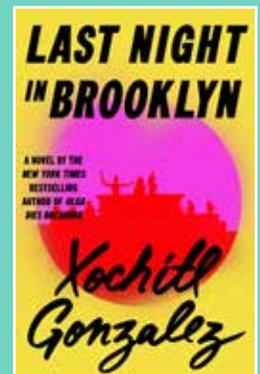
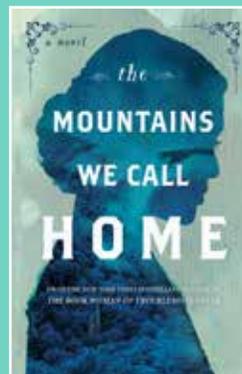
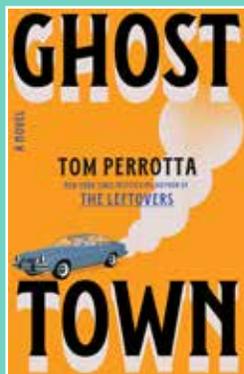
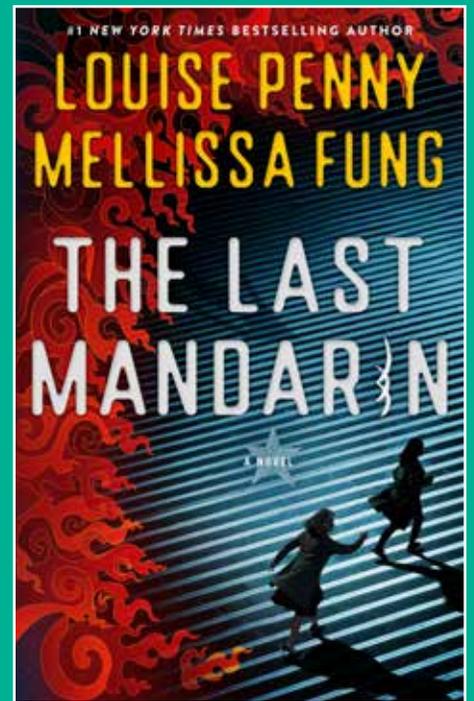
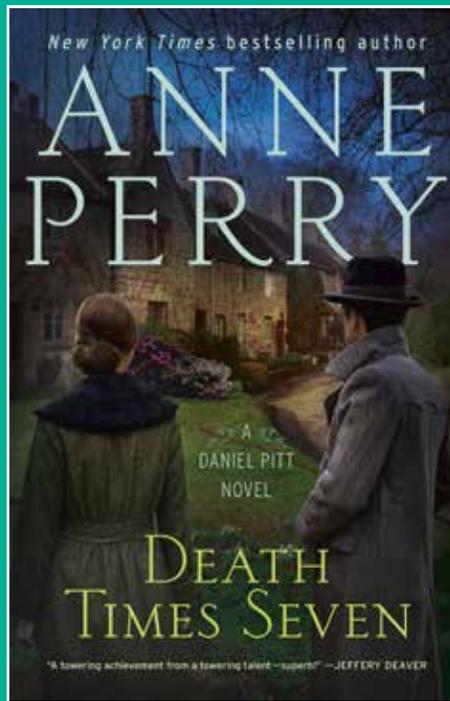
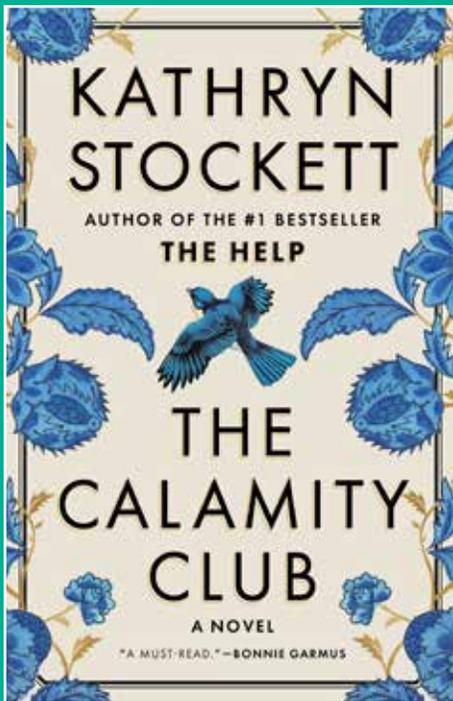


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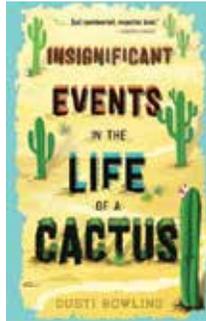
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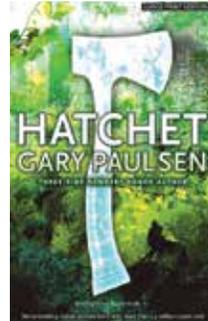
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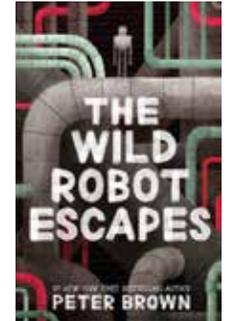
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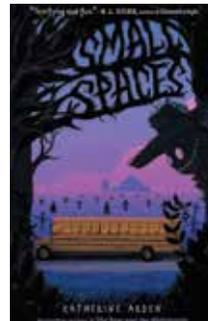
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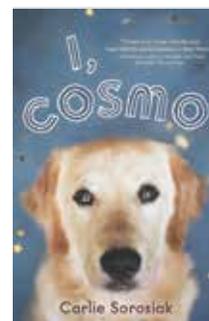
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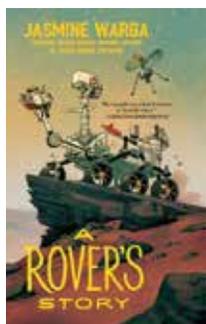
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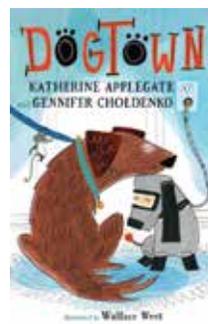
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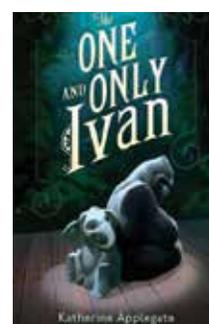
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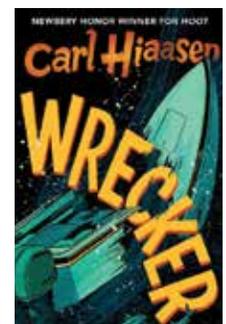
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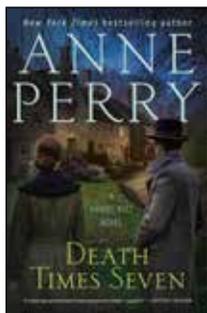
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DEATH TIMES SEVEN

A Daniel Pitt Novel

Anne Perry, Victoria Zackheim

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
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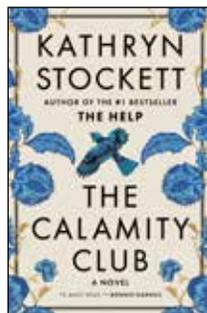
1913. Junior attorney Daniel Pitt must step in for his friend, fellow attorney Toby Kitteridge, whose parents have been attacked. Toby's mother is dead and his father is

barely alive. With Toby returning to the family home in Ipswich, Daniel remains in London to defend Peter Ward, on trial for sexual assault and murder. Daniel is convinced Ward is innocent but finds himself distracted by his desire to help Toby investigate the attack on his parents. When the evidence points to Toby's father as the killer of Toby's mother, Daniel faces two great challenges: proving the innocence of both Peter Ward and Reverend Kitteridge.

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THE CALAMITY CLUB

A NOVEL

Kathryn Stockett

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
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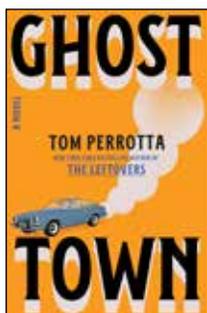
Oxford, Mississippi, 1933. Eleven-year-old Meg Lefleur has learned the hard way to rely on no one. Ever since her mother failed to come home last Christmas Eve, she's been one

of the "unadoptable" girls at the town's orphanage. When she meets Birdie, for the first time in a long while it seems someone else might care about Meg's future. Then, Birdie encounters Charlie, a woman haunted by loss who has been pushed to the brink with nothing left to lose. Drawn together by circumstance, they find unexpected kinship among a disreputable, determined band of women. But in a town steeped in hypocrisy, even the smallest act of defiance can have dangerous consequences.

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GHOST TOWN ★

A NOVEL

Tom Perrotta

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

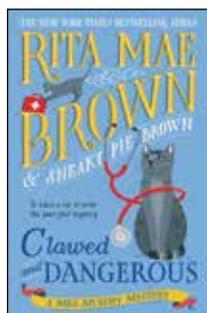
"This insightful novel about adolescence, grief, and the lifelong project of reconciling past and present is a solid buy for fiction collections." — Library Journal

Jimmy Perrini lives in 1970s suburban New Jersey, a few miles from Manhattan, but a world apart. At the end of eighth grade, after tragedy strikes, Jimmy finds himself lost in a fog of grief, drifting into troubling friendships with two older teenagers: one a notorious local burnout with a fast car, an endless supply of weed, and a shaky grasp of reality; the other a smart, eccentric girl, whom Jimmy finds himself drawn to as they become entranced by her Ouija board, which may just offer the only salve to their grief. As a fateful public drama unfolds, Jimmy is torn between the occult beyond and the cold realities of the place he has called home.

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CLAWED AND DANGEROUS

A Mrs. Murphy Mystery

Rita Mae Brown

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

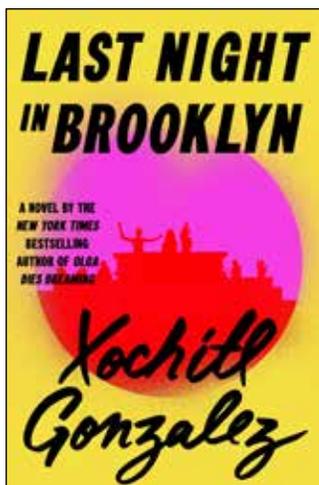
The leaves have fallen in Crozet, Virginia, and autumn gloom has settled. But Harry and her best friend, Susan, are determined to cheer up the town, and with the

help of a kind local doctor, they just might succeed. Not only is Dr. Anglin kind and generous, he's also the owner of multiple properties, and he agrees to let Harry and Susan use one of his homes to throw a spooky Halloween bash. Harry and Susan quickly bury themselves in the flurry of planning, but things grow even spookier when a local towns person turns up dead. Soon, one dead body turns into multiple and Harry has no choice but to get to the bottom of it.

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Cozy Mystery | Releases 5/6/2026

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**LAST NIGHT IN BROOKLYN**

A NOVEL

Xochitl Gonzalez

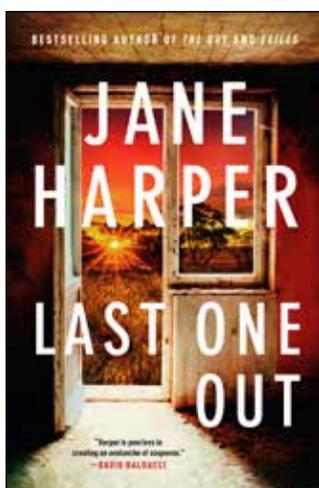
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

EDITOR'S CHOICE 6

Spring, 2007. At twenty-six, Alicia Canales Forten feels smothered by her future. She's in a long-distance relationship, living at home with her mother, saving up for her wedding. But after Alicia ventures out one night in the neighborhood of Fort Greene, Brooklyn, she finds herself lured by the siren song of possibility. No one embodies this milieu more than La Garza, whose epic house parties fuel neighborhood lore. La Garza's life seems to hold the allure and fearlessness Alicia has never dared to imagine for herself. But when Alicia's wealthy banker cousin moves to the neighborhood, she finds herself increasingly drawn into both his and La Garza's precarious lives.

