



# Book Club Picks

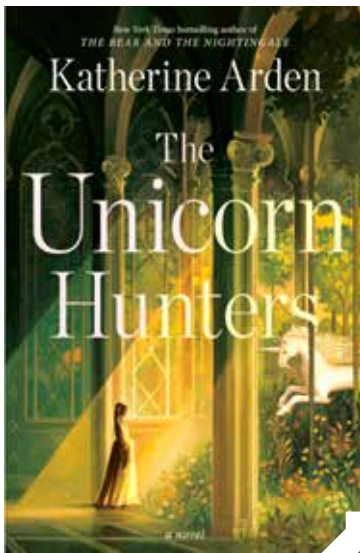
## JULY - SEPTEMBER 2026

### Club Schedule At-a-Glance

DATE	BOOK ISBN	MONTH / CLUB / TITLE / AUTHOR
7/9/26	9780593128282	July Fab Fantasy: <i>The Unicorn Hunters</i> by Katherine Arden
7/13/26	9781250872685	July Plot Twist YA <b>NEW!</b> : <i>She Drinks the Light</i> by Yasmin Angoe
7/14/26	9781250392367	July Thrill in the 'Ville: <i>Harmless Women</i> by Rebecca Sharpe
7/20/26	9780063380974	July Adventures in Reading Kids: <i>Styx and Stones</i> by Gary D. Schmidt
7/21/26	9781964264608	July Kiss & Tell Romance: <i>Beneath Still Waters</i> by Linny Mack
7/28/26	9780593804216	July Books & Banter: <i>Yesteryear</i> by Caro Claire Burke
8/6/26	9781250406583	August Fab Fantasy: <i>The Franchise</i> by Thomas Elrod
8/10/26	9798217040506	August Plot Twist YA <b>NEW!</b> : <i>Her Hidden Fire</i> by Clíodhna O'Sullivan
8/11/26	9798217060450	August Thrill in the 'Ville: <i>The One Day You Were My Husband</i> by Rosie Walsh
8/17/26	9781547619429	August Adventures in Reading Kids: <i>The Trouble with Heroes</i> by Kate Messner
8/18/26	9781464243677	August Kiss & Tell Romance: <i>Rules for the Summer</i> by Meghan Quinn
8/25/26	9798897360093	August Books & Banter: <i>Sing Down the Moon</i> by Robert Gwaltney
9/3/26	9798892422833	September Fab Fantasy: <i>A Spell for Drowning</i> by Rebecca Ferrier
9/8/26	9781464260506	September Thrill in the 'Ville: <i>The Sins of Summer Daughters</i> by Patrick Lo
9/14/26	9781464266195	September Plot Twist YA <b>NEW!</b> : <i>Flickerstate</i> by F.A. Davidson
9/15/26	9780063480209	September Kiss & Tell Romance: <i>Songbird in the Gallows</i> by Alta Hensley
9/21/26	9781464240911	September Adventures in Reading Kids: <i>Invisible</i> by Eloy Moreno
9/22/26	9781954118812	September Books & Banter: <i>The Calamity Club</i> by Kathryn Stockett

*These titles are all 10% off. Clubs are free and open to all.  
You bring the conversation, we'll provide the treats!*

# Fab Fantasy Picks: July - September



JULY 9, 2026 (ONE WEEK LATER DUE TO 4TH HOLIDAY)

**The Unicorn Hunters** by Katherine Arden

\$30.00 Book club price: \$27.00 Hardcover, 368 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9780593128282>

History, magic, and political intrigue in a captivating fantasy inspired by the life of Anne of Brittany. As the young duchess faces mounting pressure to marry the King of France and surrender her sovereignty, Anne devises a daring plan to protect her people and her future: a secret marriage to France's greatest rival. To conceal her scheme, she stages a grand unicorn hunt in the legendary forest of Brocéliande, a place where ancient magic lingers and divination cannot penetrate its borders. What begins as a clever political maneuver soon spirals into something dangerous. Filled with enchanted forests, courtly intrigue, and hidden agendas, the novel explores the cost of power, the strength of conviction, and the choices that can alter the course of history. Richly atmospheric this is an irresistible pick for readers who love historical fantasy, myth and strong heroines.

