

FICTION CORE COLLECTION

Twenty-second Edition

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Aaronovitch, Ben

Broken Homes. Ben Aaronovitch. DAW Books 2014. 320 p. (Rivers of London, 4)

ISBN 9780756409609

Grades: Adult

1. Wizards 2. Murder investigation 3. Detectives 4. Stolen property recovery 5. Supernatural 6. Black British men 7. Police 8. West African people 9. European people 10. African people 11. Western European people 12. London, England 13. Great Britain 14. Urban fantasy 15. Fantasy mysteries

Sworn to enforce the Queen's Peace, Constable Peter Grant, a magician and keeper of the flame, must discover if a mutilated body found in Crawley is the work of a common serial killer or an associate of the evil wizard known as the Faceless Man.

Also published in large print format.

Midnight Riot. Ben Aaronovitch. Del Rey 2011. 336 p. (Rivers of London, 1)

ISBN 9780345524256

Grades: Adult

1. Murder investigation 2. Ghosts 3. Witnesses 4. Wizards 5. Detectives 6. Magic 7. Multiracial men 8. Black British men 9. Police 10. West African people 11. European people 12. African people 13. Western European people 14. London, England 15. Great Britain 16. Urban fantasy 17. Fantasy mysteries

When his ability to speak with the lingering dead brings him to the attention of Detective Chief Inspector Thomas Nightingale, who investigates paranormal crimes, Probationary Constable Peter Grant is drawn into a world where an ancient evil is making a comeback on a rising tide of murder and dark magic.

Reprinted in 2024 by Jabberwocky Literary Agency; Originally published in the UK under the title: Rivers of London.

Moon Over Soho. Ben Aaronovitch. Del Rey 2011. 352 p. (Rivers of London, 2)

ISBN 9780345524591

Grades: Adult

1. Jazz musicians 2. Magic 3. Supernatural 4. Detectives 5. Murder investigation 6. Black British men 7. Police 8. West African people 9. European people 10. African people 11. Western European people 12. London, England 13. Great Britain 14. Urban fantasy 15. Fantasy mysteries

After the death of a part-time jazz drummer, London constable and sorcerer's apprentice Peter Grant investigates a series of supernatural deaths in and around Soho that are linked to Peter's dad—a talented trumpet player named Richard "Lord" Grant.

Also published in large print format.

Whispers Under Ground. Ben Aaronovitch. Del Rey 2012. 352 p. (Rivers of London, 3)

ISBN 9780345524614

Grades: Adult

1. American people in England 2. Wizards 3. Murder investigation 4. Detectives 5. Women FBI agents 6. Born again Christians 7. Supernatural 8. Black British men 9. Police 10. West African people 11. European people 12. African people 13. Western European people 14. Great Britain 15. Urban fantasy 16. Fantasy mysteries

To solve a perplexing murder case, Peter Grant, London constable and sorcerer's apprentice, must plumb the haunted depths of the oldest, largest, and deadliest subway system in the world.

Abbott, Megan E.

Beware the Woman. Megan Abbott. G.P. Putnam's Sons 2023. 320 p.

ISBN 9780593084939

Grades: Adult

1. Women teachers 2. Husband and wife 3. Pregnant women 4. Vacations 5. Fathers-in-law 6. Former physicians 7. Cabins 8. Forests 9. Household employees 10. Caretakers 11. Pregnancy complications 12. Captivity 13. Family secrets 14. Gender role 15. North American people 16. American people 17. Fear 18. Upper Peninsula, Michigan 19. Michigan 20. Psychological suspense 21. First person narratives

A pregnant woman undergoes a health scare that brings up whispered conversations about her husband's complicated family history and long dead mother in the new novel from the author of Give Me Your Hand.

"A real treat for the author's many fans and for everyone who treasures that sense of Gothic-tinged trouble both within and without. Think Rebecca in the UP."—*Booklist*

The Fever. Megan Abbott. Little Brown & Co. 2014. 240 p.

ISBN 9780316231053

Grades: Adult

1. High school students 2. Communicable diseases 3. Teenage girls 4. Rumor 5. Communities 6. Insecurity 7. Hysteria (Social psychology) 8. Convulsions 9. Suburban life 10. Family relationships 11. Secrets 12. Sexuality 13. Thrillers and suspense 14. Adult books for young adults

Booklist Editors' Choice: Adult Books for Young Adults, 2014; School Library Journal Best Books: Best Adult Books 4 Teens, 2014; Thriller Award for Best Novel, 2015.

