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Clicquot Book Club

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BOOK TITLE	Author	Reviewed by	Genre
A Love Song for Ricki Wilde ^{ww}	Tia Williams	Sandra	Fiction
Anna O	Matthew Blake	Sandra	Mystery
Bring on the Blessings	Beverly Jenkins	Sandra	Fiction
Delicious	Ruth Reichl	Sandra	Fiction
Everyone On This Train is a Suspect	Benjamin Stevenson	Sandra	Mystery
Everyone Who Can Forgive Me is Dead	Jenny Hollander	Sandra	Mystery
Five Bad Deeds	Caz Frear	Sandra	Mystery
The American Queen ^{ww}	Vanessa Miller	Sandra	Historical Fiction
The Friendship Club	Robyn Carr	Sandra	Fiction
The Fury	Alex Michaelides	Sandra	Mystery
The Helsinki Affair	Anna Pitoniak	Sandra	Mystery
The Summer Book Club ^{ww}	Susan Mallery	Sandra	Fiction
The Women ^{ww}	Kristin Hannah	Sandra	Historical Fiction
Too Soon for Adiós	Annette Chavez Macias	Sandra	Fiction
The Mayor of Maxwell Street ww	Avery Cunningham	Sandra	Historical Fiction

NOTES:

GMA: Good Morning America Book Club or Book Buzz Pick RBC: Reese's Book Club RWJ: Read with Jenna FBC: First for Women Book Club

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WW: Woman's World Book Club

A Love Song for Ricki Wilde by Tia Williams

Gorgeous and mystical. A beautiful love story that celebrates the golden days of early Renaissance Harlem, flitting between that period and the present day.

Anna O by Matthew Blake

A modern day take on Sleeping Beauty with a diabolical twist of a woman who is accused of murdering her family and then falling into a deep sleep. Believe it or not.

Bring on the Blessings by Beverly Jenkins

This book put a smile on my face. I just loved it. It's nothing fancy or lyrical, but simply comfortable. An extremely wealthy woman buys a town and as a result, changes the life of its residents. First in series, a great afternoon feel good read.

Delicious! by Ruth Reichl

Famous food writer/critic Ruth Reichl delivers a fictional account of the food world with heart, family, and truth.

Everyone on this Train is a Suspect by Benjamin Stevenson

Great sequel to "Everyone in my family has killed someone"; I enjoyed this one even more than the first. This story pays homage to "Murder on the Orient Express" while being fresh in the approach. A train ride with writers, publishers, reviewers, and fans... and then there is a murder. So fun!

Everyone who can Forgive me is Dead by Jenny Hollander

A woman who survived a mass murder 9 years ago has no memory of the incident. Now, she struggles with the event as people attempt to dig out the truth of what happened - whether she was an innocent victim, or the perpetrator.

Five Bad Deeds by Caz Frear

A woman with a not-so-stellar past gets a threatening note that says it's going to teach her a lesson around her five bad deeds... and counting. Dark and witty with characters you love to hate.

The American Queen by Vanessa Miller

Historical fiction based on the true story of a kingdom that rose up in the South in 1869. Louella leads formerly enslaved people out of their plantation to a place that they can call their own. This true story was remarkable for its time.

The Fury by Alex Michaelides

A movie star and her friends on a secluded island... and then there was a murder. Nothing in this book was what it seemed. I loved it.

The Helsinki Affair by Anna Pitoniak

Cat and mouse spy story when CIA agent Amanda goes up against her father, an ex-CIA agent. Lots of conspiracy, double-crossing, and suspense. Excellent whodunnit.

The Women by Kristin Hannah

Kristin Hannah at her best. "The Women" takes the best of Hannah from her historical fiction from "the Nightingale" and the best of her women's fiction from "Firefly Lane" and puts it all together in this one impactful novel. "The Women" celebrates the female nurses who served during the Vietnam war.

Too Soon for Adios by Annette Chavez Macias

While Gabby is grieving at her mother's funeral, she comes face-to-face with the father who abandoned her at birth. This shocking announcement upends her world and sends her on a soul-searching trek to find out more about the family she never knew she had. A beautiful story about family, love, loss, and all that lies between.

The Mayor of Maxwell Street by Avery Cunningham

Beautiful debut historical novel of the Black elite in the 1920s. A heartfelt story with lots of drama, personal sacrifice, perseverance, classism, and what it meant to be among the higher echelons of Black society during that time.