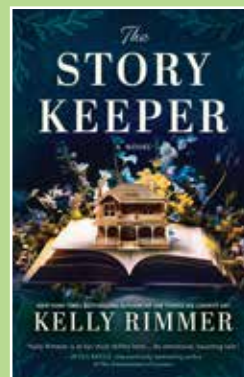
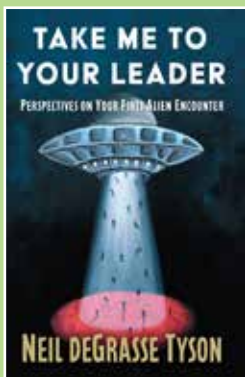
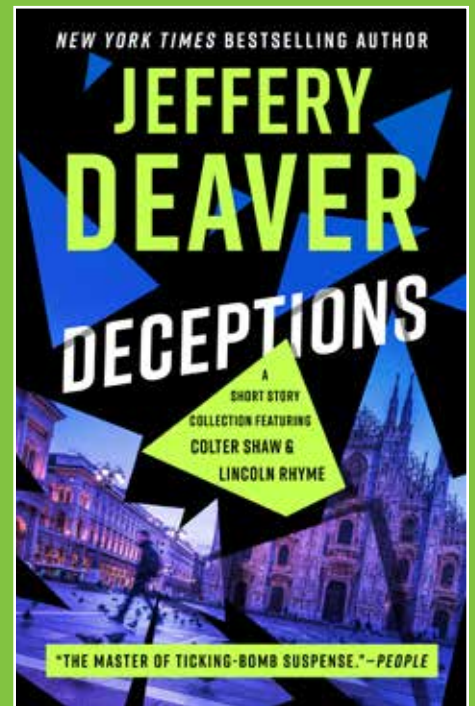
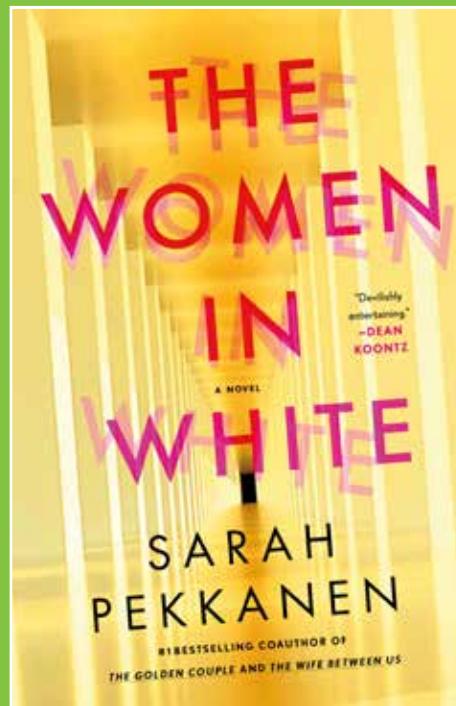


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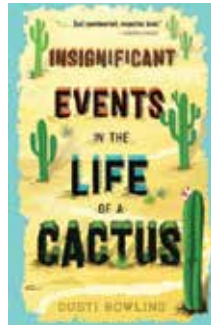
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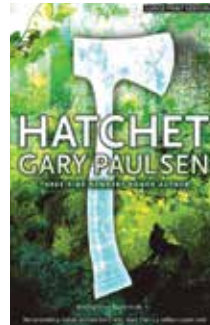


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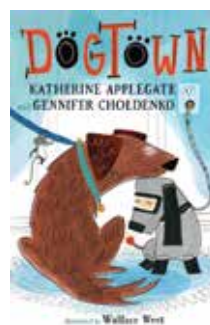
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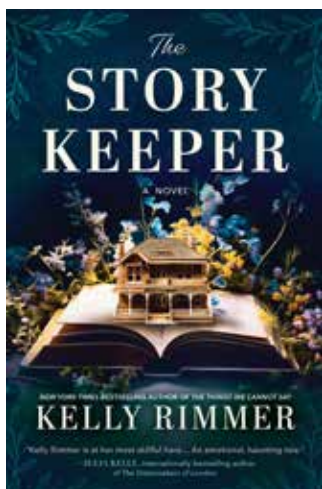
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**THE STORY KEEPER**

**Kelly Rimmer**

*NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

*USA TODAY* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

In the aftermath of a tumultuous year, Fiona Winslow finds solace in the decaying grandeur of Wurimbirra, the family estate she once called home. Intent on restoring it, she discovers the keys to more than just the dilapidated mansion — beneath the crumbling plaster and dust are secrets that have been buried for a generation. When a curious book, *The Midnight Estate*, catches her attention, Fiona is plunged into a tale that mirrors her own. But as the lines between fiction and reality blur, Fiona must ask herself: Is the true mystery the one hidden within the walls of her ancestral home, or is it within the pages of a book that chose her as much as she chose it?

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**THE HALF LIFE**

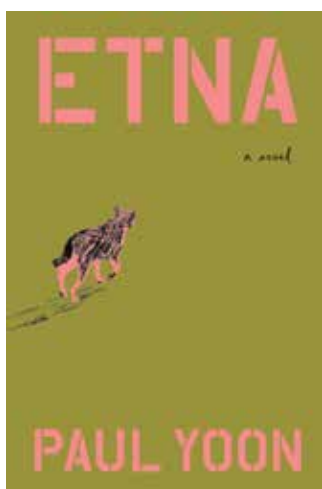
A NOVEL

**Rachel Beanland**

When Eileen O'Malley meets naval officer Paul Archer, she doesn't expect to fall so hard, so fast. But soon, Eileen is following him to the Mediterranean island of La Maddalena, where Paul will be heading up Radiological Controls aboard a submarine tender. When Italian activists and scientists begin to sound the alarm about possible nuclear contamination in the water, the island erupts in a series of protests, made worse by the ongoing mishaps of the U.S. Navy. Soon, Eileen's marriage falters and her loyalties begin to shift as she is drawn into a web of secrets — and to a local journalist who forces her to imagine a life beyond the one she's been handed.

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Historical Fiction | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Top Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



**ETNA** ★

A NOVEL

**Paul Yoon**

Set in a fictional country in the present day, this is a story told through the eyes of an ex-military dog, Etna. After years of devastating war, Etna decides one night to leave the men he has fought alongside for years and return home — to the place where he was taken from when he was young, in the thin but persistent hope that if a home exists for him, it might be there. Thus begins an exhilarating odyssey told through the eyes of a dog as he traverses ruined landscapes and fights to survive in a world that, even in peacetime, proves to be just as precarious. This is a novel about the power of an idea, never giving up, and finding hope in the most dire of times.

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General Fiction | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Top Shelf 4, 6 & 8.

**DOUBLE HAPPINESS**

A NOVEL

**Heather Eng**

*"This enjoyable debut novel shows promise. Eng will be an author to watch."* — Library Journal

When Mei Li runs into Alexandre Brodeur at a family function, there's no denying their chemistry. But Mei's engaged to Joey, a fellow Queens native who keeps her grounded as she pulls eighty-hour weeks at Livin, the tech world's hottest startup. In Mei's brief moments away from her crushing workload, Alexandre is an uncomfortably enticing presence. It doesn't take long for their thoughtful conversations and his electric gaze to get under her skin, leaving Mei to wonder what she really wants in work, life, and love. With her wedding date approaching, Mei has to make an impossible choice between two very different men and figure out what it truly means to have it all.

**ISBN: 9781420537703 | \$36.00**

Romance General | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Top Shelf 6 &amp; 8.

**THE YANKEE SPHINX** ★

AN FDR NOVEL

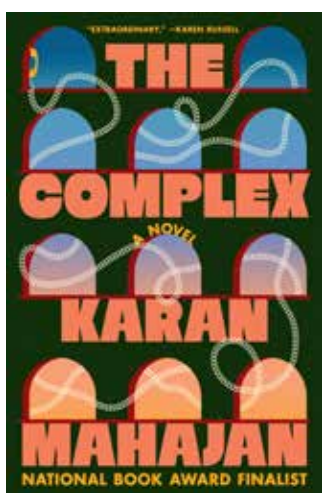
**Mark Frost**

*"Frost's deft narrative allows readers a window into a transformative time in American and world history, as seen through the remembrances of FDR's loyal aide-de-camp and scribe."* — Library Journal

In 1934, Will Hassett is working as a journalist when he gets a call from an old friend who now works at the White House. Franklin D. Roosevelt needs help on his speeches; Will takes the job on the spot. For the next twelve years, Will is at FDR's side through the worst of the Depression, three reelection campaigns, and World War II. *The Yankee Sphinx*, inspired by Will Hassett's real diaries, focuses on the last few years of FDR's life. From Will's empathetic perspective, we witness FDR managing the Allied military campaign abroad and parrying shots from isolationist politicians at home — all while reckoning with his rapidly deteriorating health.

**ISBN: 9781420535761 | \$36.00**

Historical Fiction | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Top Shelf 8.

**THE COMPLEX** ★★

A NOVEL

**Karan Mahajan**

*"Mahajan evokes the clashing landscapes of India and Michigan with a sure hand, and displays a keen understanding of Indian society and politics. . . . This novel is beautiful and unforgettable."* — starred, Kirkus Reviews

In a sprawling complex in Delhi, the sons and daughters of SP Chopra, one of India's political architects, vie for influence in a family shaped by the great man's legacy. By the late 1970s, his descendants are scrambling to define their own futures in a young nation on the brink of transformation. Sachin Chopra leaves for America, with his bride Gita following not long after. Yet Delhi keeps pulling them back, even as Gita is menaced by Sachin's predatory uncle, Laxman. As India erupts in violence and long-buried secrets come to light, the embattled Chopras must reckon with the cost of power, the weight of tradition, and the shifting nature of love and allegiance.

