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ON - THE - GO BOOK CLUB BAGS

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On-the-Go Book Club Bag Collection

The Accidental by Ali Smith

Barefoot, thirty-something Amber shows up at the door of a Norfolk cottage that the Smarts are renting for the summer. Dazzled by her seeming exoticism, the Smarts begin to examine the accidents of their lives under the searing lens of Amber's perceptions. **Bag #10**

The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

Two women—a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947—are brought together in a story of courage and redemption. **Bag #25**

All We Were Promised by Ashton Lattimore

A housemaid with a dangerous family secret conspires with a wealthy young abolitionist to help an enslaved girl escape, in volatile pre-Civil War Philadelphia. **Bag #30**

Apeirogon by Colum McCann

Two fathers, a Palestinian and an Israeli, navigate the physical and emotional checkpoints of their conflicted world before devastating losses compel them to work together to use their grief as a weapon for peace. **Bag #38**

The Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley

When Julian Jessup, an eccentric, lonely artist who believes that most people are not honest with each other, writes the truth about his own life in a green journal and leaves it behind, others start writing in their own truth, which leads

to unexpected friendship and love. **Bag #42**

The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin

A story inspired by the marriage between Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh traces the romance between a handsome young aviator and a shy ambassador's daughter whose relationship is marked by wild international acclaim. **Bag #29**

The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel

Escaping from Paris in 1942 after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew, a graduate student finds refuge in a small mountain town, where she forges identity documents to help Jewish children flee the Nazis. **Bag #43**

Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall

Beth and her gentle, kind husband Frank are happily married, but their relationship relies on the past staying buried. But when Beth's brother-in-law shoots a dog going after their sheep, Beth doesn't realize that the gunshot will alter the course of their lives. For the dog belonged to none other than Gabriel Wolfe, the man Beth loved as a teenager—the man who broke her heart years ago. Gabriel has returned to the village with his young son Leo, a boy who reminds Beth of her own son, who died in a tragic accident. **Bag #12**

The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett

Oxford, Mississippi, 1933. Abandoned by her mother one Christmas Eve, Meg Lefleur has learned the hard way to rely on no one. Now one of the unadoptable "big girls" at the Lafayette County Orphan Asylum, she fights each day to keep her spirit unbowed. Birdie Calhoun, unmarried and outspoken, has come to Oxford to ask her socialite sister to help the struggling family she's left behind. But as the Depression tightens its grip, Birdie discovers her sister's charmed life is a tapestry of lies. Then, Birdie encounters Charlie, a woman running low on luck with little left to lose. When their fates--and Meg's--converge, Charlie comes up with an audacious plan to claim what's rightfully theirs. **Bag #34**

Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict

In the industrial 1860s at the dawn of the Carnegie Empire, Irish immigrant Clara Kelly finds herself in desperate circumstances. Looking for a way out, she seeks employment as a lady's maid in the home of the prominent businessman Andrew Carnegie. **Bag #19**

Daughter of the Sun and Moon by Lisa See

In 1870, three Chinese women arrive in Los Angeles. Each woman has her own desires. Dove wants to love and be loved, Petal desires freedom, and Moon seeks justice. Together they face a larger society that wishes them not one ounce of good will. Anti-Chinese sentiment is strong in Los Angeles, and this eventually leads to the Night of Horrors during which all three women are challenged in ways they could not have imagined. Brought together by hardship and heartbreak, they must use their bravery, endurance, and ability

to eat bitterness to discover their voices, find freedom, and connect through solace and friendship. Together they are daughters of the sun and moon.

Bag#50

Disappearing Earth by Julia Phillips

The shattering disappearance of two young girls from Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula compounds the isolation and fears of a tight-woven community, connecting the lives of neighbors, witnesses, family members and a detective throughout an ensuing year of tension. **Bag #40**

Drive Your Plow over the Bones of the Dead by Olga Tokarczuk

When her neighbor turns up dead, and then other bodies turn up under strange circumstances, Janine, a recluse in a remote Polish village who prefers the company of animals to humans, inserts herself into the investigation, certain she knows whodunit. **Bag #41**

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The classic story of the fabulously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan. **Bag #20**

Heft by Liz Moore

Arthur weighs 550 pounds and has not left his home in a decade. Kel is a poor kid in a rich school who pins his hopes on a baseball career. An unexpected connection transforms both their lives as they find sustenance and friendship in the most surprising places. **Bag #15**

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

Awarded a college basketball scholarship away from his childhood home silenced by tragedy, a young man befriends a spirited young woman who welcomes him into her loving, loud, chaotic household. **Bag #14**

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

A scientist from Australia and a Nigerian-American art historian become connected by their shared interest in a 19th century race horse, one studying its remains, the other uncovering the history of the Black horsemen critical to its success. **Bag #7**

How the Word is Passed by Clint Smith

Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks—those that are honest about the past and those that are not—that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation's collective history, and ourselves. **Bag #21**

