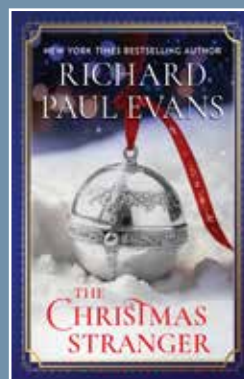
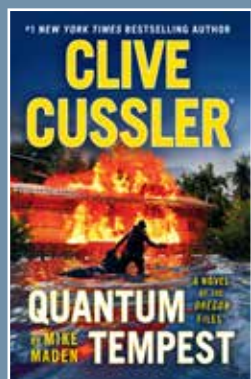
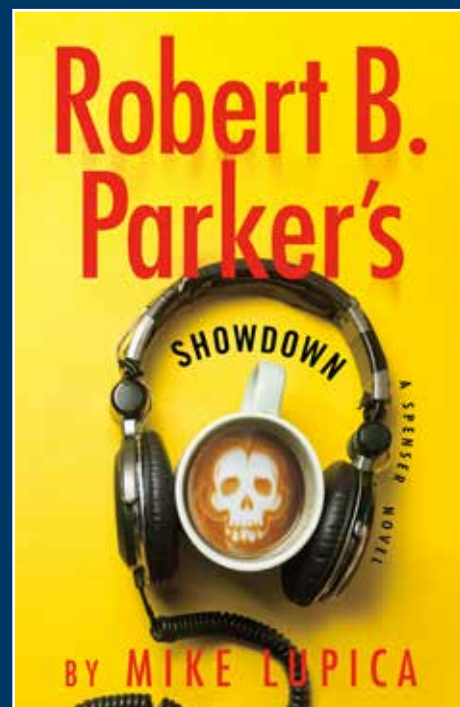
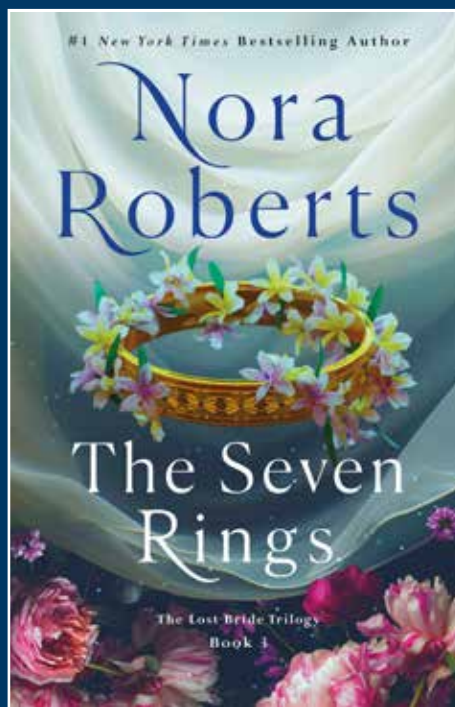




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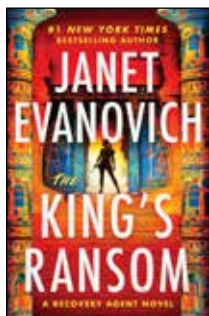
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**THE KING'S RANSOM**

A NOVEL

The Recovery Agent • Book 2

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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EDITOR'S CHOICE 1

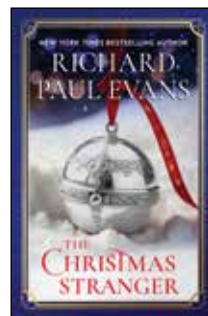
Gabriela Rose, recovery agent extraordinaire, can find just about anything. Too bad she can't seem

to lose her ex-husband. And now he needs her help. His cousin, Harley, is in trouble. As the president of a bank, he invested an astronomical amount of money in insuring some priceless artifacts at the urging of his board. But recently, these insured pieces started going missing. Gabriela must travel around the world to find the missing works of art, keep Harley out of jail, and save both his skin and his bank. Along the way, she'll encounter a nefarious villain who will stop at nothing to bring the world to the brink of ruin.

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Mystery | Releases 12/3/2025

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**THE CHRISTMAS STRANGER****Richard Paul Evans**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

USA TODAY BESTSELLER

EDITOR'S CHOICE 5

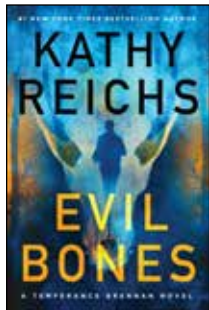
Three years after losing his family in a Christmas Eve accident, Paul Wanlass has given up on life. He can't imagine anything to keep him in Salt Lake City. When a stranger knocks on

his door, Paul discovers the mysterious stranger's name is Gabriel, and when Paul finds himself opening up to his visitor, Gabriel tells him, "I wouldn't, if I were you. It's not what you think." He then departs without another word. Paul brushes the experience aside as some trick of the imagination . . . until he crosses paths with a young widow and her bullied son, who've also received a visit from Gabriel. Before he knows it, these two fill his life with chaos, commotion, and excitement he hasn't felt in years. The three of them are convinced Gabriel brought them together for a reason . . . but why? And who — or what — really is this Christmas stranger?

S | ISBN: 9781420528749 | \$40.99

General Fiction | Releases 12/3/2025

Available in Top Shelf 4, 6 & 8.

**EVIL BONES**

A Temperance Brennan Novel

Kathy Reichs

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

EDITOR'S CHOICE 1

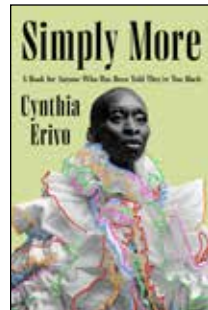
Small creatures — a rat, a rabbit, a squirrel — have been turning up throughout Charlotte, North Carolina, mutilated and displayed in a bizarre manner. But one day, the perp ups

the ante. Tempe visits the scene and discovers that the victim is a dog. Someone's pet. And then a woman is found disfigured and posed in a manner that mimics the animal killings. Subsequently, people Tempe cares about begin to go missing until it becomes clear she is being taunted, the target in a sick game that has her racing against a ticking clock and facing a terrifying question: "What is pure evil?"

S | ISBN: 9781420530131 | \$40.99

Thriller | Releases 12/3/2025

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**SIMPLY MORE**A BOOK FOR ANYONE WHO HAS
BEEN TOLD THEY'RE TOO MUCH**Cynthia Erivo**

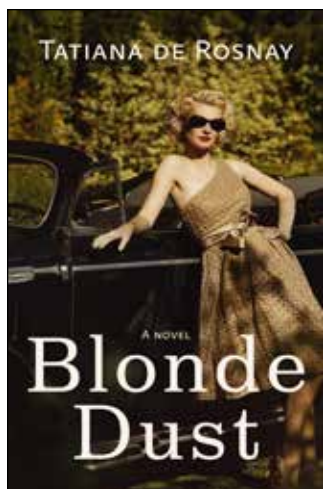
Cynthia Erivo learned the music to *Wicked* a decade before she needed it, not knowing those same lyrics would change her life. Now she has performed those songs on the world stage, showing us there is

always time to keep discovering ourselves. In a series of powerful, personal vignettes, Cynthia reflects on the ways she has grown as an actor and human and reminds us we are capable of so much more than we think. She urges readers to understand and strive for a physical and mental balance. Because when we chase our deepest desires, each small step leads us closer to where we want to go.

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Autobiography | Releases 12/3/2025

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BLONDE DUST

Tatiana de Rosnay

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"De Rosnay celebrates the power of friendship while exploring a side of Marilyn Monroe many might not have known about, in a story that is emotionally moving and nostalgic yet bittersweet."
— Library Journal

Pauline, a young chambermaid who works at the legendary Mapes Hotel in Reno, Nevada, is asked to step in for a colleague and clean Suite 614. Although she was told the rooms were empty, a dazed, sleepy woman appears before her. This is Mrs. Miller, aka Marilyn Monroe, whose stay in Reno coincides with the breakdown of her marriage to Arthur Miller and the filming of what was to be her last film, *The Misfits*. In the American West in 1960 where the mustang horses run wild, an unexpected friendship unfolds between the most famous movie star in the world and a young cleaning woman whose life will be changed forever through the course of a few weeks.

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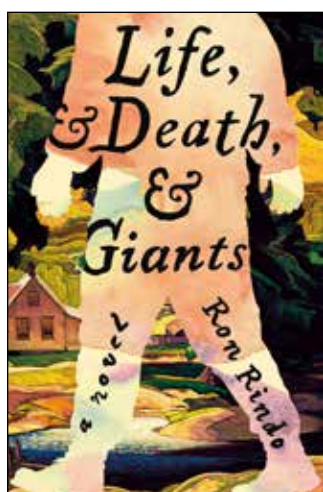
A NOVEL
Laura Dickerman

INDIE NEXT PICK

When literary legend Edward David Adams (known as "the Lion") dies, leaving his estate up for grabs, rival editors Rebecca Blume and Ben Heath work feverishly to land this career-making opportunity. As their battle gets more heated, Rebecca learns of a connection between her mother, Jane, and the Lion. The story travels back four decades earlier to when Jane arrives in Manhattan and meets Rose. Jane and Rose are two talented young women trying to make their mark in the publishing world at a time when art, the written word, and creative expression were at their height. But one fateful day will change the course of Jane's life, and of their friendship, forever.

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LIFE, AND DEATH, AND GIANTS ★★

A NOVEL
Ron Rindo

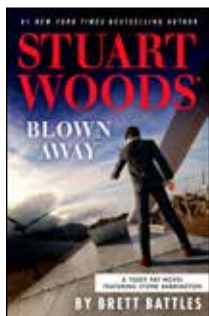
INDIE NEXT PICK

"An emotional and beautifully rendered story of love and loss, faith and family secrets, longing, and the unbreakable spirit of a remarkable person." — Library Journal

Gabriel Fisher was born an orphan, weighing eighteen pounds and measuring twenty-seven inches long. No one in Lakota, Wisconsin, knows what to make of him. He walks at eight months, communicates with animals, and seems to possess extraordinary athletic talent. But when the older brother who has been caring for him dies, Gabriel is taken in by his devout Amish grandparents who hide him away from the English world. But it's hard to hide forever when you're nearly eight feet tall. At seventeen, Gabriel is spotted working in a hay field by the local football coach. What happens next transforms not only Gabriel's life but the lives of everyone he meets.

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General Fiction | Releases 12/3/2025 | Available in Top Shelf 8.

