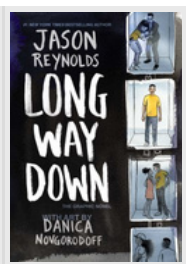


2020 Staff Favorites



LONG WAY DOWN: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL by Jason Reynolds

Jason Reynolds, Newbery Honor, Printz Honor, and Coretta Scott King Honor winning, #1 New York Times bestselling novel *Long Way Down* is now a gripping, galvanizing graphic novel, with haunting artwork by Danica Novgorodoff.

Will's older brother has died by gun violence, and as he takes the elevator down to seek justice, he is visited by the ghosts of family and friends.

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Haunting story with beautiful graphics. -Genna



LEGENDBORN by Tracy Deonn

After her mother dies in an accident, sixteen-year-old Bree Matthews wants nothing to do with her family memories or childhood home. A residential program for bright high schoolers at UNC Chapel Hill seems like the perfect escape; until Bree witnesses a magical attack her very first night on campus.

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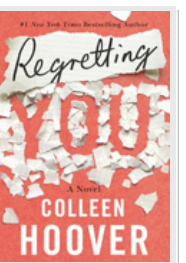
So action packed! Loved this one. Can't wait for the sequel. -Genna



HOME BEFORE DARK by Riley Sager

In this chilling thriller, a woman returns to the house made famous by her father's bestselling horror memoir. Is the place really haunted by evil forces, as her father claimed? Or are there more earthbound—and dangerous—secrets hidden within its walls?

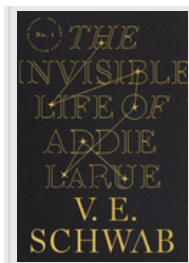
You'll get a papercut from turning the pages so fast! - Genna



REGRETTING YOU by Colleen Hoover

The #1 Wall Street Journal bestseller that People Magazine calls "a poignant, addictive read." From #1 New York Times bestselling author of *It Ends with Us* comes a novel about family, first love, grief, and betrayal that will touch the hearts of both mothers and daughters.

A warm fuzzy romance from a master of her craft. - Genna

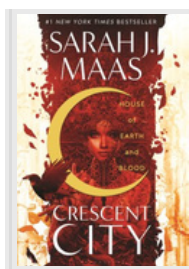


THE INVISIBLE LIFE OF ADDIE LARUE by V. E. Schwab

France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever—and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world.

But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.

I didn't want this story to end. Time travel & romance at its best! - Genna

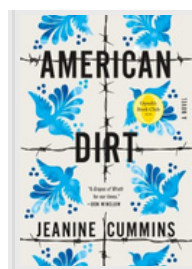


HOUSE OF EARTH AND BLOOD by Sarah J. Maas

Sarah J. Maas's brand-new CRESCENT CITY series begins with *House of Earth and Blood*: the story of half-Fae and half-human Bryce Quinlan as she seeks revenge in a contemporary fantasy world of magic, danger, and searing romance.

The 1st book in a new series by Sarah Maas. It has fantasy, romance, and fae, what more could you want? - Denise

Exciting new Fantasy series with lots of action, romance set in a world very different from ours. - Judy

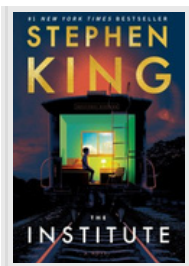


AMERICAN DIRT by Jeanine Cummins

Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Instantly transformed into migrants, Lydia and Luca ride la bestia—trains that make their way north toward the United States, which is the only place Javier's reach doesn't extend.

Book gives insight into why some emigrate to U.S. from Mexico showing us a mother & son's frightening escape to a different life in USA. - Judy

2020 Staff Favorites



THE INSTITUTE by Stephen King

In the middle of the night, in a house on a quiet street in suburban Minneapolis, intruders silently murder Luke Ellis's parents and load him into a black SUV. The operation takes less than two minutes. Luke will wake up at The Institute, in a room that looks just like his own, except there's no window. And outside his door are other doors, behind which are other kids with special talents—telekinesis and telepathy—who got to this place the same way Luke did. "You check in, but you don't check out."

I loved this book about a group of kids who have special powers and are kidnapped by The Institute for nefarious reasons. Their journey to escape the institute was just so well written, interesting, and it had a great ending. - Denise



THE MUSEUM OF DESIRE by Jonathan Kellerman

LAPD Lieutenant Milo Sturgis has solved a lot of murder cases. On many of them—the ones he calls "different"—he taps the brain of brilliant psychologist Dr. Alex Delaware. But neither Alex nor Milo are prepared for what they find on an early morning call to a deserted mansion in Bel Air. This one's beyond different. This is predation, premeditation, and cruelty on a whole new level.

Kellerman writes a good psychological thriller. His series featuring Dr. Alex Delaware are some of my favorite books. - Denise



BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES by Suzanne Collins

In a prequel to "The Hunger Games," eighteen-year-old Coriolanus Snow prepares to mentor the female tribute from District 12 in the tenth Hunger Games, with the fate of his family hanging on the slim chance that he can help her win the Games.

