
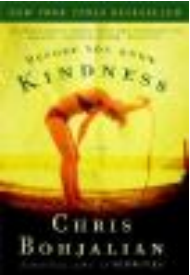
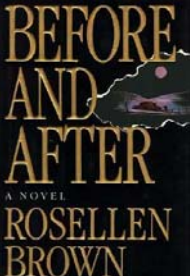

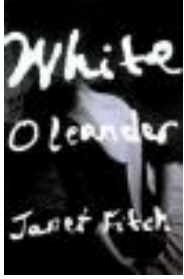

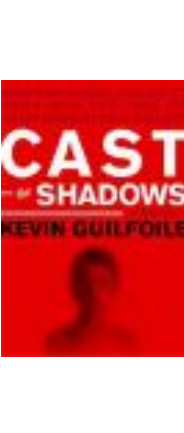
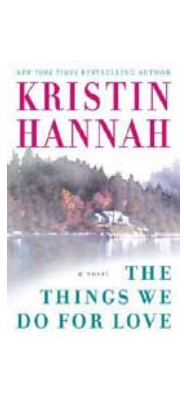
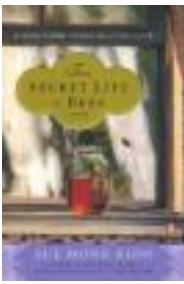
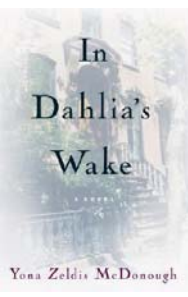
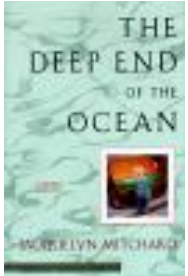

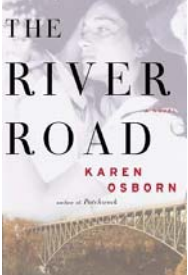




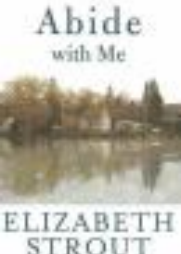
## If You Like Jodi Picoult...

We hope you'll enjoy these other emotionally-charged novels of truth, love and forgiveness.

	<p><a href="#"><u>Dear Zoe</u></a> By Philip Beard</p> <p>Beard's stunning debut is an epistolary novel written from fifteen-year-old Tess De Nunzio to her little sister Zoe. After Zoe's accidental death on September 11, 2001, a day so many others died, Tess's family is numbed by their personal tragedy. Already acutely aware of her odd place in a home where her mother and stepfather now have children of their own, Tess begins her letter as a means of figuring out her own life. Only after she moves in with her real father, a well-intentioned deadbeat, and stumbles into a halting romance with the sweet but aimless boy next door, does Tess begin to open her heart once more. In Tess, a girl on the verge of womanhood, Beard has crafted a pitch-perfect narrator and a debut novel of rare power and grace that will remain with readers long after the book is put down.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Before You Know Kindness</u></a> By Chris Bohjalian</p> <p>For ten summers, the Seton family—all three generations—met at their country home in New England to spend a week together playing tennis, badminton, and golf, and savoring gin and tonics on the wraparound porch to celebrate the end of the season. In the eleventh summer, everything changed. A hunting rifle with a single cartridge left in the chamber wound up in exactly the wrong hands at exactly the wrong time, and led to a nightmarish accident that put to the test the values that unite the family—and the convictions that just may pull it apart. Before You Know Kindness is a family saga that is timely in its examination of some of the most important issues of our era, and timeless in its exploration of the strange and unexpected places where we find love.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Before and After</u></a> By Rosellen Brown</p> <p>Before and After centers on Carolyn and Ben Reiser and their two children, Judith and Jacob, who live comfortably in a small New England town. When the chief of police comes looking for seventeen-year-old Jacob to question him about the bludgeoning to death of his girlfriend, the Reisers' lives are changed forever. Before and After is the compelling drama of the search for Jacob, his capture, and the chain of events set in motion by a brutal crime of passion. It is a story that pits parent against parent, brother against sister, family against community, blood loyalty against the law. Rosellen Brown has written a heart-wrenching novel that questions the very nature of violence in our society and our ability to ever really know our children.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>The Memory Keeper's Daughter</u></a> By Kim Edwards</p> <p>Kim Edwards's stunning family articulates every mother's silent fear: what would happen if you lost your child and she grew up without you? In 1964, when a blizzard forces Dr. David Henry to deliver his own twins, he immediately recognizes that one of them has Down Syndrome and makes a split-second decision that will haunt all their lives forever. He asks his nurse to take the baby away to an institution and to keep her birth a secret. Instead, she disappears into another city to raise the child as her own. Compulsively readable and deeply moving, The Memory Keeper's Daughter is an astonishing tale of redemptive love.</p>

