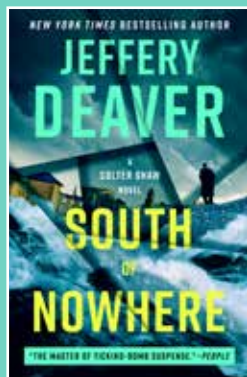
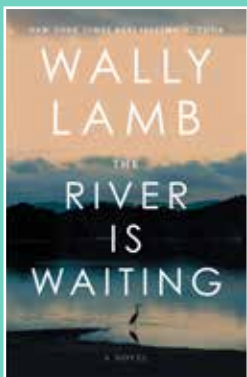
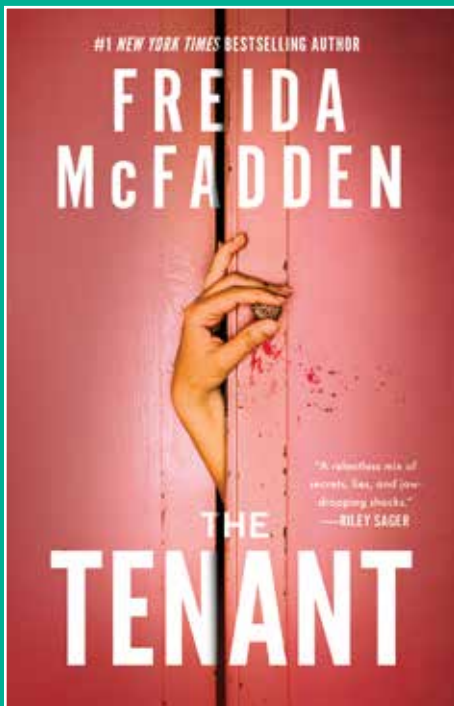


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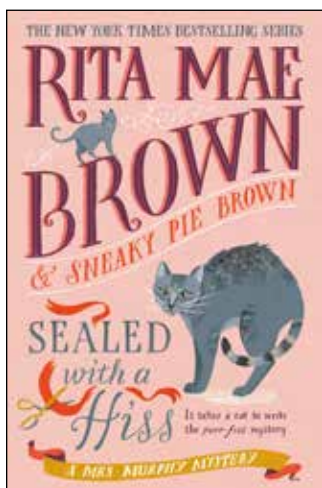
**Emily Henry**

*NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
EDITOR'S CHOICE 4

Alice Scott is still dreaming of her big writing break. Hayden Anderson is a Pulitzer-prize-winning human thundercloud. And they're both on Little Crescent Island to write the biography of Margaret Ives. Tragic heiress, former tabloid princess, and daughter of one of the most storied families of the 20th century. Margaret invites them both for a one-month trial period, after which she'll choose the person who'll tell her story. The problem is, Margaret is only giving each of them pieces of her story. And it's becoming abundantly clear that their story — just like the tale Margaret's spinning — could be a mystery, tragedy, or love ballad depending on who's telling it.

📖 | ISBN: 9781420520590 | \$40.99 U.S.

Contemporary Romance | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



**SEALED WITH A HISS**

A MRS. MURPHY MYSTERY

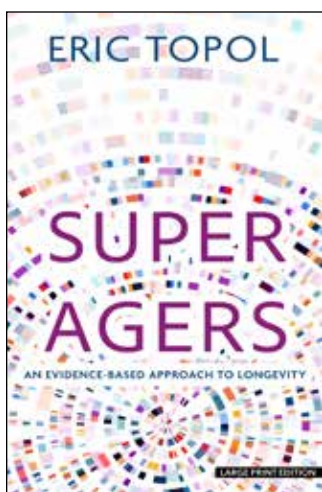
**Rita Mae Brown**

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

Spring is in full bloom, and everything is blossoming just right for Harry in Crozet, Virginia. Restorations to the long-shuttered local segregated school are nearly complete, and the school will be renamed to commemorate an important community member. To honor the former students, Harry and her friends are hard at work planning a reunion. It's a big affair, and the crew spends their days hanging plaques at the gym, arranging food, and writing speeches. But they come across something unexpected: a dead body. With a little aid from feline sleuths Mrs. Murphy and Pewter, Harry just might have a chance at solving this mystery.

📖 | ISBN: 9781420523881 | \$37.99 U.S.

Cozy Mystery | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



**SUPER AGERS: AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH TO LONGEVITY**

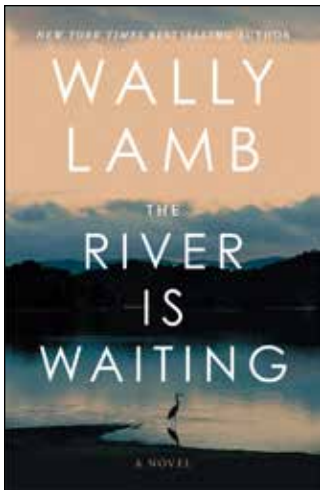
**Eric Topol**

Dr. Topol's evidenced-based guide is about new treatments coming available at a faster rate than ever and how they can begin long before middle age, and even long after. In thirty years, we will have five times as many people at least one hundred years old and they will be healthier than ever because of the breakthroughs Dr. Topol describes. The amazing discoveries Topol brings into focus are deeply inspiring. We can now realistically see how we can make considerable headway for preventing age-related diseases and may one day be able to slow the body-wide aging process itself.

📖 | ISBN: 9781420524185 | \$37.99 U.S.

Nonfiction | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.





**THE RIVER IS WAITING**

A NOVEL

**Wally Lamb**

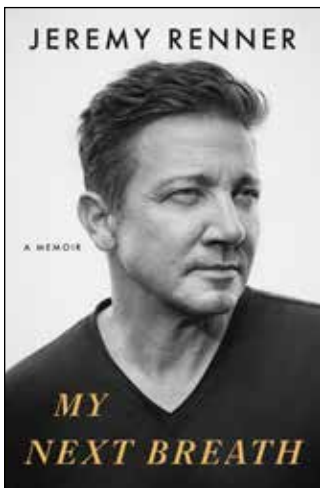
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

EDITOR'S CHOICE 5

Corby Ledbetter is struggling. New fatherhood, the loss of his job, and a growing secret addiction have thrown his marriage into a tailspin. And that's before he causes the tragedy that tears the family apart. Sentenced to prison, Corby struggles to survive life on the inside, where he bears witness to frightful acts of brutality but also experiences elemental kinship with a prison librarian, tender-hearted cellmate, and a troubled teen desperate for a role model. Buoyed by them, Corby begins to transcend the boundaries of his confinement, sustained by his hope that mercy and reconciliation might still be possible. Can his crimes ever be forgiven by those he loves?

**S** | ISBN: 9781420522761 | \$37.99 U.S.

General Fiction | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



**MY NEXT BREATH**

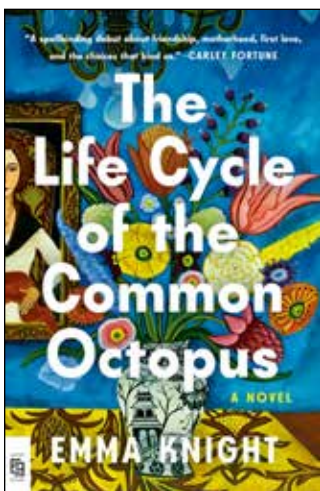
A MEMOIR

**Jeremy Renner**

Two-time Oscar nominee Jeremy Renner was the second most googled person on Earth in 2023, and not for his impressive filmography. When a 14,000-pound snowplow crushed him on New Year's Day, he was pronounced dead on the ice. As he was rushed to the ICU, the paramedics called his small mountain community and told them Jeremy would not survive, but survive he did. In this debut memoir, Jeremy writes about his accident and the aftermath. His writing captures the essence of profound transformation, exploring the delicate interplay between vulnerability and strength, despair and hope, redemption and renewal.

**S** | ISBN: 9781420525052 | \$36.99 U.S.

Autobiography | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Top-Shelf 6 & 8.



**THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE COMMON OCTOPUS**

A NOVEL

**Emma Knight**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER

READ WITH JENNA PICK

*"[A] satisfying coming-of-age story."* — Publishers Weekly

Arriving at the University of Edinburgh for her first term, Pen knows her divorced parents back in Canada are hiding something from her. She believes she'll find the answer here in Scotland, where an old friend of her father's — now a famous writer known as Lord Lennox — lives. When she is invited to spend the weekend at Lord Lennox's centuries-old estate with his enveloping, fascinating family, Pen begins to unravel her parents' secret, just as she's falling in love for the first time. As Pen experiences the sharp shock of adulthood, she comes to rely on herself for the first time in her life.

ISBN: 9781420523294 | \$35.99 U.S.

General Fiction | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Top-Shelf 6 & 8.

**HOMESSEEKING** ★★ ★

Karissa Chen

**A GOOD MORNING AMERICA BOOK CLUB PICK**  
**BOOK OF THE MONTH JANUARY 2025**

*"Chen illuminates the parallels and relationships among key moments in China's recent history. Intertwining the macro and micro, she makes readers care deeply about the impact of history on her characters' very private lives." — starred, Kirkus Reviews*

Haiwen is buying bananas at a 99 Ranch Market in Los Angeles when he looks up and sees Suchi, his Suchi, for the first time in sixty years. To recently widowed Haiwen it feels like a second chance, but Suchi has only survived by refusing to look back. Suchi was seven when she first met Haiwen in their Shanghai neighborhood, drawn by the sound of his violin. Their childhood friendship blossomed into soul-deep love, but when Haiwen secretly enlisted in the Nationalist army in 1947 to save his brother from the draft, she was left with just his violin and a note: *Forgive me*. *Home Seeking* follows the separated lovers through six decades of war, famine, and opportunity.

**ISBN: 9781420524192 | \$35.99 U.S.**

General Fiction | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Top-Shelf 6 & 8.

**I MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE** ★

Daniel Aleman

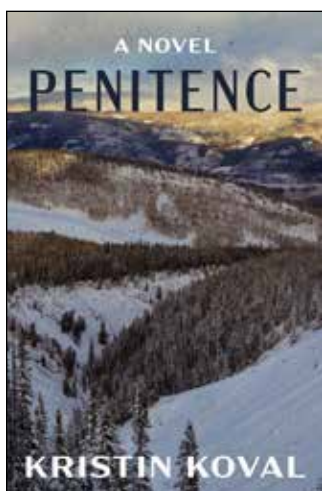
**INDIE NEXT PICK**  
**LIBRARY READS PICK**

*"Things get crazier and campier by the minute . . . Aleman could be a writer to watch." — Kirkus Reviews*

A few years ago, David Alvarez had a book deal, a loving boyfriend, and an exciting writing career. His debut novel was a resounding success, which made the publication of his second book — a total flop — all the more devastating. When David connects with a stranger on a dating app, he figures a wild night out may be the perfect distraction. After one of the best nights of his life, David wakes up to find prince charming dead next to him in bed. David calls his agent, Stacey. Together, David and Stacey must untangle the events of the previous night and spin the misadventure into David's career-defining novel — if only they can figure out what to do with the body.

**ISBN: 9781420524208 | \$35.99 U.S.**

General Fiction | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Top-Shelf 8.

**PENITENCE**

A NOVEL

Kristin Koval

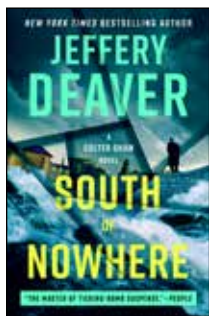
**INDIE NEXT PICK**

*"While exploring the complexities of personal and family relationships, this engrossing, emotionally charged novel also examines the way forgiveness comes from acceptance that 'each one of us is more than the worst we've ever done.' An intelligent, deftly crafted suspense debut." — Kirkus Reviews*

When a shocking murder occurs in the home of Angie and David Sheehan, their lives are shattered. Desperate to defend their family, they turn to small-town lawyer Martine Dumont for help, but Martine isn't just legal counsel — she's also the mother of Angie's first love, Julian, a now-successful New York City criminal defense attorney. As Julian and Angie confront their shared past and long-buried guilt from a tragic accident years ago, they must navigate their own culpability and the unresolved feelings between them.

**ISBN: 9781420524451 | \$35.99 U.S.**

Thriller | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Top-Shelf 8.



**SOUTH OF NOWHERE**

A Colter Shaw Novel • Book 5

**Jeffery Deaver**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
EDITOR'S CHOICE 3

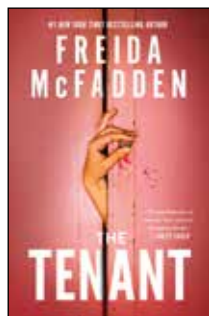
A small town in Northern California is at risk of being destroyed by a failing levee, and Colter Shaw has been hired to locate a family swept away by the raging water, with just

mere hours to survive. But is the levee at risk of failing from natural causes or is someone sabotaging it? With the help of his sister, Dorion, the duo must save the citizens before the old town washes out at the hands of secret conspirer.

