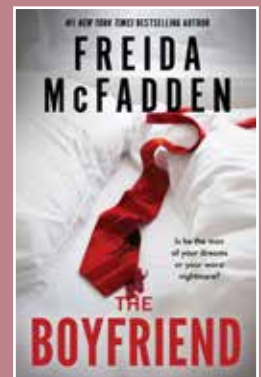
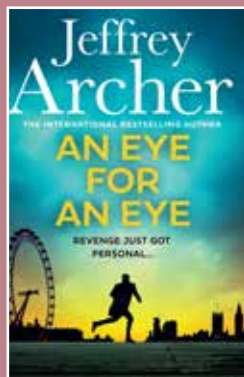
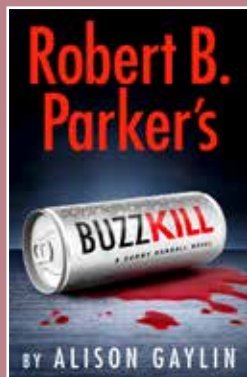
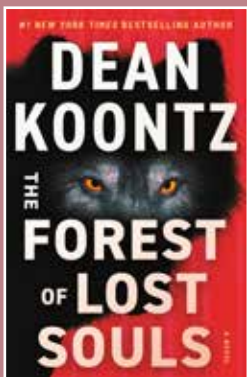
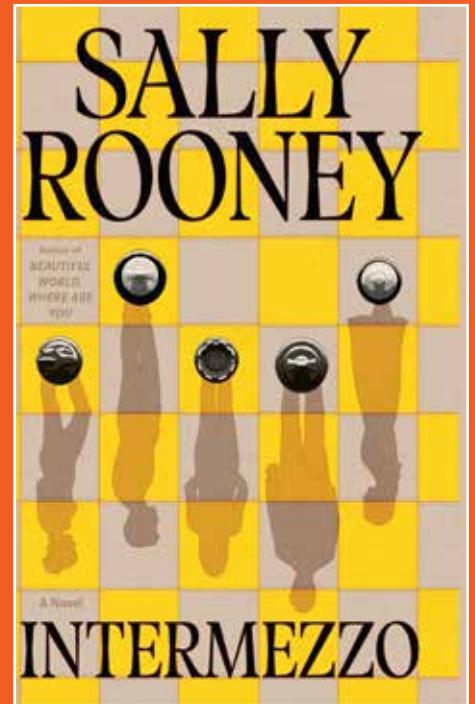
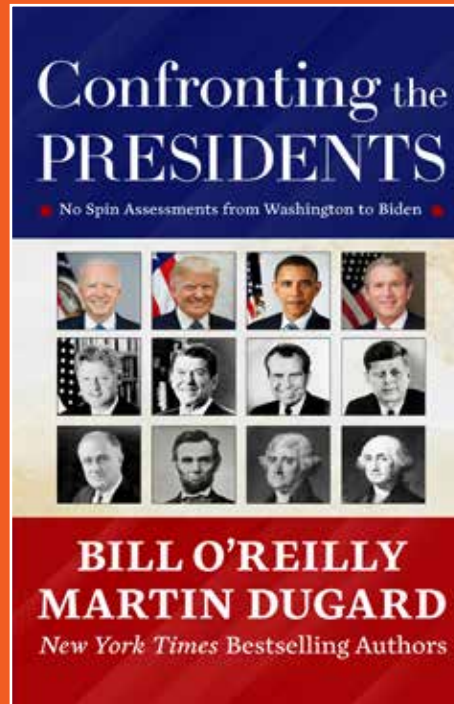
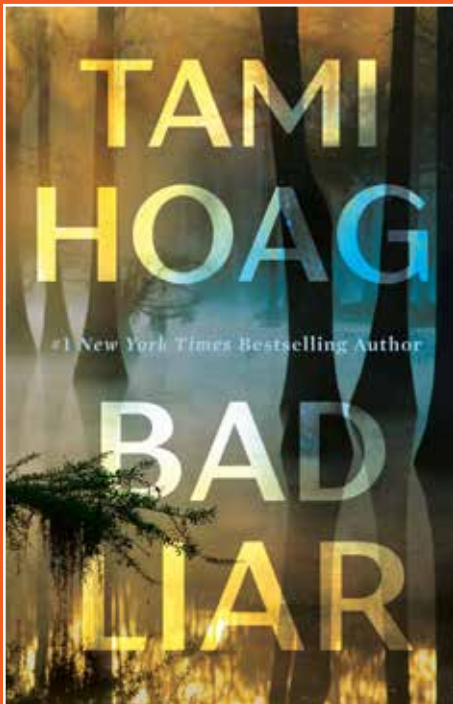


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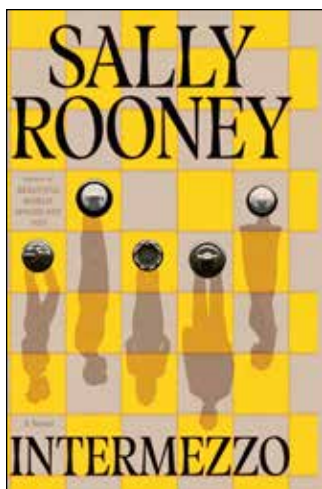
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**INTERMEZZO** ★

A NOVEL

Sally Rooney

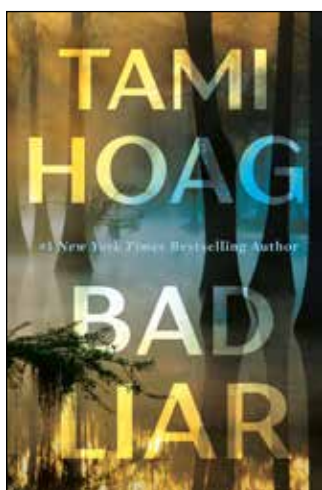
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

EDITOR'S CHOICE #4

Brothers Peter and Ivan Koubek have little in common. Peter is a Dublin lawyer — successful, competent, and unassailable. But in the wake of their father's death, he's medicating himself to sleep and struggling to manage his relationships with two very different women. Ivan is a competitive chess player. He has always seen himself as socially awkward, a loner, the antithesis of his glib elder brother. Now, in the early weeks of his bereavement, Ivan meets Margaret and their lives become rapidly and intensely intertwined. For two grieving brothers and the people they love, this is a chance to find out how much one life might hold inside itself without breaking.

S | ISBN: 9781420517521 | \$40.99 U.S.

General Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.

**BAD LIAR**

Tami Hoag

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

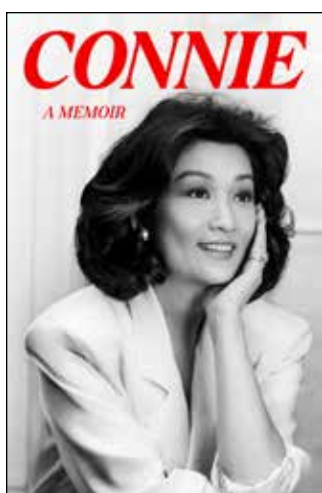
EDITOR'S CHOICE #3

"Hoag sketches Robby, Marc, and B'Lynn with remarkable depth and sensitivity, and keeps the plot moving at a brisk clip through many twists and turns." — Publishers Weekly

A murder victim dumped at the end of a country road is not the way sheriff's detective Nick Fourcade wants to start his week. His only lead takes him to the family of a hometown hero gone missing. Marc Mercier left for a weekend hunting trip and hasn't been seen since. Meanwhile, sheriff's detective Annie Broussard begins her day by taking on the case of B'Lynn Fontenot, a mother desperate to find her grown son. As Annie searches for Robbie Fontenot and Nick investigates the disappearance of Marc Mercier, old jealousies and fresh deceits, family loyalties gone wrong, and love turned sour all lay a twisting trail that endangers all who cross the path of a bad liar.

S | ISBN: 9781432860301 | \$40.99 U.S.

Thriller | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.

**CONNIE**

A MEMOIR

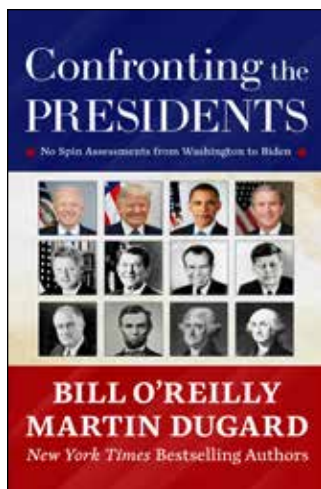
Connie Chung

"A groundbreaker in the truest sense of the word, Chung is as delightful, forthright, and candid on the page as she is on air." — Booklist

Connie Chung is a pioneer. In 1969 at the age of 23, this once-shy daughter of Chinese parents took her first job at a local TV station in her hometown of Washington, D.C. and soon began working at CBS news as a correspondent. She made history when she achieved her dream of being the first woman to co-anchor the *CBS Evening News* and the first Asian to anchor a news program in the U.S. Chung pulls no punches as she provides a behind-the-scenes tour of her life. From showdowns with powerful men to the stories behind some of her career-defining reporting, nothing is off-limits. This is Connie like you've never seen her before.

S | ISBN: 9781420517538 | \$40.99 U.S.

Memoir | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



CONFRONTING THE PRESIDENTS

NO SPIN ASSESSMENTS FROM WASHINGTON TO BIDEN

Bill O'Reilly, Martin Dugard

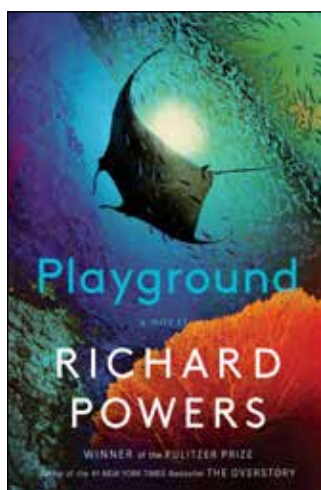
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

EDITOR'S CHOICE #7

From Washington to Jefferson, Lincoln to FDR, Kennedy to Nixon, Reagan to Obama and Biden, the 45 United States presidents have left lasting impacts on our nation. In *Confronting the Presidents*, O'Reilly and Dugard present wonderfully entertaining and insightful portraits of each president, with no-spin commentary on their achievements — or lack thereof. Who best served America, and who undermined the founding ideals? How do decisions made in one era still resonate today? And what do presidents like to eat, drink, and do when they aren't working — or even sometimes when they are?

S | ISBN: 9781420516814 | \$37.99 U.S.

History/Historical | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



PLAYGROUND

A NOVEL

Richard Powers

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"This is a challenging novel . . . with fine writing on friendship and its loss and on the awe and delight the ocean inspires. Along with its environmental warnings, the book carries an intriguing look at the ways people and animals play." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

Twelve-year-old Evie Beaulieu sinks to the bottom of a swimming pool in Montreal strapped to one of the world's first aqualungs. Ina Aroita grows up on naval bases across the Pacific with art as her only home. Two polar opposites at a Chicago high school bond over a three-thousand-year-old board game; Rafi Young will get lost in literature, while Todd Keane's work will lead to a startling AI breakthrough. They meet on the history-scarred island of Makatea in French Polynesia, whose deposits of phosphorus once helped to feed the world. Now the tiny atoll has been chosen for humanity's next adventure: a plan to send floating, autonomous cities out onto the open sea.

S | ISBN: 9781420517576 | 37.99 U.S.

General Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



THE STONE WITCH OF FLORENCE

A NOVEL

Anna Rasche

1348. As the Black Plague ravages Italy, Ginevra di Gasparo is summoned to Florence. Ginevra has a gift — harnessing the powers of gemstones, she can heal the sick. But upon arrival, she is tasked with a much different mission: she must use her collection of jewels to track down a thief who is ransacking Florence's churches for priceless relics. If she succeeds, she'll never be accused of witchcraft again. But as her investigation progresses, Ginevra discovers she's merely a pawn in a much larger scheme. And the dangerous men behind this conspiracy won't think twice about killing a stone witch to get what they want.

