Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

“A . . . memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University”

The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeannette Walls

The author recalls her life growing up in a dysfunctional family with an alcoholic father and distant mother and describes how she and her siblings had to fend for themselves until they finally found the resources and will to leave home.

Call the midwife: A memoir of birth, joy, and hard times by Jennifer Worth

A memoir that chronicles the author’s work as a midwife after training with an Anglican order of nuns in the 1950s and working amid the slums on the East End of London, covering the various people and situations she encountered.

Hillbilly elegy: A memoir of a family and culture in crisis “Vance, a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, provides an account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town J.D.Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck”

Once We Were Sisters: A Memoir by Sheila Kohler

When author Sheila Kohler learns that her sister was killed by her husband, she journeys back to her the places where they spent their childhood, from their family’s estate and boarding school to their sojourns through Rome and Paris, proving that the bond between sisters never breaks, even after death.

Growing up Amish: A memoir by Ira Wagler

Wagler chronicles his life in the Old Order Amish settlement of Bloomfield, Iowa, describing his childhood on the family farm, his Rumpspringa rite of passage at age sixteen, his decision to leave the Amish church at age twenty-six, and his adjustment to the outside world.

The River Queen A Memoir by Mary Morris

This story of a middle-aged woman’s odyssey down the Mississippi River is a funny, and poignant tale of a journey that transforms a life. Mary Morris set off down the Mississippi in a battered old houseboat called the River Queen, with two river rats named Tom and Jerry—and a rat terrier, named Samantha Jean.

The adventurer’s son: A memoir by Roman Dial

An Alaska Pacific University scientist and National Geographic Explorer recounts his two-year effort to uncover the fate of his adventurer son, who in 2014 disappeared into the untracked rainforest of Corcovado National Park.

Wild: from lost to found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed

Cheryl Strayed recounts the impact of her mother’s death on her life at age twenty-two. Chronicling her experiences hiking the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert all the way into Washington State.
A stolen life: a memoir by Jaycee Lee Dugard

Jaycee Dugard chronicles the eighteen years she spent in captivity, describing what happened after she was kidnapped at age eleven in 1991, the events leading up to her release, and her struggle to adjust to life once she was reunited with her family.

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The last lecture by Pausch, Randy

Computer science professor Randy Pausch, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, discusses how to overcome obstacles in one's life and achieve one's dreams.

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Gorillas in the Mist by Dian Fossey

One of the most important books ever written about our connection to the natural world, GORILLAS IN THE MIST is the riveting account of Dian Fossey's thirteen years in a remote African rain forest with the greatest of the great apes. Fossey's extraordinary efforts to ensure the future of the rain forest and its remaining mountain gorillas are captured in her own words and in candid photographs of this fascinating endangered species.

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Me: Elton John Official Autobiography by Elton John

John has entertained fans and shaped the musical landscape for 50 years with poignant ballads, energetic pop songs, and memorable show tunes.

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Daniel Boone: the life and legend of an American pioneer by John Mack Faragher

A portrait defines the man and the times he helped shape, drawing from popular narrative, the public record, and scraps of documentation from Boone's own hand.

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Vincent and Theo by Deborah Heiligman

The deep and enduring friendship between Vincent and Theo Van Gogh shaped both brothers' lives. Confidant, champion, sympathizer, friend--Theo supported Vincent as he struggled to find his path in life.

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Books for living: some thoughts on reading, reflecting, and embracing life by Will Schwalbe

From the author of the beloved New York Times best-selling The End of Your Life Book Club, an inspiring and magical exploration of the power of books to shape our lives in an era of constant connectivity.

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Charles and Emma: the Darwins' leap of faith by Deborah Heiligman

A biography of English naturalist Charles Darwin that provides an account of the personality behind evolutionary theory and the affect of his work on his personal life, such as his relationship with his religious wife.

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Just mercy: a story of justice and redemption by Bryan Stevenson

A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice--from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time,

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Never cry wolf by Farley Mowat

A report of the author's observations in the Keewatin Lands northwest of the Hudson Bay, on the caribou and wolf populations living there.

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