**S | ISBN: 9781420518764 | \$40.99 U.S.**

Historical Fiction | Releases 5/7/2025

Available in High Octane 4, 6 & 8.



**THE TENANT**

**Freida McFadden**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
USA TODAY BESTSELLER  
EDITOR'S CHOICE 2

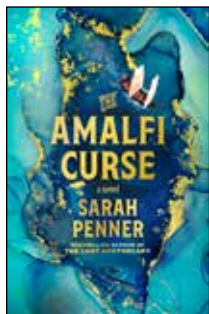
Fired abruptly from his job and unable to make the mortgage payments on the new brownstone he shares with his fiancée, Blake Porter is desperate to make ends meet.

Enter Whitney. Charming, down-to-earth, and looking for a room to rent. She's exactly what Blake's looking for. Or is she? Because something isn't quite right. The neighbors start treating Blake differently. The smell of decay permeates his home, no matter how hard he scrubs. Strange noises jar him awake in the middle of the night. And soon Blake fears someone knows his darkest secrets. Danger lives right at home, and by the time Blake realizes it, it'll be far too late. The trap is already set.

**S | ISBN: 9781420523362 | \$40.99 U.S.**

Thriller | Releases 5/7/2025

Available in High Octane 4, 6 & 8.



**THE AMALFI CURSE**

A NOVEL

**Sarah Penner**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
PUBLISHER'S SHOWCASE

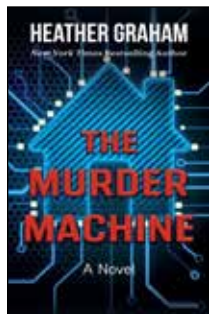
Haven Ambrose, a nautical archaeologist, has come to Positano to investigate the mysterious shipwrecks along the Amalfi Coast. But she is secretly on a quest to

locate a trove of priceless gemstones her late father spotted on his final dive. Upon Haven's arrival, strange maelstroms and misfortunes start plaguing the town. Is it nature or something more sinister? As Haven searches for her father's sunken treasure, she begins to unearth a centuries-old tale of ancient sorcery and *stregheria*, a magical ability to harness the ocean. Could this magic be behind Positano's latest calamities? Haven must unravel the Amalfi Curse before the region is destroyed forever.

**S | ISBN: 9781420518986 | \$37.99 U.S.**

Historical Fiction | Releases 5/7/2025

Available in High Octane 4, 6 & 8.



**THE MURDER MACHINE**

A NOVEL

**Heather Graham**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
USA TODAY BESTSELLER

This state-of-the-art smart home has everything: a next-generation entertainment system, an ultramodern kitchen where every appliance is online, and even a

personal AI to control it all. Standing above its owner's lifeless body, FBI agent Jude Mackenzie is faced with discovering how the woman was killed by her own home. Enter Special Agent Victoria Tennant, who reveals the stark truth: a machine can only do what it's been directed to. As the number of "accidents" begins to rise, the pair must race to uncover the perpetrator even as they find themselves caught in the crosshairs! There's nowhere to hide when danger may be as close as the very phones in their pockets.

**S | ISBN: 9781420524918 | \$37.99 U.S.**

Thriller | Releases 5/7/2025

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**THUNDER GAME**

A Ghostwalker Novel

**Christine Feehan**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

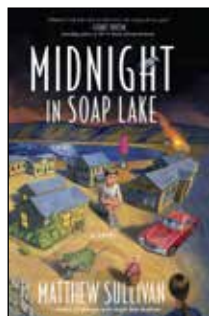
As Diego Campos makes his way to his family's homestead in the Appalachian Mountains, his plans are interrupted by a violent ambush. In between fighting off a small army of assailants, Diego is struck by a

beautiful, brutal warrior woman. Compelled to rescue her, Diego uses his psychic gifts to make Leila's broken body whole again and save her from certain death. With each new breath she regains her strength and inspires feelings Diego never thought his heart could experience. After a lifetime alone, Diego has finally found a light to guide him through the darkness — and one brief touch is enough to set them both aflame.

**S | ISBN: 9781420519228 | \$36.99 U.S.**

Romance General | Releases 5/7/2025

Available in High Octane 6 & 8.



**MIDNIGHT IN SOAP LAKE**

A NOVEL

**Matthew Sullivan**

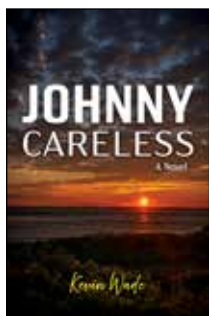
When Abigail agreed to move to Soap Lake, Washington, for her husband's research, she expected old-growth forests and craft beer, folksy neighbors, and the world's largest lava lamp. Instead, after her husband jets off to Poland for a research trip,

she finds herself alone. But when a young boy runs through the desert into Abigail's arms, her life becomes entwined with his and the questions surrounding the death of his mother, Esme. In Abigail's search for answers, she finds herself gaining the unwelcome attention of the rubber-suited orchard stalker known as TreeTop, a specter who seems to be lurking in every dark shadow and around every shady corner.

**S | ISBN: 9781420524925 | \$36.99 U.S.**

Suspense | Releases 5/7/2025

Available in High Octane 6 & 8.



**JOHNNY CARELESS** ★★

A NOVEL

**Kevin Wade**

*"Wade delivers a complicated police drama of the Don Winslow variety, written in the neo-noir style of Robert B. Parker's Spenser books." — starred, Library Journal*

Police Chief Jeep Mullane has been bounced back home to Long Island's North Shore by a heartbreaking case

that both earned him his NYPD detective's shield and burned him out of the job. Now heading up a small local police department, he finds himself navigating the same geography he did growing up as the son of an NYPD cop. When the corpse of Jeep's childhood friend Johnny Chambliss — known as "Johnny Careless" for his reckless, golden-boy antics — surfaces in the Bayville waters, Jeep is pulled into a treacherous web, challenged by Johnny's wealthy and secretive family as he untangles a mystery fraught with theft, corrupt local moguls, and decades-old secrets.

**ISBN: 9781420525021 | \$35.99 U.S.**

General Fiction | Releases 5/7/2025

Available in High Octane 8.



**UPON A STARLIT TIDE** ★★★

**Kell Woods**

*"This vividly reimagined fairy tale will enchant those who enjoy historical fantasies with a romantic streak." — Library Journal*

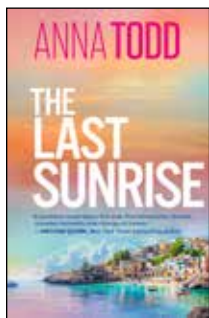
*Saint-Malo, Brittany, 1758.* To Lucinde Leon, the walls of Saint-Malo are more hindrance than haven. While her sisters are busy trying to secure advantageous marriages, Luce

spends her days secretly being taught to sail by Samuel, her best friend. One stormy morning, Luce rescues a drowning man from the sea. Immediately drawn by the stranger's charm, Luce is plunged into a world of glittering balls and faerie magic. Secrets that have long been lost in the depths of the ocean begin to rise to the surface, but as Luce wrestles with warring desires, she finds that her own power is growing brighter, shining like a sea-glass slipper. Or the scales of a sea-maid's tail.

**ISBN: 9781420525014 | \$35.99 U.S.**

Fantasy | Releases 5/7/2025

Available in High Octane 8.



**THE LAST SUNRISE**

**Anna Todd**

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

*"Todd mines deep emotions from this bittersweet premise and keeps the drama flowing..." — Publishers Weekly*

Between chronic health issues and an overprotective mother, twenty-two-year-old Oriah Pera feels

like she's waiting for her life to begin. But when her mother's job takes them to Majorca, Ry knows this summer could be the start of her very own coming-of-age story. She heads off to the beach and meets a charming Spaniard. Julian makes Ry feel even more naive and inexperienced than she normally does, but she can't tamp down her attraction. As the summer continues, Julian pulls Ry out of her shell and into the adventures she's always craved. But with her return to America looming, Ry must decide if she's brave enough to finally follow her heart and live for herself.

**S | ISBN: 9781420524147 | \$40.99 U.S.**

Romance | Releases 5/7/2025

Available in Dynamic Drama 3 & 5.



**ONE GOLDEN SUMMER**

**Carley Fortune**

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

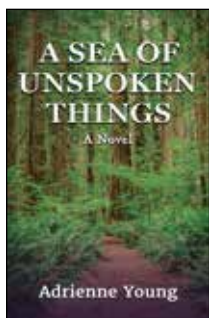
Alice spent just one summer at the lake with Nan when she was seventeen — it's where she took that photo of three grinning teenagers in a yellow speedboat. As a photographer, she's most

comfortable letting other people shine. Lately though, she's been itching for something more. When Nan breaks her hip, Alice comes up with a plan: another summer in Barry's Bay. But as they settle in, their peace is disrupted by the roar of a familiar yellow boat, and the man driving it. When she sees his gaze directly on her, Alice begins to worry for her heart. Because she sees people — that's why she's so good at what she does — but she's never met someone who sees her right back.

**S | ISBN: 9781420523850 | \$40.99 U.S.**

Romance | Releases 5/7/2025

Available in Dynamic Drama 3 & 5.



**A SEA OF UNSPOKEN THINGS**  
A NOVEL

**Adrienne Young**

**LIBRARY READS PICK  
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*"Young... examines how the past bleeds into the present in her inviting and moody latest." — Publishers Weekly*

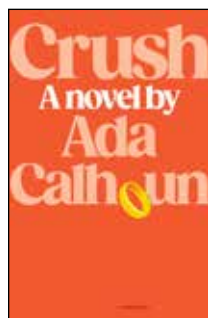
James and Johnny Golden were inseparable. For as long as she can

remember, James shared a supernatural connection with her twin brother that went beyond intuition — she could feel what he was feeling. So, when Johnny is killed in an accident, James knows before her phone even rings that her brother is gone. When James arrives in Six Rivers, California, to settle her brother's affairs, she's forced to revisit the ominous events of their shared past. But the more she immerses herself in his life, the more questions she has about the brother she thought she knew. Ultimately, James must decide which truths should come to light and which are better left buried forever.

**ISBN: 9781420523874 | \$36.99 U.S.**

Women Sleuths | Releases 5/7/2025

Available in Dynamic Drama 5.



**CRUSH** ★★  
A NOVEL

**Ada Calhoun**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*"Anything Ada Calhoun wants to write is well worth reading." — Kirkus Reviews*

She's happy and settled and productive and content in her full life — a child, a career, an admirable marriage, deep friendships, happy

parents, and a spouse she still loves. But when her husband urges her to address what the narrow labels of "husband" and "wife" force them to edit out of their lives, the very best kind of hell breaks loose.

**ISBN: 9781420524024 | \$36.99 U.S.**

Women's Fiction | Releases 5/7/2025

Available in Dynamic Drama 5.





**THE BOOK CLUB FOR TROUBLESOME WOMEN**

Marie Bostwick

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
USA TODAY BESTSELLER

By 1960s standards, Margaret Ryan is living the American woman's dream. So why doesn't that feel like enough? Margaret is thrown for a loop when she first meets Charlotte Gustafson.

As an excuse to be in the mysterious Charlotte's orbit, Margaret concocts a book club get-together and invites two other neighborhood women. As the women share secrets, cocktails, and their reactions to the controversial bestseller *The Feminine Mystique*, they have no idea their impromptu club and the books they read will become the glue that helps them hold fast through what will prove to be the most consequential and freeing year of their lives.

S | ISBN: 9781420524543 | \$36.99 U.S.  
Historical | Releases 5/21/2025



**THE LOST PASSENGER**

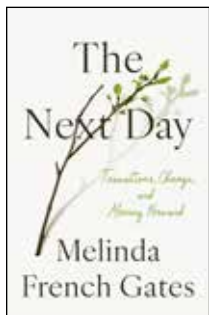
A NOVEL

Frances Quinn

*"This is an impressively well-executed and fast-paced take on an oft-told story, chock full of drama and emotional heft. A satisfying historical tale of second chances."*  
— Kirkus Reviews

Ground down by rigid social rules that include her being allowed to see her nanny-raised infant son for only moments each day, Elinor Coombes faces a lonely future. But a present from her father — tickets for the maiden voyage of the *RMS Titanic* — offers some precious time with her son. After the ship goes down, Elinor grasps at the chance to take Teddy and start a new life in America: They can disappear completely if they are listed among the dead. After stealing another woman's identity, Elinor must put that night behind her and learn to survive in a new world. And when a face from the past appears, she must risk everything to keep her secret — and her son.

