

LIST OF FICTIONAL WORKS

Abe, Kobo

The **woman** in the dunes. Kobo Abe; translated from the Japanese by E. Dale Saunders; with drawings by Machi Abe. Knopf Publishing Group, 1991. 239 pages.

ISBN 9780679733782

1. Women teachers
2. Widows
3. Entomologists
4. Scientists
5. Imprisonment
6. Allegories
7. Translations

The inhabitants of a remote seaside village imprison a Japanese biologist in a deep sand pit.

Kobo Abe is a pseudonym of Kimifusa Abe.

Aboulela, Leila

Elsewhere, home. Leila Aboulela. Black Cat, 2019. 224 p.

ISBN 9780802129130

1. Identity (Psychology)
2. Muslim women
3. Alienation (Social psychology)
4. Stereotypes (Social psychology)
5. Cultural differences
6. Khartoum, Sudan
7. Great Britain
8. Short stories
9. Literary fiction

LC 2018047042

A collection of short stories celebrates life as an immigrant abroad and the challenges of navigating assimilation and difference.

Abraham, Tola Rotimi

Black Sunday. Tola Rotimi Abraham. Catapult, 2020. 240 p.

ISBN 9781948226561

1. Twin sisters
2. Self-discovery in women
3. Family problems
4. Poverty
5. Separated friends, relatives, etc.
6. Lagos, Nigeria
7. Nigeria
8. 1990s
9. Literary fiction
10. Domestic fiction
11. Multiple perspectives

Kirkus Prize for Fiction finalist, 2020

Joining a new church in 1996 Lagos in the face of impoverishing losses, twins Bibike and Riyike find their bond challenged by wrenching hardships, a father's reckless choice and their respective views on independence.

"The novel's strength lies in its lush, unflinching scenes, as when a seemingly simple infection leads gradually but inexorably to a life-threatening condition, revealing the dynamics of the family and community along the way. Abraham mightily captures a sense of the stresses of daily life in a family, city, and culture that always seems on the edge of self-destruction." —*Publishers Weekly*

Abrams, David

Fobbit. David Abrams. Black Cat, 2012. 384 p.

ISBN 9780802120328

1. Iraq War, 2003-2011
2. Military bases, American
3. War correspondents
4. Military journalism
5. Spin control (Public relations)
6. Iraq
7. War stories
8. Satirical fiction

LC B12012016566

New York Times Notable Book, 2012

At Forward Operating Base Triumph, a combat-avoiding staff sergeant named Chance Gooding spends his time composing press releases that spin grim events into statements more palatable to the public.

Abrams, Melanie

Meadowlark. Melanie Abrams. Little A, 2020. 240 p.

ISBN 9781542007351

1. Reunions
2. Psychic trauma
3. Childhood friends
4. Memories
5. Secrets
6. Thrillers and suspense

Simrin, a photojournalist, is invited to document the story of Meadowlark, a spiritual commune where children are invited to develop their special "gifts".. During her stay, she discovers that the commune is at the center of a police investigation and soon finds herself caught in a desperate situation.

Abrams, Stacey

While justice sleeps: a novel. Stacey Y. Abrams. Doubleday, 2021. 384 p.

ISBN 9780385546577

1. Ambition in women
2. Law clerks
3. People in comas
4. Conspiracies
5. Biotechnology
6. Washington, D.C.
7. Political thrillers
8. African American fiction

LC 2020046349

LibraryReads Favorites, 2021

Plunged into an explosive role she never anticipated, Avery Keene, now the legal guardian of power of attorney for the legendary Justice Howard Wynn, must unravel the clues he left behind in regards to a dangerous conspiracy that has infiltrated the highest power corridors of Washington.

"The book's plethora of female role models, including a woman chief justice, and its 'inside DC' look at political skullduggery make Abrams's novel a well-informed political and legal narrative." —*Library Journal*

Abu-Jaber, Diana

Birds of paradise: a novel. Diana Abu-Jaber. W. W. Norton & Co, 2011. 384 p.

