A  Lost in the Valley of Death: A Story of Obsession and Danger in the Himalayas
In the vein of Jon Krakauer’s Into the Wild, a riveting work of narrative nonfiction centering on the unsolved disappearance of an American backpacker in India—one of at least two dozen tourists who have met a similar fate in the remote and storied Parvati Valley.

B  Art of Travel
With the same intelligence and insouciant charm he brought to How Proust Can Save Your Life, de Botton considers the pleasures of anticipation; the allure of the exotic, and the value of noticing everything from a seascape in Barbados to the takeoffs at Heathrow.

C  Architecture of Happiness
The Architecture of Happiness is a dazzling and generously illustrated journey through the philosophy and psychology of architecture and the indelible connection between our identities and our locations.

D  Civilization: The West and the Rest
How did the West overtake its Eastern rivals? And has the zenith of Western power now passed? Ferguson argues that beginning in the fifteenth century, the West developed six powerful new concepts, that the Rest lacked, allowing it to surge past all other competitors.

E  Travels with Lizbeth: Three Years on the Road and on the Streets
Lars Eighner’s account of his descent into homelessness and his adventures on the streets has moved, charmed, and amused generations of readers.
A  Pity the Reader
The art and craft of writing by one of the few grandmasters of American literature, a bonanza for writers and readers co-written by Kurt Vonnegut’s former student.

B  On Writing
Originally part of her larger work The Eye of the Story but never before published in a stand-alone volume, On Writing is a handbook every fiction writer, whether novice or master, should keep within arm’s reach.

C  Lighter: Let Go of the Past, Connect with the Present, and Expand the Future
A radically compassionate plan for turning inward and lifting the heaviness that prevents us from healing ourselves and the world, from the New York Times bestselling author of Clarity & Connection.

D  A Raisin in the Sun
Hansberry’s award-winning drama about the hopes and aspirations of a struggling, working-class family living on the South Side of Chicago connected profoundly with the psyche of black America—and changed American theater forever.

E  The Wasteland: Prufrock, the Hollow Men and Other Poems
A collection of T.S. Eliot’s most important poems, including “The Waste Land” and “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock.”
A  Upright Women Wanted
In Upright Women Wanted, award-winning author Sarah Gailey reinvents the pulp Western with an explicitly antifascist, near-future story of queer identity.

“A good old-fashioned horse opera for the 22nd century. Gunslinger librarians of the apocalypse are on a mission to spread public health, decency, and the revolution.”—Charles Stross

B  Writers & Lovers
Following the breakout success of her critically acclaimed and award-winning novel Euphoria, Lily King returns with another instant New York Times bestseller: an unforgettable portrait of an artist as a young woman.

C  Ring Shout
Nebula, Locus, and Alex Award-winner P. Djèlí Clark returns with Ring Shout, a dark fantasy historical novella that gives a supernatural twist to the Ku Klux Klan’s reign of terror.

D  Harlem Shuffle
From the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Underground Railroad and The Nickel Boys, this gloriously entertaining novel is “fast-paced, keen-eyed and very funny … about race, power and the history of Harlem all disguised as a thrill-ride crime novel” (San Francisco Chronicle).

E  Empire of Wild
A bold and brilliant new indigenous voice in contemporary literature makes her American debut with this kinetic, imaginative, and sensuous fable inspired by the traditional Canadian Métis legend of the Rogarou—a werewolf-like creature that haunts the roads and woods of native people’s communities.
A More Than a Carpenter
More than a Carpenter offers arguments for faith from a skeptic turned believer. Since its original publication in 1977, this modern classic has sold over 15 million copies, been translated into dozens of languages, and introduced countless people to the real Jesus.

B The Host
Featuring what may be the first love triangle involving only two bodies, The Host is a riveting and unforgettable novel that will bring a vast new readership to one of the most compelling writers of our time.

C Morning Star
Red Rising thrilled readers and announced the presence of a talented new author. Golden Son changed the game and took the story of Darrow to the next level. Now comes the exhilarating next chapter in the Red Rising Saga: Morning Star.

