Fiction:

Banks, Russell. *Lost Memory of Skin*. Ecco. (9780061857638)
A surprisingly sympathetic exploration of the lives and treatment of sex offenders and how this reflects on our society.

Barnes, Julian. *The Sense of An Ending*. Knopf. (9780307957122)
A 60-something retiree living near London searches through his memories to discern what role, if any, he may have played in a decades-old tragedy.

dewitt, Patrick. *The Sisters Brothers*. Ecco (9780062041265)
A darkly comic and quixotic quest western tale about two brothers whose divergent world views are presented in sparkling prose and originality.

Goldman, Francisco. *Say Her Name*. Grove. (978082119810)
Poetic novelization of the author’s struggle to cope with his young wife’s accidental death.

One man’s failure to attain perfect on the baseball field reveals the pain and beauty that life offers in this psychologically astute novel.

MacLeod, Alexander. *Light Lifting*. Biblioasis. (9781897231944)
Seven fearless short stories explore the limits of physical and emotional endurance in muscular prose.

After the death of her beloved grandfather, a young doctor navigates family history, folklore, and love across ethnic barriers in a war-torn country.

*Ondaatje, Michael. *The Cat’s Table*. Knopf. (9780307700117)
An adventurous 21-day ocean voyage filled with a rich assortment of characters and escapades resonates through a boy’s life on his way to a new life.

In an adulthood marred by family dysfunction, an author who dislikes Shakespeare reluctantly finds himself in possession of the Bard’s lost gem. Or does he?
Russell, Karen.  Swamplandia!  Knopf.  (9780307263995)  
An inventive story set in an alligator theme-park navigates boundaries between childhood and adulthood, imagination and reality, in an American landscape both familiar and surreal.

Torres, Justin.  We the Animals.  Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.  (9780547576725)  
Searing portrait of a troubled, mixed-race working class family centers on the youngest son as he struggles to find his identity amid affection and abuse.

Trevor, William.  Selected Stories.  Viking.  (9780670022069)  
These finely sculpted and timeless stories provide a greater appreciation for finding beauty in the minutiae of daily life.

NONFICTION:

Adams, Mark.  Right Turn at Machu Picchu: Rediscovering the Lost City One Step at a Time.  Dutton  
(9780525952244)  985 Ada  
In this humorous travelogue, the author sprinkles historical anecdote with investigative reporting as he retraces the steps of early explorers into ancient Peru.

*Bartók, Mira.  The Memory Palace.  Free Press.  (9781439183311)  Biography Bartok  
Beautifully wrought memoir chronicles the 17-year estrangement of the author and her homeless, schizophrenic mother, and the painful reunion that brings them together.

This comprehensive study, a melodic interplay between science and literature, documents the transmission of human knowledge from the talking drums to the Internet.

Meditation on the power of literature, examining how a medieval book hunter’s serendipitous discovery of an ancient prose poem provides a theoretical bridge to the Renaissance.

An Olympic runner’s physical and inner-strength is tested by the experience and aftermath of a plane crash, 42 days at sea, and Japanese imprisonment.

Hitchens, Christopher.  Arguably: Essays.  Twelve.  (9781455502776)  081 Hit  
Polymath and public intellectual displays his considerable range and biting wit in these thoughtful, incisive pieces that provoke and challenge.
Elegant, authoritative work traces the evolution of classical dance from the 16th century to today, highlighting social and cultural dimensions of this traditional art form.

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Entertaining look at the complexities and oddities that characterize our mental processes from the only psychologist ever to have won the Nobel Prize for Economics.

Definitive work on his life and transformation from petty thief to charismatic leader during the turbulent civil rights era.

Era of great corrupt and change in U.S. history is illuminated through the tragic story of two men – one destined for greatness, the other a madman.

*Mukherjee, Siddhartha. *Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer*. Scribner. (9781439107959) 616.944 Muk
The history of these diseases and their treatment is examined through the stories of those seeking to discover a cure and the individuals affected.

An investigation of the origins, personalities, and controversies of this uniquely American religious movement.

**POETRY:**

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A vigorous new translation of the French prodigy’s last poems as rendered by one of America’s finest contemporary poets.

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