S | ISBN: 9781420514933 | \$36.99 U.S.

Historical | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



VARIATION

Rebecca Yarros

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Fourth Wing* comes a new contemporary romance about the summer a celebrated dancer returns home and unearths years of family secrets with the Coast Guard rescue swimmer she never forgot.

S | ISBN: 9798885799874 | \$36.99 U.S.

Romance General | Releases 10/9/2024

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THE WILDES ★

A NOVEL IN FIVE ACTS

Louis Bayard

Bayard turns the Wilde family's tragedy into an engrossing, eternally relevant fable of fame, scandal, and love.

— Kirkus Reviews / Starred Review

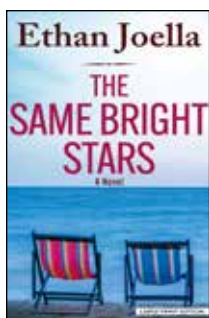
In September of 1892, Oscar Wilde and his family retreated to the idyllic Norfolk countryside for a holiday.

His wife, Constance, has every reason to be happy: two beautiful sons, a stellar reputation as an advocate for progressive causes, and a delightfully charming and affectionate husband and father, who is perhaps the most famous man in England. But as an assortment of houseguests arrive, including an aristocratic young wannabe poet named Lord Alfred Douglas, Constance gradually — and then all at once — comes to see that her husband's heart is elsewhere and that the growing intensity between the two men threatens the whole foundation of their lives.

S | ISBN: 9781420517859 | \$36.99 U.S.

Historical | Releases 10/9/2024

Available in Top-Shelf 6 & 8.



THE SAME BRIGHT STARS ★

A NOVEL

Ethan Joella

INDIE NEXT PICK

"Joella again unfolds a story that illuminates the connections among people. . . . Both Joella and his protagonist show that nice guys sometimes finish first. About as dear as a novel can be."

— Kirkus Reviews / Starred Review

Three generations of Schmidts have run their family's beachfront restaurant and Jack has been at the helm since the death of his father. Meanwhile, the DelDine group has been gradually snapping up eateries along this stretch of coast and are pursuing Jack with a very generous offer to take Schmidt's off his hands. Jack craves companionship and maybe even a family. He wonders if closing the door on the restaurant might open a new window for him. But who would he be without Schmidt's? When he receives startling news from the past, Jack begins to reshape his life and forge unexpected new friendships. But will he really let go of the very things that have defined him?

ISBN: 9781420516807 | \$35.99 U.S.

General Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024

Available in Top-Shelf 8.



THE SPELLSHOP

Sarah Beth Durst

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER

"An excellent match for fans looking to take a break from epic fantasy for some feel-good humor and happiness."

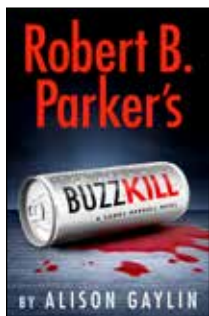
— Library Journal

Kiela has always had trouble dealing with people. Thankfully, as librarian at the Great Library of Alyssium, she hasn't had to. She has spent the last eleven years sequestered among the empire's spellbooks, preserving their magic for the city's elite. But when a revolution begins and the library goes up in flames, she saves as many books as she can carry and flees to a faraway island Kiela was sure she'd never return to: her childhood home. As Kiela comes to make a place for herself among the kind and quirky townspeople of her former home, she realizes that in order to make a life for herself, she must learn to break down the walls she has built up so high.

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Fantasy | Releases 10/9/2024

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ROBERT B. PARKER'S BUZZ KILL

A Sunny Randall Novel • Book 12

Alison Gaylin

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE #2

Sunny Randall is ready to lighten her load as a PI, until she is called upon by billionaire Bill Welch to investigate the disappearance of his son, Dylan, the cofounder of the Gonzo Energy

Drink company. As Sunny traces the marks left behind by Dylan's past, she discovers not only his bad behavior with women, but also his reckless moves within the business world, producing an energy drink that has proven dangerous and even deadly. Who *is* Dylan, really? And why has he vanished? When bodies start to pile up, Sunny must find answers quick, before she gets caught in the crossfire.

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Mystery | Releases 10/9/2024

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THE LAST ONE AT THE WEDDING

A NOVEL

Jason Rekulak

EDITOR'S CHOICE #6

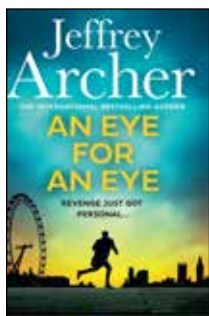
Frank Szatowski is shocked when his daughter, Maggie, calls him for the first time in three years. He's even more surprised when she invites him to her wedding. Frank arrives to

find that the wedding is at a private estate very much out of his league. It seems Maggie failed to mention she's marrying Aidan Gardner, the son of a billionaire. Feeling out of place, Frank focuses on reconnecting with Maggie and getting to know her new family. But Aidan is withdrawn and evasive; Maggie doesn't seem to have time for him; and the locals are disturbingly hostile to the Gardners. Frank needs to know more about this family, but if he pushes too hard, he could lose Maggie forever.

S | ISBN: 9781420516821 | \$40.99 U.S.

Thriller | Releases 10/9/2024

Available in High-Octane 4, 6 & 8.



AN EYE FOR AN EYE

Jeffrey Archer

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE #3

In one of the most luxurious cities on earth, a billion-dollar deal is about to go badly wrong. A lavish night out is about to end in murder. And the British government is about to be plunged into crisis. In the heart

of the British establishment, Lord Hartley, the latest in a line of peers going back over two hundred years, lies dying. But his will triggers an inheritance with explosive consequences. Two deaths. Continents apart. No obvious connection. So why are they both at the center of a master criminal's plot for revenge? And can Scotland Yard's elite squad uncover the truth before it's too late?

S | ISBN: 9781420517880 | \$40.99 U.S.

Thriller | Releases 10/9/2024

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THE FOREST OF LOST SOULS

Dean Koontz

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE #2

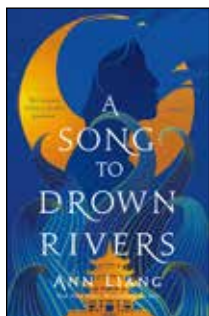
Raised in the wilderness by her late great-uncle, Vida is a young woman with an almost preternatural affinity for nature, especially for the wolves that also call the forested mountains home. Formed by hard experience,

by love and loss, and by the prophecies of a fortune teller, Vida just wants peace. If only nearby Kettleton County didn't cast such a dark shadow. It's where Jose Nochelobo, the love of Vida's life, died in a tragic accident. That's the official story, but Vida has reasons to doubt it. The truth can't be contained for long. Vida, the forest, and its formidable wonders are waiting. She will not rest until goodness and order have been restored.

S | ISBN: 9781420517972 | \$40.99 U.S.

Thriller | Releases 10/9/2024

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A SONG TO DROWN RIVERS

A NOVEL

Ann Liang

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE #8
SHELF AWARENESS PICK

"Liang's . . . adult debut will appeal to those who enjoy retellings blending history and myth." — Library Journal

Xishi's beauty is seen as a blessing to the villagers of Yue. When Xishi draws the attention of famous young military advisor Fanli, he presents her with a rare opportunity: to use her beauty as a weapon. One that could topple the rival neighboring kingdom of Wu, improve the lives of her people, and avenge her sister's murder. All she has to do is infiltrate the enemy palace as a spy, seduce their immoral king, and weaken them from within. Once inside the enemy palace, the king shows her great affection. But the higher Xishi climbs in the Wu court, the farther she and Fanli have to fall — and if she is unmasked as a traitor, she will bring both kingdoms down.

S | ISBN: 9781420517569 | \$37.99 U.S.

Fantasy | Releases 10/9/2024

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THE STARS ARE DYING

Nytefall Trilogy • Book 1

Chloe C. Peñaranda

EDITOR'S CHOICE #8

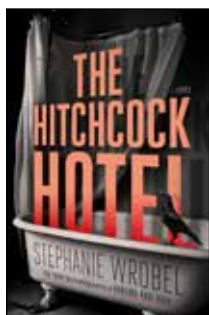
Astraea knows she must escape the tyrannical king who holds her captive. This quest leads her to the Libertatem, a succession of trials in which human lands compete for safety from vampires. But

Astraea's made a bargain with Nyte, the beautiful, deadly vampire who stalks her dreams and haunts her waking hours. He promises to keep her safe, but she knows she cannot trust him, even as she finds herself drawn into his embrace. Caught between Nyte and her own mysteries, Astraea must decide if winning the Libertatem for her kingdom is worth her life, or if protection and the answers to her past really are her strongest desires.

S | ISBN: 9781420517552 | \$37.99 U.S.

Fantasy | Releases 10/9/2024

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THE HITCHCOCK HOTEL ★

Stephanie Wrobel

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Alfred Smettle is not your average Hitchcock fan. He is the founder, owner, and manager of The Hitchcock Hotel, a sprawling Victorian house in the White Mountains dedicated to the Master of Suspense. There, Alfred offers guests round-the-

clock film screenings, movie props and memorabilia in every room, plus an aviary with fifty crows. To celebrate the hotel's first anniversary, he invites his former best friends from his college film club for a reunion. He hasn't spoken to any of them in sixteen years, not after what happened. But who better than them to appreciate Alfred's creation? And to help him finish it. After all, no Hitchcock set is complete without a body.

S | ISBN: 9781420514940 | \$36.99 U.S.

Thriller | Releases 10/9/2024

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SPACE ODDITY

The Space Opera • Book 2

Catherynne M. Valente

SEQUEL TO USA TODAY BS "SPACE OPERA," HUGO, NEBULA FINALIST
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

The Metagalactic Grand Prix — part gladiatorial contest, part beauty pageant, part concert extravaganza, and part continuation of the wars of

the past returns and the fate of the Earth is once again threatened. The civilizations opposed to humanity have been plotting and want to take down the upstarts. Can humanity rise again?

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Science Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024

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VILEST THINGS

Flesh and False Gods • Book 2

Chloe Gong

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

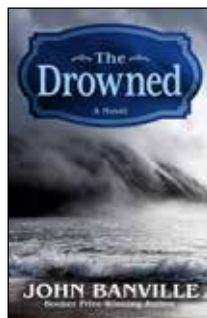
Calla Tuoleimi has won San-Er's bloody games and eliminated King Kasa. She now serves as royal advisor to Kasa's adopted son, August Shenzhi, who has risen to the throne. Only Calla knows it isn't really August.

Anton Makusa is still furious about Calla's betrayal in the games. He took over August's body to survive and has no intention of giving up this newfound power. But when his first love reveals a secret that threatens the monarchy's authority, chaos erupts. As tensions come to a boiling point, Calla and Anton must set their conflicts aside to prevent anarchy . . . even if their empire might be better off burning.

S | ISBN: 9781420516715 | \$36.99 U.S.

Fantasy | Releases 10/9/2024

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THE DROWNED

A NOVEL

John Banville

BOOKER PRIZE WINNING AUTHOR

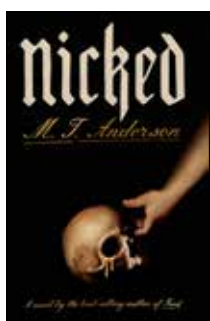
1950s, rural Ireland. A loner comes across a mysteriously empty car in a field. Knowing he shouldn't approach but unable to hold back, he soon finds himself embroiled in a troubling missing person case, as a

husband claims his wife may have thrown herself into the sea. Called in from Dublin to investigate is Detective Inspector Trafford, who soon turns to his old ally — the flawed but brilliant pathologist Quirke — a man he is linked to in increasingly complicated ways. But as the case unfolds, events from the past resurface that may have life-altering ramifications for all involved.

S | ISBN: 9781420515428 | \$36.99 U.S.

