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson (non-fiction)

Set #66 NEW

The sinking of the luxury ocean liner Lusitania by a German U-boat in WWI has long been considered the atrocity that sparked America's entry into the war. This 100th anniversary chronicle discusses the factors that led to the tragedy.

The Dinner by Herman Koch

Set #46

Paul Lohman and his wife Claire are going out to dinner with Paul's brother Serge – a charismatic and ambitious politician – and his wife Babette. As the evening wears on it becomes clear that tonight's dinner will be even more difficult than usual as they find out about the very bad thing their teenage sons have done.

Dubious Salvation of Jack V by Jacques Strauss

Set #47

It's 1989, and in the dying years of the Apartheid regime, eleven-year-old Jack Viljee, the son of an Afrikaans father and an English mother relies on the family's beloved maid, Susie. But the household is upset by the arrival of Percy, Susie's petulant fifteen-year old son. After one particularly humiliating event, Jack betrays Susie and learns that even the most childish act can avalanche beyond his most outlandish imaginings.

Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

Set #8

Contrary to her outward appearance, Renée, the concierge for an elegant apartment building in Paris, is a woman who adores art, philosophy, music, and Japanese culture. Twelve-year-old Paloma, one of the residents, is a talented and startlingly lucid child who has decided to end her life on her thirteenth birthday. When a wealthy Japanese man named Ozu arrives in the building, Paloma and Renée discover their kindred souls.

Everybody has Everything by Katrina Onstad

Set #32

After a car crash Ana and James are shocked to discover that they have become the legal guardians of their friends' young child. His presence throws into high relief deeply rooted, and sometimes long-hidden, truths about themselves, both individually and as a couple. Several chaotic, poignant, and life-changing weeks give rise to an often unasked question: Can everyone be a parent?

Family Fang by Kevin Wilson

Set #40

For as long as they can remember, the Fang children have starred (unwillingly) in their parents' madcap performance art pieces. But now that they are grown up, the chaos of their childhood has made it difficult to cope with life outside the fishbowl of their parents' strange world. When the lives they've built come crashing down, brother and sister have nowhere to go but home, where they discover that their parents are planning one last performance.

February by Lisa Moore

Set #48

Helen O'Mara's life is divided between her everyday existence as mother and grandmother and her internal memories and reflections on her life with her late husband Cal, who died long ago aboard the oil rig Ocean Ranger. Then Helen's wayward son John returns home, asking his mother to help him decide how to deal with his girlfriend's pregnancy.

Galore by Michael Crummey

Set #33

A family saga and love story set in the improbable world that was rural Newfoundland. Remote and isolated, exposed to extremes of climate and fate, the people of Paradise Deep persist in a realm where the line between the everyday and the otherworldly is hard to distinguish.

Golden Mean by Annabel Lyon

Set #14

Aristotle must postpone his dream of succeeding Plato at the Academy in Athens when he is forced to tutor Alexander, a prince of Macedon. Aristotle's resentment at his situation is soon overcome by the boy's intellectual potential and his capacity for surprise.

Good to a Fault by Marina Endicott

Set #12

Clara Purdy is forty-three and single. Driving to the bank during her lunch hour, she crashes into a sharp left turn, taking the Gage family in the other car with her. When bruises on the mother, Lorraine, prove to be late-stage cancer, Clara unexpectedly moves Lorraine's three children into her own house – and then has to cope with the consequences of practical goodness, and questions whether goodness is her only motivation.

His for Hawk by Helen Macdonald (non-fiction)

Set #67 NEW

In this original blend of memoir, biography and nature writing, Cambridge professor and falconer Macdonald adopts and trains a goshawk called Mabel, a notoriously difficult bird, as a way to cope with the grief of her father's death.

Hare with Amber Eyes by Edmund De Waal (non-fiction)

Set #42

The Ephrussi were a grand banking family in nineteenth-century Paris and Vienna society. Yet by the end of World War II, almost the only thing remaining of their vast empire was a collection of netsuke. The renowned ceramicist Edmund de Waal became the fifth generation to inherit the small and exquisite collection and, entranced by their beauty and mystery, he determined to trace the story of his family through the collection.

How it all Began by Penelope Lively

Set #34

The mugging of a retired schoolteacher on a London street has unexpected repercussions for her friends and neighbours when it inadvertently reveals an illicit love affair, leads to a business partnership and helps an immigrant to reinvent his life.

