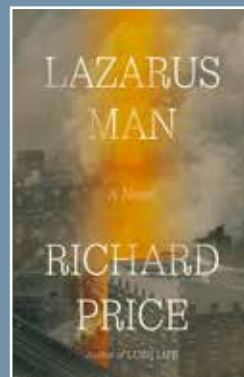
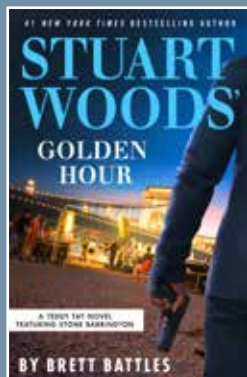
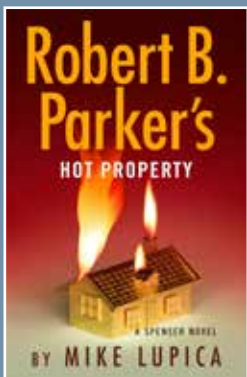
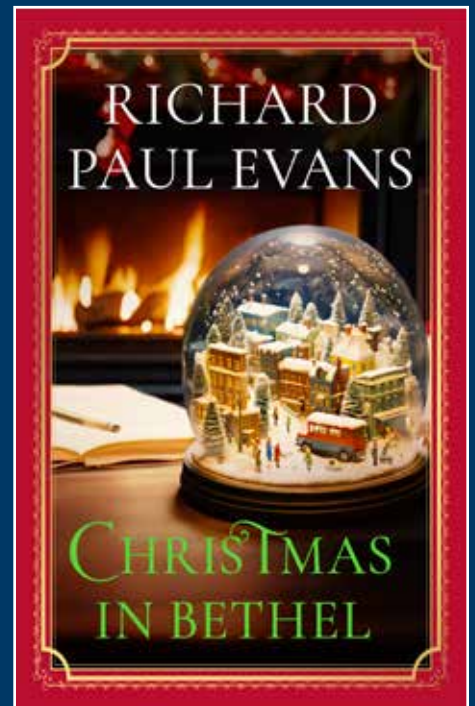
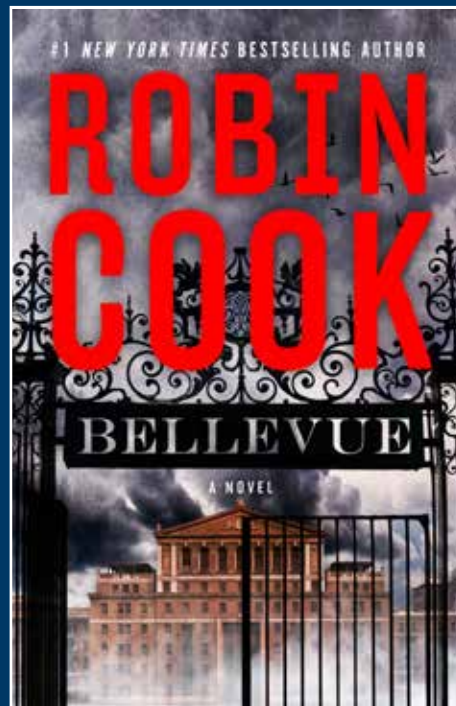
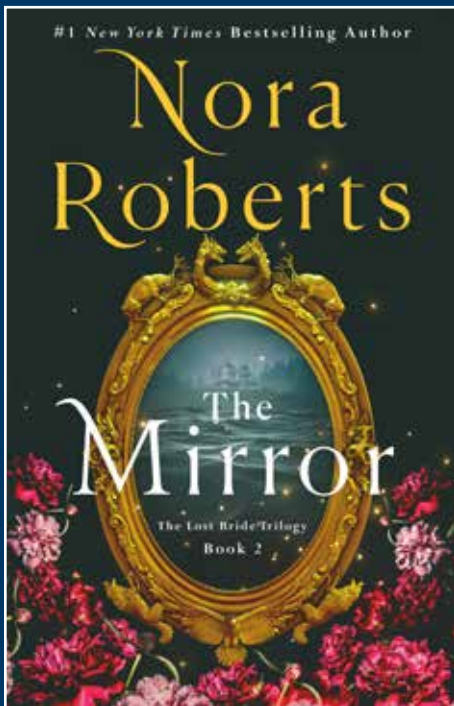


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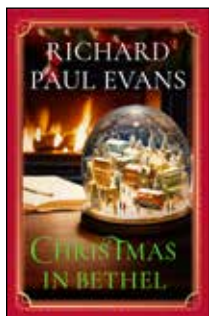
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CHRISTMAS IN BETHEL

Richard Paul Evans

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 1**

After growing up in an unstable home, escaping an abusive marriage, and witnessing daily tragedies as an EMT, Leigh Beth Stilton is convinced she's not worth loving — until she comes across a book called *Bethel* and starts

to read. Leigh is unfamiliar with the author, J.D. Harper, but his words speak directly to her. When he comes to town for a book signing, she jumps at the opportunity to meet the writer who means so much to her. In a twist of fate, Leigh runs into J.D. in a coffee shop, and the two click. Before she knows it, she's swept up in a whirlwind of fancy dinners, exciting travel, and the attention of the man whose work has been so meaningful to her. But she's leery after a life of pain and when she discovers that J.D. hasn't been completely honest, her hopes are dashed. Can they find their way back to each other and can Leigh learn to trust her heart?

S | ISBN: 9781420518092 | \$40.99 U.S.

General Fiction | Releases 12/4/2024

Available in Top Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



TIME OF THE CHILD ★

Niall Williams

"[F]ull of music, humor, and insight."
— starred, Kirkus Reviews

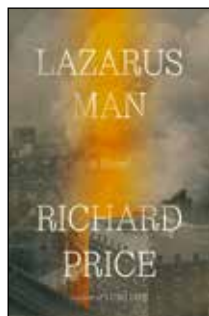
Doctor Jack Troy was born and raised in the little town of Faha, but his responsibilities for the sick and care for the dying mean he has always been set apart from his community. A visit from the doctor is always

a sign of bad things to come. His daughter, Ronnie, has grown up in her father's shadow, and remains there, having passed up an offer of marriage from an unsuitable man. But in 1962, as the town readies itself for Christmas, Ronnie and Doctor Troy's lives are turned upside down when a baby is left in their care. As the winter passes, father and daughter's lives, the understanding of their family, and their role in their community are changed forever.

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Available in Top Shelf 4, 6 & 8.



LAZARUS MAN ★★ ★

A NOVEL

Richard Price

**USA TODAY BESTSELLER
EDITOR'S CHOICE 7**

"An affecting novel by a literary urbanologist in top form." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

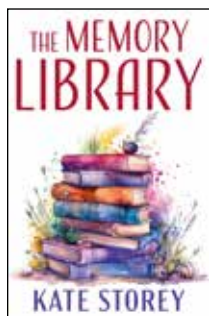
East Harlem, 2008. In an instant, a five-story tenement collapses into rubble and the surrounding

neighborhood descends into chaos. Anthony Carter, whose miraculous survival transforms him into a man with a message and a sense of mission. Felix Pearl, whose photography and film work that day provokes a sharp sense of personal destiny. Royal Davis, owner of a failing Harlem funeral home, whose desperate trolling for potential "customers" triggers a quest to find another path in life. And Mary Roe, a detective who becomes obsessed with finding one of the building's missing. Rich with indelible characters, *Lazarus Man* is a riveting work of suspense and social vision.

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General Fiction | Releases 12/4/2024

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THE MEMORY LIBRARY

Kate Storey

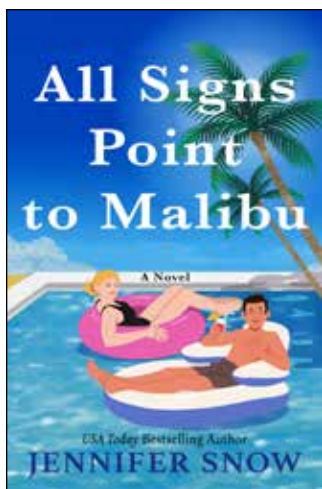
For forty-two years, Sally Harrison has been building a library. Each year, on her daughter's birthday, she adds a new book to her shelves with a note in the front dedicated to her own greatest work. But Ella — Sally's only child — fled to Australia twenty-one years ago after a heated

exchange, and never looked back. And though Sally still adds a new paperback to the shelves every time the clock strikes midnight on July 11th, her hopes of her daughter ever thumbing through the pages are starting to dwindle. Then disaster strikes and Ella is forced to return to the home she once knew. She is soon to discover that when one chapter ends, another will soon follow.

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Women's Fiction | Releases 12/4/2024

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ALL SIGNS POINT TO MALIBU

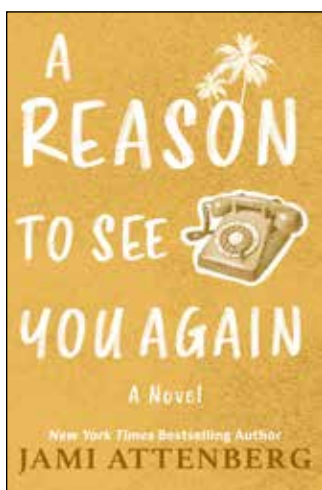
Jennifer Snow

USA TODAY BESTSELLER

Hailey Harris can't stop messing with fate. A successful life coach, Hailey uses her ability to glimpse the future to guide her clients down the right path. But her gift has made her own life lonely. The one person she might have confided in — her ex, Liam Jensen — is newly engaged. But when Hailey has a vision predicting a not-so-happy ending for the couple, her mission is clear: help Liam and his fiancée avoid the biggest mistake of their lives. Stopping the wedding while planning Liam's engagement party is no easy feat. When Hailey discovers the real cause of Liam's future heartbreak, will she keep on fighting fate or trust in the love she never saw coming?

ISBN: 9781420519587 | \$35.99 U.S.

Contemporary | Releases 12/4/2024 | Available in Top Shelf 6 & 8.



A REASON TO SEE YOU AGAIN ★★

A NOVEL

Jami Attenberg

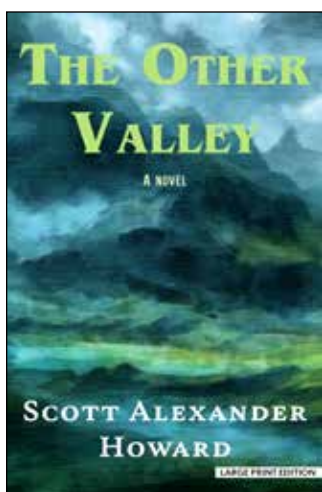
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"Glimmers of humor lift a narrative that time-hops and head-hops, as the Cohen women come together and fall apart, squabble and make up." — Library Journal

The women of the Cohen family are in crisis. Triggered by the death of their patriarch, Rudy, everyone's lives soon take a dramatic turn. Shelly, the younger of the two Cohen sisters, runs off to the West Coast to immerse herself in the emerging world of technology. Her sister, Nancy, gets married to a traveling salesman with a shadowy lifestyle, while their mother, Frieda, hurls herself into a boozy, troubled existence in Miami, trying to forget the past. But they each learn in different ways that running from the past can't save you — and then must make life-altering decisions about what they want their family to be and what they need to move forward.

ISBN: 9781420516753 | \$35.99 U.S.

General Fiction | Releases 12/4/2024 | Available in Top Shelf 8.



THE OTHER VALLEY ★★★

A NOVEL

Scott Alexander Howard

INDIE NEXT PICK

PBS BOOK CLUB PICK

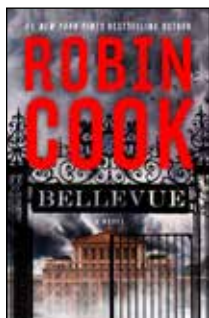
JIMMY FALLON'S BOOK CLUB TOP FOUR PICK

"This gripping speculative novel will make for wonderful book club discussions." — starred, Library Journal

Sixteen-year-old Odile vies for a coveted seat on the Conseil. If she earns the position, she'll decide who may cross her town's heavily guarded borders. To the east, the town is twenty years ahead in time. To the west, it's twenty years behind. When Odile recognizes two visitors she wasn't supposed to see, she realizes that the parents of her friend Edme have been escorted across the border from the future, on a mourning tour, to view their son while he's still alive in Odile's present. Sworn to secrecy to preserve the timeline, Odile now becomes the Conseil's top candidate. Yet she finds herself drawing closer to the doomed boy, jeopardizing her entire future.

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General Fiction | Releases 12/4/2024 | Available in Top Shelf 8.



