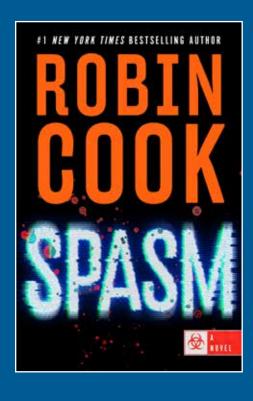
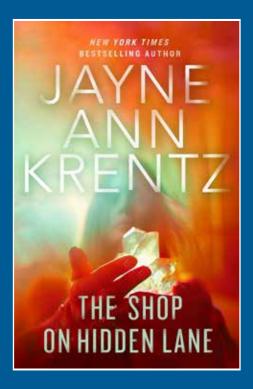
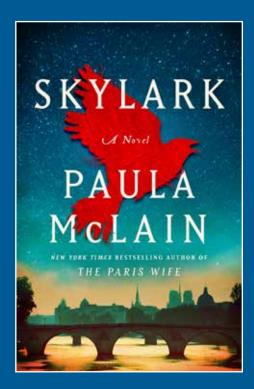


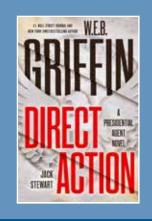
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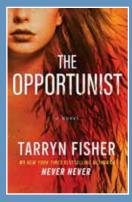
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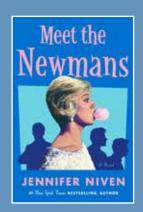


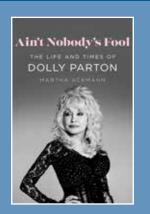














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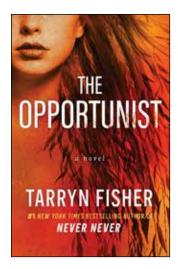
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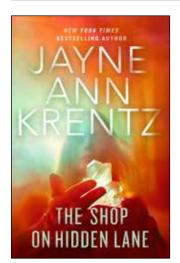
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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR USA TODAY BESTSELLER EDITOR'S CHOICE 6

When Olivia spots her ex-boyfriend in a record shop, she ignores good sense and approaches him. When Caleb reveals he's suffering from amnesia after a car accident, first she feels regret — and then opportunity. If he doesn't remember her, then he also doesn't remember her manipulation, her deceit, or the way she broke his heart. Seeing a chance to reunite with Caleb, she keeps the details around the implosion of their relationship a secret. Wrestling to keep her identity and their history under wraps, Olivia must face the consequences of her lies, and in the process discover that sometimes love falls short of redemption.

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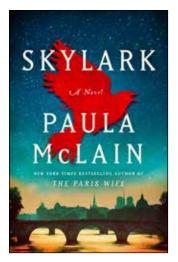
#### Jayne Ann Krentz

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR EDITOR'S CHOICE 3

The Harper and the Wells families regard each other with deep suspicion, but they share the responsibility for protecting a long-buried and very dangerous secret. Sophy Harper and Luke Wells are shocked to learn that her aunt and his uncle are both missing. Not only that, but the last traces of them are at the scene of a murder. Clearly, someone is willing to kill to obtain the secret their families have been charged with protecting. But Luke and Sophy are concealing a few secrets, too. By a strange twist of fate, a Harper and a Wells have no choice but to trust each other and the fierce attraction that is binding them.

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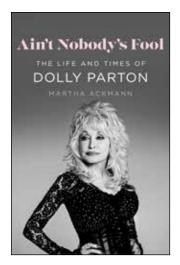
#### SKYLARK X A NOVEL Paula McLain

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

1664. Alouette Voland secretly dreams of escaping her circumstances. When her father is unjustly imprisoned, Alouette's efforts to save him lead to her own confinement in the Salpêtrière asylum, where thousands of women are held captive and cruelly treated. But within its grim walls, she discovers a group of brave allies and the possibility of a life bigger than she ever imagined. 1939. Kristof Larson is a medical student beginning his psychiatric residency in Paris, whose neighbors on the Rue de Gobelins are a Jewish family who have fled Poland. When Nazi forces descend on the city, Kristof becomes their only hope for survival, even as his work is jeopardized.

#### ISBN: 9781420531589 | \$40.99

Women's Fiction | Releases 1/7/2026 | Available in Top Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



#### AIN'T NOBODY'S FOOL



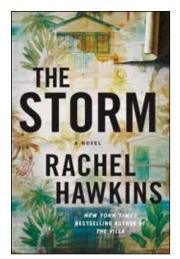
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF DOLLY PARTON

#### Martha Ackmann

From her impoverished childhood in the Smoky Mountains to international stardom, Dolly Parton has exceeded everyone's expectations but her own. The day after her high school graduation, she boarded a bus for Nashville, but record executives turned her down. When Dolly finally got her foot in the door, her talent and focus catapulted her to the top of country charts, the pop world, and movie stardom. Shunned by many in Nashville who saw her ambition as a betrayal of her country music roots, Dolly became the target of death threats, lawsuits, and a judge who threatened to throw her in jail, but she came back stronger than ever.

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#### THE STORM

A NOVEL

**Rachel Hawkins** 

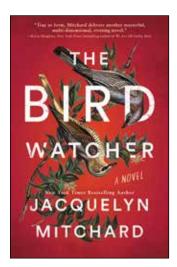
#### **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

"This is a page-turner that readers will find hard to put down and is perfect for fans of stories with ambiguous morals and dysfunctional families." — Booklist

St. Medard's Bay, Alabama, is famous for three things: the deadly hurricanes that regularly sweep into town; the Rosalie Inn, a century-old hotel that's survived every one of those storms; and Lo Bailey, the local girl infamously accused of the murder of her lover in 1984. When Geneva Corliss, current owner of the Rosalie Inn, hears a writer is coming to town to research the crime that put St. Medard's Bay on the map, she's interested in how a successful true crime book might help the struggling inn's bottom line. But as the summer heats up and another monster storm begins, Geneva learns that some people can be just as destructive — and deadly — as any hurricane.

#### S | ISBN: 9781420532210 | \$37.99

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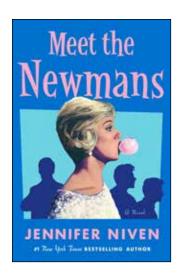
#### THE BIRDWATCHER Jacquelyn Mitchard

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

When she is convicted of murder, Felicity Wild, a brilliant grad student turned highpriced escort, declares, "I may not be innocent, but I'm innocent of this." Reenie Bigelow never doubted it. A jury may have given Felicity a life sentence, but Reenie knows her childhood best friend is not capable of murder. And so Reenie, a journalist, decides to use her deep connections to Felicity's past to unravel the truth. The more she uncovers, the more Reenie is convinced that the story the prosecution told is wrong, despite the puzzling fact that Felicity said not one single word in her own defense. But there's one thing Reenie knows for certain: Felicity would never lie.

