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1	Title and author Note: An asterisk (*) means the book was recommended multiple times	Review(s)
2	The Dresden Files series by Jim Butcher	This series is for fans who love the supernatural: witches, vampires, wizards and werewolves. The best part is the witty, sarcastic main character. I highly recommend the audiobook because the narrator is amazing!
3	The Unicorn Hunters by Katherine Arden	Fascinating historical fantasy with an engaging story, intricate court politics and lush, lyrical writing.
4	The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E. Schwab	My boss gave it to me, and I absolutely loved it. This is the kind of book that stays with you long after you read it, heartbreaking yet heartwarming at the same time.
5	The Meaning of Your Life: Finding Purpose in an Age of Emptiness by Arthur C. Brooks	Research-backed insights from a Harvard professor.
6	Wrong Place Wrong Time by Gillian McAllister	A good thriller with an interesting storytelling perspective.
7	The Unworthy by Agustina Bazterrica	I loved how the author created an uncomfortable, creepy atmosphere!
8	Throne of Glass series by Sarah J. Maas*	Her best work and absolutely gut-wrenching in the best way possible!
9	Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir	
10	The Let Them Theory by Mel Robbins	A great read for learning to move past frustration when staff, friends or family members do or say something you disagree with. Let them.
11	If It Bleeds by Stephen King	It is a collection of novellas featuring human drama and suspense with a sprinkle of horror.
12	The Silence of the Lambs by Thomas Harris	
13	Strangers: A Memoir of Marriage by Belle Burden	It recounts her separation during the COVID-19 pandemic.
14	The Women by Kristin Hannah*	It is a beautiful and tragic work of historical fiction that highlights the power of female friendships through different and very difficult stages of life. It also sheds light on female veterans of the Vietnam War. It is a Kristin Hannah book, so be ready to smile and cry.

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15	Yesteryear by Caro Claire Burke	This was such an interesting way to explore the concept of the “tradwife” influencer. The mystery of what happened to the main character, who suddenly finds herself in the 1800s, continues to the very end, with many twists and turns along the way.
16	Red Rising by Pierce Brown	
17	The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese	A generational fiction masterpiece with strong character development and interwoven storylines that I still think about three years after finishing the novel.
18	Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid	A heartwarming story about a woman becoming an astronaut in a male-dominated field, no pun intended.
19	Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt	It is a warm, deeply moving story about grief, healing and unlikely connections, partly told from the perspective of Marcellus, a remarkably clever giant Pacific octopus living at a local aquarium. Beneath its charming premise is a heartfelt message about how our lives are secretly interconnected and how hope can bloom in the most unexpected places. It is funny, poignant and truly unforgettable!
20	A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman	This book will tug at your heartstrings and teach you so much about love, loss and living for people other than yourself. The story has since been adapted into a movie that will bring tears to your eyes and demonstrate the power of human connection.
21	Annie Bot by Sierra Greer	A book about a female robot who is programmed as a “cuddle bunny” and owned by a man. As the robot spends time with humans, her sense of self develops, and she becomes increasingly aware of her humanity and the oppressive forces she endures. As a reader, I cheered her on as she carried out a creative plan for escape and liberation.
22	The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck by Mark Manson	It offers a different perspective and defies societal expectations.
23	The River Is Waiting by Wally Lamb	I love this book because it explores redemption, forgiveness and the deep emotional impact on complex, flawed characters.

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24	Dungeon Crawler Carl by Matt Dinniman*	Such an engrossing story, and Princess Donut is the real star! This science fiction and fantasy series follows the last of Earth's humans as they compete in a reality-show battle for survival. This hilarious, unhinged and inspiring series examines found family, humanity and the chains of capitalism. One of the best parts is the community of readers that has formed around it. It also is widely considered to have one of the best audiobook narrations of all time.
25	The Wedding People by Alison Espach*	Such a fun novel with so many twists and turns.
26	Fear of Flying by Erica Jong	I loved its portrayal of the confidence, sophistication and complexity of a well-to-
27	The Will of the Many by James Islington	My best read this year. It combines Roman-inspired worldbuilding with a complex hierarchy in which the people's will grants power and strength to higher-status individuals. The plot kept me guessing, and I was quick to order the second book in the series.
28	The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch and Jeffrey Zaslow	With all the changes one experiences in life, certain books tend to be the only constant. The depth of this book makes it one of those constants. It reveals the eternal truth of what really matters in the end.
29	I Who Have Never Known Men by Jacqueline Harpman	
30	A Court of Silver Flames by Sarah J. Maas	I have read this book at least three times. It is the fifth book in the A Court of Thorns and Roses series and focuses on the physical and mental healing journey of the main character's sister. It is a great example of found family and an excellent fantasy and romantasy read!
31	The Divorce by Freida McFadden	This work of fiction is about a woman whose husband wants a divorce, which she did not see coming. Her husband leaves her for another woman. Thus begins the cat-and-mouse game among the wife, her estranged husband and his new girlfriend. It is a book filled with twists and turns, and I loved it.

