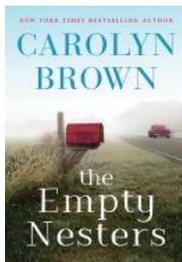


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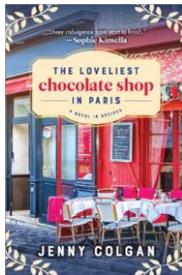
### [Auður Ava Ólafsdóttir - Butterflies in November \(AUO 2014\)](#)

After being dumped and then winning the lottery, a woman in her thirties, along with her best friend's four-year-old deaf-mute son takes a transformative road trip through Iceland. The trip includes encounters with sheep, lava fields, black-sand beaches, an Estonian choir, and two exes trying to make amends.



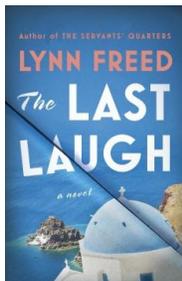
### [Carolyn Brown - The Empty Nesters \(BRO 2019\)](#)

Dear friends and army wives Diana, Carmen, and Joanie have been through war, rumors of war, marital problems, motherhood, fears, joy, and heartache. But none of the women are prepared when their daughters decide to enlist in the army together. Facing an empty nest won't be easy, and so they embark on a road trip to the small town of Scrap, Texas.



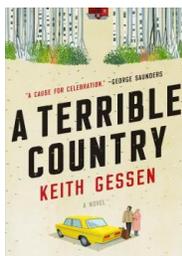
### [Jenny Colgan - The Loveliest Chocolate Shop in Paris \(COL 2019\)](#)

Anna Trent may be a supervisor in a chocolate factory...but that doesn't necessarily mean she knows how to make chocolate. So when a fateful accident gives her the opportunity to work at Paris's elite chocolatier Le Chapeau Chocolat, Anna expects to be outed as a fraud. After all, there is a world of difference between chalky, mass-produced English chocolate and the gourmet confections Anna's new boss creates. Heartwarming and funny, with a Parisian setting, makes this story practically irresistible.



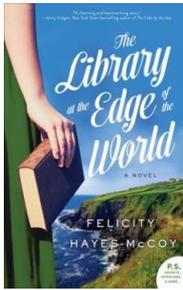
### [Lynn Freed - The Last Laugh \(FRE 2017\)](#)

Three friends find that their sunny year-long sabbatical they have planned in Greece comes with complications. Hangers-on follow both Dania and Ruth abroad, while Bess enjoys a romance with local poet Dionysus until his wife barges in. And wouldn't you know the children and grandchildren start turning up, too. Replete with references to Greek mythology, Freed's modern retelling of a timeless tale of self-fulfillment wanders into surprising territory along the way.



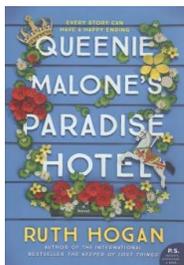
### [Keith Gessen - A Terrible Country \(GES 2018\)](#)

After Andrei Kaplan returns to Moscow to care for his ailing grandmother, he becomes entangled with a group of leftists and he is forced to come to terms with the Russian society he was born into and the American one he has enjoyed since he was a kid. A measured, socially engaged novel that is moving, often funny, and deeply thought-provoking.



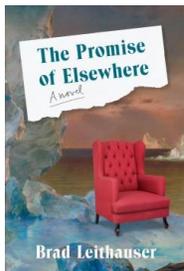
**[Felicity Hayes-McCoy - The Library at the Edge of the World](#) (HAY 2017)**

Much like a cup of tea and a cozy afghan, *The Library at The Edge of the World* is the perfect book to hunker down with. Be transported to coastal Ireland with Hannah Casey as she moves back to her hometown after a wrenching divorce and becomes the local librarian. Hannah's daily challenges include dealing with an abrasive mother, an infuriating building contractor, and noise in the library. Hayes-McCoy does a fine job capturing the characters and the setting in this first book in the Finfarran Peninsula series.



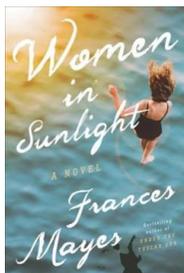
**[Ruth Hogan – Queenie Malone's Paradise Hotel](#) (HOG 2020)**

At 46, Tilda lives a quiet, solitary life, but with her mother's death, everything changes. A trip to the seaside to sort through her mother's belongings leads to the discovery of her mother's hidden diaries. As Tilda painstakingly reads through them, she realizes everything she thought to be true is no longer her reality. Hogan brings readers along on an unexpected, bumpy ride to Tilda's self-discovery with a captivating story full of endearing characters.



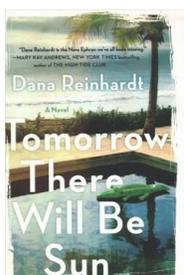
**[Brad Leithauser - The Promise of Elsewhere](#) (LEI 2019)**

A professor at a modest college in Michigan who's nearing both a second divorce and a possibly disastrous medical diagnosis, middle-aged Louie Hake decides to get relief by touring the world's most stunning architectural sites, from Rome to London to the Arctic (icebergs are the big draw there). Leithauser's journey novel wonderfully mixes pathos and comedy, and Louie, as he struggles for a sense of value and self, is endearingly and wonderfully human at every moment.



**[Frances Mayes - Women in Sunlight](#) (MAY 2018)**

Four American expats and strangers become unexpected friends during a magical year in Tuscany marked by a writer's complicated relationship with the subject of her biography, long-postponed dreams and shifting senses of adventure and bravery. Readers will enjoy the pleasurable descriptions of colors, tastes and various Italian tourist destinations.



**[Dana Reinhardt - Tomorrow There Will Be Sun](#) (REI 2019)**

A secluded beach, luxurious villa, discreet servants, and bottomless margaritas ought to spell a week of paradise for Jenna Carlson, her family, and friends to celebrate a group birthday vacation in Mexico. But Jenna is dismayed when her friends' personalities change, her husband begins making clandestine calls and her teen daughter bonds with a local delinquent. A page-turner that's both charming and thoughtful.