**ISBN: 9781420537291 | \$36.00**

General Fiction | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Top Shelf 8.

**THE TALISMAN**

The Talisman Trilogy • Book 1

**Stephen King and Peter Straub**

*NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHORS  
EDITOR'S CHOICE 5

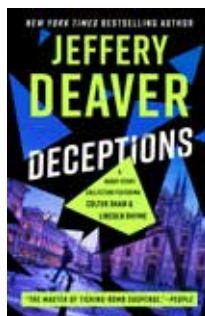
Jack Sawyer, twelve years old, is about to begin a terrifying quest for the mystical Talisman — the only thing that can save his dying mother. Jack must make his way across the

wondrous and menacing world of the Territories, where life can be snuffed out instantly in the continuing struggle between good and evil. Here Jack discovers “Twinners,” reflections of the people he knows on earth — most notably Queen Laura DeLoessian, the Twinner of Jack’s own imperiled mother. As Jack “flips” between worlds, making his way westward toward the redemptive Talisman, a sequence of heart-stopping encounters challenges him at every step.

**ISBN: 9781420539240 | \$41.00**

Thriller | Releases 8/5/2026

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**DECEPTIONS**

**Jeffery Deaver**

*NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
EDITOR'S CHOICE 7

A murder at a crime writers’ conference. Can the detective who was first on the scene puzzle out what needs reading between the lines? A brilliant sleuth turns his attention to a serial killer stalking the streets of New York City. A mysterious woman has gone into hiding and Colter Shaw is tasked with bringing her to a safe house. But with a hitman on his trails, the race toward safety takes on a whole new meaning. A serial killer challenges Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs to rethink everything they know about the nature of evil. No stranger to twists and turns, Jeffery Deaver brings his chops to *Deceptions*, where every story unearths the truths that lie buried.

**S | ISBN: 9781420538748 | \$38.00**

Thriller | Releases 8/5/2026

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**EYES OF KINGS**

Flesh & False Gods • Book 3

**Chloe Gong**

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EDITOR'S CHOICE 7

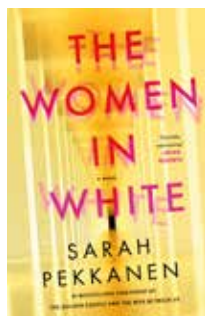
War beckons in the kingdom of Talin. On one side sits Calla Tuoleimi and Anton Makusa, and on the other, the dethroned August Shenzhi and Calla’s own predecessor Sinoa Tuoleimi.

Calla assumed victory would be easy. She wears the divine crown after a violent coup, wielding the most powerful weapon in the kingdom. Anton thought he aligned himself with victory, but he fears Calla is returning to who she once was. August would sacrifice anything for victory. He has waited his entire life for the throne, and surrender is not an option. But he must be careful who he trusts. Because when the war ends, there can only be one king.

**S | ISBN: 9781420538755 | \$38.00**

General Fiction | Releases 8/5/2026

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**THE WOMEN IN WHITE**

A NOVEL

**Sarah Pekkanen**

*NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
EDITOR'S CHOICE 6

In 1964, four remarkable young women at a prestigious university became the subjects of parapsychology experiments. On the cusp of a historic breakthrough, the

women mysteriously vanished and the program was erased from history. Decades later, Riley Bell, newly divorced and desperate for a fresh start, accepts a caretaker job for an elderly widow named Betty. Riley steps into a home that is frozen in another era — no microwave, television, or cell phones, and Betty has never heard of the internet. As the story unfolds across two timelines, old secrets rise to the surface. And the only way to survive is to confront the mystery that has lingered for sixty years.

**S | ISBN: 9781420538762 | \$38.00**

Thriller | Releases 8/5/2026

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**ADVERSARY TO THE VILLAIN**

Assistant and the Villain • Book 4

**Hannah Nicole Maehrer**

*NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Evie has always tried to be helpful, loyal, and only mildly involved in treason. But with a dangerous prophecy threatening the very magic of Rennedawn, things are starting to feel less like a career path and

more like a problem. The prophecy won't stop pointing in Evie's direction. The Villain's magic keeps choosing her. And honestly, if you're going to be accused of evil anyway, you might as well commit. Unfortunately, the more Evie leans into her alleged villain era, the more her boss starts acting like the hero of a completely different story. If Evie can't save the kingdom, she might just become its greatest threat.

**S | ISBN: 9781420538731 | \$37.00**

Fantasy | Releases 8/5/2026

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**THE HELSINKI AFFAIR**

Amanda Cole • Book 1

**Anna Pitoniak**

*"Pitoniak does everything well in this twisty spy thriller that should please the most discriminating connoisseur of the genre."*

— Library Journal

Amanda Cole is a CIA officer following in the footsteps of her father, who was a spy during the Cold War. It

takes grit to succeed in this male-dominated world — but one day, when a Russian defector walks into her post, Amanda is given the chance to prove herself. The defector warns of the imminent assassination of a US senator. Twenty-four hours later, the senator is dead. And the assassination is just beginning. The Kremlin has found a dangerous new way to wage war. Teaming up with Kath Frost, a fearless older woman and legendary spy, Amanda races from St. Petersburg to Helsinki, unraveling the international conspiracy.

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Thriller | Releases 8/5/2026

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**INVASIVE SPECIES**

A NOVEL

**Ellery Adams**

*NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

*USA TODAY* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

*"Adams crafts a humorous portrait of small-town life and tops off the fast-paced plot with a satisfying ending that doesn't pull punches. This impresses."*

— Publishers Weekly

Something's not right in Cold Harbor — more so than usual. The mysterious Mrs. Smith has finally emerged from her mansion on the hill, mesmerizing the townspeople with her beauty. Her secret? Nine human sacrifices to feed her immortality. Natalie Scott is more worried about Mrs. Smith blocking her first real estate sale. Natalie's two best friends are facing their own demons, and Mrs. Smith is an easy scapegoat. But Natalie's twelve-year-old daughter, Jill, and her housekeeper, Una, can sense something deeper at play. As the rest of Cold Harbor sinks into anger, fear, and jealousy, they'll have to confront the question: What does it really mean to be a monster?

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Horror | Releases 8/5/2026

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**DEAD WEIGHT** ★

**Hildur Knútsdóttir translated by Mary Robinette Kowal**

*"[An] impressively subtle and slow-burning psychological chiller from Knútsdóttir. . . ."*

*Anyone looking for character-driven horror with a very sharp edge will be thrilled."*

— starred, Publishers Weekly

Unnur was living a normal, if lonely, life until a black cat showed up at her

door. When she tracks down the cat's wayward owner, she finds a young woman just as lost and in need of help. Like a gust of cold air in a Reykjavik night, Ásta and her pet slip into Unnur's life. It's unexpected, but welcome. Unnur likes the company, and she begins to rely on Ásta in turn. But like a black cat, trouble has been tailing her new friend, and Unnur is the only one there for Ásta when things take a violent turn. The two women quickly learn: nothing tests a friendship like blood on your hands.

**ISBN: 9781420538724 | \$36.00**

Horror | Releases 8/5/2026

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## MEET ME IN PARIS

A NOVEL

**Kristin Harmel**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

**EDITOR'S CHOICE 4**

Julia Glover has brought her twenty-three-year-old daughter, Piper, to Paris. But Julia is dying, and as the mother and daughter try to make memories together as the clock ticks

down, the world opens up around them. Julia meets a man at a dive bar and struggles with how to tell him the truth about her future. Rock star Jackson Quick's glory days are behind him. When he meets a woman who sees him for who he is, the ground shifts beneath his feet. These intertwining stories — plus several others — unfold over a few days, as a group of Americans in Paris must find their way to their own versions of happily ever after in the City of Light.

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Women's Fiction | Releases 8/5/2026

Available in Dynamic Drama 4, 6 & 8.

## THE WILD BENEATH

A NOVEL

**Kelly Anderson**

**EDITOR'S CHOICE 8**

Annie MacLeod always knew she was different, growing up on a sailboat in the Pacific Northwest. But when a tsunami shatters her world, Annie is stranded on land and forced to confront how eccentric she is. In the

wreckage, she rescues a wordless man named Walker, who emits a hum only she can hear. Their connection is instant, electric. Walker's touch gives Annie visions of the ocean's hidden world, a life she's never known but feels inexplicably drawn to. But then Walker vanishes. Six years later, Annie has left the sea and buried the past — until Walker's otherworldly sound returns, and Annie must confront a choice that will test her heart and determine her future.

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Women's Fiction | Releases 8/5/2026

Available in Dynamic Drama 4, 6 & 8.



## HOT GIRL MURDER CLUB

A NOVEL

**Ashley Winstead**

**USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*"A savage #MeToo revenge fantasy . . . genuinely satisfying."* — Publishers Weekly

Ten years ago, singer-actress Scout Sage lost her sister, Georgia. Ever since Georgia's mysterious death at a Hollywood party, Scout's done her

best to honor her memory, clawing her way through the industry. But when a slew of targeted murders makes headlines across L.A., all pointing to Scout as the killer, she turns from a mid-tier pop star into the world's most famous (alleged) murderer. Now everything she's worked to build will fall apart unless Scout can prove she's not guilty. Meanwhile, the detective assigned to her case begins to unearth secrets about Georgia's death that, if brought to light, could be the fuel that ignites a reckoning the world over.

