

Title	Author	Description
Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books	Kirsten Miller	The provocative and hilarious summer read that will have book lovers cheering and everyone talking! Kirsten Miller, author of <i>The Change</i> , brings us a bracing, wildly entertaining satire about a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books, and a little lending library that changes everything.
Wandering Stars	Tommy Orange	The eagerly awaited follow-up to Pulitzer Prize finalist Tommy Orange's breakout best seller <i>There There</i> —winner of the PEN/Hemingway Award, the John Leonard Prize, the American Book Award, and one of the <i>New York Times</i> Ten Best Books of the Year— <i>Wandering Stars</i> traces the legacies of the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864 and the Carlisle Industrial School for Indians through to the shattering aftermath of Orvil Redfeather's shooting in <i>There There</i> .
Prequel: An American Rachel Fight Against Facism	Maddow	Rachel Maddow traces the fight to preserve American democracy back to World War II, when a handful of committed public servants and brave private citizens thwarted far-right plotters trying to steer our nation toward an alliance with the Nazis. A ripping read—well rendered, fast-paced and delivered with the same punch and assurance that she brings to a broadcast. . . . The parallels to the present day are strong, even startling.

No Discussion for December

The Age of Grievance	Frank Bruni	The twists and turns of American politics are unpredictable, but the tone is a troubling given. It's one of grievance. More and more Americans are convinced that they're losing because somebody else is winning. More and more tally their slights, measure their misfortune, and assign particular people responsibility for it.
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James	Percival Everett	A brilliant, action-packed reimagining of <i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> , both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view • From the “literary icon” (<i>Oprah Daily</i>) and Pulitzer Prize Finalist whose novel <i>Erasure</i> is the basis for Cord Jefferson’s critically acclaimed film <i>American Fiction</i>
Cloistered	Catherine Coldstream	"A profoundly moving memoir which gripped me . . . It's about spirituality and asceticism and silence and sisterhood, but also about how flawed human beings can abuse power and how hermetically sealed communities, which should care for and protect their members, can be dangerously vulnerable to threats from inside their walls." - Mark Haddon, author of <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime</i> , <i>The Porpoise</i> and others
Live to See the Day: Coming of Age in American Poverty	Nikhmil Goyal	Long-listed, <i>New Yorker</i> Best Books of the Year, 2023. An indelible portrait of three children struggling to survive in the poorest neighborhood of the poorest large city in America.
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store	James McBride	"A murder mystery locked inside a Great American Novel . . . Charming, smart, heart-blistering, and heart-healing." —Danez Smith, <i>The New York Times Book Review</i> . Long-listed, <i>New Yorker</i> Best Books of the Year, 2023. "An indelible portrait of three children struggling to survive in the poorest neighborhood of the poorest large city in America." "James McBride's 'Heaven and Earth' is an all-American Mix of Prejudice and Hope." -- NPR

The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: American Evangelicals in and Age of Extremism	Tim Alberta	<i>In The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory</i> , journalist Tim Alberta, himself a practicing Christian and the son of an evangelical pastor, paints an expansive and profoundly troubling portrait of the American evangelical movement. Through the eyes of televangelists and small-town preachers, celebrity revivalists and everyday churchgoers, Alberta tells the story of a faith cheapened by ephemeral fear, a promise corrupted by partisan subterfuge, and a reputation stained by perpetual scandal.
Demon Copperhead	Barbara Kingsolver	In “Demon Copperhead,” Barbara Kingsolver offers a close retelling of Charles Dickens’s “David Copperfield,” which is either a baffling choice or an ingenious maneuver from a novelist who has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and selected for Oprah’s Book Club and regularly — inevitably, even — appears on the best-seller list of this newspaper, all while reaping a surprising quantity of stinging pans from critics.
An Undisturbed Peace	Mary Glickman	Hailed as “the finest depiction of the infamous Trail of Tears,” this unflinching novel sheds light on a tragic history (Pat Conroy). As the tribes of the South make the grueling journey across the Mississippi River, a trio of disparate characters is united by a “far-reaching story of love, courage, and honor” (<i>Booklist</i>).