#### S | ISBN: 9781420523973 | \$37.99

Women's Fiction | Releases 1/7/2026 | Available in Top Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



#### MEET THE NEWMANS

A NOVEL

**Jennifer Niven** 

#### **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR EDITOR'S CHOICE 8**

For two decades, Del and Dinah Newman and their sons, Guy and Shep, have ruled television as America's Favorite Family. Millions of viewers tune in every week to watch them play flawless versions of themselves. But now it's 1964, and the Newmans' perfection feels woefully out of touch. Ratings are in free fall, as are the Newmans themselves. Del is keeping an explosive secret from his wife, and Dinah is slowly going numb. Guy is hiding the truth about his love life, and the charmed luck of rock 'n' roll idol Shep may have finally run out. Can the Newmans hold it together to change television history? Or will they be canceled before they ever have the chance?

#### S | ISBN: 9781420532227 | \$37.99

General Fiction | Releases 1/7/2026 | Available in Top Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



#### THE LOST STORY OF EVA FUENTES **Chanel Cleeton**

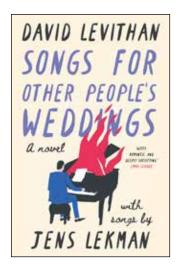
#### **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

"Those seeking emotional historical fiction with a hint of danger and romance will find much to like in Cleeton's enjoyable new book." — Library Journal

London, 2024. American expat Margo Reynolds has been hired to find a mysterious book published over a century ago with a single copy left in existence. Havana, 1966. When a neighbor fleeing Cuba asks Pilar Castillo to return a valuable book to its rightful owner, Pilar will risk everything to protect the literary work entrusted to her. Boston, 1900. For aspiring author Eva Fuentes, traveling from Havana to Harvard is the opportunity of a lifetime. The story that pours out of her is one of forbidden love, secrets, and lies . . . and though Eva cannot yet see it, the book will be a danger and salvation for the lives it touches.

#### ISBN: 9781420523416 | \$35.99

General Fiction | Releases 1/7/2026 | Available in Top Shelf 8.



## SONGS FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S WEDDINGS \*\*\*



A NOVEL

#### David Levithan, Jens Lekman

#### SHELF AWARENESS PICK

"A charming, unique, and unconventional exploration of relationships." — starred, Library Journal

J is an accidental wedding singer. Unlike most wedding singers, he writes an original song for every couple — his way of finding out about the small, strange things that brought them together and the hopeful, vulnerable feelings they're experiencing. I's own love life is in a state of flux. His girlfriend is off to New York for work, and as her life grows bigger and busier without him in it, he finds it harder to stick to a happy tune. He doesn't know whether to encourage the soon-to-be-wed couples or warn them. When complications hit and love is tested, is there any way to sing through all the noise?

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Romance General | Releases 1/7/2026 | Available in Top Shelf 8.



#### **SPASM**

A Jack Stapleton and Laurie Montgomery Novel • Book 15

#### **Robin Cook**

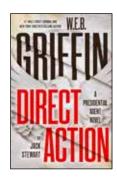
## NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR EDITOR'S CHOICE 2

When Laurie Montgomery steps down from her position as Chief Medical Examiner at the OCME, she and Jack receive a call from Jack's old

peer, Robert Neilson, about two strange deaths in Essex Falls. He tells them the deaths are of two known white extremists in their late twenties. Prior to their deaths, their behavior had been somewhat bizarre, with both complaining of muscle spasms, nausea, and anxiety. As Jack and Laurie get to work, they are led to believe that a dangerous bioweapon might be at play, which could threaten the lives of the entire town . . . and maybe all of America.

#### S | ISBN: 9781420524888 | \$40.99

Thriller | Releases 1/7/2026 Available in High Octane 4, 6 & 8.



## W.E.B. GRIFFIN DIRECT ACTION

A Presidential Agent Novel • Book 10

#### **Jack Stewart**

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

Charley Castillo, the original Presidential Agent is in Virginia Beach to visit his son when two gunmen appear. Charley is able

to thwart a deadly mass shooting, but he is hit and badly injured. Meanwhile Pick McCoy is at the Naval Academy catching up with some old friends. When the news of the attack reaches him, he senses that this is no random event. While Charley clings to life, Pick searches for the men responsible and in the process uncovers a deadly plot that threatens to strike deep at the heart of American democracy.

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#### RINGS OF FATE Melissa de la Cruz

#### **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

Aren Bellamore has spent her life slinging ale, fending off drunks, and dreaming of escape. Not romance. Not crowns. Just *more*. Prince Dietan is brooding, entitled, and bound to the Rings of Fate — ancient magical relics that were never meant to touch

human flesh. Now they're killing him. And when Aren accidentally triggers one, she gets tied to the curse, too. Their only hope? Each other. Forced into an uneasy alliance, Aren and Dietan must survive magic that's turning against them both. And somewhere between dodging assassins and sharing too many fireside glances, Aren starts to wonder if her "more" might include the one thing she swore she didn't want.

#### S | ISBN: 9781420523119 | \$37.99

Fantasy | Releases 1/7/2026 Available in High Octane 4, 6 & 8.



## JUST ANOTHER DEAD AUTHOR A NOVEL

#### **Katarina Bivald**

#### **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

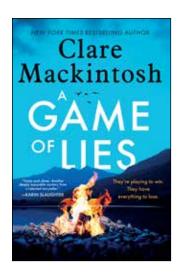
"A plethora of characters, settings, motives, and red herrings makes Bivald's latest an engrossing, keep-'em-guessing read." — Booklist

When mystery author Berit Gardner agrees to attend a writer's conference

in the French countryside, she dreams of basking in the sun and nurturing budding talent. But her vacation takes a dark turn when the keynote speaker drops dead at the end of her lecture. As whispers of foul play swirl, Berit quickly realizes she's stepped into a tangled web of jealousy, betrayal, and long-held grudges. Enter the French commissaire, who is less than thrilled to have a curious author meddling in her investigation. But as the suspects pile up, she recognizes Berit's sharp instincts could crack the case wide open. Can Berit unravel the truth before her own story ends in tragedy?

#### ISBN: 9781420531756 | \$35.99

Mystery | Releases 1/7/2026 Available in High Octane 6 & 8.



#### A GAME OF LIES

A NOVEL

DC Morgan

#### **Clare Mackintosh**

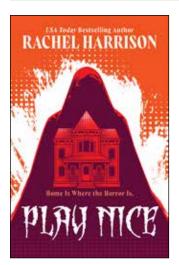
#### **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

"Mackintosh has heaps of nasty fun with the conniving world of reality TV, and she generates palpable stakes for her well-drawn characters. By the time things wind down, it's clear this series has enough gas to merit a long run." — Publishers Weekly

Stranded in the Welsh mountains, seven reality show contestants have no idea what they've signed up for. Each of these strangers has a secret. If another player can guess the truth, they won't just be eliminated — they'll be exposed live on air. The stakes are higher than they'd ever imagined, and they're trapped. The disappearance of a contestant wasn't supposed to be part of the drama. Detective Ffion Morgan has to find out who these people really are — knowing she can't trust any of them. And when a murderer strikes, Ffion knows every one of her suspects has an alibi . . . and a secret worth killing for.

#### ISBN: 9781420532623 | \$35.99

Thriller | Releases 1/7/2026 | Available in High Octane 6 & 8.



