



**Recommended Reads:
The Latest & Greatest in
Jewish Fiction for Adults**

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Award Winners




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JBC Modern Jewish Literary Achievement Award
2017 Sophie Brody Award Winner
Andrew Carnegie Medal: Fiction Finalist



Moonglow
by Michael Chabon
HarperCollins, 2016
paperback available 9/2017

See also:
Telegraph Avenue(2012)
The Yiddish Policemen's Union(2007)
The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay(2000)
Wonder Boys(1995)
The Mysteries of Pittsburgh(1988)


Award Winners
 2016 National Jewish Book Award:
 Book Club Award



And After the Fire
 by Lauren Belfer
 Harper, 2016
 paperback available

Read-Alikes:
People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks
Safekeeping by Jessamyn Hope
The Secret of the Nightingale Palace by Dana Sachs
The Muralist by B.A. Shapiro


Award Winners
 2016 National Jewish Book Award:
 Book Club Finalist



Two She-Bears
 by Meir Shalev
 (translated by Stuart Schoffman)
 Schocken Books, 2016

See Also:
My Russian Grandmother and Her American Vacuum Cleaner(2011)
A Pigeon and a Boy(2007)
Four Meals(2002)
The Loves of Judith(1999)
The Blue Mountain(1991)

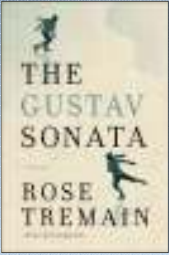
Award Winners
 2016 National Jewish Book Award:
 Book Club Finalist



The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem
 by Sarit Yishai-Levi
 (translated by Anthony Berris)
 Thomas Dunne/Random House, 2016
 paperback available

Read-Alikes:
Jerusalem Maiden by Talia Carner
The Family Orchard by Nomi Eve
When I Lived in Modern Times by Linda Grant

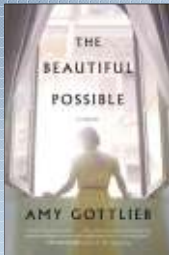
Award Winners
 2016 National Jewish Book Award:
 Fiction Award



The Gustav Sonata
 by Rose Tremain
 W.W. Norton & Company, 2016
 paperback available 9/2017

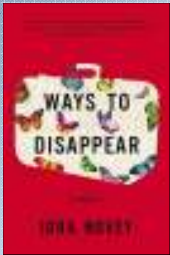
Read-Alikes:
The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes
The Girls by Emma Cline
Sunlit Night by Rebecca Dinerstein
Appassionata by Eva Hoffman
Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson
Family Life by Akhil Sharma
My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout

Award Winners
 2016 Edward Lewis Wallant Award: Runner-Up
 2016 National Jewish Book Award: Debut Fiction Finalist



The Beautiful Possible
 by Amy Gottlieb
 Harper, 2016
 in paperback

Award Winners
 2017 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature Winner



Ways to Disappear
 by Idra Novey
 Little Brown & Company, 2016
 paperback available


Choice Award:
The Last Flight of Poxl West by Daniel Torday (St. Martin's, 2015)

Finalists:
Inherited Disorders: Stories, Parables & Problems
 by Adam Ehrlich Sachs (Regan Arts, 2016)
The Bed Moved: Stories by Rebecca Schiff (Knopf, 2016)
The Yid by Paul Goldberg (St. Martin's, 2016)

New Books by Favorite Authors




New Books by Favorite Authors



Dinner at the Center of the Earth
by Nathan Englander
(Penguin Random House, 9/2017)

See also:
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)


New Books by Favorite Authors



The Orphan's Tale
by Pam Jenoff
Mira Books, 2017
paperback

See also:
The Last Summer at Chelsea Beach(2015)
The Winter Guest(2014)
The Ambassador's Daughter(2013)
The Things We Cherished(2011)
The Hidden Affair(2010)
Almost Home(2009)
The Diplomat's Wife(2008)
The Kommandant's Girl(2007)

New Books by Favorite Authors



Forest Dark
by Nicole Krauss
HarperCollins, 9/2017

See also:
Great House(2010)
The History of Love(2005)
Man Walks into a Room(2002)

Read-Alikes:
*State of Wonder*by Ann Patchett
*The Way Things Were*by Aatish Taseer
*A Gentleman in Moscow*by Amor Towles
I Married You for Happiness and *The Double Life of Liliane*by Lily Tuck

