# The Storied Life of A.J. Fickry by Gabriel Zevin

A.J. Fikry, owner of Island Books, has recently endured some tough years: his wife has died, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and his prized possession--a rare edition of Poe poems--has been stolen. Over time, he has given up on people until a most unexpected occurrence...

Gabrielle Zevin's enchanting novel is a love letter to the world of books.

## The invisible library

## by Genevieve Cogman

Irene is a professional spy for the mysterious Invisible Library, a shadowy organization that collects important works of fiction from all of the different realities. Most recently, she and her enigmatic assistant Kai have been sent to an alternative London. Their mission: Retrieve a particularly dangerous book. The problem: By the time they arrive, it's already been stolen.

## The Bookman's Tale

## by Kim Wilkins

Hay-on-Wye, 1995. Peter Byerly isn't sure what drew him into this particular bookshop. Nine months earlier, the death of his beloved wife, Amanda, had left him shattered. The young antiquarian bookseller relocated from North Carolina to the English countryside, hoping to rediscover the joy he once took in collecting and restoring rare books. But upon opening an eighteenth-century study of Shakespeare forgeries, Peter is shocked

when a portrait of Amanda tumbles out of its pages. Of course, it isn't really her. Yet the resemblance is uncanny...

### Fahrenheit 451

by Ray Bradbury

A totalitarian regime has ordered all books to be destroyed, but one of the book burners suddenly realizes their merit.

## The Little Paris Bookshop

by Nina George

Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life. Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends broken hearts and souls. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself; he's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter, which he has never opened.

# Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore by Matthew Sullivan

Joey Molina, a young patron of the Bright Ideas Bookstore kills himself in the bookstore's upper room. As Lydia, Joey's favorite bookstore clerk, untangles the mystery of Joey's suicide, she unearths a long buried memory from her own violent childhood. Details from that one bloody night begin to circle back and Lydia's, life comes unglued.



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## **The Midnight Library**

by Matt Haig

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 more books for the other life you could have lived if you had made different choices.

Nora Seed finds herself faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one. She must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

#### Due or Die

by Jenn McKinlay

Carrie Rushton, the president of the Friends of the Library, has been accused of murdering her husband. The evidence is stacking up against Carrie, but neither Carrie's friend Lindsey nor the Briar Creek crafternoon club is buying it.

## The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

by Mary Ann Shaffer

Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters and she is drawn into the world of the man and his friends--and what a wonderfully eccentric world it is. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society--born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi when its members were discovered

breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island--boasts a charming, funny, deeply human cast of characters, literature lovers all.

## **The Book of Speculation**

by Erika Swyler

One June day, an old book arrives on Simon's doorstep. Fragile and water damaged, the book is a log from the owner of a traveling carnival in the 1700s, who reports strange and magical things, including the drowning death of a circus mermaid. Since then, generations of "mermaids" in Simon's family have drowned-always on July 24, which is only weeks away.

# The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivald

Broken Wheel, Iowa, has never seen anyone like Sara. She traveled all the way from Sweden just to meet her book-loving pen pal Amy, but when she arrives she finds Amy's funeral guests just leaving. The residents of Broken Wheel are happy to look after their bewildered visitor--there's not much else to do in a dying small town that's almost beyond repair. You certainly wouldn't open a bookstore. And definitely not with Sara, the tourist, in charge.

# The Library of Lost and Found by Phaedra Patrick

Librarian Martha Storm has always found it easier to connect with books than people--

though not for lack of trying. All of that changes when a book of fairy tales arrives on her doorstep. When Martha discovers a clue within the book that her grandmother may still be alive, she becomes determined to discover the truth.

## The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek

by Kim Michele Richardson

The hardscrabble folks of Troublesome Creek have to scrap for everything--everything except books, that is. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter. Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s,

## **The Paris Library**

by Janet Skeslien Charles

Paris, 1939: Odile Souchet seems to have the perfect life with her beau and a dream job at the American Library in Paris. When the Nazis march into the city, Odile stands to lose everything. But when the war finally ends, instead of freedom, Odile tastes the bitter sting of betrayal.

Montana, 1983: Lily is a lonely teenager looking for adventure in small-town Montana. Her interest is piqued by her solitary, elderly neighbor. As Lily uncovers more about her neighbor she finds that a dark secret from the past connects them.