ISBN 9780393064612

1. Runaway teenagers
2. Family secrets
3. Dysfunctional families
4. Teenage girls
5. Family problems
6. Miami, Florida
7. Psychological fiction
8. Domestic fiction
9. Adult books for young adults

LC 2011014575

In Miami, Avis and Brian Muir are still haunted by the disappearance of their beautiful daughter, Felice, who ran away when she was thirteen. Now, after five years of skateboarding, clubbing, and squatting, Felice is about to turn eighteen. Her family will be forced to confront their anguish, loss, and sense of betrayal. Meanwhile, Felice must reckon with the guilty secret that drove her away, and must face her fear of losing her family and her sense of self forever.

"Abu-Jaber...employs her descriptive talents in bringing Miami to steamy, pulsing life, but it is *Birds of Paradise's* neither predictable nor merely haphazard momentum and its rich cast of characters that make us feel we're in deliciously capable hands." —*Elle*

Crescent. Diana Abu-Jaber. W.W. Norton & Co, 2003. 352 p.

ISBN 9780393057478

1. Arab American women
2. Cooking, Lebanese
3. College teachers
4. Women cooks
5. Man-woman relationships
6. Los Angeles, California
7. Literary fiction
8. Adult books for young adults

LC 2002152907

An Arab-American *Chocolat*—a sensual blend of food, love and longing. Populated by colorful and memorable characters—the lovely Sirine; the handsome Han; Sirine's story-telling uncle, whose fantastic fables are woven into the novel; a poet named Aziz; Nadia and her daughter Mireille—*Crescent* explores the universal themes of love and loyalty to countries old and new, to those left behind, and to tradition.

"Abu-Jaber's language is miraculous, whether describing the texture of Han's skin or Sirine's way with an onion. It is not possible to stop reading." —*Booklist*

Origin: a novel. Diana Abu-Jaber. W. W. Norton & Co, 2007. 384 p.
ISBN 9780393064551

**FICTION CORE COLLECTION
TWENTY-FIRST EDITION**

a new life, only to be swindled by a gentlemanly thief, forcing her to place her trust in a dangerous man who hunts wanted men.

Bivald, Katarina

The **readers** of Broken Wheel recommend. Katarina Bivald; translated from the Swedish by Alice Menzies. Landmark, 2016. 400 p.

ISBN 9781492623441

1. Small town life 2. Friendship 3. Books and reading 4. Life change events 5. Women booksellers 6. Iowa 7. Relationship fiction 8. Epistolary novels 9. Translations
LibraryReads Favorites, 2016

Broken Wheel, Iowa, has never seen anyone like Sara, who traveled all the way from Sweden just to meet her pen pal, Amy. When she arrives, however, she finds that Amy's funeral has just ended. Luckily, the townspeople are happy to look after their bewildered tourist—even if they don't understand her peculiar need for books. Marooned in a farm town that's almost beyond repair, Sara starts a bookstore in honor of her friend's memory. All she wants is to share the books she loves with the citizens of Broken Wheel and to convince them that reading is one of the great joys of life. But she makes some unconventional choices that could force a lot of secrets into the open and change things for everyone in town. Reminiscent of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, this is a warm, witty book about friendship, stories, and love.

Originally published: Sweden: Forum, 2013.

Originally published as Lasarna i Broken Wheel rekommenderar in 2013 in Sweden by Bokförlaget Forum. This edition issued based on the hardcover edition published in 2015 in the United Kingdom by Chatto & Windus, an imprint of Random House—Title page verso.
Translation from the Swedish.

Black, Benjamin

★ **Christine Falls**: a novel. Benjamin Black. H. Holt, 2007. 352 p. (Quirke mysteries, 1)

ISBN 9780805081527

1. Religious cover-ups 2. Murder investigation 3. Upper class 4. Catholics 5. Pathologists 6. Dublin, Ireland 7. Boston, Massachusetts 8. 1950s 9. Psychological fiction 10. Mysteries

LC 2006043581

Returning to the morgue where he works after an office party, Dublin pathologist Quirke stumbles across a body that should not have been there, as well as his brother-in-law, pediatrician Malachy Griffin, altering a file to cover up the corpse's cause of death.

"As the story moves from Ireland to Boston, the push and pull of the novel's dual existence as literary thriller becomes almost as absorbing as the plot; the tension between the two halves of that troublesome equation regularly rippling the book's surface.... At its best, the prose here is every bit as acute as one would expect from John Banville, even Banville in disguise—the baroque flourishes are held in check..., but the stern elegance remains, and its marriage to a thriller's momentum can have startling results." —*Times Literary Supplement*

John Banville writing as Benjamin Black.