ISBN: 9781420524666 | \$35.99 U.S.  
Historical | Releases 5/21/2025



**THE NEXT DAY: TRANSITIONS, CHANGE, AND MOVING FORWARD**

Melinda French Gates

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Transitions are moments in which we step out of our familiar surroundings and into a new landscape — a space that, for many people, is shadowed by confusion, fear, and indecision.

*The Next Day* accompanies readers as they cross that space, offering guidance on how to make the most of the time between an ending and a new beginning. Each one of us is headed toward transitions of our own. With her signature warmth and grace, Melinda French Gates candidly shares stories of times when she was in need of wisdom and shines a path through the open space stretching out before us all.

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**WE WILL BE JAGUARS** ★★ ★

A MEMOIR OF MY PEOPLE

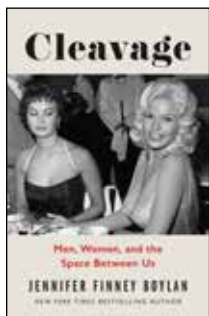
Nemonte Nenquimo and Mitch Anderson

2024 KIRKUS BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR  
REESE'S BOOK CLUB PICK

*"This stunning memoir offers compelling details about Nenquimo's parallel journeys from student to activist and from child to mother, in a way that will appeal to readers of many generations."*  
— starred, Library Journal

Born into the Waorani tribe of Ecuador's Amazon rainforest, Nemonte Nenquimo was taught about plant medicines, foraging, oral storytelling, and shamanism by her elders. At age fourteen, she left the forest for the first time to study in the city. Two decades later, Nemonte has emerged as one of the most forceful voices in climate change activism, protecting over a half million acres of rainforest. In *We Will Be Jaguars*, she partners with her husband, Mitch Anderson, founder of Amazon Frontlines, digging into generations of oral history and revealing a life story as rich, harsh, and vital as the Amazon rainforest herself.

ISBN: 9781420524055 | \$36.99 U.S.  
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**CLEAVAGE** ★★ ★★ ★★  
**MEN, WOMEN, AND THE SPACE BETWEEN US**  
**Jennifer Finney Boylan**  
**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*"An exploration of gender that effectively balances pathos and humor."*  
 — Kirkus Reviews

Jennifer Finney Boylan examines the divisions — as well as the common ground — between the genders, and reflects on her own experiences, both difficult and joyful, as a transgender American. She considers her womanhood, reflects on the boys and men who shaped her, and reconceives of herself as a writer, activist, parent, and spouse. *Cleavage* is a sharp, witty, and captivating look at the triumphs and losses of a life lived in two genders. It provides hope for a future in which we all have the freedom to live joyfully as men, as women, and in the space between us.

**ISBN: 9781420523546 | \$36.99 U.S.**  
 Biography | Releases 5/21/2025  
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**SISTERS IN SCIENCE** ★★ ★★  
**HOW FOUR WOMEN PHYSICISTS ESCAPED NAZI GERMANY AND MADE SCIENTIFIC HISTORY**  
**Olivia Campbell**  
**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**  
**LIBRARY READS PICK**

In the 1930s, Germany was a hotbed of scientific thought. But after the Nazis took power, Jewish and female citizens were forced out of their academic positions. Hedwig Kohn, Lise Meitner, Hertha Sponer, and Hildegard Stücklen were eminent in their fields, but they had no choice but to flee. Lise fled to Sweden, and the others fled to the United States. *Sisters in Science* brings these trailblazing women to life and shows us how sisterhood and scientific curiosity can transcend borders and persist in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.

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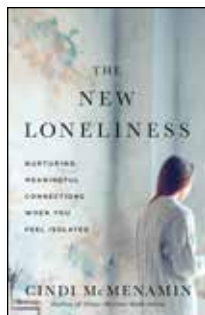


**SO GOD MADE A GRANDMA**  
**CARING, FAITHFUL, CREATIVE, DEVOTED, WISE, GENEROUS, RESILIENT — JUST LIKE YOU**  
**Leslie Means**

Join Leslie Means, founder of the popular website *Her View from Home*, in this heartfelt follow-up to the national bestseller *So God Made a Mother*. You don't need to

be a grandmother to be captivated by the stories on these pages or moved by their depth. This diverse collection of essays celebrates the women who shape us, the women we are, and the women we pray we'll become. *So God Made a Grandma* is for the love-givers, the tradition-keepers, the memory-makers, and the timeless love we call our own.

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**THE NEW LONELINESS**  
**NURTURING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WHEN YOU FEEL ISOLATED**  
**Cindi McMenamin**

*The New Loneliness* is about experiencing the authentic relationships God created you for by identifying and overcoming today's biggest relational obstacles. Cindi

McMenamin offers guidance, biblical insights, and action steps to help you release feelings of inadequacy and shame; take confident steps toward nourishing healthy, in-person relationships; and thrive within new friendships and community. God did not create us to live in isolation. Journey with the Lord from aloneness to abundance, and flourish as you deepen your relationships with God and others.

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 Inspirational | Releases 5/21/2025



**PARENTS WEEKEND**

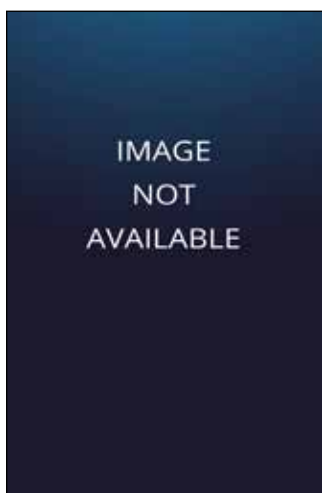
A NOVEL

**Alex Finlay**

In the glow of their children’s first year of college, five families plan on a night of dinner and cocktails for the opening festivities of Parents Weekend. As the parents stay out, their kids never show up at dinner. At first, everyone thinks they’re just skipping out to go to a party. But as another night falls with not so much as a text from the students, panic ensues. Soon, search parties are formed. Reporters swarm. Rumors swirl. Libby, Blane, Mark, Felix, and Stella come from very different families. What led them out on that fateful night? Could it be the sins of their mothers and fathers come to cause them peril or a threat to the friend group from within?

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Thriller | Releases 5/21/2025



**THE PERFECT HOME**

A NOVEL

**Daniel Kenitz**

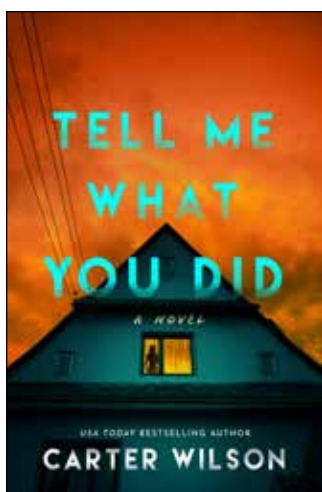
INDIE NEXT PICK

*“Sharp, unpredictable, and chock-full of suspense, this domestic thriller expertly toys with readers’ sympathies.”* — Publishers Weekly

Dawn Decker is an American everywoman and the salt to her husband Wyatt’s charm on their home renovation reality show. The couple also faces infertility issues stemming from Wyatt’s low sperm count. He secretly orders experimental fertility drugs, and they conceive, but he becomes moody, withdrawn, and cruel. When Dawn discovers his horrifying plot to manufacture a tragedy in order to skyrocket their celebrity status, she takes their infant twins and goes on the run. Wyatt appears on national television to turn the public against her. She will have to dig deep into the past to find allies, protect her children, and beat this all-American celebrity at his own game.

ISBN: 9781420524659 | \$36.99 U.S.

Thriller | Releases 5/21/2025



**TELL ME WHAT YOU DID** ★

A NOVEL

**Carter Wilson**

USA TODAY BESTSELLER

SHE READS MOST ANTICIPATED THRILLERS OF 2025

LIBRARY READS PICK

*“Better set aside several uninterrupted hours for this toxic rocket. You’ll be glad you did.”*  
— starred, Kirkus Reviews

Poe Webb, host of a popular true crime podcast, invites people to anonymously confess crimes they’ve committed to her audience. She can’t guarantee the police won’t come after her “guests,” but her show grants simultaneous anonymity and instant fame — a potent combination that’s proven difficult to resist. After an episode recording, Poe usually erases both criminal and crime from her mind. But when a strange and oddly familiar man appears on her show, Poe is forced to take a second look. Not only because he claims to be her mother’s murderer from years ago, but because Poe knows something no one else does. Her mother’s murderer is dead. Poe killed him.

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Thriller | Releases 5/21/2025





**THE LADIES ROAD GUIDE TO UTTER RUIN**

The Ill-Mannered Ladies

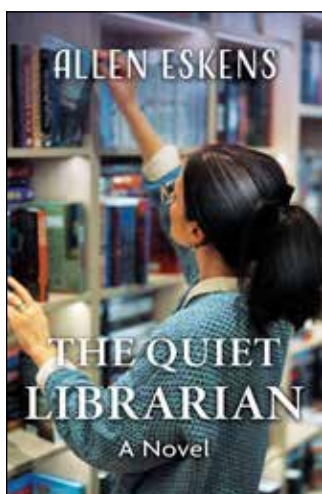
**Alison Goodman**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

Lady Augusta Colebrook, or Gus, and her twin sister, Julia, are secretly protecting women and children ignored by society and the law. When Lord Evan — a charming escaped convict who has won Gus’s heart — needs to hide his sister and her lover from their vindictive brother, Gus and Julia take the two women into their home. But Lord Evan’s complicated past puts them all in danger. In a deadly cat-and-mouse game, Gus, Julia, and Lord Evan will be thrust into the ugly underworld of Georgian gentlemen’s clubs, spies, and ruthless bounty hunters. Will the truth be found in time?

**S** | ISBN: 9781420523751 | \$37.99 U.S.

Historical Fiction | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Mystery 2, 3, & 5.



**THE QUIET LIBRARIAN** ★★

A NOVEL

**Allen Eskens**

**LIBRARY READS PICK**

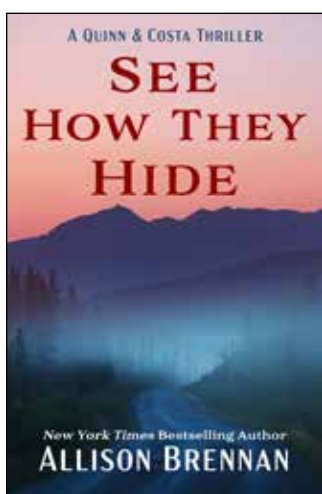
**USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*"[T]his is an intense and emotional story about grief, loss, and the horrors of war."* — starred, Booklist

When a detective arrives with news that her best friend has been murdered, Hana Babic knows that something evil has come for her. Thirty years before, Hana was Nura Divjak, a teenager in war-torn Bosnia — until Serbian soldiers arrived to slaughter her entire family. The events of that day thrust Nura into the war, where she became the deadly Night Mora. But a shattering final act forced Nura to flee to the United States with a bounty on her head. Now, her friend has paid the price, leaving her eight-year-old grandson in Hana’s care. To protect the child, Hana must again become the Night Mora — and hope she can find the killer before the past comes for them too.

**ISBN: 9781420524901 | \$36.99 U.S.**

Thriller | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Mystery 2, 3, & 5.



**SEE HOW THEY HIDE**

A Quinn & Costa Thriller

**Allison Brennan**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

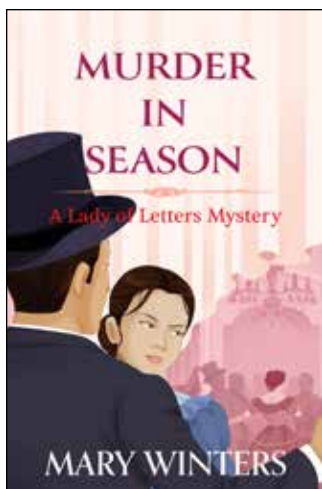
**USA TODAY BESTSELLER**

*"Fans will appreciate seeing how the relationships between members of Costa’s mobile response team evolve . . . and the climax is legitimately nail-biting."* — Publishers Weekly

Two people were murdered — at the exact same time, in the same gruesome manner, bodies covered in the same red poppies—but on opposite sides of the country. With Detective Kara Quinn investigating in Oregon and Special Agent Matt Costa in Virginia, the Mobile Response Team digs deep to uncover more about each victim. Soon, it becomes clear this case is nothing like they’ve seen before as their investigation leads them to the hallowed grounds of Havenwood. As more bodies turn up, Kara and Matt are desperate to piece the puzzle together before Havenwood’s leader sacrifices everything to keep her secrets buried.

