

Date	Book Title; Author	Take Away
12/7/2019	Nickel Boys; Whitehead	Author's concerns about reconcile racial progress from grandparents' (aka 1960s) time to what is happening today 2019.
12/17/2019	User Friendly; Kuang & Fabricant	Automation paradox. Easier to use machines are more mysterious and may make us more feeble in decision-making
12/18/2019	Sandworm; Greenberg	Lack of digital security, programmable devices, IoT (internet of things) next vector for terrorism?
12/22/2019	Sag Harbor; Whitehead	black brothers' summer tale coming of age in white america summers of the 1980s
12/23/2019	Rise of Magicks; Roberts	cotton candy, final in series
12/24/2019	Kill Club; Heard	altruistic (?) murder society avenging societal ills in LA (eg foster care, abuse, etc.) author says "this book is a love letter to the working-class Los Angeles that doesn't always make it into books and movies."
12/26/2019	Family Upstairs; Jewell	messed up family conned out of everything, children reunite at end - weird
12/28/2019	Last Dance; Shoemaker	excellent SF Earth Mars transport based on Buzz Aldrin's spaceship design; excellent characters - read more by this guy!
12/30/2019	All That's Bright & Gone; Nellums	family mental illness from 6 year old's POV
1/1/2020	The Wonderful; Saskia Sarginson	nazis, murder, MKUltra, it's in there
1/4/2020	Where the Wolrd Ends; McCaughrean	late 1700s boy fowlers stuck on hardship island while whole village dies of smallpox - based on true story
1/5/2020	Girl, Woman, Other; Evaristo	British, multi generational tales of interconnected women mostly of color and their experiences
1/9/2020	Anyone; Soule	technology gone awry with body snatching altruism - just another kind of slavery
1/11/2020	Lost Causes of Bleak Creek; McLaughlin & Neal	odd coming of age with reform school movie, book loses focus last 50 pages
1/12/2020	The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse; Mackesy	great observations on life and people; returned to library and order our own copy
1/14/2020	Reverie; La Sala	more teenage magic, read 100 pages & quit
1/15/2020	The Sacrament; Olafsson	catholic priest abuse story in Iceland investigated by nun
1/15/2020	Expert Secrets; Brunson	internet marketing book
1/16/2020	The Starless Sea; Morgenstern	time traveling between books and stories; sliding criss-crossing confusing timelines between friends & lovers
1/23/2020	A Beginnig at the End; Chen	family friendly dystopian end of the world
1/26/2020	Vanished Burds; Jimenz	time traveling, earth, aliens, paralell time lines
1/30/2020	Not so Pure & Simple; Giles	bittersweet coming of age unlearning machismo, sex ed and abstinence promises combined with social pressure and internet bullying
2/1/2020	A Long Petal of the Sea; Allende	historical fiction with insights into Chile's immigrants, politics and poetry

2/2/2020	Nothing to see Here; Wilson	kids (twins) who spontaneously combust and the adults trying to raise them
2/6/2020	Dreamland; Bilyeau	historical fiction somewhat based on Peggy Guggenheim involving murders at Coney Island
2/8/2020	Westering Women; Dallas	hardships and other stories of a wagon train of women traveling to California gold fields
2/11/2020	Followers; Angelo	semi-scary future of wearable devices in big-brother internet backwards 1984
2/15/2020	the Majesties; Tsao	sibling rivalry between rich chinese girls
2/16/2020	Such a Fun Age; Reid	racial privilege and relationships in LA
2/17/2020	The Playground; Shemilt	what happens on the playground stays in the kids forever
2/19/2020	Small Days and Nights; Doshi	woman escapes american marriage & returns to life in Indian fishing village
2/25/2020	The Wife and the Widow;	never sure who is who until the end
2/28/2020	When we were Kings; MacDonald	started, quit too fanatasy
3/2/2020	Thief River Falls; Reeman	solving the loss of her family
3/4/2020	American Dirt; Cummins	immigrant tales
3/9/2020	Love Unscripted; Nichols	quirky love story
3/11/2020	The Girl With the Louding Voice; Dare'	Nigerian girl sold into marriage gets out and educated
3/14/2020	Mercy House; Dillion	story of Catholic womens' shelter and priestly/masculine power
3/16/2020	Interior Chinatown; Yu	making it in film & life as generic asian man
3/20/2020	Lady Clementine; Benedict	fictional biography of Lady Churchill and their marriage
3/21/2020	The Worst Best Man; Sosa	guilty pleasure romcom
3/24/2020	The Golden Key; Womack	too gothic for me
3/27/2020	Topics of Conversation; Popkey	post modern femine conversations about rape, abuse, etc.
3/29/2020	The Truants; Weinberg	love triangles with death
3/30/2020	Memory Man; Baldacci	head injury makes synesthesia & hyperthymesia detective 1st case
3/31/2020	Last Mile; Baldacci	second case
4/1/2020	The Fix; Baldacci	3rd case, i knew the mother did it way before the end
4/4/2020	Redemption; Baldacci	4th case
4/13/2020	Apeirogon; McCann	novelization of Palestine/Israel conflict in bits & pieces, thought provoking
4/17/2020	The Third to Die; Brennan	new series, FBI response team - murders, etc.
4/25/2020	Saint X;Schaitkin	mysterious death, spring break on island - surviving sister POV
4/26/2020	The Sun is Also a Star; Yoon	immigrant love story
5/2/2020	Evie Drake Starts Over; Holmees	leaving her husband, but he died first
5/2/2020	The Guest Book; Blake	historical priveledged fictio - boring quit 1/2 wat thru