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

**LAST ONE OUT**

A NOVEL

Jane Harper

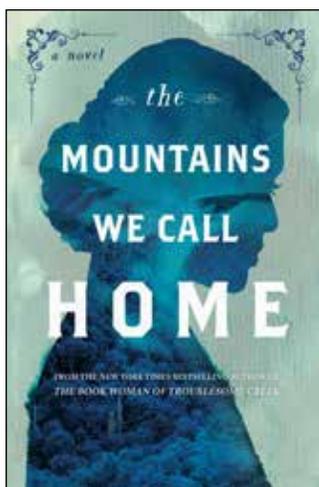
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

PUBLISHER'S SHOWCASE

Carralon Ridge, a once vibrant village in rural New South Wales, has become a shell of itself, its houses and buildings bought up and left to rot by the mining company operating at its borders. After years of scorning those who left the Ridge behind as it fell into ruin, Ro never imagined she'd become one of them. But everything changed when she lost her son. When Ro returns to Carralon Ridge to be with her husband and daughter on the anniversary of Sam's disappearance, she begins to suspect that something important was overlooked in his case. Because while nothing can stop Carralon Ridge from dying, someone seems to want to make sure that its secrets die with it.

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

**THE MOUNTAINS WE CALL HOME**

THE BOOK WOMAN'S LEGACY

Kim Michele Richardson

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

LIBRARY READS PICK

EDITOR'S CHOICE 6

"Richardson delivers a deeply satisfying companion novel to her "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" series, exploring injustice, belonging, and the transformative power of literacy with compassion and grace." — Library Journal

A powerful testament of strength, survival, and the magic of the printed word, *The Mountains We Call Home* is wrapped into a vivid portrait of Kentucky life: examining incarceration and criminalization, exploring the effects on the poor and powerless, and tracing the societal consequences of fractured family bonds, along with heartwarming portraits of reading efforts in every facet of life. Meticulously researched and richly detailed with a new cast of complex characters, this beautifully authentic Kentucky tale is gritty and heartbreaking and infused with hope, spirit, and courage known only to those with no way out.

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



WEST OF WICKED

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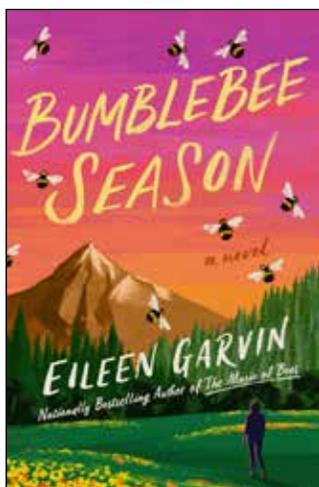
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

EDITOR'S CHOICE 8

At the age of five, Dorothy Gale was dropped on Em and Henry's doorstep while a terrible storm rolled across the Kansas prairie. Now as an adult, Dorothy has made the most of her life on the farm. But when a cyclone tears through the night, Dorothy wakes to find herself in the strange land of Oz. Desperate to find her way back, Dorothy takes the advice of the Witch of the North and sets off on the yellow brick road to find a wizard. It isn't long before Dorothy encounters the dark side of Oz. Nothing and no one is what they seem in the cursed land of Oz . . . maybe even Dorothy herself.

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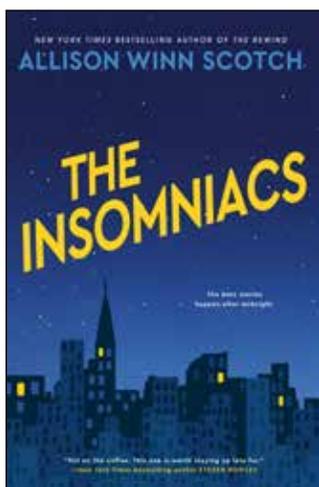
BUMBLEBEE SEASON

Eileen Garvin

Beekeeper Jake Stevenson's fledgling honey farm has been inundated with orders, but there's no way he can handle the approaching harvest all by himself in his wheelchair. Flaco López, a young migrant from Mexico, is lost on Mount Hood when he stumbles upon Jake's beehives. As Flaco takes refuge on Jake's farm, they begin to form a tentative friendship. The two soon cross paths with Abigail Plue, a scientist studying a threatened native bumblebee. Then a local rabble rouser begins to rally support to build a commercial hunting camp that would destroy Mount Hood's pristine wilderness, and Jake, Abigail, and Flaco must come together to protect everything they hold dear.

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THE INSOMNIACS

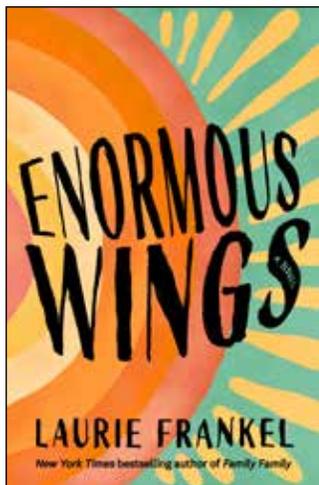
Allison Winn Scotch

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Huddled in an all-night diner over coffee and pancakes, a lonely middle-aged mom, an injured baseball pro, an elusive retiree, and a young waitress examine the thoughts that plague them in the middle of the night. Within a few restless months, the group of strangers have become a fragile family. And when one of them goes missing in the dead of night, they're thrust into a propulsive mystery. Though ill-prepared and unequipped for the job, they begin to piece together the clues left behind. In chasing down answers, they uncover a reason for their friend's disappearance and are forced to wrestle with the question of how well you can really know anyone.

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ENORMOUS WINGS

A NOVEL

Laurie Frankel

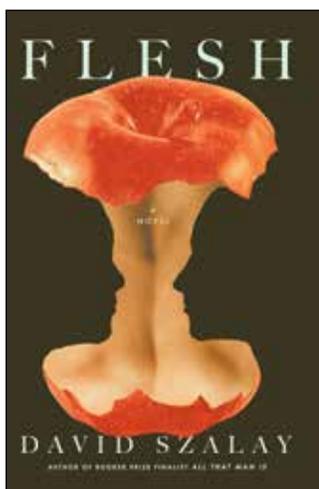
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

PUBLISHER'S SHOWCASE

At seventy-seven, Pepper Mills didn't choose the Vista View Retirement Community of Austin, Texas — that would be her three grown children — but when she grudgingly moves in, she not only makes new friends, she falls in love. Then the exhaustion, vomiting, and confusion start. She fears it's cancer, dementia, a stroke. But a raft of tests later, the news is even more shocking: She's pregnant. As word gets out, the press and paparazzi, activists and medical researchers, belly-rubbers and rubber-neckers all descend on Vista View while Pepper struggles to determine her next move. Soon she has some hard decisions to make — and some she's not allowed to make.

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



FLESH ★★

A NOVEL

David Szalay

2025 KIRKUS PRIZE FINALIST, FICTION

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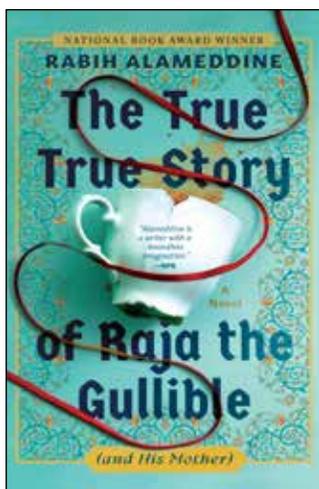
2025 BOOKER PRIZE WINNER

"An emotionally acute study of manliness." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

István lives with his mother in an apartment in Hungary. Shy and new in town, he is a stranger to the social rituals practiced by his classmates and is soon isolated, drawn instead into a series of events that leave him forever a stranger to peers, his mother, and himself. In the years that follow, István is born along by the goodwill, or self-interest, of strangers, charting a rocky yet upward trajectory that lands him further from his childhood, and the defining events that abruptly ended it, than he could possibly have imagined. The tension between István and all that alienates him hurtles forward until sudden tragedy again throws life as he knows it in jeopardy.

ISBN: 9781420534993 | \$36.00

Adventure | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Top Shelf 8.



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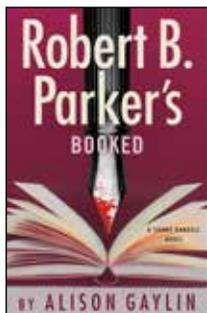
2025 GLOBE AND MAIL TOP 100

"Readers will be grateful for this funny and touching book dealing with the complexities of family, sexuality, life, and death." — Library Journal

In Beirut, sixty-three-year-old Raja and his mother live side by side. Raja relishes books, meditative walks, and solitude. Zalfa, his octogenarian mother, demands to know every detail of Raja's work life and love life, boundaries be damned. When Raja receives an invite to an all-expenses-paid writing residency in America, the timing couldn't be better. It arrives on the heels of a series of disasters that have left Raja longing for peace and quiet. But what seems a stroke of good fortune soon leads Raja to recount and relive the very disasters and betrayals he wishes to forget.

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



ROBERT B. PARKER'S BOOKED

A Sunny Randall Novel

Alison Gaylin

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 5

Famous author Melanie Joan Hall asks for Sunny's help in tracking down Book Babe, the screen-name of a popular book reviewer, who

has trolled her with a deeply insulting review. This usually wouldn't matter except that Book Babe has thousands of followers, and her blast has Melanie's publisher threatening to pull all her books. But Sunny's investigation reveals that the reviewer and Melanie have a rich history — in fact, she may even have good reason to hate the torn-up author. And when Book Babe turns up dead, casting Melanie as a suspect, Sunny finds herself in a complicated web which might just put a target on her back.

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Mystery | Releases 5/12/2026

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THE LAST MANDARIN

A NOVEL

Louise Penny, Melissa Fung

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 3

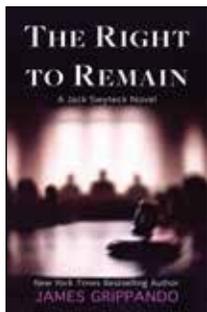
Alice Li is a food blogger who has lived in the shadow of her mother, Vivien. A Chinese dissident who escaped, Vivien is now a globally recognized human rights activist and

passionate advocate for a free and democratic China. When security and fire alarms go off simultaneously all around the world, setting off a panic, the signal is traced back to China. As world leaders scramble to respond, Vivien and Alice are called to the White House in hopes Madame Li can decode the Chinese intentions. The search for answers takes the women from the Oval Office to Hong Kong. Along the way they must decode an old legend, and an old language invented by women, for women.

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Thriller | Releases 5/12/2026

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THE RIGHT TO REMAIN ★

A Jack Swyteck Novel

James Grippando

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

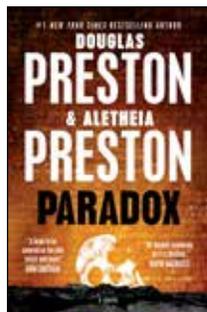
"[T]his fast-paced legal thriller . . . delivers high-stakes courtroom drama and rich character development while unraveling a deadly conspiracy that touches on . . . gun trafficking, private adoption, and identity."
— *starred*, Library Journal

Criminal defense lawyer Jack Swyteck must contend with a unique problem His client, Elliott Stafford, indicted for murder, has gone silent. He won't talk to the judge, his girlfriend, or even the attorney fighting for his life. As he digs for facts, Jack discovers a much more disturbing reason for Elliott's silence. Virtually everything Elliott told Jack before the indictment is proving false, including Elliot's criminal history, family turmoil, and secret past. As Jack plunges deeper, he comes to believe that Elliott isn't trying to hide his own guilt. He may be protecting someone else — and the stakes could not be higher.

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Thriller | Releases 5/6/2026

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PARADOX

Cash and Colcord

Douglas Preston & Aletheia Preston

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 7

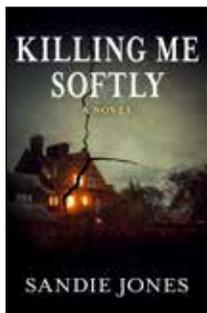
When a reclusive man is found dead under grisly circumstances in the Colorado wilderness, CBI Agent Frankie Cash and Eagle County

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KILLING ME SOFTLY ★

A NOVEL

Sandie Jones

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"A chilling novel that explores the darkly intimate connection between guilt and obsession." — Kirkus Reviews

Charlie and Freya used to be the picture-perfect couple. If you couldn't be them, you wanted to be *with* them.

They had it all . . . until one night a devastating accident tears their lives apart, and they're awoken by police at their door, asking whether they are aware that their car had been involved in a hit and run. Torn apart by accusations and guilt, the trust that Freya and Charlie once shared is shattered as they turn on each other, looking for someone to blame for the fallout. But is it more important to be right, or to win? Can Freya stay one step ahead of the man who knows her best? Or will Charlie's stoic conviction to get what he wants be the death of her?