## PLAY NICE > **Rachel Harrison**

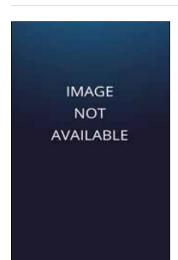
**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER USA TODAY BESTSELLER** LIBRARY READS PICK

"This refreshing haunted-house novel has chills, thrills, and twists that will linger with readers long after it's over." — starred, Library Journal

Clio Louise Barnes, stylist and influencer, harbors a not-so glamorous secret: she grew up in a haunted house. Well, not haunted. Possessed. After Clio's parents' divorce, her mother, Alex, moved Clio and her sisters into a house occupied by a demon. Or so Alex claimed. After Alex's sudden death, the supposedly possessed house passes to Clio and her sisters. Where her sisters see childhood trauma, Clio sees an opportunity for house flipping content. Only, Clio discovers there might be some truth to her mother's claims. As memories resurface, a sinister presence in the house manifests, revealing ugly truths that threaten to shake Clio's life to its very foundation.

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General Fiction | Releases 1/7/2026 | Available in High Octane 8.



### THE OCTOBER FILM HAUNT



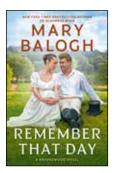
#### A NOVEL **Michael Wehunt**

"[P]erfect for those who love horror featuring urban legends and found footage. . . . This novel will keep readers guessing until the very last page." — starred, Booklist

Ten years ago, Jorie Stroud was the rising star of the October Film Haunt — a trio of horror enthusiasts who camped out at the filming locations of their favorite scary movies, sharing their love through their popular blog. But after a night in the graveyard from Proof of Demons, everything unraveled. Now, in the devastating wake of her viral, truth-stretching *Proof of Demons* blog entry, Jorie has put it all behind her. Until a videotape arrives in the mail. Jorie fears someone might be filming her. As the dangers grow even more unexpected and strange, Jorie must search for answers before the *Proof* of the movie's title finds her and takes everything she loves.

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Horror | Releases 1/7/2026 | Available in High Octane 8.



#### REMEMBER THAT DAY

A Ravenswood Novel • Book 5

#### **Mary Balogh**

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

Winifred Cunningham, daughter of a portrait painter, hopes that her new close friend, Owen Ware, will soon ask for her hand in marriage. But when Owen introduces Winifred

to his elder brother Nicholas, the late Earl of Stratton's second son, the slow burn between them begins. During a summer at Ravenswood, Nicholas and Winifred are thrown together on several occasions. With allegiances to other marriage prospects and brotherly bonds at risk, not to mention the age difference between them, Nicholas and Winifred know it would be wholly improper to pursue a romance. And yet, romance is irresistible. Perhaps even inevitable.

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## THE LONELINESS OF \* SONIA AND SUNNY

A NOVEL

Kiran Desai

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
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INDIE NEXT PICK

2025 BOOKER PRIZE SHORTLIST 2025 KIRKUS PRIZE FINALIST

"Magnificent. . . . A masterpiece." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

When Sonia and Sunny first glimpse each other on an overnight train, they are immediately captivated yet also embarrassed by the fact that their grandparents had once tried to matchmake them, a clumsy meddling that served only to drive Sonia and Sunny apart. Sonia, an aspiring novelist, has returned to her family in India. Sunny, a struggling journalist resettled in New York City, is attempting to flee his imperious mother and the violence of his warring clan. Uncertain of their future, Sonia and Sunny embark on a search for happiness together as they confront the many alienations of our modern world.

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#### **CODE BLUE**

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#### **Fern Michaels**

## *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR EDITOR'S CHOICE 8

When a letter arrives telling Theresa Gallagher that her aunt is in a nursing home, Theresa flies out to see her. The staff at the Sunnydale Care Facility seem pleasant and

efficient, but Theresa finds it strange that she's only permitted to "observe" her aunt from a viewing room. It's the first of several red flags that lead Theresa to start asking questions. Soon the Sisterhood is on the case, uncovering evidence that at Sunnydale, seniors are mistreated, duped, and drained of their savings. But no one is beyond justice — not when the Sisterhood's extraordinary women are involved, making wrongs right as only they can.

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## DAIKON \*\*\*

#### **Samuel Hawley**

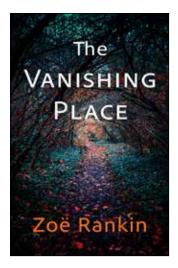
#### **INDIE NEXT PICK**

"An engrossing and thought-provoking novel. . . . The author's research is impressive as he describes how the bomb is designed to work, the tensions within the Japanese power structure, and details of Japanese culture." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

War has taken everything from physicist Keizo Kan. His young daughter was killed in the Great Tokyo Air Raid, and now his wife, Noriko, has been imprisoned by the brutal Thought Police. The Imperial Army dispatches Kan to examine an unusual device recovered from the plane's wreckage — a bomb containing uranium — and tells him that if he can unlock its mysteries, his wife will be released. Working in secrecy under crushing pressure, Kan begins to disassemble the bomb and study its components. The army orders Kan to prepare the bomb for detonation, and he is soon confronted with a series of decisions that will test his courage, his loyalty, and his very humanity.

**ISBN: 9781420531923 | \$35.99** Historical | Releases 1/7/2026

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## THE VANISHING PLACE \*\*

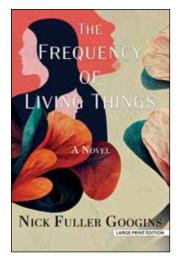
#### Zoë Rankin

"Vividly set in the unforgiving bush country, Rankin's debut thriller cleverly builds on the long-held secrets of the past and the present to reveal a jaw-dropping finale." — starred, Library Journal

Growing up with her siblings in the New Zealand bush, Effie believed their parents had cut them off from civilization because they loved Nature. She never suspected their reasons might be more menacing. After witnessing a terrifying episode of violence, she escaped the wilderness to forge a life for herself halfway across the globe. Now, when she learns the only witness to a murder is a little girl who looks just like her, Effie is compelled to return to the scene of her childhood, where the secrets of her upbringing and the terrors of her past come rushing back. To find out once and for all what became of her family, Effie must face her greatest fears once more.

#### ISBN: 9781420531770 | \$35.99

Thriller | Releases 1/7/2026 | Available in Dynamic Drama 6 & 8.



## THE FREQUENCY OF LIVING THINGS 🜟

A NOVEL

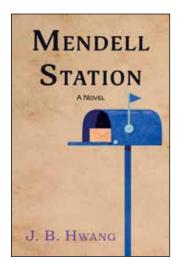
#### **Nick Fuller Googins**

"The author's quick pacing and pitch-perfect details, down to the sisters' preferred Boston diner, will sustain readers through the anger and loss, on to a satisfyingly real resolution." — Kirkus Reviews

Josie, the youngest sister, is the left-brained scientist to her twin sisters' right-brained artistic chaos. Emma is the quintessential frontwoman, but the success of The Twins' first (and only) album is two decades behind her. Ara is detoxing, not only from her opioid habit but also from her family. Bertie, who raised her three daughters as a single mother, has always taught them that family won't always be around to take care of you. Now she must decide if she should reenter her daughters' lives in their greatest time of need — or watch to see if the resilience she's taught them will help carry them through.