Thriller | Releases 10/9/2024

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NICKED ★★

A NOVEL

M. T. Anderson

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

INDIE NEXT PICK

"Anderson . . . approaches the medieval with curiosity and compassion . . . An always entertaining and unexpectedly poignant adventure as rare and gleaming as a reliquary." — *starred*, Kirkus Reviews

The year is 1087, and a pox is sweeping through the Italian city of Bari. When a monk is visited by Saint Nicholas in his dreams, he interprets the vision as a call to serve the sick. But his superiors have different plans for Brother Nicephorus. Enter Tyun, a treasure hunter renowned for "liberating" holy relics from their tombs. The bones of Saint Nicholas are rumored to weep a mysterious liquid that can heal the sick, Tyun says. For the humble price of a small fortune, he will steal the bones and deliver them to Bari, curing the plague. And Nicephorus will be his guide. What follows is a heist for the ages, as Nicephorus is swept away to commit sacrilegious theft.

ISBN: 9781420514629 | \$35.99 U.S.

General Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024

Available in High-Octane 8.



THE STARDUST GRAIL ★★

A NOVEL

Yume Kitasei

"Kitasei writes an emotional roller coaster of a space quest, highlighting friendship, family, and the ostracism of those believed to be different."
— Library Journal / Starred Review

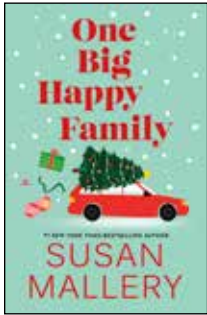
Maya Hoshimoto was once the best art thief in the galaxy. For ten years,

she returned stolen artifacts to alien civilizations. Now she just wants to enjoy a quiet life, but she's haunted by disturbing visions of the future. Then an old friend comes to her with a job she can't refuse: find a powerful object that could save an alien species from extinction. Except no one has seen it in living memory, and they aren't the only ones hunting for it. Maya sets out on a breakneck quest through a universe teeming with strange life and ancient ruins. But someone will betray her along the way. Worse yet, in choosing to save one species, she may condemn humanity and Earth itself.

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Science Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024

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ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY

Susan Mallery

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE #1

Julie Parker's kids are her greatest gift. Still, she's not exactly heartbroken when they ask to skip a big Christmas. Her son, Nick, is taking a belated honeymoon with his bride, Blair, while her daughter, Dana, will

purge every reminder of the guy who dumped her. Julie feels practically giddy for one-on-one holiday time with Heath, the (much) younger man she's secretly dating. But her plans go from cozy to chaotic when Nick and Dana plead for Christmas at the family cabin in memory of their late father. Over this delightfully complicated Christmas, she'll discover that a big, happy family can become bigger and happier if they open their hearts to love.

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Contemporary | Releases 10/9/2024

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SANTA'S SECRET

Santa's Crew • Book 3

Fern Michaels

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE #4

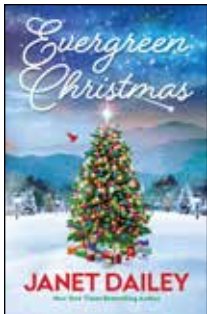
Christmas is filled with long-kept traditions, but sometimes, there's nothing better than creating new ones. That's why Francesca and her friends Amy, Rachael, and Nina are

traveling to Italy to spend the holidays with Frankie's boyfriend, Giovanni, and his family. While Frankie joins Giovanni, Amy, Nina, and Rachael are on their own quests. Amy wants to see the statue of David in Florence, Nina needs career inspiration, and Rachael longs to meet some eligible Italian men. Can one trip provide the answers everyone seeks? With a sprinkling of holiday magic in the mix, there may be all kinds of sweet surprises in store.

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Women's Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024

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EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS

Janet Dailey

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE #5

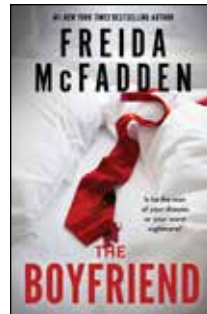
Jordyn Banks is thrilled to discover affordable land for sale in charming Noel. A nomad with no family, she hopes to find a home within the community. Yet Jordyn didn't bargain on inheriting a controversial Fraser

Fir — or falling for a handsome single dad. Since losing his wife six years ago, Nate Reed has devoted himself to their daughter, Roxanna, and built up their thriving Frosted Firs Ranch. Nate can't help noticing that Roxanna is dazzled by Jordyn. Soon enough, Nate is falling for her, too. But can a feisty wanderer ever really settle down? Is Nate ready to open his heart to someone new? And is it possible that sometimes love does grow on (Christmas) trees?

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Romance General | Releases 10/9/2024

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THE BOYFRIEND

Freida McFadden

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE #6

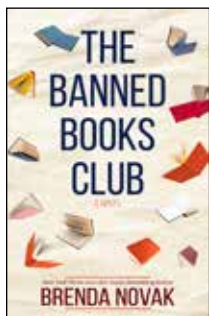
Sydney Shaw, like every single woman in New York, has terrible luck with dating. But finally, she hits the jackpot. Her new boyfriend is utterly perfect. He's charming, handsome, and a doctor. Then the brutal murder

of a young woman — the latest in a string of deaths across the coast — confounds police. The primary suspect? A mystery man who dates his victims before he kills them. Sydney should feel safe. After all, she is dating the guy of her dreams. But she can't shake her own suspicions that the perfect man may not be as perfect as he seems. Because someone is watching her every move, and if she doesn't get to the truth, she'll be the killer's next victim.

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Thriller | Releases 10/9/2024

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THE BANNED BOOKS CLUB

A NOVEL

Brenda Novak

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

When Gia's sister, Margot, begs her to come home to help with their ailing mother, Gia has no choice. Margot's borne the brunt of their mother's care, and now it's Gia's turn to help, even if it means opening old

wounds. As expected, Gia's homecoming is far from welcome. There's the Banned Books Club she started after the PTA slashed the high school reading list, but there is also Mr. Hart, her former favorite teacher. The one who was fired after Gia publicly and painfully accused him of sexual misconduct. Fortunately, Gia learns that there are people she can depend on. And by standing up for the truth, she finds a future in the town she thought had rejected her.

S | ISBN: 9781420515411 | \$37.99 U.S.

Women's Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024

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HOW TO AGE DISGRACEFULLY

A NOVEL

Clare Pooley

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"[A] delightful romp . . . about . . . aging, love, crime, friendship, making mistakes and living through them, and life's complicated emotions and choices."

— Kirkus Reviews / Starred Review

When Lydia takes a job running the Senior Citizens' Social Club, she assumes she'll be spending her time drinking tea and playing cards. The members, however, are not at all what she was expecting. From Art, a failed actor turned kleptomaniac, to Daphne, who has been hiding from her dark past for decades, to Ruby, a knitter who gets revenge in yarn, these seniors look deceptively benign. When the city council threatens to sell the community center, the members of the Social Club join forces with their tiny friends in the daycare next door to save the building. This group's unorthodox methods may actually work, as long as the police don't catch up with them first.

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Women's Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024

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THE SEQUEL ★

A NOVEL

The Book Series • Book 2

Jean Hanff Korelitz

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE #7

Anna Williams-Bonner has taken care of her husband, bestselling novelist Jacob Finch Bonner, and laid to rest those anonymous accusations of

plagiarism that tormented him. Now she is a literary widow, enjoying her husband's royalty checks in perpetuity, but for the second time in her life, a work of fiction intercedes, and this time it's her own debut novel. When Anna publishes her book, she begins to receive excerpts of a novel she never expected to see again, a novel that should no longer exist. She has come too far, and worked too hard, to lose the right to her own story. And she is, by any standard, a master storyteller.

S | ISBN: 9781420517583 | \$37.99 U.S.

Thriller | Releases 10/9/2024

Available in Dynamic Drama 3 & 5.



KNIFE RIVER

A NOVEL

Justine Champine

"While Champine does a decent job of weaving clues about Natalie's disappearance through the book, it's the relationship between the sisters that shines."

— Kirkus Reviews

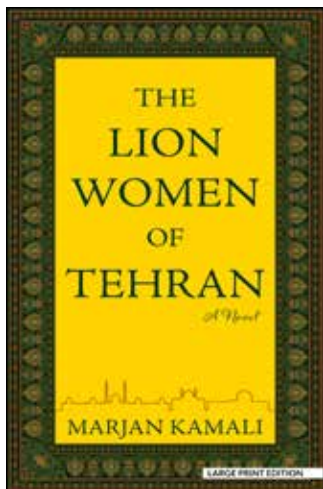
When Jess was thirteen, her mother went for a walk and never returned.

As soon as she was old enough, Jess fled the small town of Knife River. But one morning, fifteen years after her mother's disappearance, she gets the call she's been bracing for: Her mother's remains have been found. Jess returns to find Knife River — and her sister — frozen in time. Liz still lives in their childhood home and has become obsessed with missing persons cases. As Jess gets caught up in the case and falls back in with her high school girlfriend, her understanding of the past, of Liz, of their mother, and of herself become more complicated — and the list of theories more ominous.

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General Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024

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THE LION WOMEN OF TEHRAN

A NOVEL

Marjan Kamali

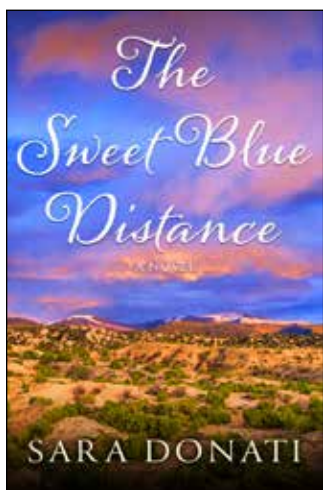
INDIE NEXT PICK

"A touching portrait of courage and friendship." — Kirkus Reviews

In 1950s Tehran, seven-year-old Ellie lives in grand comfort until the untimely death of her father, forcing Ellie and her mother to move to a tiny home downtown. On the first day of school, Ellie meets Homa, a kind, passionate girl. But their happiness is disrupted when Ellie and her mother are afforded the opportunity to return to their bourgeois life. Now a popular student at the best girls' high school in Iran, Ellie's memories of Homa begin to fade. Years later, however, Homa's reappearance in Ellie's world alters the course of both their lives. As the turmoil in Iran builds to a breaking point, one earth-shattering betrayal will have enormous consequences.

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Historical | Releases 10/23/2024



THE SWEET BLUE DISTANCE ★★

A NOVEL

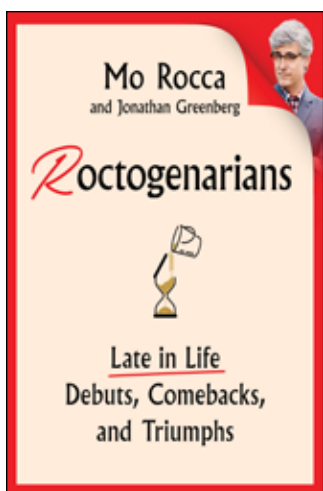
Sara Donati

"These 800 pages are gone in a surprising flash. Highly recommended." — starred, Library Journal

1857. In a bid to outrun her past, Carrie Ballentyne accepts a nursing position with a doctor in the New Mexico Territory. The trip west is only the beginning of her challenges, though. In Santa Fe, Carrie helps women bring new life into the world, making her beloved among new mothers. Soon, however, she realizes that her employer and his wife are keeping secrets from her, and she must ferret out the truth to protect their young daughter. But to save the little girl she's come to cherish, Carrie will have to confront the demons in her own past — a feat that will take all of her bravery with the help of the man she's grown to love and depend on above all others.

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Historical | Releases 10/23/2024



ROCTOGENARIANS

LATE IN LIFE DEBUTS, COMEBACKS, AND TRIUMPHS

Mo Rocca and Jonathan Greenberg

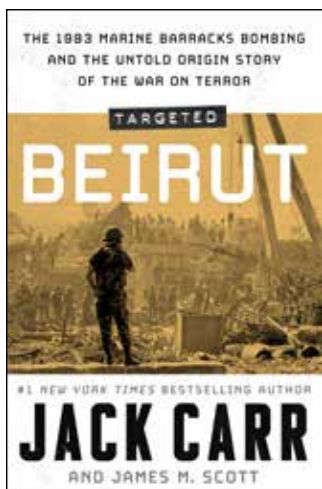
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"A fun collection of stories that give a heartening perspective on living life to the fullest." — Kirkus Reviews

Eighty has been the new sixty for about twenty years now. In fact, there have always been late-in-life achievers, those who declined to go into decline just because they were eligible for social security. Journalist, humorist, and history buff Mo Rocca and coauthor Jonathan Greenberg introduce us to the people past and present who peaked when they could have been puttering. *Roctogenarians* is a collection of entertaining and unexpected profiles of these unretired titans. With passion and wonder Rocca and Greenberg recount the stories of yesterday's and today's strongest finishers.

