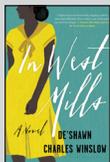


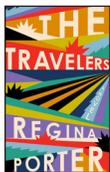
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Introduce **Summer/Fall 2019**



In West Mills, De'Shawn Charles Winslow, Bloomsbury Publishing, 9781635573404, \$26, Hardcover Fiction, 6/4/2019

"From the first pages of In West Mills, which begins in 1941 and spans more than six decades, I knew that the main character, Knot, would be someone I'd follow to the ends of the earth. Stubborn, brilliant, dysfunctional, and reckless, she barrels and crashes through her life, often with a jar of moonshine in her hands."

—Elissa Sweet, Bank Square Books, Mystic, CT



The Travelers, Regina Porter, Hogarth, 9780525576198, \$27, Hardcover Fiction, 6/18/2019

"I'm blown away by the fact that this stunning work is a debut effort. It's a sweeping history of our country and the traumas we have yet to fully heal from, spanning the American South in the '50s through the early days of Obama's presidency. It's told through a series of narratives that connect unexpectedly and beautifully...the writing is both powerful and restrained." —Vanessa Diaz, The Book Catapult, San Diego, CA



Knitting the Fog, Claudia D. Hernández, The Feminist Press at CUNY, 9781936932542, \$16.95, Paperback Memoir, 7/9/2019

"This is one of those remarkable books that entirely transports you to another time and place, and lets you see the world through someone else's perspective. Hernández's writing is unique and exquisite, weaving narrative and poetry into a beautiful and timely story of family, growing up, and leaving everything you know for a chance at a better life." —Hillary Smith, Copperfield's Books, Calistoga, CA



Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss, Margaret Renkl, Milkweed Editions, 9781571313782, \$24, Hardcover Essays, 7/9/2019

"Margaret Renkl feels the lives and struggles of each creature that enters her yard as keenly as she feels the paths followed by her mother, grandmother, her people. Learning to accept the sometimes harsh, always lush natural world may crack open a window to acceptance of our own losses. In Late Migrations, we welcome new life, mourn its passing, and honor it along the way." —Kat Baird, The Book Bin, Corvallis, OR



Let's Hope for the Best, Carolina Setterwall, Little, Brown and Company, 9780316489621, \$27, Hardcover Fiction, 7/9/2019

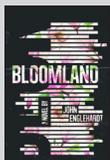
"An absorbing narrative that alternates between the delights of falling in love and the excruciating grief of suddenly losing a spouse. By shifting back and forth in time, the book gradually converges on a tragedy that's already known, then extends toward an uncertain future filled with new love but also fresh questions."

—Bradley Graham, Politics and Prose Bookstore, Washington, DC



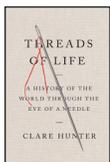
The Lightest Object in the Universe, Kimi Eisele, Algonquin Books, 9781616207939, \$26.95, Hardcover Fiction, 7/9/2019

"What a pleasure to read a hopeful post-apocalyptic novel that demonstrates that love still matters and that new communities can form by taking the best of the knowledge that we have collected and putting it together to start to rebuild society in a thoughtful way." —Jessica Osborne, E. Shaver, Bookseller, Savannah, GA



Bloomland, John Englehardt, Dzanc, 9781945814938, \$26.95, Hardcover Fiction, 9/10/2019

"This book, the story of gun violence on a university campus and its aftermath as told from the perspective of a student, the shooter, and a teacher, is truly remarkable. I could not put this book down. With some of the most breathtaking passages about love and loss that I have ever read, I will be thinking of Bloomland for a very long time." —Hillary Smith, Copperfield's Books, Calistoga, CA



Threads of Life, Clare Hunter, Abrams Press, 9781419739538, \$27, Hardcover Nonfiction, 10/1/2019

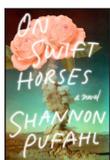
"Far more than an entertaining survey of needlework, this debut work from Clare Hunter weaves the history of the human race through its stitches. From the author's early descriptions of the Bayeux tapestry to Mary, Queen of Scots to British soldiers and prisoners of war, it's a story told in panels both large and small, but all utterly captivating." —Anne Holman, The King's English, Salt Lake City, UT



Ordinary Girls, Jaquira Díaz, Algonquin Books, 9781616209131, \$26.95, Hardcover Memoir, 10/29/2019

"Ordinary Girls crackles with life! Díaz's memoir vividly portrays life growing up in Puerto Rico and Miami, poverty, drug abuse, mental illness, 'ordinary girls,' suicide, and being gay in a culture that doesn't accept homosexuality. The language has a lively rhythm reflective of the staccato quality of Díaz's early years."

