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The Revolution According to Raymundo Mata
Gina Apostol

Gina Apostol’s riotous second novel takes the form of a memoir by one Raymundo Mata, a half-blind bookworm and revolutionary, tracing his childhood, his education in Manila, his love affairs, and his discovery of writer and fellow revolutionary, Jose Rizal. Mata’s 19th-century story is complicated by present-day foreword(s), afterword(s), and footnotes from three fiercely quarrelsome and comic voices: a nationalist editor, a neo-Freudian psychoanalyst critic, and a translator, Mimi C. Magsalin.

In telling the contested and fragmentary story of Mata, Apostol finds new ways to depict the violence of the Spanish colonial era, and to reimagine the nation’s great writer, Jose Rizal, who was executed by the Spanish for his revolutionary activities, and is considered by many to be the father of Philippine independence.

Soho Press • Hardcover
360 pages • 978-1-64129-183-5 • $27.00

Bestiary
A Novel
K-Ming Chang

One evening, Mother tells Daughter a story about a tiger spirit who lived in a woman’s body. She was called Hu Gu Po, and she hungered to eat children, especially their toes. Soon afterward, Daughter awakes with a tiger tail. And more mysterious events follow: Holes in the backyard spit up letters penned by her grandmother; a visiting aunt arrives with snakes in her belly; a brother tests the possibility of flight. All the while, Daughter is falling for Ben, a neighborhood girl with strange powers of her own.

As the two young lovers translate the grandmother’s letters, Daughter begins to understand that each woman in her family embodies a myth—and that she will have to bring her family’s secrets to light in order to change their destiny.

With a poetic voice of crackling electricity, K-Ming Chang is an explosive young writer who combines the wit and fabulism of Helen Oyeyemi with the subversive storytelling of Maxine Hong Kingston. Tracing one family’s history from Taiwan to America, from Arkansas to California, Bestiary is a novel of migration, queer lineages, and girlhood.

One World • Hardcover • 272 pages • 978-0-593-13258-6 • $27.00
LONGLISTED FOR THE CENTER FOR FICTION FIRST NOVEL PRIZE
The Office of Historical Corrections
A Novella and Stories
Danielle Evans

With The Office of Historical Corrections, Evans zooms in on particular moments and relationships in her characters’ lives in a way that allows them to speak to larger issues of race, culture, and history. She introduces us to Black and multiracial characters who are experiencing the universal confusions of lust and love, and getting walloped by grief—all while exploring how history haunts us, personally and collectively.

In “Boys Go to Jupiter,” a white college student tries to reinvent herself after a photo of her in a Confederate-flag bikini goes viral. In “Richard of York Gave Battle in Vain,” a photojournalist is forced to confront her own losses while attending an old friend’s unexpectedly dramatic wedding. And in the eye-opening title novella, a black scholar from Washington, DC, is drawn into a complex historical mystery that spans generations and puts her job, her love life, and her oldest friendship at risk.

“Danielle Evans demonstrates, once again, that she is the finest short story writer working today.” —Roxane Gay, bestselling author of Bad Feminist

Whale Day
And Other Poems
Billy Collins

Former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins’s new collection brings together more than 50 poems and showcases his deft mixing of the playful and the serious that has made him one of our country’s most celebrated and widely read poets. Here are poems that leap with whimsy and imagination, yet stay grounded in the familiar, common things of everyday experience. Collins takes us on a walk with an impossibly ancient dog, discovers the original way to eat a banana, meets an Irish spider, and even invites us to his own funeral. Sensitive to the wonders of being alive as well as the thrill of mortality, Whale Day builds on and amplifies Collins’s reputation as one of America’s most interesting and durable poets.

