

# PREFACE

FICTION CORE COLLECTION is a curated list of essential and recommended classic and contemporary works of adult fiction either written in or translated to English. Developed by a team of skilled librarians, this list of recommended titles will be helpful to all libraries to develop their collection serving general adult readers. This volume is designed to assist with collection development and maintenance, help locate curriculum and programming materials, provide helpful purchasing and bibliographic information, and assist in readers' advisory support. It is drawn from the database of the same name available from EBSCO Information Services, which has an additional two recommendation levels, Lexile measures, and book reviews and articles.

## What's in this Edition?

This 20th edition of the FICTION CORE COLLECTION emphasizes equity, diversity, and inclusion, representing and reflecting a varied community in which many voices can be heard. Our team of librarians has provided a significant review of titles to ensure that older, outdated books have been removed in favor of more relevant recommendations. The result is more than 8,100 fiction titles in all genres, as well as short story collections, anthologies, and classics. Also new to this edition is an increased coverage of urban fiction titles.

For the first time ever, book records in FICTION CORE COLLECTION will include subject headings. New metadata includes precise genres and subgenres, and subject headings that consistently include both location and time period where appropriate. Books will be much easier to find through the index, and the metadata associated with each record offers better insight into the contents of the book.

Additionally, beginning with this volume, we have increased the number of awards and short lists; all entries for titles in series will also include the name of that series.

As always, a star (\*) at the start of an entry indicates that a book is an Essential title, our highest recommendation level. These titles are the essential books in a given category or on a given subject; while there are often a number of recommended titles, this designation helps users who want only a small selection. Non-starred entries represent Recommended titles, which provide a fuller list of recommended books.

## History

The first appearance of fiction selections for adults was in 1923, with the publication of the Fiction Section. This was followed by supplements in 1928 and 1931, but fiction was omitted from the first edition of the complete "Standard Catalog" in 1934, which contained only recommendations for adult nonfiction. A new expanded edition of the Fiction Section was published as FICTION CATALOG in 1942. In its preface, that catalog was referred to as "a companion volume to the Standard Catalog for Public Libraries."

The collection subsequently evolved, along with other Core Collections, into an online resource called WilsonWeb. EBSCO Information Services acquired H.W. Wilson in 2011, and the collections became EBSCOhost databases in 2012. In 2020, the readers' advisory experts at NoveList applied their expertise: while Core Collections continues to provide impartial collection development guidance by experts in their fields, this marriage of readers advisory and collection development expertise strengthened the application of genre and subject headings, expanded awards content, and improved search and browse capabilities in the online Core Collections databases.

## Scope

The items in the FICTION CORE COLLECTION are considered appropriate for libraries serving adult readers and have been selected by collection development specialists with expertise in fiction, using guidance from review sources and the advice of librarian advisors. FICTION CORE COLLECTION includes novels deemed to have lasting value to readers as well as new literary and genre titles. Both classic novels that remain significant achievements and perennially popular titles appear here, as do those that appeal to readers from a variety of backgrounds and with a variety of reading interests. The Core Collection excludes non-English-language materials; however, there are many works of translation in this volume.

FICTION CORE COLLECTION is a guide to works of fiction only. Users who seek literary criticism, literary history, biographies of authors, and books on the writing of fiction should instead use the companion publication PUBLIC LIBRARY CORE COLLECTIONS: NONFICTION. At this time, graphic novels are not included; users who wish to find recommendations on graphic novels should use GRAPHIC NOVELS CORE COLLECTION.

Books are listed with an ISBN – most frequently for a hardcover edition published in the United States, or published in Canada or the United Kingdom and distributed in the U.S. Out-of-print titles are retained in the belief that good books are not obsolete simply because they happen to go out of print.

### **The Database**

This Core Collection is derived from the database available from EBSCO Information Services. Metadata for the titles in this volume is provided by the metadata librarians at NoveList, who manage and apply a controlled vocabulary that adapts as terms come in and out of style, or as events require new ones. There are additional, browsable access points, plus full-text book reviews and articles, full-color cover art, Lexile measures, and all of the Supplementary book recommendations and Weeded titles. It is updated weekly. For more information or for a free trial, contact your EBSCO or NoveList sales rep, or visit <https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist/our-products/core-collections>. EBSCO also invites feedback from Core Collections customers at [novelist@ebSCO.com](mailto:novelist@ebSCO.com).

