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THE NIGHT ISLAND
The Lost Night Files • Book 2
Jayne Ann Krentz

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE #2

Talia March, Pallas Llewellyn, and Amelia Rivers are dedicated to uncovering the mystery of what happened to them. The women suspect they were test subjects and that there are more people like them — all they have to do is find the list of others who took that same test. Luke Rand is chasing the same list. When a killer begins to stalk them, they realize they have to join forces. The investigation leads them to a remote retreat in the Pacific Northwest. Upon their arrival, Talia and Luke discover they are cut off from the outside world when none of their high-tech devices work. And then the first mysterious death occurs.

Romantic Suspense | Releases 1/9/2024 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.

THE HEIRESS
A NOVEL
Rachel Hawkins

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE #6

When Ruby McTavish Callahan Woodward Miller Kenmore dies, her adopted son, Camden, rejects his inheritance, settling into a normal life as an English teacher in Colorado and marrying Jules, a woman just as eager to escape her own past. Ten years later, his uncle's death pulls Cam and Jules back into the family fold and questions about the infamous heiress come to light. What really happened to her four husbands, who all died under mysterious circumstances? And why did she adopt Cam in the first place? Soon, Jules and Cam realize that an inheritance can entail far more than what's written in a will — and that the bonds of family stretch far beyond the grave.

Thriller | Releases 1/9/2024 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.

RAIDERS OF THE LOST HEART
Jo Segura

“Segura's rip-roaring debut is sure to put her on the map.” — Publishers Weekly

It’s been archaeologist Dr. Socorro “Corrie” Mejía's life goal to lead an expedition in search of the long-lost remains of Chimalli, a warrior of the Aztec empire. But when she is invited to join an all-expenses-paid dig to do just that, Corrie is sure it's too good to be true . . . and she's right. Corrie should be leading the expedition, not sharing the glory with her nemesis, Dr. Ford Matthews. But as the dig begins, it becomes clear they'll need to work together when they realize a thief is lurking around. With money-hungry artifact smugglers, the Mexican authorities, and the lies between them closing in, there's only one way this all ends — explosively.

HERE IN THE DARK
A NOVEL
Alexis Soloski

Vivian Parry works as the junior theater critic at a major Manhattan magazine. Angling for a promotion, she reluctantly agrees to an interview, a conversation that reveals secrets she thought she had long since buried. Then her interviewer disappears and she learns that she was the last person to have seen him alive. When the police refuse to investigate, Vivian turns her critical gaze toward an unsanitary private eye, a sketchy internet startup, a threatening financier, fake blood, and one very real corpse. As she nears the final act, she finds that the boundaries between theater and the real world are more tenuous and dangerous than even she could have believed.


FAMILY MEAL ★★★
A NOVEL
Bryan Washington

INDIE NEXT PICK
“A group portrait that strikingly captures both pain and healing; highly recommended.”
— starred, Library Journal

Cam is living in Los Angeles and falling apart after the love of his life has died. Kai's ghost won't leave Cam alone; his spectral visits wild, tender, and unexpected. When Cam returns to his hometown of Houston, he crashes back into the orbit of his former best friend, TJ, and TJ's family bakery. TJ's not sure how to navigate this changed Cam, impenetrably cool and self-destructing, or their charged estrangement. Can they find a way past all that has been said — and left unsaid — to save each other? Could they find a way back to being okay again, or maybe for the first time?


I SEE LONDON
Chanel Cleeton

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Maggie Carpenter accepts a scholarship to the International School in London, where she meets Hugh, a twentysomething British guy. Suddenly she's riding around in a Ferrari, wearing designer clothes and going to the hottest clubs. The only problem? There's someone else she can't seem to keep her hands off of. Samir Khouri is the opposite of everything she thought she wanted — a player with no interest in commitments — but she just can't keep away. Torn between her dream guy and the one haunting her thoughts, Maggie must fight for her own happy ending. But in a city like London, everything can change in the blink of an eye.

WHERE YOU END
A NOVEL
Abbott Kahler
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #4

When 22-year-old Kat Bird wakes up from a coma, she sees Jude, her twin sister. Jude’s face and name are the only memories Kat has from before her accident. As Kat tries to relearn her history and identity, she trusts Jude will provide the answers. Growing up in a New Age cult, isolated from society, the girls studied poetry and literature but also played dangerous games with dark lessons that followed them into adulthood. Now, with Kat’s mind a blank slate, Jude invents an idyllic childhood in the hope of erasing this history and all the threats it still holds. When the past and present finally converge, the twins must risk everything to save each other’s lives.

Thriller | Releases 1/16/2024 | Available in High-Octane 4, 6 & 8.

SWORD CATCHER
Cassandra Clare
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
INDIE NEXT PICK

“(Clare’s) worldbuilding is instantly immersive, and the many characters are all detailed and memorable . . . A wonderfully enjoyable series opener.” — Kirkus Reviews

In the vibrant city-state of Castellane, Kel is the body double of royal heir Prince Conor Aurelian. He and Conor are as close as brothers, but Kel knows that his destiny is to die for Conor. Lin Caster is one of the Ashkar, a small community whose members still possess magical abilities. After a failed assassination attempt brings Lin and Kel together, they are drawn into the web of the Ragpicker King, the criminal ruler of Castellane’s underworld. As secrets begin to unravel, they must ask themselves: Is knowledge worth the price of betrayal? Can forbidden love bring down a kingdom? And will their discoveries plunge their nation into war — and the world into chaos?

Fantasy | Releases 1/3/2024 | Available in High-Octane 6 & 8.

AFTER THE FOREST
Kell Woods

“Recommended for fans of fantasy romance or fairy tale retellings with historical fiction woven in.” — Library Journal

Twenty years after the witch in the gingerbread house, Greta and Hans are struggling to get by. Hans is deeply in debt from gambling, and the countryside lies in ruin, its people starving in the aftermath of a brutal war. Greta has a secret, though: the witch’s grimoire and the recipe inside that makes the best gingerbread you’ve ever tasted. As long as she can bake, Greta can keep her small family afloat. But in a village full of superstition, Greta and her mysteriously addictive gingerbread is a source of gossip and suspicion. And now, dark magic is returning to the woods, and Greta’s magic may be the only thing that can save her. If it doesn’t kill her first.

Fantasy | Releases 1/3/2024 | Available in High-Octane 6 & 8.
SISTER OF STARLIT SEAS
Viridian Deep • Book 3
Tananarive Due
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
Auris’ adoptive sister Char is certain that her headstrong, impulsive behavior, the quality her family sees as her greatest weakness, is actually her greatest strength: the willingness to instantly brave danger. Char knows she will never grow into the woman she was meant to be under her family’s repressive eye, so she runs away and joins a Human pirate crew. Then, three years into her pirate career, her captain is captured. When Char leaps in to rescue him, she finds herself thrust into an adventure that will uncover secrets she never suspected about herself, one that will maybe, finally, teach her to look before she leaps.