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Thriller | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Mystery 3 & 5.



### MURDER IN SEASON

A Lady of Letters Mystery

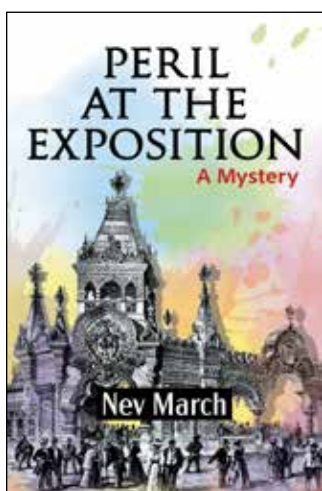
**Mary Winters**

*"Dashing characters and thwarted romance combine in a charming mystery."* — Kirkus Reviews

Amelia Amesbury has life happily balanced . . . until her sister Margaret shows up under a blanket of scandal and Amelia is catapulted into the ton's unforgiving Season. However, Madge's Season debut is marred as the infamous Mr. Radcliffe takes ill and is later confirmed dead by poisoning. With Madge being the last person to have cross words with the soon-to-be baron, the police are looking to pin the murder on her. Adding to the ton's troubles is a jewelry thief targeting Society's houses. Is the murderer and the thief one in the same? It falls to Amelia to uncover the secrets before her sister goes down for the crimes.

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Historical | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Mystery 5.



### PERIL AT THE EXPOSITION

Captain Jim and Lady Diana Mystery

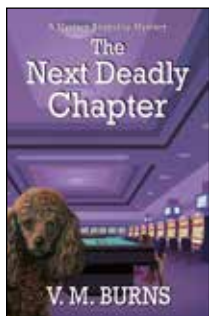
**Nev March**

*"A flashy vintage romp with a spirited heroine and nonstop surprises."* — Kirkus Reviews

1893. Newlyweds Captain Jim Agnihotri and Diana Framji are settling into their new home in Boston, Massachusetts, having fled the strict social rules of British Bombay. Everyone is talking about the preparations for the World's Fair in Chicago: the grandeur, the speculation, the trickery. Captain Jim will experience it firsthand: he's being sent to Chicago to investigate the murder of a man named Thomas Grewe. When Jim goes missing, young Diana must venture to Chicago's treacherous streets to learn what happened. But who can she trust, when a single misstep could mean disaster?

**ISBN: 9781420524703 | \$32.99 U.S.**

Mystery | Releases 5/7/2025 | Available in Mystery 5.



**THE NEXT DEADLY CHAPTER**

A Mystery Bookshop Mystery

**V. M. Burns**

**2024 BOUCHERCON GUEST OF HONOR**

*"Fans of this long-running cozy series will find two delightful mysteries in one, contemporary and historical."*

— Library Journal

All Sam wanted was to make a good impression on her fiancé Frank's mother, Camilia. But when Nano Jo and the ladies of Shady Acres Retirement Village throw a surprise bridal shower for Sam at the Four Feathers Casino — watch out! The morning after, Sam gets a frantic call from Camilia, who's discovered a dead body in her room. Now winning over her soon-to-be mother-in-law means attempting to discreetly solve a murder without ruffling any feathers. For that she'll need the help of Nano Jo, Detective "Stinky" Pitt, and the ladies — because the casino killer keeps upping the ante.

**ISBN: 9781420524727 | \$27.99 U.S.**

Cozies | Releases 5/21/2025

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**ESSENCE OF FOUL PLAY**

**Daryl Wood Gerber**

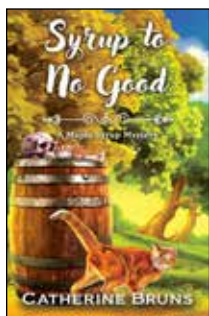
Everything is going smoothly as Emma prepares for the grand opening of the spa. In fact, there isn't a whiff of trouble until that morning when Emma is shocked to learn that a rival spa owner has been bludgeoned . . . with an item from the goodwill basket Emma

gave her. With the police treating Emma like she's the only suspect, and the town's anti New Age *anything* posse badmouthing her every step of the way, she's left with no choice but to conduct her own investigation. Empowered by her cousin, her nana, and her Birman cat, Vivi, Emma reviews the potpourri of possible suspects, determined to uncover the essence of foul play — before she's cold-pressed for murder.

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**SYRUP TO NO GOOD**

A Maple Syrup Mystery • Book 2

**Catherine Bruns**

**USA TODAY BESTSELLER**

*"The heroine's quest to achieve balance in life should appeal to cozy fans who like a good roller coaster ride."* — Kirkus Reviews

Spring has come to Sugar Ridge, Vermont, and with it the end of syrup-making season. But Leila

Khoury, owner of Sappy Endings Farm, won't be making like molasses any time soon. Her best friend Heather's wedding is coming up, and Leila will do anything to make sure it lives up to all her sweetest dreams. Even with Leila's own romantic past stirring up trouble, everything is going to plan until the bridal shower ends up with a body count. Heather's rich and backstabbing aunt had a whole orchard of enemies, so Leila will have her work cut out for her. Can she tap the killer before Heather's dream wedding becomes a nightmare?

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Cozies | Releases 5/21/2025

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**A TRINKET FOR THE TAKING**

**Victoria Laurie**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*"In addition to murders, there's a juicy romance between Dovey and the handsome special agent, a bunch of gory fight scenes, and heaps of mystic-on-mystic malevolence."* — Kirkus Reviews

Dovey Van Dalen has a gorgeous day planned for her 200th birthday. But

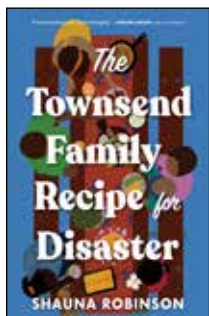
her boss has other ideas. A powerful artifact has been stolen, and he fears it's causing chaos in the unmagical world. The rich and connected Ariti family has suffered a string of suspicious deaths. Each member has died in the way they feared most. Dovey must find answers and retrieve the dangerous trinket. But by the time Dovey arrives at the art gallery where the Ariti patriarch died, FBI agent Grant Barlow has taken control of the scene. Dovey needs his cooperation to investigate — but as they inch nearer to a deadly truth, both will face danger even the spellbound would be lucky to survive.

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**THE TOWNSEND FAMILY RECIPE FOR DISASTER**

A NOVEL

**Shauna Robinson**

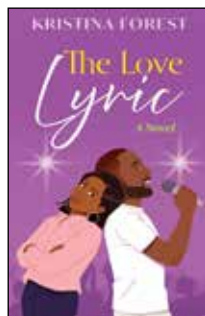
Mae Townsend has always dreamed of connecting with her estranged Black family in the South. She grew up picturing relatives who looked like her and the Townsend family barbecue, the tradition that kept her

father flying to North Carolina year after year, despite the mysterious rift that always required her to stay behind. When news arrives that her grandmother has passed, she decides it's time to head South. What she finds is a family in turmoil, a long-standing grudge intact, and a family barbecue on the brink of disaster. Not willing to let her dreams slip away, Mae steps up to throw a barbecue everyone will remember.

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Women's Fiction | Releases 5/21/2025

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**THE LOVE LYRIC** ★

The Greene Sisters

**Kristina Forest**

**USA TODAY BESTSELLER**

*"Charming and poignant . . . recommended for all public library collections."*  
— starred, Library Journal

Iris Greene used to be a woman with a plan. But all of that changed after she became a widow and single

mother. Now, Iris is raising six-year-old Calla by herself. By all accounts, pop R&B singer Angel Hughes has it made. He's a successful musician and has just scored a brand ambassador deal. But there's a gaping hole in his love life. When he visits the Save Face Beauty office to kickstart his campaign, he's delighted to see Iris, his stylist's sister — the woman he's had a crush on for years. Despite their attraction to each other, it becomes clear their lives aren't in sync. Can they fall back in step to the same beat?

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**A WAGER AT MIDNIGHT**

Betting Against the Duke

**Vanessa Riley**

Scarlett Wilcox is willing to live as a spinster if it means being able to continue her medical research. After all, few husbands would tolerate her dressing as a man to attend lectures at the Royal Academy of Science.

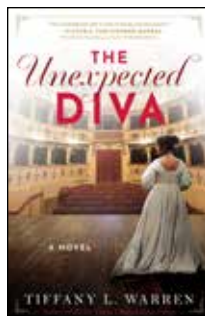
When she's unmasked at a lecture on

ophthalmology, Scarlett is saved by Trinidadian-born physician Stephen Carew who claims her as a cousin. Stephen has no wish to marry a frivolous and privileged lady, but Scarlett proves the opposite of any he's ever met before. Yet the pressure to marry blinds them both to the chemistry growing between them, pitting their brilliant minds against their reluctant hearts.

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Regency | Releases 5/21/2025

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**THE UNEXPECTED DIVA** ★

A NOVEL

**Tiffany L. Warren**

*"[T]he historical details, especially around the thriving, pre-Civil War communities of free Blacks in the North, are excellent. A loving tribute to a previously unsung heroine."* — Kirkus Reviews

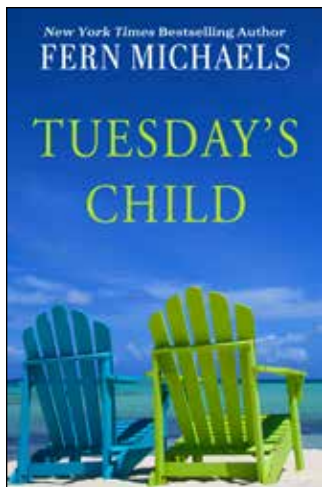
Born into slavery, Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield was raised in the safety

of Philadelphia's Quaker community by an adoptive mother. Her childhood included music lessons to nurture her glorious singing voice. Her mother's dying wish was for Eliza to become a professional singer, but that seems out of reach. When a performance on a steamboat to Buffalo, New York, leads to a surprising opportunity, Eliza seizes her moment. Within a year she is touring America, singing to packed houses, and igniting controversy wherever she goes. From the churches of Philadelphia to Buckingham Palace, Eliza Greenfield will blaze her own path — with a voice no listener will ever forget.

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Historical | Releases 5/21/2025

Available in Black Voices 4.



**TUESDAY'S CHILD**

**Fern Michaels**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

USA TODAY BESTSELLER

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER

Ten years have passed since nurse Sophie Lee was accused of murdering her wealthy patient Audrey Star. Attorney Mikala Aulani believed her innocence — and Adam Star's guilt — but the prosecution convinced a jury otherwise. Now, on the verge of his death, Adam exonerates Sophie and leaves her a huge fortune in atonement as well. Released from prison, Sophie retreats to Kala's house and tries to evade the media frenzy that surrounds her. Kala is determined to help her client make her way back into the world and adjust to her new wealth and freedom. Yet there are still revelations in store — about redemption, the strange workings of fate, and the power of forgiveness.

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Women's Fiction | Releases 5/21/2025



**IN NEED OF A COWBOY**

**Linda Lael Miller, Heather Graham**

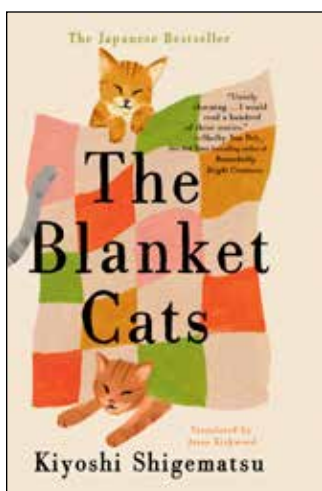
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHORS

In *Ask Me Again* by Linda Lael Miller, sudden fatherhood turns an Arizona rancher's life upside down. But when a burned-out and beautiful social worker moves in across the road, the lonely cowboy finds the missing piece of his family puzzle in a city girl who's not afraid to take a chance. In *The Cowboy* by Heather Graham, he thinks she's a fancy filly. She thinks he's a jerky jock. When they wind up on the same team, the barrel-racing FBI agent and the no-nonsense detective have to rethink their first impressions to track down a criminal mastermind who's abducted two women.

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Contemporary | Releases 5/21/2025



**THE BLANKET CATS** ★

**Kiyoshi Shigematsu**

*"Shigematsu adds depth and intrigue by avoiding sentimentality, so that when a story does contain a happy ending or a moment of comfort for the characters, it feels genuine."* — Publishers Weekly

A pet shop in Tokyo has been known to offer customers the opportunity to take home one of seven special cats, whose "magic" is never promised, but always received. But there are rules: these cats must be returned after three days. They must eat only the food supplied by the owner, and they must travel to their new homes with a distinctive blanket. In *The Blanket Cats*, we meet seven customers, each of whom is hoping a temporary feline companion will help them escape a certain reality. But like all their kind, the "blanket cats" are mysterious creatures who delight in confounding expectations. And perhaps what their hosts are looking for isn't really what they need.