### **Preparation**

Books included in Core Collections are selected by experienced librarians representing public library systems, school libraries, and academic libraries across the United States and Canada, as well as NoveList staff. These librarians also act as a committee of advisors on library policy, trends, and special projects. The names of participating librarians and their affiliations are listed in the Acknowledgements. EBSCO invites feedback from Core Collections customers at [novelist@ebSCO.com](mailto:novelist@ebSCO.com).

### **Core Collections Products**

For recommendations for children’s books, librarians are encouraged to investigate the following databases and their associated print versions:

CHILDREN’S CORE COLLECTION

MIDDLE AND JUNIOR HIGH CORE COLLECTION

SENIOR HIGH CORE COLLECTION

For adult nonfiction for the general reader, try the database NONFICTION CORE COLLECTION or the associated print volume PUBLIC LIBRARY CORE COLLECTION: NONFICTION. For fiction, please use FICTION CORE COLLECTION, either as a database or the associated print version.

For Graphic Novels for all ages, try the GRAPHIC NOVEL CORE COLLECTION in print or database form, which includes both fiction and nonfiction recommendations.

# PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION

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CORE COLLECTIONS is designed to serve a number of purposes:

**As an aid in purchasing.** Core Collections assists in the selection and ordering of titles. Summaries and evaluative excerpts are provided for each title along with information regarding the publisher, ISBN, page count, and publication year. In evaluating the suitability of a work, each library will want to consider the needs of the unique patron base it serves.

**As an aid in verification of information.** For this purpose, bibliographical information is provided in the Classified List of Works. Entries also include recommended subject headings based on NoveList's proprietary subject vocabulary. Notes may describe editions available and other content; for the most up-to-date metadata, please consult the EBSCO-host database.

**As an aid in curriculum or programming support.** The classified approach, subject indexing, annotations, and evaluative excerpts are helpful in identifying materials appropriate for classroom support, for book discussions, and other programming.

**As an aid in collection maintenance.** Information about titles available on a subject facilitates decisions to rebind, replace, or discard items. If a book has been demoted to the Supplementary or Weeded recommendation levels and therefore no longer appears in the print abridgement of the database, that demotion is not intended as a sign that the book is no longer valuable or that it should necessarily be weeded from your library's collection.

**As an aid in professional development or instruction.** The Core Collection is useful in courses or professional training that deal with collection development and readers' advisory; it may also be used in courses that deal with literature and book selection, especially in the creation of bibliographies and reading lists.

**As an aid to readers' advisory.** Every title in this Core Collection is a recommended work and can be given with confidence to a user who expresses a need based on topic, genre, etc. Readers' advisory and user service are further aided by series and awards information, by the descriptive summaries and evaluative excerpts from trusted review sources, and by the subject headings in the Title and Subject Index applied by professional metadata librarians at NoveList.

## ORGANIZATION

This Core Collection is organized into two parts: a List of Fictional Works and the Indexes.

### Part 1. Classified List of Works

Part 1 lists works of fiction in alphabetical order by last name of the author or by title, if the title is the main entry.

Each listing consists of a bibliographical description. Entries include, where relevant, series names and publication history. Whenever possible, a summary and an evaluative excerpt from a quoted source are also included. The following is an example of a typical entry and a description of its components.

## Jones, Tayari

★ **An American Marriage** / Tayari Jones. Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2018. 308 p.  
ISBN 978-1-6162-0134-0

1. Marriage 2. African American families 3. False imprisonment 4. Husband and wife 5. Life change events 6. Atlanta, Georgia 7. Louisiana 8. Literary fiction 9. Southern fiction 10. Domestic fiction.

LC 2011-33996

ALA Notable Book, 2019

Women's Prize for Fiction, 2019.

BCALA Literary Award for Fiction, 2019.

LibraryReads Favorites, 2018.

Library Journal Best Books, 2018.

New York Times Notable Book, 2018

When her new husband is arrested and imprisoned for a crime she knows he did not commit, a rising artist takes comfort in a longtime friendship, only to encounter unexpected challenges in resuming her life when her husband's sentence is suddenly overturned.

