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A CHRISTMAS MEMORY
Richard Paul Evans
EDITOR'S CHOICE #3 TITLE
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR
It's 1967, and for young Richard it's a time of heartbreak and turmoil. Over the span of a few months, his brother, Mark, is killed in Vietnam; his father loses his job and moves the family to Utah; and his parents separate. When Richard is run down by bullies at his new school, he meets Mr. Foster, an elderly neighbor who chases off the bullies. Richard becomes friends with the man who inspires Richard's love for books and whose dog becomes his closest companion. With Mr. Foster's wisdom and kindness, Richard learns what truly matters: that forgiveness can heal the deepest wounds, and love endures long after the pain of loss subsides.

General Fiction | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Basic 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

THE OLD PLACE
A NOVEL
Bobby Finger
INDIE NEXT PICK
“Finger handles the nature of Kenny and Michael's friendship and the town's reaction with unexpected nuance, showing the problematic confusion in how people see themselves, see others, and assume they are seen by others.” — starred, Kirkus Reviews
A few months into her retirement, Mary Alice Roth does not know how to fill her days. At least there's Ellie, who stops by each morning for coffee. Mary Alice and Ellie were a pair since the day Ellie moved in next door. That they both were single mothers with sons the same age was a pleasant coincidence, but they were forever linked when they lost the boys, one right after the other. Years later, the two are working their way back to a comfortable friendship. But when Mary Alice's sister arrives with staggering news, her friendship with Ellie is put at risk and the unflappable fixture that is Mary Alice Roth might have to change after all.

ISBN: 9798885781299 | $34.99 U.S.
General Fiction | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Basic 5, 6, 7 & 8.

RULES AT THE SCHOOL BY THE SEA
Little School by the Sea • Book 2
Jenny Colgan
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
Maggie Adair's first year as a teacher at Downey House was a surprising success. Now engaged to her longtime boyfriend, Stan, Maggie's just got to stop thinking about David McDonald, her colleague at the boys' school down the road. Even as Maggie tries to stay within the lines, rules are being broken all around her. Maggie's boss, headmistress Veronica Deveral, has more to lose than anyone. When Daniel Stapleton joins the faculty, Veronica finds herself forced to confront a scandalous secret she thought she'd buried forever. How long will she be able to keep her past under wraps?

Women's Fiction | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Basic 6, 7 & 8.
THE MARSH QUEEN
Virginia Hartman

“Hartman’s first novel is interwoven with strong natural history themes, evoking the works of Barbara Kingsolver.” — Library Journal

When Loni Murrow receives a call summoning her back home to help their mother recover after an accident, Loni finds herself exactly where she does not want to be. Going through her mother’s things, Loni uncovers snippets of a childhood marked by her father’s death by drowning and her mother’s persistent bad mood. When Loni comes across a cryptic note from a stranger, she begins a quest to discover the truth while struggling to reconnect with her mother and reconcile with her brother. To make matters worse, she meets a man whose charm threatens everything she’s worked toward. Pulled between worlds, Loni must decide whether to avenge the past or bury it once and for all.

General Fiction | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Basic 7 & 8.

THE FREDERICK SISTERS ARE LIVING THE DREAM
A NOVEL
Jeannie Zusy

“This admirable story offers an excellent view into the struggles of family caregiving.” — Publishers Weekly

Every family has its fault lines, and when Maggie gets a call from the ER in Maryland, the cracks start to appear. Ginny, her diabetic older sister with intellectual disabilities, has overdosed on strawberry Jell-O. Maggie knows Ginny can’t live on her own, so she brings her to upstate New York. It will take all of Maggie’s dark humor and patience, already spread thin after a separation, raising two boys, and starting a dating life, to deal with Ginny. Add two aides and a soon-to-be ex-husband who won’t go away, and you’ve got a story that will leave you laughing as you wonder who is actually taking care of whom.

General Fiction | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Basic 8.
THE CHOICE
The Dragon Heart Legacy • Book 3
Nora Roberts

EDITOR'S CHOICE #2 TITLE
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Breen Siobhan Kelly is trying to heal after a terrible battle. Her grandfather, the dark god Odran, has been defeated in his attempt to rule over Talamh, and over Breen — for now. Breen dedicates herself to writing her stories, and when his duties permit, she is with Keegan, who has trained her as a warrior and whom she has grown to love. It's Keegan who's at her side when the enemy's witches appear to her in her sleep, practicing black magick, sacrificing the innocent, and plotting destruction for Breen. Soon, she will seek out those in desperate need of rescue and confront the darkness with every weapon she has.

Fantasy | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Core 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

NIGHT SHIFT
Robin Cook

EDITOR'S CHOICE #2 TITLE
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Colleagues turned spouses Dr. Laurie Montgomery and Dr. Jack Stapleton already have their plates full. The last thing they need is a murder. When Laurie’s longtime friend Dr. Sue Passero dies in the hospital parking garage, an autopsy is required. With his curiosity sparked by the mystery around Sue’s death, Jack sets out to investigate on-site at Manhattan Memorial Hospital, even though it means defying the Office of Chief Medical Examiner's rules. What started out as an inquiry into Sue’s tragic passing soon turns into a deadly chess game between Jack and the clever and deranged killer, who might just administer another lethal blow if Jack isn’t careful.

Thriller | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Core 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

W. E. B. GRIFFIN THE DEVIL’S WEAPONS
MEN AT WAR
Peter Kirsanow

EDITOR’S CHOICE #6 TITLE
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

April 1940. By terms of the Soviet Nazi Nonaggression pact, the two dictatorships divided the nation of Poland. Now, the Russians are rounding up enemies of the state, but one essential target slips away. Dr. Sebastian Kapsky had spent years working with Walter Riedel and Werner von Braun, but he refused to continue when he saw the perversion of their work by the Nazis. The Soviets are desperate to grab him, but Wild Bill Donovan knows there's only one man who can find him in the middle of a war zone and get him out — Dick Canidy.

Thriller | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Core 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.
A WORLD OF CURIOSITIES
A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel (18)
Louise Penny
EDITOR'S CHOICE #4 TITLE
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

It’s spring and Three Pines is re-emerging after the harsh winter. As the villagers prepare for a special celebration, Armand Gamache and Jean-Guy Beauvoir find themselves increasingly worried. A young man and woman have reappeared in the Sûreté du Québec investigators’ lives after many years. The two were young children when their mother was murdered. Now they’ve arrived in Three Pines. But to what end? As Chief Inspector Gamache works to uncover answers, there are hidden messages warning of mayhem and revenge and an old enemy is released into Armand Gamache’s home.

Mystery | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Core 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

HUNTING TIME
A Colter Shaw Novel • Book 4
Jeffery Deaver
EDITOR'S CHOICE #5 TITLE
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Allison Parker is on the run with her teenage daughter, Hannah, and Colter Shaw has been hired by her boss, Marty Harmon, to find and protect her. Allison’s being stalked by her ex-husband, Jon Merritt, whose former profession as a police detective makes him uniquely suited for the hunt. And he’s not alone. Two hitmen are also hot on her heels — a pair of thugs who take delight not only in murder but in the sport of devising clever ways to make bodies disappear forever. As Shaw ventures further into the wilderness, the truth becomes as hard to decipher as the forest’s unmarked trails, and peril awaits at every turn.

Thriller | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Core 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

TOM CLANCY RED WINTER
A Jack Ryan Novel • Book 22
Marc Cameron
EDITOR’S CHOICE #7 TITLE
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

As President of the United States, Jack Ryan wields unimaginable power, but there’s one foe he can’t hope to defeat: the shadows in his past. Now, one of them has resurfaced and threatens not just his presidency, but the security of the entire Western world.