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Missionaries
A Novel
Phil Klay
A group of Colombian soldiers prepares to raid a drug lord’s safe house on the Venezuelan border. They’re watching him with an American-made drone, about to strike using military tactics taught to them by U.S. soldiers who honed their skills to lethal perfection in Iraq. In his debut novel Missionaries, National Book Award-winning author and Iraq War veteran Phil Klay examines the globalization of violence through the interlocking stories of four characters and the conflicts that define their lives. Drawing on six years of research in America and Colombia into the effects of the modern way of war on regular people, Klay has written a novel of extraordinary suspense infused with geopolitical sophistication and storytelling instincts that are second to none. “If Redeployment was about what happened when we ship wars abroad, then Missionaries is what happens when war comes roaring right back. Expansive, explosive, and epic.”—Marlon James, author of Black Leopard, Red Wolf

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Must I Go
A Novel
Yiyun Li
Lilia Liska has shrewdly outlived three husbands, raised five children, and seen the arrival of 17 grandchildren. Now she has turned her keen attention to the diary of a long-forgotten man named Roland Bouley, with whom she once had a fleeting affair.

Increasingly obsessed with Roland’s intimate history, Lilia begins to annotate the diary with her own rather different version of events, revealing the surprising, long-held secrets of her past. She returns inexorably to the memory of her daughter Lucy. This is a novel about life in all its messy glory, and of a life lived, by the extraordinary Lilia, absolutely on its own terms. With great candor and insight, Yiyun Li navigates the twin poles of grief and resilience, loss and rebirth, that compass a human heart.

“Any new book by Yiyun Li is cause for celebration, but now more than ever do we need the clarity and humaneness of her vision. Must I Go takes us into her familiar and powerful emotional territory, brilliantly exploring how we love, what we lose, and what we mourn make, unmake, and remake us into the human beings that we are.”—Sigrid Nunez, New York Times bestselling author of The Friend

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368 pages • 978-0-399-58912-6 • $28.00
Memorial
A Novel
Bryan Washington

A story about family in all its strange forms, joyful and hard-won vulnerability, becoming who you’re supposed to be, and the limits of love. Benson and Mike are two young guys who live together in Houston. Mike is a Japanese American chef and Benson a Black day care teacher, and they’ve been together for a few years, but now they’re not sure why they’re still a couple.

When Mike finds out his father is dying in Osaka just as his acerbic Japanese mother, Mitsuko, arrives in Texas for a visit, Mike picks up and flies across the world to say goodbye. In Japan he undergoes an extraordinary transformation, discovering the truth about his family and his past. Back home, Mitsuko and Benson are stuck living together as unconventional roommates, an absurd domestic situation that ends up meaning more to each of them than they ever could have predicted.

Without Mike’s immediate pull, Benson begins to push outwards, realizing he might just know what he wants out of life and have the goods to get it.

“This book, in what feels like a new vision for the 21st century novel, made me happy.”—Ocean Vuong, author of On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous

Finna
Poems
Nate Marshall

Definition of finna, created by the author: fin·na
/'fin·na/ contraction: (1) going to; intending to [rooted in African American Vernacular English] (2) eye dialect spelling of ‘fixing to’ (3) Black possibility; Black futurity; Blackness as tomorrow

These poems consider the brevity and disposability of Black lives and other oppressed people in our current era of emboldened white supremacy, and the use of the Black vernacular in America’s vast reserve of racial and gendered epithets. Finna explores the erasure of peoples in the American narrative; asks how gendered language can provoke violence; and finally, how the Black vernacular, expands our notions of possibility, giving us a new language of hope.

“Nate Marshall’s terrific new book, Finna, contains poems that jump from tough to witty to tender. Written in a streetwise vernacular, these pieces about what it means to be a Black man in America feel the beat of rap and the burden of history. His search for the ‘Nate Marshall origin story’ illuminates life in this country in a strikingly original way.”—Ron Charles, The Washington Post

One World • Paperback • 128 pages • 978-0-593-13245-6 • $17.00
African American Poetry: 250 Years of Struggle & Song
A Library of America Anthology
Kevin Young, editor

A literary landmark: the biggest, most ambitious anthology of Black poetry ever published, gathering 250 poets from the colonial period to the present. Read nuanced, provocative poetic meditations on identity and self-assertion stretching from Paul Laurence Dunbar to Amiri Baraka to Lucille Clifton and beyond. Experience the transformation of poetic modernism in the works of figures such as Langston Hughes, Fenton Johnson, and Jean Toomer. Understand the threads of poetic history—in movements such as the Harlem and Chicago Renaissances, Black Arts, Cave Canem, the Dark Room Collective—and the complex bonds of solidarity and dialogue among poets across time and place. And appreciate why contemporary African American poetry is flourishing as never before. Taking the measure of the tradition in a single indispensable volume, *African American Poetry: 250 Years of Struggle and Song* sets a new standard for a genuinely deep engagement with Black poetry and its essential expression of American genius.