"Jones crafts an affecting tale that explores marriage, family, regret, and other feelings made all the more resonant by her well-drawn characters and their intricate conflicts of heart and mind." Booklist

The name of the author, Tayari Jones, is given in conformity with NoveList author authorities. The star at the start of the title indicates that this is an Essential title. The title of the book is *An American Marriage*. The book was published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill in 2018.

The book has 308 pages. If it were part of a series, the series name would follow the page count.

An ISBN (International Standard Book Number) is included to facilitate ordering; however, there will often be many editions and formats of a given title; due to space constraints these ISBNs are not provided in the print edition, though many can be found in the corresponding database. The Library of Congress control number is provided when available.

Next are the awards this title has won, as well as the international and national short lists and best lists the book has appeared on that are tracked by NoveList staff. These are followed by a brief summary, provided in most cases by the publisher, and an excerpt from a critical reviewing source, in this case Booklist, that provides a reviewer's perspective on the book. Such summaries and excerpts are useful in evaluating books for selection and in determining which of several books on the same subject is best suited for the individual reader or purchasing library. Notes are also made to describe special features, such as publication history, film adaptations, or series order.

## Part 2. Indexes

The title and subject index is a single alphabetical list of all the books entered in the Core Collection. Each book can be found under their title entry, which is followed by the name of the author under which the book can be found in Part 1. Books are also listed under their main subjects, as well as under headings for genre. Subject headings are printed in capital letters.

The following are examples of index entries for the book cited above:

Title                      **An American marriage.** Jones, Tayari

Subject                    **LITERARY FICTION**  
                                Jones, Tayari. *An American Marriage*

The Name Index is a list of names and pseudonyms used by authors. This list is included as a separate index for ease of reference, readers' advisory, and display creation.

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## TWENTIETH EDITION

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#### **Aalborg, Gordon**

**River** of porcupines / G. K. Aalborg. Five Star, 2018. 217 p.

ISBN 9781432838157

1. Hudson's Bay Company. 2. North West Company. 3. 19th century  
4. Fur industry and trade 5. Metis 6. Competition 7. Corporations 8.  
Voyages and travels 9. Courage in women 10. Interethnic romance  
11. Wilderness survival 12. Interpersonal attraction 13. Men/women  
relations 14. Canada -- History -- 19th century 15. Historical fiction  
LC 2018014288

Spur Awards, Best Western Historical Novel, 2019.

In the Rocky Mountain fur trade of the early 1800s, the intense rivalry between the powerful Hudson's Bay Company and the North-West Company is complicated by the arrival of Ilona Baptiste--a lovely and much-desired Metis maiden who could become the catalyst for a bloody trade war between two companies.

#### **Aaronovitch, Ben, 1964-**

**Broken** homes / Ben Aaronovitch. DAW Books, 2014, c2013. 320 p. Rivers of London

ISBN 9780756409609

1. Wizards 2. Murder investigation 3. Detectives 4. Police -- Great Britain 5. Stolen property recovery 6. Supernatural 7. London, England 8. Urban fantasy 9. 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.

#### **Aaronovitch, Ben, 1964-**

**Midnight** riot / Ben Aaronovitch. Del Rey, 2011. 336 p. Rivers of London

ISBN 9780345524256

1. Murder investigation 2. Ghosts 3. Witnesses 4. Police -- Great Britain 5. Wizards 6. Detectives 7. Magic 8. Multiracial men 9. London, England 10. Urban fantasy 11. Fantasy mysteries  
Originally published in the UK under the title, Rivers of London.

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.

#### **Aaronovitch, Ben, 1964-**

**Moon** over Soho / Ben Aaronovitch. Del Rey, 2011. 352 p. Rivers of London

ISBN 9780345524591

1. Jazz musicians 2. Magic 3. Supernatural 4. Detectives 5. Police -- Great Britain 6. Murder investigation 7. Detectives 8. London,

England 9. Urban fantasy 10. 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.

#### **Aaronovitch, Ben, 1964-**

**Whispers** under ground / Ben Aaronovitch. Del Rey, 2012. 352 p. Rivers of London

ISBN 9780345524614

1. Americans in England 2. Wizards 3. Murder investigation 4. Wizards 5. Detectives 6. Police -- Great Britain 7. Women FBI agents 8. Born again Christians 9. Supernatural 10. Urban fantasy 11. 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.

