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THE BONE HACKER ★
A Temperance Brennan Novel • Book 22
Kathy Reichs
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #2 TITLE
Young men — tourists — have been disappearing on the islands of Turks and Caicos. The first victim was found in a strange location with his left hand hacked off; two other visitors vanished without a trace. But, recently, tantalizing leads have emerged and only Tempe can unravel them. Do these attacks have something to do with the islands’ culture of gang violence? Tempe isn’t so sure. She discovers evidence that what’s at stake may actually have global significance. It isn’t long before the sound of a ticking clock grows menacingly loud. Then Tempe herself becomes a target.

Thriller | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.

CUTTING TEETH
A NOVEL
Chandler Baker
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #7 TITLE
Darby, Mary Beth, and Rhea are on personal quests to reclaim aspects of their identities subsumed by motherhood — their careers, their sex lives, their bodies. Their children, though, disrupt their plans when an unsettling medical condition begins to go around the Little Academy preschool: the kids are craving blood. Then a young teacher is found dead, and the only potential witnesses are ten adorable four-year-olds. Soon it becomes clear that the children are not just witnesses, but also suspects . . . and so are their mothers. As the police begin to look more closely, the children’s ability to bleed their parents dry becomes deadly serious.

Thriller | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.

THE CARNIVALE OF CURiosITIES ★
Amiee Gibbs
EDITOR’S CHOICE #8 TITLE
“Beautifully presented, with vivid descriptions of the most minute aspects of setting . . . intriguing and smartly woven together.” — Library Journal
In Victorian London, there is no more coveted ticket than Ashe and Pretorius’ Carnivale of Curiosities. Rumors abound that Aurelius Ashe can make any wish come true. No one knows the truth of this better than Lucien. Born with the ability to create fire, he’s dazzled spectators since he was a boy. When Odilon Rose comes with a proposition regarding his charge, Charlotte, Ashe is tempted to refuse. After revealing, however, that Rose holds a secret that threatens the troupe, Ashe has no choice but to sign an insidious contract. Secrets, horrors, and what it means to be family come to a head in this vividly imagined spectacle.

Fantasy | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.
FAMILY LORE
A NOVEL
Elizabeth Acevedo
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
NATIONAL BOOK AWARD AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #7 TITLE
Flor has a gift: she can predict, to the day, when someone will die. So when she decides she wants a living wake — a party to bring her family and community together to celebrate the long life she’s led — her sisters are surprised. Has Flor foreseen her own death, or someone else’s? Does she have other motives? She refuses to tell her sisters, Matilde, Pastora, and Camila. But Flor isn’t the only person with secrets: her sisters are hiding things, too. And the next generation, cousins Ona and Yadi, face tumult of their own.

General Fiction | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.

THIS BIRD HAS FLOWN
A NOVEL
Susanna Hoffs
NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITOR’S PICK
“The characters in Hoffs’ sexy, fun debut are relatable, and their struggles feel real. It shows readers that celebrities and musicians, regardless of fame and fortune, have relatable problems.” — Library Journal
Jane Start is thirty-three, broke, and single. Ten years prior, she had a hit song — written by world-famous superstar Jonesy — but Jane hasn’t had a breakout since. Now she’s living at her parents’ house, reduced to performing to Karaoke tracks in Las Vegas. But when her manager sends Jane to London to regroup, she’s seated next to an intriguing stranger on the flight — the other Tom Hardy, an Oxford professor. Jane is instantly smitten, and soon, truly inspired. But it’s not Jane’s past alone that haunts her second chance at stardom, and at love. Is Tom all that he seems? And can Jane emerge from the shadow of Jonesy’s earlier hit, and into the light of her own?

Women’s Fiction | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.

SILVER ALERT
Lee Smith
“Readers who love a quirky story filled with beguiling characters will enjoy Smith’s road-trip novel.” — Library Journal
Aging Herb’s life with his wife, Susan, is coming undone. Susan now needs constant care, and Herb is in denial about his own ailing health. The one bright spot is the arrival of endlessly optimistic manicurist Renee. But then Herb and Susan’s adult children arrive and Renee’s gig with Susan — and her plans for her own life — start to unravel as well. Renee is not the happy, uncomplicated young girl she pretends to be. She is actually named Dee Dee, and she’s fleeing a dark past. Herb suggests one last joy ride in his Porsche, and the two take off. As the unlikely friendship between Herb and Dee Dee deepens, we see how as one life is closing down, another opens up.

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**GAMES AND RITUALS**

*Stories*

**Katherine Heiny**

"Heiny seems to have a little soft spot for her fellow humans, writing honest stories generous in their portrayal of how all are just trying to connect while protecting themselves and searching for some comfort in a complicated world." — Library Journal

The games and rituals performed by Katherine Heiny's characters range from mischievous to tender: In *Bridesmaid, Revisited*, Marlee, suffering from a laundry and life crisis, wears a massive bridesmaid's dress to work. In *Twist and Shout*, Erica's elderly father mistakes his four-thousand-dollar hearing aid for a cashew and eats it. In *Turn Back, Turn Back*, a bedtime story coupled with a receipt for a Starbucks babyccino reveal a struggling actor's deception. And in *561*, Charlene pays the true price of infidelity and is forced to help her husband's ex-wife move out of the family home.

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**THE THREE OF US**

*A Novel*

**Ore Agbaje-Williams**

"Agbaje-Williams brilliantly captures the inner monologue as well as the conversational style of each of the three through which their whole cultural milieu takes shape around them . . . An original and potent comedy of manners with an ingenious final twist." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

The wife has it all. A big house in a nice neighborhood, a ride-or-die snarky best friend, Temi, with whom to laugh about facile men, and a devoted husband who loves her above all else — even his distaste for Temi. On a seemingly normal day, Temi comes over to spend a lazy afternoon with the wife: drinking wine, eating snacks, and laughing about the husband’s shortcomings. But when the husband comes home and a series of confessions are made, the wife's two confidantes are suddenly forced to jockey for their positions, throwing everyone's integrity into question — and their long-drawn-out territorial dance, carefully constructed over years, into utter chaos.


General Fiction | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in Top-Shelf 8.

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**THE CUBAN HEIRESS**

*A Novel*

**Chanel Cleeton**

*New York Times* bestselling author

"Handsome con men, clever thieves, desperate rebels, and our valiant heroines all convene on this elegant but doomed ocean liner. Cleeton includes vivid details about the mysterious final voyage of the Morro Castle and provides further reading about this historic disaster." — Booklist

New York heiress Catherine Dohan seemingly has it all. There's only one problem. It's a lie. As soon as the *Morro Castle* leaves port, Catherine's past returns with a vengeance and threatens her life. Joining forces with a jewel thief, Catherine must discover who wants her dead and why. Elena Palacio is a dead woman. Or so everyone thinks. After a betrayal left her penniless and on the run, Elena's journey on the *Morro Castle* is her last hope. Her return to Havana is a chance to right the wrong that has been done to her — and her prey is on the ship. As their fates intertwine, Elena and Catherine must risk everything to see justice served once and for all.


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AFTER DEATH  
Dean Koontz

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
EDITOR’S CHOICE #1 TITLE

Michael Mace, head of security at a top-secret research facility, opens his eyes in a makeshift morgue twenty-four hours following an event in which everyone perished — including his best friend, Shelby Shrewsberry. He sets out to honor his late friend by helping Nina Dozier and her son, John, whom Shelby greatly admired. Michael’s actions evoke the wrath of John’s father. But an even greater threat is descending: the Internal Security Agency’s most vicious assassin, Durand Calaphas. Calaphas will stop at nothing to get his man. From Beverly Hills to South Central to Rancho Santa Fe, only Michael can ensure that light survives in a rapidly darkening world.

Thriller | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in High-Octane 4, 6 & 8.

GONE TONIGHT  
A NOVEL  
Sarah Pekkanen

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
EDITOR’S CHOICE #4 TITLE

Catherine Sterling thinks she knows her mother. All her life, it’s been just the two of them. But now, Catherine is ready to spread her wings, move from home, and begin a new career. Ruth Sterling thinks she knows her daughter. Catherine would never rebel, would never question anything about her mother’s past or background. But when Ruth’s desperate quest to keep her daughter by her side begins to reveal cracks in Ruth’s carefully constructed world, both mother and daughter begin a dance of deception. No one can know Ruth’s history. There is a reason why Ruth kept them moving every few years, and why she was ready — in a moment’s notice — to be gone in the night.

Thriller | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in High-Octane 4, 6 & 8.

ROBERT LUDLUM’S THE BOURNE DEFIANCE

A JASON BOURNE NOVEL  
Brian Freeman

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
EDITOR’S CHOICE

“Freeman’s first Jason Bourne thriller is a treat for fans of the late Robert Ludlum.” — starred, Kirkus Reviews

Treadstone agents are being hunted down and murdered. Someone high up in the U.S. government will stop at nothing to cover up a secret mission from the past known as Defiance. With killers on his trail, Jason Bourne chases the mystery around the world. But as he closes in on the truth, Bourne realizes that one man holds the key — his archenemy, Lennon. The Russian hitman has been at the heart of Defiance from the beginning, and his next target will put Bourne in the cross-hairs. Bourne must come face to face with Lennon one last time — and the stage is set for a violent showdown.

