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**The Treasure of Topo-el-Bampo** Lake Union Publishing  
Spanish seminarian Juliân Escobar,

known to the Mayas as Lord Kukulcân and worshipped as a god, witnesses the fall of the Mayan and Incan civilizations with the coming of Cortâes and Pizarro.

**Kathleen, Please Come Home**

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This powerful account of the tragic defeat of the Nez Perce Indians in 1877 by the United States Army is narrated by Chief Joseph's strong and brave daughter.

**The Road to Damietta** Penguin Group

A 1968 Newbery Honor Book From the depths of a cave in the Vermilion Sea, Ramon Salazar has wrested a black pearl so lustrous and captivating that his father, an expert pearl dealer, is certain Ramon has found the legendary Pearl of Heaven. Such a treasure is sure to bring great joy to the villagers of their tiny

coastal town, and even greater renown to the Salazar name. No diver, not even the swaggering Gaspar Ruiz, has ever found a pearl like this! But is there a price to pay for a prize so great? When a terrible tragedy strikes the village, old Luzon's warning about El Diablo returns to haunt Ramon. If El Diablo actually exists, it will take all Ramon's courage to face the winged creature waiting for him offshore.

**Island of the Blue Dolphins** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

A parole officer relates his efforts to keep the violence and heroics of two young Chicanos under control.

**The King's Fifth** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

The arrival of Christopher Dawson, a young archaeologist, dramatically alters the life of Lucinda de Cabrillo y Benivides, a beautiful young girl protected by her fabulously wealthy father from the realities of the twentieth

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century.

Forge HarperCollins

Amid the violent last days of the glittering Russian monarchy, a princess on the run finds her heart where she least expects it. 1917, Petrograd. Fleeing the murderous flames of the Russian Revolution, Princess Svetlana Dalsky hopes to find safety in Paris with her mother and sister. But the city is buckling under the weight of the Great War, and the Bolsheviks will not rest until they have erased every Russian aristocrat from memory. Svetlana and her family are forced into hiding in Paris's underbelly, with little to their name but the jewels they sewed into their corsets before their terrifying escape. Born the second son of a Scottish duke, the only title Wynn MacCallan cares for is that of surgeon. Putting his talents with a scalpel to good use in the hospitals in Paris, Wynn pushes the boundaries of medical science to give his patients the best care possible. After treating Svetlana for a minor injury, he is pulled into a world of decaying imperial glitter. Intrigued by this mysterious, cold, and beautiful woman, Wynn follows Svetlana to an underground Russian club

where drink, dance, and questionable dealings collide on bubbles of vodka. Out of money and options, Svetlana agrees to a marriage of convenience with the handsome and brilliant Wynn, who will protect her and pay off her family's debts. It's the right thing for a good man to do, but Wynn cannot help hoping the marriage will turn into one of true affection. When Wynn's life takes an unexpected turn, so does Svetlana's—and soon Paris becomes as dangerous as Petrograd. And as the Bolsheviks chase them to Scotland, Wynn and Svetlana begin to wonder if they will ever be able to outrun the love they are beginning to feel for one another. "The Ice Swan is a ray of light in the middle of a Europe that was sinking into darkness. Ciesielski's talent for storytelling from the heart is a feast for the readers' eyes." —Mario Escobar, international bestselling author of *Remember Me* and *Children of the Stars* Adventurous World War I historical romance For fans of Kate Quinn, Beatriz Williams, and Aimie K. Runyan Full-length, stand-alone novel (approx. 120,000 words) Includes discussion questions for book clubs

*The Ice Swan* Fawcett

A young girl relates her feelings and experiences as a participant in the battle of San Pasqual during the last days of the war between Californians and Americans. A Literature Unit for The Black Pearl by Scott O'Dell The Black Pearl Winner of the Scott O'Dell Award Five Starred Reviews! A New York Public Library Best Book for Kids, 2016 Grown-ups lie. That's one truth Beans knows for sure. He and his gang know how to spot a whopper a mile away, because they are the savviest bunch of barefoot conchs (that means "locals") in all of Key West. Not that Beans really minds; it's 1934, the middle of the Great Depression. With no jobs on the island, and no money anywhere, who can really blame the grown-ups for telling a few tales? Besides, Beans isn't anyone's fool. In fact, he has plans. Big plans. And the consequences might surprise even Beans himself. Return to the wonderful world of Newbery Honor Book *Turtle in Paradise* through the eyes of Turtle's cousin Beans! "A surprising coming-of-age story with a remarkably honest message." —The New York Times