D Children of Dune
Book Three in the Magnificent Dune Chronicles—the Bestselling Science Fiction Adventure of All Time

E Elvis (DVD)
The film explores the life and music of Elvis Presley, seen through the prism of his complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker.
A  Scream (2022) (DVD)
Twenty-five years after a streak of brutal murders shocked the quiet town of Woodsboro, California, a new killer dons the Ghostface mask and begins targeting a group of teenagers to resurrect secrets from the town’s deadly past.

B  Turning Red (DVD)
A thirteen-year-old girl is torn between staying her mother’s dutiful daughter and the changes of adolescence. And as if the challenges were not enough, whenever she gets overly excited she transforms into a giant red panda.

C  All My Life (DVD)
Jennifer Carter and Solomon Chau are a sweet, fun-loving, newly engaged couple who are ready to start their lives together. But when Solomon is diagnosed with terminal liver cancer, their hopes for a summer wedding become impossible.

D  The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent (DVD)
Unfulfilled and facing financial ruin, actor Nick Cage accepts a $1 million offer to attend a wealthy fan’s birthday party.

E  The Black Phone (DVD)
Finney Shaw is a shy but clever 13-year-old boy who’s being held in a soundproof basement by a sadistic, masked killer. When a disconnected phone on the wall starts to ring, he soon discovers that he can hear the voices of the murderer’s previous victims.
**A Mercury Pictures Presents**
The epic tale of a brilliant woman who must reinvent herself to survive, moving from Mussolini’s Italy to 1940s Los Angeles—a timeless story of love, deceit, and sacrifice from the award-winning author of A Constellation of Vital Phenomena

“A genuinely moving and life-affirming novel that’s a true joy to read. “— Celeste Ng, author of Little Fires Everywhere

**B Ridley Road (DVD)**
Set in 1962 and inspired by true events, this story captures two historical movements that grow and clash throughout the era—the Nazi-inspired National Socialist Movement and a Jewish anti-fascist movement known as The 62 Group.

**C Hyperion**
A stunning tour de force filled with transcendent awe and wonder, Hyperion is a masterwork of science fiction that resonates with excitement and invention, the first volume in a remarkable epic by the multiple-award-winning author of The Hollow Man.

**D The Inheritance Games**
Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why — or even who Tobias Hawthorne is.

**E Thistlefoot**
In the tradition of modern fairy tales like Neil Gaiman’s American Gods and Naomi Novik’s Spinning Silver comes an immersive fantasy saga, a debut novel about estranged siblings who are reunited after receiving a mysterious inheritance.
A  *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*

In this exhilarating novel by the best-selling author of The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry two friends—often in love, but never lovers—come together as creative partners in the world of video game design, where success brings them fame, joy, tragedy, duplicity, and, ultimately, a kind of immortality.

B  *The Mermaid of the Black Conch*

Near the island of Black Conch, a fisherman sings to himself while waiting for a catch. But David attracts a sea-dweller that he never expected - Aycayia, an innocent young woman cursed by jealous wives to live as a mermaid.

C  *The Colony*

Audrey Magee’s *The Colony* is a novel that transports, that celebrates beauty and connection, and reckons with the inevitable ruptures of independence.

D  *Booth*

From the Man Booker finalist and bestselling author of *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* comes an epic and intimate novel about the family behind one of the most infamous figures in American history: John Wilkes Booth.

E  *The Chancellor: The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel*

The “captivating” (The New York Times), definitive biography of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, detailing the extraordinary rise and political brilliance of the most powerful—and elusive—woman in the world.
A You Mean It or You Don't
Welcome to life with James Baldwin. It is raw and challenging, inspired and embodied, passionate and fully awake.

B Fire & Blood
The thrilling history of the Targaryens comes to life in this masterly work, the inspiration for HBO’s Game of Thrones prequel series House of the Dragon.

C The Quarry (game)
The Quarry is a 2022 interactive drama horror video game developed by Supermassive Games and published by 2K.

