

Oct. 3

All Systems Red
Martha Wells

In a corporate-dominated spacefaring future, planetary missions must be approved and supplied by the Company. On a distant planet, a team of scientists are conducting surface tests, shadowed by their Company-supplied 'droid that has hacked its own governor module, and refers to itself as "Murderbot." Scornful of humans, all it really wants is to be left alone long enough to figure out who it is. But when a neighboring mission goes dark, it's up to the scientists and their Murderbot to get to the truth.



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Nov. 7

Mill Town
Kerry Arsenault

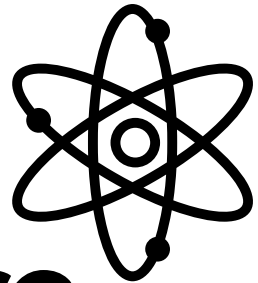
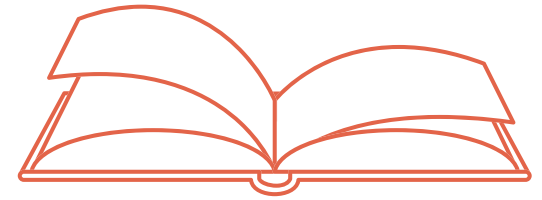
For over 100 years the community of Mexico, ME orbited around a paper mill that employed most townspeople, including three generations of Arsenault's own family. Years after she moved away, Arsenault realized the price she paid for that seemingly secure childhood. The mill, while providing livelihoods for nearly everyone, also contributed to the destruction of the environment and the decline of the town's economic, moral, and emotional health in a slow-moving catastrophe.

Dec. 5

The Dreamers
Karen Thompson Walker

One night in an isolated college town, a freshman stumbles into her dorm room, falls asleep, and doesn't wake up. Her roommate, Mei, cannot rouse her. Neither can the paramedics, nor the perplexed doctors at the hospital. When a second girl falls asleep, and then a third, Mei finds herself thrust together with an eccentric classmate as panic takes hold of the college and spreads to the town.

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Jan. 3

The Code Book
Simon Singh

Singh traces the evolution of secret writing from ancient Greek military espionage to the frontiers of computer science. The result is an epic tale of human ingenuity, with examples that range from the poignant to the peculiar to the world-historical.

Feb. 7

The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet
Becky Chambers

Rosemary Harper doesn't expect much when she joins the crew of the aging Wayfarer. She's never met anyone remotely like the ship's diverse crew and life aboard the Wayfarer is chaotic and crazy. To survive, Rosemary's got to learn how to rely on this assortment of oddballs—an experience that teaches her about love and trust, and that having a family isn't necessarily the worst thing in the universe.

Mar. 7

The Glass Universe
Dava Sobel

The little-known true story of the unexpected and remarkable contributions to astronomy made by a group of women working in the Harvard College Observatory from the late 1800s through the mid-1900s.

Apr. 4

*A Boy and His Dog at the
End of the World*
C.A. Fletcher

The world used to be crowded before all the people went away, but Gris and his parents were never lonely on their remote island. They had each other and their dogs. Then the thief came. There may be no laws left, but if someone steals your dog, you can expect someone to come after you, because what's the point of love if you're not loyal.

May 9

The Sixth Extinction
Elizabeth Kolbert

Provides a moving account of the disappearance occurring all around us and traces the evolution of extinction as concept, from its first articulation by Georges Cuvier in revolutionary Paris through the present day. The sixth extinction is likely to be mankind's most lasting legacy, compelling us to rethink the fundamental question of what it means to be human.

June 6

The Pines
Blake Crouch

Secret service agent Ethan Burke arrives in Wayward Pines, Idaho, with a clear mission: locate and recover two federal agent who went missing in the bucolic town one month earlier. But within minutes of his arrival, Ethan is involved in a violent accident. He comes to in a hospital, with no ID, no cell phone, and no briefcase. The medical staff seems friendly enough, but something feels...off.

Jul. 11

Women in White Coats
Olivia M. Campbell

Elizabeth Blackwell, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and Sophia Jex-Blake fought for a woman's place in the male-dominated medical field. This is the complete history of these three pioneering women who, despite countless obstacles, earned medical degrees and paved the way for other women to do the same.

Aug. 1

Sphere
Michael Crichton

A group of American scientists are rushed to a huge vessel that has been discovered resting on the ocean floor in the middle of the South Pacific. What they find defines their imaginations and mocks their attempts at logical explanation. It is a spaceship of phenomenal dimensions, apparently, undamaged by its fall from the sky. And, most startling, it appears to be at least three hundred years old

Sep. 12

The Body
Bill Bryson

Bill Bryson once again proves himself to be an incomparable companion as he guides us through the human body--how it functions, its remarkable ability to heal itself, and (unfortunately) the ways it can fail.