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### The Women by Kristin Hannah

Nursing student Frankie McGrath joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows her brother to Vietnam where she is overwhelmed by the destruction of war and the unexpected trauma of coming home.



### **The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride** Workers didn't expect to find a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who it was and how it got there are secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, where Jews and African Americans lived side by side.



### The Bee Sting by Paul Murray

Dickie's business is going under. While he prepares for the end of the world, his wife Imelda sells her jewelry and daughter Cass seems determined to drink her way through the fiasco.



### Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

A charming novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers.

### **FICTION**



**The School for Good Mothers by Jessamine Chan** After a moment of poor judgment involving her daughter, Frida is investigated by government officials to determine if she is a candidate for an institution that measures a mother's devotion.



Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus In the early 1960s, chemist and single mother Elizabeth Zott, star of America's most beloved cooking show, uses this opportunity to dare women to change the status quo.



### Maame by Jessica George

A young British Ghanaian woman navigates her 20s and finds her place in the world.



The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah A powerful American epic about love and heroism and hope, set during the Great Depression, told through one woman's survival during the harsh Dust Bowl.



### Tom Lake by Ann Patchett In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan and hear the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor that their mother once dated.



#### The Celebrants by Steven Rowley

A Big Chill for our times, celebrating decades-long friendships and promises—especially to ourselves.



#### The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

A cross-country adventure with unforgettable characters, vivid scenery and suspense. Follows the escapades of four boys in the 1950's. A story of farms, families & friendships.

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**Poverty, by America by Matthew Desmond** Why does the US, the richest country on earth, have more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Acclaimed sociologist Desmond discusses this question.

Caste The Origins of Our Discontents Isabel Vilkerson

### Caste by Isabel Wilkerson

An examination of the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions.