

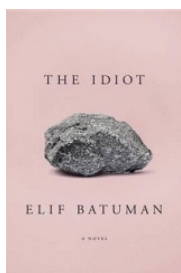
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## The idiot

Elif Batuman.

Selin, a tall, highly strung Turkish-American from New Jersey turns up at Harvard and finds herself dangerously overwhelmed by the challenges and possibilities of adulthood. She studies linguistics and literature, teaches ESL and spends a lot of time thinking about what

language - and languages - ca...

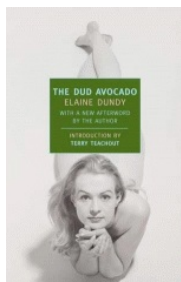


## Trust exercise / a novel

Choi, Susan, 1969- author.

In an American suburb in the early 1980s, students at a highly competitive performing arts high school struggle and thrive in a rarefied bubble, ambitiously pursuing music, movement, Shakespeare, and, particularly, their acting classes.

When, within this striving "Brotherhood of the Arts," two fresh...



## The dud avocado

Elaine Dundy ; introduction by Terry Teachout.

Sally Jay Gorce is a woman with a mission. It's the 1950s, she's young, and she's in Paris. Having dyed her hair pink, she wears evening dresses in the daytime and vows to go native in a way not even the natives can manage. Embarking on an educational programme that includes an affair with a married...



## The new me

Butler, Halle, author.

Thirty-year-old Millie just can't pull it together. Misanthropic and morose, she spends her days killing time at a thankless temp job until she can return home to her empty apartment, where she oscillates wildly between self-recrimination and mild delusion, fixating on all the little ways she

might...

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Helen Oyeyemi.

Fairy-tale romances end with a wedding, and the fairy tales

don't get complicated. In this book, celebrated writer Mr. Fox can't stop himself from killing off the heroines of his novels, and neither can his wife, Daphne. It is not until Mary, his muse, comes to life

and transforms him from author in...



## The last girlfriend on earth

Simon Rich.

In "Center of the Universe," God struggles to balance the

demands of his career with the needs of his long-term girlfriend. In "Magical Mr. Goat," a young girl's imaginary friend yearns to become "more than friends." In "Unprotected," an unused prophylactic

recalls his years spent trapped inside a t...

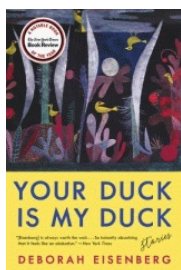
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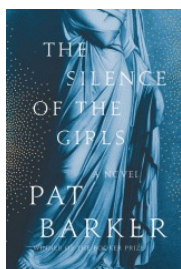


## Your Duck Is My Duck : Stories

Eisenberg, Deborah

Each of the six stories in Your Duck is My Duck has the heft and complexity of a novel. With her own inexorable but utterly unpredictable logic and her almost uncanny ability to conjure the strange states of mind and emotion that constitute

our daily consciousness, Eisenberg pulls us as if by gossam...

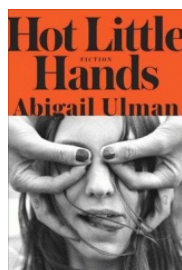


## The silence of the girls : a novel

Barker, Pat, 1943- author.

When her city falls to the Greeks, Briseis's old life is shattered. She is transformed from queen to captive, from free woman to slave, awarded to the god-like warrior Achilles as a prize of war. And she's not alone. On the same day, and on many

others in the course of a long and bitter war, innumer...



## Hot little hands

Abigail Ulman.

Claire is magnetic. On the cusp of adulthood and letting go of her adolescence one miserable responsibility at a time, she's moved from London to San Francisco to work toward her PhD and minor in cheap whiskey, pour-over coffee, and guys who can't be bothered to

shower. When she finds out she's preg...



## Home fire

Shamsie, Kamila, 1973- author.

From an internationally acclaimed novelist, the suspenseful and heartbreaking story of a family ripped apart by secrets and driven to pit love against loyalty, with devastating consequences. Isma is free. After years of watching out for her younger siblings in the wake of their mother's death, an in...