Fantasy | Releases 1/3/2024 | Available in High-Octane 8.

THE REFORMATORY
A NOVEL
Tananarive Due
INDIE NEXT PICK
AMERICAN BOOK AWARD AUTHOR
NAACP IMAGE AWARD AUTHOR
“The writing here is spectacular; the pacing, engrossing; the setting, heartbreaking but honest; and the characters are given a nuance and depth rarely seen.” — starred, Library Journal

Gracetown, Florida, June 1950. Twelve-year-old Robbie Stephens, Jr., is sentenced to six months at the Gracetown School for Boys for kicking the son of the largest landowner in town in defense of his older sister, Gloria. So begins Robbie’s journey further into the terrors of the Jim Crow South and the very real horror of the school they call The Reformatory. Boys forced to work to remediate their so-called crimes have gone missing. Through his friends Redbone and Blue, Robbie is learning not just the rules but how to survive. Meanwhile, Gloria is rallying every family member and connection in Florida to find a way to get Robbie out before it’s too late.

Horror | Releases 1/3/2024 | Available in High-Octane 8.
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ALONE WITH YOU IN THE ETHER
A LOVE STORY
Olivie Blake
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #8

"There's no denying the characters make for fascinating and complicated studies. This is a book to savor."
— Publishers Weekly

Chicago, sometime. Two people meet in the Art Institute by chance. He is a doctoral student who manages his destructive thoughts with compulsive calculations about time travel; she is a bipolar counterfeit artist, undergoing court-ordered psychotherapy. For Regan, people are predictable and tedious, including and especially herself. To Aldo, the world feels disturbingly chaotic. A backbeat of rules and formulas keep him going. For Regan and Aldo, life has been a matter of resigning themselves to inevitability — until the two meet. Could six conversations with a stranger be the variable that shakes up the entire simulation?

Romance | Releases 1/3/2024 | Available in Dynamic Drama 3 & 5.

THE BLONDE IDENTITY ★
A NOVEL
Ally Carter
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
INDIE NEXT PICK
LIBRARYREADS PICK

"Those who grew up reading Carter's 'Gallagher Girls' teen series will tear through her adult romance debut and clamor for more."
— Library Journal

It's the middle of the night in Paris and a woman just woke up with no memory. She only knows three things: 1. She has a splitting headache. 2. The hottest guy she has ever seen is telling her to run. And 3. People keep trying to kill her. She doesn't know who or why. But there's only one explanation: obviously she's a spy! Except, according to Hot Guy, she's not. She's a spy's identical twin sister. Too bad the only person who knows she's not the woman they're looking for is this very grouchy, very sexy secret agent who agrees to help her disappear. Soon they're lying their way across Europe as they race to unravel a deadly conspiracy and clear her sister's name.

Romance | Releases 1/3/2024 | Available in Dynamic Drama 5.

THE BERRY PICKERS ★
A NOVEL
Amanda Peters
INDIE NEXT PICK
2024 ANDREW CARNEGIE MEDALS FOR EXCELLENCE IN FICTION

"Peters beautifully explores loss, grief, hope, and the invisible tether that keeps families intact even when they are ripped apart. A poignant debut from a writer to watch."
— starred, Kirkus Reviews

July 1962. A Mi'kmaq family from Nova Scotia arrives in Maine to pick blueberries for the summer. Weeks later, four-year-old Ruthie, the family's youngest child, vanishes. Her brother, Joe, will remain distraught by his sister's disappearance for years. In Maine, a girl named Norma grows up as the only child of an affluent family. Her father is emotionally distant, her mother overprotective. Norma is often troubled by dreams and visions that seem more like memories than imagination. As she grows older, Norma comes to realize there is something her parents aren't telling her. Unwilling to abandon her intuition, she will spend decades trying to uncover this secret.

General Fiction | Releases 1/3/2024 | Available in Dynamic Drama 5.
**THE ROARING DAYS OF ZORA LILY**
**A NOVEL**
Noelle Salazar

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WORTHY
Jada Pinkett Smith
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Jada Pinkett Smith was living what many would view as a fairy tale. But appearances can be deceiving, and as she felt more and more separated from her sense of self, emotional turmoil took hold. A rollercoaster from the depths of suicidal depression to the heights of self-acceptance and healing, *Worthy* is a woman's journey to finding herself again. Smith answers questions about her childhood, marriage, parenting style, career choices, and the scrutiny that followed “the slap.” *Worthy* shows why adhering to the status quo has never been the plan for Jada, why stories crafted by others strip women of their authenticity, and how to embrace our most lovable qualities.

Biography | Releases 1/17/2024 | Available in Nonfiction 2 & 3.

EASY MONEY
CRYPTOCURRENCY, CASINO CAPITALISM, AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF FRAUD
Ben McKenzie with Jacob Silverman
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS

"A well-reasoned . . . critique of the crypto universe." — Kirkus Reviews

At the height of the pandemic, TV star Ben McKenzie was armed with only the vague notion that people were making heaps of money on something he didn't entirely understand. Lured in, McKenzie dove deep into blockchain, Bitcoin, and the various other coins and exchanges on which they are traded. But after scratching the surface, he had to ask, “Is this all a total scam?” In *Easy Money*, McKenzie enlists the help of journalist Jacob Silverman for an investigative adventure into crypto and its crash. It is an on-the-ground look at a perfect storm of irresponsibility and criminal fraud.

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OLD-FASHIONED ON PURPOSE
CULTIVATING A SLOWER, MORE JOYFUL LIFE
Jill Winger

In *Old-Fashioned on Purpose*, Jill Winger shows how simplifying our lives and adopting retro skills such as gardening and handiwork can be the key to creating the happy and healthy life we’re yearning for. Inside these pages, readers will learn how to find joy in the kitchen, proven strategies for growing your own groceries, how to craft a more grounded routine, and clever tips and creative DIYs to help you embark on your old-fashioned journey. This inspiring and practical book offers a powerful new sense of purpose, with plenty of tomatoes, chickens, and bread making along the way.

THE GOLDEN GATE ⭐⭐⭐
A NOVEL
Amy Chua
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
“A successful, compelling mash-up of California history, ghost story, family tale, and social commentary.” — starred, Library Journal

In Berkeley, California, in 1944, Homicide Detective Al Sullivan has just left the Claremont Hotel when a presidential candidate is assassinated in one of the rooms. Strangely, Sullivan’s investigation brings up another tragedy at the Claremont, ten years earlier: the death of seven-year-old Iris Stafford, a member of the Bainbridge family, one of the wealthiest in all of San Francisco. The case keeps leading Sullivan back to the three remaining Bainbridge heiresses, now adults: Iris’ sister, Isabella, and her cousins Cassie and Nicole. Determined not to let anything distract him from the truth, Sullivan follows his investigation to its devastating conclusion.

