

TITLE	AUTHOR		DESCRIPTION	MAIN SETTING
<i>Agent Sonya: The Spy Next Door</i>	Ben MacIntyre	Nonfic	This true-life spy story is a masterpiece about the woman code-named “Sonya.” Over the course of her career, she was hunted by the Chinese, the Japanese, the Nazis, MI5, MI6, and the FBI—and she evaded them all.	England
<i>The Art Thief</i>	Michael Finkel	Nonfic	He pulled off more than 200 heists, often in crowded museums in broad daylight. His collection was worth an estimated \$2 billion, displaying his stolen art in his attic bedroom. He felt like a king. Until everything came to a shocking end.	Europe
<i>Astronaut Wives Club</i>	Lily Koppel	Nonfic	As America's Mercury Seven astronauts were launched on death-defying missions, television cameras focused on the brave smiles of their young wives. Overnight, these women were transformed from military spouses into American royalty.	United States
<i>Born a Crime</i>	Trevor Noah	Nonfic	Trevor Noah, one of the comedy world's fastest-rising stars and host of <i>The Daily Show</i> , tells his wild coming-of-age story during the twilight of apartheid in South Africa and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed.	South Africa
<i>Brave the Wild River</i>	Melissa Sevigny	Nonfic	In the summer of 1938, 2 female botanists set off to run the Colorado River. With its churning waters and treacherous boulders, the Colorado was famed as the most dangerous river in the world. No one had yet surveyed the plant life of the Grand Canyon, and they were determined to be the first.	Colorado

<i>A Day in the Life of Abed Salama</i>	Nathan Thrall	Nonfic	A Palestinian father searches Jerusalem for the hospital that accepted his son after an accident, but the military checkpoints won't let him thru.	Israel
<i>Empty Mansions</i>	Bill Dedman	Nonfic	Mysterious life of Huguette Clark and the spending of an American Fortune.	United States
<i>Empire of Pain</i>	Patrick Radden Keefe	Nonfic	Follows a family's early success with Valium to the much more potent OxyContin, marketed with a ruthless technique, down-playing the drug's addictiveness. Chronicling the multiple investigations of the Sacklers and their company, and the scorched-earth legal tactics that the family has used to evade accountability.	United States
<i>Every Valley: The desperate lives and troubled times that made Handel's Messiah</i>	Charles King	Nonfic	Handel's Messiah is a work of triumphant joy born in a worried age. Britain in the early Enlightenment was a place of astonishing creativity but also the seat of an empire mired in war, enslavement, and conflicts over everything from the legitimacy of government to the meaning of truth. Against this turbulent background, prize-winning author Charles King has crafted a cinematic drama of the troubled lives that shaped a masterpiece of hope.	England
<i>Fever in the Heartland</i>	Timothy Egan	Nonfic	The Roaring Twenties has been characterized as a time of Gatsby frivolity. But it was also the height of the uniquely American hate group, the Ku Klux Klan. Their domain was not the old Confederacy, but the Heartland and the West. They hated Blacks, Jews, Catholics and immigrants in equal measure, and took radical steps to keep these people from the American promise.	United States

<i>Forty Autumns</i>	Nina Willner	Nonfic	The story of five women separated by the Iron Curtain for 40 years and their miraculous reunion after the Berlin Wall.	Germany
<i>Hidden Valley Road</i>	Robert Kolker	Nonfic	The Galvin's seemed to be lining the American Dream, but then one by one 6 of their 10 boys were diagnosed as schizophrenic. How could all this happen to one family.	Colorado
<i>Home Baked</i>	Alia Volz	Nonfic	Story of Alia Volz's mother who ran Sticky Fingers Brownies, a pioneering underground bakery that delivered ten thousand marijuana edibles per month to a city in the throes of change.	San Francisco
<i>I'll Be Gone in the Dark</i>	Michelle McNamara	NonFic	True crime account of the Golden State Killer, the elusive serial rapist turned murderer who terrorized California for over a decade	California
<i>*An Immense World</i>	Ed Yong	NonFic	The Earth teems with sights and textures, sounds and vibrations, smells and tastes, electric and magnetic fields. But every kind of animal, including humans, is enclosed within its own unique sensory bubble, perceiving but a tiny sliver of our immense world. Funny, rigorous, and suffused with the joy of discovery.	The world
<i>In the Shadow of the Mountain</i>	Silvia Vasquez-Iavado	NonFic	Endless ice. Thin air. The threat of dropping into nothingness thousands of feet below. This is the climb Silvia Vasquez-Lavado braves in her page-turning, pulse-raising memoir chronicling her journey to Mount Everest.	United States
<i>The Kidnap Years</i>	David Stoud	NonFic	The Great Depression was a time of desperation in America. Adding to the lawlessness of the decade, thugs with submachine guns and corrupt law-enforcement officers ran rampant. But amidst this panic, there was one sure-fire way to make money, one used by criminals and resourceful civilians alike: kidnapping.	United States

