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TOXIC PREY
A Prey Novel • Book 34
John Sandford

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #1

Gaia is dying. That, at least, is what Dr. Lionel Scott believes. A renowned expert in tropical and infectious diseases, Scott has witnessed the devastating impact of illness and turmoil at a critical scale. While most are concerned about deadly disease, Scott knows that it is truly humanity itself that will destroy Gaia. When he disappears without a trace, Letty Davenport is tasked with tracking down any and all leads. As Letty begins to uncover startling and disturbing connections between Scott and Gaia conspiracists, it quickly becomes a race to find him before the virus he created becomes the perfect weapon.

Thriller | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.

AN UNFINISHED MURDER
A DETECTIVE MYSTERY
A Medlar Mystery • Book 5
Jude Deveraux

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #5

Retired romance novelist Sara Medlar has been sharing her home with her niece Kate and her “honorary grandson” Jack. When real estate agent Kate announces she’s been given the listing for the town’s storied Lachlan House, it sets off alarm bells for Sara. The infamous house has a dark history, one that’s certain to haunt them all. Stumbling upon a skeleton in a tuxedo causes Sara, Kate, and Jack to delve into the dead man’s history. They learn he was last seen at a party held at Lachlan House in the late nineties. Sara is determined to find the culprit, even if it means digging up a past she’s worked hard to keep buried.


FELINE FATALE
A MRS. MURPHY MYSTERY
Mrs. Murphy • Book 32
Rita Mae Brown

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #6

Spring may be about to bloom in Virginia, but Harry is thinking about snow. Her friend Ned Tucker is in the House of Delegates, advocating for a bill to improve road clearing during bad weather. Tensions are high between political parties, and no one can agree on anything. But the statehouse is rocked when one of the young pages who assists the delegates dies under mysterious circumstances. Could his death be related to the political infighting? Or is something even more sinister threatening the lives of Virginia’s finest representatives? Harry is determined to find the answers and restore order once more to the Capitol.

MISS MORGAN’S BOOK BRIGADE
A NOVEL
Janet Skeslien Charles
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #8
“Intelligent and sensuously rich . . . A novel tailor-made for those who cherish books and libraries.”
— Kirkus Reviews

1918. As the Great War rages, Jessie Carson takes a leave of absence from the New York Public Library to work for the American Committee for Devastated France. Upon arrival, Jessie strives to establish children's libraries. She turns ambulances into bookmobiles and trains the first French female librarians. Then she disappears. 1987. When NYPL librarian Wendy Peterson stumbles across a passing reference to Jessie Carson in the archives, she becomes consumed with learning her fate. In her research, she discovers that she and the elusive librarian have more in common than their work at New York’s famed library, and their paths will converge in surprising ways.


Historical Fiction | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in Top-Shelf 4, 6 & 8.

CROW TALK
A NOVEL
Eileen Garvin
NATIONALLY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Frankie O’Neill is a lonely ornithologist struggling to salvage her dissertation on the spotted owl. Anne Ryan is a musician raising her five-year-old son, Aiden. At Beauty Bay, in the foothills of Mount Adams, it’s off-season with most houses shuttered for the fall. But Frankie, adrift, returns to the cottage that has been in the O’Neill family for generations. And Anne, in the wake of a tragedy, has fled to the neighboring house. When Frankie finds an injured baby crow in the forest, little does she realize that the charming bird will bring all three lost souls — Frankie, Anne, and Aiden — together on a journey toward hope, healing, and rediscovering joy.


THE STOLEN CHILD
A NOVEL
Ann Hood
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

For decades, Nick Burns has been haunted by a decision he made as a young soldier in World War I, when a French artist he'd befriended thrust both her paintings and her baby into his hands — and disappeared. In 1974, with only months left to live, Nick enlists Jenny, a college dropout desperate for adventure, to help him unravel the mystery. The journey leads them from Paris galleries and provincial towns to a surprising place: the Museum of Tears, the life’s work of a lonely Italian craftsman. Determined to find the baby and the artist, hopeless romantic Jenny and curmudgeonly Nick must reckon with regret, betrayal, and the lives they've left behind.


Historical | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in Top-Shelf 6 & 8.
THE FORTUNE SELLER ★
A NOVEL
Rachel Kapelke-Dale

“Sophisticated with just the right dose of sinister, this coming-of-age story doesn’t shy from the grisly power dynamics of privilege.” — Library Journal

Middle-class Rosie Macalister has worked for years to fit in with her wealthy friends on the Yale equestrian team. But when she comes back from her junior year abroad, she finds that the group has been infiltrated by a mysterious intruder. Annelise Tattinger is unlike anyone Rosie has ever met. But when one of their friends notices money disappearing from her bank account, Annelise’s place in the circle is thrown into question. It’s only after graduation that Rosie uncovers Annelise’s true identity — and how her place in their elite Yale set was no accident. Is it too late for Rosie to put right what went wrong, or does everyone’s luck run out at some point?


EXORDIA ★
Seth Dickinson

“[T]his is an innovative military, sci-fi thriller that is equal parts action and introspection. It’s conceptually profound and touches upon many ethical and metaphysical subjects.” — Library Journal

Anna Sinjari — refugee, survivor of genocide, disaffected office worker — has a close encounter that reveals universe-threatening stakes. Enter Ssrin, a many-headed serpent alien who is on the run from her own past. Ssrin and Anna are inexorably, dangerously drawn to each other, and their contact reveals universe-threatening stakes. While humanity reels from disaster, Anna must join a small team of civilians, soldiers, and scientists to investigate a mysterious broadcast and unknowable horror. If they can manage to face their own demons, they just might save the world.


WE MUST NOT THINK OF OURSELVES
A NOVEL
Lauren Grodstein

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
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 “[T]he Oneg Shabbat archive] is represented beautifully in Grodstein’s first historical novel, supported by her intensive research and the book’s dynamic relationships that show the value of everyday intimacies.” — Library Journal

On a November day in 1940, Adam Paskow becomes a prisoner in the Warsaw Ghetto, where Jews are held captive by Nazi guards. Weeks later, he joins a secret group of archivists working to preserve the truth of what is happening inside the walls. Adam begins taking testimonies from his students, friends, and neighbors. The stories form a portrait of endurance in a world where no choices are good ones. One of the people Adam interviews is his flatmate Sala. Over the months, Adam and Sala fall in love. When Adam discovers a possible escape from the Ghetto, he is faced with an unbearable choice: whom can he save, and at what cost?

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**EDITOR’S CHOICE #2**

1914. As America’s century of dominance dawns, the country’s greatest detective, Van Dorn agent Isaac Bell, is pitted against a master thief and his accomplice. They’re plotting to pull off the theft of a billion dollars from the newly created Federal Reserve. When an aerial attack is launched against Woodrow Wilson’s yacht, Bell thwarts it, only to find that the strike was just the opening of an even deadlier gambit. The deeper Bell delves into the puzzle, the less he seems to understand. He is in a race against his most ruthless opponent yet, to prevent a financial panic that would bring the United States to its knees.