Suspense | Releases 1/17/2024

I DID IT FOR YOU ⭐
A NOVEL
Amy Engel

“Engel elevates the already tantalizing mystery with an uncommonly raw portrayal of Greer’s grief — her palpable inner struggles form the backbone of the novel.” — starred, Publishers Weekly

It’s been fourteen years since Greer Dunning’s older sister, Eliza, was murdered, and Greer’s family has never been the same. And now there’s been a similar killing in Greer’s small Kansas hometown. A copycat, according to the authorities, but Greer is convinced there is more to the story. That Eliza’s murderer had help all those years ago. So Greer returns home after more than a decade away, desperate to answer the questions that have haunted her for years. And in her drive to uncover the truth, she forms a bond with the unlikeliest of allies. One that puts her in grave danger, as almost everyone in her small town becomes a suspect.

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TRY NOT TO BREATHE
A NOVEL
David Bell
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

“Bell delivers a perfect beach read with compelling characters and baffling circumstances . . . even the savviest suspense readers will be shocked by the final pages.” — Library Journal

Thirty-year-old Avery Rogers works an unfulfilling job as a security guard. But a frantic phone call turns Avery’s life upside down. Her father says her half-sister is missing and strong-arms her into searching for the sister she barely knows. Anna Rogers is fed up with her family. She hits the road to attend a protest against police brutality, unaware of the danger that awaits her there. Now she’s running, pursued by a violent stranger. When Avery discovers Anna’s hiding place near a remote cave system, she risks everything to save her. Little do the sisters know that a secret is catching up to them — a secret at the very heart of their family history.

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A MYSTERY OF 1920S INDIA
A Perveen Mistry Novel • Book 4

Sujata Massey

“A complex whodunit that also provides a fascinating immersion in a bygone era.” — Kirkus Reviews

India, 1922. Perveen Mistry, the only female lawyer in Bombay, is attending a lavish fundraiser for a new women’s hospital when the grandson of an influential Gujarati businessman catches fire, but a servant, Sunanda, rushes to save him, selflessly putting herself in harm’s way. Perveen learns that Sunanda, still ailing from her burns, has been arrested on trumped-up charges. Perveen takes Sunanda as a client. When the hospital’s chief donor dies suddenly, Miriam Penkar, a Jewish-Indian obstetrician, and Sunanda become suspects. Will Perveen be able to prove Sunanda’s innocence?

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A QUESTIONABLE CHARACTER
A Booktown Mystery • Book 17

Lorna Barrett

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

It’s a busy summer in Booktown. Contractor Jim Stark is overseeing a number of projects, including gutting a mansion that Angelica Miles bought to be the headquarters for Nigela Ricita Asssociates. Tricia Miles and Angelica arrive at the mansion before their workday to find the place unlocked and Stark’s right-hand man, Sanjay Arya, dead. Jim would be stupid to kill the person he depends on to keep the projects going. But Stark also thinks his wife might have been cheating on him with the second-in-command, making him a likely suspect. Can Tricia find the killer before he or she has the chance to bring the hammer down?


THE MYSTERIOUS BOOKSHOP PRESENTS THE BEST MYSTERY STORIES OF THE YEAR 2022
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HARLEM AFTER MIDNIGHT
A Canary Club Mystery • Book 2
Louise Hare
"[A] keenly observed portrait of the intricately layered Black society that flourishes in Harlem."
— Kirkus Reviews
Harlem, 1936. Lena Aldridge grew up in London, hearing stories of the bright lights of Broadway. She always imagined that when she finally went to New York City, she'd be there with her father. But now he's dead, and she's alone. When Will Goodman — the handsome musician she met on the crossing from England — offers for her to stay with his friends in Harlem, she agrees. Will's friends welcome her with open arms, but Lena starts to realize the man she's falling too fast and too hard for has secrets of his own. And they might just place a target on her back. Especially when she is drawn to the brightest stage in town.
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EVERGREEN
A Japantown Mystery • Book 2
Naomi Hirahara
"Hirahara illuminates the experiences of Japanese Americans during World War II [and] weaves a compelling tale, which is all the more poignant as it reminds readers of the shameful treatment of Japanese Americans, along with the racial prejudice still at work." — starred, Library Journal
Aki Ito is working as a nurse's aide when an elderly Issei man is admitted with suspicious injuries. When she seeks out his son, she is shocked to recognize her husband's best friend, Babe Watanabe. Could Babe be guilty of elder abuse? Only a few days later, Little Tokyo is rocked by a murder at the low-income hotel where the Watanabes have been staying. When the cops start sniffing around Aki's home, she begins to worry that the violence tearing through her community might threaten her family. What secrets have the Watanabes been hiding, and can Aki protect her husband from getting tangled up in a murder investigation?
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THE TWELVE BOOKS OF CHRISTMAS
A Bibliophile Mystery • Book 17
Kate Carlisle
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

“This delightful cozy . . . combines Christmas, Scottish customs, and food. A treat for fans of the series and holiday mysteries.”
— Library Journal

In the middle of a Christmas holiday in Dharma, Brooklyn and Derek receive a call from their friend Claire in Scotland. The laird of the castle has just proposed to her! They plan to be married on New Year’s Day, and they want Derek and Brooklyn to be their witnesses. While they’re visiting, Claire hopes Brooklyn will be able to solve a mystery in the castle library — twelve rare books have gone missing. When one guest is poisoned and another is killed by an arrow, Brooklyn and Derek must find a killer and a thief before their friends’ bright and happy future turns dark and deadly.

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A DISH TO DIE FOR
A Key West Food Critic Mystery
Book 12
Lucy Burdette

“...a complex tale of murder and deceit.”
— Kirkus Reviews

Hayley Snow, food critic for Key Zest magazine, is taking the afternoon off for lunch with a friend. As they are enjoying the wild beach and the lunch, she realizes that her husband Nathan’s dog, Ziggy, has disappeared. She follows his barking, to find him furiously digging at a shallow grave with a man’s body in it. Davis Jager, a local birdwatcher, identifies him as GG Garcia, a Key West developer. When Davis is attacked in the parking lot of a local restaurant, Hayley is drawn into the case. Old secrets come to life, dragging the past into the present — with murderous results.

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MURDER ON TOUR
A Mystery Bookshop Mystery • Book 9
V. M. Burns

While Sam wraps up her first book tour, Nana Jo has kept Market Street Mysteries running smoothly. The last stop is a prestigious book festival in Sam’s hometown of North Harbor, Michigan. But not everyone thinks the guest of honor, bestselling author Judith Hunter, deserves stellar reviews. Sam witnesses nasty arguments between Judith and two different authors — who accuse her of plagiarism and sabotage. When a publicist is poisoned during a cocktail reception, Sam wonders if the killer missed the intended target. With Nana Jo lending a hand, Sam tries to solve the case before the festival delivers another fatality.