**S** | ISBN: 9781420536645 | \$38.00

Thriller | Releases 8/5/2026

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## THE TAKE

A NOVEL

**Kelly Yang**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*"Yang makes her adult debut with a powerful and revealing novel about ambition, age, and feminism and isn't afraid to populate it with polarizing characters."* — Library Journal

Maggie Wang, a broke young Asian American writer, needs a lifeline. Ingrid Parker, a veteran white Hollywood producer with her career on the edge, offers an irresistible deal: \$3 million for ten experimental medical sessions to reverse her aging, using Maggie as a transfusion partner. For Ingrid, it's a chance to reboot her career. For Maggie, it's money to support her parents and the connections to get her novel published. As Maggie gains access to Ingrid's hard-earned wisdom, Ingrid sees in Maggie a weapon against an industry that's been trying to sideline her. As their relationship intensifies, the two women question what they're willing to sacrifice to succeed.

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Shield of Sparrows • Book 2

**Devney Perry**

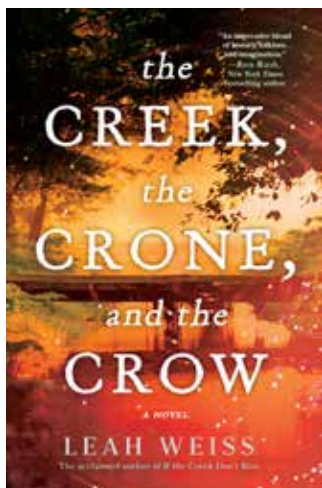
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

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Calandra’s five kingdoms are on the verge of destruction. I’m lost. Terrified. Hunted by monsters, the only thing keeping me going is the little girl counting on me to keep her safe. It’s my turn to become the Guardian. Our lives change one fateful night. That night, I learn the real meaning of fear — and the depth of my own strength. Everyone wants me to be something I’m not — a queen, a spy, a sacrifice. But what if I embrace my crown? What if the secrets I uncover save our realm? What if my sacrifice means salvation for the man I love? For too long, I’ve feared the monsters we make. It’s time to discover the monster within.

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Fantasy | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Dynamic Drama 6 & 8.



**THE CREEK, THE CRONE, AND THE CROW**

A NOVEL

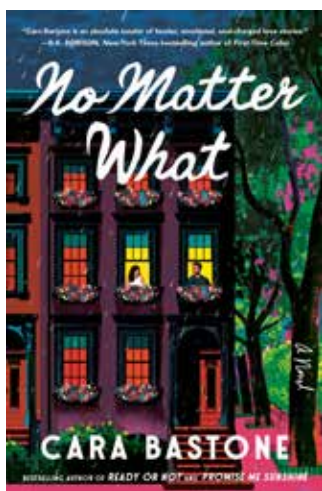
**Leah Weiss**

INDIE NEXT PICK

Welcome to Baines Creek, where the last one-room schoolhouse in North Carolina is on the brink of closing. Teacher Kate Shaw has lived in Baines Creek for ten years. She rejects superstition and Appalachian folklore, much to the disappointment of Birdie Rocas, a powerful and reclusive witch. As Kate prepares to leave, a sudden death, a shocking request, and a legacy that spans centuries throw her into a world that overwhelms her. Enter Lydia Brown, a psychic whose visions stopped when she needed them most. Desperate for spiritual guidance, she travels to Baines Creek in search of Birdie and the answers she might provide.

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General Fiction | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Dynamic Drama 8.



**NO MATTER WHAT**

A NOVEL

**Cara Bastone**

LIBRARY READS PICK

*“Bastone brings her signature tender character development to a marriage-in-trouble romance.”*  
— Library Journal

Roz and Vin can’t look each other in the eye anymore, let alone share a bed. Roz has held out hope that they can fix things, until she discovers Vin has signed a new lease. So she does what any soon-to-be-divorced Manhattanite would do: sign up for a figure-drawing class. Between attempts to improve her artistic skills and adventures with her best friend, she can almost ignore Vin’s impending move-out date. But it would be a lot easier if she didn’t still find him incredibly attractive and kind. So kind, in fact, that Vin offers to let Roz draw him. As Roz works to capture the wholeness of the person she fell in love with, will they be able to finally heal together?

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Contemporary Fiction | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Dynamic Drama 8.

**PROBABLE CAWS**

A Meg Langslow Mystery

**Donna Andrews***NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Meg Langslow's friend Ragnar Ragnarsen has agreed to shelter nearly fifty horses for Hoof and Hearth, an equine rescue organization that has lost access to the farm where the horses have been living. The owner of the farm recently died without leaving a will, and his son George is suspected of sending a thug to harm the horses as part of his efforts to evict Hoof and Hearth. That night, Meg discovers that the thug has been murdered. Doing what she can to help the chief solve the murder, Meg hopes that the killer won't turn out to be one of the dedicated horse rescuers she has come to like and respect.

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Cozy Mystery | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Mystery 2, 3, &amp; 5.

**A MURDER IN SPRINGTIME** 

A Bruno, Chief of Police Novel

**Martin Walker**

After Bruno sees he's missed several phone calls from his neighbor Pamela, he has no idea what to expect. He's shocked to hear that she's found her new lodger brutally murdered. The victim had no enemies in the village — but no friends, either. Bruno decides he can't be impartial where Pamela is involved, so the force assigns the case to their rising star rookie, Fabien. But when Fabien realizes the victim is connected to his *own* past, Bruno steps back in to help. The village has never felt more crowded, and the clock is ticking: Will Bruno and Fabien be able to catch a killer?

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**FINLAY DONOVAN CROSSES THE LINE**

A NOVEL

The Finlay Donovan Series

**Elle Cosimano***NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR*USA TODAY* BESTSELLING AUTHOR*"Great pacing, humor, storytelling, and characterization."* — Library Journal

Finlay Donovan's nanny, Vero, has been extradited from Virginia to Maryland, where she's facing charges for a theft she swears she didn't commit. And if she doesn't figure out who really stole her former sorority's treasury funds, her next home might be a prison cell. With Vero's court date quickly approaching, Finlay decides a trip to Maryland is in order. After all, Vero stood by her through her darkest moments, and Finlay will be damned if she lets her best friend be convicted for something she didn't do. She sets off on a mission to suss out the real thief and bring Vero home.

**ISBN: 9781420538786 | \$34.00**

Women Sleuths | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Mystery 3 &amp; 5.



## WHAT HAPPENED NEXT ★

A NOVEL

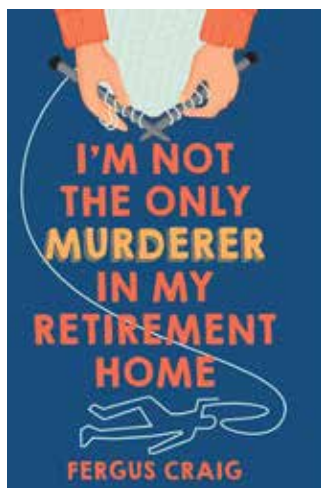
Edwin Hill

*"Hill takes things in surprising and inspired directions, and populates the action with remarkably well-shaded characters. This is an absolute treat." — starred, Publishers Weekly*

Charlie Kilgore was too young to remember how events on the lake unfolded twenty-five years ago. He just knows what he's been told: that his father stabbed a man to death, left Charlie's mother critically wounded, and then disappeared. Now, using the shards of the story he's uncovered so far, Charlie returns to his hometown in New Hampshire. He wants to know what could have transformed a quiet man into a monster. And what happened next. But when Charlie starts asking questions of people with so much to hide, getting to the truth becomes dangerous. Because on this lake — in this family — the past isn't dead and buried at all. In fact, it's back with a vengeance.

ISBN: 9781420538342 | \$33.00

Thriller | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Mystery 5.



## I'M NOT THE ONLY MURDERER IN MY RETIREMENT HOME ★★★★★

Fergus Craig

*"A fine mystery whose mordant humor makes it outstanding." — starred, Kirkus Reviews*

Carol is delighted to be leaving prison behind to take her place in a luxury retirement home. She's hoping her past as a serial killer won't come to light so she can make a few friends and find some murder-free hobbies. But it's not long before a fellow resident — who happens to be a former police commissioner — drops dead, and Carol's true identity is leaked. Just her luck, Carol soon realizes that Sheldon Oaks is filled to the brim with former cops, barristers, and government representatives. Everyone thinks Carol's guilt is a no-brainer, but she is ready to prove them dead wrong . . . without killing anyone, for once.

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Mystery | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Mystery 5.

**GOD'S COUNTRY**

A NOVEL

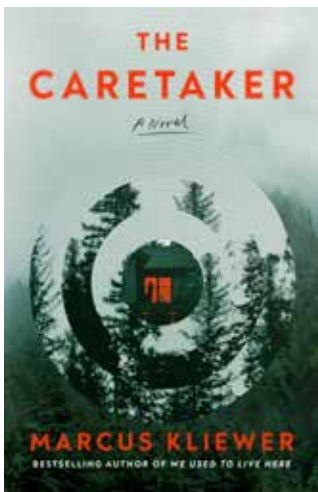
Cork O'Connor Mystery Series

**William Kent Krueger****NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

Cork O'Connor, preparing for a family trip into the Boundary Waters, is troubled by ominous visions about his future. Ignoring the warnings, he uncovers signs of violence while searching for his missing friend, Cordell Bishop. Soon, he is forced to negotiate with dangerous criminals, the Kennedy brothers, who are seeking their late father's hidden stash. Facing escalating danger and difficult choices, Cork grapples with his darkest instincts as he helps others escape and eventually takes justice into his own hands.