Adventure | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in High-Octane 4, 6 & 8.

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**EXTINCTION**

A NOVEL

Douglas Preston

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

**EDITOR’S CHOICE #4**

Erebus Resort, occupying a valley deep in the Colorado Rockies, offers guests the experience of viewing woolly mammoths, Irish Elk, and giant ground sloths in their native habitat, brought back from extinction through genetic manipulation. When a billionaire’s son and his new wife are kidnapped and murdered in the Erebus back country by what is assumed to be a gang of eco-terrorists, Colorado Bureau of Investigation Agent Frances Cash partners with county sheriff James Colcord to track down the perpetrators. As killings mount and the valley is evacuated, Cash and Colcord must confront a malevolent presence at Erebus, bent not on resurrection — but extinction.

Thriller | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in High-Octane 4, 6 & 8.

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**A SHORT WALK THROUGH A WIDE WORLD**

A NOVEL

Douglas Westerbeke

“Westerbeke’s debut is highly recommended for anyone who enjoys armchair travel and stories that open wide to embrace every experience, even the sad ones.” — starred, Library Journal

**Paris, 1885.** Aubry Tourvel, a nine-year-old girl, comes across a wooden puzzle ball on her walk home from school. She tosses it over the fence, only to find it in her backpack that evening. Days later, she starts to bleed to death. When medical treatment only makes her worse, she flees to the outskirts of the city, where she realizes that the very act of movement keeps her alive. Her condition won’t allow her to stay anywhere for longer than a few days nor return to a place she’s already been. But the longer Aubry wanders, the clearer it becomes that the world she travels through may not be quite the same as everyone else’s.

General Fiction | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in High-Octane 4, 6 & 8.
**NIGHT FOR DAY**

Roselle Lim

“Lim’s magical tale . . . leads readers on a twisted journey that will keep them guessing until the very end.” — Library Journal

Exes Ward Dunbar and Camille Buhay unexpectedly reconnect in London, where they are interviewing for similar jobs. They discover they both got the job working opposing shifts. Ward starts the day shift, but when he clocks out at the end of the day, he finds the door locked and himself trapped in the building. After a horrific first night shift contending with spirits and ghosts, Camille is also unable to escape. In their respective prisons, they discover that they’re able to talk to each other a few minutes before dawn. This fleeting encounter incites longing for each other, but they are caught in a war of the gods — and their choices will determine the outcome.

Fantasy | Releases 5/8/2024
Available in High-Octane 6 & 8.

**SPACE OPERA**

The Space Opera • Book 1

Catherynne M. Valente

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR
2019 HUGO AWARD FINALIST

“[An] endearing, razzle-dazzle love song about destiny, finding one’s true voice, and rockin’ the house down.” — Publishers Weekly

In the aftermath of the Sentience Wars, a curious tradition was invented. Once every cycle, the galactic civilizations gather for the Metagalactic Grand Prix — part gladiatorial contest, part beauty pageant, part concert extravaganza, and part continuation of the wars of the past. Species far and wide compete in feats of song and dance. And if they fail? Extermination of their entire species. This year, humankind has discovered the enormous universe. Decibel Jones and the Absolute Zeroes have been chosen to represent their planet on the greatest stage in the galaxy. And the fate of Earth lies in their ability to rock.

Science Fiction | Releases 5/8/2024
Available in High-Octane 8.

**THE HOUSE OF LAST RESORT**

A NOVEL

Christopher Golden

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
BRAM STOKER AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

Across Italy there are many half-empty towns. Becchina is among them, but its mayor has taken drastic measures to rebuild — selling abandoned homes to anyone in the world for a single Euro, as long as the buyer promises to live there for at least five years. It's a no-brainer for American couple Tommy and Kate Puglisi, who both work remotely. But from the moment they move in, they both feel a shadow has fallen on them. The place makes strange noises at night, and locked doors are suddenly open. But the real secret, and the true dread, is unlocked when they learn how many people died inside. While down in the catacombs beneath Becchina . . . something stirs.

Horror | Releases 5/8/2024
Available in High-Octane 8.
LONE OAKS CROSSING
The New Americana Series • Book 8
Janet Dailey

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #7
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

When news of her grandfather's stroke sends Jo Beth Ellis back to the family farm, she finds it in rough shape. But renovating is a huge job for one woman — and even more challenging when she receives her first client, fourteen-year-old Cheyenne, who is determined to do anything but cooperate. Jo is at the end of her rope when neighbor Brooks Moore offers her a deal she can’t possibly refuse. Training Brooks's gorgeous thoroughbred is a challenge she can’t resist, especially when sulky Cheyenne takes a shine to him. Against all odds, she dreams of winning a trifecta — a champion horse, a happy family, and a forever love.

Women's Fiction | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in Dynamic Drama 3 & 5.

SUMMERS AT THE SAINT
A NOVEL
Mary Kay Andrews

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR’S CHOICE #5

Everyone refers to the St. Cecelia as “the Saint.” If you grew up coming here, you were a Saint. If you came from the wrong side of the river, you were an Ain’t. Traci Eddings was one of those outsiders whose family wasn’t rich enough to vacation here. But she could work here. One fateful summer she did, and married the boss' son. Now, she’s the widowed owner of the hotel, determined to see it return to its glory days. But new information about a long-ago drowning at the hotel threatens to come to light, and a tragic death brings Traci to the brink of despair. It will take all the guts she has to see wrongs put to right and guilty parties put in their place.

Women’s Fiction | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in Dynamic Drama 3 & 5.

THIS SUMMER WILL BE DIFFERENT
Carley Fortune

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Lucy is the tourist vacationing on Prince Edward Island. Felix is the local who shows her a very good time. Lucy and Felix's chemistry is unreal, but the list of reasons why they need to stay away from each other is long, and they vow to never repeat that electric night again. It's easier said than done. Each year, Lucy escapes to PEI with her best friend, Bridget, and promises herself she won't wind up in Felix's bed. Again. At least she's always kept her heart out of it. But Felix's sparkling eyes and flirty quips have been replaced with something new, and Lucy's beginning to wonder just how safe her heart truly is.

Romance | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in Dynamic Drama 3 & 5.
DARLING GIRLS
A NOVEL
Sally Hepworth

As young girls Jessica, Norah, and Alicia were rescued from family tragedies and raised by a loving foster mother, Miss Fairchild, on an idyllic farm and given a second chance at a happy family life. But Miss Fairchild had rules. Miss Fairchild could be unpredictable. And Miss Fairchild was never, ever to be crossed. In a moment of desperation, the three broke away from Miss Fairchild and thought they were free. Even though they never saw her again, she was always somewhere in the shadows of their minds. When a body is discovered under the home they grew up in, the foster sisters find themselves thrust into the spotlight as key witnesses. Or are they prime suspects?

