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THE STORY OF MORE: HOW WE GOT TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND WHERE WE GO FROM HERE
HOPE JAHREN  363.73874 JAH
Hope Jahren discusses the dire condition of Earth while also inspiring optimism for the future by investing in science and working together as one human species.

GUARDIANS OF THE VALLEY: JOHN MUIR AND THE FRIENDSHIP THAT SAVED YOSEMITE
DEAN KING  333.72097 KIN
It is difficult to read this book and not become enthralled by the beauty of Yosemite. King illuminates how the love for nature connects people from all walks of lives and unites them in efforts to preserve it.

8 RULES OF LOVE: HOW TO FIND IT, KEEP IT, AND LET IT GO
JAY SHETTY  152.41 SHE
Shetty offers words of wisdom from the past and present. He delves into the importance of having time in solitude, being one another’s teacher, and understanding that love comes in different forms.

50 STATES, 500 CAMPGROUNDS: WHERE TO GO, WHEN TO GO, WHAT TO SEE, WHAT TO DO
JOSEPH R YOGERST  796.54097 YOG
Covering all fifty states, this camping guide has something for everyone from picky “glampers” to rugged outdoors-people and everyone in between.

THE ELEPHANTS OF THULA THULA
FRANÇOISE MALBY-ANTHONY  599.67409 MAL
Frankie is the vivacious matriarch of an elephant herd in Thula Thula, a South African game reserve. Her resiliency in the face of challenge and dedication to her herd inspire others to continue to expand sanctuaries that protect animals in the wild.

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WEST WITH GIRAFFES
LYNDA RUTLEDGE  FIC RUTLEDGE L
Based on true events during the Depression-era, a fast-talking farmhand scores a job traveling across the United States while escorting two giraffes to the San Diego Zoo.

THE OVERSTORY
RICHARD POWERS  FIC POWERS R
The stories of nine strangers brought together by the common goal of protecting a threatened forest is intertwined with much longer stories of humanity as observed over time by trees across the globe.

FLIGHT BEHAVIOR
BARBARA KINGSOLVER  FIC KINGSOLVER B
A dissatisfied Appalachian housewife finds her life changed by the arrival of millions of butterflies that were disrupted from their normal flight pattern by climate change.

THE BEAR
ANDREW KRIVAK  FIC KRIVAK A
A father and daughter struggle to survive in a postapocalyptic world in which nature has returned to dominance.

HOW BEAUTIFUL WE WERE
IMBOLO MBUE  FIC MBUE I
Told from the perspective of children, villagers in a fictional African village fight back against the oil corporation that has destroyed their farmland.
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THE LITTLE PARIS BOOKSHOP
NINA GEORGE  FIC GEORGE N
Parisian Jean Perdu is gifted at matching books to the readers who visit his floating bookshop. He is unable to remedy is own heartsickness until a new tenant inspires him to try.

HAPPY PLACE
EMILY HENRY  FIC HENRY E
A former couple must pretend to still be engaged when they find themselves on the same friends trip.

THE AUTHENTICITY PROJECT
CLAIRE POOLEY  FIC POOLEY C
A widowed artist leaves a notebook labeled The Authenticity Project in a café. A lonely 37-year reads it then adds her own story, unknowingly setting off a chain of authentic sharing between strangers in this uplifting tale.

THE KEEPER OF LOST THINGS
RUTH HOGAN  FIC HOGAN R
A recently-divorced woman becomes the housekeeper for an eccentric writer who collects lost items. When he dies, she is tasked with reuniting everything with their original owners.

A PSALM FOR THE WILD-BUILT
BECKY CHAMBERS  FIC CHAMBERS B
A wandering monk and a robot meet to contemplate “what do humans need?” in this lovely antithesis of dystopian sci-fi.
THE CREATIVE ACT: A WAY OF BEING
RICK RUBIN  153.35 RUB
Legendary musician whisperer Rick Rubin set out on a five-year journey to document how to be creative. He found it was less a series of steps and more a “way of being.”

DRAW YOURSELF CALM: DRAW SLOW, STRESS LESS
AMY MARICLE  741.2 MAR
This guide features 25 nature-themed drawing exercises designed to slow down your brain and help you relax.

NJUTA (ENJOY, DELIGHT IN): THE SWEDISH ART OF SAVORING THE MOMENT
NIKI BRANTMARK  170.44 BRA
Learn how to “njuta” or savor the little moments in life that make it worth living.

THE FUN HABIT: HOW THE PURSUIT OF JOY AND WONDER CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE
MICHAEL RUCKER  158 RUCK
A realistic and research-based approach to adding more fun to life by examining your own habits and making small changes.

DEVOTIONS: THE SELECTED POEMS OF MARY OLIVER
MARY OLIVER  811.54 OLI
Mary Oliver’s poems are deceptively simple, reflecting the interconnectedness of the natural world.
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**THE MITFORD AFFAIR: A NOVEL**  
*Marie Benedict  FIC BENEDICT*

The six Mitford sisters dominate the English social scene until one sister causes a scandal and others become spies for the Nazi Party. Which will win out...loyalty to family or country?

**THE HOUSE OF LINCOLN: A NOVEL**  
*Nancy Horan  FIC HORAN N*

Explore Abraham Lincoln’s run for president and his presidency during the Civil War as seen through the eyes of three people: his housemaid, a journalist, and his wife Mary Todd Lincoln.

**THE GOOD LEFT UNDONE: A NOVEL**  
*Adriana Trigiani  FIC TRIGIANI A*

Delve into this historical romance that intersects two timelines. In the present, Matelda faces the end of her life and is determined to share a long-held secret with her family. In the past, we follow Matelda’s mom and her great love story on the brink of World War II.

**I’LL BE YOU: A NOVEL**  
*Janelle Brown  FIC BROWN J*

Washed-up child star Sam is an addict. Her twin sister Elli leads a seemingly idyllic life in Santa Barbara. When Elli suddenly vanishes, Sam finds clues that her sister’s disappearance may involve a cult.

**THE COLLECTOR: A NOVEL**  
*Daniel Silva  FIC SILVA D*

An art-restorer and spy recruits a master thief to help recover a priceless painting. Instead they find themselves on a new mission to stop an impending war between Russia and the West.

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THE LITTLE LIAR: A NOVEL
MITCH ALBOM FIC ALBOM M
Two Greek Jewish brothers deal with the aftermath of the Holocaust. One blames his 11 year-old self for being tricked into delivering his village to the Nazi trains and the other hunts for his lost brother.

MEXICAN GOTHIC
SILVIA MORENO-GARCIA FIC MORENO-GARCIA S
Young debutante Noemí is sent to a remote Mexican villa to check on her recently-married cousin whose letters indicate she may becoming delusional in this sci-fi-tinged gothic horror.

THE WAGER: A TALE OF SHIPWRECK, MUTINY AND MURDER
DAVID GRANN 910.91641 GRA
After the British warship HMS Wager was wrecked in 1741 off the Patagonian coast, two different groups of survivors have conflicting accounts of who is to blame.

THE LOST TOMB: AND OTHER REAL-LIFE STORIES OF BONES, BURIALS, AND MURDER
DOUGLAS PRESTON 930.1 PRE
Find the facts behind the fiction! Read the true stories that inspired Preston’s best-selling novels, including the Sicilian serial killer in “The Monster of Florence” and the animal graveyard in “The Mystery of Hell Creek.”

ON ANIMALS
SUSAN ORLEAN 591.5 ORL
Best-selling author Susan Orlean explores the many ways humans interact with animals through a collection of stories, ranging from household pets to wild animals and all types of animals Susan has encountered over the years.