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Women's Fiction | Releases 5/21/2025



**THEIR SURPRISE REUNION**

A Matchmaker Knows Best  
Romance • Book 1

**Shelley Shepard Gray**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

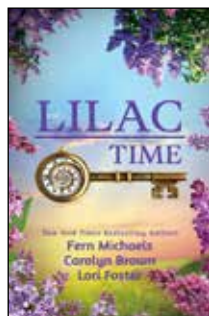
Kayla Harding knew she'd reached rock bottom when she forced herself to walk through the front doors of Loaves of Love, the food bank in Medina, Ohio, one Saturday morning.

Happily, what she finds there is a loving community of people who offer her not just food, but friendship and hope. She also finds Sean Copeland, a former crush, father to six-year-old Jackson, and small-town football coach, who volunteers at the food bank. But Kayla is still reeling from her divorce, and Sean is a recent widower. Can they find it in their hearts to fall in love again?

**S | ISBN: 9781420520514 | \$35.99 U.S.**

Contemporary | Releases 5/21/2025

Available in Romance 2, 3 & 4.



**LILAC TIME**

**Fern Michaels, Carolyn Brown, Lori Foster**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS  
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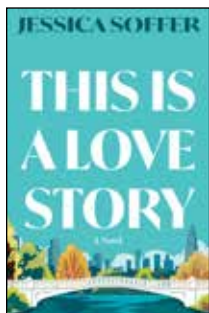
In *Sweet as Honey* by Fern Michaels, Natalie is through with pining over her ex. If only her efforts to be

social again didn't lead to repeated run-ins with an infuriating beekeeper. Yet Natalie begins to wonder if life has a sweet surprise in store. In *Everything She'd Ever Wanted* by Lori Foster, Annabeth can see that Devlin has his hands full raising his little girl. Yet his life is full of the kind of joy she longs for. In *The Memory Cabin* by Carolyn Brown, Jenna loves gathering with her girlfriends who helped her deal with the end of her marriage. This year, perhaps Jenna's heart has healed enough to welcome a new love.

**S | ISBN: 9781420522587 | \$36.99 U.S.**

Contemporary Romance | Releases 5/21/2025

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**THIS IS A LOVE STORY**

A NOVEL

**Jessica Soffer**

INDIE NEXT PICK

READ WITH JENNA PICK

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

"Soffer's writing is simple yet poetic. Most impressive is her ability to capture the depths of emotions of all her characters while rooting readers in such a strong sense

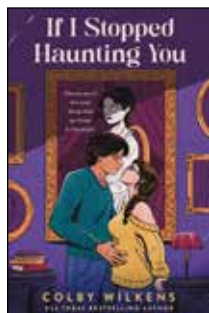
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For fifty years, Abe and Jane have been coming to Central Park. The Park has been their witness for half a century. Now Jane is dying, and Abe is recounting their life together as a way of keeping them going: the parts they knew — their courtship and early marriage, their blossoming creative lives — and the parts they didn't always want to know — the determined young student of Abe's looking for a love story of her own, and their son, Max, who believes his mother chose art over parenthood and who has avoided love and intimacy at all costs. Told in various points of view, these voices weave in and out to paint a portrait as complicated and essential as love itself.

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**IF I STOPPED HAUNTING YOU** ★

**Colby Wilkens**

INDIE NEXT PICK

"This forced-proximity, enemies-to-lovers romantic comedy has plenty of chills and thrills. Readers will stay up late, with all the lights on, to finish Wilkens's satisfying debut." — starred, Library Journal

It's been months since horror author Penelope Skinner threw a book

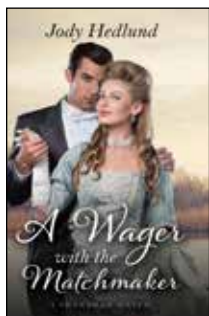
at Neil Storm. But he was so infuriating. Now she's a publishing pariah and hasn't been able to write a word since. So when her friend invites her on a writers retreat in a supposedly haunted Scottish castle, she seizes the opportunity. Neil wants nothing less than to be trapped in a castle with the woman who threw a book at him. But as the retreat begins, Pen and Neil are stunned to find themselves in a real-life ghost story. Even more horrifying, an almost-kiss has left them rethinking their feelings. But if they can't stop the ghosts pursuing them, they may never have the chance to find out.

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**A WAGER WITH THE MATCHMAKER**

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After her brother's entanglement with an Irish gang threatens their family's safety, Alannah Darragh flees St. Louis, seeking refuge as a maid for the affluent Shanahan family.

In the wake of a devastating fire,

Kiernan Shanahan sees a shrewd opportunity to invest in a clay mine and brickyard to aid the city's rebuilding. To secure his venture, he seeks a wealthy bride with a substantial dowry. However, the matchmaker he consults has different plans. As danger looms and Alannah fights to keep her brother safe, Kiernan's protective instincts draw them closer, but a future together seems too far out of reach.

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**KATE LANDRY HAS A PLAN**

Beignets for Two • Book 2

**Rebekah Millet**

*"Kate makes for an endearingly hopeful heroine as she flits between self-doubt and faith in search of a happy ending."*

— Publishers Weekly

Kate Landry's life has become as messy as the powdered sugar on her famous beignets. Juggling the

responsibilities of running her café, raising her teenage niece, and the emotional baggage from her breakup, Kate finds her world turned upside down when her first-ever crush, Micah Guidry, returns to town as the hunky local librarian. As Kate struggles to implement her plans to expand her café amid the New Orleans Mardi Gras madness and the meddling of her ex-fiancé, Micah becomes the unwitting hero of her misadventures, stirring up feelings she thought she'd long buried. How can falling in love in the Big Easy be this hard?

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**LOVE AND ORDER**

A THREE-PART OLD WEST ROMANTIC MYSTERY

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Pinkertons Callie Wilson and Joe Trenamen come to Cambria Springs to stop a killer. But when evidence points to a ghost from Callie's childhood, she must choose between two men she loves. Falsely

accused, bounty hunter Rion Braddock vows to prove his innocence. Former flame Maya Fellows and dime novelist Lucinda Peters both offer help, but is either beauty truly on his side? In her first solo case, attorney Andi McGovern defends Rion, but prosecutor Daniel Littrick outwits her. Following a hunch could win her case — or leave Andi dead. Can these couples stop the true culprit?

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**THE HUNTED HEIR**

A ROMANTIC LEGAL DRAMA

**Jayna Breigh**

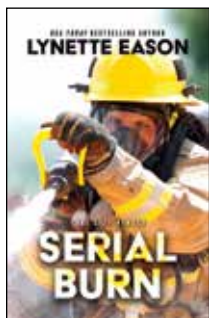
After a tragic loss, private investigator Nona Taylor distanced herself from the world. Attorney DeMarcus Johnson is determined to climb the ladder to partnership at his law firm. Their worlds collide when Nona's pastor receives a mysterious letter

claiming he's the sole heir to an estate. Desperate for answers, Nona infiltrates a charity ball, only to be found out by a suspicious stranger — so she latches onto DeMarcus and concocts a fib about being his fiancée. But when an unseen enemy strikes, they realize the stakes are higher than they thought. Can Nona and DeMarcus keep the pastor safe, secure DeMarcus's partnership, and preserve a future for themselves?

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**Lynette Eason**

**USA TODAY BESTSELLER**

*“Eason ably balances the escalating paranoia with heartfelt emotion as Jesslyn turns to God for help weathering the crisis and coming to grips with her past. The result is a thrill ride worth taking.”*

— Publishers Weekly

Now the fire marshal of Lake City, Jesslyn McCormick is determined to find the person who started the fire that robbed her of her family when she was just seven years old. As the twentieth anniversary of the tragedy approaches, a string of fires offers new evidence. FBI Special Agent Nathan Carlisle is called in to work with local law enforcement. Nathan has his own past he'd prefer not to revisit, and helping Jesslyn track down the arsonist is a great distraction. When Jesslyn comes face-to-face with her worst nightmare, she'll have to confront her fears and rely on Nathan and her community of friends in order to survive.

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**THE DAUGHTER OF ROME**

The Emissaries • Book 3

**Angela Hunt**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*“Calandra’s relationship with her father serves as a powerful emotional through line, adding resonance to a fast-moving plot shaped by the religious and political upheavals roiling the empire.”*

— Publishers Weekly

In Nero’s Rome, Calandra helps her father, a renowned sculptor, complete the most significant commission of his career. But then a fire nearly destroys the imperial city, leaving Calandra reliant on a group of Christians. Calandra grapples with her mistrust, only to find herself indebted to these believers as they help her rebuild her shattered world. When Emperor Nero begins constructing his opulent Golden House, the people of Rome suspect him of starting the fire to clear the land for his immense palace. Needing a scapegoat, Nero points at those who follow the Jewish Messiah, forcing Calandra to make an impossible choice.

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**BEFORE THE KING:  
JOANNA'S STORY**

Women of the Way • Book 2

**Heather Kaufman**

Entangled in the complexities of aristocratic life and an impending arranged marriage, Joanna is caught between her own desires and maintaining appearances. Years later, Joanna is forever changed when a

rabbi comes preaching a new kingdom and healing the sick. As she contributes to his ministry, Joanna treads a perilous path between a court that mocks Jesus of Nazareth, disciples who view her with suspicion, and a husband who guards his own secrets. With pressure increasing, Joanna must protect her relationship to the Christ, whose message is as compelling as it is dangerous.

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Historical Fiction | Releases 5/7/2025

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**AS SURE AS THE SEA**

A NOVEL

**Jamie Ogle**

*“Ogle . . . sets this captivating historical in an ancient Turkey roiling with religious tension . . . [S]parks fly between Demi and Nikolas and both question how far they’re willing to go to uphold their faith.”*

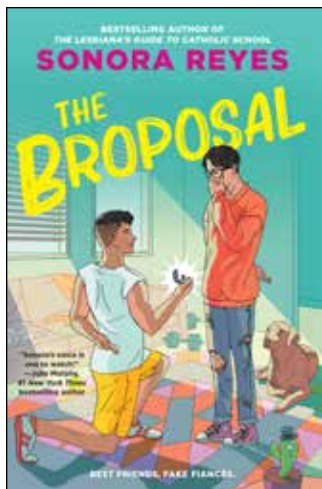
— Publishers Weekly

*Eastern Roman Empire, AD 310.* In the shadow of Emperor Diocletian’s anti-Christian edicts, Demitria goes upriver with her brother, Theseus, to obtain provisions for fellow believers in the port city of Myra. When Theseus is injured in a diving accident, all seems lost, until a stranger named Nikolas appears and offers help. Demi is drawn to Nikolas and longs to trust in his belief that freedom can be found in forgiveness. Then one terrifying night, everything changes as the Roman Empire’s fury rains down. Demi has no other choice but to decide if she has the courage to do what she once failed to . . . and if the faith she calls her own is sure enough to carry her.

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**THE BROPOSAL** ★

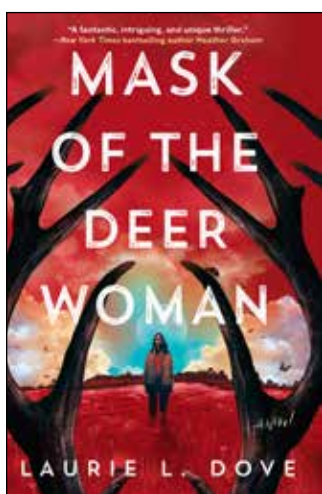
**Sonora Reyes**

*"A fresh, grounded take on the tried-and-true fake-relationship romance." — Library Journal*

It's about time roommates Alejandro and Kenny get married. Or at least, that's what all their close friends and family think when they announce their engagement. The kicker? The two are faking their whole relationship so Alejandro can get a green card. Kenny is newly single, and what better distraction than proposing marriage to Han? Kenny can't think of anything more fun than spending his life with his best friend, even if it's just for a piece of paper. But as Kenny keeps up the charade, the line between fact and fiction begins to blur the closer they get to their wedding date. With all eyes on Han and Kenny, will these two bros make it down the aisle for real?