Originally published: London: Picador, 2006.

TV tie-in.

★ The **secret** guests: a novel. Benjamin Black. Henry Holt and Company, 2020. 304 p.

ISBN 9781250133014

1. Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain, 1926- 2. Princesses 3. British in Ireland 4. Secrecy 5. Intelligence service 6. Intrigue 7. Ireland 8. London (England) 9. Second World War era (1939-1945) 10. Historical thrillers

LC 2019015981

The secret World War II relocation of the princesses Elizabeth and Margaret to an old estate in Ireland becomes subject to the devastations of the Blitz, the resentments of grieving townspeople and suspicions about the girls' true identities.

"Black's lucid prose is the perfect foil for tangled politics, old hatreds, unsolved crimes, the threat to Irish neutrality, and the possibility of new alliances that seethe underneath." —*Library Journal*

Wolf on a string: a novel. Benjamin Black. Henry Holt & Co, 2017. 320 p.

ISBN 9781627795173

1. Murder investigation 2. Courts and courtiers 3. Political intrigue 4. Rulers 5. Murder 6. Prague, Czech Republic 7. 16th century 8. Historical mysteries

LC 2016029320

Discovering the body of a young woman after arriving in 1599 Prague, an ambitious young scholar and alchemist becomes entangled in the machinations of several ruthless courtiers before attracting the attention of an emperor who would retain the power of the throne.

Black, Cara

Murder in the Bastille. Cara Black. Soho Press, 2003. 276 p; (Aimee Leduc investigations, 4)

ISBN 9781569473245

1. Mistaken identity 2. Women who are blind 3. Antique dealers 4. Women private investigators 5. Leduc, Aimee (Fictitious character) 6. 1990s 7. Mysteries

LC 2002042625

When a woman wearing an identical jacket to Aimee Leduc's leaves her cell phone on a restaurant table, Aimee follows her to return it, only to be attacked and left blind, discovering that the other woman had been murdered.

Murder in the Marais. Cara Black. Soho, 1999. 354 p. (Aimee Leduc investigations, 1)

ISBN 9781569471593

1. Neo-Nazism 2. Little people 3. Jewish women 4. Leduc, Aimee (Fictitious character) 5. Women private investigators 6. Paris, France 7. France 8. Mysteries

LC 98052070

Detective Aimee Leduc goes undercover inside a neo-Nazi group to ferret out a killer in the old Jewish quarter of Paris.

Murder in the rue de Paradis: an Aimee Leduc investigation. Cara Black. Soho Crime, 2008. 312 p. (Aimee Leduc investigations, 8)

ISBN 9781569474747

1. Loss (Psychology) 2. Assassins 3. Kurds 4. Leduc, Aimee (Fictitious character) 5. Women private investigators 6. Paris, France 7. 1990s 8. Mysteries

LC 2007009194

Thrilled that her former lover Yves Robert has returned to Paris, Aimee Leduc accepts his marriage proposal, but her happiness is short-lived after he is found dead in a doorway in the Rue de Paradis.

★ **Three** hours in Paris. Cara Black. Soho Press, 2020. 360 pages

ISBN 9781641290418

1. Hitler, Adolf 2. Women assassins 3. Spies 4. Attempted assassination 5. Shooting 6. Anti-Nazi movement 7. France 8. Paris, France 9. Second World War era (1939-1945) 10. Historical thrillers 11. Spy fiction 12. Historical fiction

LC 2019038373

A suspenseful historical tale based on the mystery of Hitler's abrupt departure from newly occupied 1940 Paris follows the mission of a British

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swer sessions that follow public readings. There are no survivors here: women's book clubs, literary critics, Harry Potter fans, bookstores, English professors, memoir writers, librarians, Jane Smiley, even the author himself—they're all singed under Clarke's crisp wit." —*Washington Post Book World*.

Clarke, Diana

Thin girls. Diana Clarke. HarperCollins, 2020. 352 p.
ISBN 9780062986689

1. Twins 2. Dieting 3. Self-perception 4. Sisters 5. Cults 6. Literary fiction 7. New Zealand fiction

Twins Rose and Lily Winters, close as the bond implies, battle insecurities and weight issues, which leads them both to extremes, endangering both of their lives, especially when Lily joins a cult diet group led by a social media faux feminist.