	<p><a href="#"><u>White Oleander</u></a> By Janet Fitch</p> <p>Astrid is the only child of a single mother, Ingrid, a brilliant, obsessed poet. Astrid worships her mother and cherishes their private world full of ritual and mystery -- but their idyll is shattered when Ingrid falls apart over a lover. Deranged by rejection, she murders the man, and is sentenced to life in prison. It is the unforgettable story of Astrid's journey through a series of foster homes and her efforts to find a place herself in impossible circumstances. Each home is its own universe, with a new set of laws and lessons to be learned. With determination and humor, Astrid confronts the challenges of loneliness and poverty, and strives to learn who a motherless child in an indifferent world can become.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Me &amp; Emma</u></a> By Elizabeth Flock</p> <p>Eight-year-old Carrie Parker is determined to keep her younger sister Emma safe from a life of neglect at the hands of their drunken stepfather. After the sisters' plans to run away from home unravel, Carrie's world soon takes a shocking turn--with devastating results.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Cast of Shadows</u></a> By Kevin Guilfoile</p> <p>Davis Moore is a fertility doctor in Chicago specializing in reproductive cloning, a controversial and closely regulated new practice, when his seventeen-year-old daughter is brutally raped and murdered. The case is investigated but never solved. Months later, Moore retrieves her belongings from the police, and finds among them a vial containing the killer's DNA. Tormented by grief, Moore entertains a monstrous thought: the possibility of cloning not his daughter but the man who killed her. How far would you go to look into the face of your daughter's murderer? Justin Finn, at three, looks like any other child. Bright, joyful, sweet; an innocent toddler to his unsuspecting parents and to all who know him. But his face, one day, will be the exact match of the cold-blooded killer of whom he is a perfect genetic replica. Can a three-year-old have a past? Where does evil come from? What happens to the soul when we die? What are you duplicating when you duplicate a human life? Cast of Shadows is a spectacularly original, hair-raising novel about the fate of a little boy brought into the world to solve a crime.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>The Things We Do For Love</u></a> Kristin Hannah</p> <p>A poignant, evocative story that celebrates the magic of motherhood, the joys of coming home, and the price we so willingly pay for love. The youngest of three daughters, Angela DeSaria Malone was always "the princess" of the family, a girl who thought she knew how her life would unfold. High School. College. Marriage. Motherhood. That was how it had gone for her sisters, her cousins, her friends. But it didn't work out that way for Angie. She and her husband tried desperately to have a child; year after year, their perfectly decorated nursery remained empty. Finally, their marriage collapsed under the weight of lost dreams. After the divorce, Angie moved back to her hometown and rejoined her loud, loving, slightly crazy family. In West End, a place where life rises and falls in time with the tides, she will find the man who once again will open her heart to love . . . and meet the girl who will change Angie's life. Together they will embark on an intensely moving, deeply emotional journey to the very heart of what it means to be a family.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>The Secret Life of Bees</u></a> By Sue Monk Kidd</p> <p>Fourteen-year-old Lily Owens lost her beloved mother when she was only four-under tragic circumstances clouded by time and secrecy. She later found a fiercely protective "stand-in," her abusive father's outspoken housekeeper, Rosaleen. Ignoring differences in age and color-and the fact that racial hatred seethed during the summer of 1964 in rural South Carolina-these two unlikely companions set off on a seemingly aimless pilgrimage that ends at the home of a trio of eccentric bee-keeping black sisters. Lily tells her remarkable tale of longing and love in an idiom and accent heard far south of the Mason-Dixon Line, but the lessons learned during her odyssey into the world of bees and</p>

