

Presenting our 2026 Summer Reading Guide,  
full of fiction and nonfiction titles for all readers!

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## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

B	I	N	G	O
read a nonfiction book	read a book outside	read a book in a day	listen to an audiobook	read on public transit
read a book club book	read a book set on vacation	read a book adapted into a TV show or movie	re-read a favorite book	read a book from a series
read a book a friend recommends	try a recipe from a new cookbook	<b>FREEBIE!</b>	read a book at the pool or near water	read a book from a genre outside your normal reads
read a book longer than 400 pages	read a biography or memoir	read a book written before 1950	read a book by a local author	finish a book and leave it in a Little Free Library
read a book by an author you love	read a book and recommend it to a friend	read a book from the Guide	read a book because you like the cover	read a book set outside the U.S.

### HOW TO PLAY

Write the name of the book you read in the corresponding box:  
one book per challenge square. (No double dipping please.)

Complete a row to get a BINGO and  
bring your completed card back to Old  
Town Books by Monday, September 7  
for a token redeemable at Continues  
Arcade for one free appetizer and 20  
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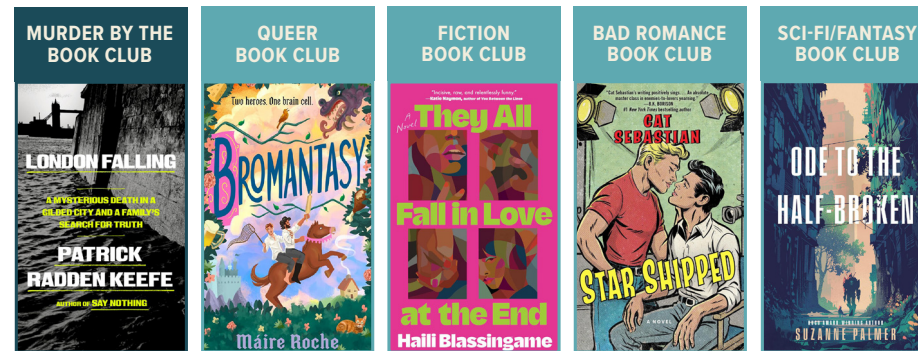
We're excited to partner with Continues Arcade  
to host our Grown-Up Book Fair on Thursday,  
June 18 from 6 - 9 PM.

Scan the QR code to learn more and get your  
ticket to join us!

## BOOK CLUB PICKS



Go Tell it on the Mountain by James Baldwin  
Kin by Tayari Jones  
The Scoundrel and the Siren by Christy Carlyle  
Green and Deadly Things by Jenn Lyons  
Now Then by Morgan Radford



London Falling by Patrick Radden Keefe  
Bromantasy by Maire Roche  
They All Fall in Love at the End by Haili Blessingame  
Star Shipped by Cat Sebastian  
Ode to the Half-Broken by Suzanne Palmer



Retro by Jessica M. Goldstein  
Molka by Monika Kim  
There's Only One Sin in Hollywood by Rasheed Newson  
Good People by Patmeena Sabit  
Love Among Thieves by Katrina Kwan



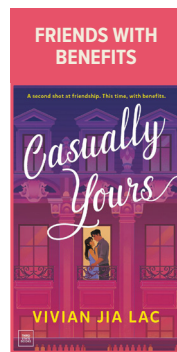
The Inn at the Foot of Mount Vengeance by Chiara Bullen  
Last Night in Brooklyn by Xochitl Gonzalez  
Wolf Worm by T. Kingfisher



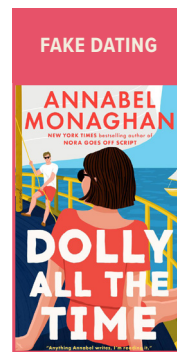
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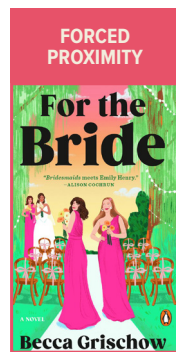
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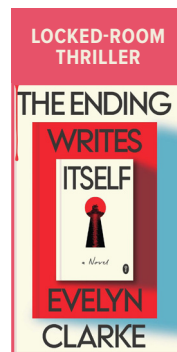
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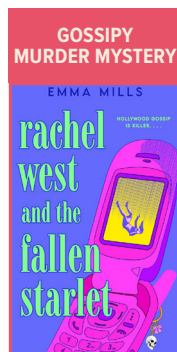
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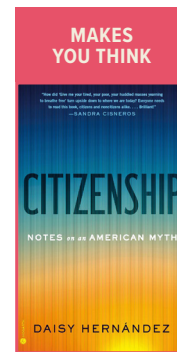
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Fallen Starlet  
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A Founding Mother:  
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Laura Kamoie