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#### MENDELL STATION

A NOVEL

J. B. Hwang

**INDIE NEXT PICK** 

#### BEST BOOK OF JULY 2025 BY THE LOS ANGELES TIMES AND ALTA JOURNAL

"Gentle and meticulously observant, the novel pays tribute to the ways in which thoroughly mundane experiences can serve as a form of grace. A quietly hopeful depiction of the bumpy process of recovery from loss." — Kirkus Reviews

It's January 2020, and Miriam is already getting a sense that the world might be ending. First, she learns that her best friend, Esther, has died. Then her faith in God — in everything, really — follows suit. Her job teaching Scripture at a private Christian school suddenly seems untenable, so she quits. Thankfully, the postal service is hiring. While Miriam finds comfort in her route, the mail truck can hardly outpace the memory of her lost friend and eroded faith. She finds herself composing letters to Esther that she will never deliver, reflecting on their shared childhoods and deep understanding of each other's difficult families.

#### ISBN: 9781420531749 | \$35.99

Women's Fiction | Releases 1/7/2026 | Available in Dynamic Drama 8.



#### A SPIRITED BLEND

A Crystals & CuriosiTEAS Mystery

#### **Lauren Elliott**

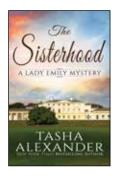
#### **USA TODAY BESTSELLER**

With Halloween around the corner, Shay Myers is brewing seasonal sips at Crystals and CuriosiTEAS. Her premonitions have missed the mark since she settled into Bray Harbor, opening the door to questions about

whether she's really the gifted seer her late mother imagined. It's why she second guesses the vision in her tea leaves about a local. But when bad omens come true, Shay doesn't have time for self-doubt. A woman's body has been discovered, and as an investigation stirs up a connection to a mystic shop, Shay finds herself chasing down a criminal who might finally be her match!

#### ISBN: 9781420531381 | \$36.99

Cozy Mystery | Releases 1/7/2026 Available in Mystery 2, 3, & 5.



#### THE SISTERHOOD

A Lady Emily Mystery

#### Tasha Alexander

#### **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

"Plenty of motives and a surprise ending . . . [with] a bit of British Roman history woven into the mystery." — Kirkus Reviews

London, 1907. When the Season's most accomplished and elegant debutante, Victoria Goldsborough,

collapses and dies at her engagement ball, the great and good of London Society prepare to mourn the tragic loss. After a toxic beverage is revealed to be the cause of death, the king himself instructs Lady Emily and her husband Colin Hargreaves to unearth the truth. Emily and Colin's investigation leads to a centuries old tomb in the center of London with a mysterious link to another death dating back to Roman times. As the stakes rise and the clock ticks down, Emily must find the killer before they strike again.

## ISBN: 9781420527414 | \$33.99

Historical | Releases 1/7/2026 Available in Mystery 3 & 5.



#### A NEW LEASE ON DEATH

A Ruby and Cordelia Mystery

#### Olivia Blacke

#### 2025 BEST PARANORMAL NOVEL AT THE **ANTHONY AWARDS**

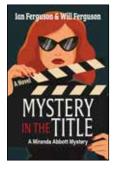
"This pair of amateur detectives just works, and readers will root for them and the friendship they're building." — Booklist

Ruby Young's new apartment comes with a ghost. Since Cordelia Graves

died in her apartment a few months ago, she's kept up her residency, despite being frustrated by her new roommate. When her neighbor, Jake Macintyre, is killed, Cordelia is determined to bring his killer to justice. Unfortunately, Cordelia, being dead herself, can't solve the mystery alone. She has to enlist the help of the obnoxiously perky tenant of her apartment. As the roommates form an unlikely friendship and get closer to the truth about Jake's death, they also start to uncover other dangerous secrets.

#### ISBN: 9781420531398 | \$32.99

Women Sleuths | Releases 1/7/2026 Available in Mystery 5.



#### MYSTERY IN THE TITLE A NOVEL

A Miranda Abbott Mystery

#### Ian Ferguson & Will Ferguson

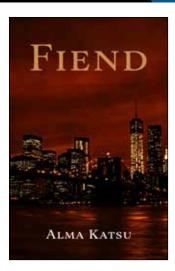
Miranda Abbott will once again be a star. After a very long dry spell that followed her network hit series, Pastor Fran Investigates, Hollywood wants Miranda back. This time, she will be the female lead in a movie

being filmed in Happy Rock. Miranda signs on the dotted line, but her trusty assistant, Andrew, thinks it all seems a bit fishy. Things go from bad to worse when Miranda's costar crashes through the atrium window at the Duchess Hotel and being very much dead. The out-of-town cast and crew are horrified, but the great citizens of Happy Rock return to help solve the case in this second Miranda Abbott mystery.

#### ISBN: 9781420531541 | \$32.99

Women Sleuths | Releases 1/7/2026

Available in Mystery 5.

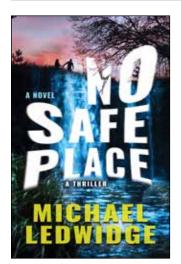


#### **FIEND** Alma Katsu

"[O]ozing with dread . . . Katsu presents a fast-paced story that will unite her fans across genres." — Library Journal

The Berisha family runs one of the largest companies in the world, and they've always been lucky. Their rivals suffer strokes. Inconvenient buildings catch fire. Earthquakes destroy harmful evidence. They're blessed. At least that's what Zef, the patriarch, always told his three children. Dardan, the only male heir, must prepare to take over; Maris's contribution will be to marry strategically; and Nora's job is to just stay out of the way. But when the family blessing starts looking more like a curse, the Berishas begin to splinter. They didn't get to be one of the richest families in the world without spilling a little blood, but this time, it might be their own.

ISBN: 9781420530148 | \$36.99 Horror | Releases 1/21/2026



#### NO SAFE PLACE

A NOVEL

A Michael Gannon Thriller • Book 4

#### Michael Ledwidge

#### **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

While he's hiding out off the grid on a trout stream in the middle of rural New England, the last thing Mike Gannon is looking for is any more trouble. But then he bumps into an old girlfriend who is an investigator up from New York City looking into the mysterious death of a student at a nearby prestigious college. And soon what Mike wants and what he's about to get become two very different things. First a whistleblower comes forward with evidence of a deadly scandal. Then shortly after arrives a group of dangerous men who will do anything to keep secrets buried. Then the lights go out.

ISBN: 9781420532104 | \$36.99 Thriller | Releases 1/21/2026



## THE LIBRARIANS

A NOVEL

**Sherry Thomas** 

**USA TODAY BESTSELLER** LIBRARY READS PICK

"Thomas takes her time to introduce each of her characters and give them space to develop so that readers will root for each and every one." — Library Journal

In the leafy suburbs of Austin, Texas, a small branch library welcomes the public every day of the week. But the patrons who love the helpful, unobtrusive staff and leave rave reviews on Yelp don't always realize that their librarians are human, too. When two patrons turn up dead after the library's inaugural murder mystery-themed game night, the librarians' quiet routines come crashing down. Something sinister has stirred, something that threatens every single one of them. And the only way the librarians can save the library — and themselves — is to let go of their secrets, trust one another, and band together. All in a day's work.