Thriller | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in High-Octane 4, 6 & 8.
A LIKEABLE WOMAN
May Cobb

“Cobb’s story . . . delve[s] into the secrets and seething tensions that exist in small towns . . . the final twist is nicely done.” — Library Journal

After her mother’s mysterious death, Kira fled her Texas town and never looked back. Now, decades later, Kira is invited to an old frenemy’s vow renewal celebration. Though she is reluctant to go, there are things pulling her home . . . like the urgent texts from her grandmother, who says she has something for Kira. When her grandmother gives Kira a memoir that her mother had been working on before she died, Kira is drawn into the past and all the secrets that come along with it. As she gets closer to discovering what — and who — might have brought about her mother’s end, it becomes clear that someone wants the past to stay buried. And they might come after Kira next.

Thriller | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in High-Octane 4, 6 & 8.

IMMORTAL LONGINGS ★
Flesh & False Gods • Book 1
Chloe Gong

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

“Gong keeps the pages flying with pulse-pounding action, tension, and intrigue, creating an adventure that will linger in readers’ minds long after the last page.” — starred, Publishers Weekly

Every year, thousands in the kingdom of Talin flock to its twin cities, San-Er, where competitors fight to the death to win unimaginable riches. Princess Calla Tuoleimi lurks in hiding. Five years ago, a massacre killed her parents and left the palace of Er empty . . . and she was the one who did it. She plans to finish the job and bring down the monarchy. Enter Anton Makusa, an exiled aristocrat. Calla finds both an alliance with Anton and help from King Kasa’s adopted son, August, who wants to mend Talin’s ills. But the three of them have very different goals. Before the games close, Calla must decide what she’s playing for.

Fantasy | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in High-Octane 4, 6 & 8.

RED QUEEN ★
Juan Gómez-Jurado

TV SERIES COMING TO AMAZON PRIME

“The next two, Loba Negra (Black Wolf) and Rey Blanco (White King), must be translated into English, because thriller fans will be waiting. Fast-moving and quirky fiction from Madrid.” — Kirkus Reviews

Antonia Scott has a gifted forensic mind, but after a personal trauma, she’s refused to continue her work. Jon Gutierrez, a police officer in Bilbao — disgraced and about to face criminal charges — is offered a chance to salvage his career. All he has to do is convince Antonia to come out of retirement, helping her investigate a new case — a teenage boy whose body was found without a drop of blood left in it. But the murder is just the start. A high-ranking executive and daughter of one of the richest men in Spain is kidnapped, a crime which is tied to the previous murder. The only person with a chance to solve the crimes before tragedy strikes again is Antonia Scott.

Thriller | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in High-Octane 6 & 8.
**THE DEEP SKY**

**A NOVEL**

Yume Kitasei

“Readers will be engaged by the mystery and suspense and find the familiarity and connection in the humanity of Asuka and the journey of The Phoenix.” — Library Journal

It is the eve of Earth’s environmental collapse. A ship carries eighty elite graduates of a competitive program, who will give birth to a generation of children in deep space. But a bomb kills three of the crew and knocks The Phoenix off course. Asuka, the only surviving witness, is an immediate suspect. Asuka already felt like an impostor before the explosion. She was chosen to represent Japan, a country she only partly knows as a half-Japanese girl raised in America. But The Phoenix is all she has left. With the crew turning on each other, Asuka is determined to find the culprit before they all lose faith in the mission — or worse, the bomber strikes again.


Science Fiction | Releases 8/2/2023
Available in High-Octane 6 & 8.

**SNOW**

**A NOVEL**

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Thriller | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in High-Octane 8.

**APRIL IN SPAIN**

**A NOVEL**

John Banville

NATIONAL BESTSELLER
AUTHOR IS BOOKER PRIZE-AUTHOR

“Great fun from a masterful writer.” — starred, Kirkus Reviews

On the coast of San Sebastian, Spain, Dublin pathologist Quirke is struggling to relax. When he glimpses a familiar face at Las Acadas bar, it’s hard at first to tell whether his imagination is just running away with him. Because this woman can’t be April Latimer. She was murdered years ago — the conclusion to an unspeakable scandal that shook one of Ireland’s foremost political dynasties. Unable to ignore his instincts, Quirke makes a call back home to Ireland and soon Detective St. John Strafford is dispatched to Spain. But he’s not the only one en route. A relentless hit man is on the hunt for his latest prey, and the next victim might be Quirke himself.


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**A CROWN OF IVY AND GLASS**

The Middlemist Trilogy • Book 1

Claire Legrand

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
LIBRARY READS PICK

“[F]ull of high stakes for her characters and detailed fantasy worldbuilding with interesting mythology for readers.” — Library Journal

Lady Gemma Ashbourne is young, gorgeous, and rich but deeply sad. Years ago, her sister Mara was taken to the Middlemist to guard against treacherous magic. Her mother abandoned the family. Her father and eldest sister, Farrin, often forget Gemma exists. Worst of all, Gemma is the only Ashbourne to possess no magic. Gemma yearns to belong. Then she meets Talan d’Astier. His family destroyed themselves, and Talan is determined to redeem their honor. Something immense and terrifying is awakening in Gemma, drawing her toward Talan and a consuming passion that could destroy her or show her the true strength of her power at last.


Fantasy Romance | Releases 8/2/2023
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Thriller | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in High-Octane 8.
THE HAPPINESS PLAN
SUSAN MALLERY
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #3 TITLE
Heather has a successful business, a cute but contemptuous cat, and best friends Daphne and Tori who know where she’s broken and love her anyway. So why does she feel crushed when her ex gets serious about someone new? Daphne isn’t having an emotional affair, despite what her husband believes. They used to be the closest couple she knew. Can they find their way back to one another before it’s too late? When Tori forms an inconvenient crush on Daphne’s brother-in-law, she suppresses her feelings. Until her apartment floods, and she moves in with the dog-loving doctor. If things go wrong, she could lose her friends . . . but if they go right, she could lose her heart.

Women’s Fiction | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in Dynamic Drama 3 & 5.

HELLO STRANGER
KATHERINE CENTER
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #3 TITLE
“This charming, heartfelt romantic comedy has a well-told, unique storyline, and Sadie’s prosopagnosia feels deftly explained, explored, and treated with respect.” — Library Journal
Sadie Montgomery never saw what was coming . . . literally! One minute she’s celebrating the biggest achievement of her life — placing as a finalist in the North American Portrait Society competition — the next she’s lying in a hospital bed diagnosed with a “probably temporary” condition known as face blindness. She can see, but every face she looks at is now a jumbled puzzle of disconnected features. Imagine trying to read a book upside down and in another language. This is Sadie’s new reality. But, as she struggles to cope, she falls in love — not with one man but two. If only her life were a little more in focus, Sadie might be able to have it all.

Contemporary Romance | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in Dynamic Drama 3 & 5.

THE WOMAN IN THE CASTELLO
Kelsey James
Rome, 1965. Aspiring actress Silvia Whitford arrives at Rome’s Cinecittà Studios ready for her big break. Instead, she learns that the movie in which she was cast has been canceled. Desperate for money, Silvia has only one choice: seek out the Italian aunt she has never met. Gabriella Conti lives in a castello on the edge of a volcanic lake. The castle inspires Silvia’s second chance when it becomes the location for a new horror movie and she lands a starring role. But when Gabriella abruptly vanishes, the movie’s make-believe terrors seep into reality. As Silvia delves into Gabriella’s disappearance, she triggers a chain of events that illuminate a growing menace.

Historical Fiction | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in Dynamic Drama 3 & 5.
MEET ME AT THE LAKE ★

Carley Fortune

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
INDIE NEXT PICK

“Fortune fills her novel with food, music, and clothing descriptions and has some truly great one-liners . . . Escape to the lakefront with this entertaining romance.” — Kirkus Reviews

At thirty-two, Fern’s running her mother’s lakeside resort — something she vowed never to do. The place is in disarray, her ex-boyfriend’s the manager, and Fern doesn’t know where to begin. She needs a lifeline. To her surprise, it comes in the form of Will Baxter, who arrives nine years too late. Will may be the only person who understands what Fern’s going through. But how could she possibly trust this expensive-suit-wearing mirage who seems nothing like the young man she met all those years ago. Will is hiding something, and Fern’s not sure she wants to know what it is. But ten years ago, Will Baxter rescued Fern. Can she do the same for him?

Romance | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in Dynamic Drama 5.

NO TWO PERSONS

A NOVEL
Erica Bauermeister

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
INDIE NEXT PICK

“There’s plenty of charm to this thoughtful take on a book’s impact on its readers.” — Publishers Weekly

Alice has always wanted to be a writer. Her talent is innate, but her stories remain safe and detached, until a devastating event breaks her heart open, and she creates a stunning debut novel. Her words find their way to readers, from a teenager hiding her homelessness, to a free diver pushing himself beyond endurance, an artist furious at the world around her, a bookseller in search of love, a widower rent by grief. Each one discovers something different that presents new pathways forward for their lives. Together, their stories reveal how books can affect us in the most unexpected ways and how we are all more closely connected to one another than we might think.

Women’s Fiction | Releases 8/2/2023 | Available in Dynamic Drama 5.
THE OLD LION
A NOVEL OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT
Jeff Shaara

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

“A glowing tribute to a Rushmore-worthy president. The Old Lion himself would have called it ‘dee-lightful!’” — Kirkus Reviews

From the mid-nineteenth century to the early twentieth century, from the waning days of the rugged frontier of a young country to the emergence of a modern, industrial nation, Theodore Roosevelt embodied both the myth and reality of the country he loved. From his upbringing in New York to his time in the Dakotas, from his rise to Assistant Secretary of the Navy, from national hero as the leader of the Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War to the presidency itself, Roosevelt embodied the complex image of America. In gripping prose, Shaara tells the story of the man who defined and created the modern United States.

ISBN: 9798885791656 | $34.99 U.S.
Historical Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023

THE END OF DRUM-TIME
A NOVEL
Hanna Pylväinen

“Even as the distinctive time period and locale set apart this complex saga of birth, death, love, and broken hearts, Pylväinen deftly shows how people can become mired in poverty and personal entanglements any time, any place.” — Library Journal

In 1851, at a remote village in the Scandinavian tundra, a Lutheran minister known as Mad Lasse tries in vain to convert the native Sámi reindeer herders to his faith. But when one of the most respected herders has a dramatic awakening and dedicates his life to the church, his impetuous son, Ivvár, is left to guard their diminishing herd alone. By chance, he meets Mad Lasse's daughter Willa, and their blossoming infatuation grows into something that ultimately crosses borders — of cultures, of beliefs, and of political divides — as Willa follows the herders on their arduous annual migration north to the sea.

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Historical Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023

CAMERA GIRL
THE COMING OF AGE OF JACKIE BOUVIER KENNEDY
Carl Sferrazza Anthony

“Whether she’s avoiding a traffic ticket after speeding in her car named Zelda, or translating books for Kennedy’s report on the history of France in Indochina, this portrait of young Jackie Bouvier shines with wit and intelligence.” — starred, Library Journal

Camera Girl brings to life Jackie Bouvier Kennedy’s years as a young, single woman trying to figure out who she wanted to become. Set primarily during the years of 1949 to 1953, the book recounts the story of her late college years and her early adulthood as a working woman. Before she met Jack Kennedy, Jacqueline Bouvier was the Washington Times-Herald’s “Inquiring Camera Girl,” posing questions to members of the public on the streets of D.C. and snapping their photos with her Graflex camera. Camera Girl is a surprisingly hard-charging story of a person determined to define herself.

Biography | Releases 8/2/2023

THE WINDSORS AT WAR
THE KING, HIS BROTHER, AND A FAMILY DIVIDED
Alexander Larman

“A highly recommended, vivid, intriguing book about a memorable time in British history.” — Library Journal

At the beginning of 1937, the British monarchy was in a state of turmoil. The previous king had abdicated the throne, leaving his brother to become George VI. Meanwhile, the now-Duke of Windsor took an increased interest in Adolf Hitler. As double agents and Nazi spies thronged the corridors of Buckingham Palace, the only man the king could trust was his prime minister, Winston Churchill. The Windsors at War tells the story of World War II in Britain and America with a fresh focus. How did this dysfunctional family manage to unite to help win the greatest conflict of their lifetimes?

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HIS MAJESTY'S AIRSHIP ★ ★
THE LIFE AND TRAGIC DEATH OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST FLYING MACHINE
S. C. Gwynne
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“A sturdy, well-paced contribution to aviation history.” — Kirkus Reviews
British airship R101 went down in a hydrogen-fueled fireball in 1930. R101 was the lynchpin of a British scheme to link by air the far-flung areas of its empire, from Australia to India, South Africa, Canada, Egypt, and Singapore. Gwynne’s chronicle features Lord Christopher Thomson, the man who dreamed up the Imperial Airship Scheme, and Herbert Scott, a national hero who had made the first double crossing of the Atlantic in any aircraft in 1919. These figures — and the ship they built, flew, and crashed — come together in a tale that details the rocky road to commercial aviation.
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THE BEST STRANGERS IN THE WORLD ★★★
STORIES FROM A LIFE SPENT LISTENING
Ari Shapiro
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In his first book, Ari Shapiro takes us around the globe to reveal stories that are sometimes heartwarming, sometimes heartbreaking, but always poignant. He details his time traveling on Air Force One with President Obama, or following the path of Syrian refugees fleeing war, or learning from those fighting for social justice both at home and abroad. As the self-reinforcing bubbles we live in become more impenetrable, Shapiro keeps seeking ways to help people listen to one another; to find connection and commonality with those who may seem different; to remind us that we are all human.
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“Wilson covers numerous heady concepts, including the purpose of life (soul growth), life after death, and God . . . With sincere enthusiasm and a playful tone, [he] highlights the vitality of spirituality in our lives.” — Kirkus Reviews
In this book, Rainn Wilson explores the possibility and hope for a spiritual revolution, a “Soul Boom,” to find a healing transformation on both a personal and global level. He feels that, culturally, we’ve discounted spirituality — faith and the sacred — and we need profound healing and a unifying understanding of the world that the great spiritual traditions provide. Wilson’s approach to spirituality is relatable and applies to people of all beliefs, even the skeptics. Filled with genuine insight, Soul Boom delves into ancient wisdom to seek out practical, transformative answers to life’s biggest questions.
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LYING BESIDE YOU ⭐⭐
A Cyrus Haven Novel
Michael Robotham

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“Written to Robotham’s usual high standard, this terrific read will delight fans of his work.” — starred, Library Journal

Cyrus Haven is a successful psychologist, working with the police, sharing his house with Evie Cormac, a damaged and gifted teenager who is working part-time at an inner-city bar. When a man is murdered and his daughter disappears, Cyrus is called in to profile the killer and help piece together Maya Kirk's last hours. Police believe she was drugged and driven away from the same bar where Evie is working. Soon, a second victim is taken, and Evie is the only person who glimpsed the man behind the wheel. But there's a problem. Only two people believe her. One is Cyrus. The other is the killer.

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MOSCOW EXILE ⭐
A Joe Wilderness Novel
John Lawton

“Lawton infuses the entire troupe with sparkling life, using crackling dialogue and rapier wit to bring a Technicolor sheen to the moral ambiguity of the Cold War.” — starred, Booklist

Charlotte is a British expatriate who has recently settled in the nation's capital with her second husband. Meanwhile, Charlie Leigh-Hunt has been posted to Washington as a replacement for Guy Burgess, last seen disappearing around the corner and into the Soviet Union. Charlie is soon shocked to cross paths with Charlotte, an old flame of his. Two decades or so later, in 1969, Joe Wilderness is stuck on the wrong side of the Iron Curtain, held captive by the KGB, but his old friends Frank and Eddie are going to try to spring him out of the toughest prison in the world. All roads lead back to Berlin, and to the famous Bridge of Spies.

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Under the direction of the Special Activities Center in the CIA, highly trained agents operate in the darkest shadows of the country's covert wars. These individuals go through rigorous training to perfect the arts of assassination, sabotage, infiltration, and guerrilla warfare. According to the United States government, this branch of the CIA does not exist. But when diplomacy and military intervention fail, the president calls upon it to solve America's most dangerous crises. Brian Rhome thought his time within this elite group was over. But now, he's on a race against time as he unravels a deadly conspiracy that threatens the highest levels of American democracy.

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**PINK LEMONADE CAKE MURDER**
A Hannah Swensen Mystery
Joanne Fluke

*NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR*

The Tri-County Summer Solstice Celebration has come to town, and Hannah attracts fans while serving lip-smacking pink lemonade desserts. But the mood sours when a body turns up. A retired MLB player has met a terrifying end — and the list of suspects could fill a small stadium. Among them could soon be Delores, Hannah’s mother, who publicly held a grudge against the victim after he infamously dunked her in the tank at a previous county fair. Now, with her mother’s innocence on the line, Hannah can’t afford to strike out as she begins a dangerous investigation into the ruthless killer who’s truly in a league of their own.