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ALL THAT GLITTERS ISN’T OLD
A Whit and Whiskers Mystery • Book 3
Gabby Allan

Whit loves calling Catalina home and being close to her grandmother Goldy. In her youth, Goldy was an item with a catch named Darren. But it was actually a ruse to fool Darren’s parents who wouldn’t have accepted his preference for men. Eventually, he left and chose the life he wanted for himself. Back in town for his mother’s funeral, Darren takes the opportunity to settle some scores. He produced a documentary about the history of Catalina, but his film career is cut short when his partner’s body is discovered. Now, it’s up to Whit and her boyfriend policeman to catch a killer.

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CARL WEBER'S KINGPINS
THE ULTIMATE HUSTLE
T. Friday
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
Erica Collins’ only escape from her father and his Bible is when she hooks up with her best friend, Nicole. She finds freedom through Nicole’s wild stories, most of them being about her boyfriend, Mekco. Mekco is the leader of The Detroit Brick Boyz. Now that Pierre, the former leader of the crew, is out of jail, Mekco is ready to put his boy back on without stepping down. Before getting knocked, Pierre was used to living fast and making money. Once Erica enters his life, he wants to do right by her, but pursuing his position as leader of the Brick Boyz and dealing with snakes from the past cause him to push her away.

General Fiction | Releases 1/17/2024
Available in Black Voices 2, 3 & 4.

PERFECT LITTLE LIVES
A NOVEL
Amber and Danielle Brown
Simone’s mother was murdered when she was thirteen. When her father was convicted, everything changed. Ten years later, Simone lives a quiet life. But with a true crime documentarian hounding her for a scoop and a surprise encounter with her childhood neighbor, Hunter, the past seems set on haunting her. And after Hunter reveals that his father and her mother had a years-long affair, Simone is determined to find out who really killed her mother. Playing the game from all sides, Simone enlists Hunter’s help in her investigation into his family — whether he realizes it or not. But is she so desperate for closure that she’ll risk imploding her carefully rebuilt life?

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HOLLER, CHILD ★★
STORIES
Latoya Watkins
“Eleven searingly alive stories about Black men and women from West Texas explore the ways remorse and resentment can coexist in secrecy . . . Granular yet transcendent storytelling.”
— starred, Kirkus Reviews

In Holler, Child, each story introduces us to a character reaching toward something — hope, reconciliation, freedom. In Cutting Horse, the appearance of a horse in a man’s suburban backyard places a former horse breeder in trouble with the police. In Holler, Child, a mother is forced into an impossible position when her son gets in trouble. And Time After shows us the unshakable bonds of family as a sister journeys to find her estranged brother. This collection peers deeply into lives of women and men experiencing intimate and magnificent reckonings — exploring how race, power, and inequality map on the individual.

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THE OTHER PRINCESS
A NOVEL OF QUEEN VICTORIA’S GODDAUGHTER
Denny S. Bryce
With a fierce will to survive, Sarah Forbes Bonetta, a kidnapped African princess, is rescued from enslavement at seven years old and presented to Queen Victoria as a “gift.” Her keen intelligence and aptitude for languages and musical composition help Sarah navigate the Victorian era as an outsider given insider privileges. From West Africa to Windsor Castle to Sierra Leone, to St. James’s Palace, and the Lagos Colony, Sarah juggles the power and pitfalls of a royal upbringing as she battles racism and systematic oppression on her way to living a life worthy of a Yoruba princess.

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THE BOOKSHOP BY THE BAY
A NOVEL
Pamela M. Kelley
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Jess loves her work as a high-profile lawyer in Charleston. But when her marriage implodes, she retreats to her childhood home on Cape Cod with her thirty-year-old daughter, Caitlin, hoping to regroup with her longtime best friend, Alison. Alison's career has taken a hit after twenty years as an editor for the magazine Cape Cod Living. But when she learns her beloved bookstore on the Cape is looking for new ownership, a new dream starts to form. As the two friends reopen the bookstore, they also open themselves up to the magic of second chances.

Women's Fiction | Releases 1/17/2024

THE SECOND CHANCE HOTEL
A NOVEL
Sierra Godfrey

“"There's plenty to enjoy in this decidedly escapist fare.” — Booklist
Amelia Lang's stuck living at home with her narcissistic mother. Her ex-boyfriend sabotages her at work, and she gets fired. Then she has a falling out with her best friend. So Amelia runs away. After traveling around Europe for three months, she settles on a small Greek island to figure out what's next. But after too much retsina, she gets tricked into marrying James, another guest at the hotel, who is perfectly nice but perfectly boring. Amelia and James must determine how to get out of their situation — easier said than done for Amelia, who's started to feel a spark of attraction for James. Could this be the second chance at a new life she didn't know she wanted?

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WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IS IN THE LIBRARY
A NOVEL
Michiko Aoyama

“A delightful, gentle unfolding of stories that offer hope and joy to those who find themselves in a pivotal moment in life.” — Kirkus Reviews
What are you looking for? So asks Tokyo's most enigmatic librarian. For Sayuri Komachi is able to sense exactly what each visitor to her library is searching for and provide just the book recommendation to help them find it. A restless retail assistant looks to gain new skills, a mother tries to overcome demotion at work after maternity leave, a conscientious accountant yearns to open an antique store, a recently retired salaryman searches for newfound purpose. In Komachi's unique book recommendations they will find just what they need to achieve their dreams.

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MERMAID BEACH
A NOVEL
A Moonlight Harbor Novel • Book 7
Sheila Roberts

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Bonnie Brinks and her all-woman band, The Mermaids, are the pride of Moonlight Harbor, and that’s just the right amount of fame for Bonnie. A lifetime ago, she went to Nashville to make it big, but she returned home with a broken heart and broken dreams. Now she’s got a comfortable life and a brilliant daughter, Avril, who plays for The Mermaids alongside Bonnie and Bonnie’s mother, Loretta. When Avril announces she’s leaving Moonlight Harbor, Bonnie’s comfortable life seems to be drifting away. Will these generations of the Mermaids find their happy endings? Or will the change in the winds leave them all shipwrecked?

Contemporary Romance | Releases 1/17/2024 | Available in Romance 2, 3 & 4.

MAIN CHARACTER ENERGY
A NOVEL
Jamie Varon

“[Main Character Energy] deftly captures how it feels to be of a certain age without possessing the life one had hoped for.” — Kirkus Reviews

Poppy Banks would rather be writing mysteries than writing listicles for her job at Thought Buzz. But after a series of rejections, she’s ready to accept life on the sidelines. Her aunt Margot is the one person unwilling to give up on her niece’s dreams. All of Poppy’s beliefs about herself are challenged when her aunt dies and leaves her niece a surprise — a trip to her villa in the French Riviera. There, she learns her aunt intends to leave her stunning villa to Poppy — if she can finish her novel in six months. When the writing countdown begins, Poppy must decide if she can live up to her aunt’s — and her own — desire to be the main character in her own life.

Contemporary Romance | Releases 1/17/2024 | Available in Romance 4.