Thriller | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Core 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.
**ALL THE BROKEN PLACES**  
**A NOVEL**  
John Boyne

*NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR*  
*A STAND-ALONE ADULT NOVEL INSPIRED BY A CHARACTER FROM A WORLDWIDE CLASSIC: THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS*

Gretel Fernsby lives a quiet life despite her disturbing past. She doesn't talk about her escape from Nazi Germany at age 12. She doesn't talk about the grim post-war years. Most of all, she doesn't talk about her father, who was the commandant of one of the Reich's most notorious extermination camps. Then, a new family moves into the apartment below her. Gretel can't help but begin a friendship with the little boy, Henry. One night, she witnesses a violent argument between Henry's mother and father. Now, Gretel faces a similar crossroads to one she encountered long ago. This time, she can make a different choice than before — whatever the cost to herself.

*Historical Fiction | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Core 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.*

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**BEST OF FRIENDS**  
*Kamila Shamsie*

“Sophisticated and poignant . . . [Brings] exquisite nuance to its depiction of long-lasting friendship.” — Kirkus Reviews

Zahra and Maryam have been best friends since childhood in Karachi, even though — or maybe because — they are unlike in nearly every way. Yet they never speak of the differences in their backgrounds or their values, not even after the fateful night when a moment of adolescent impulse upends their plans for the future. Three decades later, Zahra and Maryam have grown into powerful women who have each cut a distinctive path through London. But when two troubling figures from their past resurface, they must finally confront their bedrock differences — and find out whether their friendship can survive.

*General Fiction | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Core 7 & 8.*

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**THE BLAME GAME**  
**A NOVEL**  
Sandie Jones

“[Aficionados of Jones's work will find this tantalizing psychological fare worth their time.” — Library Journal

As a psychologist specializing in domestic abuse, Naomi has found it hard to avoid becoming overly invested in her clients’ lives. But after helping Jacob make the decision to leave his wife, Naomi worries that he’s taken things too far. Then Jacob goes missing, and her files on him vanish. But as the police start asking questions about Jacob, Naomi’s own dark past emerges. And as the truth comes to light, it seems that it’s not just her clients who are in danger.

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**THE FORTUNES OF JADAED WOMEN**  
**A NOVEL**  
Carolyn Huynh

GMA BOOK CLUB PICK  
*INDIE NEXT*

“A funny, sharp, and insightful look at family bonds and the effects of tradition on modern life.” — Kirkus Reviews

Everyone knew the Duong sisters were cursed. It started with their ancestor, Oanh, who dared to leave her marriage for true love — so a Vietnamese witch cursed Oanh and her descendants so that they would never find love or happiness. Oanh’s descendant Mai Nguyen is divorced and estranged from her sisters, Minh Pham and Khuyen Lam. Though Mai’s three daughters are successful in their careers, the same can’t be said for their love lives. Desperate for guidance, Mai consults her psychic, who delivers an unexpected prediction. This prophecy will reunite estranged mothers, daughters, aunts, and cousins for better or for worse.

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WYOMING HOMECOMING
Wyoming Men • Book 11
Diana Palmer
EDITOR’S CHOICE #8 TITLE
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
When Sheriff Cody Banks’s wife died, he blamed Abby Brennan for the illness he’s sure killed Deborah and, in his grief, made sure she knew it. Looking back now, he knows that his behavior was likely the reason Abby left town years ago. So when he sees her, Cody attempts to apologize. The only reason Abby returned to Catelow, Wyoming, was to bury her last living relative. She has studiously avoided Cody Banks ever since he made it clear how much he resents her, focusing instead on raising her young niece and keeping her own family legacy alive. But when Abby inherits the property adjoining Cody’s, she can’t help but face the handsome sheriff who still lingers in her memory. Circumstances keep pulling them together, but has time healed their wounds and given them a chance at a happily-ever-after?

Romance | Releases 12/7/2022
Available in Wheeler Hardcover 3, 4 & 5.

THE LOST TICKET
Freya Sampson
“This is an engaging read that touches on aging and the physical incapacities it brings, lost and misplaced love, the power of accepting people as they truly are, finding the reliance to build a life on one’s own, and the family that can be forged in friendships.” — Kirkus Reviews
When Libby Nicholls arrives in London, the first person she meets on the bus is elderly Frank. He tells her about the time in 1962 that he met a girl on the number 88 bus with beautiful red hair just like her. They made plans for a date at the National Gallery art museum, but Frank lost the bus ticket with her number on it. For the past sixty years, he’s ridden the same bus trying to find her, but with no luck. Libby is inspired to action, but with Frank’s dementia progressing quickly, their chance of finding the girl is slipping away. Their quest shows Libby how important it is to embrace her own chances for happiness before it’s too late.

General Fiction | Releases 12/7/2022
Available in Wheeler Hardcover 4 & 5.

STAY AWAKE
A NOVEL
Megan Goldin
“Shocking twists and resourceful, well-drawn female characters keep the pages turning as the clever mystery unfolds. Goldin reliably entertains.” — Publishers Weekly
Liv Reese wakes up in a taxi with no idea where she is or how she got there. When she’s dropped off at the door of her brownstone, a stranger answers. She reaches for her phone to call for help, only to discover in its place is a bloodstained knife. Her hands are covered in scribbled messages: STAY AWAKE. She’s horrified to see reports of a crime scene where the victim’s blood has been used to scrawl a message similar to the one inked on her hands. What did she do last night? Liv finds herself on the run for a crime she doesn’t remember committing. But there’s someone who knows what she did, and they’ll do anything to make her forget — permanently.

Thriller | Releases 12/7/2022
Available in Wheeler Hardcover 5.

HOPE CREEK
The New Americana Series • Book 6
Janet Dailey
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
For Kit Teague, Hope Creek, South Carolina, is filled with joyful memories of being out on the water with her beloved father. But her hometown is also the place where her mother battled mental illness and lost. Returning home, Kit discovers a family divided by grief and wounds so deep her twin sister has turned against their father and Kit. Viv has barricaded herself behind Beau Sutton, the boy Kit once loved from afar. The man who stirs something deep within Kit even now. Neither the whispered scandals of the past nor the rift between their families will keep her from discovering the joy she and Beau can share.

Contemporary Romance | Releases 12/7/2022
Available in Hardcover Westerns 2, 3 & 4.
THE AMERICAN ADVENTURESS
A NOVEL
C. W. Gortner

"This well-researched novel is a solid introduction to the life of a spirited woman determined to challenge the mores of her time." — Library Journal

Daughter of New York financier Leonard Jerome, Jennie was born into wealth — and scandal. Upon her parents’ separation, her mother took Jennie and her sisters to Paris, where Mrs. Jerome was determined to marry her daughters into elite families. The glamorous city became their tumultuous finishing school until it fell to revolt. Fleeing to Queen Victoria’s England, Jennie caught the eye of Randolph Spencer-Churchill, son of the Duke of Marlborough. It was love at first sight, their marriage driven by ambition and the birth of two sons. When her son Winston launched his brilliant political career, Jennie guided him to success, his most vocal and valuable supporter.

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General Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022

THE THREAD COLLECTORS
A NOVEL
Shaunna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman

1863. In a small Creole cottage in New Orleans, a young Black woman named Stella embroiders intricate maps on repurposed cloth to help enslaved men flee and join the Union Army. Meanwhile, in New York City, a Jewish woman stitches a quilt for her husband, who is stationed in Louisiana with the Union Army. When months go by without word from her husband, Lily resolves to make the perilous journey South to search for him. As these two women risk everything for love and freedom during the Civil War, their paths converge in New Orleans, where an encounter leads them to discover that even the most delicate threads have the capacity to save us.

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DINNERS WITH RUTH
A MEMOIR ON THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIPS
Nina Totenberg

“An affectionate, revealing portrait of an important figure in American history.” — Kirkus Reviews

Four years before Nina Totenberg was hired at NPR and nearly twenty-two years before Ruth Bader Ginsburg was appointed to the Supreme Court, Nina called Ruth. Nina was curious about Ruth’s legal brief, asking the Supreme Court to declare a law that discriminated “on the basis of sex” to be unconstitutional. Dinners with Ruth is an account of two women who paved the way for future generations by tearing down barriers. It also weaves together portraits of other women and men from Nina’s life. Inspiring and revelatory, Dinners with Ruth is a story of the joy and meaning of friendship.