ISBN: 9781420530155 | \$36.99 Thriller | Releases 1/21/2026



#### THE MANGO MURDERS

A Key West Food Critic Mystery

#### **Lucy Burdette**

#### **USA TODAY BESTSELLER**

"A colorful background and fun for foodies enliven a tale of jealousy and revenge." Kirkus Reviews

Food critic Hayley Snow's employer, Key Zest, is throwing the event of the season, a lavish cocktail party catered

by Janet Snow, Hayley's mother. As Hayley boards the luxurious cruise, she anticipates a smooth sailing soirée, but the festivities take a tragic turn when an explosion plunges the party guests into chaos. In the days that follow, Hayley learns that a local culinary entrepreneur died in the explosion, and it was no accident. With the clock ticking and the stakes higher than ever, Hayley must rely on her keen intuition to unmask a cunning culprit before they strike again.

#### ISBN: 9781420531930 | \$27.99

Cozy Mystery | Releases 1/21/2026 Available in Softcover Cozy Mystery 3 & 4.



#### TEA WITH JAM & DREAD

A Tea by the Sea Mystery

#### Vicki Delany

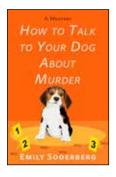
"The narrative delightfully blends intrigue with lovely English charm and a cast of *memorable characters."* — Library Journal

Long ago, Lily's grandmother Rose worked as a kitchen maid at Thornecroft Castle, and now Elizabeth, dowager countess of

Frockmorton, is celebrating her one hundredth birthday. Rose still has fond feelings for her onetime employer, so a group trip to Yorkshire is planned. Little do they know that Elizabeth plans to sell the famous Frockmorton Sapphires. The icing on the cake comes when the jewels suddenly vanish — and things really go nuts when a party guest dies from an allergic reaction to almonds that someone smuggled into Lily's chicken sandwiches. Now she'll have to find out who would commit murder in such a manor.

#### ISBN: 9781420532296 | \$27.99

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## **HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DOG ABOUT MURDER**

A MYSTERY

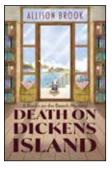
#### **Emily Soderberg**

Nikki Jackson-Ramanathan is struggling to get her pet behaviorist business off the ground. An appointment in a rich suburb of Saint Louis seems to be her ticket to success. The wealthy Mrs. Van Meer

wants Nikki to help the family's old hound dog who is grieving the loss of his owner. But then Mrs. Van Meer turns up dead. Nikki's happy to sit back and let the police solve the crime, until she learns that Mrs. Van Meer's will leaves Nikki in charge of a sizable amount of money and the police start dogging her every step. Nikki resolves to catch the real culprit and convince the cops they're barking up the wrong tree.

#### ISBN: 9781420531954 | \$27.99

Cozy Mystery | Releases 1/21/2026 Available in Softcover Cozy Mystery 3 & 4.



#### **DEATH ON DICKENS ISLAND**

A Books on the Beach Mystery

#### **Allison Brook**

Delia Dickens has come home to Dickens Island, but it isn't the peaceful town she remembers. Delia's Aunt Reenie and Uncle Brad, both prominent community leaders, are at odds over the sale of a farm and its future use. This has created

friction among the citizens of the town. When a young woman is found murdered, everything escalates and reaches a new boiling point. When the ghost of her grandmother visits her, Delia learns how past events have impacted the present, and it is up to her to expose the farm's sordid secrets to catch a murderer and restore peace to her beloved island.

#### ISBN: 9781420531947 | \$27.99

Cozy Mystery | Releases 1/21/2026 Available in Softcover Cozy Mystery 4.



#### **DARK JOY**

A Carpathian Novel

#### **Christine Feehan**

#### **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

Sarika Silva has come to Peru's rainforest to learn about her family's history and her own capabilities as a jaguar shapeshifter. What she finds is a dangerous world where jungle shifters and ravenous vampires vie

for dominance. Tomas Smolnycki and his brothers have hunted vampires for centuries, so Tomas is ill prepared for the emotions that rise like a tidal wave when he hears Sarika's voice. He knows he has finally found his lifemate — a woman he's compelled to protect whether she likes it or not. As an ancient enemy gathers power, Tomas and Sarika's bond could be the one thing that will save them from total destruction.

#### S | ISBN: 9781420527148 | \$36.99

Paranormal Romance | Releases 1/21/2026 Available in Romance 2, 3 & 4.



#### A WITCH'S GUIDE TO MAGICAL INNKEEPING A NOVEL

#### Sangu Mandanna

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER SHELF AWARENESS PICK INDIE NEXT PICK** LIBRARY READS PICK SHELF AWARENESS TOP LIBRARY **RECOMMENDED TITLES** 

"Fans of mellow magical stories centering found family will gobble this one up." — Publishers Weekly

Sera Swan used to be one of the most powerful witches in Britain. Then she resurrected her great-aunt Jasmine from the dead, lost most of her magic, and was exiled from her Guild. Now she helps Jasmine run an enchanted inn in Lancashire. Then she finds out about an old spell that could hold the key to restoring her power. Enter Luke Larsen, who just might know how to unlock the spell's secrets. Running an inn, reclaiming lost magic, and staying one step ahead of the watchful Guild is a lot, but Sera Swan is about to discover that she doesn't have to do it alone and that the family she's made might be the best magic of all.

#### ISBN: 9781420531343 | \$34.99

Fantasy | Releases 1/21/2026 Available in Romance 2, 3 & 4.



#### PEOPLE WATCHING A NOVEL

#### **Hannah Bonam-Young**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER INDIE NEXT PICK** LIBRARY READS PICK

"A memorable and satisfying romance, full of sexy and sensitive moments." — starred, Library Journal

Prudence Welch has found solace in her life in Baysville, Ontario. Despite once dreaming of a life beyond its borders, she now finds contentment in her routines. Enter Milo Kablukov, an enigmatic wanderer whose beat-up van covered with ill-advised bumper stickers rolls into town just when Prue needs a change. It's all too easy to let go with him, and Prue can't help but strike up an unlikely friendship with Milo, which leads to casual-sex lessons at Prue's request. But as their temporary arrangement blossoms into something deeper, Prue and Milo discover that getting out of their comfort zones is one thing . . . taking that leap together is something else entirely.

#### ISBN: 9781420532326 | \$32.99

Contemporary Romance | Releases 1/21/2026 Available in Romance 3 & 4.



#### **LOVE'S A WITCH** A COZY FANTASY ROMANCE

The Scottish Charms • Book 1

#### Tricia O'Malley

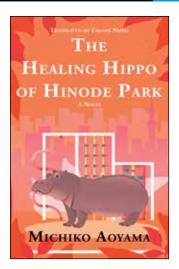
#### **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR USA TODAY BESTSELLER**

"Set in a cozy Scottish village, O'Malley's deftly written series launch is full of smalltown charm, witty banter, and interesting secondary characters, including animal familiars." — Library Journal

Sloane MacGregor swore she'd never return to Briarhaven, but with her twenty-fifth birthday looming — the day witches come into their magic — her grandmother summons her and her sisters back for one tiny task: break the centuries-old curse haunting their bloodline. Knox Douglas, Briarhaven's grumpy mayor, has worked tirelessly to make his town a haven for magical folk. The last thing he needs is a cursed MacGregor wreaking havoc. It doesn't matter he once crushed on her. For the sake of Briarhaven, Sloane has to go. But magic has other plans — and in Briarhaven, love really is a witch.