#### **Abani, Christopher**

**GraceLand** / Chris Abani. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2004. 368 p.

ISBN 0374165890

1. 1970s 2. 1980s 3. Elvis Presley impersonators 4. Teenage boys 5. Teenage boys -- Friendship 6. Teenage abuse victims 7. Poor teenagers 8. Children of widowers 9. Fathers and sons 10. Ghettos -- Lagos, Nigeria 11. Redemption 12. Nigeria -- Social life and customs 13. Lagos, Nigeria 14. Domestic fiction 15. Coming-of-age stories  
LC 2003012705

Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award, 2005.

Hurston/Wright Legacy Award: Debut Fiction, 2005.

Shortlisted for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, 2006

Born into poverty in the chaotic capital city of Nigeria, Elvis is tempted by the underworld and enters a life of crime, encountering beggars, musicians, and American pop culture as he tries to survive in postcolonial Nigeria.

"This book works brilliantly in two ways. As a convincing and unpatronizing record of life in a poor Nigerian slum, and as a frighteningly honest insight into a world skewed by casual violence, it's wonderful." New York Times Book Review.

#### **Abani, Christopher**

The **secret** history of Las Vegas : a novel / Chris Abani. Penguin Books, 2014. 304 p.

ISBN 9780143124955

1. Psychiatrists 2. Betrayal 3. Redemption 4. Conjoined twins 5. Psychopaths 6. Immigrants -- United States 7. Misfits (Persons) 8. Detectives 9. Police 10. Serial murder investigation 11. Secrets 12. Apartheid 13. Las Vegas, Nevada 14. Mysteries  
LC 2013033496

Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Paperback Original Mystery, 2015.

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A detective on the brink of retirement and a psychiatrist with a guilty burden are brought together by a series of deaths in Las Vegas.

"[A]n intricate braid of story strands, enriched by vivid descriptions, intriguingly dysfunctional characters, and abundant metaphors." Booklist.

**Abbott, Jeff**

**Blame** / Jeff Abbott. Grand Central Pub., 2017. 400 p.  
ISBN 9781455558438

1. Traffic accidents 2. Amnesia 3. Teenage girls 4. Murder suspects 5. Suicide notes 6. Frameups 7. Guilt 8. Texas 9. Austin, Texas 10. Thrillers and suspense

Two years after a car crash killed her friend and left her with amnesia, Jane Norton receives an online message from someone claiming to know what really happened that night, but her search for the truth puts many lives in danger.

"The unconventional plot, the constant surprises, and above all the psychological depth of the characters all make this a first-rate crime novel." Kirkus.

**Abbott, Jeff**

**The three Beths** / Jeff Abbott. Grand Central Pub., 2018 400 p.

ISBN 9781538728697

1. Missing women 2. Teenage girls 3. Suspicion 4. Missing persons investigation 5. Mothers and daughters 6. Mother-separated girls 7. Names, Personal 8. Psychological suspense

Glimpsing the devoted mother who went missing and was presumed dead two years earlier, Mariah discovers that two other women who share her mother's name have also disappeared.

**Abbott, Megan E., 1971-**

**Bury me deep** / Megan Abbott. Simon & Schuster, 2009. 224 p.

ISBN 9781416599098

1. 1930s 2. Physicians' spouses 3. Extramarital affairs 4. Nurses 5. Gender role 6. Murder 7. Friendship 8. Phoenix, Arizona 9. Noir fiction 10. Historical fiction

LC 2008030676

In the wake of a double murder in which the victims' bodies are concealed in trunks aboard a Los Angeles-bound train, suspicion falls upon a young blonde woman whose guilt becomes subject to her gender, class, and ill-advised passion.

"But for all the classic-noir simplicity, such as the use of repetition rather than elaboration for emphasis, her prose carries an urgency that brings hardboiled crime fiction kicking and screaming into the modern age." Kirkus.

**Abbott, Megan E., 1971-**

**The fever** / Megan Abbott. Little Brown & Co, 2014. 240 p.

ISBN 9780316231053

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

**Abbott, Megan E., 1971-**

**\* Give me your hand** / Megan Abbott. Little Brown & Co., 2018. 352 p.

ISBN 9780316547185

1. Scientists 2. Competition 3. Academic rivalry 4. Secrets 5. Research 6. Competition 7. Best friends 8. Psychological suspense  
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.