BELLEVUE: A MEDICAL THRILLER
Robin Cook

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 2

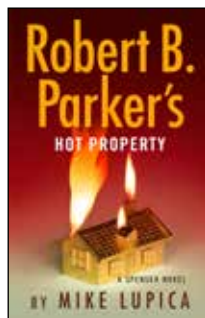
Twenty-three-year-old Michael "Mitt" Fuller starts his surgical residency with great anticipation at the nearly three-hundred-year-old, iconic Bellevue Hospital. The pressure is on

for this newly minted doctor, but quickly one patient after another assigned to his care begin to die from mysterious causes. As bodies mount and Mitt's stress level rises, he finds himself drawn to the abandoned Bellevue Psychopathic Hospital building, which still stands a few doors north of the modern Bellevue Hospital high-rise. Forcing entry into this storied but foreboding structure, Mitt discovers he's more closely tied to the sins of the past than he ever thought possible.

S | ISBN: 9781420514605 | \$40.99 U.S.

Thriller | Releases 12/4/2024

Available in High Octane 4, 6 & 8.



ROBERT B. PARKER'S HOT PROPERTY

A Spenser Novel • Book 52

Mike Lupica

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 4

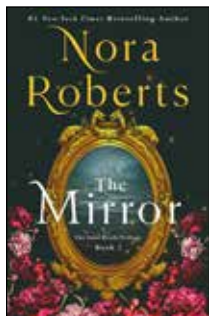
Spenser is waiting out the latest Boston snowstorm when he gets word that Rita Fiore has been shot.

Both a pit bull in the courtroom and provocateur outside it, Rita is no stranger to controversy. But as one of the city's toughest lawyers, Spenser knows that there's no short list of suspects who might want to enact revenge. With Rita's life hanging in the balance, it's up to him to get to the bottom of things, even if it means unearthing some unsavory secrets that might just lead him into an age-old game of lies and deceit.

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Mystery | Releases 12/4/2024

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THE MIRROR

The Lost Bride Trilogy • Book 2

Nora Roberts

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 2

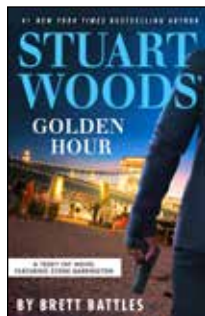
When Sonya MacTavish inherits the huge mansion on the coast of Maine, she has no idea the house is haunted. The footsteps she hears at night, the doors slamming, the music

playing are not figments of her imagination. And when she has visions of an antique mirror, she is drawn to it, sensing it holds dark family secrets. Then one night the mirror appears and Sonya glides through this looking glass, into the past — and sees a bride murdered on her wedding day, the circle of gold torn from her finger. It is a scene that will play out again and again — a centuries-old curse that must be broken — and a puzzle she must solve if there is any hope of breaking the curse.

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Fantasy | Releases 12/4/2024

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STUART WOODS' GOLDEN HOUR

A Teddy Fay Novel • Book 7

Brett Battles

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 3

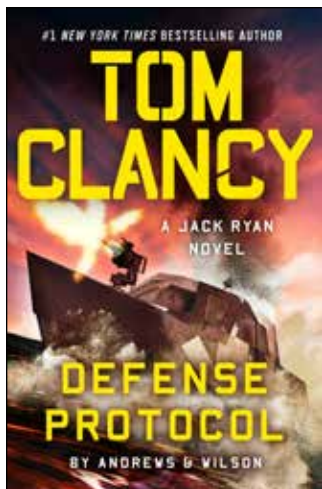
Teddy Fay is ready to embark on the European press tour of Peter Barrington's latest film *Storm's Eye* when he receives an unexpected

visit from Lance Cabot, director of the CIA. Several CIA agents have been turning up dead. Lance wants Teddy to use his trip as a cover to investigate who is behind these killings. From Venice and Budapest to their last stop at a film festival in Berlin, Teddy must dodge excited fans, enamored women, and a few too many assassins who seem dead set on tracking down Golden Hour agents. And if Teddy doesn't work fast enough, his life might just be the next target in the killer's plot for revenge.

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Adventure | Releases 12/4/2024

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TOM CLANCY DEFENSE PROTOCOL

Jack Ryan • Book 25

Brian Andrews and Jeffrey Wilson

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS

EDITOR'S CHOICE 6

For decades, Taiwan has been a thorn in the side of the Chinese government. New Chinese President Li Jian Jun has devised a secret military operation to take the island. Meanwhile, Lt. Commander Katie Ryan is deployed on the USS *Jason Dunham* to defend Taiwan and under pressure to find a flaw in the invaders' plan for her father to exploit. For his part, President Jack Ryan may have the power of the entire US military at his disposal, but what he really needs are Li's secret plans so he can stave off a war. Because America's Defense Protocol could lead to a game of mutual destruction that could cost the lives of thousands.

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Thriller | Releases 12/4/2024 | Available in High Octane 4, 6 & 8.



THE LAST ONE

Rachel Howzell Hall

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Thrown into a desolate land of sickness and unnatural beasts, Kai wakes in the woods with no idea who she is or how she got there. All she knows is that if she cannot reach the Sea of Devour, even *this* hellscape will get worse. When she sees the village blacksmith fight invaders with unspeakable skill, she decides to accept his offer of help. As she searches for answers, Kai only finds more questions, especially regarding the blacksmith who can ignite her body like a flame, then douse it with ice in the next breath. And no one is what — or who — they appear to be in the kingdom of Vinevridth, including the man whose secrets might be as deadly as the land itself.

S | ISBN: 9781420516180 | \$36.99 U.S.

Fantasy | Releases 12/4/2024 | Available in High Octane 4, 6 & 8.



A SONG OF ASH AND MOONLIGHT

The Middlemist Trilogy • Book 2

Claire Legrand

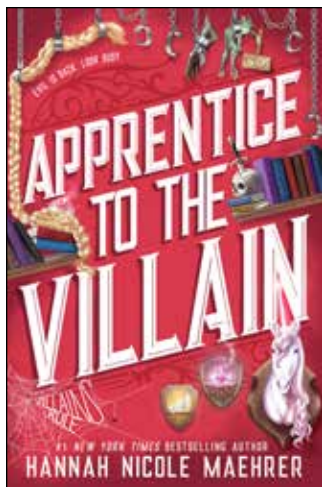
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"Legrand has created a lush and atmospheric world in which magic and peril are all around, immersing readers at every turn." — Library Journal

The curse plaguing the Ashbourne and Bask families has finally been broken, but Farrin, the eldest Ashbourne daughter, still struggles to find peace. Since her mother abandoned the family, Farrin has been their rock. In Ryder Bask, Farrin's stubborn strength has met its match. But Farrin must work with every ally she can — even the man she has been raised to hate. With every rising dawn, the Middlemist weakens further. Anointed magicians are disappearing. A fiery Olden creature is stalking Farrin. And Farrin and Ryder begin to realize a horrifying truth: The gods are not dead. They're waking up. And someone is hunting them.

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Fantasy | Releases 12/4/2024 | Available in High Octane 6 & 8.



APPRENTICE TO THE VILLAIN

Assistant and the Villain • Book 2

Hannah Nicole Maehrer

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

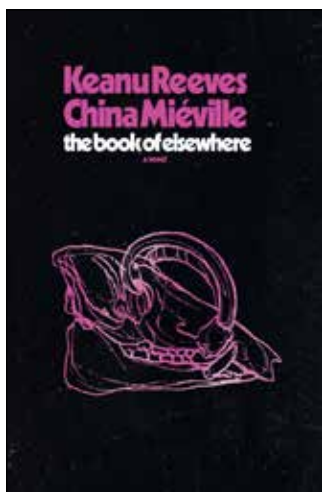
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER

"An engaging love story about finding strength in vulnerability." — Kirkus Reviews

Evie Sage has never been happier to be the assistant to The Villain. Who would have thought that working for an evil overlord would be so rewarding? Still, the business of being bad is demanding, the forces of good are annoyingly persistent, and said forbidding boss is somewhat . . . er, *out-of-evil-office*. But something peculiar is happening with the kingdom's magic, and it's made The Villain's manor vulnerable to their enemies. Now it's time for Evie to protect The Villain's lair, all of his nefarious works, and maybe the entire kingdom. What happens when the assistant to The Villain is ready to become his apprentice?

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THE BOOK OF ELSEWHERE

A NOVEL

Keanu Reeves, China Miéville

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER

"A well-written . . . treat for fans of modern mythologizing." — Kirkus Reviews

She said we needed a tool. So I asked the gods. There have always been whispers. Legends. The warrior who cannot be killed. Who's seen a thousand civilizations rise and fall. He has had many names: Unute, Child of Lightning, Death himself. These days, he's known simply as "B." And he wants to be able to die. In the present day, a U.S. black-ops group has promised him they can help with that. And all he needs to do is help them in return. But when an all-too-mortal soldier comes back to life, the impossible event ultimately points toward a force even more mysterious than B himself. One at least as strong. And one with a plan all its own.

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Adventure | Releases 12/4/2024 | Available in High Octane 8.



THE DEAD CAT TAIL ASSASSINS ★★★★★

P. Djèlí Clark

LIBRARYREADS PICK

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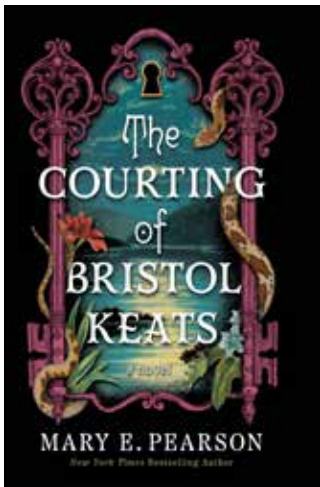
"This wildly surprising caper fantasy . . . will keep readers on the edge of their seats . . . as they explore the gritty underbelly of this world of living contracts, dead gods, and legal necromancy."

— *starred*, Library Journal

Even the Eviscerator is skilled, discreet, professional, and here for your most pressing needs in the ancient city of Tal Abisi. Those sworn to the Matron of Assassins — resurrected, deadly, wiped of their memories — have only three unbreakable vows. First, the contract must be just. Second, even the most powerful assassin may only kill the contracted. The third and simplest: once you accept a job, you must carry it out. And if you stray? A final death would be a mercy. When the Festival of the Clockwork King turns the city upside down, Even's newest mission brings her face-to-face with a past she isn't supposed to remember and a vow she can't forget.

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Fantasy | Releases 12/4/2024 | Available in High Octane 8.



THE COURTING OF BRISTOL KEATS ★

The Courting of Bristol Keats • Book 1

Mary E. Pearson

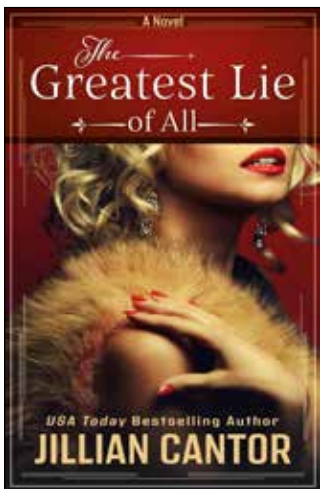
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 8

"With a descriptive narrative and fantastic characters, Pearson expertly draws readers into the world of Elfhome." — starred, Library Journal

When Bristol Keats begins to receive letters from an "aunt" she's never heard of, she reluctantly agrees to meet — and discovers that everything she thought she knew about her family is a lie. Even her father might still be alive, not killed but kidnapped by terrifying creatures to a whole other realm — the one he is from. Pulled into a dangerous world of magic and intrigue, Bristol makes a deadly bargain with the fae leader, Tyghan. But what she doesn't know is that he's just as determined as she is to find her father — dead or alive.

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Fantasy | Releases 12/4/2024 | Available in Dynamic Drama 3 & 5.



THE GREATEST LIE OF ALL

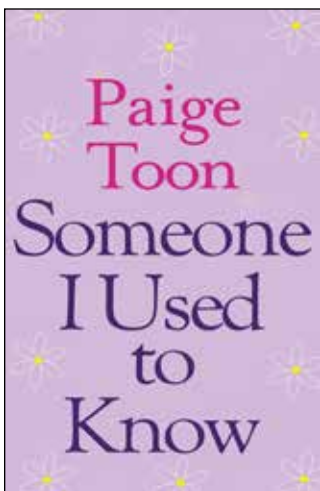
A NOVEL

Jillian Cantor

Fledgling actress Amelia Grant is at rock bottom when offered the opportunity to star in a biopic about the world-renowned romance author Gloria Diamond, who used her own tragic love story as inspiration for her bestselling books. To prepare for the role, she'll spend a week with Gloria at her secluded Washington estate. Amelia's excitement is short-lived, however, once she actually meets Gloria, who is cold, verging on rude. When Amelia stumbles upon a secret from Gloria's past, she realizes Gloria's life story is more fiction than fact. And as the movie's filming date draws nearer, Amelia must decide how much she's willing to sacrifice to uncover the truth.