5/6/2020	After You; Moyes	2nd in series after man who broke neck had assisted suicide
5/7/2020	Still me; Moyes	3rd in series
5/10/2020	Winter in paradise; Hilderbrand	Papa was hiding money, etc. From family when he died
5/13/2020	A Minute to Midnight; Baldacci	FBI agent investigate's sister's cold case
5/15/2020	Peacock Emporium; Moyes	young woman runs 2nd hand store
5/17/2020	Artemis; Weir	life on the moon with mystery
5/21/2020	Tomorrow & Tomorrow; Sweterlitsch	weird sci fi visiting Pgh in the past after nuclear device (preCovid)
5/22/2020	Queen Bee; Frank	young woman & family in low country life
5/23/2020	One Good Deed; Baldacci	1940s style detective story
5/23/2020	Save Me The Plums; Reichl	memoir gourment mag editor with recipes
5/25/2020	Maid; Land	true life single mother account of poverty
5/26/2020	Art of Reing in the Raid; Garth	life from the dog's POV, death, crazy custody - boy can I relate to the crazy
5/31/2020	Shortest Way Home; Buttigieg	mayor for pres - wish he'd been the final candidate!!
6/3/2020	Lilac Girls, Kelly	multi POV WWII women connected
6/4/2020	The Institute; King	who can resist Stephen King??
6/7/2020	How to be an Antiracist; Kendi	2nd read powerful
6/9/2020	Perfect Couple, Hilfrbrand	good murder at a wedding on nantucket
6/9/2020	Spark of Light; Picoult	quit reading, didn't holdinterest
6/10/2020	An Anonymous Girl; Hendricks	cool twisted psych thriller
6/10/2020	Dirt Diary; Staniszewski	8th grade girl deals with divorce, bullying and boys
6/12/2020	Recursion; Crouch	detective and others relive life (lives) o solve crime and fix time line
6/13/2020	Upright Women Wanted; Gailey	future pony express LGBTQ riders
6/14/2020	Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine; Honeyman	British woman learns to live in the real world after parental abuse (sister murdered)
6/14/2020	Shouting at the Rain; Hunt	teen girl coming of age on Cape Cod
6/15/2020	I Found You; Jewell	Lost man found on British beach solves decades old murder due to repressed memories
6/17/2020	The Holdout; Moore	contempory hung jury, 1 changes 11 votes not realistic
6/22/2020	The Hidden Girl, Liu	loosely connected sci fi stories, uploaded people's lives in virtual worlds
6/30/2020	The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek; Richardson	1st mobile library in KY
7/3/2020	Cemetary Road, Isle	power in the old south overturned
7/5/2020	Believe Me; Izzard	Eddie Izzard Bio
7/7/2020	The Bride Test; Hoang	romantic comedy
7/10/2020	Ask Again, Yes; Keane	missed opportunity