AUGUST 6, 2026

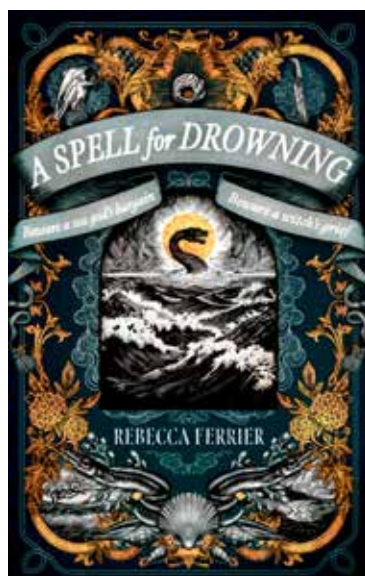
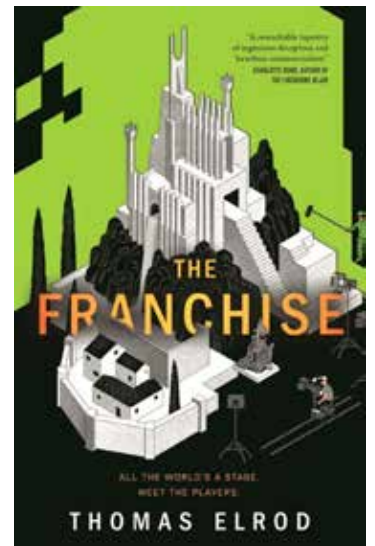
**The Franchise** by Thomas Elrod

\$28.99 Book club price: \$26.09 Hardcover, 368 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9781250406583>

A wildly imaginative fantasy that combines the epic scale of Game of Thrones with the reality-bending intrigue of The Truman Show. The world of Malicarn has everything fantasy readers could want—dragons, magic, wizards, warriors, and kingdoms locked in conflict. But there's a catch: Malicarn is actually a Hollywood-owned fantasy realm created for a blockbuster film franchise. Most of its inhabitants have no idea their world is fictional. They live, fight, and die believing their scripted lives are real.

When a fan-favorite actor begins to suspect the truth, he sets out to challenge the studio's control and awaken others to the reality around them. Equal parts epic adventure, satire, and philosophical exploration, this novel questions power, free will, and the stories that shape our lives. Both entertaining and thought-provoking.



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**A Spell for Drowning** by Rebecca Ferrier

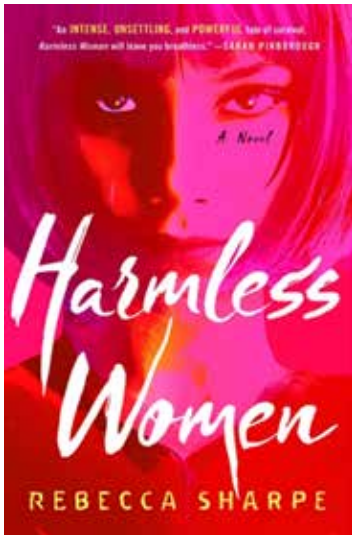
\$19.99 Book club price: \$17.99 Hardcover, 304 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9798892422833>

A lush historical fantasy steeped in the myths, magic, and rugged beauty of the Cornish coast. In the seaside village of Portscatho, where sea gods, spirits, and ancient traditions remain woven into everyday life, ambitious young Kensa seizes an opportunity that changes her future—and her relationship with her half sister—forever. Elevated to apprentice of the village wise woman, Kensa finally gains the status she has long craved, but soon discovers that power comes at a steep personal cost.

When her beloved mentor Isolde falls ill, Kensa becomes desperate to save her, even if it means striking a dangerous bargain with Bucka, a powerful sea god who rules the tides. As the stakes rise, Kensa must confront questions of belonging, sacrifice, and identity. Rich with Cornish folklore and unforgettable characters, this is a well-crafted tale of magic, ambition, and the price of being both feared and needed.

# Thrill in the 'Ville Picks: July - September



JULY 14, 2026

**Harmless Women** by Rebecca Sharpe

\$29.00 Book club price: \$26.10 Hardcover, 384 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9781250392367>

A fast-paced, twisty thriller that turns a clever con into a desperate fight for survival. Avalon Dale has perfected the art of the grift: she carefully selects wealthy targets, steals their identities, empties their accounts, and disappears without a trace. Her final mark, Primrose Meath, seems ideal—a successful businesswoman distracted by a failing marriage and personal turmoil. But everything unravels when Avalon discovers Prim's husband dead and suddenly finds herself mistaken for Prim, the prime suspect in a murder investigation. Forced into an uneasy alliance, the grifter and her intended victim become fugitives on the run across England. As danger closes in from every direction, the two women must decide whether they can trust each other long enough to survive. Packed with sharp twists, escalating tension, and memorable female leads!

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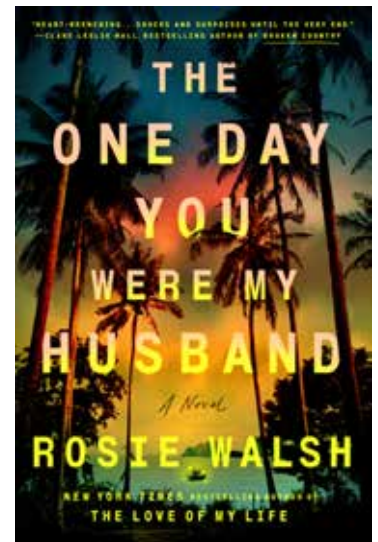
**The One Day You Were My Husband** by Rosie Walsh

\$30.00 Book club price: \$27.00 Hardcover, 368 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9798217060450>

What if the love of your life vanished without a trace—and then reappeared twelve years later? In this gripping emotional thriller, Carrie impulsively marries Johan during a whirlwind romance in Thailand, only to see him abducted from their beach wedding by armed men. He disappears, leaving Carrie to rebuild her life. More than a decade later, now married with children and living in the English countryside, she discovers evidence that Johan survived and has been living in Sweden all along.

As Carrie becomes consumed with uncovering the truth about what happened that night, long-buried memories and unanswered questions resurface. But the deeper she digs, the more dangerous the truth becomes. A page-turning exploration of first love, second chances, and the secrets that can reshape an entire life.



SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

**The Sins of Summer Daughters** by Lo Patrick

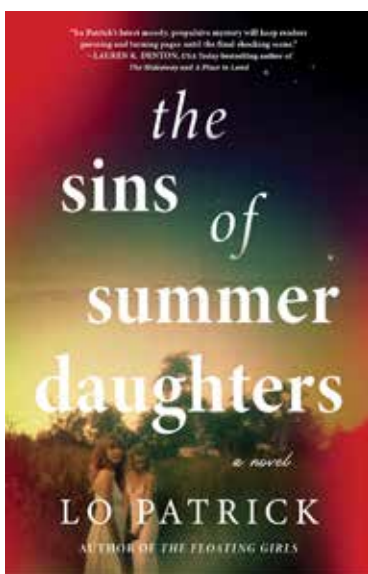
\$17.99 Book club price: \$16.19 Paperback, 400 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9781464260506>

In the heat of rural Georgia, some secrets never stay buried. When Lucy Gregory is accused of murdering her boyfriend, her grandmother Meg is certain she's innocent. Determined to protect her granddaughter, Meg finds herself confronting painful memories she has spent decades trying to forget. Because this isn't the first time...

As past and present collide, Meg is forced to revisit a long-ago summer filled with trauma, loss, and choices that continue to echo through four generations of women. Set against the backdrop of a small Southern town where everyone knows everyone—and the land seems to remember everything—this novel blends literary suspense, family drama, and a deeply atmospheric mystery.

Rich with Southern Gothic tension and unforgettable characters, this is a haunting exploration of memory, legacy, and the devastating consequences of secrets left untold.



# New! Page Turners YA Club: July - September



JULY 13, 2026

## **She Drinks the Light** by Yasmin Angoe

\$19.99 Book club price: \$17.99 Hardcover, 336 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9781250872685>

Welcome to Page Turners, Main Street Reads' YA book club for teen and adult readers who love great stories, lively discussions, and discovering new favorite books.

Our inaugural selection is a thrilling YA fantasy steeped in West African mythology, family secrets, and supernatural suspense. Set on a mysterious private island off the South Carolina coast, the novel follows Addae as she races to find her missing best friend and uncovers truths about her heritage that could change everything she thought she knew about her family, her home, and herself.

Perfect for fans of atmospheric fantasy, folklore-inspired stories, vampires, and high-stakes adventures, *She Drinks the Light* is a powerful debut filled with mystery, magic, friendship, and courage.

AUGUST 10, 2026

## **Her Hidden Fire** by Clíodhna O'Sullivan

\$22.99 Book club price: \$20.69 Hardcover, 448 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9798217040506>

This is the launch of an enchanting romantasy series packed with dragons, magic, intrigue, and impossible choices. Set in an Irish-inspired world where magical power determines status and survival, the story follows Éadha, a servant girl who discovers she possesses a rare gift. But what begins as a tale of hidden magic quickly grows into something deeper.

As Éadha enters a prestigious magical academy under false pretenses, she must navigate rigid social classes, dangerous secrets, political schemes, and a growing realization that the kingdom's magic comes at a terrible cost. The world-building is lush, the dragon lore captivating, and the romantic tension keeps the pages flying. Fans of *Fourth Wing*, magical academies, forbidden romance, and fierce heroines willing to challenge the rules will find plenty to love here.



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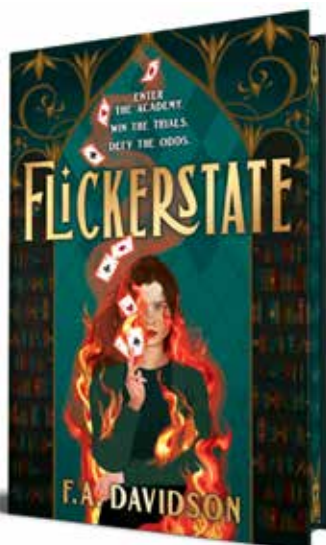
## **Flickerstate** by F A Davidson

\$18.99 Book club price: \$17.09 Hardcover, 400 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9781464266195>

A thrilling YA fantasy debut blending mystery, romance, and fierce competition in a world where probability itself can be controlled. When Norah Sullivan discovers she is a navigator—a rare individual capable of manipulating chance—her life changes overnight. After a deadly flickerbeast attack leaves her father gravely ill, Norah enters the prestigious Academy of Navigation in search of a cure hidden deep within its restricted archives. But access won't come easily. To reach the answers she needs, she'll have to survive a brutal team competition, navigate complicated relationships, and uncover the truth behind a series of unexplained disappearances.

Filled with heart-stopping twists, this is perfect for fans of dark academia, magical characters, and fantasy adventures with a touch of romance.



# Kids Reading Adventures: July - September



JULY 20, 2026

## **Styx and Stones** by Gary D. Schmidt and Ron Koertge

\$18.99 Book club price \$17.09 Hardcover, 240 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9780063380974>

This is a fast-paced fantasy adventure packed with humor, heart, and Greek mythology. Simon has spent centuries trying to escape the Underworld after being orphaned in ancient Greece. When he finally succeeds, he lands in the last place he expects—a modern middle school bathroom.

As Simon struggles to understand the twenty-first century, he forms an unlikely friendship with Zeke, a socially awkward classmate who helps him navigate his new world. But when forces from the Underworld come looking for Simon, the two friends must face danger, uncover secrets, and discover what truly matters. Perfect for fans of Percy Jackson, this unforgettable story explores friendship, courage, identity, and finding your place in the world.

AUGUST 17, 2026

## **The Trouble with Heroes** by Kate Messner

\$17.99 Book club price: \$16.19 Paperback, 368 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9781547619429>

A heartwarming and inspiring adventure about second chances, family, and finding your own path. After getting caught vandalizing a cemetery, seventh-grader Finn Connelly faces serious consequences. But instead of punishment, he's given an unusual challenge: climb all forty-six Adirondack High Peaks in one summer—with a stubborn dog by his side. As Finn tackles muddy trails, steep mountains, and unexpected obstacles, he begins to learn more about the legendary climber whose grave he damaged, his late father, and himself.

Filled with humor, friendship, and unforgettable outdoor adventures, this award-winning novel explores grief, resilience, and what it truly means to be a hero. Perfect for readers who enjoy stories of personal growth, perseverance, and the great outdoors.



SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

## **Invisible** by Eloy Moreno

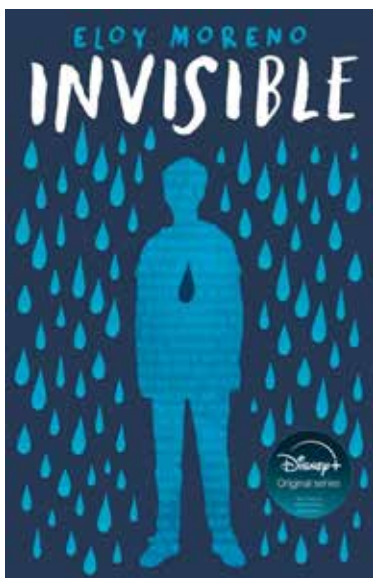
\$16.99 Book club price: \$15.29 Hardcover, 336 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9781464240911>

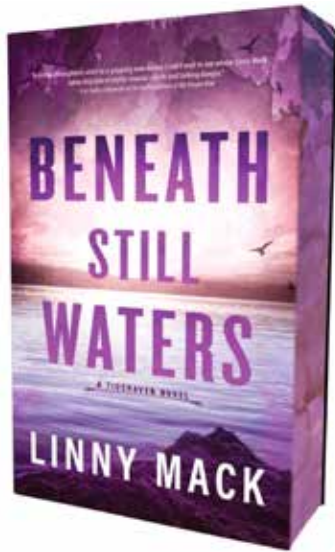
This offers up a powerful and deeply moving novel about bullying, friendship, and the struggle to be seen. When a thirteen-year-old boy wakes up in a hospital with no memory of how he got there, he slowly begins piecing together the events that changed his life forever.

Along the way, he reveals a secret: he has the power to become invisible. Told through multiple perspectives—including friends, family, teachers, and even the bully himself—this compelling story explores the lasting impact of words and actions, the challenges of mental health, and the importance of empathy.

Heartbreaking yet hopeful, Invisible is an unforgettable read that encourages meaningful conversations about kindness, resilience, and the courage it takes to ask for help when you need it most.



# Kiss & Tell Romance: July - September



JULY 21, 2026

**Beneath Still Waters** by Linny Mack

\$19.99 Book club price: \$17.99 Paperback, 336 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9781964264608>

A captivating romantic suspense set in the misty marshes of South Carolina. Burned-out marine biologist Emery Caldwell arrives in the quiet fishing village of Tidehaven hoping for a fresh start and a chance to reignite her passion for research. Former Navy SEAL Reid Morgan has spent years building a peaceful life and keeping his past at a distance. When Emery witnesses something dangerous hidden within the fog-shrouded marshes, their worlds collide.

As a growing threat forces Reid into the role of protector, an undeniable attraction begins to simmer between them. Blending slow-burn romance, small-town charm, and edge-of-your-seat suspense, this novel is a compelling story about trust, healing, and finding love when you least expect it.

AUGUST 18, 2026

**Rules for the Summer** by Meghan Quinn

\$19.99 Book club price: 17.99 Paperback, 576 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9781464243677>

Here's a sweet summer escape with a laugh-out-loud romantic comedy filled with charm, chemistry, and plenty of small-town chaos. Renley Gossage is determined to save her beloved hometown candy shop and prove she's more than the town's favorite cautionary tale. Theo Williams, meanwhile, arrives in Cape Meril after a spectacularly bad decision sends him fleeing across the ocean in search of a fresh start. As next-door neighbors, the practical and fiercely independent Renley and the wealthy, endlessly persistent Theo can't seem to stay out of each other's way.

Between renovation disasters, meddling relatives, and growing feelings neither expected, sparks fly in this delightful forced-proximity romance. Perfect for fans of witty banter, heartfelt romance, and happily-ever-afters, this is as irresistible as your favorite box of candy.



SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

**Songbird in the Gallows** by Alta Hensley

\$18.99 Book club price: \$17.09 Paperback, 320 pp

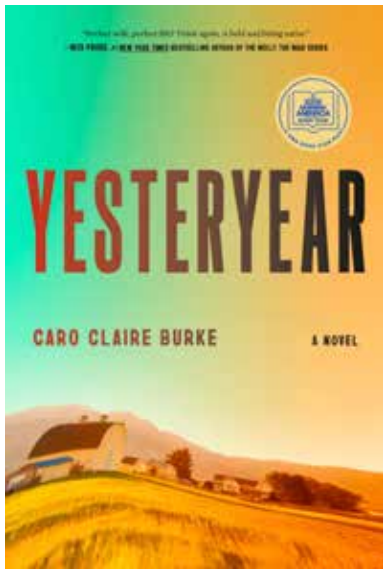
<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9780063480209>

a deliciously dark gothic romance filled with mystery, obsession, and razor-sharp humor. Five years after witnessing her father's murder, Saylor Mitchell is still searching for answers—and vengeance. When danger finds her again, she's rescued by Blue, her father's enigmatic best friend and a retired assassin determined to leave his violent past behind. Hidden away in a cliffside mansion overlooking a stormy sea, Saylor discovers a town full of secrets and a growing attraction that neither she nor Blue can ignore.