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**MASK OF THE DEER WOMAN** ★

A NOVEL

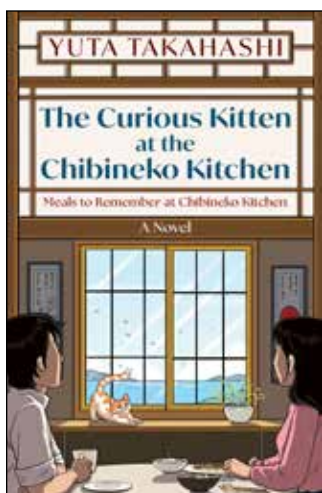
**Laurie L. Dove**

*"Strongly consider this for public libraries, particularly those serving tribal land." — Library Journal*

Following her daughter's death, detective Carrie Starr has nowhere to go but back to her roots. Starr's father never talked much about the reservation where he was raised, but the tribe needs a new marshal. In the past decade, too many young women have disappeared from the rez. Now local college student Chenoa Cloud is missing. Starr feels lost, and when she catches a glimpse of a figure from her father's stories, with the body of a woman and the antlers of a deer, Starr can't shake the feeling that the spirit is watching her. What she doesn't know is whether Deer Woman is here to guide her or to seek vengeance for the lost daughters Starr can never bring home.

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**THE CURIOUS KITTEN AT THE CHIBINEKO KITCHEN** ★

A NOVEL

Meals to Remember at Chibineko Kitchen • Book 1

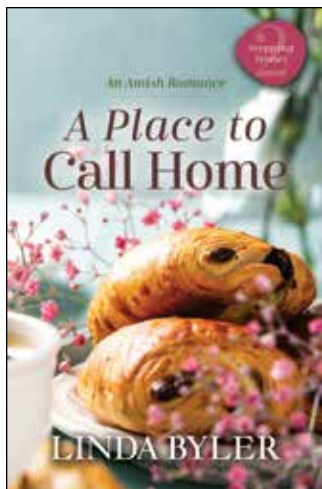
**Yuta Takahashi**

In a seaside town outside of Tokyo, Kotoko makes her way along a path, lured by whispers of a restaurant whose meals promise a reunion with the departed. When a gust of wind lifts off her hat, she sees running after it a man who looks like her deceased brother. But it's the restaurant's young chef, who returns her hat and brings her to the tiny establishment, where he introduces her to Chibi, the resident kitten, and serves her steaming bowls of simmered fish, rice, and miso soup. As she takes her first bite, Kotoko begins a magical journey.

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## A PLACE TO CALL HOME

An Amish Romance

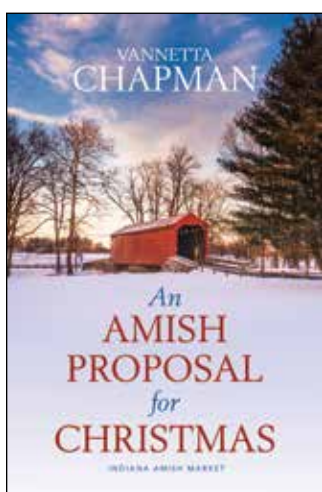
Stepping Stones • Book 2

**Linda Byler**

Running her bakery in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, keeps Mary busy, but she continues to struggle with anxiety that is sometimes crushing. She's still questioning her Amish upbringing, too. At a hymn singing, Mary meets Steve, but their fledgling relationship is interrupted when she learns that her father has been in an accident and she must return home to rural New York to care for him. Tending to her strict father stretches Mary nearly to the breaking point. Will they ever be able to really love and respect each other? And how can Mary even begin to know God's will for her life when she's not even sure she knows who God is?

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## AN AMISH PROPOSAL FOR CHRISTMAS

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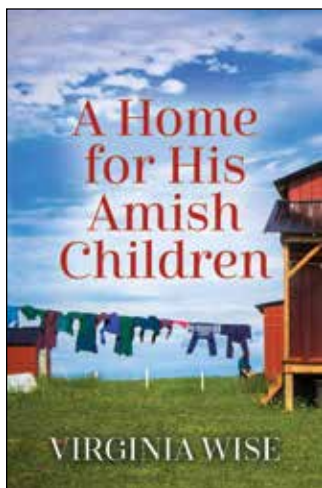
**Vannetta Chapman**

**USA TODAY BESTSELLER**

The one thing Becca Yoder loves more than Christmas is her dream of leaving her Amish community and traveling the world. Becca has her father's reluctant permission to leave — *if* she trains Gideon Fisher to run the family's enormous outdoor market. But Gideon is homesick for Texas. Can Becca make him fall in love with her hometown . . . without falling for the handsome bachelor herself?

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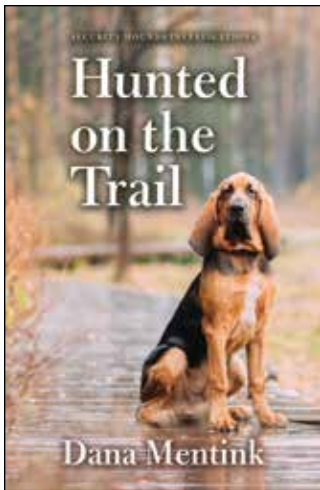
## A HOME FOR HIS AMISH CHILDREN

**Virginia Wise**

With his house and business destroyed in a fire, widower Silas Hochstetler desperately needs somewhere for him and his children to live. Needing help to pay her mortgage — and secretly longing for a family of her own — spinster Mary King answers his ad for a wife. Navigating their new life together with the children isn't as easy as they thought, though neither can ignore the spark between them. They might be strangers, but their marriage of convenience might just lead to something real.

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**HUNTED ON THE TRAIL**

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**Dana Mentink**

Ambushed by sudden gunfire, former cop Stephanie Wolfe realizes the tracking competition she entered with her bloodhound is a setup. An escaped fugitive has lured her into the remote wilderness to exact his deadly revenge. And her ex-boyfriend, bounty hunter Vance Silverton, has fallen into the fatal trap, too. Now cut off from civilization with only minimal supplies and their two dogs, the pair must depend on each other to survive. But with a treacherous storm approaching, it's not only a cold-blooded killer they'll have to escape.

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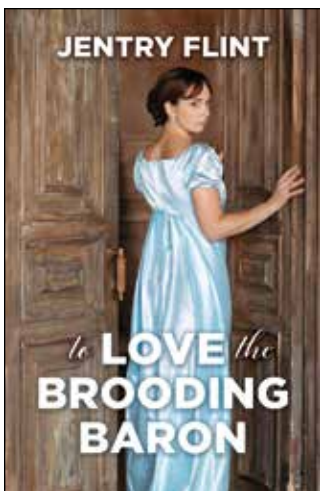
**ACROSS THE STAR-KISSED SEA**

**Arlem Hawks**

*Mediterranean Sea, 1811.* May Byam grew up listening to her uncle's tales of life aboard a Royal Navy ship. After tragedy and scandal shatter her family, May is desperate to escape the shame that follows her. Despite her mother's pleadings against it, May signs on as a lady's maid to the young wife of a naval captain. Heartbroken young Chaplain Elias Doswell returns to a harsh life at sea, but preaching to disinterested sailors isn't the escape he'd hoped for — until a captivating young woman boards the ship. As they struggle to navigate their deepening feelings, the danger of war with the French looms on the horizon, threatening their lives — and their love.

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**TO LOVE THE BROODING BARON**

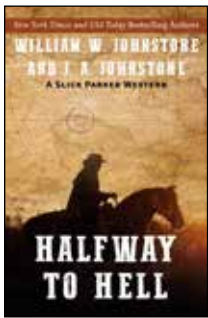
**Jentry Flint**

*"Witty repartee fills the pages . . . Readers looking for chaste historical romance will want to check this out."* — Publishers Weekly

*1815, London.* Arabella Latham longs to feel the spark of true love. Though her prospects seem slim, Arabella knows she can always count on Lord Henry Northcott to be willing to engage in intelligent conversation. Lord Northcott has admired Arabella for years. But he knows he cannot pursue a romantic relationship because of the shadow an old family scandal has cast over his life. He has vowed to preserve what is left of his family's reputation by focusing the majority of his efforts at Parliament. But Arabella is determined to show Lord Northcott that life is meant to be enjoyed. Could the spark of true love be enough to drive away the shadows holding Henry back?

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**HALFWAY TO HELL**

A Slick Parker Western

**William W. Johnstone and J. A. Johnstone**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS**

As the deputy sheriff in a small town, "Slick" Parker Jones has never faced any real dangers. But when a wanted man staggers into his nightly watering hole — half dead, with a

hole in his gut and a bloody map in his hand — the young deputy's life takes a wild turn. It starts with the dying man's final words: "The gold." Which leads Slick to one conclusion: The map leads to the stolen gold from the outlaw's latest train robbery. Slick decides to hunt for the gold himself. There's just one problem. A vicious gang is looking for it, too — and they're gunning for the man with the map.

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**THE YELLOWSTONE**

A MOUNTAIN MAN WESTERN ADVENTURE SERIES

A Rivers of the West Novel

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**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

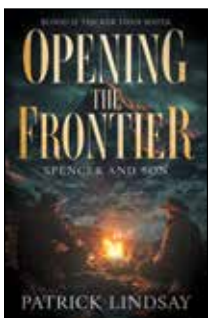
Mac "The Dancer" Maclean has always embraced the wilderness of the American West. From a young man just beginning to live to his

adulthood as a daring explorer in the Rockies, Mac has always felt his destiny pulling him to the fertile banks of the Yellowstone River. Traveling west with a small band of fellow explorers, he ventures deep into the heart of uncharted territory. With a gripping narrative that spans generations, Mac creates a life fully his own, leaving behind a legacy built on the wild rapids of the river he calls home.

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**OPENING THE FRONTIER**

SPENCER AND SON: A CLASSIC WESTERN DUO

**Patrick Lindsay**

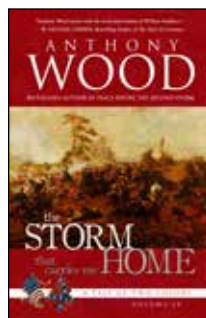
By age thirty-seven, Clay Spencer had established a cattle ranch in Montana, where he planned to live in peace. But a trip to Denver to buy cattle changes everything. Facing off with a conman, Spence is about to

learn that blood is thicker than water. Luke Spencer is a veteran of gold rush strikes and boomtowns. While in Montana, he gets news of a gold strike in the Yukon. Angie Parker is alone on the family farm in Washington. Like Luke, she dreams of something more. Luke and Angie hear the siren call of the gold fields of the Klondike, but who will stand in their way?

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**THE STORM THAT CARRIES ME HOME**

A STORY OF THE CIVIL WAR

A Tale of Two Colors

**Anthony Wood**

Lummy Tullos took an oath to fight for home and family under the flag of the Confederacy. He gave his heart, mind, and nearly his body to protect his friends and defeat

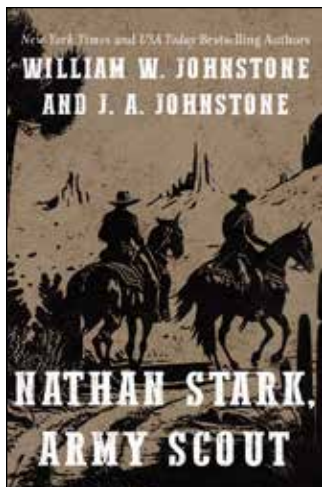
the blue invader. That oath lost its meaning at the surrender of Vicksburg. Lummy's convinced his loyalty and dedication will now best serve ending the war by switching sides. He simply has no other choice — he'll fight to do whatever it takes to end the war. He just didn't know it would bring the war to his own hometown. And it won't be a gray uniform he'll be wearing. No, this time it'll be blue.

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## NATHAN STARK, ARMY SCOUT

A Nathan Stark Western

**William W. Johnstone and J. A. Johnstone**

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As a civilian scout for the Army, Nathan Stark has served with famous commanders and battled notorious war chiefs. Among the fiercest natives of the untamed West, Nathan Stark is a living legend that must be destroyed. Against his better judgment, Nathan agrees to be teamed up with a rival Crow scout named Moses Red Buffalo. Their mission: to forge a trail deep into Indian territory under the command of a bloodthirsty army colonel. But the mission is not what it seems. If Stark and Red Buffalo want to stay alive, they'll have to work as a team — if they don't kill each other first.

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## BLACK HAWK

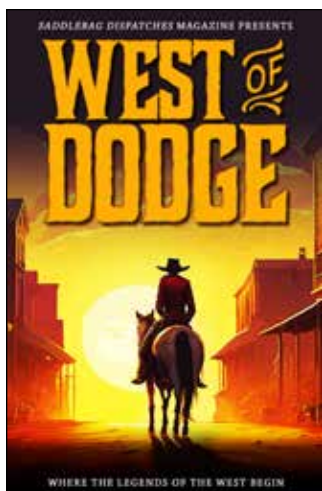
A Quest Chronicles Novel

**B.N. Rundell**

Driven by an act of villainous destruction, Cordell Beckett is on a quest for vengeance, grappling with the fine line between right and wrong. Accepting an appointment as a federal marshal, he hopes to use his position to aid his quest. But when a band of ragtags takes a young woman captive, Cordell can't help but go to her aid. Venturing into outlaw camps and confronting evil across the gold towns of the Rockies, Cordell faces trials that may be too great to overcome. And in a land where righting wrongs and bringing evil to justice demands everything, can he stay true to his mission, or will he lose himself to the darkness?