Library of America • Hardcover
1,170 pages • 978-1-59853-666-9 • $45.00

Owed

From “one of the most impressive voices in poetry today” (*Dissent* magazine), a new collection that shines a light on forgotten or obscured parts of the past in order to reconstruct a deeper, truer vision of the present

Gregory Pardlo described Joshua Bennett’s first collection of poetry, *The Sobbing School*, as an “arresting debut” that was “abounding in tenderness and rich with character,” with a “virtuosic kind of code switching.” Bennett’s new collection, *Owed*, is a book with celebration at its center. Its primary concern is how we might mend the relationship between ourselves and the people, spaces, and objects we have been taught to think of as insignificant, as fundamentally unworthy of study, reflection, attention, or care. Spanning the spectrum of genre and form, these poems ask that we turn to the songs and sites of the historically denigrated so that we might uncover a new way of being in the world together, one wherein we can truthfully reckon with the brutality of the past and thus imagine the possibilities of our shared, unpredictable present, anew.

“Themes of praise and debt pervade this rhapsodic, rigorous poetry collection, which pays homage to everyday Black experience in the U.S.”—*The New Yorker*

Penguin • Paperback • 96 pages • 978-0-14-313385-8 • $20.00
Mother for Dinner
A Novel
Shalom Auslander

By the author of Foreskin's Lament, a novel of identity, tribalism, and mothers. Seventh Seltzer has done everything he can to break from the past, but in his overbearing, narcissistic mother's last moments he is drawn back into the life he left behind. Irreverent and written with Auslander's incomparable humor, Mother for Dinner is an exploration of legacy, assimilation, the things we owe our families, and the things we owe ourselves.

“Auslander uses his signature dark humor to brilliantly satirize tribalism in America”—Booklist

Riverhead • Hardcover • 272 pages • 978-1-59463-372-0 • $28.00

If
The Untold Story of Kipling's American Years
Christopher Benfey

At the turn of the twentieth century, Rudyard Kipling towered over not just English literature but the entire literary world. But in recent decades Kipling's reputation has suffered a strange eclipse. In If, scholar Christopher Benfey brings this fascinating and complex writer to life and, for the first time, gives full attention to Kipling's intense engagement with the United States—a rarely discussed but critical piece of evidence in our understanding of this man and his enduring legacy.

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A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF 2019

The Vanishing Half
A Novel
Brit Bennett

The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, the shape of their adult lives, their families, their communities, their racial identities, couldn't be more different. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past.

Riverhead • Hardcover • 352 pages • 978-0-525-53629-1 • $27.00
LONGLISTED FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FOR FICTION

Fleishman Is in Trouble
A Novel
Taffy Brodesser-Akner

Toby Fleishman thought he knew what to expect when he and his wife of almost 15 years separated. He could not have predicted that one day Rachel would just drop their two children off at his place and simply not return. A searing, utterly unvarnished debut, Fleishman Is in Trouble is an exploration of a culture trying to navigate the fault lines of an institution that has proven to be worthy of our great wariness and our great hope.

Random House Trade Paperbacks • Paperback • 400 pages • 978-0-525-51089-5 • $17.00
LONGLISTED FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FOR FICTION
Jillian
A Novel
Halle Butler
Twenty-four-year-old Megan’s life already feels like a dead end, thanks to her dreadful job as a gastroenterologist’s receptionist and no one stokes Megan’s bitterness quite like her coworker, Jillian, a grotesquely optimistic, thirty-five-year-old single mother whose chirpy positivity obscures her mounting struggles. Wickedly authentic and brutally funny, Jillian is a subversive portrait of two women trapped in cycles of self-delusion and self-destruction, each more like the other than they would care to admit.