"This page-turner makes for an illuminating, ultimately hopeful look at the constant struggle women face regarding their body image." —*Publishers Weekly*

Clarke, Maxine Beneba

★ Foreign soil. Maxine Beneba-Clarke. Hachette Australia, 2014. 267 pages : Illustration
ISBN 9780733632426

1. Race relations 2. Refugees 3. Racism 4. Asylum, Right of 5. Immigration prisons 6. Melbourne, Victoria 7. Sydney, New South Wales 8. Short stories 9. Australian fiction

LC 2013456466

Australian Book Industry Awards, Literary Fiction Book of the Year, 2015; Shortlisted for the Stella Prize, 2015

This book is a collection of stories : a desperate asylum seeker is pacing the hallways of Sydney's notorious Villawood detention centre, a seven-year-old Sudanese boy has found solace in a patchwork bike, an enraged black militant is on the warpath through the rebel squats of 1960s Brixton, a Mississippi housewife decides to make the ultimate sacrifice to save her son from small-town ignorance, a young woman leaves rural Jamaica in search of her destiny, and a Sydney schoolgirl loses her way.

"Australian writer and poet Clarke's powerful debut collection of award-winning short stories addresses oppressed, downtrodden, and mistreated outsiders of society." —*Booklist*

First published in Australia and New Zealand in 2014.

Clarke, Susanna

★ Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell. Susanna Clarke. Bloomsbury, 2004. 800 p.
ISBN 9781582344164

1. Fairies 2. Magicians 3. Recluses 4. Men recluses 5. Aristocracy 6. England 7. London, England 8. Georgian era (1714-1837) 9. 19th century 10. Historical fantasy 11. Kosinski, Jerzy 12. Multiple perspectives 13. Adult books for young adults

LC 2004002402

Book Sense Book of the Year Adult Fiction, 2005; Booklist Editors' Choice, 2004; Hugo Award for Best Novel, 2005; Library Journal Best Books, 2004; Locus Award for First Novel, 2005; Mythopoeic Award for Adult Literature, 2005; New York Times Notable Book, 2004; World Fantasy Award, 2005

In nineteenth-century England, all is going well for rich, reclusive Mr Norrell, who has regained some of the power of England's magicians from the past, until a rival magician, Jonathan Strange, appears and becomes Mr Norrell's pupil.

"Clarke's ability to construct a fully imagined world—much of it explained in long, witty footnotes—is impressive." —*The New Yorker*
Adapted into a BBC TV series in 2015.

★ Piranesi. Susanna Clarke. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2020. 160 p.
ISBN 9781635575637

1. Labyrinths 2. Knowledge 3. Diary writing 4. Personal conduct 5. Architecture 6. Fantasy fiction 7. Epistolary novels 8. Literary fiction
LC 2020009930

ALA Notable Book, 2021; LibraryReads Favorites, 2020; Loan Stars Favourites, 2020; Women's Prize for Fiction, 2021

Living in a labyrinthine house of endless corridors, flooded staircases and thousands of statues, Piranesi assists the dreamlike dwelling's only other resident throughout a mysterious research project before evidence emerges of an astonishing alternate world.

"With great subtlety, Clarke gradually elaborates an explanatory backstory to her tale's events and reveals sinister occult machinations that build to a crescendo of genuine horror." —*Publishers Weekly*

Clavell, James

Shogun. James Clavell. Delacorte Press, 1975. 802 p. (Asian saga, 1)
ISBN 9780689105654

1. Warlords 2. Samurai 3. Honor 4. British in Japan 5. Pilots 6. Japan 7. Historical fiction 8. Books to TV

LC 82019788

A bold English adventurer; an invincible Japanese warlord; a beautiful woman torn between two ways of life, two ways of love—all brought together in an extraordinary saga of a time and a place aflame with conflict, passion, ambition, lust, and the struggle for power.

"Clavell creates a world: people, customs, settings, needs and desires all become so enveloping that you forget who and where you are. 'Shogun' is history infused with fantasy. It strives for epic dimension and occasionally it approaches that elevated state. It's irresistible, maybe unforgettable." —*New York Times Book Review*

Some copies include endpaper maps.