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TARGETED

BEIRUT: THE 1983 MARINE BARRACKS BOMBING AND THE UNTOLD ORIGIN STORY OF THE WAR ON TERROR

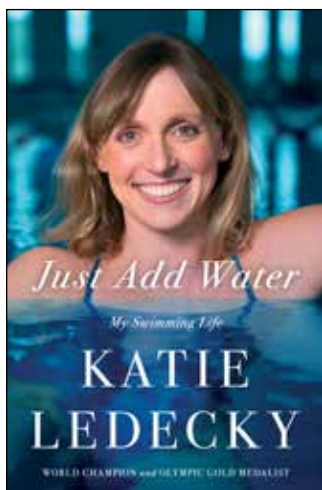
Jack Carr and James M. Scott

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

1983: the United States Marine Corps experiences its greatest single-day loss of life since the Battle of Iwo Jima when a truck packed with explosives crashes into their headquarters and barracks in Beirut, Lebanon. This terrorist attack, which killed 241 servicemen, continues to influence US foreign policy to this day. Now, the full story is revealed as never before. Based on interviews with survivors, extensive military records, as well as personal letters, diaries, and photographs, this is the authoritative account of the deadly attack.

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JUST ADD WATER

MY SWIMMING LIFE

Katie Ledecky

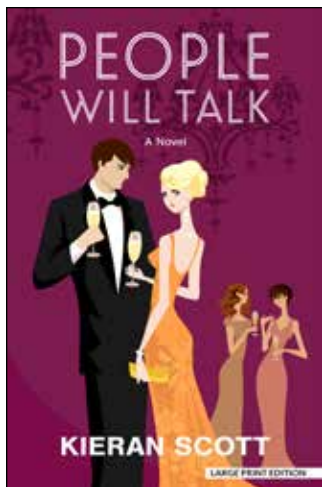
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

"A trove of detail for aspiring swimmers and serious fans of the sport." — Kirkus Reviews

Katie Ledecky has won more individual Olympic races than any female swimmer in history. She is a three-time Olympian, a seven-time gold medalist, a twenty-one-time world champion, eight-time NCAA Champion, and a world record-holder. Now, she shares what it takes to compete at an elite level. *Just Add Water* charts how Ledecky developed a champion's mindset that has allowed her to persevere under intense pressure and how she has maintained her dominance in a sport where success depends on milliseconds. In the end, Katie's story is about testing yourself against the difficult, and seeing who you become on the other side.

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PEOPLE WILL TALK

A NOVEL

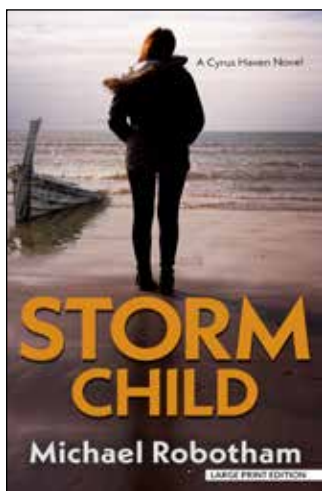
Kieran Scott

“Love, betrayal, and the choices that women are willing to make to protect the people they love are deliciously unpacked.” — Kirkus Reviews

When the Frank family throws their annual clambake, Peter Frank will make the rounds, charming every woman on the guest list. Top of that list are Maya, his girlfriend; Catherine, his high school sweetheart; and Leanne, the legal guardian of his son. Expecting an extravagant feast, they’re instead lured into a room to find . . . Tilly. Tilly explains that she and Peter plan to get married, Maya and Peter are through, Peter will no longer be investing in Catherine’s company, and Leanne must give up her guardianship. When a chandelier falls and crushes the bride, they’re suspects with three perfect motives. Now they’ll have to figure out who really did kill Tilly.

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Thriller | Releases 10/23/2024



STORM CHILD ★

A Cyrus Haven Novel

Michael Robotham

“Fast-paced . . . will rivet the reader’s attention . . . Fans of crime fiction will love this one.” — starred, Kirkus Reviews

As a child, Evie Cormac was discovered hiding in a secret room where a man had been tortured to death. Now, on a hot summer’s day, the past drags Evie back as she watches the bodies of seventeen migrants wash up on a Lincolnshire beach. There is only one survivor, a teenage boy, who tells police their boat was deliberately rammed and sunk. Psychologist Cyrus Haven is recruited by the police to investigate the murders — but recognizes immediately that Evie has some link to the tragedy. By solving this crime, he could finally unlock the secrets of her past. But what dark forces will he set loose? And who will pay the price?

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Thriller | Releases 10/23/2024



THE UNRAVELING

A NOVEL

Vi Keeland

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

“[A] shocking debut thriller . . . Keeland keeps the twists coming hard and fast, and few readers will be able to predict them.” — Publishers Weekly

After experiencing a terrible loss, New York City psychiatrist Meredith McCall feels painfully adrift. When she crosses paths with a man with whom she has a tragic connection, she follows him, sparking an unhealthy obsession with Gabriel Wright. How is he doing so well while her life is in shambles? But when Gabriel walks into her office as a patient, seemingly unaware of who she is, she knows it crosses all ethical and moral bounds to treat him. Yet, Meredith can’t bring herself to turn him away and becomes further entangled. With her life and career continuing to unravel, it appears that things could not get any worse . . . until they do.

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Thriller | Releases 10/23/2024

**KILLING TIME**

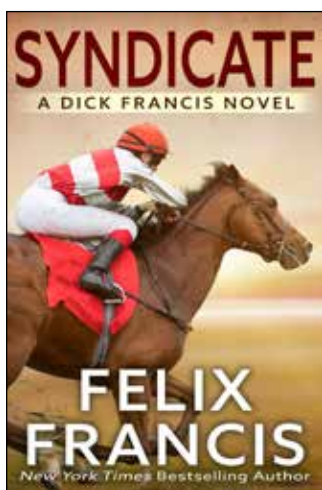
An Agatha Raisin Mystery

M. C. Beaton with R. W. Green**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

Agatha Raisin's private detective agency has their work cut out for them when a series of shop burglaries disturbs their quiet Cotswolds village. When the break-ins take a violent turn and a murder occurs, it's all hands on deck to find the killer. When Agatha begins to receive death threats and narrowly avoids being kidnapped, she takes advantage of a previously arranged trip to Mallorca with her recent paramour, former police officer John Glass, to lie low for a while. Can Agatha track down whoever it is that wants her dead, nail the murderer, and keep her romance alive too?

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**SYNDICATE** ★

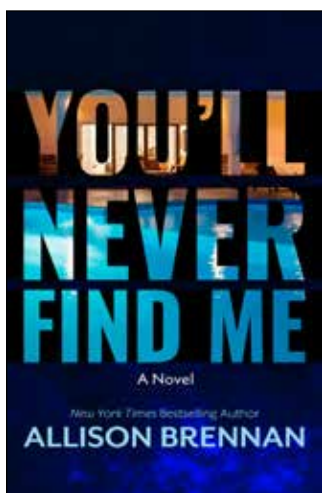
A Dick Francis Novel

Felix Francis**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

Chester Newton has built his fortune organizing racehorse syndicates, where top horses are co-owned and managed by several parties. These joint enterprises are high risk and high reward — and the stakes only get higher as the syndicates grow larger. After an anxious morning waiting for the results of the Epsom Derby, the premier flat race in the UK, Chester has an afternoon of triumph — and an evening of total terror. Someone tries to take over one of his syndicates by force — and by threats to him and his family. For the first time in Chester's life, it's not just money at stake — it's his life and the lives of his loved ones.

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**YOU'LL NEVER FIND ME**

A NOVEL

Angelhart Investigations

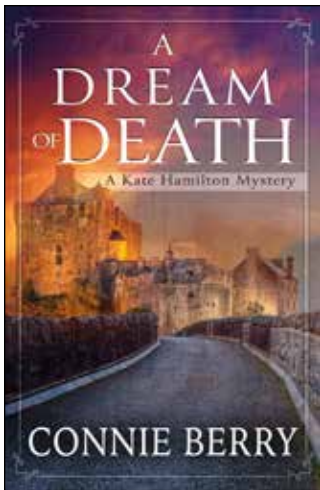
Allison Brennan

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Estranged from her PI family, Margo Angelhart does what she must to get by. That is, until a case she's working intersects with her siblings' corporate espionage investigation, forcing Margo to cooperate with the Angelhart firm. Now, as the siblings compare notes, they need to work together before a white-collar crime escalates to murder. With more questions than answers and a key suspect on the run, they'll need the whole family to pitch in. But as they investigate, Margo isn't sharing everything. Can she learn to trust her family and heal their once-close relationship before her secrets put those she loves most in danger?

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A DREAM OF DEATH ★

A Kate Hamilton Mystery

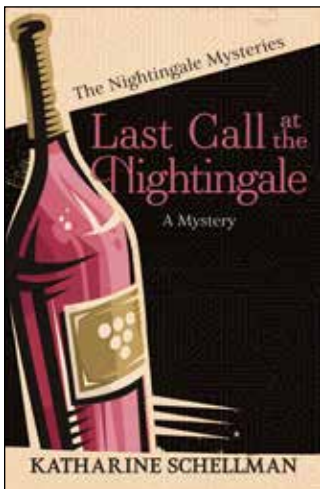
Connie Berry

"Berry turns in a well-written, intriguing debut mystery that combines history, an unforgettable setting, and mature, relatable characters in a story that blends an old island legend with a contemporary whodunit." — starred, Library Journal

Autumn has come and gone on Scotland's Isle of Glenroth, and American antiques dealer Kate Hamilton returns reluctantly to the island where her husband died, determined to repair her relationship with his sister, proprietor of the island's luxe country house hotel. Kate has hardly unpacked when the next morning a body is found. The only clue to the killer's identity lies in a curiously embellished antique casket. When a much-loved local handyman is arrested, Kate teams up with a vacationing detective inspector from Suffolk, England, to unmask a killer determined to rewrite island history — and Kate's future.

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LAST CALL AT THE NIGHTINGALE ★★

A MYSTERY

The Nightingale Mysteries

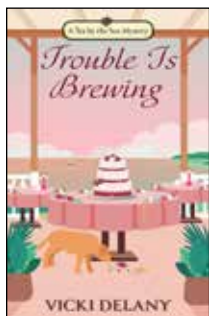
Katharine Schellman

"A compelling, atmospheric series debut. Schellman expertly creates a strong sense of pace, introducing a nightclub as a world where people of different races, classes, and sexual orientations can come together." — Library Journal

New York, 1924. Vivian Kelly's days are filled with drudgery, but at night she escapes to The Nightingale, an underground dance hall where illegal liquor flows and the band plays with reckless excitement. At The Nightingale, Vivian finds a place that feels like home. But then she discovers a body behind the club. Vivian finds herself caught between the dangers of New York's underground and the world of the city's wealthy and careless, where money can hide any sin and the lives of the poor are considered disposable . . . including Vivian's own.

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TROUBLE IS BREWING

A Tea By the Sea Mystery

Vicki Delany

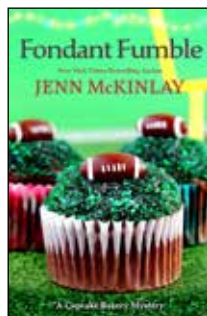
Members of the Reynolds and Hill families have gathered at Tea by the Sea to sip some delicious blends while they shower bride-to-be Hannah Hill with presents. But the mothers-in-law have been sniping at each other — and then Lily overhears

the groom’s father, Ralph, offering his son a very sizable bribe to call off the wedding. The event suddenly has to be postponed when Ralph is found dead, a bottle of whiskey beside him. When tests indicate the booze was infused with a lethal substance, it becomes a murder case. Now, to find out whether all this family drama led to a fatality, Lily will have to turn up the heat.

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FONDANT FUMBLE

A Cupcake Bakery Mystery

Jenn McKinlay

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

“Cupcakes, football, murder . . . combine for a sweet, manly treat.” — Kirkus Reviews

Professional football players Keogh Graham and Tyler Matthews want to open a Fairy Tale Cupcakes franchise. They’re spending the off-season in

Mel’s bakery, learning about the business and how to bake show-stopping cupcakes. Everyone’s excited the athletes are pursuing their dream — except those who fear the players will retire early from professional sports. When the owner of their team is found dead on the floor of their bakery following an argument with Keogh, the pros become suspects. As the investigation heats up, Mel must step up and prove her franchise owners are innocent before it’s game-over for the new bakers.

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KNOT DEAD AGAIN

A Yarn Retreat Mystery

Betty Hechtman

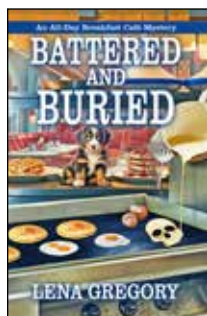
When the skies of Cadbury unleash a torrential downpour, yarn retreat host Casey Feldstein watches as the streets become flooded and she and her guests are trapped. But the storm is the least of their worries when a man is found dead in his room. Casey

is quick to discover evidence pointing to foul play, but with the guests growing restless, it’s everything Casey can do to keep them fed, distracted — and safe. Then another body is found, and Casey realizes she has to act fast. Because the culprit has tampered with the evidence and is tying up loose ends, and Casey fears she may be left high and dry — or drenched and dead.

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BATTERED AND BURIED

An All-Day Breakfast Café Mystery

Lena Gregory

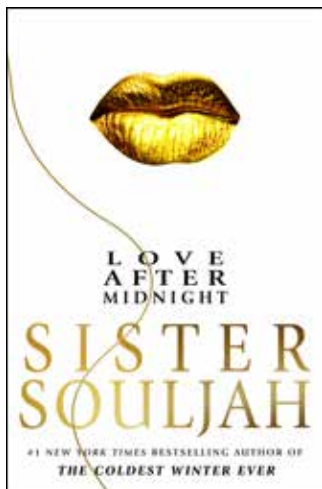
Never one to let a day off work go to waste, café owner Gia Morelli and a friend head out for a blissful kayaking trip. But the peacefulness is soon shattered when they come across Cole, her head cook, standing over a dead body. Worse still, the victim was

a lifelong enemy of Cole’s, and clues point to the cook as the culprit. With the police ready to wrap up what they consider an open-and-shut case, Gia turns for help to an old friend who’s not above breaking the law himself. Because if she can’t find the killer, Cole may go from serving up hot dishes to serving a life sentence.

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LOVE AFTER MIDNIGHT

A NOVEL

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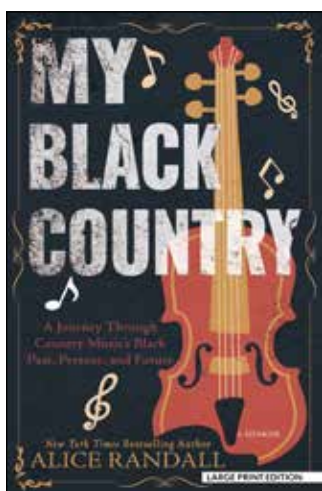
Sister Souljah

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

After suffering a horrifying, yet soul stirring death experience, worldwide top bitch Winter Santiago, of *The Coldest Winter Ever*, is alive and facing a dilemma that every living person faces: how to respond to the Fear of God, awareness of heaven and hell, while pursuing and satisfying deep desires for sex, fun, love, money, revenge, and fame.

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MY BLACK COUNTRY ★★

A JOURNEY THROUGH COUNTRY MUSIC'S BLACK PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Alice Randall

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

SHELF AWARENESS PICK

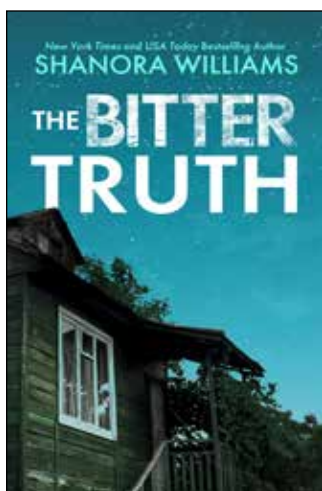
"Randall's knowledge and respect for the performers and musicians who came before her permeates this lyrical memoir/music history hybrid. Country music fans will relish reading it."

— Library Journal / Starred Review

Country music gave Alice Randall a singular distinction in American music history: she is the first Black woman to cowrite a number one country hit, Trisha Yearwood's "XXX's and OOO's (An American Girl)." Randall found inspiration and comfort in the sounds and history of the first family of Black country music: DeFord Bailey, Lil Hardin, Ray Charles, Charley Pride, and Herb Jeffries. As country music goes through a fresh renaissance today, *My Black Country* is a vibrant introduction to a new generation of listeners who previously were not invited to give the genre a chance.

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Biography | Releases 10/23/2024 | Available in Black Voices 2, 3 & 4.



THE BITTER TRUTH ★

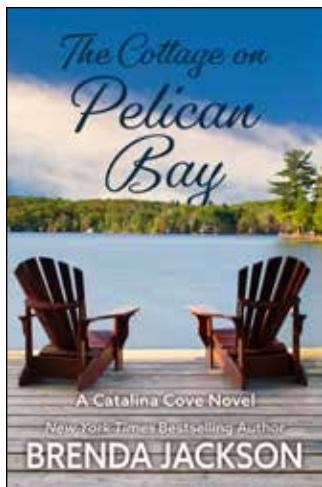
Shanora Williams

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

For Jolene "Jo" Baker, the least she can do for her adoring husband, Dominic, is give unwavering support for his North Carolina gubernatorial run. With huge crowds showing up at Dominic's speeches and the polls consistently in his favor, she's never been happier to stand proudly by his side. Until she and Dominic start seeing the same ominous woman all along the campaign trail. Until their tour starts becoming a nightmare of botched events, crucial missed information, and increasingly dangerous "accidents." With her world splintering into pieces, can Jo risk trying to set things right? Or will hiding the bitter truth by any means necessary destroy her as well?

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Thriller | Releases 10/23/2024 | Available in Black Voices 2, 3 & 4.



THE COTTAGE ON PELICAN BAY

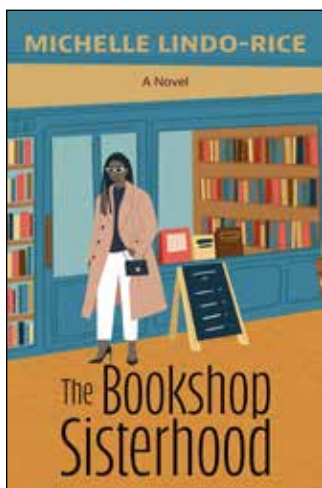
A Catalina Cove Novel • Book 7

Brenda Jackson

Two years ago, Zara Miller found herself stranded in a New Orleans hotel bar with a sexy stranger named Saint. One thing led to another and to a night of unforgettable pleasure. Zara hasn't been able to stop thinking about him or that night ever since. Now she's returned to Catalina Cove only to discover that her brother's new hire is the one-night man she can't forget. Despite an enduring attraction, Zara and Saint decide to keep their spicy secret in the past. But when their desire becomes impossible to ignore, they escape to Zara's cottage on Pelican Bay, where they're free to explore whether their connection might be the lasting love they've both been missing.

ISBN: 9781420517705 | \$33.99 U.S.

Romance General | Releases 10/23/2024 | Available in Black Voices 3 & 4.



THE BOOKSHOP SISTERHOOD

A NOVEL

Michelle Lindo-Rice

"An inspiring read about the power of women's friendships and how learning to trust those one loves best can be risky but ultimately rewarding." — Library Journal

After years of hard work, four best friends — Celeste, Yasmeen, Toni, and Leslie — are finally on the verge of opening the bookstore of their dreams. But before they can cut the ribbon, their worlds are upended. Toni receives devastating news just months before her wedding, while Celeste's struggling marriage threatens to collapse. Leslie learns a shocking secret about her family, and a lotto ticket changes Yasmeen's life — but not for the better. As the bookstore's grand opening approaches, the women must lean on each other now more than ever. And together, they'll learn that sometimes, even life's most unexpected plot twists can lead to beautiful new beginnings.

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General Fiction | Releases 10/23/2024 | Available in Black Voices 4.



THE GUEST LIST

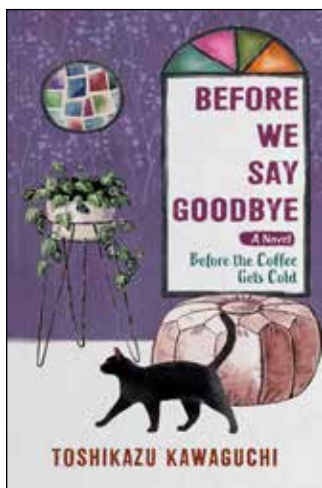
Fern Michaels

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

For the first time ever, Abby Mitchell feels that the world is her oyster. Her first book has found a publisher, a daring new surgery is on the horizon, and there's a new man in her life, a man who sees beyond any flaws . . . into her heart. Best of all is that Abby has been reunited with her sister Mallory. Separated as girls after their parents died in a double tragedy, Abby always dreamed that, one day, they would be together again. But while the sisters make up for lost time, danger hides in the shadows. Now, Abby and Mallory have planned a sumptuous party — unaware that their gathering will include an uninvited guest who will do anything to keep the past hidden.

ISBN: 9781420517682 | \$27.99 U.S.

Romantic Suspense | Releases 10/23/2024



BEFORE WE SAY GOODBYE

A NOVEL

Before the Coffee Gets Cold • Book 4

Toshikazu Kawaguchi

"[A]n examination of love and regret in four acts, written in fluid, dreamlike prose. Simple, sentimental, and profound, this is sure to scratch the itch for series fans." — Publishers Weekly

The regulars at Café Funiculi Funicula are well acquainted with its extraordinary time-travel offer. Many patrons have reunited with old flames, made amends with estranged family, and visited loved ones. But the journey is not without risks, and there are rules to follow. In the tradition of Toshikazu Kawaguchi's *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* series, readers will again be introduced to a new set of visitors: the husband with something important left to say; the woman who couldn't bid her dog farewell; the woman who couldn't answer a proposal; and the daughter who drove her father away.

ISBN: 9781420517828 | \$27.99 U.S.

Fantasy | Releases 10/23/2024



FOUR WEEKENDS AND A FUNERAL

A NOVEL

Ellie Palmer

"These protagonists are realistic and likable and have sizzling chemistry. Their banter is amusing and witty, and Alison's interior life is both frustrating and hilarious . . . This debut rom-com features peak grumpy/sunshine and friends-to-lovers tropes." — Library Journal

When Alison Mullally arrives at her ex-boyfriend Sam's funeral to find that no one knows he dumped her, she agrees to play the grieving girlfriend for the sake of the family and pack up Sam's apartment with his prickly best friend, Adam Berg. Forced to spend long hours with the grump, Alison decides she *will* make him like her. And after awkward family affairs and packing dilemmas, the two form a tenuous friendship, if "friendship" means incredible chemistry and tension. Can Alison come clean and finally embrace the life and love she's always wanted? Or will her little white lie get in the way of her new, unexpected romance?

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Contemporary | Releases 10/23/2024



THE STRIKER

Ana Huang

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

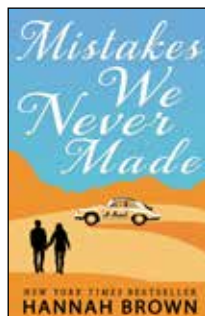
Asher Donovan is arguably the greatest footballer in the world. But when his feud with his rival-turned-teammate costs them a championship, they're forced to "bond" during the off-season.

