

June Indie Playlist

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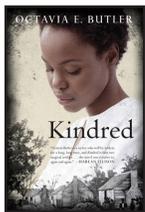
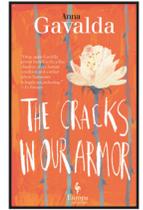
SUMMER READS

The Cracks in Our Armor

ANNA GAVALDA

In this collection of short stories, all written in the first person, Anna Gavalda has created an ode to those who confront their vulnerabilities and admit their weaknesses. These tales illustrate the importance of moving beyond the wounds of the past and embracing love, friendship, forgiveness, and family.

Europa Editions | 9781609454968 | \$17.00 | PB | Contact your PGW/Ingram representative | Promo Code= IN06



Kindred

OCTAVIA E. BUTLER

Dana, a modern black woman, is celebrating her twenty-sixth birthday with her new husband when she is snatched abruptly from her home in California and transported to the antebellum South. Dana is drawn back repeatedly through time to the slave quarters, and each time the stay grows longer, more arduous, and more dangerous until it is uncertain whether or not Dana's life will end, long before it has a chance to begin.

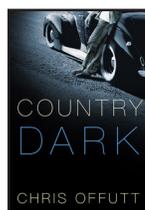
Beacon Press | 9780807083697 | \$16.00 | PB | Contact your Penguin Random House Representative | Promo Code = RHP058 Reason Code = E15

Motherland

MARIA HUMMEL

Inspired by stories from author Maria Hummel's father and his German childhood, and letters between her grandparents that were hidden in an attic wall for fifty years, *Motherland* is the author's attempt to reckon with her family's complicated history.

Catapult | 9781619022379 | \$15.95 | PB | Contact your PGW/Ingram representative | Promo Code= IN06



Country Dark

CHRIS OFFUTT

Tucker, a young veteran, returns from war to work for a bootlegger. He falls in love and starts a family, and while the Tuckers don't have much, they have the love of their home and each other. But when his family is threatened, Tucker is pushed into violence, which changes everything. *Country Dark* is a novel that blends the best of Larry Brown and James M. Cain, with a noose tightening evermore around a man who just wants to protect those he loves. It reintroduces the vital and absolutely distinct voice of Chris Offutt, a voice we've been missing for years.

"Chris Offutt's new novel is almost impossible not to race through, but it also must be savored for its artful but unpretentious phrasing, and for its many surprises, which we won't talk about here."—Richard Howorth, Square Books, Oxford, MS

Grove Atlantic | 9780802127792 | \$24.00 | HC | Contact your PGW/Ingram representative | Promo Code= IN06

Babylon

YASMINA REZA, Translated by LINDA ASHER

Winner of the Prix Renaudot, Shortlisted for the Prix Goncourt

Elisabeth is a woman whose curiosity and passion far exceed the borders of her quiet middle-class life. She befriends a neighbor, organizes a small dinner party. And then, quite suddenly, finds herself embarked with him on an adventure that is one part vaudeville and one part high tragedy. A quiet novel of manners turns into a police procedural thriller.

"Reza is fascinated by what almost always remains unsaid: What happens if we dare to speak our minds? *Babylon* is darker and more mysterious than the plays that have brought her the most renown"—Erica Wagner, *The New York Times Book Review*

Seven Stories Press | 9781609808327 | \$23.95 | HC | Contact your Penguin Random House Representative | Promo Code = RHP058 Reason Code = E15



Freshwater

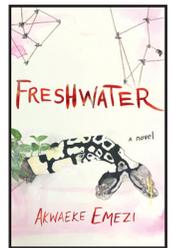
AKWAEKE EMEZI

A National Book Foundation “5 Under 35” Honoree, Finalist for the PEN/Hemingway Award for a Debut Novel, Shortlisted for the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize, A *New York Times* Notable Book

Freshwater tells the story of Ada, an unusual child who is a source of deep concern to her southern Nigerian family. Young Ada is troubled, prone to violent fits. Born “with one foot on the other side,” she begins to develop separate selves within her as she grows into adulthood. Written with stylistic brilliance and based in the author’s realities, *Freshwater* dazzles with ferocious energy and serpentine grace.

“*Freshwater* gives us new vocabulary and territories for exploring the awkwardness of intersections that we encounter—gender, culture, tradition, history, personal mythology—and how one might go about locating herself in the pull of so many competing influences.”—Sarah Bumstead, Vroman’s Bookstore, Pasadena, CA

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The Seed Collectors

SCARLETT THOMAS

A complex and fiercely contemporary tale of inheritance, enlightenment, life, death, desire and family trees, *The Seed Collectors* is a ‘treasure house of detail’ revealing all that it means to be connected, to be part of a society, to be part of the universe and to be human.

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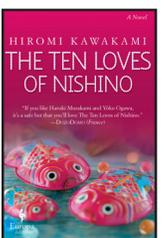
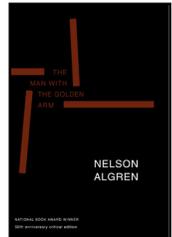
The Man with the Golden Arm (50th Anniversary Critical Edition)

NELSON ALGREN, Edited by WILLIAM J. SAVAGE JR. and DANIEL SIMON, Contribution by KURT VONNEGUT and STUDS TERKEL

First National Book Award Winner, 1950

The literary critic Malcolm Cowley called *The Man with the Golden Arm* “Algren’s defense of the individual,” while Carl Sandburg wrote of its “strange midnight dignity.” A literary tour de force, here is a novel unlike any other, one in which drug addiction, poverty, and human failure somehow suggest a defense of human dignity and a reason for hope.

Seven Stories Press | 9781583220085 | \$18.95 | PB | Contact your Penguin Random House Representative | Promo Code = RHP058 Reason Code = E15



The Ten Loves of Nishino

HIROMI KAWAKAMI

Each woman in this book has succumbed, even if only for an hour, to that seductive, imprudent, and furtively feline man who managed to glide so naturally into their lives. But who really was Yukihiro Nishino? Through accounts that are full of humor, intelligence, and the bittersweet joys of love, these women evoke Nishino’s image but reveal themselves.

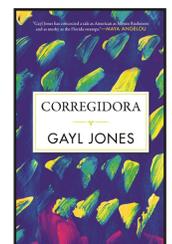
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Corregidora

GAYL JONES

A literary classic from Beacon Press’s *Celebrating Black Women Writers* series. Jones masterfully tells the story of Ursa, a Kentucky blues singer, who, in the wake of a tragic loss, confronts her maternal history and the legacy of Corregidora, the Portuguese slave master who fathered both her mother and grandmother. Consumed and haunted by her hatred of the man who irrevocably shaped her life and the lives of her family, Ursa Corregidora must come to terms with a past that is never too distant from the present.

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Promotion runs from June 1st through June 30th. The publishers are offering a **\$500 prize** (\$250 to the individual bookseller and \$250 to the bookstore) for the best display using the books from one of our June Indie Playlist promotions, “Dystopia! (?)” or “Summer Reads.” The display contest is open to all bookstores nationally and must include some of the featured titles, but may include other books as well. Submit a photograph of the display to NAI-BAeileen@gmail.com by July 5th, 2019. A panel of judges from NAIBA & 7 Stories Press will select from the submissions and will award the prize based on inventiveness and selling effectiveness.