S | ISBN: 9781420536201 | \$37.00

Thriller | Releases 5/6/2026

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THE FAIR WEATHER FRIEND

A NOVEL

Jessie Garcia

"Garcia's well-developed characters and steady, up-tempo pace will keep readers engaged in the mystery of the missing meteorologist." — Library Journal

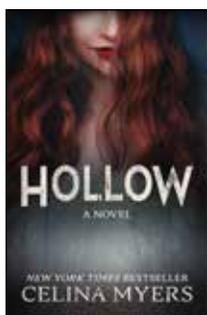
It's always sunny in Detroit for Faith Richards. The popular TV meteorologist, endearingly referred

to as "The Fair Weather Friend" by her viewers, has the world by the tail. But one night, Faith leaves work on a dinner break and never returns. Her body is found the next morning. The town is reeling, suspects emerge, and long-buried secrets are uncovered. While her allies rally, her list of adversaries also grows. Little does anyone know that only the deepest secrets will expose the truth.

ISBN: 9781420536294 | \$36.00

Thriller | Releases 5/6/2026

Available in High Octane 6 & 8.



HOLLOW

A NOVEL

Celina Myers

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

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USA TODAY BESTSELLER

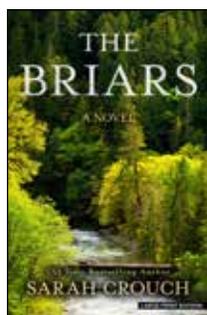
As a kid, Mia Adair experienced a strange sort of fame within the paranormal community thanks to her ability to talk with the dead. But that

was then, and Mia's "gift" dried up once adolescence set in. These days, she feels like she's nobody special. Until she dies in a car crash and reawakens as a vampire. Forced to leave behind everything she knew, Mia must choose to live with one of two rival vampire families. The Bellamy and Sutton clans share a dark, complicated history. Mia learns about their traditions and extraordinary powers, and as she feels her gift returning, she realizes she'll need it to protect innocent lives — and save the only family she has left.

ISBN: 9781420525762 | \$36.00

Horror | Releases 5/6/2026

Available in High Octane 8.



THE BRIARS

A NOVEL

Sarah Crouch

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"Crouch's latest goes beyond the typical thriller. It blends romance, suspense, and cozy small-town charm, all set against a vivid outdoorsy backdrop."

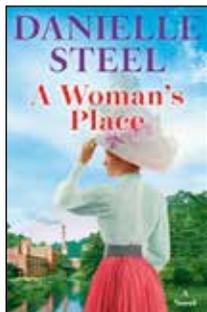
— Library Journal

Desperate to escape a relationship gone bad, Annie Heston flees north to accept a job as a game warden in Lake Lumin, a town in the mountains of the Pacific Northwest. A cougar has been spotted in the area, and as Annie warns the community of the threat, she discovers that not everyone in the town is welcoming of outsiders, except for Daniel Barela. They form an instant bond, but when the body of a young woman is found in the briars that border Daniel's property, the peace Annie has found in Lake Lumin shatters. As she assists the local sheriff with the investigation, Annie must rely on her wilderness training and intuition to find a murderer hiding in plain sight.

ISBN: 9781420534757 | \$36.00

Thriller | Releases 5/6/2026

Available in High Octane 8.



A WOMAN'S PLACE

A NOVEL

Danielle Steel

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 2

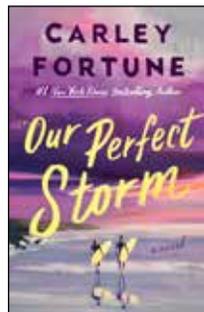
In April 1912, twenty-three-year-old Lady Victoria Oldbrooke is traveling with her father on the maiden voyage of the *Titanic*. But when the ship strikes an iceberg, they are

separated. Before Lord Alfred goes down with the ship, he asks his friend Bert Banning to promise he'll marry his daughter. Victoria marries Bert and moves to his home in Manchester. She becomes fascinated by Bert's business and learns all she can about it. When he meets a tragic end, she steps in. Taking on the risks and responsibilities, Victoria has the sheer grit that it takes to make a difference in a man's world and change the limitations women have had to face and defy for centuries.

S | ISBN: 9781420530841 | \$41.00

Historical Fiction | Releases 5/6/2026

Available in Dynamic Drama 4, 6 & 8.



OUR PERFECT STORM

A NOVEL

Carley Fortune

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 8

Frankie and George have been best friends since they were eight years old. They've always clashed and come back together. Until now. It's the eve of Frankie's wedding weekend, and

she doesn't know where they stand or even if George will show up. Then, at the start of the festivities, in walks George. For one glorious evening, Frankie's life is finally perfect. But it all comes crashing down when her fiancé dumps her the next morning. George has a plan for healing Frankie's broken heart. He wants her to go on her honeymoon. With him. Frankie agrees, even if it means unearthing secrets and feelings neither knows how to handle. Even if it means falling apart for good.

S | ISBN: 9781420534030 | \$41.00

Romance | Releases 5/6/2026

Available in Dynamic Drama 4, 6 & 8.



THE UNWRITTEN RULES OF MAGIC

Harper Ross

"Ross is an author to watch. Her first novel will fit nicely in most library collections and is sure to be a hit with Rebecca Serle fans."
— Library Journal

Emerson Clarke can't remember a time when she felt in control. Her father — a celebrated author — was

a chaotic force. Her mother turned to gin. And recently, her teen daughter has shut her out. After her father's funeral, Emerson steals his vintage typewriter and tests its keys by typing out a frivolous wish. When it comes true the very next day, she tries another. Those words also spring to life. Suddenly, she becomes obsessed with using the typewriter to rewrite happiness for herself and her daughter. But when her daughter's secret emerges, Emerson is torn between bending fate and embracing the uncertainty of life.

ISBN: 9781420535006 | \$36.00

Women's Fiction | Releases 5/6/2026

Available in Dynamic Drama 8.



PICK A COLOR ★★ ★

A NOVEL

Souvankham Thammavongsa

SHELF AWARENESS PICK
2025 PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST FICTION
2025 GILLER PRIZE WINNER
2025 KIRKUS BEST FICTION BOOKS OF THE YEAR
2025 TIME 100 MUST-READ BOOKS

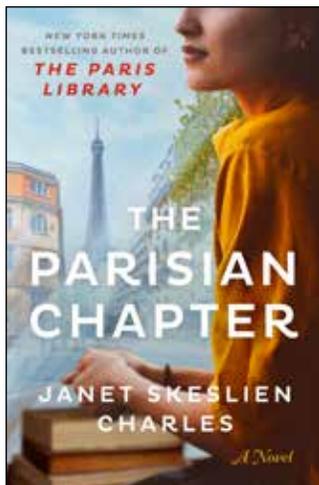
"Looking at working women, culture, and relationships, [this] book portrays a diversity of experience that reminds of the common links of the human condition." — Library Journal

Ning is a retired boxer, but to the customers who visit her nail salon, she is just another worker named Susan. On this summer's day, much like any other, the Susans buff and clip and polish and tweeze. They listen and smile and nod. But beneath this veneer, Ning is a woman of rigorous intellect and profound complexity. A woman enthralled by the intricacy and rhythms of her work but also haunted by memories of paths not taken and opportunities lost. As the day's work grinds on, the friction between Ning's two identities will gather electric and crackling force, and at last demand a reckoning with the way the world of privilege looks at a woman like Ning.

ISBN: 9781420534405 | \$36.00

General Fiction | Releases 5/6/2026

Available in Dynamic Drama 8.



THE PARISIAN CHAPTER

A NOVEL

Janet Skeslien Charles

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

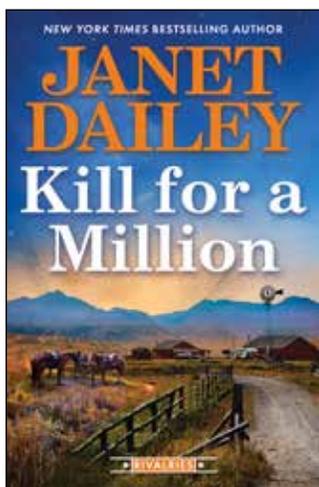
EDITOR'S CHOICE 5

"[A] charming companion story to The Paris Library, set in the same library and featuring some of the same characters." — Library Journal

Paris, 1995. It's been five years since Lily and her best friend Mary Louise arrived in Paris. Determined to establish themselves as artists, they share a tiny walkup and survive on brie and baguettes. When Mary Louise abruptly moves out, Lily must find a new way to support herself. She lands a job as a programs manager at the American Library in Paris. Here in the storied halls of the ALP, she meets an incredible cast of characters, each with their own stories and agendas. Lily often seeks solace in the Afterlife, the library's attic that's home to hundreds of unpublished manuscripts, and there, she discovers a box of archives that may be a link to the past.

S | ISBN: 9781420535679 | \$41.00

Historical Fiction | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Dynamic Drama 4, 6 & 8.



KILL FOR A MILLION

Rivalries • Book 3

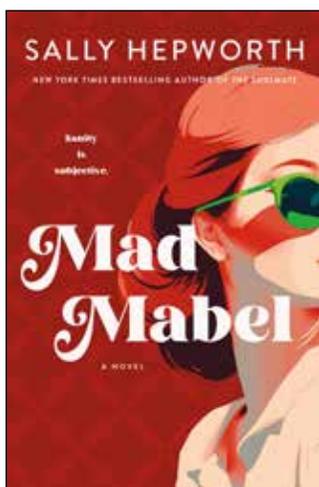
Janet Dailey

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Frank Culhane's murder remains unsolved. Time is running out for Culhane ranch manager Roper McKenna to prove his innocence. He is staking his fate on the outcome of the imminent reining event of the year: the Run for a Million. For his struggling family, the million-dollar prize will mean everything. For now, only winning matters. But suddenly, even that is in jeopardy. On the road, a semi almost sideswipes Roper's truck and horse trailer. He just manages to save the rig from rolling, but the horses are severely shaken. Meanwhile, the sole witness to Frank's murder may have a one in a million chance at revealing the truth.

S | ISBN: 9781420532869 | \$38.00

Romantic Suspense | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Dynamic Drama 4, 6 & 8.



MAD MABEL

A NOVEL

Sally Hepworth

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

PUBLISHER'S SHOWCASE

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB PICK

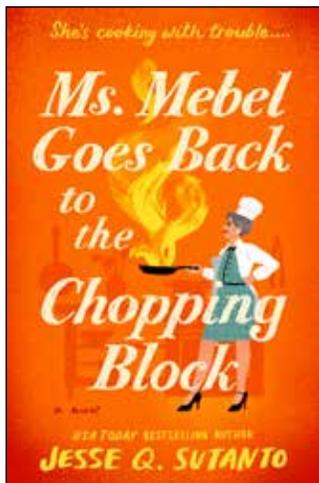
LIBRARY READS PICK

"A must-purchase for most collections. Not only will Hepworth's many fans be clamoring for this, but it's sure to grow her reader base." — starred, Library Journal

Few would suspect that Elsie Mabel Fitzpatrick has a past that she has worked exceedingly hard at concealing. Because when it comes to murder, no one ever suspects little girls or old ladies. And Elsie Mabel Fitzpatrick, once a little girl and now an old lady, has a strange history of people in her life coming to a foul end. When a new little girl moves into the neighborhood and stops at nothing to befriend Elsie, her carefully-constructed life threatens to come crashing down as secrets in Elsie's past start coming to light. Who was "Mad Mabel" fifty years ago? Who is Elsie Fitzpatrick today? And if the past has a habit of repeating itself, who has the most to lose?

S | ISBN: 9781420534078 | \$38.00

Thriller | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Dynamic Drama 4, 6 & 8.



MS. MEBEL GOES BACK TO THE CHOPPING BLOCK

A NOVEL

Jesse Q. Sutanto

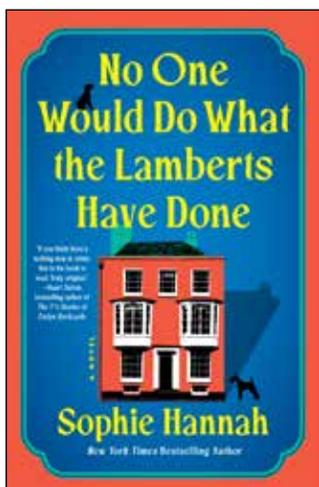
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"Sutanto's . . . story of a formerly entitled woman who learns she has desires of her own and is more than arm candy is laced with humor and will appeal to readers who enjoy stories of women reinventing themselves." — Library Journal

For sixty-three-year-old Mebel, retirement means her husband of more than forty years announcing that he's leaving her for their private chef. Not to worry, Mebel is going to win back her husband. No one knows what he needs better than her — after all, she's been anticipating his needs their whole marriage. And if he wants a wife who can cook, she will simply go to cooking school. Despite the less-than-warm welcome from her much younger classmates, Mebel manages to befriend Gemma, the star of the program. And this unlikely friendship starts to show Mebel that maybe there's more to her than being the perfect trophy wife.

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Contemporary Women's Fiction | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Dynamic Drama 4, 6 & 8.