A small town becomes unraveled after a young teen has a scary, unexplained seizure in her high school class and rumors of a hazardous illness quickly move through the school and the community, spreading hysteria and destroying friendships and families.

"Once again, Abbott makes an unforgettable inquiry into the emotional lives of young people, this time balanced with parents own fears and failings. Its also a powerful portrait of community, with interesting echoes of The Crucible."—*Booklist*

★ *Give Me Your Hand.* Megan Abbott. Little Brown & Co. 2018. 352 p.

ISBN 9780316547185

Grades: Adult

1. Scientists 2. Competition 3. Academic rivalry 4. Secrets 5. Research 6. Best friends 7. Psychological suspense 8. Adult books for young adults 9. Book club best bets

Loan Stars Favourites, 2018; LibraryReads Favorites, 2018; Booklist Editors' Choice, 2018.

Distancing herself from an intense best friend who inspired her scientific ambitions before divulging a life-changing secret, Kit competes for a dream research job and finds herself in a dangerous game of cat and mouse.

★ *The Turnout: A Novel.* Megan Abbott. G. P. Putnam's Sons 2021. 336 p.

ISBN 9780593084908

Grades: Adult

1. Dance schools 2. Ballet dancers 3. Sisters 4. Married people 5. Family businesses 6. Contractors 7. Family secrets 8. Competition 9. Renovation (Architecture) 10. Accidents 11. Suspicion 12. Family relationships 13. Sexual attraction 14. Men-women relations 15. Psychological suspense 16. Book club best bets

LC 2021013410

Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Mystery or Thriller, 2021.

When a suspicious accident occurs at their family-run ballet studio just at the onset of the annual performance of The Nutcracker, sisters Dara and Marie Durant find their delicate balance threatened by an interloper.

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“This look at the darker side of the dance world demonstrates why Abbott has few peers at crafting moving stories of secrets and broken lives.”—*Publishers Weekly*

You Will Know Me: A Novel. Megan Abbott. Little, Brown and Company 2016. 352 p.

ISBN 9780316231077

Grades: Adult

1. Gymnasts 2. Gymnastics 3. Hit-and-run victims 4. Murder 5. Suspicion 6. Teenage athletes 7. Fifteen-year-old girls 8. Hit-and-run accidents 9. Athletes with disabilities 10. Teenage girls 11. Ambition in teenagers 12. Thrillers and suspense 13. Adult books for young adults

LC 2015026542

When a violent death rocks her close-knit gymnastics community weeks before an important competition, the mother of an Olympics hopeful works frantically to hold her family together in spite of being irresistibly drawn to the crime.

“It’s vivid, troubling, and powerful—and Abbott totally sticks the landing.”—*Booklist*

Abdel Gawad, Aisha

★ **Between Two Moons.** Aisha Abdel Gawad. Doubleday 2023. 336 p.

ISBN 9780385548618

Grades: Adult

1. Families 2. Arab Americans 3. Muslims 4. Twin sisters 5. High school graduates 6. Brothers 7. Former convicts 8. Homecomings 9. Ramadan 10. Islamophobia 11. Police 12. Arrest 13. Vandalism 14. College students 15. Violence against marginalized people 16. Protests, demonstrations, vigils, etc. 17. Family relationships 18. North American people 19. American people 20. Men-women relations 21. Brooklyn, New York City 22. New York City 23. Literary fiction 24. Debut title

It’s the holy month of Ramadan, and twin sisters Amira and Lina are about to graduate high school in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. On the precipice of adulthood, they plan to embark on a summer of teenage revelry, trying on new identities and testing the limits of what they can get away with while still under their parents’ roof. But the twins’ expectations of a summer of freedom collide with their older brother’s return from prison, whose mysterious behavior threatens to undo the delicate family balance. Meanwhile, a raid on a local business sparks a protest that brings the Arab community together, and a senseless act of violence threatens to tear them apart.