**Abbott, Megan E., 1971-**

**Queenpin** : a novel / Megan Abbott. Simon & Schuster Paperbacks, 2007. 192 p.

ISBN 1416534288

1. 20th century 2. Organized crime 3. Gangsters 4. Young women 5. Women criminals 6. Gender role 7. Casinos 8. Power (Social sciences) 9. Gambling industry and trade 10. Crime bosses 11. Noir fiction 12. Crime fiction

LC 2006052299

First appeared in the anthology *Damn Near Dead* (2006)

Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Paperback Original, 2008.

Taken under the wing of an infamous mob luminary who reigned during the golden era of such figures as Bugsy Siegel and Lucky Luciano, a bookkeeper from a seedy nightclub finds herself seduced by the lucrative lifestyle of the underworld.

**Abbott, Megan E., 1971-**

**\* You will know me** : a novel / Megan Abbott. Little, Brown and Company, 2016. 352 p.

ISBN 9780316231077

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. Ambition in teenage girls 11. Thrillers and suspense

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.

**Abbott, Patricia**

**Concrete** angel / Patricia Abbott. Polis Books, 2015. 320 p.

ISBN 9781940610382

1. 1970s 2. Compulsive behavior 3. Mothers and daughters 4. Children of people with mental illnesses 5. Murder 6. Deception 7. Dishonesty 8. Criminal behavior 9. Women with mental illnesses 10. Brothers and sisters 11. Dysfunctional families 12. Psychological fiction

Eve Moran will do anything to get the things she wants, disregarding how her actions impact those closest to her, but when she begins to use her three year-old son for personal gain, her daughter Christine vows to stop her.

## LIST OF FICTIONAL WORKS

### **Abbott, Shirley**

**The future** of love : a novel / Shirley Abbott. Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2008. 352 p.

ISBN 9781565125674

1. 2000s (Decade) 2. Fathers 3. Publishers and publishing 4. Sexuality 5. Devotedness 6. Betrayal 7. Interpersonal relations 8. Men/women relations 9. Marriage 10. Families 11. Extramarital affairs 12. September 11 Terrorist Attacks, 2001 13. New York City 14. Manhattan, New York City 15. Psychological fiction

LC 2007046035

Eight New Yorkers are forced to confront their tangled lives, loves, and affairs after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

### **Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem, 1947-**

**The empty** birdcage / Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Anna Waterhouse. Titan Books, 2019. 336 p. Mycroft Holmes novels (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar)

ISBN 9781785659300

1. 1870s 2. Serial murder investigation 3. Serial murders 4. Missing persons investigation 5. Missing persons 6. Greed 7. Interracial friendship 8. Chinese in Great Britain 9. London, England -- History -- 19th century 10. Historical mysteries 11. Mysteries 12. Adaptations, retellings, and spin-offs 13. 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.

### **Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem, 1947-**

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

ISBN 9781785659256

1. 1870s 2. Orphanages 3. Opium smuggling 4. Serial murder investigation 5. Race relations 6. Serial murders 7. Interracial friendship 8. Chinese in Great Britain 9. Violence against minorities 10. West Indians in Great Britain 11. London, England -- History -- 19th century 12. Trinidad and Tobago -- History -- 19th century 13. Historical mysteries 14. Mysteries 15. Adaptations, retellings, and spin-offs 16. 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.

### **Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem, 1947-**

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

ISBN 9781783291533

1. 1870s 2. Crimes against children 3. Murder investigation 4. Secrets 5. Race relations 6. Young men 7. Engaged persons 8. Interracial friendship 9. London, England -- History -- 19th century 10. Trinidad and Tobago -- History -- 19th century 11. Historical mysteries 12. Mysteries 13. Adaptations, retellings, and spin-offs 14. African American fiction

"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.

### **Abe, Kobo, 1924-1993**

\* **The woman** in the dunes / Kobo Abe ; translated from the Japanese by E. Dale Saunders ; with drawings by Machi Abe. Knopf Publishing Group, 1991, c1964. 239 p..

ISBN 0679733787

1. Women teachers 2. Widows 3. Entomologists 4. Scientists 5. Imprisonment 6. Futility (Psychology) 7. Frustration 8. Tradition (Philosophy) 9. Change (Psychology) 10. Alienation (Social psychology) 11. Helpfulness in men 12. Self-acceptance 13. Sand 14. Coastal towns 15. Villages 16. Allegories 17. Translations -- Japanese to English

Kobo Abe is a pseudonym of Kimifusa Abe.