In Five Years by Rebecca Serle

An ambitious young lawyer on the brink of having it all disregards a vivid dream about how different her life will be in five years, before meeting the man in her vision nearly five years later. **Bag #39**

In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende

A minor traffic accident becomes the catalyst for an unexpected and moving love story between two people who thought they were deep into the winter of their lives. **Bag #2**

Kin by Tayari Jones

Vernice and Annie, two motherless daughters raised in Honeysuckle, Louisiana, have been best friends and neighbors since earliest childhood but are fated to live starkly different lives. Raised by a fierce aunt determined to give her a stable home, Vernice leaves Honeysuckle at eighteen for Spelman College, where she joins a sisterhood of powerfully connected Black women and discovers a whole new world. Annie, abandoned by her mother as a child and fixated on the idea of finding her and filling the bottomless hole left by her absence, sets off on a journey that will take her into a world of peril and adversity, as well as love and adventure, culminating in a battle for her life.

Bag #5

Land by Maggie O'Farrell

In 1865, Tomás and his reluctant son, Liam, are working for the great Ordnance Survey project to map the whole of Ireland. It is not long since the country was ravaged by the Great Hunger, and the task is not an easy one. Tomás is determined that his maps will be a record of the disaster. The British soldiers in charge are due to arrive any day, but Tomás is unexpectedly sent off course by an unsettling encounter in a copse. His life, and those of his family, will never be the same again. **Bag # 49**

Letters from Home by Kristina McMorris

In 1944, Liz Stephens reluctantly agrees to ghostwrite a letter to soldier Morgan McClain, who is stationed overseas, for her friend Betty and becomes torn by her feelings for a man who doesn't know her true identity. **Bag #26**

Life After Life by Kate Atkinson

Ursula Todd is born on a cold snowy night in 1910 -- twice. As she grows up in Britain, Ursula dies and is brought back to life repeatedly. With a seemingly infinite number of lives, Ursula may be able to alter the history of the world if she so chooses. **Bag #28**

The Many Lives of Mama Love by Lara Love Hardin

No one expects the police to knock on the door of the million-dollar two-story home of the perfect cul-de-sac housewife. But soccer mom Lara Love Hardin has been hiding a shady secret: she is funding her heroin addiction by stealing her neighbors' credit cards. **Bag # 45**

The Ministry of Time by Kaliane Bradley

A time travel romance, a spy thriller, and an ingenious exploration of the nature of power and the potential for love to change it all. **Bag #35**

North Woods by Daniel Mason

A sweeping novel about a single house in the woods of New England, told through the lives of those who inhabit it across the centuries—a daring, moving tale of memory and fate from the Pulitzer Prize finalist and author of *The Piano Tuner* and *The Winter Soldier*. **Bag # 44**

The Phoenix Crown by Kate Quinn and Janie Chang

From bestselling authors Janie Chang and Kate Quinn, a thrilling and unforgettable narrative about the intertwined lives of two wronged women, spanning from the chaos of the San Francisco earthquake to the glittering palaces of Versailles. **Bag #24**

A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline

Imagines the life story of Christina Olson, the subject of Andrew Wyeth's painting "Christina's World," describing the simple life she led on a remote Maine farm, her complicated family relationship, and the illness that incapacitated her. **Bag #4**

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

For fans of *A Man Called Ove*, a luminous debut novel about a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium—and the truths she finally uncovers about her son's disappearance 30 years ago. **Bag #6**

Reunion by Elise Juska

A gripping story about three friends in their forties forced to reckon with their lives during a college reunion in coastal Maine. **Bag #31**

The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson

The author of *The Devil in the White City* and *Dead Wake* delivers an intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz—an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis. **Bag #22**

Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel

For readers of Jon Krakauer and *The Lost City of Z*, a remarkable tale of survival and solitude--the true story of a man who lived alone in a tent in the Maine woods, never talking to another person and surviving by stealing supplies from nearby cabins for twenty-seven years. **Bag #13**

The Tell Amy Griffin

Is it possible to bury something so deep within yourself that it becomes unknowable, even to you? An astonishing memoir that explores how far we will go to protect ourselves, and the healing made possible when we face the secrets that terrify us and begin to share our stories. **Bag #3**

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

One spring morning, a stranger arrives in the small southern city of Golden. No one knows where he has come from...or why... His name is Theo. And he asks a lot more questions than he answers. Theo visits the local coffeehouse, where ninety-two pencil portraits hang on the walls, portraits of the people of Golden done by a local artist. He begins purchasing them, one at a time, and putting them back in the hands of their "rightful owners." With each exchange, a story is told, a friendship born, and a life altered. **Bag #27**

Things We Never Say by Elizabeth Strout

Artie Dam is a man with a secret. He goes about his days teaching American history to high schoolers, correcting their casual ignorance, and lending a kind word to those who need it most. He spends his free time sailing the beautiful Massachusetts Bay, or with his adult son and his wife of more than three decades -- and as Artie does these things, he plans the event that will forever change the world he inhabits. But when a startling accident awakens a new perspective, and he realizes that life has its own secret it's been keeping from him, he charts another course full of grief, hilarity, and heart, to a place where the end marks the beginning. **Bag # 47**