Surviving the summer shouldn't be hard . . . until Asher meets their trainer. She's beautiful, talented, and his rival's sister. The last thing Scarlett DuBois wants is to spend the summer cross-training Asher Donovan, of all people. When her brother leaves town for an emergency, she finds herself in dangerously close proximity with the striker. Training, she can deal with. But falling in love? That's out of the question — especially when he has the power to break her heart.

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Contemporary | Releases 10/23/2024

Available in Romance 2, 3 & 4.



MISTAKES WE NEVER MADE ★

A NOVEL

Hannah Brown

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"Full of tension and heat . . . A gratifying genre debut."

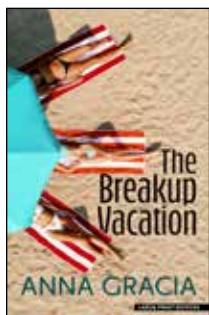
— Library Journal / Starred Review

Emma Townsend can sum up her situation with Finn Hughes in one word: *almost*. They *almost* dated in high school, *almost* hooked up after college, *almost* took things too far. Now, one of their mutuals is getting married, and Emma and Finn will have to pretend they don't remember how disastrous it was the last time they were in a room together. Emma's doing a stellar job of playing it cool — until the bride goes missing. With two days before the wedding, Emma and Finn are hitting the road in hopes of salvaging someone else's happily-ever-after. As old feelings spark once more, Emma begins to question whether risking your heart is ever really a mistake.

ISBN: 9781420517378 | \$34.99 U.S.

Contemporary | Releases 10/23/2024

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THE BREAKUP VACATION

Beach House • Book 1

Anna Gracia

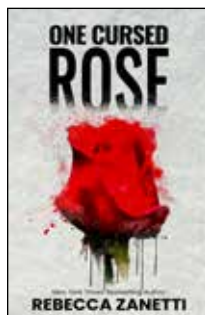
Grace knows her choices skate past questionable and probably into destructive. But her heart is broken and the guy who broke it — her ex, Josh — keeps hinting at a reunion. When her best friends suggest a girls trip to help her get over her

heartache, Grace doesn't hesitate to recommend Cancún. She just doesn't mention that Josh also happens to be there. Things only get more complicated when she clicks with a hot local guy, Daniel. As the days unfold, Grace starts to think maybe she'll get away with it. But will her past decisions and her need for closure come back to ruin the relationships that matter most to her?

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Contemporary | Releases 10/23/2024

Available in Romance 3 & 4.



ONE CURSED ROSE ★

Grimm Bargains • Book 1

Rebecca Zanetti

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"Zanetti . . . launches a new series with this shadowy and violent twist on Beauty and the Beast that will appeal to readers looking for a uniquely magical world filled with seduction and betrayal." — Library Journal

Alana. While my name means beauty, beneath that is a depth I allow few to see. I'm heir to Aquarius Social, a media giant about to succumb to an unseen enemy. Who knew the unforeseen twist would be an assassination attempt on me and an unwanted rescue by Thorn Beathach, head of the rival social media empire driving Aquarius under? The Beast protects his realm with an iron rule: no one sees his face. When he shows himself to me, I know he'll never let me go. But I'm not the docile Beauty he expects. If the Beast wants to tie me up, I'm going to take pleasure from every minute of it, and we'll just see who ends up shackled.

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Fantasy | Releases 10/23/2024

Available in Romance 4.



VEIL OF WINTER
A Dericott Tale • Book 3
Melanie Dickerson

"A perfect pick for fans of period dramas who want a little action mixed into their romance." — Booklist

In the mountains near France, Princess Elyce chooses to feign her death and flee to Prague to beg King Wenceslaus to help save her people.

In England, Sir Gerard has a vision from God instructing him to help Elyce. When he arrives to find she has been near death for days, he manages to revive her. However, thinking the stranger was trying to kiss her, the princess immediately distrusts him. But her greatest challenge may be to overcome the voices of disapproval and accusation from her childhood. Will her emotions lead her into her true identity, or will they undermine her ability to work with Gerard and to save her people?

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Historical Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024
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SAVED BY THE MATCHMAKER
A Shanahan Match • Book 2
Jody Hedlund

"[T]he narrative finds its heart in Enya and Sullivan's delicately drawn love story, and the winding path they take to happiness makes it all the more satisfying when they get there." — Publishers Weekly

After her annulment is finalized, Enya Shanahan finds herself caught in a web of scandal and obligation. Determined to find a suitable marriage for Enya, her father turns to a matchmaker to save them from their circumstances. Sullivan O'Brien, a steamboat captain committed to aiding enslaved people on their path to freedom, is faced with an ultimatum from his father. Forced to marry or lose his livelihood, a marriage of convenience seems to be the only solution. As he and Enya face their pasts and a city consumed by fire, they must confront their deepest fears and learn to trust, even when darkness threatens to engulf them.

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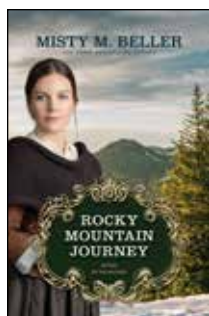


CHRISTMAS AT SUGAR PLUM MANOR
Roseanna M. White

Lady Mariah Lyons cherishes her home at Plumford Manor, but her world will be threatened when the estate passes to Cyril Lightbourne, a childhood friend she hasn't heard from in years. Once, Mariah dreamed their friendship would kindle into

something more, but that was before she heard Cyril was courting Lady Pearl. When his friendship with Lady Mariah reignites, Cyril finds himself caught between his affection for her and her misunderstanding of his attachment to Lady Pearl. Will the magic of the holiday season help lead to the discovery of true love, or will duty to country leave all longing for what could have been?

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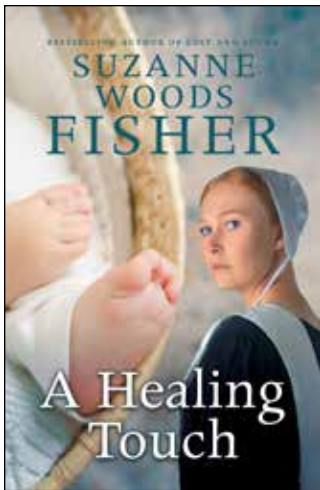


ROCKY MOUNTAIN JOURNEY
Sisters of the Rockies • Book 3
Misty M. Beller

Faith Collins embarks on a journey through the untamed Rocky Mountains in search of the Peigan Blackfoot woman who saved her father's life. Masquerading as a man, she follows a group of trappers who may be able to lead her to the place

the woman is hiding. Grant Allen is searching for his brother who was separated from him many years ago. He joins a band of trappers, hoping they can lead him to his brother's location. Soon Grant realizes there's a woman hiding among the men, and he's determined to find out her identity, what she's hiding, and how he can keep her safe in this country of wild animals and even wilder men.

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Romance | Releases 10/9/2024
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A HEALING TOUCH

Suzanne Woods Fisher

Ruth “Dok” Stoltzfus is the kind of doctor who still believes in house calls, addressing not just her patients’ physical needs but their emotional ones too. When newly widowed Bee faces a breast cancer diagnosis, Dok connects her with Fern Lapp for support. When her painfully shy assistant Annie finds herself drawn to a new calling, Dok goes to great lengths to help her achieve her dream. And when an abandoned newborn mysteriously appears at her office one frosty morning, Dok’s world takes an unexpected turn as ripples of change touch several lives.

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Amish and Mennonite | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Christian Fiction 2, 3, 4 & 5.



WITH EACH TOMORROW

The Jewels of Kalispell • Book 2

Tracie Peterson, Kimberley Woodhouse

The formation of Glacier National Park takes Eleanor Briggs and her conservationist father on a journey west to advocate for public lands. She has spent her life traveling with her father, but now he’s considering settling down — and she’s not sure what that means for her future. Carter Brunswick faces trials of his own when the Great Northern Railway’s departure threatens his family’s livelihood and the entire town of Kalispell. When tensions boil over, Ellie and Carter are drawn together on a daring journey that tests the depths of their feelings and their faith in God.

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Christian Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Christian Fiction 2, 3, 4 & 5.



UNTIL OUR TIME COMES

A NOVEL OF WORLD WAR II POLAND

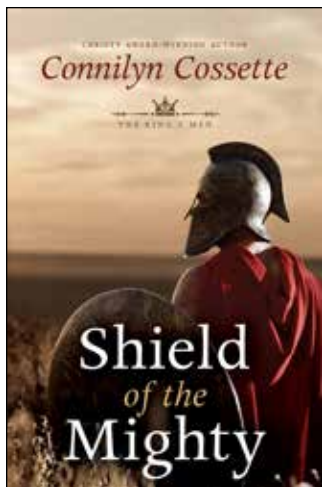
Nicole M. Miller

“Miller’s debut is a sweeping historical romance and spy thriller rolled up into a novel highlighting a little-known aspect of World War II.” — Library Journal

American horse trainer Adia Kensington is living her dream of working at the Janów Podlaski stables in Poland, where the best Arabian horses in the world are bred. But her plans to bring a priceless stallion to the US are derailed when the German army storms into her adopted country in 1939. Bret Conway is at Janów Podlaski under the guise of a news reporter, but his true mission is intelligence gathering for the British. That and keeping Adia safe, which is hard to do as she insists they evacuate two hundred and fifty horses. What follows will test Bret’s and Adia’s strength, as well as their faith in God and each other.

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Historical Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Christian Fiction 3, 4 & 5.



SHIELD OF THE MIGHTY

The King's Men • Book 2

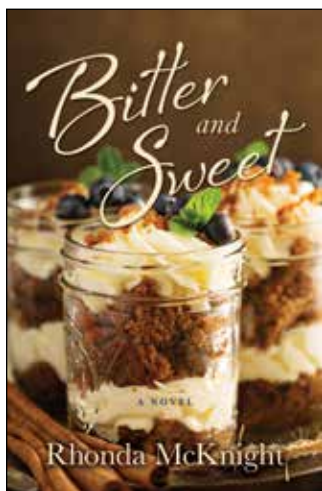
Connilyn Cossette

"Cossette keeps the tension high as the chemistry between Zevi and Yochana gathers heat. Propulsive and textured, Cossette's latest will have fans hungering for more." — Publishers Weekly

Captured by the Philistines as a boy, Zevi has grown into a formidable warrior. As a captain in King Saul's army, he is assigned a crucial mission: recruit soldiers, gather tribute for the royal coffers, and find talented artisans for the king's court. Yochana, a widow and skilled woman of business, is captivated by a stranger who enters her perfume shop. Upon discovering he is not only a soldier but a captain responsible for enlisting young men to die in battle, pain from her past resurfaces. But when Zevi's actions entangle Yochana in his radical scheme, they'll be forced to face present dangers while confronting the past.

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Historical Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Christian Fiction 4 & 5.



BITTER AND SWEET

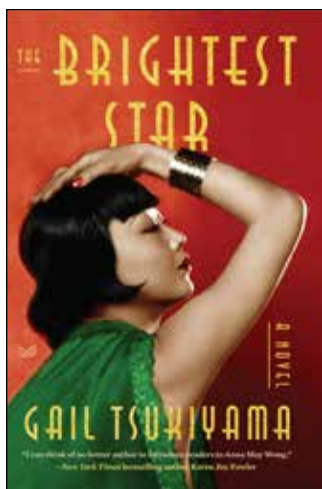
A NOVEL

Rhonda McKnight

The Present. When summoned to South Carolina, sisters Mariah and Sabrina assume their grandfather's health has gotten worse. Neither expects their grandmother's request — save the family restaurant. Sabrina yearns for a chance to turn her baking hustle into a bona-fide business. The family restaurant may be just the blessing she needs. *The Past.* Tabitha Cooper finds herself struggling to survive in the early twentieth century. She is determined to take care of her children and forges a path that leaves a legacy of success for generations to come. Through letters that reveal Tabitha's complicated past, the sisters discover truths that just might mend their hearts.

