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**Moloka'i / By Alan Brennert. BCIAB#1** (nonfiction) (includes a documentary DVD)

Rachel Kalama, a spirited seven-year-old Hawaiian girl, one day discovers a rose-colored mark on her skin. Taken from her home and family, she is sent to the quarantined leprosy settlement on Moloka'i. Here her life is supposed to end, but instead she discovers it is only beginning.

**The Boston Girl /By Anita Diamant. BCIAB #2**

Now a Grandmother, recapitulating Boston life during the early years of the 20th century to her Granddaughter, Addie Baum who is a loving, caring lead character who matures from a naive young girl to a warm, wise elder. This historical fiction novel presents an enjoyable look at the era, with all its complications and wonders.

**The Sandcastle Girls / By Chris Bohjalian. BCIAB #3**

When Elizabeth Endicott arrives in Aleppo, Syria, she has a diploma from Mount Holyoke, a crash course in nursing, and only the most basic grasp of the Armenian language. It's 1915, and Elizabeth has volunteered to help deliver food and medical aid to refugees of the Armenian Genocide during the First World War. There she meets Armen, a young Armenian engineer who has already lost his wife and infant daughter. After leaving Aleppo and traveling into Egypt to join the British Army, he begins to write Elizabeth letters, realizing that he has fallen in love with the wealthy young American. Years later, their American granddaughter, Laura, embarks on a journey back through her family's history, uncovering a story of love, loss—and a wrenching secret that has been buried for generations.



NEW

**What the Wind Knows/ by Amy Harmon. BCIAB#4**

An Amazon Charts, Wall Street Journal, and Washington Post bestseller. 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.

**The Lost Girl of Paris / By Pam Jenoff. BCIAB#5**

From the author of the runaway bestseller *The Orphan's Tale* comes a remarkable story of friendship and courage centered around three women and a ring of female secret agents during World War II.

**The Nightingale/ By Kristin Hannah. BCIAB#6** (includes audio CD/one large print)

The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah, is about two sisters struggling to survive during World War II in France. One sister is rebellious and intent on fighting for France while the other simply wants to survive the war with her family intact. Both sisters learn who they are and what they are capable of as the war wages on.

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**Glass Castle: A Memoir / By Jeannette Walls. BCIAB#7 (nonfiction)**

A stunning and life-affirming memoir about surviving a willfully impoverished, eccentric, and severely misguided family. The child of an alcoholic father and an eccentric artist mother discusses her family's nomadic upbringing, during which she and her siblings fended for themselves while their parents outmaneuvered bill collectors and the authorities.

**Artemis/ By Andy Weir. BCIAB#8 (Science Fiction)**

The novel takes place in the late 2080s and is set in Artemis, the first and so far only city on the Moon. It follows the life of porter and smuggler Jasmine "Jazz" Bashara as she gets caught up in a conspiracy for control of the city.

**The Nest /By Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney. BCIAB#10**

A warm, funny and acutely perceptive debut novel about four adult siblings and the fate of the shared inheritance that has shaped their choices and their lives. Every family has its problems. But even among the most troubled, the Plumb family stands out as spectacularly dysfunctional. Years of simmering tensions finally reach a breaking point on an unseasonably cold afternoon in New York City as Melody, Beatrice, and Jack Plumb gather to confront their charismatic and reckless older brother, Leo, freshly released from rehab.

**The House of Broken Angels / By Luis Alberto Urrea. BCIAB#11**

In his final days, beloved and ailing patriarch Miguel Angel de La Cruz, affectionately called Big Angel, has summoned his entire clan for one last legendary birthday party. But as the party approaches, his mother, nearly one hundred, dies, transforming the weekend into a farewell doubleheader. Among the guests is Big Angel's half-brother, known as Little Angel, who must reckon with the truth that although he shares a father with his siblings, he has not, as a half gringo, shared a life.

Across two bittersweet days in their San Diego neighborhood, the revelers mingle among the palm trees and cacti, celebrating the lives of Big Angel and his mother, and recounting the many inspiring tales that have passed into family lore, the acts both ordinary and heroic that brought these citizens to a fraught and sublime country and allowed them to flourish in the land they have come to call home.

