Editors’ Picks for January —
*Large Print Titles Your Readers Won’t Want to Miss!!*

**PAINTED HORSES**
*by Malcolm Brooks*  
(9781410475114). This outstanding debut novel set in the 1950’s American West is an Indie Next Pick, Amazon Debut of the Month, and hit the Amazon Best Books of the Year list. In post-World War II America, Catherine Lemay eschews convention, choosing archaeology over marriage to a Manhattan banker. She goes to work for the River Basin Survey near the Montana–Wyoming border to identify any significant archaeological sites before the Harris Power and Light dams the river and floods the canyon. The building of the dam is whipping up bad blood on all sides. The starred Library Journal review says: “Brooks delivers an authentic story, examining in gripping, page-turning prose what it means to live in the West. An outstanding debut novel that will linger in the reader’s mind.” **Fans of Cormac McCarthy and Jim Harrison will love this book!**  
(Reviewers’ Choice — 1/7/2015)

**EMPIRE OF SIN:**  
*A Story of Sex, Jazz, Murder, And the Battle for Modern New Orleans*  
*by Gary Krist*  
(9781410474872). This well-reported and colorful tale of jazz, sex, crime, and corruption landed on the Library Journal Top Ten Books of the Year list as well as the Publishers Weekly Top Ten History Titles of 2014. Library Journal’s starred review said: “This engaging work covers the brief and exciting history of Storyville . . . Krist delivers on his lurid subtitle with stories of the flourishing sex industry, the birth of jazz in New Orleans, and the unsolved case of the ‘Axman’ . . . Highly recommended for readers interested in New Orleans and also for those looking for a readable collection of true stories from one of America’s most fascinating metropolises.” **Fans of Erik Larson will want this one!**  
(Crime Scene — 1/7/2015)
Editors’ Picks for January (continued)

WHAT ALICE FORGOT
by Liane Moriarty
(9781410475046). With the gaining popularity of #1 New York Times—bestselling Liane Moriarty, we’ve had requests for all of her books in large print. Alice Love is twenty-nine, crazy about her husband, and pregnant with her first child. So imagine Alice’s surprise when she comes to on the floor of a gym (a gym! She HATES the gym) and is whisked off to the hospital where she discovers the honeymoon is truly over — she’s getting divorced, she has three kids, and she’s actually 39 years old. Alice must reconstruct the events of a lost decade, and find out whether it’s possible to reconstruct her life at the same time. Ultimately, Alice must discover whether forgetting is a blessing or a curse, and whether it’s possible to start over. Library Journal called this New York Times bestseller “an intriguing story [that] will keep readers guessing and curious to know more about Alice.” TriStar has picked up the film rights and David Frankel, who directed The Devil Wears Prada is slated to direct the film. A sometimes funny, heartrending story, this will appeal to readers of women’s fiction and is perfect for book discussion groups.
(Core 6 — 1/7/2015)

ANCILLARY JUSTICE
by Ann Leckie
(9781410475862). This stunning space opera from debut author Ann Leckie is a winner of the Hugo, Nebula, British Science Fiction, Locus and Arthur C. Clarke Awards. On a remote, icy planet, the soldier known as Breq is drawing closer to completing her quest. Once, she was the Justice of Toren — a colossal starship with an artificial intelligence linking thousands of soldiers in the service of the Radch, the empire that conquered the galaxy. Now, an act of treachery has ripped it all away, leaving her with one fragile human body, unanswered questions, and a burning desire for vengeance. In their starred review Publishers Weekly said: “This impressive debut succeeds in making Breq a protagonist readers will invest in, and establishes Leckie as a talent to watch closely.” For readers who like SF military action stories and space operas and fans of Star Trek and Battlestar Galactica.
(Basic 8 — 1/7/2015)
Indie Next Picks

#1 Pick: THE SECRET WISDOM OF THE EARTH by Christopher Scotton (9781410478245). After witnessing the death of his younger brother in a terrible home accident, 14-year-old Kevin and his grieving mother are sent for the summer to live with Kevin’s grandfather. In this peeled-paint coal town deep in Appalachia, Kevin quickly falls in with a half-wild hollow kid named Buzzy Fink who schools him in the mysteries and magnificence of the woods. The events of this fateful summer will affect the entire town of Medgar, Kentucky. In their starred review, Kirkus Reviews called this “a powerful epic of people and place, loss and love, reconciliation and redemption.” For readers who like coming-of-age tales and stories about rural America. (Wheeler Hardcover — 4/1/2015)