7/12/2020	August & Everything After; Doktorski	growing up Jersey shore
7/15/2020	Native Tongue; Elgin	1st in trilogy of SCIFI women created language
7/17/2020	We All Fall Down; Richards	spooky teenage romance
7/19/2020	Dark Matter; Crouch	time looping self trying to fix his life over and over
7/20/2020	The New Girl; Silva	kidnapping gone very wrong
7/21/2020	An American Marriage; Jones	marriage interrupted because husband wrongly goes to jail (arrested for being black)
7/22/2020	Judas Rose; Elgin	2nd in trilogy
7/30/2020	Earth Song; Elgin	3rd in trilogy
8/5/2020	The Last House Guest; Miranda	murder mystery
8/6/2020	Sharp Objects; Flynn	reporter investigating kidnapping, similar to siste's
8/8/2020	The Couple Next Door; Lapena	domestic suspense; child kidnapped family
8/12/2020	The Bend of the World; Bacharach	dumb book about sanctimonius yuppie - took place in Pittsburgh
8/14/2020	City of Secrets; O'Nan	camp survivor in Jerusalem involved in establishing Israel
8/15/2020	The Banker's Wife; Alger	fiancial intrigue, spies/death and conspiracy - the wife figures it out
8/17/2020	Catch & Kill; Farrow	news; Me2 movement weinstein, etc.
8/19/2020	I Owe You One; Kinsella	British romantic comedy
8/21/2020	Marilou Is Everywhere; Smith	hard to follow, quit 1/2 way
8/21/2020	Before We Were Yours; Wingate	historical fiction adoption of stolen children from TN
8/22/2020	All We Ever Wanted; Giffin	monied family issues
8/23/2020	Just Mercy; Stevenson	more than movie, stories about Equal Justice Initiative
8/24/2020	Open Season; Box	game warden in Wyoming
8/25/2020	The Kiss Quotient; Hoang	rom com
8/26/2020	Red at the Bone; Woodson	multi gen african american family
8/29/2020	Lost Roses; Kelly	1914 historical fiction
8/30/2020	The Water Dancer; Coates	teleportation, salvery escape
9/2/2020	Department of Sensitive Crimes; Smith	Swedish crime
9/3/2020	Educated; Westover	overcoming and getting education, writer
9/5/2020	The Wives; Fisher	polygamy
9/12/2020	Cape May; Check	1950s swingers in Cape May
9/13/2020	On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous; Vuong	sons and mothers, escape to US
9/15/2020	The Last Anniversary; Moriarty	life on an island
9/16/2020	Meet Cute; Hunting	rom com

9/19/2020	Unorthodox; Feldman	escape Hasidic life
9/23/2020	My Dark Vanessa; Russell	twisted Lolita
9/25/2020	Mistress of the Ritz; Benjamin	historical WWII inside the Ritz
9/29/2020	The Night Watchman; Erditch	senator & native americans
9/29/2020	The Mother-In-Law; Hepworth	complicated relationships
10/4/2020	The Night-Circus; Morgenstern	fantasy
10/10/2020	Little Fires Everywhere; Ng	misunderstandings galore; perfect not
10/14/2020	The Understory; Powers	greening US and trees
10/15/2020	Redhead by the Side of the Road; Tyler	quiet story of spectrum 40 yr love?
10/16/2020	Normal People; Rooney	love story
10/17/2020	One Day in December; Silver	rom com
10/18/2020	The Bookish Life of Nina Hill; Waxman	bookstore Nina meets estranged father
10/20/2020	Daisy Jones & the Six; Reid	rock star stories
10/22/2020	The Husband's Secret; Moriarty	murders, affairs
10/23/2020	Dear Edward; Napolitano	one child survives commercial plane crash
10/25/2020	The Jetsetters; Ward	dysfunctional family "wins" vacation
10/28/2020	Two Lives of Lydia Bird; Silver	finance dies he lives alternate lives
10/29/2020	Shadows in Death; Robb	another Dallas/Roarke mystery
10/30/2020	The Honey-Don't List; Lauren	rom com like Fixer Upper but twisted
10/31/2020	The Red Lotus; Bohjalian	plague pandemic weaponized biologic & rats
11/2/2020	The Only Woman in the Room; Benedict	about Hedy Lamarr inventions
11/4/2020	Before She Knew Him; Swanson	pyscho thriller/murder
11/5/2020	Big Summer; Weiner	rom com on Cape Cod
11/7/2020	City of Girls; Gilbert	stage life in NYC WWII and after
11/9/2020	Talking to Strangers; Gladwell	how to
11/10/2020	Cilka's Journey; Morris	survive Auschwitz to go to a gulag
11/12/2020	Know My Name; Miller	1st hand account of rape trial
11/13/2020	In Five Years; Serle	tragedy impacts five year vision
11/14/2020	Sunrise on Half Moon Bay; Carr	sisters relationship changes
11/18/2020	The Other Mrs.; Kubica	psychological thrill, murder
11/20/2020	Writers & Lovers; King	young woman struggles to become author
11/22/2020	Deacon King Kong; McBride	projects life in NYC

11/23/2020	Something In the Water; Steadman	honeymoon
11/23/2020	What Happens in Paradise; Hilderbrand	vol 2; rom com
11/25/2020	The Great Influenza; Barry	1918 (parallels to Covid in retrospect)
11/27/2020	Hello Summer; Andrews	beach mysteries
11/29/2020	Walk the Wire; Baldacci	FBI murder investigation
11/30/2020	Woman in the Window; Finn	psycho thriller
12/3/2020	All Adults Here; Straub	parents & children <sigh>
12/5/2020	The Boy From the Woods; Coben	murder/kidnap mystery
12/7/2020	If It Bleeds; King	novellas by the master Stephen