

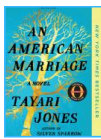
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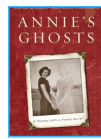
*Book club kit titles are listed
below. What will you read next?*

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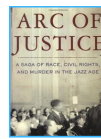
An American Marriage
Jones, Tayari

A novel about the resilience and the strength of love in the face of injustice.



Annie's Ghosts
Luxenberg, Steve

The author shares his story of a search for answers to a family secret. (Non-fiction)



Arc of Justice
Boyle, Kevin

A saga of race, civil rights, and murder in the Jazz Age. (Non-fiction.)



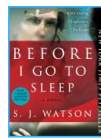
The Art of Racing the Rain
Stein, Garth

A heartwarming novel about love and loss, told from the perspective of a wise dog.



Ask Again, Yes
Keane, Mary Beth

A novel about two neighboring families in a suburban town who experience tragedy, love, and forgiveness.



Before I Go To Sleep
Watson, Steven J.

A psychological thriller about a woman with amnesia who begins to question the truth of her reality.



Black Cake
Wilkerson, Charmaine

A novel about two estranged siblings who delve into their mother's hidden past.



The Book of Two Ways
Picoult, Jodi

A thought-provoking novel about the choices we make in life, and the paths we could have taken.



The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek
Richardson, Kim Michele

A novel about a young woman who brings books to a remote Appalachian community during the Great Depression.



Chevy in the Hole
Ronan, Kelsey

A novel about a recovering addict and an urban farmer who fall in love in Flint as the city struggles to recover from economic and environmental decline.



A Christmas Carol
Dickens, Charles

A classic novella about redemption and the importance of kindness and compassion.



Cutting for Stone
Verghese, Abraham

A novel about twin brothers who grow up in Ethiopia and become doctors, despite the challenges they face.



Daisy Jones and the Six
Reid, Taylor Jenkins

A historical fiction novel that tells the story of a 1970s band that gives interviews leading up to their final show and breakup.



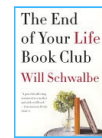
Dear Edward
Napolitano, Ann

A coming-of-age novel about a 12-year-old boy who is the sole survivor of a plane crash that kills his entire family.



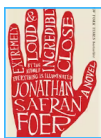
The Elegance of the Hedgehog
Barbery, Muriel

A novel set in a posh Parisian apartment building about the power of the human spirit.



The End of Your Life Book Club
Schwalbe, Will

A memoir about a son and his dying mother who form a book club to help them cope with her terminal illness. (Biography)



Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
Foer, Jonathan Safran

A novel about a young boy's search for closure after the death of his father in the 9-11 attacks.



The Fault in Our Stars
Green, John

A novel about two teenage cancer patients who fall in love and learn to live each day to the fullest.



Fifty Words for Rain
Lemmie, Asha

A novel about a young Japanese woman who overcomes prejudice and hardship to find her place in the world.



The Frozen River
Lawhon, Ariel

A historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system.



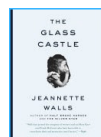
Freedom
Franzen, Jonathan

A novel that follows members of a family and their close friends and lovers, as complex and troubled relationships unfold.



The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon
King, Stephen

A psychological horror novel following Trisha McFarland and the struggles she faces when she finds herself lost in the woods.



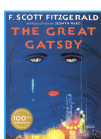
The Glass Castle
Walls, Jeanette

A memoir about growing up with her eccentric parents in a dysfunctional family. (Biography)



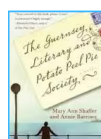
Gone Girl
Flynn, Gillian

A psychological thriller about a marriage gone wrong, told from the alternating perspectives of the husband and wife.



The Great Gatsby
Fitzgerald, F. Scott

A novel about the American Dream, told through the story of a self-made millionaire who is unable to recapture the past.



The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
Shaffer, Mary Ann

A novel about resilience and friendship during World War II.



The Handmaid's Tale
Atwood, Margaret

A futuristic dystopian novel set in a near-future New England in a patriarchal, totalitarian theonomic state known as the Republic of Gilead.



Hidden Figures
Shetterly, Margot Lee

A true story about three African-American women who overcame racism and sexism to become important figures in the Space Race. (Non-fiction)



Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet
Ford, Jamie

A historical fiction novel about a Chinese-American boy and a Japanese-American girl who forge a friendship during WW II.



The Hour I First Believed
Lamb, Wally

A novel about a middle-aged high school teacher who finds faith in the aftermath of a tragedy.



