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DEWEY

The Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World, by Vicki Myron, with Bret Witter

"When a cold, wet kitten is pulled from a library book-return box on a winter day in Spencer, Iowa, no one could imagine what changes this very extraordinary cat would bring to a town and a library director—both in need of some good news. More than a memoir, this book is a lesson in love, devotion, and a sense of community spirit."

Janet Hart, Bookpeople of Moscow, Moscow, ID



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THE OTHER QUEEN

A Novel, by Philippa Gregory

"Once again, Philippa Gregory has brought history to life, as she tells the story of a strong, passionate, real-life heroine, Mary Queen of Scots. Gregory continues to engage us in the history and characters of that era in this highly recommended novel."

Linda Richardson, Sherlock's Tomes, Pitman, NJ



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DOWNTOWN OWL

A Novel, by Chuck Klosterman

"Chuck Klosterman has hit the nail on the head in this depiction of small town life in the Midwest. It all rings true: the new teacher in town, single and every single man after her; the high school football coach; the town with more bars than churches. A very enjoyable read with great characters and an unexpected ending."

Carl Wichman, Varsity Mart, Fargo, ND



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A MOST WANTED MAN

by John le Carré

"Le Carré's latest tale, set in Germany and involving foreign bank accounts, an unwanted legacy, and intelligence services run amuck, is the best work in years from our greatest living practitioner of the genre."

Matthew Lage, Iowa Book L.L.C., Iowa City, IA



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SARAH'S KEY

by Tatiana de Rosnay

"Sarah's Key is told from both the perspective of an 10-year-old girl whose family is rounded up during the Vel D'Hiv in France in 1942 and an American who presently lives in Paris. The heartbreak is real, the love is true, and the need to find out how their two lives are connected made this one of my absolute favorites!"

Sarah Galvin, The Bookstore Plus, Lake Placid, NY



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THE BOOK OF MURDER

by Guillermo Martinez

"Things are not what they seem as two writers face the same intriguing woman from their past—and, as deaths occur in her family, novels become a haunting mirror of death. Guillermo Martinez knows just how to manipulate your thoughts, and to throw a twist at you when you least expect it. An awesome read!"

Linda Grana, Lafayette Book Store, Lafayette, CA



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THE TOSS OF A LEMON

A Novel, by Padma Viswanathan

"This book so wonderfully captures the life of one Indian woman and her family living through all the changes India undergoes in the first half of the 20th century. Padma Viswanathan has created characters you will care about, and gives fantastic descriptions of the food. Plan to eat Indian during your reading of this highly recommended book."

Lisa Sharp, Nightbird Books, Fayetteville, AR



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THE FLYING TROUTMANS

A Novel, by Miriam Toews

"Is it OK to laugh out loud at the misadventures of an earnest but clueless aunt steaming ahead on a road trip with her niece and nephew in a quest to rescue them from their mentally unstable mother and to track down their long-absent father? These are characters with a great sense of humor, and, so, I decided the answer was 'yes.' Miriam Toews mines the darkly comic while exposing the poignant truths in family relationships."

Cheryl McKeon, Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park, WA



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THE BLUE COTTON GOWN

A Midwife's Memoir, by Patricia Harman

"Here is an intimate account of a woman, both her career as a midwife and her life as the wife of a doctor in West Virginia. Her patients' lives are stories of hope and loss; her marriage is a story of love and faith accompanied, too, by debt and tension. Well written and heartfelt."

Annie Philbrick, Bank Square Books, Mystic, CT



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THE ENGLISH MAJOR

A Novel, by Jim Harrison

"No one compares to Jim Harrison when it comes to capturing the unique voices and attitudes of the Midwest in fiction. When 60-year-old Cliff's wife leaves him for another man and sells their farm, his life suddenly opens up in new directions, both exhilarating and terrifying. The English Major is charming from start to finish!"

Carol Schneck, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI



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THE KILLING CIRCLE

A Novel, by Andrew Pyper

"On a downward spiral after the loss of his wife, Patrick Rush decides to attend a Writer's Circle. It is there that he first hears the story of a 'terrible man who does terrible things.' When the author of the novel dies, Patrick decides to write and publish it as his own. That's when bizarre things begin to happen, friends die, and he begins to fear for his life."

Andra Tracy, Out Word Bound, Indianapolis, IN



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WHITE NIGHTS

A Thriller, by Ann Cleeves

"When Shetland Island police detective Jimmy Perez investigates the murder of an outsider, he knows that even though the handful of residents have known each other all their lives they still have their secrets. Two more murders follow, and it's up to Perez to identify the killer. Cleeves is a master at creating memorable characters in this unforgettable series."

Karen Spengler, I Love A Mystery, Mission, KS



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