

Adult Fiction



On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous

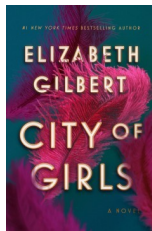
By: Ocean Vuong

The novel is narrated by Little Dog, a Vietnamese refugee who grew up in Hartford with his mother and his maternal grandmother, Lan. A writer now, he addresses his story as a letter to his mother, who cannot read, "to tell you everything you'll never know." Casting a truly literary spell, Vuong's tale of language and origin, beauty and the power of story, is an enrapturing first novel.

City of Girls

By: Elizabeth Gilbert

Eighty-nine-year-old Vivian Morris recounts her life and the personal mistake that resulted in a professional scandal. After Vivian, far more interested in clothes than scholarship, flunks out of Vassar in 1940, her indifferent, well-to-do, conservative parents ship her off to Aunt Peg in Manhattan, who owns and runs a ragtag theater in Midtown.



Patsy

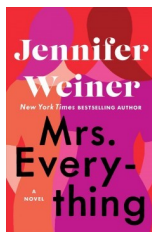
By: Nicole Dennis-Benn

When Patsy finally gets a U.S. travel visa in 1998, she is so sure that she is neither a good mother nor capable of becoming one that she plans to leave her young daughter, Tru, behind in Jamaica and never look back. Patsy leaves behind her family in Jamaica, only to discover that life as an undocumented immigrant is not what her best friend had described.

Mrs. Everything

By: Jennifer Weiner

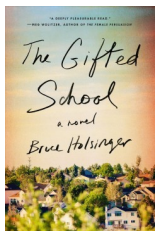
Jo and Bethie Kaufman are as different as sisters can be. Jo is an athletic tomboy who can never be quite good enough for her mother. Bethie is adorable and perfect. As the story progresses from their childhood in a Detroit neighborhood in the 1950s to wild college days in the '60s, their roles reverse and evolve into something more complicated.



The Gifted School

By: Bruce Holsinger

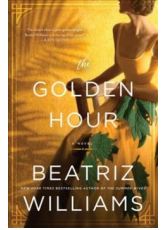
The students and parents of a tight-knit community find their bonds nearly destroyed by competitiveness when an exclusive school for gifted children opens nearby, in a story told from both adult and child perspectives.



The Golden Hour

By: Beatriz Williams

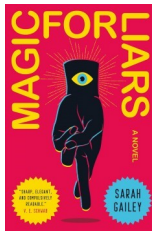
Traveling to World War II Nassau to interview the infamous Duke and Duchess of Windsor, an investigator for a New York society magazine uncovers a treasonous plot that is complicated by her romance with an unscrupulous scientist.



Magic for Liars

By: Sarah Gailey

A private investigator and talented liar, Ivy Gamble, embarks on a search for a killer at a California private academy for mages where her estranged, magically gifted twin sister hides in plain sight.



The Nickel Boys

By: Colson Whitehead

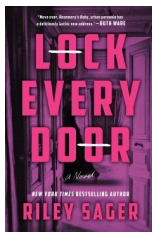
There were rumors about Nickel Academy, a Florida reform school, but survivors kept their traumas to themselves until a university archaeology student discovered the secret graveyard. This is a tautly focused and gripping portrait of two African American teens during the last vicious years of Jim Crow.



Lock Every Door

By: Riley Sager

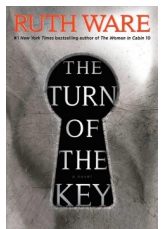
The building manager's strange rules should have tipped Jules off that her new apartment-sitting gig was too good to be true: no visitors, no nights away from the apartment, and no speaking to the regular tenants unless spoken to. An utterly riveting thriller.



The Turn of the Key

By: Ruth Ware

When a high-paying nanny job at a luxurious Scottish Highlands home ends with her imprisonment for a child's murder, a young woman struggles to explain to her lawyer the unravelling events that led to her incarceration.



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- *Natalie Tan's Book of Luck and Fortune* by Roselle Lim
- *Chances Are . . .* by Richard Russo
- *The Paper Wasp* by Lauren Acampora