Martha VanAuker  
*Sail* by James Patterson and Howard Roughan

Marjorie Rathbone  
*Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear  
This is the first book in a series about a mystery heroine who rises from a housemaid position to become a degreed psychologist and owner of her own private investigator agency in post-WWI England. The cases Maisie takes on always involve some aspect of the Great War and its lingering and insidious impact on its survivors. An insight into history as well as a great read!

Evelyn Minick  
*Waterland* by Graham Swift  
My favorite Graham Swift title. Tom Crick is sacked from a thirty-year teaching career and *Waterland* is his final lecture to his class of prep school boys. It covers his personal history as well as the history of the Fens area of England.

*All the King’s Men* by Robert Penn Warren  
This is simply the best political novel ever written and it holds up beautifully after all these years. The Noel Polk restored edition includes the original Penn Warren language that was previously ‘edited’ to satisfy the morals of the time.

Pat McAvinue  
*Moyers on Democracy* by Bill Moyers  
This book is a collection of Moyers’ speeches at conferences, special occasion anniversaries, and funerals, which reveal his impression of many observed historical events. An example is his noting the courage and civility of Lady Bird Johnson as she faced crowds opposed to her husband’s work on Civil Rights.

Linda Kubala  
*A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini  
Two women, unlike each other in age, education, and upbringing, forge a bond in their role as wives to the same abusive man. This powerful novel set in the city of Kabul, Afghanistan depicts the suffering and strength of the Afghani people.

Ellie Knickman  
*The 33-Year-Old Rookie* by Chris Coste  
His turn to slump was at the end of the season, but he helped put the Phillies where they are today. Great insights into pro baseball from a player who has seen it all. Find out how minor league coach Doug Simunic saved him from a potentially huge mistake.

Anthony Kamara  
*The Post-American World* by Fareed Zakaria  
In this book, Zakaria argues that the "rise of the rest" is the great story of our time.

Margie Guinan  
*Where Are You Now?* by Mary Higgins Clark  
A young woman trying to unravel the mystery of a family tragedy — a quest with terrifying repercussions.

*Grift* by Debra Ginsberg  
A novel about a fake psychic who is suddenly able to see the future. After predicting the murder of her lover exactly as it happens, she is the sole suspect and is desperate to clear her name.
Margaret Gasiewski  
*Remember Me?* by Sophie Kinsella  
*Monster of Florence* by Douglas J. Preston

Sara Franks  
*The Voyage Out* by Virginia Woolf  
Although Virginia Woolf's first novel is written in a style strikingly different from her other works, it is nonetheless a beautiful piece. The story recounts the complex growth of a young woman travelling from London into the tropical climate of South America.

*The Famished Road* by Ben Okri  
This novel told with a uniquely rich and breathtaking style, recounts the experiences of a spirit-child born into a Nigerian household and placed against a landscape of beautiful images and characters.

Christopher Dixon  
*Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East: 1776 to the Present* by Michael B. Oren

*Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army* by Jeremy Scahill

Marian Courtney  
*The Forged Coupon* by Leo Tolstoy  
Tolstoy's final novella is set against the backdrop of a multi-layered turn-of-the-century Russian society and speaks to the connectedness of our lives and the complicated consequences of our actions.

Naomi Cohen  
*In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto* by Michael Pollan  
A thoughtful critique of the modern, Western diet.

*The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir* by Kao Kalia Yang  
An inside look at the immigration experience of Hmong refugees whose traditional way of life in the mountains of Southeast Asia was disrupted by the Vietnam War.

Michael Brooks  
*Calling* by Joe Samuel Starnes  
*Under Fire: Great Writers and Photographers in Vietnam*  
edited and compiled by Catherine Leroy

Sarah Bolce  
*Small Wonder* by Barbara Kingsolver  
Wonderfully written, thought-provoking, collection of essays on various topics, including: family, nature, life and the world around us.

*Breaking Dawn* by Stephenie Meyer  
Fourth book in Meyer's popular *Twilight* series, in which a teenage girl and a vampire fall in love with each other.