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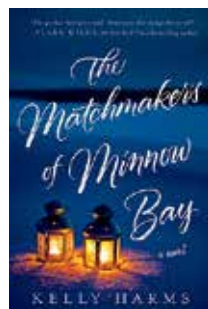
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Romance



The Matchmakers of Minnow Bay

by Kelly Harms

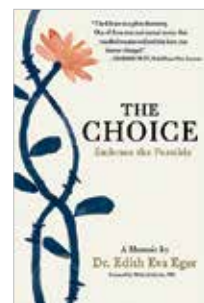
"When my daily schedule is packed, I unwind by snuggling up with a mug of tea and a sweet read at night," says Melissa D'Agnese, FIRST senior editor. "This book, filled with romance and possibility, fit my mood to a T!" Lily Stewart, a struggling painter in Chicago, is ready to move and start over. But while packing up, she finds a never-opened letter: a legal note detailing further action needed to finalize the annulment of her quickie wedding—from 10 years ago! Lily decides to go and see her "husband," Ben Hutchinson, who resides in the quaint town of Minnow Bay. Lily expects her stay to be short, but soon finds new friends *and* a new chance at love. "I was captivated by the witty banter between Ben and Lily," says Melissa. "The story left me heartened!" (St. Martin's Griffin, 2017; Paperback \$16, Kindle \$10, Nook \$10)

Memoir

The Choice

by Edith Eva Eger

"I can get caught in a cycle of self-pity," confides Carol Brooks, FIRST editor-in-chief. "When I'm in that pity-party place, I look for a memoir that will jolt me back to counting my blessings. And so when this memoir by 89-year-old psychologist and Holocaust survivor crossed my desk, I knew I had to read it." Dr. Eger recounts being transported as "human cargo" to Auschwitz, where her parents were immediately killed and she was made to dance for the notorious Josef Mengele. After being rescued by American troops, we follow Dr. Eger as she bravely builds a life and career in the United States before returning to Auschwitz to face her phantoms. "Suffering is universal," Dr. Eger writes, "but victimhood is optional." Says Carol: "I finished the book with tears in my eyes and gratitude in my heart." (Scribner, 2017; Hardcover \$27, Kindle \$13, Nook \$13)

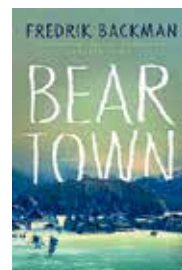


Fiction

Beartown

by Fredrik Backman

"After a ho-hum string of days, I started to feel blah seeing everyone's photos on social media apple-picking with their friends or going on fun autumn trips with their little ones," says Tara Hans, FIRST senior copy chief. "So when I heard one of my favorite authors had a new book out about a small town rocked by a scandal, I couldn't jump in it fast enough!"



A crumbling community nestled deep in the forest, Beartown is home to a junior ice hockey team about to compete in the national semifinals—and all the hopes and dreams of the town rest on the shoulders of these teenage boys. But when a violent act leaves a young girl traumatized, the town is thrown into turmoil. "I'm a total sucker for these coming-of-age stories where you get to see characters wrestle with doing the right thing," says Tara. "After the last page, I felt a pep in my step, cheering on the heroes, and full of hope for the future of Beartown and its townsfolk." (Atria, 2017; Hardcover \$27, Kindle \$14, Nook \$14)

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Historical fiction

Instructions for a Heatwave by Maggie O'Farrell

"I was missing my big Irish family, and without plans to see them for a bit, I dove into this book about another big Irish family," says Patty Bontekoe, FIRST deputy editor. During a rare heat wave in England in 1976, Gretta Riordan wakes up to find that her husband of 40 years has vanished—after taking money from the bank. When her adult children return home to help, secrets are revealed—including one Gretta has harbored for years. Says Patty, "The tears, love and joy in this story made me feel right at home. And it reminded me that where there is love, there is a resolution to any problem." (Vintage, 2014; Paperback \$16, Kindle \$12, Nook \$12)



Mystery

A Most Extraordinary Pursuit

by Juliana Gray

"I've been craving spontaneity," admits Lauren Blum, FIRST editorial assistant.

"And this novel was a first-class ticket to adventure!" Emmeline Truelove, secretary to the late Duke of Olympia, is assigned to travel to the island of Crete with Lord Silverton to find the Duke's missing heir. But soon, their mission turns into a riveting quest. "This book was a total escape," says Lauren. "It also reminded me that with the right people by your side, it's possible to face *anything*." (Berkley, 2016; Paperback \$15, Kindle \$12, Nook \$12)

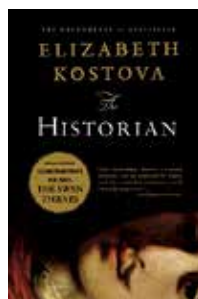


Fantasy

The Historian

by Elizabeth Kostova

"After a sleepy weekend, I picked up this rich read to sharpen my mind for the week ahead," says Melissa Sorrells, FIRST senior editor. A fun update on the Bram Stoker classic *Dracula*, the plot follows a collective of scholars as they realize that the legendary vampire is real, alive and a devout student of history himself. "The book transported me to far-off places like Istanbul and Budapest, so reading it felt like a trip," says Melissa. "And the fascinating details revived my mind!" (Back Bay, 2009; Paperback \$16, Kindle \$10, Nook \$10)

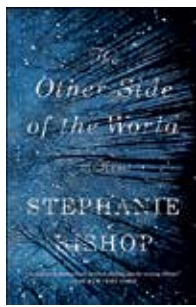


Women's fiction

The Other Side of the World by Stephanie Bishop

"Pulling my winter coat out always makes me daydream of sunny places," shares Alexandra Pollock, FIRST editorial assistant. "So this novel was just what I was looking for!" Charlotte and Henry need a change when demanding parenthood and an upcoming winter seem too much to bear. But their hopes for a new life in sunny Perth, Australia, are dashed by infidelity and the stark truth: Wherever you go, there you are.

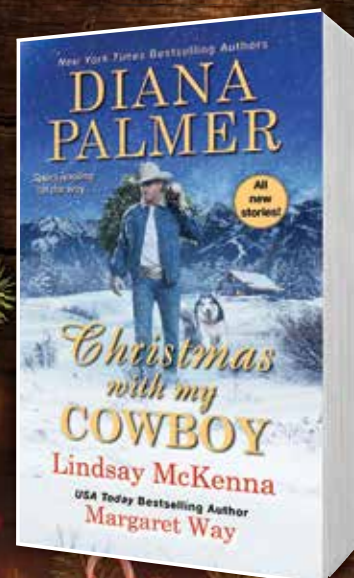
"Charlotte's story proved that home is where the heart is," muses Alex. "And as long as I'm with the ones I love, there's a warmth I can carry through any season." (Washington Square, 2017; Paperback \$16, Kindle \$12, Nook \$12)



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