IF THE SHOE FITS
A MEANT TO BE NOVEL
Meant to Be • Book 1
Julie Murphy

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
INDIE NEXT PICK

“Murphy hits the mark . . . with a body-positive novel that makes everyone feel included.” — School Library Journal

After having just graduated with a degree in shoe design, Cindy is working for her stepmother, who happens to be the executive producer of America’s favorite reality show, Before Midnight. When a spot on the show needs filling, Cindy volunteers, hoping it might jump-start her fashion career. Turns out being the only plus-size woman on a reality dating competition makes a splash, and soon Cindy becomes a body positivity icon for women everywhere. What she doesn’t expect? That she may just find inspiration — and love — in the process. Ultimately, Cindy learns that if the shoe doesn’t fit, maybe it’s time to design your own.

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A WINTER BY THE SEA
On Devonshire Shores • Book 2
Julie Klassen

When the Duke and Duchess of Kent and their daughter — the future Queen Victoria — rent neighboring Woolbrook Cottage for the winter, the Summers sisters are called upon to host three of the royal family's male staff in their seaside house. Meanwhile, Emily Summers longs to become an author. A local publisher offers to consider her novel if she will first write a Sidmouth guidebook for him. Emily agrees and begins researching the area with help from the Duke of Kent's handsome private secretary. But a surprise visitor from her past shows up at Sea View, leaving Emily torn between the desires she's long held dear and her budding dreams for the future.

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Available in Christian Romance 2, 3 & 4.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PROMISE
Sisters of the Rockies • Book 2
Misty M. Beller

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

When Lorelei Collins finds a buffalo calf, she can't help but bring it home. Little does she realize that its white coloring is rare, which makes it highly valuable. Men soon begin to visit their ranch to regard the marvel. When the men's advances become more sinister, Lorelei approaches Tanner Mason, the owner of the new trading post, with an idea: she and the calf will move to his post. This will bring customers to his trade room and protect her family from trouble. Yet as the danger travels with her, Lorelei and Tanner are faced with a threat that will test the limits of their abilities and the love growing between them.

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Available in Christian Romance 4.

AGAINST THE WIND
Secrets of Sweetwater Crossing Book 2
Amanda Cabot

Doctor-in-training Louisa Vaughn has no intention of remaining in Sweetwater Crossing. But she can't abandon the injured man she finds at the side of the road. Until his leg heals, she'll serve as the town's doctor. Josh Porter's plans to fulfill his father's final wish to gain control of the family business hit a roadblock when he breaks his leg. But his enforced stay in Sweetwater Crossing gives him new ideas about the expansion of the company into new territory — ideas Louisa could help turn into reality. Is there any future for them together when neither of them plans to stay?

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THE LITTLE THINGS
M. Jean Pike

A decade ago, Rochelle Delany boarded a bus for California and didn't look back. But instead of a glamorous life, she became trapped in a nightmare of labor trafficking. Now, she's made a daring escape and returned home to Ohio. Sandy Fairbrother puts his faith only in God. He's a single dad doing his best to raise his young son. But haunted by an impulsive kiss Rochelle gave him fifteen years ago, her unexpected return has him rethinking things. Rochelle barely remembers Sandy, but she's drawn to his goodness. But just when she thinks she's found peace, her past catches up with her, and she finds herself in danger of losing the only safe haven she's ever known.

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KNOWING YOU
Pictures of the Heart • Book 3
Tracie Peterson
Budding artist May Parker is captivated by the Japanese exhibits at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Wanting to experience more, May works as a Camera Girl — but her curiosity leads her into danger when a suit of samurai armor becomes the target of an elusive art forger. After ten years apart, May is reunited with her childhood friend Lee Munro, a police detective assigned to keep an eye on the exposition. Their friendship begins to blossom with hints of something more, but when they become entangled in a dangerous heist involving the samurai armor and their love is threatened, can they overcome the odds against them?
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Available in Christian Fiction 2, 3, 4 & 5.

SISTERS BY THE SEA
4 SHORT ROMANCES SET IN THE SARASOTA, FLORIDA, AMISH COMMUNITY
Wanda E. Brunstetter, Jean Brunstetter, Richelle Brunstetter, Lorine Brunstetter Van Corbach
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
In The Seashell Cake by Wanda E. Brunstetter, Leora Lambright makes it clear she’ll never again live up north. In The Beach Ball by Jean Brunstetter, Violet Lambright considers leaving the Amish way of life. In Fragments of a Sand Dollar by Richelle Brunstetter, Francine Lambright’s boyfriend is thinking of leaving the Amish faith. In A Sarasota Sunset by Lorine Brunstetter Van Corbach, Alana Lambright has suffered a series of accidents and emotional traumas that have left her plagued by anxiety.
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THE WARSAW SISTERS
A NOVEL OF WWII POLAND
Amanda Barratt
On a golden August morning in 1939, sisters Antonina and Helena Dąbrowska send their father off to defend Poland against the threat of German invasion. The next day, the first bombs fall on Warsaw, decimating their city and shattering the world of their youth. Antonina turns her worry into action and becomes a key figure in a daring network of women risking their lives to shelter Jewish children. Helena finds herself drawn into the ranks of Poland’s secret army, joining the fight to free her homeland from occupation. But the secrets both are forced to keep threaten to tear the sisters apart — and the cost of resistance proves greater than ever imagined.
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MOONLIGHT AND MYSTERY
Chester County Couples • Book 1
Karen Malley
Beth Tarrington has it all: a gorgeous fiancé, a lucrative career, the latest model car, and a high-priced condo. So why is she so discontent? When everything falls apart in Beth’s life, will she find the strength to stand on her own two feet? Is God really willing to stand by her side, even after she’s ignored Him for so long? When Jason Brooks meets Beth, his head tells him to run in the opposite direction. Beth is a high-society snob engaged to another man, and he’s not sure where she stands with God. So why does God keep bringing them together? Can these two find love, despite everything that stands in their way?
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Available in Christian Fiction 5.
TOUCHED BY GRACE
Emily Grey
Grace Lowell’s husband abandoned the family after gambling away their life savings. Now, she wants to find a safe haven and make a fresh start with her two kids. Noah Patterson, bitter from his fiancée’s betrayal, has sworn off women. Instead, he pours his heart and soul into his construction business. Unprecedented success leaves him strapped for administrative help. When a mutual friend introduces Grace and Noah, instant dislike flares between them, but neither has many options. Can two damaged souls navigate through mutual distrust, an unsavory threat, a jealous ex-girlfriend, vandals, and the adolescent antics of Grace’s kids to embrace a relationship?


A COUNCIL OF DOLLS 🌟
A Novel
Mona Susan Power
“This story of survival shines brightly.”
— starred, Publishers Weekly

Sissy, born 1961: Sissy’s relationship with her mother is difficult, but a doll called Ethel whispers advice and kindness in Sissy’s ear, and in one terrifying moment, maybe even saves Sissy’s life. Lillian, born 1925: Lillian clings to her sister, Blanche, and her doll, Mae. When the sisters are forced to attend an “Indian school,” Blanche refuses to be cowed by the school’s abusive nuns. But when tragedy strikes, Mae finds her way to defend the girls. Cora, born 1888: Cora isn’t afraid of the white men who move her to a school across the country to be “civilized.” When teachers burn her doll Winona, Cora discovers that the spirit of Winona may not be entirely lost.