NO ONE WOULD DO WHAT THE LAMBERTS HAVE DONE

A NOVEL

Sophie Hannah

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

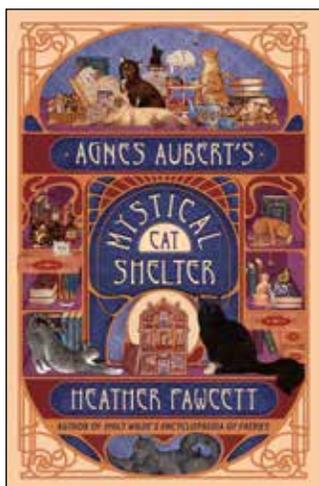
LIBRARY READS PICK

"[A] witty and entertaining ride." — Publishers Weekly

You think it will never happen to you: the ring of the bell, the policeman on the doorstep. What he says traps you in a nightmare that starts with the words, "I'm afraid . . ." Sally Lambert is also afraid, and desperate enough to consider the unthinkable. Is it really, definitely, impossible to escape from this horror? Maybe not. There's always something you can do, right? Of course, no one would ever do this particular something — except the Lamberts, who might have to. No one has ever gone this far. Until Sally decides that the Lamberts will . . .

ISBN: 9781420534856 | \$36.00

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



AGNES AUBERT'S MYSTICAL CAT SHELTER

Heather Fawcett

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

INDIE NEXT PICK

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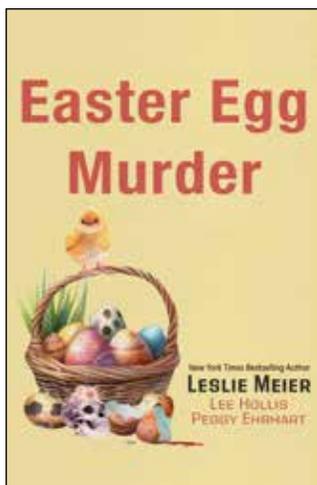
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER

"Agnes and Havelock's delicious slow-burn romance is delightful in the way that they bring out the worst and best in each other, even as they discover that neither is quite what they initially thought." — starred, Library Journal

As the manager of a cat rescue charity, Agnes Aubert has devoted her life to finding homes for stray cats. Now it's the shelter that needs a new home. And the only landlord who will rent a space to a cat rescue is a mysterious man called Havelock — who also happens to be the world's most infamous magician, running an illegal magic shop out of his basement. Rumors swirl about his shadowy past — including whispers that his dark magic once almost brought about the apocalypse. But as she gets to know him, Agnes discovers that he's more than the dark magician of legend, and that she may be ready for a little intrigue in her life.

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



EASTER EGG MURDER

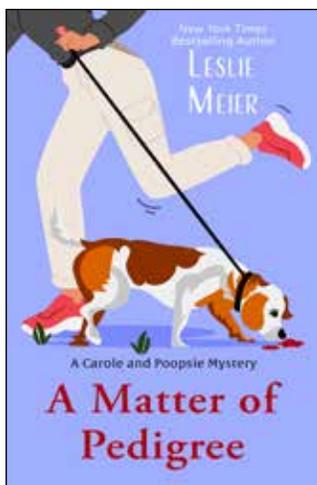
Leslie Meier, Lee Hollis, Peggy Ehrhart

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

In *Easter Egg Murder* by Leslie Meier, Lucy Stone and Carole Capobianco are amused by the tale of a neighbor's chickens refusing to lay eggs. The decoy eggs he's set out to encourage the hens are being stolen. That's confusing enough, but what's happened to the cook is deadly serious. In *Death by Another Easter Egg* by Lee Hollis, when a reporter dies mid-meal at Hayley Powell's restaurant, Hayley scrambles to crack the case, discovering that the victim was about to break a juicy story. In *An Egggy Way to Die* by Peggy Ehrhart, friends Pamela and Bettina are startled to find the dead body of a local cookbook author.

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Mystery | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Mystery 2, 3, & 5.



A MATTER OF PEDIGREE

A Carole and Poopsie Mystery

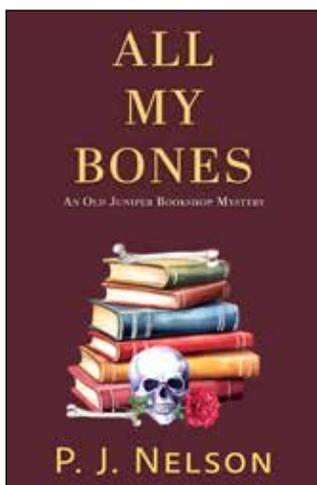
Leslie Meier

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

With the kids finally on their own, Carole and Frank Capobianco are empty-nesters. The cherry on top is a hefty bid on a luxury co-op in a prestige building. But the offer is refused by venture capitalist Hosea Brown. Hearing the claim that the Capobiancos won't fit into their community, Frank is outraged. Three months later, Carole is shocked by the news that Hosea has been bludgeoned to death. When Carole learns Hosea was one of the backers of a construction project for which Frank's company has been contracted, she sets out to clear Frank's name — and just maybe save their lives.

ISBN: 9781420535488 | \$36.00

Mystery | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Mystery 2, 3, & 5.



ALL MY BONES

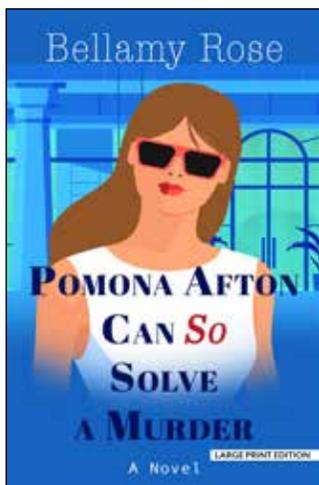
An Old Juniper Bookshop Mystery

P. J. Nelson

Madeline Brimley recently inherited a bookstore in Enigma, Georgia. Settling in, she recruits her friend Gloria Coleman to help her plant azaleas in front. Turning the soil, however, uncovers the body of Beatrice Glassie, a troublesome woman who has been missing for the past six months. When Gloria is arrested for the murder, Madeline is determined to prove her innocence and, as she quickly finds out, there aren't many people in town who hadn't wanted to kill Bea at one point or another. Madeline plans to set a trap to catch the real murderer — before she becomes the next victim.

ISBN: 9781420535921 | \$34.00

Mystery | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Mystery 3 & 5.



POMONA AFTON CAN SO SOLVE A MURDER ★★☆☆

A NOVEL

Bellamy Rose

BOOKPAGE SELECTION

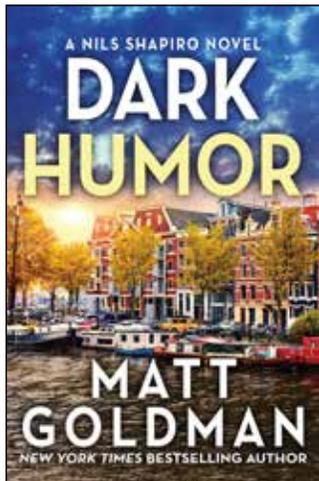
2025 LIBRARY JOURNAL BEST BOOKS

"[A] fun mystery rom-com . . . with a protagonist who grows from superficial and unlikable into a caring adult." — *starred*, Library Journal

When Pomona Afton, Upper East Side hotel heiress, stumbles out of a gala and upon the scene of her grandmother's murder, her first thought is that the society queen won't be missed for her kind ways. In fact, she was mean, greedy, and paranoid — so paranoid that she secretly slipped a clause into her will mandating that, should she die an unnatural death, all the family assets get frozen. Pom needs someone to solve this murder so she can get her trust fund back. As Pom's family clams up, blocking the police at every turn, Pom quickly realizes that if she wants her glamorous life back, she's going to have to do it herself.

ISBN: 9781420535464 | \$33.00

Women Sleuths | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Mystery 5.



DARK HUMOR

A Nils Shapiro Novel

Matt Goldman

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

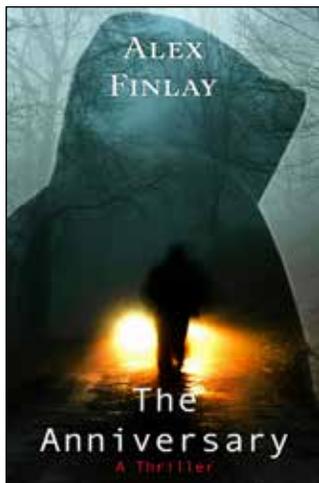
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"Perfect reading for an airplane, foreign hotel, or anywhere else you have a few hours to enliven."
— Kirkus Reviews

Nils is on a mission to hunt down Sammy Sykes, the drug kingpin responsible for the ambush that led to his wife's death two years ago. Despite the efforts of local law enforcement and the FBI, Sammy is still on the loose. A trip to see Sammy's daughter in prison gifts him a lead that's impossible to ignore. Resuming his life as a private investigator, Nils goes deep undercover. Fueled by revenge and a deep sense of justice, Nils' pursuit of Sammy takes him all the way from Minnesota to Europe, where his survival skills — and resolve — are put to the ultimate test.

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Mystery | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Mystery 5.

**THE ANNIVERSARY**

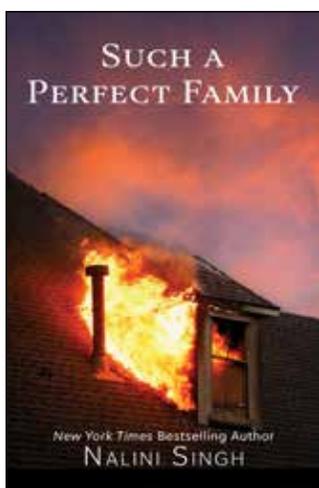
A THRILLER

Alex Finlay

One fateful night in 1992, Jules and Quinn's lives are changed and intertwined forever. Quinn Riley is arrested after he tries to break up a fight but ends up nearly killing someone. Jules Delaney survives an attack by the elusive May Day Killer. A year later, Quinn is newly released from juvenile detention and returns home to fresh heartbreak: the unsolved murder of his mother. Over the next decade, Jules and Quinn's lives are revisited on a single day each year, May 1st. As secrets unravel and their paths converge, two mysteries edge closer to the truth. All the while, the May Day Killer is still out there — and the clock is racing toward another anniversary.

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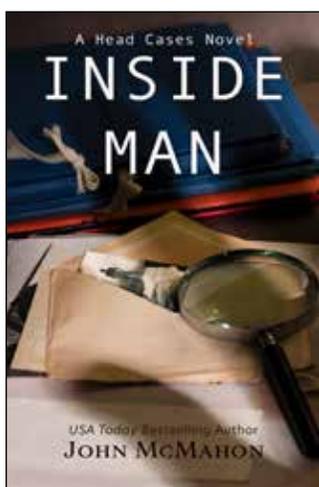
Thriller | Releases 5/20/2026

**SUCH A PERFECT FAMILY** ★**Nalini Singh****NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

For forty-three days, Tavish Advani has been the happiest man in the world — until his new life turns to ash, his wealthy in-laws' house going up in a fiery explosion. His badly injured wife lies in a coma, her family all but annihilated. Tavish thought he'd left the sins of his Los Angeles life behind, but tragedy and death follow him no matter where he goes. This time, he knows he's truly innocent. Desperately trying to clear his name, Tavish begins his own investigation into the fire — and learns that his wife's picture-perfect family may have been nothing but a meticulously constructed mirage. The truth is much darker than anything Tavish could've imagined.

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**INSIDE MAN** ★

A Head Cases Novel

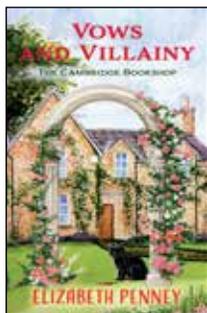
John McMahon

"Fast-paced and clever, this is a tightly plotted, propulsive novel that will appeal to fans of Mick Herron and Jussi Adler-Olsen." — starred, Library Journal

FBI Agent Gardner Camden and his squad make up the Patterns and Recognition (PAR) unit, brought in for cases no one else can solve. PAR's latest case involves a militia group. When their confidential informant is killed, it becomes clear the militia did not kill him. As the squad looks into the murder, an unidentified man is caught on camera with their informant. This mystery man is connected to a series of murdered women in Florida. As PAR juggles investigations into both the dead women and the militia, they find the cases escalating. With no puzzles and few leads, how will a group set up to decode riddles be successful?