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Memoir | Releases 12/7/2022
WISE GALS
THE SPIES WHO BUILT THE CIA AND CHANGED THE FUTURE OF ESPIONAGE
Nathalia Holt
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“A vivid group biography of five strong-willed women who held significant positions in the early years of the CIA.” — Kirkus Reviews
In the wake of World War II, four agents were critical in helping build the CIA. Adelaide Hawkins, Mary Hutchison, Eloise Page, and Elizabeth Sudmeier were groundbreaking agents at the top of their class, instrumental in developing innovative tools for intelligence gathering and insisting that they receive the credit and pay their expertise deserved. Meticulously researched and beautifully told, Wise Gals sheds a light on the untold history of the women whose persistence and fighting spirit have been and continue to be instrumental to our country’s security.
Biography | Releases 12/21/2022 | Available in Nonfiction 2 & 3.

THE YEAR OF THE PUPPY
HOW DOGS BECOME THEMSELVES
Alexandra Horowitz
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“A fascinating beauty of a book that will add immensely to the world of dog research and will thrill dog owners.” — Library Journal
Alexandra Horowitz makes new sense of a dog’s behavior in a way that is missed when the focus is only on training. She keeps a lens on the puppy’s point of view. She’s there when the puppies first open their eyes, first start to recognize one another, and learn about cats and people. She also draws from the ample research in the fields of dog and human development to draw analogies between a dog’s first year and the growing child — and to note where they diverge. The Year of the Puppy is indispensable for anyone navigating their way through the frustrating, amusing, and ultimately delightful first year of a puppy’s life.
Non-Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022 | Available in Nonfiction 2 & 3.

RESILIENT
RESTORING YOUR WEARY SOUL IN THESE TURBULENT TIMES
John Eldredge
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
In Resilient, Eldredge reveals a path toward genuine recovery and resilience through Jesus himself. Drawing on wisdom from Scripture and Christian tradition, and illustrated with powerful, true stories of grit and survival, Resilient will help you tap into the river of life that God promises his people. Genuine recovery from spiritual and emotional trauma takes time and intentionality. Thriving requires a resilient soul. This book will help you find the resilience you long for when the world has gone mad — and discover in Jesus himself the strength that prevails.
Non-Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022 | Available in Nonfiction 3.
THE LAST HOUSEWIFE ★
A NOVEL
Ashley Winstead
LIBRARY READS PICK
“A story that needs to be told—about misogyny, sexual violence, and human trafficking, and how innocent trust can lead to abusive seduction.” — starred, Library Journal

In college, Shay Evans and her best friends met a man who seduced them with a web of lies, bringing them under his thrall. By senior year, Shay and her friend Laurel were the only ones who managed to escape. Now, eight years later, Shay's built a new life. But when she hears the news of Laurel's death, she begins to suspect that the past is still very much alive. When Shay's obsession with uncovering the truth becomes so consuming she can no longer separate her desire for justice from darker desires newly reawakened, she must confront the depths of her own complicity and conditioning. But is justice even possible, and if so, how far will Shay go to get it?

General Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022

THE OTHER SIDE OF NIGHT
A NOVEL
Adam Hamdy

“Hamdy's deviously twisty tale of fate and coincidence, love and courage, and profoundly tough choices will shock, stir, and haunt readers long after the final page.” — starred, Publishers Weekly

The Other Side of Night begins with a man named David Asha writing about his sudden separation from his son, Elliot. Next, we step into the life of Harriet Kealty, a police officer trying to clear her name after a lapse of judgment. She discovers a curious inscription in a book: Help me, he's trying to kill me. This note leads Harri to David, who was last seen stepping off a cliff. Police suspect he couldn't cope after his wife's death. Still, why would this man leave behind his young son? Quickly, Harri's attention zeroes in on Ben Elmys: once the love of her life. A surrogate father to Elliot and trusted friend to the Ashas. Ben may also be a murderer.

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General Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022

THE FINALISTS ★
David Bell

“[A] compelling account of how for some people will go to achieve their dreams.” — Kirkus Reviews

On a spring day, six college students gather to compete for the prestigious Hyde Fellowship. Milo, the front-runner; Natalia, the brain; James, the rule follower; Sydney, the athlete; Duffy, the cowboy; Emily, the social justice warrior. They enter Hyde House and are not allowed to leave until they spend eight hours with a college administrator and Nicholas Hyde, the privileged and irresponsible heir to the Hyde family fortune. If the students leave before time is up, they’ll be disqualified. But when one of the six finalists drops dead, the others fear they’re being picked off one by one. With no way to escape, the survivors viciously turn on each other.

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General Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022
A HARD DAY FOR A HANGOVER
Sunshine Vicram Series • Book 3
Darynda Jones

Some people greet the day with open arms. Sheriff Sunshine Vicram would rather give it a hearty shove and get back into bed, because there's just too much going on right now. There's a series of women going missing. There's her daughter Auri, who's singlehandedly out to become Del Sol’s youngest and fiercest investigator. And then there's drama with Levi Ravinder. The guy who comes from a family of vipers looking to oust him — and Sunshine — for good. The final novel in a three-arc trilogy, A Hard Day for a Hangover is the finale to the Sunshine Vicram series that will have you laughing and cheering all the way to the end.

Mystery | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Mystery 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

TO KILL A TROUBADOUR
A BRUNO, CHIEF OF POLICE NOVEL
Martin Walker

Les Troubadours, a folk music group, go viral with their new number, “Song for Catalonia,” when the Spanish government bans the song. The songwriter, Joel Martin, sympathizes with the Catalan bid for independence. Then, police discover a bullet for a sniper's rifle, and they fear Joel might be the intended target. The French and Spanish governments agree to mount a joint operation to stop the assailants, and Bruno mobilizes his resources to track them down. Despite the pressures, there is always time for Bruno to savor les plaisirs of the Dordogne around the table with friends.

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Mystery | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Mystery 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

BARK TO THE FUTURE
A CHET & BERNIE MYSTERY
Spencer Quinn

When Chet the dog and his human partner, PI Bernie Little, are approached by a man with a cardboard sign at an exit ramp, Bernie is shocked to discover the man is a former teammate from his high school baseball team. Later, Bernie investigates Rocket's past, trying to figure out what exactly went wrong. Then, Rocket goes suspiciously missing. With his former teammate likely in danger, Bernie goes back to his old high school for answers, where much that he remembers turns out not to be true. Now, Chet and Bernie are plunged into a dangerous case where the past isn't dead and the future could be fatal.

Mystery | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Mystery 3, 4, 5 & 6.
ARGYLES AND ARSENIC
THE HIGHLAND BOOKSHOP MYSTERY SERIES
Molly MacRae

“What's not to like about a knitting competition, Scottish scenery, books, and scones?” — Publishers Weekly

Violet MacAskill is ready to simplify her life. She'll throw a decluttering party at her family home near Inversgail, Scotland. Violet sets aside everything she needs, then she invites her friends in to help themselves to all that’s left. Not everyone who attends has a good time, though. Wendy Erskine, director of the Inversgail museum, is found dead and rumors swirl about food poisoning. Then Violet tells Constable Hobbs that a tin of rat poison is missing. Poisonous games are afoot in Inversgail and the women of Yon Bonnie Books are playing to win.

Mystery | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Mystery 4, 5 & 6.

MISS ALDRIDGE REGrets
A CANARY CLUB MYSTERY
Louise Hare

“With vividly drawn characters, this exciting blend of murder mystery and historical romance is hard to put down.” — Library Journal

London, 1936. Lena Aldridge is stuck singing in a basement club in Soho. She's feeling hopeless until a stranger offers her a starring role on Broadway and a first-class ticket on the Queen Mary bound for New York. After a murder at the club, the timing couldn't be better, and Lena jumps at the chance to escape England. But death follows her onboard when a wealthy family draws her into their fold just as one among them is killed in a chillingly familiar way. As Lena navigates the Abernathy's increasingly bizarre family dynamic, she realizes that her greatest performance won't be for an audience, but for her life.