**S | ISBN: 9781420536386 | \$38.00**

Thriller | Releases 8/19/2026

**THE CARETAKER** ★

A NOVEL

**Marcus Kliewer****NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER****INDIE NEXT PICK****LIBRARY READS PICK**

**EXCITING OPPORTUNITY:** Caretaker urgently needed. Three days of work. Competitive pay. Serious applicants ONLY. Macy Mullins can't say why the job posting grabbed her attention, but after an endless string of failed job interviews, she's not exactly in the position to be picky. She has rent to pay, groceries to buy, and a younger sister to provide for. Besides, it's only three days' work. Three days, cooped up in a stranger's house, surrounded by Oregon Coast wilderness. What starts as a peculiar side gig soon becomes a waking nightmare. Evil may dwell on this property — and Macy Mullins might just be the only thing standing between it and the rest of humanity.

**ISBN: 9781420537512 | \$37.00**

Thriller | Releases 8/19/2026

**ADRIFT**

A NOVEL

**Will Dean**

*"[A] smashing novel . . . pressure is building, and one can feel it gathering force, aching to explode, contained for a time only by author Dean's way with language."* — Booklist

Peggy and Drew, both aspiring writers, move to an isolated canal boat with their fourteen-year-old son. Peggy is the glue that holds their family together, even as their son is bullied relentlessly for his physique and his family's lack of money. But when Drew becomes frustrated by his wife's sudden writing success, he moves their boat farther and farther from civilization. With their increasing isolation, personal challenges become harder to ignore, even as they desperately try to break toxic generational patterns. But when Drew's gaslighting becomes too much for Peggy to take, it sets off a catastrophic series of events.

**ISBN: 9781420538823 | \$37.00**

Thriller | Releases 8/19/2026

**MURDER IN A LAVENDER DAZE**

An Aroma Wellness Mystery • Book 2

**Daryl Wood Gerber**

Customers are flocking to Aroma Wellness for more than just facials and massages. Lately, Emma Brennan has been booking private events, from spa parties to bridal showers and birthdays. Next is a “Happily Divorced” party. After eight

years of marriage, Addison Lacey is divorcing her husband. To kick off her journey toward becoming a better version of herself, Addison wants to celebrate. Her mother, Gianna, is footing the bill. But when Emma goes to Gianna’s home to pick up the final payment, she and Addison find her dead in her bed. Once again, Emma is determined to sniff out a killer — whether the police like it or not.

**ISBN: 9781420537857 | \$30.00**

Cozy Mystery | Releases 8/19/2026

Available in Softcover Cozy Mystery 3 &amp; 4.

**THE BODY IN THE KITCHEN GARDEN**

A Hill House Vintage Murder Mystery

**Paula Sutton**

*“Fans of Agatha Christie or Richard Osman’s ‘Thursday Murder Club’ will be charmed by this series installment that finds the sinister undercurrents of the gentle English countryside.” — Library Journal*

Pudding Corner is abuzz: Lord Hugh Darlington has returned after years away. With his fiancée, he plans to revive Darlington Hall — and who better to help than antique-hunting Daphne Brewster? Daphne is enchanted by the estate, but amid the greenery, she stumbles upon something far less picturesque: a body. When Lord Darlington is attacked and a string of burglaries shakes Pudding Corner, it’s clear no one is safe. With secrets buried deep and loyalties more tangled than ivy, Daphne must unearth the truth before the killer strikes again.

**ISBN: 9781420538380 | \$30.00**

Cozy Mystery | Releases 8/19/2026

Available in Softcover Cozy Mystery 3 &amp; 4.

**THE DIVA HOSTS A MURDERER**

A Domestic Diva Mystery

**Krista Davis****NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

With a crowd descending on her home, it’s a good thing event planner Sophie Winston is an expert at entertaining. Whipping up patriotic pastries is easy for her, though meeting the man her widowed Aunt

Melly just impulsively married in Las Vegas is a little more awkward. Especially when Melly’s longtime, now-heartbroken secret admirer is there too. The house party gets really explosive when Sophie’s favorite tour guide falls victim to a killer. While the police department casts suspicion on her father, Sophie has to declare her independence as a detective to find the real culprit and serve justice along with her cupcakes.

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Cozy Mystery | Releases 8/19/2026

Available in Softcover Cozy Mystery 3 &amp; 4.

**A POISONOUS POUR**

A Cece Barton Mystery

**Maddie Day**

*“Plenty of red herrings, interesting characters, and wine lore add up to a fun read.” — Kirkus Reviews*

It’s Memorial Day weekend and Sonoma County’s Alexander Valley is buzzing with activity. For Cece Barton, business at *Vino y Vida* is going great.

Meanwhile, Cece’s neighbor, Richard Flora, is stirring up controversy with his newest article, an exposé of Regan Greene, power-hungry director of a valley district organization. Also in the mix is the town’s big classic car show. At the show, all goes smoothly — until Sunday brings shocking news. Regan has been murdered. Rumors fly that Richard may have orchestrated the homicide. Determined to clear Richard’s name, Cece will have to act quickly, before the trail goes sour.

**ISBN: 9781420537802 | \$30.00**

Cozy Mystery | Releases 8/19/2026

Available in Softcover Cozy Mystery 4.

**MEET ME IN ITALY**

A NOVEL

**Brenda Novak**

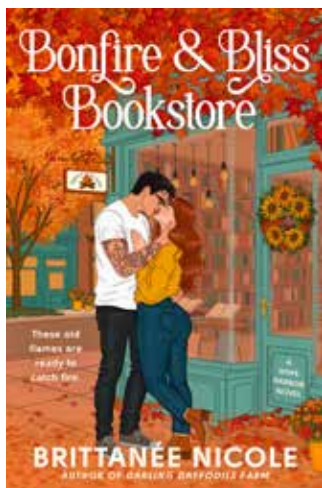
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

USA TODAY BESTSELLER

In the wake of a painful divorce, Charlotte Williams-Jackson has something to prove. With her second novel overdue, she's scrambling. Her focus is rocked when she discovers she has a tween half-sister who's been orphaned in Italy. Alongside her best friend, Sloane, and Sloane's brother, Julian, Charlotte ventures to the Amalfi Coast to meet her sister. She would never turn her back on family, but between her looming deadline and her entire identity being flipped upside down, it's a lot. Determined to rebuild her life, Charlotte must confront the relationships she's held dear, forcing her to question everything she understood about the bonds that shape a family.

**ISBN: 9781420538076 | \$37.00**

Women's Fiction | Releases 8/19/2026 | Available in Romance 2, 3 & 4.



**BONFIRE & BLISS BOOKSTORE**

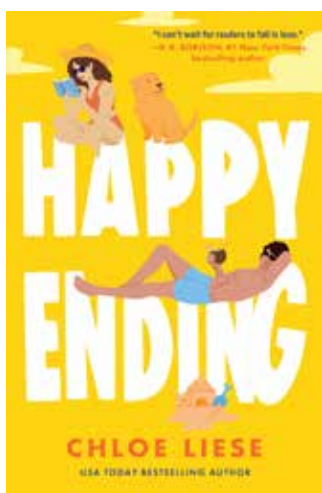
A Hope Harbor Novel • Book 2

**Brittanée Nicole**

After a very public failed engagement, Penny Darling would rather cozy up with a book boyfriend than a real one any day. And as the owner of Bonfire & Bliss Bookstore, she has her pick. Then Jake "Monty" Montgomery returns home, now a struggling author, and he needs her help. His proposal is simple: She'll teach him to write the perfect book boyfriend and he'll pose as her real boyfriend, keeping Hope Harbor's busybodies at bay. But when their lessons begin, the line between fiction and reality grows dangerously thin and Penny begins to wonder if Monty could really love her, or if she's destined for another broken heart.

**S | ISBN: 9781420538700 | \$37.00**

Contemporary Romance | Releases 8/19/2026 | Available in Romance 2, 3 & 4.



**HAPPY ENDING** ★★

**Chloe Liese**

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

INDIE NEXT PICK

LIBRARY READS PICK

*"The story features believable, fully developed characters, the dialogue is fun and realistic, the story surrounding the protagonists is interesting, and Alex and Thea's slow journey to romance is both frustrating and delightful." — starred, Library Journal*

Thea and Alex have three things in common — they love food, they hate where they live, and they're both divorced. Otherwise, they couldn't be more different. Two years ago, their exes got together immediately following their divorces, and somehow, Thea and Alex found themselves spinning a spite-fueled story about being old friends and first loves. Two years later, what began as a ruse has grown into real friendship. But when their exes invite them on a two-week beach vacation, Alex and Thea start to wonder if this story they've spun might have gotten away from them, and if it's led them to the last place they ever thought it could: a happy ending.

**ISBN: 9781420534580 | \$36.00**

Contemporary | Releases 8/19/2026 | Available in Romance 2, 3 & 4.



## THE SUMMER PROPOSAL

Vi Keeland

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**  
**USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

Georgia first meets Max Yearwood on a blind date, and he's exactly what she needs after her breakup. Turns out, Max was only pretending to be the guy she was there to meet, and she's disappointed. But before he

leaves, Max slips Georgia a ticket to a hockey game a few blocks away in case things don't work out on her actual date. When they don't, she takes a chance and stops by the game. As a player's face flashes on the Jumbotron, Georgia freezes at his familiar smile. Max is only around for a few months. He proposes they spend the summer helping Georgia forget about her ex, and it sounds like a good plan. Then again, you know what they say about the best laid plans.