Teeming with brilliance and humor, authentic at every turn, The House of Broken Angels is Luis Alberto Urrea at his best, and cements his reputation as a storyteller of the first rank.

**The Book Thief / By Markus Zusak. BCIAB#12 (includes DVD)**

Trying to make sense of the horrors of WWII, Death relates the story of Liesel, a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family, the Jewish man they are hiding, and their neighbors.



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**The Vanishing Half/ by Brit Bennett. BCIAB#13**

Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing. Looking well beyond issues of race, *The Vanishing Half* considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires, and expectations, and explores some of the multiple reasons and realms in which people sometimes feel pulled to live as something other than their origins.

**Waiting for Snow in Havana / By Carols Eire. BCIAB#14**

In his deeply moving memoir Carlos Eire describes what it was like to grow up privileged in pre-Castro Havana and how his childhood slowly disintegrated after the Batista government fell. The book is full of the sense of loss and longing for a life long-gone and a future promised but revoked. It speaks of the life that might have been, and the life he found instead. As painful as Eire's journey has been, his ability to see tragedy and suffering as a constant source of redemption is what makes this book so powerful.



NEW

**A Long Petal of The Sea/ by Isabel Allende. BCIAB#15**

In the late 1930s, civil war grips Spain. When General Franco and his Fascists succeed in overthrowing the government, hundreds of thousands are forced to flee in a treacherous journey over the mountains to the French border. Among them is Roser, a pregnant young widow, who finds her life intertwined with that of Victor Dalmau, an army doctor and the brother of her deceased love. In order to survive, the two must unite in a marriage neither of them desires. A masterful work of historical fiction about hope, exile, and belonging, *A Long Petal of the Sea* shows Isabel Allende at the height of her powers.

**The Secrets We Kept / By Lara Prescott. BCIAB#16**

A thrilling tale of secretaries turned spies, of love and duty, and of sacrifice--inspired by the true story of the CIA plot to infiltrate the hearts and minds of Soviet Russia, not with propaganda, but with the greatest love story of the twentieth century: *Doctor Zhivago*.

**A Gentleman in Moscow / By Amor Towles. CIAB#17**

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery. Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

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**Becoming / by Michelle Obama. BCIAB#18**

In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world’s most famous address. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it—in her own words and on her own terms. Warm, wise, and revelatory, *Becoming* is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations—and whose story inspires us to do the same.

**Rules of Civility / By Amor Towles. BCIAB#19**

A sophisticated and entertaining debut novel about an irresistible young woman with an uncommon sense of purpose. Set in New York City in 1938, *Rules of Civility* tells the story of a watershed year in the life of an uncompromising twenty-five-year-old named Katey Kontent. Armed with little more than a formidable intellect, a bracing wit, and her own brand of cool nerve, Katey embarks on a journey from a Wall Street secretarial pool through the upper echelons of New York society in search of a brighter future.

**Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard / By Murray, Liz. BCIAB#20 (nonfiction) (includes documentary DVD)**

*Breaking Night* is the stunning memoir of a young woman who at age fifteen was living on the streets of New York City, and who eventually made it into Harvard.

**The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks / By Rebecca Skloot. BCIAB#21 (includes 1 large print book)**

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first “immortal” human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. Now Rebecca Skloot takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the “colored” ward of Johns Hopkins Hospital in the 1950s to stark white laboratories with freezers full of HeLa cells; from Henrietta’s small, dying hometown of Clover, Virginia to East Baltimore today, where her children and grandchildren live and struggle with the legacy of her cells.

**Before We Were Yours/ By Lisa Wingate. BCIAB # 22**

Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family’s Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge—until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children’s Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents—but they quickly realize the dark truth.