S | ISBN: 9781420517934 | \$37.99 U.S.

Women's Fiction | Releases 12/4/2024 | Available in Dynamic Drama 5.



SOMEONE I USED TO KNOW

Paige Toon

Then. At sixteen, George is the foster brother Leah never asked for. Beautiful and troubled, he struggles to come to terms with his circumstances even as Leah is drawn closer to him. Theo's wealthy family have mysteriously pulled him out of boarding school and he's now enrolled with Leah and George. When their worlds collide that summer, George, Leah and Theo form a bond they believe will be unbreakable. But life doesn't always go to plan. *Now.* Shocking news brings Leah back home, baby daughter, Emilie, in tow. But Emilie's father Theo isn't with them, and George has unexpectedly returned. After half a lifetime, have Leah and George healed the scars of their pasts?

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Romance General | Releases 12/4/2024 | Available in Dynamic Drama 5.



A PLACE TO HIDE

A NOVEL

Ronald H. Balson

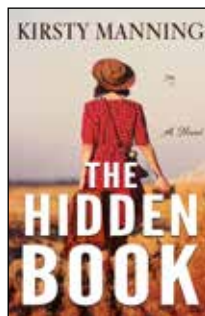
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Theodore "Teddy" Hartigan is the scion of a wealthy Washington, DC, family who place him into a comfortable job at the State Department and a placid diplomat's career. In 1938, as Hitler's rise

continues, Teddy is re-assigned to the US Consulate in Amsterdam. As Hitler sweeps through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, and Holland, the screws tighten and law after virulent law is passed to threaten the very existence of the Jewish people. Teddy comes to realize that he holds the key to saving lives and makes the dangerous and selfless decision to join with underground groups and use his position at the Consulate to rescue those with no other avenue of escape.

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Historical | Releases 12/18/2024



THE HIDDEN BOOK

A NOVEL

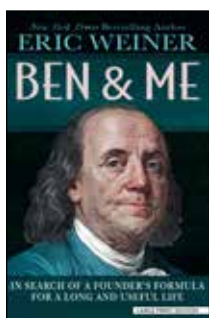
Kirsty Manning

Austria, 1940s. Yugoslavian Nico Antonov is imprisoned in the Mauthausen concentration camp. When fate brings him into contact with Lena Lang, he finds an ally. SS officers have charged photographer Mateo Baca with recording the

events of Mauthausen and making copies of the photo book for the Third Reich's leaders. But Mateo also creates one to be smuggled out of the camp, where Nico entrusts Lena to hide it. *Australia, 1980s to present day.* When Hannah Campbell discovers her grandfather Nico's mysterious photo album, filled with horrific visions of suffering and cruelty, she comes to understand how the photos reflect a shared humanity that must never be forgotten.

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Historical | Releases 12/18/2024



BEN & ME

IN SEARCH OF A FOUNDER'S FORMULA FOR A LONG AND USEFUL LIFE

Eric Weiner

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"A warm combination of homage and introspective memoir . . . Franklin still inspires, with a lifelong 'sense of wonder,' respect for virtue, and lively curiosity."

— Kirkus Reviews

One of only two non-presidents to appear on US currency, Ben Franklin was a founder, statesman, scientist, inventor, diplomat, publisher, humorist, and philosopher. He believed in the American experiment, but Ben Franklin's greatest experiment was . . . Ben Franklin. Eric Weiner embarks on a quest to live the way Ben lived. Not a conventional biography, *Ben & Me* is a guide to living and thinking well. At a time when history is either neglected or contested, Weiner argues we have much to learn from the past and that we'd all be better off if we acted and thought a bit more like Ben did.

ISBN: 9781420519778 | \$35.99 U.S.

Biography | Releases 12/4/2024



ONCE UPON A TIME

THE CAPTIVATING LIFE OF CAROLYN BESSETTE-KENNEDY

Elizabeth Beller

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

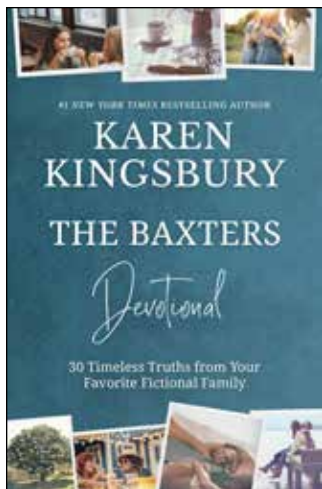
USA TODAY BESTSELLER

A quarter of a century after the plane crash that claimed the lives of John F. Kennedy Jr. and his wife Carolyn, the magnitude of this tragedy remains

fresh. Yet, Carolyn is still an enigmatic figure, a woman whose life was besieged with misogyny and cruelty. When she began dating America's prince, Carolyn was thrust into an overwhelming spotlight. Their relationship would change her life and catapult her to dizzying fame, but it was her vibrant life before their marriage that is truly fascinating. This comprehensive biography reveals a multi-faceted woman worthy of our attention.

ISBN: 9781420519761 | \$34.99 U.S.

Biography | Releases 12/4/2024



THE BAXTERS DEVOTIONAL

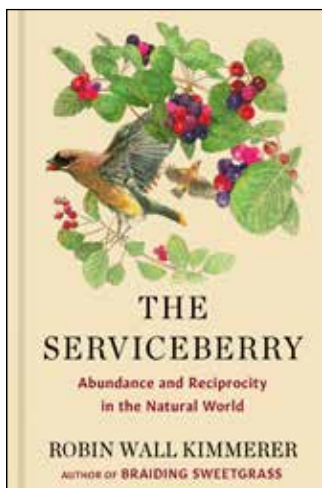
Karen Kingsbury

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

With the massive success of *The Baxters* TV show, Karen Kingsbury heard from tens of thousands of readers who wanted more about the faith of everyone's favorite fictional family. Finally, it became clear that there was a missing piece from the Baxter family saga. In this book, you will go deeper into the trials and triumphs that face the Baxters. These thirty devotions include questions, writing prompts, and numerous Scriptures for a deeper biblical exploration. Even if you have not read the Baxter books or watched *The Baxters* on Amazon, you will gain much from this devotional. It will certainly deepen your spiritual understanding about the issues we face today.

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Inspirational | Releases 12/18/2024



THE SERVICEBERRY

ABUNDANCE AND RECIPROCITY IN THE NATURAL WORLD

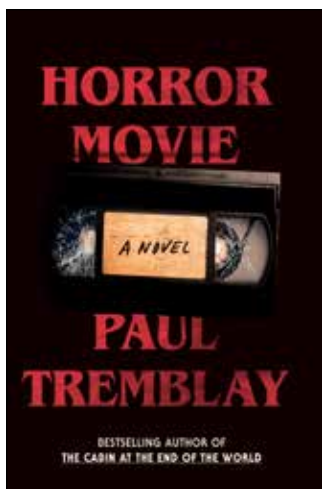
Robin Wall Kimmerer

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

As Indigenous scientist and author Robin Wall Kimmerer harvests serviceberries alongside the birds, she considers how our economy is rooted in scarcity, competition, and the hoarding of resources, and we have surrendered our values to a system that actively harms what we love. Meanwhile, as Kimmerer explains, "Serviceberries show us another model, one based upon reciprocity, where wealth comes from the quality of your relationships, not from the illusion of self-sufficiency." *The Serviceberry* is a reminder that "hoarding won't save us, all flourishing is mutual."

S | ISBN: 9781420520026 | \$35.99 U.S.

Nonfiction | Releases 12/18/2024

**HORROR MOVIE** ★★ ★

A NOVEL

Paul Tremblay

LIBRARYREADS PICK

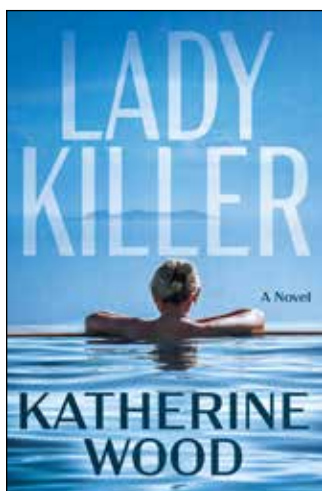
INDIE NEXT PICK

"Balancing a terrifying cursed film with examinations of artistic creation, fandom, and truth, Tremblay's latest is smart and well-paced and will have broad appeal." — starred, Library Journal

June 1993, a group of young guerilla filmmakers spent four weeks making *Horror Movie*, a notorious, disturbing, art-house horror flick. The weird part? Only three of the film's scenes were ever released to the public, but *Horror Movie* has nevertheless grown a rabid fanbase. Three decades later, Hollywood is pushing for a big budget reboot. The man who played "The Thin Kid" is the only surviving cast member. He remembers all too well the secrets buried within the original screenplay, the bizarre events of filming, and the dangerous crossed lines on set that resulted in tragedy. But he's going to help remake the film, *demons* of the past be damned. But at what cost?

ISBN: 9781420520057 | \$36.99 U.S.

Thriller | Releases 12/18/2024

**LADYKILLER** ★

A NOVEL

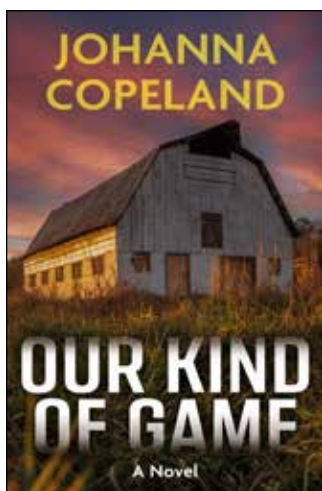
Katherine Wood

"Wood has expertly mixed romance with mystery in a novel that leaves more questions than answers." — starred, Library Journal

Gia and Abby have been friends since childhood, bonded by the tragedy that unfolded when they were eighteen. Now thirty, heiress Gia is in Greece with her husband, entertaining glamorous guests with champagne under the Mediterranean sun, while Abby is working fourteen-hour days as an attorney. When Gia invites Abby on an all-expenses-paid trip to Sweden, Abby's thrilled to reconnect. But on the day of her flight, Abby receives an email that threatens to unearth the skeletons of her past, and when she arrives in Sweden, Gia isn't there. Worried, Abby flies to Greece, where she finds Gia's beachfront estate eerily deserted. Will Abby find her before it's too late?

ISBN: 9781420520064 | \$36.99 U.S.

Thriller | Releases 12/18/2024

**OUR KIND OF GAME** ★★ ★

A NOVEL

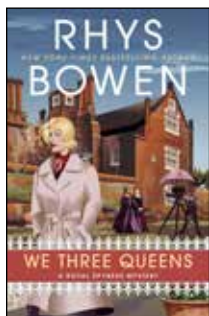
Johanna Copeland

"With expertly timed reveals and plenty of thorny insights into the causes and consequences of gender-based violence, this first-rate suspense novel thrills and provokes in equal measure." — starred, Publishers Weekly

2019. Stella Parker has a loving husband, two happy children, and a beautiful house in Washington, DC. But when her neighbor Gwen shows up at her door, claiming to know things about her, Stella's forced to reckon with the dark secret upon which she's built her life. 1987. Julie Waits yearns for an escape from life with her mother, the terrible men she attracts, and the upheaval caused by their constant moves. But when her mother decides those relationships are over, the past becomes a forbidden subject Julie can never revisit. As Stella probes deeper into what brought Gwen to her door, the answer — and who Julie is to her — become increasingly, terrifyingly, clear.

ISBN: 9781420520071 | \$36.99 U.S.

Thriller | Releases 12/18/2024



WE THREE QUEENS

A Royal Spyness Mystery

Rhys Bowen

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

It's late 1936, and King Edward is in turmoil, having fallen in love with the scandalous Wallis Simpson. He wants to marry her but knows that doing so will jeopardize his crown.

Edward confides in his friend Darcy,

Georgie's husband, and the couple agree to hide Wallis in their home while Edward figures out what to do. But unbeknownst to Georgie and Darcy, Sir Hubert, the owner of the estate, has given a film crew permission to shoot a motion picture on the grounds. When one of the stars of the film is found murdered on set, Georgie must solve the murder for king and country before scandal threatens to envelop them all.

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Cozies | Releases 12/4/2024

Available in Mystery 2, 3, & 5.