Oh, Coriolanus Snow...I was hoping and hoping that somehow he wouldn't REALLY end up horrible, but he did!! :(- Alison

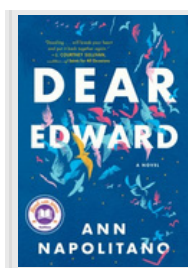


THE BOOK WOMEN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK

by Kim Michele Richardson

A last-of-her-kind outcast and member of the Pack Horse Library Project braves the hardships of Kentucky's Great Depression and hostile community discrimination to bring the near-magical perspectives of books to her neighbors. Great for fans of historical fiction!

Recommended by Alison



DEAR EDWARD by Ann Napolitano

A 12-year-old lone survivor of a plane crash investigates the stories of his less-fortunate fellow passengers before making a profound discovery about his life purpose in the face of transcendent losses.

Recommended by Alison



THE WATER DANCER by Ta-Nehisi Coates

A Virginia slave narrowly escapes a drowning death through the intervention of a mysterious force that compels his escape and personal underground war against slavery. For fans of historical fiction, literary fiction, and magical realism.

Recommended by Alison



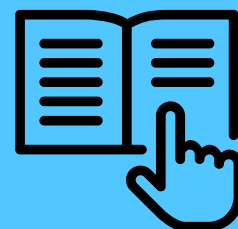
MISS AUSTIN by Gill Hornby

Cassandra Austen hunts down a trove of letters written by her deceased sister, Jane, and confronts the buried secrets they hold, secrets not only about Jane but also about Cassandra herself.

For fans of engaging historical and biographical fiction.

Recommended by Alison

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Most Checked Out Fiction for Adults



WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING by Delia Owens

Viewed with suspicion in the aftermath of a tragedy, a beautiful hermit who has survived for years in a marsh becomes targeted by unthinkable forces.

#1 MOST CHECKED OUT FICTION BOOK OF 2020 BY SGPL PATRONS!



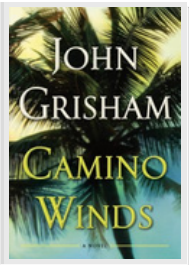
THE GIVER OF STARS by Jojo Moyes

Volunteering for Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library in small-town Kentucky, an English bride joins a group of independent women whose commitment to their job transforms the community and their relationships.



BLUE MOON: A JACK REACHER NOVEL by Lee Child

Jack Reacher comes to the aid of an elderly couple . . . and confronts his most dangerous opponents yet.
Jack Reacher #24 in series.



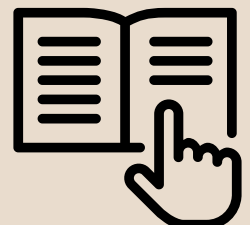
CAMINO WINDS by John Grisham

Welcome back to Camino Island, where anything can happen -- even a murder in the midst of a hurricane, which might prove to be the perfect crime . . .
Camino Island Novel #2 in series.

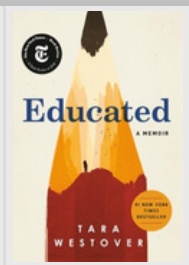
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- #5 The Guardians by John Grisham
- #6. One Good Deed by David Baldacci
- #7. Such A Fun Age by Kiley Reid
- #8. What Happens in Paradise by Elin Hilderbrand
- #9. The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides
- #10. Walk the Wire by David Baldacci
- #11. The Boy From the Woods by Harlan Coben
- #12. Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano
- #13. Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand
- #14. Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
- #15. Twisted Twenty-Six by Janet Evanovich
- #16. Criss Cross by James Patterson
- #17. The Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware
- #18. The Alice Network by Kate Quinn
- #19. The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
- #20. The Dutch House by Ann Patchett
- #21. The 19th Christmas by James Patterson
- #22. Things You Save in a Fire by Katherine Center
- #23. All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
- #24. Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane
- #25. The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern
- #26. Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
- #27. A Better Man by Louise Penny
- #28. The Testaments by Margaret Atwood
- #29. Dead to Her by Sarah Pinborough
- #30. One by One by Ruth Ware
- #31. The Confession Club by Elizabeth Berg
- #32. A Book of Bones by John Connolly
- #33. The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
- #34. Winter in Paradise by Elin Hilderbrand
- #35. The Last Trial by Scott Turow
- #36. Stealth by Stuart Woods
- #37. Wraith of Poseidon by Clive Cussler
- #38. Kiss the Girls and Make Them Cry by Mary Higgins Clark
- #39. Fair Warning by Michael Connelly
- #40. The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

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Most Checked Out Nonfiction for Adults



EDUCATED: A MEMOIR

by Tara Westover

Traces the author's experiences as a child born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, describing her participation in her family's paranoid stockpiling activities and her resolve to educate herself well enough to earn an acceptance into a prestigious university and the unfamiliar world beyond.