The House in the Cerulean Sea
Klune, TJ

A cosy, enchanting novel about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place.



The Housemaid
McFadden, Freida

A psychological thriller where Millie, an ex-convict, becomes a live-in housekeeper for the wealthy Winchester family.



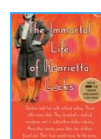
How To Be Perfect
Schurr, Michael

A semi-biographical story about a TV writer who goes on a journey through moral philosophy to try to figure out how to be a better person.



The Ice Queen
Hoffman, Alice

A magical realism novel about a woman who is struck by lightning and discovers her frozen heart is changing.



The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
Skloot, Rebecca

The story of an African-American woman whose cells have been used in medical research without her knowledge. (Non-fiction)



The Immortalists
Benjamin, Chloe

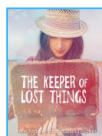
A novel about four siblings who learn the exact date of their deaths from a psychic and must decide how to live their lives accordingly.



The Imperfectionists
Rachman, Tom
A novel about the staff of an English-language newspaper in Rome, whose lives are intertwined in unexpected ways.



The Jane Austen Book Club
Fowler, Karen Joy
A novel about a book club that finds their own relationships begin to mirror those in the Jane Austen novels they discuss.



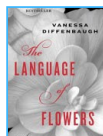
The Keeper of Lost Things
Hogan, Ruth
A novel about memories, the reclaiming of lost items, finding hope and love through uniting lost items with their owners.



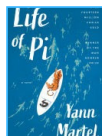
Keepsake
Riggie, Kristina
A novel about two sisters, estranged for years, who are forced to confront their past and their mother's hoarding disorder.



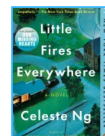
The Larger Queen of Minnesota
Stradal, J. Ryan
A novel about a woman who inherits her family's brewery and sets out to revive it; confronting her family's past and future.



The Language of Flowers
Diffenbaugh, Vanessa
A novel about a young woman who uses her knowledge of the language of flowers to help others communicate feelings.



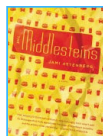
The Life of Pi
Martel, Yann
A philosophical novel about a young man who survives being stranded on a lifeboat in the Pacific Ocean with a Bengal tiger.



Little Fires Everywhere
Ng, Celeste
A novel about two mothers, from different worlds, who come into conflict when their daughters become friends, setting off a chain of events.



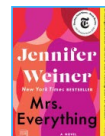
Little French Bistro
George, Nina
A novel about a young woman who inherits her grandmother's French bistro, while also learning about her grandmother's past and her own identity.



The Middlesteins
Attenberg, Jami
A novel that explores the life of a Jewish family in the suburbs of Chicago.



The Ministry of Time
Bradley, Kaliane
A time travel romance, a spy thriller, a workplace comedy, and an ingenious exploration of the nature of power and the potential for love to change it all.



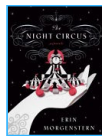
Mrs. Everything
Weiner, Jennifer
A novel two sisters growing up in 1950s Detroit, then growing apart, and then back together.



Murder on the Orient Express
Christie, Agatha
A mystery classic set on a three-day journey through the snowbound Balkan hills.



Next Year in Havana
Cleeton, Chanel
A historical novel about a freelance writer returns to her grandmother's homeland to fulfill her last wish.



The Night Circus
Morgenstern, Erin
A historical fantasy about the rivalry between two forms of magic and two circus magicians who fall in love in despite of it.



Nosy Neighbors
Sampson, Freya
When their apartments face demolition, sworn enemies Kat and Dorothy agree on just one thing: they must save their historic building.



Olive Kitteridge
Strout, Elizabeth
Thirteen stories about residents of a small coastal town in Maine and their link to a retired school teacher.



One Day in December
Silver, Josie
A romantic novel that begins with a chance connection at a bus stop and brews in secret over a number of years.



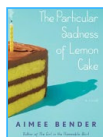
Orphan Train
Kline, Christina Baker
A historical novel about an orphan who takes a position with an elderly woman and discovers that they are more alike than different.



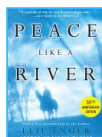
The Orphan's Tale
Pam Jenoff
A historical novel about a Jewish trapeze artist and a Dutch unwed mother bond, each hiding a secret from the Nazi regime.