CLOSE TO DEATH ★★

A NOVEL

A Hawthorne and Horowitz Mystery

Anthony Horowitz

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"Ingenious metafiction fun from a master."
— Library Journal

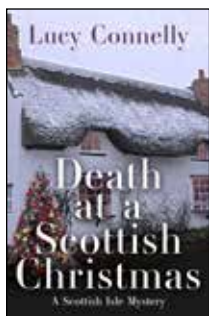
Riverside Close is a picture-perfect community, until the Kentworthy family arrives, with their four giant,

gas-guzzling cars, gaggle of shrieking children, and plans for a garish swimming pool in the backyard. Obvious outsiders, the Kentworthys do not belong in Riverside Close, and quickly offend every last one of the neighbors. When Giles Kentworthy is found dead on his own doorstep, a crossbow bolt sticking out of his chest, Detective Hawthorne is the only investigator they can call to solve the case. Because how do you solve a murder when everyone is a suspect?

ISBN: 9781420520040 | \$33.99 U.S.

Suspense | Releases 12/4/2024

Available in Mystery 3 & 5.



DEATH AT A SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS

A Scottish Isle Mystery

Lucy Connelly

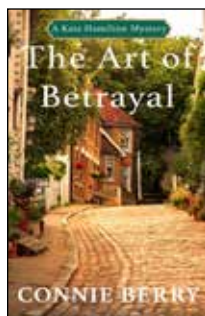
Sea Isle, Scotland, is magical during the holiday season, and Dr. Emilia McRoy can't wait to enjoy everything her village has to offer. But when the lead singer of a famous band is murdered in the village, her

holiday instantly comes to a halt. It seems more than one person wanted this music star dead. Shockingly, beloved constable Ewan Campbell becomes the prime suspect in the investigation, putting a damper on the town's festivities. With an ever-growing list of suspects, Emilia must see the devil in the details and discover the truth before it's too late.

ISBN: 9781420519730 | \$32.99 U.S.

Mystery | Releases 12/4/2024

Available in Mystery 5.



THE ART OF BETRAYAL ★

A Kate Hamilton Mystery

Connie Berry

"[A] traditional mystery that combines British legend with a contemporary story of crime and betrayal." — starred, Library Journal

Antiques dealer Kate Hamilton is spending the month of May in the Suffolk village of Long Barston with Detective Inspector Tom Mallory.

While attending the May Fair, a body turns up in the middle of the festivities. Kate is even more shocked when she learns the murder took place in antiquity shop owner Ivor Tweedy's stockroom. As Tom leads the investigation, Kate begins to see parallels between the murder and local legends. The more she learns, the more convinced she is that the solution lies in a generations-old pattern of betrayal. It's up to Kate to unravel this Celtic knot of lies and deception to save Ivor's business.

ISBN: 9781420520033 | \$32.99 U.S.

Mystery | Releases 12/4/2024

Available in Mystery 5.



REQUIEM FOR A MOUSE

A Cat in the Stacks Mystery

Miranda James

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"[F]ans of the series will be happy with the return of Charlie and Diesel, their friends and family, and preparations for [an] upcoming wedding." — Library Journal

Charlie and Helen Louise's wedding is only a month away. The last thing

Charlie needs is a new mystery to solve. Enter Tara Martin, a shy, peculiar woman who has recently started working part-time at Helen Louise's bistro and helping Charlie in the archive. Tara has an angry outburst at the library and then abruptly leaves in the middle of her work shift. When Tara is viciously attacked and lands in the hospital, Charlie digs deeper and discovers shocking glimpses into Tara's past. Will they catch the villain before Charlie's own happily ever after with Helen Louise is ruined?

ISBN: 9781420519754 | \$27.99 U.S.

Cozies | Releases 12/18/2024

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COME SHELL OR HIGH WATER

A Haunted Shell Shop Mystery

Molly MacRae

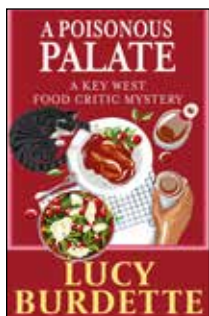
The Moon Shell, a shop on Ocracoke Island, off the coast of North Carolina, is famous with shell collectors, but it's the cryptic letters from Allen Withrow, the shop's owner, that convince Maureen Nash to travel to the small coastal town. In

Maureen's first hours on the island, she stumbles over the body of a controversial Ocracoke local and meets the ghost of an eighteenth-century Welsh pirate, Emrys Lloyd. With Emrys's supernatural assistance, Maureen sets out to unravel the truth, find a killer, and hopefully give this tale a satisfying ending . . . while also rewriting her own.

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A POISONOUS PALATE

A Key West Food Critic Mystery

Lucy Burdette

"A fascinating mix of Hemingway lore, flashbacks to the 1970s, and appended recipes." — Kirkus Reviews

When Hayley Snow receives an email about a decades-old disappearance, her curiosity is piqued. Catherine Davitt has returned to the Keys on

the hunt for the truth about her missing friend. Hayley quickly agrees to help investigate. Back in the 1970s, Catherine and her friend Veronica were part of a group camping in Big Pine Key, until Veronica vanished. Catherine and Hayley stop to speak with a motel owner who frequented the commune, but they find him stabbed to death. Then Catherine also goes missing. It's up to Hayley to unravel the knot of secrets and lies before time runs out.

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Cozies | Releases 12/18/2024

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A POSE BEFORE DYING

A Cat Yoga Mystery

Alex Erickson

"Erickson . . . offers a vexing murder mystery that will unsettle and intrigue readers. This series starter quickly piles up the tension and conflict and establishes a main character who's worth rooting for." — Library Journal

Ashley Branson has a lot to prove with her new yoga studio. So far, so

successful. Until she discovers one of her new clients, a much-disliked college professor, dead in her studio. To make matters worse, Ash's brother instantly becomes the cops' prime suspect. Determined to clear his name and save her business, Ash does a deep lunge into the strange connections the victim had with her other clients. But countless suspects, contradictory leads, not to mention people desperate to see her studio shut down, mean Ash will have to stretch to the max to outthink a clever killer who's ready to strike her red in tooth and claw.

ISBN: 9781420519846 | \$27.99 U.S.

Cozies | Releases 12/18/2024

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HIP-HOP IS HISTORY ★★ ★

Questlove with Ben Greenman

"Well-positioned to detail the genre's evolution, this book offers hip-hop fans an engaging journey through its history, with much of its focus on the first 30 years."
— Library Journal

In this landmark book, Questlove skillfully traces the creative and cultural forces that made and shaped

hip-hop, highlighting both the forgotten but influential gems and the undeniable chart-topping hits — and weaves it all together with the stories no one else knows. It is at once an intimate, sharply observed story of a cultural revolution and a sweeping, grand theory of the evolution of the great artistic movement of our time. And Questlove, of course, approaches it with not only the encyclopedic fluency and passion of an obsessive fan but also the expertise and originality of an innovative participant. Hip-hop is history, and also *his* history.

ISBN: 9781420519785 | \$34.99 U.S.

Nonfiction | Releases 12/18/2024

Available in Black Voices 2, 3 & 4.



A LETHAL LADY ★

A Harlem Renaissance Mystery • Book 3

Nekesa Afia

"A busy, bubbly Jazz Age romp capped by a mystery." — Kirkus Reviews

Louise Lloyd is finally living the quiet life she'd longed for, working in a parfumerie by day and spending time with her new friends every night at the Aquarius club in Paris.

When a desperate mother asks for help locating her artist daughter, Louise realizes she has no choice but to do what she can to find the missing young woman. With the help of some friends from home, Louise must untangle a web of lies, jealousy, and betrayal to find out what really happened to Iris while fighting to keep her new life from crashing down around her.

ISBN: 9781420518467 | \$34.99 U.S.

Women Sleuths | Releases 12/18/2024

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THE TRIAL OF MRS. RHINELANDER

A NOVEL

Denny S. Bryce

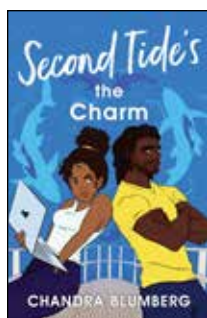
New York, 1924. Alice Jones longs for the kind of love her mother and father have. She believes she's found it with Leonard "Kip" Rhineland, heir to his family's real estate fortune. When the lovers secretly wed, Kip's

parents threaten his inheritance unless he annuls the marriage. Alice faces overwhelming odds both legally and in the merciless court of public opinion, but there is one person who can help her: Reporter Marvel Cunningham. *Rhineland vs. Rhineland* will bring to light truths that will force both women to confront who they are, and who they can be, in a world that is all too quick to judge.

ISBN: 9781420518474 | \$33.99 U.S.

Historical | Releases 12/18/2024

Available in Black Voices 3 & 4.



SECOND TIDE'S THE CHARM

Chandra Blumberg

"These likable characters have immediate, unignorable chemistry, despite their reservations about each other. This second-chance romance from Blumberg is a slow burn, ratcheting up the sexual tension page by page." — Library Journal

Hope Evans just landed the perfect job: spending the summer on a shark

research boat. Except it comes with a big catch — the boat belongs to her ex-boyfriend, Adrian Hollis-Parker. Since their split, Adrian has risen to internet fame as a shark expert with the launch of his YouTube channel to dispel myths and educate viewers about sharks. Embracing this new career trajectory was a risk, but working in cramped quarters with the woman he never stopped loving? That has the potential to backfire in heartbreaking ways. Side by side, weathering storms of every kind, they'll have to navigate the murky waters of past hurts and hope it's not too late to chart a new course.

ISBN: 9781420519242 | \$32.99 U.S.

Contemporary | Releases 12/18/2024

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DAYDREAM

A NOVEL

A Maple Hills Novel • Book 3

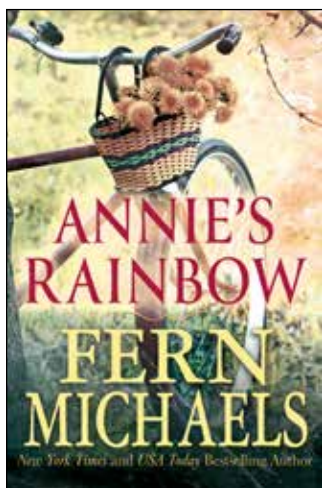
Hannah Grace

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

When his procrastination lands him in a difficult class, Henry Turner knows he's going to have to work extra hard to survive his junior year of college. Enter Halle Jacobs, who finds herself befriended by Henry when he accidentally crashes her book club. As soon as she hears about Henry's problems with his class, she offers to help. Being a private tutor isn't exactly ideal given her own studies, job, book club, and the novel she's trying to write, but new experiences are the key to beating her writer's block, and Henry's promising to give them to her. They just need to stick to their rule book. Oh, and not fall in love.

ISBN: 9781420516623 | \$27.99 U.S.

Contemporary | Releases 12/18/2024



ANNIE'S RAINBOW

Fern Michaels

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

It came out of the blue. A half-million dollars on graduation day. For Annie Daisy Clark, it was the capital she needed to start a business. Vowing to pay back every penny of it one day, she kept the bag of cash she'd found. Ten years later, Annie's the owner of a successful chain of coffee bars and begins making good on her promise to pay back the money. But the dark history of the money returns to haunt her. Someone is determined to solve the mystery of a ten-year-old bank robbery, and a thief who has served his time is coming to reclaim his loot. Suddenly, Annie is plunged into a deadly chase, using her wits to protect the one thing she values most — love.

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Romantic Suspense | Releases 12/18/2024



MORE DAYS AT THE MORISAKI BOOKSHOP

A NOVEL

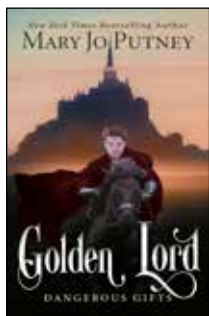
Satoshi Yagisawa

"Ozawa's translation gracefully captures the author's whimsical and tender voice. Yagisawa has the right touch for lifting a reader's mood." — Publishers Weekly

Set again in the beloved Japanese bookshop and nearby coffee shop in the Jimbochi neighborhood of Toyko, a new cast of regulars have appeared in the shop, including an old man who wears the same ragged mouse-colored sweater and another who collects books solely for the official stamps with the author's personal seal. As time passes, Satoru, with Takako's help, must choose whether to keep the bookshop open or shutter its doors forever. Making the decision will take uncle and niece on a journey back to their family's roots and remind them what a bookstore can mean to an individual, a neighborhood, and a whole culture.