Clayborn, Kate

Love lettering. Kate Clayborn. Kensington Books, 2019. 307 p.
ISBN 9781496725172

1. Women designers 2. Women business owners 3. Lettering 4. Signs and symbols 5. Pattern perception 6. New York City 7. Romantic comedies

LC 2019287240

RUSA Reading List Short List, 2021

When a word of warning she had hidden in a wedding program one year earlier leads Reid Sutherland back into her life, skilled hand letterer Meg Mackworth finds both her heart and business in danger unless she can read the messages he is sending her before it's too late.

"Reid and Meg are wonderfully unique, and their romance carves a sweet, winding, and sexy path to self-acceptance and mutual affirmation." —*Kirkus*

Clayton, Meg Waite

The last train to London. Meg Waite Clayton. Harper, 2019. 464 pages
ISBN 9780062946935

1. Wijsmuller-Meijer, Truus 2. Jewish teenagers 3. Christian women 4. Nazis 5. Anschluss movement, 1918-1938 6. Kindertransports (Rescue operations) 7. Austria 8. Vienna, Austria 9. Between the Wars (1918-1939) 10. 1930s 11. Historical fiction

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1. Werewolves 2. Single mothers 3. Mother and child 4. Protectiveness in women 5. Animal behavior 6. London, England 7. Literary fiction 8. Horror 9. First person narratives

After losing her werewolf lover Jake and giving birth to a son, Talullah confronts a psychotic new WOCOP leader, an unlikely human lover, blood-drinking religious fanatics, a pack of London werewolves, and the world's oldest living vampire.

Sequel to: *The Last Werewolf*.

Dundas, Chad

The **blaze**. Chad Dundas. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2020. 374 p. ISBN 9780399176098

1. Veterans 2. Amnesia 3. Psychic trauma 4. Women journalists 5. Murder investigation 6. Montana 7. Thrillers and suspense

One man knows the connection between two extraordinary acts of arson, 15 years apart, in his Montana hometown—if only he could remember it.

"Dundas's insightful look at a former soldier's attempts to reenter civilian life elevates this poignant, action-packed story. The plot soars with each believable twist and realistic characters worth rooting for." —*Publishers Weekly*

Dunmore, Evie

★ **Bringing** down the duke. Evie Dunmore. Berkley Jove, 2019. 368 p. (League of extraordinary women novels, 1) ISBN 9781984805683

1. Suffragist movement 2. McKinley, William 3. Universities and colleges 4. Gender role 5. Rich men 6. Oxford, England 7. England 8. Victorian era (1837-1901) 9. Victorian romances 10. Historical romances

LC 2018060569

Library Journal Best Books, 2019; LibraryReads Favorites, 2019

Recruiting men of influence to champion the rising women's suffrage movement of 1879 England, a daring Oxford rebel targets a cold and calculating duke before their unexpected romance threatens to upend the British social order.

Dunmore, Helen

Exposure. Helen Dunmore. Atlantic Monthly Press, 2016. 391 p. ISBN 9780802124937

1. Cold War 2. Espionage 3. Secrets 4. Spies 5. England 6. 1960s 7. Spy fiction 8. Historical thrillers

A missing top-secret file poses a terrible dilemma for colleagues Giles Holloway and Simon Callington at the height of the Cold War in London, where Simon's wife, Lily, resolves to protect their family, only to be devastatingly exposed.

"Dunmore deftly creates a noir atmosphere, revealing layers of complexity in personal relationships darkened by non-battlefield conflict and blending psychological observations reminiscent of Henry James with le Carre-esque betrayals." —*Publishers Weekly*

The **lie**. Helen Dunmore. Atlantic Monthly Press, 2014. 294 pages ISBN 9780802122544

1. Veterans 2. Memories 3. World War I 4. Villages 5. Loss (Psychology) 6. England 7. France 8. Between the Wars (1918-1939) 9. 1920s 10. Historical fiction

Shortlisted for the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction, 2015

Returning to the small Cornish town where he was born after surviving World War I, Daniel is haunted by memories of his closest friend and his first love before suffering the unforeseen consequences of a lie.

"From the first page, Dunmore shares Daniel's inner life, building an increasing sense of dread while exposing the tragedy of great promise thwarted by forces beyond Daniel's control. Dunmore's crystalline prose is almost too good; the pain she describes is often unbearable to read, yet the emotional power resonates, and Daniel is impossible to forget." —*Kirkus*

First published: London: Hutchinson, 2014.