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Christian Fiction | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Christian Fiction 5.



THE BRIGHTEST STAR ★

A NOVEL

Gail Tsukiyama

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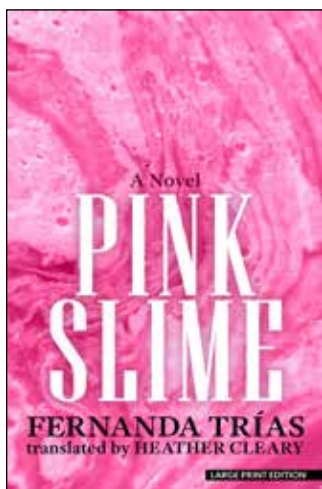
"Tsukiyama has been amplifying Asian voices throughout her career, and her new novel offers an intimate look at what made the original Chinese American film star tick."

— Publishers Weekly / Starred Review

At the dawn of a new century, America is falling in love with silent movies, including young Wong Liu Tsong. By eleven, Wong Liu is determined to become an actress and has chosen a stage name: Anna May Wong. At sixteen, Anna May leaves high school to pursue her Hollywood dreams. Nineteen-year-old Anna May gets her big break in *The Thief of Bagdad*. Yet her talent isn't enough to overcome the racism that relegates her to supporting roles while Caucasian actresses in "yellowface" are given starring roles portraying Asian women. Though she suffers professionally and personally, Anna May fights to win lead roles and finds freedom and stardom across the globe.

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Historical | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Diverse Voices 2 & 3.



PINK SLIME ★★ ★

A NOVEL

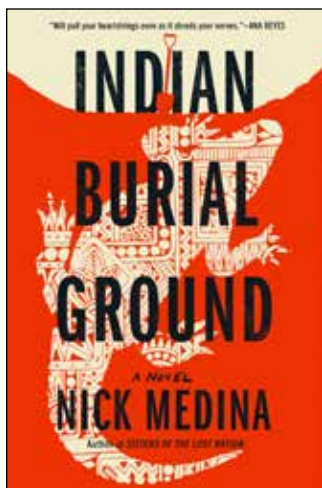
Fernanda Trías, translated by Heather Cleary

"With her eerie and unnervingly probable plot, strong narrative voice, and focus on the small, beautiful moments of life amid disaster, Trías's tale will continue to haunt readers long after they turn the final page." — starred, Library Journal

In a city ravaged by a mysterious plague, a woman tries to understand why her world is falling apart. An algae bloom has poisoned the air that blows in from the sea. Inland, a secretive corporation churns out the only food anyone can afford — a revolting pink paste made of an unknown substance. In the short breaks between windstorms, our narrator tends to her few remaining relationships: with her difficult mother; with the ex-husband for whom she still harbors feelings; with the boy she nannies. Yet as conditions outside deteriorate, her commitment to remaining in place only grows — even if staying means being left behind.

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Horror | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Diverse Voices 2 & 3.



INDIAN BURIAL GROUND

A NOVEL

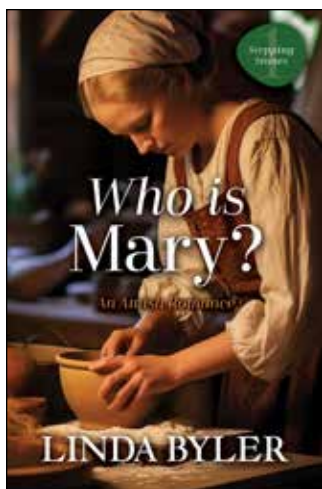
Nick Medina

"Expertly blending timelines and perspectives, Medina delivers another atmospheric, unsettling, and downright eerie read that will keep readers guessing until the last page." — Library Journal

All Noemi Broussard wanted was a fresh start. With a new boyfriend and a plan to move from the reservation she grew up on — just like her Uncle Louie before her — things are finally looking up. Until the news of her boyfriend's suicide brings her world crumbling down. But the facts about Roddy's death just don't add up. After over a decade away, Uncle Louie has returned to the reservation, bringing with him a past full of secrets, horror, and what might be the key to determining Roddy's true cause of death. Noemi and Louie set out to find answers, but as they get closer to the truth, Noemi begins to wonder whether it might be best for some secrets to remain buried.

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Thriller | Releases 10/9/2024 | Available in Diverse Voices 3.



WHO IS MARY?
AN AMISH ROMANCE
 Stepping Stones • Book 1
Linda Byler

With each passing year, Mary feels more and more stifled by life as a misfit in a rural Amish community. When her aunt comes for a visit and suggests she return to Lancaster with her, Mary sees her opportunity for change. But her parents forbid her to go. Mary is deeply distressed, wanting to honor her parents' wishes and also knowing she can't stay in their isolated community forever. If she stays, will she just continue to disappoint her parents, asking too many questions and never finding a man to marry? One thing is sure. Before she can even think about dating, she needs to figure out who she is and where she belongs.

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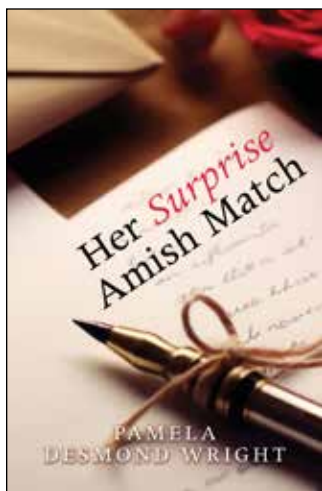


THE AMISH QUILTMAKER'S UNINVITED GUEST
 The Amish Quiltmaker • Book 5
Jennifer Beckstrand

"[A] sweet unexpected romance . . . Series fans will be smitten." — Publishers Weekly

Swamped by family and farm responsibilities, widower Menno Eicher must find the perfect wife as quickly as possible, so he's shown up in Colorado with "finding a wife" on his To-Do list! After a chance meeting, Menno keeps coming back to baker Joanna Yoder. Happily busy inventing delicious desserts, Joanna has no time for Menno. But she soon sees the kind heart, doting father, and understanding man beneath his hard-to-please ways. With faith and love, might the few things they have in common overcome the differences between them and prove precious enough to risk a future together?

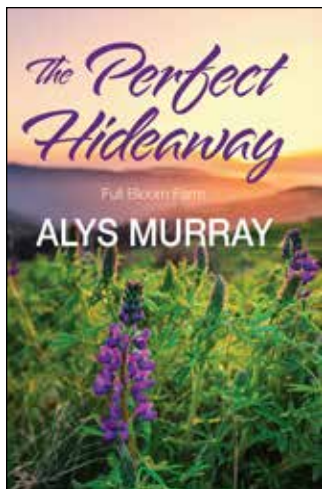
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 Amish and Mennonite | Releases 10/23/2024



HER SURPRISE AMISH MATCH
Pamela Desmond Wright

Amish business owner Amity Schroder can't stand her neighbor Ethan Zehr. Sharing a building for their individual shops has never been easy, since the stern widower bristles at every one of Amity's too-progressive business ideas. So when Amity starts to fall for her new anonymous pen pal, she knows there's no way it could be Ethan. Their constant arguments are nothing like the heartfelt letters she's been receiving. But as she gets closer to discovering her secret admirer's identity, will she let the truth stand in the way of her happiness?

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THE PERFECT HIDEAWAY

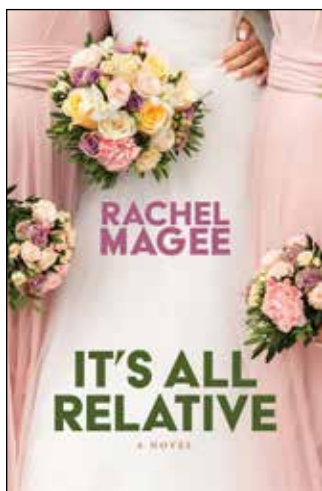
Full Bloom Farm • Book 3

Alys Murray

Annie Martin is thrilled to have moved from L.A. to Hillsboro, California, where the Anderson sisters have welcomed her into their family. Annie has tried to repay them with matchmaking, but she soon realizes she'll need a deeper knowledge of Hillsboro's bachelors. Reporter George Barnett thinks the story of why social media darling Annie Martin swapped stilettos for sneakers might be the scoop that makes his career. When Annie offers him an interview in exchange for his help, George knows he's found his in. But the more George and Annie try to control the lives around them, the less they're able to sway their own hearts.

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IT'S ALL RELATIVE

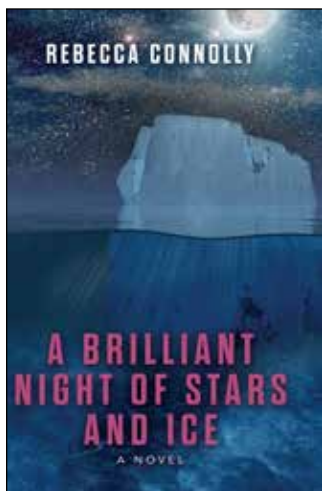
A NOVEL

Rachel Magee

Twenty-seven-year-old Helena Crosby is *over* her mom's wedding — and it hasn't even happened yet. For months, Helena's been dreading the day she would become part of the Maddox family, led by oldest perfect daughter Amelia. Thankfully, her best friend Landon is joining the festivities as her emotional support plus one. Amelia Maddox has spent months planning the perfect wedding week for her dad and his bride-to-be. She's planned for every consistency . . . except for her ex, Landon Blake. Through a whirlwind week, Amelia and Helena realize that family isn't only made of the people you're born with. Family is also made of the people we choose over and over again.

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Women's Fiction | Releases 10/23/2024



A BRILLIANT NIGHT OF STARS AND ICE

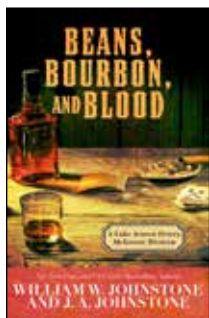
A NOVEL

Rebecca Connolly

Shortly after midnight on April 15, 1912, the captain of the *Carpathia*, Arthur Rostron, wakes to a distress signal from the *Titanic*, which has struck an iceberg. Though information is scarce, Rostron leaps into action, determined to answer the call for help. Kate Connolly is a third-class passenger on the *Titanic*, and she is among the last to receive instruction and help after it hits an iceberg. Despite the chaos of abandoning ship, Kate is able to board a lifeboat, though after seeing the *Titanic* sink into the abyss and hearing the cries from hundreds of people still in the water, she wonders if rescue is even possible.