	<p>their "secret life" are universal and everlasting.</p>
	<p><b><a href="#">In Dahlia's Wake: A Novel</a></b>  <b>By Yona Zeldis McDonough</b></p> <p>This is a powerful, intensely moving novel about a couple trying to rebuild their lives after the death of their child. Rick and Naomi fell in love in college, married soon afterward, and weathered the setbacks in their lives—including Naomi's repeated miscarriages—secure in their love for one another. With the birth of their daughter, Dahlia, everything finally glides into place. Their renovated brick house in Brooklyn is close to Rick's podiatry practice, and when Dahlia is old enough for kindergarten, Naomi begins teaching at the private school where her daughter is enrolled. Then, in a single unbelievable moment, their close-knit life is utterly shattered. While on an outing with Rick, Dahlia is killed in a bizarre automobile accident, and Rick and Naomi retreat into grief-stricken isolation. A moving portrait of ordinary people in heartbreaking circumstances, In Dahlia's Wake explores the ache of loss and the search for solace.</p>
	<p><b><a href="#">The Deep End of the Ocean</a></b>  <b>By Jacquelyn Mitchard</b></p> <p>"Watch your brother," says Beth Cappadora to her seven-year-old son, Vincent. She's checking in at her high school reunion in Chicago. Even with a hotel clerk who is, in Beth's estimation, slower than weight loss, it's not more than five minutes before she turns again and asks, "Where's Ben?" It's the moment every mother dreads. Three-year-old Ben is gone. And no one can find him. Despite a police search that will turn into a nation-wide obsession, Ben has vanished, seemingly without a trace. His disappearance will leave Beth frozen on a knife-edge of suppressed agony for nine years and drive a shattering wedge through her marriage to Pat - who, though he is a man of consummate kindness, can do nothing to bring his boy back. It will transform their other son, Vincent, into a delinquent who courts danger in an attempt to break the bell jar of silence that surrounds the whole Cappadora family. Then, just after the Cappadoras move back to Chicago to help start a family restaurant, something so unexpected happens, it changes everything that once seemed true or possible. And perhaps, only perhaps, it will give Beth what she thought was gone forever: a reason to live.</p>
	<p><b><a href="#">The Rest of Her Life</a></b>  <b>By Laura Moriarty</b></p> <p>Leigh is the mother of high-achieving, popular high school senior Kara. Their relationship is already strained for reasons Leigh does not fully understand when, in a moment of carelessness, Kara makes a mistake that ends in tragedy - the effects of which not only divide Leigh's family, but polarize the entire community. We see the story from Leigh's perspective, as she grapples with the hard reality of what her daughter has done and the devastating consequences her actions have on the family of another teenage girl in town; all while struggling to protect Kara in the face of rising public outcry.</p>
	<p><b><a href="#">The River Road</a></b>  <b>By Karen Osborn</b></p> <p>Searing and unforgettable, The River Road explores the rippling effects of tragedy on the lives of two families. David and Michael Sanderson are brothers, inseparable since childhood from each other and from their neighbor, Kay Richards, who has become a complicated young woman involved in a passionate and obsessive love affair with David. One spring night, while at home on a break from college, the threesome embark on a night of adventure and experimentation, driving recklessly through the forested roads of the Connecticut Valley. Stopping at the French King Bridge, David - full of youthful hubris and hallucinogens - dares to jump off, mistakenly believing that he'll be able to swim ashore. With this senseless plunge into the frigid, swollen river he sets into motion an inexorable chain of events that indelibly alters the lives of everyone involved.</p>

	<p><a href="#"><u>Light on Snow</u></a>  <b>By Anita Shreve</b></p> <p>Written from the point of view of 30-year-old Nicky as she recalls the vivid December day, 19 years earlier, when she and her father found an abandoned infant in the snow, this is a beautiful contemporary novel about love and memory from the author of the bestselling "All He Ever Wanted" and "The Pilot's Wife."</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>We Need to Talk About Kevin</u></a>  <b>By Lionel Shriver</b></p> <p>If the question of who's to blame for teenage atrocity intrigues news-watching voyeurs, it tortures our narrator, Eva Khatchadourian. Two years before the opening of the novel, her son, Kevin, murdered seven of his fellow high school students, a cafeteria worker, and the much-beloved teacher who had tried to befriend him. Because his sixteenth birthday arrived two days after the killings, he received a lenient sentence and is currently in a prison for young offenders in upstate New York. In relating the story of Kevin's upbringing, Eva addresses her estranged husband, Frank, through a series of startlingly direct letters. Fearing that her own shortcomings may have shaped what her son became, she confesses to a deep, long-standing ambivalence about both motherhood in general - and Kevin in particular.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Abide With Me</u></a>  <b>By Elizabeth Strout</b></p> <p>Tyler Caskey has come to love West Annett, "just up the road" from where he was born. The short, brilliant summers and the sharp, piercing winters fill him with awe—as does his congregation, full of good people who seek his guidance and listen earnestly as he preaches. But after suffering a terrible loss, Tyler finds it hard to return to himself as he once was. He hasn't had The Feeling—that God is all around him, in the beauty of the world—for quite some time. He struggles to find the right words in his sermons and in his conversations with those facing crises of their own, and to bring his five-year-old daughter, Katherine, out of the silence she has observed in the wake of the family's tragedy. A congregation that had once been patient and kind during Tyler's grief now questions his leadership and propriety. In the kitchens, classrooms, offices, and stores of the village, anger and gossip have started to swirl. And in Tyler's darkest hour, a startling discovery will test his congregation's humanity—and his own will to endure the kinds of trials that sooner or later test us all.</p>

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