Aiken, South Carolina, present day. Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. But when Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance

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encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family's long-hidden history, on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption. Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals--in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country--Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

**State of Wonder / By Ann Patchett. BCIAB#24** (includes Audio CD)

Dr. Marina Singh, a research scientist with a Minnesota pharmaceutical company, is sent to Brazil to track down her former mentor, Dr. Swenson, who seems to have all but disappeared in the Amazon while working on what is destined to be an extremely valuable new drug. Nothing about Marina's assignment is easy: not only does no one know where Dr. Swenson is, but the last person who was sent to find her, died before he could complete his mission. Plagued by trepidation, Marina embarks on an odyssey into the insect-infested jungle in hopes of finding her former mentor as well as answers to several troubling questions about her friend's death, the state of her company's future, and her own past.

**Turn of Mind / By Alice LaPlante. BCIAB#25** (includes MP3 disc)

*Turn of Mind* is a literary thriller about a retired orthopedic surgeon suffering from dementia and accused of killing her best friend. With unmatched patience and a pulsating intensity, Alice LaPlante's debut novel brings us deep into a brilliant woman's deteriorating mind, where the impossibility of recognizing reality can be both a blessing and a curse. *Turn of Mind* examines the deception and frailty of memory and how it defines our very existence.

**The Island of Sea Women / By Lisa See. BCIAB#26**

Set on the Korean island of Jeju, *The Island of Sea Women* follows Mi-ja and Young-sook, two girls from very different backgrounds, as they begin working in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective. Over many decades—through the Japanese colonialism of the 1930s and 1940s, World War II, the Korean War, and the era of cellphones and wet suits for the women divers—Mi-ja and Young-sook develop the closest of bonds. Nevertheless, their differences are impossible to ignore: Mi-ja is the daughter of a Japanese collaborator, forever marking her, and Young-sook was born into a long line of haenyeo and will inherit her mother's position leading the divers. After hundreds of dives and years of friendship, forces outside their control will push their relationship to the breaking point.

This beautiful, thoughtful novel illuminates a unique and unforgettable culture, one where the women are in charge, engaging in dangerous physical work, and the men take care of the children. A classic Lisa See story—one of women's friendships and the larger forces that shape

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them—The Island of Sea Women introduces readers to the fierce female divers of Jeju Island and the dramatic history that shaped their lives.

**Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History / By S. C. Gwynne. BCIAB#27** (includes audio MP3)

This is a stunningly vivid historical account of the forty-year battle between Comanche Indians and white settlers for control of the American West. It spans two astonishing stories. The first traces the rise and fall of the Comanches, the most powerful Indian tribe in American history. The second entails one of the most remarkable narratives ever to come out of the Old West: the epic saga of the pioneer woman Cynthia Ann Parker and her mixed-blood son Quanah, who became the last and greatest chief of the Comanches.

**Where the Crawdads Sing / By Delia Owens. BCIAB#28** (Includes 1 Large Print copy)

For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Karen Russell, *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

**The Bees: a novel/ By Laline Paull. BCIAB#29** (Includes Audio CD)

Flora 717 is a sanitation worker, a member of the lowest caste in her orchard hive where work and sacrifice are the highest virtues and worship of the beloved Queen the only religion. But Flora is not like other bees. With circumstances threatening the hive's survival, her curiosity is regarded as a dangerous flaw but her courage and strength are an asset. She is allowed to feed the newborns in the royal nursery and then to become a forager, flying alone and free to collect pollen. She also finds her way into the Queen's inner sanctum, where she discovers mysteries about the hive that are both profound and ominous.

NEW

**The Giver of Stars/by Jojo Moyes. BCIAB #30**

From the author of *The Last Letter from Your Lover*, soon to be a major motion picture on Netflix, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond in Depression-era America. Based on a true story rooted in America's past, *The Giver of Stars* is unparalleled in its scope and epic in its storytelling. Funny,

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heartbreaking, enthralling, it is destined to become a modern classic--a richly rewarding novel of women's friendship, of true love, and of what happens when we reach beyond our grasp for the great beyond.