**ISBN: 9781420537192 | \$34.00**

Contemporary Romance | Releases 8/19/2026

Available in Romance 3 & 4.

## THE NIGHT BUS

A NOVEL

Tessa Bickers

**USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*"A tender, gentle romance with a satisfying slow burn."* — Kirkus Reviews

As a journalist, Daisy Douglas can spot the start of a story a mile away. So when her routine 4 a.m. bus ride to the newsroom takes a surprising

turn, she notices. For months, the same man has boarded at the same stop, reading the same tattered copy of Virginia Woolf's *Orlando* over and over. When a broken-down bus finally throws them together, Tom reveals the heartbreaking truth as to why he can't be without his novel. Determined to help him find the answer to the riddle hidden in its pages, Daisy joins Tom on his strange literary quest. But as their friendship deepens, she starts to wonder if what they're both looking for might not be in the book after all.

**ISBN: 9781420535266 | \$34.00**

Contemporary Romance | Releases 8/19/2026

Available in Romance 4.



## ELEGY IN BLUE

A NOVEL

Mark Helprin

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

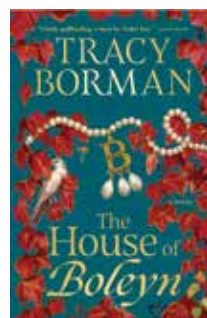
*"Helprin . . . delivers this saga with canny plotting and style without wasting a word. . . . Expect to see this on many best-of-2026 lists."* — *starred*, Library Journal

High in a subsidized studio apartment, the unnamed 82-year-old

narrator of *Elegy in Blue* looks out across the rooftops of Brooklyn. His distinguished career on Wall Street is in ruins, his mansion in Brooklyn Heights has been burned to the ground, and most of all, his father, his son, and his wife have been taken from him, one by one, over the decades. Now, he's almost lost to memory, reflection, and a purposeful letting go of life. But when violence threatens to destroy another family, he takes drastic action in hope of restoring a portion of justice to the world. Can he fashion his life into an elegy, one that heals a broken heart and relieves the sting of death?

**ISBN: 9781420538601 | \$36.00**

Historical Fiction | Releases 8/19/2026



## THE HOUSE OF BOLEYN

A NOVEL

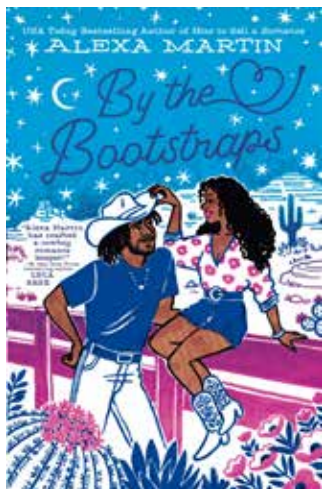
Tracy Borman

When nobleman Thomas Boleyn, lord of Hever Castle, is called to London in 1509 to present himself to a newly anointed King Henry VIII, he sets in train events that ensure the Boleyn name will never be forgotten. His daughters Mary and Anne were

young then, and though he was ambitious for his family to prosper, he could not imagine what would transpire in the two decades to come. With lavish and compelling historical detail, Tracy Borman displays her keen gift for storytelling in this resonant novel of family, fate, and intrigue.

**ISBN: 9781420538663 | \$36.00**

Historical Fiction | Releases 8/19/2026

**BY THE BOOTSTRAPS** ★

Starlight Ridge • Book 1

**Alexa Martin****USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*"The perfect blend of steam, cowboys, women's friendship, and Friday night lights."*  
— starred, Library Journal

When life throws Luna Starr a curveball, she purchases a tiny farm in Celestial, Texas. Tate Jacobs hates cowboys, which is a small problem, considering his family happens to own the largest ranch in Celestial. Life might not have gone the way he wanted, but he's figured out how to stay busy and keep his head down — until the new girl shows up. Luna's property is an accident waiting to happen. As Tate and Luna spend time together fixing up her house, unexpected feelings and undeniable chemistry bubble to the surface, and somewhere beneath the vast Texas skies, Luna discovers that love can be far better than she imagined.

**ISBN: 9781420538441 | \$35.00**

Romance General | Releases 8/19/2026 | Available in Black Voices 2 &amp; 3.

**ON WITNESS AND REPAIR** ★★ ★

ESSAYS

**Jesmyn Ward****NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*"A stirring collection."* — starred, Kirkus Reviews

Beginning with her upbringing in a multigenerational household in rural Mississippi, the cradle of her youth, and her gift for storytelling, Jesmyn Ward brings her keen wisdom and lyrical prose to a range of topics. In these pages Ward ruminates on her approach to both fiction and life, reflecting on the power of the novel, how to raise a Black son in an era of rising divisiveness and cruelty, as well as her own personal tragedies — including the story of her partner's sudden death. Every bit as piercing and moving as Ward's fiction, *On Witness and Repair* is a monument to hope, beauty, and personal and collective resilience.

**ISBN: 9781420539097 | \$35.00**

Essays | Releases 8/19/2026 | Available in Black Voices 2 &amp; 3.

**THE BUSH TEA MURDER** ★

A Caribbean Island Mystery • Book 1

**Ashley-Ruth Bernier**

*"Zigzagging between Charlotte, North Carolina, and Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, this debut offers plenty to enjoy. . . . Fun-filled and fulfilling."* — starred, Kirkus Reviews

Food journalist Naomi Sinclair doesn't expect a side of murder with her passion fruit juice. But when her return to Saint Thomas heralds a series of troubling cases that threaten her tight-knit community, that is exactly the kind of unsavory treat she must sink her teeth into. Luckily, Naomi is as adept at solving puzzles as rolling johnnycake dough. With the help of her friends, Naomi must navigate the tumultuous turquoise waters of life in the Caribbean, all as her beloved father battles an illness that keeps tugging her back to her island amid her rising career stateside.

**ISBN: 9781420538816 | \$34.00**

Mystery | Releases 8/19/2026 | Available in Black Voices 3.



**SELLING OPPORTUNITY** ★

THE STORY OF MARY KAY

Mary Lisa Gavenas

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER

"[A] remarkable depiction of a transformational businesswoman."

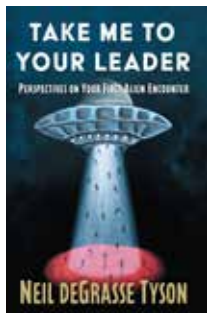
— starred, Publishers Weekly

Growing up in Depression-era Texas, Mary Kathlyn Wagner is a dutiful daughter and student with ambition

aplenty and no place to use it. Married at sixteen, she is a grandmother at thirty-four. When she is not cooking or cleaning or taking care of the kids, she peddles cleaning products to other housewives. In 1963, she sets up her own company. From its unpromising start, Mary Kay Inc. grows into a global phenomenon. Based on years of research, *Selling Opportunity* is the definitive history of a peculiarly American industry and a mid-century mindset that ennobled extreme self-reliance and blind faith in the American dream.

ISBN: 9781420538182 | \$38.00

Biography | Releases 8/5/2026



**TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER**

PERSPECTIVES ON YOUR FIRST ALIEN ENCOUNTER

Neil deGrasse Tyson

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"A fun romp through the possibilities of alien lifeforms and the physics that might allow them to land in our backyards."

— Kirkus Reviews

*Take Me to Your Leader* is the culmination of a lifetime of fascination, speculation, and the amassing of scientific data about the possibility of Aliens visiting Earth. Drawing on depictions from history, literature, pop culture, and film, Neil deGrasse Tyson applies the laws of physics to make the case for what Aliens might look like, how they might travel through the universe to reach us, and what they might think of us upon arrival, offering an informed perspective that is both factual and fun. *Take Me to Your Leader* is the book for anyone who has ever wondered: *Are we alone?*

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Nonfiction | Releases 8/19/2026

Available in Nonfiction 2 & 3.

**AGING OUT** ★

AN EXPLORATION OF CAREGIVING, COMMUNITY, AND HOW AMERICANS GROW OLD

Lucy Schiller

Our stance toward older people in the United States has long been one of casual avoidance and neglect. This attitude became brutally clear during the COVID pandemic, when too

many people saw elderly deaths not as tragedies but as foregone conclusions. In *Aging Out*, Lucy Schiller shares the human toll of inadequate housing, health care, and community while excavating her own complicated relationship with aging. It is an intimate and unflinching exploration of what it means to age in this country and why Americans are so terrified of getting old.

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Nonfiction | Releases 8/19/2026

Available in Nonfiction 2 & 3.

**TWILIGHT TACTICS**

Soldiers in Shadows • Book 1

**Lynette Eason**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

FBI agent Sully Sullivan arrives at Broken Chains Ranch with Ollie Callahan — a foster teen and sole witness to a mob hit. The ranch, started by Sully’s cousin to provide a trauma recovery facility for veterans,

should be a place he can keep Ollie safe until the trial. But what was meant as a peaceful haven becomes a battleground when armed attackers surround the property. Survival expert Elena Thompson teaches wilderness skills at the ranch and coaches Ollie in self-defense. As the series of attacks on the ranch escalates into a full siege, Sully and Elena fight to keep everyone alive as secrets and danger close in.

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Romance | Releases 8/5/2026

Available in Christian Romance 2, 3 & 4.