D The Rise of the Dragon
This lavish visual history—featuring over 180 all-new illustrations—is a stunning introduction to House Targaryen, the iconic family at the heart of HBO’s Game of Thrones prequel series, House of the Dragon.

E The World of Ice & Fire
An epic history of Westeros and the lands beyond, featuring hundreds of minutes of all-new material from George R. R. Martin!
A  Nona the Ninth
Her city is under siege. The zombies are coming back. And all Nona wants is a birthday party.

“Deft, tense and atmospheric, compellingly immersive and wildly original.” —The New York Times on Gideon the Ninth

B  Pure Colour
Pure Colour is a galaxy of a novel: explosive, celestially bright, huge, and streaked with beauty. It is a contemporary bible, an atlas of feeling, and an absurdly funny guide to the great (and terrible) things about being alive.

C  Shin Megami Tensei V (game)
Unfold an allusive story filled with tragic choices, make sacrifices to uphold your ideals as you pursue light or covet darkness to discover your role in the new world.

D  Good Enough: a cookbook
Good enough is a cookbook, but it’s as much about the healing process of cooking as it is about delicious recipes. It’s about acknowledging the fears and anxieties many of us have when we get in the kitchen, then learning to let them go in the sensory experience of working with food.

E  Cartier and Islamic Art
A sumptuous exploration of the ways in which the Islamic arts have inspired the famous jewelry house Cartier, this book accompanies a major exhibition at the Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris, and the Dallas Museum of Art.
A Daisy Jones & The Six
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
• OVER ONE MILLION COPIES SOLD!
A gripping novel about the whirlwind rise of an iconic 1970s rock group and their beautiful lead singer, revealing the mystery behind their infamous breakup.

B A Gentleman in Moscow
From the #1 New York Times-bestselling author of The Lincoln Highway and Rules of Civility, a beautifully transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel.

C At the Water’s Edge
At the Water’s Edge is a gripping and poignant love story about a privileged young woman’s awakening as she experiences the devastation of World War II in a tiny village in the Scottish Highlands.

D Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt (DVD)
Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt is a TV sitcom that follows 29-year-old Kimmy Schmidt as she adjusts to life after being rescued from a doomsday cult in the fictional town of Durnsville, Indiana.

E City of Thieves
From the critically acclaimed author of The 25th Hour and When the Nines Roll Over and co-creator of the HBO series Game of Thrones, a captivating novel about war, courage, survival — and a remarkable friendship that ripples across a lifetime.
Little Witch Hazel is a tiny witch who lives in the forest, helping creatures big and small. She’s a midwife, an intrepid explorer, a hard worker and a kind friend.

In this four-season volume, Little Witch Hazel rescues an orphaned egg, goes sailing on a raft, solves the mystery of a haunted stump and makes house calls to fellow forest dwellers. But when Little Witch Hazel needs help herself, will she get it in time?

Welcome to Chez Bob, which seems like a real restaurant...until you realize...it’s on an alligator’s NOSE! Bob’s got a hidden plan for his customers: “Birds will come to eat, but I will eat the birds!”

A father takes his two children on a thrilling out-of-this-world adventure into space and invites them to look back at Earth and the conflicts that have taken place since the beginning of time.

Nimbus has always lived among the clouds. She’s a pegasus, after all, and the sky is where she belongs. She is one of a kind. And when she wants a friend, all she has to do is look up—and talk to the stars.

What could a pampered house cat possibly have to complain about?
A Howl’s Moving Castle
This entrancing classic fantasy novel is filled with surprises at every turn. An international bestseller, this much-loved book is the source for the Academy Award nominee for Best Animated Feature.

B Pan’s Labyrinth (DVD)
In the Falangist Spain of 1944, the bookish young stepdaughter of a sadistic army officer escapes into an eerie but captivating fantasy world.

C Bullet Train (DVD)
Five assassins aboard a fast-moving bullet train find out their missions have something in common.

D And Then There Were None
The tranquillity of a cruise along the Nile is shattered by the discovery that Linnet Ridgeway has been shot through the head. She was young, stylish and beautiful, a girl who had everything – until she lost her life.

