

Midnight Sun

Jo Nesbo



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MYS NESBO

On the run after betraying Oslo's most notorious criminal, "The Fisherman", Jon hides in a small, insular town north of the Arctic Circle where he is confronted by a taciturn widow, a chatty boy, and the mistakes of his past.

The Moon in the Palace

Weina Dai Randel

FIC RANDEL

A concubine at the palace learns quickly that there are many ways to capture the Emperor's attention. Young Mei knows nothing of the womanly arts, yet she will give the Emperor a gift he can never forget. Mei's intelligence and curiosity, the same traits that make her an outcast among the other concubines, impress the Emperor. But as divided loyalties split the palace in two, Mei is thrown into a perilous battle that she can only hope to survive.

My Name is Lucy Barton

Elizabeth Strout



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FIC STROUT

Lucy Barton is recovering slowly from what should have been a simple operation. Her mother, to whom she hasn't spoken for many years, comes to see her. Gentle gossip about people from Lucy's childhood in Amgash, Illinois, seems to reconnect them, but just below the surface lie the tension and longing that have informed every aspect of Lucy's life: her escape from her troubled family, her desire to become a writer, her marriage, her love for her two daughters.

News of the World

Paulette Jiles



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FIC JILES

Set in 1870, an aging itinerant news reader is tasked with returning a resistant, white girl kidnapped by the Kiowa nation back to her family near San Antonio, Texas. Their 400-mile journey south through unsettled territory and unforgiving terrain proves difficult and at times dangerous.

The Peculiar Miracles of Antoinette Martin

Stephanie Knipper

FIC KNIPPER

Ten-year-old Antoinette has a severe form of autism that requires constant care and attention. She has never spoken a word, but she has a powerful gift that others would give anything to harness: she can heal things with her touch. This novel is about what it means to be family, and about the lengths to which people will go to protect the ones they love.

The Short Drop

Matthew Fitzsimmons

FIC FITZSIMM

Gibson Vaughn's childhood friend Suzanne Lombard disappeared without a trace when she was 14. Now that her father is poised to be elected the next U.S. President, Gibson tries to find out what happened to her by using his unique skills as a hacker and former Marine. He soon discovers multiple conspiracies surrounding the Lombard family-- and he encounters ruthless political players who will do anything to silence him and his team.

Sleeping Giants

Sylvain Neuvel

SF NEUVEL

17 years ago: A girl in South Dakota falls through the earth, then wakes up dozens of feet below ground on the palm of what seems to be a giant metal hand. Today: She is a top-level physicist leading a team of people to understand exactly what that hand is, where it came from, and what it portends for humanity.

Time of Departure

Douglas Schofield

MYS SCHOFIEL

Claire is the youngest female Florida State Prosecutor to be promoted to Felony Division Chief. When a road construction crew uncovers the skeletal remains of two women, Claire reopens a 30-year-old case involving a string of unsolved abductions that are strangely tied to her past.

What She Knew

Gilly Macmillan

FIC MACMILLA

Rachel Jenner is walking in a Bristol park with her eight-year-old son, Ben, when he asks if he can run ahead. It's an ordinary request on an ordinary Sunday afternoon, and Rachel has no reason to worry--until Ben vanishes. Police are called, search parties go out, and Rachel, already insecure after her recent divorce, feels herself coming undone. As she desperately pieces together the threadbare clues, Rachel realizes that nothing is quite as she imagined it to be, not even her own judgment. And the greatest dangers may lie not in the anonymous strangers of every parent's nightmares, but behind the familiar smiles of those she trusts the most.

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A Gentleman in Moscow

Amor Towles



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FIC TOWLES

In 1922, charming Russian aristocrat Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal and is sentenced to lifetime house arrest in the Metropol Hotel near the Kremlin. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

All The Missing Girls

Megan Miranda



FIC MIRANDA

Written in reverse chronological order, this book follows narrator Nicolette Farrell, who returns to her hometown of Cooley Ridge, North Carolina to care for her ailing father. When her neighbor disappears and she tries to unravel the truth, she learns shocking realities about her friends, her family, and what really happened when her best friend disappeared ten years ago at a local fair.

Another Brooklyn



Jacqueline Woodson

YP FIC WOODSON

August runs into an old friend and is taken back in time to when she and her group of friends navigated growing up in Brooklyn during the 1970s, a turbulent decade.

Aurora

Kim Stanley Robinson



SF ROBINSON

Generations after leaving earth, a starship draws near to Aurora, the planet that may serve as a new home world for those on board. But the journey has brought unexpected changes and their best laid plans may not be enough to survive. The passengers find themselves forced to reconsider their mission.

