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GIRLS LIKE US: Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon—And the Journey of a Generation, by Sheila Weller (Atria, \$27.95, 9780743491471/0743491475) “Sheila Weller’s story of three of the most important women in the history of pop music—Carole King, Joni Mitchell, and Carly Simon—captures the ’60s better than any novel, recalling the stories and songs that have become ingrained in the psyche of America’s soul. I would rate this book a 98—it has a great beat and you can dance to it.”—**Jerry Brown, The Bookstore, Radcliff, KY**



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THE RESURRECTIONIST: A Novel, by Jack O’Connell (Algonquin, \$24.95, 9781565125766/1565125762) “On the surface, *The Resurrectionist* is a story of just how far a father will go to get his son back. However, this is not the typical missing-child story—it’s a soul-searching adventure combined with dark humor, quirky characters, and an alternative world that, at times, seems all too real. The novel is unique and absolutely captivating. My advice to readers: Suspend all disbelief and hang on for the ride!”—**Nancy Simpson, The Book Vault, Oskaloosa, IA**



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THE TEN-YEAR NAP, by Meg Wolitzer (Riverhead, \$24.95, 9781594489785/1594489785) “Raised to believe they could do anything (and everything), a group of well-educated New York City friends now face difficult decisions after having spent the past 10 years as stay-at-home moms. There are no easy answers here, and Wolitzer brilliantly pulls off a satire of modern life that is also sympathetic.”
—**Susan Fox, Red Fox Books, Glens Falls, NY**



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THE MAN WHO TURNED INTO HIMSELF, by David Ambrose (Picador, \$13 paper, 9780312427689/0312427689) “After a bizarre car accident, Rick discovers that he is living within the brain of another version of himself—Richard—an appalling individual who has made all the wrong decisions in life. Rick’s quest to liberate himself from this psychological prison and establish his ‘real’ self challenges the reader to consider the multiple personas that exist within our own minds. Part science fiction, part psychological thriller, this novel shocks with twist after twist.”—**Kelly Wells, The King’s English, Salt Lake City, UT**



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1858: Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant and the War They Failed to See, by **Bruce Chadwick** (Sourcebooks, \$24.95, 9781402209413/140220941X) “By linking the stories of Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, and others, Chadwick creates the historical period at the near-end of the antebellum era. Included is a great portrait of a rather delusional president who is over-confident of his own policies and sure that history will absolve his stands.”—**Dan Domike, Jackson Street Books, Seattle, WA**



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THE TENDERNESS OF WOLVES: A Novel, by **Stef Penney** (Simon & Schuster, \$15 paper, 9781416571308/1416571302) “Backwoods Canada in the 1860s comes vividly to life in this cinematic historical mystery when a mother sets out in the snowy wilderness to find her son accused of a brutal murder. Penney’s screenwriting experience shows in a riveting novel told in powerful short takes.”—**Marian Nielsen, Orinda Books, Orinda, CA**



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THE BLUE STAR: A Novel, by **Tony Earley** (Little, Brown, \$23.99, 9780316199070/0316199079) “I have been recommending Earley’s novel *Jim the Boy* for years. Now he has written a sequel, set at the outbreak of World War II, with Jim as a high school senior in the same North Carolina community. Highlighting the devastation of prejudice and the emotional turmoil of first love, it is just as wonderful as its predecessor.”—**Mary Gleysteen, Eagle Harbor Book Company, Bainbridge Island, WA**



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TWENTY CHICKENS FOR A SADDLE: The Story of an African Childhood, by **Robyn Scott** (Penguin Press, \$24.95, 9781594201592/1594201595) “An astonishingly written story of growing up in modern-day Africa with loving, eccentric, and adventure-loving parents. Every character in this book could fill a novel.”—**Lillian Kinsey, Bohannons’ Books With a Past, Georgetown, KY**



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MEMORY, by **Philippe Grimbert** (Simon & Schuster, \$19.95, 9781416559993/141655999X) “Philippe Grimbert has crafted the most amazing novel/memoir of his life as a Jewish youth in a family struggling to survive in Paris and Lyons during World War II. His images are memorable and breathtaking: his family, the ‘sporting life’ of the 1930s, and the cities, especially the shops. I could not put down this beautiful book!”
—**Kathleen Dixon, Islandtime Books & More, Washington Island, WA**



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THE BAUM PLAN FOR FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE: *And Other Stories*, by **John Kessel** (Small Beer Press, \$16 paper, 9781931520508/193152050X) “John Kessel’s writing exists at the edge of things, in the dark corner where the fiction section abuts the science fiction shelves, in the hyphen where magic meets realism. This is one of those too rare short story collections that you can recommend with confidence to both the literary snob and the hard-core computer geek.”—**Rich Rennicks, Malaprop’s Bookstore/Cafe, Asheville, NC**



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THE FOURTH MAN, by **K.O. Dahl** (St. Martin’s Minotaur, \$23.95, 9780312375690/0312375697) “K.O. Dahl’s Detective Inspector Frank Frolich is a worthy addition to the Scandinavian sleuths created by Henning Mankell and Arnaldur Indridason. The entire cast of characters is composed of interesting people, in fact, and the plot is strong and original. I’m happy to find a new author for those who prefer mysteries with depth and complexity.”—**Betsey Detwiler, Buttonwood Books & Toys, Cohasset, MA**

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