Hercule Poirot recalls an earlier outburst by a fellow passenger: ‘I’d like to put my dear little pistol against her head and just press the trigger.’ Yet in this exotic setting nothing is ever quite what it seems...

Discover the power of natural magic and healing through herbs, flowers, and essential oils in this guide to green witchcraft.
A Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
A big happy frog, a plump purple cat, a handsome blue horse, and a soft yellow duck—all parade across the pages of this delightful book. Children will immediately respond to Eric Carle’s flat, boldly colored collages. Combined with Bill Martin’s singsong text, they create unforgettable images of these endearing animals.

B Poopsie Gets Lost
A fluffy, nap-loving cat goes on the (fur-raising!) outing of a lifetime in this funny and gorgeously illustrated adventure about finding your inner tough kitty.

C The Three Billy Goats Gruff
A brilliantly crafted, hilarious twist on this beloved classic, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, from renowned, award-winning, and New York Times bestselling duo and picture book pioneers Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen!

D Farmhouse
Step inside the dollhouse-like interior of Farmhouse and relish in the daily life of the family that lives there, rendered in impeccable, thrilling detail.

E The Velveteen Rabbit: 100th Anniversary Edition
One hundred years ago, Margery Williams saw the human condition so clearly that her story, The Velveteen Rabbit, has been embraced more with every passing generation. Perhaps that is because our need to become real has grown greater with each year.
A Disrupting the Game
Reggie Fils-Aimé, retired President and Chief Operating Officer of Nintendo of America Inc., shares leadership lessons and inspiring stories from his unlikely rise to the top.

B The Hobbit
The journey through Middle-earth begins here with J.R.R. Tolkien’s classic prelude to his Lord of the Rings trilogy.

C On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft
Part memoir, part master class by one of the bestselling authors of all time, this superb volume is a revealing and practical view of the writer’s craft, comprising the basic tools of the trade every writer must have.

D Sherlock Holmes and the Sussex Sea-Devils

E Dune
Frank Herbert’s classic masterpiece—a triumph of the imagination and one of the bestselling science fiction novels of all time.
A  The Picture of Dorian Gray
A young man, named Dorian Gray, becomes obsessed with his own beauty and the portrait of himself painted by artist, Basil Hallward. Dorian wishes that the painting would age instead of him so that he can continue to see his younger self. Dorian begins to experiment with different hedonistic activities and desires, which unleash a series of rotting effects on the painting and expose his true evil nature.

B  Pokémon Legends: Arceus (game)
Pokémon Legends: Arceus is a 2022 action role-playing game developed by Game Freak and published by Nintendo and The Pokémon Company for the Nintendo Switch.

C  No Time To Die (DVD)
James Bond is enjoying a tranquil life in Jamaica after leaving active service. However, his peace is short-lived as his old CIA friend, Felix Leiter, shows up and asks for help.

D  Elden Ring (game)
Elden Ring is a 2022 action role-playing game. In Elden Ring, players control a customizable player character on a journey to repair the Elden Ring and become the new Elden Lord.

E  Xenoblade Chronicles 3 (game)
Xenoblade Chronicles 3 is a 2022 action role-playing game. The game takes place in Aionios, where two warring nations, Keves and Agnus, engage in perpetual war with soldiers with ten-year lifespans.
A Reader, I Buried Them and Other Stories
Mystery Writers of America Grand Master Peter Lovesey presents a collection of short fiction spanning 50 years, including the first story he ever published and three brand-new stories.

B The Narrowboat Summer
Candid, hilarious, and uplifting, Anne Youngson’s The Narrowboat Summer is a celebration of the power of friendship and new experiences to change one’s life, at any age.

C Marple: Twelve New Mysteries
Bringing a fresh twist to the hallmarks of a classic Agatha Christie mystery, these twelve esteemed writers have captured the sharp wit, unique voice, and droll ingenuity of the deceptively demure detective.

D A Lady’s Guide to Fortune Hunting
A whip-smart debut that follows the adventures of an entirely unconventional heroine who throws herself into the London Season to find a wealthy husband. But the last thing she expects is to find love…

E Starry Messenger
Tyson shines new light on the crucial fault lines of our time—war, politics, religion, truth, beauty, gender, and race—in a way that stimulates a deeper sense of unity for us all.
A  These Women
From the award-winning author of Wonder Valley and Visitation Street comes a serial killer story like you’ve never seen before—a literary thriller of female empowerment and social change.

AN LA TIMES BOOK PRIZE, MYSTERY & THRILLER FINALIST * AN INTERNATIONAL THRILLER WRITERS FINALIST, BEST HARDCOVER NOVEL * A MACAVITY BEST MYSTERY NOVEL FINALIST

B  The Bell Jar (Audio)
The Bell Jar chronicles the crack-up of Esther Greenwood: brilliant, beautiful, enormously talented, and successful but slowly going under—maybe for the last time.

C  The Lincoln Highway
Spanning just ten days and told from multiple points of view, Towles’s third novel will satisfy fans of his multi-layered literary styling while providing them an array of new and richly imagined settings, characters, and themes.

D  The Thousand Crimes of Ming Tsu
A Chinese American assassin sets out to rescue his kidnapped wife and exact revenge on her abductors in this New York Times Book Review Editors’ Choice: a twist on the classic western from "an astonishing new voice."

E  Bobby March Will Live Forever
The third dark and gripping Harry McCoy thriller from the most exciting new voice in Scottish noir.
A  **A History of Me**  
An uplifting message of hope for the future and pride in your history, inspired by a mother’s experience of being the only Black child in her classroom.

B  **Daddy Speaks Love**  
A moving tribute to the joy and grounding that fathers bring to their children’s lives.

C  **Tomatoes In My Lunchbox**  
A moving picture book from a debut author about the first day of school, layered with themes about the immigrant experience and the universal experience of feeling out of place.

D  **We Wait for the Sun**  
A beautiful and uplifting non-fiction picture book from Katie McCabe and trailblazing civil rights lawyer and activist Dovey Johnson Roundtree, We Wait for the Sun.

E  **Powwow Day**  
In this uplifting, contemporary Native American story, River is recovering from illness and can’t dance at the powwow this year. Will she ever dance again?

F  **The Women Who Caught the Babies**  
The Women Who Caught the Babies highlights important aspects of the training and work of African-American midwives and the ways in which they have helped, and continue to help, so many families by “catching” their babies at birth.
A  The Sirens of Titan
“[Kurt Vonnegut’s] best book . . . He dares not only ask the ultimate question about the meaning of life, but to answer it.”—Esquire

B  Lucifer Season 1 (DVD)
This series follows Lucifer, the original fallen angel, who has become dissatisfied with his life in hell. After abandoning his throne and retiring to Los Angeles, Lucifer indulges in his favorite things (women, wine and song) -- until a murder takes place outside of his upscale nightclub.

C  A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms
Taking place nearly a century before the events of A Game of Thrones, A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms compiles the first three official prequel novellas to George R. R. Martin’s ongoing masterwork, A Song of Ice and Fire.

D  A Court of Thorns and Roses
When nineteen-year-old huntress Feyre kills a wolf in the woods, a terrifying creature arrives to demand retribution. Dragged to a treacherous magical land she knows about only from legends, Feyre discovers that her captor is not truly a beast, but one of the lethal, immortal faeries who once ruled her world.

E  The Lighthouse (DVD)
Two lighthouse keepers try to maintain their sanity while living on a remote and mysterious New England island in the 1890s.
A **The Love of My Life**
From the New York Times bestselling author of *Ghosted* comes a love story wrapped in mystery: an up-all-night page-turner with a dark secret at its core.

“Gripping, heartbreaking and impossible to put down.” — Laura Dave

B **The Pages**
An entirely original novel in which a book—Joseph Roth’s masterpiece *Rebellion*—narrates its own astonishing life story, from 1930s Germany to the present day, at the heart of a gripping mystery.

