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The Ancestor by Danielle Trussoni - An American inherits a noble title, money, and a castle in Italy along with a dark family legacy.

The Imperfects by Amy Meyerson - A rare jewel found when the matriarch dies leads a family on a life-changing pursuit of the truth.

Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson - A woman finds meaning in her life when she cares for 2 children with remarkable abilities.

The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern - A graduate student finds a mysterious book and follows clues to find a magical library.

Happily Ever After

A Bad Day For Sunshine by Darynda Jones - During a manhunt, a police chief is aided by an alluring FBI agent and a sultry U.S. Marshal.

Beach Read by Emily Henry - Two old enemies meet by chance and decide to solve their writer's block by swapping genres.

In Five Years by Rebecca Serle - A lawyer has a dream about having a different life, 5 years later she meets the man in that vision.

Lean on Me by Pat Simmons - Caregiving for her Alzheimer's patient aunt, a woman clashes with a neighbor who hires ex-cons as cleaners.

Far, Far Away

Afterlife by Julia Alvarez - A widow is faced with her estranged sister's disappearance and a pregnant undocumented teenager.

The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Daré - A Nigerian woman is trapped in servitude but is ready to fight for her dreams.

The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi - In the 1950s a woman flees abuse to become a henna artist and confidant for the wealthy.

The Sweeney Sisters by Lian Dolan - Three sisters, drawn back together by their father's death, get a surprise at his wake--a 4th sister.

Once Upon A Time

The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd - An intellectual young woman enters into marriage with an 18-year-old Jesus.

Code Name Hélène by Ariel Lawhon - Based on the life of Nancy Wake, an Aussie expat who was a reporter and WWII spy.

The Girls with No Names by Serena Burdick - In 1910s NYC, a girl ends up in an infamous home for wayward girls.

Summer Darlings by Brooke Lea Foster - A wealthy family's summer days in 1960s Martha's Vineyard, through the nanny's eyes.

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It Was a Dark and Stormy Night

The Holdout by Graham Moore- Jurors in a controversial trial are reunited 10 years later and one of them ends up murdered.

Little Secrets by Jennifer Hillier - A woman learns her husband is having an affair with a woman after their son was kidnapped.

Long Bright River by Liz Moore- Two sisters travel the same streets, living very different lives, when one goes missing.

The Sun Down Motel by Simone St. James - Secrets lurking in a motel ensnare a woman, just as they did her aunt, 35 years before.

Dream Come True

House Lessons by Erica Bauermeister - A memoir about the power of home and the transformative act of restoring a house.

Leave Only Footprints by Conor Knighton - A journalist chronicle of his year spent traveling to every one of our National Parks.

Nobody Will Tell You This But Me by Bess Kalb - A television writer reflects on her relationship with her loving grandmother.

The Women with Silver Wings Katherine Sharp Landdeck - The inspiring true story of the WASPs during World War II.

When You Wish Upon a Star

The City We Became by N.K. Jemisin- Five people must embody the soul of NY city in order to come together and defend it.

Devolution by Max Brooks- A journal by a woman cut off from help by a volcanic eruption only to be faced with Sasquatches.

Ninth House by Leigh Bardugo- A troubled girl is offered a scholarship to Yale if she will help monitor the secret societies there.

The Obsidian Tower by Melissa Caruso - A young woman with dangerous magic makes a mistake that unleashes a threat to all.

Tale As Old As Time

Cursed: An Anthology - Twenty unique twists on curses from fairy tale classics to brand-new hexes of the modern world.

The Girl in Red by Christina Henry- A postapocalyptic take on *Little Red Riding Hood* where "Red" can take care of herself.

How Rory Thorne Destroyed the Multiverse by K. Eason- This adventure reimagines fairy tale tropes in a space opera.

The Sisters Grimm by Menna van Praag - Four half-sisters connected by blood and magic must fight to save all they love.