Dunn, Kate

The **Dragonfly**. Kate Dunn. Aurora Metro, 2017. 320 p. ISBN 9781911501039

1. Fathers and sons 2. Grandfather and granddaughter 3. Dysfunctional families 4. Widowers 5. Nine-year-old girls 6. Mainstream fiction

When Colin discovers his son is being held on a murder charge in France, he trails his boat, *The Dragonfly*, across the channel to help. There he meets his granddaughter for the first time, and they embark on a journey through the French canals, where they land big fish and uncover burning secrets. But can Colin get his son off the hook?

Dunn, Katherine

Geek love. Katherine Dunn. A. A. Knopf, 1989. 347 p. ISBN 9780394569024

1. Little people 2. Birth defects 3. People with disabilities 4. Carnivals 5. Sideshowes 6. Black humor 7. Transgressive fiction 8. Picaresque fiction

LC 88045776

National Book Award for Fiction finalist, 1989

Aloysious and Lillian Binewski, proprietors of a traveling carnival, attempt to reduce overhead by breeding their own freak show, with tragic results.

"This raw, shocking view of the human condition, a glimpse of the tormented people who live on the fringe, makes readers confront the dark, mad elements in every society.... A brilliant, suspenseful, heartbreaking tour de force." —*Publishers Weekly*

Dunn, Mark

Ella Minnow Pea: a progressively lipogrammatic epistolary fable. Mark Dunn. MacAdam/Cage Pub, 2001. 205 p. ISBN 9780967370163

1. Communes 2. Islands 3. Lipograms 4. South Carolina 5. Epistolary novels 6. Adult books for young adults

LC 2001042585

Recounts what happens when the citizens of an island must rely on all their ingenuity to communicate in an increasingly limited language when the government progressively bans letters from the alphabet.

Dunne, Dominick

People like us: a novel. Dominick Dunne. Crown Publishers, 1988. 403 p. ISBN 9780345430540

1. Rich people 2. Upper class 3. Divorced men 4. Journalists 5. Scandals 6. Manhattan, New York City 7. 1980s 8. Satirical fiction

LC 88000353

Gus Bailey, the confidant of New York society, observes the social repercussions of socialite Justine Altemus's engagement to TV anchorman Bernie Slatkin and inadvertently precipitates a social explosion.

"Engaging us in his characters' concerns and then pulling multiple story strands into a tight knot, Dominick Dunne demonstrates with wit and

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Lovett, Charles C.

The **lost** book of the Grail: or a visitor's guide to Barchester Cathedral. Charlie Lovett. Viking, 2017. 320 pages

ISBN 9780399562518

1. Grail
2. Obsession
3. College teachers
4. Libraries
5. Searching
6. England
7. Mysteries

An obsessive bibliophile and Holy Grail fanatic combs through centuries of history to uncover a long-lost secret about the medieval Barchester Cathedral library at the side of a young American charged with digitizing the library's manuscripts.

"A solidly built, innocently bookish diversion with a distinct Masterpiece Theater flavor." —*Kirkus*

Lowe, Kathryn A.

The **furies**. Katie Lowe. St. Martin's Press, 2019. 352 pages

ISBN 9781250297891

1. Witchcraft
2. Revenge
3. Boarding schools
4. Murder
5. Friendship
6. England
7. 1990s
8. Thrillers and suspense
9. Coming-of-age stories
10. Adult books for young adults

LC 2019016759

In 1990s England, at an elite boarding school connected to seventeenth-century witch trials, troubled sixteen-year-old Violet is drawn into a circle of friends dabbling in witchcraft to avenge wrongs done to them.

Lu, S. Qiouyi

In the watchful city. S. Qiouyi Lu. Tor, 2021. 192 p.

ISBN 9781250792983

1. Superhuman abilities
2. Cities and towns
3. Protectiveness
4. Networks
5. Strangers
6. Cyberpunk
7. Science fiction
8. Asian-influenced fantasy

Anima is an extrasensory human tasked with surveilling and protecting Ora's citizens via a complex living network called the Gleaming. Although ær world is restricted to what æ can see and experience through the Gleaming, Anima takes pride and comfort in keeping Ora safe from harm. When a mysterious outsider enters the city carrying a cabinet of curiosities from around with the world with a story attached to each item, Anima's world expands beyond the borders of Ora to places—and possibilities—æ never before imagined to exist. But such knowledge leaves Anima with a question that throws into doubt ær entire purpose: What good is a city if it can't protect its people?