**STUART WOODS' BLOWN AWAY**

A Teddy Fay Novel

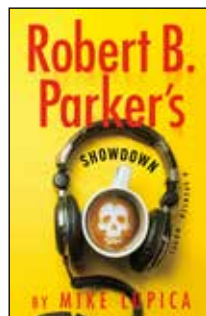
Brett Battles**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 2**

Teddy Fay whisks away to join Peter and Hattie Barrington in Palm Springs. But his hope for a relaxing vacation vanishes when he attends a prominent actor's annual birthday party, where he witnesses a heated squabble between two women, only for one of them to turn up dead the next day. Teddy takes it upon himself to investigate who might be lurking in the shadows and uncovers a web of intrigue involving a sinister plan to take over a cutting-edge energy company. If he doesn't act fast, valuable secrets risk falling into the wrong hands, but more importantly innocent lives could be in jeopardy next.

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**ROBERT B. PARKER'S SHOWDOWN**

A Spenser Novel

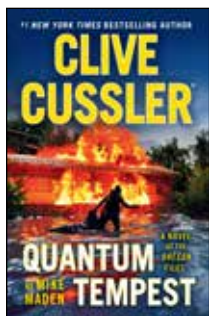
Mike Lupica**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 4**

Vic Hale is one of the biggest podcasters in the nation and got there by spewing overheated rhetoric that's reviled by some but loved by even more. Vic's riding high . . . until he gets a visit from Spenser, who is there on behalf of Daniel Lopez, a young man who believes Hale may be his father. It's a potentially explosive revelation for a man in the podcaster's position. That could explain the bodies that start popping up — bodies connected with the mystery surrounding Daniel's birth. There are a lot of questions remaining, and Spenser's going to have to find the answers before someone shuts Hale or Daniel up for good.

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**CLIVE CUSSLER
QUANTUM TEMPEST**

The Oregon Files

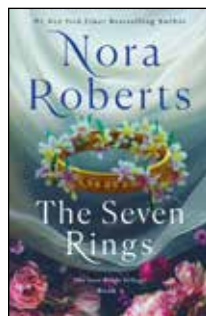
Mike Maden**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 3**

There's a tempest brewing in Central America. A government crackdown on cartels leaves most of the drug lords locked up in prison. In response, Amador Fierro, a brilliant, tech-savvy crime boss forges the seven largest cartels into an allegiance called La Liga. If they are to defeat the U.S. led offensive, they will need a powerful weapon. Thus is born Project Q: an Artificial General Intelligence computer that will grant Fierro overwhelming control of America. Chairman Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon are the only ones standing in his way, but they have a mole in their midst. Meanwhile, other dark forces are at play, competing for the all-consuming power at hand. The race to stop the launching of Project Q will come down to the wire, but it's a race neither Juan Cabrillo, nor the western world, can afford to lose.

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**THE SEVEN RINGS**

The Lost Bride Trilogy • Book 3

Nora Roberts**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
EDITOR'S CHOICE 2**

Long ago, Arthur Poole built a grand house overlooking the ocean in a Maine village. Today, Sonya MacTavish lives in that house — a manor that has been cursed for generations. To break the curse, a difficult task must be completed. Refusing to let her spirit be broken, Sonya searches each room for clues to her ancestors' hidden story. She's determined to bring light to this haunted place, but the enemy in the black dress continues to come at her in frightening forms. This dark-hearted witch wants to be mistress of Poole Manor, at any cost. And Sonya will need to fight a battle across two realms to finally take possession of the house — and of her own future.

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**TOM CLANCY EXECUTIVE POWER**

A Jack Ryan Novel

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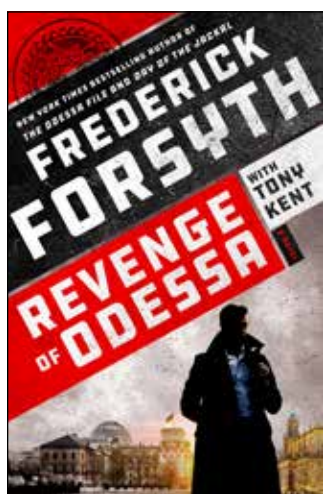
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

EDITOR'S CHOICE 5

Even in a family of strong individualists like the Ryans, Kyle has stood out as a lone wolf. For years he's gone his own way, joining the DIA rather than the CIA, and disagreeing with his father's politics. Now he's missing in an African country on the brink of a coup. His last message to his handlers, "We're on the wrong side of history." His father, the President of the United States, is about to discover which is more important to him: the interests of his country or the life of his son?

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**REVENGE OF ODESSA**

The Odessa Series • Book 2

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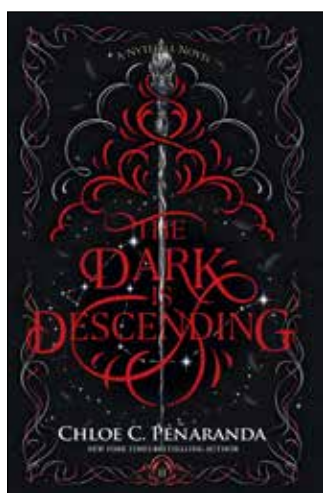
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

EDITOR'S CHOICE 6

Fifty years after revealing the secrets of Odessa, an underground organization of former Nazis angling to regain power, Peter Miller is a retired legend in the journalism community. He's spent the last decade caring for his grandson Georg, after the death of his son and daughter-in-law in a car accident. Peter pulled back from his career to keep Georg safe. But he could do nothing to stop the young man from following in his footsteps. By 2025 Odessa has been replaced by Medusa, its every long-term plan nearing fruition all while, elsewhere, the children of Odessa play for the highest power of all — a seat in the West Wing.

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**THE DARK IS DESCENDING**

Nytefall Trilogy • Book 3

Chloe C. Peñaranda

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

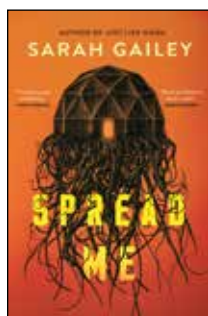
USA TODAY BESTSELLER

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Reeling from shocking betrayal, the Star Maiden Astraea must now race against time to break the curse imprisoning her lover, Nyte. She will have to decide if the hand of darkness, or that of her enemy, is an alliance that could bring him back. But with the loss of daylight and the realm on the brink of ruin, Astraea and her companions must set off on their quests to retrieve the Maiden's broken key, the only weapon that can kill the wrathful gods determined to rule the mortal world. When the blood that binds them becomes a weapon to end them, two star-crossed lovers must yield to fate or pay their greatest sacrifice yet.

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Fantasy | Releases 12/3/2025 | Available in High Octane 4, 6 & 8.



SPREAD ME

Sarah Gailey

INDIE NEXT PICK

"[A] fun, modern take on first encounter horror." — Publishers Weekly

Kinsey has the perfect job as the team lead in a remote research outpost. She loves the isolation and the way the desert keeps temptations from the civilian world far out of

reach. When her crew discovers a mysterious specimen buried deep in the sand, Kinsey breaks quarantine and brings it inside. But the longer it's there, the more her carefully controlled life begins to unravel. Temptation has found her after all, and it can't be ignored any longer. One by one, Kinsey's team realizes the thing they're studying is in search of a new host — and one of them is the perfect candidate.

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THE UNSEEN

Kat Martin

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

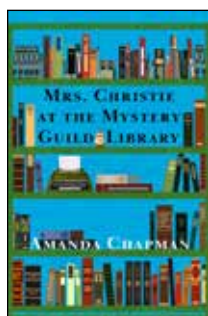
It begins when two boys discover a 100-year-old skeleton buried near the grounds of Belle Reve, a mansion built in the 1870s. As police investigate, strange occurrences plague the mansion. The owner, Rachel Belmond, is also in failing

health, her condition deteriorating. As the incidents grow more intense, Rachel's niece, Nicole, begins to suspect that something otherworldly may have invaded the house. Fearing for Rachel's fragile health, Nicole works to find the link between the mysterious old bones and the terrifying events in the house. Can Nicole stop the demonic forces that threaten the existence of Belle Reve? Or is more happening than anyone can imagine?

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MRS. CHRISTIE AT THE MYSTERY GUILD LIBRARY

Amanda Chapman

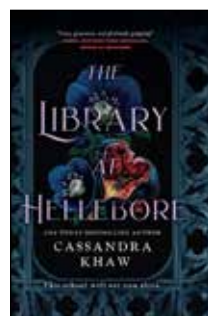
"Chapman . . . does a wonderful job of bringing the iconic Christie to life in a believable manner and surrounding her with a charming cast of characters and a twisty plot worthy of the Queen of Crime." — starred, Library Journal

Tory Van Dyne is the book conservator at Manhattan's Mystery Guild Library. She's not thrilled when she discovers a woman in the library's Christie Room who introduces herself as Agatha Christie and announces she's there to help solve a murder that has not yet happened. But as soon as Tory determines this is just a nutty Christie fangirl, her actress cousin Nicola gets caught up in the suspicious death of her talent agent. Aided by a band of fellow sleuths, Tory and the woman begin to unravel the twists and turns of a murderer's devious mind. Because, in the immortal words of Miss Jane Marple, "murder is never simple."

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THE LIBRARY AT HELLEBORE

Cassandra Khaw

USA TODAY BESTSELLER

INDIE NEXT PICK

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"Khaw's brutal novel is more than an action-packed race against time, it is also an honest, endearing, and emotional ode to friendship, as well as a clever story about power. Engaging, visceral, and a lot of fun." — Library Journal

The Hellebore Technical Institute for the Gifted is the premier academy for the dangerously powerful: the Anti-Christ and Ragnaroks, the world-eaters and apocalypse-makers. Hellebore promises redemption, acceptance, and a normal life after graduation. At least, that's what Alessa Li is told after she's kidnapped and forcibly enrolled. But the Institute is more than just a haven for monsters. On graduation day, the faculty embark on a ravenous rampage, feasting on their students. Trapped in the school's cavernous library, Alessa and her surviving classmates must do something they were never taught: work together. If they don't, this school will eat them alive.