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## WEST OF DODGE

WHERE THE LEGENDS OF THE WEST BEGIN

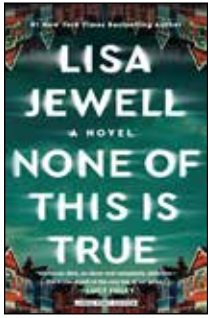
Saddlebag Dispatches Anthologies

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From *Saddlebag Dispatches* magazine comes *West of Dodge*, a new anthology bringing you the spirit of the West in all its glory. Journey through dusty streets, treacherous trails, and vast prairies, where adventure, romance, and justice intertwine. Walk beside infamous gunslingers, resilient lawmen, and courageous pioneers as they navigate the challenges of the untamed frontier and grapple with angels and demons within as well as without. With vivid descriptions and gripping narratives of bravery, toughness, and survival, *West of Dodge* will leave you breathless and yearning for more.

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**NONE OF THIS IS TRUE** ★

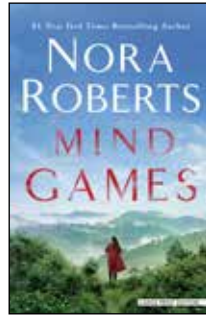
A NOVEL  
Lisa Jewell

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER  
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER  
COMING TO NETFLIX SUMMER 2025  
INDIE NEXT PICK  
LIBRARY READS PICK

Celebrating her birthday at her local pub, podcaster Alix Summer crosses paths with a woman called Josie Fair. A few days later, Alix and Josie bump into each other outside Alix's children's school. Josie has been listening to Alix's podcasts and thinks she might be an interesting subject for her series. Slowly Alix starts to realize that Josie has been hiding some dark secrets, and before she knows it, Josie has inveigled her way into Alix's life. But, as quickly as she arrived, Josie disappears. Only then does Alix discover that she has become the subject of her own true crime podcast, with her life under mortal threat. Who is Josie Fair? And what has she done?

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**MIND GAMES** ★

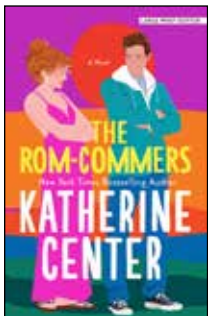
A NOVEL  
Nora Roberts

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER  
LIBRARY READS PICK

The Foxes have driven the winding roads of Appalachia to drop off their children for a stay at their grandmother's. Here, twelve-year-old Thea can run free. But as her parents head back to suburban Virginia, they have no idea they're about to cross paths with a ticking time bomb. Back in Kentucky, Thea and her grandmother both awaken from the same nightmare. And though the two have never discussed the special kind of sight they share, they know something terrible has happened. Over time, Thea will make friends, build a career, find love. But that ability to see into minds still lurks within her, and the inmate who shattered her childhood hungers for vengeance.

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**THE ROM-COMMERS** ★

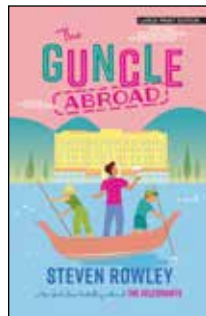
A NOVEL  
Katherine Center

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
INDIE NEXT PICK  
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Emma Wheeler longs to be a screenwriter. She's spent her life studying, obsessing over, and writing romantic comedies. But she's also been the sole caretaker for her dad. Now, when she gets a chance to re-write a script for famous screenwriter Charlie Yates, it's a break too big to pass up. Emma's sister steps in for caretaking duties, and Emma moves to L.A. for six weeks. Charlie Yates doesn't want to write with anyone, but Emma's not going down without a fight. She will convince him that love stories matter — even if she has to kiss him senseless to do it. But what if that kiss is accidentally amazing? What if the love story they're writing comes true?

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Growing up in the Hives, Cricket has always had a million questions. Why are trees forbidden, even in art? Why do her parents seem to hate her?

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**REBELLION 1776** ★

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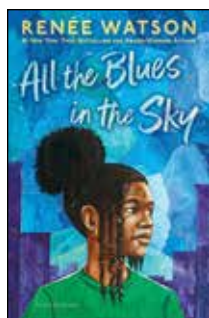
*"[T]his original and timely story immerses readers in [Elspeth's] observations on an epidemic and vaccination, early American politics and society, and the meaning of family."* — Kirkus Reviews

In the spring of 1776, thirteen-year-old Elsbeth Culpepper wakes to the sound of cannons. It's the Siege of Boston, the Patriots' massive drive to push the Loyalists out that turns the city into a chaotic war zone. Elsbeth's father has gone missing, leaving her alone and adrift in a broken town while desperately seeking employment to avoid the orphanage. Just when things couldn't feel worse, the smallpox epidemic sweeps across Boston. Elsbeth, who had smallpox as a small child and is now immune, finds work taking care of a large, wealthy family with discord of their own as they await a turn at inoculation, but as the epidemic and the revolution rage on, will she find her father?

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*"Watson has crafted an achingly beautiful novel that masterfully captures the realities of loss. Visceral and wholly authentic."* — starred, Kirkus Reviews

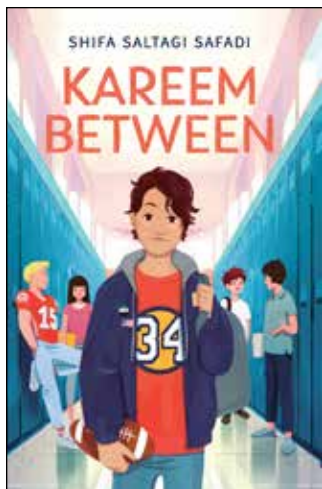
Sage's thirteenth birthday was supposed to be about movies and treats, staying up late with her best friend and watching the sunrise together. Instead, it was the day her best friend died. Without the person she had to hold her secrets and dream with, Sage is lost. In a counseling group with other girls who have lost someone close to them, she learns that not all losses are the same, and healing isn't predictable. There is sadness, loneliness, anxiety, guilt, pain, love. And even as Sage grieves, new, good things enter her life — and she just may find a way to know that she can feel it all.

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**KAREEM BETWEEN** ★★

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Seventh grade begins, and Kareem’s already fumbled it. His best friend moved away, he messed up his tryout for the football team, and because of his heritage, he was voluntold to show the new kid — a Syrian refugee with a thick and embarrassing accent — around school. Just when Kareem thinks his middle school life has imploded, the hotshot QB promises to get Kareem another tryout for the squad. There’s a catch: to secure that chance, Kareem must do something he knows is wrong. It’s up to him to step up, find his confidence, and navigate the beauty and hope found somewhere in the middle.

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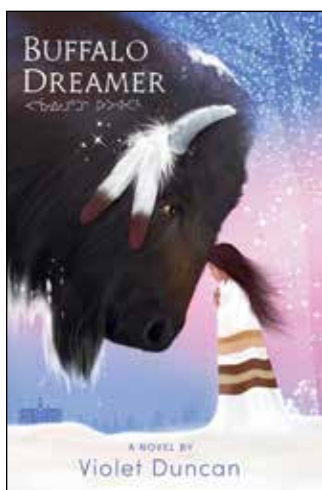
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

*“This sequel trusts readers with critically relevant insights on necessary vigilance and the human capacity for monstrous behavior . . . A headlong thriller laced with provocative and topical historical truths.” — starred, Kirkus Reviews*

Max Bretzfeld was willing to do anything to return to Germany, even become a British spy. Training complete and forged papers in hand, the radio wunderkind’s missions have begun. But nothing is as he expected. His parents are missing. Nazi intelligence is watching him. And the lines between lies and truth are becoming more blurred every day. Max will need every tool at his disposal, from his radio expertise and spy training to the help of Berg and Stein, the immortal creatures living on his shoulders.

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A NOVEL

Violet Duncan

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Summer and her family always spend relaxed summers in Alberta, Canada, on the reservation where her mom’s family lives. But Summer has begun to have dreams in which she’s running away from one of the residential schools that tore Native children from their families and tried to erase their Native identities. Not long after that, she learns that unmarked children’s graves have been discovered at the school her grandpa attended. Now more folks are speaking up about their experiences at these places, including her grandfather. When the town holds a rally, Summer’s proud to speak of her hopes for the future, and anxious to find someone who can fill her in on the source of her dreams.

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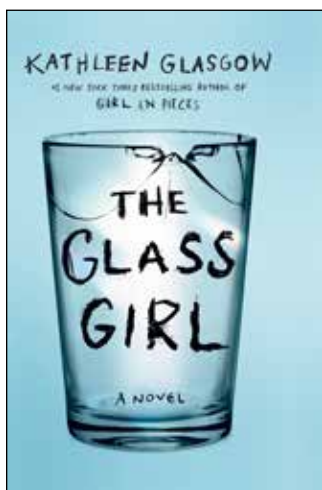
The New Republic • Book 1

**Tahereh Mafi****NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

James Anderson had a plan. Or half of one. All that matters is he managed to infiltrate Ark Island, the last refuge of The Reestablishment. In the past decade no outsider has breached the stronghold of the authoritarian regime, but James is *in*. In a prison cell, sure, but as far as James is concerned, a win is a win. It's been ten years since the fall of The Reestablishment. But after a decade of unsettling quiet, The Reestablishment is ready to make a devastating move, and they have the perfect person for the job. A trained assassin, Rosabelle Wolff's every move is monitored by synthetic intelligence — and when she's given an order to kill, she never hesitates.

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Everyone in fifteen-year-old Bella's life needs something from her. Her mom needs her to help around the house, her dad needs her to not make waves, her ex needs her to not be *so much*. The only person who never needed anything from her was her grandmother — and now she's dead. There's only one thing that dulls the pressure: alcohol. Vodka, beer, peppermint schnapps — alcohol smooths the sharp edges of Bella's life. And what's the big deal? Everyone drinks. Besides, Bella can stop whenever she wants. But after she gets blackout drunk at a Thanksgiving party and wakes up in the hospital, it's time to face reality. And for Bella, reality means rehab.

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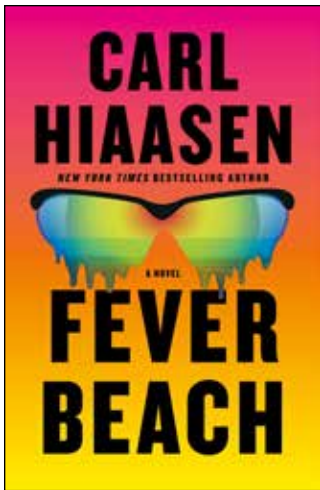
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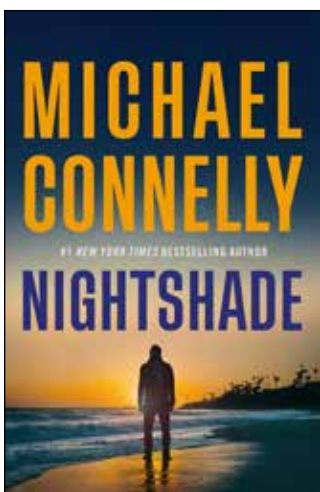
A NOVEL

**Carl Hiaasen***NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

*Fever Beach* begins with an errand that leads into the depths of Florida at its most Floridian: a sun-soaked bastion of right-wing extremism, white power, greed, and corruption. Figgo is the only hate-monger ever to be kicked out of the Proud Boys for being too dumb and incompetent. On January 6, 2021 he thought he was defacing a statue of Ulysses S. Grant, but it was the statue of a Civil War Confederate war leader. Figgo's already messy life is about to get more complicated, thanks to Viva Morales and Twilly Spree. Viva and Twilly are plunged into a mystery — involving dark money and darker motives — they are determined to solve.

