



## PULITZER PERSONALS

2023	Trust	Hernan Diaz	Wanted: Rube “Secretary” with talent/proclivity to ghostwrite memoir, manufacture life story and find pompous, misogynist voice of throwback Wall Street financier.
2023	Demon Copperhead	Barbara Kingsolver	Orphaned boy needs forever home. Don’t let my life story turn out like a David Copperfield novel.
2022	The Netanyahus	Joshua Cohen	Hypocritical Religious College in Upstate New York seeks history professor. Legit academic publishing accomplishments and actual teaching skills less important than willingness teach classes outside your expertise and wear a Santa costume. You’ll definitely get the job if your son is a future prime minister.
2021	The Night Watchman	Louise Erdrich	Disgusting bar owner wants attractive Native American ingenue to perform underwater. Will provide dodgy lodging with a locked door, meals, and, if you really press me for it, the ca\$h I promised you.
2020	The Nickel Boys	Coleson Whitehead	Wrongly convicted brilliant young Black man needs trustworthy buddy with courage, guile, and escape plan
2019	The Overstory	Richard Powers	Envrionmentalists protestors seeking tree-lovers ready to change the world; need not be arborist
2018	Less	Andrew Sean Greer	GWM averting midlife crisis; must love world travel, fashion, poetry, Japanese food
2017	The Underground Railroad	Coleson Whitehead	Brave slavery escapees open to hard-core abolitionists with backbone, creativity, safe haven
2016	The Sympathizer	Thanh Nguyen	Vietnamese spies wanted for LA operation stake-outs, subterfuge, violence; crappy apartment and cheap beer provided
2015	All the Light We Cannot See	Anthony Doerr	Blind young French resistance girl hero needs help to defeat Nazis; German soldier with radio skills encouraged to apply
2014	The Goldfinch	Donna Tartt	Harry Potter look-alike with a Carel Fabritius fetish; just moved to Vegas, need a friend
2013	The Orphan Master’s Son	Adam Johnson	North Korean man recovering from torture and brainwashing looking for beautiful lady in tattoo over his heart



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2011	A Visit from the Goon Squad	Jennifer Egan	Hipster record producer needs acts with gold potential; willing to pay for dental work
2010	Tinkers	Paul Harding	Dying clock fixer with family history of epilepsy; no long term commitment as only have a few days to live
2009	Olive Kitteridge	Elizabeth Strout	Big, older, crotchety Maine widow who tells it like it is; probably not open to relationship and probably will not like you
2008	The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao	Junot Diaz	Dominican American super nerdy Rutgers student big into gaming, animé, Tolkein, and losing his V card
2007	The Road	Cormac McCarthy	Post apocalyptic father seeking living human being who doesn't want to kill me or my son
2006	March	Geraldine Brooks	Not quite famous father from Little Women needs vegetarian food and yellow fever cure delivered to abolitionist hideyhole
2005	Gilead	Marilynne Robinson	Dying third generation minister needs man who will cherish and marry my younger wife and be a father to my son
2004	The Known World	Edward P. Jones	Black slave owner who is about to die needs business and morality advisor for wife
2003	Middlesex	Jeffrey Eugenides	Young person raised as a girl in a Greek family with secrets wants viable path to true self
2002	Empire Falls	Richard Russo	People in a blighted blue collar town need new source of revenue to revitalize the community
2001	The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay	Michael Chabon	Comic book creating Jewish cousins seek publisher who won't rip them off and will embrace art that takes on Nazis
2000	Interpreter of Maladies	Jhumpa Lahiri	Married tour guide/medical clinic interpreter longing for fantasy relationship with virtuous traditional woman



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1999	The Hours	Michael Cunningham	Virginia Woolf loving wife/mother trapped in suburbs seeks reunion with neighbor woman she once kissed
1998	American Pastoral	Philip Roth	Former Miss New Jersey with love of cattle ready to start over; no longer interested in handsome successful ex-jock type
1997	Martin Dressler: The Tale of an American Dreamer	Steven Millhauser	Real estate visionary wants another chance to pick the right sister; might or might not default to pretty one this time
1996	Independence Day	Richard Ford	Divorced realtor dad needs ideas to safely bond with his adolescent son with issues during a holiday weekend
1995	The Stone Diaries	Carol Shields	Experienced gardening columnist needs gig; wrongfully discharged due to office politics and messy relationship with boss
1994	The Shipping News	E. Annie Proulx	New to Newfoundland; need sturdy boat that performs in bad weather for inexperienced sailor
1993	A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain	Robert Olen Butler	New to Louisiana and really appreciating the state's similarities to Vietnam; ready for cultural exchange involving folklore
1992	A Thousand Acres	Jane Smiley	Attention foodies: beware of homemade sausage and sauerkraut; it's too heavy to eat in summer and might contain hemlock
1991	Rabbit At Rest	John Updike	Aging bigot hiding out in Florida condo to avoid dealing with the family members I burned; doubtful I'll treat you well either
1990	The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love	Oscar Hijuelos	Cuban American musician; had 15 minutes of fame on I Love Lucy; serious drinking problem, require lots of food and sex
1989	Breathing Lessons	Anne Tyler	Nosy, meddling middle class white woman eager to chat and screw up your day/life
1988	Beloved	Toni Morrison	Freed slave woman needs man who understands source of my PTSD and accepts my demanding mysterious daughter
1987	A Summons to Memphis	Peter Taylor	Southern sisters want age-appropriate wife for father; she should be more respectable than we are



