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Umrigar tells a Times bestselling
story of India author of Before
with the intimacy We Were Yours
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and immersive novel, bestselling author Thrity Umrigar tells the story of two couples and the sometimes dangerous and heartbreaking challenges of love across a cultural divide. Indian American journalist Smita has returned to India to cover a story, but reluctantly: long ago she and her family left the country with no intention of ever coming back. As she follows the case of Meena—a Hindu woman attacked by members of her

own village and her own family for marrying a Muslim man—Smita comes face to face with a society where tradition carries more weight than one's own heart, and a story that threatens to unearth the painful secrets of Smita's own past. While Meena's fate hangs in the balance, Smita tries in every way she can to right the scales. She also finds herself increasingly drawn to Mohan, an Indian man she meets while

on assignment. But the dual love stories of Honor are as different as the cultures of Meena and Smita themselves: Smita realizes she has the freedom to enter into a casual affair, knowing she can decide later how much it means to her. In this tender and evocative novel about love, hope, familial devotion, betrayal, and sacrifice, Thrity Umrigar shows us two courageous women trying to navigate how to be true to their

homelands and themselves at the same time. The Oracle of Stamboul Penguin A RUSA Award-winning novel! The first book in a new culinary cozy series full of sharp humor and delectable dishes—one that might just be killer.... When Lila Macapagal moves back home to recover from a horrible breakup, her life seems to be following all the typical rom-com tropes. She's tasked with saving her Tita Rosie's failing restaurant, and she has to deal with a group of matchmaking

aunties who shower her with love and judgment. But when a notoriously nasty food critic (who happens to be her ex-boyfriend) drops dead moments after a confrontation with Lila, her life quickly swerves from a Nora Ephron romp to an Agatha Christie case. With the cops treating her like she's the one and only suspect, and the shady landlord looking to finally kick the Macapagal family out and resell the storefront, Lila's left with no choice but to conduct her own investigation.

Armed with the nosy auntie network, her barista best bud, and her trusted Dachshund, Longanisa, Lila takes on this tasty, twisted case and soon finds her own neck on the chopping block...
The World We Found Harper Collins
These two unique novels tell the stories of Jack and Brenda Bowman during a rare weekend apart in their many years of marriage. Jack is at home coping with domestic crises and two uncouth adolescents, while immobilized by self-doubt and questioning his

worth as a historian. Brenda, travelling alone for the first time, is in a strange city grappling with an array of emotions and toying with the idea of an affair.

Intimate and insightful yet never sentimental, *Happenstance* is a profound portrait of a marriage and the differences between the sexes that bring life — and a sense of isolation — into even the most loving of relationships.

The Ashford Affair

Harper Collins
A doctor's account of her own experience of death, heaven and return to life with a new realization of her purpose on earth. Dr Mary Neal, an orthopaedic surgeon, was on a kayaking

holiday in Chile. Sceptical of near death experiences, she was to have her life transformed when her kayak became wedged in rocks at the bottom of a waterfall and was underwater for so long that her heart stopped. *To Heaven And Back* is Mary's faith-enriching story of her spiritual journey, her first-hand experience of heaven and its continuing life-enhancing effects.

First Darling of the Morning
Picador
Another brilliant, original and moving novel from the author of *The Time Traveler's Wife*. Julia and Valentina Poole are normal

American teenagers — normal, at least, for identical "mirror" twins who have no interest in college or jobs or possibly anything outside their cozy suburban home. But everything changes when they receive notice that an aunt whom they didn't know existed has died and left them her amazing flat in a building by Highgate Cemetery in London. They feel that at last their own lives can begin ... but they have no idea that

they've been summoned into a tangle of fraying lives, from the OCD-suffering crossword setter who lives above them to their aunt's mysterious and elusive lover who lives below them, and even to their aunt herself, who never got over her estrangement from the mother of the girls – her own twin – and who can't even seem to quite leave her flat...
The Weight of Heaven
Macmillan
In 1954, in the cookhouse

of a logging and sawmill settlement in northern New Hampshire, an anxious twelve-year-old boy mistakes the local constable's girlfriend for a bear. Both the twelve-year-old and his father become fugitives, forced to run from Coos County—to Boston, to southern Vermont, to Toronto—pursued by the implacable constable. Their lone protector is a fiercely

libertarian logger, once a river driver, who befriends them. In a story spanning five decades, *Last Night in Twisted River* depicts the recent half-century in the United States as "a living replica of Coos County, where lethal hatreds were generally permitted to run their course." What further distinguishes *Last Night in Twisted River* is the

author's unmistakable voice—the inimitable voice of an accomplished storyteller. *Book Club to Go Bag 90* HarperCollins In News from Heaven, Jennifer Haigh—bestselling author of *Faith and The Condition*—returns to the territory of her acclaimed novel *Baker Towers* with a collection of short stories set in and

around the fictionalized coal-mining town of Bakerton, Pennsylvania. Exploring themes of restlessness, regret, redemption and acceptance, Jennifer Haigh depicts men and women of different generations shaped by dreams and disappointments. Janet Maslin of the *New York Times* has called

