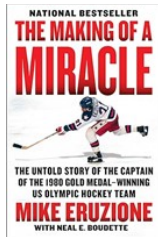
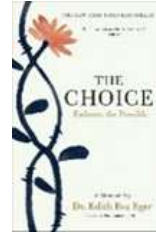


Tues, Sept 16 @ 10 am

Sept 2025: Where the Lost Wander by Amy Harmon The Overland Trail, 1853: Naomi May never expected to be widowed at twenty. Eager to leave her grief behind, she sets off with her family for a life out West. On the trail, she forms an instant connection with John Lowry, a half-Pawnee man. John's heritage gains them safe passage through hostile territory only to come between them as they seek to build a life together.

Tues, Oct 21 @ 10 am

Oct 2025: The Choice by Dr. Edith Eva Eger At the age of sixteen, Edith Eger was sent to Auschwitz. Hours after her parents were killed, Nazi officer Dr. Josef Mengele, forced Edie to dance for his amusement and her survival. Edie was pulled from a pile of corpses when the American troops liberated the camps in 1945. Edie [a psychologist] weaves her remarkable personal journey with the moving stories of those she has helped heal.

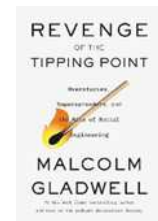
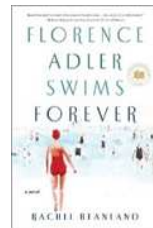


Tues, Nov 18 @ 10 am

Nov 2025: The Making of a Miracle by Mike Eruzione On the fortieth anniversary of the historic "Miracle on Ice," Mike Eruzione—the captain of the 1980 U.S Men's Olympic Hockey Team, who scored the winning goal—recounts his amazing career on ice, the legendary upset against the Soviets, and winning the gold medal.

Tues, Jan 20 @ 10 am

Jan 2026: Florence Adler Swims Forever by Rachel Beanland Atlantic City, 1934. Every summer, Esther and Joseph Adler rent their house out to vacationers escaping to "America's Playground" and move into the small apartment above their bakery. When tragedy strikes, Esther makes the shocking decision to hide the truth—and pulls the family into an elaborate web of secret-keeping and lies, bringing long-buried tensions to the surface that reveal how quickly the act of protecting those we love can turn into betrayal.



Tues, Feb 17 @ 10 am

Feb 2026: Revenge of the Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell Why is Miami... Miami? What does the heartbreaking fate of the cheetah tell us about the way we raise our children? Why do Ivy League schools care so much about sports? Gladwell returns for the first time in twenty-five years to the subject of social epidemics and tipping points, this time with the aim of explaining the dark side of contagious phenomena.

Tues, March 17 @ 10 am

March 2026: Time of the Child by Niall Williams Doctor Jack Troy was born and raised in Faha [a small Irish town], but his responsibilities for the sick and his care for the dying mean he has always been set apart from the town. His eldest daughter, Ronnie, has grown up in her father's shadow, and remains there, having missed one chance at love – and passed up another offer of marriage from an unsuitable man. But in the Advent season of 1962, as the town readies itself for Christmas, Ronnie and Doctor Troy's lives are turned upside down when a baby is left in their care.



Tues, April 21 @ 10 am

Apr 2026: A Fever in the Heartland by Timothy Egan A historical thriller by the Pulitzer and National Book Award-winning author that tells the riveting story of the Klan's rise to power in the 1920s, the cunning con man who drove that rise, and the woman who stopped them.



Tues, May 19 @ 10 am

May 2026: Winter Solstice by Rosamunde Pilcher Rosamunde Pilcher brings her readers into the lives of five very different people. It is the strange rippling effects of a tragedy that will bring these five characters together in a large, neglected estate house near the Scottish fishing town of Creagan.



Tues, June 16 @ 10 am

June 2026: Lady Bird Johnson by Julia Sweig Perhaps the most underestimated First Lady of the twentieth century, Johnson was also one of the most accomplished and often her husband's secret weapon. Managing the White House in years of national upheaval, through the civil rights movement and the escalation of the Vietnam War, Lady Bird projected a sense of calm and, following the glamorous and modern Jackie Kennedy, an old-fashioned image of a First Lady. In truth, she was



anything but.

Tues, July 21 @ 10 am

July 2026: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?



Tues, Aug 18 @ 10 am

Aug 2026: A Full Life by Jimmy Carter In *A Full Life*, Carter tells what he is proud of and what he might do differently. He discusses his regret at losing his re-election, but how he and Rosalynn pushed on and made a new life and second and third rewarding careers. He is frank about the presidents who have succeeded him, world leaders, and his passions for the causes he cares most about, particularly the condition of women and the deprived people of the developing world.



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