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**BIRDER, SHE WROTE**
A Meg Langslow Mystery
Donna Andrews

*NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR*

Meg is taste-testing Michael's latest batch of Arnold Palmers and watching the hummingbirds when her hopes for a relaxing early summer morning are dashed. Her grandmother, shows up, trailed by a nosy reporter who is writing a feature on her for a genteel Southern ladies’ magazine. Cordelia drafts Meg to accompany her and Deacon Washington of the New Life Baptist Church in their search for a long-lost cemetery. What they discover is not an ancient cemetery but a fresh corpse. Can Meg protect her grandmother from the reporter who seems to see the worst in everything and crack the case before the killer finds another victim?

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**MOTHER OF THE BRIDE MURDER**
A Lucy Stone Mystery
Leslie Meier

*NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR*

When Lucy Stone arrives at a sprawling French chateau with the whole family, it should be the trip of a lifetime — especially because she’s about to watch her oldest daughter, Elizabeth, marry the man of her dreams. But while navigating the vast estate owned by her wealthy in-laws-to-be, the mother of the bride has a creeping feeling that Elizabeth’s fairytale nuptials are destined to become a nightmare. Maternal instincts are validated the moment a body is pulled from a moat on the property. Lucy is determined to protect her family and expose the one responsible, or Elizabeth’s trip down the aisle could end in tragedy.

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SEVEN GIRLS GONE  
A NOVEL  
A Quinn & Costa Thriller  
Allison Brennan  
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
For three years, women have been going missing and eventually turning up dead in St. Augustine, Louisiana. Police detective Beau Hebert is the only one who seems to care, but his investigation stalls at every turn. While LAPD detective Kara Quinn works undercover to dig into the women’s murders and team leader Matt Costa investigates the in-custody death of a witness, Beau might finally have a chance at solving the case. But it’s going to take the entire team to unravel the truth. Especially when they discover that the corruption and drug-trafficking ring at the center of it all extends far beyond the small-town borders.  
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MURDER AT AN IRISH BAKERY  
AN ENCHANTING IRISH MYSTERY  
An Irish Village Mystery  
Carlene O’Connor  
“Siobhan and her Garda husband Macdara Flannery add humor and zest to this follow-up to Murder on an Irish Farm. Fans of competitive baking shows or Amy Patricia Meade’s cozy mysteries will enjoy it.” — starred, Library Journal  
The bakery in the old flour mill, just outside Kilbane, is the best in County Cork, well worth the short drive and long lines. No wonder they’re about to be featured on a reality baking show. All six contestants in the show are coming to Kilbane to participate, and the town is simmering with excitement. There are shenanigans on the first day of filming, but that’s nothing compared to day two, when the top contestant is found face-down in her signature pie. Siobhan and her husband, Garda Macdara Flannery, sift through the suspects. Can they uncover the truth before another baker is eliminated — permanently?  
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THOSE EMPTY EYES  
A CHILLING NOVEL OF SUSPENSE WITH A SHOCKING TWIST  
Charlie Donlea  
“This searing look at the legal system, entitlement, and exploitation is not to be missed.” — starred, Publishers Weekly  
Alex Armstrong is no longer the teenager a rapt audience saw in handcuffs the night her family was massacred. That girl, Alexandria Quinlan, was accused of the killings, fought to clear her name, and later took the stand during her defamation lawsuit. It’s been ten years since, and as a legal investigator, she works to secure justice for others, too. People like Matthew Claymore, who’s under suspicion in the disappearance of Laura McAllister. As Alex digs into Laura’s disappearance, she realizes there are connections to the murder of her own family. For as different as the crimes may seem, they each hinge on one sinister truth: no one is quite who they seem to be.  
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A GENTLEWOMAN’S GUIDE TO MURDER  
A Gentlewoman’s Guide to Murder  
Victoria Hamilton  
“Hamilton expertly balances the page-turning detection with the story of a hypocritical society where women, whether they are scullery maids or orphans, rarely get to make their own decisions.” — starred, Publishers Weekly  
The murder of Sir Henry Claybourne leaves Regency London shaken and horror-struck. But for genteel spinster Miss Emmeline St. Germaine, the crime slices far too close to home. Just hours before the knight’s death she held a dagger to him, threatening him to stay silent as she rescued a scullery maid he had procured for his pleasure. Did the man — or woman — who murdered the knight know of her visit? Emmeline must solve the crime or face scandalous exposure and ruination, or worse — the hangman’s noose — for a crime she did not commit.  
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THE DIVA DELIVERS ON A PROMISE
A Domestic Diva Mystery
Krista Davis

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"With recipes, ghost kitchens, and family secrets, the follow-up to The Diva Says Cheesecake! will entertain fans of this long-running cozy mystery series."
— Library Journal

Sophie is busy, but she's taking a little time out for a lunch meeting organized by a group dedicated to providing meals for children in need, and as a bonus, it'll give Sophie the perfect opportunity to ogle the lavish Old Town home of socialite Geraldine Stansfield. Gerrie's dining room is impeccably furnished. If it weren't for the dead man lying on the floor, everything would be perfect. No one knows the victim — or at least, no one claims to. Now Sophie will have to get the killer to come clean before he spoils another appetite — for good.

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SIX FEET DEEP DISH
A Deep Dish Mystery
Mindy Quigley

Delilah O'Leary can't wait to open her new gourmet deep-dish pizzeria in Geneva Bay, Wisconsin. Just before opening night, though, Delilah's plans for pizza perfection hit the skids when her fiancé dumps her. Delilah's trouble deepens when she discovers a dead body and finds her elderly aunt holding the murder weapon. Handsome local police detective Calvin Capone, great grandson of the legendary gangster, opens an investigation, threatening to sink Delilah's pie-in-the-sky ambitions before they can even get off the ground. To save her aunt and get her pizza place generating some dough, Delilah must deliver the real killer.

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MURDER WITH EARL GREY TEA
A Daisy's Tea Garden Mystery
Karen Rose Smith

“[A] warm and charming cozy.”
— Kirkus Reviews

Daisy Swanson has much to look forward to: setting a date with her fiancé Jonas, a whimsical Alice in Wonderland tea event, and an anniversary celebration for her parents at a farm-to-table restaurant in Willow Creek. But a grim discovery turns her thoughts to the troubled present. Meeting up for a hike with her friend, Daisy and her fiancé's dog Felix find the woman dead on a trail, a victim of an apparent hit and run. The tire tracks clearly indicate this was no accident, and now Daisy must follow a twisted trail of clues to uncover what drove someone to murder.

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FOUR PARTIES AND A FUNERAL
A Catering Hall Mystery
Maria DiRico

The June events schedule at Belle View is busting out proms, graduations, and weddings. There are unexpected bookings too, including a casting call for the pilot of Dons of Ditmars Boulevard. Soon, Mia's fears about the reality show are confirmed. Belle View quickly becomes the site of a sea of wanna-be goombahs and phony girlfriends. The production crew does as much infighting and backstabbing as the on-screen “talent.” Even so, it's a shock when a dead body is found in the pool house of a local mansion rented by the show. Murder might boost the ratings, but Mia intends to make sure the killer gets jail time, not airtime.

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ALL THE SINNERS BLEED
A NOVEL
S. A. Cosby
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
LIBRARY READS PICK

“Readers will cheer at Titus’ brutal screeds against those who push him past the point of patience . . . Another provocative and page-turning entry in the Southern noir genre.” — Kirkus Reviews

After years of working as an FBI agent, Titus Crown returns home to Charon County. Seeing his hometown struggling with a bigoted police force inspires him to run for sheriff. He wins and becomes the first Black sheriff in the history of the county. Then a young Black man is fatally shot by Titus’ deputies. Now, Titus must investigate a shocking crime in a small town where everyone knows everyone while also breaking up bar fights and being forced to protect racist Confederate pride marchers. For a Black man wearing a police uniform in the American South, that’s no easy feat. But Charon is Titus’ home and his heart, and he won’t let the darkness overtake it.

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Available in Black Voices 2, 3 & 4.

THE SECRET DIARIES OF CHARLES IGNATIUS SANCHO
A NOVEL
Paterson Joseph

“It’s 1746 and Georgian London is not a safe place for a young Black man. Charles Ignatius Sancho must dodge slave catchers and worse, and his main ally — a kindly duke who taught him to write — is dying. Sancho is desperate and alone. So how does the same Charles Ignatius Sancho meet the king, write and play highly acclaimed music, become the first Black person to vote in Britain, and lead the fight to end slavery? Through every moment, Sancho forges ahead to see how much he can achieve: “I had little right to live, born on a slave ship where my parents both died. But I survived, and indeed, you might say I did more.”

Historical Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023
Available in Black Voices 2, 3 & 4.

MURDER IS A PIECE OF CAKE
A Baker Street Mystery • Book 2
Valerie Burns

With New Bison’s Spring Festival around the corner, the pressure is on Maddy to continue her late-great aunt Octavia’s legacy. That means scoring the top prize and transforming Baby Cakes into Southwest Michigan’s must-visit bakery. There’s another reason for lost sleep. A second bakery is opening under the ownership of CJ Davenport, a shrewd investor with a reputation for sabotaging anyone who gets in his way. And Maddy tops his list. When Davenport turns up dead with a Baby Cakes knife stuck in his back, Maddy must find the courage to face off against a killer who could get her name trending for the first and last time.