New Books by Favorite Authors



The Black Widow
by Daniel Silva
HarperCollins, 2016
paperback available



House of Spies
by Daniel Silva
HarperCollins, 7/2017


See also:
The first 15 books in the "Gabriel Allon" series

Read-Alikes:
Novels by Olen Steinhauer and Joseph Kanon

More New Books by Favorite Authors

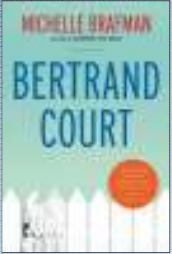
The Trust by Ronald Balson (St. Martin's, 9/2017)
Conviction(Rebekah Roberts #3) by Julia Dahl (Minotaur Books, 2017)
The Chateau by Paul Goldberg (Picador, 2/2018)
Eternal Life by Dara Horn (WW Norton, 1/2018)
Bone Box (2017) and *Killing Season* (10/2017) by Faye Kellerman
 (William Morrow)






Short Stories




Bertrand Court
by Michelle Brafman
Prospect Park Books, 2016
paperback available

See also:
Washing the Dead(2015)

Short Stories

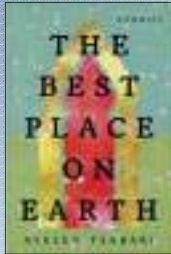
2016 National Jewish Book Award Finalist: Anthologies & Collections
2017 Sophie Brody Honorable Mention



Have I Got a Story for You:
More Than a Century of Fiction from the Forward
edited by Ezra Glintner
(WW Norton, 2016)

Read-Alikes:
Vilna My Vilna by Abraham Karpinowitz (Syracuse University Press, 2015), also a 2017 Sophie Brody Honorable Mention
Oedipus in Brooklyn and Other Stories by Blume Lempel (Mandel Vilar Press, 2016)

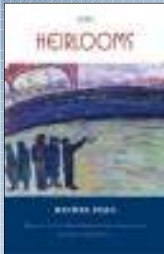
Short Stories
 2015 Sami Rohr Prize Winner
 2016 Edward Lewis Wallant Award Recipient



The Best Place on Earth: Stories
 by Ayelet Tsabari
 (Random House, 2016)

Read- Alikes:
Ask for a Convertible: Stories by Danit Brown
Henna House by Nomi Eve
The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit by Lucette Lagnado
New York 1, Tel Aviv 0: Stories by Shelly Oria

Short Stories



Heirlooms: Stories
 by Rachel Hall
 (Bkmk Pr/University of Missouri Kansas City, 2016)
 in paperback

Read- Alikes:
The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
A Hero of France by Alan Furst
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky

More New Short Story Collections

Minyan: Ten Interwoven Stories by John Clayton (Paragon House, 2016)

In the Land of Armadillos: Stories by Helen Maryles Shankman
 (Simon & Schuster, 2016), also a 2017 Sophie Brody Honorable Mention

They Were Like Family to Me: Stories by Helen Maryles Shankman (Scribner, 2016)

The Worlds We Think We Know by Dalia Rosenfeld (Milkweed Editions, 2017)





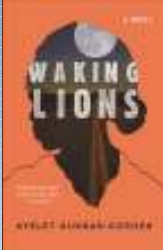
New from Israel



The English Teacher
by Yiftach Reicher Atir
(translated by Philip Simpson)
Penguin, 2016
in paperback

Read-Alikes:
Duet in Beirut and *Forbidden Love in St. Petersburg*
by Mishka Ben-David
The Lie by Hesh Kestin
"Tel Aviv Trilogy" by Edeet Ravel
(*Ten Thousand Lovers*, *Look for Me*, and *A Wall of Light*)
"Gabriel Allon" series by Daniel Silva

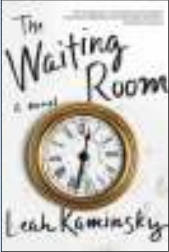
New from Israel



Waking Lions
by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen
(translated by Sondra Silverston)
Little Brown, 2017

Read-Alikes:
The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty
Open Heart by A.B. Yehoshua

New from Israel



The Waiting Room
by Leah Kaminsky
Harper Perennial, 2016
paperback available

Read-Alikes:
Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay
Saturday by Ian McEwan

