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Top 10 Books for Adults

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The City We Became: A Novel
by N.K. Jemisin

Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague
by Maggie O’Farrell

Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot
by Mikki Kendall

Interior Chinatown: A Novel
by Charles Yu

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue
by V.E. Schwab

Luster
by Raven Leilani

The Midnight Library
by Matt Haig

The Sacrifice of Darkness
by Roxane Gay & Tracy Lynne Oliver

The Southern Book Club’s Guide to Slaying Vampires: A Novel
by Grady Hendrix

Temporary: A Novel
by Hilary Leichter

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