

## **Books Highly Rated 2023**

All That Is Mine I Carry with Me by William Landay-Siblings try to determine if their father is guilty in their mother's death. All the Broken Places by John Boyne- A 92-year-old woman tries to find redemption by helping an abused child. All The Dangerous Things by Stacy Willingham- A mother with a missing son is interviewed by a true-crime podcaster. Anxious People by Fredrik Backman- Eight strangers are taken hostage during an open house and bond with each other. The Audrey Hepburn Estate by Brenda Janowitz – A caterer returns to the LI estate where she grew up as a child of staff. Bar Harbor Retirement Home for Famous Writers by Terri-Lynne Defino- Literary legends spar and conjure up stories. The Boys from Biloxi by John Grisham- Childhood best friends find themselves at odd when they take very different paths. **Business or Pleasure** by Rachel Lynn Solomon- A ghostwriter and a struggling actor help each other on and off the page. *City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert - Free-spirited Vivian recounts her life, focusing on her formative years in the 1940s. The Color of Water by James McBride – A young Black man tells of his White mother in this memoir... *Crazy to Leave You* by Marilyn Simon Rothstein– A woman tries to start again after she is left at the altar. **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver – Inspired by David Copperfield, a coming-of-age story set in Appalachia. **Escape Room** by Megan Goldin– Secrets are exposed when four Wall Street hotshots are trapped in an elevator. **Everyone Here is Lying** by Shari Lapena- When a girl disappears hours after a fight with her father, secrets are revealed. *Famous in a Small Town* by Viola Shipman- A unhappy woman vacations in a small Michigan town and finds connection. **The Five Star Weekend** by Elin Hilderbrand – A woman invites friends for a Nantucket weekend, but not all goes to plan. A Flicker in the Dark by Stacy Willingham – The daughter of a serial killer becomes involved when girls start to go missing. **Goodnight, Irene** by Luis Alberto Urrea - After D-Day, two heroic Red Cross women join the Allied soldiers in France. **Hello Beautiful** by Ann Napolitano – A lonely young man is accepted into his girlfriend's boisterous family. Her Last Flight by Beatriz Williams- In 1947, a war correspondent Investigates the fate of a forgotten aviation pioneer. *I Will Find You* by Harlan Coben- Learning his son may be alive, a father convicted of his murder breaks out of prison. *Is It Just Me?* by Whoopi Goldberg- The veteran comedian examines the growing disrespect and rudeness in society. Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See- A woman in an arranged marriage refuses to give up her calling in medicine. Legacy by Danielle Steel - A frustrated woman rediscovers her passion for life during a genealogical quest. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus- In the 1960s, a chemist and single mother becomes the star of a cooking show.



*Little Monsters* by Adrienne Brodeur – Siblings vie over their father's favor as he approaches his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Looking For Jane** by Heather Marshall-Three women are connected by a letter and a secret right to choose network. *Loyalty* by Lisa Scottoline- The lives of 4 people during the rise of the Mafia in 19<sup>th</sup> century Sicily. **Mad Honey** by Picoult & Boylan- A woman and a teen both hope for a fresh start in a New Hampshire town. The Measure by Nikki Erlich-Everyone in the world receives a box containing a string that tells them how long they will live. The Mother-in-Law by Sally Hepworth- Her mother-in-law's suspicious suicide causes a woman to re-examine their lives. **No One Goes Alone** by Erik Larson - An expedition to a remote isle in search of answers after a family vanishes. **On Fire Island** by Jane L. Rosen- A dying book editor decides to spend one last summer on Fire Island. The Only One Left by Riley Sager- A home-health aide is sent to care for the aged survivor of a family massacre. **Only the Beautiful** by Susan Meissner–A woman returning home after WWII learns her brother's pregnant ward is missing. **Palazzo** by Danielle Steel- The head of a family's fashion leather company must deal with a brother with gambling debts. **The Paris Daughter** by Kristin Harmel – Coming home after WWII, a woman finds the daughter she left behind is missing. The Perfumist of Paris by Alka Joshi- A perfumer on the cusp of a breakthrough returns to India and faces her past. The Puzzle Master by Danielle Trussoni- An expert puzzle-maker is thrust into an ancient mystery. *River Sing Me Home* by Eleanor Shearerl– A mother's journey to find her stolen children in the aftermath of slavery. A Shoe Story by Jane Rosen - A young woman has one month to discover the future she thought she'd lost. The Spectacular by Fiona Davis- In 1956 New York City, a Radio City Rockette is drawn into the search for a bomber. Symphony Of Secrets by Brendan Slocumb- An expert who questions the authorship of a symphony is threatened. Tom Lake by Ann Patchett – During COVID lockdown, a mother tells her daughters of her romance with a famous actor. We Are Displaced by Malala Yousafzai- Young women refugees, including noble prize-winning Malala tell their stories. We Are the Brennans by Tracey Lange- An Irish-American family confront long-buried secrets that might tear them apart. Where the Crawdads Sings by Delia Owens - A beautiful hermit who has survived for years in a marsh becomes a target. The Wind Knows My Name by Isabel Allende- Traces the effects of war and immigration on 2 children, 80 years apart. *Witness* by Jamel Brinkley- A short story collection set in New York City's changing neighborhoods. You Can Trust Me by Wendy Heard- Two best friends grift their way through the California elite, until a scam goes awry. **Zero Days** by Ruth Ware – A security specialist goes on the run, after her husband's murder, to clear her name.