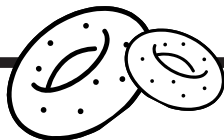


## Books and Bagels

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**September 6th, 2012**

*I Been In Sorrow's Kitchen and Licked Out All the Pots*

**by Susan Straight**

A beautiful debut that tells the life story of Marietta Clark, from her youthful days in the low country of South Carolina through the raising of her two football star sons during the Civil Rights Era to her time in a black community in southern California. Deft in its use of the Gullah dialect, this is a life story about a strong woman and her family.

**October 4th, 2012**

*Veronica*

**by Mary Gaitskill**

The unlikely friendship between Allison, a fashion model whose career has ended disastrously and Veronica, an eccentric proofreader with her own ideas about style is the heart of this novel. Their friendship survives Allison's reentry into the world of fashion and Veronica's illness and is set against the glittering backdrop of Manhattan and Paris of the 1980s.

**November 1st, 2012**

*Claiming Ground*

**by Laura Bell**

This elegant memoir chronicles the past thirty years of the author's life in Wyoming. When Bell graduated from college in 1977, she moved from her home in Kentucky and began a life apart as a shepherd in Wyoming. She writes movingly of the vast landscape and the life that she has forged for herself there.

**December 6th, 2012**

*The Second Coming of Mavala Shikongo*  
**by Peter Orner**

Larry Kaplanski of Cincinnati is a volunteer teacher at an all-boys school in Namibia. He, like all of his co-workers, is infatuated with mysterious Mavala Shikongo, a beautiful survivor of Namibia's war for independence.

**January 3rd, 2013**

*Train Dreams*

**by Denis Johnson**

Evocative and poignant, this novella is epic in scope as it tells the story of Robert Grainer, who endures the tragic loss of his family while struggling for survival in the early days of the American West.

**February 7th, 2013**

*Rabbit, Run*

**by John Updike**

This classic novel depicts five months in the life of a 26-year-old former high school basketball player named Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom and his attempts to escape the constraints of his life.

**March 7th, 2013**

*Morality Play*

**by Barry Unsworth**

A fallen priest takes up with a troupe of travelling players to escape the wrath of his bishop in 14th Century England. When the troupe performs a play based on the murder of a young boy, they involve themselves in a tale of intrigue and corruption that leads the priest through a series of moral dilemmas.

**April 4th, 2013**

*This Burns My Heart*  
**by Samuel Park**

Set against the backdrop of Korea as it transforms itself from war-torn country into prosperous modern nation, this is the story of Soo-Ja Chin as she struggles in a loveless marriage and attempts to forge a better life for her daughter.

**May 2nd, 2013**

*The Tiger's Wife*

**by Tea Obreht**

In a Balkan country mending from years of conflict, a young doctor, Natalia, is struggling to understand why her beloved grandfather left his family to die alone in a field hospital far from home. She takes up his search for a mythical immortal vagabond with Kipling's *A Jungle Book* as her guide in order to answer her own questions about her family history.

**June 6th, 2013**

*The Beginner's Goodbye*

**by Anne Tyler**

A disabled man, Aaron, had a happy marriage with plain and outspoken Dorothy until her untimely death. He bears the heartbreak and the overbearing presence of his controlling sister with the help of Dorothy's ghost.