ISBN: 9781420518832 | \$27.99 U.S.

Women's Fiction | Releases 12/18/2024



GOLDEN LORD

Dangerous Gifts • Book 2

Mary Jo Putney

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

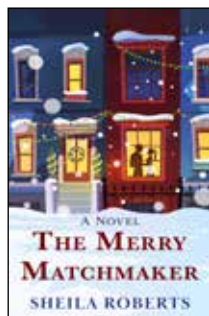
England, 1803. Caden Tremayne was one of several abandoned children rescued into the fold of the “Tribe of Tremayne,” each bearing a special gift. Now Cade’s superior investigative abilities and talent

for preventing violence are urgently required by the Home Office, for Britain and France are about to be at war again. Tamsyn Tremayne has always felt a deep connection to Cade. Their mental bond is undeniable and only grows stronger, along with their feelings, when Cade is captured by the French. Only their meeting of minds can truly save him, but first Tamsyn will have to navigate a maze of enemies and allies to find him.

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Historical | Releases 12/18/2024

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THE MERRY MATCHMAKER ★

A NOVEL

Sheila Roberts

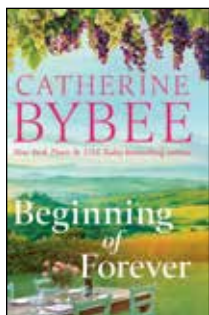
“A richly drawn secondary cast on their own romantic quests adds depth and heart, making this quaint town feel cozy and lived in. It’s an instant holiday classic.”
— starred, Publishers Weekly

Frankie Lane knows what’s best for just about everyone. Her divorced sister, Stef; her shy employee, Elinor; her daughter, Natalie, who really needs to start her own business selling the chocolates she makes at home; even her best friend, Viola, who is trying to renovate her old Victorian. Then there’s Mitch Howard, the owner of the local hardware store. They’ve been friends ever since Frankie opened her store nine years earlier. He’s been divorced for years, and it’s such a waste of man! Mitch is the finest man Frankie knows. He’s easygoing, wise, and kindhearted. Mitch needs someone. And she’s determined to help him find that someone — whether he likes it or not.

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Romance General | Releases 12/18/2024

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BEGINNING OF FOREVER

The D’Angelos • Book 3

Catherine Bybee

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

USA TODAY BESTSELLER

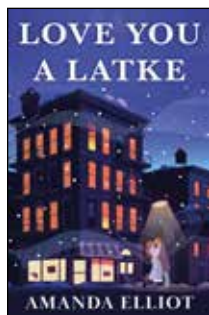
Tasting wine is not enough: sommelier Giovanni D’Angelo wants to *create* it. He’s always deferred his dreams, but a vineyard tour in Italy could set him back on track.

Intent to run the family wine business one day, Emma Rutledge finds that the men in her family are intent to push her out of it. But she’s got a plan. When Gio and Emma meet in Tuscany, their shared aspirations fuel an undeniable chemistry. Returning home to California, they work toward setting up Emma’s vineyard and a label of their own. As Emma works to cement her family legacy, Gio tries to convince her that their future isn’t just wine. It’s each other.

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Contemporary | Releases 12/18/2024

Available in Romance 3 & 4.



LOVE YOU A LATKE ★

Amanda Elliot

“This holiday treat is as wonderfully sweet and gooey as the traditional Hanukkah doughnut.” — starred, Library Journal

Abby Cohen is *pissed*. For one thing, her most annoying customer, Seth, has been coming into her café every morning. And, as the only Jew on the tourism board of her Vermont town, Abby’s been charged with planning their fledgling Hanukkah festival. She puts out a call for help and discovers she was wrong about being the only Jew within a hundred miles. As it turns out, Seth’s parents have been badgering him to bring a Jewish girlfriend home for Hanukkah, and if Abby can survive his irritatingly handsome smiles, he’ll introduce her to all the vendors she needs. But Abby begins to realize that her fake boyfriend might just be igniting a flame in her guarded heart.

ISBN: 9781420518122 | \$32.99 U.S.

Contemporary | Releases 12/18/2024

Available in Romance 4.



CLOAK OF SCARLET

A Dericott Tale • Book 5

Melanie Dickerson

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Violet Lambton has one dream: to find a love that is pure and true. Then, her grandmother is robbed by the villainous Baron Dunham. Outraged, Violet determines to put an end to the baron's mis-

treatment of the hardworking people. Sir Merek, a knight in service of Baron Dunham, sets out on a daring journey to go behind the baron's back to expose his deceitfulness to the king. Thrown together, Violet and Merek must learn to trust each other to expose Dunham's treachery — all while succumbing to their growing feelings for each other. Can the two find their happily ever, or will the wolves amongst them drive them apart?

ISBN: 9781420518900 | \$33.99 U.S.

Historical Fiction | Releases 12/4/2024

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MISTLETOE SEASON

THREE CHRISTMAS STORIES

Sheila Roberts, Kathleen Fuller, Pepper Basham

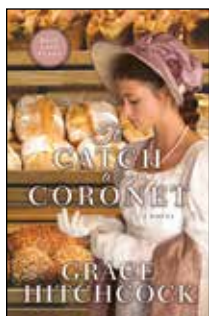
In *Say No to Mistletoe* by Sheila Roberts, Hailey Fairchild is about to go home for the holidays, unengaged and determined to say no to mistletoe. In *Return to Mistletoe* by Kathleen Fuller, Kieran O'Neill

reconnects with Emmy Banks, but can Emmy risk her heart when she knows he'll never stay and she'll never leave? In *The Mistletoe Prince* by Pepper Basham, Prince Arran St. Clare has lost his fairytale life for a three-month "punishment" in Ransom, North Carolina. Add a beautiful woman and a little Christmas magic, and it might be enough to help the prince understand what matters most.

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Romance | Releases 12/4/2024

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TO CATCH A CORONET

A NOVEL

Best Laid Plans • Book 1

Grace Hitchcock

Muriel Beau can't stop instigating outrage. She discards two arranged engagements, then publicly proposes to a baron. His rejection leaves her with no choice but to flee to the city. The glitter of London convinces

Muriel it's possible to find the future she dreams of, until she finds herself entangled in yet another escapade. Captain Erik Draycott, heir to Draycott Castle and soon to assume his uncle's title of Earl, is shocked when his mentor encourages him to take a wife. Caught in a whirlwind of high society and high seas, will Muriel and Erik be able to outsmart a scandal and secure a future as glittering as the crown Muriel seeks?

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Romance | Releases 12/4/2024

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SOMETHING BORROWED

A HISTORICAL ROMANCE COLLECTION

Rachel Scott McDaniel, Allison Pittman, Susie Finkbeiner

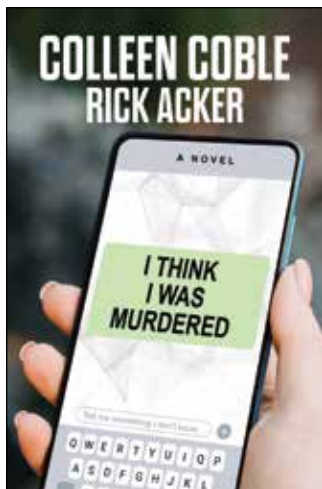
In *A Heart in Disguise* by Rachel Scott McDaniel, when the Great War comes too close to home, Clara recruits Marcus, a childhood friend. As they search for answers, they also uncover love. In *A Letter to Eli* by Allison

Pittman, a letter reunites Bette with her soldier ex-boyfriend, now back in the States. Can the love they had before the war be rekindled? In *A Daffodil in the Dress* by Susie Finkbeiner, Kate and Ike have worked together since Kate's husband died in the Vietnam War. One day, Kate begins to look at him as more than an employer. Is falling in love again worth the risk?

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I THINK I WAS MURDERED

A NOVEL

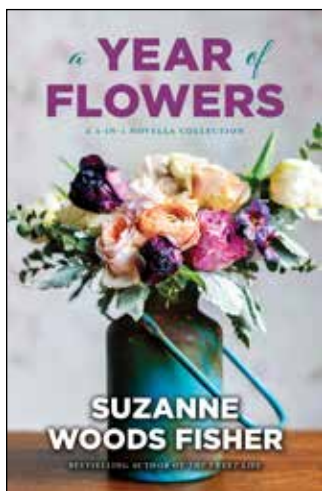
Colleen Coble, Rick Acker

USA TODAY BESTSELLER

A year ago, Katrina Berg was a rising star at an AI start-up, married with an adoring husband. Then Jason was killed in a car crash. Her most prized possession is the prototype for a new chatbot loaded onto her phone. The contents of Jason's email, social media, pictures, and every bit of data she could find were loaded into the bot, and Katrina has "talked" to him every day for the past six months. One day, she taps out: *Tell me something I don't know.* The reply: *I think I was murdered.* Distraught, Katrina must navigate grief and the complex questions of how much control technology has. And staying alive long enough to do that is more difficult than she dreamed.

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A YEAR OF FLOWERS

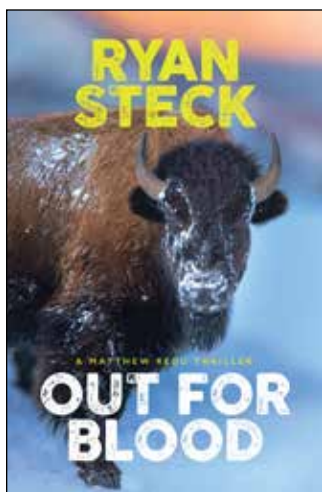
A 4-IN-1 NOVELLA COLLECTION

Suzanne Woods Fisher

In *An Apology in Bloom*, wedding florist Jaime Harper is on a meteoric rise. When a letter arrives from her past mentor with an offer too good to pass up, will she stay or head back to her hometown? In *A Bouquet of Dreams*, Claire Murphy has always dreamed of owning a flower shop, and when her employers hint at retirement, she believes her moment has arrived. In *A Field of Beauty*, Tessa Anderson has found an acre of farmland to start her flower farm and forget the past. In *A Future in Blossom*, Jaime, Claire, and Tessa return to their hometown. As they unite to pull off a wedding, they just may find their way to forgiveness.

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OUT FOR BLOOD

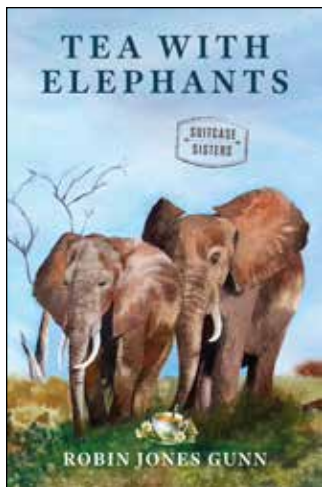
A Matthew Redd Thriller • Book 3

Ryan Steck

Gavin Kline, executive assistant director of the FBI's Intelligence Directorate, is escorting a high-value prisoner with the intel to bring down a global conspiracy when their plane comes under attack. In the aftermath, much of Kline's team is dead, but he recovers a phone from a member of the hit team that reveals another attack is imminent. This time they're going after Matthew Redd. With a snowstorm bearing down on Montana and no help in sight, Redd fights for survival in the harshest conditions. But when they take the fight to his hometown, he'll need all his allies at his back to save what he holds most dear.

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TEA WITH ELEPHANTS

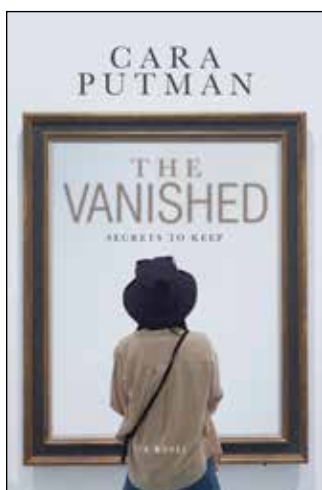
Suitcase Sisters • Book 1

Robin Jones Gunn

Ever since they met as teenagers volunteering in Costa Rica twenty years ago, Fern Espinoza and Lily Graden have shared a close friendship, even though they live in different states. They can hardly believe it when their dream of traveling to Africa together becomes a reality. But along with their suitcases, each woman brings emotional baggage that weighs heavily on them. Yet the people they meet and the places they experience have the power to change their hearts — but only if they surrender to the lessons God wants to teach them in this unexpected land of emerald tea fields, graceful giraffes, and rambunctious elephants.