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Available in Black Voices 3 & 4.

THE OTHER MISTRESS
Shanora Williams

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Adira Smith-Cortez is a multi-millionaire who takes exquisite care of herself and her husband, Gabriel. Adira has it all — except the answer to one question: why is Gabriel cheating on her — with not just one, but two women. There’s Jocelyn, a club owner. And then there’s Julianna, a makeup artist he’s even crazier about. Vengeful Jocelyn offers Adira the perfect plan to get her spouse back. It sounds simple: Adira will befriend Julianna through a fake identity and cause them to split up. Until Julianna discovers who Adira really is. With her world collapsing, how far will Adira’s obsession take her — and how much of herself is she willing to lose in the process.

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A NOVEL
Renée Rosen

“Gloria is a likable protagonist who makes bad decisions due to her unresolved guilt over her family’s past. Readers will enjoy rooting for her to find her happy ending in this highly recommended read.”
— starred, Library Journal

In New York City, Gloria Downing is ready for a total life makeover and a friend she can lean on — and into her path walks a woman named Estée. Estée dreams of success and becoming a household name. Before Gloria knows it, she is swept up in her new friend’s mission and while Estée rolls up her sleeves, Gloria begins to discover her own talents. After landing a job at Saks Fifth Avenue, Gloria finds her voice, which proves instrumental in opening doors for Estée’s insatiable ambitions. But in a world unaccustomed to women with power, they’ll each have to pay the price that comes with daring to live life on their own terms and refusing to back down.

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IN THE UPPER COUNTRY ★★★★★
A NOVEL
Kai Thomas

“This fascinating series of stories within stories reflects the fragmentary history of African and Indigenous people experiencing the effects of enslavement, particularly from a Canadian perspective. Engrossing and intensely readable.” — Library Journal

In the 1800s in Dunmore, a Canadian town settled by people fleeing enslavement in America, Lensinda Martin works for a Black journalist. One night, a farmer summons Lensinda after a slave hunter is shot dead on his land by an old woman who arrived via the Underground Railroad. The farmer urges Lensinda to gather testimony from her before she can be condemned for the crime. But the old woman doesn’t want to confess. Instead she proposes a barter: a story for a story. As time runs out, Lensinda is challenged to uncover her past and face her fears in order to make good on the bargain. And it seems the old woman may carry a secret that could shape Lensinda’s destiny.

Historical Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023

THE LOVE SCRIBE
A NOVEL
Amy Meyerson

When Alice’s friend, Gabby, is reeling from a breakup, Alice writes her a heartfelt story to cheer her up. While reading it, Gabby, as if by magic, meets the man of her dreams. Gabby shares it with her sister and other friends, who all find instant love. Word of mouth spreads, and Alice stumbles upon a new calling to be a love scribe. While Alice tries to harness her gift, she is summoned to a mansion where she encounters Madeline Alger and her mysterious library. As Alice struggles to write a story for Madeline, her most challenging assignment yet, she’s forced to confront her own guarded heart. Because maybe there’s a love story waiting to be written for her, too.

Contemporary Romance | Releases 8/16/2023
THE WEDDING GIFT
Carolyn Brown
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
A week before your wedding is one heckuva time for your ex to ride back into town, stirring up trouble. But that's exactly the predicament Darla McAdams finds herself in. Darla's on the verge of breaking up with her fiancé, Will Jackson — only a week before the wedding. Her parents would disown her, but Darla's sure that her Granny Roxie will understand when Darla tells her that her first love, Andy, has come back to town. Thank goodness for a wise granny's reminiscences of her own sassy wedding at just the right moment.

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THE WISH LIST
A NOVEL
The Carolina Girls • Book 4
Michelle Major
“Major’s charming small town is packed with salt-of-the-earth people readers will embrace, and each sister’s journey is beautifully imagined.” — Publishers Weekly

Beth Carlyle’s mother recently suffered a stroke and summoned Beth’s sisters, Freya and Trinity, back to Magnolia. Beth’s so stressed that she spills her guts to a stranger, wondering why the handsome newcomer affects her so deeply. Reality TV star Freya deliberately forged a career that would upset her mother, who’s always been brilliant and distant. Now a handsome literary agent is making Freya dream of a different life. Trinity just wants to start over after leaving an abusive relationship and make a future for her and her baby. The Carlyle sisters might find they have more in common than their shared past — and that the holidays are made for second chances.

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ON THE WAY TO CHRISTMAS
THREE STORIES
Sheila Roberts, Melissa Ferguson, Amy Clipston
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
In A Christmas Do-Over by Sheila Roberts, a career fail sends Darby slinking back to the small town she always wanted to escape. In Dashing Through the Snow by Melissa Ferguson, when Willow’s boyfriend dumps her on the eve of a romantic getaway, she decides to take the two-week train trip on The Christmas Express alone. In A Perfectly Splendid Christmas by Amy Clipston, Kacey falls in love with former classmate Drew. The problem: he’s a small-town man, and she’s a big-city woman. Is their love big enough to overcome such a major difference?

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DO I KNOW YOU?
A NOVEL
Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“The authors’ seamless prose toggles between Eliza’s and Graham’s perspective, providing tasty insight into their secret thoughts as the slow-burning romance heats up.” — Publishers Weekly

Eliza and Graham are anticipating an anything-but-sexy, weeklong getaway. It might as well be a vacation with a roommate. When a well-meaning guest mistakes Eliza and Graham for being single and introduces them, they don’t correct him. Suddenly, they’re pretending to be strangers and it’s unexpectedly fun. Eliza and Graham find themselves flirting like it’s their first date and waiting with butterflies in their stomach for the other to text back. Everyone at the retreat can sense the electric chemistry between Eliza and Graham’s alter egos. But when their scintillating game of roleplaying ends, will they still feel the heat?

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FAIREST OF HEART
Texas Ever After • Book 1
Karen Witemeyer
Penelope Snow hides her figure beneath shapeless dresses and keeps her head down. But she still manages to attract the wrong attention, leaving her jealous mistress plotting her demise. Texas Ranger Titus Kingsley has learned to expect the worst from women. So when a young lady found in suspicious circumstances takes up residence with seven old drovers, Titus is determined to keep a close eye on her. Titus is assigned to investigate a robbery case, and all evidence points to Penelope’s guilt. But Titus might just be convinced that the fairest woman of all has a heart as pure as her last name . . . if only he can prove it.

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THE MISTLETOE COUNTESS
A Freddie and Grace Mystery • Book 1
Pepper Basham
Mistletoe is beautiful and dangerous, much like the woman from Lord Frederick’s Percy’s past, so when he turns over a new leaf and arranges to marry for his estate, instead of his heart, he never expects the wrong bride to be the right choice.

Gracelynn Ferguson never expected to take her elder sister’s place as a Christmas bride, but when she’s thrust into the choice, she will trust in her faithful novels and overactive imagination to help her not only win Frederick’s heart but also to solve the mystery of Havensbrook Hall before ghosts from Frederick’s past ruin her fairytale future.

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INDIGO ISLE
T. I. Lowe
Sonny Bates left South Carolina fifteen years ago. Now she’s a Hollywood location scout who travels the world, finding perfect places for movie shoots. Searching off the coast of Charleston for a secluded site to film a key scene, Sonny wanders onto a private barrier island and encounters its reclusive owner. Once a successful New York attorney, Hudson Renfrow spends his days alone, tending his fields of indigo. When a hurricane makes landfall, stranding them together, an unlikely friendship forms between the two damaged souls. Soon the gruff exterior Hudson has long hidden behind crumbles — exposing the tender part of him that’s desperate for a second chance.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RENDEZVOUS
Sisters of the Rockies • Book 1
Misty M. Beller
In 1837, Juniper Collins and her sisters are shocked by their father’s deathbed request for them to return a special set of beads to a Piegan Blackfoot woman he credits with saving his life during his travels West. Together, the sisters set out for the trapper rendezvous to find the woman, but their mission turns more daunting when they come upon the mass of men and lodges spread out in the Green River Valley. The sisters must decide whether to return East or stay in the mountains to continue looking. Is the risk to honor their father’s last request worth the danger they find at every turn?

Women’s Fiction | Releases 8/2/2023
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COUNTDOWN
Extreme Measures • Book 4
Lynette Eason
To escape a dangerous stalker, Raina Price changed her name and disappeared, building a new life with the help of a friend from her time in juvie. But because her stalker was never found, she’s never stopped looking over her shoulder. And one can only run so far before the past finally catches up. U.S. Marshal Vincent Corelli’s job is to hunt down fugitives and protect those who are assigned to him. When Raina is almost killed right in front of him, he vows to protect her at all costs. Together they work to solve the mystery of Raina’s past. But someone is out to make sure Raina doesn’t live long enough to do it.