**Vox/ By Christina Dalcher. BCIAB #31**

Vox is an unforgettable story of what one woman will do to protect herself and her daughter. On the day the government decrees that women are no longer allowed more than one hundred words per day, Dr. Jean McClellan is in denial. This can't happen here. Not in America. Not to her. Soon women are not permitted to hold jobs. Girls are not taught to read or write. Females no longer have a voice. Before, the average person spoke sixteen thousand words each day, but now women have only one hundred to make themselves heard. For herself, her daughter, and every woman silenced, Jean will reclaim her voice. This is just the beginning...not the end. One of Good Morning America 's "Best Books to Bring to the Beach This Summer" One of PopSugar, Refinery29, Entertainment Weekly, Bustle, Really Simple, i09, and Amazon's Best Books to Read in August 2018

**Code talker: the first and only memoir by one of the original Navajo code talkers of WWII/  
/ By Chester Nez and Judith Schiess Avila. BCIAB#32(Includes Audio CD)**

In this novel, a man is telling his grandchildren how he came to receive several medals for his service in World War II. The grandfather, Ned Begay, was born on Navajo land, but attended a boarding school in order to learn English. Throughout his childhood Ned was told by the white man that using his sacred language was wrong. However, when World War II broke out, Ned learned that the government was recruiting Navajo men to use their language as a code the enemy could not decipher. Ned quickly chose to join up and play his part. Code Talker is a novel that is based in true history about American heroes who are all too often overlooked.

**The Dining Car/ By Eric W. Peterson. BCIAB#33**

Brilliant, athletic Jack Marshall was a Stanford football star whose career ended after a shameful accident. After recovering from his downfall, Jack becomes a bartender on an elaborate, anachronistic railroad dining car owned by rich, alcoholic, famously eccentric Horace Button, a nationally acclaimed food and wine writer. Horace is a politically connected culinary aesthete who has hired the 25-year-old Jack to perform "the menial tasks of a busboy," but his deeper abilities are never entirely ignored. Throughout journeys across the country in the rolling bar/restaurant/sleeper car, with its remarkably lovable/hateable owner and its extraordinarily talented chef Wanda Nordquist, Jack outgrows his flaws.

 **The Tattooist of Auschwitz/ by Heather Morris. BCIAB #34**

This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on interviews that were conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov—an unforgettable love story in the midst of atrocity. A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful re-

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creation of Lale Sokolov's experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions.

**Orphan Train / By Christina Baker Kline. BCIAB #35** (includes audio CD/one large print)

A captivating story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship: a 91-year-old woman with a hidden past as an orphan-train rider and the teenage girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers to questions no one has ever thought to ask.

**Me Before You / By Jojo Moyes. BCIAB #36** (includes audio CD/one large print)

A Love Story for this generation, *Me Before You* brings to life two people who couldn't have less in common—a heartbreakingly romantic novel that asks, what do you do when making the person you love happy also means breaking your own heart?

**The Burning Girl / By Claire Messud. BCIAB #37**

Julia and Cassie have been friends since nursery school. They have shared everything, including their desire to escape the stifling limitations of their birthplace, the quiet town of Royston, Massachusetts. But as the two girls enter adolescence, their paths diverge and Cassie sets out on a journey that will put her life in danger and shatter her oldest friendship

**Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics / By Daniel James Brown. BCIAB #38** (Nonfiction) (includes audio CD/ one large print)

Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant. It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler.

**A Tree Grows in Brooklyn / By Betty Smith. BCIAB #39** (includes audio CD/one large print)

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* is a richly plotted narrative of three generations in a poor but proud American family offering a detailed and unsentimental portrait of urban life at the beginning of the century.

**The Last Runaway / By Tracy Chevalier. BCIAB #40** (includes audio CD/one large print)

*The Last Run Away* brings to life the Underground Railroad and illuminates the principles, passions and realities that fueled this extraordinary freedom movement.



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**The Light Between Oceans / By M.L. Stedman. BCIAB #41** (includes audio CD)

A novel set on a remote Australian island, where a childless couple live quietly running a lighthouse, until a boat carrying a baby washes ashore.



NEW

**The Four Winds/ By Kristin Hannah. BCIAB #42**

Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance. In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

**The Daughter of Time / By Josephine Tey. BCIAB #43** (include audio CD/one large print)

*The Daughter of Time* is a 1951 detective novel concerning a modern police officer's investigation into the alleged crimes of King Richard III of England.