Thriller | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in Dynamic Drama 5.

MERCURY
A NOVEL
Amy Jo Burns

INDIE NEXT PICK
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“Well-drawn, engaging characters and a vivid setting make this is a compelling study of family dynamics.” — Kirkus Reviews

It's 1990 and seventeen-year-old Marley West is blazing into the river valley town of Mercury, Pennsylvania. The first thing she sees when she arrives is three men standing on a rooftop. The Joseph brothers become Marley's whole world before she can blink. Soon, she is young wife to one, The One Who Got Away to another, and adopted mother to them all. Years later, an eerie discovery in the church attic causes old wounds to resurface and suddenly the family's survival hangs in the balance. With Marley as their light, the Joseph brothers must decide whether they can save the family they've always known — or whether they can build something stronger in its place.

THE PASSIONATE TUDOR
A NOVEL OF QUEEN MARY I
Alison Weir
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
Born from King Henry’s first marriage, Princess Mary is raised to be queen. However, Henry’s passion for Anne Boleyn has a devastating influence on the princess’ future when he marries Anne, has his marriage to Katherine declared unlawful, brands Mary illegitimate, and banishes them both. But when Anne fails to produce a son, she is beheaded and Mary is allowed to return as the default heir. Any hopes that Mary will show religious toleration are dashed when she burns hundreds of Protestants at the stake. But while her brutality will earn her the name Bloody Mary, at heart she is insecure and vulnerable, her character forged by the unhappiness of her early years.

Historical | Releases 5/28/2024

MAUDE HORTON’S ✭ GLORIOUS REVENGE
A NOVEL
Lizzie Pook
“A spellbinding novel set in the frozen Arctic and in London during the height of murder mania . . . Pook paints a macabre image of a time when death was often more valuable than life itself.” — Kirkus Reviews
Twenty-year-old Constance Horton has run away from her life in Victorian London, disguising herself as a boy to board an expedition vessel bound for the icy Northwest Passage of the Arctic. Even more dangerous than the cold, the storms, and the hunger, are some of the men aboard — including the ship’s scientist Edison Stowe. In London two years later, after being told that her sister’s death was a tragic accident, Maude Horton receives a diary revealing that Edison Stowe had more of a hand in Constance’s death than the crew acknowledged. As tensions and dangers mount, it falls to Maude to get justice for her sister.

Historical | Releases 5/22/2024

THE RULEBREAKER ✭✭
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF BARBARA WALTERS
Susan Page
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
Barbara Walters was a force from the time TV was exploding on the American scene in the 1960s to its waning dominance in a world of streaming services half a century later. She expanded the big TV interview and then dominated the genre. By the end of her career, she had interviewed more of the famous and infamous than any other journalist in history. At sixty-seven she pioneered a new form of talk TV called The View. The Rulebreaker is the eye-opening account of the woman who knew she had to break all the rules so she could break all the rules about what viewers deserved to know.

Biography | Releases 5/8/2024

LIFE AFTER POWER ✭✭
SEVEN PRESIDENTS AND THEIR SEARCH FOR PURPOSE BEYOND THE WHITE HOUSE
Jared Cohen
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
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A MOUNTAIN MAN, AN EPIC ADVENTURE, AND THE BLOODY CONQUEST OF THE AMERICAN WEST
Bob Drury and Tom Clavin

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS

"A lively account of the remarkable life of one of the men who led the U.S. into the vast West."
—starred, Kirkus Reviews

It is the early 19th century, and the land recently purchased by President Thomas Jefferson stretches west for thousands of miles. This is the setting of Throne of Grace, and the guide to this epic narrative is arguably America's most unsung pathfinder, Jedediah Smith. His explorations on both sides of the Rocky Mountains and all the way to the West Coast would become the stuff of legend. Thanks to painstaking research and riveting writing, Throne of Grace is a gripping yarn that introduces one of the great explorers in American history.

Historical | Releases 5/22/2024 | Available in Nonfiction 2 & 3.

GET THE PICTURE ★★★
A MIND-BENDING JOURNEY AMONG THE INSPIRED ARTISTS AND OBSESSIVE ART FIENDS WHO TAUGHT ME HOW TO SEE
Bianca Bosker

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

“A delightful book on an inspiring topic by a writer who could make dust sparkle.”
—starred, Kirkus Reviews

Journalist Bianca Bosker’s existence was upended when she wandered into the art world — and couldn’t look away. Intrigued by artists who hyperventilate around their favorite colors and art fiends who max out credit cards to show hunks of metal they think can change the world, Bosker grew fixated on understanding why art matters and how she could engage with it more deeply. Probing everything from cave paintings to Instagram, and from the science of sight to the importance of beauty, Get the Picture will change the way you see forever.

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THE RETURN OF ELLIE BLACK
A NOVEL
Emiko Jean
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
It's been twenty years since Detective Chelsey Calhoun's sister vanished, and ever since she's been searching: for signs, for closure, for other missing girls. But happy endings are rare in Chelsey's line of work. Then a glimmer: local teenager Ellie Black, who disappeared without a trace two years earlier, has been found alive in the woods. But something is not right with Ellie. She won't say where she's been, or who she's protecting, and it's up to Chelsey to find the answers. She needs to get to the bottom of what happened to Ellie: for herself, and for the memory of her sister, but mostly for the next girl who could be taken — and who might never return.

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THE VACATION
A NOVEL
John Marrs
Venice Beach, Los Angeles. A paradise on earth. Tourists flock to the golden coast and the promise of Hollywood. But for eight strangers at a beachfront hostel, there is far more on their minds than an extended vacation. All of them are running from something. And they all have secrets they'd kill to keep.

Thriller | Releases 5/22/2024

A STEP PAST DARKNESS⭐
A NOVEL
Vera Kurian
LIBRARY READS PICK
There's something sinister under the surface of the idyllic, suburban town of Wesley Falls, and it's not just the abandoned coal mine that lies beneath it. The summer of 1995 kicks off with a party in the mine where six high school students witness a crime that changes the course of their lives. When they realize they can't trust anyone but each other, they begin to investigate what happened on their own. As tensions escalate in town to a breaking point, the six make a vow of silence, bury all their evidence, and promise to never contact each other again. Twenty years later, Maddy has been murdered, and to end things they have to return to the mine one last time.

Thriller | Releases 5/22/2024
CIRCLE IN THE WATER
A Sharon McConne Mystery
Marcia Muller
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
San Francisco is home to more than 200 privately owned streets. Most are alleyways, but a few look torn straight from a magazine. Lined with mansions and elaborate gardens, the properties are luxurious and perfectly maintained. When several such streets are targeted in a series of so-called pranks, Sharon is hired by a coalition of concerned owners to investigate. But as things escalate, Sharon realizes far more is at play than a few misdemeanors gone wrong. The case takes a sudden turn when one of McCone & Ripinsky's most trusted employees is implicated, and Sharon will have to dig deep to save her agency — and her life.