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A NOVEL
Harold Rogers
“Rogers debuts with the riotous and tragicomic story of a Rio de Janeiro family in turmoil over lies, infidelity, and parental abandonment . . . This packs a powerful punch.” — starred, Publishers Weekly

Misfortune is a Cunha family affair, and no generation is spared. Not Daniel’s grandfather João, born to a prostitute and forced to raise his siblings while still a child himself. Not João’s wife, Marta, branded as a bruxa and dragged from Ilha by her scheming daughter, Maria. And certainly not Maria, so envious of her younger sister’s beauty and benevolence that she fled to the states, abandoning her children Daniel and Lucia. But now Maria has returned to finally make peace with Daniel and Lucia, or so she says. Amid rampant poverty, political unrest, and violence a chorus of voices rises to ask whether we can ever truly repair the damage we do to those we love.

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WHEN HATTIE FINDS LOVE
Paradise Valley • Book 4
Amy Lillard

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR
When Elsie bets Hattie that she can't help Paradise Valley's most cantankerous man learn to be happier, Hattie tackles the challenge head-on. But what can she do when she finds Christian Beachy is far more complicated — and appealing — than she thought? Christian lives his faith through hard work, supporting his overbearing sister, and growing the Valley’s best vegetables. Yet suddenly, Hattie’s warm-hearted attentions and knack for adventure is showing him life can be so much more — especially if Hattie can share it with him. But when he discovers her wager, can she ever convince him that her growing love is the real thing?

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AMISH COUNTRY RANSOM
Mary Alford

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR
After FBI agent Jade Powell's sister is abducted, K-9 trainer Ethan Connors is determined to help the woman who once saved his life. But an enemy from Jade's past will stop at nothing to keep his agenda hidden. With a storm brewing and a killer hunting them deep into Amish country, can Jade and Ethan survive the treacherous weather long enough to bring a criminal mastermind to justice?

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HER AMISH MATCH
Patricia Davids, Carrie Lighte

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR
In Mistaken for His Amish Bride by Patricia Davids, Mari Kemp is injured and ends up with amnesia. Mistakenly believing she's the fiancée he's been exchanging letters with, Asher Fisher will do anything to help Mari recover her memories. He's her perfect match. But she'll need to remember the past before she can see their future. In Their Pretend Courtship by Carrie Lighte, Eliza Keim begrudgingly agrees to walk out with Jonas Kanagy. She has no idea his true intention is only to protect his brother from getting his heart broken. Yet making their courtship look real is surprisingly easy. Might this practical arrangement end up backfiring in the best possible way?

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**A MURDER OF ASPIC PROPORTIONS**  
A Sunflower Café Mystery • Book 2  
Amy Lillard

*USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR*

Sissy Yoder never imagined herself running her Aunt Bethel’s café, but she’s making a go of it. She must admit that life in Yoder has been anything but dull — she’s already solved one homicide! Enjoying a peaceful respite after the excitement, Sissy just wants to write her advice column and procure some of local farmer Walt Summers’ “To Die For” tomatoes for the Sunshine Café’s menu. But when the unsavory Summers — resented by just about everyone in town — turns up murdered in his garden shed, it’s up to Sissy to roll up her sleeves, dig for some clues, and weed out the culprit.

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**FOUR WEDDINGS AND A PUPPY**  
Pine Hollow • Book 5  
Lizzie Shane

Kendall Walsh has exactly one second to save a fancy, five-tiered wedding cake and any possibility of being a wedding planner. Which is when Olympic skier Brody James shows up and saves the day. Brody is her first crush and an Olympic hero, which only reminds her of her own failed Olympic dreams. What Brody isn’t telling her is that he’s walked away from it all. The fame. The sponsorships. The celebrity girlfriend. Now he and Kendall are both lost somewhere between their past and a future they can’t yet see. But a few steamy kisses later, these two might just realize they are both exactly where they need to be.

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**THE COWBOY WHISPERER**  
Sabrina Sol

“This feel-good love story is sure to please fans of cowboy romance.” — Publishers Weekly

After her last disastrous competition went viral, Olympic hopeful Veronica del Valle spent three years healing and hiding. Finally ready for another shot, Veronica agrees to train at an under-the-radar, family-run ranch in tiny Esperanza, California. Stable manager Tómas Ortega offers Veronica unsolicited advice during her training sessions. Advice that, infuriatingly, turns out to be right every time. The only things Tómas cares about are his horses and saving his family’s ranch. But he soon realizes Veronica is nothing like he imagined, and the harder he falls, the more he worries, because Veronica’s Olympic dreams will eventually take her away from him.

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BRIGHT SKIES AND DARK HORSES
WESTERN STORIES
L. J. Martin
SPUR AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR
In Incident at Blue Nose Creek, an investigator pursues a suspect for the serial murders of three saloon girls. In Visitors in Cantera, the narrator receives a visit from questionable relatives. In In the Breaks, a girl goes deer hunting and must fend off unwelcome advances from a young man. In Man of Trees, a homesteader helps solve the murder of an old hobo. In Night Horse, a man is killed when his plan to avenge his brother’s death is thwarted, and the narrator must fight for his life. In Buckskin Ruby, a flashy stranger goes to work for a grading crew and exposes a murderer.

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MUD, BLOOD, AND BEER
A COLLECTION OF WESTERN STORIES
L. J. Martin
In this collection of nine short stories, including Part-Time Lawman, Glory Be, Dreaming a Way, Gospel of the Gun, and Eye for Eye, L. J. Martin does what he sets out to do in his novels: make ‘em laugh, make ‘em cry. And, of course, thrill them.

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UNDER WESTERN STARS
WESTERN STORIES
Edited by Richard Prosch
As the sun goes down behind the long, low western horizon, imagine a gathering of friends who write stories, share stories, encourage new stories, and visit about the craft of fiction. As a reader, you’ll find stories about family, lost and found. Tales of Civil War and reconciliation. Gunfighters. Bounty hunters. Small towns and cemeteries. You’ll find ghosts, real and imagined. Adventure and romance. You’ll make new friends and rekindle old flames. You’ll live under western stars, with a harvest moon overhead and laughter and suspense all around. Pull up a stump and join us around the campfire.

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CASHDOWN’S FOLLY
Stephen Preston Banks
In the midst of Reconstruction, pioneer, livestock breeder, and would-be innkeeper Hamish “Cashdown” Musgrave brings his family into the Palouse Prairie. Soon Hamish’s brother Callum goes missing and remains mysteriously elusive. The railroad refuses to build a line past the Musgrave stagecoach inn and store, and newcomers threaten the very existence of the Palus Indians, despite Hamish’s efforts to help the band. Meanwhile, Hamish’s attraction to the Paluses’ sacred mountain, Steptoe Butte, becomes a fateful obsession. How will Hamish save his fortune? What will become of his spellbound love for Steptoe Butte? And what will he learn of Callum’s long self-exile?