Mystery | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Mystery 5 & 6.

THE STILLS
The Kinship Series
Jess Montgomery

“A beautifully written, finely crafted, character-based mystery that uses historical detail to enhance a powerful story.” — starred, Kirkus Reviews

Ohio, 1927. Moonshining is a way of life in rural Bronwyn County, and even the otherwise upstanding Sheriff Lily Ross has been known to turn a blind eye when it comes to stills in the area. But when thirteen-year-old Zebediah Harkins almost dies after drinking tainted moonshine, Lily knows that someone has gone too far, and — with the help of moonshiner Marvena Whitcomb — is determined to find out who. She starts to peel back the layers of deception shrouding the town of Kinship, but soon she discovers that many around her seem to be betraying those they hold dear — and that Fiona too may have an agenda of her own.

Mystery | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Mystery 6.
THE PLOT THICKETS
A GARDEN SQUAD MYSTERY
Julia Henry

With spring’s arrival, Lilly and the Beautification Committee turn their eyes to a cleanup of the Goosebush Cemetery after Lilly and Delia find the plots sorely neglected and inexplicably rearranged. Whitney Dunne-Bradford snapped up custodianship of the graveyard once she inherited Bradford Funeral Homes, but before Lilly can get to the bottom of the tombstone tampering, she stumbles upon Whitney’s body at the Jayne family mausoleum. Plenty of folks had bones to pick with Whitney, but when the homicide inquiry targets an old friend, Lilly and the Garden Squad must rally to exhume the truth before the killer buries it forever.

Cozy Mystery | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Softcover Cozy Mysteries 3 & 4.

TO THE TOME OF MURDER
A BEYOND THE PAGE BOOKSTORE MYSTERY
Lauren Elliott

Addie’s determined to turn a seemingly ordinary November in coastal Greyborne Harbor into one for the books. But when she finds her cousin’s boyfriend murdered, a stunned Addie reluctantly realizes she may be the only person who can blow the cover off a grisly crime. With so many unanswered questions surrounding the victim’s death, Addie must figure out the strange connection between a mysterious vintage briefcase, the disappearance of a first edition copy of Sarah Josepha Hale’s famous nursery rhyme “Mary Had a Little Lamb,” and a dangerously well-read culprit.

Cozy Mystery | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Softcover Cozy Mysteries 3 & 4.

WHISKERS AND LIES
A MAGICAL CATS MYSTERY
Sofie Kelly

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Baker Georgia Tepper has been hired to provide cupcakes for the Reading Buddies Halloween Party at the library, and she and Kathleen are meeting to finalize the menu of festive confections. Unfortunately, Georgia’s former mother-in-law ambushes her at the library and threatens Georgia with legal action. When Georgia’s litigious in-law is later found dead and the friendly baker is implicated, Kathleen is eager to help prove her innocence. Kathleen and her intrepid magical cats, Hercules and Owen, have solved their fair share of mysteries. As a result, she knows that she can make sure the right criminal is booked.

Cozy Mystery | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Softcover Cozy Mysteries 3 & 4.

MURDER AT THE TAFFY SHOP
A COZY CAPERS BOOK GROUP MYSTERY
Maddie Day

Mac loves to puzzle out clues in the mystery novels she reads and discusses with her Cozy Capers Book Group. But now Mac’s friend Gin has found herself in a sticky situation. After genealogist Beverly Ruchart is found dead outside Gin’s taffy shop, the candy maker becomes a person of interest. When it’s revealed that Beverly was poisoned the night Gin brought a box of taffy to Beverly’s house, she’s bumped to the top of the suspects list. It’s up to Mac and her Cozy Capers crime solvers to unwrap this real-life mystery. But this time they might have bitten off more than they can chew.

Cozy Mystery | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Softcover Cozy Mysteries 4.
THE ATTIC CHILD
A NOVEL
Lola Jaye

1907. Twelve-year-old Celestine spends most of his time locked in an attic room of a large house. Taken from his homeland and treated as an unpaid servant, he dreams of his family in Africa. Decades later, Lowra, a young orphan girl born into wealth and privilege, will find herself banished to the same attic. Lying under the floorboards of the room is an old porcelain doll, an unusual beaded claw necklace and, most curiously, a sentence etched on the wall behind an old cupboard, written in an unidentifiable language. Artifacts that will offer her a strange kind of comfort, and lead her to believe that she was not the first child to be imprisoned there.

Historical Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Black Voices 2, 3 & 4.

THE SCENT OF BURNT FLOWERS
A NOVEL
Blitz Bazawule

“"This story has magic, political conspiracy, and romance, along with the historical elements of the U.S. civil rights movement and Ghanaian colonization.” — Library Journal

When the windshield of his Chevy Impala shatters in a parking lot in Alabama, Melvin moves without thinking. The safety of his fiancée, Bernadette, is at stake. Impulse keeps them alive, yet they flee with blood on their hands. What is life like now that they are fugitives? The couple disguise themselves as a pastor and a pastor's wife. With a persistent FBI agent on their trail, they travel to Ghana to seek the help of Melvin's old college friend who happens to be the country's president, Kwame Nkrumah. What was meant to be a fresh start quickly spirals into chaos. All three must confront one another and their secrets, setting off a series of cataclysmic events.

Historical Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Black Voices 2, 3 & 4.

AN OLIVE GROVE IN ENDS
Moses McKenzie

"Drug violence, religious strife, and a star-crossed romance play out in this Shakespearean tale set in a Bristol neighborhood of Caribbean and Somali immigrants called Ends."
— starred, Kirkus Reviews

Sayon Hughes longs to escape the volatile Bristol neighborhood known as Ends and forge a better life with Shona, the girl he's loved since grade school. With few paths out, he is drawn into dealing drugs. Sayon is on the cusp of making a clean break when an altercation with a rival dealer turns deadly and an expected witness threatens blackmail, upending his plans. Sayon's loyalties are torn. If Shona learns the secret of his crime, he will lose her forever. But if he doesn't escape Ends now, he may never get another chance. Is it possible to break free of the bookies' tickets, burnt spoons, and crooked solutions, and still keep the love of his life?

General Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Black Voices 3 & 4.

RIGHTOUS TROUBLEMAKERS
UNTOLD STORIES OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT IN AMERICA
Reverend Al Sharpton

"Sharpton delivers a fierce and celebratory book that offers insight into ways everyone can transform the pain of injustice into the 'righteous troublemak[ing] that uplifts all.'" — Kirkus Reviews

There are countless heroes fighting the good fight to advance equal justice for all, often risking their lives and livelihoods in the process. Righteous Troublemakers shines a light on everyday people called to do extraordinary things, like Pauli Murray, whose early work informed Thurgood Marshall's legal argument for Brown v. Board of Education; Claudette Colvin, who refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus months before Rosa Parks did the same; and Gwen Carr, whose private pain in losing her son Eric Garner stoked her public activism against police brutality.

Biography | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Black Voices 4.
AFTER THE PARTY
Lisa Jewell

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“Jewell's easy prose and storytelling ability make for a pleasant trip.” — Kirkus Reviews

Eleven years ago, Jem Catterick and Ralph McLeary fell deeply in love. They thought that they'd found their happy ending. Then two became four, and an apartment became a house. Romantic nights out became sleepless nights in. And they soon found that life wasn't so simple anymore. Now Jem is back at work part-time. Ralph, a successful painter, is struggling to come up with new work for his upcoming show. In the chaos of family life, Jem feels like she's losing herself, while Ralph feels like he's lost his muse. As they try to find a way back to each other, they both become momentarily distracted — but maybe it's not too late to recapture happily ever after.

Romance | Releases 12/21/2022

BEFORE I GO
Brian Charles

A year after her husband's plane crashed, Abby Gamble knows she needs to start moving beyond her grief. So Abby throws herself once more into her cosmetics company, only to find herself at a crossroads when she meets Joel, a physician whose past is as scarred as hers. When he meets Abby he begins to see a way forward, though Abby is struggling with the idea of finally leaving Ben behind. Yet Ben isn't gone. Ever since his plane went down, he's been trying to make his way back to Abby. That journey begins on an island thousands of miles away. He must set out to see Abby again, even if he doesn't know what will be waiting for him in the event that he makes it home.

General Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022

ONE LAST GIFT
A NOVEL
Emily Stone

Cassie and Tom lost their parents at a young age and relied on a community of friends, to cope. They were especially close with Tom's best friend, Sam. But over the years they drifted apart, and now the man Cassie always had a crush on is someone she doesn't even recognize. Then Cassie finds an envelope with her name on it, written in Tom's terrible handwriting, and she knows it's the first clue in the Christmas scavenger hunt Tom made for her every year. As she travels from London to the Welsh mountains to the French countryside, she rediscovers herself. But once she's solved the final clue, will she be brave enough to accept the gift her brother has given her?

Contemporary Romance | Releases 12/21/2022
LEOPARD’S SCAR
A LEOPARD NOVEL
Christine Feehan
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
The moment Meiling sees Gedeon she knows he’s a leopard shifter — just as she knows she can’t trust him. So why does she find herself rescuing this deadly, gorgeous man, when she knows she’d be better off leaving him to die? Gedeon is used to women throwing themselves at him, not throwing his injured body over their deceptively strong shoulders and carrying him to safety. He might be embarrassed, if he wasn’t so aroused by the thought of this feisty lotus blossom. But when Meiling’s hidden nature rises to the surface, the connection that links them shifts into an all-consuming desire. And neither will escape unmarked.

Paranormal Romance | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Romance 2, 3 & 4.

SCANDALIZED
Ivy Owens
“Owens’s spectacular debut is beautifully written and a fun read.” — starred, Library Journal
Exhausted and on deadline with a story that could make or break her career, investigative journalist Georgia Ross is on the verge of a meltdown when a canceled flight leaves her stuck in the airport overnight. But when a familiar face appears and offers help, Gigi seems to have caught a break. An evening of reconnection followed by a night of no-strings-attached passion with Alec Kim feels like a gift, until Gigi realizes that their childhood connection isn’t the only reason he seems so familiar to her. As their feelings for each other grow, Gigi and Alec must navigate a new reality, one where both of their careers are put in the path of an international scandal.

Contemporary Romance | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Romance 3 & 4.

HONEY AND SPICE
A NOVEL
Bolu Babalola
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“Kiki Banjo has just made a huge mistake. As the host of the student radio show Brown Sugar, she’s made it her mission to make sure the women of the African-Caribbean Society at Whitewell University do not fall into the mess of “situationships,” players, and heartbreak. But when Kiki kisses Malakai Korede, the guy she just publicly denounced as “The Wastemen of Whitewell,” she finds her show on the brink. They’re soon embroiled in a fake relationship to try and salvage their reputations. But surprisingly entertaining study sessions and intimate, late-night talks force Kiki to look beyond her own presumptions. Is she ready to open herself up to something deeper?”

Contemporary Romance | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Romance 3 & 4.

SITUATIONSHIP
Marina Adair
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
Teagan Bianchi hopes that moving into her late grandmother’s house is the best way to repair her failing business. But she’s barely arrived when she finds herself face to face with her teenage crush, who still happens to live next door. Veterinarian Colin West is closer to being an empty nester than a soccer dad. His marriage lasted only long enough to give him his daughter, and he has no regrets. But as she readies for college, Colin contemplates his own future. Teagan torpedoed his plans once before. Is he crazy to consider letting her into his life again? Is Teagan ready to admit what she’s really afraid of? Could this unexpected “situationship” be forever?

Contemporary Romance | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Romance 4.
A MODEL OF DEVOTION
The Lumber Baron’s Daughters • Book 3
Mary Connealy
Jilly Stiles has been educated since childhood to help run her father’s lumber dynasty. With the company safe from her stepfather after the marriages of her two sisters, Jilly can now focus on her dream of building a mountaintop railroad. Nick Ryder is prepared to protect Jilly from anything that threatens to harm her — as long as he keeps his heart from getting involved. But when a cruel and powerful man goes to dangerous lengths to make Jilly his own, she must make a decision between her safety and her hard-won independence.

Christian Romance | Releases 12/7/2022
Available in Christian Romance 2, 3 & 4.

WORTHY OF LEGEND
The Secrets of the Isles • Book 3
Roseanna M. White
1906. After a summer of treasure hunting, Lady Emily Scofield and her friends must hide the unprecedented discoveries they’ve made, thanks to the betrayal of her own family. Bram Sinclair, Earl of Telford, is fascinated with tales of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. When a diary is unearthed on the islands that could lead to a secret artifact, Bram is the only one able to piece the legends together. As Bram and Emily seek out the whereabouts of the artifact, they must decide what makes a hero worthy of legend. Is it fighting valiantly to claim the treasure . . . or sacrificing everything in the name of love?

Christian Historical Fiction | Releases 12/7/2022
Available in Christian Romance 3 & 4.

WITHIN THESE GILDED HALLS
Abigail Wilson
Phoebe Radcliff is thrilled when Miss Drake, a renowned painter, employs her to complete a complicated ballroom renovation. Everything changes, however, the moment Miss Drake is murdered. With her last breath she imparts the location of a clue to Phoebe. Can the biggest secret of Avonthorpe Hall be true — the rumored treasure real? Determined to find the treasure, Phoebe also works to uncover the truth about Miss Drake’s death. Caught up in a deadly race for answers, Phoebe must find a way to breach the shroud of lies that surrounds every last resident in the house and face a past she’s been running away from for far too long.

Christian Historical Fiction | Releases 12/7/2022
Available in Christian Romance 2, 3 & 4.

MOON OVER MONTANA
Mary Marelli
“Wilson elegantly weaves together the treasure hunt, romance, and murder mystery threads, and a colorful supporting cast . . . will keep readers wondering whom to trust.” — Publishers Weekly
Megan Donovan’s broken engagement has left her aimless with only one place to go: Montana. Her estranged grandfather has left the broken-down ranch of her mother’s youth. Trouble is, Mom’s memories of that time are so tainted that Megan doesn’t want anything to do with the place. The wild horses that David “Cam” Campbell protects need a sanctuary to roam free. What better location than Old Man Jenkins’ acreage adjacent to his own successful ranch? But Cam’s gotten off on the wrong foot with Megan, and that gal’s not selling — not unless Cam can convince her that it’s best for everyone involved. But is giving Megan a reason to leave, really the best he can do?

Christian Fiction | Releases 12/7/2022
Available in Christian Romance 4.
LIKE THE WIND
Robin Lee Hatcher

Olivia Ward arrived in Bethlehem Springs with no job, no home, and no money after her ex-husband used his power and wealth to destroy everything. Six years later, the life she rebuilt is turned upside down when she learns that her fifteen-year-old daughter, Emma, will be coming to live with her. But years of deception have driven a wedge between them. Propelled by his history in the foster-care system, Tyler Murphy's determined to protect the most vulnerable through his work as an investigator. When he's hired to investigate Olivia, he finds himself longing to believe she's exactly who she appears to be. But how can he pursue a relationship that began with a lie?

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Christian Romance | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Christian Fiction 2, 3, 4 & 5.

FIELDS OF FIRE
A Matthew Redd Thriller • Book 1
Ryan Steck

"The suave yet vulnerable lead and propulsive narrative will keep readers hooked." — Publishers Weekly

Waiting to be deployed, Marine Raider Matthew Redd stops to help a stranger and wakes up hours later to learn his team was wiped out in an ambush. Unable to remember anything, Redd can't deny the possibility that he's somehow responsible for the information leak that led to the massacre. He's given a deal, but it means walking away from the Corps. As he faces his loss, Matty gets a cryptic message from his adoptive father, J. B. He points his truck home to Montana, only to discover that J. B. is dead. Determined to dig up the truth, Redd uncovers a global conspiracy with his hometown at the center and no team at his back.

Christian Mystery | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Christian Fiction 2, 3, 4 & 5.

