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## At the Edge of the Orchard: A Novel

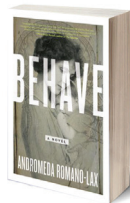
By Tracy Chevalier

(Penguin Books, 9780143110972, \$16)

"Robert Goodenough was born in Ohio's Black Swamp. The youngest of 10 children, he was the only one with any interest in his father's obsession of buying seedlings from John Chapman, better known as Johnny Appleseed, and trying to cultivate and perfect his apple orchard in the inhospitable black muck. Family tragedy

sends Robert running west to California and the Gold Rush, where he finds solace in the redwoods and sequoias and meets a naturalist who recognizes his love of botany. But Robert is reluctantly forced to face his past and must decide to either claim it or set out on his own path. Chevalier's tale is a thoughtfully crafted and vivid slice of pioneer life."

—Jody Misner Chwatun, Saturn Booksellers, Gaylord, MI



## Behave: A Novel

By Andromeda Romano-Lax

(Soho Press, 9781616958008, \$15.95)

"Behave is a rich and nuanced glimpse of Rosalie Rayner, the woman behind John B. Watson, the man who founded behaviorist psychology. The ethical issues presented here are both shocking and thought-provoking, and the intimate struggles of a woman weighing her value, utility, and satisfaction both within and outside the home certainly resonate today. Beautifully written and meticulously researched, this is a novel to be savored and shared."

—Tova Beiser, Brown University Bookstore, Providence, RI



## Britt-Marie Was Here: A Novel

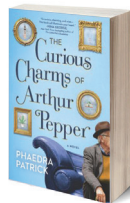
By Fredrik Backman

(Washington Square Press, 9781501142543, \$16)

"Backman's incomparable novels celebrate and revolve around unlikely protagonists: a curmudgeonly widower in *A Man Called Ove*; a girl on the autism spectrum in *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*; and now Britt-Marie, an order-obsessed, cleanliness-loving woman of a certain age. Having left her two-timing husband,

Britt-Marie takes a job in the small, depressed town of Borg, and magic begins to happen. Britt-Marie Was Here is another warmhearted delight!"

—Carol Schneck Varner, Schuler Books, Grand Rapids, MI



## The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper: A Novel

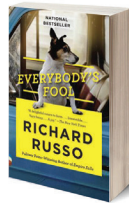
By Phaedra Patrick

(MIRA, 9780778319801, \$15.99)

"Arthur Pepper has finally gotten around to cleaning out his deceased wife's clothes when he comes across her charm bracelet. He doesn't remember seeing it before, and the charms pique his curiosity about the life his wife

led before they met. Thus begins an adventure that will have Arthur learning to embrace life more fully and becoming more present in the lives of those he cares about. Grab a seat and get lost in this charming read with characters you will cheer on, laugh with, and perhaps shed a tear for."

—Lisa Fabiano, An Unlikely Story, Plainville, MA



## Everybody's Fool: A Novel

By Richard Russo

(Vintage, 9780307454829, \$16.95)

"While any new book from Richard Russo is a cause for celebration, to have one that revisits the characters from a beloved classic feels like a gift from the literary gods. *Everybody's Fool* returns to North Bath, New York, the setting for Russo's breakout novel from 1993, *Nobody's Fool*. No one writes better about the quirks,

petty jealousies, hard times, humor, and heartbreak of small-town America. *Everybody's Fool* is good, old-fashioned storytelling at its finest!"

—Shawn Donley, Powell's Books, Portland, OR



## The Forgetting Time: A Novel

By Sharon Guskin

(Flatiron Books, 9781250118714, \$14.99)

"Psychologist Dr. Jerry Anderson is literally losing his mind—aphasia is taking away his memory and his ability to communicate – when he is introduced to the severe behavior problems of four-year-old Noah. From the few clues, it seems Noah has lived a previous life. Anderson fights to keep his lucidity long enough to complete this

final investigation of his career, trying to make sense of this young boy while also attempting to make sense of his own life. A compelling, dynamic, and intriguing debut novel."