Frontier Fiction | Releases 1/17/2024
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SHADOW OF A DEAD MAN
A Shotgun Johnny Western • Book 2
William W. Johnstone and J. A. Johnstone

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS

Shotgun Johnny Greenway thought he’d hit rock bottom when he lost his wife and son. But a pretty young woman offered him a job riding shotgun for the Reverend’s Temptation Gold Mine. Gave him a reason to live. But even she can’t save him when the Starrett gang tries to rob the gold — and Johnny kills their leader. The dead man’s father has powerful friends, including Johnny’s personal enemy. Both want Johnny dead. With a $1,000 bounty on his head — and half the county trying to kill him — Johnny’s got to prove his innocence. Not in a court of law. In a trial by shotgun.

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A PANTHER’S SCREAM
Saga of the Mountain Sage • Book 3
W. Michael Gear

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Having made the decision to leave Richard and the whites, Willow packs, only to discover that all of the expedition’s horses have been stolen. For Richard, the pursuit of the thieves will leave him forever changed. Meanwhile, the Arikara make their move on Maria, ending in a bloody battle where Willow crosses a line she never anticipated. Reunited with a wounded Richard, she struggles to save his life. But some bridges cannot be crossed. Heartbroken, she leaves in the hope of returning to her people. As the Maria struggles to ascend the Yellowstone, Richard will face the wilderness alone, and battle for his very life.

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NEVER NEVER
A NOVEL
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Charlie Wynwood and Silas Nash have been best friends since they could walk. They've been in love since the age of 14. But as of this morning, they are complete strangers. Their first kiss, their first fight, the moment they fell in love — every memory has vanished. Now Charlie and Silas must work together to uncover the truth about what happened to them and why. But the more they learn about the couple they used to be, the more they question why they were ever together to begin with.

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THE MITFORD AFFAIR
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PUBLISHER’S SHOWCASE 3
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Between the World Wars, the Mitford sisters dominate the English political, literary, and social scenes. Though they've weathered scandals before, the family falls into disarray when Diana divorces her wealthy husband to marry a fascist leader and Unity follows her sister's lead all the way to Munich, inciting rumors that she's become Hitler's mistress. As the Nazis rise in power, novelist Nancy Mitford grows suspicious of her sisters' constant visits to Germany and the high-ranking fascist company they keep. When she overhears alarming conversations and uncovers disquieting documents, Nancy must make excruciating choices as Great Britain goes to war with Germany.

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
PUBLISHER’S SHOWCASE 4
INDIE NEXT PICK
When Chess suggests a girls trip to Italy, Emily jumps at the chance. Villa Aestas is a high-end holiday home now, but in 1974 it was known as Villa Rosato and rented by rock star Noel Gordon. In an attempt to reignite his creative spark, Noel invites up-and-coming musician Pierce Sheldon to join him, as well as Pierce's girlfriend, Mari, and her stepsister, Lara. A chain of events leads to Mari writing one of the greatest horror novels of all time, Lara composing a platinum album — and ends in Pierce's murder. As secrets from the past come to light, dangerous betrayals from the present also emerge, and it begins to look like the villa will claim another victim.

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JUST THE NICEST COUPLE
A NOVEL
Mary Kubica
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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
Jake Hayes is missing. This much is certain. At first, his wife, Nina, thinks he is blowing off steam at a friend's house after their heated fight the night before. But then a day goes by. Two days. Five. And Jake is still nowhere to be found. Lily Scott, Nina's friend and coworker, thinks she may have been the last to see Jake before he went missing. After Lily confesses everything to her husband, Christian, the two decide that nobody can find out what happened leading up to Jake's disappearance, especially not Nina. But Nina is out there looking for her husband, and she won't stop until the truth is discovered.

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ONCE IN A BLUE MOON ★
Sharon G. Flake
THREE TIME CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR
“The theme of recovery after deep trauma shines brightly.” — Kirkus Reviews

James Henry used to be brave. He hasn’t been the same since that fateful night at the lighthouse when his ma went searching for Dog. Now months later, he feels as small as the space between the numbers on a watch, nervous day and night, barely able to go outside. Even words have a hard time leaving his mouth. The only person he speaks to is Hattie, his twin sister, who fiercely protects him, especially from bullies. James Henry wants nothing more than to be brave again. However, finding his voice will mean confronting the truth about what happened at the lighthouse — a step James Henry isn’t sure he can take. Until a blue moon is forecast, and as Gran has said, everything is possible under a rare blue moon.

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SIMON SORT OF SAYS ★★★
Erin Bow
INDIE NEXT PICK
“Funny and heartfelt in equal measure, this book tackles some tough topics, but the humor keeps readers engaged, and it is easy to care about these characters.” — School Library Journal

The story the whole world wants to tell about Simon O'Keefe is the one he'd do anything to forget: the one starring Simon as a famous survivor of gun violence at school. Two years after the infamous event, twelve-year-old Simon and his family move to the National Quiet Zone — the only place in America where the internet is banned. Instead of talking about Simon, the astronomers who flock to the area are busy listening for signs of life in space. And when Simon makes a friend who's determined to give the scientists what they're looking for, he'll finally have the chance to spin a new story for the world to tell.

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SPARKLE
Lakita Wilson
“A timely and relatable story about self-perception and social pressures.” — Kirkus Reviews

Sparkle Moore is destined to be a star. Her mother is determined to turn her into a social media influencer and superstar. But at the onset of middle school, Sparkle begins losing her hair — first her lashes, then her eyebrows, and then bald spots appear in various sections on her head. It's hard enough having to go to school and hide her diagnosis from her friends, but Sparkle quickly has to deal with weird medications, itchy wigs, and lost opportunities her mom has wrangled, including a big shampoo commercial. Despite everything she might do to hide what's happening, Sparkle has to come to terms with the changes in her life and show her classmates and her family what she can do with or without hair.

