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#### The Blue Hour: A Novel

#### **By Paula Hawkins**

(Mariner Books, 9780063396531, \$18.99, Sept. 30, Fiction)

"A remote Scottish Island hides dark secrets as a young museum curator investigates a human bone in the work of the artist he exhibits. Drawn into an artistic world of love and jealousy, will he find the truth behind the lies?"

-Benedict Tanter, Main Point Books, Wayne, PA



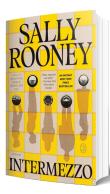
#### **Entitlement: A Novel**

#### By Rumaan Alam

(Riverhead Books, 9780593718476, \$20, Sept. 16, Fiction)

"In *Entitlement*, Rumaan Alam's prose is at its most effortless, his storytelling at its most engrossing, his pacing at its most propulsive. Questions of race, class, generosity, and obsession weave through a thoroughly unpredictable story."

-Joelle Herr, The Bookshop, Nashville, TN



#### Intermezzo: A Novel

#### By Sally Rooney

(Picador, 9781250397560, \$19, Sept. 23, Fiction)

"Rooney's dazzling masterpiece explores the hidden depths of our relationships to one another. Peter and Ivan grieve the recent loss of their father. Never close, they struggle to avoid estrangement while navigating their very different lives."

-Cody Morrison, Square Books, Oxford, MS



#### **Sister Snake: A Novel**

#### By Amanda Lee Koe

(Ecco, 9780063355071, \$18.99, Sept. 23, Fiction)

"A unique book about two ancient sisters who are both human and snake. Su lives her life as humanly as possible; Emerald is very much herself. Though this novel was pitched as dark humor, it explored themes of identity, queerness, and family poignantly."

-Sara Landon, Paragraphs Bookstore, Mount Vernon, OH



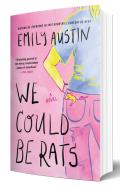
### That Librarian: The Fight Against Book Banning in America

#### **Bv Amanda Jones**

(Bloomsbury Publishing, 9781639737246, \$19.99, Sept. 30, Memoir)

"Fierceness and bravery should not be a requirement for librarians. In this era of book banning, however, a librarian must be a warrior. Jones is fighting the good fight to give everyone freedom to read and feel safe in a library space."

-Pamela Klinger-Horn, Valley Bookseller, Stillwater, MN



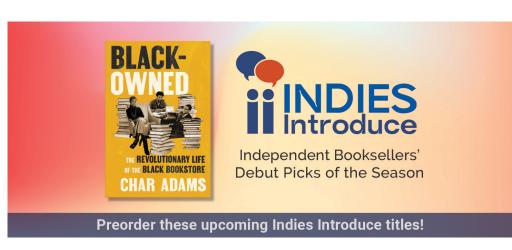
#### We Could Be Rats: A Novel

#### **By Emily Austin**

(Atria Books, 9781668058152, \$18, Oct. 14, Fiction)

"In her latest novel, Austin captures the bittersweet heart of growing up and growing apart. Told over the course of Sigrid's attempts at a suicide note, Austin guides the reader though Sigrid's disenchantment with equal humor and heartbreak."

-Alea Lopes, The Oxford Exchange, Tampa, FL





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#### We Love You, Bunny: A Novel

**Bv Mona Awad** 

(S&S/ Marysue Rucci Books, 9781668059869, \$30, Sept. 23, Fiction)

I was so excited to revisit the world of Bunny, and could not have predicted the journey Mona Awad would bring me on. It has the dark

feminine occult mood of the first book, but with an added biting humor and deep heart."

-Ann Branson, Look Around Books, Seaside, OR



#### **Bog Queen: A Novel** By Anna North

(Bloomsbury Publishing, 9781635579666, \$28.99, Oct. 14, Fiction)

"Bog Queen is an expertly crafted reminder that the human condition transcends time and place. North beautifully weaves past and present together all to bring us

back to our roots deep within the moss." -Rachel Dip, Lovestruck Books, Cambridge, MA



#### Will There Ever Be **Another You: A Novel Bv Patricia Lockwood**

(Riverhead Books, 9780593718551, \$29, Sept. 23. Fiction)

"Lockwood's singular, formidable genius is in how she wields language – like a wand, like a sword — reinventing the world we

thought we knew. This is a tender, hilarious odyssey through the uncanny, a monument of courage and love." -Kristen Iskandrian, Thank You Books, Birmingham, AL