As they hunt the killers responsible for her father's death, mentor and student become something far more dangerous. Blending murder mystery, forbidden romance, morally gray characters, and gothic atmosphere, *Songbird in the Gallows* is a thrilling tale of love, revenge, and the darkness that binds them together.



# Books & Banter Picks: July - September



JULY 28, 2026

**Yesteryear** by Caro Claire Burke

\$30.00 Book club price: \$27.00 Hardcover, 400 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9780593804216>

A sharp, darkly funny novel that turns nostalgia on its head. Natalie Heller Mills has built an empire as a social media influencer celebrating a picture-perfect traditional lifestyle. With millions of followers, a charming farmhouse, and a carefully curated image, she seems to have it all. But when she suddenly awakens in 1855, she finds herself facing the harsh realities behind the romanticized past she's spent years promoting. Gone are the conveniences, comforts, and carefully managed appearances of modern life.

As Natalie struggles to survive and uncover what has happened to her, she must confront difficult truths about privilege, gender roles, fame, and identity. Clever, provocative, and impossible to put down, this is a fascinating blend of satire, suspense, and speculative fiction that will spark lively conversation.

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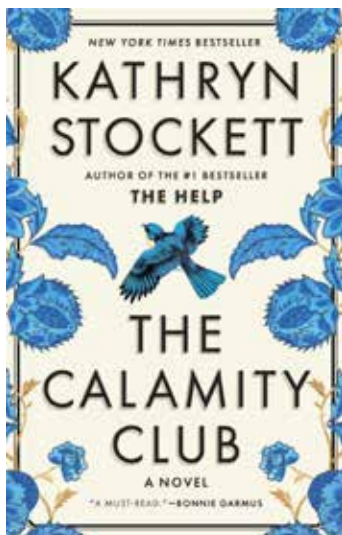
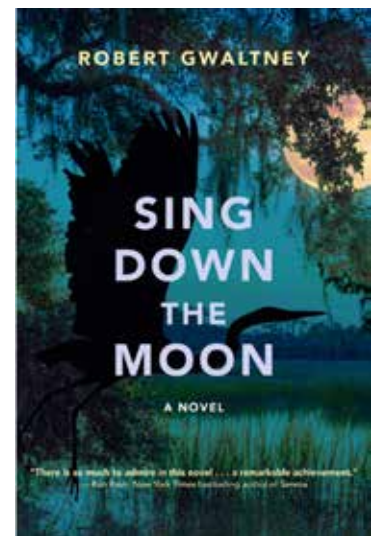
**Sing Down the Moon** by Robert Gwaltney

\$22.00 Book club price: \$19.80 Paperback, 336 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9798897360093>

A haunting and lyrical Southern gothic novel steeped in folklore, family secrets, and magic. Sixteen-year-old Leontyne Skye dreams of escaping Good Hope, an isolated barrier island off the Georgia coast where generations of Skye women have paid a terrible price. After a tragic accident leaves her memories fractured and her future uncertain, Leontyne struggles to piece together the truth about her past, her family, and the mysterious fig tree at the heart of the island's power.

As pressure mounts for her to continue a dangerous legacy tied to an addictive drug known as Redemption, Leontyne must decide whether to embrace her destiny or forge her own path. Rich with atmosphere and unforgettable characters, Ultimately this is a captivating tale of identity, sacrifice, and the power of memory.



SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

**The Calamity Club** by Kathryn Stockett

\$35.00 Book club price: \$31.50 Paperback, 656 pp

<https://bookshop.org/a/89/9781954118812>

Kathryn Stockett's long-awaited return to fiction is a sweeping story of friendship, resilience, and daring women who refuse to accept the limits placed upon them. Set in Depression-era Mississippi, the novel follows an unforgettable cast of characters whose lives intersect in unexpected ways. Young Meg Lefleur has learned to survive on her own in an orphanage, while outspoken Birdie Calhoun arrives in Oxford seeking help for her struggling family, only to discover that appearances can be deceiving.

When they join forces with the resourceful and determined Charlie, an audacious plan begins to take shape—one that could change all of their lives. Filled with humor, heartache, and hope, *The Calamity Club* is an uplifting tale of courage, community, and the transformative power of women standing together.



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