

Short and Sweet

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Jeffrey Archer

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T. Coraghesson (T.C.) Boyle

The Relive Box

Wild Child

Tooth and Claw

After the Plague

Without a Hero

Helen Dewitt

Some Trick

Jeffrey Eugenides

Fresh Complaint

Joshua Ferris

The Dinner Party and Other Stories

Roxane Gay

Ayiti

Difficult Women

Lauren Groff

Florida

Samantha Hunt

The Dark Dark

Denis Johnson

The Largesse of the Sea Maiden

Thomas McGuane

Cloudbursts

Crow Fair

Mary Miller

Always Happy Hour

Ottessa Moshfegh

Homesick for Another World

Haruki Murakami

Men without Women

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After the Quake

The Elephant Vanishes

James McBride

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Charles Johnson

Night Hawks

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Stories

Soulcatcher and Other Stories

Daisy Johnson

Fen

Josip Novakovich

Heritage of Smoke

Penelope Lively

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The Five Thousand and One Nights
Pack of Cards and Other Stories

Carmen Maria Machado

Her Body and Other Parties

Viet Thanh Nguyen

The Refugees

Joyce Carol Oates

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Lovely, Dark, Deep
High Crime Area
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Richard Russo

Trajectory
Interventions
The Whore's Child

Anjali Sachdeva

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Christine Schutt

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Jim Shepard

The World to Come
You Think That's Bad
Like You'd Understand, Anyway
Love & Hydrogen

Lionel Shriver

Property

Jen Silverman

The Island Dwellers

Helen Simpson

Cockfosters
In-Flight Entertainment
In the Driver's Seat

Mary Sojourner

The Talker

Elizabeth Strout

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Olive Kitteridge

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William Trevor

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The Best Place on Earth

Samrat Upadhyay

Mad Country
The Royal Ghosts
Arresting God in Kathmandu

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