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Fantasy | Releases 12/3/2025

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**THE TIME HOP COFFEE SHOP**

A NOVEL

Phaedra Patrick**USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR**
EDITOR'S CHOICE 7

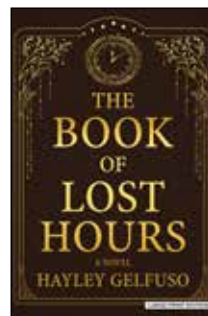
Greta Perks was once the shining star of the iconic Maple Gold coffee commercials. Now fame has faded, and Greta's once-glittering career feels like a distant memory. When

Greta stumbles upon a mysterious coffee shop serving a magical brew, she wishes for the perfect life. Next thing she knows, Greta wakes in the idyllic make-believe town of Mapleville, where the sun always shines and the aroma of fresh coffee and second chances fill the air. Given the opportunity to live the life she dreamed, Greta is determined to rewrite her own script. But can life ever be like a coffee commercial? And what will happen when Greta has to choose between perfection and real life?

S | ISBN: 9781420528114 | \$40.99

Women's Fiction | Releases 12/3/2025

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**THE BOOK OF LOST HOURS**

A NOVEL

Hayley Gelfuso**INDIE NEXT PICK**
LIBRARY READS PICK
GOOD MORNING AMERICA SEPTEMBER
2025 BOOK CLUB

"[An] engrossing debut . . . Gelfuso seamlessly blends elements of romance and fantasy into the twisty quest narrative, and packs excitement into every page. It's a delight."

— Publishers Weekly

Enter the time space, a library filled with books containing the memories of those who have passed. This is where eleven-year-old Lisavet Levy finds herself trapped in 1938, waiting for her father to return. When he doesn't, she grows up among the books and specters, able to see the world only by sifting through the memories of those who came before her. In 1965, sixteen-year-old Amelia Duquesne is mourning the disappearance of her uncle when a CIA agent enlists her help in tracking down a book of memories her uncle had once sought. But when Amelia visits the time space, she realizes that the past — and the truth — might not be as linear as she'd like to believe.

ISBN: 9781420530278 | \$37.99

Historical Fiction | Releases 12/3/2025

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**THE LAST WISH OF
BRISTOL KEATS**

A NOVEL

The Courting of Bristol Keats • Book 2

Mary E. Pearson**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

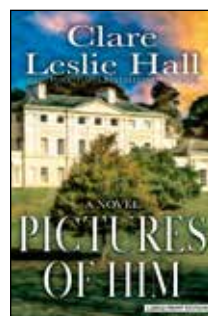
"Pearson expertly weaves together romance, action, and atmosphere, pulling in readers, who soon won't want to leave Elphame and the friendships she has developed in the duology." — starred, Library Journal

After Bristol Keats nearly loses King Tyghan to the monsters her mother unleashed, their love deepens to a whole new level. But when a rescue attempt turns into a disaster, Bristol is forced to confront the fact that her mother is more powerful than she imagined. Bristol is Elphame's last chance, but where do her loyalties truly lie? If she fully embraces the magic that has always been her birthright, she could become a different kind of monster from her mother. Is she willing to risk losing the people she loves, if it means keeping them safe?

S | ISBN: 9781420531060 | \$37.99

Fantasy | Releases 12/3/2025

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**PICTURES OF HIM**

A NOVEL

Clare Leslie Hall**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

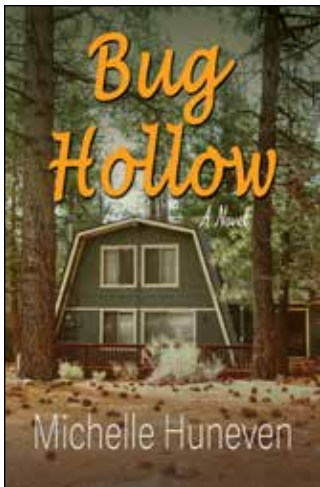
Catherine lives a normal life with her husband, Sam, and their two children. But parts of her past are shrouded in mystery. When a former flame resurfaces, something inside Catherine releases a flood of trauma

she had thought was buried long ago. Lying in the hospital after a breakdown, language eludes Catherine. The shock of her painful past has left her mute, unable to explain to Sam or her children the root of her anguish. As Catherine's fragmented memories of her university days sharpen, the threads of her past and present start to coalesce. She must finally confront the events that brought her to crisis, while the fragile pieces of her life threaten to shatter.

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Romantic Suspense | Releases 12/3/2025

Available in Dynamic Drama 6 & 8.

**BUG HOLLOW** ★★★★★

A NOVEL

Michelle Huneven

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SHELF AWARENESS PICK

INDIE NEXT PICK

ONE OF 50 BOOKS TODAY CAN'T WAIT TO READ IN 2025

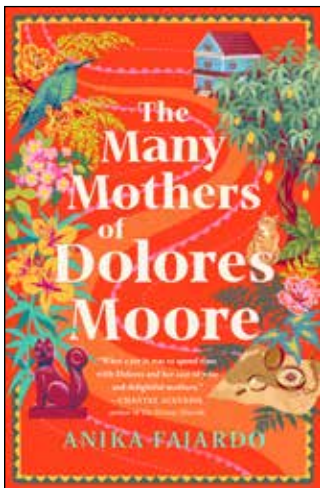
JAMES BEARD AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

"This transcendent novel has all the virtues associated with Huneven: attention to detail and a glimpse at how complicated the very act of living is . . . Huneven hits it out of the ballpark again."
— starred, Library Journal

When Sally Samuelson was eight years old, her golden boy brother Ellis went missing the summer he graduated high school. Ellis finally turned up at the bucolic Bug Hollow, a last gasp of the beautiful Northern California counterculture in the seventies. He had found joy in the communal life there but died in a freak accident weeks later. From that point, the world of the Samuelsons never spins on the same axis, especially after Julia, Ellis's girlfriend from Bug Hollow, shows up pregnant on their doorstep and Sally becomes the de facto caretaker to Eva, the child Ellis never knew.

ISBN: 9781420531138 | \$35.99

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**THE MANY MOTHERS OF DELORES MOORE** ★**Anika Fajardo**

After the funeral of the last living member of her family, Dolores Moore has never felt more lost and alone. That is, except for a chorus of deceased relatives whose voices follow her around and amplify Dorrie's doubts about keeping the deathbed promise she made to return to her birthplace in Colombia. Facing a daunting inheritance of her mothers' Minneapolis Victorian and two orange tabbies, how can she possibly leave the country? But when an old flame offers to housesit, the chorus agrees that there's no room for excuses. Armed with only a scrap of a handdrawn map, Dorrie sets off to find out where and who she came from.

ISBN: 9781420530704 | \$35.99

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**THE ONCE AND FUTURE ME**

A NOVEL

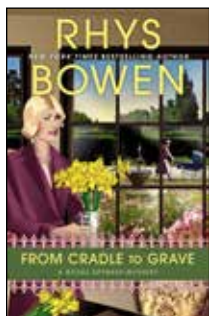
Melissa Pace

"A cinematic ride . . . One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest meets The Hunger Games—and what an offspring!" — Kirkus Reviews

Virginia, 1954. When a woman wakes on a patient transport bus arriving at Hanover State Psychiatric Hospital, she remembers nothing of her life before that moment. Disturbing visions of a dystopian future in which frantic scientists urge her to complete "the mission" and save mankind begin to invade her reality. She tells no one and focuses only on escaping — until there's a visitor. A man whose loving face — and touch — she remembers, a man who knows all about her visions: her husband, Paul. She needs answers, but she'll have to harness the darkness inside her as she risks her freedom, her mind, and ultimately her life in a heart-stopping quest for the truth.

ISBN: 9781420531183 | \$35.99

Thriller | Releases 12/3/2025 | Available in Dynamic Drama 8.



FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE

A Royal Spyness Mystery

Rhys Bowen

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

In search of a nanny, Georgie travels to London to see her old friend ZouZou, only to find her about to depart for a funeral. It becomes clear there's more than one mysterious death around town, when another

friend reveals he's also just returned from the funeral of a school friend. But when word arrives that the son of a family friend has also died tragically and unexpectedly, Georgie is certain it can't be a coincidence. As she delves deeper, she can't help worrying that her own husband, Darcy, may be next. Will Georgie solve the murders before it's too late *and* manage to find the perfect nanny all at the same time?

S | ISBN: 9781420531091 | \$37.99

Cozy Mystery | Releases 12/3/2025

Available in Mystery 2, 3, & 5.



BEACH READS AND DEADLY DEEDS

A NOVEL

Allison Brennan

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

"A tropical romp that folds a frothy romance into a whodunit." — Kirkus Reviews

Between her job and taking care of her grandmother, Mia Crawford

has little time for anything else. Now, forced into taking a long-overdue vacation, she finds herself on a private island where she just might have a chance to reinvent herself — for a little while, anyway. Turns out reinventing yourself is easier planned than done. But when notes written in the margins of a book turn out to be clues to the disappearance of another guest, Mia finds herself diving headfirst into a dangerous adventure. With everyone at the resort hiding secrets of their own, she'll have to solve this mystery before she becomes the next target.

ISBN: 9781420528312 | \$33.99

Mystery | Releases 12/3/2025

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SAVVY SUMMERS AND THE SWEET POTATO CRIMES

Savvy Summers Mysteries

Sandra Jackson-Opoku

LIBRARY READS PICK

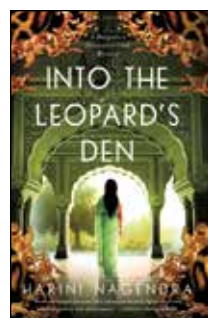
"Jackson-Opoku makes her move to mystery with great flair and finesse, serving up a tasty combination of soul food comfort dishes that culinary mystery fans will crave, as well as a vividly evoked setting populated by an engaging community of characters." — starred, Library Journal

When Savvy Summers first opened Essie's soul food café, she never expected her customer-favorite sweet potato pie to become the center of a murder investigation. But when Grandy Jaspers, the 75-year-old neighborhood womanizer, drops dead at table two, she suddenly has more to worry about than just maintaining Essie's reputation for the finest soul food in the Chicagoland area. Will Savvy be able to clear the café's name and solve Grandy's murder before it all falls apart? After all, while Savvy always said her sweet potato pie was to die for, she never meant literally.

ISBN: 9781420531367 | \$32.99

Cozy Mystery | Releases 12/3/2025

Available in Mystery 5.