ISBN: 9781420535501 | \$37.00

Thriller | Releases 5/20/2026



VOWS AND VILLAINY

The Cambridge Bookshop

Elizabeth Penney

It's wedding season in Cambridge, and Molly Kimball is thrilled that it's almost time for her best friend's special day. With the help of her boyfriend Kieran Scott, she is determined to be the best maid of honor for Daisy and Tim. Daisy's heart

is set upon a Shakespeare-themed wedding to be held at Hazelhurst House, Kieran's family's home. The Scotts are also hosting a Shakespeare troupe for the summer, and the actors have kindly agreed to be part of the festivities. But all goes awry with the discovery of famous actor Sir Nigel Peck floating dead in the moat. Can Molly solve the murder before Daisy and Tim say "I do"?

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Cozy Mystery | Releases 5/20/2026

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THE TATTERED COVER

A Secret, Book, and Scone Society Novel

Ellery Adams

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

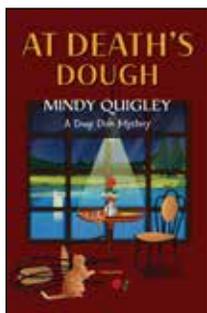
As the residents of Miracle Springs, North Carolina, get excited for a night of tricks or treats, Nora joins in on the festivities by hosting

medium memoirist Lara Luz at the bookstore. Lara performs a reading for a select group of patrons when a storm knocks out the power. In the darkness, Lara clutches her heart, collapsing dead without warning. But Nora doesn't believe she died of natural causes. Now, Nora and the Secret, Book, and Scone Society must sift through the suspects and their motives to uncover which one of them is a killer before he or she is tempted to strike again.

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AT DEATH'S DOUGH

A Deep Dish Mystery

Mindy Quigley

"A fine combination of food lore, historical tidbits, and chilly adventures."
— Kirkus Reviews

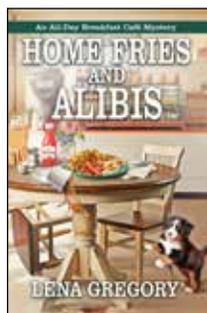
It's February in Geneva Bay, Wisconsin, and love is in the air. Pizza chef Delilah O'Leary is gearing up to celebrate her first Valentine's Day

with police detective Calvin Capone. But a shocking discovery plunges them into a century-old crime. As old secrets surface, Delilah realizes that nearly everyone in town has something to hide. With the pressure mounting and the past closing in, Delilah must help Capone follow a trail of clues that could lead them to a priceless treasure . . . or into a deadly trap. Can Delilah serve up justice before history repeats itself? Or will she and Capone end up sleeping with the anchovies?

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HOME FRIES AND ALIBIS

An All-Day Breakfast Café Mystery

Lena Gregory

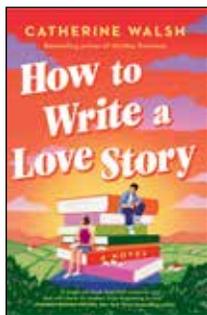
When a nasty new neighbor moves into their peaceful community, Gia and everyone else in the neighborhood is ready to blow a fuse. The spiteful woman has quickly made a nuisance of herself, complaining to and about

everyone there. Then someone silences the woman — permanently. Unnerved, Gia soon discovers that the woman was blackmailing people in the community. Even more surprising is that nearly everyone in the neighborhood has something to hide. Dead-set on rooting out the culprit, Gia has to determine who stood to lose the most if their secret was revealed, unaware that she's perilously close to losing her own life.

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Cozy Mystery | Releases 5/20/2026

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HOW TO WRITE A LOVE STORY ★
A NOVEL
Catherine Walsh

"[A] delightful take on the forced-proximity trope." — Library Journal

Ciara Sheridan's father left her with three things: a sprawling and distinctly ramshackle estate on the Irish coast, the outline for the finale to his bestselling epic fantasy series that he wanted her to finish — and writer's block. Enter Sam Avery: Frank Sheridan fanboy and hotshot editor, sent from the New York publishing house direct to Ciara's doorstep — against Ciara's wishes and red pen at the ready. With the deadline looming, Ciara and Sam have just a few weeks to stop bickering, write this novel, and secure Frank's legacy. But as the summer heats up, so does the tension between them. Will their own love story be the plot twist neither of them sees coming?

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Contemporary Romance | Releases 5/20/2026
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HOPELESS ★
A NOVEL
Hopeless • Book 1
Colleen Hoover

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
USA TODAY BESTSELLER

Sky, a senior in high school, meets Dean Holder, a guy with a promiscuous reputation that rivals her own. From their very first encounter, something about him sparks memories of her deeply troubled past. Though Sky is determined to stay far away from him, his unwavering pursuit and enigmatic smile break down her defenses and the intensity of the bond between them grows. But the mysterious Holder has been keeping secrets of his own, and once they are revealed, Sky's ability to trust may be a casualty of the truth. Only by facing the stark revelations can Sky and Holder hope to find a way to live and love without boundaries.

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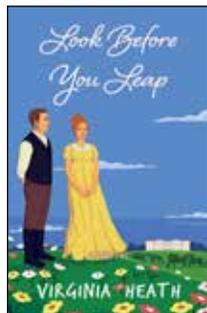


RALPH'S PARTY
A NOVEL
Lisa Jewell

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Welcome to 31 Almanac Road where the walls don't talk, but the people sure do. First, we have Ralph and Smith. Roommates and best friends. Nothing can come between them . . . until Jemima moves in, and the two find themselves in a battle for her affections. Take the stairs up a flight, and you'll find Karl and Siobhan. On the outside, they're the perfect couple. Look a little closer, though, and you might just spot some cracks in their relationship. And those cracks are suspiciously shaped like their upstairs neighbor, Cheri. Everything is bound to unravel eventually. So, really, what better place for tears and laughter, break ups and make ups than at Ralph's party?

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Contemporary Romance | Releases 5/20/2026
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LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP ★
A NOVEL
Miss Prentice's Protégées • Book 2
Virginia Heath

"Funny and heartfelt." — Library Journal

Nine years ago, Lord Guy Harrowby was publicly humiliated by a failed romantic gesture. Still single, embittered, and swiftly approaching thirty, Guy's work is his life. In desperation, his mother blindsides Guy with a weeklong house party at his estate filled with annoying debutantes competing to be his wife. Lottie Travers is struggling as a lady's companion. But with the family farm in trouble, her father is now in dire need of her wages. Succeeding in her new role proves difficult when a spark ignites between her and the grumpy lord. Will they remain stuck in their ways, or learn that they may just be the perfect match?

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Regency Romance | Releases 5/20/2026
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THE GIRL IN THE GREEN DRESS ★★ ★

A MYSTERY FEATURING ZELDA FITZGERALD

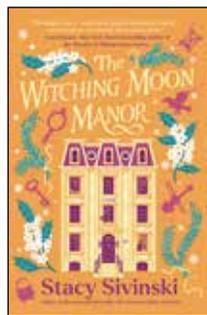
Mariah Fredericks

BOOKPAGE SELECTION
2025 LIBRARY JOURNAL BEST BOOKS

"Fredericks's new historical mystery is a roaring good time." — starred, Library Journal

New York, 1920. Zelda Fitzgerald is at loose ends while Scott works on his next novel, *The Beautiful and the Damned*. Meanwhile, Atlanta journalist Morris Markey has arrived in New York and hovers at the edge of the city's revels. When man-about-town Joseph Elwell is found shot, the two southerners realize they were both among the last to see him alive. As they investigate, Zelda is hungry for love and sensation, Markey desperate for success and recognition. As they follow these desires, the pair close in on what really happened that night.

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Historical Fiction | Releases 5/20/2026



THE WITCHING MOON MANOR ★

A NOVEL

The Spellbound Sisters • Book 2

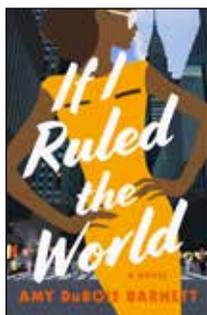
Stacy Sivinski

2025 LIBRARY JOURNAL BEST BOOKS

"The sisterhood is as strong as ever, and the mystery they have to solve is every bit as captivating, as each sister takes a turn at fixing themselves, each other, and the big picture on their way to well-earned HEAs." — starred, Library Journal

The Crescent Moon is thriving after a much-needed expansion. That is, until the Quigley sisters find themselves drawn back home in search of refuge. Anne struggles to balance her growing responsibilities, Beatrix fears she has lost her gift for storytelling, and Violet is shaken after an accident at the circus. And when the threads of fate begin to unravel, Anne must lean on her sisters to save the city from an uncertain destiny. Will the sisters find the courage to embrace who they have become while returning to what they left behind, or will the future unfold in a way that even a Quigley couldn't have predicted?

ISBN: 9781420535730 | \$36.00
Historical Fiction | Releases 5/20/2026



IF I RULED THE WORLD

A NOVEL

Amy DuBois Barnett

"The novel has serious things to say about Black women's empowerment while also dishing up plenty of sex, fashion, and friendship. Style, love, and hip hop converge in this lively, likable novel." — Kirkus Reviews

It's 1999, and Nikki Rose is the only Black editor on the staff of a prestigious fashion magazine. After being told one too many times by her boss that "Black girls don't sell magazines," she quits to take over *Sugar*, a struggling hip hop music and lifestyle magazine. Thrown into an entirely new world, Nikki must prove she has what it takes to lead. But her most dangerous challenge is evading Alonzo Griffin, her very married, very powerful ex-lover and former boss, who is determined to destroy both her and *Sugar*. Along the way, Nikki leans on a circle of loyal friends and navigates unexpected romances that force her to reckon with what — and who — she truly wants.

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General Fiction | Releases 5/20/2026
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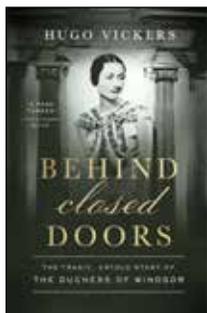
LOVE ON BOARD

Aries Skye

Aquila Richards-Oliver has a high-profile husband, two beautiful sons, and a seemingly perfect role as wife, mother, and big sister. But when her marriage unravels under the weight of betrayal and long-buried truths, Aquila begins the hard work of rebuilding her life on her own

terms. Roman Patterson has built everything but a family. At thirty-five, the successful entrepreneur has more wealth than time and more regrets than romance. What neither Roman nor Aquila expects is to find each other, but their connection is instant, and the chemistry is undeniable. Can Aquila let down her guard and believe in love again? Or will the past sink the promise of something real?

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Romance | Releases 5/20/2026
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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS
THE TRAGIC, UNTOLD STORY OF WALLIS SIMPSON

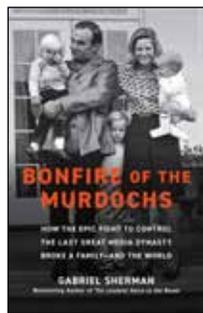
Hugo Vickers

The Duchess of Windsor's story has both fascinated and polarized. *Behind Closed Doors* brings a new perspective to Wallis Simpson, specifically by focusing on the later years of exile. Readers will be

shocked by the ruthless lawyer Suzanne Blum and come to understand how the Duchess's precarious position once she was widowed only added to her plight. Her life quickly spiraled into desperation and fear. Using previously unpublished papers and other personal testaments, Hugo Vickers paints a resonant portrait of a complex and tragic icon and reveals the truth behind her final years.

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BONFIRE OF THE MURDOCHS
HOW THE EPIC FIGHT TO CONTROL THE LAST GREAT MEDIA DYNASTY BROKE A FAMILY

Gabriel Sherman

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

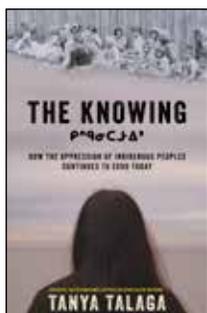
"A real-life Succession drama, in all its inglorious tawdriness. . . . It's a story with as much moral relevance as King Lear. . . . Almost certainly guaranteed not to win Rupert Murdoch any new admirers."

— Kirkus Reviews

When Rupert Murdoch made a decision about who should inherit his media colossus, he believed that pitting his children against each other would produce the most capable heir. Twenty-five years later, that gamble would trigger a succession battle featuring betrayals, lawsuits, and revenge plots. In *Bonfire of the Murdochs*, Gabriel Sherman tells the story of this epic family war. Based on interviews with more than 150 sources, it is a richly textured narrative where each child plays their role in a feud that explodes in a courtroom showdown.