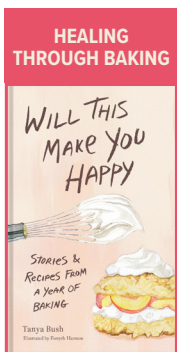
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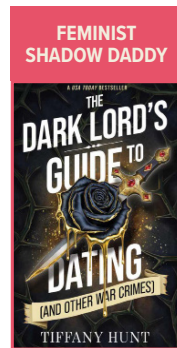
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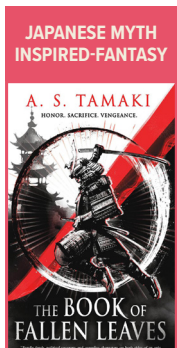
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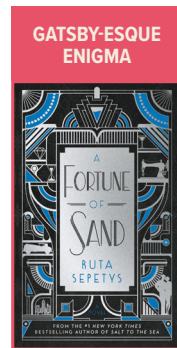
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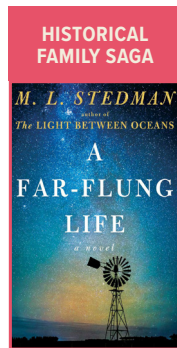
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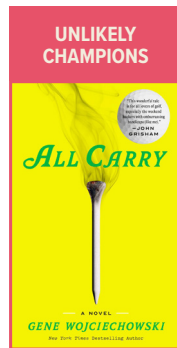
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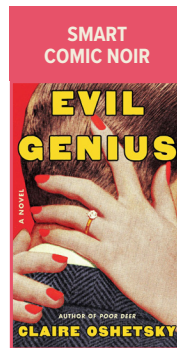
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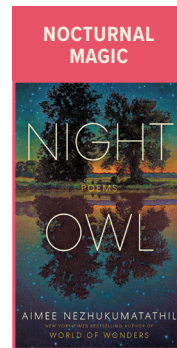
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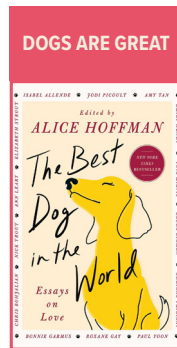
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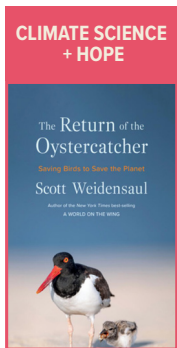
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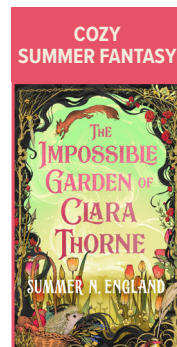
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The Best Dog  
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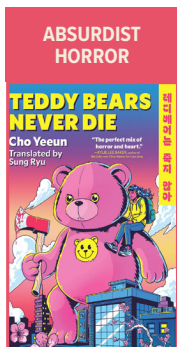
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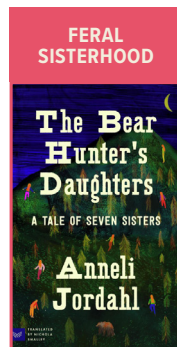
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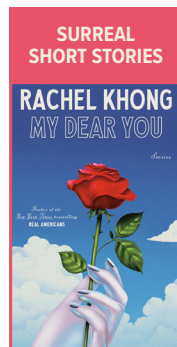
Teddy Bears  
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Mothers and  
Other Strangers  
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The Bear Hunter's  
Daughters: A Tale of  
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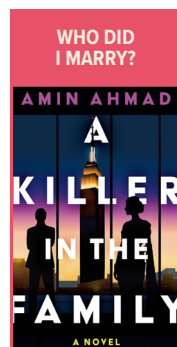
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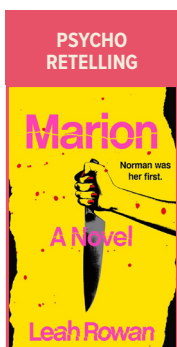
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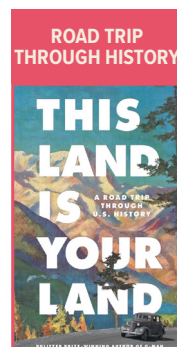
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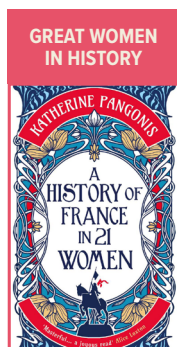
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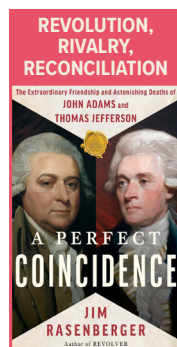
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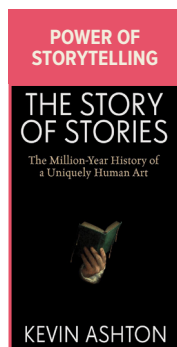
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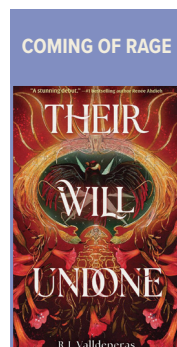
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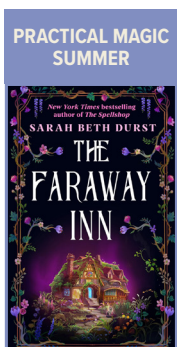
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