INTO THE LEOPARD'S DEN

A Bangalore Detectives Club Mystery

Harini Nagendra

"For cozy mystery lovers looking for social commentary and scrumptious culinary descriptions." — Library Journal

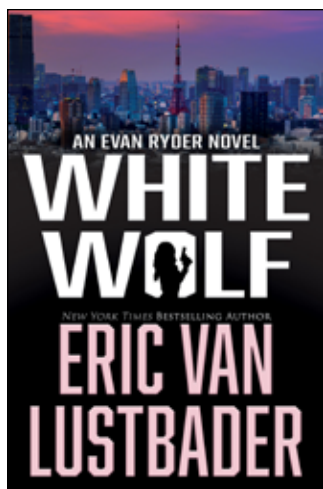
Bangalore, 1922. Pregnant and confined to the house by her protective mother-in-law, Kaveri Murthy has resolved to take a

break from detection. But when an elderly woman is murdered at night and dies clutching a photograph of Kaveri while asking for her help — how can she refuse? Kaveri finds a trail of secrets that leads her to suspect the killer may be in Coorg. When she arrives, she encounters a thorny thicket of cases. Soon, one murder turns into two — and then a few days later into three. Racing against time, Kaveri must take on her most complex challenge so far.

ISBN: 9781420531121 | \$32.99

Women Sleuths | Releases 12/3/2025

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**WHITE WOLF**

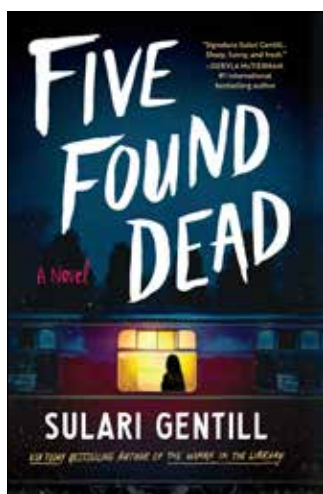
An Evan Rider Novel

Eric Van Lustbader**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

Evan Ryder races against time in a landscape where secrets can no longer hide behind digital walls. Ilona Shokova, the elusive, deadly assassin White Wolf, holds the key to mastering this unhackable method. Two powerful, deadly women, one quest. Will either one of them survive?

S | ISBN: 9781420526660 | \$37.99

Thriller | Releases 12/17/2025

**FIVE FOUND DEAD**

A NOVEL

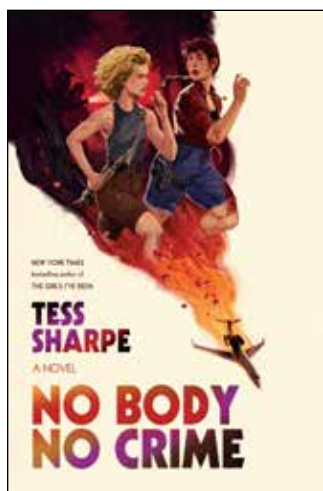
Sulari Gentill**USA TODAY BESTSELLER****LIBRARY READS PICK**

"Gentill's latest is a fun, modern mystery/thriller with classic charm. The author's own recent battle with cancer adds authenticity to the narrative and the portrayal of Joe." — Library Journal

Crime fiction author Joe Penvale has won the most brutal battle of his life. Now that he has finished his intense medical treatment, he and his twin sister, Meredith, are boarding the Orient Express, hoping for some much-needed rest and rejuvenation. The next morning, Joe and Meredith are shocked to witness that the cabin next door has become a crime scene, bathed in blood but with no body in sight. When the steward guarding the crime scene is murdered, it marks the beginning of a killing spree which leaves five found dead — and one still missing. Now Joe and Meredith must fight to preserve their future and to catch a killer before they reach the end of the line.

ISBN: 9781420530513 | \$36.99

Mystery | Releases 12/17/2025

**NO BODY NO CRIME** ★

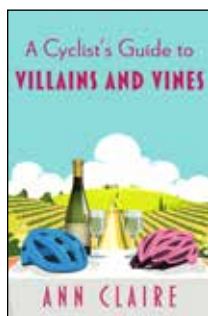
A NOVEL

Tess Sharpe

PI Mel Tillman has seen her fair share of bloody cases. But killing with someone is a different kind of mess. No one's heard from Toby Dunne since Chloe Harper's sweet sixteen party — because the birthday girl and sixteen-year-old Mel buried him deep in the backwoods. Mel loses little sleep over it — Toby had been terrorizing them. What she does lose sleep over is Chloe, who disappeared. Tasked with locating Chloe, Mel finds her living in the Canadian wilderness. Now, the truth must come out as they run for their lives once again. Because when they buried Toby, they buried something Toby took. And the powerful family he stole it from will do anything to get it back.

ISBN: 9781420530452 | \$36.99

Thriller | Releases 12/17/2025



A CYCLIST'S GUIDE TO VILLAINS AND VINES

A Cyclist's Guide Mystery Series • Book 2

Ann Claire

USA TODAY BESTSELLER

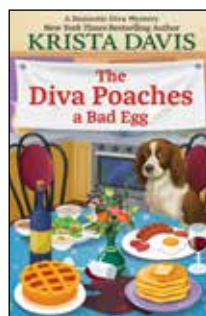
Sadie Greene and her Oui Cycle crew vow to wow her most discerning private group yet with a trip they will never forget. The Silver Spinners,

six globetrotting seniors, are stunned, but not for the right reasons. Trouble starts when a guest crashes into a corpse on a solo midnight ride. The Silver Spinners are dangerously eager to play amateur detectives. Sadie finds herself tangled in the chaos, but can she stay on course long enough to reach the truth, or is she heading for a fatal collision with a cunning killer?

ISBN: 9781420531213 | \$27.99

Cozy Mystery | Releases 12/17/2025

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THE DIVA POACHES A BAD EGG

A Domestic Diva Mystery

Krista Davis

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"This long-running series skillfully weaves together elements of mystery with practical household tips and appended recipes."
— Kirkus Reviews

While Domestic Diva Sophie Winston juggles her event-filled calendar, she's approached by local designer Mitzi Lawson, who is afraid someone is following her. The next day Mitzi loses her best friend and business partner, Denise, and Mitzi fears it was murder. Sophie agrees to help Mitzi involve the police. Then she receives a panicked phone call from Mitzi, and when she rushes to the old house, Mitzi is nowhere to be found. Now Sophie's appetite for investigation is piqued even more than her appetite for eggs Benedict and mimosas, and there's a generous buffet of suspects to keep the Diva scrambling for an answer.

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THE DEAD COME TO STAY

A NOVEL

Brandy Schillace

Jo Jones can't seem to catch a break. Trading in city life for North Yorkshire to take over her family estate should have been a chance for a fresh start. Instead, when prickly town detective James MacAdams discovers a body in the moors with coincidental ties

to Jo, they're forced to team up on the case. The clues will lead them from sparkling glass hotels to luxury property sites to elite country clubs. But below the glittering surfaces, Jo and MacAdams discover darker schemes brewing. What begins as a bizarre murder case quickly plunges them into the black-market world of rare artifacts and antique trading . . . and a murderer who will do anything to cover it up.

ISBN: 9781420528909 | \$27.99

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PICKING UP THE PIECES

A Jigsaw Puzzle Mystery Series • Book 1

J.B. Abbott

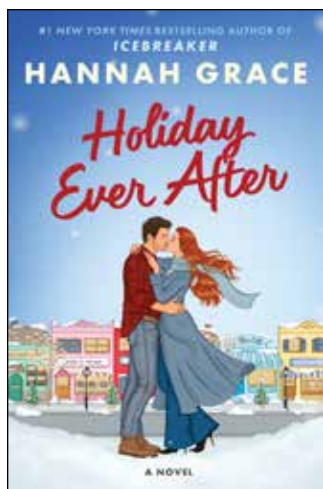
After her mother's passing, Katie Chambers returns to Cedar Bay to support her father, Jim. Stepping into her mother's footsteps, Katie takes on the role of graphic designer at Cedar Bay Puzzles. With the help of her father, she resurrects her mom's

cherished initiative, the South Island Jigsaw crew, a group of puzzle enthusiasts who gather at the library to tackle the latest Cedar Bay Puzzles creations. But when a member of their club is murdered and Jim is the last person to see her alive, resulting in his arrest, it is up to Katie to puzzle out the mystery before it's too late.

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Cozy Mystery | Releases 12/17/2025

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**HOLIDAY EVER AFTER**

A NOVEL

Hannah Grace

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

All Clara Davenport wants is to climb the ladder at her family's toy business. Everything was going according to plan, until the company was accused of stealing a doll design from an independent toy maker. Clara is tasked with solving the PR nightmare, by any means necessary. Jack Kelly would be happy to never hear the name Davenport again. Less than a year after a guy in a suit appeared on his doorstep, the company that once claimed they wanted to sign him to their small business program has copied his design. Clara has a plan to win over the community only to realize that beneath Jack's frosty demeanor lies the key to the town's heart — and maybe her own.

ISBN: 9781420531169 | \$36.99

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**WHILE IT WAS SNOWING****Julia London**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

USA TODAY BESTSELLER

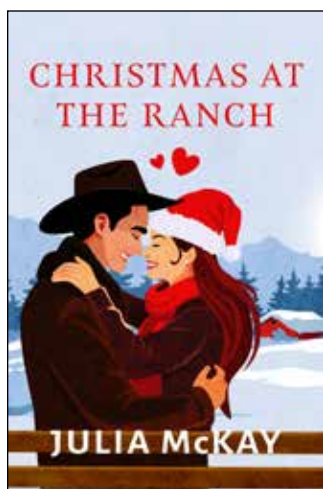
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLING AUTHOR

RITA AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

Amy Casey needs five new paintings for the holiday show at her local art gallery, but between her two teenage sons, her needy ex-husband, and her overbearing parents, she hardly has any time for herself. Luckily, her best friend has the perfect solution: a vacant family lake house in North Texas, all hers for two weeks of distraction-free painting. Or so she thought. Turns out professional golfer Harrison Neely also rented the lake house so he can spend the holidays rehabbing the injury that has put his career on hold. When sparks fly, Amy and Harrison will have to decide if this has been a fun holiday fling, or if they've found a Christmas miracle: true love.

ISBN: 9781420530735 | \$32.99

Contemporary Romance | Releases 12/17/2025 | Available in Romance 3 & 4.