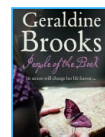
The Paris Wife
McLain, Paula
Biographical fiction about the marriage of author Ernest Hemingway and Hadley Richardson and their time living in Paris.



The Particular Sadness of a Lemon Cake
Bender, Aimee
A magical realism novel about a woman who can sense the emotions of others from their cooking.



Peace Like a River
Enger, Leif
A coming-of-age novel that explores themes of faith, family, and destiny.



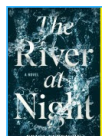
People of the Book
Brooks, Geraldine
A historical novel that tells the story of a 15th-century illuminated manuscript and the people who have cared for it over the centuries.



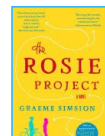
The Red Tent
Diamant, Anita
A novel about the life of Dinah, the daughter of Jacob and Leah, in the biblical story of Genesis.



Remarkable Creatures
Chevalier, Tracy
A historical novel about two 19th-century women who make significant contributions to the field of paleontology.



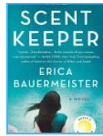
The River of the Night
Ferencik, Erica
A thriller about four friends who go whitewater rafting in the Maine wilderness and are left stranded, fighting for their lives.



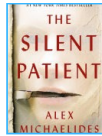
The Rosie Project
Simsion, Graeme C.
A romantic comedy about a socially awkward genetics professor who sets out to find a wife using a scientific method.



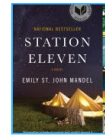
Sarah's Key
Rosnay, Tatiana
A historical novel about a young girl who is sent to a concentration camp during WWII and the woman who discovers her story decades later.



The Scent Keeper
Bauermeister, Erica
A coming-of-age novel about a young woman who discovers the power of scent to unlock hidden truths and reveal her true self.



The Silent Patient
Michaelides, Alex
A novel about a psychotherapist who becomes obsessed with uncovering the motive behind a woman's silence after she murders her husband.



Station Eleven
Mandel, Emily St. John
A post-apocalyptic science fiction novel about a group of musicians who perform Shakespeare and music to keep hope alive.



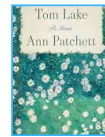
The Tattooist of Auschwitz
Morris, Heather
A historical novel based on the true story of a Jewish man who was forced to work as a tattooist at a concentration camp.



The Thirteenth Tale
Setterfield, Diane
A gothic novel about a young biographer who discovers that her own life is intertwined with the her subject's dark past.



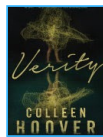
A Thousand Splendid Suns
Hosseini, Khaled
A novel about two Afghan women who find strength in each other as they navigate the turbulent events of their country's history.



Tom Lake
Patchett, Ann
A romance novel following the story of three daughters who yearn to know about their mother's youthful relationship with a famous actor.



Tomorrow, Tomorrow, and Tomorrow
Zevin, Gabrielle
A novel about two friends who contend with the fame, joy and tragedy that comes after success in the video game world.



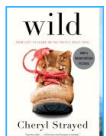
Verity
Hoover, Colleen
A psychological thriller about a young writer hired to complete a popular series, but discovers that the author's real life is even more twisted than her fiction.



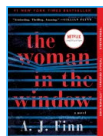
The Wednesday Sisters
Clayton, Meg Waite
A novel about a writing group and friendships through the turbulent 1960s.



Where the Crawdads Sing
Owens, Delia
A novel about a young woman raised in isolation in the North Carolina marshes who must defend herself against a murder charge.



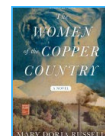
Wild
Strayed, Cheryl
A memoir about a woman who hikes the Pacific Crest Trail after personal tragedy. (Non-fiction)



The Woman in the Window
Finn, A.J.
A thriller novel about an agoraphobic woman who witnesses a crime from her window.



The Woman in the Castle
Shattuck, Jessica
A historical novel about three widows of Nazi resisters who must rebuild their lives in a crumbling Bavarian castle.



The Women of the Copper Country
Russell, Mary Doria
A historical novel about a young woman who leads a strike against a copper mining company.



X
Shabazz, Ilyasah
A young adult novel that provides a fictionalized account of the boy who later became Malcolm X.



You, Me, and the Sea
Donohue, Meg
A suspenseful story set in Northern California's coast about love and tragedy.



The Zookeeper's Wife
Ackerman, Diane
The true story of a Polish zookeeper and his wife who risk their lives to save hundreds of Jews from the Nazis during WWII. (Non-fiction)



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