

**FIC MANDEL**  

**Emily St. John Mandel**

Station Eleven  
One snowy night a famous Hollywood actor slumps over and dies onstage during a production of King Lear. Hours later, the world as we know it begins to dissolve. Moving back and forth between the next fifteen years, a theater troupe known as the Traveling Symphony roams the wasteland of what remains of the world.

**YP FIC MILLAY**

**Katja Millay**

The Sea of Tranquility

Nastya Kashnikov has faced unspeakable tragedy, leaving her a shadow of the girl she once was. After moving to a new town, she is drawn to emotionally isolated Josh Bennett. As the two grow closer, they soon realize that they might be happiness in second chances.

**FIC MORIARTY**  

**Liane Moriarty**

The Husband's Secret **LP**

Imagine that your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, darkest secret—something with the potential to destroy not just the life you built together, but the lives of others as well. Imagine, then, that you stumble across that letter while your husband is still very much alive. . . .

**FIC NG**

**Celeste Ng**

Everything I Never Told You 

A Chinese American family, living in 1970s small-town Ohio, is devastated when favorite child, Lydia, is found dead in the local lake. The delicate balancing act that has been keeping the family together tumbles into chaos, forcing them to confront the long-kept secrets that have been slowly pulling them apart.

**FIC PESSL** 

**Marisha Pessl**

Night Film

Ashley Cordova, the beautiful daughter of reclusive night film director, Stanilas Cordova, is found dead. Her supposed suicide is believed to be yet another tragedy of a "cursed" dynasty. Disgraced reporter, Scott McGrath, becomes obsessed with uncovering the truth behind her mysterious death, since he believes there have been a few too many deaths that curiously happen around the director.

**FIC PRITCHETT**

**Laura Pritchett**

Stars Go Blue

Renny and Ben Cross are estranged spouses living on opposite ends of their sprawling ranch. As their farm and his mind slowly fade, Ben is faced with a hard decision. Added to the stress, Ray, their daughter's ex-husband and murderer is out of jail. In his muddled state, Ben has secretly devised a bizarre plan to assure justice for Rachel and a secure future for their surviving daughter and grandchildren, but Renny suspects his scheme when she finds the notes he's written to himself on little pieces of paper. Determined to rescue him, Renny foolishly heads out into a frightening blizzard.

**SF SCALZI** 

**John Scalzi**

Lock In

Fifteen years from now, a new virus sweeps the globe. Most of those afflicted experience nothing worse than a headache and fever, 4 percent suffer meningitis, and 1 percent find themselves "locked in"—fully awake and aware, but unable to move or respond. Spurred by grief and the sheer magnitude of the suffering, America undertakes a massive scientific initiative, creating ways for those "locked in" to experience the world. With these solutions, what could go wrong?

**FIC WATERS**

**M. D. Waters**

Archetype

Emma wakes with no memories, and over time, the ones that she starts to remember do not fit what her doctor and husband are telling her. She also has memories of being a rebel, a scary experiment, and of a man named Noah. Which is her true life, and what exactly is going on?

**SF WEIR** 

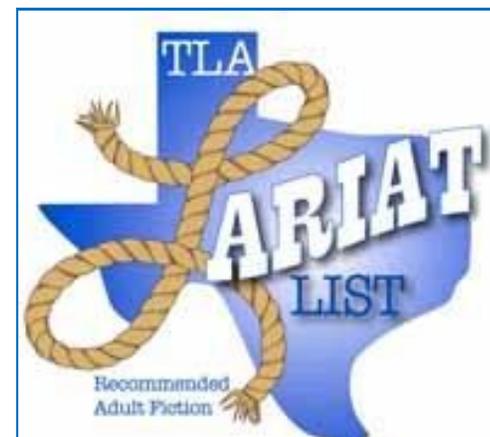
**Andy Weir**

The Martian **LP**

Mark Watney is an astronaut in distress. The Ares 3 mission on Mars is scrapped six days in, due to a terrible sand storm. On the way to the MAV (their method of escape), Watney is skewered by a piece of metal and thought dead by his fellow astronauts. However, he is not dead and is now stuck on Mars, with no way to escape for 4 years and no way to contact NASA to let them know he's alive. It's a good thing he is very resourceful and has a good sense of humor. (This is our Texas City Reads book for the fall.)

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 = audio book

 = e-book

**LP** = Large Print

**FIC ATKINSON**Life After Life

LP

One snowy night in 1910, Ursula Todd is born. Minutes later she dies. One that same balmy evening, she is born again. Throughout her life, each time she dies is Ursula getting a do-over and will she remember wrong choices she made? Are there infinite chances to get things right?

