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Kate Walbert

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Ludmilla Petrushevskaya

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2011

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Nicole Krauss

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*Celestina: A Life
Stacy Schiff

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Amy Bloom

2012

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2013

*Flight Behavior
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Katherine Boo

*The Round House
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2014

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Donna Tartt

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The Kitchen God's Wife
Louisa May Alcott

1992
A Chorus of Stones: The Private Life of War
Susan Griffin
Women of Sand and Myrrh
Hanan Al-Shaykh
The Living
Annie Dillard
Turtle Moon
Alice Hoffman
Dreaming in Cuban
Cristina Garcia
Sugar Cage
Connie May Fowler
Crossing Blood
Nancy Kincade
Queenie Parks
Jane Eyre
Charlotte Bronte
Wide Sargasso Sea
Jean Rhys

1993
Beloved
Toni Morrison
The Rubber Bride
Margaret Atwood
The Holder of the World
Bharati Mukherjee
Love Medicine
Louise Erdrich
Woman of Valor: Margaret Sanger and the Birth Control Movement in America
Ellen Chesler
Fair and Tender Ladies
Lee Smith
The Shipping News
E. Annie Proulx

1994
Behind a Mask
Louisa May Alcott

1997
Le Divorce
Diane Johnson
*The God of Small Things
Arundhati Roy
*The House of Mango Street
Julia Alvarez
The Volcano Lover
Susan Sontag
*The Secret Diaries
Carol Shields
Ségou
Maryse Conde
*A Map of the World
Jane Hamilton

1998
*The Tenderness of the Bone: Growing Up at the Table
Ruth Reichl
Paradise
Toni Morrison
The Bookshop
Penelope Fitzgerald
*The Pianissimo Bible
Barbara Kingsolver
The Murder of Helen Jewett: The Life and Death of a Prostitute in Nineteenth-Century New York
Patricia Cline Cohen
*The Left Hand of Darkness
Ursula K. Le Guin
Choses
Mary Lee Settle
The Fatigue Artist
Lynne Sharon Schwartz
*Stones From the River
Isabel Allende
My Home is Far Away
Nancy Milford

1999
The Secret Names of Women
Lynne Barrett
The Awakening
Kate Chopin
*The Many Lives and Secret Servants of Josephine B.
Sandra Gaundal
Ahba’s Wife: Or, the Star Gazer
Sana Jevtagic
The House of Mirth
Edith Wharton

2000
The Orchid Thief
Paula Oberklaid
Daughter of Earth
Agnes Smedley
Out of Africa
Isak Dinesen
Heronland
Charlotte Perkins Gilman
Quick shot and Passing
Nella Larsen

2001
*Girl With a Pearl Earring
Tracy Chevalier
The Girl in Hyacinth Blue
Susan Vreeland
The Music Lesson
Katharine Weber
*The Blind Assassin
Margaret Atwood
*The Secret Book of Grazia di Rossi
Laurent Thatcher Ulrich

2002
*A Map of the World
Jane Hamilton

2003
Sacred Rage: The Wrath of Militant Islam
Robin Wright
The Many Lives and Secret Servants of Josephine B.
Sandra Gaundal
The Hostage
Elizabeth Bowen
The House in Paris
Elizabeth Bowen
*The Peabody Sisters: Three Women Who Ignited American Romanticism
Megan Marshall
My Heart is My Own: The Life of Mary Queen of Scots
John Guy
Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom
Susan Fargher

2004
Blacklist
Sara Paretsky
*Reading Lolita in Tbilisi
Aazar Nafisi
Easter Island
Jennifer Vanderbroek
The Great Fire
Shirley Hazzard
*The Beecher Sisters
Barbara A. White
Brick Lane
Monica Ali
Mommies of Being
The Wait
Borrowed Finery
Paula Fox
Zami: A New Spelling of My Name
Andre DeShields
*Gilead and Housekeeping
Mary Oliver
Three Guineas
Elizabeth Bowen
John Guy
Rita Mae Brown
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Megan Marshall
My Heart is My Own: The Life of Mary Queen of Scots
John Guy
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Georgiana: Duchess of Devonshire
Amanda Foreman
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The House in Paris
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