“Gawad’s engrossing, propulsive novel evokes the heat of summer, the sharp pangs that come with fasting, the oppressive climate of fear and distrust, and the insurmountable bond between sisters.”—*Booklist*

Abdoh, Salar

A Nearby Country Called Love: A Novel. Salar Abdoh. Viking 2023. 256 p.

ISBN 9780593653906

Grades: Adult

1. Gender role 2. Identity 3. Self-immolation 4. Protests, demonstrations, vigils, etc. 5. Masculinity 6. Homecomings 7. Siblings 8. Interpersonal relations 9. Conflict in families 10. Sexuality 11. Memories 12. Hope 13. Iranian people 14. Families 15. Coping 16. Iran 17. Literary fiction

LC 2023015908

A young Iranian man finds himself living on the margins of society after supporting a woman who lit herself on fire in an act of defiance and discovering that his late brother was a prominent queer artist in Tehran’s underground.

“An emotionally complex narrative anchored by a protagonist who’s deeper than he seems.”—*Kirkus*

Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem

The Empty Birdcage. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Anna Waterhouse. Titan Books 2019. 336 pages (Mycroft Holmes novels (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar), 3)

ISBN 9781785659300

Grades: Adult

1. Serial murder investigation 2. Serial murders 3. Missing persons investigation 4. Missing persons 5. Greed 6. Holmes, Mycroft (Fictitious character) 7. Holmes, Sherlock (Fictitious character) 8. Interracial friendship 9. Chinese people in foreign countries 10. London, England history 11. 1870s 12. 19th cen-

ture 13. Historical mysteries 14. Mysteries 15. Adaptations, retellings, and spin-offs 16. African American fiction

A latest collaboration by the NBA All-Star and the co-creator of *On the Shoulders of Giants* finds the Holmes brothers on the trail of a killer who leaves victims unmarked, a case that is complicated by a loved one’s disappearance.

Mycroft and Sherlock. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Anna Waterhouse. Titan Books 2018. 359 p. (Mycroft Holmes novels (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar), 2)

ISBN 9781785659256

Grades: Adult

1. Orphanages 2. Opium smuggling 3. Serial murder investigation 4. Race relations 5. Serial murders 6. Interracial friendship 7. Chinese people in foreign countries 8. Violence against marginalized people 9. West Indian people in foreign countries 10. Holmes, Mycroft (Fictitious character) 11. Holmes, Sherlock (Fictitious character) 12. Caribbean history 13. London, England 14. Trinidad and Tobago 15. 1870s 16. 19th century 17. Historical mysteries 18. Mysteries 19. Adaptations, retellings, and spin-offs 20. African American fiction

Rising War Office star Mycroft Holmes persuades his brother, Sherlock, to volunteer at a best friend’s orphanage, where the suspicious death of a street urchin and a mysterious Chinese woman lead the brothers into the London opium trade’s dark underside.

“Abdul-Jabbar and Waterhouse again nail the historical ambience, the dialogue, and the plotting, effectively paying tribute to Arthur Conan Doyle but also adding large dollops of humor and romance. This is a wonderful mystery in what one hopes will be a long-running series.”—*Booklist*

★ **Mycroft Holmes.** Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Anna Waterhouse. Titan Books 2015. 336 p. (Mycroft Holmes novels (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar), 1)

ISBN 9781783291533

Grades: Adult

1. Crimes against children 2. Murder investigation 3. Secrets 4. Race relations 5. Young men 6. Engaged people 7. Interracial friendship 8. Holmes, Mycroft (Fictitious character) 9. Caribbean history 10. London, England 11. Trinidad and Tobago 12. 1870s 13. 19th century 14. Historical mysteries 15. Mysteries 16. Adaptations, retellings, and spin-offs 17. African American fiction

Fresh out of university, the young Mycroft Holmes is already making a name for himself in government. Yet this most British of civil servants has strong ties to Trinidad, the birthplace of his best friend, Cyrus Douglas, and where his fiancée Georgiana Sutton was raised. Mycroft’s comfortable existence is overturned when Douglas receives troubling reports from home, rumors of spirits enticing children to their deaths. Upon hearing the news, Georgiana abruptly departs for the island. Mycroft convinces Douglas that they should follow her, drawing the two men into a web of dark secrets that grows more treacherous with each step they take.

