THE CITY OF BRASS
A Novel
by S. A. Chakraborty
(Harper Voyager)

“A wonderful fantasy debut set in an 18th century Cairo and featuring a young woman, Nahri, who has no relatives and who lives by her wits as a con artist. Her odd supernatural healing talents and ability to understand and speak languages come in handy as she struggles to survive day by day while trying to save up money for medical training. Unfortunately, during one job, she accidentally calls up inimical ifrits and a wily, handsome djinn that turn her life upside down. Action packed, with interesting folklore and an evocative setting.”

—Ann-Marie Anderson, Tigard Public Library, Tigard, OR

THE STORY OF ARTHUR TRULUV
A Novel
by Elizabeth Berg
(Random House)

“Arthur meets Maddy when he’s visiting his dead wife in the cemetery; he eats lunch there every day. Maddy is a high school senior who’s got a hopeless crush on a jerk. Warm-hearted Arthur reaches out to Maddy in a totally open way, as Maddy’s parents seem uninvolved at best. The Story of Arthur Truluv is one of those rare coming-of-age novels that is just as much about the end of life as it is about growing up.”

—Michelle Beckes, Tulsa City County Library, Tulsa, OK

THE MIDNIGHT LINE
A Jack Reacher Novel
by Lee Child
(Delacorte Press)

“Jack Reacher is an honorably discharged U.S. Army major who has a strong sense of justice. After the end of a romance, Reacher’s response is to get on a bus and ride it to wherever it is going. At a rest stop along the way, he spots a small West Point class ring in the window of a pawnshop. His gut tells him the soldier who worked hard to achieve it wouldn’t give it up easily. In search of answers, he discovers a drug ring, a disfigured woman, and a couple of murders in a desolate area of Wyoming. Like the other installments in the Reacher series, this is another page turner!”

—Valerie Osborne, Bangor Public Library, Bangor, ME

THE LIBRARY AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD
A Novel
by Felicity Hayes-McCoy
(Harper Perennial)

“Much like a cup of tea and a cozy afghan, The Library at The Edge of The World is the perfect book to hunker down with. Prepare to be transported to coastal Ireland with Hannah Casey as she moves back to her hometown after a divorce and becomes the local librarian. Hannah’s daily challenges include dealing with an abrasive mother, an infuriating building contractor and noise in the library. A series of events leads Hannah to help rally the community to come together, changing the town, the library, and Hannah. Hayes-McCoy does a fine job capturing the characters and the setting.”

—Elizabeth Angelastro, Manlius Library, Manlius, NY

FUTURE HOME OF THE LIVING GOD
A Novel
by Louise Erdrich
(Harper)

“Future Home of the Living God explores the possibility of evolution and reviews and is told from the perspective of a pregnant woman who is writing a journal to her unborn child. Along the way we meet her adoptive parents, her birth mother, and she reports on society unraveling and detaining pregnant women. Erdrich provides compelling characters and a strong storyline about a near future in this piece of innovative dystopian fiction.”

—Ian Stade, Hennepin County Library, Minneapolis, MN

THE SHADOW DISTRICT
A Thriller
by Arnaldur Indridason
(Minotaur Books)

“Indridason introduces a new crime series featuring a retired detective. The Shadow District skillfully weaves two mysteries together. In present time, an elderly man’s death, first thought to be due to natural causes, is later revealed as a murder. While unofficially investigating, Konrad discovers a link to a cold case involving the strangulation of a young woman and a surprising connection to Konrad’s own childhood. With nicely tense pacing and a vivid portrayal of life in modern and wartime Iceland, fans of atmospheric investigations will undoubtedly welcome Indridason’s latest offering.”

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY

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