"[Holm] captures this colorful slice of Depression history with her usual vivacious wit. . . . Children will love Beans." —Shelf Awareness, Starred "A novel as entertaining as the motion pictures [Beans] loves to see."—The Horn Book Magazine, Starred "Inspired by actual events, Holm's talent for writing historical fiction is on full display. . . . Interesting family and small-town dynamics further enrich this fascinating account of a young boy's life in Florida's 'Recovery Key.'" —Booklist, Starred "Filled with humor, heart, and warmth." —Kirkus Review, Starred "Entertaining and illuminating historical fiction." —Publishers Weekly, Starred **Hill of the Hawk** Macmillan Reference USA Faith, I tell them, is a mystery, elusive to many, and never easy to explain. Sweeping and lyrical, spellbinding and unforgettable, David Ebershoff's *The 19th Wife* combines epic historical fiction with a modern murder mystery to create a brilliant novel of literary suspense. It is 1875, and Ann Eliza Young has recently separated from her powerful husband, Brigham Young, prophet and leader of the Mormon Church. Expelled and an outcast, Ann Eliza embarks on a crusade to end polygamy in the United States. A rich account of a family's

polygamous history is revealed, including how a young woman became a plural wife. Soon after Ann Eliza's story begins, a second exquisite narrative unfolds—a tale of murder involving a polygamist family in present-day Utah. Jordan Scott, a young man who was thrown out of his fundamentalist sect years earlier, must reenter the world that cast him aside in order to discover the truth behind his father's death. And as Ann Eliza's narrative intertwines with that of Jordan's search, readers are pulled deeper into the mysteries of love and faith. Praise for *The 19th Wife* "This exquisite tour de force explores the dark roots of polygamy and its modern-day fruit in a renegade cult . . . Ebershoff brilliantly blends a haunting fictional narrative by Ann Eliza Young, the real-life 19th "rebel" wife of Mormon leader Brigham Young, with the equally compelling contemporary narrative of fictional Jordan Scott, a 20-year-old gay man. . . . With the topic of plural marriage and its shattering impact on women and powerless children in today's headlines, this novel is essential reading for anyone seeking understanding of the subject."—Publishers Weekly (starred review) *Streams to the River, River to the Sea* Random House Books for Young Readers A sixteen-year-old boy relates his discovery of the

Pearl of Heaven and his near-fatal encounter with the feared sea monster, Manta Diablo.

**All He Knew** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Ellie Haskell becomes drawn into a mystery with her moonlighting housekeeper when a modish matriarch reports that the surviving daughter of a late ex-employee may be seeking revenge by killing off her mother's former employers and their descendants.

*Journey to Jericho* Turtleback

This is a new release of the original 1947 edition.

*The Spanish Smile* HMH Books For Young Readers

*The Black Pearl* HMH Books For Young Readers

**Zia** HarperCollins

David Clement-Davies's first novel was published to great acclaim, including a rave review from *Watership Down* author Richard Adams: "it is a riveting story and deserves to be widely read. it is one of the best anthropomorphic fantasies known to me."

**Fire Bringer** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt A young Indian girl, Zia, caught between the traditional world of her mother and the present world of the Mission, is helped by her aunt Karana, whose story was told in "The Island of the Blue Dolphins."

**Mustard Seed** Penguin

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Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who take opposite sides in the War for Independence, and fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her, Sarah Bishop struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.

### **The Girl of the Sea of Cortez**

HarperCollins

O'Dell takes a voyage up the length of the California coast in his cedar-hulled offshore cruiser named "Arctic Star" and experiences the delights and drama of life at sea along this beautiful shoreline. Along the way, he relates the colorful narratives of California's past.

Full of Beans Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Peter Benchley's fascination with the sea and its magnificent inhabitants inspired such classic novels as *Jaws* and *The Deep*, making him the preeminent author of ocean adventure and suspense. *The Girl of the Sea of Cortez* was his most heartfelt, cherished story of the relationship between man and the sea, both those that live in it and those who love it. On an island in the Gulf of California, an intrepid young woman named Paloma carries a special legacy from her father—a deep understanding of the sea and a sixth sense about the need to protect it. Every day, Paloma paddles her tiny boat into the ocean and anchors over a seamount—a submerged volcanic peak sixty

feet underwater that is clustered with spectacular sea animals and a wondrous web of marine life. It is there that an astonishing event takes place, when on one of her dives Paloma is shadowed by a manta ray—an animal so large it blocks the sun. She develops an extraordinary relationship with this luminous, gentle creature, but instinctively knows its existence is a secret she must fiercely protect. Benchley's novel paints a poignant picture of humanity's precarious relationship with the ocean, which unfolds alongside a heartrending story of familial bonds, often revealing that the ignorance of man is far more dangerous than the sea. Full of beauty, danger, and adventure, *The Girl of the Sea of Cortez* is triumphant—a novel to fall in love with. Praise for *The Girl of the Sea of Cortez* "It's hard not to compare Benchley's tale . . . with Hemingway's classic *The Old Man and the Sea*."—*The Christian Science Monitor* "Charming."—*The New York Times Book Review* "For a hot summer's day, *The Girl of the Sea of Cortez* is the next best thing to looking through a clear face mask into blue water swimming with fish."—*United Press International* Serpent Never Sleeps Ballantine Books Amid political turmoil and threats of plague, young Tom Barton accepts the risks of helping William Tyndale publish and smuggle into England the Bible he has translated into English.