Mystery | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in Mystery 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

FORGET ME NEVER
A China Bayles Mystery
Susan Wittig Albert
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
Olivia Andrews is locally famous for her blog and podcast, “Forget Me: A Crime Victim's Storyboard,” which is dedicated to telling the stories of victims of crime. Now, she has a stunning story to tell about a decades-old murder involving a prominent citizen of Pecan Springs. But she is killed by a hit-and-run driver while she's out jogging early one morning. Was it an accident — or something else? Olivia's friend China Bayles wants to know. Who is the prominent citizen Olivia was about to expose? How did he manage to get away with murder twenty years ago? Did he kill Olivia to keep her from revealing his secret?

Mystery | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in Mystery 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

LAST SEEN IN HAVANA
A Havana Mystery
Teresa Dovalpage
“Armchair travelers will savor Dovalpage's detailed depiction of Cuba, and the heartbreaking ending will stay with readers long after they turn the last page. Dovalpage delivers the goods.” — starred, Publishers Weekly

Newly widowed baker Mercedes Spivey's life has been shaped by loss, beginning with the unsolved disappearance of her mother when Mercedes was a little girl. Returning to Cuba revives Mercedes's hopes of finding her mother as she attempts to piece together the few scraps of information she has. Thirty-three years earlier, in 1986, an American college student falls in love with a Cuban soldier while on a spontaneous visit to the island. She decides to stay permanently, but soon discovers that nothing is as it seems in Havana. The two women's stories proceed in parallel, uncovering shocking family secrets in the process.

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VILLAGE IN THE DARK

A NOVEL
Iris Yamashita

“[A] compelling story, perfect for readers of crime novels set in isolated areas or those that feature strong, independent characters.” — starred, Library Journal

Anchorage Detective Cara Kennedy stands by the graves of her husband and son as their caskets are raised from the earth. Aaron and Dylan disappeared on a hike a year ago, their bones eventually found and buried. But shocking clues have emerged that foul play was involved. Somehow tied to the mystery is Mia Upash, who grew up in an isolated village of women and children hiding from abusive men. Although she remains haunted by what happened to the man and boy in the woods, Mia has her own reasons for keeping quiet. Aided by police officer Joe Barkowski, Cara’s investigation will lead them on a dangerous path that puts the lives of everyone around them in jeopardy.


MURDER, SHE WROTE

FIT FOR MURDER
A Murder, She Wrote Mystery
Jessica Fletcher & Terrie Farley Moran

Evelyn Phillips got a couple of weird notes from Bertha Mae Cormier, so she's come back to town to check on her. She demands that Jessica come with her. Jessica becomes somewhat concerned when Bertha Mae starts to talk about her new neighbor, Martin Terranova. He is quite charming and very health conscious and he teaches yoga and meditation in his pool house. A short while later, Martin turns up dead and Jessica must put her investigative skills to the test when Evelyn becomes the prime suspect.


IRISH MILKSHAKE MURDER

Carlene O'Connor, Peggy Ehrhart, Liz Ireland

“Libraries looking for cozy St. Patrick's Day mysteries might want to add this volume to a holiday mystery collection. Fans of the three authors will enjoy the returns of their favorite amateur sleuths.” — Library Journal

In Irish Milkshake Murder by Carlene O'Connor, Tara and Danny are on a ferry trip to Inis Mór, where passengers enjoy boozy milkshakes. But someone’s turns out to be their final round. In Murder Most Irish by Peggy Ehrhart, St. Patrick’s Day is drawing near and folks at Hyler’s Luncheonette are getting into the holiday spirit with a festive green milkshake. It’s a hit, until a patron is felled by one of the frothy concoctions. In Mrs. Claus and the Luckless Leprechaun by Liz Ireland, Claire whips up some minty milkshakes for her ice cream shop, but the promotion makes one elf the target of a decidedly unlucky strike.

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“Chow smoothly mixes intrigue, romance, and humor. Cozy fans will have fun.” — Publishers Weekly

Felicity Jin grew up in Pixie, California. Her mother's enchanted baked goods bring instant joy to all who consume them. Felicity has always been hesitant in the kitchen herself, but a takeout meal gone wrong inspires her to craft some handmade fortune cookies. They become so popular that Felicity runs out of generic fortunes and starts making her own. When one customer's ill-fated fortune results in his murder, Felicity's suspiciously specific fortune has the police focusing on her as the culprit. Now Felicity must find a way to turn her luck around and get cleared from suspicion.

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**MURDER MARKS THE PAGE**
A Tomes & Tea Mystery
Karen Rose Smith

“This delightful spinoff from the Daisy Tea Garden Mysteries should garner many fans of its own.” — Kirkus Reviews

New York State's Belltower Landing is the perfect place to cuddle up with a good book and enjoy a cup of tea, courtesy of Tomes & Tea. Owned and operated by Jazzi Swanson and Dawn Fernsby, the book bar is beloved by vacationers and locals alike. Jazzi befriends a woman named Brie who has recently made contact with her biological father. As an adopted child herself, Jazzi is more than happy to give Brie emotional support. Then, when Brie is found murdered, Jazzi finds herself playing detective. With a list of suspects, Jazzi may need to consult some of her shop's bestselling mysteries to help her uncover a killer.

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**VINYL RESTING PLACE**
The Record Shop Mysteries
Olivia Blacke

“Cozy enthusiasts will find a lot to love in this title . . . Readers will also enjoy getting to know the Jessup sisters . . . The many music-related puns and the family high jinks add humor to the story.” — Library Journal

When Juni Jessup and her sisters Tansy and Maggie put all their beans in one basket to open Sip & Spin Records, a record-slash-coffee shop in Cedar River, Texas, no one was expecting to find a body in the supply closet. When their uncle is arrested on suspicion of murder, the sisters don't skip a beat putting Sip & Spin up for bail collateral. But their tune changes when Uncle Calvin disappears. With their uncle's freedom and the future of their small business on the line, it's up to Juni and her sisters to figure out whodunit before the killer's trail — and the coffee — goes cold.

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**FIVE FURRY FAMILIARS**
A Kitchen Witch Mystery
Lynn Cahoon

*NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR*

To keep her cooking school and catering business, Mia's Morsels, afloat, Mia's handed off oversight to her boyfriend's mother while she focuses on earning a steady paycheck. Her roommate, Christina, is also distracted when her old flame shows up claiming to be her fiancé. The arrival of some homeless kittens, as well as a cute little Maltese, brings more chaos — as well as a strange spiritual energy that seems to emanate from the animals. But before Mia can figure out what kind of paranormal pets she has on her hands, she finds herself with a murder to solve when a dead woman is found in the lodge rental of Christina's ex.

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21 WAYS TO WIN ON AND OFF THE FIELD
Deion Sanders with Don Yaeger
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THE NEW NATURALS
A NOVEL
Gabriel Bump
"This is a scalding study in human nature." —starred, Publishers Weekly
Rio, a young Black woman bereft after the loss of her newborn child, convinces her husband to help her construct a society underground, somewhere safe, somewhere everyone can feel loved, wanted, and accepted, where the children learn actual history, where everyone has an equal shot. She locates a benefactor and soon their utopia begins to take shape. Two unhoused men hear about it and immediately begin their journey to get there. A young and disillusioned journalist stumbles upon it and wants in. And a former soccer player, having lost his footing in society, is persuaded to check it out too. But what happens if this new society can't actually work? What then?

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A NOVEL
James W. Jennings
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June Papers is a twenty-eight-year-old MFA grad with a felony record, "the classic young, Black and gifted American misfit." He's also a substitute teacher. He's also homeless. With dreams of becoming a writer, June endures a host of trials and dilemmas as he reluctantly realizes mentoring and teaching might actually be a path forward for him Wings of Red is driven by June's unique narrative style, a propulsive voice that intimately and vulnerably guides readers through the condemned external reality of a Black educator's personal and professional world falling apart, and coming together again.

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THIS AIN'T NO PROMISED LAND
A NOVEL
Tina Shelton
When her husband dies, Charlotte can't face the things she's done that could tear her family apart. So she flees south to escape her life, her three daughters, the mistakes she's made, and the secrets eating her alive. Now Gracey and her sisters are alone on Chicago's South Side. Their close-knit Black community gathers around them to keep them fed and clothed, but that's not enough to fix the damage of abandonment. Hundreds of miles away, Charlotte is struggling to keep her own head above water. When her demons catch up to her, the peace she tried to build shatters. Even if she's able to embrace motherhood again, will it be enough to save the family she left behind?

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REBECCA, NOT BECKY
A NOVEL
Christine Platt and Catherine Wigginton Greene

"Written in exuberant style . . . having savvy fun with stereotypes and the sub rosa operations of female social networks." — Kirkus Reviews

De'Andrea Whitman, her husband Malik, and their daughter Nina are new to the upper-crust white suburb of Rolling Hills, Virginia. To ease the transition, her therapist proposes a challenge: make a white girlfriend. When Rebecca Myland learns about her new neighbors, the Whitmans, she's thrilled. As chair of the Parent Diversity Committee at her daughters' school, she's championed racial diversity in the community — and what could be better than a brand-new Black family? When Rolling Hill's rising racial sentiments bring the two women together in common cause, they find it isn't the only thing they have in common.

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A NOVEL
The Hollywood Series • Book 1
Erin La Rosa

"This sexy, steamy contemporary romance . . . is well written and engaging . . . Issues of sexism and mental health are handled gently but realistically and add emotional depth to the well-developed characters." — Library Journal

All chef Nina Lyon wants is to make a name for herself in the culinary world. Now, as co-host of The Next Cooking Champ!, she finally has a real shot at being top tier in the foodie scene. Too bad her co-host happens to be Hollywood's smarmiest jerk, Leo O'Donnell. After he takes one joke a smidge too far, Nina up and quits — on live TV. To make matters worse, the two are caught in what looks like a compromising situation by the paparazzi. Turns out, a “secret romance” may just be what their careers need most. Now all they have to do is play along without catching feelings. Easy as artisanal shepherd's pie. Right?

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PLOT TWIST
A NOVEL
The Hollywood Series • Book 2
Erin La Rosa

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“This book takes on some very serious topics, which are lightened by Sophie's zany antics, and will appeal to fans of Christina Lauren and Tessa Bailey.” — Booklist

Romance author Sophie Lyon's never been in love — and it's ruining her reputation. With a manuscript deadline looming, Sophie makes a plan: reunite with her exes to learn why she's never fallen in love and document it for her millions of online followers. Luckily, Sophie's landlord, Dash Montrose, is willing to help. As Sophie and Dash grow closer, they discover a heat between them. But Sophie needs to figure out who she is outside her relationships, and Dash isn't sure he's stable enough for commitment. So Sophie suggests a friends-with-benefits arrangement. Surely a strictly casual relationship won't cause any trouble . . .

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BRIDE ★★
Ali Hazelwood
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
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“Witty dialogue, plots within plots, and a surprising twist round out this excellent novel. Highly recommended.” — starred, Library Journal
Misery Lark, the only daughter of the most powerful Vampyre councilman of the Southwest, has been called upon to uphold a peacekeeping alliance between the Vampyres and the Were. Weres are ruthless and unpredictable, and their Alpha, Lowe Moreland, rules his pack with absolute authority. It's clear from the way he tracks Misery's every movement that he doesn't trust her. Misery has her own reasons to agree to this marriage of convenience, reasons that have nothing to do with politics and everything to do with the only thing she's ever cared about. And she is willing to do whatever it takes to get back what's hers, even if it means a life alone in Were territory.
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NEVER WAGER WITH A WALLFLOWER ★★
A NOVEL
The Merriwell Sisters • Book 3
Virginia Heath
“Heath brings the Regency “Merriwell Sisters” series to a fulfilling close . . . with Gal and Vee's stories fleshing out the characters and relationship that readers only thought they knew.” — Library Journal
The only true love of Venus Merriwell’s life is the orphanage in Covent Garden. An orphanage that desperately needs to expand into the empty building next door. For Galahad Sinclair, gambling is in his blood. He learned the trade at his grandfather's knee in New York. When fate dragged him to London, he spent five years making a success out of his gaming hall in the East End. Enough that he can finally afford to buy the pleasure palace of his dreams in Covent Garden. While Venus and Galahad lock horns, can either of them take the ultimate gamble and learn to love thy neighbor?
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THIS SPELLS LOVE ★★
A NOVEL
Kate Robb
“Offering a satisfying slow burn that transforms into delightful heat, the dazzling chemistry in this life-altering rom-com shows how love that transcends dimensions is worth the risk. This debut is an essential purchase for romance shelves.” — Library Journal
When Gemma gets dumped, she reacts by getting drunk with her sister, kooky aunt, and best friend, Dax. After one too many margaritas, they perform a love-cleansing spell, which promises to erase Gemma’s ex from her memory. When Gemma wakes up, not only does it seem that she never dated her ex, but the rest of her life is completely unrecognizable. The worst part: Dax has no idea who she is. To reverse the spell, Gemma must convince her once-best-friend to kiss her. But as she carries out her plans, she finds herself falling for him — hard. Soon, Gemma begins to wonder whether she even wants to go back to the way things once were. What if Dax was The One all along?
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Texas Ever After • Book 2
Karen Witemeyer

Convinced his stepmother and half-brothers have been wrongfully evicted by cattle king Eli Dearing, Asher Ellis uses the cover of an extravagant ball to search for proof. On the verge of discovery, he flees, but a boy’s cry compels him to make a daring rescue. Samantha Dearing balks when she learns the ball her father is hosting is a matrimonial ambush. Taking a break from unwanted suitors, Samantha spots a thief fleeing her home. When the stranger ends up saving her brother’s life, she resolves to find him. Asher tries to keep his distance, but when a series of suspicious accidents befall Samantha, he vows to protect her.

