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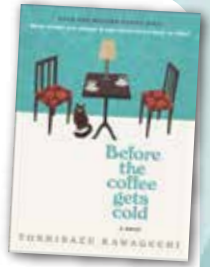
LOVE BEFORE THE COFFEE GETS COLD? THEN TRY...

## RECOMMENDED NEXT READS

**“A story about human relationships, missed opportunities and the enduring power of love.” – *The Gryphon***

In *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*, we meet four visitors, each of whom is hoping to time travel to find closure on specific events in their lives. The author beautifully tackles themes of regret, love, family, and hope by showing the change of each character's perception after they travel through time.

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### THE LOVERS

Fumiko and Goro have broken up because Goro has accepted a job in America. He leaves Fumiko with many unanswered questions, so Fumiko travels to the past to question him and to finally confess her love. The following books feature characters who, like Fumiko and Goro, have found a second chance at love and must determine whether the rewards of confessing their true feelings outweigh the risks of revealing their hearts.



#### **99 PERCENT MINE** BY SALLY THORNE

Jamie and Darcy want to sell the cottage they inherited from their grandmother, even though they've been left with strict instructions to revive it to its former glory. Tom, Darcy's longtime crush since she was eight years old and her brother's best friend, shows up on the cottage's doorstep with his power tools, ready to help bring the cottage back to life. This might be Darcy's chance to win Tom's heart and make it 99 percent hers. *99 Percent Mine* is an unforgettable romantic comedy about a woman who finally has a shot at her longtime crush—if she dares.

#### **THE SECOND CHANCE BOUTIQUE** BY LOUISA LEAMAN

**“Utterly charming and sigh-worthy.” —Josie Silver, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *One Day in December***

A heartwarming story about the power of the perfect dress—and the perfect love—to change your life. *The Second Chance Boutique* is perfect for fans of Danielle Steel and Josie Silver, promising that the romance of a wedding day can provide a second chance stronger than any dark past.

### HUSBAND AND WIFE

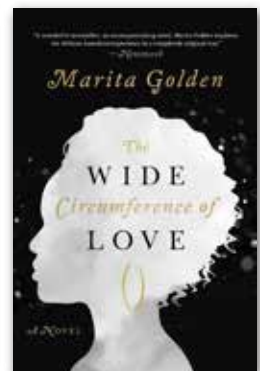
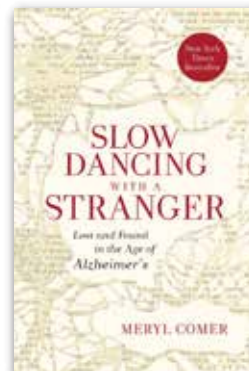
Kotake, a nurse, goes back in time to visit her husband Fusagi before his Alzheimer's erased her from his memory.

#### **SLOW DANCING WITH A STRANGER** BY MERYL COMER

Emmy Award-winning broadcast journalist Meryl Comer relates a profoundly personal, unflinching account of her husband's battle with Alzheimer's disease. Like Kotake, Comer took on the role of caregiver for her ailing husband.

#### **THE WIDE CIRCUMFERENCE OF LOVE** BY MARITA GOLDEN

Golden writes a moving story of acceptance, adaptation, and unconditional love in the face of Alzheimer's disease. The main character, Diane, faces challenges and an uncertain future as she slowly loses her husband to early-onset dementia.



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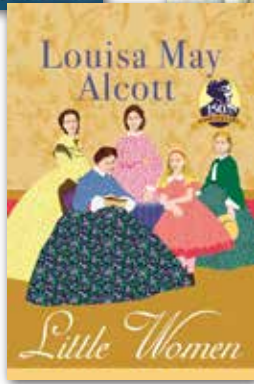
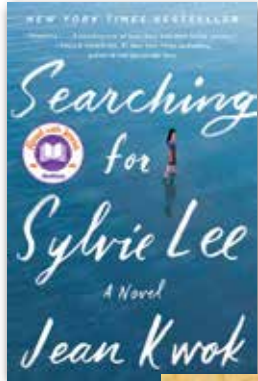


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## THE SISTERS

Hirai and Kumi are estranged sisters trying to balance their own dreams with family expectations. When tragedy strikes, Hirai travels to the past to make amends.



### **SEARCHING FOR SYLVIE LEE** BY JEAN KWOK

Amy discovers that something has gone terribly wrong when her successful older sister Sylvie goes missing. She embarks on a journey to try and piece together the mystery.

### **HOMESICK** BY JENNIFER CROFT

A moving memoir about the bonds of sisterhood and discovery of oneself from the recipient of the 2018 Man Booker International Prize for translation.

### **LITTLE WOMEN** BY LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

*Little Women* follows four sisters as they grow from children into women: mature Meg, free-spirited Jo, kind Beth, and ambitious Amy. While each sister differs in temperament and personality, they all share the closest of bonds.

## MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

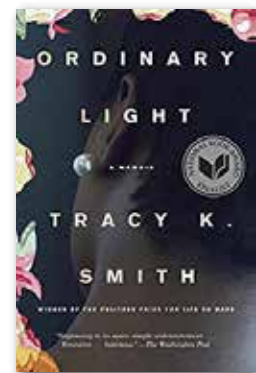
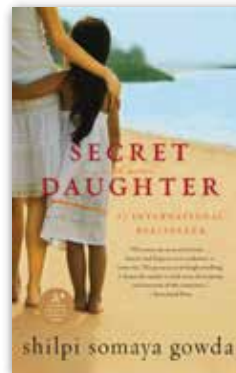
Kei, a woman in the early stages of pregnancy, travels to the future to meet Miki, the daughter she will never get the chance to know.

### **SECRET DAUGHTER** BY SHILPI SOMAYA GOWDA

This novel tells the stories of Kavita, a poor mother living in India who decides to give her newborn daughter away, and Somer, a married physician living in San Francisco who adopts Kavita's baby. Like Kei, Kavita makes a sacrifice to ensure her child has the best future.

### **ORDINARY LIGHT** BY TRACY K. SMITH

Like Miki, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Smith lost her mother before she could truly know her. This is her memoir centering on the loss of her mother to cancer when she was still a child.



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## INTERCONNECTED STORIES

Our own lives are woven together with countless others. We are made up of a multitude of stories featuring small-time players and those with larger parts and influences on our lives. It is fascinating to read novels about the surprising ways we all come together to play a bigger role in life. These books highlight the ways in which characters are connected to one another and how their influences shape perceptions and lives lived.



### **DUBLINERS** BY JAMES JOYCE

Written by James Joyce in 1914, *Dubliners* is a collection of 15 short stories depicting middle-class life in Dublin in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Similar to the main players in *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*, the characters in *Dubliners* have moments of self-understanding that help shape their perceptions of life.

### **GIRL, WOMAN, OTHER** BY BERNARDINE EVARISTO

**National Bestseller, Winner of the Booker Prize**

*Girl, Woman, Other* is magnificent portrayal of the intersections of identity and a moving and hopeful story of an interconnected group of twelve Black British women that paints a vivid portrait of the state of contemporary Britain and looks back to the legacy of Britain's colonial history in Africa and the Caribbean.

### **THE KEEPER OF LOST THINGS** BY RUTH HOGAN

Forty years ago, Anthony Peardeew lost a keepsake from his fiancée, and that very day she died. Ever since, he has been the keeper of lost things, seeking consolation from rescuing objects and then writing stories about them. As the end of his own life nears, he leaves the duty of reconciling these lost items with their owners to his unknowing assistant, Laura.

### **THE WEIGHT OF INK** BY RACHEL KADISH

**Winner of a National Jewish Book Award**

An interwoven tale of two remarkably intelligent women, separated by centuries and the choices and sacrifices they must make in order to reconcile the life of the heart and mind.

### **UNSHELTERED** BY BARBARA KINGSOLVER

**A New York Times Bestseller**

*Unsheltered* is the compulsively readable story of two families, in two centuries, who live at the corner of Sixth and Plum in Vineland, New Jersey, navigating what seems to be the end of the world as they know it. With history as their tantalizing canvas, these characters paint a startlingly relevant portrait of life in precarious times when the foundations of the past have failed to prepare us for the future.



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## TIME TRAVEL

If you could travel through time, where would you go? The possibilities of time travel have captured imaginations for generations. Traveling in time, whether to the past or future, often helps to illuminate the present.

### **OPPOSITE OF ALWAYS** BY JUSTIN A. REYNOLDS

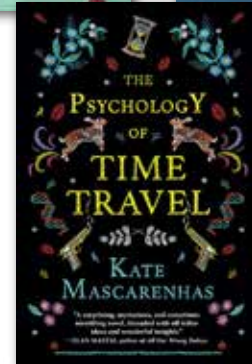
*Groundhog Day* meets *About Time* in this diverse YA debut novel about the choices we make, the people we choose, and the moments that make a life worth reliving.

### **HERE AND NOW AND THEN** BY MIKE CHEN

Kin is a time-traveling agent from the year 2142 who gets stuck in 1990s San Francisco after a botched mission. His rescue team shows up 18 later, after he's already built a life for himself, leaving Kin to deal with the circumstances of time travel and the consequences it brings.

### **THE PSYCHOLOGY OF TIME TRAVEL** BY KATE MASCARENHAS

*The Psychology of Time Travel* serves up time travel with a locked-door mystery and the payoff of alternating perspectives and timelines slowly coming together.



### **THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE** BY AUDREY NIFFENEGGER

A man with a rare genetic disorder unpredictably travels in time, living his life out of sequence. This debut novel raises questions about life, love, and the effects of time on relationships.

### **LANDLINE** BY RAINBOW ROWELL

Georgie McCool is struggling with her marriage when she finds a way to talk to husband Neal in the past, before they got engaged. Georgie goes back and forth between talking to the Neal she fell in love with and avoiding her rapidly crumbling current life. She realizes she might be able to undo the complications of the present and has to decide whether she wants to.

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## BOOKS IN TRANSLATION

These highly acclaimed novels are translated into English from their original languages, whether that be French, Italian, or Japanese, like our Spotlight Selection. All are international treasures worthy of exposure to the book-loving community in North America.