**CHRISTMAS AT THE RANCH****Julia McKay**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"[A] tender and nostalgic romance set against a snowy backdrop of traditions and holiday magic."
— Library Journal

Disgraced journalist Emory Oakes needs to get away. Fate takes the wheel, leaving her stranded in snowy Evergreen, the picturesque town where she spent her happiest Christmas as a teen — and chronicled every moment in her journal as she fell in love with Tate Wilder at his family's ranch — until it all went wrong. Emory isn't ready to face Tate, but kismet and Christmas magic have other ideas. As the love they've denied for a decade rekindles, the betrayals that kept them apart resurface, as does Emory's family scandal. Yet Tate and his ranch feel more like home than anywhere ever has. Will Emory and Tate's alchemy fizzle or will their Christmas wishes come true?

ISBN: 9781420530810 | \$32.99

Contemporary Romance | Releases 12/17/2025 | Available in Romance 4.



GABRIELA AND HIS GRACE ★★

A Luna Sisters Novel • Book 3

Liana De la Rosa

"Tender and steamy . . . De la Rosa showcases her unmatched skill in mixing romance and historical fiction that spotlights Mexican characters." — starred, Library Journal

As the youngest daughter of the Luna family, Gabriela Luna Valdés claws after her freedom in any way she can. This time, her hunger for adventure has led her aboard a ship bearing for her homeland. For Sebastian Brooks, Duke of Whitfield, the trip to Mexico is his last chance to rectify his family's estate and refill their dwindling coffers. And his last chance to match wits with the sharp-tongued but deliciously tempting Gabriela. But their close proximity sparks a passion that could ruin all their plans. With scandal looming, can Sebastian convince Gabby his regard is sincere, or will she sail away with his heart?

ISBN: 9781420530957 | \$27.99

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ACCIDENTALLY AMY

Lynn Painter

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

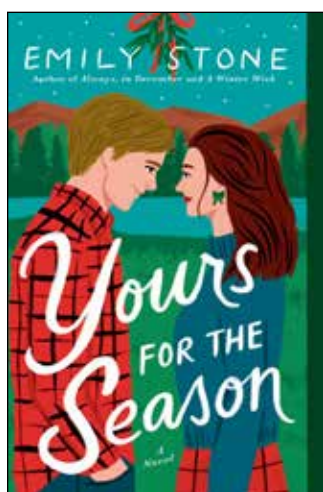
USA TODAY BESTSELLER

LIBRARY READS PICK

Isabella is usually very honest. But when she's running late for her first day at her dream job and the barista yells for "Amy" three times with no answer, Izzy takes that PSL. When she turns around and runs into the most attractive man she's ever seen, sparks fly and things feel promising, until he says: "See you tomorrow, Amy." When she gets to her office and meets the VP of her department, it is none other than the hottie from Starbucks. And the man might've been charming to "Amy," but he is an arrogant grump to Izzy. But an attraction simmers between them and they'll have to find a way to work together without ripping each other's heads — or clothes — off.

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YOURS FOR THE SEASON

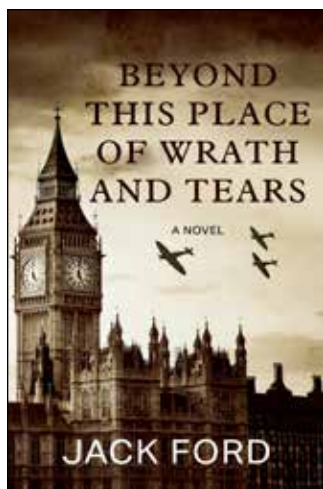
A NOVEL

Emily Stone

Mel hasn't had a good year. Finn, the man she was sure was the love of her life, dumped her. In front of everyone. At his sister's engagement party. So when Finn shows up at Mel's doorstep, her instinct is to slam the door in his face. But he has a proposal for her: Spend a week with him and his family in a vacation cottage in the Scottish Highlands and pretend they're back together. Mel agrees — on one condition. At the end of the week, Finn will allow Mel to publicly dump him so he can experience the same humiliation she felt. Except as the festivities bring her closer to Finn and his family, Mel starts to lose track of which feelings are fake and which are real.

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Romance General | Releases 12/17/2025



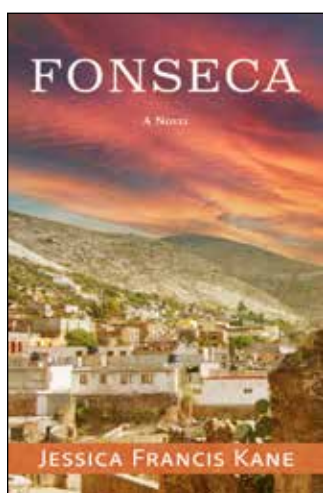
BEYOND THIS PLACE OF WRATH AND TEARS

Jack Ford

Washington, DC, April 1954. Lee Carson is frustrated that her journalism career has been relegated to society events and fashion stories. But when she receives a tip about a Russian spy at the height of the Cold War, she feels the thrill of a story that she hasn't felt since she was on the front lines of the European theater. *London, December 1943.* As war rages on across Europe, twenty-two-year-old Lee is assigned to cover the build-up to the invasion of Nazi-held Europe. *Beyond This Place of Wrath and Tears* is inspired by the story of a woman who broke barriers only to find that she had to continue to fight for relevance.

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Historical Fiction | Releases 12/17/2025



FONSECA ★★★★★

A NOVEL

Jessica Francis Kane

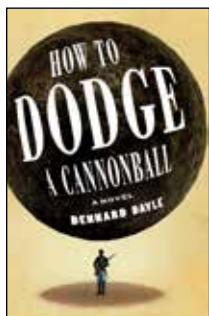
SHELF AWARENESS PICK

"Kane's third novel . . . includes actual letters from Fitzgerald's children, bolstering the sense that their mother's trip to Mexico was thick with mysteries. . . . A finely turned novel." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

Winter 1952. Penelope Fitzgerald's husband is an alcoholic, their literary journal is on the brink, and she is pregnant with their third child. When she receives a letter from two distant relations with a silver mine, who dangle the possibility of an inheritance, she recognizes it as a lifeline. Penelope sails for New York with her six-year-old, Valpy, in tow. From there, mother and son take a bus all the way to Fonseca. But when they arrive, Penelope must navigate a quixotic household and guide her impressionable son. More and more people frequent the house: an ambitious American couple, various local entrepreneurs and artists, and finally a handsome stranger.

ISBN: 9781420531244 | \$35.99

Historical Fiction | Releases 12/17/2025



HOW TO DODGE A CANNONBALL

A NOVEL

Dennard Dayle

A NEW YORK TIMES EDITOR'S CHOICE PICK

"[T]he dark humor and commentary on race, class, and the American experiment in the midst of its biggest test make for an entertaining, thought-provoking read."
— Library Journal

Anders finds honor as a proud Union flag twirler — until he's captured. Then he tries life as a diehard Confederate — until fate asks him to die hard for the Confederacy at Gettysburg. Barely alive, Anders limps into a Black Union regiment in a stolen uniform. While visibly white, he claims to be an octoroon, and they claim to believe him. Only then does his life get truly strange. His new brothers are even stranger, including a science-fiction playwright, a Haitian double agent, and a former slave feuding with God. Anders starts seeing the war through their eyes, sparking ill-timed questions about who gets to be American or exploit the theater of war.

ISBN: 9781420530469 | \$34.99

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GREAT BLACK HOPE

A NOVEL

Rob Franklin

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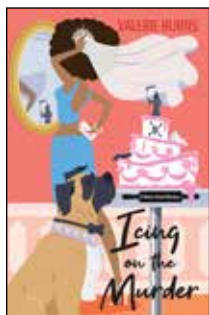
"Smart, scintillating . . . Subjects that might make for solemn reading are rendered thoroughly absorbing by the author's radiant prose and razor-sharp observations. A captivating novel of dissolution and redemption." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

An arrest for cocaine possession leaves Smith, a queer Black Stanford graduate, in a state of turmoil. It's just weeks after the death of his roommate Elle, the daughter of a famous soul singer, and he's still reeling from the tabloid spectacle — as well as lingering questions around how well he really knew his closest friend. He flees to his hometown of Atlanta, only to buckle under the weight of expectations from his family of doctors and lawyers. But when Smith returns to New York, it's not long before he begins to lose himself to his old life — drawn back into the city's underworld, where his search for answers may end up costing him his freedom and his future.

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General Fiction | Releases 12/17/2025

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ICING ON THE MURDER

A Baker Street Mystery

Valerie Burns

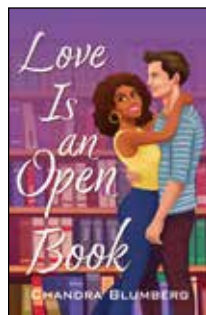
Maddy has turned Baby Cakes Bakery into a runaway success, and she's marrying the love of her life. She's also entered a contest for an all-expenses-paid wedding extravaganza offered by world-renowned wedding planner Serafina.

Unfortunately, supremely nasty Serafina makes the worst bridezilla seem like a shy flower girl. But there's one thing the wedding planner didn't plan on — being impaled by one of the skewers Baby Cakes uses on their tiered wedding cakes. While Maid of Honor Sheriff April Johnson rounds up suspects at the expo, Maddy and the Baker Street Irregulars join forces to unveil a killer hiding in plain sight.

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Women Sleuths | Releases 12/17/2025

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LOVE IS AN OPEN BOOK

Chandra Blumberg

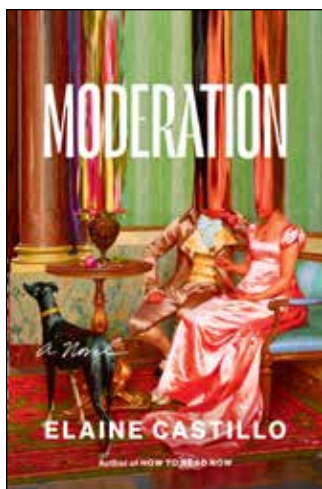
Mia Brady never imagined her romance novels would become bestsellers. However, after signing a deal to write the final book of the series, she's struck by writer's block. Her fans are clamoring for a payoff, but Mia's own experience with heartbreak is getting in the way.

Mia's BFF Gavin Lane has been by her side through it all. But things get complicated when Mia pitches an idea to help save her career: testing out love story tropes . . . together. Mia and Gavin embark on a series of "experiments" to spark creativity, but they are not prepared for the flame that ignites between them. Does their friendship even stand a chance when pure fantasy suddenly becomes real?