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

### **Aboulela, Leila, 1964-**

**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. 1990s 2. Twin sisters 3. Self-discovery in women 4. Family problems 5. Poverty 6. Separated friends, relatives, etc 7. Brothers and sisters 8. Sexual violence 9. Swindlers and swindling 10. Churches 11. Lagos, Nigeria 12. Nigeria 13. Literary fiction 14. Domestic fiction

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.

### **Abramowitz, Andy**

**Thank** you, goodnight : a novel / Andy Abramowitz. Simon & Schuster, 2015. 352 p.

ISBN 9781476791777

1. Rock groups 2. Middle aged men 3. Musicians 4. Fame 5. Singers 6. Lawyers 7. Midlife crisis 8. Fans (Persons) 9. Second chances 10. Singers 11. Interpersonal relations 12. Switzerland 13. Mainstream

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fiction 14. Humorous stories

LC 2014041615

"A Touchstone Book."

Teddy Tremble, the former lead singer of a one-hit-wonder 90s band, gets a chance to rekindle his past fame when he gets a reason to reunite the band--but first he has to convince his estranged band members that getting back together is a good idea.

**Abrams, David (David Mark)**

**Fobbit** / David Abrams. Black Cat, 2012. 384 p.  
ISBN 9780802120328

1. United States. Army Public relations.
  2. Iraq War, 2003-2011
  3. Military bases, American
  4. War correspondents
  5. Military journalism -- 21st century
  6. Spin control (Public relations)
  7. War and society
  8. Mass media
  9. Iraq
  10. War stories
  11. Satirical fiction
- LC bl2012016566

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. Synesthesia
7. Deception
8. Communes
9. 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.

**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. Parent and teenager
7. Brothers and sisters
8. Miami, Florida
9. Psychological fiction
10. Domestic fiction

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

**Abu-Jaber, Diana**

**Crescent** / Diana Abu-Jaber. W.W. Norton & Co., 2003. 352 p.  
ISBN 039305747X

1. Arab American women
2. Cooking, Lebanese
3. College teachers
4. Women cooks
5. Men/women relations
6. Immigrant families
7. Arab Americans
8. Race relations
9. Restaurants
10. Los Angeles, California
11. Literary fiction

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.

**Abu-Jaber, Diana**

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

ISBN 9780393064551

1. Women forensic scientists
2. Identity (Psychology)
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LC 2007004963

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.

**Abulhawa, Susan**

**The blue between sky and water** / Susan Abulhawa. Bloomsbury, 2015. 304 p.

ISBN 9781632862211

1. Palestinians
2. Military occupation
3. Life after death
4. Refugees
5. Families
6. Refugee camps
7. Israel
8. Family sagas

While in a refugee camp in Gaza, the women of a Palestinian family are left behind as their men join the resistance and Nazmiyeh -- the matriarch and center of a household of sisters, daughters and granddaughters who has a large heart and a zest for life that heals -- will do anything to keep them all together.

**Acampora, Lauren**

**The paper wasp** : a novel / Lauren Acampora. Grove Press, 2019. 240 p.

ISBN 9780802129413

1. Childhood friends
2. Obsession
3. Ambition in women
4. Creativity in women
5. Women artists
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8. Secrets
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11. Michigan
12. Literary fiction
13. Second person narratives

LC 2018058112

Traces the dark friendship of twisted ambition shared between a failed artist and a rising star in contemporary Hollywood.

**Acampora, Lauren**

**The wonder garden** / Lauren Acampora. Grove Press, 2015. 288 p.

ISBN 9780802123558

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2. Connecticut
3. Literary fiction
4. Short stories

Shares the myriad and bizarre secrets of a Connecticut suburb, including a young soon-to-be mother who watches her husband walk away from a fifteen-year career in advertising at the urging of his spirit animal.

"Acampora not only meticulously conveys the allure of an outwardly paradisiacal suburban community, with its perfectly restored Victorian homes and well-tended lawns; she also clearly captures the inner

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**Title entries.** Novels are listed under title. The entries include the author's last name and first initial.

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