Stories to Savor:
A Presentation by the AJL Jewish Fiction Award Committee

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2018 AJL Jewish Fiction Award Winners
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2017 National Jewish Book Award: Book Club Award Winner

The Weight of Ink
by Rachel Kadish
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017
*in paperback*

See also:
From a Sealed Room (1998)
Tolstoy Lied: A Love Story (2006)

Read-Alikes:
And After the Fire by Lauren Belfer
The People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks
The Lost Letter by Jillian Cantor

2018 AJL Jewish Fiction Award Honor Book

Nine Folds Make a Paper Swan
by Ruth Gilligan
Tin House Books, 2017
*in paperback*
2018 AJL Jewish Fiction Award Honor Book

*A Boy in Winter*
by Rachel Seiffert
Pantheon Books, 2017
*paperback 7/2018*

See also:
*The Dark Room* (2001)
*Lore* (2013)

New Books by Favorite Authors
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*The Mandela Plot*
by Kenneth Bonert
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018

See also:
*The Lion Seeker* (2013)

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New Books by Favorite Authors

*Eternal Life*
by Dara Horn
WW Norton, 2018
*paperback 1/2019*

See also:
*All Other Nights* (2009)
*The World To Come* (2006)
*In the Image* (2002)

Read-Alikes:
*The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin
*The Elixir of Immortality* by Gabi Gleichmann
New Books by Favorite Authors

Lake Success
by Gary Shteyngart
Penguin Random House, 9/2018

See also:
- Little Failure: A Memoir (2014)
- Super Sad True Love Story (2010)
- Absurdistan (2006)

Read-Alikes:
- What To Do About the Solomons by Bethany Ball
- The Adventures of Augie March and Henderson the Rain King by Saul Bellow
- The Nix by Nathan Hill
- The “Nathan Zuckerman” novels by Philip Roth
- Bonfire of the Vanities by Tom Wolfe

More New Books by Favorite Authors

The Girl from Berlin by Ronald Balson (St. Martin’s, 10/2018)
The Lost Family by Jenna Blum (Harper, 2018)
Lake on Fire by Rosellen Brown (Sarabande Books, 11/2018)
The Chateau by Paul Goldberg (Picador, 2018)
Button Man by Andrew Gross (St. Martin’s, 9/2018)
Mother India by Tova Reich (Syracuse University Press, 10/2018)
The Other Woman by Daniel Silva (HarperCollins, 7/2018)
House of Gold by Natasha Solomons (Penguin, 10/2018)
Sadness is a White Bird
by Moriel Rothman-Zecher
Atria, 2018
*paperback 2/2019*

Read-Alikes:
Ronit & Jamil by Pamela Laskin (teen)
All the Rivers by Dorit Rabinyan
About the Night by Anat Talshir
More Israel in Fiction

*The Coincidence Makers* by Yoav Blum (St. Martins, 2018)*
*Muck* by Dror Burstein (Farrar Straus & Giroux, 11/2018)*
*The Orchard* by Yochi Brandes (Gefen, 2018)*
*Traitor* by Jonathan de Shalit (Atria Books, 2018)*
*The Parting Gift* by Evan Fallenberg (Other Press, 9/2018)
*Promised Land: A Novel of Israel* by Martin Fletcher (Thomas Dunne, 9/2018)
*The Diamond Setter* by Moshe Sakal (Other Press, 2018)*
*Death in Shangri-La* by Yigal Zur (Oceanview, 8/2018)*

*translated from Hebrew

Historical Fiction
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The Tattooist of Auschwitz
by Heather Morris
HarperCollins, 9/2018

Read-Alikes:
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
The Lost Wife by Alyson Richman

Historical Fiction

The Magnificent Esme Wells
by Adrienne Sharp
HarperCollins, 2018

See also:
The True Memoirs of Little K (2010)
The Sleeping Beauty (2006)
First Love (2005)
White Swan, Black Swan: Stories (2001)

Read-Alikes:
Gangsterland by Tod Goldberg
I Pity the Poor Immigrant by Zachary Lazar
The Tin Horse by Janice Steinberg
More New Historical Fiction

Nothing is Forgotten by Peter Golden (Simon & Schuster/Atria Books, 2018)
The Room on Rue Amelie by Kristin Harmel (Gallery Books, 2018)
The Soul of a Thief by Steven Hartov (Hanover Square, 2018)
My Mother's Son by David Hirshberg (Fig Tree Books, 2018)
Another Side of Paradise by Sally Koslow (Harper, 2018)
Red Sky at Noon by Simon Montefiore (WW Norton/Pegasus, 2018)

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**The Last Watchman of Old Cairo**
by Michael David Lukas
Spiegel & Grau, 2018

See Also:
The Oracle of Stamboul (2011)

Read-Alikes:
Sacred Treasure: The Cairo Genizah by Mark Glickman
Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza by Adina Hoffman
A Guide for the Perplexed by Dara Horn
The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit by Lucette Lagnado
The Genizah at the House of Shepher by Tamar Yellin

Split Screen: Historical/Contemporary

**Gateway to the Moon**
by Mary Morris
Knopf/Doubleday, 2018

See Also:
The Jazz Palace (2015)

Read-Alikes:
Spirits of the Ordinary by Kathleen Alcala
The Mezuzah in the Madonna’s Foot: Marranos and Other Secret Jews by Trudy Alexi
The Ghost of Hannah Mendes by Naomi Ragen
Contemporary Fiction

Memento Park
by Mark Sarvas
Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2018

See Also:
Harry, Revised (2008)

Read-Alikes:
Stolen Beauty by Laurie Lico Albanese
Pictures at an Exhibition by Sara Houghteling
The Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer
The Art Forger and The Muralist by B.A. Shapiro
The Fortunate Ones by Ellen Umansky
Contemporary Fiction

*We Are Gathered*
by Jamie Weisman
Houghton Mifflin, 2018

Read-Alikes:
*A Wedding in Great Neck* by Yona Zeldis McDonough
*The Innocents* by Francesca Segal
*Young Jane Young* by Gabrielle Zevin

Contemporary Fiction

*The Emperor of Shoes*
by Spencer Wise
HarperCollins/Hanover Square Press, 2018
More New Contemporary Fiction

*The Comedown* by Rebekah Frumkin (Henry Holt, 2018)
*A Terrible Country* by Keith Gessen (Viking, 7/2018)
*Paper is White* by Hilary Zaid (Bywater Books, 2018)

Short Stories
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**Prodigal Children in the House of G-d**
by Yermiyahu Ahron Taub
Austin Macauley, 2018

See Also:
- *Uncle Feygele* (2011)

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Short Stories

**The Fourth Corner of the World**
by Scott Nadelson
Engine Books, 2018

See Also:
- *Between You and Me* (2015)
- *Aftermath: Stories* (2011)
**Coming in 2019 . . .**

*To the Edge of Sorrow* by Aharon Appelfeld (Schocken Books, 1/2019)

*The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict (Sourcebooks Landmark, 1/2019)

*Kadish.com* by Nathan Englander (Knopf, 2/2019)

*Willa & Hesper* by Amy Feltman (Grand Central, 2/2019)

*Annelies: A Novel* by David Gillham (1/2019)

*The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff (Park Row, 2/2019)

*Good Riddance* by Elinor Lipman (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2/2019)

*The Wartime Sisters* by Lynda Cohen Loigman (1/2019)

*The Iron Season* (The Golem and the Jinni #2) by Helene Wecker (Harper, 9/2019)

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