PROPOSING MISCHIEF
The Joplin Chronicles • Book 2
Regina Jennings

After a short relationship with the wrong man, Maisie Kentworth is worried about inflaming things further between her former beau and her protective family. She keeps busy exploring the idle mine at the edge of their property. Boone Bragg is also stuck. With his parents on vacation, the management of Bragg Mining falls on him. While closing up, Boone gets two surprises. One is a farm girl who's trespassing, and the other is the crystal cavern she's discovered. With part of the cavern on Kentworth land, Boone makes Maisie a proposal that throws Joplin into chaos, and it will take all of Maisie's gumption to set things right.

Christian Historical Fiction | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Christian Fiction 3, 4 & 5.
WHERE THE BLUE SKY BEGINS
Katie Powner

When Eric Larson is sent to Montana to work in the local branch of his uncle’s financial company, he’s determined to exceed everyone’s expectations, earn a promotion, and be back in Seattle by the end of summer. Yet nothing could prepare him for the lessons this small town has in store. At forty-six years old, Eunice Parker has come to accept her terminal illness and has given herself one final goal: seek forgiveness from everyone on her bucket list before her time runs out. As summer draws to a close, neither Eric nor Eunice is where they thought they would be, but they both wrestle with the same important question: What matters most when the end is near?


HUSBAND AUDITIONS
Angela Ruth Strong

“Readers will be pleasantly surprised by Strong’s twist on the happily-ever-after ending.” — Publishers Weekly

Meri Newberg feels like the last young woman on the planet to be single. So when she's handed a 1950s magazine article of “ways to get a husband” she decides there's nothing to lose by trying out its advice. Her brother's roommate, Kai, talks Meri into letting him film every husband-catching attempt for a new online show. When Meri Me debuts, it's an instant hit. People love watching her lasso men on street corners, drop handkerchiefs for unsuspecting potential beaus, and embarrass herself in pursuit of love. But the longer this game goes on, the less sure Kai is that he wants Meri to snag anyone but him. The only problem is that he may not be the kind of husband she's looking for.

Christian Romance | Releases 12/7/2022 | Available in Christian Fiction 5.
**THE AMISH QUILTMAKER'S UNCONVENTIONAL NIECE**  ★
The Amish Quiltmaker • Book 3  
Jennifer Beckstrand

“The lighthearted tone and witty banter amuse, and the entertaining cast of supporting characters . . . add color.” — Publishers Weekly

Outraged at discrimination against the Amish, Mattie Zook is using her rumschpringe to run for town council. Aunt Esther can only hope that local farmer Freeman Sensenig will help Mattie and keep her from going too far. Freeman never thought the standoffish Mattie would care so much about others. Even more amazing, their differences are somehow making her campaign successful and have him hoping for more of a future with her. But unexpected obstacles and a sudden romantic rival will put their growing closeness to the test and give them only one chance to truly reconcile their hearts.


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**A SEARCH FOR REDEMPTION**  
Secrets of Bliss Valley • Book 3  
Jo Ann Brown

After losing both her fiancé and the happy life she anticipated, Grace Coffman is still stitching the pieces of her life back together. At first, the arrival of a kind, attractive stranger feels like a coincidence. But the more Grace learns about Joel Beachy, the more their meeting seems like providence. Joel's return to Bliss Valley is his last chance to redeem a life filled with missteps. Yet in Grace, Joel finds trust, courage, and even the possibility of hope. But Joel's dark past isn't quite finished with him. And now he must pray that his new life is strong enough to withstand the pending storm of trouble and secrets.


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**A COWBOY IN AMISH COUNTRY**  ★
Amish County Haven Series  
Patricia Johns

Ranching in Amish Country is both a challenge and a joy for Wilder Westhouse. Though he'll never be fully accepted, he relies on his neighbors. Hiring Amish runaway Sue Schmidt as a ranch hand could cause problems, especially since her family lives next door. And falling for the beautiful and pregnant cattlewoman will strain relations further and complicate both their lives. Unless love can mend fences . . . and families.


Amish Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022
WHERE THE WANDERING ENDS
Yvette Manessis Corporon
Corfu, 1946. Greece is on the brink of civil war, and Queen Frederica takes a stand against the communists, announcing that she will save her country's most innocent by opening children's villages. When the communist partisans erect camps of their own, children are ripped from their mothers' arms; entire villages are emptied. Katerina has been best friends with Marco for as long as she can remember, but when the communists reach their village, Katerina and Marco are separated. At their final goodbye, Katerina and Marco promise to find their way back to the village, and to each other. This haunting childhood vow launches events that will take decades to unravel.

General Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022

TEXAS HOMECOMING ★
The Ryan Family • Book 2
Carolyn Brown
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“Brown excels at crafting down-to-earth characters, and her magnetic protagonists are bolstered through the tragedies and trials of life with the support of their close-knit community.” — Publishers Weekly

Dr. Cody Ryan has come home to his foster family's ranch in Honey Grove, Texas. But all his time in Doctors Without Borders couldn't have prepared him for the sudden blizzard that forces him to take shelter in an old barn or for the shock of watching Stephanie O’Dell yank open that same barn door minutes later. As the blizzard rages on, trapping Cody and Stevie together, it's clear that the fire they've built to keep warm isn't the only source of sparks in that barn. Once the storm passes, will Stevie and Cody discover that they've fallen in love, and will either of them ever admit it?

Contemporary Romance | Releases 12/21/2022

MONTANA MAIL-ORDER BRIDE
Janet Tronstad
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
There’s no future in Chicago for Eleanor Fitzpatrick and her sister — but out West, she can have a fresh start as a sheriff's mail-order match. She'll be a good mother to Matt Baynes’ orphaned niece and nephew, but will she be a good wife? She's never known an honorable man, and trusting Matt is a daily struggle. Yet as the children bond — and begin matchmaking — her resolve is tested. Can this kind, brave man teach her to trust her heart and his love?

Romance | Releases 12/21/2022
SONS OF THUNDER
William W. Johnstone and J. A. Johnstone

New York Times Bestselling Authors

Slash and Pecos have never met a woman like Miss Fannie Diamond, a glamorous showgirl who’s prettier than a French poodle, slicker than a Dodge City gambler, and more slippery than a Mojave rattlesnake. She knows that Slash and Pecos are coming for her and has no intention of being caught — not without one hell of a fight. It doesn’t take long for Slash and Pecos to learn that there’s no business like show business and no showgirl like Miss Fannie Diamond. Sometimes, the female of the species is deadlier than the male.

Western | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Hardcover Westerns 1, 2, 3 & 4.

RALPH COMPTON THE GUNS OF WRATH
Tony Healey

Eight years ago, vicious bandits killed Marshall Tobias Cassidy and left his daughter for dead. Now a contest to determine the top shootist in the Wild West is set to take place in Fortune’s Cross and lady gunslinger Hope Cassidy has come to town for vengeance. After gunning down one of the men who murdered her father, Hope learns the identity of the person who ordered her father’s death all those years ago. She will make him pay for what he’s done, just like she did the others. But first she must survive a competition in which there can be only one competitor left alive.

Western | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Hardcover Westerns 2, 3 & 4.

THE GRANT CONSPIRACY
Lee Martin

Frost and Hancock are ex-Confederates who, with the help of their henchmen, are plotting the assassination of former president Ulysses S. Grant. They’re scheming to lure Grant to Mountain Springs by inviting Matt Tyler, the man who saved the general’s life during the war, to come work for their law firm. Greeted by the brutal murder of a law clerk, Matt can immediately smell trouble in the air. With allies such as Jennifer White, who has incurred the constant ire of the firm with her blazing newspaper editorials, and a black veteran, Matt sets out to save Grant’s life a second time and bring peace to the fractured town.

Western | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Hardcover Westerns 4.