“The authors hit all the right notes here, combining fascinating historical detail (on Trinidadian culture and folklore, on tobacco importation in London, even on the development of the Gatling gun) with rousing adventure, including some cleverly choreographed fight scenes and a pair of protagonists whose rich biracial friendship, while presented realistically, given the era (Douglas must sometimes pose as a butler), is the highlight of the book.”—*Booklist*

Abdullah, Chelsea

The Stardust Thief. Chelsea Abdullah. Orbit 2022. 432 p. (Sandsea trilogy, 1)

ISBN 9780316368766

Grades: Adult

1. Magic 2. Princes 3. Women criminals 4. Extortion 5. Rescues 6. Genies 7. Magic lamps 8. Epic fantasy 9. Fairy tale and folklore-inspired fiction 10. Fantasy fiction 11. Debut title

LC 2021045600

A hunter and seller of illegal magic, Loulie al-Nazari, after saving the life of a cowardly prince, is blackmailed into finding an ancient lamp, drawing her into a world where nothing is what it seems and where she must decide who she will become in this new reality.

“Abdullah’s ambitious debut, the first in the Sandsea Trilogy, weaves an intricate tale that draws from the legends of *One Thousand and One Nights* to create something entirely new.”—*Publishers Weekly*

LIST OF FICTIONAL WORKS

Abdullah, Kia

Perfectly Nice Neighbors. Kia Abdullah. G.P. Putnam's Sons 2023. 352 p.
ISBN 9780593713815

Grades: Adult

1. Immigrant families 2. Suburban life 3. Racism 4. Bangladeshi people
5. Neighbors 6. Culture conflict 7. Social justice 8. New neighbors 9. Hate
10. Confrontation (Interpersonal relations) 11. South Asian people 12. London,
England 13. 2020s 14. Thrillers and suspense

LC 2023028469

LibraryReads Favorites, 2023.

Salma Khatun is hopeful about Blenheim, the suburban development into which she, her husband, and their son have just moved. The Bangladeshi family needs a fresh start. Soon after they move in, Salma spots her white neighbor, Tom Hutton, ripping out the anti-racist banner her son put in the front garden. Avoiding confrontation, Salma takes the banner inside and puts it in her window. But the next morning, she wakes up to find her window smeared with paint. When she does speak to Tom, battle lines are drawn between the two families. As racial and social tensions escalate and the stakes rise, it's clear that a reckoning is coming... and someone is going to get hurt.

"Each new act of violence or harassment is more twisted than the last, culminating in a final-act twist that will leave readers gasping. Fans of domestic-suspense novels by Alyssa Cole and Louise Candlish will be enthralled."—*Booklist*

Abraham, Daniel

Blade of Dream. Daniel Abraham. Orbit 2023. 560 p. (Kithamar trilogy, 2)
ISBN 9780316421898

Grades: Adult

1. Political intrigue 2. Rulers 3. Interclass romance 4. Princesses 5. Heirs and heiresses 6. Merchants 7. Imaginary kingdoms 8. Men-women relations 9. Fantasy fiction 10. Epic fantasy

From the New York Times best-selling author and co-author of *The Expanse* comes a novel that unfolds within the walls of a single great city, over the course of one tumultuous year.

"Bestseller Abraham's rich second Kithamar epic fantasy (after *Age of Ash*) takes an unexpected path; rather than directly continuing the prior volume's complex tale, Abraham instead provides a parallel narrative, making this clever outing equally accessible as a standalone."—*Publishers Weekly*

Since this book is a parallel narrative to the first volume, this story could be read as a standalone.

Abrams, Melanie

Meadowlark. Melanie Abrams. Little a 2020. 240 p.
ISBN 9781542007351

Grades: Adult

1. Reunions 2. Psychic trauma 3. Childhood friends 4. Memories 5. Secrets 6. Synesthesia 7. Deception 8. Communes 9. Neurodivergent people 10. Thrillers and suspense

Returning to *Meadowlark*, the spiritual compound in which she grew up that is home to children with unusual abilities, to document its story, photojournalist Simrin finds herself caught in a desperate situation when a conflict with the authorities escalates.