DESCENT by Tim Johnston (9781410477910). The Rocky Mountains have cast their spell over the Courtlands, a young family from the plains taking a last summer vacation before their daughter begins college. But when Caitlin and her younger brother, Sean, go out for an early morning run and only Sean returns, the mountains become as terrifying as they are majestic. Suddenly this family finds themselves living the kind of nightmare they’ve only read about in headlines or seen on TV. Publishers Weekly’s starred and boxed review said: “Combining domestic drama with wilderness adventure, Johnston has created a hybrid novel that is as emotionally satisfying as it is viscerally exciting.” This will appeal to thriller readers and fans of Dennis Lehane’s Mystic River. (Basic 6 — 4/1/2015)

NOTE: This title is also a LibraryReads Selection and a Midwest Connections Selection.

THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN by Paula Hawkins (9781410477767). Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning past a stretch of cozy suburban homes. The train stops at a signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She’s even started to feel like she knows them. Their life — as she sees it — is perfect. Not unlike the life she recently lost. And then she sees something shocking and everything’s changed. Rachel offers what she knows to the police, and becomes inextricably entwined in what happens next, as well as in the lives of everyone involved. Publishers Weekly’s starred review said: “The surprise-packed narratives hurtle toward a stunning climax, horrifying as a train wreck and just as riveting.” For readers who like page-turning thrillers. (Peer Picks — 3/18/2015)

NOTE: This title is also a LibraryReads Selection and a Smash Winter Title in Library Journal’s Fall/Winter First Novels.
Indie Next Picks (continued)

**THE MAGICIAN’S LIE**  
by Greer Macallister  
(9781410477569). The Amazing Arden is the most notorious female illusionist of her day, renowned for sawing a man in half. One night, with policeman Virgil Holt in the audience, she swaps her saw for a fire ax. A new trick or an all-too-real murder? When a dead body is discovered, the answer seems clear. But under Holt’s interrogation, what Arden’s story reveals is both unbelievable and spellbinding. Even handcuffed and alone, she is far from powerless. During one eerie night, Holt must decide whether to turn Arden in or set her free . . . and it will take all he has to see through the smoke and mirrors. *Library Journal* called it “a captivating world of enchantment and mystery that readers will be loath to leave.”  

For readers who liked *Water for Elephants* and *A Reliable Wife*.  
(Historical Fiction — 3/18/2015)

NOTE: This title is also a LibraryReads Selection and a Midwest Connections Selection.

**THE BISHOP’S WIFE**  
by Mette Ivie Harrison (9781410477965). Linda Wallheim is a devout Mormon, the mother of five boys and the wife of a bishop. But Linda is increasingly troubled by her church’s structure and secrecy, especially as a disturbing situation takes shape in her ward. One cold winter night, a young wife and mother named Carrie Helm disappears. Her husband, Jared, claims his wife has abandoned the family, but Linda doesn’t trust him and is convinced that Jared has murdered his wife. Linda’s husband asks her not to get involved in the unfolding family saga. But Linda has become obsessed with Carrie’s fate. She cannot let the matter rest until she finds out the truth. *Publishers Weekly*’s starred review called Harrison’s adult debut “stunning.”  
(Reviewers’ Choice — 4/1/2015)

NOTE: This title is also a LibraryReads Selection and a *Publishers Weekly* Most Anticipated Book of Fall 2014.
BEFORE I GO  
by Colleen Oakley  
(9781410477200). On the eve of what was supposed to be a triumphant “Cancerversary” with her husband Jack to celebrate three years of being cancer-free, Daisy suffers a devastating blow: her doctor tells her that the cancer is back. She may have as few as four months left to live. Death is a frightening prospect — but not because she’s afraid for herself. She’s terrified of what will happen to her brilliant but otherwise charmingly helpless husband when she’s no longer there to take care of him. The solution? She decides she has to find him another wife. With a singular determination, Daisy scouts local parks and coffee shops and online dating sites looking for Jack’s perfect match. But the further she gets on her quest, the more she questions the sanity of her plan. As the thought of her husband with another woman becomes all too real, Daisy’s forced to decide what’s more important in the short amount of time she has left: her husband’s happiness — or her own? Publishers Weekly called it a “touching debut.” Library Journal recommended this for “laugh-out-loud fans and the tearjerker set.”  
(Wheeler Hardcover 5 — 3/4/2015)

