

Beacon Hill Books Best Sellers

Tom Lake by *Ann Patchett* : Three sisters discover their mother's interesting past prior to marriage and motherhood.

The Wager by *David Grann* : A tale of misery, misfortune, and perseverance on a British naval expedition in the 1740's.

The Covenant of Water by *Abraham Verghese* : An unforgettable family saga that begins when British rule in India starts to unravel.

Cain's Jawbone by *Edward Powys Mathers* : You may have seen this murder mystery puzzle book on TikTok or remember it from "Knives Out," but can you solve it?

Demon Copperhead by *Barbara Kingsolver* : This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is a journey into dark places and an endearing young boy's survival in an uncaring world.

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by *Gabrielle Zevin* : This part-platonic, part-romantic love story between video game developers is thoughtfully rendered and filled with emotional truths.

Pineapple Street by *Jenny Jackson* : Fans of "Gossip Girl" and "Succession" will love this witty domestic drama about a wealthy family in Brooklyn.

Happy Place by *Emily Henry* : A group of friends and exes spend a week in Maine; what could go wrong?

Thursday Night Murder Club by *Richard Osman* : The Cooper's Chase Retirement Village has everything a septuagenarian could want: an upscale cafe, two (!) scenic ponds, private walking paths, and just enough unsolved murders to keep the mind active.

Lessons in Chemistry by *Bonnie Garmus* : You'll fall in love with Elizabeth Zott and her no-nonsense attitude as she takes on chemistry (and the world!) in the 1950's.

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Beacon Hill Books Gift Guide

Our 2023 Favorites

Western Lane by *Chetna Maroo* : A young girl finds solace and purpose playing squash after her mother's death.

The World by *Simon Sebag Montefiore* : The story of the world wryly told through the prism of family.

Loot by *Tania James* : Abbas is a gifted woodcarver who builds a gift for the sons of the sultan, only for it to be stolen; what follows is an epic journey as Abbas crosses seas and countries to get it back.

One Woman Show by *Christine Coulson* : A 20th century woman's life told through museum wall labels.

The Art Thief by *Michael Finkel* : The story of the world's most successful art thief: part thriller, part intriguing character portrait.

The Ferguson Report by *Nicole Sealey* : Sealey spent years creating erasure poems of The Ferguson Report; an ambitious, essential, and radicalizing read.

Rough Sleepers by *Tracy Kidder* : Jim McConnell teaches us much about mental health, addiction, and the prevalence of homelessness in Boston.

The Adventures of Amina Al-Serafi by *Shannon Chakraborty* : A peacefully retired, yet notorious pirate captain is called back for one final rescue adventure for riches and glory.

The Swifts *by Beth Lincoln* : Sleuthy, funny, and whip-smart, this whodunit will capture any young reader’s heart with its wordplay and plot twists.

The Forbidden Notebook *by Alba de Céspedes* : This hidden gem newly translated from the Italian dives into the mind of Valeria, a housewife in post-WWII Rome.

Wellness *by Nathan Hill* : A portrait of a modern marriage that explores our relentless quest for perfection with insight, irony, and laugh-out-loud humor.

Nonfiction

The Marriage Question *by Clare Carlisle* : A portrait of George Eliot and the ways she questioned, challenged, and accepted the complications of her marriage.

The Odyssey of Phillis Wheatley *by David Waldstreicher* : A biography of the extraordinary poet Phillis Wheatley.

Happening *by Annie Ernaux* : A searing auto-fictional account of Ernaux’s journey to find an illegal abortion in 1960’s France.

Glossy *by Marisa Meltzer* : An essential read for anyone who has ever bought Glossier Boy Brow.

Kingdom of Prep *by Maggie Bullock* : A character-driven look at the rise and (near) fall of J. Crew.

UFO *by Garrett M. Graff* : Whether you’re a skeptic or a true believer (looking at you, Tom DeLonge), you’ll enjoy this comprehensive look into the government’s exploration of UFOs.

Pathogenesis *by Jonathan Kennedy* : A boldly argued tale of how history has been shaped by germs first, people second.

Strangers to Ourselves *by Rachel Aviv* : This collection of essays illuminates the complexity of mental illness and the ways we try—and fail—to support those who struggle.

