1. All the Colors of the Dark — Chris Whitaker

Mystery / Thriller; suspenseful and character-driven.

2. The Exiles — Christina Baker Kline

Historical fiction about women in early Australia.

3. Detransition, Baby — Torrey Peters

Contemporary fiction exploring gender, identity & family.

4. The Measure — Nikki Erlick

Speculative fiction that sparks philosophical discussion.

5. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn — Mark Twain

Classic American literature with adventure & social satire.

6. James — Percival Everett

Literary retelling of Huck Finn from Jim's perspective.

7. The Downstairs Girl — Stacey Lee

YA Historical fiction; identity & social justice.

8. The Talk — Darrin Bell

Graphic memoir; race, parenting & social commentary.

9. The House in the Cerulean Sea — TJ Klune

Whimsical fantasy; kindness, belonging & found family.

10. The Gods of the Woods — Liz Moore

Psychological thriller with mystery and atmosphere.

11. Beautyland — Marie-Hélène Bertino

Literary fiction with surreal/speculative elements.

12. All This Could Be Yours — Jami Attenberg

Contemporary fiction; family secrets & generational conflict.