ISBN: 9781420521191 | \$33.99

Contemporary Romance | Releases 12/17/2025

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**MODERATION** ★★ ★

A NOVEL

Elaine Castillo

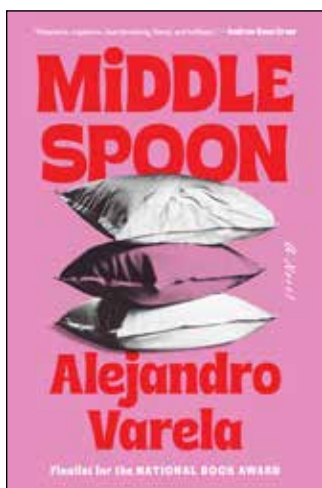
SHELF AWARENESS PICK

"Castillo raises the bar for writing about tech and virtual reality, family stories, and workplace romances. . . . A brilliant novel with much to say about work, family, excess, identity, and love." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

Girly Delmundo is the greatest content moderator in the world, and despite the setbacks of financial crises, climate catastrophe, and a global pandemic, she's going places: she's getting a promotion. Thanks to her parent company Paragon's purchase of Fairground — the world's preeminent virtual reality content provider — she's on the way to becoming an elite VR moderator. The perks of her new job mean she can solve a lot of her family's problems with money and mobility. But when she meets William Cheung, Playground's co-founder, and slowly unearths some of his secrets, she'll learn that history might be impossible to moderate and the future impossible to control.

ISBN: 9781420528732 | \$34.99

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**MIDDLE SPOON**

A NOVEL

Alejandro Varela

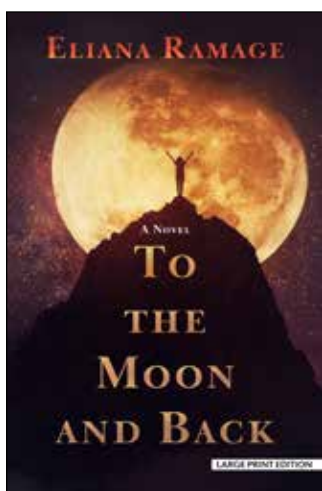
INDIE NEXT PICK

"[Middle Spoon] explores the beautiful complexity of unorthodox, progressive family dynamics with tenderness and humor in equal measure. . . . A touching yet provocative queer love story about defying societal expectations." — Kirkus Reviews

The narrator of *Middle Spoon* has a doting husband, two precocious children, all the comforts of a quiet bourgeois life — and a sexy younger boyfriend to accompany him to farmers markets and cocktail parties. But when his boyfriend abruptly dumps him, he spirals into heartbreak and must confront a world still struggling to understand polyamorous relationships. With a big heart and just the right dose of the anxieties that define the modern era, *Middle Spoon* offers a surprising perspective on love, loss, and reinvention. Equal parts heart-wrenching and uproariously funny, it is for anyone who has longed, nursed a broken heart, or grappled with love at its messiest.

ISBN: 9781420527780 | \$34.99

General Fiction | Releases 12/3/2025 | Available in Diverse Voices 2 & 3.

**TO THE MOON AND BACK** ★★ ★

A NOVEL

Eliana Ramage

SHELF AWARENESS PICK

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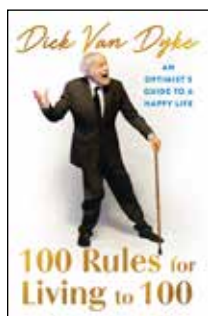
SEPTEMBER 2025 REESE BOOK CLUB

"A John Irving-esque tragicomic saga. . . . This author is as ambitious as her protagonist: There are three novels worth of material here, all good. The moon or bust!" — starred, Kirkus Reviews

When Steph Harper was five, her mother fled an abusive husband — with Steph and her younger sister in tow — to Cherokee Nation. In response, Steph sets her sights as far from Oklahoma as she can get, vowing that she will let nothing get in the way of pursuing the rigorous training she will need to be accepted by NASA and, ultimately, to go to the moon. Told through an intricately woven tapestry of narrative, *To the Moon and Back* is an astounding and expansive novel of mothers and daughters, love and sacrifice, alienation and heartbreak, terror and wonder. At its core, it is the story of the extraordinary lengths to which one woman will go to find space for herself.

ISBN: 9781668065853 | \$34.99

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100 RULES FOR LIVING TO 100 AN OPTIMIST'S GUIDE TO A HAPPY LIFE

Dick Van Dyke

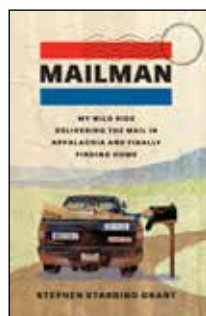
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

"Song-and-dance man Van Dyke relishes his approaching 90th birthday and shares some tips for readers on reaching and enjoying that venerable age. This is determinedly upbeat stuff." — Kirkus Reviews

Dick Van Dyke danced his way into our hearts with iconic roles in *Mary Poppins*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and *The Dick Van Dyke Show*. Now, as he's about to turn 100 years old, Dick is still dancing and approaching life with the twinkle in his eye that we've come to know and love. In *100 Rules for Living to 100*, he reveals his secrets for maintaining your joie de vivre and making the most out of the life you've been given. Through stories of his pivotal childhood, moments on film sets, his expansive family, and finding love late in life, Dick reflects on both the joyful times and the challenges that shaped him.

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Autobiography | Releases 12/3/2025



MAILMAN ★★★★★ MY WILD RIDE DELIVERING THE MAIL IN APPALACHIA AND FINALLY FINDING HOME

Stephen Starring Grant

SHELF AWARENESS PICK

"A charming book that's guaranteed to make you think differently about the USPS." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

Steve Grant was laid off in March of 2020. He was fifty and had cancer, so he needed health insurance, fast. Which is how he found himself a letter carrier in Appalachia, back in his old hometown. Grant embraced the thrill of tackling new challenges, the pride of contributing to something greater than himself, the joy of camaraderie, and the purpose found in working hard for his family. Brash and loving, *Mailman* offers a deeply felt portrait of rural America and the dedicated letter carriers who keep our lives running smoothly day to day.

ISBN: 9781420530926 | \$36.99

Biography | Releases 12/3/2025



THE DEVIL REACHED TOWARD THE SKY ★

AN ORAL HISTORY OF THE MAKING
AND UNLEASHING OF THE
ATOMIC BOMB

Garrett M. Graff

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER**

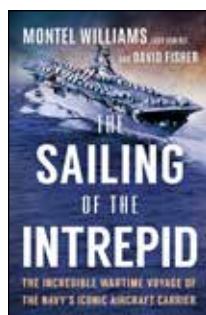
"A comprehensive and engrossing account of the atomic bomb's creation — and its effects . . . Excellent oral history." — Kirkus Reviews

The building of the atomic bomb is the most audacious undertaking in human history. Even today, the Manhattan Project evokes boldness, daring, and the grandest of dreams: bringing an end to World War II in the Pacific. *The Devil Reached Toward the Sky* traces atomic development in the years leading up to 1945, then takes us inside the B-29 bombers carrying Little Boy and Fat Man and finally to ground zero at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It is a profound and searing book about the inception of our most powerful weapon and its haunting legacy.

ISBN: 9781420531046 | \$36.99

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THE SAILING OF THE INTREPID THE INCREDIBLE WARTIME VOYAGE OF THE NAVY'S ICONIC AIRCRAFT CARRIER

Montel Williams with David Fisher

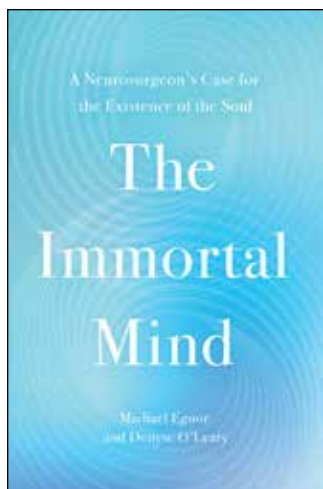
**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
A NEW YORK POST BEST BOOK OF THE
WEEK**

1944. The USS *Intrepid* set sail on its first combat voyage, only to be struck by a Japanese torpedo plane. For a day, the captain was able to slalom, alternating use of the ship's engines, but the seas became too perilous. Until one crewman came up with the ingenious idea of rigging a 3,000-square-foot high sail on the second deck to steer the ship home safe. Incredibly, the makeshift sail proved to be their ticket to the shorelines. With grit and determination, this spellbinding story details a remarkable survival story against all odds, for readers of Tom Clavin and Bob Drury.

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History/Historical | Releases 12/17/2025

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**THE IMMORTAL MIND**

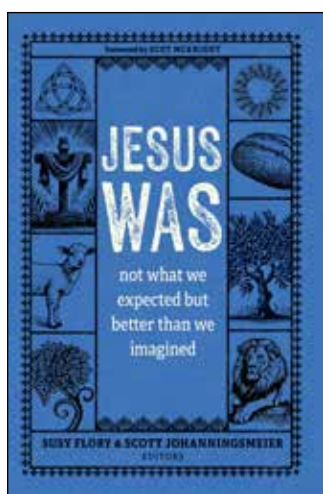
A NEUROSURGEON'S CASE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE SOUL

Michael Egnor and Denyse O'Leary

Many scientists and doctors believe that we are completely controlled by a material organ in our heads: the brain. In this groundbreaking book, Dr. Michael Egnor makes the case — based on 40 years of practice and over 7,000 brain surgeries — that science has gotten it all wrong. The human brain is incredible, mysterious, and powerful. But it's not what makes us who we are. The soul does that. Engaging, thought-provoking, and groundbreaking, *The Immortal Mind* shows here that some aspect of who we are is spiritual and immortal, transcending the physical body.

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Inspirational | Releases 12/17/2025

**JESUS WAS**

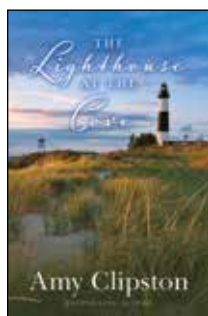
NOT WHAT YOU THINK AND BETTER THAN YOU COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINE

Susy Flory & Scott Johanningsmeier**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

It's easy to fall into the trap of perceiving God in our own image. We expect Jesus to fit into the molds we create, and we see him through our own biased filters. But how do we remove our cultural and personal blinders in order to see Jesus for who he really was? *Jesus Was* illuminates the personality, actions, and character of Jesus as found in the biblical accounts of his life on earth. These concise and insightful reflections help us recognize our misconceptions so that we can clearly see the One we follow and experience the incredible changes that come with knowing him fully.