### **FRESH WATER FOR FLOWERS** BY VALERIE PERRIN

**A 2020 Indies Introduce Pick**

A heartwarming and tender story that will stay with readers for years after the final page is turned. A poignant runaway bestseller full of French charm and memorable characters, *Fresh Water for Flowers* is Valérie Perrin's English debut.

### **EARTHLINGS** BY SAYAKA MURATA

**Named a Best Book of the Year by TIME**

From the beloved author of cult sensation *Convenience Store Woman*, which has now sold more than one million copies worldwide and has been translated into 33 languages from its original Japanese, comes a spellbinding and otherworldly novel about a woman who believes she is an alien.

"A mind- and soul-expanding countercultural battle cry that is utterly one of a kind." — *BookPage*

### **BREASTS AND EGGS** BY MIEKO KAWAKAMI

**A Best Book of 2020; TIME Magazine • The New York Times • Book Riot**

*Breasts and Eggs* recounts the intimate journeys of three women on the path to finding peace and futures they can call their own.

"A sharply observed and heartbreaking portrait of what it means to be a woman, in Japan and beyond." — *TIME*, the 10 Best Fiction Books of 2020

### **THE ADVENTURES OF CHINA IRON** BY GABRIELA CABEZÓN CÁMARA

**Shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2020**

"Brilliantly translated by Fiona Mackintosh and Iona Macintyre, this is a heartfelt, dreamlike paean to Argentina's past and what might have been had the pampas been left alone." — *The Times Literary Supplement*

### **THE ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE GREENGAGE TREE**

BY SHOKOOFEH AZAR

**Longlisted for the 2020 National Book Award for Translated Literature**

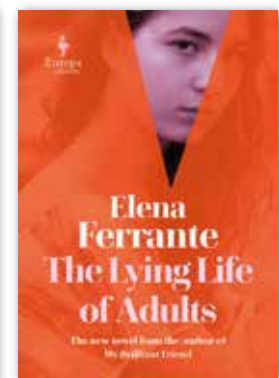
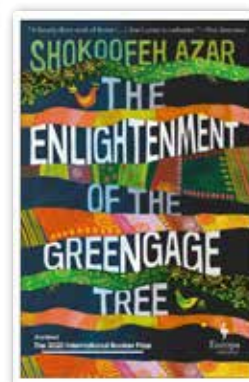
**Finalist for the 2020 International Booker Prize**

Set in Iran a decade after the 1979 Islamic Revolution and told from the perspective of an innocent young girl, *The Enlightenment of the Greengage Tree* is a timely and timeless story that juxtaposes the beauty of an ancient, vibrant culture with the brutality of an oppressive political regime.

### **THE LYING LIFE OF ADULTS** BY ELENA FERRANTE

**A New York Times National Bestseller**

With this new novel about the transition from childhood to adolescence to adulthood, Ferrante proves once again that she deserves her many accolades. In *The Lying Life of Adults*, readers will discover another gripping, highly addictive, and totally unforgettable Neapolitan story.



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## CAFÉS AT THE HEART

A lighthearted collection of stories with quaint, cozy, and magical cafes at their hearts. These books will make you want to find a café of your own to sit in as you sip and read your next book.



### **THE CAFÉ BY THE SEA** BY JENNY COLGAN

Fate brings Flora back to the Scottish island where she grew up—a place where everyone has known her all her life, where no one will let her forget the past. Amid the chaos of existence back home, she discovers a passion for cooking and finds herself restoring a dusty old café by the sea. But with the seasons changing, Flora must come to terms with past mistakes...and work out exactly where her future lies.

### **DISAPPEARING MOON CAFÉ** BY SKY LEE

A stunning debut novel that has become a Canadian literary classic. Intricate and lyrical, suspenseful and emotionally rich, it is a riveting story of four generations of women whose lives are haunted by the secrets and lies of their ancestors but also by the racial divides and discrimination that shaped the lives of the first generation of Chinese immigrants to Canada.

### **MIDNIGHT AT THE BLACKBIRD CAFÉ** BY HEATHER WEBBER

Anna Kate has returned to the little town of Wicklow, Alabama, to bury her Granny Zee, owner of the Blackbird Café. Anna Kate is drawn to this place that her mother ran away from years ago, and the mysterious blackbird pie everybody can't stop talking about. This novel is a captivating blend of magical realism, heartwarming romance, and small-town Southern charm.

### **SUMMER AT THE GARDEN CAFÉ** BY FELICITY HAYES-MCCOY

The second book in the Finfarran Peninsula series is a heartwarming story about secrets between four generations of Irish women, and the healing powers of books, love, and friendship shared at the Garden Café.

### **BAILEY'S CAFÉ** BY GLORIA NAYLOR

Set in a diner where the food isn't very good and the ambience veers between heaven and hell, this bestselling novel from the author of *Mama Day* and *The Women of Brewster Place* is a feast for the senses and the spirit. "A virtuoso orchestration of survival, suffering, courage and humor." —*New York Times Book Review*

