

# AVAILABLE BEST OF 2025 BOOKS\*

\*plus a few bonus titles of note that aren't from 2025, but are relevant now for other reasons

## FICTION



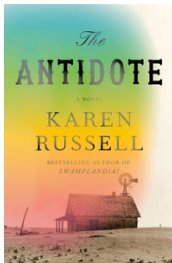
### **AMONG FRIENDS by Hal Ebbott**

**Agent:** Geoff Morley at UTA  
*Best of: The New Yorker, NPR*



### **A GUARDIAN AND A THIEF by Megha Majumdar**

**Agent:** Sanjana Seelam at WME  
*Carnegie Medal Nominee, National Book Award Finalist, Kirkus Prize Nominee, Goodreads Choice Nominee*



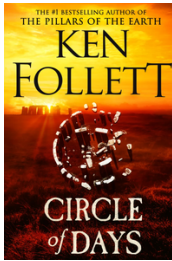
### **THE ANTIDOTE by Karen Russell**

**Agent:** Josie Freedman at CAA  
*National Book Award Finalist; Best of: Washington Post, NYT, NPR, Esquire, People, Kirkus*



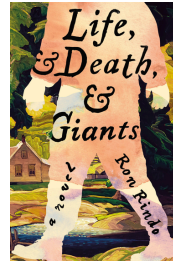
### **THE IRISH GOODBYE by Heather Aimee O'Neil**

**Agent:** Ora Damelin at Verve  
*Read With Jenna Book Club Pick, Amazon Editor's Pick*



### **CIRCLE OF DAYS by Ken Follett**

**Agent:** Steve Fisher at IAG  
*Best of: Barnes & Noble; NYT and International Bestseller*



### **LIFE, AND DEATH, AND GIANTS by Ron Rindo**

**Agent:** Amy Schiffman at Echo Lake  
*Amazon Editor's Pick; Best of: People Magazine*



### **ENDLING by Maria Reva**

**Agent:** Will Watkins at CAA  
*Booker Prize Nominee; Atwood Gibson Writers Trust Prize; Best of: Washington Post, The New Yorker, NPR, PW, Good Housekeeping, The Guardian, The Observer*



### **MAGGIE; OR, A MAN AND A WOMAN WALK INTO A BAR by Katie Yee**

**Agent:** Orly Greenberg at UTA  
*Best of: NYT, TIME Magazine, Vogue*



### **FINDING LOST by Holly Goldberg Sloan**

**Agent:** Tom Ishizuka at Writers House  
*Best of: Amazon, Kirkus*



### **MY OTHER HEART by Emma Nanami Sterner**

**Agent:** Maialie Fitzpatrick, Olivia Fanaro at UTA; Anna Weguelin at Curtis Brown  
*Read With Jenna Book Club Pick; Best of: NYPL*

## FICTION cont.



**PALAVER by Bryan Washington**

**Agent:** Alice Lawson at Gersh  
*National Book Award Finalist*  
*Best of: TIME Magazine, Washington Post, The New Yorker, Kirkus*



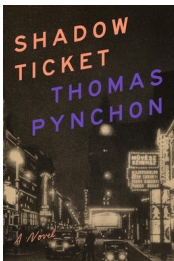
**PARADISE LOGIC by Sophie Kemp**

**Agent:** Hannah Vaughn at Gersh  
*Best of: NPR*



**RUTH by Kate Riley**

**Agent:** Kristina Moore at UTA  
*Best of: Vulture, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post*



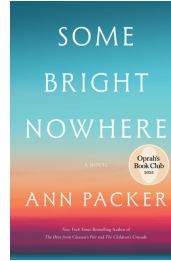
**SHADOW TICKET by Thomas Pynchon**

**Agent:** Matthew Snyder at CAA  
*Best of: TIME Magazine, LA Times, Vulture, The Guardian, Lit Hub*



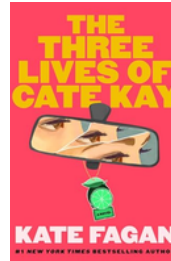
**THE SECRET LIVES OF CHURCH LADIES by Deesha Philyaw**

**Agent:** Becca Rodriguez at Subtext  
*\*2020 release\* PEN/Faulkner Award Winner, LA Times Book Prize and National Book Award Finalist that came out of option this year and is available again.*



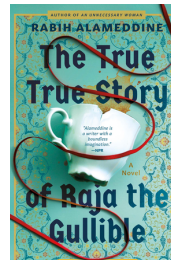
**SOME BRIGHT NOWHERE by Ann Packer**

**Agent:** Alec Frankel at IAG  
*Oprah's Book Club Pick;*  
*Best of: Washington Post*



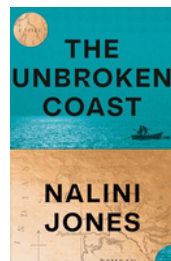
**THE THREE LIVES OF CATE KAY by Kate Fagan**

**Agent:** Mirabel Michelson and Jason Richman at UTA  
*A Reese's Book Club Pick;*  
*Best of: TIME Magazine, NPR*



**THE TRUE STORY OF RAJA THE GULLIBLE by Rabih Alameddine**

**Agent:** Brooke Ehrlich at CAA  
*National Book Award Winner*



**THE UNBROKEN COAST by Nalini Jones**

**Agent:** Cecilia de la Campa at Writers House  
*Best of: Apple, The New Yorker*



**THE WILDERNESS by Angela Flournoy**

**Agent:** Jason Richman and Addison Duffy at UTA  
*Booker Prize Finalist; National Book Award Longlist; Aspen Words Literary Prize Longlist;*  
*Best of: New Yorker, PW, Vogue, Elle, TIME Magazine, Kirkus, Electric Lit, NPR, NYPL, Chicago Public Library, Book Riot, Audible*

