The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse
By Charlie Mackey  Jenn’s Pick
An endearing graphic novel that follows the friendship of four central characters. An uplifting story, that can be read in just minutes.

The Arsonists City
By Hala Alyan  Annie’s Pick
A rich family story, a personal look at the legacy of war in the Middle East, and an indelible rendering of how we hold on to the people and places we call home.

If the Creek Don’t Rise
By Leah Weiss  Pat’s Pick
A woman in a North Carolina mountain town facing a bleak future with an alcoholic husband, Sadie considers a different life when a stranger arrives and knocks her world off-kilter for the entire community.

The Dead Romantics
By Ashley Poston  Susan’s Pick
A disillusioned millennial ghost writer, who quite literally, has some ghosts of her own, has to find her way back home.

Pachinko
By Min Jin Lee  Laura’s Pick
Teenaged Sunja meets a stranger near her home in Korea who promises her the world. When she discovers she is pregnant and that her lover is married, she refuses to be bought. This chronicles the dreams of an immigrant family and their quest to survive.

Signal to Noise
By Silvia Moreno Garcia  Raquel’s Pick
Meche returns to Mexico City to attend her estranged father’s funeral. After running into an old friend, she reminisces about how she learned to cast spells and how Meche and her friends hoped to use this magic to better their lives.

A Lady’s Guide to Fortune Hunting
By Sophie Irwin  Susan’s Pick
The story follows an unconventional heroine, who throws herself into the London Season to find a wealthy husband. The last thing she expects is to find is love.

Anatomy of a Murder
By Robert Traver  Laura’s Pick
A gripping, court-room drama about an Army lieutenant accused of murdering a tavern owner who he believes attacked his wife.

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What I Carry
By Jennifer Longo  Kristen’s Pick
A heartwarming story of a teen girl about to age out of the foster care system.

Can’t Look Away
By Carola Lovering  Alison’s Pick
A sexy suspense novel about the kind of addictive, obsessive, love that keeps you coming back.

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo
By Taylor Jenkins Reid  Diana’s Pick
The story of a fictional old Hollywood star Evelyn Hugo, who gives a final interview to an unknown journalist.

Broken Harbor
By Tana French  Loretta’s Pick
A brutal attack leaves a woman in intensive care, her husband and a brash cop struggle with perplexing clues and haunting memories.

The Lost City of Z
By David Grann  Jenn’s Pick
A non-fiction story about British explorer Percy Fawcett, who disappeared after heading into the Amazon to find an ancient city.

The Marriage Portrait: A Novel
By Maggie O’Farrell  Mary Pat’s Pick
A novel set in Renaissance Italy, and centering on a young duchess; who was forced to marry an older Duke, thus merging the two dynasties.
The Reservoir
By David Duchovny   Raquel’s Pick
Set in present day pandemic NYC; Ridley, trapped in solitude, sees lights in an apartment. Is this a signal? Ridley leaves safety to find out; his obsession turns to madness.

Window on the Bay
By Debbie Macomber   Natalie’s Pick
When a single mom becomes an empty nester, she spreads her wings to rediscover herself, and her passions.

Book of Cold Cases
By Simone St. James   Pat’s Pick
A true crime blogger gets more than she bargained for while interviewing the woman acquitted of two cold case slayings.

I’m Glad My Mom Died
By Jennette McCurdy   Mary’s Pick
A memoir, by former child actor, McCurdy, details how she regained control of her life after grappling with addiction and a thorny relationship with her domineering mother.

Old Country
By Matt Query   Kristen’s Pick
Thriller about a young couple who buys the perfect, secluded house – only to discover the terror within.

Mala’s Cat
By Mala Kacenberg   Diana’s Pick
The true story of a young girl who navigated dangerous forests, outwitted Nazi soldiers, and survived against all odds with the companionship of a stray cat.

These Silent Woods
By Kimi Cunningham Grant   Lori’s Pick
Vividly atmospheric and masterfully tense, These Silent Woods is a poignant story of survival, sacrifice, and how far a father will go when faced with losing it all.

Unsaid
By Neil Abramson   Rachel’s Pick
In this best-selling debut that explores the beauty and power of human-animal relationships.

Rebellious Heart
By JoAnna Dante   Natalie’s Pick
The beautiful Julia Bonnard, a Southern-bred young woman, faces the tragic loss of her family and property.

Devil in the White City
By Erik Larson   Loretta’s Pick
Murder, magic, and madness at the fair that changed America.

Bewilderment
By Richard Powers   Annie’s Pick
Set in the near future amid the environmental degradation of the planet, it follows a widowed astrobiologist and his volatile nine-year-old son.

Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR
By Lisa Napoli   Mary’s Pick
A group biography of four women who fought sexism, covered decades of American news, and whose voices defined NPR.

One Italian Summer
By Rebecca Serle   Mary Pat’s Pick
A powerful novel about the transformational love between mothers and daughters set on the breathtaking Amalfi Coast.

The Wish
By Nicolas Sparks   Rachel’s Pick
A complex novel which follows famous photographer, Maggie Dawes, through the last year of her life. Maggie finds a confidante in a young man who comes to her gallery in search of a job and begins to tell her story before it’s too late.

The Address
By Fiona Davis   Lori’s Pick
A compelling novel about the thin lines between love and loss, success and ruin, passion and madness, all hidden behind the walls of The Dakota, New York City’s most famous residence.

Love in English
By Maria E. Andreu   Kristen’s Pick
This story follows a 16 year old Argentinean girl who has just immigrated to New Jersey. She just wants to go home to Argentina until she meets Harrison and Neo. A high school love story that conveys “what it means to become American”.