Haigh's Bakerton stories "utterly, entrancingly alive on the page," comparable to Richard Russo's *Empire Falls*. **Arsenic and Adobo** Random House Caroline is a giver—as an ER nurse, as devoted lover to her partner, Diane, as a divorced mother of two boys, and as the daughter of world-class do-gooders—but can she accept help from others and

still be herself? When trauma cases in the ER leave Caroline emotionally paralyzed and her relationship with her partner, Diane, breaks down, she knows its time to take a look at her life and do something she'd never imagined: go to therapy. Her therapist, Hannah, knows a thing or two about sacrifice and pain. A former war bride, Hannah may live a seemingly cozy domestic life with her beloved husband and two grown children, but she can't forget her own harrowing past. As she and Caroline work together, each comes to understand and admire the resilient woman sitting before her. A poignant look at the human need for acceptance, *Other Women* is a thoughtful novel about how a life examined is worth a living. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Lisa Alther, including rare photos from the author's personal collection.

Her Fearful Symmetry

Gemma
"I have written about the joys of love. I have, in my secret heart, long dreamt of an intimate connection with a man; every Jane, I believe, deserves her Rochester." Though poor, plain, and unconnected, Charlotte Bronte possesses a deeply passionate side which she reveals only in her

writings—creating Jane Eyre and other novels that stand among literature's most beloved works. Living a secluded life in the wilds of Yorkshire with her sisters Emily and Anne, their drug-addicted brother, and an eccentric father who is going blind, Charlotte Bronte dreams of a real love story as fiery as the ones she creates. But it is in the pages of her diary where Charlotte exposes her deepest feelings and desires—and the truth about her life, its triumphs and shattering disappointments, her family, the inspiration behind her work, her scandalous secret passion for the man she can never have . . . and her intense, dramatic relationship with the man she comes to love, the enigmatic Arthur Bell Nicholls. "Who is this man who has dared to ask for my hand? Why is my father so dead set against him? Why are half the residents of Haworth determined to lynch him—or shoot him?" From

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successfully; with her any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works. **The Book of Mother** Harper Collins Bhima has been a domestic servant in an upper-middle-class Bombay household for more than twenty years, washing dishes she is not allowed to eat from, cleaning furniture she is not allowed to sit on. But Bhima has also forged a special bond

with her mistress, Sera, their relationship strengthened by the family tragedies that they must, as women, bear with strength and dignity. Now Bhima's headstrong granddaughter, who holds the fragile promise of moving beyond the slum, is pregnant and unwed. Turning to Serabai for help, Bhima must test the strength of the bond that took a lifetime to build but that may be severed in a devastating instant. The Space Between

Us transports readers into the lives of two contemporary Bombay families struggling to shoulder the weight of class, custom and dangerous loyalties. Honor Dreamspinner Press LLC "This is a story intimately and compassionately told against the sensuous background of everyday life in Bombay."—Washington Post Book World "Bracingly honest."—New York Times Book Review The author of *Bombay Time*, *If Today Be*

Sweet, and *The Weight of Heaven*, Thrity Umrigar is as adept and compelling in *The Space Between Us*—vividly capturing the social struggles of modern India in a luminous, addictively readable novel of honor, tradition, class, gender, and family. A portrayal of two women discovering an emotional rapport as they struggle against the confines of a rigid caste system, Umrigar's captivating second novel

echoes the timeless intensity of Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Betty Smith's *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, and Barbara Kingsolver's *The Poisonwood Bible*—a quintessential triumph of modern literary fiction. **The Weight of Water** Knopf Canada "A powerful, urgent novel that wields issues of gender and class like a blade. . . . This intergenerational novel asks

hard questions about who we are, who we can become, and what awaits on the other side of our becoming. Thrity Umrigar is known as a bold and generous writer, and *The Secrets Between Us* only further establishes her reputation." — Wiley Cash, author of *The Last Ballad* Bhima, the unforgettable main character of *Thrity Umrigar's* beloved

national bestseller *The Space Between Us*, returns in this triumphant sequel—a poignant and compelling novel in which the former servant struggles against the circumstances of class and misfortune to forge a new path for herself and her granddaughter in modern India. Poor and illiterate, Bhima had faithfully

worked for the Dubash family, an upper-middle-class Parsi household, for more than twenty years. Yet after courageously speaking the truth about a heinous crime perpetrated against her own family, the devoted servant was cruelly fired. The sting of that dismissal was made more painful coming from Sera Dubash, the temperamental employer who had long been