**ALMOST BY DESIGN**

A NOVEL

**Jenny Erlingsson**

Kenya Stewart is so close to getting her dream position at an event agency. Then an accident sends her to the emergency room in the care of Solomon Anruchi, the handsome doctor who ghosted her. Solomon’s parents are eager for him to move to

New York, but he needs to convince them that staying in Hope Springs is the best path for him. He realizes that Kenya is the perfect person to help, and she needs his connections to save her career. Their solution? A fake-dating relationship. As attractions increase amid their ruse, secrets they’ve kept from each other begin to unravel their scheme. Will their carefully constructed plans crumble when the truth comes out?

**ISBN: 9781420537468 | \$35.00**

Romance | Releases 8/5/2026

Available in Christian Romance 2, 3 & 4.



**THE GIRL FROM TOMORROW'S TOWN**

Enduring Hope • Book 5

**Naomi Musch**

*“Musch skillfully interweaves the romance plot and Lily’s resonant search for home with plenty of action. It’s a powerful story of trusting God and finding hope in even the most difficult circumstances.”*

— Publishers Weekly

Lily Mae Dodge flees Wyoming by night to find her mother, who sent her west on an orphan train ten years ago. After she’s arrested in Chicago, help comes from a man with a rare vision impairment whom she only just met on a train. Francis Basnett is a roustabout for the famous Hagenbeck-Wallace circus, where he helps Lily gain employment. Their friendship grows into more, and it seems Lily is closer than ever to finding her mother . . . until the night a rogue troop train slams into the stalled circus train, killing dozens and splintering hope.

**ISBN: 9781420537611 | \$34.00**

Romance | Releases 8/5/2026

Available in Christian Romance 3 & 4.

**SILENT MENACE**

The Secrets of Kincaid • Book 3

**Angela Carlisle**

When CPA Hailey Nieland gains a major client, she begins finding anomalies in the accounts. No one should trust their life to a bodyguard who can’t protect himself, much less his client. At least, that’s what Peter Lewis believes after his failed

mission. But leaving his former career behind is much harder than he expected — especially when someone begins targeting an accountant who works in the office building he’s now responsible for. As threats against her escalate, Peter and Hailey must work together to overcome their fears and expose a complex cover-up before she becomes the next victim.

**ISBN: 9781420537628 | \$34.00**

Romance | Releases 8/5/2026

Available in Christian Romance 4.



## THE BRUNSWICK ★

A WORLD WAR II NOVEL OF THE AMERICAN SOUTH

**Callie Murray**

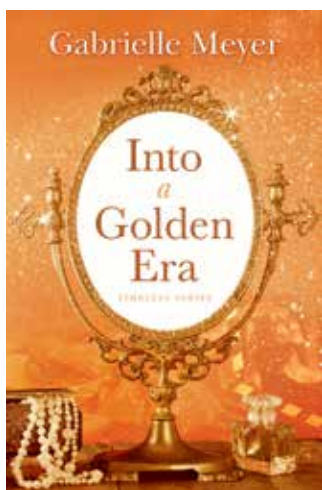
*"Murray captures the rising anxiety of impending war as her characters struggle to come to grips with what it means to hold onto hope in times of strife. Readers will find it hard to look away."*

— Publishers Weekly

In 1939 Georgia, far removed from the war brewing overseas, Cora Cain runs The Brunswick, her family's once-grand hotel, which is now the town's general store. Everything changes when Cora is asked to turn The Brunswick into a sanctuary for Jewish children fleeing persecution in Germany. Meanwhile, in Vienna, ten-year-old Charlotte is offered refuge in America. But even with the horrors she sees around her, she wonders how her parents could possibly send her away. As war's shadow begins to reach small-town Georgia, each person must decide what to hold on to and what to let go.

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Historical Fiction | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Christian Fiction 3, 4 & 5.



## INTO A GOLDEN ERA ★

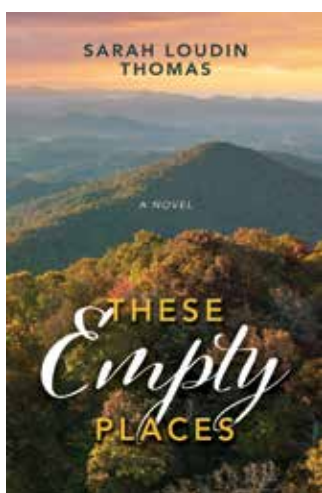
Timeless • Book 7

**Gabrielle Meyer**

As a time-crosser, Ally lives in two worlds. In 1849, in an attempt to secure her family's future during the California Gold Rush, she finds herself penniless and stranded in San Francisco. In 1929, Ally is an up-and-coming starlet during the Golden Age of Hollywood, but her family's film studio is on the brink of ruin, and their remaining resources are invested into a production of *Little Women*. If the endeavor fails, Ally's family will lose everything. When history doesn't play by the rules, Ally must decide if she will risk everything for the people she loves. But which path will be worth sacrificing to save the other?

**ISBN: 9781420535457 | \$34.00**

Romance | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Christian Fiction 4 & 5.



## THESE EMPTY PLACES

**Sarah Loudin Thomas**

*"Thomas vividly portrays the restlessness of small-town life during the Depression, but the friendship between Claire and Lena . . . is the story's beating heart. Readers will be swept up."* — Publishers Weekly

Claire Roth sacrificed love for a life of comfort on Lake Toxaway — until the dam broke and the lake washed down the side of the mountain. Fourteen years later, she longs to see the lake restored to its former glory even as the country faces hard economic times on the eve of the Great Depression. Lena Hawkins and her husband have arrived at Lake Toxaway for a fresh start. There, Lena forms a connection with Claire, who hires her to assist with the library Claire is building for their struggling community. When Claire is given a second chance at love and Lena a tempting chance at a life of independence, both women must release the past to fill tomorrow with promise.

**ISBN: 9781420535549 | \$34.00**

Historical Fiction | Releases 8/5/2026 | Available in Christian Fiction 5.

**THE TIES THAT BIND**

AN AMISH ROMANCE

Seekers • Book 2

**Linda Byler**

Amos Beiler, once an outcast in his Amish community, has found acceptance and purpose in the “English” world, thanks to Joseph and Lila Smith. Yet, the scars of his past and the ache of loneliness linger. Back home, the Beiler family is in turmoil: Raymond, the gentle father, tries to keep peace as Lydia’s anxieties and controlling ways threaten to tear the family apart. Lavina is caught between her own dreams and her family’s needs, while Cathy’s rebellious choices push the limits of Amish tradition. As Amos faces a crossroads, the Beilers must confront painful truths about love, forgiveness, and the cost of letting go.

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Amish and Mennonite | Releases 8/19/2026

**HOPE DEFERRED**

AN AMISH ROMANCE

**Linda Byler**

David and Anna have been best friends as long as they can remember. They live on neighboring farms, they walk to school together every day, and when David learns to drive a pony, Anna is the first to ride with him. As they approach their teen years, David and Anna’s friendship turns to love and attraction. But David is headstrong and full of an insatiable hunger for knowledge and new experiences. He takes off to Australia for the adventure of a lifetime, leaving Anna to sort through her feelings alone. When Anna receives a letter from Leon Beiler, a young man she can’t deny she has feelings for, everything changes again.

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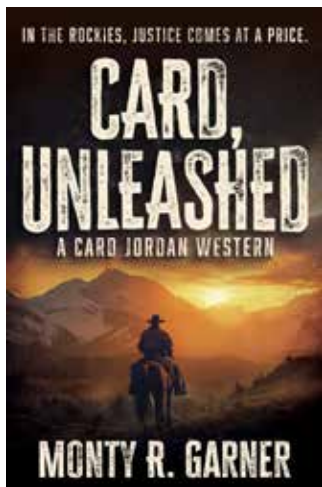
When the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe line completes its tracks to Dodge City in 1872, Maryland native Harry Hannum heads to the new "buffalo town" to start over.

Robert Wright, one of the town founders and owner of a prosperous general store, hires him as a clerk, and Harry is determined to keep that job no matter what. What happens next is that a forty-two-year-old oddball named Wyatt Matters comes into his life. Mr. Matters takes Harry under his wing as a protégé, and Harry not only gets a good education from his mentor but also learns his closely guarded secrets.

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**THE WEDDING PEOPLE** ★★

A NOVEL

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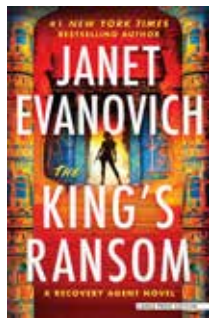
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It's a beautiful day in Newport, Rhode Island, when Phoebe Stone arrives at the Cornwall Inn. She's immediately mistaken by everyone in the lobby for one of the wedding people, but she's actually the only guest who isn't here for the big event. Phoebe is here because she's dreamed of coming for years. She hoped to shuck oysters and take sunset sails with her husband, only now she's here without him, at rock bottom, determined to have one last splurge on herself. Meanwhile, the bride has accounted for every possible disaster except for, well, Phoebe and Phoebe's plan — which makes it that much more surprising when the two women can't stop confiding in each other.

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A NOVEL

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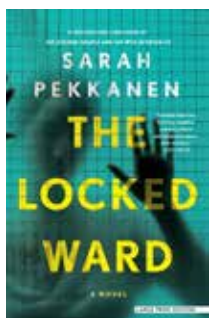
*NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER  
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Gabriela Rose, recovery agent extraordinaire, can find just about anything. Too bad she can't seem to lose her ex-husband. And now he needs her help. His cousin, Harley, is in trouble. As the president of a bank, he invested an astronomical amount of money in insuring some priceless artifacts at the urging of his board. But recently, these insured pieces started going missing. Gabriela must travel around the world to find the missing works of art, keep Harley out of jail, and save both his skin and his bank. Along the way, she'll encounter a nefarious villain who will stop at nothing to bring the world to the brink of ruin.