How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia by Mohsin Hamid

Set #58

The tale of a man's journey from impoverished rural boy to corporate tycoon, borrows from the business self-help books devoured by youths all over 'rising Asia.' It follows its nameless hero to the metropolis where he builds his empire on water. Yet his heart is set on the pretty girl whose star rises along with his, their paths re-crossing, in a lifelong affair sparked by the forces that careen their fates along.

Hunting and Gathering by Anna Gavalda

Set #35

The captivating, funny and tenderly ironic story of a collection of misfits in contemporary Paris – a near-anorexic artist, a chef, his granny, and a sad-sack aristocrat – who together become something more than the sum of their parts. As a curious, damaged quartet they may be able to face the world.

I Saw a Man by Owen Sheers

Set #68 NEW

Relocating to London when his journalist wife is killed during an assignment in Pakistan, a bereaved Michael bonds with new neighbours, until a terrible accident and a shattering secret complicate his healing. When Josh learns the truth about what happened on that fateful day, Michael knows he must leave London. He moves to New York, where he leads the empty existence of a haunted man. What path to redemption will Michael choose? The answer is eloquent, resonant, and completely unforgettable.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot (non-fiction)

Set #59

This book chronicles the life of the young African American woman whose cancerous cervical tissue became the first in history which could be successfully grown as culture. The contrast between the poor Lacks family who cannot afford their medical bills and the research establishments who have made millions from these cells is tragic.

In the Dark by Deborah Moggach

Set #5

Eithne Clay runs a dreary boarding house in London at the end of the First World War. Into her life comes Neville Turk, a lusty butcher with an eye for both the recently widowed Eithne and her real estate. He woos her with prime cuts of meat, but has sinister plans for her boarding house.

The Inconvenient Indian by Thomas King (non-fiction)

Set #60 NEW

In this critical and personal meditation the remarkable Thomas King writes about what it means to be "Indian" in North America. Rich with dark and light, pain and magic, this book distills the insights gleaned from that meditation, weaving the curiously circular tale of the relationship between non-Natives and Natives in the centuries since the two first encountered each other.

Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J. Ryan Stradal

Set #69 NEW

When Lars Thorvald's wife falls in love with a dashing sommelier, he's left to raise their baby, Eva, on his own. Determined to pass on his love of food to his daughter Eva, she finds her solace and salvation in the flavors of her native Minnesota as she becomes the star chef behind a legendary and secretive pop-up supper club.

Land of Decoration by Grace McCleen

Set #49

Motherless and bullied at school, ten-year old Judith seeks escape in her bedroom where she has recreated her town as an elaborate model, which she calls the 'Land of Decoration', a phrase she takes from Ezekiel. She wonders if she makes it snow in her miniature world whether she can prevent school from opening. The next morning the October landscape outside her window is blanketed in white.

Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann

Set #23

It is August, 1974, and a tightrope walker performs a quarter-mile high in the sky, on a line suspended between the two towers of the World Trade Centre. In the city below, characters' lives intersect: Corrigan, a radical young Irish monk, struggles with his own demons; a group of mothers gather in a Park Avenue apartment to mourn their sons who died in Vietnam; Tillie, a thirty-eight-year-old grandmother, turns tricks alongside her teenage daughter. This powerful novel elegantly weaves together these and other seemingly disparate lives.

The Lieutenant by Kate Grenville

Set #2

In 1787 Lieutenant Thomas Rooke, officer and astronomer, sets sail from Portsmouth with the First Fleet and its cargo of convicts destined for New South Wales. As the newcomers struggle to establish a settlement, Rooke comes to know the aboriginal people and forges a remarkable connection with one child which will change his life in ways he never imagined.

Life after Life by Kate Atkinson

Set #70 NEW

Ursula Todd is born on a cold snowy night in 1910 -- twice. As she grows up during the first half of the twentieth century in Britain Ursula dies and is brought back to life again and again. With a seemingly infinite number of lives it appears as though Ursula has the ability to alter the history of the world, should she so choose.

Little Bee by Chris Cleave

Set #3

A tragic victim of the exploitation of Africans in the hunt for petroleum, Little Bee's life invades our fine and private world in one hideously violent moment. Her saviour is an Englishwoman, who tries to right the wrongs that pitch Little Bee into the dehumanizing British detention system for immigrants. This is a heart-rending and occasionally funny tale that puts a human face on the global economy.

Long Song by Andrea Levy

Set #28

Born the child of a field slave on the Amity sugar plantation, July's life changes when a recently transplanted English widow decides to move July into the great house and rename her "Marguerite." July soon becomes indispensable to her mistress, but remains bound to the plantation despite her relative freedom. It is the arrival of a young English overseer that dramatically changes life for both July and her mistress.

Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra Dean

Set #4

Struggling with Alzheimer's, Marina recalls her work at the Hermitage Museum and the saving of its paintings during the Siege of Leningrad. This is an unforgettable tale of love, survival and the power of imagination.

Medicine Walk by Richard Waganez

Set #71 NEW

Set in the dramatic landscape of the BC Interior, sixteen year-old Franklin Starlight is called to visit his father, Eldon, a man he barely knows. The rare moments they have shared trouble Frank, but, he answers the call, to find Eldon dying of liver failure after years of heavy drinking. Eldon asks his son to take him into the mountains, so he may be buried in the traditional Ojibway manner.

Memory of Love by Aminatta Forna

Set #36

Elias Cole first catches sight of Saffia Kamara, the wife of a charismatic colleague in Sierra Leone. Thirty years later, lying in the capital's hospital, he recalls the desire that drove him to acts of betrayal he has tried to justify ever since. Elsewhere in the hospital, Kai, a gifted young surgeon, is desperately trying to forget the pain of a lost love that torments him as much as the mental scars he still bears from the civil war. It falls to a British psychologist to help the two survivors, but when he too falls in love past and present collide with devastating consequences.

Miss Emily by Nuala O'Connor

Set #72 NEW

Despite their differences in age and the upstairs-downstairs divide in the family, Irish maid Ada Concannon strikes up a deep friendship with Miss Emily Dickinson, the gifted elder daughter living a spinster's life at home. But Emily's passion for words begins to dominate her life, and when Ada's safety and reputation are threatened Emily must face down her own demons in order to help her friend, with shocking consequences.

News Where You Are by Catherine O'Flynn

Set #27

This heartbreaking, yet hilarious novel tells the story of Frank, an aging local TV news presenter in England. Beneath his awkwardly corny screen persona, Frank is haunted by, among other things, the unmarked passing of those who die alone in the city. The result is that rare thing: a page-turning novel that asks the big questions in an accessible way, and is laugh-out-loud funny, genuinely moving and ultimately uplifting.

Old Filth by Jane Gardam

Set #9

Edward Feathers aka Filth (Failed in London Try Hong Kong), an international lawyer now retired to England, reminisces on his life after the death of his wife. Brilliantly constructed - going backwards and forwards in time, yet constantly working towards the secret at its core -- 'Old Filth' is funny and heart-breaking.

Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf

Set #73 NEW

In Holt, Colorado, widower Louis Waters is initially thrown when the widowed Addie Moore suggests that they spend time together, in bed at night, to stave off loneliness. Soon they are exchanging the confidences and memories of lives now empty of family, and their hopes for the imminent future.

The Outcast by Sadie Jones

Set #25

In 1950s England the tragic death of his mother leaves ten year old Lewis deeply isolated. Ignored by his grief-stricken father, an act of inarticulate anger gets Lewis two years in prison for arson. On his return home, the only person who seems to understand him is Kit, the daughter of his father's boss and also an outsider. Mutual distrust between Lewis and the locals grows, but Kit may be able to save Lewis.

Painted Girls by Cathy Buchanan

Set #50

In belle époque Paris, the Van Goethem sisters struggle for survival after the sudden death of their father. With few options for work, Marie enters the Paris Opéra and is soon modeling in the studio of Edgar Degas, where her image will forever be immortalized. Meanwhile Antoinette, derailed by her love for the dangerous Emile Abadie, must choose between honest labour and the more profitable avenues open to a young woman of the Parisian demimonde.

Paris Wife by Paula McLain

Set #41

Meeting through mutual friends in Chicago, Hadley is intrigued by brash "beautiful boy" Ernest Hemingway, and after a brief courtship and small wedding, they take off for Paris, where she strives to hold on to her sense of self as her roles of wife, friend and muse grow ever more challenging.

Practical Jean by Trevor Cole

Set #37

This is a deeply humorous and revelatory tale of an ordinary, small-town woman with the usual challenges of middle age – a do-nothing husband and a family that refuses to understand her – who realizes her fondest wish is to protect her dearest friends from the indignities of aging and illness. And that's when she decides to kill them!

Rainbow Troops by Andrea Hirata

Set #51

The inspiring and closely autobiographical tale of the trials and tribulations that the ten motley students (nicknamed the Rainbow Troops) and two teachers from an elementary school on Belitung Island, Indonesia, undergo to ensure the continuation of the children's education. The poverty-stricken school suffers the constant threat of closure by government officials, greedy corporations, natural disasters and the students' own lack of self-confidence.