# FANTASY / HORROR / SCIENCE FICTION



**ABSENCE by Andrew Dana Hudson**  
**Agent:** Danny Hertz at Gotham Group  
*\*2026 release\* First full-length novel from a Pushcart Prize Nominee and winner of Everything Change Climate Fiction Contest*



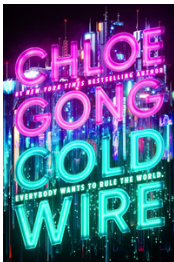
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION by Ling Ling Huang**  
**Agent:** Ali Lefkowitz at Kaplan Perrone  
*Best of: NPR, Good Housekeeping*



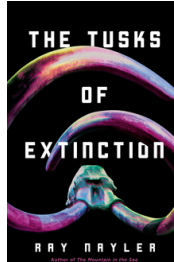
**BLOOD MOON by Britney S. Lewis**  
**Agent:** Debbie Deuble Hill at IAG  
*#1 NYT Bestseller*



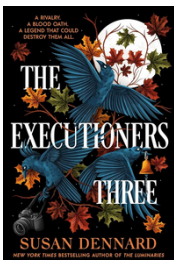
**THIS KINGDOM WILL NOT KILL ME by Ilona Andrews**  
**Agent:** Sean Berard at Untitled  
*\*2026 release\* New series by a #1 NYT Bestselling author duo*



**COLDWIRE by Chloe Gong**  
**Agent:** Joe Haar at WME  
*Best of: People Magazine; Instant NYT Bestseller; Starred School Library Journal review*



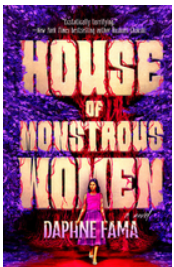
**THE TUSKS OF EXTINCTION by Ray Nayler**  
**Agent:** Olivia Burgher at WME  
*Hugo Award for Best Novella*



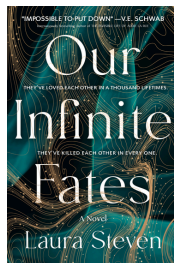
**THE EXECUTIONERS THREE by Susan Dennard**  
**Agent:** Katherine Curtis at New Leaf  
*NYT, Sunday Times, and USA Today Bestseller*



**UNWORLD by Jayson Greene**  
**Agent:** Laura Pawlak and Jason Richman at UTA  
*Best of: Washington Post*



**HOUSE OF MONSTROUS WOMEN by Daphne Fama**  
**Agent:** Kim Yau at Echo Lake  
*Best of: Vulture, Buzz Books, Horror, Jump Scares, Books of Brilliance, BookRiot*

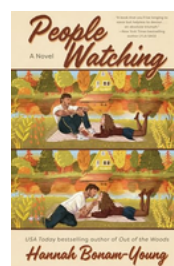


**OUR INFINITE FATES by Laura Steven**  
**Agent:** Olivia Fanaro at UTA  
*Best of: NYPL*

# ROMANCE



**THE LOVE FIX by Jill Shalvis**  
**Agent:** Maggie Marr at Maggie Marr Legal  
*Latest book in the NYT Bestselling series, Sunrise Cove*



**PEOPLE WATCHING by Hannah Bonam-Young**  
**Agent:** Dakota Reed at BookEnds  
*Best of: The Mirror, Library Journal, Indigo*



## MYSTERY / THRILLER



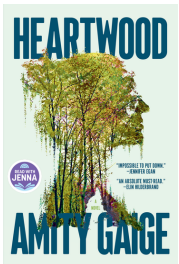
**THE GALLERY ASSISTANT by Kate Belli**

**Agent:** Elizabeth Newman at Literate  
*Best of: BookBub*



**HOW BAD THINGS CAN GET by Darcy Coates**

**Agent:** Shivani Doraiswami at Untitled  
*Goodreads Choice Awards Nominee*



**HEARTWOOD by Amity Gaige**

**Agent:** Ryan Wilson at Ryan Wilson Literary  
*A Read With Jenna Book Club Pick;*  
*Best of: NYT, Washington Post, NYPL*



**THE PAYBACK by Kashana Cauley**

**Agent:** Addison Duffy at UTA  
*Best of: NPR*



**HOLLOW SPACES by Victor Suthammanont**

**Agent:** Tara Timinsky at Untitled  
*Oprah's Book Club Pick;*  
*Best of: NYT, Apple, CrimeReads*

## NON-FICTION



**BOOK OF LIVES: A MEMOIR OF SORTS by Margaret Atwood**

**Agent:** Ron Bernstein at IAG  
*Best of: TIME Magazine, NY Times, Barnes & Noble*



**ONE DAY, EVERYONE WILL HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST THIS by Omar El Akkad**

**Agent:** Michelle Weiner at CAA  
*National Book Award Winner, Goodreads Choice Winner, She Reads Best of Winner*



**GWYNETH: THE BIOGRAPHY by Amy Odell**

**Agent:** Joe Veltre at Gersh  
*Best of: TIME Magazine; NYT Bestseller*