Three Days in June by Anne Tyler

As Gail navigates the chaos of her daughter Debbie's wedding preparations--including a job loss, exclusion from family events, and the unexpected arrival of her ex-husband Max--she faces a crisis that threatens the wedding and forces both parents to confront unresolved issues from their past. **Bag #17**

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

Spanning 30 years, from Massachusetts to California, and lands in between and far beyond, this dazzling and intricately imagined novel examines the multifarious nature of identity, disability, failure, the redemptive possibilities in play, and above all, our need to connect: to be loved and to love. **Bag #1**

Trust by Hernan Diaz

Told from the perspective of one woman bent on disentangling fact from fiction, this unrivaled novel about money, power, intimacy and perception is centered around the mystery of how the Rask family acquired their immense fortune in 1920s-1930's New York City. **Bag #8**

22 Britannia Road by Amanda Hodgkinson

Leaving Poland for England at the end of World War II, Silvana is accompanied by eight-year-old, near-feral Aurek, with whom she shares traumatic wartime memories that set them apart from her husband, who has remade himself as an Englishman to forget the past. **Bag #18**

The Wager by David Grann

From the author of *Killers of the Flower Moon*, a page-turning story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth. The powerful narrative reveals the deeper meaning of the events on *The Wager*, revealing it was not only the captain and crew on trial,

but the very idea of empire. **Bag #23**

Ward D by Freida McFadden

Medical student Amy Brenner is spending the night on a locked psychiatric ward. Amy has been dreading her evening working on Ward D, the hospital's inpatient mental health unit. There are very specific reasons why she never wanted to do this required overnight rotation. Reasons nobody can ever find out. As the hours tick by, Amy grows increasingly convinced something terrible is happening within these tightly secured walls. When patients and staff start to vanish without a trace, it becomes clear that everyone on the unit is in grave danger. Amy's worst nightmare was spending the night on Ward D. Now she might never escape. **Bag #11**

Weyward by Emilia Hart

Told over five centuries through three connected women, this riveting novel follows Kate, in 2019, as she seeks refuge in Weyward Cottage; Altha, in 1619, as she uses her powers to maintain her freedom; and Violet, in 1942, as she searches for the truth about her mother's death. **Bag #33**

Where the Past Begins by Amy Tan

Bestselling author of *The Joy Luck Club* is at her most intimate, revealing the truths and inspirations that underlie her extraordinary fiction. Suffused with candor and characteristic humor, this memoir takes readers into the workings of her writer's mind, a journey that explores memory, imagination, and truth, with fiction serving as both her divining rod and link to meaning. **Bag #36**

Whistler by Ann Patchett

When Daphne Fuller and her husband Jonathan visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, they notice an older, white-haired gentleman following them. The man turns out to be Eddie Triplett, her former stepfather, who had been married to her mother for a little more than year when Daphne was nine. Now fifty-three, Daphne hasn't seen Eddie for many years, not since the fateful event that changed the direction of both their lives. Meeting again, time falls away; while their relationship was brief, it had a profound impact on them both, and now that they are reunited, they have no intention of ever being separated again. **Bag #48**

The Widow's War by Sally Gunning

When Lyddie Berry's husband is lost in a whaling disaster, she becomes the dependent of her ruthless son-in-law, who tries to take everything she and her husband had worked for. **Bag #9**

The Wife Between Us by Greer Hendricks

When you read this book, you will make many assumptions. You will assume you are reading about a jealous ex-wife. You will assume she is obsessed with her replacement – a beautiful, younger woman who is about to marry the man they both love. You will assume you know the anatomy of this tangled love triangle. Assume nothing. **Bag #37**

Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy

Dominic Salt and his three children are the last caretakers of Shearwater, an island near Antarctica, home to the world's largest seed bank. As they endure rising sea levels and isolation, a mysterious woman, Rowan, washes ashore during a severe storm. Nursing Rowan back to health, the Salts find hope, but secrets surface - Rowan's reasons for coming, Dominic's hidden past, sabotaged radios, and a fresh grave. Facing intensifying storms, they must decide if they can trust each other to protect the precious seeds and overcome their past tragedies to build a new future together. **Bag #32**

The Women by Kristin Hannah

From the celebrated author of *The Nightingale* and *The Four Winds* comes Kristin Hannah's *The Women*—at once an intimate portrait of coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided. In 1965 twenty-year-old nursing student, Frances “Frankie” McGrath impulsively joins the Army Nurses Corps and follows her brother to Vietnam. **Bag #46**

Yesteryear by Caro Claire Burke

A social media celebrity, a wife and mother who sells her fantasy pioneer lifestyle of sourdough and farm-fresh eggs to her millions of followers, suddenly wakes up cold, dirty, and hungry in the year 1805 and must uncover the nature -- hoax, reality show, test from God -- of her terrifying new existence in this sensational debut novel. **Bag #16**

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