ISBN: 9781420535891 | \$38.00

Biography | Releases 5/6/2026



THE KNOWING ★★
HOW THE OPPRESSION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONTINUES TO ECHO TODAY

Tanya Talaga

2025 BRASS KNUCKLES AWARD FOR BEST NONFICTION CRIME BOOK WINNER

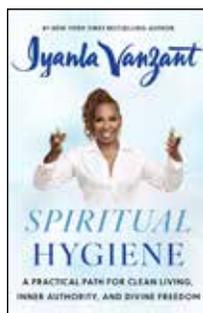
**TORONTO BOOK AWARDS SHORTLIST
SHAUGHNESSY COHEN PRIZE SHORTLIST**

For generations, Indigenous People have known that their family members disappeared, many of them after being consigned to a system designed to destroy who the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people are. This is one of Canada's greatest open secrets, an unhealed wound that lay hidden by shame and abandonment. Tanya Talaga retells the history of her country as only she can — through an Indigenous lens, beginning with the life of her great-great-grandmother Annie Carpenter and her family as they experienced decades of government- and Church-sanctioned enfranchisement and genocide.

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Historical Nonfiction | Releases 5/20/2026

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SPIRITUAL HYGIENE ★★
A PRACTICAL PATH FOR CLEAN LIVING, INNER AUTHORITY, AND DIVINE FREEDOM

Iyanla Vanzant

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
2025 BLACK AUTHOR NONFICTION BESTSELLER LIST**

Spiritual Hygiene is a guidebook born of lived experience, personal

loss, and divine assignment. Inspired by the life and passing of Iyanla Vanzant's daughter, Nisa, and Iyanla's own personal healing journey, this book teaches that just as we tend to our physical hygiene, our mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness also require daily care and maintenance. In a world overwhelmed by emotional clutter, mental chaos, physical depletion, and spiritual confusion, *Spiritual Hygiene* offers a framework to cleanse the mind, heart, body, and soul, facilitating a return to sacred alignment.

ISBN: 9781420534818 | \$38.00

Self-Help | Releases 5/20/2026

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LAST TO FALL

Gossamer Falls • Book 3

Lynn H. Blackburn

Bronwyn Pierce has poured everything into The Haven, her family's mountain resort in Gossamer Falls. But when financial discrepancies surface and the numbers suggest something far darker than simple mismanagement,

she's forced to call on the one person with the skills to help her: Mo Quinn, a former Army intelligence officer, her first love, and the last person she ever wanted to trust again. As they dig deeper into the treacherous motives behind a blackmail scheme, Mo faces an impossible choice: trust the proof in front of him or trust his heart. With danger closing in, they'll have to risk everything to expose the truth.

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Romance | Releases 5/6/2026

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NO STONE UNTURNED

Jenelle Hovde

"An archaeological dig turns up secrets past and present in this spirited Regency romance. . . . [F]ans of Julie Klassen and Sarah Ladd will be swept up."
— Publishers Weekly

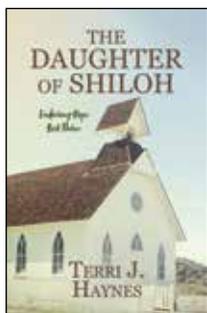
Bridget Littleton's passion for antiques defies most social conventions in her small village in

the English countryside. When a farmer discovers a mosaic buried in his field, Bridget dreams of excavating the ruins. Unfortunately, her quest puts her at odds with the lord who recently inherited Hawthorn Abbey. Rafe Hawthorn's plans to rebuild the abbey's orchards require a road that will pass straight through Bridget's potential trove of artifacts. But a series of suspicious accidents threaten both their plans. With their dreams in the balance, Bridget and Rafe must work together to fend off an enemy that may prove more dangerous than either could have imagined.

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Romance | Releases 5/6/2026

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THE DAUGHTER OF SHILOH

Enduring Hope • Book 3

Terri J. Haynes

"Haynes opens a vivid window into Black Southern history with this memorable and resonant addition to the Enduring Hope series." — Publishers Weekly

Lealie Bevard, a determined Tuskegee Institute student, attends the Shiloh Baptist Church convention

in Birmingham on September 19, 1902, to request a scholarship for continued education at Harvard. But a beautiful gathering turns tragic when a stampede breaks out and Lealie is injured. While convalescing at the home of fellow Tuskegee student Milton Rafferty, Lealie's concerns for her future are set aside to help Milton uncover a mystery revolving around missing church funds and a possible murder. Perhaps a pause in Lealie's well-laid plans can be used for good . . . and lead to love.

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THE HEART OF BENNET HOLLOW

Joanne Bischof DeWitt

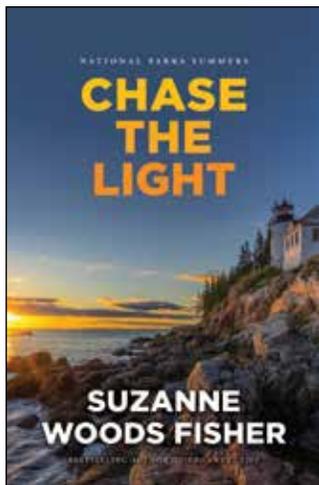
New River, Virginia. 1904. Lizbeth Bennet longs to preserve her family's farm, a difficult task in their Appalachian coal mining town. When the mine is put up for sale, a contingent of coal barons descends on the town. William Drake arrives

focused on business and keeping his distance from the townspeople. His struggle to weigh the potential financial gain against what is right for the community grows more complicated when he meets Lizbeth. Just as their friendship begins to evolve, a revelation shakes Lizbeth's tenuous trust. To determine what is true, Lizbeth must decide whether the future she's always imagined is the one her heart truly wants most of all.

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**CHASE THE LIGHT**

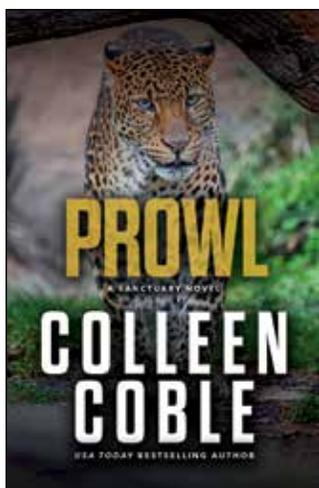
National Parks Summers • Book 2

Suzanne Woods Fisher

When Acadia National Park ranger Scout Johnson discovers a weathered note near a remote lighthouse, she never imagines it will expose a century-old mystery. The cryptic message points to a forgotten shipwreck, a vanished treasure, and a lighthouse keeper's suspicious death. Scout enlists Naki Dana, a thoughtful man whose Penobscot heritage provides crucial insights. But they aren't the only ones searching. Chase Fletcher, a local journalist, sees this treasure hunt as his last opportunity to save his failing paper. With pressure mounting and loyalties tested, Scout must determine who — and what — deserves her trust.

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Romance | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Christian Fiction 2, 3, 4 & 5.

**PROWL**

A SMALL-TOWN, SECOND-CHANCE ROMANTIC SUSPENSE

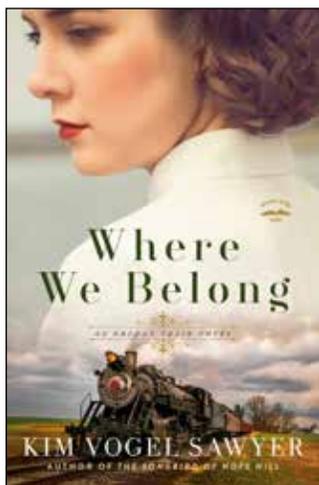
A Sanctuary Novel • Book 2

Colleen Coble*USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR*

When a worker at the Sanctuary is discovered dead in the tiger enclosure, authorities assume the big cat killed her. But when the autopsy shows she was killed by a lethal dose of anesthetic delivered by a tranquilizer gun, suspicion falls on Blake Lawson, co-owner of the Sanctuary. Blake has his hands full trying to clear his name as well as get the Sanctuary finances back in the black. The only solid ground is his relationship with wildlife veterinarian Paradise Alden, and he longs to propose — but how can they even think about starting a life together with so many forces working against them?

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Mystery | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Christian Fiction 2, 3, 4 & 5.

**WHERE WE BELONG**

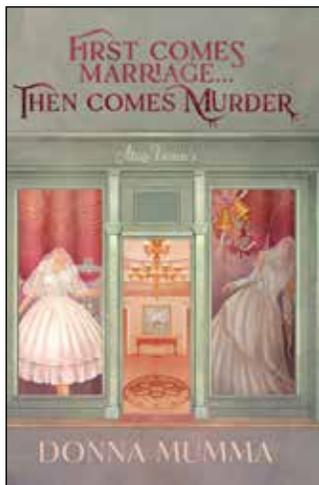
AN ORPHAN TRAIN NOVEL

Kim Vogel Sawyer

Hester Haak's life takes a turn when she opens her Kansas home to children from New York City. The orphan asylum has entrusted her with two sisters, and Hester is determined to provide a safe and loving environment for them. Meanwhile, Callum Holbrook made the heart-wrenching decision to place his daughters in an orphanage, promising it was only temporary. Now, with a stable job, Callum is horrified to learn they have been sent halfway across the country. He embarks on the difficult journey to bring them back. Through their struggles, Hester and Callum discover that family and love can be found in the most surprising places.

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Historical Fiction | Releases 5/6/2026 | Available in Christian Fiction 2, 3, 4 & 5.



FIRST COMES MARRIAGE . . . THEN COMES MURDER

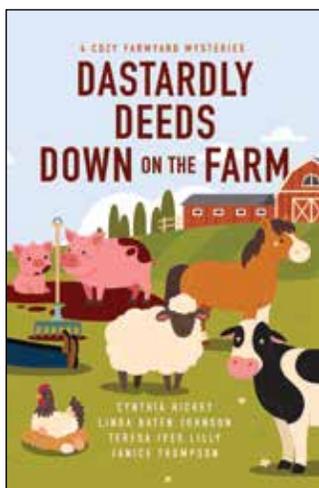
A Women of Wynton's Mystery • Book 2

Donna Mumma

It is 1956 in Levi City, Florida. Vivien Sheffield, renowned bridal gown designer and consultant for Wynton's Department Store, is facing the greatest challenge of her career. Someone has been killing brides who wore one of her custom gowns in their wedding! Vivien's fellow employees and close friends — Audrey, Mary Jo, and Gigi — and her assistant Mirette spring into action to save Miss Vivien and the young brides of Levi City before the murderer succeeds at destroying Vivien's business at Wynton's . . . and her reputation.

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DASTARDLY DEEDS DOWN ON THE FARM

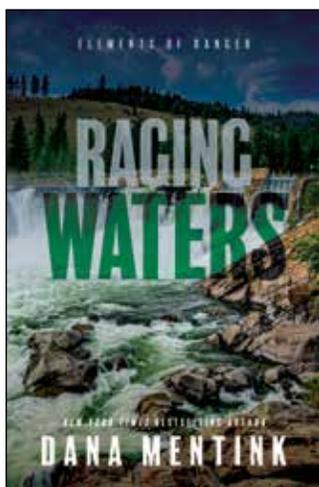
4 COZY FARMYARD MYSTERIES

Cynthia Hickey, and Linda Baten Johnson, Teresa Ives Lilly, Janice Thompson

In *Hog Wild* by Cynthia Hickey, Shelby Dickens' prized hog vanishes before the county fair. In *The Dark Side of the Moo* by Linda Baten Johnson, Friendly Farm lives up to its name until the vet is murdered in the barn. In *Fowl Deed* by Teresa Ives Lilly, when town realtor Jeff Barr is found dead by her chicken coop, April must solve the murder or lose it all. In *Searching for Sunshine* by Janice Thompson, Jessie Kingston's thoroughbred mare, Cosmic Sunshine goes missing while in the care of a breeder.

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RAGING WATERS

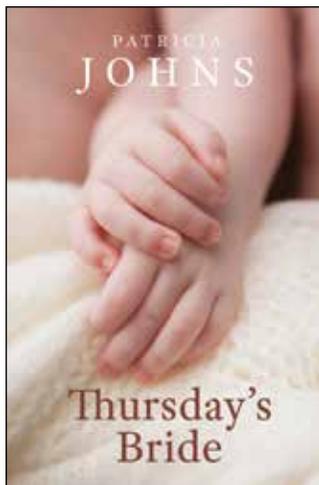
Elements of Danger • Book 2

Dana Mentink

When Mackenzie Bardine's brother Aaron was murdered in a drug deal gone wrong, she started a true crime podcast dedicated to exposing the drug kingpin responsible. But her protective heart has never let go of the blame she places on herself and Aaron's best friend, Gideon Landry. On the run to the wilds of Washington to chase a recent lead, she meets none other than Gideon himself. Gideon never expected to cross paths with Mackenzie, and he's certainly not interested in helping her in her vigilante podcasting. But as killers begin to circle Mackenzie like sharks, he can't bring himself to ignore her perilous situation.