Abrams, Stacey

While Justice Sleeps: A Novel. Stacey Y. Abrams. Doubleday 2021. 384 p. (Avery Keene thrillers, 1)
ISBN 9780385546577

Grades: Adult

1. Law clerks 2. People in comas 3. Conspiracies 4. Biotechnology 5. Political intrigue 6. Clues 7. Secrets 8. American people 9. North American people 10. Ambition 11. Washington, D.C. 12. Political thrillers 13. 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*

Abramson, Leigh McMullan

A Likely Story. Leigh McMullan Abramson. Atria Books 2023. 352 p.
ISBN 9781982199241

Grades: Adult

1. Writing 2. Women authors 3. Father and adult daughter 4. Family secrets 5. Authors 6. Death of mothers 7. Family relationships 8. Fame 9. City life 10. Ambition 11. New York City 12. Relationship fiction 13. Novels-within-novels 14. Multiple perspectives 15. Book club best bets 16. Debut title

A woman aspiring to be a writer like her best-selling novelist father faces her upcoming thirty-fifth birthday on the verge of a breakdown when she uncovers shocking truths about her parents and her family.

"Complex characters weigh the benefits of sacrificing their morals to achieve a lasting legacy in this well-told tale."—*Kirkus*

Abu-Jaber, Diana

Birds of Paradise: A Novel. Diana Abu-Jaber. W. W. Norton & Co. 2011. 384 p.
ISBN 9780393064612

Grades: Adult

1. Runaway teenagers 2. Family secrets 3. Dysfunctional families 4. Teenage girls 5. Family problems 6. Parent and teenager 7. Siblings 8. Miami, Florida 9. Psychological fiction 10. 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

Grades: 11 12 Adult

1. Arab American women 2. Cooking, Lebanese 3. College teachers 4. Women cooks 5. Immigrant families 6. Arab Americans 7. Race relations 8. Restaurants 9. Lebanese people 10. Southwest Asian (Middle Eastern) people 11. American people 12. North American people 13. Asian people 14. Men-women relations 15. Los Angeles, California 16. Literary fiction 17. 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

Grades: Adult

1. Women forensic scientists 2. Identity 3. Infanticide 4. Serial murders 5. Forensic sciences 6. Violence against children 7. Memories 8. Forensic scientists 9. Serial murderers 10. New York (State) 11. Syracuse, New York 12. Mysteries 13. Literary fiction 14. First person narratives 15. Adult books for young adults

LC 2007004963

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New York-based fingerprint expert Lena investigates a series of crib deaths that may actually be the work of a serial killer, a case that reminds Lena of the mystery surrounding her own childhood, marked by her orphaned status and her intuitive talents.

"For all its internal chill, the drama that unfolds around fingerprint expert Lena Dawson is a struggle toward spring and the light. Haunting and compelling, *Origin* combines the traditions of the crime novel with an examination of Lena's unusual upbringing. It's a little film noir, a bit independent-woman-detective thriller, and winningly fresh in its approach." —*PopMatters*

Acampora, Lauren

The Hundred Waters: A Novel. Lauren Acampora. Grove Press 2022. 224 p.
ISBN 9780802159748

Grades: Adult

1. Rich people 2. Suburban life 3. Women photographers 4. Married women 5. Preteen girls 6. Artists 7. Environmentalists 8. Art 9. Options, alternatives, choices 10. Consequences 11. Austrian people 12. American people 13. Secrets 14. Western European people 15. European people 16. North American people 17. Connecticut 18. Literary fiction

LC 2022022681

When Gabriel, a young artist-environmentalist arrives in the affluent town of Nearwater, Connecticut, former model and photographer Louisa Rader, who is trying to vitalize the provincial local art center, and her preteen daughter are pulled under his spell, with consequences that disrupt the Rader's world forever.

"With a fluid writing style and a plot that moves along quickly, Acampora's absorbing new work is an excellent choice for book discussion groups." —*Library Journal*

Acevedo, Elizabeth

★ *Family Lore.* Elizabeth Acevedo. Ecco Press 2023. 384 p.
ISBN 9780063207264

Grades: Adult

1. Families 2. Psychic ability 3. Death 4. Forecasting 5. Dominican Americans 6. Options, alternatives, choices 7. Wakes (Funeral rites and ceremonies) 8. Magic 9. Cousins 10. Secrets 11. New York City 12. Magical realism 13. Literary fiction 14. First person narratives 15. Book club best bets
LibraryReads Favorites, 2023.