“Sublimely awkward and hilarious”—Chicago Tribune

Daddy
Stories
Emma Cline
In 10 remarkable stories, Emma Cline portrays moments when the ordinary is disturbed, when daily life buckles, revealing the perversity and violence pulsing under the surface. She explores characters navigating the edge, the limits of themselves and those around them: power dynamics in families, in relationships, the distance between their true and false selves. These complexities are at the heart of Daddy, Emma Cline’s sharp-eyed illumination of the contrary impulses that animate our inner lives.

The Water Dancer
A Novel
Ta-Nehisi Coates
Hiram Walker was born into bondage, but a brush with death births in him a daring scheme: to escape from the only home he’s ever known. So begins a journey that takes Hiram from the corrupt grandeur of Virginia’s plantations to guerrilla cells in the wilderness, from the coffin of the Deep South to dangerously idealistic movements in the North. Even as he’s enlisted in the underground war between slavers and the enslaved, Hiram’s resolve to rescue the family he left behind endures.

The Death of Vivek Oji
A Novel
Akwaeke Emezi
One afternoon, in a town in southeastern Nigeria, a mother opens her front door to discover her son’s body, wrapped in fabric, at her feet. What follows is the tumultuous, heart-wrenching story of one family’s struggle to understand a child whose spirit is both gentle and mysterious.

“[A] dazzling, devastating story . . . A puzzle wrapped in beautiful language, raising questions of identity and loyalty that are as unanswerable as they are important.”—The New York Times Book Review

AMERICAN LITERATURE
Little Big Bully
Heid E. Erdrich
In a new collection that is "a force of nature" (Amy Gerstler), renowned Native poet Heid E. Erdrich applies her rich inventive voice and fierce wit to the deforming effects of harassment and oppression.
"A major collection by a writer who deserves an audience as big as the light she’s throwing off. . . . Little Big Bully cycl[es] into private moments, public grief, purposefully erased history and Native politics."—LitHub "Most Anticipated Books of 2020"

The Charmed Wife
Olga Grushin
From the award-winning author comes a sophisticated literary fairy tale for the twenty-first century, in which Cinderella, thirteen years after her marriage, is on the brink of leaving her supposedly perfect life behind. The Charmed Wife weaves together time and place, fantasy and reality, wand the twists and turns of its magical, dark, swiftly shifting paths take us deep into the heart of what makes us unique, and of the very nature of storytelling.

Nights When Nothing Happened
A Novel
Simon Han
From the outside, the Chengs seem like so-called model immigrants. Once Patty landed a tech job near Dallas, she and Liang grew secure enough to have a second child, and to send for their first from back in China. But then little Annabel begins to sleepwalk at night, putting into motion a string of misunderstandings that not only threaten to set their community against them but force to the surface the secrets that have made them fear one another.

The Prophets
Robert Jones, Jr.
A singular and stunning debut novel about the forbidden union between two enslaved young men on a Deep South plantation, the refuge they find in each other, and a betrayal that threatens their existence.
"What a rare marvel this book is. . . . an epic so rich in erudition, wisdom, clarity, and power, so full of hard-earned yet too-brief joys, that it reaffirms for me literature’s place as both balm and scalpel for the mind and soul."—Ocean Vuong, author of On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous
Antkind
A Novel
Charlie Kaufman

B. Rosenberger Rosenberg, neurotic and underappreciated film critic, stumbles upon a hitherto unseen film made by an enigmatic outsider, but all that’s left of this work of art is a single frame from which B. must somehow attempt to recall what just might be the last great hope of civilization. Thus begins a mind-boggling journey through the hilarious nightmarescape of a psyche as lushly Kafkaesque as it is atrophied by the relentless spew of Twitter.

