December 3, 2020
What the Wind Knows by Amy Harmon, a Novel
In an unforgettable love story, a woman’s impossible journey through the ages could change everything… Anne Gallagher grew up enchanted by her grandfather’s stories of Ireland. Heartbroken at his death, she travels to his childhood home to spread his ashes. There, overcome with memories of the man she adored and consumed by a history she never knew, she is pulled into another time.


January 21, 2021
The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett, a Mystery
The book is a multi-generational family saga set between 1940 and 1990 and centers on identical twin sisters Desiree and Stella Vignes. Looking well beyond the issues of race, it considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires and expectations. It spans nearly a half a century.

https://smile.amazon.com/Evil-Geniuses-Unmaking-America-History/dp/1984801341/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1F3TD7WY1BQ03&dchild=1&keywords=evil+geniuses+kurt+anderson&qid=16030805921&s=books&sprefix=Evil+geniu%2Caps%2C171&sr=1-1

February 25, 2021
Breakfast at Tiffany’s by Truman Capote, a Classic
In this seductive, wistful masterpiece, Truman Capote created a woman whose name has entered the American idiom and whose style is a part of the literary landscape. Holly Golightly knows that nothing bad can ever happen to you at Tiffany’s; her poignancy, wit, and naïveté continue to charm.

https://smile.amazon.com/Breakfast-at-Tiffany%27s-Three-Stories/dp/0679745653
March 25, 2021

**Rules of Civility** by Amor Towles, a Novel
The story of a watershed year in the life of an uncompromising 25 year old woman in New York City in 1938. She embarks on a journey from a Wall St. secretarial pool through the upper echelons of NY society in search of a brighter future. It's the debut novel by Amor Towles author of *A Gentlemen in Moscow*. A love letter to a great city at the end of the Depression.


April 22, 2021

**Hello Darkness, My Old Friend: How Daring Dreams and Unyielding Friendship Turned One Man's Blindness into an Extraordinary Vision for Life.** By Sanford D. Greenberg, a Biography
The remarkable and inspiring story of a Columbia undergrad from a poor Jewish family who, after losing his eyesight to disease during his junior year, finds the power to break through the darkness and fulfill his vision for a life of great professional success and distinguished public service. - Amazon * Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote the Foreword * Art Garfunkel wrote the Introduction.


May 27, 2021

**Evil Geniuses: The Unmaking of America: A recent History**
By Kurt Andersen
Tells the epic history of how America decided that big business gets whatever it wants, only the rich get richer, and nothing should ever change—and charts a way back to the future. Amazon summary

https://www.amazon.com/Evil-Geniuses-Unmaking-AmericaHistory/dp/1984801341
June 24, 2021

Social Graces by Renee Rosen, a Novel
Throws back the curtain on one of the most remarkable feuds in history - Mrs. Vanderbilt's and Mrs. Astor's notorious battle for control of New York Society during the Gilded Age, by Chicago author Renee Rosen.

https://www.amazon.com/Social-Graces-Ren%C3%A9e-Rosen/dp/198480281X

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September 23, 2021

The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson, a Biography
A chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz - an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis. NY Times

https://www.amazon.com/Splendid-Vile-Churchill-Family-Defiance/dp/0385348711/ref=tmm_hrd_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=

October 28, 2021

Give Me Your Hand by Megan Abbott, a Mystery
Chilling tale of two 17m year old girls who fall out, then encounter each other a dozen years later as fellow researchers. The woman of mystery, Diane, exerts scary control over Kit, the self-doubting narrator. From Chicago Tribune Summer Reading Guide