Room by Emma Donoghue

Set #20

Narrator Jack and his mother, who was kidnapped seven years earlier when she was a college student, celebrate his fifth birthday. They live in a tiny, 11-foot-square soundproofed cell in a converted shed in the kidnapper's yard. The sociopath, whom Jack has dubbed Old Nick, visits at night, grudgingly doling out food and supplies. But Ma, as Jack calls her, proves to be resilient and resourceful -- and attempts a nail-biting escape.

Secret Daughter by Shilpi Somaya

Set #15

This novel tells the stories of a baby girl in India, the American doctor who adopted her, and the Indian mother who gave her up in favour of a son. Two families -- one in India, the other in the United States -- are changed by the child that connects them.

Secret Scripture by Sebastian Barry

Set #11

Roseanne McNulty, once one of the most beautiful girls in County Sligo, Ireland, is now an elderly patient at Roscommon Regional Mental Hospital. As her hundredth year draws near, she decides to record the events of her life, hiding the manuscript beneath the floorboards. Meanwhile, the hospital is preparing to close and is evaluating its patients to determine whether they can return to society. Dr. Grene, takes a special interest in her case and as doctor and patient attempt to understand each other, they begin to uncover long-buried secrets about themselves.

Shanghai Girls by Lisa See

Set #13

In 1937, Shanghai is the Paris of Asia, a city of great wealth and glamour. Twenty-one-year-old Pearl Chin and her younger sister May are having the time of their lives – until the day their father tells them that he has gambled away their wealth. To repay his debts, he must sell the girls as wives to suitors from Los Angeles seeking Chinese brides. As Japanese bombs fall on their beloved city, Pearl and May set out on the journey of a lifetime, from the Chinese countryside to the shores of America.

The Silent Wife by A.S.A Harrison

Set #61

Jodi and Todd are at a bad place in their marriage. Much is at stake, including the affluent life they lead in their beautiful waterfront condo in Chicago, as she, the killer, and he, the victim, rush haplessly toward the main event. Told in alternating voices, this is about a marriage in the throes of dissolution, a couple headed for catastrophe, concessions that can't be made, and promises that won't be kept.

State of Wonder by Ann Patchett

Set #38

Marina Singh, who's given up her medical practice for the relative quiet of pharmaceutical research, finds her world upturned when she's suddenly sent to the Amazon. A field team there, working on a new drug, has been unresponsive for two years, and Marina's colleague Anders, who has gone to investigate, is reported dead.

Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

Set #74 NEW

One snowy night a famous Hollywood actor dies on-stage during a production of King Lear. Hours later, the world as we know it begins to dissolve. Moving back and forth in time, this novel charts the strange twists of fate that connect five people: the actor, the man who tried to save him, the actor's first wife, his oldest friend, and a young actress with the Travelling Symphony, caught in the cross-hairs of a dangerous self-proclaimed prophet.

Strawberry Fields by Marina Lewycka

Set #7

Two young Ukrainians discover romance and adventure as they travel the United Kingdom with a group of migrant workers. As they move through the inglorious work places of England they also discover insecurity, hideous working conditions, isolation, sexual abuse, meagre wages and scams. A hard hitting story made palatable by its very funny, sometimes farcical moments.

Suddenly by Bonnie Burnard

Set #10

Sandra, Colleen and Jude have been friends for nearly a lifetime. Despite their differences and occasional snarls, the friendship only grows stronger over time, and their partners go along with it, letting this union shape their lives. Now, with Sandra facing the ultimate crisis, everyone must find a way to endure the present and imagine the future.

Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley

Set #16

This mystery novel introduces Flavia de Luce, an eleven-year-old with a penchant for poison that she nurtures to defend herself from her nasty older sisters. One day, while searching for ingredients, Flavia discovers a dead body in the cucumber patch.

A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki

Set #54

In Tokyo, sixteen-year-old Nao has decided there's only one escape from her aching loneliness and her classmates' bullying. A diary is her solace. Across the Pacific, Ruth, a novelist living on a remote island discovers a collection of artifacts washed ashore in a Hello Kitty lunchbox – possibly debris from the devastating 2011 tsunami. As the mystery of its contents unfolds, Ruth is pulled into the past, into Nao's drama and her unknown fate, and forward into her own future.

Tell it to the Trees by Anita Rau Badami

Set #39

The story begins with the discovery of the frozen body of their tenant in the backyard of the Dharma family's isolated Northern B.C. home. What follows is the gradual unfolding of the events leading up to the death, told from the perspectives of the family's two children, the mother, and the tenant herself through her journal. It is a chilling glimpse into the devastating effects of domestic abuse, secrets, and isolation both geographical and social.

