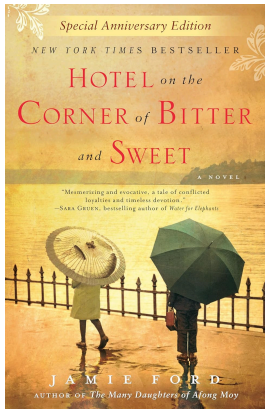


## Sweet Reads:

*Pick a book with a candy-related word in the title (e.g., sweet, sugar, chocolate, sour, honey).*

### Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

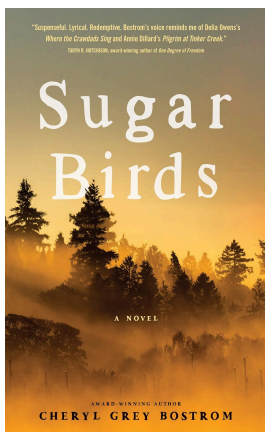
**F Ford, Libby e-book & e-audio**



A story that alternates between the 1940s and 1986, following Chinese American Henry Lee's forbidden friendship and love with a Japanese American girl, Keiko Okabe. Separated by World War II and Japanese American internment camps, their story of innocent love is revisited when a now-widowed Henry, prompted by his son, explores the basement of Seattle's historic Panama Hotel for Keiko's family belongings and a lost memento from their past. The novel explores themes of prejudice, sacrifice, family, and enduring hope.

### Sugar Birds by Cheryl Grey Bostrom

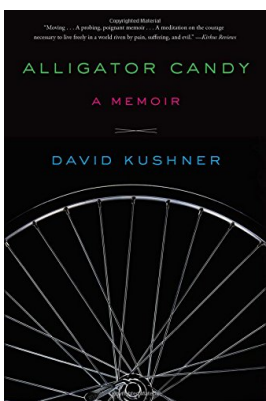
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For years, Harris Hayes has taught his daughter Aggie the ways of the northern woods. When her mother's depression deepens, he shows Aggie how to find and sketch wild birds' nests as a remedy for sadness. But after a fight with her mother, ten-year-old Aggie accidentally starts a tragic fire and flees downriver. As a search party gathers, Celia—newly arrived from Houston and reeling from her parents' breakup—also plans to run but joins the search. A layered, riveting contemporary story set in the breathtaking natural world—where characters encounter the mending power of forgiveness, for themselves and for those who have failed them.

### Alligator Candy by David Kushner

**Bio Kushner David, Libby e-book**



David Kushner grew up in the early 1970s in the Florida suburbs. It was when kids still ran free, riding bikes and disappearing into the nearby woods for hours at a time. One morning in 1973, however, everything changed. David's older brother Jon biked through the forest to the convenience store for candy, and never returned. Decades later, now a grown man with kids of his own, Kushner found himself unsatisfied with his own memories and decided to revisit the episode a different way: through the eyes of a reporter.

## Love Requires Chocolate by Ravynn K. Stringfield

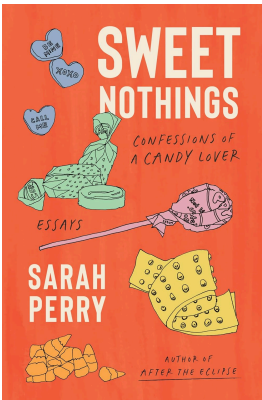
**T Stri Translation Bk. 1, Libby e-book & e-audio**



Whitney Curry is primed to have an epic semester abroad. She's created the perfect itinerary and many to-do lists after collecting every detail possible about Paris, France. She anticipates a grand adventure filled with vintage boutiques and endless plays sure to inspire the ones she writes and-ahem-directs! But all is not as she imagined when she's dropped off at her prestigious new Parisian lycee. Whitney struggles to juggle schoolwork, homesickness, and mastering the French language. Cue French tutor Thierry Magnon, a grumpy yet handsome soccer star, who's determined to show Whitney the real Paris. Is this type-A theater nerd ready to see how lessons on the City of Lights can turn into lessons on love?