Random House • Hardcover • 720 pages • 978-0-399-58968-3 • $30.00
LONGLISTED FOR THE CENTER FOR FICTION FIRST NOVEL PRIZE

The Cancer Journals
Audre Lorde; Foreword by Tracy K. Smith

The Cancer Journals is a startling, powerful account of Audre Lorde’s experience with breast cancer and mastectomy. Long before narratives explored the silences around illness and women’s pain, Lorde questioned the rules of conformity for women’s body images and supported the need to confront physical loss not hidden by prosthesis. Living as a “black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet,” Lorde heals herself on her own terms and offers her voice to those dealing with their own diagnosis.

Penguin Classics • Paperback • 96 pages • 978-0-14-313520-3 • $14.00

Death in Her Hands
A Novel
Ottessa Moshfegh

From one of our most ceaselessly provocative literary talents, a novel of haunting metaphysical suspense about an elderly widow whose life is upturned when she finds an ominous note on a walk in the woods.

“Intricate and unsettling…Death in Her Hands is not a murder mystery, nor is it really a story about self-deception or the perils of escapism. Rather, it’s a haunting meditation on the nature and meaning of art.” —Kevin Power, The New Yorker

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What Are You Going Through
A Novel
Sigrid Nunez

From the National Book Award-winning author of The Friend comes a novel about a woman’s encounters with various people in the ordinary course of life: an ex she runs into at a public forum, an Airbnb owner unsure how to interact with guests, a stranger comforting his elderly mother, a friend hospitalized with cancer. In each of these people the woman finds a common need: the urge to talk about themselves and to have an audience to their experiences.

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Love Unknown
The Life and Worlds of Elizabeth Bishop
Thomas Travisano
Elizabeth Bishop’s friend James Merrill once observed that “Elizabeth had more talent for life—and for poetry—than anyone else I’ve known.” This biography reveals how she learned to marry her talent for life with her talent for writing to create a body of work that made her one of America’s most celebrated poets. In Love Unknown, Thomas Travisano, founding president of the Elizabeth Bishop Society, tells the story of the famous poet and traveler’s life.
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The Travelers
A Novel
Regina Porter
Agnes Miller Christie survives a chance encounter on a Georgia road that propels her into a new life in the Bronx. Soon after, her husband, Eddie, is called to duty on an air craft carrier in Vietnam, where he grapples with mounting racial tensions on the ship and counts the days until he will see Agnes again. These unforgettable characters’ lives intersect with a cast of lovers and friends in an intimate family portrait and a sweeping exploration of what it means to be American today.
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A Lucille Ball Story
Darin Strauss
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Love Unknown
Love, Kurt
The Vonnegut Love Letters, 1941-1945
Kurt Vonnegut; Edited by Edith Vonnegut

Kurt Vonnegut’s eldest daughter, Edith, was cleaning out her mother’s attic when she discovered an unexpected treasure: more than 200 love letters written by Kurt to Jane, spanning the early years of their relationship. A collection of handwritten letters, notes, sketches, and comics, interspersed with Edith’s insights and family memories, Love, Kurt is an intimate record of a young man growing into himself, a fascinating account of a writer finding his voice, and a moving testament to the life-altering experience of falling in love.

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Red at the Bone
A Novel
Jacqueline Woodson

An unexpected teenage pregnancy pulls together two families from different social classes, and exposes the private hopes, disappointments, and longings that can bind or divide us from each other, from the National Book Award-winning author of Another Brooklyn and Brown Girl Dreaming.

“Beautiful . . . a generous, big-hearted novel.”—Brit Bennett, author of The Vanishing Half

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Nnedi Okorafor

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“[Binti: Home] opens up Binti’s tale in astonishing ways, while provocatively exploring questions of identity and kinship.”—Chicago Tribune

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Fifty Words for Rain
A Novel
Asha Lemmie

“A hugely compelling debut about Noriko, a mixed race girl growing up in Japan after WWII. Moving and honest and at times intense, Asha Lemmie takes us on an emotional journey that spans years, one which sheds light on Noriko’s family traditions, prejudices, struggles, triumphs and ultimate transformation. This is a well-researched and eye-opening tale, told with compassion that breathes through each page.”—Abi Daré, author of The Girl with the Louding Voice

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