#### Soul Searching: A **Sweetwater Peak Novel**

By Lyla Sage

(Dial Press Trade Paperback, 9780593977774, \$18.99, Sept. 30. Romance)

"This paranormal small-town gem is utter perfection. Collins and Brady were flawed and real in ways

that felt like they were friends. Utterly obsessed and I will recommend it to all my romance reading friends!" -Whitney Bloom, Bookworm of Edwards, Edwards, CO



#### **Alchemy of Secrets:** A Novel

By Stephanie Garber

(Flatiron Books, 9781250789150, \$29.99, Oct. 7, Fantasy)

"This book has me absolutely reeling. Alchemy is mysterious and thought-provoking. The pacing was perfect and the cast was amazing!

This book is truly a gem."

-Lisa Kroger, Village Books, The Woodlands, TX



#### Awake: A Memoir By Jen Hatmaker

(Avid Reader Press / Simon & Schuster, 9781668083680, \$30, Sept. 23, Memoir)

"Hatmaker's memoir was a balm for my exvangelical heart. Awake is a story about starting over navigating grief, building something new, discovering who you really

are. I felt so seen and healed when I read this book." -Kendra Gavle Lee, Bookish Atlanta, Atlanta, GA



#### The Book of Guilt By Catherine Chidgey

(Cardinal, 9781538774076, \$30, Sept. 16,

"In a world where World War II ended without a clear Allied victory, science is advanced, but moral ambiguity, distrust, and political weakness pervade Britain. Who are

the three boys who remain in the Sycamore Home? Who is Nancy? Read to find the answers to these puzzles."

-Anmiryam Budner, Main Point Books, Wayne, PA



#### **Cinder House**

By Freya Marske (Tordotcom, 9781250341716, \$24.99,

"I loved this retelling of Cinderella in which she's a ghost, killed by her stepmother to secure her and her daughter's security. Marske weaves in the traditional elements of

Cinderella's story in brilliant, new, and surprising ways." -Melissa Taylor, E. Shaver, Bookseller, Savannah, GA



#### **Exiles** By Mason Coile, **Andrew Pyper**

(G.P. Putnam's Sons, 9780593851630, \$28, Sept. 16, Horror)

"Three exiles are making their way across the galaxy, the first colonists on their way to Mars.

All the planning, teamwork and bravado in the galaxy cannot prepare them for the horrors they will encounter on this forsaken outpost."

-Deborah Magness, Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park, WA



# **OCTOBER**

#1 PICK

## **Heart the Lover** By Lily King

(Grove Press, 9780802165176, \$28, Sept. 30, Fiction)

"Lily King shows us that not all love stories are linear. Despite the best intentions, sometimes the universe intervenes. What we choose to do with what the world throws at us defines who we are."

-Kate Czyzewski, Thunder Road Books, Spring Lake, NJ



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#### **Among the Burning** Flowers: A Novel (The Roots of Chaos) By Samantha Shannon

(Bloomsbury Publishing, 9781639736010. \$29.99, Sept. 16, Fantasy)

"I just loved this! I love how this story provides more background to Priory of the Orange Tree. I feel like you

could read this before Priory or afterwards." -Amy Plants, Booktenders WV, Barboursville, WV

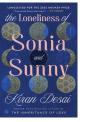


#### We Survived the Night ii By Julian Brave NoiseCat

(Knopf, 9780593320785, \$30, Oct. 14, History)

"An astonishing, engaging, and transforming work of narrative nonfiction that is both personal and historical. NoiseCat has written a smart, lively, and instantly

foundational work of the modern Indigenous experience." -Melinda Powers, Bookshop Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA



#### The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny: A Novel By Kiran Desai

(Hogarth, 9780307700155, \$32, Sept. 23,

"This book is so ambitious, yet intimate. Desai covers enormous ground - both geographically and on family, class, race, and love in its

many permutations."

-Sharon Weinberg, The Chatham Bookstore, Chatham, NY



#### What We Can Know: A Novel

By Ian McEwan

(Knopf, 9780593804728, \$30, Sept. 23, Sci-Fi)

"The world has been greatly reduced in both size of dry land and population, and an academic in 2130 feels nostalgia for our era through

his search for a lost poem. I love McEwan's eternal ability to find beauty in the most mundane moments."

