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New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

The Morgans, William W. Johnstone
The Match, Harlan Coben
Calder Brand, Janet Dailey
Calder Grit, Janet Dailey
The Kremlin's Candidate, Jason Matthews
Palace of Treason, Jason Matthews
Shadows Reel, CJ Box
Something to Hide, Elizabeth George
Small World, Jonathan Evison
Forgiving Paris, Karen Kingsbury
The House in the Cerulean Sea, TJ Klun
Plot Twist, Bethany Turner
The Tourist Attraction, Sarah Morgenthaler

Adult Nonfiction

The Second Mountain, David Brooks
Vanderbilt, Anderson Cooper

Children's Books

Illuminae, Amie Kaufman
Gemina, Amie Kaufman
Obsidio, Amie Kaufman
A to Z Mysteries: Leopard on the Loose, Ron Roy
6 Great Books for Minecrafters, Mark Cheverton
Big Nate: In Your Face!, Lincoln Peirce
4 Kylie Jean books, Marci Peschke
2 Critter Club books, Callie Barkley
The Welcome Chair, Rosemary Wells and Jerry Pinkney
Construction Site: Spring Delight, Sherri Duskey Rinker

Through the Reading Glasses May 2022

Children's books for summer reading

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It's time for children's books: before you know it, the kids will be released from school and ready to read – right? Of course right!

In *Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?*, Frenchie spotted the piebald deer right before school and decided to follow it. Major upset, especially for best friend and school guide Aurora, who quickly became part of a town-wide search and rescue effort, seeking the sixth grade boy who doesn't speak.

The two children, one autistic and the other ADHD, had become fast friends three years before, when Frenchie and his mom moved next door to Aurora's family in a small, coastal Maine town. Aurora taught him how to float; he helped her collect rocks, and together they learned to be quiet when observing that unusual deer.

Leslie Connor has drawn another wonderful portrait of friendship and small town togetherness with humor, suspense, and occasional bouts of relief – but no more!

Another well-drawn example of children finding and supporting each other occurs in Barbara O'Connor's new book, *Wish*. Charlie has been sent to live with her childless aunt and uncle in what one might call backwoods North Carolina, unwillingly. Her mom won't get out of bed while her dad is in jail, not exactly the perfect home for a child willing to just stay home and ignore the world.

Gus and Bertha, though, welcome her with love, while her new fifth grade "backpack buddy," Howard, introduces Charlie to his rambunctious family and a school willing to give her a whole lot of chances to succeed and many hugs, too. Yes, there's a wish, and it comes in the form of a stray dog, so read on!

Moving all the way across the country to unmistakable San Francisco (the fog, the fog), we find Lou and Casey, aged 10 and 15, whose mom is about to get married again. Not only will they be faced with a stepdad, but they'll be moving to his house in the suburbs, a mere 15 miles but a whole world away.

New school, new house, new friends, and new neighbors all make for a set of marvelous possibilities, like a talent show and block party, if only Lou and Casey are willing to accept the changes and the stability they bring. This is *A Song Called Home* by Sara Zarr.

I've saved the best for last: *The Beatryce Prophecy* by Kate DiCamillo. I'd like to press this into the hands of every elementary school child as they enter summer and say, "See what's possible!"

Yes, it's set in medieval times, and Answelica the goat plays a major role, and the former king has simply walked away from the throne, and Beatryce, disguised as a shaven-headed junior monk, has to hide her skills at literacy. But, oh, what a tale, and it begs to be read aloud.

She and her new friends, Jack Dory and Brother Edick, avenge the wrongs done to their families with guile and perseverance, rescuing her mother, setting their world a-right and living happily ever after – yes, it's true!



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New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

The Diamond Eye, Kate Quinn
Fencing with the King, Diana Abu-Jaber
It Ends With Us, Colleen Hoover
Lessons in Chemistry, Bonnie Garmus
The Love of My Life, Rosie Walsh
The Match, Harlan Coben
Nine Lives, Peter Swanson
The Paris Apartment, Lucy Foley
The Reading List, Sara Nisha Adams
Savage Run, CJ Box
A Sunlit Weapon, Jacqueline Winspear
Verity, Colleen Hoover
The Younger Wife, Sally Hepworth

Adult Nonfiction

Braiding Sweetgrass, Robin Wall Kimmerer
The Gates of Europe: A History of Ukraine, Serhii Plokhy
The Wok: Recipes and Techniques, J. Kenji Lopes-Alt

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Middle Grades

Cat Kid Comic Club: On Purpose, Dav Pilkey
Cat Kid Comic Club: Perspectives, Dav Pilkey
The Last Cuentista, Donna Barba Higuera

Children's Books

Hugo Deani Runs Late, Sharon Cassanoloachman
Mel Fell, Corey R. Tabor
Milk and Juice: A Recycling Romance, Meredith Crandall Brown
My Very First Mother Goose, ed. Iona Opie, ill. Rosemary Wells
Norman Didn't Do It! (Yes, He Did), Ryan T. Higgins
Stacey's Extraordinary Words, Stacey Abrahms
Watercress, Andrea Wang

DVDs

All Creatures Great and Small: Season One
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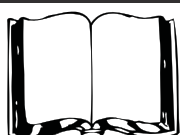
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