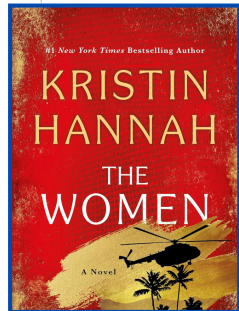


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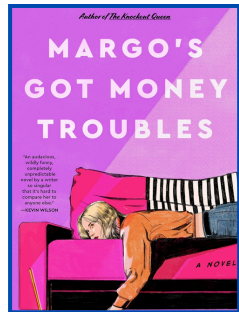


## Best Adult Fiction

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## Best Book Club Book

### Margo's Got Money Troubles

by Rufi Thorpe

Abold, laugh-out-loud funny, and heartwarming story about one young woman's attempt to navigate adulthood, new motherhood, and her meager bank account in our increasingly online world.

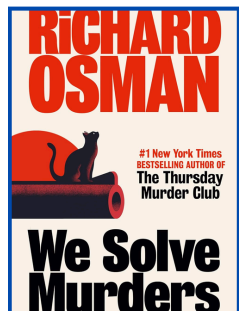


## Best Fantasy

### The Spellshop

by Sarah Beth Durst

Join Kiela the librarian and her assistant, Caz the sentient spider plant, as they navigate the low stakes market of illegal spellmaking and the high risk business of starting over. A lush cottagecore tale full of stolen spellbooks, unexpected friendships, sweet jams, and even sweeter love.



## Best Mystery

### We Solve Murders

by Richard Osman

An iconic new detective duo and a murder to solve... Steve is enjoying retired life. His days of adventure are over. His daughter-in-law Amy's works in private security. When a dead body and a bag of money shows up, she sends an SOS to the only person she trusts... Solving murders. It's a family business.

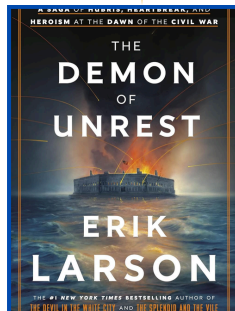


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## Best Adult Non-Fiction & Best Audiobook

### The Demon of Unrest

by Erik Larson

An account of the months between Lincoln's election and the Confederacy's shelling of Sumter. This is a political horror story that captures the forces that led America to the brink—a dark reminder that we often don't see a cataclysm coming until it's too late.

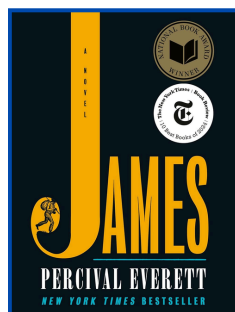


## Best Debut Author & Best Science Fiction

### The Ministry of Time

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A time travel romance, a spy thriller, a workplace comedy, and an ingenious exploration of the nature of power and the potential for love to change it all. What does it mean to defy history, when history is living in your house?

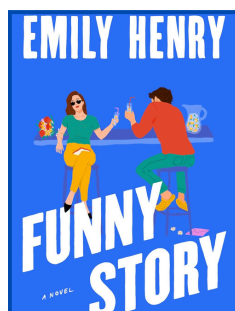


## Best Historical Fiction

### James

by Percival Everett

When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a plan. This novel is brimming with the electrifying humor and lacerating observations.



## Best Romance

### Funny Story

by Emily Henry

A novel about a pair of opposites with the wrong thing in common. But it's all just for show, of course, because there's no way Daphne would actually start her new chapter by falling in love with her ex-fiancé's new fiancée's ex...right?



## Best Thriller Fiction

### One of Our Kind

by Nicola Yoon

Jasmyn and King move their family to the planned Black utopia of Liberty, California.

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## Book of the Year

### Indigo Isle

by T.I. Lowe

Sonny Bates left South Carolina fifteen years ago and never looked back. A story of hanging on and letting go, of redemption and reconciliation, and of a love that heals the deepest wounds

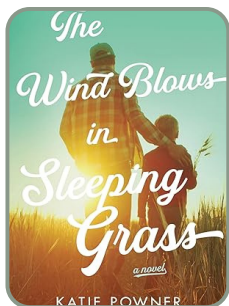


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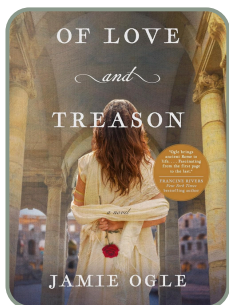


## General Fiction

### The Wind Blows in Sleeping Grass

by Katie Powner

For the first time in his life, Pete has everything to lose. Pete is forced to face a past he buried long ago, and Wilma discovers her long-awaited chance at redemption may come at a higher cost than she's willing to pay.



## Historical Romance

### Of Love and Treason

by Jamie Ogle

Valentine defies the emperor and becomes a hero . . . and the most wanted man in the empire. Compelled by his faith, he has nothing to lose, until a chance encounter with the daughter of a Roman jailor changes everything.

