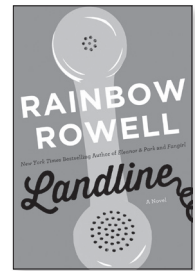




LANDLINE
by Rainbow Rowell
(St. Martin's Press)

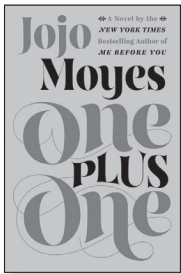
"Landline explores the delicate balance women make between work and family, considering the tradeoffs and pain. Rowell has a special gift for offering incredible insights into ordinary life. Never heavy-handed, Rowell's writing is delivered with humor and grace. I finish all of her books wanting to laugh and cry at the same time—they are that moving. Landline captured my heart."

—Andrea Larson, Cook Memorial Public Library, Libertyville, IL



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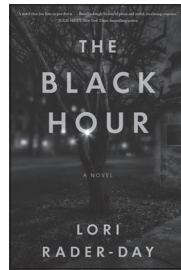
ONE PLUS ONE

A Novel
by Jojo Moyes

(Pamela Dorman Books)
"A single mom, her math genius daughter, her eye-shadow-wearing stepson, a wealthy computer geek and a smelly dog all get into a car... it sounds like the start of a bad joke, but it's actually another charming novel from

Jojo Moyes. It's more of a traditional romance than *Me Before You*, but will also appeal to fans of quirky, hard-working characters. A quick read and perfect for summer."

—Emily Wichman, Clermont County Public Library, Milford, OH



THE BLACK HOUR

by Lori Rader-Day
(Seventh Street Books)

"This first novel about two broken people is a psychological thriller like the best of Alfred Hitchcock. Amelia Emmet is a professor desperately trying to recover from a gunshot wound, and Nathaniel Barber is a student struggling to come to grips with his mother's

death and a lost love. Their journey, told in alternating chapters, is riveting and full of surprising discoveries. Highly recommended."

—Mattie Gustafson, Newport Public Library, Newport, RI



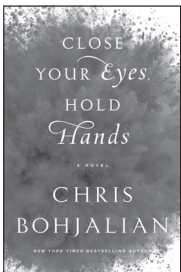
THE QUEEN OF THE TEARLING

A Novel
by Erika Johansen
(Harper)

"The first of a trilogy, this book is so much more than just another fantasy. Yes, there is magic, a princess and a really bad queen, but there is also an apocalyptic twist that makes readers

hungry for the next installment. This book caught me from the first page and kept me guessing till the last. A great read!"

—Cindy Stevens, Pioneer Library System, Norman, OK



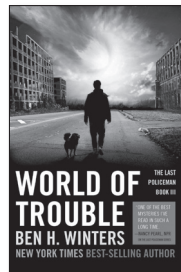
CLOSE YOUR EYES, HOLD HANDS

A Novel
by Chris Bohjalian

(Doubleday)
"Thousands of lives are irrevocably changed by a nuclear disaster in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. When her parents are blamed, Emily becomes homeless and her situation, desperate. Told

retrospectively, Emily's story is devastating to read, but her passionate interest in Emily Dickinson comes with flashes of brilliance and a growing acceptance of her past."

—Kim Storbeck, Timberland Regional Library, Tumwater, WA



WORLD OF TROUBLE

The Last Policeman Book III
by Ben H. Winters

(Quirk Books)
"Still the last policeman, Detective Hank Palace tirelessly pulls together clues from crime scenes and interrogates witnesses to find his missing sister. Winters paints a believable picture of a world awaiting its end

thanks to an asteroid on a collision course. A great series for mystery and science fiction lovers, as well as anyone looking for a pre-apocalyptic tale without a single zombie."

—Jenna Persick, Chester County Library, Exton, PA



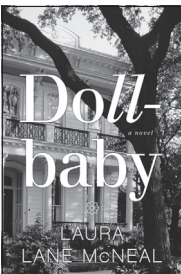
CALIFORNIA

A Novel
by Edan Lepucki

(Little, Brown and Company)
"Driven away from the violence of cities and a crumbling society, Cal and Frida live an isolated existence, struggling to survive on what they grow and forage. When an unplanned pregnancy pushes the couple to search for other

people, they discover an unexpected community. This well-written debut is great for apocalyptic fiction fans and fans of realistic, character-driven fiction."

—Sara Kennedy, Delaware County District Library, Delaware, OH



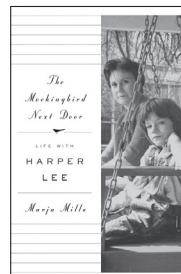
DOLLBABY

A Novel
by Laura Lane McNeal

(Pamela Dorman Books)
"In this coming-of-age story set in the Civil Rights era, lbbaby is dropped off at the home of her eccentric grandmother in New Orleans after the death of her beloved father. Filled with colorful characters, family secrets

and lots of New Orleans tidbits, this book will appeal to fans of *Saving Cecece Honeycutt*."

—Vicki Nesting, St. Charles Parish Library, Destrehan, LA



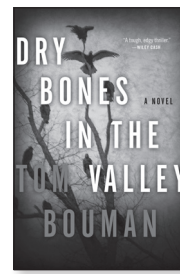
THE MOCKINGBIRD NEXT DOOR

Life with Harper Lee
by Marja Mills

(Penguin Press)
"A warm and engaging telling of the life story of Harper Lee. Like no other biography, this book offers insights directly from Lee's point of view as shared with the journalist she and her sister embraced in

friendship late in their lives. Informative and delightful!"

—Jan Fisher, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT



DRY BONES IN THE VALLEY

A Novel
by Tom Bouman

(W. W. Norton & Company)
"A body has been found in an elderly recluse's field, neighbors are fighting over fracking, and meth labs and heroin dealers have settled deep in the woods of Officer Henry Farrell's Wild Thyme Township. Bouman's

prose reveals not only the beauty of northeastern Pennsylvania, but also abject poverty and despair. A startling debut rich in setting and character with an intricate plot that will stay with readers after the last page."

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