<i>The Library Book</i>	Susan Orlean	NonFic	Reopens the unsolved mystery of the most catastrophic library fire in US history and its aftermath to showcase the crucial role that libraries play in our life.	California
<i>The Maid</i>	Stephanie Land	Non Fic	Journalist describes the years she worked in low paying domestic work under wealthy employers.	United States
<i>Mater Slave Husband Wife</i>	Ilyon Woo	NonFic	The remarkable true story of Ellen and William Craft, who escaped slavery through daring, determination, and disguise, with Ellen passing as a wealthy, disabled White man and William posing as “his” slave.	United States
<i>Poverty, by America</i>	Matthew Desmond	NonFic	The United States, the richest country on earth, has more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Why?	United States
<i>Prisoners of the Castle</i>	Ben MacIntyre	NonFic	During WW II, the German army used the towering Colditz Castle to hold the most defiant Allied prisoners. For four years, these prisoners of the castle tested its walls and its guards with ingenious escape attempts that would become legend.	Germany
<i>The Ride of Her Life</i>	Elizabeth Letts	NonFic	In 1954, sixty-three-year-old Maine farmer Annie Wilkins embarked on an impossible journey. She wanted to see the Pacific Ocean so she bought a cast-off brown gelding named Tarzan, donned men’s dungarees, and headed south in mid-November, hoping to beat the snow.	United States
<i>River of the Gods</i>	Candice Millard	Non Fic	For millennia the location of the Nile River’s headwaters was shrouded in mystery. In the 19th century, there was a frenzy of interest in ancient Egypt. At the same time, European powers sent off waves of explorations intended to map the unknown corners of the globe – and extend their colonial empires.	Africa
<i>Say Nothing</i>	Patrick Keefe	Non Fic	1972. Narrative about a notorious killing in Northern Ireland and its devastating repercussions.	Ireland

<i>Soldiers and Kings: Survival and hope in the world of human suffering</i>	Jason De Leon	Nonfic	Political instability, poverty, climate change, and the insatiable appetite for cheap labor all fuel clandestine movement across borders. As those borders harden, the demand for smugglers who aid migrants across them increases every year. Yet the real lives and work of smugglers are only ever reported on from a distance, using tired tropes and stereotypes, often depicted as boogie men and violent warlords. In an effort to better understand this essential global industry, anthropologist and expert Jason De León embedded with a group of smugglers moving migrants across Mexico over the course of seven years.	
<i>Solito</i>	Javier Zamora	Non Fic	A 9 year old boy travels from Central America alone to reach his parents in America. He cannot foresee the perilous boat trips, relentless desert treks, pointed guns, arrests and deceptions that await him; nor can he know that those two week trip will expand into two life-altering months alongside fellow migrants who will come to encircle him like an unexpected family.	Central and North America
<i>The Sound of Gravel</i>	Ruth Wariner	Memoir	The thirty-ninth of her father's forty-two children, Ruth Wariner grew up in polygamist family on a farm in rural Mexico and offers unforgettable portrait of the violence that threatened her community, her family's fierce sense of loyalty, and her own unshakeable belief in the possibility of a better life.	United States
<i>South to America</i>	Imana Perry	NonFic	We all think we know the South. Even those who have never lived there can rattle off a list of signifiers: the Civil War, Gone with the Wind, the Ku Klux Klan, plantations, football, Jim Crow, slavery. But the idiosyncrasies, dispositions, and habits of the region are stranger and more complex	United States

			than much of the country tends to acknowledge.	
<i>The Stranger in the Woods</i>	Michael Finkel	Non Fic	In 1986, twenty-year-old Christopher Knight left his home in Massachusetts, drove to Maine, and disappeared into the woods. He would not have a conversation with another person for the next twenty-seven years.	United States
<i>The Sun Does Shine</i>	Anthony Ray Hinton	Memoir	An innocent man found guilty of murder finds a way to live on death row.	Alabama
<i>The Tender Bar</i>	J.r. Mohringer	Memoir	Story of J.R. Moehringe, who never knew his father, and looks for fatherly replacements at the neighborhood bar.	United States
<i>*The Wager</i>	David Grann	NonFic	On January 28, 1742, a ramshackle vessel of patched-together wood and cloth washed up on the coast of Brazil. Inside were thirty emaciated men, barely alive, and they had an extraordinary tale to tell. They were survivors of His Majesty's Ship the Wager, wrecked on a desolate island off the coast of Patagonia. The men, after being marooned for months and facing starvation, built the flimsy craft and sailed for more than a hundred days. They were greeted as heroes. But then ...	South Pacific
<i>We Kept Out Towns Going</i>	Phyllis Michael Wong	NonFic	Stories of the Gossard Girls women who sewed corsets and bras in the UP from early 20 th century to the 1970s	Michigan
<i>Wicked Takes the Witness Stand</i>	Mardi Link	Non Fic	Tale of murder and twisted deceit in Northern Michigan	Michigan
<i>Woman of No Importance</i>	Sonia Purnell	Non Fic	Untold story of the American spy who helped win WWII, Virginia Hall.	United States, Europe
<i>The Woman They Could Not Silence</i>	Kate Moore	Non Fic	Confined to a mental asylum for disagreeing with her husband, Elizabeth Packard defied all odds as she fought for her freedom and the rights of countless other women confined against their will. With relentless determination, she became a voice that	United States

			resonated across the nation, igniting a movement for change.	
<i>The World According to Fannie Davis</i>	Bridgett M. Davis	Non Fic	In 1958, young mother from Nashville, Tennessee, borrowed \$100 from her brother to run a numbers racket out of her home in Detroit.	Michigan
<i>The Worst Hard Time</i>	Timothy Egan	NonFic	The dust storms that terrorized the High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like nothing ever seen before or since. Following a dozen families and their communities through the rise and fall of the region, Timothy Egan tells of their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding black dust blizzards, crop failure, and the death of loved ones.	United States