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1986	Lonesome Dove	Larry McMurtry	Texas ranger cowboys want leads on rapists and ranger turncoat
1985	Foreign Affairs	Alison Lurie	Ivy league female professor ready for relationship with someone I previously would have considered an embarrassment
1984	Ironweed	William Kennedy	Bring home an heirloom turkey. Your family will be amazed at the difference.
1983	The Color Purple	Alice Walker	Off-the-grid jukejoint impressario wants sexy torch singer; crap pay, but you'll love my step-mother
1982	Rabbit Is Rich	John Updike	White misogynist country club bigot eager to wife-swap at Carribbean resort
1981	A Confederacy of Dunces	John Kennedy Toole	Arrogant judgmental medieval history expert with zero interpersonal or business skills seeks senior management position
1980	The Executioner's Song	Norman Mailer	Death row inmate needs attorney to cut through execution red tape and find movie producer to buy life story
1979	The Stories of John Cheever	John Cheever	Seeking 61 time-starved readers available 11:30pm to midnight; we'll each read one Cheever short story instead of whole book
1978	Elbow Room	James Alan McPherson	Help wanted: great job in the family business waiting for you, son, if you leave your Black wife and come home
1976	Humboldt's Gift	Saul Bellow	Literary fanboy wants mentor relationship with published poet; will do whatever in return for commercially viable ideas
1975	The Killer Angels	Michael Shaara	Civil War general needs blind trust, adulation and deference to take sting off bad decision making that will lose the war
1973	The Optimist's Daughter	Eudora Welty	Middle-aged woman with same-aged mother-in-law requires anger management lessons stat
1972	Angle of Repose	Wallace Stegner	Older author with disability needs non-judgmental live-in help to deal with personal needs, annoying son and secretarial work



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1970	Collected Stories	Jean Stafford	Woman disfigured in car accident needs surgeon with empathy and modern anesthesia practices
1969	House Made of Dawn	N. Scott Momaday	Social worker, friends, employer need facilitator to pull off assimilation of displaced Native American veteran
1968	The Confessions of Nat Turner	William Styron	Leader of slavery uprising needs legit legal defence; prosecutor of case should not apply but will get the job
1967	The Fixer	Bernard Malamud	Czarist era Kiev prison hiring guards with inclination to abuse Russian Jewish men via body search and sadism
1966	The Collected Stories of Katherine Anne Porter	Katherine Anne Porter	Old South, Texas, Mexico, & Berlin Tourism boards offering fantasy trips via stories set in places you're not apt to visit soon
1965	The Keepers of the House	Shirley Ann Grau	Alabama woman who revenge-burned neighbors' vehicles seeks loving relationship with man who isn't bigoted or swarmy
1963	The Reivers	William Faulkner	Innocent Southern White boy open to road trip adventure involving horses and hookers
1962	The Edge of Sadness	Edwin O'Connor	Alcoholic priest on the mend wants reassignment to another parish
1961	To Kill A Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Maycomb, Alabama finally recognizes systemic racism; tell us what we're supposed to do about it
1960	Advise and Consent	Allen Drury	Discreet morality training specialist needed for very high profile Washington political figures
1959	The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters	Robert Lewis Taylor	Scottish surgeon with broken gold rush dreams needs parenting help during alcoholic and gambling binges
1958	A Death In The Family	James Agee	Grieving Catholic wife needs flexible, empathetic priest; must be able to soothe agnostic brother and overlook absent baptism



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1956	Andersonville	MacKinlay Kantor	Union POWs held in deplorable stockade need clean water, food, shelter, clothing and aggressive war crime litigator
1955	A Fable	William Faulkner	WWI pacifist seeks influencers and soldiers who want end to war; must be willing to face firing squad
1953	The Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway	Cuban fisherman needs cheap lightweight shark protection cage big enough for next trophy marlin catch
1952	The Caine Mutiny	Herman Wouk	Stressed WASPy WWII Naval officer who dumped unsuitable lounge singer ready for Pear Harbor fling
1951	The Town	Conrad Richter	Log cabin with zero modern conveniences available for fast sale; forced to move into town by status-hungry husband
1950	The Way West	A. B. Guthrie	Land-grabbing pioneers want night shift guards for perilous journey with racists who will vilote Native American property
1949	Guard of Honor	James Gould Cozzens	Tuskegee airmen want amittance to officer's club; unclear why these extraordinary men want to enter bigotry haven
1948	Tales of the South Pacific	James A. Michener	WWII South Pacific sailors willing to trade obsolete military gear for party supplies