White House by the Sea *by Kate Storey* : Nostalgia reigns in these stories from Hyannis Port; some little-known and fascinating vignettes as well as major events.

Beyond Measure *by James Vincent* : This is a captivating exploration of how measurement and measuring has quietly shaped our world.

HISTORY

History of the World in Six Glasses *by Tom Standage* : A fast-paced and insightful history of civilization told through six era-defining drinks.

Wild Girls *by Tiya Miles* : A look at the formative role nature played in the lives of a diverse group of American women, and how it helped them reject societal expectations.

Empress of the Nile *by Lynne Olson* : The story of Christiane Desroches-Noblecourt, the intrepid French archaeologist who led the international effort to save ancient Egyptian temples from the floodwaters of the Aswan Dam.

The Lion House *by Christopher de Bellaigue* : This superbly written book tells the gripping story of Suleyman’s rise to “Magnificent.”

Kid’s Nonfiction

How to be a Spy *by Daniel Nesquens* : Everything you need to learn about the art of espionage.

The Way Things Work *by David Macaulay* : A revised edition of the classic that explains the fundamentals of machinery and explores significant inventions. Perfect for inquisitive children.

America Redux *by Ariel Aberg-Riger* : A dynamic look through visual storytelling at the stories we tell ourselves about America.

Chinese Menu *by Grace Lin* : Blending food, folklore, and history—the perfect way to learn the story behind your favorite foods.

Young Adult

Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute *by Talia Hibbert* : Ex-best friends are forced to survive a wilderness competition together. Goofy, charming, and (honestly) unfairly cute.

Check & Mate *by Ali Hazelwood* : For our older YA readers, a story about rivals-turned-lovers on the world chess stage.

The Davenports *by Krystal Marquis* : Four Black girls of varying social stations navigate love and familial expectations in 1910’s Chicago.

Divine Rivals *by Rebecca Ross* : Dive into this TikTok favorite, featuring an ancient, godly war and a sweeping romance between rival journalists.

Inheritance Games Box Set *by Jennifer Lynn Barnes* : Gift the entire bestselling series to any voracious reader or “Knives Out” lover!

Graphic Novels

Nimona *by Noelle Stevenson* : Shape-shifting troublemaker Nimona assigns herself as sidekick to the villain. Together through evil crimes, they reveal the true face of the Institution that protects the kingdom.

Frank Herbert’s Dune *by Frank Herbert* : For those interested in the world of *Dune* who don’t have time for the whole novel!

Sandman vol. 1 *by Neil Gaiman* : Dream has been captured; effects include never sleeping and sleeping indefinitely. But he will get out soon. How will that affect the world?

Earthdivers *by Stephen Graham Jones* : As the apocalypse rages around them, a group of Indigenous outcasts find a time portal and send one of their own to change history by killing Christopher Columbus.

Gender Queer: A Memoir *by Maia Kobabe* : A useful, touching guide on gender identity for advocates, friends, and humans everywhere.

I Must be Dreaming *by Roz Chast* : Join Chast on her quest to catalogue her dreams. Sometimes scary, always hilarious, and drawn in Chast’s signature colorful style.

Pilgrim Bell *by Kaveh Akbar* : Explore the intersection of the divine and the everyday in poems that wrestle with faith, language, and belonging.

The Forgetting Curve *by Mollie O’Leary* : O’Leary is a master of metaphor; see for yourself why this powerful exploration of memory, trauma, and growth was one of our top-selling poetry books this year.

For Children

Big *by Vashti Harrison* : This book teaches you to love the space you take up in the world.

The Little Book of Brontës *by Sara O’Leary* : A true tale, illustrated by one of our favorites, about the little books that the Brontë siblings created.

The Skull *by Jon Klassen* : A spooky and amusing folktale retelling, which teaches children that even ghost stories have a comforting underbelly.

Evergreen *by Matthew Cordell* : Calling all squirrel fans! No, this isn’t Paige—it’s Evergreen, a brave forest dweller who must face her fears to bring soup to her sick Granny.

Puppets of Spelhorst *by Kate DiCamillo* : Five puppets search for their story. One child helps them find it.

