



OFF THE SHELF

JULY 2012
BOOK SUGGESTIONS

What we suggest: Magical Realism

The Tiger's Wife by Tea Obreht

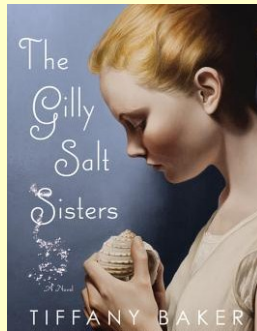
In *The Tiger's Wife* we are presented with a world both mundane and magical. There are elements of the unexplained that defy what we consider the governing laws of reality. That is magical realism. A genre of fantasy and contemporary fiction that is very popular. This flyer will provide some similar titles.

The Gilly Salt Sisters

By Tiffany Baker

370 pp. Published March 2012

In the village of Prospect, the Gilly sisters are outcasts. Jo, devoted to her family's salt farm and the frightening magic that lies within is a stark opposite to Claire who yearns for freedom and escape. Then local gentry, Whit Turner forces his way into their lives by first befriending Jo and then marrying Claire—all while coveting the magic of the salt and the luck plus curses it bestows.



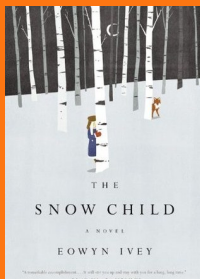
What is Magical Realism?



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Magical realism is a fiction genre in which magical elements blend to create a realistic atmosphere. The story explains these magical elements as normal occurrences, in a manner that places the "real" and the "fantastic" in the same stream of thought in the lives of the characters.

The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey



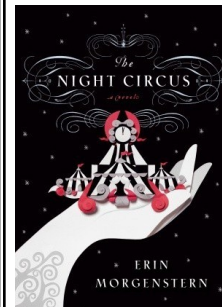
389 pp. Published February 2012

Alaska in the 1920s is a brutal place to farm. Jack and Mabel are childless, middle-aged and breaking under the weight of the work and cold. Mabel is crumbling from loneliness and despair. In a moment of levity, they build and dress a child out of snow. The next morning the snow child is gone—but they a young, blonde girl is running through the trees. Was the child lost or sent to them?

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

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387 pp. Published September 2011



The circus arrives without warning. Within the black-and-white striped tents is a unique experience. It is called *Le Cirque des Rêves*, and is only open at night.

Behind the scenes, a competition is underway—a battle of imagination and will between two young magicians who've been trained since childhood for this purpose.

Some other popular titles

- The Last Brother** • Nathacha Appanah
- The Peach Keeper** • Sarah Addison Allen
- The Girl Who Chased the Moon** • Sarah Addison Allen
- Practical Magic** • Alice Hoffman
- Love in the Time of Cholera** • Gabriel García Márquez
- The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake** • Aimee Bender
- Life of Pi** • Yann Martel
- Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell** • Susanna Clarke
- The Time Traveler's Wife** • Audrey Niffenegger
- The Alchemist** • Paulo Coelho

Next Month's Pick is *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

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Cutting for Stone



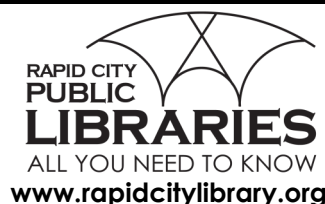
Marion and Shiva Stone are twins born of a union between an Indian nun and a British surgeon. Orphaned at birth by their mother's death and father's disappearance, bound together by an preternatural connection.

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