RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR ADULTS 2023
FICTION

Rouge — Mona Awad
Big Swiss — Jen Beagin
The House is On Fire — Rachel Beanland
The Postcard — Anne Berest
Hangman — Maya Binyam
Dykette — Jenny Fran Davis
The Wren, the Wren — Anne Enright
Our Share of Night — Mariana Enriquez
Ripe — Sarah Rose Etter
The Vaster Wilds — Lauren Groff
Shark Heart: A Love Story — Emily Habeck
Bad Cree — Jessica Johns
So Late in the Day — Claire Keegan
Maeve Fly — C.J. Leede
Wednesday’s Child — Yiyun Li
White Cat, Black Dog: Stories — Kelly Link
Feed Them Silence — Lee Mandelo
I Have Some Questions For You — Rebecca Makkai
North Woods — Daniel Mason
Silver Nitrate — Silvia Moreno-Garcia
The Rachel Incident — Caroline O’Donoghue
The September House — Carissa Orlando
Lady Tan’s Circle of Women — Lisa See
Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone —
Benjamin Stevenson
Camp Damascus — Chuck Tingle
Blackouts — Justin Torres
This is Salvaged — Vauhini Vara
Wound — Oksana Vasyakina
Hang the Moon — Jeannette Walls
Crook Manifesto — Colson Whitehead
Holding Pattern — Jenny Xie
Days at the Morisaki Bookshop — Satoshi Yagisawa

Chicago Author
NONFICTION

If We Burn: The Mass Protest Decade and the Missing Revolution — Vincent Bevins
Anne Boleyn & Elizabeth I: The Mother and Daughter Who Forever Changed British History — Tracy Borman
There Will Be Fire: Margaret Thatcher, the IRA, and Two Minutes that Changed History — Rory Carroll
Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World — Christian Cooper
Poverty, By America — Matthew Desmond
Soil, the Story of a Black Mother’s Garden — Camille T Dungy
The Devil’s Element: Phosphorus and a World Out of Balance — Dan Egan
Girls and Their Monsters: The Genain Quadruplets and the Making of Madness in America — Audrey Clare Farley
Standing in the Forest of Being Alive: A Memoir in Poems — Katie Farris
The Book of (More) Delights: Essays — Ross Gay
Have I Told You This Already? Stories I Don’t Want to Forget to Remember — Lauren Graham
The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder — David Grann
You Just Need to Lose Weight: And 19 other Myths About Fat People — Aubrey Gordon
Bottoms Up and the Devil Laughs: A Journey Through the Deep State — Kerry Howley
Quietly Hostile — Samantha Irby
Doppelganger: A Trip into the Mirror World — Naomi Klein
Carmageddon — Daniel Knowles
Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock — Jenny Odell
Black Women Writers at Work — Edited by Claudia Tate

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MYSTERY
The Ring That Caesar Wore — Ashley Gardner
King of Pride — Ana Huang
A Fatal Illusion — Anna Lee Huber
A Sinister Revenge — Deanna Raybourn
The Shadows of London — Andrew Taylor
A Tempest At Sea — Sherry Thomas
The White Lady — Jacqueline Winspear

GRAPHIC NOVELS
Night Fever — Ed Brubaker
Parasocial — Alex de Campi
A Guest in the House — Emily Carroll
Funny Things: A Comic Strip Biography of Charles M. Schulz — Luca Debus & Francesco Matteuzzi
Know Your Station — Sarah Gailey
The Prophet — Kahil Gibran (Adapted by A. David Lewis and Justin Renteria)
Earthdivers Vol. 1: Kill Columbus — Stephen Graham Jones
Dictatorship: It’s Easier Than You Think! — Sarah Kendzior
Parallel — Matthias Lehmann
Cosmic Detective — Jeff Lemire
Boys Weekend — Mattie Lubchansky
Shubeik Lubeik — Deena Mohamed
Light Carries On — Ray Nadine
Roaming — Jillian Tamaki & Mariko Tamaki

SCIENCE FICTION
Whalefall — Daniel Kraus
Translation State — Anne Leckie
Sleep No More — Seanan McGuire
Radiant Sin — Katee Robert
Nothing But the Rain — Naomi Salman
Mammoths at the Gates — Nghi Vo
System Collapse — Martha Wells