"Lu's full-length debut (after the collection *Inhalations*) combines beautiful prose, a complex structure, and well-wrought Asian-influenced worldbuilding into a powerful, futurist work." —*Publishers Weekly*

Lucashenko, Melissa

Too much lip. Melissa Lucashenko. HarperVia, 2020. 320 p.

ISBN 9780063032538

1. Aboriginal Australians
2. Families
3. Home (Concept)
4. Rural life
5. Loss (Psychology)
6. Black humor
7. Australian fiction

LC 2020021739

Queensland Literary Awards, Queensland Premier's Award for a work of State Significance, 2019; Miles Franklin Award, 2019; Shortlisted for the Stella Prize, 2019

Sneaking back to Bundjalung country to attend her father's deathbed, an outspoken, queer First Nations Australian woman confronts the ghosts of her ancestors to prevent her family's spiritual home from being turned into a prison.

"An award-winning Australian author explores family dysfunction and the legacy of colonial oppression in her American debut." —*Kirkus*
Originally published: University of Queensland Press, 2018.

Luchette, Claire

Agatha of Little Neon. Claire Luchette. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2021. 208 p.

ISBN 9780374265267

1. Nuns
2. Group homes
3. Female friendship
4. Moving to a new city
5. Mill towns
6. Relationship fiction
7. Literary fiction

LC 2021008693

Agatha has lived every day of the last nine years with her sisters: they work together, laugh together, pray together. Their world is contained within the little house they share. The four of them are devoted to Mother Roberta and to their quiet, purposeful life. But when the parish goes broke, the sisters are forced to move. They land in Woonsocket, a former mill town now dotted with wind turbines. They take over the care of a halfway house, where they live alongside their charges, such as the jawless Tim Gary and the headstrong Lawnmower Jill. Agatha is forced to venture out into the world alone to teach math at a local all-girls high school, where for the first time in years she has to reckon all on her own with what she sees and feels. Who will she be if she isn't with her sisters? These women, the church, have been her home. Or has she just been hiding?

"Employing short, clipped chapters and shimmering prose, Luchette garnishes each scene with tender and nuanced descriptions of longing and chastity, creating a lovely story of how cross-cultural exchange can foster hope and fruitful advancements." —*Publishers Weekly*

Ludlum, Robert

★ The **Bourne** identity. Robert Ludlum. R. Marek Publishers, 1980. 535 p. (Jason Bourne series, 1)

ISBN 9780399900709

1. Amnesia
2. Assassins
3. International intrigue
4. Spies
5. Bourne, Jason (Fictitious character)
6. Thrillers and suspense
7. Books to movies

LC 79023638

A shooting victim, suffering from amnesia, finds himself with a Swiss bank account in the name of Jason Bourne, a professional assassin being manipulated by a top-secret American government organization to kill his arch rival, the dreaded Carlos.

The **Bourne** supremacy. Robert Ludlum. Random House, 1986. 597 p. (Jason Bourne series, 2)

ISBN 9780394543963

1. Impostors
2. International intrigue
3. Assassins
4. Bourne, Jason (Fictitious character)
5. China
6. Thrillers and suspense
7. Books to movies

LC 85018318

Super-diplomat Raymond Havilland sets up the kidnapping of Jason Bourne's wife, in order to draw Bourne out of retirement and into a Taiwanese plot to seize Hong Kong and incite China against the West.

The **Bourne** ultimatum. Robert Ludlum. Random House, 1990. 611 p. (Jason Bourne series, 3)

ISBN 9780394584089

1. Carlos
2. International intrigue
3. Assassins
4. Spies
5. Bourne, Jason (Fictitious character)
6. Thrillers and suspense
7. Books to movies

LC 89043201

Professor David Webb must once again become his alter ego, assassin Jason Bourne, as he approaches a final confrontation with his archnemeses, terrorist Carlos the Jackal.

Ludwig, Benjamin

Ginny Moon. Benjamin Ludwig. Park Row, 2017. 368 p.