Tell the Wolves I'm Home by Carol Brunt

Set #52

It is 1987, and only one person has ever truly understood fourteen-year-old June Elbus -- her uncle, the renowned painter Finn Weiss. Shy at school and distant from her older sister, June can only be herself in Finn's company. So when he dies of a mysterious illness her mother can barely speak about, June's world is turned upside down. But Finn's death brings a surprise acquaintance into June's life -- someone who will help her to heal and to question what she thinks she knows about Finn, her family, and even her own heart.

Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet by David Mitchell

Set #19

In 1799, the artificial island of Dejima lies in Nagasaki Harbor as Japan's outpost for the Dutch East Indies Company. There, Jacob de Zoet has come to make a fortune large enough to return to Holland and marry the woman he loves. But Jacob's original intentions are eclipsed after a chance encounter with the disfigured daughter of a samurai doctor and midwife to the city's powerful magistrate. The borders between propriety, profit, and pleasure blur until Jacob finds his vision clouded, one rash promise made and then fatefully broken.

Three Souls by Janie Chang

Set #62

Behind the magnificent gates of the Song family estate in China, the Civil War upheaval has not touched Leiyin, a spoiled and idealistic teenager whose punishment for disobedience leads to exile from her family and an untimely death. Now a ghost, Leiyin must make amends to earn entry to the afterlife. But when her young daughter faces a dangerous future, Leiyin has to make a heart-wrenching choice.

Through Black Spruce by Joseph Boyden

Set #29

When beautiful Suzanne Bird disappears, her sister Annie, a loner and hunter, is compelled to search for her, leaving behind their uncle Will, a man haunted by loss. While Annie travels from Toronto to New York, from modelling studios to A-list parties, Will encounters dire troubles at home. Both eventually come to painful discoveries about the inescapable ties of family.

Tigers in Red Weather by Liza Klaussman

Set #53

Nick and her cousin Helena have grown up with midnight gin parties in Martha's Vineyard on a glorious old family estate known as Tiger House. In the days following the end of WWII, Helena is off to Hollywood and a new marriage, while Nick is heading for a reunion with her own young husband, Hughes, about to return from the war. Soon the gilt begins to crack and Nick and Helena - now with their children, Daisy and Ed - try to recapture that sense of possibility. But when the children discover the victim of a brutal murder one summer on the grounds of Tiger House, the intrusion of violence causes everything to unravel.

The Turner House by Angela Flournoy

Set #75 NEW

The story of the thirteen children of Francis and Viola Turner who now have to decide what to do with the family home in east-side Detroit, when an ailing Viola is forced to leave the home she has lived in for fifty years and move in with her son.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce

Set #43

When Harold Fry nips out one morning to post a letter, leaving his wife vacuuming upstairs, he has no idea that he is about to walk the length of England to deliver it. He has no hiking boots or map, let alone a compass, raincoat or mobile phone. All he knows is that he must keep walking to save someone else's life.

Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox by Maggie O'Farrell

Set #6

Set between the 1930s, and the present, this is the story of Esme, a woman edited out of her family's history, and of the secrets that come to light when, sixty years later, she is released from institutional care, and a young woman, Iris, discovers the great aunt she never knew she had.

We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves by Karen Joy Fowler

Set #63

Coming of age in middle America, 18-year-old Rosemary evaluates how her entire youth was defined by the presence and forced removal of an endearing chimpanzee who was secretly regarded as a family member and whom Rosemary loved as a sister.

We Need New Names by NoViolet Bulawayo

Set #64

Darling is only ten years old, and yet she must navigate a fragile and violent world. In Zimbabwe, she and her friends grasp at memories of before their homes were destroyed by paramilitary policemen, their school closed, and their fathers left for dangerous jobs abroad. Darling has a chance to escape to America and she travels to this new land in search of its famous abundance only to find that her options as an immigrant are perilously few.

When the Moon is Low by Nadia Hashim

Set #76 NEW

The happy, middle-class world of Mahmoud and his wife, Fereiba implodes when their country is engulfed in war and the Taliban rises to power. Mahmoud, a civil engineer, is murdered by the new fundamentalist regime. Forced to flee Kabul with her three children, Fereiba will face an impossible choice.

Wife's Tale by Lori Lansens

Set #1

When her husband doesn't come home on the eve of their 25th wedding anniversary, Mary Gooch, who has never learned to be self-sufficient, sets out on a truly remarkable journey of self-discovery that takes her first to the big city and then to another country.

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