

Library Lines

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When I find a comfortable pair of shoes, a flattering dress, or a shirt that fits my style, I buy it in every color it comes in. Why reinvent the wheel? If you find something you like, get more of them!

I have a similar habit with books. If I find an author I like, I try to read everything they've written. A writer's work changes and evolves over time, sometimes exploring different styles and subjects, but their innate talent remains the same. Therefore, when one of my favorite authors releases a new book, I immediately add it to my list.

Here are a few books from some of my favorite authors I'm looking forward to reading in the next few months:

"Beautiful World, Where Are You" by Sally Rooney (released on Sept. 7). From the author of "Normal People" and "Conversations With Friends" comes the story of Alice, a novelist, and Felix, a warehouse worker. In Dublin, Alice's best friend Eileen is getting over a break-up, and slips back into flirting with Simon, a man she has known since childhood. Alice, Felix, Eileen and Simon are still young – but life is catching up with them. They desire each other, they delude each other, they get together, they break apart. Will they find a way to believe in a beautiful world? (from the publisher)

"Matrix" by Lauren Groff (released Sept. 7) Cast out of the royal court by Eleanor of Aquitaine, deemed too coarse and rough-hewn for marriage or courtly life, seventeen-year-old Marie de France is sent to England to be the new prioress of an impoverished abbey, its nuns on the brink of starvation and beset by disease. At first taken aback by the severity of her new life, Marie finds focus and love in collective life with her singular and mercurial sisters. In this crucible, Marie steadily supplants her desire for family, for her homeland, for the passions of her youth with something new to her: devotion to her sisters, and a conviction in her own divine visions. (from the publisher)

"Apples Never Fall" by Liane Moriarty (released Sept. 14). From The #1 New York Times bestselling author of "Big Little Lies" and "Nine Perfect Strangers," comes a novel that looks at marriage, siblings, and how the people we love the most can hurt us the deepest. The Delaney family love one another dearly - it's just that sometimes they want to murder each other. If your mother was missing, would you tell the police? Even if the most obvious suspect was your father? This is the dilemma facing the four grown Delaney siblings. (from the publisher)

"Harlem Shuffle" by Colson Whitehead (released Sept. 14) The two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Underground Railroad" and "The Nickel Boys," offers a gloriously entertaining novel of heists, shakedowns, and rip-offs set in Harlem in the 1960s. (from the publisher)

"Catch Us When We Fall" by Juliette Fay (coming Sept. 21). On her own since the age of eighteen, Cass Macklin dated brilliant, troubled Ben McGreavy, convinced he was the smartest person she'd ever known. They partied their way through their twenties, slowly descending into a bleak world of binge-drinking and broken promises, inebriated for most of a decade. Now Ben is dead, and Cass is broke, homeless, scared...and pregnant. (from the publisher)

"Oh William!" by Elizabeth Strout (coming Oct. 19). The voice of Lucy Barton is back, this time talking about her first husband, William. Pulitzer Prize winner Strout explores the mysteries

of marriage and the secrets we keep, as a former couple reckons with where they've come from - and what they've left behind. (from the publisher)

"These Precious Days" by Ann Patchett (coming Nov. 23). The beloved bestselling author reflects on home, family, friendships and writing in this deeply personal collection of essays. At the center of the book is the title essay, a surprising and moving meditation on an unexpected friendship that explores "what it means to be seen, to find someone with whom you can be your best and most complete self." When Patchett chose an early galley of actor and producer Tom Hanks' short story collection to read one night before bed, she had no idea that this single choice would be life changing. It would introduce her to a remarkable woman - Tom's brilliant assistant Sooki - with whom she would form a profound bond that held monumental consequences for them both. (from the publisher)