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THE VANISHED

A NOVEL

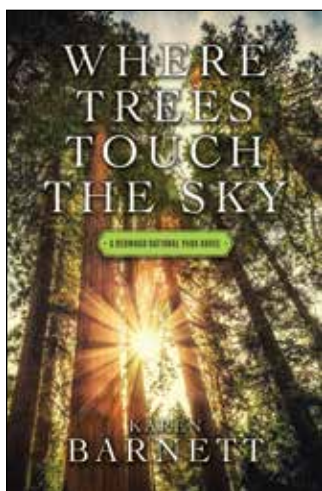
Secrets to Keep • Book 1

Cara Putman

Janae Simmons left Kedgewick, Virginia, ten years ago to pursue her legal career and never looked back — until a professional mistake leads her to the town. Carter Montgomery starts his art preservation career with the only job he can get — director at the Elliott Museum of Art. When an elderly woman claims two paintings in the museum’s collection were stolen from her family during World War II, Carter enlists Janae’s help to unravel the legal labyrinth of art ownership. As the web of intrigue tightens, the duo must confront a looming question: What dark truths lie beneath the surface, waiting to be exposed?

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WHERE TREES TOUCH THE SKY

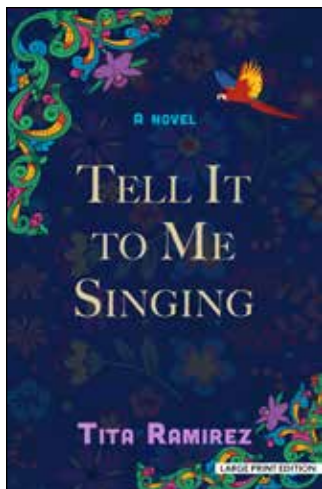
A REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK NOVEL

Karen Barnett

In the 1920s, the destruction of the California redwoods is more than Marion Baker can bear. Throwing herself into the Save the Redwoods League, she is shocked to learn that Frank Duncan, a man she’s grown to love, is the son of one of the area’s worst timber barons. Nearly fifty years later, June Turner is proud of the legacy her great aunt Marion has left as a redwood warrior. When aspiring film student Adam Garner approaches June to help make a documentary about Marion’s life, she grabs the opportunity to spread her aunt’s worthy reputation. That is, until they unearth a secret that might shatter the family legacy.

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TELL IT TO ME SINGING

A NOVEL

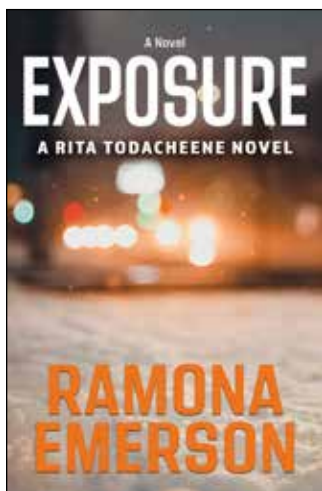
Tita Ramirez

“This debut novel addresses serious family matters but bursts with humor as well, thanks to Mónica’s tart voice and her funny, fractious family.” — Kirkus Reviews

Monica Campo is pregnant with her first child when her mother confesses a long-held secret: Monica’s father is not the man who raised her. In her despair, Monica wants to speak with only one person: her ex-boyfriend of five years, Manny. She can’t help but worry, though, what this says about her relationship with her fiancé and father of her unborn child. Monica’s search for the truth leads her to the early eighties when her parents arrived from Cuba on the Mariel boatlift, and the tumultuous seventies, a decade after Castro’s takeover, when some people were still secretly fighting his regime — people like her mother and the man she claims is Monica’s real father.

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EXPOSURE

A NOVEL

A Rita Todacheene Novel

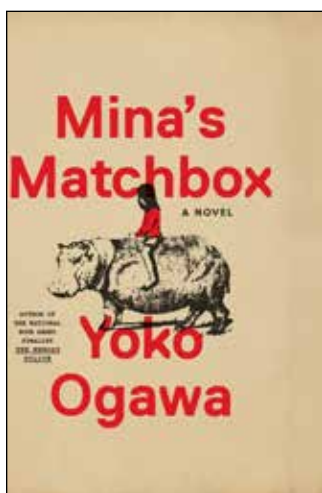
Ramona Emerson

“A compelling, interlocked portrait of two troubled souls.” — Kirkus Reviews

In Gallup, New Mexico, a serial killer is operating unchecked, his targets indigent Native people whose murders are easily disguised as death by exposure on the frigid winter streets. Rita Todacheene, Albuquerque PD forensic photographer, is at a crisis point in her career. Her colleagues are watching her with suspicion after the recent revelation that she can see the ghosts of murder victims. Her unmanageable caseload is further complicated by the fact that half the department has blacklisted her for ratting out a corrupt fellow cop. Maybe it’s time for her to leave policework behind — if only the ghosts will let her.

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MINA’S MATCHBOX ★★★★★

A NOVEL

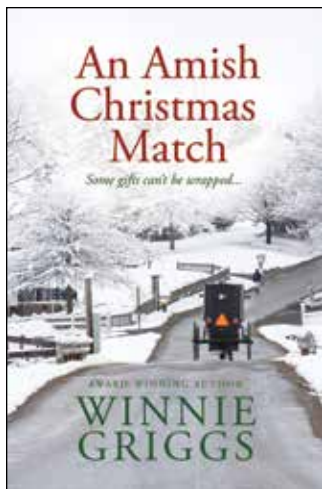
Yoko Ogawa

“Ogawa writes with exquisite artistry about the complications of a close-knit household whose members are quietly protective of its wounding secrets, as seen through the eyes of a young girl.” — starred, Library Journal

In the spring of 1972, twelve-year-old Tomoko leaves her mother behind in Tokyo and boards a train for Ashiya, a coastal town in Japan, to stay with her aunt’s family. Tomoko’s aunt is an outlier in her working-class family, and her magnificent home — and handsome foreign husband, the president of a soft drink company — are symbols of that status. The family is just as beguiling as their mansion — Tomoko’s dignified and devoted aunt, her German great-aunt, and her charming uncle, who sits as the family’s patriarch. At the center of the family is Tomoko’s cousin Mina, who draws Tomoko into an intoxicating world full of secret crushes and elaborate storytelling.

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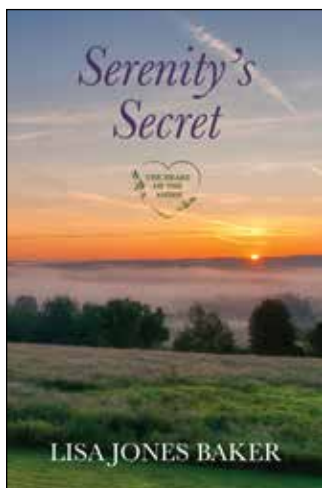
AN AMISH CHRISTMAS MATCH

Winnie Griggs

Phoebe Kropf knows everyone thinks she's a bit odd. So when a friend asks Phoebe to help care for a house full of young men, she leaps at the chance to prove she's more than her shortcomings. Widower Seth Beiler is in over his head with his five orphaned *brieder* to care for and all the Christmas orders his woodworking shop needs to fulfill. When he asked for help with some cooking and cleaning, he wasn't expecting a housekeeper as unconventional — or lovely — as Phoebe. Yet soon the farmhouse starts to feel like home again. When Phoebe's time there is nearly at an end, will Seth convince her that the greatest gift would be her staying . . . as part of their *familye*?

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SERENITY'S SECRET

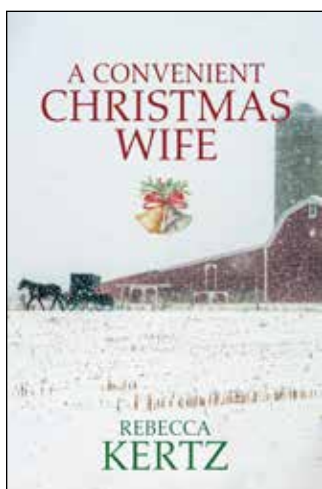
The Heart of the Amish • Book 6

Lisa Jones Baker

Serenity Miller has much to love about life as the owner of The Pink Petal in Arthur, Illinois, and enjoys trying natural remedies and exploring garage sales. Then comes the day her neighbor, Stephen Lantz, saves her from trespassers on her property and their friendship deepens into an attraction Serenity knows can never lead to marriage. She holds secrets she can never divulge, despite Stephen's way of wooing her. But how can Serenity return to her life of contentment after a taste of love? And when danger returns, will it steal her last hope for a bright future?

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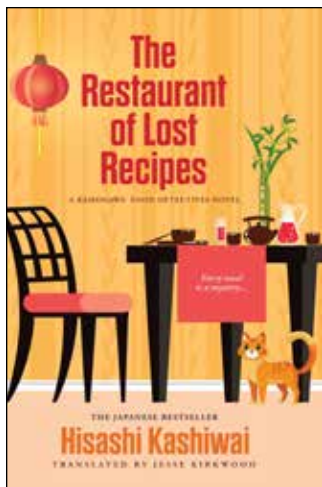
A CONVENIENT CHRISTMAS WIFE

Rebecca Kertz

Injured and widowed after an accident, Joshua Miller desperately needs help caring for his four children. So when he proposes a marriage of convenience to their housekeeper, Esther King, she is thrilled. She's always wanted a family of her own, but it's never come to be. Now her heart is open to the children, but her new husband is a different story. Joshua's still reeling from the death of his wife. And Esther's got a secret that stands between them. Can a marriage of convenience become a love match this Christmas?

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THE RESTAURANT OF LOST RECIPES

A Kamogawa Food Detectives Novel • Book 2

Hisashi Kashiwai, translated by Jesse Kirkwood

"This cozy book delights in Japanese cuisine." — Kirkus Reviews

Down a Kyoto backstreet lies the Kamogawa Diner, run by Chef Nagare and his daughter, Koishi. The duo have reinvented themselves as "food detectives," offering a service that goes beyond cooking meals. Through their culinary sleuthing, they revive lost recipes and rekindle forgotten memories. From the Olympic swimmer who misses his father's bento lunchbox to the pop star who remembers the tempura she ate to celebrate her only successful record, each customer leaves the diner forever changed.

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A FATAL FEAST AT BRAMSFORD MANOR

A Food and Spirits Mystery • Book 1

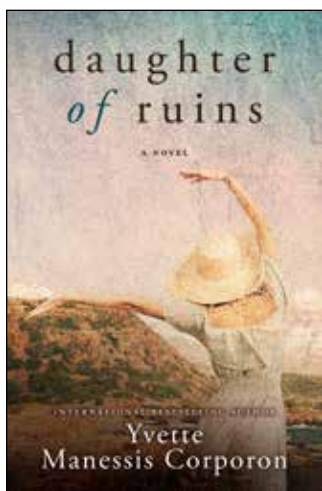
Darci Hannah

"The intrepid heroine battles ghosts, her past, and a clever killer while serving great meals through it all." — Kirkus Reviews

In the reality TV show *Food & Spirits*, Chef Bridget "Bunny" MacBride teams up with ghost hunter Brett Bloom and psychic medium Giff McGrady to visit haunted locales and tempt spirits to the table with a beloved meal. Bunny leaves the spectral search to the pros and focuses on the feast, but her task is made more difficult when someone steals a knife from her kit. When the blade turns up in the chest of an all-too-human dinner guest, Bunny is named a lead suspect. Now, Bunny will need to solve this murder before the manor gains another ghost!

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DAUGHTER OF RUINS

A NOVEL

Yvette Manassis Corporon

Demitra's mother died when Demitra was three years old. Her father took her to the Greek island of Cephalonia, where she endures a lonely childhood. When Demitra comes of age, she defiantly begins an affair with a forbidden man. Elena is an Italian woman who dreamed of a life away from the brothels where she was raised. But opportunities are not meant for daughters of prostitutes and Elena has no choice but to become one herself. Maria lives in a poor mountain village with a loving mother and sister. When her father grows desperate to feed his family, he sends her to America to marry a stranger. Only eighteen years old, Maria is terrified of the journey ahead.

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SOME DIE YOUNG

The Man from Waco • Book 2

William W. Johnstone and J. A. Johnstone

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS

John Bannack took the fall for his bank-robbing brother. Served time in a Texas State Prison. And saved the life of Judge Wick Justice when their prison wagon was ambushed.

The judge was so grateful and impressed he decided to release Bannack and employ him as his own private bodyguard and personal avenger. But it turns out the judge has an awful lot of enemies. The worst is rival judge Raymond Grant, who wants to put Bannack behind bars again. Bannack doesn't scare easily, but when bullets fly — and Death comes for Justice — the Man from Waco will know the true face of fear.