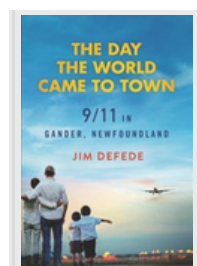
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BEFORE AND AFTER

by Judy Christie

Documents the true stories of the victims of a notorious adoption scandal who discovered that they were kidnapped as infants before eventually reuniting with their birth families.



THE DAY THE WORLD CAME TO TOWN

by Jim DeFede

Shares the experiences of the citizens of Gander, Newfoundland, who were hosts to the more than six thousand passengers of thirty-eight U.S.-bound jetliners forced to land there in the wake of the September 11th attacks.



BECOMING

by Michelle Obama

An intimate memoir by the former First Lady chronicles the experiences that have shaped her remarkable life, from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago through her setbacks and achievements in the White House.

EVEN MORE POPULAR CHECKOUTS:

- #5 The Library Book by Susan Orlean
- #6. The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson
- #7. Mediterranean Diet: 70 Easy Healthy Recipes
- #8. The Radium Girls by Kate Moore
- #9. Too Much and Never Enough by Mary Trump
- #10. Talking to Strangers by Malcolm Gladwell
- #11. The Obesity Code Cookbook by Jason Fung
- #12. Top-to-Bottom Home Organizing
- #13. Caste by Isabel Wilkerson
- #14. The Body by Bill Bryson
- #15. The Complete Ketogenic Diet for Beginners by Amy Ramos
- #16. Keto Bread by Gorsky
- #17. Magnolia Table by Joanna Gaines
- #18. The Side Dish Bible
- #19. The United States of Trump: How the President Really Sees America by Bill O'Reilly
- #20. Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann
- #21. Rachel Ray 50: Recipes and Meals from a Sweet and Savory Life
- #22. Code Name Lise: The True Story of the Woman Who Became WWII's Most Highly Decorated Spy by Larry Loftis
- #23. Atomic Habits by James Clear
- #24. Profiles in Corruption: Abuse of Power by America's Progressive Elites by Peter Schweizer
- #25. The Mediterranean Method by Steven Masley
- #26. The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Come and Get It! by Ree Drummond
- #27. 5 Ingredients: Quick & Easy Food by Jamie Oliver
- #28. The SkinnyTaste Air Fryer Cookbook: the 75 Best Healthy Recipes for your Air Fryer by Homolka
- #29. The Year of Knots by Windy Chien
- #30. Knitting Magic: The Official Harry Potter Knitting Pattern book by Tanis Gray

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Most Checked Out Graphic Novels for Adults & Teens



THIS ONE SUMMER

by Mariko Tomaki

Rose's latest summer at a beach lake house is overshadowed by her parents' constant arguments, her younger friend's secret sorrows, and the dangerous activities of older teens.

Grades 6-12.

#1 MOST CHECKED OUT ADULT/TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL OF 2020 BY SGPL PATRONS!



DROWNED CITY; HURRICANE KATRINA AND NEW ORLEANS

by Don Brown

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina's monstrous winds and surging water overwhelmed the protective levees around low-lying New Orleans, Louisiana. Eighty percent of the city flooded, in some places under twenty feet of water. Property damages across the Gulf Coast topped \$100 billion. One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three people lost their lives. The tale of this historic storm and the drowning of an American city is one of selflessness, heroism, and courage -- and also of incompetence, racism, and criminality. Don Brown's kinetic art and as-it-happens narrative capture both the tragedy and triumph of one of the worst natural disasters in American history. Grades 7-12.



PUMPKINHEADS

by Rainbow Rowell

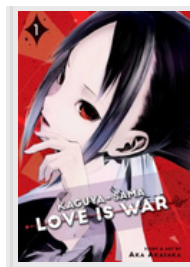
Working at a pumpkin patch every autumn, two seasonal best friends organize ultimate Halloween plans to celebrate their last working year together. Grades 7-12



THE PRINCE AND THE DRESSMAKER

by Jen Wang

Prince Sebastian's secret weapon (and best friend) is the brilliant dressmaker Frances—one of only two people who know the truth: sometimes this boy wears dresses. But Frances dreams of greatness, and being someone's secret weapon means being a secret. Forever. How long can Frances defer her dreams to protect a friend? Grades 7-12



KAGUYA-SAMA: LOVE IS WAR: 1

by Aka Akasaka

When student council leaders Kaguya Shinomiya and Miyuki Shirogane fall in love, each has too much pride to admit it first, which begins their daily scheming to force the other to confess their romantic feelings. Grades 10-12



LOCKE & KEY: WELCOME TO LOVECRAFT. VOLUME 1

by Joe Hill

Presents the story of Keyhouse, an unlikely New England mansion with fantastic doors that transform all who dare to walk through them--and home to a hate-filled creature that will not rest until it forces open the most terrible door of them all. Age Level: Adult

EVEN MORE POPULAR CHECKOUTS:

#8: Reborn as a Polar Bear by Chihiro Mishima

#9: Haikyuu!! by Haruichi Furudate

#10. Fruits Basket by Natsuki Takaya

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