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BEANS, BOURBON, AND BLOOD

A Luke Jensen-Dewey McKenzie Western • Book 1

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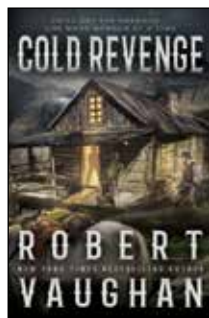
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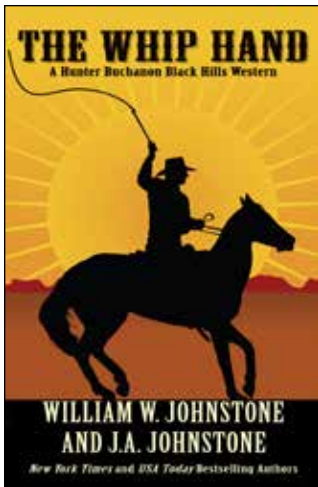
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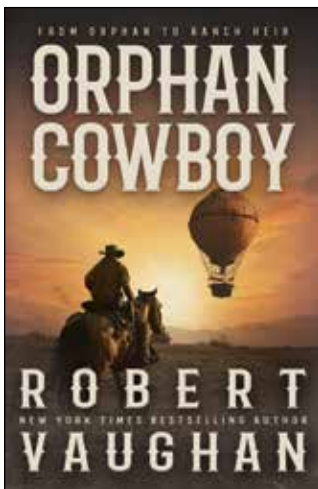
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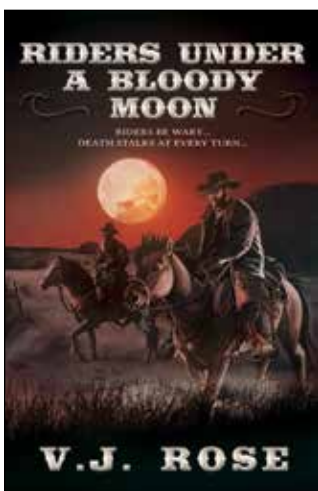
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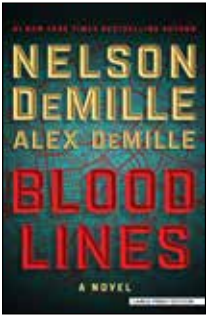
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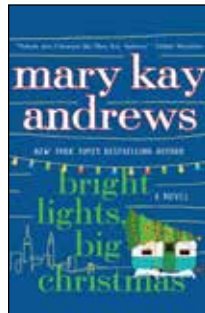
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In 1941, Irvel Holland is dating Sam but in love with his younger brother, Hank. Then Pearl Harbor is attacked. With their lives turned upside down overnight, Sam is drafted. While Sam fights in Europe, an undeniable chemistry builds between Irvel and

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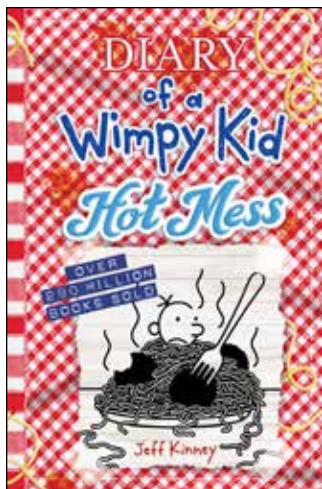
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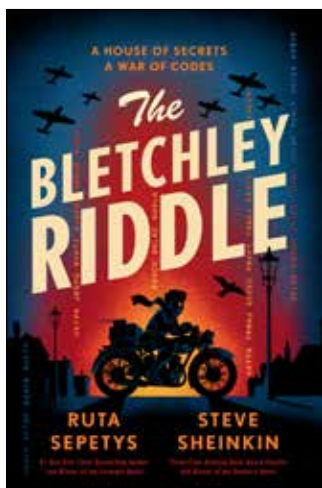
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When the Heffleys agree to spend summer break with both Mom’s and Dad’s relatives at the same time, they have to figure out how to be in two places at once. With Greg caught in the middle, can the Heffleys pull off the ultimate scheme? Or will their vacation turn into a hilarious hot mess?

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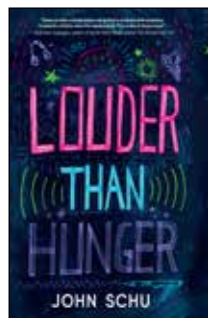
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It’s been a year since Sahara Rashad came face to face with El Ghoula. And now that she’s back in Egypt for the summer, Sahara can’t shake the feeling the evil witch is plotting her next move. Thankfully, Sahara’s BFF, Vicky, is tagging along this year and can keep her mind off the sorceress. When Sahara learns El Ghoula has attacked a family friend, she knows the witch is back to steal what she couldn’t last year — Ali Baba’s magic lamp. As the artifact’s safekeeper, Sahara must protect it at all costs. But how can she do this when El Ghoula’s wind powers know no end? Can Sahara master magic before the summer equinox, when the sorceress is said to strike again?

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LOUDER THAN HUNGER ★★ ★

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“Jake’s struggle with anorexia isn’t easy to read but his ultimate steps toward health provide hope, as does this much-needed and underrepresented male perspective on eating disorders.”

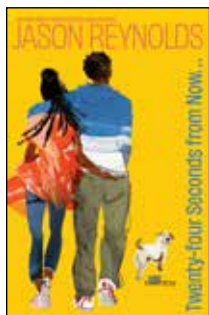
— starred, School Library Journal

Jake volunteers at a nursing home because he likes helping people. He likes skating and singing, playing Bingo and Name That Tune, and reading mysteries and comics aloud to his teachers. He also likes avoiding people his own age . . . and the cruelty of mirrors . . . and food. Jake has read about kids like him in books — the weird one, the outsider — and would do anything *not* to be that kid, including shrink himself down to nothing. But the less he eats, the bigger he feels. How long can Jake punish himself before he *truly* disappears?

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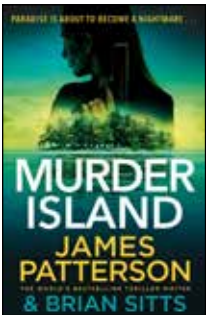
well and adores her dog, Lulu, but the love of her life has eluded her. Then she meets Olivier Saint Albin, a dashing publisher. At the same time, she reconnects with Tom Quinlan, an old boyfriend from her days at NYU twenty years ago. Olivier is a master at the art of flirtation, but as Amanda feels herself falling for him, she learns he is married. Providing counsel and support is her friend and co-owner of the gallery, fun-loving bachelor Pascal Leblanc. When Amanda begins to receive threatening phone calls late at night, it is Pascal she turns to. Then someone breaks into her apartment on the Left Bank, and it's all too clear she is in real danger.

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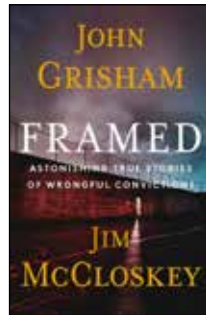
have long to enjoy their newfound peace before they are violently separated and dragged to opposite ends of the Earth. Doc's search for Kira takes him from the coast of Brazil to northern Europe and the jungles of the Congo, and he discovers they are entangled in a global conspiracy that is bigger than he ever could have imagined.

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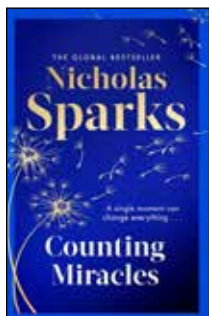
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Tanner Hughes was raised by his grandparents, following in his grandfather's military footsteps to become an Army Ranger. His whole life has been spent abroad, and he is the proverbial rolling stone: happiest

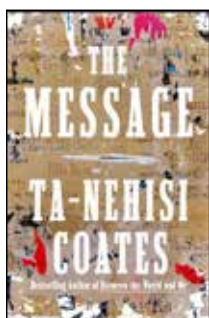
when off on his next adventure, zero desire to settle down. But when his grandmother passes away, her last words to him are *find where you belong*. She also drops a bombshell, telling him the name of the father he never knew — and where to find him. Tanner is due at his next posting soon, but his curiosity is piqued, and he sets out for Asheboro, North Carolina, to ask around. He's been in town less than twenty-four hours when he meets Kaitlyn Cooper, a doctor and single mom. They both feel an immediate connection; Tanner knows Kaitlyn has a story to tell, and he wants to hear it. To Kaitlyn, Tanner is mysterious, exciting — and possibly leaving in just a few weeks.

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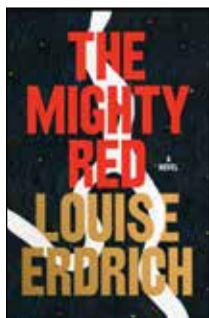
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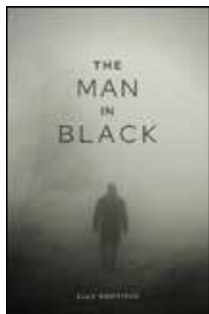
read her future but seems to resolve his. Hugo, a gentle red-haired, home-schooled giant, is also in love with Kismet. He's determined to steal her and is eager to be a home wrecker. Kismet's mother, Crystal, hauls sugar beets for Gary's family, and on nightly runs, tunes into the darkness of late-night radio, sees visions of guardian angels, and worries for the future, her daughter's and her own. Human time, deep time, Red River time, the half-life of herbicides and pesticides, and the elegance of time represented in fracking core samples from unimaginable depths, is set against the speed of climate change, the depletion of natural resources, and the sudden economic meltdown of 2008-2009.

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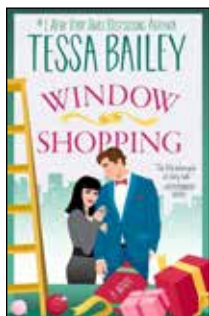
Christmas Notch, Vermont, to immerse herself in the local Christmas miracle on which her movie pitch was based. Isaac Kelly, former boy band heartthrob, is the latest owner of the town's historic mansion. After his young wife's death, Isaac is at the mansion to attempt his first holiday album. But after their best friends' wedding leads to them waking up together in a freezing motel room with questionable wiring and a broken shower, Isaac takes a chance and asks Sunny to stay with him at his home. When the two discover they're both creatively blocked, they make a handshake deal: Isaac will help Sunny hunt down the truth behind the local lore, and Sunny will find Isaac a new muse.

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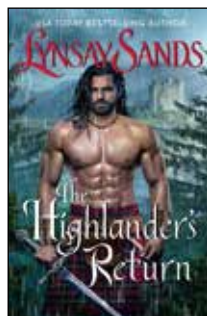
asks my opinion of the decor. It's a tragedy in tinsel, I say, unable to lie. He asks for a better idea with a twinkle in his eye. Did I know he owned the place? No. He put me on the spot. Now I'm working for that man, trying to ignore that he's hot. But as a down on her luck girl with a difficult past, I know an opportunity when I see one — and I have to make it last.

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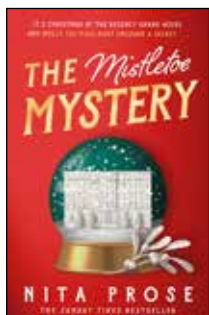
hopes for a loving marriage, a dream that shattered when her husband abandoned her. Hiding her pain, she embraced the roles of both laird and lady of the Gunn clan with spirit. But with William's death, she finally has a chance at a new dream, and she won't let anything deter her plans. Not even Graeme, no matter how strong her attraction to the strong-willed warrior, or how much she enjoys his kisses. It's an explosion of passion and clash of wills from the start. And when the threat of a hidden enemy rears its head, Graeme and Annella realize that in fighting for their home they might also be fighting for their love.

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A MAID NOVELLA

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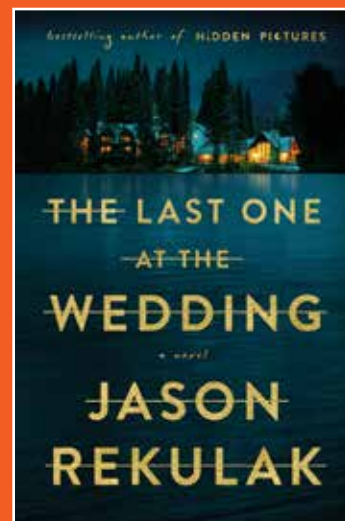
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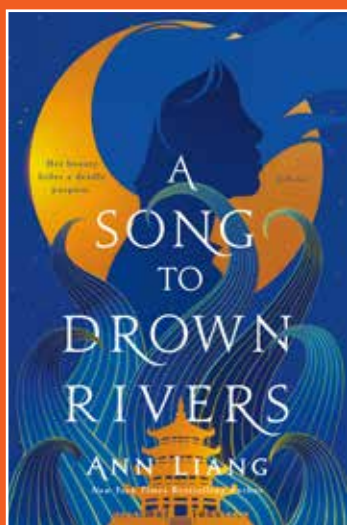
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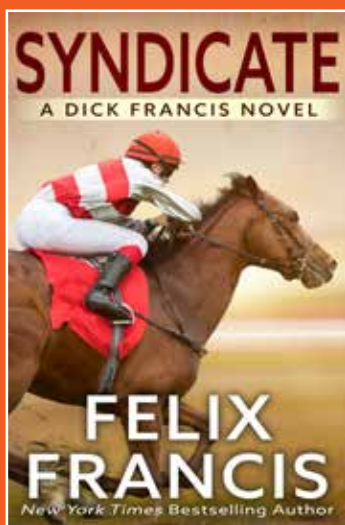
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