THE SECRET TO HAPPINESS
Cape Cod Creamery • Book 2
Suzanne Woods Fisher
“Fisher balances emotional depth with lively humor (and some fun ice cream-making tips), all while keeping up a breezy pace.” — Publishers Weekly
Fired from her dream job after making a colossal mistake, Calli Dixon’s escaped to her aunt’s home on Cape Cod for time to bounce back. Things go from bad to worse when Callie’s cousin Dawn drags her to a community class about the secret to happiness. Happiness is the last thing Callie wants to think about right now, but instructor Bruno Bianco is relentless. He has a way of turning Callie’s thoughts upside down. Her feelings, too. Bruno insists that hitting rock bottom is the very best place to be. But if that’s true, how is it supposed to help her figure out what — or who — has been missing from her life all along?

THE BEST SUMMER OF OUR LIVES
Rachel Hauck
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“Hauck’s exploration of friendship, second chances, and faith is tender and often emotionally nuanced. It’s an undeniable heartwarmer.” — Publishers Weekly
Twenty years ago, Summer Wilde and her best friends, Spring, Autumn, and Snow — the Four Seasons — found themselves on a bus to Tumbleweed, “Nowhere,” Oklahoma, to spend eight weeks as camp counselors. All four of them arrived with hidden secrets and buried fears, and the events that unfolded in those two months forever altered their friendships, lives, and futures. Now thirtysomething, Summer is forced to face the shadows of her past. Returning to the place where everything changed, she soon learns Tumbleweed is a place for healing, for reconciling the past with the present, and for finally listening to love’s voice.
WITH EVERY MEMORY
A NOVEL
Janine Rosche

One year after her family was in a car accident that killed her teenage son, Lori Mendenhall returns home with a traumatic brain injury that has stolen the last eight years of memories from her, leaving the life she has returned to unrecognizable. Her once-loving husband, Michael, is a distant workaholic she isn’t sure she can trust, and her daughter, Avery, has spent the last year hidden away in her room. If Lori wants to reconnect with her family, she’ll have to uncover the information her brain is trying to keep secret. As her memories return and past secrets resurface, it will take the whole family to repair what’s been broken and find a new future together.

Christian Fiction | Releases 8/2/2023
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THIS IS WHERE IT ENDS
A NOVEL
Cindy K. Sproles

When Minerva Jane Jenkins was just fourteen years old, she married a man who moved her to the mountains. He carried with him a small box, which he told her held gold. When he died, he made her promise to tell no one about the box or the treasure it contained. Now at ninety-four, Minerva is nearing the end of what has sometimes been a lonely life. But she’s kept her promise. Even so, rumors of hidden gold have a way of spreading, and Minerva is visited by a reporter, Del Rankin, who wants to know more of her story. As a friendship develops, Minerva is tempted to reveal her secret to Del. But the truth of what’s really buried in the box may be hidden even from her.

Christian Historical Fiction | Releases 8/2/2023
Available in Christian Fiction 5.

SISTERS OF THE LOST NATION
A NOVEL
Nick Medina

Anna Horn is always looking over her shoulder. For the bullies who torment her, for the entitled visitors at the reservation’s casino, and for the nameless, disembodied entity that stalks her every step — an ancient tribal myth come-to-life. As girls begin to go missing and the tribe scrambles to find answers, Anna struggles with her place on the rez, searching for the key she’s sure lies in the legends of her tribe’s past. When Anna’s own little sister also disappears, she’ll do anything to bring Grace home. But the demons plaguing the reservation — both ancient and new — are strong, and sometimes, it’s the stories that never get told that are the most important.

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Thriller | Releases 8/2/2023

DUST CHILD ★
A NOVEL
Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai

INDIE NEXT PICK

“Achingly honest and ultimately hopeful; essential reading for U.S. audiences.” — starred, Library Journal

In 1969, sisters Trang and Quỳnh leave their village and become “bar girls” in Sài Gòn, drinking, flirting (and more) with American GIs in return for money. As the war moves closer, Trang gets swept up in an irresistible romance with an American helicopter pilot. Decades later, an American veteran, Dan, returns to Việt Nam, hoping to find a way to heal from his PTSD and reckon with secrets from his past. At the same time, Phong — the son of a Black American soldier and a Vietnamese woman — embarks on a search to find both his parents and a way out of Việt Nam. Abandoned in front of an orphanage, Phong dreams of a better life for himself and his family in the U.S.

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General Fiction | Releases 8/2/2023
AN AMISH CHRISTMAS WISH
Secret Amish Babies • Book 3
Leigh Bale

Amish widow Susanna Glick knows marriage isn't kind to everyone. Rather than remarry, she's focusing on community and building her homemade noodle business. Renting a store from newly widowed daed Seth Lehman is the perfect opportunity — if she helps care for his adorable baby girl. But being a family isn't part of Susanna's plan for Christmas . . . no matter what her heart says.

Christian Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023

HER AMISH PATCHWORK FAMILY
Hope's Haven • Book 3
Winnie Griggs

Former Hope's Haven schoolteacher Martha Eicher isn't sure where she fits in . . . until she hears that Asher Lantz needs a nanny. Even though her childhood friendship with Asher ended abruptly years ago, when a misunderstanding drove a wedge between them, Martha offers her assistance. As a single father to his niece and nephews, Asher is grateful for Martha's help but worries things will always feel awkward with her. Yet before long, Asher realizes Martha is exactly what his family needs, and he can't imagine his home without her. Martha and Asher thought they were lost, but could they be right where they belong . . . together?

Christian Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023

HER AMISH COUNTRY VALENTINE
The Butternut Amish B&B • Book 1
Patricia Johns

Tired of being seen as a lonely workaholic, advertising exec Jill Wickey promises to bring her “casual boyfriend” to her sister's Valentine's wedding. Too bad he doesn't exist! Then Thom Miller, a carpenter working at her aunt's Amish B&B, offers to be Jill's fake boyfriend — if they turn the lie into truth. But dating Thom in idyllic Amish country makes Jill wish their temporary arrangement could last.

Christian Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023
AT HOME ON MARIGOLD LANE
Highland Falls • Book 5
Debbie Mason
For family and marriage therapist Brianna MacLeod, moving back to Highland Falls after a disastrous divorce feels embarrassing. But she soon finds herself counseling her roommate and her neighbor’s daughter. She just wasn’t expecting them to reunite her with her first love. Caleb Scott knows his failed marriage has been tough on his stepdaughter, so he’s grateful she’s found someone to confide in, even if it’s Bri MacLeod. He knows it’s not the right time for them to be rekindling a relationship, but being with Bri feels right. He’ll just have to convince her that risking her heart again might give them a second chance.
Contemporary Romance | Releases 8/16/2023

A COWBOY WORTH WAITING FOR
The Cowboy Academy • Book 1
Melinda Curtis
Former rodeo queen Ronnie Pickett has always had a talent for matchmaking — and now she’s going pro. Her first customer? None other than her friend and teen cowboy crush, Wade Keller. Of course, convincing the widowed bronc rider and single dad that it’s time to date again is gonna be a challenge. But no one warned Ronnie about the occupational hazard of falling for her very first cowboy client.
Contemporary Romance | Releases 8/16/2023

A VINEYARD SEASON
A Vineyard Novel • Book 6
Jean Stone
Annie should be grateful to be back on Martha’s Vineyard, running her inn and crafting her artisan soaps. But her recent trip to L.A. to see her novels turned into films has her fantasizing about a life in California. Annie knows her fiancé, John, would never relocate. Yet somehow she can’t stop imagining. Then John’s daughter is diagnosed with a serious illness, rocking their world and sending John off-island to tend to her, alongside his ex-wife. With the distance between her and John growing deeper every day, suddenly Annie is questioning everything — including her ties to the only place she has ever dared to call home.
Women’s Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023
THE FIRES OF HELL
The Jackals • Book 5
William W. Johnstone and J. A. Johnstone
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHORS
Comancheer Cullen Brice has escaped from prison, where he was sentenced to hang. And he has sworn revenge against the man who killed his brother and put him behind bars, Texas Ranger Matt McCulloch. Freed from the hangman by his gang, Brice has kidnapped the lawman’s daughter Cynthia and makes tracks to the Texas Panhandle. McCulloch rides hard for Texas, determined to save his daughter from Brice. But Cynthia isn’t her father’s little girl anymore. And hell hath no fury like a woman raised by a Ranger who’s just as deadly as the trio of Jackals gunning for Brice’s comancheros.

Western | Releases 8/16/2023
Available in Hardcover Westerns 1, 2, 3 & 4.