**FIC CAREY**The Girl with All the Gifts

Every morning, Melanie waits in her cell to be collected for class. She knows that the people holding her don't like her, but she does not realize how special she is. When the base she is being held at is attacked, it will be a small group, including, Melanie, that tries to make it to Beacon, which may be the last human city.

**FIC DENFELD**The Enchanted

The enchanted place is an ancient stone prison, viewed through the eyes of a namesless death row inmate, who finds escape in his books and imaginings. He is never named nor do we know what he did, but we see the story of another inmate and the woman determined to save him through his eyes.

**FIC DOERR**All the Light We Cannot See LP

Follows the lives of a blind French girl who fled with her father and a determined German boy, charged with hunting down members of the resistance, as they navigate their way through World War II and eventually encounter each other. (Pulitzer Prize Winner 2015)

**FIC FERRIS**To Rise Again at a Decent Hour

Dentist and walking contradiction, Paul O'Rourke, seeks answers and finds unsettling truths, when an online impersonator makes him wonder if the virtual "Paul" is far better than the real one. As Paul's quest to learn why his identity has been stolen deepens, he is forced to confront his troubled past and his uncertain future in a life disturbingly split between the real and the virtual.

**Kate Atkinson****Mike Carey****Rene Denfeld****Anthony Doerr****Joshua Ferris****FIC GLANCY**Terms & Conditions

Humorous footnotes help tell the tale of a lawyer named Frank, whose car accident has erased almost all of his memory. As the truth comes back to him more and more, despite what everyone else is telling him, Frank must face the truth about the man he really had been.

**FIC GO**The Steady Running of the Hour

Tristan, a young American, discovers he may be heir to the unclaimed estate of a English World War I officer, which laucnes him on a quest across Europe to uncover the elusive truth.

**FIC HASHIMI**The Pearl That Broke Its Shell

In 2007 in Kabul, Rahima and her sisters, with a drug-addicted father and no brothers, can only sporadically attend school and can rarely even leave the house. Their only hope lies in the ancient custom of *bacha posh*, which allows young Rahima to dress and be treated as a boy, until she of marriageable age, as her relative, Shekiba, had done a century before.

**FIC HAYES**I Am Pilgrim LP

A legendary agent of a secret espionage unit for U.S. intelligence, code-name PILGRIM, is called out of retirement to track down and stop a terrorist mastermind known only as Saracen. What begins as an unusual murder in New York City turns into a terrifying race against time to save America from oblivion that takes PILGRIM on a thrilling international manhunt.

**FIC HENRIQUE**The Book of Unknown Americans

Moving from Mexico to America when their daughter suffers a near-fatal accident, the Riveras confront cultural barriers, their daughter's difficult recovery, and her developing relationship with a Panamanian boy.

**FIC HORN**A Guide for the Perplexed

While consulting at an Egyptian library, software prodigy, Josie Ashkenazi, is kidnapped and her talent

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for preserving memories becomes her only means of escape, as the power of her ingenious work is revealed. At the same time, Josie's jealous sister, Judith, takes over her life at home.

**FIC HUNT**Neverhome LP

Ash Thompson is a Union soldier struggling to survive the bloody battles and grotesque hardships in the South during the Civil War. Through displays of gallantry and bravery, Ash becomes a hero and fold legend among the fighting men. However, Ash has a big secret, he's a woman.

**FIC JACOB**The Sleepwalker's Guide to Dancing

Wedding photographer, Amina Eapen, is asked to return home to Albuquerque, when her father, Thomas, begins to act strangely. When he is found to have a brain tumor, she extends her stay. During her stay, Amina has to face some rough memories from her past.

**SF JOHANSEN**The Queen of Tearing

An untested young princess must claim her throne, learn to become a queen, and combat a malevolent sorceress in an epic battle between light and dark.

**FIC KIDD**The Invention of Wings LP

On Sarah's 11th birthday, she is given ownership of 10-year-old slave girl, Handful, to become her handmaid. The story follows their next 35 years, as both strive or a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies, and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement, and the uneasy ways of love.

**MYS LIPPMAN**After I'm Gone

The story explores how Felix Brewer's disappearance echoes through the lives of his wife, daughters, and even mistress. Twenty-six years later, a retired detective working a cold case stumbles upon the tangled web that connects them all.

**Laird Hunt****Mira Jacob****Erika Johansen****Sue Monk Kidd****Laura Lippman**