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32	Delay, Deny, Defend: Why Insurance Companies Don't Pay Claims and What You Can Do About It by Jay M. Feinman	An eye-opening examination of the insurance industry and the challenges consumers can face when pursuing legitimate claims.
33	The Chosen by Chaim Potok	It humanizes the reasons some parents raise their children the way they do.
34	The Bible	
35	The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett*	This is a great book about an unlikely group of women living in the South during the 1930s. I listened to the audiobook, and I highly recommend experiencing it that way! This Depression-era work of historical fiction follows the points of view of two women. It is both heartwarming and heartbreaking, and I was deeply invested in their lives. The audiobook was 29 hours, far longer than any book I had listened to, but I could have listened to twice that much. It is just that good!
36	My Dear Kabul: A Year in the Life of an Afghan Women's Writing Group by a collection of authors	The book represents the many voices of women who have found ways to support one another through their shared humanity.
37	Vivir para contarla (Living to Tell the Tale) by Gabriel García Márquez	This book has hints of magical realism that remind me of Márquez's legendary novels and stories, and it depicts Colombia brilliantly. It adds wonderful dimension for readers who love stories such as Cien años de soledad.
38	Everything Is Tuberculosis by John Green	A beautiful story set in France during World War II. The characters are beautifully written, and the story is rich with history.
39	Score by Kennedy Ryan	I like romance, but this story also speaks deeply about the human condition and loving yourself and others through difficult seasons of life.
40	The Midnight Library by Matt Haig	Sometimes we think about the could-have, should-have and would-have scenarios when the right choices were made all along.

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41	I, Medusa by Ayana Gray	I loved how I, Medusa took an ancient story and made it feel relevant today. The book thoughtfully explores how society is quick to judge and blame girls while excusing men's behavior. It also highlights the challenges of being perceived as different, whether through culture, appearance or circumstance. What resonated most with me was the idea that our differences do not have to be weaknesses. When embraced, they can become the very qualities that help us stand out, succeed and find our power.
42	Everything Is Tuberculosis by John Green	This book is fantastic. It is highly readable and accessible, and it assumes the reader has no prior knowledge of tuberculosis. Weaving personal narratives with epidemiological data and expert accounts, John Green uses tuberculosis as an example to examine injustice and the resulting inequities. The book offers lessons about relationships between patients and physicians, public health and individual versus systems thinking. Although tuberculosis is tragic for many people around the world, this book is full of optimism and leaves readers hopeful that we can make the world a better place for everyone.
43	Theo of Golden by Allen Levi	Heartwarming.
44	Solito: A Memoir by Javier Zamora	This book hit close to home with its story of migration from the perspective of the author's 9-year-old self. The message behind the author's journey and how he found family with strangers will stay with me far beyond a single read.
45	The Paradox of Choice by Barry Schwartz	In a world of endless possibilities and inexpensive conveniences, everyday life can become overwhelming without us realizing it. This book helped me understand what I needed to focus on to be satisfied with life. Too many choices can be a bad thing!
46	The Correspondent by Virginia Evans	
47	Meditations by Marcus Aurelius	

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48	The Liveship Traders trilogy by Robin Hobb	This series is pure escapism: magic ships, pirates, dragons and, most importantly, ferocious female lead characters. If you are a fellow fantasy nerd or a fan of The Lord of the Rings or Game of Thrones, you will absolutely devour these books. My job in the hospital can be hard and heavy. Reading books like these helps me decompress and enjoy a good, old-fashioned adventure!
49	Chasing the Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs by Johann Hari	I liked Chasing the Scream because of its innovative approach to understanding addiction as a complex issue shaped by connection, trauma, environment and social conditions. I also appreciated how Johann Hari examines the history of the war on drugs and highlights the ways it has been rooted in and perpetuated racism, disproportionately targeting and criminalizing marginalized communities.
50	Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan	It is a middle-grade book you can read with your children, but it is also a very good book with powerful themes that adults can appreciate and enjoy. I love it because I both cried and laughed out loud while reading it.
51	Wild by Cheryl Strayed	It is the perfect balance between heartbreaking and inspiring.
52	Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr	I love Cloud Cuckoo Land because it feels both epic and deeply personal. I love how the story moves across different periods and characters while connecting them in such a meaningful way.