C **A Solitude of Wolverines**
A highly imaginative thriller about a young woman who discovers that a strange map in her deceased father’s belongings holds an incredible, deadly secret—one that will lead her on an extraordinary adventure and to the truth about her family’s dark history.

D **The Cartographers**
The first book in a thrilling series featuring an intrepid wildlife biologist who’s dedicated to saving endangered species…and relies on her superior survival skills to thwart those who aim to stop her.

E **Hello Transcriber**
A captivating mystery suspense debut featuring a female police transcriber who goes beyond the limits to solve a harrowing case.
A  **Spy x Family**
An action-packed comedy about a fake family that includes a spy, an assassin and a telepath!

B  **Splatooon 3 (game)**
Splatooon 3 is a third-person shooter video game developed and published by Nintendo for the Nintendo Switch.

C  **The Bob’s Burgers Movie (DVD)**
A ruptured water main creates an enormous sinkhole right in front of Bob’s Burgers, blocking the entrance indefinitely and ruining the Belchers’ plans for a successful summer.

D  **Nope (DVD)**
Two siblings running a horse ranch in California discover something wonderful and sinister in the skies above, while the owner of an adjacent theme park tries to profit from the mysterious, otherworldly phenomenon.

E  **Pokémon Legends: Arceus (game)**
Pokémon Legends: Arceus is a 2022 action role-playing game developed by Game Freak and published by Nintendo and The Pokémon Company for the Nintendo Switch.
A Heartstopper

B Cryptid Club
A delightful peek into the secret social lives of some of the world’s most fascinating, monstrous, and mysterious creatures.

C Adventure Time (DVD)
Twelve-year-old Finn battles evil in the Land of Ooo. Assisted by his magical dog, Jake, Finn roams the Land of Ooo righting wrongs and battling evil.

D Studio 666 (DVD)
Members of the rock band Foo Fighters move into an Encino mansion steeped in grisly rock ‘n’ roll history to record their much anticipated 10th album. Once in the house, Dave Grohl finds himself grappling with supernatural forces that threaten both the completion of the album and the lives of the band members.

E Rule of Wolves
The wolves are circling, and a young king will face his greatest challenge in the explosive finale of the instant #1 New York Times–bestselling King of Scars Duology.
A **Everything Everywhere All at Once (DVD)**

When an interdimensional rupture unravels reality, an unlikely hero must channel her newfound powers to fight bizarre and bewildering dangers from the multiverse as the fate of the world hangs in the balance.

B **Stardust**

A beautiful and enchanting tale of love, adventure, and magic.

C **Thor: Love and Thunder (DVD)**

Thor embarks on a journey unlike anything he’s ever faced - a quest for inner peace. However, his retirement gets interrupted by Gorr the God Butcher, a galactic killer who seeks the extinction of the gods.

D **Howl’s Moving Castle**

This entrancing classic fantasy novel is filled with surprises at every turn. An international bestseller, this much-loved book is the source for the Academy Award nominee for Best Animated Feature.

E **Eragon**

When fifteen-year-old Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself.
**A** Crying in H Mart
From the indie rock sensation known as Japanese Breakfast, an unforgettable memoir about family, food, grief, love, and growing up Korean American

“in losing her mother and cooking to bring her back to life, Zauner became herself” (NPR)

**B** Working with Emotional Intelligence
In Working with Emotional Intelligence, Goleman reveals the skills that distinguish star performers in every field, from entry-level jobs to top executive positions. He shows that the single most important factor is not IQ, advanced degrees, or technical expertise, but the quality Goleman calls emotional intelligence.

**C** My Dinner With Andre
Old friends Wallace and Andre haven’t seen each other in five years and agree to meet for dinner.

**D** Comedy Comedy Comedy Drama
Featuring humorous tangents, never-before-seen photos, wild characters, and Bob’s trademark unflinching drive, Comedy Comedy Comedy Drama is a classic showbiz tale told by a determined idiot.

**E** The Alchemist
Paulo Coelho’s masterpiece tells the magical story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure as extravagant as any ever found.
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