

Booked for Lunch: Titles Discussed in 2025

January 13, 2025

[That Librarian](#) by Amanda Jones
Bourbon & Lies/Bourbon & Secrets by Victoria Wilder
[Our Evenings](#) by Alan Hollinghurst
Born Free & Equal by Ansel Adams

February 10, 2025

[The Whalebone Theatre](#) by Joanna Quinn
[Connected: the surprising power of our social networks and how they shape our lives](#) by James Fowler & Nicholas Christakis
[Time of the Child](#) by Niall Williams
[The Secret Life of Sunflowers](#) by Marta Molnar
Speculative Japan: outstanding tales of Japanese science fiction & fantasy
[Ada Blackjack: a true story of survival in the Arctic](#) by Jennifer Niven
[Long Island Compromise](#) by Taffy Brodesser-Akner
[The Literature of Japanese American Incarceration](#), edited by Frank Abe & Floyd Cheung
Motherhood: facing and finding yourself by Lisa Marchiano
DC Comics board books (particularly [Busy Bodies](#))
[Two Wrongs Make a Right](#) by Chloe Liese
[A Novel Love Story](#) by Ashley Poston

March 10, 2025

[The Poppy War](#) by R.F. Kuang
[Taiwan Travelogue](#) by Yáng Shuang-zi
[Norwegian Wood](#) by Haruki Murakami
[Again and Again](#) by Jonathan Evison
[Pride and Prejudice in Space](#) by Alexis Lampley
The Scent of Fear by J.H. Williams
[The Rage Against God](#) by Peter Hitchens
[Seedfolks](#) by Paul Fleischman
[A Game of Lies](#) by Clare Mackintosh

April 14, 2025

[All the Children Are Home](#) by Patry Francis
Beauty Behind Barbed Wire: The Arts of the Japanese in Our War Relocation Camps by Alan H. Eaton
[Moby-Dick; or, the Whale](#) by Herman Melville
[The Tears of Things](#) by Richard Rohr
[Storybook Ending](#) by Poppy Alexander
[The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry](#) by Gabrielle Zevin
[Blood-Dark Track](#) by James O'Neill
Fast-Forward Japan by Unno Juza

[Tisha: the Story of a Young Teacher in the Alaskan Wilderness](#) by Robert Specht
[The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume I: The Pox Party](#) by M. T. Anderson
[The Echo Machine: How Right-Wing Extremism Created a Post-Truth America](#) by David Pakman

May 12, 2025

[The Pretender](#) by Jo Harkin
[Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine](#) by Gail Honeyman
Alaska Wilderness by Robert Marshall
[Edge of Water](#) by Olufunke Bankole
[The Soul of America](#) by Jon Meacham
[The Thrashers](#) by Julie Soto
[Mother-Daughter Murder Night](#) by Nina Simon

June 9, 2025

[Sandwich](#) by Catherine Newman
Voices from Prison: Memoir of a White Hatted Cape Cod Librarian by John Paul De Milio
[The Art of Gaman: Arts & Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps 1942-1946](#) by Delphine Hirasuna
[Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee](#) by Dee Brown
[The Mars House](#) by Natasha Pulley
[The Wedding People](#) by Alison Espach
[If You Were Here](#) by Jen Lancaster

July 14, 2025

[Sea of Tranquility](#) by Emily St. John Mandel
[The Emperor of Gladness](#) by Ocean Vuong
[Hula](#) by Jasmin Iolani Hakes
Signs of Home: the Paintings and Wartime Diary of Kamekichi Tokita by Barbara Jones
Voices of the Rainbow: Contemporary Poetry by Native Americans, edited by Kenneth Rosen
[Inglorious Empire: What the British Did to India](#) by Shashi Tharoor

August 11, 2025

[The Traveling Cat Chronicles](#) by Hiro Arikawa
[Lightning](#) by Danielle Steel
[The House](#) by Danielle Steel
[The AI Con](#) by Emily Bender & Alex Hanna

September 15, 2025

[My Lost Brothers](#) by Brendan McDonough
[The Voyage of the Beagle](#) by Charles Darwin
[Murder Games](#) by James Patterson
[Wild Dark Shore](#) by Charlotte McConaghy

[The Women](#) by Kristin Hannah
[The Let Them Theory](#) by Mel Robbins
The List of Suspicious Things by Jennie Godfrey
[The Nightingale](#) by Kristin Hannah
[Exodus](#) by Peter Hamilton

October 20, 2025

[Blood in the Water](#) by Tiffany D. Jackson
[The Enigma Girls: how ten teenagers broke ciphers, kept secrets, and helped win World War II](#)
by Candace Fleming
[Before Elvis: the African American musicians who made the King](#) by Preston Lauterbach
[The Rabbit Hutch](#) by Tess Gunty
[Crow Lake](#) by Mary Lawson
[The Great Alone](#) by Kristin Hannah
[Saints for All Occasions](#) by J. Courtney Sullivan
[My Broken Language](#) by Quiara Alegria Hudes
How to Tune Out Your Political Anxiety by Callisto Publishing
[The Frozen River](#) by Ariel Lawhon
[The Retirement Plan](#) by Sue Hincenbergs