#### ISBN: 9781420531350 | \$32.99

Paranormal | Releases 1/21/2026 Available in Romance 4.



#### THE HEALING HIPPO OF HINODE PARK

A NOVEL

#### Michiko Aoyama

"[[]]his is a sweet . . . set of stories that offers up the sentiment that sometimes what ails you can be traced back to a problematic point of view. . . . [E]ach story alone is enough to spark thoughtfulness and a small glow of happiness." — Kirkus Reviews

At the bottom of an apartment block in the community of Advance Hill is the children's playground in Hinode Park. To the side, standing on stubby legs, is a hippo. For decades, its quiet power has sustained the hearts of one community. According to urban legend, if you touch the exact part of the hippo where you have an ailment or wound, you will see swift signs of recovery. A story of hope, friendship and connection, Michiko Aoyama's beloved bestseller is a subtle portrayal of the magic of community as the eclectic cast of characters find healing in their lives — though they may not always find it in the ways they expect.

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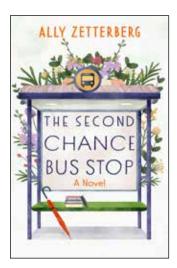
#### **TILL SUMMER DO US PART Meghan Quinn**

#### **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**

Scottie Price just started a new job, and she's the only woman on the team. Expecting a bachelor pad atmosphere, she is quickly corrected when she finds out everyone is happily married. Scottie mentions her nonexistent husband in a company meeting, but eagle-eyed Chad points out her lack of wedding ring. Panicked, Scottie creates a story about her unhappy marriage and calls her best friend, who sets her up with his brother, improv-obsessed Wilder. More than happy to take on the job, Wilder teaches Scottie the main rule of improv: always say yes. But the rule backfires when Wilder signs them up for an eight-day summer marriage camp with all of Scottie's co-workers.

ISBN: 9781420532319 | \$27.99

Contemporary Romance | Releases 1/21/2026



#### THE SECOND CHANCE BUS STOP

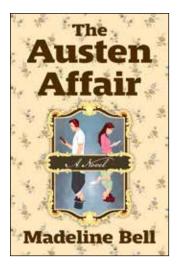
A NOVEL

#### Ally Zetterberg

Edith has Alzheimer's. The idea that she will someday forget her son, her life, even her self, plagues her constantly. She has to find Sven, the love of her life she was supposed to meet on a bus bench twenty-seven years ago and run away with. Her son, Blade, is struggling to keep an eye on her. But what wouldn't he do for his mother? Track down her old flame before her mind fails her? Sure, he can do that. Sophia is working to keep her business afloat. Her uncle left his flower shop to her after he died, and she needs to show her family that the business is worth saving. Life is happening all around them, and like in life, there's always still good to be found.

ISBN: 9781420531022 | \$27.99

Women's Fiction | Releases 1/21/2026



#### THE AUSTEN AFFAIR

#### **Madeline Bell**

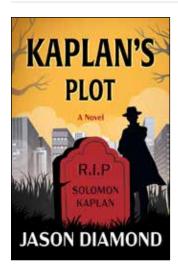
A NOVEL

"Bell turns the wit and charm all the way up. It is a perfect read for fans of Austen adaptations and also an excellent suggestion for those looking for a classic enemies-to-lovers storyline." — Library Journal

Tess Bright just scored her dream role starring in an adaptation of Jane Austen's Northanger Abbey. But one thing is standing in Tess's way — well, one very tall, annoyingly handsome person, actually: Hugh Balfour. Hugh is a type-A, no-nonsense, Royal Academy prodigy, whereas Tess is big-hearted, a little reckless, and admittedly, kind of a mess. Sparks fly, but not in the way Tess hoped, when an electrical accident sends the two feuding co-stars back in time to Jane Austen's era. With only each other to rely on, Tess and Hugh need to ad-lib their way through the Regency period in order to make it back home, and hopefully not screw up history along the way.

#### ISBN: 9781420531978 | \$35.99

Historical Fiction | Releases 1/21/2026



#### **KAPLAN'S PLOT**

A NOVEL

#### **Jason Diamond**

"Diamond crafts an affecting portrait of the bond mother and son gradually form over revelations about the past. . . . A memorable tale of the American dream gone sideways." — Publishers Weekly

Elijah Mendes's mother, Eve, is dying of cancer, so he returns to Chicago worried about how he's going to help despite their chilly relationship. He finds some inspiration when he discovers that their family owns a Jewish cemetery and that his great-uncle Solomon Kaplan, is buried in a plot there. With a new sense of purpose, Elijah begins pursuing a family mystery of extraordinary proportions. Elijah discovers his grandfather Yitz, Eve's father, was a powerful gangster in the 1920s. As secrets unravel, the past and present become intertwined, and Yitz's story forces Elijah and Eve to accept each other, not as who they wish they were but as they both are.

ISBN: 9781420531497 | \$35.99

Historical | Releases 1/21/2026



#### **DOMINION** A NOVEL

#### Addie E. Citchens

#### **BOOKPAGE SELECTION INDIE NEXT PICK**

"A stellar Southern drama of secrets and sin. . . . This Faulknerian, God-troubled novel is an earthly scorcher shot through with unforgettable images." — starred, Publishers Weekly

Reverend Sabre Winfrey, Jr., shepherd of the Seven Seals Missionary Baptist Church, believes in God, his own privilege, and enterprise. He owns the barbershop and the radio station and generally keeps an iron hand on every aspect of society in Dominion, Mississippi. He and his wife, Priscilla, have five boys; the youngest, Emanuel, is called Wonderboy. But Wonderboy, his father, and all the structures in place that keep them on top are not as righteous as they seem to be. And when Wonderboy is caught off guard by an encounter with a stranger, he finds himself confronted by questions he'd never imagined. His response sends shock waves through the entire community.

#### ISBN: 9781420531763 | \$34.99

General Fiction | Releases 1/21/2026 Available in Black Voices 2, 3 & 4.



#### LAURYN HARPER **FALLS APART**

A NOVEL

**Shauna Robinson** 

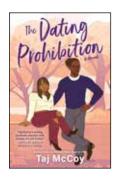
#### LIBRARY READS PICK

Lauryn Harper had a plan. But after a mishap at work, she is transferred to the Ryser Charity Department, a branch of her corporation that happens to be located in the

hometown she abandoned. Horrified at the thought of returning, Lauryn comes up with a new plan: impress her boss enough that she's briskly whisked back to her big city life. However, when her ex-best friend enters the charity department demanding they help revitalize the town by throwing the famous Greenstead Fall Festival, Lauryn is swept away in town hijinks, chaotic planning committees, and a second chance at a childhood friend that shows her why home isn't necessarily a place she has to run from.

#### ISBN: 9781420531565 | \$34.99

Women's Fiction | Releases 1/21/2026 Available in Black Voices 2, 3 & 4.



