

## **Books Highly Rated 2020**

**500 Miles From You** by Jenny Colgan -A woman temporarily moves to the Scottish Highlands after seeing an accident. **Always the Last to Know** by Kristan Higgins- After their father has a stroke, two sisters return home and face the past. **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins— A mother and son flee Mexico after her husband writes a profile of a cartel jefe. **An Elegant Woman** by Martha McPhee- The story of four generations of women in one American family. The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins- A prequel to popular dystopian Hunger Games trilogy. **Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate- A tale inspired by reports about the corrupt Tennessee Children's Home Society. Beneath A Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan- In 1940's Italy a boy forced to enlist in the German army becomes a spy. **Big Summer** by Jennifer Weiner- A plus-size influencer finds trouble serving as a bridesmaid for her former best friend. **Boyfriend Material** by Alexis Hall- A man fake-dates a guy with whom he has nothing in common to repair his reputation. **Dear Edward** by Ann Napolitano – A 12-year-old lone survivor of a plane crash learns the stories of the other passengers. **The Dutch House** by Ann Patchett- For two siblings a house becomes a symbol connected to love and loss. Florence Adler Swims Forever by Rachel Beanland - A family constructs a web of lies to cover up a devastating tragedy. The Ghosts of Eden Park by Karen Abbott-True story of bootlegging, scandal and murder in Prohibition era Chicago. The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Dare- A 14-year-old Nigerian girl forced into marriage longs for an education. **Gateway to the Moon** by Mary Morris- Novel about crypto-Jews in the American Southwest and their European ancestors. The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes – An English bride volunteers for Eleanor Roosevelt's traveling library in Kentucky. A Good Marriage by Kimberly McCreight—Asked by an old friend, a lawyer investigates a death in a Brooklyn brownstone. The Guest List by Lucy Foley-A wedding on a remote island is thrown into turmoil by a murder. Who died and who did it? Happy & You Know It by Laura Hankin - A playgroup musician discovers that the children's stylish moms have secrets. *Have You Seen Luis Velez?* by Catherine Ryan Hyde -Two strangers, one a Holocaust survivor, become unlikely friends. He Started It by Samantha Downing-Three siblings are required to recreate a fateful road trip to claim their inheritance. *Hideaway* by Nora Roberts–A woman returns to L.A, where she finds unexpected opportunities for love and vengeance.



**The Holdout** by Graham Moore- A reunion of a jury that gave a controversial verdict in a high profile trial ends in murder. *Home Before Dark* by Riley Sager- A skeptical house flipper returns to the estate her father claimed was haunted. If It Bleeds by Stephen King – The "King" of horror presents four original, suspenseful and chilling stories. **The Imperfects** by Amy Meyerson – A woman's inheritance of a diamond leads her to pursue the truth of her family history. Miracle Creek by Angle Kim- A trial for a murder during an experimental medical treatment upends a Virginia community. My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman- A girl delivers her dead grandmother's letters. The Mysterious Affair at Styles by Agatha Christie - This mystery introduces the iconic Belgian detective Hercule Poirot. The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah- Two French sisters find their bond and their respective beliefs tested during WWII. **Nobody Will Tell You But Me** by Beth Kalb– A television writer reflects on her relationship with her loving grandmother. The Noel Stranger by Richard Paul Evans – A woman healing from a bigamous marriage meets a man with a dark past. The Room on Rue Amelie by Kristen Harmel -Three people struggle to find normalcy amid the horrors of WWII... The 7 or 8 Deaths of Stella Fortuna by Juliet Grames –Story of an Italian American family and the woman at its heart. The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson – A portrait of Winston Churchill that explores his experiences during the Blitz. The Storyteller's Secret by Sejal Badani- Miscarriages and marital woes lead a woman back to her Indian family. The Sun Down Motel by Simone St. James -A woman takes a job at the motel where her aunt went missing decades ago. The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett - Twin sisters choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white. The Winemaker's Wife by Kristen Harmel – Life amid the champagne vineyards of France during the dark days of WWII. **This Tender Land** by William Kent Krueger – Four orphans flee from their Depression-era school for Native Americans. When the Moon is Low by Nadia Hashimi- A woman attempts to escape Taliban ruled Afghanistan with her children. When We Were Vikings by Andrew MacDonald –A Viking-obsessed woman with fetal alcohol syndrome goes on a quest. White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo -Explores the counterproductive reactions white people have when discussing racism. A Woman Is No Man by Etaf Rum - The struggles of three generations of Palestinian-American women in Brooklyn.