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RIDERS OF THE SKULL

John D. Nesbitt

SPUR AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

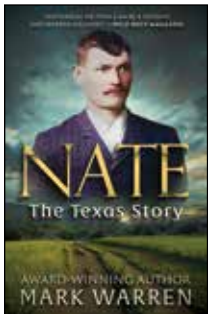
Jord Blaine, one of the riders for the Skull outfit, falls out of favor with the foreman and goes to work for a rancher named Carlson, building fence with a young man named Jimmy Baker. Blaine and Jimmy finish

the job and go their separate ways. Blaine finds work with an outfitter who is going to take out a group of deer hunters. During the hunting expedition in the mountains, the outfitter is killed by a shot that seems to be intended for Blaine. The trip ends in disorder. The Skull riders come for Blaine, and Blaine kills the Skull foreman when the foreman tries to ambush him. Blaine heads for town and learns that Jimmy will now be a rider of the Skull.

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NATE: THE TEXAS STORY

Nate Champion Duology • Book 1

Mark Warren

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Nate Champion's humble beginnings in Texas prepared him for a life with horses and cattle. Though a well-known horse trainer in his own time, he holds the simple aspiration of running his own cattle ranch, a

dream he carries to Wyoming Territory as the Johnson County Range War drags him into its clutches and climaxes in one of the most impressive last stands of American history. Book one follows Nate's formative years in Round Rock, Texas, where he makes his reputation, experiences heartbreak, forms lasting friendships, and encounters both the good and the corrupt, including the notorious Sam Bass gang.

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THE HIDING MAN

The Hunting of Man Trilogy • Book 3

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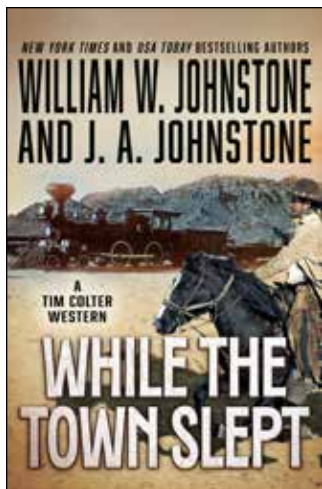
The Barrancas. Mile after mile of cliffs and canyons, mazes and mesas, where water is scarce and the law won't be found. Matt Crowder, retired Deputy US Marshal turned

bounty hunter, rides into the labyrinth — guided by ranch girl Freida "Freddy" Berg — on the trail of notorious bandit Mike Parker and the money he stole. What neither Parker nor Crowder know is that Dewey Hadley, Parker's partner in crime, has escaped jail and is also in the Barrancas on a quest for the money. Other dangers, both manmade and nature-made, lurk in the rocky gorges to threaten the outlaws hiding in their lair and Crowder's hunt for justice.

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WHILE THE TOWN SLEPT

A Tim Colter Western • Book 3

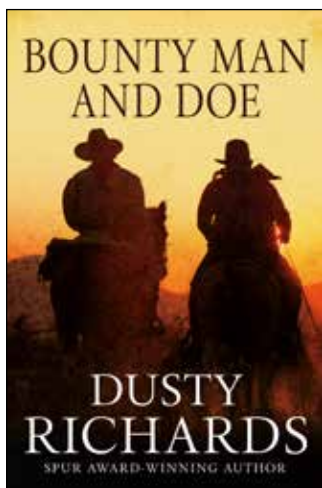
William W. Johnstone and J. A. Johnstone

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS

Wyoming Territory, 1873. Tim Colter and Jed Reno are on the trail of a gang of train robbers when they happen upon a Secret Service agent left for dead in the wake of an ambush. His final words: "President Grant . . . assassination . . . Dugan . . . trust nobody." Dugan is a former Confederate guerilla who leads a notorious gang of cutthroats. Colter and Reno are determined to stop the assassins, but they'll have to bust a lady outlaw out of prison then convince her to take them to Dugan's hideout — with a lunatic killer on their tail and the president on a collision course with death.

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BOUNTY MAN AND DOE

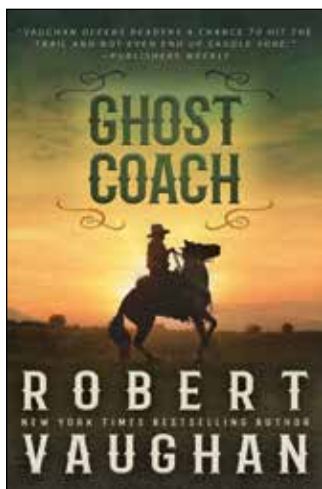
Dusty Richards

SPUR AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

Doe is an Apache. After being sold to a white man, she is beaten and abused on a daily basis. When retired Deputy Marshal Sam Brennan stumbles into her owner's camp and witnesses a particularly savage beating, he orders the man to stop. The brute draws a gun in response and fires off a shot. It's a mistake he will never have the chance to make again. Soon, the Utes of the southern Rockies speak of the Many Guns Woman who rides with the Hunter of Men, while from Tombstone to Deadwood, men talk of Sam Brennan and his gun-toting squaw. From the Colorado gold camps to the mountains of Arizona their pursuit leaves a trail of gunsmoke and legend across the west.

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GHOST COACH

A CLASSIC WESTERN ADVENTURE

A Lucas Cain Book • Book 3

Robert Vaughan

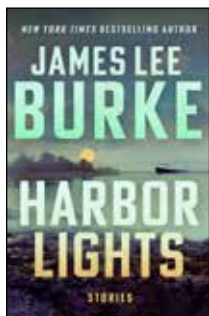
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

SPUR AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

Haunted by the memory of the SULTANA riverboat disaster, Deputy U.S. Marshal Lucas Cain reunites with his old friend, Jim Barnes, now living as a rancher. When Jim's livelihood is shattered by the theft of two hundred cows, Lucas pledges to recover the stolen herd. When a stagecoach arrives in town with all its passengers dead on arrival, whispers of Rufus Marley, an outlaw leader, spread fear throughout the community. Forced to confront his own demons, Lucas stands against a nemesis who stops at nothing and no one. With a showdown looming on the horizon, the courage of this rambling man is about to be tested once again.

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HARBOR LIGHTS

STORIES

James Lee Burke

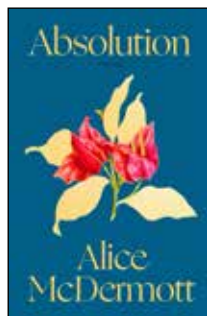
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

A boy and his father watch a German submarine sink an oil tanker as evil forces try to ruin their family. A girl is beaten up outside a bar as her father navigates new love and threats from a group of neo-Nazis. A pair of

undercover union organizers are hired to break colts for a Hollywood actor, whose “Western hero” façade hides darkness. An oil rig worker witnesses an attack on a local village while on a job in South America and seeks justice through one final act of bravery. With his nuanced characters, lyrical prose, and ability to write shocking violence in the most evocative settings, James Lee Burke’s singular skills are on display in this superb anthology.

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ABSOLUTION

A NOVEL

Alice McDermott

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Tricia is a newlywed, married to an attorney on loan to navy intelligence. Charlene is a practiced corporate spouse and mother of three. In Saigon in 1963, the two women form an alliance as they balance the era’s mandate to be “helpmeets” to their husbands with their own impulse to “do good” for the people of Vietnam. Sixty years later, Charlene’s daughter reaches out to Tricia. Together, they look back at their time in Saigon, taking account of that year and of Charlene’s altruistic machinations, discovering how their lives as women on the periphery have been shaped by the same sort of unintended consequences that followed America’s interference in Southeast Asia.

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THE NIGHT ISLAND ★

The Lost Night Files • Book 2

Jayne Ann Krentz

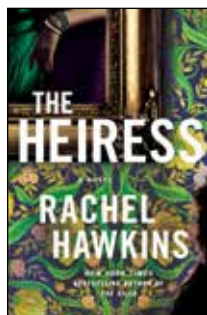
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Talia March, Pallas Llewellyn, and Amelia Rivers are dedicated to uncovering the mystery of what happened to them. The women suspect they were test subjects and that there are more people like them

— all they have to do is find the list of others who took that same test. Luke Rand is chasing the same list. When a killer begins to stalk them, they realize they have to join forces. The investigation leads them to a remote retreat in the Pacific Northwest. Upon their arrival, Talia and Luke discover they are cut off from the outside world when none of their high-tech devices work. And then the first mysterious death occurs.

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THE HEIRESS

A NOVEL

Rachel Hawkins

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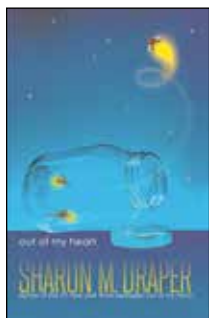
When Ruby McTavish Callahan Woodward Miller Kenmore dies, her adopted son, Camden, rejects his inheritance, settling into a normal

life as an English teacher in Colorado and marrying Jules, a woman just as eager to escape her own past. Ten years later, his uncle’s death pulls Cam and Jules back into the family fold and questions about the infamous heiress come to light. What really happened to her four husbands, who all died under mysterious circumstances? And why did she adopt Cam in the first place? Soon, Jules and Cam realize that an inheritance can entail far more than what’s written in a will — and that the bonds of family stretch far beyond the grave.

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OUT OF MY HEART ★★

Out of My Mind • Book 2

Sharon M. Draper

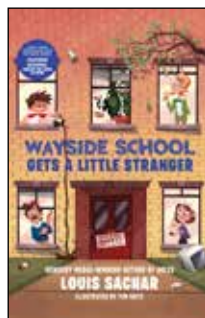
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
MARGARET A. EDWARDS HONOR
AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

Melody, the huge-hearted heroine of *Out of My Mind*, is a year older, and a year braver. And now with her Meditalker, she feels nothing's out of her

reach, not even summer camp. There *have* to be camps for differently-abled kids like her, and she's going to sleuth one out. A place where she can trek through a forest, fly on a zip line, and even ride on a horse! A place where maybe she really can finally make a real friend, make her own decisions, and even do things on her own—the dream! By the light of flickering campfires and the power of thunderstorms, through the terror of unexpected creatures in cabins and the first sparkle of a crush, Melody's about to discover how brave and strong she really is.

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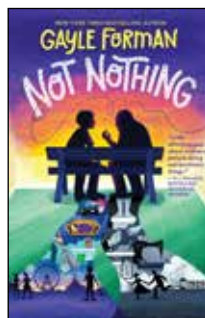
"Through strong characterization and powerful storytelling, Draper once again successfully brings readers into Melody's mind, allowing them to see the world through her eyes." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

When Melody saves an elderly back-in-the-day actress's life, the woman nominates Melody to be a US spokesperson at an international symposium for kids with different abilities. Melody finally gets to fly on an airplane, and even the airline's somewhat clumsy handling of her wheelchair can't dampen her excitement to be in London. There, Melody meets kids from all over the world who are rallying for greater accessibility and more thoughtful planning on how to make the world more equal for every kid, no matter the unusual challenges they face. As Melody's time to speak approaches, she hopes she can find a way to make every word count and make an impact.

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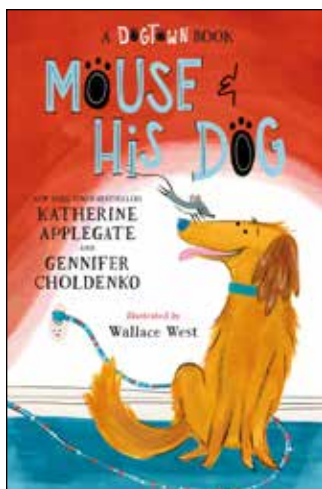
"Forman interweaves the tales . . . with striking language and depth of feeling, allowing readers to understand the characters' changing perspectives." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

Alex is twelve, and he did something very, very bad. A judge sentences him to spend his summer volunteering at a retirement home. Josey is 107 and ready for his life to be over. He has evaded death many times, having survived ghettos, dragnets, and a concentration camp — all thanks to a woman named Olka and his own ability to sew. But now he spends his days at Shady Glen, refusing to speak. Until Alex knocks on Josey's door . . . and Josey begins to tell Alex his story. As Alex comes back again and again to hear more, an unlikely bond grows between them. Soon a new possibility opens up for Alex: Can he rise to the occasion of his life, even if it means confronting the worst thing that he's ever done?