THE SOUL OF DISCRETION by Susan Hill  
(9781410476784). When Simon Serrailler is called in by Lafferton’s new Chief Constable, Kieran Bright, he is met by two plainclothes officers, who ask him to take the principal role in a difficult, potentially dangerous undercover operation. He must leave town immediately, without telling anyone — not even his girlfriend Rachel, who has only just moved in with him. Meanwhile, Simon’ sister Cat is facing difficult choices at work, as Lafferton’s hospice closes its bedded units — and at home, as her daughter is presented with a glittering opportunity that they would have to struggle to afford. And all is not well with Simon and Cat’s stepmother, Judith, either. To complete his special operation, Simon must inhabit the mind of the worst kind of criminal. This takes its toll on Simon and — as the investigation unfolds — also on the town and some of its most respected citizens. Library Journal’s starred review called it “outstanding.” For fans of Louise Penny and Charles Todd and British police procedurals.  
(Crime Scene — 3/4/2015)
#1 Selection: AS CHIMNEY SWEEPERS COME TO DUST by Alan Bradley (9781410476173). In the seventh entry in this New York Times bestselling series of enchanting mysteries, youthful chemist and aspiring detective Flavia de Luce once again brings her knowledge of poisons and her indefatigable spirit to solve dastardly crimes — but this time, she leaves behind her beloved English countryside, and takes her sleuthing prowess to the unexpectedly unsavory world of Canadian boarding schools! Library Journal said: “Fans of Flavia DeLuce, part precocious child, part world-weary detective, will celebrate the newest entry.” Publishers Weekly called it “exceptional” in their starred review. For fans of Dorothy Sayers and Agatha Christie. (Core — 1/7/2015)

THE MAGICIAN’S LIE
by Greer Macallister (9781410477569). This title is also an Indie Next Pick for January. See page 4 for details.

THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN
by Paula Hawkins (9781410477767). This title is also an Indie Next Pick for January. See page 3 for details.

GOLDEN SON by Pierce Brown (9781410476128). This second book in the Red Rising Trilogy continues the saga of Darrow, a rebel forged by tragedy, battling to lead his oppressed people to freedom from the overlords of a brutal elitist future built on lies. In this rip-roaring sequel, Darrow continues his work to bring down Society from within by inserting himself into the world of the elite Golds. Booklist’s starred review said: “The jaw-dropper of an ending will leave readers hungry for the conclusion to Brown’s wholly original, completely thrilling saga.” In their starred review, Library Journal said it’s “an even better novel than Brown’s breakout debut.” For fans of Suzanne Collins and George R. R. Martin. (Core 8 — 1/7/2015)

THE DRESS SHOP OF DREAMS
by Menna van Praag (9781410475909). Etta Sparks’s cozy dress shop is a magical place — anyone who steps inside can see they are someplace special. But only Etta knows the dresses she sells are actually magic — a few stitches from her needle and each gown imbues the wearer with the confidence to achieve whatever they set their mind to. Booklist called it “delightful.” For fans of Sarah Addison Allen and Alice Hoffman. (Women’s Fiction — 1/21/2015)

THE BISHOP’S WIFE
by Mette Ivie Harrison (9781410477965). This title is also an Indie Next Pick for January. See page 4 for details.
Many of the Best Book lists have already been published and there are several books that are appearing on multiple lists. The following titles have appeared on five or more Best Book lists:

ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE by Anthony Doerr (9781410470225). This *New York Times* bestseller received four starred reviews and appears on nine Best Book lists including *Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, Entertainment Weekly, Amazon, and NPR*. It was also a finalist for the National Book Award. For readers who like WWII fiction and fans of Donna Tartt, Alice Hoffman, and Anthony Marra. *(Reviewers’ Choice — 7/2/2014)*

EUPHORIA by Lily King (9781410472939). Receiving starred reviews from *Library Journal* and *Booklist*, this title appears on eight Best Book lists including *Publishers Weekly, Kirkus Reviews, New York Times, Amazon, and NPR*. It was also the winner of the 2014 New England Book Award for Fiction. For fans of fictional biographies. *(Core 7 — 10/8/2014)*

REDEPLOYMENT by Phil Klay (9781410470980). This *New York Times* bestseller received four starred reviews, appears on eight Best Book lists and won the 2014 National Book Award for Fiction. For readers of war stories and those who have an interest in the impact of war on soldiers. *(Reviewers’ Choice — 8/6/2014)*

STATION ELEVEN by Emily St. John Mandel (9781410474179). This *New York Times* bestselling science fiction title received starred reviews from *Booklist, Library Journal, and Kirkus Reviews*. It appears on eight Best Book lists. For fans of Cormac McCarthy. *(Core 7 — 11/19/2014)*