Squire & Knight *by Scott Chantler* : Squire is smart and under-appreciated. Knight is inept but gets all the glory. Let’s see what happens when they split up for a seemingly simple quest.

Twistwood Tales *by A. C. Macdonald* : Meet the kind, quirky, and magical inhabitants of Twistwood as they contemplate moral dilemmas and mental health through wholesome stories and witty jokes.

Once There Was *by Kiyash Monsef* : A girl learns that her late father was a veterinarian to magical creatures, and now she must take his place.

Sports for Kids

The Boy in Number Four *by Kara Kootstra* : Learn how Bobby Orr grew to become a Boston Bruins legend, featuring a message from Bobby himself.

Key Player *by Kelly Yang* : Mia Tang is back in book 4, this time focusing on her love of soccer! With the U.S. team playing against China in Southern California, Mia will do anything to meet them.

Ghost *by Jason Reynolds* : Running is all he knows, but when he’s suddenly recruited by an Olympic coach, Castle Crenshaw must face his past and sprint for the future.

Fast Pitch *by Nic Stone* : Softball team captain Shenice is determined to lead her team to victory in the Fastpitch World series, but with prize money and family secrets on the line, she risks losing her goals for the future.

The Crossover *by Kwame Alexander* : A coming-of-age story of basketball-playing twins Josh and Jordan told in verse.

Metropolis *by Ben Wilson* : “Cities are mankind’s greatest invention” and this book is an absorbing, nuanced history of them.

Self Development

The Art of Gathering *by Priya Parker* : Perfect for the holidays, this book will inspire you to turn off your phone and gather with your loved ones.

How to Do Nothing *by Jenny Odell* : This guide to reclaiming your time will help you find comfort in unproductiveness.

A Renaissance of Our Own *by Rachel Cargle* : Part-memoir, part-manifesto, Cargle illuminates the power of reimagining our realities.

How to Tell a Story *by Meg Bowles et al.* : Fans of “The Moth” will love the wisdom shared in this guide to storytelling.

Build the Life You Want *by Arthur C. Brooks* : The complex science of self-improvement in digestible terms.

The Little Frog’s Guide to Affirmations *by Maybell Reiter* : Look at the cover...enough said!

Food Writing

Taste Makers *by Mayukh Sen* : A group biography chronicling the impact seven immigrant women had on the way we eat in America.

Wine Girl *by Victoria James* : The story of one woman’s journey from surviving a difficult childhood to becoming one of the youngest, most celebrated sommeliers.

Fieldwork *by Iliana Regan* : A memoir by National Book Award-nominee Iliana Regan about foraging, her family, and her career as a chef.

More is More *by Molly Baz* : Embrace a fearless mindset in the kitchen with Baz and her trademark approach to cooking with confidence.

Start Here *by Sohla El-Waylly* : A comprehensive guide to the hows and whys of cooking, this book goes beyond just recipes, teaching techniques to help you level-up your cooking.

Fiction

I Have Some Questions for You *by Rebecca Makkai* : A woman returns to the elite boarding school she attended and begins to question if the right person was convicted for the murder of her roommate.

Hope *by Andrew Ridker* : Part coming-of-age novel, part family saga; a humorous tale of a Jewish family in Brookline.

Land of Milk and Honey *by C Pam Zhang* : In the not-so-distant future, a young chef accepts a job at a mountaintop colony in the Alps for the uber-wealthy.

The Fraud *by Zadie Smith*: Fact and fiction blur in this story of a female abolitionist, her literary husband, and a criminal trial in Victorian England.

Small Mercies *by Dennis Lehane* : This mystery tackles racism and segregation in 1970's Boston.

The Guest *by Emma Cline* : After a break-up, a young woman drifts through the Hamptons leaving a wake of destruction behind her.

Mystery

Bright Young Women *by Jessica Knoll* : Based on real events, two women come together to solve the mystery of America's first celebrity serial killer.

The Christmas Guest *by Peter Swanson* : An American is invited to spend Christmas in a Cotswold country house with a classmate, but not everything is as picturesque as it seems.