-Anne Peck, Righton Books, St. Simons Island, GA



#### **Red City (The New** Alchemists #1) Bv Marie Lu

(Tor Books, 9781250885678, \$29.99, Oct 14 Fantasy)

"No matter how big a fan you are of Marie Lu, you are not prepared for Red City's amazing characters, tightly woven plot, intricate system

of alchemy, and richly detailed setting. This is her best book ever!

-Chris Abouzeid, Belmont Books, Belmont, MA



#### Overdue: A Novel By Stephanie Perkins

(Saturday Books, 9781250313461, \$31, Oct. 7, Fiction)

"Overdue will be a delight to anyone who loves Perkins' YA novels. A true valentine to bookstores and book lovers, and the most agonizingly slow burn

romance that finally blazes beautifully hot." -Cristin Stickles, Strand Bookstore, New York, NY



#### Good and Evil and **Other Stories**

By Samanta Schweblin. Megan McDowell (Transl.)

(Knopf, 9780593803103, \$27, Sept. 16, Short Stories)

"Schweblin is the master of the short story. Piercing, cutting,

nearly diabolical in such few words. Each story in this collection is a work of art. This will make you ditch your epic 900 pager."

-Rachel Brewer, Carmichael's Bookstore, Louisville, KY



#### Spread Me By Sarah Gailey

(Tor Nightfire, 9781250387332, \$26.99, Sept. 23, Horror)

"Spread Me is disturbing in a get-under-your-skin, insinuate itself into your nervous system. way. A flirtation with dread and inhumanity, surprisingly steamy in

a particularly unsettling, feverish way." -Jess Wick, Martin House Books, Westerly, RI



#### The Four Spent the **Day Together By Chris Kraus**

(Scribner, 9781668098684, \$29, Oct. 7,

"Chris Kraus presents a sobering look at drug-addled rural America while pulling back the veil of rhetoric that we use to distance

ourselves from a disease that is at the heart of this country's problems.

-Gibran Graham, The Briar Patch, Bangor, ME

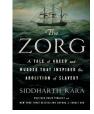


## The Wilderness:

By Angela Flournoy (Mariner Books, 9780063318779, \$30, Sept. 16, Fiction)

These raw, messy, real characters captivated from the very first Angela Flournoy page. Flournoy's writing is stunning, and the way she portrays

the complexities of midlife while taking on the housing crisis, social justice, and mental health is awe-inspiring." -Brooke Williams, Beanbag Books, Delaware, OH

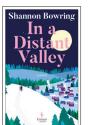


#### The Zorg: A Tale of **Greed and Murder That Inspired the Abolition** of Slavery By Siddharth Kara

(St. Martin's Press. 9781250348227. \$30 Oct 14 History)

"When you read the experiences in this horrific slavery voyage, you will not escape unmoved. The tragedy helped to trigger a more powerful movement towards abolition in recognition of the crimes against humanity from the transatlantic slave trade."

-Todd Miller, Arcadia Books, Spring Green, WI



#### In a Distant Valley By Shannon Bowring

(Europa Editions, 9798889661405, \$19, Oct. 7, Fiction)

"This is such a perfect way to wrap up the Dalton Trilogy. Shannon's novels completely immerse me in their time and place. I have loved watching these

characters develop over the course of these three books, and can't wait to see what she does next!" -Rebecca Pimsler, Bear Pond Books, Montpelier, VT



#### Sister Creatures ii By Laura Venita Green

(Unnamed Press, 9781961884571, \$28, Oct. 7, Gothic Fiction)

"Sister Creatures introduces itself with an unconscious voice that quietly unravels itself through the lives of four women who find themselves yearning for more.

Their stories delicately overlap as a subliminal force exposes their desires, fears, and regrets."

-Nadi Hinojosa, Lark and Owl Booksellers, Georgetown, TX



#### The Wax Child By Olga Ravn, Martin Aitken (Transl.) (New Directions, 9780811238830,

\$19.95, Sept. 23, Horror) "The Wax Child is darkly surreal and gothic; Ravn's commitment to history and tone is commendable, crafting

a work that feels both fresh and relevant for modern times while also being in communication with history and great works of the macabre."

-Chloe Johnson, Vroman's Bookstore, Pasadena, CA



#### **The Phoebe Variations By Jane Hamilton**

(Zibby Publishing, 9798991140287. \$27.99, Sept. 23, Fiction)

"This book is beautiful. If you ever felt like a dim light in high school just yearning to shine as bright as you can, I think you'll feel seen by this book. It's a

perfect coming-of-age entry!"

-Thomas Wallace, Reading Rock Books, Dickson, TN

