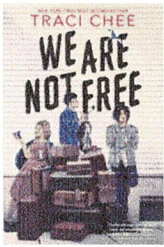


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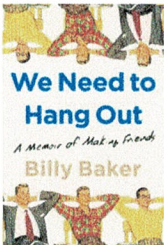
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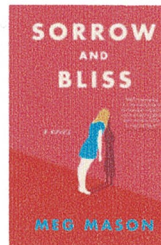
We Are Not Free by Traci Chee
9/1/2020. Japanese relocation experience told through the eyes of teenagers, based on Chee's own family experiences. (starred reviews)



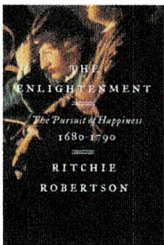
Better Luck Next Time by Julia Claiborne Johnson
1/5/2021. Witty & fun novel set in a Reno divorce ranch during the 1930s. Library author event. (starred review, great press)



We Need to Hang Out by Billy Baker
1/26/2021. Baker tackles middle-aged loneliness among men. A tough topic in an enjoyable wrapper. (starred review)



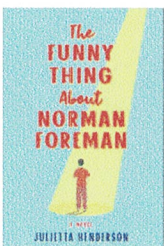
Sorrow and Bliss by Meg Mason
2/9/2021. 40 yr old Martha's life is spiraling out of her control - or is it? Charming, funny & serious. Compared to Sally Rooney and blurbed by Ann Patchett. (starred review)



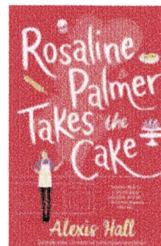
The Enlightenment: the pursuit of happiness 1680 - 1790 by Ritchie Robertson
2/23/2021. Broad, enjoyable survey of a period that was about 'increasing human happiness'. (starred reviews)



Peaces by Helen Oyeyemi
3/20/2021. Wonderfully inventive fantasy novel in which not everything is as it seems, even the narrative. Philip Pullman for adults. Author of *Gingerbread & Boy*, *Snow, Bird*.



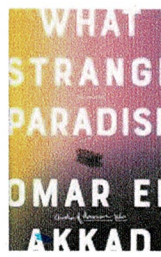
The Funny Thing About Norman Foreman by Julietta Henderson
4/13/2021. 12 yr old & his mother set out on a quest to quell his grief over his best friend's death. Poignant & charming with multiple uplifts.



Rosaline Palmer Takes the Cake by Alexis Hall
5/18/2021. Witty & fun meet-cute rom-com set in a fictional version of Great British Bake Off. 1st in series from author of *Boyfriend Material*. (starred reviews)

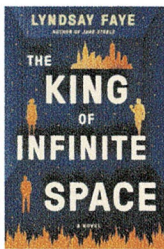


The Guncle by Steven Rowley
5/25/2021. Resetting of Auntie Mame story in Palm Springs. Like the original—fun, fast with moments that stab you through the heart. Ridiculously good press on this one.



What Strange Paradise by Omar El Akkad
7/20/2021. 9 yr old Syrian boy refugee washes up on an island, teen girl determines to save him. Brief, spare and at times emotionally difficult. Will leave you thinking.

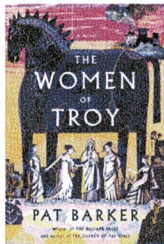
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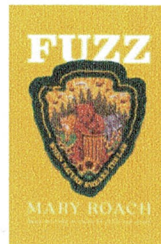
King of Infinite Space by Lyndsay Faye 8/10/2021. Recasts Hamlet in modern NYC—"impish, captivating and aching romantic." (multiple starred reviews)



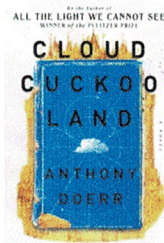
Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead. 9/14/2021. "a gloriously entertaining novel of heists, shakedowns and ripoffs set in Harlem in the 1960s." Will it be his 3rd Pulitzer?



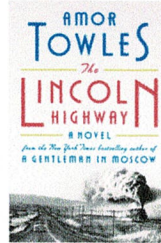
The Women of Troy by Pat Barker. 8/24/2021. Author of Regeneration trilogy picks up where *Silence of the Girls* (2018) left off in this retelling of the Trojan stories from the women's perspective. (starred reviews)



Fuzz: when nature breaks the law by Mary Roach. 9/14/2021. An exploration of the intersections "where wildlife and humans meet", with that typical deadpan Roach panache. (multiple starred reviews)



Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr 9/28/2021. Dedicated to "the librarians, then, now and in the years to come...a hauntingly beautiful novel about stewardship of the book, the Earth, of the human heart." (multiple stars)



The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles. 10/5/2021. "An intricate and moving exploration of journeys and the infinite unexpected turns they can take." 3rd starred novel in a row from Towles.

When	Author	Title
July	Ha Jin	A Song Everlasting
July	Alexander McCall-Smith	The Man With the Silver Saab
July	Winnifred Gallagher	New Women in the Old West (nonfiction)
August	Lizzie Johnson	Paradise: one town's struggle to survive an American wildfire
August	Billie Jean King	All In - a Biography
August	Danielle Steel	Complications
September	Lauren Groff	Matrix
September	Lianne Moriarty	Apples Never Fall
September	Nathaniel Philbrick	Travels With George: in search of Washington and his legacy
September	Sally Rooney	Beautiful World Where Are You
September	Colm Toibin	The Magician
October	Jonathan Franzen	Crossroads
October	Louise Penny/Hilary Clinton	State of Terror (fiction)
October	Elizabeth Strout	Oh, William!