#### THE DATING PROHIBITION A NOVEL

#### Taj McCoy

"McCoy's talent for crafting steamy scenes, deft hand with dialogue, and mouthwatering food descriptions will make this a popular *title."* — *starred,* Library Journal

Now that Kendra's returned home, she can't help feeling like a kid again — back in her big brother's

shadow, trying to get her restaurant off the ground while his new venture is flying high right out the gate. The only bright spot is her longtime crush BJ. He takes her dreams seriously, and he's ready to help her make her supper club a reality. But then BJ extinguishes the sparks flying between them, insisting nothing romantic can ever happen. As her best chance at fulfilling her professional dreams points toward leaving home again for a fresh start, will BJ be ready for love before Kendra moves on? Or will he sweep her off her feet when she least expects it?

ISBN: 9781420531558 | \$33.99 Romance | Releases 1/21/2026 Available in Black Voices 3 & 4.



#### MEET ME AT THE **CROSSROADS**

A NOVEL

Megan Giddings

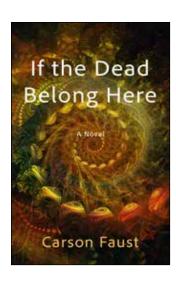
#### **BOOKPAGE SELECTION** LIBRARY READS PICK

"Giddings has created a world that feels both extremely relatable and unknowingly mystical. . . . A brilliant, magical tale of grief and growth." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

On an ordinary summer morning, the world is changed by the appearance of seven mysterious doors that seemingly lead to another world. People are, of course, intrigued: A new dimension filled with beauty and resources beckons them to step into an adventure. But people soon learn that what looks like paradise may very well be filled with danger. Ayanna and Olivia, two Black midwestern teens — and twin sisters — have different ideas of what may lie in the world beyond. But will their personal bond endure such wanton exploration? And when one of them goes missing, will the other find solace on her own? And will she uncover the circumstances of what truly happened to her?

ISBN: 9781420531848 | \$33.99

General Fiction | Releases 1/21/2026 Available in Black Voices 4.



#### IF THE DEAD BELONG HERE

A NOVEL

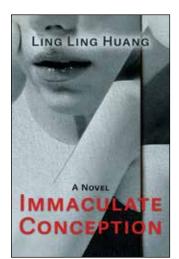
#### **Carson Faust**

"A harrowing and lyrical debut about the costs of healing multigenerational trauma." — Kirkus Reviews

When six-year-old Laurel Taylor vanishes without a trace, her family is left shattered, struggling to navigate the darkness of grief and unanswered questions. As their search turns to despair, Laurel's older sister, Nadine, begins experiencing nightmares that blur the line between dream and reality, and she becomes convinced that Laurel's disappearance could be connected to other family tragedies. Guided by her elders, Nadine sets out to uncover whether laying the ghosts to rest is the key to finding her sister and healing her fractured family.

#### ISBN: 9781420531695 | \$34.99

General Fiction | Releases 1/7/2026 | Available in Diverse Voices 2 & 3.



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



A NOVEL

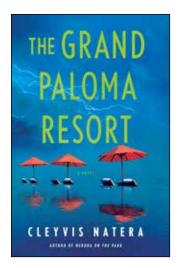
#### **Ling Ling Huang**

"Huang writes evocatively of Enka's waxing and waning jealousy of Mathilde, which comes at the expense of developing her own artistic voice. This bracing novel gives readers plenty to chew on." Publishers Weekly

Enka meets Mathilde in art school and is instantly drawn to her. Mathilde makes art that feels truly original, and Enka — trying hard to prove herself in this fiercely competitive world — pours everything into their friendship. But when Mathilde's fame and success cause her to begin drifting away, Enka becomes desperate to keep her close. Enter SCAFFOLD. Purported to enhance empathy, this cutting-edge technology could allow Enka to inhabit Mathilde's mind and access her memories, artistic inspirations, and deep-seated trauma. Undergoing this procedure would link Enka and Mathilde forever. But at what cost?

#### ISBN: 9781420531701 | \$34.99

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## THE GRAND PALOMA RESORT 🧩



A NOVEL

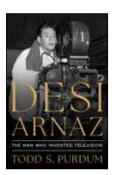
#### **Clevvis Natera**

"[A] gripping tale of disaster unfolding at a Dominican resort over the course of a week. . . . Natera adds lush details of Dominican culture and heavy themes about the power and burden of family bonds. It's a worthy pick." — Publishers Weekly

Laura has risen through the ranks to become manager at the Grand Paloma Resort, and she's just weeks away from a promotion that could blaze a path for her toward a life of opportunity. If only her younger sister, Elena could get with the program. Elena has tried to live up to her sister's expectations, but to escape the drudgery of waiting on rich tourists, she's become dependent on pills and partying. Now, a child left in her charge is believed dead, and Elena knows she'll be held responsible. Set over the course of seven days, The Grand Paloma Resort builds to an intense climax in which the true costs of luxury are laid bare, redeemed only by true acts of love.

#### ISBN: 9781420531664 | \$34.99

General Fiction | Releases 1/7/2026 | Available in Diverse Voices 3.



#### DESI ARNAZ THE MAN WHO INVENTED TELEVISION Todd S. Purdum

#### SHELF AWARENESS PICK

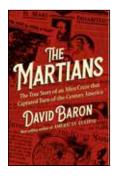
"Purdum successfully celebrates the vision and talent of Cuban-born actor Desi Arnaz. . . . [This] honest reflection of a complicated man is poignant and heartfelt." — *starred,* Library Journal

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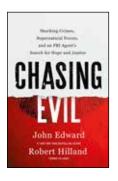
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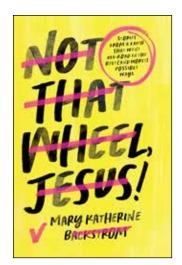
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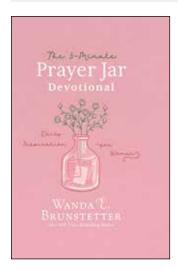
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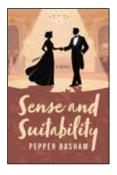
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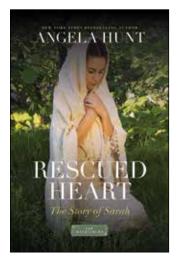
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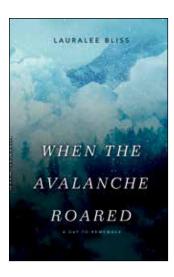
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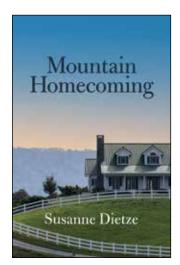
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Lillian Hartwick has been in Wellington, Washington, caring for her cousin and assisting the postmaster when February snows bring train traffic to a halt. Griffin Jones, who works odd jobs for the railway, has tried his best to gain Lillian's interest, but she is engaged and waiting her fiancé's arrival from California. Predawn thunderstorms trigger a devasting avalanche, sweeping two trains down Stevens Pass. Lillian and Griffin work together to help survivors. In the midst of the catastrophe their feelings for each other grow. But is it enough when Lillian's fiancé arrives in the spring, ready to claim her as his own?

