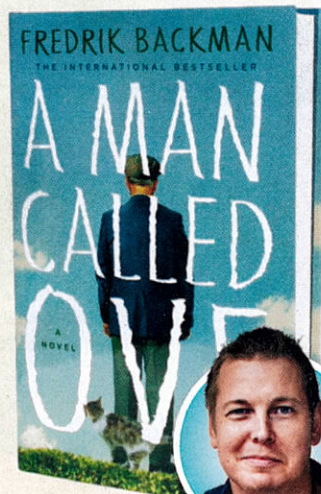
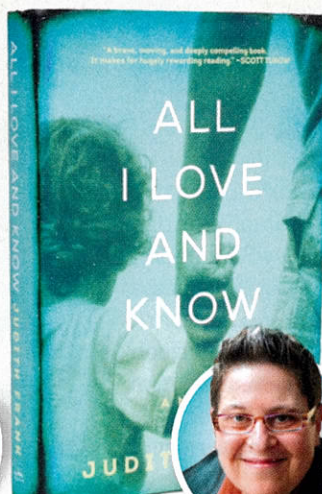


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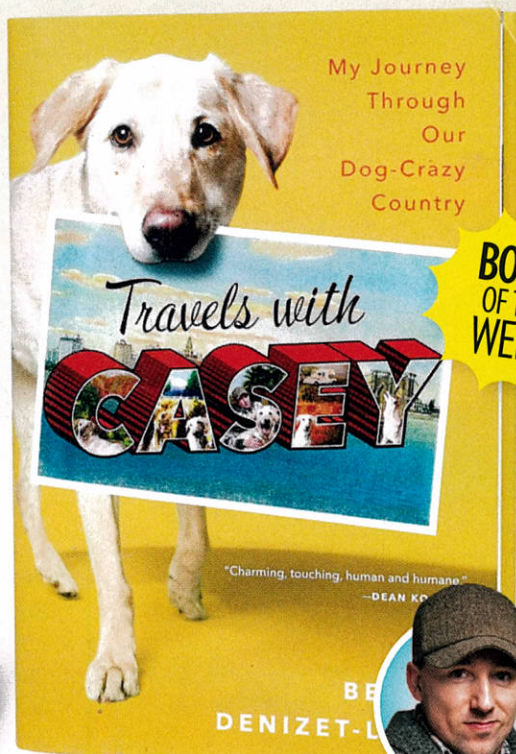
**Fredrik Backman**  
*A Man Called Ove*

**NOVEL** They call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” But when a family he can’t ignore moves in next door, the cantankerous hero of Swedish author Backman’s charming debut starts to reconnect with the world. You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, you’ll feel new sympathy for the curmudgeons in your life. You’ll also want to move to Scandinavia, where everything’s cuter.



**Judith Frank**  
*All I Love and Know*

**NOVEL** After a bomb explodes in Jerusalem, a gay Massachusetts couple, Daniel and Matt, take in Daniel’s lost brother’s two devastated children. In this wonderfully rich, absorbing novel, Frank sheds light on gender and identity, the anguished politics of the Middle East, the limits of love and one family’s struggle to stay intact.



**Benoit Denizet-Lewis**  
*Travels with Casey*

**MEMOIR** Why are Americans so devoted to dogs? The author and his Lab mix Casey hit the road to find out, visiting 32 states in an RV. They stop in at doggie yoga classes and dog-friendly hotels, canine therapists, psychics and masseuses. Denizet-Lewis’s conclusion—we prize dogs because they love us unconditionally—isn’t surprising. But the abundance of fun facts (shelter pups are more likely to be adopted if they’re renamed Beyoncé...) makes his journey well worth sharing.

**BOOK OF THE WEEK**

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: HENRIC LINDSTEN, SAMUEL MASINTER, AMANDA JONES, (STARFISH) MIRCEA BEZERGHEAN/SHUTTERSTOCK



**GREAT BEACH BOOKS**

**Stephanie Evanovich**  
*The Sweet Spot*  
Steamy love between a curvaceous restaurateur and the baseball superstar she falls for. A ton of fun, no deep thinking required.

**Lee Grant**  
*I Said Yes to Everything*  
Not only that, but she tells everything. A juicy, no-holds-barred memoir from the once-blacklisted star of *Peyton Place*, *Shampoo* and *Valley of the Dolls*.

**Lisa Scottoline and Francesca Serritella**  
*Have a Nice Guilt Trip*  
True tales of how we live now from a mother and daughter who are best pals—and a very funny writing team.