**Born a Crime/ By Trevor Noah. BCIAB #44**

Trevor Noah was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa's tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure, living openly and freely and embracing the opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle.

**Antonieta / By John Hersey. BCIAB #45**

A saga of a magnificent violin, *Antonieta*, named after a beautiful woman who was the inspiration of Antonio Stradivari's later years. As Hersey brings Mozart, Berlioz, and Stravinsky to life, he offers us a marvelous celebration of the changing character and eternal art and power of music.

**Educated / By Tara Westover. BCIAB #46**

Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag". In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged in her father's junkyard.

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Her father forbade hospitals, so Tara never saw a doctor or nurse. Gashes and concussions, even burns from explosions, were all treated at home with herbalism. The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent.

Then, lacking any formal education, Tara began to educate herself. She taught herself enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she studied history, learning for the first time about important world events like the Holocaust and the civil rights movement. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

*Educated* is an account of the struggle for self-invention. It is a tale of fierce family loyalty and of the grief that comes with severing the closest of ties. With the acute insight that distinguishes all great writers, Westover has crafted a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes and the will to change it.

**The Great Believers / By Rebecca Makkai. BCIAB #47**

In 1985, Yale Tishman, the development director for an art gallery in Chicago, is about to pull off an amazing coup, bringing in an extraordinary collection of 1920s paintings as a gift to the gallery. Yet as his career begins to flourish, the carnage of the AIDS epidemic grows around him. One by one, his friends are dying and after his friend Nico's funeral, the virus circles closer and closer to Yale himself. Soon the only person he has left is Fiona, Nico's little sister.

Thirty years later, Fiona is in Paris tracking down her estranged daughter who disappeared into a cult. While staying with an old friend, a famous photographer who documented the Chicago crisis, she finds herself finally grappling with the devastating ways AIDS affected her life and her relationship with her daughter. The two intertwining stories take us through the heartbreak of the eighties and the chaos of the modern world, as both Yale and Fiona struggle to find goodness in the midst of disaster.

**Little Fires Everywhere/ By Celeste Ng. BCIAB #48**

*Little Fires Everywhere* explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood—and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster.

**Destiny of the Republic: a tale of madness, medicine and the murder of a President by Candice Millard. BCIAB #49 (includes audio CD/one large print)**

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A narrative account of the twentieth president's political career offers insight into his background as a scholar and Civil War hero, his battles against the corrupt establishment, and Alexander Graham Bell's failed attempt to save him from an assassin's bullet.

**The Wanderers/ By Meg Howrey. (BCIAB) #50**

In four years, aerospace giant Prime Space will put the first humans on Mars. Helen Kane, Yoshihiro Tanaka, and Sergei Kuznetsov must prove they're the crew for the historic voyage by spending seventeen months in the most realistic simulation ever created.

Constantly observed by Prime Space's team of "Obbers," Helen, Yoshi, and Sergei must appear ever in control. But as their surreal pantomime progresses, each soon realizes that the complications of inner space are no less fraught than those of outer space.

**March/ By John Lewis. BCIAB # 51**

Volume one of *March*, a graphic novel trilogy co-authored by Congressman John Lewis (Georgia-5) and Andrew Aydin, with art by Nate Powell, spans John Lewis' youth in rural Alabama, his life-changing meeting with Martin Luther King, Jr., the birth of the Nashville Student Movement, and their battle to tear down segregation through nonviolent lunch counter sit-ins, building to a stunning climax on the steps of City Hall. Many years ago, John Lewis and other student activists drew inspiration from the 1958 comic book "Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story." Now, his own comics bring those days to life for a new audience, testifying to a movement whose echoes will be heard for generations. Coretta Scott King Author Honor Books selection-recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults- "March- Book One."

**In the Midst of Winter/ By Isabel Allende. BCIAB # 52**

*In the Midst of Winter* begins with a minor traffic accident--which becomes the catalyst for an unexpected and moving love story between two people who thought they were deep into the winter of their lives.

