Staff Favorites

Alone by Michael Korda

This is the backstage-gossip version of the Battle of Dunkirk. The military and political threads are intertwined with Korda's own experience of being a small boy in a wealthy and powerful family during WWII. His style is effortlessly engaging, and he makes his wide cast of characters come vividly to life. -Sarah M.

Red, White, and Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston

This contemporary (and steamy) romance novel imagines America's First Son falling in love with the Prince of Wales. Cosmopolitan called it the "super specific love story you never knew you needed." The author has a new book coming out in June called *One Last Stop*. -Kate H.

Here to Stay by Mark Edwards

The concept for this book sounds like it would make a great sitcom (Elliot's new in-laws move into his beautifully manicured home and refuse to go away) but it quickly turns into something more sinister as Elliot becomes increasingly desperate to make them leave. This book is a fast-paced thriller that takes place in England and has a very memorable twist at the end. -Bailey A.

If You Lived Here, You'd be Home by Now by Christopher Ingraham

The audio version of this nonfiction work is excellent. This is a hilarious and charming story of writer Christopher Ingraham's decision to uproot his life and move his family to Red Lake Falls, Minnesota...the very same town he had previously made famous as "the worst place to live in America" in a story he wrote for the Washington Post. - Cindy K.

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.S. Schwab.

This novel offers a great escape from reality, exploring themes of loss and love with art, magic, myth, and a wonderfully memorable female protagonist. A sweeping tale for fans of *The Time Traveler's Wife* and *The Night Circus*. -Cynthia S.

A People Betrayed by Paul Preston

A complex yet readable history of modern Spain from the Bourbon Restoration in 1874 to the present day which argues that the country's elites--the crown, the Church, the army--have consistently acted solely in their own interests, much to the detriment of the Spanish people. -Jim R.

One by One by Ruth Ware

Even though spring is on its way, you might still be in the mood for some snowy suspense! This is the newest book by the author of the Woman in Cabin 10, and it's recommended for both fans of Ware and Agatha Christie! - Sarah B.

<u>Snapdragon</u> by Kat Leyh

This graphic novel features magical realism and offers the story of a girl who befriends her town's witch and discovers the magic and power within herself. Booklist calls it an "endearingly offbeat story" that emphasizes the "importance of love, friendship, and a fierce commitment to individuality." The writer and illustrator also worked on the acclaimed *Lumberjanes* comic book series. -Kristyn S.

<u>Sugar in Milk</u> by Thrity Umrigar and Khoa Le is a gorgeously illustrated picture book with a unique metaphor about immigration. – Amanda B.

<u>Tell Me More: stories about the 12 hardest things I'm learning to</u> say by Kelly CorriganCorrigan's stories of growth truly inspire and ring true. Join her as she delves into her experiences surrounding expressions such as "I don't know," "You got this" and "I was wrong." Bonus: Corrigan has a PBS show by the same title. -Amy H. and Cindy K.

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