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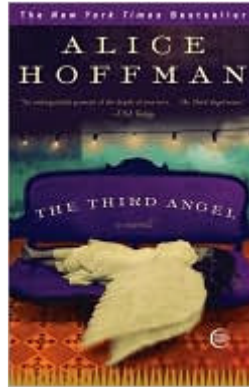
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THE SISTERS BROTHERS BY
PATRICK DEWITT

"From a young writer whose stop-you-in-your-tracks writing has snuck up on the world, comes a darkly comic novel about the picaresque misadventures of two hired guns, the fabled Sisters brothers, set against the backdrop of the great California Gold Rush. Dewitt's bang-up second novel is a quirky and stylish revisionist western. "

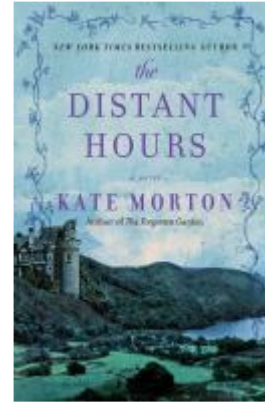
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THE THIRD ANGEL BY ALICE
HOFFMAN

"In this elegant and stunning novel, veteran heartstring-puller Hoffman examines the lives of three women at different crossroads in their lives, tying their London-centered stories together in devastating retrospect. Hoffman interweaves the three stories, gazing unerringly into forces that cause some people to self-destruct ("There was no such thing as too much for a girl who thought she was second best") and others to find inner strength to last a lifetime."

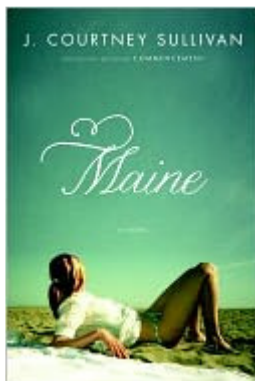
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DISTANT HOURS BY KATE
MORTON

"A long lost letter arrives in the post and Edie Burchill finds herself on a journey to Milderhurst Castle, a great but moldering old house, where the Blythe spinsters live and where her mother was billeted 50 years before as a 13 year old child during WW II. Morton once again entralls readers with an atmospheric story featuring unforgettable characters beset by love and circumstance and haunted by memory, that reminds us of the rich power of storytelling."

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MAINE BY J.COURTNEY SULLIVAN

"In her highly anticipated second novel, Sullivan takes us into even richer territory, introducing four unforgettable women who have nothing in common but the fact that, like it or not, they're family. By turns wickedly funny and achingly sad, Maine unveils the sibling rivalry, alcoholism, social climbing, and Catholic guilt at the center of one family, along with the abiding, often irrational love that keeps them coming back, every summer, to Maine and to each other."

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MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN BY RANSOM RIGGS

"As a kid, Jacob formed a special bond with his grandfather over his bizarre tales and photos of levitating girls and invisible boys. Now at 16, he is reeling from the old man's unexpected death. A haunting and out-of-the-ordinary read, debut author Ransom Rigg's first-person narration is convincing and absorbing, and every detail he draws our eye to is deftly woven into an unforgettable whole."

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THE IMPERFECTIONISTS BY TOM RACHMAN

"Printing presses whirr, ashtrays smolder, and the endearing complexity of humanity plays out in Tom Rachman's debut novel. Set against the backdrop of a fictional English-language newspaper based in Rome, it begins as a celebration of the beloved and endangered role of newspapers and the original 24/7 news cycle. The chaos of the newsroom becomes a stage for characters unified by a common thread of circumstance, with each chapter presenting an affecting look into the life of a different player."

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