Richard Bowmaster--a 60-year-old human rights scholar--hits the car of Evelyn Ortega--a young, undocumented immigrant from Guatemala--in the middle of a snowstorm in Brooklyn. What at first seems just a small inconvenience takes an unforeseen and far more serious turn when Evelyn turns up at the professor's house seeking help. At a loss, the professor asks his tenant Lucia Maraz--a 62-year-old lecturer from Chile--for her advice. These three very different people are brought together in a mesmerizing story that moves from present-day Brooklyn to Guatemala in the recent past to 1970s Chile and Brazil, sparking the beginning of a long overdue love story between Richard and Lucia.

**The Aviator's Wife / By Melanie Benjamin. BCIAB #53**

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A story inspired by the marriage between Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh traces the romance between a handsome young aviator and a shy ambassador's daughter whose relationship is marked by wild international acclaim.

**Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine / By Gail Honeyman. BCIAB #54**

Meet Eleanor Oliphant: she struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding unnecessary human contact, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy.

But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen, the three rescue one another from the lives of isolation that they had been living. Ultimately, it is Raymond's big heart that will help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one. If she does, she'll learn that she, too, is capable of finding friendship—and even love—after all.

Smart, warm, uplifting, Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine is the story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey as she realizes. . .the only way to survive is to open your heart.

**Beartown / By Fredrik Backman. BCIAB#55**

A dazzling, profound novel about a small town with a big dream—and the price required to make it come true. Beartown is a tiny community nestled deep in the forest, it is slowly losing ground to the ever encroaching trees. But down by the lake stands an old ice rink, built generations ago by the working men who founded this town. And in that ice rink is the reason people in Beartown believe tomorrow will be better than today.

Their junior ice hockey team is about to compete in the national semi-finals, and they actually have a shot at winning. All the hopes and dreams of this place now rest on the shoulders of a handful of teenage boys. Being responsible for the hopes of an entire town is a heavy burden, and the semi-final match is the catalyst for a violent act that will leave a young girl traumatized and a town in turmoil. Accusations are made and, like ripples on a pond, they travel through all of Beartown, leaving no resident unaffected.

**Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History / By Erik Larson. BCIAB#56**  
(includes 1 large print)

Using Cline's own telegrams, letters, and reports, the testimony of scores of survivors, and our latest understanding of the science of hurricanes, Larson builds a chronicle of one man's heroic struggle and fatal miscalculation in the face of a storm of unimaginable magnitude. Riveting,

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powerful, and unbearably suspenseful, this is the story of what can happen when human arrogance meets the great uncontrollable force of nature.

**Everything I Never Told You / By Cynthia Ng. BCIAB#57** (includes audio CD)

This novel examines a middle class mixed-racial family in suburban 1970s Ohio. After the middle child disappears and is discovered dead at the bottom of a lake, the family will have to revisit painful memories that have contributed to extremely tense and fragile family dynamics. Through shifting perspectives and shifts in time you explore the danger in silence and repression and the repercussions of never voicing how you really feel.

**A Man Called Ove / By Fredrick Backman. BCIAB#58** (includes one large print book)

In this bestselling and delightfully quirky debut novel a grumpy yet loveable man finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door. This feel-good story is a thoughtful and charming exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others.

**Circling The Sun / By Paula McLain. BCIAB#59** (includes a large print book and audio CD)

McLain provides a fascinating portrayal of Beryl Markham, a complex and strong-willed woman who fought to make her way in the world on her terms. McLain paints a captivating portrait of Africa in the 1920s and the life of expats making their home there.

**Ready Player One/ By Ernest Cline. BCIAB # 60** (includes DVD)

It's 2045, with the world on the brink of chaos and collapse, but the people have found salvation in the OASIS, an expansive virtual reality universe created by the brilliant and eccentric James Halliday. When Halliday dies, he leaves his immense fortune to the first person to find a digital Easter egg he has hidden somewhere in the OASIS, sparking a contest that grips the entire world. When an unlikely young hero named Wade Watts decides to join the contest, he is hurled into a breakneck, reality-bending treasure hunt through a fantastical universe of mystery, discovery and danger