

## [The Bad Muslim Discount](#)

*by Masood, Syed*

It is 1995 and Anvar Faris is a restless, rebellious boy growing up in Karachi, Pakistan. His family decides to start life over in California. Rebellious Anvar fully commits to being a bad Muslim.

At the same time, thousands of miles away, Safwa, a young girl living in war-torn Baghdad will find a very different and far more dangerous path to America. When Anvar and Safwa's worlds collide as two remarkable, strong-willed adults, their contradictory, intertwined fates will rock their community, and families, to their core.

## [The Grace of Kings](#)

*by Liu, Ken*

Kuni Garu and Mata Zyndu seem like polar opposites. Yet, in the uprising against the emperor, the two quickly become the best of friends. Once the emperor has been overthrown, however, they each find themselves the leader of separate factions - two sides with very different ideas about how the world should be run and the meaning of justice.

## [The Namesake](#)

*by Lahiri, Jhumpa*

Meet the Ganguli family, new arrivals from Calcutta, trying their best to become Americans even as they pine for home.

Their firstborn, Gogol, betrays all tradition in the new world, haunting him on his own winding path through divided loyalties, comic detours, and wrenching love affairs.

## [A Tale For the Time Being](#)

*by Ozeki, Ruth*

In Tokyo, sixteen-year-old Nao has decided there's only one escape from her aching loneliness and her classmates' bullying. But before she ends it all, Nao first plans to document the life of her great grandmother, a Buddhist nun who's lived more than a century. Across the Pacific, we meet Ruth, a novelist living on a remote island who discovers a collection of artifacts washed ashore. As the mystery of its contents unfolds, Ruth is pulled into the past, into Nao's drama and her unknown fate, and forward into her own future.

## [Jade City](#)

*by Lee, Fonda*

Jade is the lifeblood of the island of Kekon. It has been mined, traded, stolen, and killed for... and for centuries the Kaul family have used it to enhance their magical abilities and defend the island from foreign invasion. JADE CITY begins an epic tale of family, honor, and those who live and die by the ancient laws of jade and blood.



# GREAT READS...

## [America Is Not the Heart](#)

*by Castillo, Elaine*

How many lives fit in a lifetime? When Hero De Vera arrives in America she's already on her third. Her uncle gives her a fresh start in the Bay Area, and he doesn't ask about her past. With exuberance, grit, and sly tenderness, here is a family saga, an origin story, a romance and more.

## [Exhalation](#)

*by Chiang, Ted*

Nine stunningly original, provocative, and poignant stories, Ted Chiang tackles some of humanity's oldest questions along with new quandaries only he could imagine.

## [Pachinko](#)

*by Lee, Min Jin*

In the early 1900s, teenaged Sunja falls for a wealthy stranger at the seashore near her home in Korea. He promises her the world, but when she discovers she is pregnant--and that her lover is married--she refuses to be bought. Instead, she accepts an offer of marriage from a gentle, sickly minister passing through on his way to Japan.

## [The Buddha in the Attic](#)

*by Otsuka, Julie*

Eight different stories of a group of young women brought over from Japan to San Francisco as 'picture brides' nearly a century ago.

## [The Poppy War](#)

*by Kuang, R. F.*

When Rin, an orphan from Rooster Province, aced the Keju--the Empire-wide test to find the most talented youth--it was a shock to everyone; to the test officials; to Rin's guardians, and to Rin herself. That she got into Sineward--the most elite military school in Nikan--was even more surprising. But surprises aren't always good...

## [Never Let Me Go](#)

*by Ishiguro, Kazuo*

As a child, Kathy--now 31, lived at Hailsham, a private school in the scenic English countryside where the children were sheltered from the outside world. Kathy had long ago put this idyllic past behind her, but when two of her Hailsham friends come back into her life, she stops resisting the pull of memory. With the dawning clarity of hindsight, the three friends are compelled to face the truth about their childhood--and about their lives now.

## [On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous](#)

*by Vuong, Ocean*

A letter from a son to a mother who cannot read. Written when the speaker, Little Dog, is in his late twenties, the letter unearths a family's history that began before he was born.

## [Interior Chinatown](#)

*by Yu, Charles*

Willis Wu doesn't perceive himself as the protagonist in his own life: he's merely Generic Asian Man. After stumbling into the spotlight, Willis finds himself launched into a wider world than he's ever known, discovering not only the secret history of Chinatown, but the buried legacy of his own family.

## [The Kite Runner](#)

*by Hosseini, Khaled*

The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, caught in the tragic sweep of history, *The Kite Runner* transports readers to Afghanistan at a tense and crucial moment of change and destruction.