

## June 2024

### FICTION

**Close to Bold** by *Anthony Horowitz*. A new family moves into a small neighborhood in England, causing upsets for everyone. When there is a murder, everyone has the same motive.

**Paddy Clark Ha Ha Ha** by *Roddy Doyle*. The story of a 10-year-old boy growing up in Dublin in 1968. Booker Prize winner.

**Good Harbor** by *Anita Diamant*. This book, by the author of *The Red Tent*, is all about relationships with a close look at the treasure of friendship between women.

**The Bridge of San Luis Rey** by *Thornton Wilder*. This classic Pulitzer Prize-winner is the story of five people who die when a bridge collapses in Peru.

**Ordinary Grace** by *William Kent Krueger*. This is a novel about a boy experiencing a summer in which death visits frequently in many forms.

### NONFICTION

**All About Me!** by *Mel Brooks*. The autobiography of the EGOT-winning writer, producer, and performer.

**All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me** by *Patrick Bringley*. The very interesting tale of a museum guard's time at the museum

**The Stranger in the Woods** by *Michael Finkel*. The true story of the "North Pond Hermit" who lived isolated in the Maine woods for 27 years.

**Wesley the Owl** by *Stacey O'Brien*. A fascinating story of the intimate relationship between O'Brien and the 4-year-old injured barn owl she nurtures and loves for 18 years.

### MYSTERIES

**Dream Town** by *David Baldacci*. Private detective Archer meets a woman in LA who thinks someone is trying to kill her. When he goes to check on her, he finds a body in her home.

**A Traitor in Whitehall** by *Julia Kelly*. Murder and espionage in the bunkers under London during WWII. A look at living where Churchill spent a lot of time.

## May 2024

### FICTION

**Homestead** by *Melissa Moustakis*. This is a debut novel set near Anchorage in the 1950s as Alaska moves toward statehood. A couple meets and marries within a few days, then begin homesteading 150 acres. Problems ensue.

**The Paris Wife** by *Paula McClain*. This is a work of historic fiction which tells the story of Ernest Hemingway's life in Paris with his first wife, Hadley Richardson.

**The Ball at Versailles** by *Danielle Steel*. Four young debutantes from America are invited to a cotillion at Versailles in 1959. Their lives are changed.

### NONFICTION

**A Walk in the Woods** by *Bill Bryson*. This classic tale of tackling the Appalachian Trail does not disappoint. It is educational, thought-provoking, and very funny. It is a good read which can lift your spirits.

**Dark City: The Lost World of Film Noir** by *Eddie Muller*. This is a thorough and fun study of the all-American film genre of the 1940s and 50s. The films featured tough guys and gals in a world that won't give them a break.

**The Black Angels** by *Maria Smilios*. The Untold Story of the Nurses Who Helped Cure Tuberculosis. In 1929, white nurses were refusing to work at the Sea View Municipal Hospital on Staten Island. The city recruited black nurses from the South. The book covers the time from 1929-1952, highlighting social, cultural, and medical changes as the cure for TB was found.

**The Doctors Blackwell** by *Janice P. Nimura*. In 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman in America to get an MD degree. Her sister, Emily, also became a doctor. They founded the first hospital staffed by women in New York City.

### POETRY

Selected Poems of *May Sarton* edited by Hilsinger and Brynes. These were chosen from the first 40 years of Sarton's long career, nicely organized by category.

### MYSTERY

**The Proof of the Pudding** by *Rhys Bowen*. One in the Royal Spyness series. Lady Rannoch is the hostess at a party at her home. A murder occurs during the festivities.

### JANE AUSTEN

Here are three books for Jane Austen fans: **Jane Austen: The World of Her Novels** by *Deirdre Le Faye*; **Jane's Fame** by *Claire Harman*; **The Real Jane Austen: A Life in Small Things** by *Paula Byrne*.