DIAMONDS AND DOOM
John D. Nesbitt
SPUR AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR
Shortly after Dunbar goes to work at the Hook ranch, a ranch hand who aspires to marry the cook’s niece is found dead. The niece, Vivian, works at the mercantile, and her boss seems to be fond of her. Another cowhand on the ranch also fancies her, but he, too, ends up dead. Dunbar and Ryerson, the cook who tells the story, go to a local brothel to learn more. Back in town, Dunbar and the narrator learn that Madeline, a street girl, has been killed. From there, they go to the Blue Diamond brothel and pursue the killer and his accomplice across a snowy landscape.

Western | Releases 8/16/2023
Available in Hardcover Westerns 3 & 4.

WHEN THE DEVIL COMES A-CALLING
A Youngblood Brothers Western • Book 3
Al Lamanda, writing as Ethan J. Wolfe
When Judge Parker sends two U.S. marshals on a routine prisoner pickup and they never make it to their destination, he sends Marshals Emmet and Jack Youngblood to find them. Emmet and Jack come upon the dead bodies of the missing marshals, but their prisoner wagon is not to be found. They learn that Joe Foster was broken out of jail by members of his gang, who disguised themselves as the two murdered marshals and used the prisoner wagon for his escape.

Western | Releases 8/16/2023
Available in Hardcover Westerns 4.

THE BOOTHEEL
Kevin Wolf
WINNER OF THE 2015 TONY HILLERMAN PRIZE FOR THE HOMEPLACE
All Tyler ever wanted was to be a cowhand. Virgil Hutt, The Bootheel’s owner, brought the orphan boy to the ranch and raised him like a son. Word comes that rustlers have made off with The Bootheel’s cattle. Tyler, Hutt, and the other ranch hands find the outlaws. They find a captive Indian girl, Luak, and take her back to The Bootheel. Though Luak can’t speak English, Tyler’s affection for her grows. Dalton Fox and his men capture Tyler and Luak. As Tyler’s fury threatens the last shreds of his innocence, he guns down Luak’s killer. He saddles his horse and leaves The Bootheel to cleanse himself in the uncertainty of a new journey.

Western | Releases 8/16/2023
Available in Hardcover Westerns 2, 3 & 4.
**THE DEVIL'S BONEYARD**

A Ben Savage, Saloon Ranger Western • Book 2  

**William W. Johnstone and J. A. Johnstone**  
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS  
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHORS

The Texas Rose Saloon in the town of Buzzard's Bluff, is a magnet for drifters, grifters, and outlaws on the run. That's why the bar's manager, Rachel Baskin, is glad the new owner is Ben Savage. A former Pinkerton agent, Savage knows how to keep the peace. But when notorious hellraiser Malcolm Hazzard is released from prison — and heading to Wolf Creek to kill the local sheriff — the whole town knows the lawman doesn't have a prayer. There's only one way to stop a devil like Hazzard. It's hard. It's mean. And it's Savage.

Western | Releases 8/16/2023 | Available in Softcover Westerns 1, 2 & 3.

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**MOUNTAIN WOMAN**

**HOW SHE DEFIED THE ODDS IN THE TIME OF THE MOUNTAIN MEN (A NOVEL)**  
**Gregory J. Lalire**

In 1819, Bet Hex ventures up the Missouri River with a fur-trading expedition. Captured first by Arapahos and then by Pawnees, she is rescued by a French voyageur. After his death, she sets out to make her home in the wilderness. The Blackfeet call her “White Woman Who Never Dies” and she lives up to that name, surviving wildfires, harsh winters, and the dangers of animal and human predators. She befriends a Salish man, raises a little girl, and deals with Blackfeet raiders and Black Robe missionaries. She would rather swim with beavers than kill them and rather love a man than fight him, but Bet Hex does what she must to survive as the one and only mountain woman.

Western | Releases 8/16/2023 | Available in Softcover Westerns 2 & 3.

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**BLOOD WEST**

**Thomas D. Clagett**

*Summer, 1885.* Something inexplicable has come to the railroad town of Las Vegas in the Territory of New Mexico. Asked to investigate, the Pinkerton Detective Agency sends their best detective. Her name is Hattie Lawton. She poses as a nurse, hired to tend the consumptive patients staying at the Montezuma, the newest and grandest hotel in the famous Harvey House chain. Finding information proves difficult for Hattie. Deputy Sheriff Antonio Valdes resents her attempts. Father John Lanigan fears her, but something else frightens the priest even more: a creature that some people swear can change its shape—a creature that is afraid of nothing.

Frontier Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023 | Available in Softcover Westerns 3.
THE MAZE
A JOHN COREY NOVEL
Nelson DeMille
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

The Maze opens with detective John Corey, on the verge of retirement, scanning the horizon for his enemies. But then trouble does appear, and the justice-seeking former detective in Corey can't ignore it. A series of bodies has been found along a beach close to his home, and he can no longer deny that a serial killer is on the loose. Is the failure to find the perpetrator a result of a clever cover-up by the police? Or is it due to the fact the victims are prostitutes? Or is it something darker? Could the killer be someone powerful on the inside? The fact that Corey's girlfriend may have purposefully enticed him into this involvement adds further dangerous intrigue.

Thriller | Releases 8/16/2023

THE MANY DAUGHTERS OF AFONG MOY
A NOVEL
Jamie Ford
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
PUBLISHER'S SHOWCASE
INDIE NEXT PICK

Dorothy Moy channels her dissociative episodes and mental health struggles into her art. When her five-year-old daughter exhibits similar behavior and begins remembering things from the lives of their ancestors, Dorothy believes the past has come to haunt her. Through an experimental treatment designed to mitigate inherited trauma, Dorothy intimately connects with past generations of women in her family. As painful recollections affect her present life, Dorothy discovers that a stranger is searching for her. Dorothy endeavors to break the cycle of pain, to find peace for her daughter, and gain the love that has been waiting, knowing she may pay the ultimate price.

Historical Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023

THE HOMEWRECKERS
Mary Kay Andrews
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Hattie Kavanaugh went to work helping clean up restored homes for Kavanaugh & Son Restorations at 18, married the boss' son at 20, and was only 25 when her husband was killed in a motorcycle accident. Determined to continue the business, she takes the life insurance money, buys a small house, flips it, then puts the money into her next project but that house is a disaster and a money- loser, which rocks her confidence. Then Hattie gets an opportunity to star in a beach house renovation reality show called The Homewreckers, cast against a male lead. It's a question of who will flip, who will flop, and will Hattie ever get her happily-ever-after.

Women's Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023

TRACY FLICK CAN'T WIN
Tom Perrotta
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
PUBLISHER'S SHOWCASE
INDIE NEXT PICK
LIBRARY READS PICK

Tracy Flick is an assistant principal at a public high school in suburban New Jersey. Still ambitious but feeling a little stuck and underappreciated in midlife, Tracy gets a jolt of good news when the longtime principal abruptly announces his retirement, creating an opportunity for Tracy to ascend to the top job. But nothing ever comes easily to Tracy Flick, no matter how diligent or qualified she happens to be. Is she really a shoo-in for the principal job? Is the superintendent plotting against her? Why is the school board president's wife trying so hard to be her friend? And why can't she ever get what she deserves?

General Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023
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FALLING OUT OF TIME
THE SEQUEL TO RUNNING OUT OF TIME
Running Out of Time • Book 2
Margaret Peterson Haddix

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“Haddix’s premise and plotline are strong on raw appeal, so fans of the original story who are primed to cheer for Zola will be . . . pleased.” — Kirkus Reviews

Twelve-year-old Zola thinks she has the perfect life. She thinks everyone does, now that it's 2193, and humanity has solved all its problems. Insta-Closets deliver new clothes every morning, Insta-Ovens deliver gourmet meals on demand, and virtual reality goggles let her have any adventure she wants. Then one day Zola finds a handwritten note in her Insta-Closet: If you want to see things as they really are, come find me. She discovers a printed book in her Insta-Closet called *The Jessie Keyser Story: How One Girl Escaped from Clifton Village*. Zola wonders: Who is Jessie Keyser, and why does she look like her . . . and what else do they have in common?

Juvenile Adventure | Releases 8/16/2023 | Available in Middle Reader 5.

THE WINDEBY PUZZLE ★
HISTORY AND STORY
Lois Lowry

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
INDIE NEXT PICK
NEWBERRY MEDAL-WINNING AUTHOR

“Expertly written and beautifully engaging, readers will be transfixed with actual photographs and more than one explanation of this grim mystery. A first purchase for libraries.” — starred School Library Journal

Estrild is not like the other girls in her village; she wants to be a warrior. Varick, the orphan boy who helps her train in spite of his twisted back, also stands apart. In a world where differences are poorly tolerated, just how much danger are they in?

Juvenile Adventure | Releases 8/16/2023 | Available in Middle Reader 5.

