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April: ***Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia D. Williams**

Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.

May: ***Becoming Ms. Burton: From Prison to Recovery to Leading the Fight for Incarcerated Women* by Susan Burton**

Susan Burton movingly recounts her own journey through the criminal justice system and her transformation into a life of advocacy.

June: ***Darling Rose Gold* by Stephanie Wrobel**

For the first eighteen years of her life, Rose Gold Watts believed she was seriously ill. Neighbors did all they could, holding fundraisers and offering shoulders to cry on, but no matter how many doctors, tests, or surgeries, no one could figure out what was wrong with Rose Gold. Turns out her mom, Patty Watts, was just a really good liar.

July: ***Kent State* by Derf Backderf**

On May 4, 1970, the Ohio National Guard gunned down unarmed college students protesting the Vietnam War at Kent State University. Using the journalism skills he employed on *My Friend Dahmer* and *Trashed*, Backderf has conducted extensive interviews and research to explore the lives of the four young people killed, and the events of those four days in May, when the country seemed on the brink of tearing apart.

August: ***The Chicken Sisters* by KJ Dell'Antonia**

In tiny Merinac, Kansas, Chicken Mimi's and Chicken Frannie's have spent a century vying to serve up the best fried chicken in the state—and the legendary feud between their respective owners, the Moores and the Pogociellos, has lasted just as long.

September: ***True Story* by Kate Reed Petty**

Tracing the fifteen-year fallout of a toxic high school rumor, a riveting, astonishingly original debut novel about the power of stories—and who gets to tell them.

October: ***The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Harcastle* by Stuart Turton**

Aiden Bishop knows the rules. Evelyn Hardcastle will die every day until he can identify her killer and break the cycle. But every time the day begins again, Aiden wakes up in the body of a different guest at Blackheath Manor. And some of his hosts are more helpful than others.

November: ***Everything is Illuminated* by Jonathan Safran Foer**

With only a yellowing photograph in hand, a young man sets out to find the woman who might or might not have saved his grandfather from the Nazis. Accompanied by an old man haunted by memories of the war, an amorous dog named Sammy Davis, Junior, Junior, and the unforgettable Alex, a young Ukrainian translator who speaks in a sublimely butchered English, he is led on a quixotic journey over a devastated landscape and into an unexpected past.

December: ***Big Trouble* by Dave Barry**

A Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist offers a fiction debut that describes the lives of the troubled denizens of Coconut Grove, including a career-threatened adman, an alcoholic embezzler dodging a couple of hit men, and their dysfunctional families.