## Sweet Nothings: Confessions of a Candy Lover by Sarah Perry

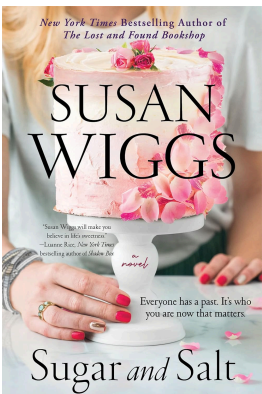
**LITERATURE ESSAYS Perry, Libby e-audio, hoopla e-book & e-audio**



A fun, sophisticated illustrated collection of essays that catalogs the simple and not so simple pleasures of the eclectic world of candy. Sarah Perry's pure love of candy weaves together elegiac glimpses of her 90s childhood--and the loss at its center--with stories of love and desire. Surprisingly smart and frequently funny, Sweet Nothings is a tart and sweet ode to finding small joys where you can. Yes, even in black licorice.

## Sugar and Salt by Susan Wiggs

**F Wigg, Libby and hoopla e-book & e-audio**



Jerome Sugar learned to bake in his grandmother's San Francisco bakery, Sugar, and now supplies treats to the Lost and Found Bookshop across the street. When Texas barbecue master Margot Salton rents space in his shared kitchen, she's looking for a fresh start far from her painful past. Margot bonds quickly with Jerome's spirited mother, Ida, and sparks fly between her and Jerome despite their differences. But just as Margot begins to believe in a new life, her past from Texas threatens to catch up with her.

## **Honey Girl by Morgan Rogers**

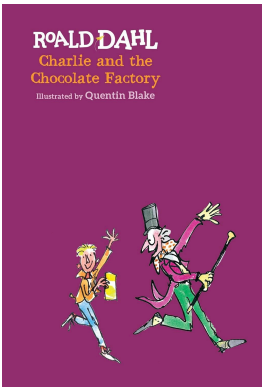
**F Roge, Libby and hoopla e-book & e-audio**



Fresh off earning her PhD in astronomy, 28-year-old Grace Porter heads to Vegas to celebrate—a rare break for the straight-A overachiever. But when she drunkenly marries a woman she barely knows, Grace starts questioning the life she's built under her ex-military father's expectations. Burned out and uncertain about her future, she escapes Portland for a summer in New York with her spontaneous new wife, Yuki Yamamoto. There, Grace rediscovers joy and love—but when reality catches up, she must confront her fears, family scars, and what it truly means to build a life of her own.

## **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl**

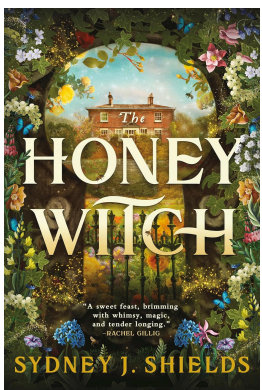
**JA Dahl, JA BOCD Dahl, Libby e-book & e-audio**



Willy Wonka's famous chocolate factory is opening at last! But only five lucky children will be allowed inside. And the winners are: Augustus Gloop, an enormous boy whose hobby is eating; Veruca Salt, a spoiled-rotten brat whose parents are wrapped around her little finger; Violet Beauregarde, a dim-witted gum-chewer with the fastest jaws around; Mike Teavee, a toy pistol-toting gangster-in-training who is obsessed with television; and Charlie Bucket, Our Hero, a boy who is honest and kind, brave and true, and good and ready for the wildest time of his life!

## **The Honey Witch**

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Twenty-one-year-old Marigold Claude prefers the company of meadow spirits to men, so when her grandmother offers to train her as the next Honey Witch on the Isle of Innisfree, she eagerly accepts. But her gift comes with a curse—no one can fall in love with the Honey Witch. When skeptic Lottie Burke arrives, Marigold sets out to prove magic is real, only to find herself falling for her. As dark magic rises and threatens everything she loves, Marigold must risk both her power and her heart to save her home.