GUADALUPE CANYON
Paul Cox

The saga of Monte Segundo, Rosa Bustamonte and Billy Cabott continues as the trio is unwillingly drawn into a military search and rescue mission along the 1916 U.S.–Mexican border. Soon it is discovered that the woman they are looking for, an Eastern aristocrat, was not injured or lost but has been kidnapped. Believing the woman has been taken by bandits, the search continues deep into Guadalupe Canyon. However, what the combined patrol of civilians and soldiers eventually discover stuns everyone but must remain a closely guarded secret.

Western | Releases 12/21/2022
Available in Hardcover Westerns 4.
WINTER SEeks OUT THE LONELY
A SONNY BURTON NOVEL
Larry D. Sweazy
Edith Grantley has written Sonny Burton several letters and has not received any answers. She is encouraged by one of her boarders to drive north to find out where she stands with Sonny after their brief relationship. On the way, Edith encounters a man set on terrorizing her for the entire journey. A cat and mouse game of survival ensues, and Edith is left to consider how much she really cares for Sonny and if her life is worth risking her heart for. As Sonny and Edith reach out for each other over the miles, they are confronted by life and death situations and an unforgiving world that seems intent on keeping them apart.

General Fiction | Releases 12/21/2022 | Available in Softcover Westerns 1, 2 & 3.

AVENGING ANGEL
A FRONTIER EPIC OF LOVE AND VENGEANCE
A Josey Angel Novel
Derek Catron
He survived the war; winning the peace could prove even more dangerous for Union sharpshooter Josey Angel. Following two years of bloody fighting, the army is ready to abandon the Bozeman Trail in the summer of 1868. But a rash of new raids jeopardizes the negotiations. Josey and his wife, Annabelle, confront Crazy Horse, who once kidnapped Annabelle and later led a slaughter of soldiers at Fort Phil Kearny. Forces converge in a bloody climax, where Josey and Annabelle will need more than their fast-firing rifles to solve these mysteries.

Western | Releases 12/21/2022 | Available in Softcover Westerns 2 & 3.

RAWHIDE JAKE: LEARNING THE ROPES
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF DETECTIVE JONAS V. BRIGHTON
JD Arnold
Detective Jonas V. Brighton and Detective Jennie Hudson work two cases. One ends up in controversy and the other makes national news as they solve the Doctor Perry Talbott case. Brighton is a marksman with pistol and rifle, a skill he gained from his Civil War experience. He gains a reputation as a man to avoid, and his partner, Wes, gives him the nickname “Rawhide Jake.” The two of them roam the countryside, saving each other's lives more than once and recovering stolen cattle until they receive orders to go their separate ways.

Western | Releases 12/21/2022 | Available in Softcover Westerns 3.
THE BAXTERS
A PREQUEL
Karen Kingsbury
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
A storm builds as Elizabeth Baxter prepares to celebrate her daughter Kari's wedding to Tim Jacobs, and there are dark currents of conflict coursing through the Baxter family. In the midst of them, Kari Baxter is starting to panic. Is marrying Tim a mistake? And what about her family? Her brother Luke is angry and resentful of their sister Ashley, who has recently returned from Paris. At the same time, Ashley and their sister Brooke have lost the faith that is the family's glue. When the storm reaches a terrifying crescendo, a shocking moment of danger brings important truths to light. At the end of the long day, can the Baxters remain a family, tested but stronger?
Christian Romance | Releases 12/14/2022

RECKLESS GIRLS
Rachel Hawkins
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
INDIE NEXT PICK
When Lux McAllister and her boyfriend, Nico, are hired to sail two women to a remote island in the South Pacific, it seems like the opportunity of a lifetime. Shimmering on the horizon, Meroe Island is every bit the paradise the foursome expects. What they don't expect is to discover another boat already anchored. The owners of the Azure Sky, Jake and Eliza, are a true golden couple: gorgeous, laidback, and rich. The new friends settle in to experience life on an exotic island, and the serenity of being completely off the grid. But when one person goes missing, and another turns up dead, Lux begins to wonder if any of them are going to make it off the island alive.
General Fiction | Releases 12/14/2022

THE PARTY CRASHER
Sophie Kinsella
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
Since Effie's parents got divorced, she's become estranged from her father and embarked on a feud with his much younger girlfriend, Krista. And now the house Effie called home her whole life has been sold. When Krista decides to throw a party, Effie remembers a beloved childhood treasure is still hidden in the house. As Effie sneaks around, watching how her sister, brother, and dad behave when they think no one is looking, Effie begins to see her family in a new light. Will she stay hidden or step out into the party and take her place with her family? Over the course of the party, Effie realizes she must confront her past before she'll ever be able to face her future.
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Available in Paperback Bestsellers 2, 3 & 4.

THE MISSING PIECE
Dismas Hardy
John Lescroart
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
No one mourned when DA Wes Farrell put Paul Riley in prison for the rape and murder of his girlfriend. And no one is happy to see him when he's released after uncovered evidence pinned the crime on someone else. In fact, Riley soon turns up murdered. To the cops, it's straightforward: the father of Riley's dead girlfriend killed the former prisoner. Farrell, now practicing law with Dismas Hardy, agrees to represent the defendant, Doug Rush - and is left in the dust when Rush suddenly vanishes. The search takes PI Abe Glitsky through a hall of mirrors populated by wounded parents, crooked cops, cheating spouses, and vigilantes.
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SURELY SURELY MARISOL RAINNEY ★
Erin Entrada Kelly

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

“An engaging choice for independent readers or for teachers reading aloud to their classes.” — Booklist

Marisol Rainey's two least-favorite things are radishes and gym class. She avoids radishes with very little trouble, but gym is another story — especially when Coach Decker announces that they will be learning to play kickball. There are so many things that can go wrong in kickball. What if Marisol tries to kick the ball but falls down? What if she tries to catch the ball and gets smacked in the nose? What if she's the worst kickballer in the history of kickball? Marisol and her best friend Jada decide to get help from the most unlikely — and most annoying — athlete in the world: Marisol's big brother, Oz.

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THE DOOR OF NO RETURN ★★★★★
Kwame Alexander

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

INDIE NEXT PICK

“Alexander’s rich language is lyrical and haunting as the water, long a source of comfort for Kofi, becomes full of uncertainty and danger.” — starred, Kirkus Reviews

Eleven-year-old Kofi Offin dreams of water. He has heard the call on the banks of Upper Kwanta, in the village where he lives. He loves his family, the fireside tales of his father's father, a girl named Ama, and, of course, swimming. He's hoping to finally prove himself in front of Ama and his friends in a swimming contest. But before this can take place, a festival comes to the villages of Upper and Lower Kwanta and Kofi's brother is chosen to represent Upper Kwanta in the wrestling contest. The match is over before it has barely begun, when a sudden death occurs. What happens next will send Kofi on a journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves.

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LOUISA JUNE AND THE NAZIS IN THE WAVES
L. M. Elliott

"Elliot's story delivers facts and a thoughtful approach to characters experiencing grief and depression, while adding some maritime adventure." — starred, School Library Journal

After Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, Hitler declared war on the U.S., unleashing U-boat submarines to attack American ships. Suddenly, the waves outside Louisa June’s farm are swarming with hidden enemies. Her mama has always swum in a sea of melancholy, but now she really needs Louisa June to find moments of inspiration to buoy her. Like sunshine-yellow daffodils, good books, or news accounts of daring rescues of torpedoed passengers. Determined to help her Mama and aching to combat Nazis herself, Louisa June turns to her friend Emmett and Cousin Belle, who has her own war stories to share. In the end, Louisa June learns the greatest lifeline is love.

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ANYBODY HERE SEEN FRENCHIE?
Leslie Connor

"Exploring the challenges of preteen life, neurodiversity, and the daily impacts people have on each other, this book will keep readers hooked until the end. Connor uses Frenchie’s and Aurora’s neurodivergent characteristics to build both suspense and compassion in a highly engaging and recommendable read.” — School Library Journal

Eleven-year-old Aurora Petrequin’s best friend has never spoken a word to her. In fact, Frenchie Livernois doesn’t talk. Aurora is bouncy, loud and impulsive. Making friends has never come easily. When Frenchie, who is autistic, silently chose Aurora as his person back in third grade, she chose him back. They make a good team, sharing their love of the natural world in coastal Maine. At school, Aurora looks out for Frenchie. One morning, Frenchie doesn’t make it to his classroom. Aurora feels she’s to blame. The entire town begins to search, and everyone wonders: how is it possible that nobody has seen Frenchie?