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NEVER FALL AGAIN
Gossamer Falls • Book 1
Lynn H. Blackburn

Landry Hutton has spent three years rebuilding her life behind the gates of The Haven on the outskirts of Gossamer Falls. After serving as the artist-in-residence, she is finally ready to settle in permanently. Callum Shaw always knew he would someday join his family’s construction business in Gossamer Falls. The artist who has hired him to build her new house is everything Cal could ever want in a partner, but he has loved and lost before. When Landry’s pottery is destroyed in a suspicious fire, it becomes clear that she is in grave danger. Cal will have to risk his heart again if he has any hope of protecting her.

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SET IN STONE
Treasures of the Earth • Book 2
Kimberley Woodhouse

From the time she was little, Martha Jankowski has been digging in the dirt. Now she dreams of being a paleontologist. When Martha finds what she hopes to be a fully intact dinosaur skeleton, she learns another team could steal her chance at being recognized for this momentous discovery. Paleontology student Jacob Duncan has fulfilled his dream of digging for dinosaur bones at last. He and his team are bent on unearthing a complete skeleton to claim a museum exhibit with their names on it. But when Jacob meets Martha and uncovers foul play within his team, love and danger grow until a menacing ruse threatens to destroy it all.

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A LADY’S GUIDE TO MARVELS AND MISADVENTURE
A NOVEL
Angela Bell

London, England, 1860. When Clara’s Grandfather Drosselmeyer brings on an apprentice with a mechanical leg, all pretense of normalcy takes wing. Theodore Kingsley, a vagabond haunted by the war, wants a fresh start. He meets clockmaker Drosselmeyer, who hires him as an apprentice. When Drosselmeyer disappears in his secret flying owl machine, he leaves behind a note for Clara to join him on a merry scavenger hunt across Europe. Together, Clara and Theodore set off to follow Drosselmeyer’s trail of clues, but they will have to stay one step ahead of a villain who wants the flying machine for himself — at any cost.

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UNTIL THEN
Cindy Woodsmall and Erin Woodsmall

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

In 1985, Old Order Amish couple Celeste and Vin have been married for six years. Vin is a carpenter by trade but an artist in his heart. Knowing they could be shunned, Celeste is shocked to discover that Vin has secretly been sketching her and their sons. When she confronts Vin, he storms off . . . and seems to disappear. When he leaves the house that night, Vin takes a fall and wakes to find himself injured and lost. Vin soon realizes just how far he has traveled — not only in distance but back in time, to 1822 Ohio. Vin is saved by the kindness of strangers, but he prays desperately for God to return him to his family, before Celeste makes a new life without him.

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THE ARK AND THE DOVE
THE STORY OF NOAH'S WIFE
Jill Eileen Smith

Zara and Noah have walked together with the Creator for their entire lives, and they have done their best to raise their three sons to follow in their footsteps. When the Creator tells her husband to build an ark to escape the coming wrath against the sins of humankind, Zara steps out with him in faith. But the derision directed their way are difficult to bear, as is knowing that everyone she interacts with beyond her husband, her sons, and their wives is doomed to destruction. When the ark is finally finished, Zara and her family embark on an adventure that will test their faith as they await deliverance and dry ground.

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Historical Fiction | Releases 5/8/2024 | Available in Christian Fiction 2, 3, 4 & 5.

LETTERS FROM MY SISTER
A NOVEL
Valerie Fraser Luesse

At the turn of the twentieth century, sisters Emmy and Callie Bullock are living a privileged life when their well-ordered Alabama household gets turned upside down by the arrival of Lily McGee. Arrestingly beautiful, Lily quickly — and innocently — draws the wrong kind of attention. After Lily has a baby, Callie witnesses something she was never meant to see — or did she? Her memory is a haze, just an image in her mind of Emmy standing on a darkened riverbank and cradling Lily’s baby girl. Only when the sisters are separated does the truth slowly come to light — including a revelation that will shape the rest of Callie’s life.

OF LOVE AND TREASON
Jamie Ogle

Rome, AD 270. In the wake of the emperor's marriage ban, rumors swirl that there is one man brave enough to perform wedding ceremonies in secret. A public notarius and leader of an underground church, Valentine risks his own life for the sake of his convictions. Iris believes regaining her sight will ease the troubles at home. Her last hope rests in Valentine and his church, but the danger of associating with people labeled a threat to the empire is great. When a past debt and a betrayal collide, Valentine, Iris, and everyone they love must fight for their lives and wrestle with trusting a God who can restore sight yet does not always keep His followers from peril.


THE TANGLED TALE OF THE WOOLGATHERING CASTOFFS
A NOVEL
Purls and Prayers • Book 2
Sharon J. Mondragón

Fair Meadows Retirement Community might as well be a country club for most of the retirees. But for the caregivers whose family members reside in the Memory Care Unit, vacation is over. Comforting these caregivers is exactly why the Woolgatherers group has formed. They make prayer shawls to support those affected by the reality of not being recognized by a loved one. Sam Talbot finds that his life has lost all color and meaning without his wife. When a member of the prayer shawl group talks him into taking up his wife's old crochet hooks, he discovers that this one small gesture might just have the power to heal his life.

THE STORM WE MADE
A NOVEL
Vanessa Chan

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“A chilling exploration of the costs of human weakness and desire, in a compelling and vividly wrought historical context.” — Kirkus Reviews

Malaya, 1945. Cecily Alcantara's family is in danger: her son, Abel, has disappeared, and her youngest daughter, Jasmin, is confined in a basement to prevent being pressed into service at the comfort stations. Her eldest daughter Jujube, who works at a tea house frequented by drunk Japanese soldiers, becomes angrier by the day. Cecily knows this is all her fault. A decade prior, a chance meeting with General Fujiwara lured Cecily into a life of espionage, pursuing dreams of an “Asia for Asians.” Instead, Cecily helped usher in an even more brutal occupation by the Japanese. Now her family is on the brink of destruction — and she will do anything to save them.

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AN INDIGENOUS DARK FICTION ANTHOLOGY
Shane Hawk and Theodore C. Van Alst, Jr., Editors

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THE HEART’S SHELTER
An Amish Legacy Novel • Book 4
Amy Clipston

Kira Detweiler has left her family in Indiana to escape the heartache of a broken engagement and has no plans to date again anytime soon. Jayden Bontrager is only twenty-three and not in a hurry to marry and start a family. When Jayden and Kira strike up a friendship, they are each drawn to the other’s gentle and humble demeanor, and they feel things for one another unlike anything they’ve felt before. But Kira sees no point in pursuing a relationship with Jayden when she doesn’t plan to put down roots in Pennsylvania. Will Jayden and Kira be able to overcome the obstacles in their path to find the future they both dream of?