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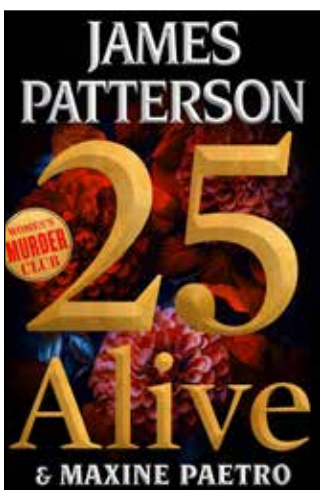
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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Detective Stilwell has been "exiled" to a low-key post policing rustic Catalina Island, after department politics drove him off a homicide desk on the mainland. But while following up the usual drunk-and-disorderlies and petty thefts that come with his new territory, Detective Stilwell gets a report of a body found wrapped in plastic and weighed down at the bottom of the harbor. Crossing all lines of protocol and jurisdiction, he starts doggedly working the case. Soon, his investigation uncovers closely guarded secrets and a dark heart to the serene island that was meant to be his escape from the evils of the big city.

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Sergeant Lindsay Boxer's friend and former partner is brutally murdered in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. SFPD homicide detective Lindsay Boxer knows her way around a crime scene. But nothing can prepare her for the shock of recognition: the victim is Warren Jacobi, Lindsay's onetime partner who rose to chief of police. A top investigator until the end, Jacobi managed to leave Lindsay a clue. Following a trail of evidence along the west coast, the Women's Murder Club pledges to avenge Jacobi's death before the killer can take another one of their own.

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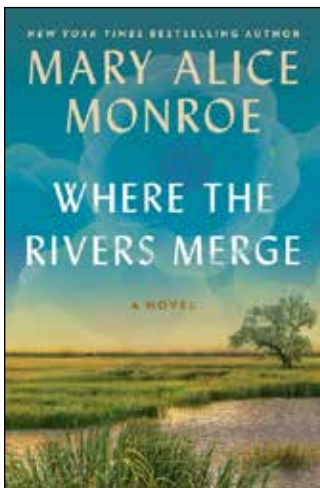
A NOVEL

**Kristen Perrin**

*Present day:* Annie Adams is just settling into life in Castle Knoll when local fortune teller Peony Lane crosses her path and shares a cryptic message. When Peony is found dead only hours later inside the locked Gravesdown Estate, Annie realizes that someone is out to make her look guilty while silencing Peony at the same time. *1967:* A year has passed since her friend Emily disappeared, and teenage Frances Adams finds herself caught between two men. Ford Gravesdown is one of the only remaining members of a family known for its wealth and dubious uses of power. Archie Foyle is a local who can't hold down a job and lives above the village pub. But when Frances teams up with Archie to investigate the car crash that claimed the lives of Ford's family, it quickly becomes clear that this was no accident.

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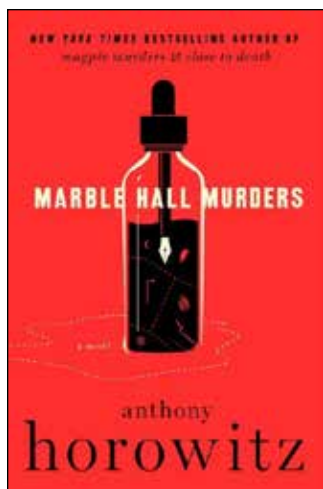
A MEMOIR

**Tina Knowles**

Tina Knowles, the mother of iconic singer-songwriters Beyoncé Knowles-Carter, Solange Knowles, and bonus daughter Kelly Rowland, is known the world over as a Matriarch with a capital *M*: a determined and wise woman who raised and inspired some of the great artists of our time. Her life's journey — through grief and tragedy, creative and romantic risks and turmoil, the nurturing of superstar offspring and of her own special gifts — is the remarkable story she shares with readers here. This is a page-turning chronicle of family love and heartbreak, of loss and perseverance, and of the kind of creativity, audacity, and will it takes for a girl from Galveston to change the world. It's one brilliant woman's intimate and revealing story, and a multigenerational family saga that carries within it the story of America — and the wisdom that women pass on to one another, mothers to daughters, across generations.

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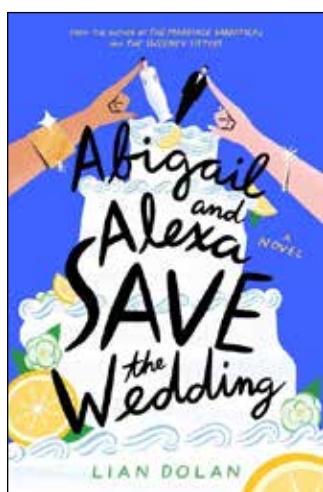
**Anthony Horowitz**

*NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR*

Editor Susan Ryeland has left her Greek island, her hotel and her Greek boyfriend, Andreas, in search of a new life back in England. Freelancing for a London publisher, she's given the last job she wants: working on an Atticus Pünd continuation novel called *Pünd's Last Case*. Worse still, she knows the new writer. Eliot Crace is the troubled grandson of legendary children's author Miriam Crace who died twenty years ago. Eliot is convinced she was murdered. Susan enjoys reading the manuscript which is set in the South of France and revolves around the mysterious death of Lady Margaret Chalfont, days before she was about to change her will. The more Susan reads, the clearer it becomes that Eliot has deliberately concealed clues about his grandmother's death inside the book.

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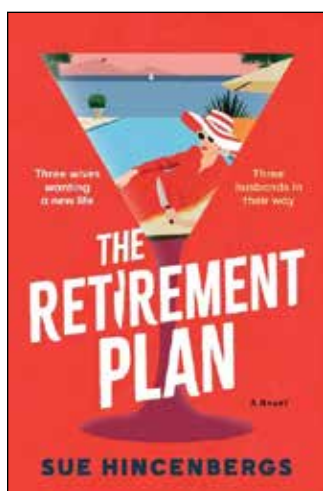
A NOVEL

**Lian Dolan**

Penelope and Chase make a lovely couple. They're planning a spectacular California wedding. But the Mother of the Bride, suave Greek-born Alexa Diamandis, doesn't understand why any woman would get married. The Mother of the Groom, Abigail Blakeman, is a garden club stalwart firmly planted in coastal Connecticut. She thinks the whole enterprise would be so much easier if the wedding was at their golf club. Especially because the Blakeman's fortunes have taken a turn for the worse. When a sudden twist of fate calls them into action, these two very different women are forced to take over the wedding planning. Despite their differences, Alexa and Abigail charge in to save the day. How far will two moms go to make their children's dream wedding a reality?

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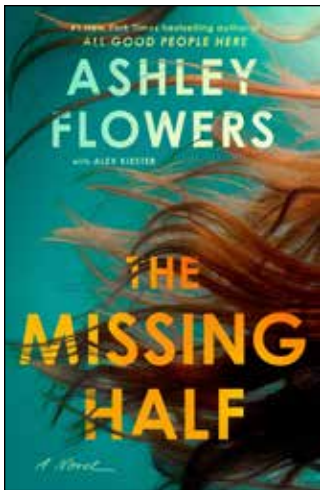
**Sue Hincenbergs**

After thirty years of friendship, Pam dreams of her perfect retirement with Nancy, Shalisa, Marlene, and their husbands — until their husbands pool their funds for an investment that goes terribly wrong. Suddenly, their golden years are looking as dreary as their marriages. But when the women discover their husbands have seven-figure life insurance policies, a new dream forms. And this time, they need a hitman. Meanwhile, their husbands are working on their own secret retirement scheme and when things begin to go sideways, they fear it's backfired. The husbands scramble to stay alive . . . but soon realize they may not be quick enough to outmaneuver their wives.

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**Ashley Flowers with Alex Kiester**

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Nicole “Nic” Monroe is in a rut. At twenty-four, she lives alone in a dinky apartment, she’s just gotten a DWI, and she works the same dead-end job she’s been working since high school. Everyone has felt sorry for her for the last seven years, since the day her older sister, Kasey, vanished. On the night Kasey went missing, her car was found over a hundred miles from home. The only clue in her disappearance was Jules Connor, another young woman from the same area who disappeared in the same way, two weeks earlier. But both cases eventually went cold. One day, Jules’s sister, Jenna Connor, walks into Nic’s life and offers her something she hasn’t felt in a long time: hope. What follows is a gripping tale of two sisters who will do anything to find their missing halves, even if it means destroying everything they’ve ever known.

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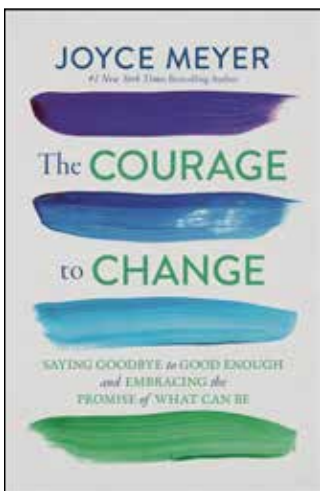
A NOVEL

**Florence Knapp**

In the wake of a catastrophic storm, Cora sets off with her nine-year-old daughter, Maia, to register her son’s birth. Her husband, Gordon, a local doctor, respected in the community but a terrifying and controlling presence at home, intends for her to name the infant after him. But when the registrar asks what she’d like to call the child, Cora hesitates. Spanning thirty-five years, what follows are three alternate and alternating versions of Cora’s and her young son’s lives, shaped by her choice of name.

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SAYING GOODBYE TO GOOD ENOUGH AND EMBRACING THE PROMISE OF WHAT CAN BE

**Joyce Meyer**

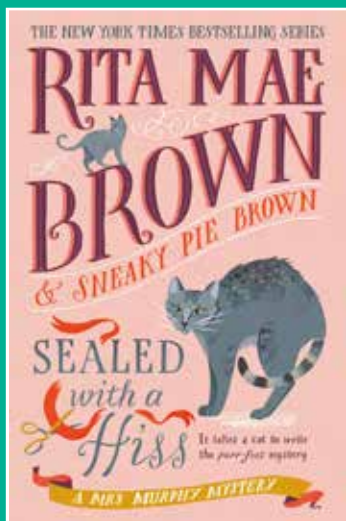
*NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

We’ve all heard the saying, “The only constant is change.” Sometimes the changes we face, both expected and unexpected, can make our lives feel ungrounded and unsteady. And when we react to change with fear, an opportunity for growth can turn into overwhelming anxiety that locks us into situations, relationships, and ways of thinking and being that prevent us from living in the fullness of who we truly are in Christ. With her signature insight and timeless wisdom, Joyce shows us how to align our emotional reactions to changes with the truth of God’s promise that He will work all changes for good in our lives, even the most painful and difficult ones.

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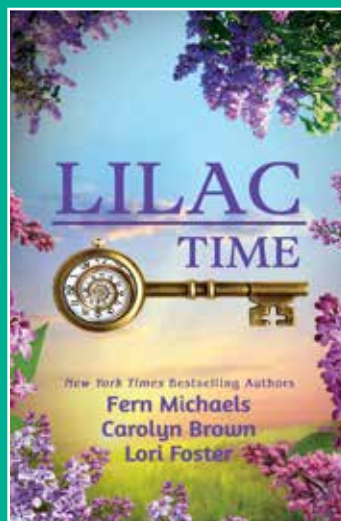
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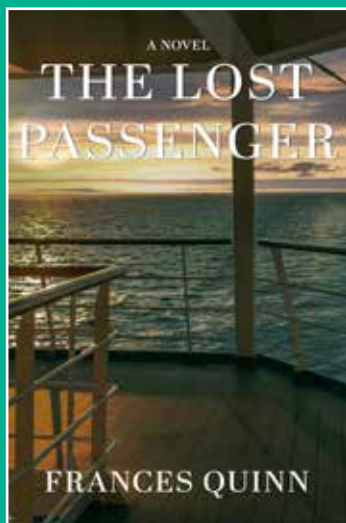
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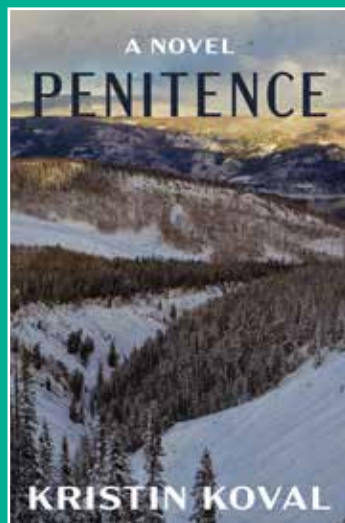
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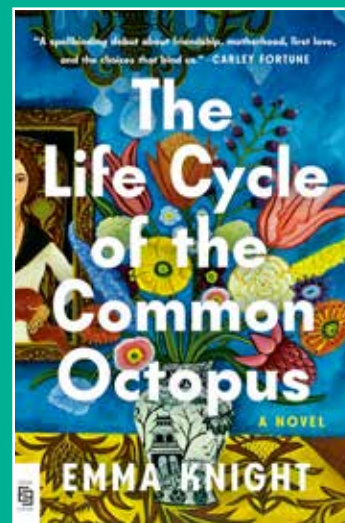
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