MIHI EVER AFTER

Mihi Ever After • Book 1
Tae Keller

NEWBERRY MEDAL-WINNING AUTHOR

“Keller leans into the power of fairy tales, friendship, and self-acceptance via this quickly paced fantasy. Familiar elements combine with vivid storytelling and cartoon renderings . . . to underline themes of adventure and self-discovery.” — Publishers Weekly

Mihi Whan Park loves fairy tales. She wants to be a princess more than anything, but everyone tells her she’s not the princess type. Then Mihi gets her shot: When she and her new friends Savannah and Reese discover a portal to a fairy tale realm, they get a chance to learn how to be princesses! But the fairy tale world turns out not to be the wonderful place Mihi imagined. Soon, Savannah and Reese decide they're ready to go home, and Mihi has to decide where her loyalties lie: With her friends and her future at home, or with her princess dreams?

Juvenile Adventure | Releases 8/16/2023 | Available in Middle Reader 5.
A GIANT PROBLEM
Mihi Ever After • Book 2
Tae Keller
NEWBERRY MEDAL-WINNING AUTHOR
“Keller deftly explores both perseverance and the evolving nature of friendships that sometimes need to end.” — Kirkus Reviews
After barely surviving their last trip to the Rainbow Realm, Mihi Whan Park and her friends Reese and Savannah know that stepping back through the library refrigerator and into the magical fairy-tale world would be dangerous. But when they discover that Genevieve has crossed into the Rainbow Realm herself, they decide they must bring her home. When they arrive, they find the world has changed. Atop an enormous beanstalk, a giant wreaks havoc on the realm, and Genevieve isn’t the only one who needs saving. Now Mihi and her friends must team up with villains, concoct a magical disguise, and infiltrate a party full of fearsome creatures. What could possibly go wrong?
Juvenile Adventure | Releases 8/16/2023
Available in Middle Reader 5.

ON AIR WITH ZOE WASHINGTON
Zoe Washington Series • Book 2
Janae Marks
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“A delightful and inspiring read.” — School Library Journal
Two years ago, Zoe Washington helped clear Marcus’ name for a crime he didn’t commit. Now her birth father has been released from prison, so everything should be perfect. When Marcus reveals his dream of opening his own restaurant, Zoe becomes determined to help him achieve it. However, starting a new place is much more difficult than it looks, and Marcus is having a harder time re-entering society than anyone expected. Set on finding a solution, Zoe starts a podcast to bring light to the exonerees’ experiences and fundraise for their restaurant. After all, Zoe knows the power of using her voice. But with waning public interest, will anyone still be listening?
Juvenile General Fiction | Releases 8/16/2023
Available in Middle Reader 5.

CURSED
Gilded Duology • Book 2
Marissa Meyer
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER
“Those waiting with bated breath for the sequel to Gilded will be pleased with this well-spun finale.” — School Library Journal
Adalheid Castle is in chaos. Serilda finds herself ensnared in a deadly game of make-believe with the Erlking, who is determined to propel her deeper into the castle’s lies. Meanwhile, Serilda is determined to work with Gild to help solve the mystery of his forgotten name and past. But soon it becomes clear that the Erlking seeks vengeance against the seven gods who have long trapped the Dark Ones behind the veil. Can Serilda find a way to use her storytelling gifts for good — once and for all? And can Serilda and Gild break the spells that tether their spirits to the castle before the Endless Moon finds them truly cursed?
Young Adult Fantasy | Releases 8/2/2023
Available in Young Adult 1 & 2.

HOUSE OF ROOTS AND RUIN
Sisters of the Salt • Book 2
Erin A. Craig
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“Steamy, suspenseful, and sensuous.” — Kirkus Reviews
Verity Thaumas has remained at her family’s estate with her sister Camille, while their sisters have scattered across Arcannia. When their sister Mercy sends word that the Duchess of Bloem is interested in having Verity paint a portrait of her son, Alexander, Camille won’t allow it. Forced to reveal the secret she’s kept for years, Camille tells Verity the truth: Verity is still seeing ghosts, she just doesn’t know it. Verity flees and makes her way to Bloem. She is quickly drawn to Alexander Laurent and soon, to her surprise, a romance blossoms. But it’s not long before Verity is plagues with nightmares and the darker side of Bloem begins to show through its façade.
Young Adult Fantasy | Releases 8/2/2023
Available in Young Adult 1 & 2.
ZYLA & KAI
Kristina Forest
“A charming, eminently readable love story with relatable characters.” — starred, School Library Journal
While on a school trip to the Poconos Mountains high school seniors Zyla Matthews and Kai Johnson run away together leaving their friends and family confused. As far as everyone knows, Zyla and Kai have been broken up for months. And honestly? Their breakup hadn't surprised anyone. Zyla and Kai met while working together at an amusement park the previous summer, and they couldn't have been more different. Zyla was a cynic about love. Her only aim was graduating and going to fashion school abroad. Until she met Kai. Kai was a serial dater and a hopeless romantic. He’d put a temporary pause on his dating life before senior year to focus on school and getting into his dream HBCU. Until he met Zyla.

Young Adult Romance | Releases 8/16/2023

WHEN THE ANGELS LEFT THE OLD COUNTRY
Sacha Lamb
STONEWALL BOOK AWARD WINNER
“Lamb's historical fiction novel brings soft queer joy to a compelling tale of immigrants and unions and Jewish folklore.” — starred, School Library Journal
Uriel the angel and Little Ash (short for Ashmedai) are the only two supernatural creatures in their shtetl. The angel and the demon have been studying together for centuries, but pogroms and the search for a new life have drawn all the young people from their village to America. When one of those young emigrants goes missing, Uriel and Little Ash set off to find her. Along the way the angel and demon encounter humans in need of their help. But there are obstacles ahead of them as difficult as what they've left behind. Medical exams (and demons) at Ellis Island. Corrupt officials, cruel mob bosses, murderers, poverty. The streets are far from paved with gold.

Young Adult Fantasy | Releases 8/16/2023

A STORM OF WISHES
The Collectors • Book 2
Jacqueline West
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
2019 SCHNEIDER FAMILY BOOK AWARD HONOR AWARD SERIES
“The author skillfully employs the classic setup of a regular kid swept up in magical events . . . A warm and enchanting read.” — Kirkus Reviews
It's been only a few weeks since Van uncovered a magical secret — that wishes really can come true. Van knows too well how wishing can go awry: his mother is recovering from a broken leg, his friend Pebble has been stolen away by the evil wish collector Mr. Falborg, dozens of dangerous creatures called Wish Eaters have escaped into the world, and Van himself has almost died all because of wishes. When Van’s mother is offered a position at the Fox Den Opera, she whisks Van away with her. But Fox Den is home to an ancient Wish Eater that Mr. Falborg would love to get his hands on. Van must find a way to stop him before he makes a wish that leaves the world in chaos.

Juvenile Adventure | Releases 8/16/2023
THE SCHOOL FOR WHATNOTS
Margaret Peterson Haddix

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**
**INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION’S CHILDREN’S BOOK AWARD WINNING AUTHOR**

“A solid purchase with appeal for older readers; recommended for any library, but especially those where sci-fi and mysteries circulate well.” — School Library Journal

No matter what anyone tells you, I'm real. That's what the note says that Max finds under his keyboard. He knows his best friend, Josie, wrote it. But why she wrote it — and what it means — remains a mystery. Ever since they met in kindergarten, Max and Josie have been inseparable. Until the summer after fifth grade, when Josie disappears, leaving only a note and whispering something about “whatnot rules.” But why would Max ever think Josie wasn't real? And what are whatnots? As Max sets to uncover what happened to Josie, little does he know she's fighting to find him again, too. But there are forces trying to keep Max and Josie from ever seeing each other again. Because Josie wasn't supposed to be real.


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HEROES OF THE WATER MONSTER
Brian Young

Edward feels ready to move in with his dad's girlfriend and her son, Nathan. And Nathan is glad to have found a new guardian for Dew, the young water monster who has been Nathan's responsibility for two years. But Edward has a lot to learn about taking care of a water monster. And fast. Because Dew's big sister, the powerful Yitoo Bi’aanii, is coming up to Fourth World to instruct Dew. She suspects a monstrous and enormous Enemy from the Hero Twins stories has returned and is stealing water from all of the Navajo Nation. In their search for the Modern Enemy, Nathan, Edward, Dew, and Yitoo must confront their past and their inner selves if they are to save the Fourth World from a devastating disaster.


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THE COLLECTORS
The Collectors • Book 1
Jacqueline West

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**
**2019 SCHNEIDER FAMILY BOOK AWARD HONOR BOOK**

"West has constructed a fast-paced and engaging tale of a boy wrestling with the consequences of power and responsibility.” — Kirkus Reviews

Van has always been an outsider. He's hard of hearing, collects trinkets, and lives with his single mother — an opera singer with a huge personality. Then one day, Van notices a girl stealing pennies from a fountain, and everything changes. He follows the girl, Pebble, and uncovers an underground society full of wishes and the people who collect them. Not all wishes are good and even good wishes often have unintended consequences, and the Collectors have made it their duty to protect us. But they aren't the only ones who have their eyes on the world's wishes — and they may not be the good guys, after all.


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