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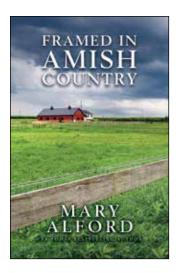
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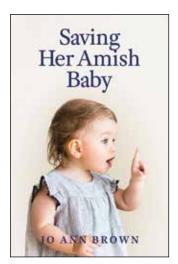


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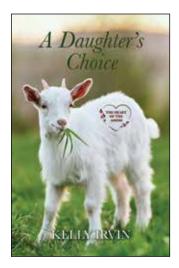
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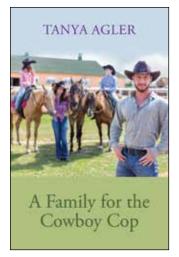
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Henrietta Miller loves animals. She wants to marry and have children someday, but right now her goal is to have her own business selling snacks made from goat's milk and goat's soaps. Against her the wishes of her father — who's also the bishop — she applies for a job as a veterinary assistant to earn money. Then newcomer Nicholas Byler snatches the job out from under her. Now Nicholas is treating Hen's beloved animals as if he knows more than her. Hen turns her frustrations toward expanding her business to include wool-producing goats, even while her aunt hatches matchmaking plans with Nicholas Byler, no less.

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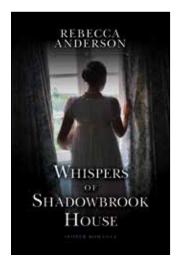
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Denver detective Jase Virtue has one assignment: return to his hometown of Violet Ridge, catch an escaped bank robber, go back to Denver. Staying at Cassie O'Neal's farm isn't part of the plan. But the single mom and her two young children need protection — even if she is the robber's half-sister and suspected accomplice. Bonding with the O'Neals, and a sweet little hen, has Jase wondering if he can truly trust Cassie. Because she makes him long for the home and happily-ever-after he never thought he deserved.

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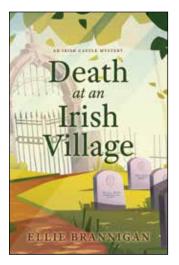


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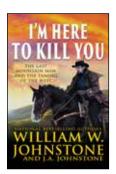
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With six months left to save the fixer-upper castle they inherited, Rayne McGrath and Ciara Smith's bridal venue venture is finally bringing in money. To unite the villagers, some who'd protested their efforts to modernize the village, they create a group of volunteers to clean the old cemetery behind the church. When a body is found by one of the tombstones, the cousins must work overtime to solve the case. When it's discovered that the body was on top of a fake grave that has connections to Rayne's ancestors, Rayne rolls up her sleeves and dives into old family journals in hopes of puzzling out not one but two mysteries.

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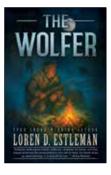
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In Brutal Night of the Mountain Man, Kate Coldane has sweated blood and tears for her saloon. Now Silas

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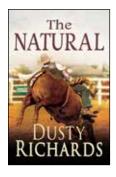
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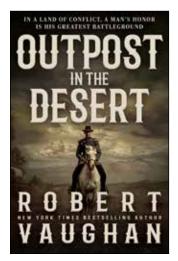
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To Ira Dunellen, the prairie land surrounding his spread is his for the taking. His cattle need room to roam and the one-horse town of Tinhorn, Texas, is standing in his way. As stray cattle wander into town, followed by rowdy cowboys, Sheriff Flint Moran and partner Buck Jackson start corralling up any man breaking the law. It's clear Tinhorn's lawdogs are running rabid, so Dunellen hires deadly gunslinger Cash Kelly to put them down. But unknown to Dunellen, Cash has a score to settle with Flint. Bullets are going to fly. And the dirt streets of Tinhorn will be soaked in blood.

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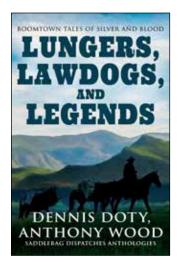
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A young second lieutenant, John Mason hoped to serve his time quietly, but the tension brewing between the Army and the Apache nation has upended that possibility. John finds himself caught in a deadly feud spun by a land speculator determined to claim the Apache lands for himself. If he intervenes to prevent the impending massacre, he risks court-martial and imprisonment. But if he remains silent, he will lose Sakari Blue Stream, the only woman he has ever loved. In the battle that looms, the choices John makes will determine his future and the fate of the land itself. And in a place where loyalty is tested, he must decide who he truly is before it's too late.

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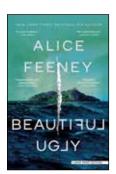
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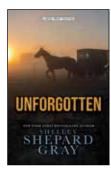
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Grady Green is having the worst best day of his life. He calls his wife

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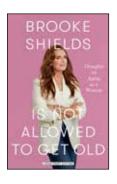
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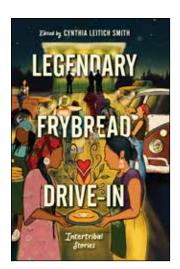
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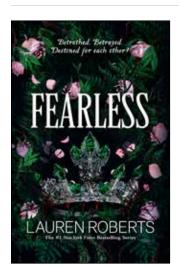
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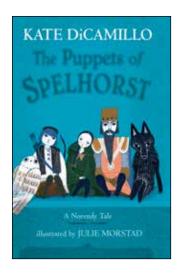
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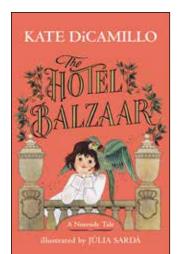
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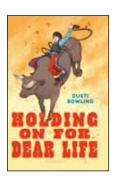
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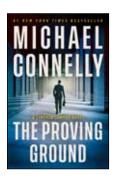
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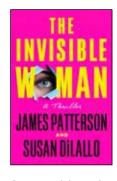
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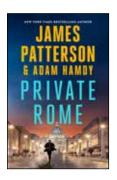
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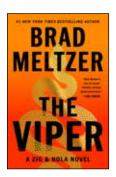
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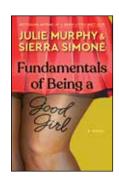
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The Caribbean Sea, 1675. Jacquotte Delahaye is the mixed-race daughter of a wealthy tavern owner on the island of Tortuga. Jacquotte dreams of joining the seafarers and smugglers whose tall-masted ships cluster in the waters around Tortuga. She falls

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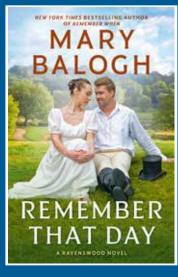
Maddie Kowalczk is ready to be bad. When the rookie lecturer lands at Astra University, she's looking to start fresh after a messy breakup. Bram Loe

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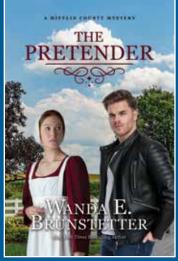
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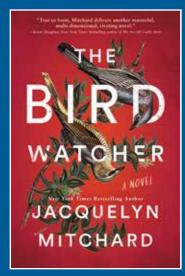
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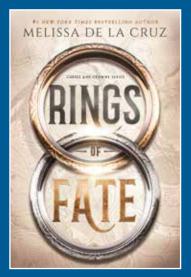
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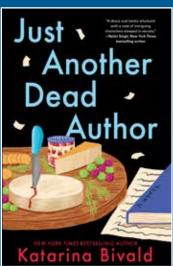
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