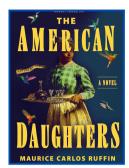
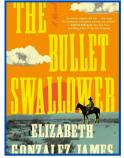


Historical Fiction Book List



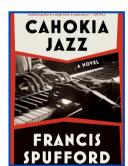
The American Daughters

by Maurice Carlos Ruffin
A novel of hope and triumph that
reminds us what is possible when a
community bands together to fight
for their freedom. "An enthralling tale
of a secret resistance movement run
by Black women in pre-Civil War New
Orleans."—Time



The Bullet Swallower

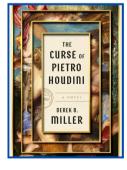
by Elizabeth Gonzalez James
This novel follows a Mexican bandido
as he sets off for Texas to save his
family, only to encounter a mysterious
figure who has come, finally, to collect
a cosmic debt generations in the
making. Who pays for the sins of our
ancestors and is possible to be better
than our forebears.



Cahokia Jazz

by Francis Spufford

Cahokia Jazz inhabits a different version of America--a noirish detective novel set in the 1920s that reimagines how American history would be different if, instead of being decimated, indigenous populations had thrived.



The Curse of Pietri Houdini

by Derek B. Miller

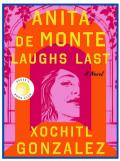
This is a WWII art-heist-adventure tale where enemies become heroes, allies become villains, and a child learns what it means to become an adult— A story where a child navigates one of the most complex fronts of WWII and lives to tell the tale.



The Fox Wife

by Yangsze Choo

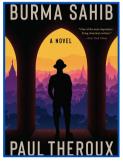
Some people think foxes are similar to ghosts because we go around collecting qi, but nothing could be further than the truth. We are living creatures, just like you, only usually better looking . . . a world of mortals and spirits, humans and beasts, and their dazzling intersection.



Anita de Monte Laughs Last

by Xochitl Gonzalez

A novel about a first-generation Ivy League student who uncovers the genius work of a female artist decades after her suspicious death. This book dares to ask who gets to be remembered and who is left behind in the rarefied world of the elite.



Burma Sahib

by Paul Theroux

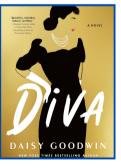
This novel explores one of English literature's most beloved figures—George Orwell—and the early years as an officer in colonial Burma that transformed him from Eric Blair, the British Raj policeman, into Orwell the anticolonial writer.



Cold Victory

by Karl Marlantes

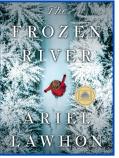
Helsinki, 1947. Finland teeters between the Soviet Union and the West. A wrong look or a wrong word could end in catastrophe. This is a a propulsive and sweeping novel in which loyalty, friendship, and love are put to the ultimate test.



Diva

by Daisy Goldwin

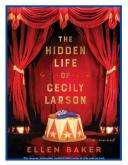
A story of the scandalous love affair between the most celebrated opera singer of all time, Maria Callas, and one of the richest men in the world, Aristotle Onassis. A story of a woman whose talent, unremitting drive and natural chic made her a legend.



The Frozen River

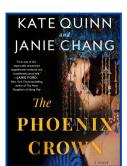
by Ariel Lawhon

A historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history. A story about a woman who left an legacy yet remains nearly forgotten to this day.



The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson by Ellen Baker

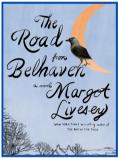
Orphan Train meets Before We Were Yours meets Water for Elephants in this compelling multigenerational novel of survival, love, and the families we make. A drama centered around one remarkable woman and her determination to survive.



The Phoenix Crown

by Kate Quinn

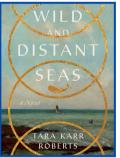
A thrilling and unforgettable narrative about the intertwined lives of two wronged women, spanning from the chaos of the San Francisco earthquake to the glittering palaces of Versailles.



The Road to Belhaven

by Margot Livesey

This is a novel about a woman whose gift of second sight complicates her coming of age in late-nineteenth-century Scotland. Faced with a an impossible choice, she makes a terrible mistake. But her second sight may allow her a second chance.



Wild and Distant Seas

by Tara Karr Roberts

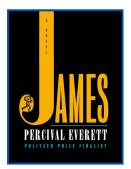
A gorgeous debut, laced through with magic, following four generations of women as they seek to chart their own futures. Evangeline has a curious gift to glimpse and re-form the recent memories of those who would cast her out.



Wolves of Winter

by Dan Jones

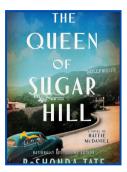
The epic sequel to Essex Dogs, continuing the historian's trilogy and following the fortunes of ten ordinary soldiers during the Hundred Years War. This captivating and darkly comic story brings the fourteenth century vividly to life.



James

by Percival Everett

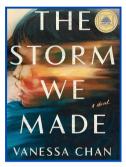
A brilliant, action-packed reimagining of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. Jim's agency, intelligence and compassion are shown in a radically new light.



The Queen of Sugar Hill

by Reshonda Tate

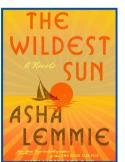
This novel is a fascinating fictional portrait of Hattie McDaniel, one of Hollywood's most prolific but woefully underappreciated stars—and the first Black person ever to win an Oscar for her role as Mammy in the classic film Gone With the Wind.



The Storm We Made

by Vanessa Chan

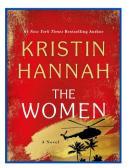
An ordinary housewife becomes an unlikely spy—and her dark secrets will test even the most unbreakable ties. A saga about the horrors of war; the fraught relationships between the colonized and their oppressors, and the ambiguity of right and wrong when survival is at stake.



The Wildest Sun

by Asha Lemmie

This novel introduces a young woman's search for the larger-than-life literary figure she believes to be her father. It's a story about coming into adulthood—from escaping our pasts, to the stories we tell ourselves, to the ambition that drives us—as we seek to find out who we are.



The Women

by Kristen Hannah

The story of one woman gone to war. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism. *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

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