More New Books from/about Israel

The Man Who Never Stopped Sleeping by Aharon Appelfeld (Schocken, 2017)
Sonora by Hannah Lillith Assadi (Soho Press, 2017)
Three Floors Up by Nevo Eshkol (Other Press, 10/2017)
A Horse Walks into a Bar by David Grossman (Knopf, 2017)
Last Bullet Calls It by Amir Gutfreund (Amazon Crossing, 2017)
Judas by Amos Oz (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016)
Petty Business by Yirmi Pinkus (Syracuse University Press, 11/2017)
All the Rivers by Dorit Rabinyan (Random House, 2017)









Biographical Fiction



Biographical Fiction



Enchanted Islands
by Allison Amend
Doubleday, 2016
paperback available 4/2017

See also:
A Nearly Perfect Copy(2013)
Stations West(2010)

Read-Alikes:
The Hours Count by Jillian Cantor
The One Man by Andrew Gross
Leaving Berlin by Joseph Kanon

Biographical Fiction

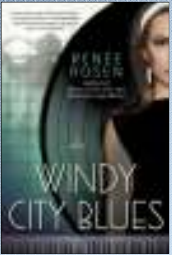


Jerzy: A Novel
by Jerome Charyn
Bellevue Literary Press, 2017
in paperback

See also:
A Loaded Gun: Emily Dickinson for the 21st Century(2016)
I Am Abraham: A Novel of Lincoln and the Civil War(2014)

Read-Alikes:
Lincoln in the Bard by George Saunders

Biographical Fiction




Windy City Blues
by Renee Rosen
Berkley Publishing, 2017
in paperback

See Also:
White Collar Girl(2016)
What the Lady Wants: A Novel of Marshal Field and the Gilded Age
(2014)
Dollface(2013)
Every Crooked Pot(2007)

More Biographical Fiction


The Last Woman Standing by Thema Adams (Lake Union Publishing, 2016)
The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict (Sourcebooks Landmark, 2016)
The Hours Count by Jillian Cantor (Riverhead Books, 2015)
Eichmann's Executioner by Astrid Dehe & Achim Engstler (New Press, 7/2017)
The Bridal Chair by Gloria Goldreich (Sourcebooks Landmark, 2015)
The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman (Simon & Schuster, 2015)
Mrs. Houdini by Victoria Kelly (Atria Books, 2016)
The Muralist by B.A. Shapiro (Algonquin Books, 2015)
The Tobacconist by Robert Seethaler (House of Anansi Press, 9/2017)



Historical Fiction



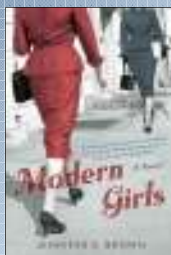
Historical Fiction



4321: A Novel
 by Paul Auster
 Henry Holt, 2017
 *paperback available 2/2018 *

Read-Alikes:
Life After Life by Kate Atkinson
The Lives of Others by Neil Mukherjee

Historical Fiction



Modern Girls
by Jennifer Brown
Penguin, 2016
*in paperback *

Read-Alikes:
A Week in Paris by Rachel Hore
The Sacrifice of Tamar by Naomi Ragen
The Velvet Hours by Alyson Richman
Leaving Lucy Pear by Anna Solomon
Fraulein M by Caroline Woods

Historical Fiction



As Close to Us As Breathing
by Elizabeth Poliner
Lee Boudreaux Books, 2016
paperback available

Read-Alikes:
Invincible Summer by Alice Adams
The Forever Summer by Jamie Brenner
Crooked Heart by Lissa Evans
Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng
Commonwealth by Ann Patchett
Modern Lovers by Emma Straub
Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler

Historical Fiction



Among the Living
by Jonathan Rabb
Other Press, 2016

Read-Alikes:
The Man Who Never Stopped Sleeping by Aharon Appelfeld
Margot by Jillian Cantor
Did You Ever Have a Family by Bill Clegg
Jacob's Oath by Martin Fletcher
And the Dark Sacred Night by Julia Glass
Home in the Morning by Mary Glickman
No. 4 Imperial Lane by Jonathan Weisman

More New Historical Fiction


After Anatevka by Alexandra Silber (WW Norton, 2017)
The Afterlife of Stars by Joseph Kertes (Little Brown, 2017)
The Saturday Evening Girls Club by Jane Healey (Lake Union Publishing, 2017)
Stolen Beauty by Laurie Lico Albanese (Atria Books, 2017)
Helen by Anita Mishook (Berwick Court, 2017)
Jews Queers Germans by Martin Duberman (Seven Stories Press, 2017)
Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark T. Sullivan (Lake Union, 2017)
The Good at Heart by Ursula Werner (Touchstone Books, 2017)
We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter (Viking, 2017)