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THE LIGHTHOUSE AT THE COVE
A SWEET CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE
Amy Clipston

Journalist Kaiah Ross sets out on a reporting trip down the East Coast. When car trouble strands her in Coral Cove, she finds herself drawn into a life that feels like something out of a dream. Reid Turner has spent years putting others first. The last thing

he's looking for is a relationship. But from the moment Kaiah arrives, her kindness, warmth, and strength stir something in him he thought was long buried. But just as love begins to blossom, Kaiah is faced with an offer that could relaunch her career and take her far from Coral Cove. Now, she's forced to choose between the life she thought she wanted and the unexpected love that's given her a glimpse of home.

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HIS SECRET ALASKAN FAMILY
Serenity Peak • Book 3
Belle Calhoun

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

After fleeing Alaska ten years ago when his witness protection cover was blown, Deacon Shaw is back and determined to make amends to his ex-fiancée, Violet Drummond. But he's shocked to meet Violet's

nine-year-old son, Chase — and to find out the boy is his! With a decade to make up for, Deacon longs to be a father, but Violet's been raising their son alone for years and Chase is a stranger. Earning their trust won't be easy, but if he succeeds, he could have everything he's ever wanted.

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A SONG IN THE DARK
A NOVEL OF WORLD WAR II
Kimberley Woodhouse

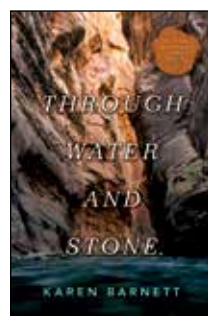
Against the backdrop of impending war, blind virtuoso pianist Chaisley Frappier embarks on a concert tour through a rapidly changing Europe. When she learns that Hitler's regime of injustice is targeting other disabled people, Chaisley realizes she is in

a prime position to help those who are threatened reach safety. When Rick Zimmerman receives his next assignment from the British Secret Intelligence Service, he is surprised to learn he'll be acting as the personal driver of a world-renowned pianist as she tours Europe. As Chaisley and Rick confront evil at every turn, it will take every bit of faith and courage they possess to triumph over hate — and survive.

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THROUGH WATER AND STONE
A ZION NATIONAL PARK NOVEL
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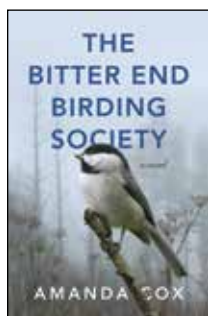
"The historical narrative unspools slowly on the way to a rewarding climax that touches on faith, the ties that bind families, and the profound, far-reaching effects of the secrets they keep." — Publishers Weekly

In 1948, Zion National Park ranger Henry Eriksson and his wife, Alma, are less than one year removed from their infant's sudden death in a flash flood. When Henry discovers an abandoned baby on his morning rounds, he's unsure how to react, but Alma is delighted at what seems to be a miracle from God. Nearly eighty years later, Talia Eriksson returns to Zion National Park to reconnect with her grandfather and review her life goals. But when an at-home DNA test exposes family secrets, Talia searches for answers. With the uncertain future looming, Talia must learn that family is deeper than genetics and that trusting God can mean being still and clinging to the Rock.

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Romance | Releases 12/3/2025

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THE BITTER END BIRDING SOCIETY

A NOVEL

Amanda Cox

"Cox's . . . brilliantly plotted new novel brings both its historical and modern storylines to life, exploring self-forgiveness for past mistakes." — Library Journal

Hometown hero Ana Leigh Watkins ventures to Bitter End, Tennessee, to help her great-aunt prepare for retirement. A town called Bitter End seems an ironic place for Ana to refresh her weary spirit, but she's desperate for respite from the attention and unwarranted admiration of her community. But when Ana's adventures lead her to a severed branch of her family tree — one that involves the forbidden love between a moonshiner's daughter and a preacher's son — what began as a getaway becomes a transformative journey that binds together two women who, though they live on the same street, have been estranged for sixty years.

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THE FRENCH KITCHEN

A NOVEL

Kristy Cambron

"Cambron paints a textured portrait of wartime France, balancing action-packed scenes with entertaining appearances from Julia Child and mouthwatering descriptions of French cuisine." — Publishers Weekly

Paris, 1952. Kat Fontaine finds a simple cookery class led by chef Julia Child unearths gut-wrenching memories of war. When her carefully crafted Paris world begins to fall apart, Kat must confront her own secrets. *Rue, 1943.* Deep in the heart of Nazi-controlled northern France, Manon Altier digs deep into the glitz and glamour of a Nazi stronghold that has her teetering on the edge of being discovered at any turn. But when an intriguing stranger appears at the chateau claiming to work with the French Resistance, Manon must lean on her instincts to judge whether to run and hide or stand firm — even as a terrifying discovery tests her resolve to continue the fight.

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WHEN THE MOUNTAIN CRUMBED

A Day to Remember • Book 4

Angela K. Couch

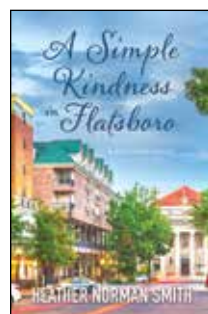
Discipline and rules are the foundation on which Samantha Ingles has built her life — the life of a schoolteacher in a small mining town in the Canadian Rockies. All that crumbles when part of a mountain

crashes down on their community. Constable David Harty has no choice but to leave his three young nieces in her care while he tries to discover the fate of his brother. Already, the girls have lost their mother and brothers to the landslide. With the mountain threatening more lives, and the town scrambling to save who they can from the rubble, can hearts find healing — both for their own sakes and the children in their care?

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Historical Fiction | Releases 12/3/2025

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A SIMPLE KINDNESS IN FLATSBORO

A SOUTHERN NOVEL

Heather Norman Smith

"Readers seeking a touching story of faith and redemption won't be able to resist the heartwarming friendship at the novel's center. It's a tender ode to small-town morals and second chances."

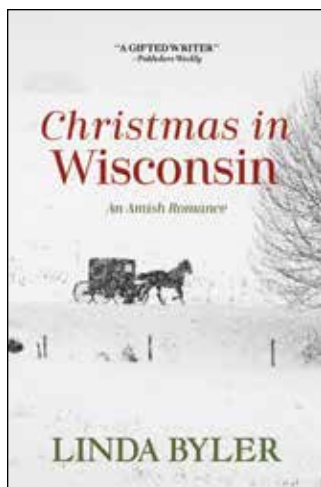
— Publishers Weekly

As an anonymous do-gooder in Flatsboro, North Carolina, Andy Clark lives out what his mama taught him, even though she's no longer there. Della Rose Miller escapes her crumbling marriage and moves back to her hometown in hopes of finding a reprieve. She and her daughter settle into a little Flatsboro apartment. With her life turned upside down, Della Rose is uneasy about starting fresh, but when unassuming Andy turns his generosity toward her daughter, an unlikely friendship rekindles. When a heroic act suddenly pushes Andy into the spotlight, he risks his anonymity and quiet day-to-day habits to stand up for what's right.

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**CHRISTMAS IN WISCONSIN**

AN AMISH ROMANCE

Linda Byler

Lydia Beiler loves teaching in her Amish community in Wisconsin. But teaching isn't without its struggles — namely Jesse Stoltzfus, a boy who pushes Lydia's patience to the limits. He seems determined to argue everything and distract the other students with his toe tapping and incessant teasing. When a snowstorm leaves Lydia trapped alone at the schoolhouse without heat, it is none other than Jesse who comes to her rescue. He helps bring her safely to his house, where Lydia is embraced by the Stoltzfus family. The joy and warmth of their home awakens a sort of longing in Lydia's heart, a loneliness she didn't realize was there. Is it too late for her to find love?

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Amish and Mennonite | Releases 12/17/2025

**THE AMISH NANNY'S SECRET****Amy Lillard**

Naomi Ebersol has always felt like the black sheep of her Amish community, and even more so now that she's been accepted into art school. It'll be difficult leaving Millers Creek behind, but she longs to follow her heart. To pay for her tuition, she agrees to be a nanny for widower Josias Schrock, who needs help caring for his five energetic little boys. Only now, everyone in their community thinks they're engaged! Being around his family starts to feel all too real. But how can Naomi choose between the dream she's always wanted . . . and the promise of love?

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Amish and Mennonite | Releases 12/17/2025

**HIS AMISH CHRISTMAS SURPRISE**

Sisters of Stoneybrook Farm Series • Book 1

Virginia Wise

Former Amish John Mast never expected to return to the community he left behind . . . or to claim a daughter he never knew he had. To give her the life she deserves, John will do anything, even accept help from Leah Stoltzfus. Finding an abandoned baby on her doorstep is Leah's chance to experience the family she's always wanted. Soon, unexpected love blossoms as they raise little Abby together. But when a new job opportunity in the *Englisch* world tempts him, John must decide if Leah is worth returning to the world he turned his back on.

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THE LITERATI

Susan Coll

USA TODAY BESTSELLER

"A comedy of errors that gets it just right." — Kirkus Reviews

Clemi steps into her dream job at a prestigious literary nonprofit and finds herself in the bull's eye of a calamity. She has three days to pull off the annual fundraising gala, a glamorous affair filled with famous writers and literati. On the upside, she will get to meet her all-time favorite writer. But her interactions with the author leave her wondering whether certain writers are better on the page than in person. All the while, Clemi is trying to sort out her own life. She finds herself wondering what all the goings-on in this dysfunctional nonprofit have to do with literature. And if it's time to let go of her literary aspirations and apply to law school.

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THE ACCIDENTAL REWRITE

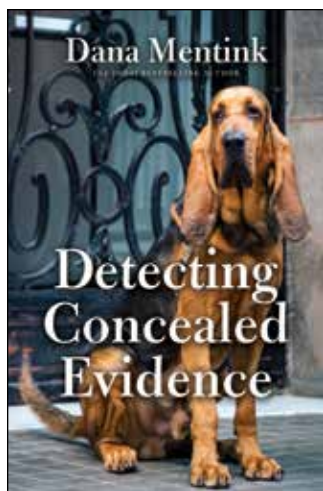
A NOVEL

Milly Johnson

Polly Potter finds solace in the pages of her novel, where she shapes the world of the fearless and triumphant Sabrina Anderson, who embodies everything Polly wishes she could be. And thus a plan is born: Polly Potter is going to stop writing the life she wants and start living it. A wild turn of events leaves her along the Yorkshire coast, in the hospital, waking up from a concussion, believing her name is Sabrina Anderson. She doesn't know where she's come from, but she feels she could heal in that seaside town. As her memory slowly returns, she Polly wonders: what if this new life could truly be hers? What if she could rewrite her story with a happier ending?