THE BONE CLOCKS by David Mitchell (9781410476012). This #1 Indie Next Pick and *New York Times* bestseller appears on eight Best Book lists. *Publishers Weekly*’s starred review called it “a thing of beauty.” Genre-bending, for fans of coming-of-age, dystopian, thriller and fantasy novels. *(Peer Picks — 1/21/2015)*

LILA by Marilynne Robinson (9781410474001). This *New York Times* bestseller received two starred reviews and appears on seven Best Book lists. For readers who like stories about family life and fans of *Olive Kitteridge*. *(Basic 6 — 11/5/2014)*
THE PAYING GUESTS by Sarah Waters (9781410476043). This New York Times bestseller was an Indie Next Pick and LibraryReads Selection, and appeared on seven Best Book lists. Publishers Weekly said “Waters deserves a large audience” in their starred review.
For fans of historical crime fiction.
(Wheeler Hardcover 5 — 1/7/2015)

(Reviewers’ Choice — 9/10/2014)

For fans of page-turning stories of survival.
(Thriller — 6/18/2014)

THE SECRET PLACE by Tana French (9781410469786). This New York Times bestseller was an Indie Next Pick, a LibraryReads Selection, and a Library Journal Editor’s Pick BEA 2014. It appears on five Best Book lists. For fans of Martha Grimes, Benjamin Black, and Charles Todd.
(Mystery — 9/10/2014)

SOME LUCK by Jane Smiley (9781410473479). This New York Times bestseller received four starred reviews and was an Indie Next Pick and a LibraryReads Selection. It appears on five Best Book lists. For readers who like novels portraying American families.
(Core 6 — 11/5/2014)

WE ARE NOT OURSELVES by Matthew Thomas (9781410475480). This New York Times bestseller received starred reviews from Library Journal and Publishers Weekly. It appears on five Best Book lists. For readers who like family dramas.
(Basic 6 — 1/7/2015)

NORA WEBSTER by Colm Tóibín (9781410476272). This New York Times bestseller was also an Indie Next Pick and appears on five Best Book lists including New York Times, Washington Post, and NPR. For fans of literary fiction.
(Core 6 — 2/4/2015)
Top Bestsellers Releasing in January


AS CHIMNEY SWEEPERS COME TO DUST by Alan Bradley (9781410476173) Core

BROKEN BONDS by Karen Harper (9781410475336) Romance

DE NIRO: A Life by Shawn Levy (9781410474957) Biography

ELEPHANT COMPANY: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in World War II by Vicki Constantine Croke (9781410476005) Peer Picks

EYES ONLY by Fern Michaels (9781410474353) Wheeler Hardcover

FOUND by Harlan Coben (9781410475404) The Literacy Bridge

GHOST WANTED by Carolyn Hart (9781410475206) Mystery

GOLDEN SON by Pierce Brown (9781410476128) Core 8

HE’S SO FINE by Jill Shalvis (9781410473301) Romance 3

INSATIABLE APPETITES by Stuart Woods (9781410475008) Basic

PASSING STRANGERS by Angela Hunt (9781410473219) Christian Fiction

SAINT ODD by Dean Koontz (9781410471406) Core

SCORCHED EGGS by Laura Childs (9781410475404) Superior Collection

SMOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES & Other Lessons from the Crematory by Caitlin Doughty (9781410475183) Nonfiction 3

THE BONE CLOCKS by David Mitchell (9781410476012) Peer Picks

THE BOOK STOPS HERE by Kate Carlisle (9781410473578) Wheeler Cozy Mystery

THE HOT ZONE by Jayne Castle (9781410474339) Core

THE HUNDRED-FOOT JOURNEY by Richard C. Morais (9781410475664) Basic 7

THE MISTRESS OF NORMANDY by Susan Wiggs (9781410473639) Romance

THE PAYING GUESTS by Sarah Waters (9781410476043) Wheeler Hardcover 5

TREASURED by Candace Camp (9781410475688) Core 7
Top Bestsellers Releasing in January (continued)

TRUST NO ONE by Jayne Ann Krentz (9781410475015) Basic

WAIT FOR SIGNS by Craig Johnson (9781410475329) Mystery

WE ARE NOT OURSELVES by Matthew Thomas (9781410475480) Basic 6

WHAT ALICE FORGOT by Liane Moriarty (9781410475046) Core 6

WHAT I KNOW FOR SURE by Oprah Winfrey (9781410475497) Basic 6

WHEAT BELLY TOTAL HEALTH: The Ultimate Grain-Free Health and Weight-Loss Life Plan by William Davis, MD (9781410475923) Lifestyle

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