—Sally Wizik Wills, Beagle and Wolf Books & Bindery, Park Rapids, MN



On Swift Horses, Shannon Pufahl, Riverhead Books, 9780525538110, \$27, Hardcover Fiction, 11/5/2019

"It's hard to overstate the beauty and lyricism of Pufahl's writing in this strange, lovely tale of two people adrift in the American West. Muriel is a young newlywed who follows her husband to San Diego after the Korean War, and Julius is her brother-in-law, a thief who drops in and out of her life. Both are seeking love and good fortune, but neither is sure what that means, or where to find it." —Erika VanDam, RoscoeBooks, Chicago, IL

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Midsummer's Mayhem, Rajani LaRocca, Yellow Jacket, 9781499808889, \$16.99, Hardcover Middle Grade, 6/11/2019

"What a fun, delicious read! Mimi bakes scrumptious goodies to express her heart, but is she good enough to win the While Away baking prize and an opportunity to work with her favorite chef? And can she figure out why her family is acting so strangely?" —Joan Trygg, Red Balloon Bookshop, Minneapolis, MN



The Grief Keeper, Alexandra Villasante, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 9780525514022, \$17.99, Hardcover Young Adult, 6/11/2019

"This is exactly the kind of young adult novel I want to see in the world right now. Marisol's journey as an LGBTQ asylum seeker in the U.S. brings light to the physical and emotional burdens we place upon migrants, while centering on sisterhood, love, and deep inner strength. This book is topical, thought-provoking, beautifully written, and absolutely essential reading." —Casey Leidig, Green Apple Books on the Park, San Francisco, CA



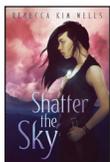
Wilder Girls, Rory Power, Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 9780525645580, \$18.99, Hardcover Young Adult, 7/9/2019

"How do love, family, friendship, and hope survive when life and nature are twisted beyond recognition, as bodies, trust, and bonds are repeatedly tested and torn? This story of girls locked in an ever-changing, ever-escalating battle to uncover the truth and survive the unimaginable thrums with power, fury, and an achingly beautiful tenderness. An absolute stunner." —Jill Sweeney-Bosa, Water Street Bookstore, Exeter, NH



The Merciful Crow, Margaret Owen, Henry Holt and Co. Books for Young Readers, 9781250191922, \$18.99, Hardcover Young Adult, 7/30/2019

"The world-building begins on page one of this excellent fantasy, which is full of action, adventure, and magic. Though set in a fanciful medieval world, the questions it poses are timeless: Who is important, who does society value, and how do we live up to our potential? The Crows are fighting for survival and the stakes couldn't be higher." —Raissa Larson, King's Books, Tacoma, WA



Shatter the Sky, Rebecca Kim Wells, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 9781534437906, \$18.99, Hardcover Young Adult, 7/30/2019

"Every so often, a book comes along that hits all of your favorite things and knocks it out of the park. Dragons? It's got 'em. Queer person-of-color protagonist? Check. A world reminiscent of Avatar: The Last Airbender? You got it! Wells delivers sharp, nuanced political commentary and a fast-paced plot full of intrigue and deception that will delight fantasy fans everywhere." —Sami Thomason, Square Books, Oxford, MS



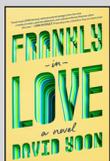
Dear Haiti, Love Alaine, Maika Moulite & Maritza Moulite, Inkyard Press, 9781335777096, \$18.99, Hardcover Young Adult, 9/3/2019

"This debut author duo has created an effervescent heroine who uses her burgeoning investigative skills to uncover a dark family history. Along the way, she has to navigate the often-snarky world of social media, the crushing poverty in Haiti, and the sad realization that her nuclear family is changing rapidly, no matter the drastic steps she takes." —Pam Moser, Pacific Island Books, Thornton, CO



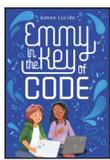
All the Impossible Things, Lindsay Lackey, Roaring Brook Press, 9781250202864, \$16.99, Hardcover Middle Grade, 9/3/2019

"All the Impossible Things touched my heart in the way that only truly fantastic middle-grade lit can. The struggles of a mother's addiction and a daughter's loyalty are tempered with love, friendship, and one cool tortoise. This is the perfect book." —Liz Rice, The Book Cellar, Chicago, IL



Frankly in Love, David Yoon, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 9781984812209, \$18.99, Hardcover Young Adult, 9/10/2019

"A fun, realistic pair of love stories that accurately address the challenges of meeting your parents' expectations while going after what your heart wants. Twists, turns, and humor bring light to nuanced prejudices. A frank, funny read." —Jen Kraar, City of Asylum Bookstore, Pittsburgh, PA



Emmy in the Key of Code, Aimee Lucido, Versify, 9780358040828, \$16.99, Hardcover Middle Grade, 9/24/2019

"Resonant verse melds together the world of music and the world of code—two worlds that Emmy is unsure can coexist as she navigates through the ups and downs of starting a new school, finding her passions, and making true friends." —Casey Leidig, Green Apple Books on the Park, San Francisco, CA



Slay, Brittney Morris, Simon Pulse, 9781534445420, \$18.99, Hardcover Young Adult, 9/24/2019

"Kiera defines herself differently in her two worlds: in one, she's the perfect minority student at her private school, while in the other, she has secretly created an online role-playing world for hundreds of thousands of black players—SLAY. When a murder occurs, Kiera questions everything about her identity and motivations." —Jen Kraar, City of Asylum Bookstore, Pittsburgh, PA