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THURSDAY'S BRIDE

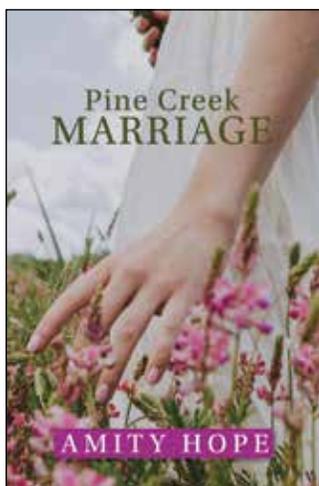
Patricia Johns

"Readers will be quickly drawn in to the push-and-pull of shifting emotions and unfolding relationships."
— Publishers Weekly

Overwhelmed by grief and tending twin baby daughters, Rosmanda Lapp is without options. She still blames her brother-in-law, Levi, for her husband's accidental death — but she and her in-laws need him to keep their farm going. Yet she can't help but regret that she chose his brother over him. For Levi is still very much the passionate man she loved. Levi can't blame Rosmanda for staying clear of him. Still, he can't deny the feelings that even now tempt them back to each other. And when a mistake from Rosmanda's past threatens her reputation, Levi will do whatever it takes to help her — and trust that faith and courage will at last help them claim a future together.

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PINE CREEK MARRIAGE

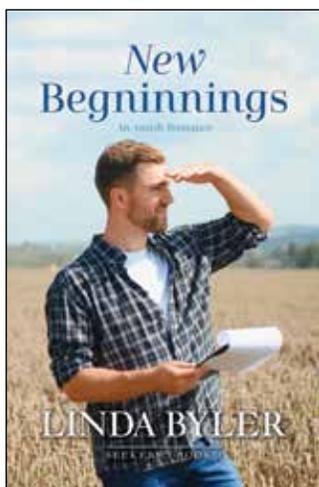
Pine Creek Amish • Book 2

Amity Hope

Widow Amelia Baumann has sworn to never love again. But then Samuel Kurtz shows up, making it hard to keep her feelings in check. Especially after Samuel's six-year-old niece, Ruthie, whom he's been raising, completely steals her heart. When bishops threaten to send Ruthie to live with her distant aunt so that she'll have two parents raising her instead of just Samuel, he hatches a plan. Amelia reluctantly agrees to a marriage of convenience with Samuel because she loves Ruthie and can't bear to see her torn from the only father she's ever known. As long as she and Samuel simply remain friends, what could possibly go wrong?

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NEW BEGINNINGS

AN AMISH ROMANCE

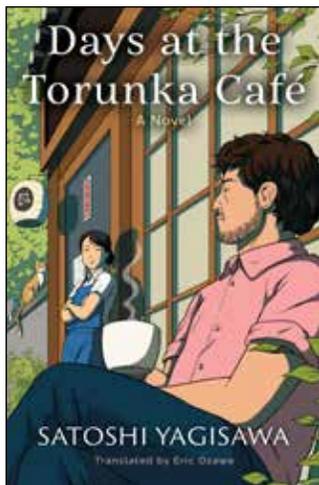
Seekers • Book 1

Linda Byler

As a young man growing up in an Amish family, Amos struggles to fit in. Convinced that he will never be good enough, he leaves home and accepts a job as a live-in groundskeeper for an "English" (non-Amish) couple. When Amos meets Skye, he's drawn to her. With her camouflage baseball cap and love of the outdoors, she's fun and free in ways that only an English girl can be. And then there's Anna, a young Amish woman who is sweet and kind and special enough to make him wonder if he could go back to the Amish life to be with her. But how could he do that with any kind of sincerity, given he's not even sure he believes in God?

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DAYS AT THE TORUNKA CAFÉ ★

Satoshi Yagisawa

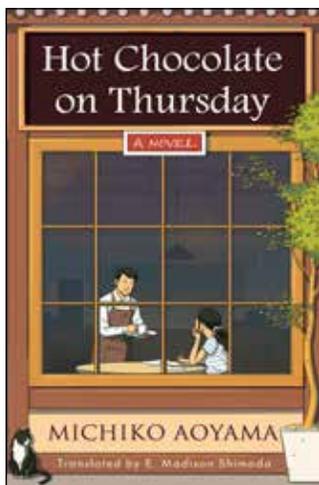
2025 LIBRARY JOURNAL BEST BOOKS

"This latest offering by Yagisawa is another winner that is sure to be appreciated by readers and book groups alike." — starred, Library Journal

Tucked away on a narrow side street in Tokyo is the Torunka Café, a neighborhood nook where the passersby are as likely to be local cats as tourists. Its regulars include Chinatsu Yukimura, a mysterious young woman who always leaves behind a napkin folded into the shape of a ballerina; Hiroyuki Numata, a middle-aged man who's returned to the neighborhood searching for the happy life he once gave up; and Shizuku, the café owner's teenage daughter, who is still coming to terms with her sister's death as she falls in love for the first time. While Café Torunka serves up a perfect cup of coffee, it provides these sundry souls with nourishment far more lasting.

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General Fiction | Releases 5/20/2026



HOT CHOCOLATE ON THURSDAY

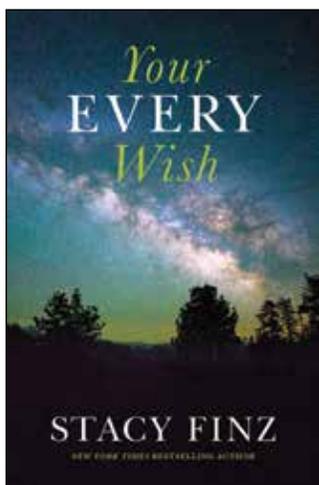
A NOVEL

Michiko Aoyama

Without even realizing it, we may touch and change someone else's life. Taking a walk along the river, cooking the best tamagoyaki, ordering hot chocolate, forgetting to remove our nail polish . . . The small, everyday acts that we do can lead to unexpected encounters, reverberate far beyond our own circle, and ultimately make a difference in the world around us. *Hot Chocolate on Thursday* is a tapestry of slice-of-life moments that each open and close with a woman ordering her regular hot chocolate at the mysterious Marble Cafe. What happens in between will touch and swell your heart, as we connect with a community of untold unfolding lives.

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YOUR EVERY WISH

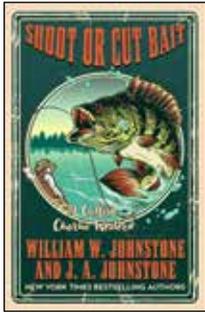
Stacy Finz

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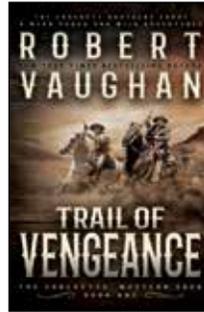
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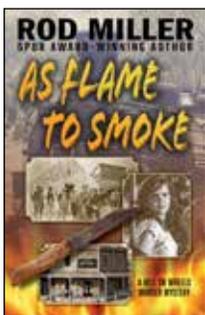
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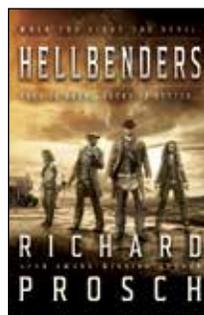
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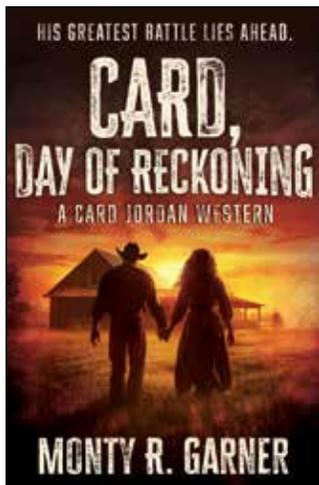
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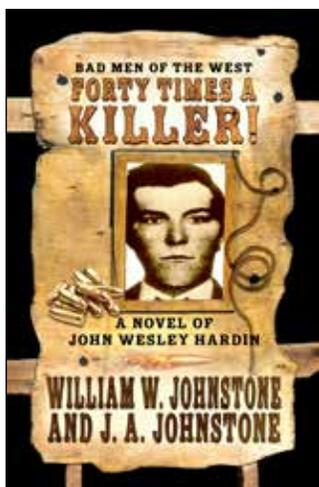
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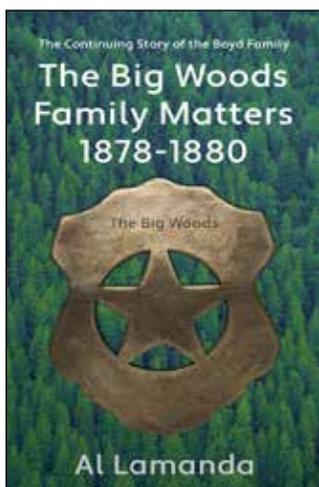
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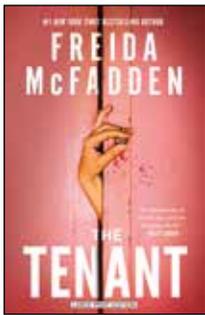
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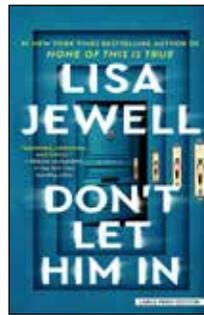
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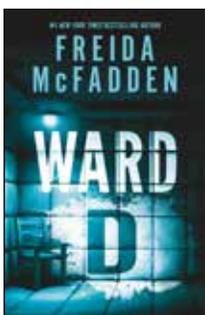
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Nick Radcliffe is just what Nina Swann needed in her life after her husband's unexpected death. But to Nina's adult daughter, Ash, Nick seems too good to be true. Without telling her mother, Ash begins digging into Nick's past. What she finds is unsettling. Martha is a florist living in a neighboring town with her infant daughter and her devoted husband, Alistair. But lately, Alistair has been traveling more and more frequently, disappearing for days at a time. Nina, Martha, and Ash are on a collision course with a shocking truth that is far darker than anyone could have imagined. And all three are about to wish they had heeded the same warning: Don't let him in.

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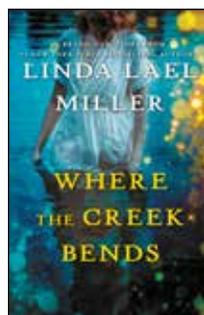
Ward D is the hospital's mental health unit and as a medical student, Amy is required to gain experience on the floor. But little

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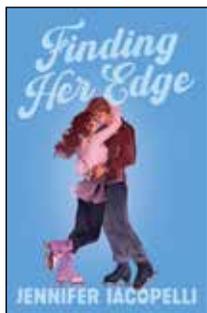
Madison Bettencourt has moved back home to Montana to care for her grandmother. As Madison rattles around her family home, childhood memories come flooding back. Bliss Morgan transformed eight-year-old Madison with her loyalty, and for a

while the girls were as close as can be. But Madison never understood why Bliss suddenly vanished. Before she can begin again, Madison must uncover what happened to Bliss, and Liam McKetrick — a widowed dad trying to repair his relationship with his children — becomes her unlikely ally. Yet there are mysteries Madison hesitates to explore with anyone, and strange energies in Bettencourt Hall blur the lines between past and present.

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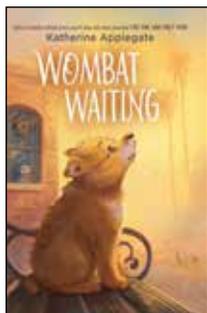
Isla Crown has leapt into the unknown, determined to defeat her insidious ancestor, Lark, no matter

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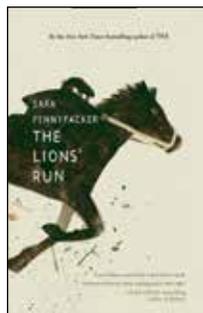
Wombat isn't actually a wombat — but when the homeless dog is discovered, singed and ash-covered after a terrible fire destroys a community, someone tags her with the nickname and it sticks.

Surrounded by a devastated town, Wombat takes up residence on bench near the makeshift community center. A small part of the community center evacuation site has been repurposed for the local wildlife rehab sanctuary that burned down. All the animals were spared, and the temporary quarters include an elderly fruit bat and a young Northern saw-whet owl. Wombat refuses to move from her perch, despite the efforts of many humans. Clearly the dog is waiting for someone. But for whom? And what are the odds they survived?

