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Just a Thought.. Best Debut Novels of 2011

2011 has seen a lot of wonderful novels, many of them by well-established authors. But there have also been quite a few break-through successes for brand-new authors. Many of the most popular and well-reviewed books of the year have been debut novels from first-time authors or authors who had only published short stories or memoirs previous to their novelistic success. Here's hoping the years to come bring more great novels from these rising stars!

Benaron, Naomi. *Running the Rift*

Harbach, Chad. *The Art of Fielding*

Morgenstern, Erin. *The Night Circus*

Obrecht, Tea. *The Tiger's Wife*

Russell, Karen. *Swamplandia!*

Torres, Justin. *We The Animals*

Waldman, Amy. *The Submission*