

- January: ***Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut**
Billy Pilgrim returns home from the Second World War only to be kidnapped by aliens from the planet Tralfamadore, who teach him that time is an eternal present.
- February: ***A Good Man is Hard to Find* by Flannery O'Connor**
The subjects of these darkly comic stories range from a young boy searching for salvation, to a family vacation gone wrong, to human greed and exploitation.
- March: ***The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick**
In this hauntingly beautiful story of love, loneliness and self-discovery, an endearing widower embarks on a life-changing adventure.
- April: ***Now I See You* by Nicole C. Kear**
Kear shares the story of how she, at the age of 19, coped with the life-changing diagnosis that she was going blind. Deciding to keep her illness a secret, she must deal with varying consequences that decision inflicts on Kear and her family.
- May: ***Prayers for Sale* by Sandra Dallas**
An instant bond between two women who live in the Depression-era Colorado mountains, results in an unlikely friendship – one in which the deepest of hardships are endured and the darkest memories confessed.
- June: ***Never Fall Down* by Patricia McCormick**
This short novel is based on the inspiring and powerful true story of 11-year-old Arn Chorn-Pond, who survived the Khmer Rouge by playing music in the Killing Fields.
- July: **Best and Worst of 2017**

August: ***The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg**

Arthur, a widower, meets Maddy, an angry and friendless teenage girl, while visiting his late wife at the cemetery, where he goes every day for lunch. Against all odds, the two strike up a friendship that pulls them out of a serious rut. They band together with Arthur's nosy neighbor Lucille, to create lives that are truly worth living. Proving that life's most precious moments are sweeter when shared, they go from strangers, to friends, to an untraditional but loving family.

September: ***The Marsh King's Daughter* by Karen Dionne**

A woman whose birth occurred as a result of her teen mother's abduction and imprisonment in an isolated marshland cabin risks the adult family that does not know her past when she uses survival skills honed in childhood to track down her murderous father.

October: ***American Fire* by Monica Hesse**

This work of nonfiction true crime tries to understand what would make an auto mechanic and his girlfriend crisscross the county, setting more than 80 fires in rural Virginia.

November: ***Staggerford* by Jon Hassler**

The novel takes place over the course of a week in a small Minnesota town, and chronicles the successes and failures of "ordinary" people.