Flor has a gift: she can predict, to the day, when someone will die. So when she decides she wants a living wake—a party to bring her family and community together to celebrate the long life she's led—her sisters are surprised. Has Flor foreseen her own death, or someone else's? Does she have other motives? She refuses to tell her sisters, Matilde, Pastora, and Camila. But Flor isn't the only person with secrets: her sisters are hiding things, too. And the next generation, cousins Ona and Yadi, face tumult of their own.

"Though the various magical elements aren't very well developed, Acevedo is brilliant at portraying the women's love and loyalty for one another. The author's fans will eat this up." —*Publishers Weekly*

Achebe, Chinua

★ *Things Fall Apart.* Chinua Achebe. Anchor Books 1994. 209 p; (African trilogy (Chinua Achebe), 1)

ISBN 9780385474542

Grades: 11 12 Adult

1. Culture conflict 2. Social structure 3. Igbo (African people) 4. Exiles 5. Colonialism 6. Villages 7. British people in Africa 8. Race relations 9. Religion and culture 10. Christianity and culture 11. Christianity and indigenous peoples 12. West African people 13. African people 14. African history 15. Nigeria 16. Historical fiction 17. Literary fiction 18. Classics

LC 94013429

Traces the growing friction between village leaders and Europeans determined to save the heathen souls of Africa. But its hero, a noble man who is driven by destructive forces, speaks a universal tongue.

Originally published: London : Heinemann, 1958.

Aciman, Andre

Call Me by Your Name. Andre Aciman. Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2007. 256 p. (Call me by your name novels, 1)

ISBN 9780374299217

Grades: Adult

1. First loves 2. Graduate students 3. Summer 4. Gay teenagers 5. Teenage boys 6. Jewish people 7. Homosexuality 8. Sexuality 9. Self-discovery in teenagers 10. Men-men relations 11. Italy 12. LGBTQIA fiction 13. Literary fiction 14. First person narratives 15. Page to screen 16. Adult books for young adults
LC 2006011720

Lambda Literary Award for Gay Men's Fiction, 2007; New York Times Notable Book, 2007.

The sudden and powerful attraction between a teenage boy and a summer guest at his parents' house on the Italian Riviera has a profound and lasting influence that will mark them both for a lifetime.

Adapted into a film by the same name in 2017.

Enigma Variations: A Novel. Andre Aciman. Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2017. 272 p.

ISBN 9780374148430

Grades: Adult

1. Self-awareness 2. Bisexual men 3. First loves 4. Lovers 5. Men 6. Memoirs 7. Bisexuality 8. Psychology 9. Men-men relations 10. Men-women relations 11. Italy 12. New York City 13. Psychological fiction 14. Literary fiction 15. LGBTQIA fiction

LC 2016020262

Five interconnected tales exploring the contradictory power of love follow the romantic endeavors of Paul, who experiences consuming passion for a girl he meets repeatedly through the years while enduring a spectrum of hopes, denials, fears and regrets.

"Aciman's sensuous, subtle language supports not only his marvelous descriptive power but also how deeply and resonantly he constructs his fondly and fully conceived characters." —*Booklist*

Find Me. Andre Aciman. Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2019. 224 p. (Call me by your name novels, 2)

ISBN 9780374155018

Grades: Adult

1. Regret 2. Homosexuality 3. Fathers and sons 4. Relationships between young women and older men 5. Jewish people 6. Gay men 7. Sexuality 8. First loves 9. Men-men relations 10. Self-discovery 11. LGBTQIA fiction 12. Literary fiction 13. Adult books for young adults

LC 2019020195

Booklist Editors' Choice, 2019.

Elio's father, Samuel, has a chance encounter on the train with a beautiful young woman that upends Sami's plans and changes his life forever. Elio soon moves to Paris, where he, too, has a consequential affair, while Oliver, now a New England college professor with a family, suddenly finds himself contemplating a return trip across the Atlantic.

A sequel to the 2007 novel *Call Me by Your Name*.