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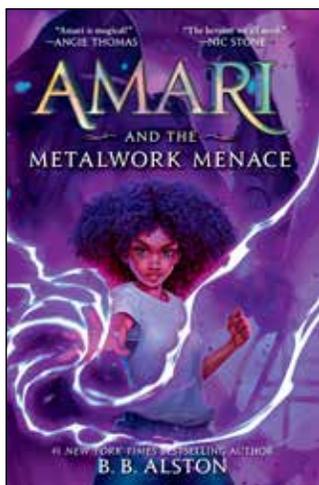
Lucas DuBois is tired of the war and the Nazi occupation of his French village. He longs to show how brave

he can be. He gets the chance when he saves a litter of kittens from cruel boys and brings them to an abandoned stable to care for them. There he comes upon Alice, the daughter of a horse trainer, who is hiding her filly from German soldiers. Soon Lucas realizes they are not the only ones with secrets. The housekeeper at the German maternity home and a priest at the orphanage pass coded messages, and a neighbor in town may be harboring a Jewish family. Emboldened by the unlikely heroes all around him, Lucas is forced to decide how much he is willing to risk to make the most courageous rescue of all.

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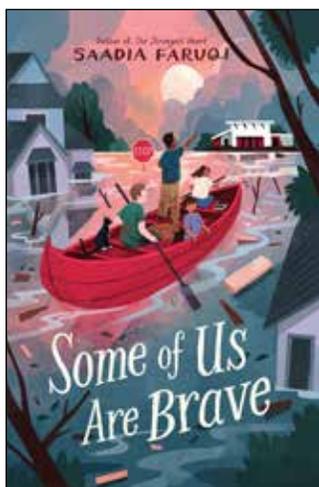
Claire Swinarski

"A moving story showing that even the smallest sparks of resistance can ignite change." — Kirkus Reviews

Paris, present day. Penny Marks has never felt so alone. Forced to move to France for a job her mom couldn't turn down, she's now miles away from her old life. *Paris, 1943.* Marie Bonnet has never felt so afraid. When the German army seized France, she and her sister Heloise watched their father get taken away, leaving them on their own. Then Marie finds evidence that Heloise has been working for the French Resistance — rebels determined to take the Nazis down — and while it has danger written all over it, she's desperate to join. Penny and Marie's worlds collide when an old painting resurfaces in present-day Paris. Along with it is a note whose message may lead Penny to Marie and the fate that awaited her.

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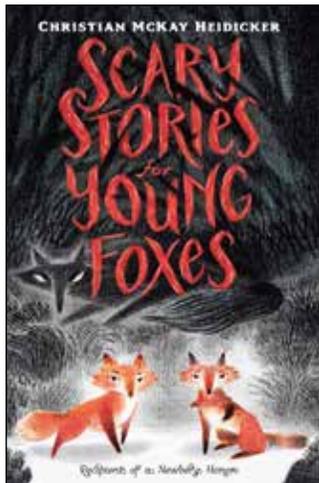
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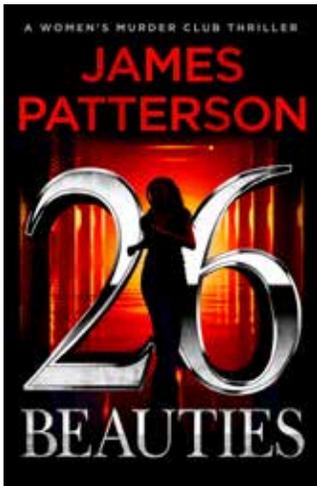
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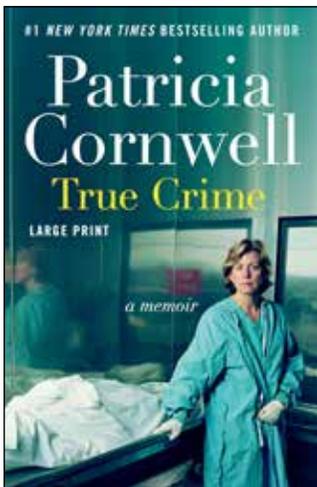
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SFPD's Sergeant Lindsay Boxer's best friend, Claire Washburn, is named medical examiner of the year. But an uninvited guest crashes the Women's Murder Club's party: a concerned father seeking investigative reporter Cindy Thomas's help in locating his missing daughter. And she's not the only one. Lindsay's been investigating the deaths of a Jane Doe washed up on a nearby beach, and a young woman found in Golden Gate Park. What if all these cases are connected? The answers lie with the 26 Beauties on the run and in the wind.

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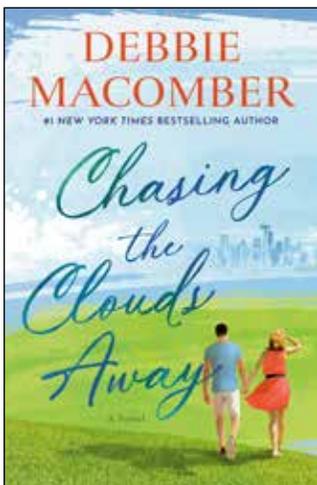
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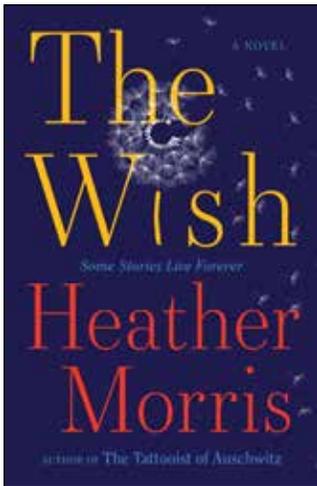
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Maisy Gallagher has dreams, but when her father passes away, she sets them aside to help her family. Despite knowing it was the right thing to do, she can't help but wish for the road not taken. Chase Furst, the heir to a financial empire, is primarily focused on his own life and his work as a bank executive. His childhood was marred by his mother's struggle with addiction and left him cynical and emotionally distant. But then Chase meets Maisy, who is full of optimism and kindness and can see past his defenses. To his surprise and annoyance, she offers to help him during a time of need and declines his offer of payment. Instead, she asks him to pay it forward, and not with money or a quick fix, but through an act of true selflessness. At a loss, Chase doesn't know where to begin.

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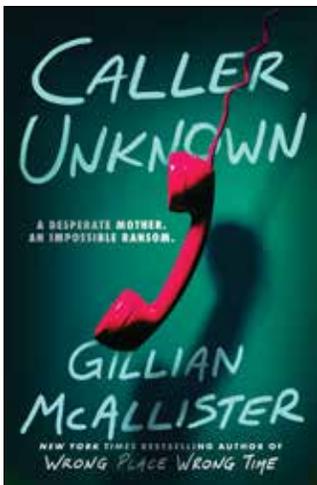
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Jesse is fifteen. She loves her friends, her little brother and her parents, even when they're arguing, which feels constant these days. But most of all, she loves playing video games. Even from her hospital bed. Alex is twenty-nine. He doesn't love a lot of things and isn't really sure he knows how to. A virtual reality games designer, his work desk is empty except for his computer, much like his life sometimes feels. Then Jesse makes a wish. A simple one: a video experience made of her life, something to be there, just in case she isn't.

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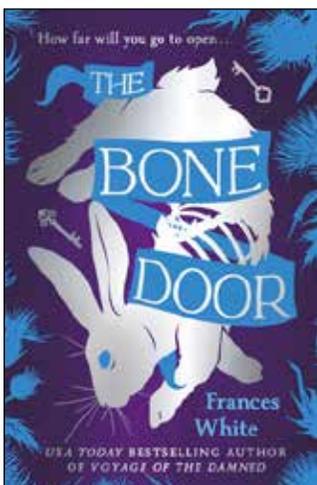
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There is nothing that Simone won't do for her daughter, Lucy. The two have always been close, and with Lucy about to leave home for university, they depart the UK for a vacation to Texas. But when Simone awakens on their first morning in the desert, Lucy is missing. In her place is a cell phone, and a voice on the other line issues a ransom demand. Don't tell the police. Come to this location. And be prepared to do a deal. Though Simone's husband urges her to bring in the authorities, she knows she can't take any chances. That night, she drives to the isolated meet-up. The mysterious kidnapper doesn't want money. They want Simone to do something unthinkable. What follows is a heart-pounding journey through the small towns and punishing deserts of remote Texas, in which Simone's courage — and morality — is pushed to the brink as she discovers what it truly means to be a mother.

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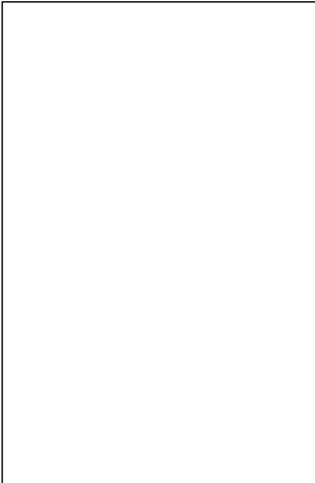
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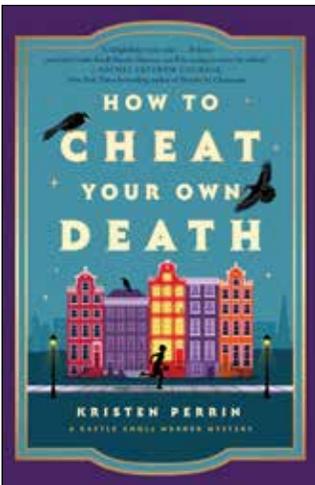
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Molly Fader

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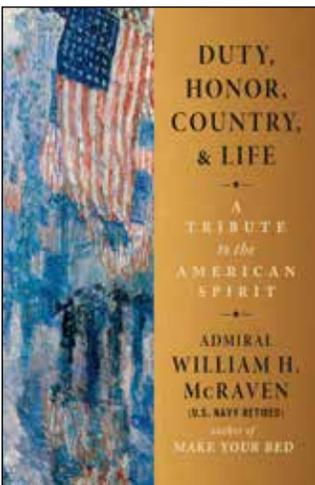


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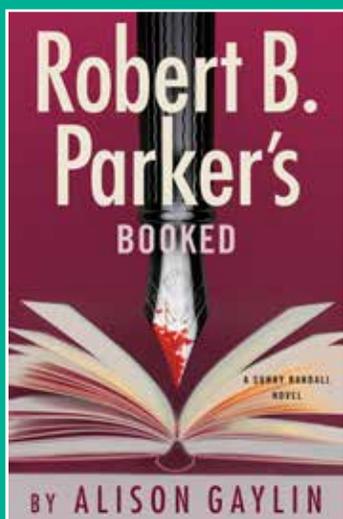
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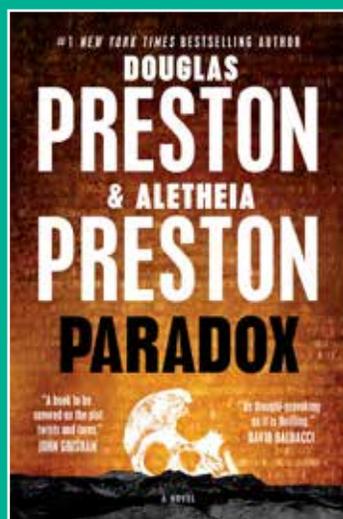
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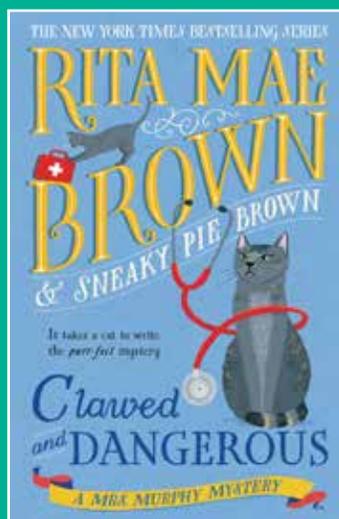
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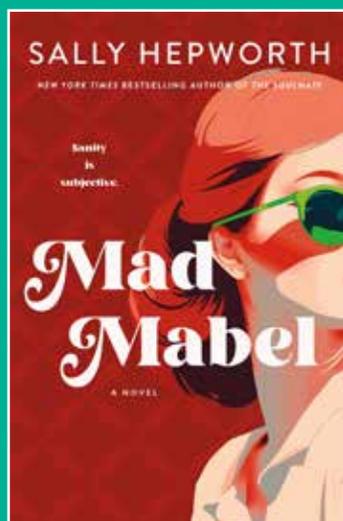
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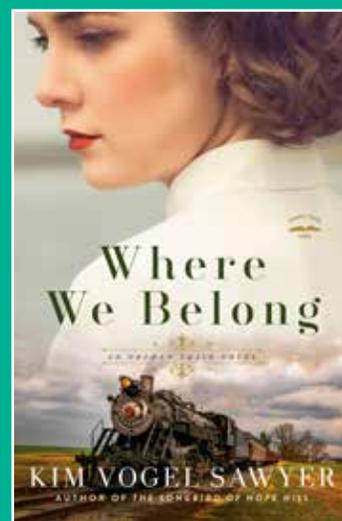
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