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Adult Fiction

Better Off Dead, Lee Child
Forgiving Paris, Karen Kingsbury
The Judge's List, John Grisham
The Magician, Colm Toibin
The Major's Daughter, JP Francis
Never, Ken Follett
Oh William!, Elizabeth Strout
The Sentence, Louise Erdrich
Silverview, John le Carre
State of Terror, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny
The Stranger in the Lifeboat, Mitch Albom

Adult Nonfiction

The 1619 Project, edited by Nikole Hannah-Jones and *The New York Times Magazine*
An Extravagance of Donkeys, Janet Baker-Carr
The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide For Trying Times, Jane Goodall
The Greatest Beer Run Ever: A Memoir of Friendship, Loyalty, and War, John Chick Donohue
Pathway to Heaven: New and Selected Poems, Helen LaPlante Duchesne
Set the Night on Fire, Robby Krieger
The Speckled Beauty: A Dog and His People, Rick Bragg
Together, Luke Adam Hawker

Middle Grade/Young Adult

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Big Shot, Jeff Kinney
Pony, RJ Palacio
Set Me Free, Ann Clare LeZotte

Children's Books

The House of Grass and Sky, Mary Lyn Ray
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An Amish Schoolroom, Amy Clipston
One on One, Michael Brandman
The Judge's List, John Grisham
Oh William!, Elizabeth Strout
Over My Dead Body, Jeffrey Archer
Down the Hatch, MC Beaton
Better Off Dead, Lee Child
Wild Card, Stuart Woods
Forgiving Paris, Karen Kingsbury
Kaleidoscope, Brian Selznick
We Are Not Like Them, Christine Pride and Jo Piazza
Dear Santa, Debbie Macomber
Mercy, David Baldacci
Risk Factor, Michael Brandman
Never, Ken Follett
Blood of Elves, Andrzej Sapkowski

Adult Nonfiction

Remarkable, David Kronfeld
101 Things You Didn't Know About the Civil War, Thomas R. Turner PhD

Children's Books

The Beatryce Prophecy, Kate DiCamillo
Miss Blake Is a Flake!, Dan Gutman
Mrs. Bacon is Fakin'!, Dan Gutman
Daniel and Max Play Together, Amy Rosenfeld-Kass
Jan Brett's "The Nutcracker," Jan Brett

Through the Reading Glasses

Janet Moore, Andover Libraries

Oh, what a gift for the onset of winter and the holidays! Just as I was wondering what would appear, along came eight tiny reindeer!

Well, not exactly; it was my older daughter with an almost brand new copy of Anthony Doerr's *Cloud Cuckoo Land.* For those of you unfamiliar with Doerr's previous novel, *All the Light We Cannot See,* just know that he has a particular skill at weaving characters' stories through space and time and arriving at a most satisfactory ending.

In *Cloud Cuckoo Land* we find Omeir, Anna, Zeno, and Konstance, separated by half a millenium and actual earth-space. Each carries a supporting cast and back stories that lead to the beginning of the book and its beautiful conclusion.

Anna struggles to survive in Constantinople during the great siege that lasted from 1439 to 1452; she is a hopeless embroiderer but avid reader, especially since she found the manuscript of Aethon's tale.

The Bulgarian peasant boy Omeir is conscripted as a soldier in the war because only he can lead his almost supernatural oxen, Tree and Moonlight. Of course they must meet, just as you must participate in their stories.

During his years as a prisoner of war, Zeno learned to read Greek, thereby discovering the magical story of Aethon's *Cloud Cuckoo Land.* In 2020, he, Marian the Librarian, and five special children set out to perform Zeno's adaptation of the ancient Greek work.

Unbeknownst to them, the teenaged Seymour, out of his mind in an idealistic fantasy, is planting a bomb in the Library stacks. The journeys of Zeno and Seymour are long and arduous and mind-boggling as they eventually merge at the Town Library in Lakeport, Idaho.

And then there's Konstance, alone in the space capsule *Argos* and 65 years into the mission, with only her AI, Sybil, to keep her company. On scraps of sacking she is writing the story her father told her many years before of *Cloud Cuckoo Land.*

If you're ready for an adventure, great reader, open Doerr's novel, with Aethon's promise: "Stranger, whoever you are, open this to find what will amaze you."

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