Harvard Square. Andre Aciman. W. W. Norton & Co. 2013. 304 p.
ISBN 9780393088601

Grades: Adult

1. Immigrants 2. Male friendship 3. Graduate students 4. Taxicab drivers 5. Assimilation (Sociology) 6. Jewish men 7. Muslim men 8. Universities and colleges 9. Men-women relations 10. Cambridge, Massachusetts 11. 1970s 12. Literary fiction 13. First person narratives

An Egyptian-Jewish Harvard graduate student trying to assimilate into American culture in 1977 befriends an impetuous, loud Arab cab driver and must choose between his dream or his friend.

Acker, Jennifer

The Limits of the World. Jennifer Acker. Delphinium 2019. 225 pages
ISBN 9781883285777

Grades: Adult

1. Immigration and emigration 2. Family secrets 3. Immigrant families 4. Intergenerational communication 5. Family relationships 6. Life change events 7. Interethnic romance 8. Couples 9. Cultural relations 10. Cultural differences 11. Ethics 12. Jewish American women 13. Immigrants 14. Kenyan people 15. East African people 16. United States 17. Nairobi, Kenya 18. Kenya 19. India 20. Family sagas 21. Multiple perspectives

LIST OF FICTIONAL WORKS

The Chandaria family—emigrants from the Indian-enclave of Nairobi—have managed to flourish in America. Premchand, the father, is a doctor who has worked doggedly to grow his practice and give his family security; his wife, Urmila, runs a business importing artisanal Kenyan crafts; and their son, Sunil, after quitting the pre-med track, is enrolled in a PhD program in philosophy at Harvard. But the parents have kept a very important secret from Sunil: his cousin, Bimal, is actually his older brother. And when this previously hidden history is revealed by an unforeseen accident, and the entire family is forced to return to Nairobi, Sunil reveals his own well-kept, explosive secret: his Jewish-American girlfriend, who has accompanied him to Kenya, is, in fact, already his wife.

Acker's debut novel about multigeneration migrations from India to Kenya to the U.S. Is ambitious in geographical scope and philosophical engagement.

Ackerman, Elliot

Dark at the Crossing. Elliot Ackerman. Alfred A. Knopf 2017. 272 p.
ISBN 9781101947371

Grades: Adult

1. Idealism 2. Refugees 3. Civil war 4. Arab Americans 5. American people in Turkey 6. Loss 7. Veterans 8. Translators 9. War 10. Interpersonal relations 11. Missing children 12. Girls 13. Men-women relations 14. Turkey 15. Literary fiction

Booklist Editors' Choice, 2017; National Book Award for Fiction finalist, 2017.

Presents a contemporary love story set on the Turkish border of Syria, where an Arab American with a conflicted past attempts to join the fight against Bashar al-Assad's regime before the plight of his host family reshapes his loyalties.

"Here is a thriller, psychological fiction, political intrigue, and even a love story all wrapped into a stunningly realistic and sometimes horrifying package." —*Library Journal*

Red Dress in Black and White. Elliot Ackerman. Alfred A. Knopf 2020. 288 pages

ISBN 9780525521815

Grades: Adult

1. Marital conflict 2. American people in Turkey 3. Extramarital affairs 4. Power 5. Political corruption 6. Adopted children 7. Secrets 8. Bureaucracy 9. Turkey 10. 2010s 11. Literary fiction

The author of *Waiting for Eden* presents a timely novel set in the course of a single day in Istanbul that depicts how an American woman's efforts to leave her influential Turkish husband become complicated by political corruption.

"Ackerman's trademark prose, defined by stillness and rich descriptions, evocatively captures the strained nature of contemporary Turkish life." —*Booklist*

Waiting for Eden: A Novel. Elliot Ackerman. Alfred A. Knopf 2018. 192 p.
ISBN 9781101947395

Grades: Adult

1. Veterans 2. Consciousness 3. Burn victims 4. War 5. Dead 6. Male friendship 7. Husband and wife 8. Communication 9. Marital conflict 10. Secrets 11. Flashbacks 12. Literary fiction 13. First person narratives

LC 2017055697

ALA Notable Book, 2019; Library Journal Best Books, 2018.

A veteran enduring life trapped in his own mind begins to find a way to communicate before troubling realities about his marriage come to the surface.

Adams, Alina

The Nesting Dolls. Alina Adams. HarperCollins 2020. 365 p.
ISBN 9780062910943

Grades: Adult

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