



NEW FICTION FOR ADULT READERS:
 A Presentation by the AJL
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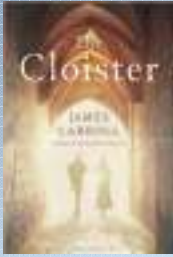


Memento Park
 by Mark Sarvas
 Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2018
 paperback available

See Also:
Harry, Revised (2008)

Read-Alikes:
Stolen Beauty by Laurie Lico Albanese
Moonglow by Michael Chabon
Pictures at an Exhibition by Sara Houghteling
Forest Dark by Nicole Krauss
The Fortunate Ones by Ellen Umansky

2019 AJL Jewish Fiction Honor Award

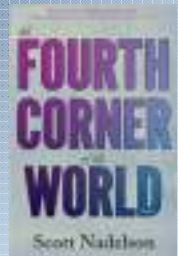


The Cloister
by James Carroll
Nan A. Talese, 2018
paperback available

See Also:
Warburg in Rome (2014)
Secret Father (2003)
Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews (2001)

Read-Alikes:
From Sand and Ash by Amy Harmon
The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish
Among the Living by Jonathan Rabb

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

See Also:
Between You and Me (2015)
Aftermath: Stories (2011)
The Cantor's Daughter: Stories (2006)
Saving Stanley: The Brickman Stories (2004)

Read-Alikes:
Many Seconds into the Future by John J. Clayton
Fabulous Small Jews by Joseph Epstein

New Books by
Favorite Authors



New Books by Favorite Authors



Kaddish.com
by Nathan Englander
Knopf, 2019

See also:
Dinner at the Center of the Earth (2017)
What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank: Stories (2012)
The Ministry of Special Cases (2007)
For the Relief of Unbearable Urges: Stories (1999)

Read-Alikes:
Moonglow by Michael Chabon
Eternal Life by Dara Horn
Mother India by Tova Reich

New Books by Favorite Authors

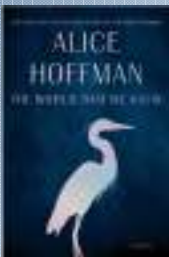


House of Gold
by Natasha Solomons
Penguin, 2018
paperback 8/2019

See also:
The Song of Hartgrove Hall (2015)
The Gallery of Vanished Husbands (2013)
The House at Tyneford (2011)
Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English (2010)

Read-Alikes:
A Bend in the Stars by Rachel Barenbaum
We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter
Sisi by Allison Pataki

New Books by Favorite Authors



The World That We Knew
by Alice Hoffman
Simon & Schuster, 9/2019

See also:
Faithful (2017)
Marriage of Opposites (2015)
The Museum of Extraordinary Things (2014)
The Dovekeepers (2011)

Read-Alikes:
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

New Books by Favorite Authors



The Flight Portfolio
by Julie Orringer
Penguin Random House/Knopf, 2019

See also:
The Invisible Bridge (2010)
How to Breathe Underwater: Stories (2003)

Read-Alikes:
Stolen Beauty by Laurie Rico Albanese
The Bridal Chair by Gloria Goldreich
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
The Quiet American: Secret War of Varian Fry
by Andy Marino
Warlight by Michael Ondaatje
Lisette's List by Susan Vreeland

More New Books by Favorite Authors

The Girl from Berlin by Ronald Balson (St. Martin's, 2018)
The Lost Family by Jenna Blum (Harper, 2018)
Lake on Fire by Rosellen Brown (Sarabande Books, 2018)
Eternal Life by Dara Horn (WW Norton, 2018)
The New Girl by Daniel Silva (HarperCollins, 7/2019)
Lake Success by Gary Shteyngart (Random House, 2018)
Mrs. Everything by Jennifer Weiner (Atria Books, 2019)



Contemporary Fiction



Contemporary Fiction



An Unorthodox Match
by Naomi Ragen
St. Martin's Press, 9/2019

See also:
The Devil in Jerusalem (2015)
The Sisters Weiss (2013)
The Tenth Song (2010)
The Saturday Wife (2007)
The Covenant (2004)
and more!

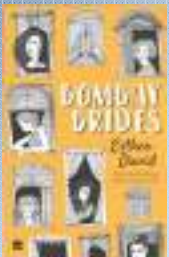
Contemporary Fiction



On Division
by Goldie Goldbloom
Farrar Straus & Giroux, 9/2019

See Also:
Gwen: A Novel (2017)
The Paperbark Shoe (2011)

Contemporary Fiction



Bombay Brides
by Esther David
Harper Collins, 2019

See Also:
Shalom India Housing Society (2009)
Book of Rachel (2007)
Book of Esther (2003)
The Walled City (2002)

Read-Alikes:
Dropped from Heaven: Stories by Sophie Judah

Contemporary Fiction



The Hotel Neversink
by Adam O'Fallon Price
Tin House Books, 8/2019
"in paperback"

See also:
The Grand Tour (2016)

More New Contemporary Fiction

The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2018)
A Terrible Country by Keith Gessen (Viking, 2018)
Willa & Hesper by Amy Feltman (Grand Central, 2019)
We Are Gathered by Jamie Weisman (Houghton Mifflin, 2018)
The Emperor of Shoes by Spencer Wise (HarperCollins, 2018)