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A New York Times Notable Book A Library Journal Best Book of 2021 "marvelous...superbly effective" (The New Yorker) debut novel about a young woman coming of age with a dazzling yet damaged mother who lived and loved in extremes. Met by rave reviews in The New Yorker, The New York Times, and more, this stunning translation of Huisman's "witty, immersive autofiction showcases a Parisian childhood with a charismatic, depressed parent" (Oprah Daily). Beautiful and magnetic, Catherine, a.k.a. "Maman," smokes too much, drives too fast, laughs too hard, and loves too extravagantly, and her daughter Violaine wouldn't have it any other way. But when Maman is hospitalized after a third divorce and a breakdown, everything changes. Even as Violaine and her sister long for their mother's return, once she's back Maman's violent mood swings and flagrant disregard for personal boundaries soon turn their home into an emotional landmine. As the story of Catherine's own traumatic childhood and adolescence unfolds, the pieces come together to form an indelible portrait of a mother as irresistible as she is impossible, as triumphant as she is transgressive. With spectacular ferocity of language, a streak of dark

humor, and stunning emotional bravery, The Book of Mother is an exquisitely wrought story of a mother's dizzying heights and devastating lows, and a daughter who must hold her memory close in order to surrender, and finally move on.

If Today Be Sweet Harper Collins
"[Zoe Heller] is an extraordinarily entertaining writer, and this novel showcases

her copious gifts, including a scathing, Waugh-like wit."—New York Times Best-selling author Zoe Heller has followed up the critical and commercial success of *What Was She Thinking?* Notes on a Scandal with another tour-de-force on the meaning of faith, belief, and trust: *The Believers*. Tragic and comic, witty

and intense, *The Believers* is the story of a dysfunctional family forced by tragedy to confront their own personal demons. In the vein of Claire Messud and Zadie Smith, Zoe Heller has written that rare novel that tackles the big ideas without sacrificing page-turning readability. Happenstance

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mostly on her own while dealing with her unreliable ex and running a bookstore, Claire Sutherland depends upon a life without surprises. And Delilah Green is an unwelcome surprise...at first. Though they've known each other for years, they don't really know each other—so Claire is unsettled when Delilah figures out exactly what buttons to push. When they're forced together during a gauntlet of wedding preparations—including a plot to save

Astrid from her horrible fiancé—Claire isn't sure she has the strength to resist Delilah's charms. Even worse, she's starting to think she doesn't want to...

The Space Between Us
Bloomsbury Publishing USA

A charmingly quirky seaside town offers a recently separated restaurateur a fresh start and possibly a new lease on love in *A Season for*

Second Chances, by the author of *The Twelve Dates of Christmas*. Annie Sharpe's spark for life has fizzled out. Her kids are grown up, her restaurant is doing just fine on its own, and her twenty-six-year marriage has come to an unceremonious end. Untethered for the first time in her adult life, she finds a winter guardian

position in a historic seaside home and decides to leave her city life behind for a brand-new beginning. When she arrives in Willow Bay, Annie is enamored by the charming house, the invigorating sea breeze, and the town's rich seasonal traditions. Not to mention, her neighbors receive her with open arms—that is, all except the surly

nephew of the homeowner, whose grand plans for the property are at odds with her residency. As Christmas approaches, tensions and tides rise in Willow Bay, and Annie's future seems less and less certain. But with a little can-do spirit and holiday magic, the most difficult time of her life will become...a season for second chances.

When I Carried

You in My Belly
Scholastic Inc.
From the bestselling author of THE SPACE BETWEEN US comes an emotionally-charged story about unexpected death, unhealed wounds, and the price one father will pay to protect himself from pain and loss. "Powerful. . . . Twisty, brimming with dark humor and keen moral insight, The Weight of Heaven packs a wallop on both a literary and emotional level. . . . Umrigar . . . is a

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