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THE AMISH TEACHER’S GIFT
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Rachel J. Good

Widower Josiah Yoder wants to be a good father. But it’s not easy with a deaf young son who doesn’t understand why his mamm isn’t coming home. At a loss, Josiah enrolls Nathan in a special-needs school and is relieved to see his son immediately comforted by his new teacher, a woman who just might be the balm they both need. The moment Ada Rupp holds Nathan in her arms, she realizes she’ll do all she can to help this lost little boy. Plus, it gives her a chance to spend more time with Josiah. His quiet strength is the support Ada never knew she needed. And, together, they could have the loving family she’d always hoped for.

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THE QUILT ROOM SECRET
The Heart of the Amish • Book 3
Lisa Jones Baker

As they took turns pushing each other on the swing that hung from a large tree, five-year-old Jacob Lantz asked Trini Sutter to marry him. The nine-year-old thoughtfully responded that she’d consider his proposal when they were older. Nearly two decades later, the Amish farmer returns to the beautiful countryside of Arthur, Illinois, to take the independent owner of The Quilt Room up on her promise. Jacob is truly in love with the spirited list maker, and Trini finds herself falling in love with Jacob, but the youngest of eleven has big plans of her own. Will Trini forfeit her own well-laid plan for the man of her dreams?

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AN INCONVENIENT LETTER
Julie Wright

1828, the London countryside. For years, Marietta Stone has harbored a secret infatuation for Frederick Finch and has poured out her deepest feelings in a series of love letters that she keeps in a locked drawer. But when Marietta's private letters are accidentally delivered to Frederick's house, she must retrieve them immediately. When Gerard Hartwell discovers Marietta's letters at his cousin Frederick's estate, he strikes a bargain with her. If she helps him court her older sister, he will help Marietta win Frederick's heart. Yet, the more time he spends with Marietta, the more Gerard wishes he could court her. Can he persuade Marietta to give him a chance?

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THE MEMORY OF LAVENDER AND SAGE
Aimie K. Runyan

Tempèsta Luddington has always felt like the odd person out in her family, ever since she lost her beloved mother at the tender age of thirteen. When her father passes fifteen years later, Tempèsta is not surprised that the majority of the considerable family money will pass to her dutiful younger brother, Wal. Still, she is left a modest remembrance from her mother and uses the money to buy a ramshackle manor house in Sainte-Colombe, where her mother had grown up. Through her mother and the village, Tempèsta learns the value of community and friendship, the importance of self-confidence, and the power of love and trust.

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MONTANA REUNION
The Montana Carters • Book 1
Jen Gilroy

Beth Flanagan became a mother when she took in her best friend's daughter. Spending the summer at the Montana camp where she and her friend had made such wonderful memories was meant to create a much-needed bond. But Beth didn't anticipate Zach Carter, the boy who'd stolen her heart, to be in charge. Nor did she anticipate how quickly their feelings would reignite — though Beth vows to not fall for him again!

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WHERE LEGENDS LIE
Michael A. Black

1913. Veteran Jim Bishop takes a job with a motion picture company that is filming a movie based on a famous western gunfight. As the filming proceeds, Jim begins to wonder what really happened in Contention City those thirty-three years ago. 1880. In the actual Contention City, Sheriff Lon Dayton is contacted by the notorious Dutch Bascom regarding the territorial governor's proclamation of amnesty for Bascom and his gang. Dayton has no choice but to walk the tightrope balancing the alleged intentions of the outlaws against the promises of the unscrupulous politicians and railroad men who claim to be in favor of the outlaw's surrender. But are they really?

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Robert Vaughan
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Cade McCall is starting another chapter of his life when he becomes an Army Scout with General Miles and Colonel Mackenzie during the Red River War. When John German's wagon is attacked by Indians, he, his wife, Lydia, his son, Steven, and two of his daughters, Rebecca and Joanna, are killed. Four of his daughters are captured by the Indians, but the two youngest, Julia and Addie, are abandoned. The survival of the young German girls depends upon the efforts of Cade McCall and the troopers of General Miles' cavalry.

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CHEYENNE LANCE
Colorado Territory • Book 5
John Legg

Zack Dobson left St. Louis as a camp helper with a trapping brigade. The boy soon became a trapper — and a man — in the harsh, unforgiving Rocky Mountains. But he became a legend when he sought vengeance against the Comanches who raided the Cheyenne village that had adopted him.

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In January of 1848, the discovery of gold in California sparked a nationwide frenzy, fueling the dreams of Americans from coast to coast. For Cord Bennett, it was more than a dream. Forced to leave the Ozarks, he reluctantly joins his brothers on the journey west. Together, they endure harsh weather, fierce tribal attacks, and roving outlaws. But their biggest challenge comes when they reach the gold-rich canyon of Rio Oro. This makeshift town is barely more than a campsite for prospectors — but the men who control it are as ruthless as any big-city criminals. And twice as deadly.

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BEYOND THE BIG WOODS
THE CONTINUING STORY OF THE BOYD FAMILY
The Big Woods • Book 2
Al Lamanda

NERO AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

Beyond The Big Woods continues the saga of the Boyd family from the years 1874 through 1877. As the country grows, so does the Boyd family as they face new challenges with each passing year.

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A NOVEL
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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER
After Morgan Albright and her roommate Nina host their first dinner party — attended by Luke, the guy who’d been chatting her up at the bar — her world is shattered. The back door glass is broken, cash and jewelry are missing, her car is gone, and Nina lies dead on the floor. Soon, a horrific truth emerges: “Luke” is actually a con artist named Gavin who targets a particular type of woman, steals her assets and identity, and then commits murder. The FBI tells Morgan that Nina wasn't his type. Morgan is. Nina was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. And Morgan's nightmare is just beginning. Gavin is still out there, and he hasn't forgotten the one who got away.

Women's Fiction | Releases 5/22/2024

THE RIVER WE REMEMBER
A NOVEL
William Kent Krueger
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
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PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER
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On Memorial Day, as the people of Jewel, Minnesota, gather to remember and honor the sacrifice of so many sons in the wars of the past, the half-clothed body of wealthy landowner Jimmy Quinn is found floating in the Alabaster River, dead from a shotgun blast. Investigation of the murder falls to Sheriff Brody Dern. As suspicions and accusations mount and the town teeters on the edge of more violence, Dern struggles to find the truth. Caught up in the torrent of anger are a war widow and her adolescent son, the publisher of the local newspaper, an aging deputy, and a crusading female lawyer, all of whom harbor secrets that Quinn's death threatens to expose.