—Allen Murphy, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Cincinnati, OH



## Sleeping Giants

By Sylvain Neuvel

(Del Rey, 9781101886717, \$16)

"*Sleeping Giants* reads like a military dossier, interview after interview given with the serious intent of laying out the scientific tale of a discovered history that will change everyone's lives forever. At the age of 10, Rose falls through a hole in the ground and lands in a large metal hand that had been buried. Seventeen years later,

she is on the research team that seeks answers to the relic's source and the meaning behind its existence. Is it a weapon? Is it a threat to humanity? Or is it simply a mystery that will remain unsolved? Whatever it is, readers will enjoy this Prometheus-like look into our distant past and the excitement of forecasting the potential future of the human race."

—Linda Bond, Auntie's Bookstore, Spokane, WA



## Sudden Death: A Novel

By Álvaro Enrigue

(Riverhead Books, 9780735213449, \$16)

"*Sudden Death* is one of the most audacious, smart, and original books you will read this year. It is a literary triptych—part history lesson, part tennis match, and part hypermodern adventure. Daring and visceral with a cast that includes Thomas Cromwell, Mary Magdalene, Aztec emperors and more, the limits of the novel in

Enrigue's hands seem boundless. No other author is taking chances like this with such gratifying results."

—Mark Haber, Brazos Bookstore, Houston, TX



## The Things We Keep: A Novel

By Sally Hepworth

(St. Martin's Griffin, 9781250051929, \$15.99)

"Anna Forster is facing everyone's worst nightmare—early onset Alzheimer's disease. Anna may not remember the people she meets, but readers will not forget Anna. With startling insight and intense compassion, Hepworth creates a character who watches her intellectual world implode while at the same time,

experiencing a new romance. *The Things We Keep* is a love story and a tribute to life, a rare gem that shows that what the heart knows cannot be forgotten. Bravo!"

—Pamela Klinger-Horn, Excelsior Bay Books, Excelsior, MN



## The Yid: A Novel

By Paul Goldberg

(Picador, 9781250117953, \$16)

"When Solomon Levinson escapes arrest in the final days of Joseph Stalin's regime, he embarks on a quixotic attempt to kill the leader of the Soviet Union. Along with Friederich Lewis, an African American who has left Omaha for the Soviet Union, and a ragtag crew of Soviet dissenters, Levinson races to thwart a monstrous plan to unleash a second Holocaust against the Jews of Russia. *The Yid* is a very serious farce, a philosophical novel larded with pitch black comedy. Fans of *City of Thieves* and *Absurdistan* will love Goldberg's ambitious new novel."

—David Enyeart, Common Good Books, St. Paul, MN



## Welcome to Night Vale: A Novel

By Joseph Fink, Jeffrey Cranor

(Harper Perennial, 9780062351432, \$15.99)

"*Welcome to Night Vale* meshes the uncanny with the mundane in a way that doesn't so much elevate the mundane as it illuminates life's strangeness. For all its weirdness, Fink and Cranor's work rings true. Like the best metaphors, the novel makes its reader think 'Wait, what?' and 'Oh. Yes!' in quick succession. New visitors to Night Vale will be as entertained and absorbed by the story and characters as longtime listeners of the duo's popular podcast. Simply delightful!"

—Amber Reed, Copperfield Books, Petaluma, CA



## The Widow: A Novel

By Fiona Barton

(Berkley, 9781101990476, \$16)

"Readers on the hunt for the newest, hottest thriller can take heart: Barton's debut novel is impeccably paced and quietly terrifying, sure to fill any void left after reading *The Girl on the Train*. Jean Taylor is reeling over the loss of her husband, but the man she knows and the man the police know are two very different people. Told in alternating voices, *The Widow* is perfect for fans of Paula Hawkins and Tana French and will have readers on the edge of their seats."

—Annie B. Jones, The Bookshelf, Thomasville, GA