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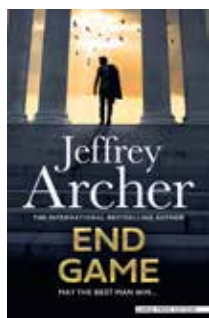
It's the Crime of the Decade when Georgia Cartwright, who was adopted as a newborn, is accused of killing the biological daughter of her wealthy, Southern family. Georgia

is locked in a psychiatric institution where the most violent offenders are held while she awaits trial. The only words she whispers when her estranged twin sister Amanda visits are, "I didn't do it. You've got to get me out of here." Amanda doesn't trust Georgia, but she can't abandon her. Is Georgia the victim of a powerful family that's so depraved murder is the least of their crimes? Or is Amanda being led down a path of madness into the web of a master manipulator?

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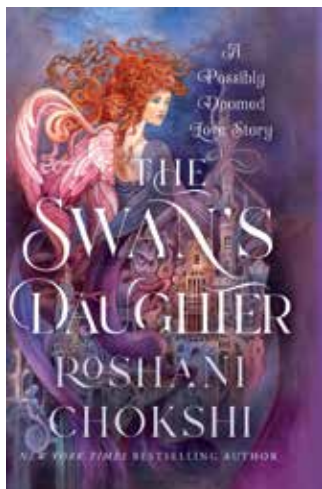
*London, 2012.* The eyes of the world are on Britain as the country prepares to host the Olympic Games. But the glare of the spotlight makes London a target for some of the most dangerous people on earth. And the

moment the bid is won, an international conspiracy is set in motion to unleash a devastating attack that will leave the world in chaos. One man stands between triumph and disaster: Commander William Warwick, heading up Scotland Yard's elite team. But as he pursues the shadowy organisation, he sets off a deadly game of cat and mouse which will take him from the streets of London to the hidden corridors of power.

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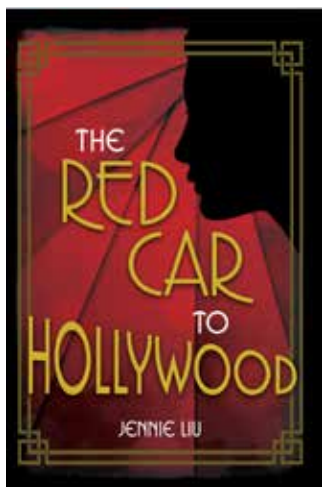
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All one needs to rule the Isle of Malys is the heart and hand of the kingdom's heir. Historically, this has been construed quite literally. Prince Arris's only chance at a long life is finding true and lasting love. When Arris's parents announce a tournament of brides, a slew of (possibly murderous) bachelorettes make their way to Rathe Castle. As a veritas swan, Demelza's song wrings out the truth. Forced into hiding, Demelza strikes a deal. Arris will provide her with safety in exchange for her song to sort through his potential brides. To survive the tournament of brides requires the courage to chase a life worth living.

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**FIRESNAKE** ★★

The Last Cuentista • Book 3

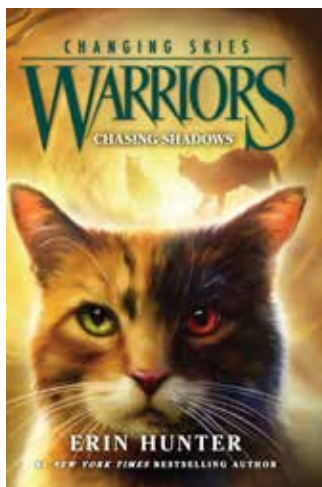
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*"Higuera raises questions about the possibility of enduring human happiness and whether cycles of turmoil are destined to repeat themselves even when there are chances for improvement. . . . A testament to humanity, celebrating the legacies we leave behind in our stories and sacrifices."*  
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Itzel has never known a life on Earth. Growing up on Sagan, the granddaughter of the Cuentista, her years have been spent among the dactyls, griblets, and billow seeds of their new planet. But when a mysterious message arrives from across the cosmos, Itzel realizes that the home they thought destroyed hundreds of years ago has survived . . . and with it, another community of humans. Will she and the other Saganites brave the journey back to Earth? And what will they find? For they are not the only ones who have received this message.

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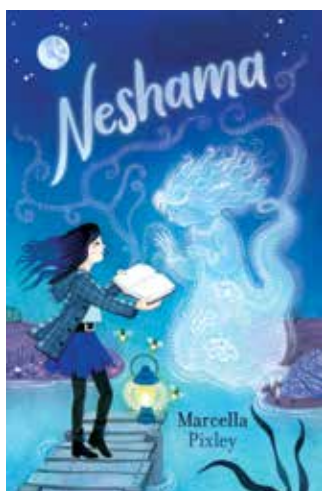
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Moonpaw finally confesses to her Clanmates that her dead sister has been torturing her in her mind, and the Clan rallies around her in support. Tawnypelt is sure the prophecy she received from Bluestar is a warning — and she believes only the Elders can see the Clans through the oncoming danger. Frustrated with his mother, Tigerstar bans her from speaking of the prophecy, so Tawnypelt takes refuge in ThunderClan. She begins to wonder if her true place is in the Clan of her birth. Amidst all this, Starlingpaw grows bolder in his belief that he must save the Clans. But can an apprentice really hold the key to their salvation?

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Anna sees ghosts. The only one who seems to understand is her grandmother, Bubbe, who has always treasured Anna's shayna neshama, her beautiful soul. Spending Shabbos with Bubbe is the only thing that gives Anna the sense of love and belonging she needs. But when a ghost named Ruthie appears at Bubbe's house by the sea, Anna begins to uncover long-hidden secrets that reveal the mystery of her family's troubled past. As Anna and Ruthie get closer, Anna must decide for herself whether being connected to a restless ghost is worth the risk. When it becomes clear that Bubbe's life is in danger, Anna must face the horrible truth: She alone has the ability to save her family and heal the wounds that follow them.

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## WHERE ONLY STORMS GROW

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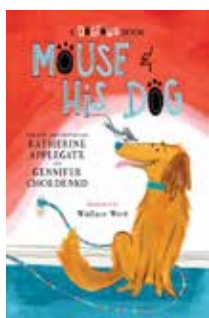
*"Poignant and compassionate. . . . Readers will be swept into the dusty setting of 1935 and be encouraged to grow in their understanding and empathy for people of the past."* — School Library Journal

It's been four years since rain fell on the Oklahoma panhandle and the closeness between the Stanton twins has dried up as much as the land. Howe Stanton has been practicing running away and longs for the family to quit this land of dust. Despite the scoliosis that causes Joanna Stanton near-constant pain, she isn't ready to give up like her brother. But when Daddy leaves the family behind to find work in California, saving the farm from ruin falls on Howe and Joanna. With the worst storm of the Dust Bowl bearing down on their home, Howe and Joanna must put aside their differences and work together, or everyone and everything they love will be lost to the dust.

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Mia Tang is going for her dreams! After years of hard work, Mia Tang finally gets to go on vacation with her family to China! Mia can't wait to see all her cousins and grandparents again, especially her cousin Shen. As she roams around Beijing, witnessing some of the big changes China's going through, Mia thinks about the changes in her own life, like . . . 1. Lupe's taking classes at the high school! And Mia's own plans to be a big writer are stuck. 2. Something happened with Jason and Mia has no idea what to do about it. 3. New buildings are popping up all around the motel, and small businesses are disappearing. Can the Calivista survive?!

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1601 Iris Drive looks like any other house on the quiet, residential street. But rumors are rampant about the Vickery family, and what goes on behind closed doors. When gunshots ring out, Sheriff Emmy Clifton and her sister, ex-federal agent Jude Archer,

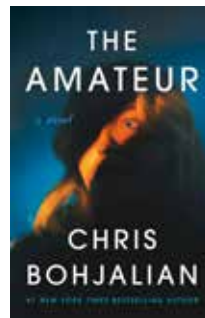
discover a devastating crime scene. Allison Vickery has been murdered in her own kitchen, and her teenage daughter is bleeding upstairs, left for dead. Everyone thinks they know what happened. But secrets are buried everywhere in this small town. And it's up to Emmy Clifton to uncover the truth.

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The golf ball tears through the net and slams into the temple of a high school junior named Kenny Foster. He's dead before the ambulance arrives. In the wake of this accident, Mira looks for comfort in all the wrong places: In her lover, Theo Catton, a married man three decades her senior. In her mother, a well-kept woman with secrets of her own. In the dead caddy's little sisters. But when the investigators look more closely at the torn net, when a detective recalls Mira's history of recklessness, and when Kenny's father spies Mira with her married lover, the affluent and mannered community turns on this once-promising young woman.

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## YOU'LL BE SORRY

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Raquel and Theo Collins come to a remote town in New Hampshire to begin anew after a terrible tragedy. Perched on a ledge with stunning views, the Dixon's family lodge was once a crown jewel of the mountains. Until both parents and their four

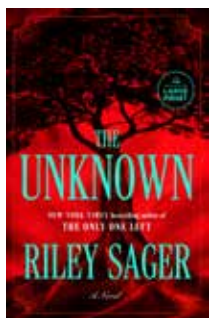
children vanished, leaving behind a mystery that has endured for thirty years. Now, the Collinses are arriving. For Amanda Grady, the recently appointed Shereford police chief, it's good to see a fresh start for the derelict Dixon place. When a stray dog leads to the discovery of a skeleton on the property, Raquel and Theo face a daunting choice of what to believe, who to trust, and how to survive. The local residents, the new neighbors, and the fledgling police chief must work together to unravel the terrifying events that happened one night thirty years ago.