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SUSAN MALLERY
THE SISTER EFFECT
A NOVEL
Susan Mallery
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
Finley McGowan is determined that the niece she’s raising will always feel loved and wanted. Finley reacted to her chaotic childhood by walking the straight and narrow — nose down, work hard, follow the rules. Her sister Sloane went the other way. Now Sloane is back, and she wants a relationship with her daughter. She says she's changed, but Finley's heart has been burned once too often for her to trust easily. But is her reluctance to forgive really about Sloane or worry over losing what she loves the most? With the help of a man who knows all too well how messy families can be, Finley will learn there's joy in surrendering and peace in letting go.

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Fern Michaels
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR
Mateo Castillo is a rising star chef, but just as he’s about to reap the rewards of his skill and hard work by being featured on a major TV cooking competition, Mateo collapses in his restaurant's kitchen and regains consciousness in a hospital emergency room. The cause of his sudden illness is as mysterious as it is worrying, and Mateo and his family undergo a battery of genetic tests. Mateo’s parents fled their home in Colombia many years ago, seeking refuge from the infamous cartels. Now the test results threaten to uncover a secret that exposes his family to dangers in the past while clouding the investigation into who is trying to hurt Mateo in the present.

Thriller | Releases 5/22/2024
Available in Paperback Bestsellers 3.
THE ONE AND ONLY FAMILY
Katherine Applegate

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR
NEWBERRY MEDAL–WINNING AUTHOR AND SERIES

Ivan has been happily living in a wildlife sanctuary, with his friend Ruby next door in the elephant enclosure, frequent visits from his canine friend Bob, and his mate Kinyani by his side. And in the happiest turn of all, Ivan and Kinyani have welcomed a set of twins to their family! Ivan loves being a papa, even though it can be hard sometimes. But as he navigates the joys and challenges of parenthood, he can't help but recall his life before the glass walls of the mall circus, his own childhood in the jungle — and his own twin.

General Fiction | Releases 5/22/2024 | Available in Middle Reader 2 & 5.

ACROSS SO MANY SEAS ★★
Ruth Behar

PURA BELPRÉ AWARD WINNING AUTHOR

“Inhaber's diligent research and personal connection to this history . . . shine through this story of generations of girls who use music and language to survive, tell their stories, and connect with past and future. Powerful and resonant.” — starred, Kirkus Reviews

In 1492, during the Spanish Inquisition, Benvenida and her family are banished from Spain for being Jewish, eventually settling in Istanbul. Over four centuries later, in 1923, Reina’s father disowns her for a small act of disobedience. He ships her away to live with an aunt in Cuba. In 1961, Reina’s daughter, Alegra, is proud to be a brigadista, teaching literacy in the countryside for Fidel Castro. But soon Castro’s crackdowns force her to flee to Miami. Finally, in 2003, Alegra’s daughter, Paloma, is fascinated by all the journeys that had to happen before she could be born. She’s thrilled by the opportunity to learn more about her heritage on a trip to Spain, where she makes a momentous discovery.

General Fiction | Releases 5/22/2024 | Available in Middle Reader 2 & 5.

HOPE IN THE VALLEY ★★★★★
Mitali Perkins

KIRKUS BEST MIDDLE GRADE BOOKS OF 2023

“Perkins explores matters of grief, growing up, and multigenerational relationships in a moving novel that will resonate and linger with readers long after the last beautiful page.” — starred, School Library Journal

Twelve-year-old Indian-American Pandita Paul doesn’t like change. She’s not ready to start middle school and leave the comforts of childhood behind. Most of all, Pandita doesn’t want to feel like she’s leaving her mother, who died a few years ago, behind. After a falling out with her best friend, Pandita is planning to spend most of her summer break reading and writing in her favorite secret space: the abandoned but majestic mansion across the street. But then the town announces that the old home will be bulldozed in favor of new — maybe affordable — housing. With her family on opposing sides of the issue, Pandita must find her voice — and the strength to move on — in order to give her community hope.

General Fiction | Releases 5/22/2024 | Available in Middle Reader 5.
THE LOST LIBRARY
Rebecca Stead, Wendy Mass

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
INDIE NEXT PICK
AMAZON #1 BEST KIDS’ BOOK OF 2023

“A boy who visits a little free library gets more than he bargained for when he becomes a sleuth caught up in the middle of his town’s most enduring mystery . . . A page-turner with striking characters and a satisfying puzzle at its heart.” — Kirkus Reviews

When a mysterious little free library (guarded by a large orange cat) appears overnight in the small town of Martinville, eleven-year-old Evan plucks two weathered books from its shelves, never suspecting that his life is about to change. Evan and his best friend Rafe quickly discover a link between one of the old books and a long-ago event that none of the grown-ups want to talk about. The two boys start asking questions whose answers will transform not only their own futures, but the town itself.

Fantasy | Releases 5/22/2024
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GONE WOLF
Amber McBride

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
KIRKUS BEST MIDDLE GRADE BOOKS OF 2023
A PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST BOOK OF 2023
CORETTA SCOTT KING/JOHN STEPTOE AWARD WINNING AUTHOR

In the future, a Black girl known only as Inmate Eleven is kept confined — to be used as a biological match for the president’s son, should he fall ill. She is called a Blue — the color of sadness. She lives in a small-small room with her dog, who is “going wolf” more often — he’s pacing and imagining he’s free. Inmate Eleven wants to “go wolf” too — she wants to know why she feels so Blue and what is beyond her small-small room. In the present, Imogen has intense phobias and nightmares of confinement. Her two older brothers used to help her, but now she’s on her own, until a college student helps her see the difference between being Blue and sad, and Black and empowered.

General Fiction | Releases 5/22/2024
Available in Middle Reader 5.

THE COLLIDING WORLDS OF MINA LEE
Ellen Oh

“A lighthearted story with touches of romance and fantasy, told with K-drama flair.” — Kirkus Reviews

When Mina Lee woke up on Saturday morning for SAT prep, she did NOT expect to: 1. Nearly be fried by a supervillain. 2. Come face to face with Jin, the handsome boy of her dreams. 3. Discover a conspiracy involving the evil corporation Merco that she created. And it’s all happening in her fictional world. Mina is trapped in the story she created. Now it’s up to her to save everyone. Even if it means losing Jin forever.

Adventure | Releases 5/8/2024
Available in Crossover 1 & 2.

IGNITE ME
Shatter Me • Book 3
Tahereh Mafi

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

With Omega Point destroyed, Juliette doesn’t know if the rebels, her friends, or even Adam are alive. But that won’t keep her from trying to take down The Reestablishment once and for all. Now she must rely on Warner, the handsome commander of Sector 45. The one person she never thought she could trust. The same person who saved her life. He promises to help Juliette master her powers and save their dying world . . . but that’s not all he wants with her.

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