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MOUSE & HIS DOG

A Dogtown Book • Book 2

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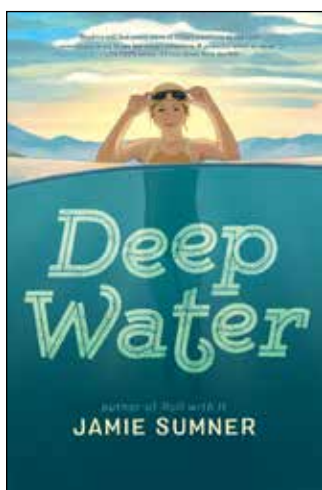
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Mouse lives in Dogtown, a shelter for real dogs and robot dogs, where the rafters hide a secret community of mice. His best friend is Buster, a big-hearted real dog who attracts trouble like a burr to fur. Determined to help Buster find his forever home, even if means losing his best pal, Mouse embarks on a quest with three of Dogtown’s “unadoptables”: Buster, Stewie — a huge, lovable dog whose ex-owner said he was mean, and Smokey — a robot dog hardwired with a smoke alarm he can’t control. But Mouse is just a mouse, and the world is big and complicated. How’s a little guy supposed to find homes for the dogs he loves?

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Jamie Sumner

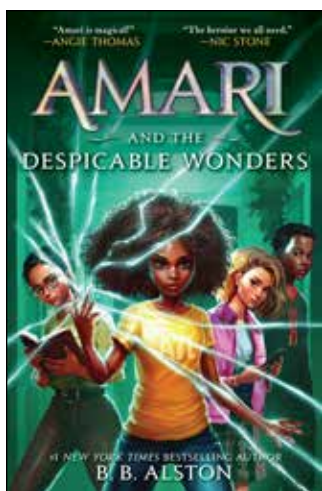
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AMARI AND THE DESPICABLE WONDERS

Supernatural Investigations • Book 3

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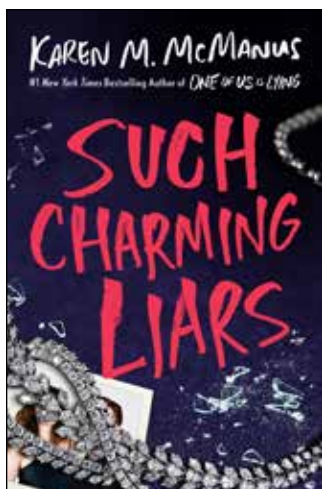
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“The story winds its way through twists both comical and tragic on the way to a poignant resolution that affirms both the faith that underdog Amari’s elders have in her abilities and her place within the community.” — Kirkus Reviews

War has come to the supernatural world, and Amari’s two worst enemies are leading the charge. Elaine Harlowe is using her mind control ability to force the Bureau to take up her vicious grudge against magickankind. Meanwhile, Dylan Van Helsing, leader of the League of Magicians, is after a destructive new power that would make him invincible. When Amari learns the only way to stop Dylan is to find powerful magical inventions known as Wonders, she goes after them. But wielding these items comes at a terrible cost, and Amari will have to decide just how much she’s willing to sacrifice.

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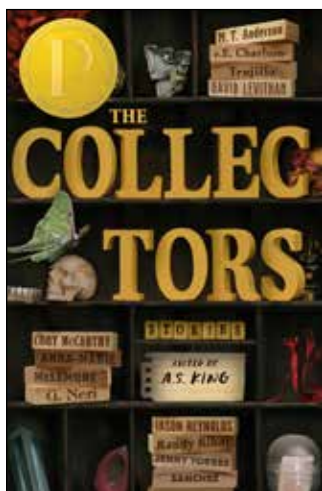
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

"This novel's twists take readers on a wild ride until the very last page . . . This might be McManus's best yet." — *starred*, School Library Journal

For all of Kat's life, it's just been her and her mother, Jamie — except for the forty-eight hours when Jamie was married and Kat had a stepbrother, Liam. Now Jamie is a jewel thief trying to go straight, but she has one last job — at billionaire Ross Sutherland's birthday party. What Kat doesn't know is that there are two surprise guests. Liam and his father. Kat and Liam are on a collision course to disaster, and when a Sutherland dies, they realize they might be in the killer's crosshairs themselves. Kat and Liam can't trust anyone — except each other. Or can they? Because if there's one thing both Kat and Liam know, it's how to lie. They learned from the best.

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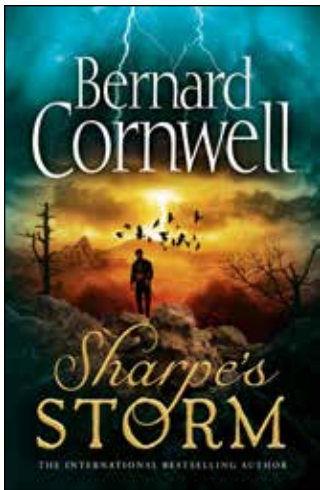
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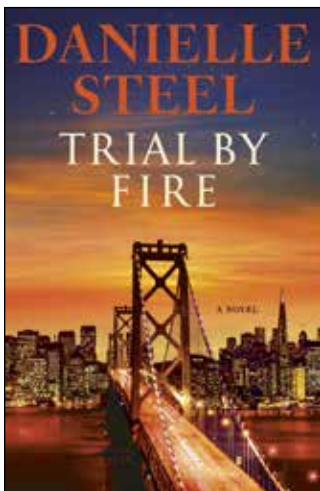
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War against Napoleon rages across Europe. As Britain prepares to invade France for the first time, the formidable Richard Sharpe and his men brace themselves for a cold, hard winter. Before them, across flooded rivers and fortified bridges, lies the fiercest French army they have ever encountered. There is only one way forward for Wellington's army, and it will be bloody. Major Sharpe may be in for his toughest winter yet.

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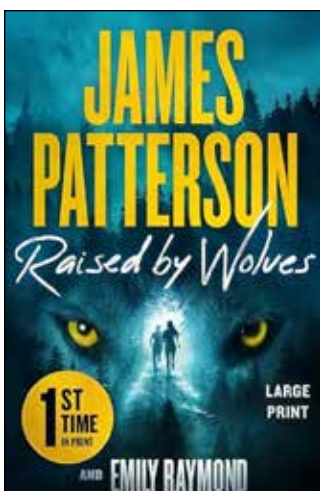
A NOVEL

Danielle Steel*NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Born to a French mother and American father, Dahlia de Beaumont has been sole owner and CEO of the venerable family perfume business based in Paris since her early twenties. For twenty-five years, after losing her young skier husband in an avalanche, her life has centered on running Lambert Perfumes and being a devoted single mother to her four now-adult children. Dahlia comes to San Francisco on a routine business trip to check on her stores in the States. But shortly after her arrival, brush fires ignite in Napa Valley. Watching the sweeping devastation on the news, Dahlia is moved to help. But doing so will bring unforeseen consequences that endanger not only her life, but her entire future. Forced to remain in San Francisco in the aftermath, she will make unexpected connections while also fighting to protect all she has worked for.

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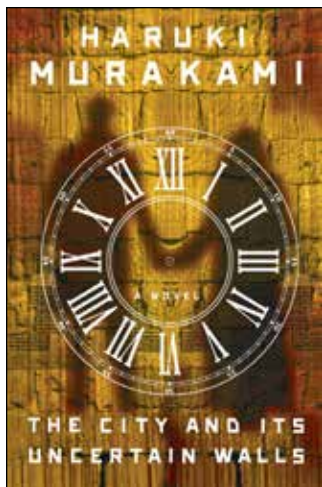
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Two teens appear out of nowhere, ransacking a small-town grocery and attacking the police officers who come to investigate. Their clothes are torn and filthy, their hands and bare feet callused, they have *fangs*. They're sister and brother, alone against the world. Where did they come from? *Raised by wolves*, they say. Kai and Holo are taken in by the police chief and his wife, and begin adjusting to life in a small town, attending school and going on dates. But humans, they find, are the most vicious animals. And the mystery of their upbringing brings dark and powerful forces to Kokanee Creek, tearing the town apart and threatening the lives of everyone they love.

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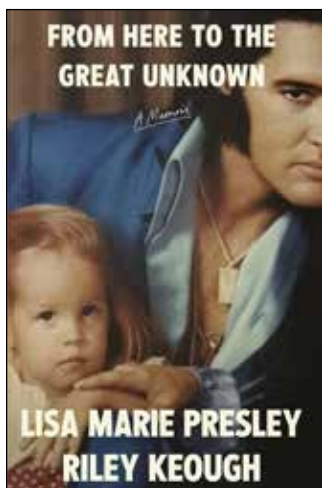
Haruki Murakami

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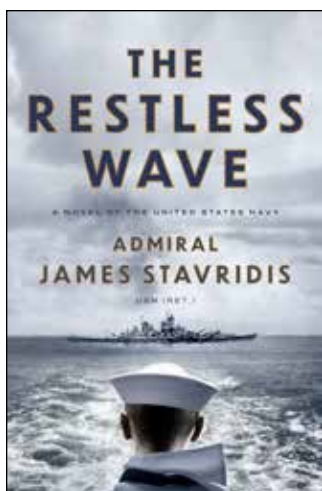
A MEMOIR

Lisa Marie Presley, Riley Keough

In 2022, Lisa Marie Presley asked her daughter to help finally finish her long-gestating memoir. A month later, Lisa Marie was dead, and the world would never know her story in her own words. Riley got the tapes that her mother had recorded for the book, lay in her bed, and listened as Lisa Marie told story after story about the unconditional love she felt from her father. About getting dragged screaming out of the bathroom as she ran toward his body on the floor. About living in Los Angeles with her mother, getting sent to school after school, always in trouble. About her lifelong relationship with Danny Keough, about being married to Michael Jackson. About motherhood. About addiction. About ever-present grief. Riley knew she had to fulfill her mother's wish to reveal these memories, incandescent and painful, to the world.

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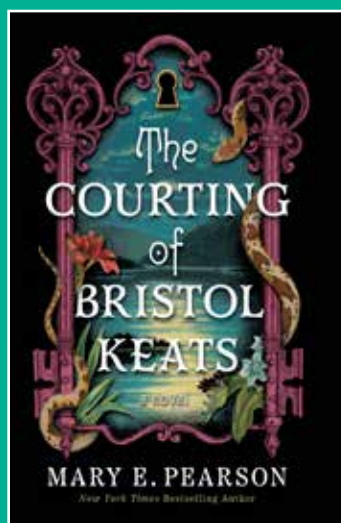
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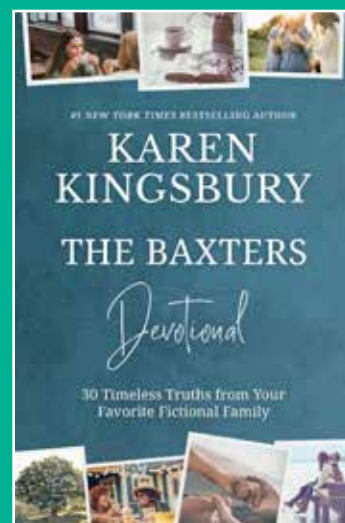
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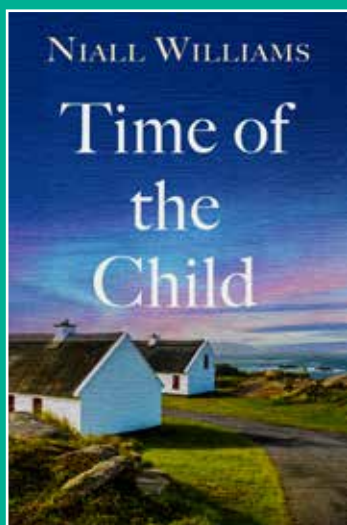
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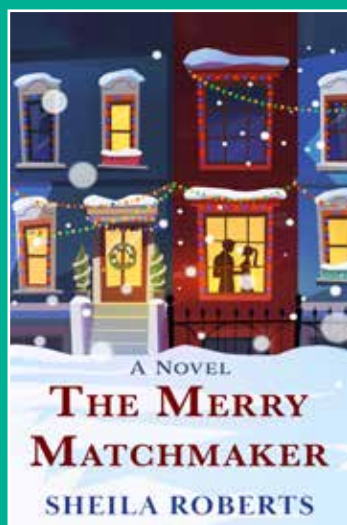
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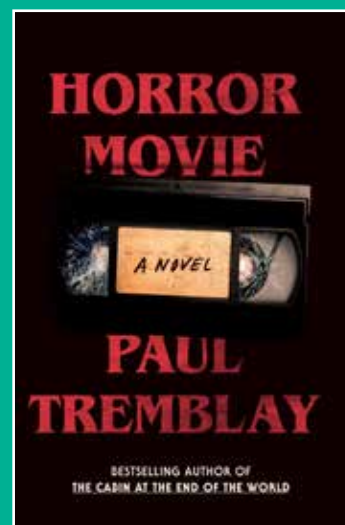
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