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## THE UNKNOWN

A NOVEL

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Struggling actress Marin Keane is shocked when she lands a role in a major motion picture about the unsolved mystery of New Avalon, an island on Lake Faraday in Vermont.

The role requires a weeklong research

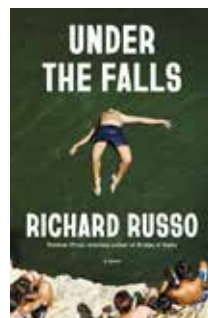
trip. A century ago, the island was a commune for spiritual mediums until they all vanished in 1926. Thanks to a diary left behind by one of the vanished, a young woman named Daisy Rue, it is believed that a séance gone wrong conjured something supernatural that took them all. Marin and her castmates begin to realize all is not right with New Avalon. They hear strange noises in the night and notice mysterious symbols. And after a sudden health emergency leaves Marin, the director, and the other actors stranded, the disappearances begin again. Marin turns to Daisy's diary, hoping it holds the key to figuring out what really happened and how to keep the island's terrible history from repeating itself.

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A NOVEL

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When Tyler Sinclair left Stone Mountain at eighteen, he had no plans of returning. Eighteen years later, Tyler, now the frontman of a famous band, finds himself returning to his hometown for a one-night-

only benefit concert. As Tyler ascends the mountain, memories of his abusive father and despondent mother, and of the friends he left behind come rushing back. At the concert, Tyler finds himself confronted with faces new and old: there's Curt, Tyler's childhood best friend, now Stone Mountain's chief of police, and his star officer, Deb. And then there's Freddi, Curt's wife and Tyler's former lover, a woman whose questionable dealings and fraught history with Tyler will become the catalyst for a tragedy that will upend each of their lives.

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1981: New York City is emerging from financial ruin and decline. Up in Harlem, business owner/master fence Ray Carney has been named Sterling Furniture's Dealer of the

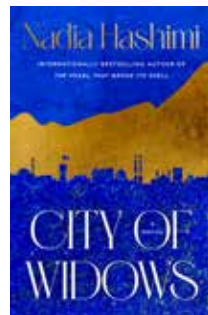
Month. When the banks won't give his wife Elizabeth a loan for her new travel agency, Carney gambles on one last heist. 1983: To some, Carney's friend and partner in crime, Pepper, is a stone-cold sociopath. To others, a top thief with questionable people skills. When he takes on a bodyguard gig as a favor to Elizabeth, he's plunged into the alien territory of the East Village art and club scene. 1986: Carney has always been haunted by his inability to save his cousin Freddie. Now, twenty years after Freddie's death, he has a chance to rescue Freddie's son from the violent forces of the city. But teaming up with Pepper again will mean risking the safety and security he's spent decades building for his family.

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## CITY OF WIDOWS

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Nadia Hashimi

In February 2020 the US began to withdraw troops from Afghanistan after nearly twenty years of occupation. A whole generation of Afghan women had been born during that time — women who had grown up in relative peace, gone to school,

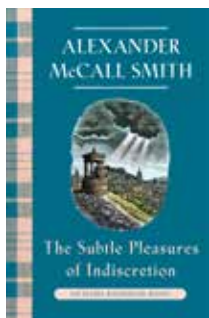
entered the professions, even served in the army and Parliament. The women of Afghanistan watched as the Taliban filled the streets again. They knew everything was about to change. Marjan fought with the Afghan army, and will risk everything to keep her daughter Hawa safe. So has Soraya, who defiantly wore red lipstick as she led the army's all-female combat force over the objections of her upper-class family. Soraya's now a wanted woman whose brother may choose not to shelter her from the Taliban. What will become of her? Or Mina, a journalist and broadcaster whose beautiful face is known to everyone in Kabul — including the new regime?

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**THE SUBTLE PLEASURES OF INDISCRETION**

An Isabel Dalhousie Novel

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Isabel has an unwavering commitment to her principles, which means she is often asked to advise on the sensitive, personal affairs of others. When Isabel receives a visit

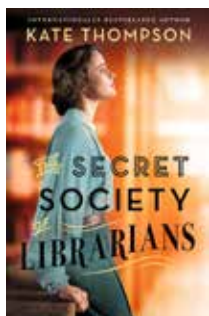
from a friend who has recently discovered the existence of a long-lost brother, she will have to face this quandary in her usual deft way. The friend has always held her father in high regard, and is worried that knowledge of his affair will tarnish her siblings' perception of him. Meanwhile, Isabel's husband Jamie has been offered the gig of his dreams — the opportunity to play in a series of concerts at a prestigious venue in London. After meeting the series coordinator, it becomes clear to Isabel that the woman has a massive crush on Jamie. And finally, the ever-frustrating Professor Lettuce returns, this time embroiled in a ridiculous dispute with his friend Professor Dove. Somehow, Isabel gets dragged into resolving the affair.

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**THE SECRET SOCIETY OF LIBRARIANS**

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Meeting through real-life Secret Society of Librarians in London, two women form a close bond. When WW2 hits, they take their libraries underground, creating a roaming library. But when one of them is taken to Poland and a concentration

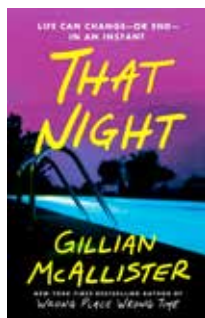
camp, they think there is no chance of ever being reunited again.

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**THAT NIGHT**

A NOVEL

**Gillian McAllister**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

On vacation in Europe, Frannie makes two urgent phone calls. One to her sister, and one to her brother. The siblings come running, and they find their sister covered in blood, kneeling over an unmoving body.

There's been an accident: Frannie has hit a man with her car, and she needs their help. They bury the body, and they make a promise. They'll never tell anyone. But when the police come calling, the siblings' lies start to spiral. They begin to doubt their trust in each other. Because what really happened that night? And who will be the first to crack?

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**BOOK CLUB BOYFRIEND**

**Jenny Holiday**

Former rom-com star Blair Kellermoon has always worried no one would take her seriously as a producer. And with her latest film project stalled, she's starting to think desperate times call for desperate measures. Enter bestselling author Jack Branksome: beautiful

writer, awful person. Yet he and Blair have become unlikely text-friends, despite his very public refusal to participate in her celebrity book club. He's dealing with his own nightmare: the hotly anticipated novel he can't seem to write. So Blair invites him to stay at her pool house. Now they've become two misfits bonding over movie nights, cheesy pasta, befriending wild crows, and solving the mystery of the weirdly green pool. Blair was sure she knew exactly how her story would end. But Jack might be proof that it's only just beginning.

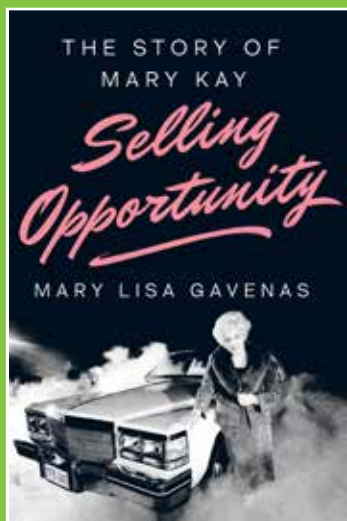
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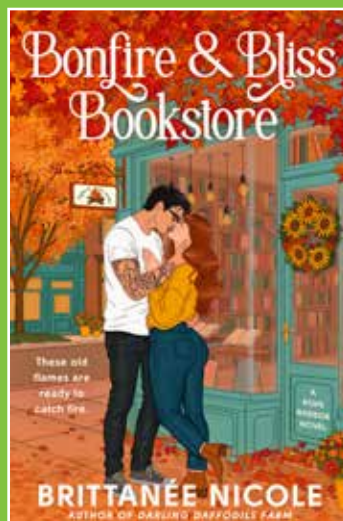
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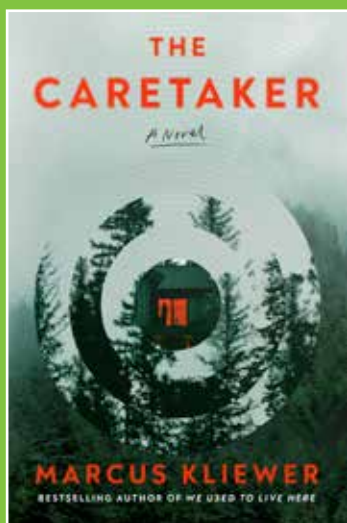
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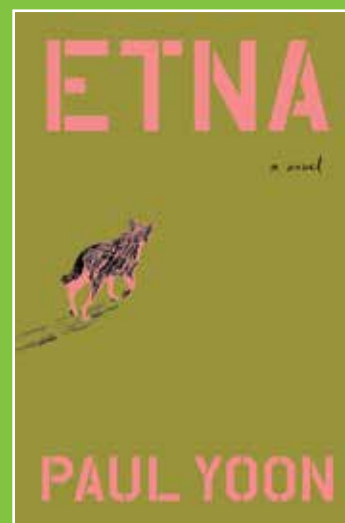
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