Be Frank With Me

Julia Claiborne Johnson

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FIC JOHNSON

Reclusive literary legend M. M. 'Mimi' Banning has been holed up in her Bel Air mansion for years. But after falling prey to a Bernie Madoff-style ponzi scheme, she's flat broke. Now Mimi must write a new book for the first time in decades, and to ensure the timely delivery of her manuscript, her New York publisher sends an assistant to monitor her progress. When Alice Whitley arrives at the Banning mansion, she's put to work right away as a full-time companion to Frank, the writer's eccentric nine-year-old, a boy with the wit of Noel Coward, the wardrobe of a 1930s movie star, and very little in common with his fellow fourth-graders.

Binti

Nnedi Okorafor

SF OKORAFOR

For Binti to claim her scholarship at the intergalactic Oomza University far from her Himba family on Earth, she steals away at night, only to find that her dreams will come with a high cost.

Challenger Deep



Neal Shusterman

YP FIC SHUSTERM

High School student Caden Bosch lives in two worlds. In the real world he is in high school struggling with the alternate pain and allure of mental illness. In his fantasy life, as he struggles with schizophrenia, he is travelling on a pirate ship on forays into the Marianas Trench, the deepest trench in the ocean.

Dark Matter



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Blake Crouch

FIC CROUCH

After Jason Dessen is kidnapped and injected with a powerful drug, the life he wakes up in is not the one he knows. Which world is a dream? He must travel through the multiverse to find a way back to his wife and son.

The Forgotten Room

Karen White, Beatriz Williams
and Lauren Willig

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FIC WHITE

1945: When the critically wounded Captain Cooper Ravenal is brought to a private hospital on Manhattan's Upper East Side, young Dr. Kate Schuyler is drawn into a complex mystery that connects three generations of women in her family to a single extraordinary room in a Gilded Age mansion.

Good Morning, Midnight

Lily Brooks-Dalton

SF BROOKSDA

When catastrophe strikes, aging astronomer Augustine and the mysterious Iris live in isolation at a research post in the Arctic. At the same time, Mission Specialist Sullivan and her crew discover that Mission Control is no longer on the air as they attempt to return home after a journey to Jupiter.

Here Comes the Sun

Nicole Dennis-Benn

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FIC DENNISBE

At an opulent resort in Montego Bay, Margot works as a prostitute to send her younger sister, Thandi, to school, determined to shield Thandi from the same fate. When plans for a new hotel threaten their village, Margot sees not only an opportunity for her own financial independence but also perhaps a chance to admit a shocking secret: her forbidden love for another woman.

Homegoing

Yaa Gyasi



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FIC GYASI

Beginning in 18th century Gold Coast, *Homegoing* follows several generations of two branches of a family tree. One branch remains in Africa while the other is sold to the slave trade in America. The story stretches from the tribal wars of Ghana to slavery and Civil War in America, from the coal mines in the north to the Great Migration to the streets of 20th century Harlem. On both sides of the family issues of slavery, colonialism, and heritage are addressed.

I Let You Go

Clare Mackintosh

FIC MACKINTO

Jenna Gray moves to a ramshackle cottage on the remote Welsh coast, trying to escape the memory of the car accident that plays again and again in her mind, and desperate to heal from the loss of her child and the rest of her painful past. At the same time, the novel tracks the pair of Bristol police investigators trying to get to the bottom of this hit-and-run.

I'm Thinking of Ending Things

Iain Reid

FIC REID

Jake and a woman known only as The Girlfriend are taking a long drive to meet his parents at their secluded farm. But when Jake takes a sudden detour, leaving The Girlfriend stranded at a deserted high school, the story transforms into a twisted combination of the darkest unease, psychological frailty, and a look into the limitations of solitude.

Last Days of Night

Graham Moore



FIC MOORE

When electric light innovator Thomas Edison sues his only remaining rival for patent infringement, George Westinghouse hires untested Columbia Law School graduate Paul Ravath for a case fraught with lies, betrayals, and deception.

Lily and the Octopus

Steven Rowley



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FIC ROWLEY

Teddy is unhappily single in L.A. In between sessions with his therapist and dates with men he meets online, Teddy has debates with his dachshund, Lily, who occupies his heart. Unfortunately, he is also able to communicate with the "octopus" attached to Lily's head, which is soon revealed to be a metaphor for Lily's lethal cranial tumor. As Lily's condition worsens, Teddy faces off with the "octopus", engaging it in a battle of wills that takes on epic proportions.