Split Screen:
Historical/Contemporary



Split Screen: Historical/Contemporary

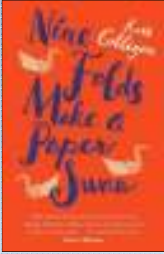


The Lost Letter
by Jillian Cantor
Riverhead Books, 2017

See Also:
Margot (2013)
The Hours Count (2015)

Read-Alikes:
Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay
The Debt of Tamar by Nicole Dweck
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah


Split Screen: Historical/Contemporary



Nine Folds Make a Paper Swan
by Ruth Gilligan
Tin House Books, 2017
in paperback

Read-Alikes:
The Fortunes by Peter Ho Davies
Mothering Sunday by Graham Swift

Split Screen: Historical/Contemporary

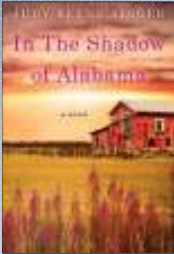


The Patriots
by Sana Krasikov
Spiegel & Grau, 2017

See Also:
One More Year: Stories (2008)

Read-Alikes:
The Betrayers by David Bezmozgis
Hotel Moscow by Talia Carner
The Imperial Wife by Irina Reyn


Split Screen: Historical/Contemporary



In the Shadow of Alabama
by Judy Reene Singer
(Kensington, 2017)

Read-Alikes:
The Darkness Rolling by Winfred Blevins
In Sunlight and In Shadow by Mark Helprin

Split Screen: Historical/Contemporary



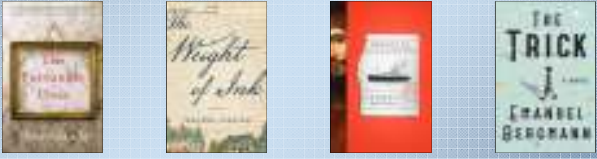
Underground Fugue
by Margot Singer
Melville House, 2017

See Also:
The Pale of Settlement: Stories (2007)


Read-Alikes:
The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid
The Woman Upstairs by Claire Messud

More New "Split Screen" Novels

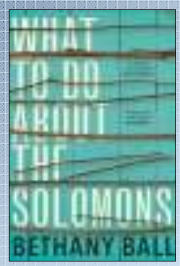
The Fortunate Ones by Ellen Umansky (William Morrow, 2017)
The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017)
Heretics by Leonardo Padura (Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2017)
The Trick by Emanuel Bergmann (Atria Books, 9/2017)



Contemporary Fiction



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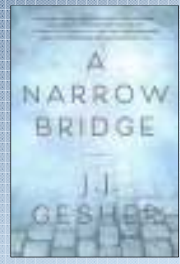


What to Do About the Solomons by Bethany Bell Grove, 2017

Read-Alikes: The Wangs vs the World by Jade Chang Rabbit Cake by Annie Hartnett Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter

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Contemporary Fiction



A Narrow Bridge by JJ Geshner Prospect Park Books, 2017 *in paperback*

Read-Alikes: All Who Go Do Not Return by Shulem Deen Unorthodox by Deborah Feldman I Am Forbidden by Anouk Markovits

Seven horizontal lines for notes.

Contemporary Fiction



The Dead Man by Nora Gold Inanna Publications, 2016 *in paperback*

See Also: Fields of Exile (2014)

Seven horizontal lines for notes.

More New Contemporary Fiction

Bed-Stuy Is Burning by Brian Platzter (Atria, 7/2017)
The Devil and Webster by Jean Hanff Korelitz (Grand Central, 2017)
If the Creek Don't Rise by Leah Weiss (Sourcebooks Landmark, 2017)
Left to Chance by Amy Sue Nathan (St.Martin's Griffin, 11/2017)
Moving Kings by Joshua Cohen (Penguin Random House, 7/2017)
Nuclear Family by Susanna Fogel (Henry Holt, 7/2017)
Shtum by Jem Lester (Overlook, 2017)
Tell Me How This Ends Well by David Levinson (Hogarth, 2017)
The Matrimonial Flirtations of Emma Kaulfield by Anna Fishbeyn (Arcade, 2017)



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