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HEALER OF THE WATER MONSTER
Brian Young

"The deeply grounded and original perspective of this story brings readers into both the worlds of Navajo blessing songs, rain songs, and traditional healing and everyday family relationships.” — starred, Kirkus Reviews

When Nathan goes to visit his grandma, Nali, at her mobile summer home on the Navajo reservation, he knows he’s in for a pretty uneventful summer, with no electricity or cell service. Still, he loves spending time with Nali and with his Uncle Jet, though it’s clear when Jet arrives that he brings his problems with him. One night, while lost in the nearby desert, Nathan finds someone extraordinary: a Holy Being from the Navajo Creation Story — a Water Monster — in need of help. Now Nathan must summon all his courage to save his new friend. With the help of other Navajo Holy Beings, Nathan is determined to save the Water Monster, and to support Uncle Jet in healing from his own pain.

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THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS
John Boyne

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

“[Boyne’s] combination of strong characterization and simple, honest narrative make this powerful and memorable tale a unique addition to Holocaust literature.” — starred, School Library Journal

Berlin, 1942. When Bruno returns home from school one day, he discovers that his belongings are being packed in crates. His father has received a promotion and the family must move to a new house, where there is no one to play with and nothing to do. A tall fence stretches as far as the eye can see and cuts him off from the strange people he can see in the distance. But Bruno longs to be an explorer and decides that there must be more to this new place than meets the eye. While exploring his new environment, he meets another boy whose life and circumstances are very different to his own, and their meeting results in a friendship that has devastating consequences.

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HOW MOON FUENTEZ FELL IN LOVE WITH THE UNIVERSE ★★★
Raquel Vasquez Gilliland

INDIE NEXT PICK

“This slow-paced novel reads like a popular telenovela and is good choice for teen collections.” — School Library Journal

When her twin sister reaches social media stardom, Moon Fuentez accepts her fate as nothing more than her sister’s camerawoman. But this summer, Moon also takes a job as the “merch girl” on a tour bus full of beautiful influencers and her fate begins to shift. Most notable is her bunkmate and new nemesis, Santiago Phillips. Moon is certain she hates Santiago and that he hates her. But as chance and destiny (and maybe, probably, close proximity) bring the two of them in each other’s perpetual paths, Moon starts to wonder if that’s really true. She even starts to question her destiny as the wallflower she always thought she was. Could this summer change Moon’s life?

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ARISTOTLE AND DANTE DIVE INTO THE WATERS OF THE WORLD ★★★
ARISTOTLE AND DANTE
Benjamin Alire Sáenz

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

INDIE NEXT PICK

“This emotional rollercoaster is buoyed by hope, swoonworthy kisses, and exquisite characterization.” — School Library Journal

Ari has spent all of high school staying silent and invisible. He expected his senior year to be the same. But something in him cracked open when he fell in love with Dante, and he can’t go back. Suddenly he finds himself reaching out to new friends, standing up to bullies, and making his voice heard. And, always, there is Dante, who can get on Ari’s nerves and fill him with desire all at once. The boys are determined to forge a path for themselves in a world that doesn’t understand them. But when Ari is faced with a shocking loss, he’ll have to fight like never before to create a life that is truthfully, joyfully his own.

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**FAST PITCH ★★★**

Nic Stone

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“A sports mystery that will keep readers engaged from start to finish . . . Discussions about race and civil rights are seamlessly woven into the narrative through Shenice's own experiences.” — School Library Journal

Shenice Lockwood, captain of the Fulton Firebirds, is hyper-focused when she steps up to the plate. Nothing can stop her from leading her team to the U12 fast-pitch softball regional championship. But life has thrown some curveballs her way. Strike one: As the sole team of all-brown faces, Shenice and the Firebirds have to work twice as hard to prove that Black girls belong at bat. Strike two: Shenice’s focus gets shaken when her great-uncle Jack reveals that a career-ending and family-name-ruining crime may have been a setup. Strike three: Broken focus means mistakes on the field. It’s up to Shenice to discover the truth about her family’s past before secrets take the Firebirds out of the game forever.


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**DIFFERENT KINDS OF FRUIT ★★★★★**

Kyle Lukoff

“Lukoff masterfully portrays the personalities, both child and adult, that Annabelle comes to know, believes she knows, and those whom Annabelle questions can ever know her . . . This one belongs in every library serving grade-school kids.” — starred, School Library Journal

Annabelle Blake is elated to discover there’s a new kid in town. To Annabelle, Bailey is a breath of fresh air. She loves hearing about their life in Seattle and hanging out at their massive house. And it doesn’t hurt that Bailey has a cute smile and smells really good. When her father shares that he and Bailey have something big — and surprising — in common, Annabelle begins to see herself, and her family, in a whole new light. At the same time she starts to realize that her community might not be as welcoming as she had thought. Together Annabelle, Bailey, and their families discover how these categories that seem to mean so much — boy, girl, gay, straight — aren’t so clear-cut after all.


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**THIRST ★★★**

Varsha Bajaj

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**

“Minni is a likable narrator, and readers will connect with her dreams and courage in the face of unfair treatment. The book also serves as a window into class difference . . . A meditative first purchase for middle grade collections.” — starred, School Library Journal

Minni lives in the poorest part of Mumbai, where access to water is limited to a few hours a day and the communal taps have long lines. Lately, though, even that access is threatened by severe water shortages and thieves who are stealing this precious commodity — an act that Minni accidentally witnesses one night. Meanwhile, in the high-rise building where she just started to work, she discovers that water streams out of every faucet and there’s even a rooftop swimming pool. What Minni also discovers there is one of the water mafia bosses. Now she must decide whether to expose him and risk her job and maybe her life. How did something as simple as access to water get so complicated?


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STELLA MARIS
Cormac McCarthy

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

1972, Black River Falls, Wisconsin: Alicia Western, twenty years old, with forty thousand dollars in a plastic bag, admits herself to the hospital. A doctoral candidate in mathematics at the University of Chicago, Alicia has been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, and she does not want to talk about her brother, Bobby. Instead, she contemplates the nature of madness, the human insistence on one common experience of the world. She recalls a childhood where, by the age of seven, her own grandmother feared for her; she surveys the intersection of physics and philosophy; and she introduces her cohorts, her chimeras, the hallucinations that only she can see. All the while, as told through transcripts of her psychiatric sessions, she grieves for Bobby, not quite dead, not quite hers.

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Monterey, 1851. Ever since her husband was killed in a bar fight, Eliza Ripple has been working in a brothel. It seems like a better life, at least at first. The madam, Mrs. Parks, is kind, the men are (relatively) well behaved, and Eliza has attained what few women have: financial security. But when the dead bodies of young women start appearing outside of town, a darkness descends that she can't resist confronting. Side by side with her friend Jean, and inspired by her reading, especially by Edgar Allan Poe's detective Dupin, Eliza pieces together an array of clues to try to catch the killer, all the while juggling clients who begin to seem more and more suspicious. Eliza and Jean are determined not just to survive, but to find their way in a lawless town on the fringes of the Wild West.

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Giles Renwick, Earl of Lilford, has never made a fool of himself over a woman — until he meets Lady Yasmin Régnier. Yasmin is ineligible for his attentions in every way: not as a wife, certainly not as a mistress (she is a lady!), nor even as a friend, since they vehemently dislike each other. Her gowns are too low, and her skirts are dampened to cling to admittedly lovely thighs. She loves to gossip — and giggle. She isn't dignified, or polite, or even truly British, given that her father's French ancestry clearly predominated. Not to mention the fact that her mother had been one of Napoleon's mistresses, a fact she makes no effort to hide. So what — in heaven's name — possesses him to propose? And what will he do if she says yes?

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