Historical Fiction



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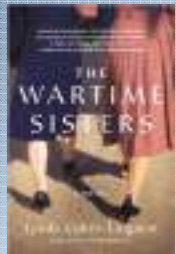


The Guest Book
by Sarah Blake
Macmillan/Flatiron Books, 2019

See also:
The Postmistress (2010)

Read-Alikes:
The Swans of Fifth Avenue by Melanie Benjamin
As Close to Us as Breathing by Elizabeth Poliner

Historical Fiction



The Wartime Sisters
by Lynda Cohen Loigman
St. Martin's, 2019
paperback 3/2020

See also:
The Two-Family House (2016)

Read-Alikes:
The Lost Family by Jenna Blum
The Button Man by Andrew Gross
Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly
As Close to Us as Breathing by Elizabeth Poliner

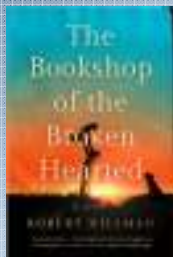
Historical Fiction



Not Our Kind
by Kitty Zeldis
HarperCollins, 2018
paperback available

Read-Alikes:
The Swans of Fifth Avenue by Melanie Benjamin
The Inn at Lake Devine by Eleanor Lipman
As Close to Us as Breathing by Elizabeth Poliner

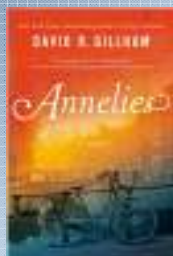
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The Bookshop of the Broken Hearted
by Robert Hillman
Putnam, 2019

Read-Alikes:
Those Who Save Us by Jenna Blum
The History of Love by Nicole Krauss
The Book of Dirt by Bram Presser

Historical Fiction



Annelies
by David Gillham
Penguin Random House/Viking Press, 2019

See also:
City of Women (2012)

Read-Alikes:
Hope: a Tragedy by Shalom Auslander
Margot by Jillian Cantor
Annexed by Sharon Dogar
The Boy Who Loved Anne Frank by Ellen Feldman
The Ghost Writer by Philip Roth


More New Historical Fiction

- A Bend in the Stars* by Rachel Barenbaum (Grand Central, 2019)
- The Mandela Plot* by Kenneth Bonert (Houghton Mifflin, 2018)
- In Another Time* by Jillian Cantor (HarperCollins/Harper Perennial, 2019)
- Promised Land: A Novel of Israel* by Martin Fletcher (Thomas Dunne, 2018)
- Nothing is Forgotten* by Peter Golden (Atria Books, 2018)
- Eva Salomon's War* by Gabriella Goliger (Bedazzled Ink Publishing, 2018)
- Button Man* by Andrew Gross (St. Martin's, 2018)
- Another Side of Paradise* by Sally Koslow (Harper, 2018)
- The Last Watchman of Old Cairo* by Michael David Lukas (Spiegel & Grau, 2018)
- The Song of the Jade Lily* by Kirsty Manning (William Morrow, 2019)
- Gateway to the Moon* by Mary Morris (Knopf/Doubleday, 2018)
- The Magnificent Esme Wells* by Adrienne Sharp (HarperCollins, 2018)
- Secrets and Shadows* by Roberta Silman (Campden Hill Books, 2018)
- The Girl They Left Behind* by Roxanne Veletzos (Atria, 2018)

Genre Fiction




Biblical Fiction



Naamah: A Novel
by Sarah Blake
Riverhead Books, 2019

Read-Alikes:
The Red Tent by Anita Diamant
Sinners and the Sea: The Untold Story of Noah's Wife
by Rebecca Kanner
After Abel and Other Stories by Michal Lemberger
Novels by India Edghill, Eva Etzioni-Halevy and Marek Halter

Fantasy Fiction

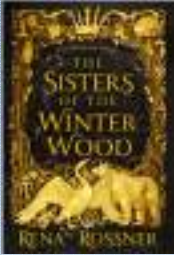


Spinning Silver
by Naomi Novik
Penguin Random House/Del Rey, 2018
paperback available

See Also:
Uprooted (2015)

Read-Alikes:
Enchantress by Maggie Anton
The Sisters of the Winter Wood by Rena Rossner

Historical Fantasy



The Sisters of the Winter Wood
by Rena Rossner
Hachette/Redhook, 2018
paperback available

Read-Alikes:
The Angel of Losses by Stephanie Feldman
The Museum of Extraordinary Things by Alice Hoffman
Moonlight on the Avenue of Faith by Gina Nahai
Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik
The Golem and the Ginni by Helene Wecker

Science Fiction



Zion's Fiction: A Treasury of Israeli Speculative Literature
Edited by Sheldon Teitelbaum and Emanuel Lottem
Mandel Vilar Press, 2018
in paperback

Read-Alikes:
An Unexpected Afterlife by Dan Sofer
Jews versus Zombies and *Jews versus Aliens*
edited by Lavie Tidhar

Coming Soon . . .

All This Could Be Yours by Jami Attenberg (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 10/2019)
The Third Daughter by Talia Carner (HarperCollins/William Morrow, 9/2019)
The Last Train to London by Meg Waite Clayton (Harper Perennial, 9/2019)
Live A Little by Howard Jacobson (Hogarth Press, 9/2019)
Cilka's Journey by Heather Morris (St. Martin's, 10/2019)
The Iron Season (The Golem and the Jinni #2) by Helene Wecker (Harper, 2020)





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