

# Bookbites

## Bookends on Main

### Of Interest in March

March has several quasi-holidays to tide us over until spring actually arrives. Mardi Gras, March 1

International Women's Day, March 8

Daylight Savings Time begins March 13

St. Patrick's Day, March 17

Plus an assortment of days found on a quick internet search:

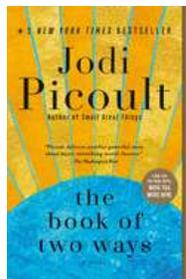
March 3. Caregiver Appreciation Day.

March 4. Employee Appreciation Day

March 6. Dentist's Day. Who knew?

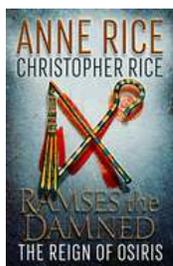
March 8. Be Nasty Day, *maybe skip this one.*

To mark a special birthday, a Road Scholar tour of Egypt has yielded for the bookstore including scarabs, book marks and prints on papyrus, a model of the burial chamber in a pyramid, and a beautiful copy of the *Koran* in Arabic. Fans of Jodi Picoult already know that one of her recent novels,



*The Book of Two Ways*, features an Egyptologist as the love interest.

Fans of the paranormal might like *Ramses the Damned: The Reign of*



*Osiris* by Anne Rice and Christopher Rice.



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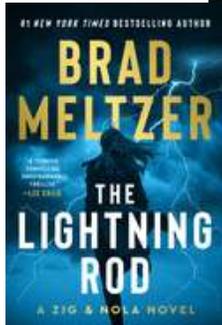
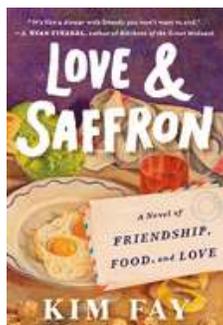
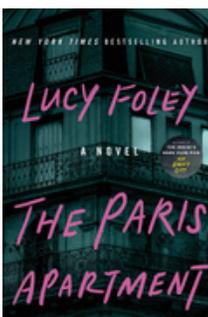
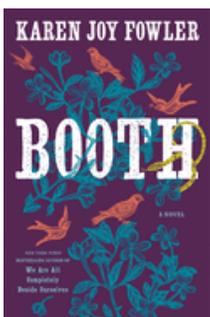
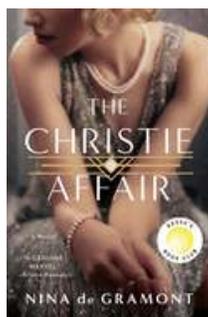
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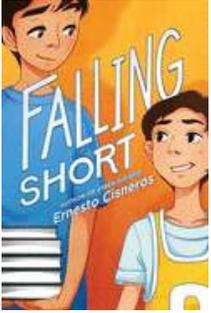


### Recently Published

The February and March Indie Next Lists feature a lot of very good books and several well-established writers. There is a “spring is blossoming” and “coming out of hibernation” feel to these lists of new books. Heather’s review of two of them are on page 2—scroll down. Here are others to consider for your spring break reading.



## Falling Short, rev. by Pat Trotter



*Falling Short* by Ernesto Cisneros, for Grades 3-7

Marco and Isaac are best friends just starting middle school. Marco is small for his age

but an academic whiz but very challenged athletically. Isaac is excellent at sports but challenged academically. Both of them believe that they

are falling short in many ways. However, they have determined that this new school year things are going to change. Marco is going to find a sport

An excellent read for anyone who feels they are falling short in life and believe they who they want to be.

he can do well in; Isaac is going to work harder at academics and do well

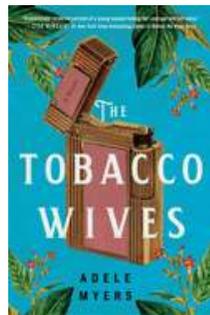
in all his subjects. But they are still being picked on and bullied because of their alleged shortcomings. No one likes to be made fun of simply because they are not good at everything. To top it all off, both families are being torn apart. Will Marco and Isaac be able to continue to support one another through the school year? Will they be able to rise above the name calling and bullying and begin to believe in themselves?

## Reviews by Heather Obenberger and Martha Wallen



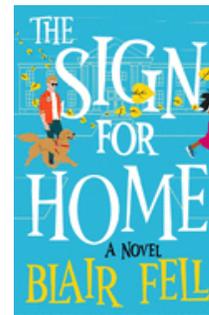
I have read the three previous books by this author duo and have loved them all. This is my favorite so far! Marissa Bishop has a one-night stand and she convinces her husband Matthew to begin

seeing a therapist in an effort to save their marriage. Avery, the therapist they are seeing, employs unconventional methods in her couples therapy. Just when it seems the therapy is working and Matthew and Marissa are working things out, Marisa finds an anonymous note and fears the man she had a fling with is not willing to let her go. I love books where you don't see the ending coming and I definitely did not see this one. This book kept me guessing as to which characters were "good" and which were "evil" until the intense conclusion. *The Golden Couple* is a gripping thriller you won't be able to put down! –Heather Obenberger



*Tobacco Wives* is a compelling work of historical fiction that transports the reader to the 1940s in Bright Leaf, North Carolina where tobacco is big business. The novel's heroine is Maddie Sykes, a

fifteen-year-old seamstress who makes elaborate gowns for the wives of the tobacco businessmen. One day Maddie unintentionally sees something that creates a real dilemma for her. She learns that tobacco can have harmful effects on the health of her friends, family, and children and that this information is being covered up in the company's quest for profit. She is also aware that sharing what she has learned could destroy the thriving town that the tobacco industry has built. I couldn't put this book down until I knew what Maddie decided to do. After finishing this book, I continued to think about this story and its similarities to stories we read about in the news today. –Heather's review is featured in the March IndieNext List



Blair Fell's novel *The Sign for Home* is beautifully written and uplifting. There are two narrators, a young

Deaf Blind man who needs to improve his English, and his ASL interpreter, who provides a wealth of information about the ethics, techniques, and pitfalls of his profession. The two narrators get themselves into a series of comic and tragic scrapes. The theme of thwarted romantic love, both gay and straight, makes you want to keep reading to the heroic ending. –Martha Wallen

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To note March 15, the Ides of March when Julius Caesar  
was assassinated, some well-known quotes from

Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*

"Cowards die many times before their deaths;  
The valiant never taste of death but once."  
-Julius Caesar, Act 2, Scene 2.

"Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears;  
I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him."  
-Antony, Act 3, Scene 2.

"But, for mine own part, it was Greek to me."  
-Casca, Act 1, Scene 2.

"Et tu, Brute?"  
-Julius Caesar, Act 3, Scene 1.

"Would he were fatter! But I fear him not."  
-Julius Caesar, Act 1, Scene 2.

"Men at some time are masters of their fates;  
The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,  
But in ourselves, that we are underlings."  
-Cassius, Act 1, Scene 2

## Books on Gardening, Building, Cooking