Holly *by Stephen King* : Now a full-fledged detective, Holly takes on the case of a missing daughter, only to be confronted by her most savvy and ruthless adversaries yet.

A Quiet Life in the Country *by T. E. Kinsey* : Lady Emily Hardcastle has just retired from detective work when a body is found in the woods.

A Most Agreeable Murder *by Julia Seales* : A tongue-in-cheek, locked-room mystery set in the Regency era.

Last Word to Wise *by Ann Claire* : Set in a charming Colorado ski town where the Christie sisters and their cat Agatha solve mysteries while running the family bookstore.

Golden Spoon *by Jessa Maxwell* : A baking show turns deadly in this cozy mystery.

Chaos Terminal *by Mur Lafferty* : The second book in one of our favorite series about an amateur detective who lives in a sentient space station.

All the Sinners *by S.A. Cosby* : The first Black sheriff in a rural Southern town must catch a serial killer hiding in plain sight.

Other Worlds

Bookshops & Bonedust *by Travis Baldree* : Our favorite high-fantasy with low-stakes is back! Viv is reluctantly benched at a beach town, where she befriends a bad-mouthed proprietor and discovers her love of books.

Assistant to the Villain *by Hannah Nicole Maehrer* : Evie Sage has found her calling as assistant to the Villain. This light fantasy romance will have you laughing as Evie uncovers a devious plot to take out her “evil” boss.

The Long Way to a Small Angry Planet *by Becky Chambers* : This instant favorite introduces you to the witty, sassy crew of the Wayfarer.

Shadow of the Gods *by John Gwynne* : The gods are dead, having battled each other into extinction, their bones scattered across the land. We follow three renegade women at the beginnings of a new war.

The Sirens of Titan *by Kurt Vonnegut* : An outrageous classic about a rich guy who travels the universe with a beautiful woman, featuring Vonnegut's usual wisdom and wit.

She Who Became the Sun *by Shelley Parker-Chan* : When young Zhu Chongba dies, his sister seizes the opportunity to assume his identity and fulfill his prophecy of greatness.

The Kaiju Preservation Society *by John Scalzi* : For fans of Dr. Newton Geiszler from “Pacific Rim,” join Jamie on his spontaneous job to study and protect giant creatures from extinction.

The Vanished Birds *by Simon Jimenez* : Nia is unaffected by time and thus alone traveling through space, until she meets a haunted boy who can only communicate with music.

Ascension *by Nicholas Binge* : A mind-bending speculative sci-fi thriller about an expedition up the frozen, mysterious mountain, where all is not as it seems.

Romance

Emily Wilde's Encyclopedia of Faeries *by Heather Fawcett* : Emily Wilde, foremost expert on the Fae, must travel north to research the most elusive of all faeries; however, things get complicated when her colleague Wendell Bumbleby joins her.

One Day in December *by Josie Silver* : What happens when your soulmate is dating your best friend? Perfect winter read about near misses and kisses.

Kiss Her Once for Me *by Alison Cochran* : Meet-cute in a bookstore, fall in love overnight, betrayal, engagement to her brother a year later, winter romance...what more do you need to hear?

Take a Hint, Dani Brown *by Talia Hibbert* : Danika Brown is ambitious, academic, and stressed out. A friend-with-benefits is all she wants, but Zafir is determined to sweep her off her feet.

Farrell Covington and the Limits of Style *by Paul Rudnick* : A literary romance that chronicles the lifelong relationship between the son of a wealthy conservative family and an aspiring author from New Jersey.

Poetry

And Yet *by Kate Baer* : An unflinching look at motherhood, family, marriage, and the complexities inherent to these relationships.

Girls that Never Die *by Safia Elhillo* : Elhillo creates space, both through her skilled use of caesura and her storytelling, to imagine a world where violence against women does not go unscrutinized.

Devotions *by Mary Oliver* : These poems are as instructive as they are healing.

Judas Goat *by Gabrielle Bates* : Tightly controlled lyricism delivers incisive truths about our capacity for violence, even toward those we love, while still affirming the centrality of human connection.

Winter Stranger *by Jackson Holbert* : In this award-winning debut, the landscape of Eastern Washington is as human as the people within it.