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ALEBRIJES
Donna Barba Higuera
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INDIE NEXT PICK
NEWBERRY MEDAL AUTHOR
PUA BELPRÉ AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR
“This gorgeously written post-apocalyptic novel is a must for every library.”
— starred, School Library Journal
For 400 years, Earth has been a barren wasteland. The few humans that survive scrape together an existence in the city of Pocatél — or go it alone in the wilderness beyond. 13-year-old pickpocket Leandro and his sister Gabi do what they can to forge a life in Pocatél. When Gabi is caught stealing fruit from the Pocatél elite, Leandro takes the fall. But his exile proves more than he ever could have imagined — far from a simple banishment, his consciousness is placed inside an ancient drone and left to fend on its own. Beyond the walls of Pocatél lie other alebrijes like Leandro who seek for a better world — as well as mutant monsters, wasteland pirates, a hidden oasis, and the truth.
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INTO THE SHADOW MIST
Legends of Lotus Island • Book 2
Christina Soontornvat
INDIE NEXT PICK
TWO TIME NEWBERRY HONOR AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR
“A fun, magical journey featuring a relatably conflicted protagonist.” — Kirkus Reviews
Plum and her friends are traveling to Bokati Island. There they will study with Guardian Master Em, keeper of the island’s ancient forest. The field trip comes just in time for Plum, who can’t figure out why she’s so different from the other Novices on Lotus Island. At first, Plum doesn’t know what to make of this quiet and sometimes gloomy place. But it doesn’t take long to discover that Bokati is brimming with fascinating animals and plants. When an unseen force begins to destroy the trees, putting the entire ecosystem at risk, Plum and her classmates must spring into action. Plum is determined to help, even though she’s hiding secrets about her own Guardian powers.
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INVISIBLE SON
Kim Johnson
“A powerful, emotional, and insightful read.”
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Andre Jackson is determined to reclaim his identity. But returning from juvie doesn’t feel like coming home. His Portland, Oregon, neighborhood is rapidly gentrifying, and COVID-19 shuts down school before he can return. And Andre’s suspicions about his arrest for a crime he didn’t commit taint his friendships. It’s as if his whole life has been erased. The one thing Andre is counting on is his relationship with the Whitaker kids — especially his longtime crush, Sierra. But Sierra’s brother Eric is missing. If Andre can find Eric, he just might uncover the truth about his own arrest. But in a world where power is held by a few and Andre is nearly invisible, searching for the truth is a dangerous game.
Young Adult General Fiction | Releases 1/3/2024
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THE BROTHERS HAWTHORNE
The Inheritance Games • Book 4
Jennifer Lynn Barnes
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Grayson Hawthorne was raised as the heir apparent to his billionaire grandfather, taught to put family first. When Grayson’s half-sisters find themselves in trouble, he swoops in to take care of the problem — efficiently, effectively, mercilessly. Jameson Hawthorne is a risk-taker, a sensation-seeker, a player of games. When his father asks for a favor, Jameson can’t resist the challenge. Now he must infiltrate London’s most exclusive underground gambling club and win a game of greatest stakes. Drawn into twisted games on opposite sides of the globe, Grayson and Jameson must dig deep to decide who they want to be and what each of them will sacrifice to win.
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THE INHERITANCE GAMES
The Inheritance Games • Book 1
Jennifer Lynn Barnes

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A KIRKUS REVIEWS, PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, AND NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARYBEST YA BOOK OF THE YEAR

“Barnes’s meticulously crafted novel is like the film Knives Out for the YA world, perfect for any reader seeking suspense, romance, and glamour.” — School Library Journal

Avery Grambs’ fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? To receive her inheritance, Avery must move into Hawthorne House, where every room bears the old man’s love of puzzles, riddles, and codes. Unfortunately, Hawthorne House is also occupied by the four Hawthorne grandsons who grew up with every expectation that they would inherit billions. Grayson Hawthorne is determined to take Avery down. His brother, Jameson, views her as a puzzle to be solved. Caught in a world of wealth and privilege with danger around every turn, Avery will have to play the game herself just to survive.

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THE FINAL GAMBIT
The Inheritance Games • Book 3
Jennifer Lynn Barnes

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To inherit billions, all Avery Kylie Grambs has to do is survive a few more weeks living in Hawthorne House. The paparazzi are dogging her every step. Financial pressures are building. Danger is a fact of life. And the only thing getting Avery through it all is the Hawthorne brothers. But as the clock ticks down to the moment when Avery will become the richest teenager on the planet, trouble arrives in the form of a visitor who needs her help — and whose presence in Hawthorne House could change everything. It soon becomes clear that there is one last puzzle to solve, and Avery and the Hawthorne brothers are drawn into a dangerous game against a powerful player.

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THE HAWTHORNE LEGACY
The Inheritance Games • Book 2
Jennifer Lynn Barnes

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“The Inheritance Games ended with a bombshell, and now heiress Avery Grambs has to pick up the pieces and find the man who might hold the answers to all of her questions — including why Tobias Hawthorne left his entire fortune to Avery, a virtual stranger, rather than to his own daughters or grandsons. As the mystery grows and the plot thickens, Grayson and Jameson, two of the enigmatic and magnetic Hawthorne grandsons, continue to pull Avery in different directions. And there are threats lurking around every corner, as adversaries emerge who will stop at nothing to see Avery out of the picture — by any means necessary.” — School Library Journal

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THE BARREN GROUNDS
The Misewa Saga • Book 1
David A. Robertson

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“This middle-grade fantasy deftly and compellingly centers Indigenous culture.” — Kirkus Reviews

Morgan and Eli, two Indigenous children forced away from their families and communities, are brought together in a foster home in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They each struggle to fit in at school and at their new home — until they find a secret place, walled off in an unfinished attic bedroom. A portal opens to another reality, Askí, where they meet Ochek (Fisher). The only hunter supporting his starving community, Misewa, Ochek welcomes the human children, teaching them traditional ways to survive. But as the need for food becomes desperate, they embark on a dangerous mission to try to save Misewa before the icy grip of winter freezes everything — including them.

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The Misewa Saga • Book 2
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“A cliffhanger ending compels a return to this absorbing Indigenous fantasy.” — starred, Kirkus Reviews

Back at home after their first adventure in the Barren Grounds, Eli is being bullied at school, and tries to hide it from Morgan, while Morgan has to make an important decision about her birth mother. They turn to the place where they know they can learn the most, and make the journey to Misewa to visit their animal friends. This time they travel back in time and meet a young fisher that might just be their lost friend. But they discover that the village is once again in peril, and they must dig deep within themselves to find the strength to protect their beloved friends. Can they carry this strength back home to face their own challenges?

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The Misewa Saga • Book 3
David A. Robertson

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After discovering a near-lifeless Eli at the base of the Great Tree, Morgan knows she doesn't have much time to save him. And it will mean asking for help — from friends old and new. Racing against the clock, and with Arik and Emily at her side, Morgan sets off to follow the trail away from the Great Tree to find Eli's soul before it's too late. As they journey deep into the northern woods, a place they've been warned never to enter, they face new challenges and life-threatening attacks from strange and horrifying creatures. But a surprise ally comes to their aid, and Morgan finds the strength to focus on what's most important: saving her brother's life.

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A rogue Ukranian band of partisans, the Wolves, teams up with members of Russia's military intelligence to assassinate Vladimir Putin and end the war. But Putin is aware of the traitors and assigns the commander of the Russian national guard to root them out. It's a mission Victor Petrov is expected to undertake after he prevents Sweden from joining NATO, by assassinating a deputy minister of foreign affairs. After receiving intelligence about the threat in Sweden, the U.S. sends Pike Logan to identify Victor's target but he gets caught in the crossfire between Putin's agents and the Wolves. Then Pike discovers that their operation has unimaginable consequences: Putin is preparing to launch Russia's nuclear missiles in the event of his death.

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