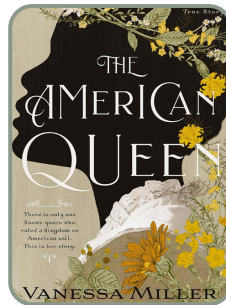


## Short Form

### We Three Kings

by Crystal Caudill, Angela Strong, Cara Putnam

In this Christmas collection, Weise men still seek Jesus--and love. Follow three generations of the Weise family in this collection of Christmas novellas that will prove just as popular as the previous award-winning volumes.



## Amplify Award for Christian Fiction

### The American Queen

by Vanessa Miller

Themes of love, hate, hope, trust, and resilience in the face of great turmoil. With every turn of the page, you will be transported to a pivotal period in American history, where oppressed people become extraordinary heroes.



## First Novel

### An American Immigrant

by Johanna Rojas Vann

A Colombian American journalist tries to save her career by taking an assignment somewhere she never thought she'd go—Colombia—in this heartwarming debut novel about rediscovering our family stories.

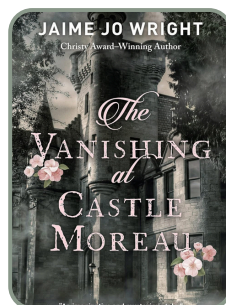


## Historical

### The Warsaw Sisters

by Amanda Barrett

A richly rendered portrait of courage, sacrifice, and resilience. A story of sisters in Poland and the secrets both are forced to keep--the cost of resistance may prove greater than either ever imagined.



## Mystery/Suspense/Thriller

### The Vanishing at Castle Moreau

by Jamie Jo Wright

A haunting legend. An ominous curse. A search for a secret buried deep within the castle walls. A dual-time tale of two women who must do all they can to seek the light amid the darkness shrouding Castle Moreau.



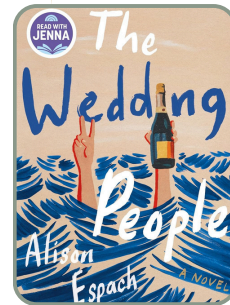
## Speculative

### In This Moment

by Gabrielle Meyer

Maggie inherited a gift from her time-crossing parents that allows her to live three separate lives in 1861, 1941, and 2001. Each night, she goes to sleep in one time period and wakes up in another. Until she turns twenty-one, when she will have to forfeit two of those lives--and everyone she knows in them--forever.

# GoodReads Awards

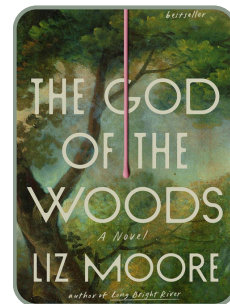


## Best Fiction

### The Wedding People

by Alison Espach

A novel about one unexpected wedding guest and the surprising people who help her start anew. A look at the winding paths we can take to places we never imagined—and the chance encounters it takes to reroute us.



## Best Mystery & Thriller

### The God of the Woods

by Liz Moore

When a teenager vanishes from her camp, two worlds collide. As a search begins, the drama unfolds. Layered secrets and the blue-collar community working in its shadow, this is a gripping dynasty of secrets and second chances.



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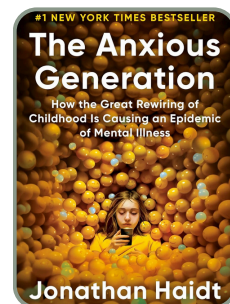


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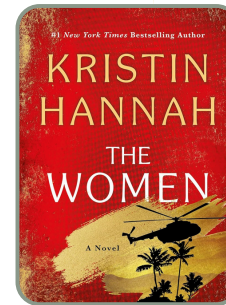


## Best Non-Fiction

### The Anxious Generation

by Jonathan Haidt

A must-read for all parents: the generation-defining investigation into the collapse of youth mental health in the era of smartphones, social media, and big tech—and a plan for a healthier, freer childhood.



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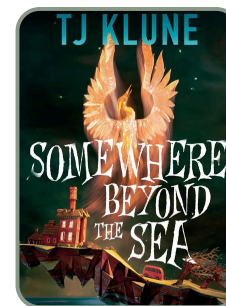


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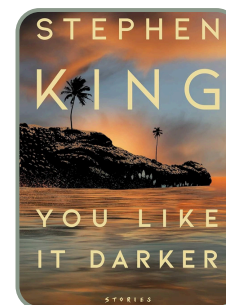


## Best Fantasy

### Somewhere Beyond the Sea

by T.J. Klune

A magical house. A secret past. A summons that could change everything. This is a story of resistance, lovingly told, about the daunting experience of fighting for the life you want to live and doing the work to keep it.

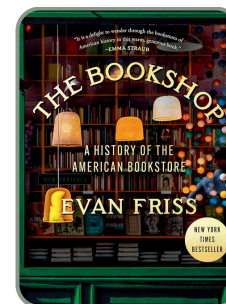


## Best Horror

### You Like it Darker

by Stephen King

An extraordinary new collection of twelve short stories, many never-before-published, and some of his best EVER. Each of these stories holds its own thrills, joys, and mysteries; each feels iconic. You like it darker? You got it.



## Best History & Biography

### The Bookshop

by Evan Friss

A history of the American bookstore and its central place in American cultural life, from department stores to indies, from highbrow dealers trading in first editions to sidewalk vendors, and from chains to special-interest community destinations.