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DETECTING CONCEALED EVIDENCE

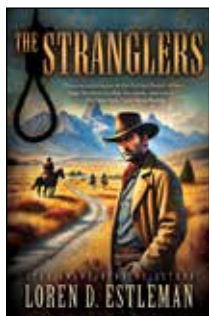
Security Hounds Investigations

Dana Mentink

A panicked call sends detective Chase Wolfe and his search-and-rescue bloodhound, Tank, racing into the path of his neighbor — who's just barely escaped an abduction. But Pilar Alonso has no idea who's after her or why. Now she must rely on Chase to keep her safe while they work together to track down the unknown assailants targeting her. Only, their investigation reveals layers of a much more sinister agenda, and danger is rapidly closing in. Drawn into a web of deceit, can they untangle the mystery . . . before they're permanently silenced?

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Romantic Suspense | Releases 12/17/2025

**THE STRANGERS**

A Page Murdock Novel

Loren D. Estleman**SPUR AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR**

Page Murdock is about to face an enemy as ruthless as they are shadowy. The Strangers don't bother with trials or prisoners. They dispense their law from the end of a rope, and they have a particular taste

for the necks of men who wear badges. As Murdock tracks the gang across the wild frontier, the Strangers close in, determined to make him their next victim. With each brutal killing, the noose tightens, forcing Murdock into a deadly showdown where survival means outgunning his enemies — and outrunning their ropes. Will Montana's most fearless lawman deliver justice, or will the Strangers take his final breath?

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**THE HUNT FOR BIG CAT****Robert Vaughan****NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

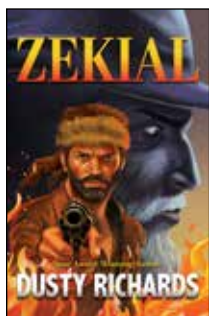
Wyatt Langston, a stage driver, never expected his route through the mining camps north of San Francisco to become a fight for survival. The mysterious Ku Xuan, a half-Chinese beauty with secrets of her own, is upending Wyatt's world. On a quest

to find her American father, known only as "Big Cat," Ku Xuan hides a deadly truth — she's a Shan Tal priestess, trained in the ancient martial arts of the Orient. Now, Wyatt and Ku find themselves caught in a deadly crossfire: a ruthless killer is seeking revenge on Wyatt, a master assassin from Ku's past is hunting her, and a sea captain long thought dead is returning to face his own demons — and he's ready to die for them.

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**ZEKIAL****Dusty Richards****SPUR AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR**

When Zekial Broome stops a sadistic slave chaser, Grissum McCord, from whipping his captive, he and the girl have no choice but to flee west. What they don't count on is McCord. With a five-hundred-dollar bounty at stake and revenge in his heart, he'll

follow them to hell and back, for as long as it takes. He's murdered before, but the revenge he plans for Broome would make a strong man quail. Zekial and Tilly are forced to keep running, always looking over their shoulders, until they have no choice but to find a place to make their stand. No matter what happens, they'll both be changed forever . . . but will they find the peace they seek to get on with their lives?

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**TO FACE A SAVAGE TRAIL**

A MOUNTAIN MAN CLASSIC WESTERN

Savage Land

John Legg

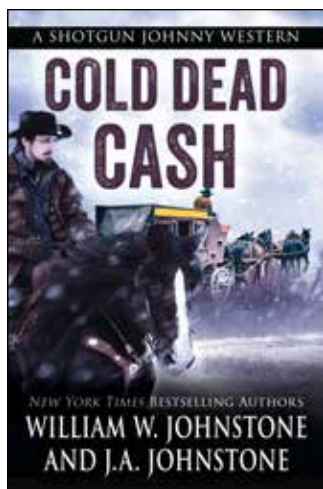
After being banished by the Shoshoni family that adopted him, mountain man Hawley Cooper finds himself adrift in a land of loss, bloodshed, and death. Feeling that dark spirits are taking over his mind, he leaves

his wife and their new son in their Nez Perce village and sets out on a lonely quest to find the birthplace of his demons — and defeat them before they consume him entirely. Fighting off Blackfeet, capture, Mother Nature, unforeseen enemies, and starvin' times, Cooper follows the ever-growing dangerous trail to reclaim his soul and very existence. And nothing will stand in his way.

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**COLD DEAD CASH**

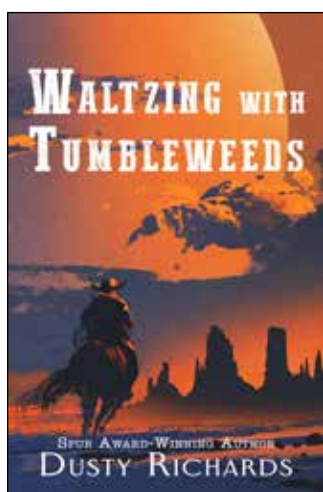
A Shotgun Johnny Western

William W. Johnstone and J. A. Johnstone**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**

On his latest bullion run for the Reverend's Temptation Gold Mine, Shotgun Johnny crosses paths with three desperate strangers. One is an old man. The other is his daughter Dixie. The third is the old man's son, Jake Teal, a bank robber who's wanted dead or alive. Thing is, Jake is already dead — stuffed in a pine box on his family's wagon. Now every bounty hunter in the state is after his body. Some of them think Dixie knows where he hid the cash from his last bank job. Or maybe they're really after Johnny's cargo of gold. Either way, they all could end up dead on arrival.

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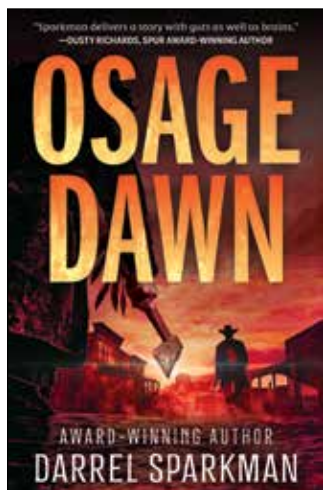
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**WALTZING WITH TUMBLEWEEDS****Dusty Richards**

Saddle up with the inimitable Dusty Richards as he spins his yarns of lawmen, cowboys, Indians, miners, and the women who loved them. Ride along with his characters as they face down a pack of wolves. Cheer them on as they find love in a Dakota blizzard. Laugh as a stray tomcat nearly destroys a town. Mourn with the girl who loved notorious outlaw Billy the Kid. Bargain along with a trader as he gets more than he bargained for in a Crow village. Be very quiet as you follow a young cowboy in his hopeless attempt to rescue a white captive from the Apache. Most of all, though, sit back and relax as the master storyteller brings to life the West as it really was.

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**OSAGE DAWN**

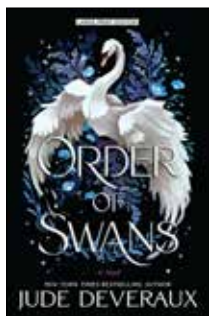
A WESTERN NOVEL

Darrel Sparkman

When Matt Crane left home to travel the far western lands, he didn't intend to be gone long. Four years later, he returns to find his sweetheart taken captive by Quick Killer, a vicious Osage warrior with a score to settle. Kidnapping the woman is only the beginning of Quick Killer's plan as he seeks revenge upon Matt, the architect of his shame. What he fails to realize, though, is that he faces an adversary far more tenacious than he ever thought possible. In a showdown that will test their resolve and redefine their fates, Matt Crane and Quick Killer must confront their deepest fears and come to terms with the legacy of their actions and the ties that bind them.

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**ORDER OF SWANS**

A NOVEL

Jude Deveraux**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

To Kaley Arens, fairy stories have always had an allure beyond mere entertainment. It's only when Kaley accompanies her friend Jobi on a visit to his home that she realizes how much she still has to learn. Bellis is

another world — a stunningly beautiful and seductive one, with its own royalty, its own rules, and inhabitants who breathe life into the tales she was taught were fiction. Kaley has a mysterious connection with Bellis and, tasked with locating a lost prince, journeys through a land both thrilling and terrifying. But nothing is quite as it seems, and her story is unfolding in ways impossible to predict, with a destiny she could never have foretold.

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**THE SEQUEL** ★★

A NOVEL

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Jean Hanff Korelitz**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR****LIBRARY READS PICK****2024 NEW YORK TIMES 100 NOTABLE BOOKS****2024 PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST BOOKS**

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

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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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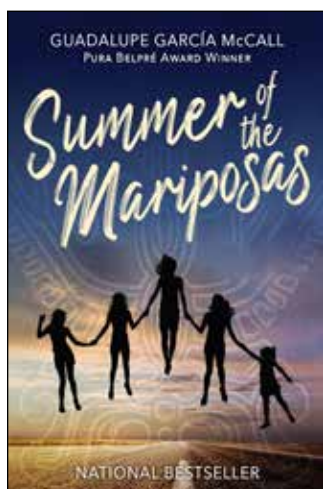
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"[Lockhart] weaves an appealing romance and gothic, fairy-tale, and classical references into the worldbuilding that's stylish and detailed but handled with a light touch." — starred, Kirkus Reviews

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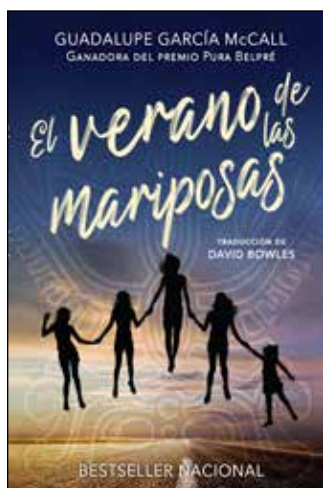
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When Odilia and her four sisters find a dead body in the swimming hole, they embark on a hero's journey to return the dead man to his family in Mexico. With the supernatural aid of ghostly La Llorona via a magical earring, Odilia and her little sisters travel a road of tribulation to their long-lost grandmother's house. Along the way, they must outsmart a witch and her Evil Trinity: a wily warlock, a coven of vicious half-human barn owls, and a bloodthirsty livestock-hunting chupacabras. Can these fantastic trials prepare Odilia and her sisters for what happens when they face their final test, returning home to the real world, where goddesses and ghosts can no longer help them?

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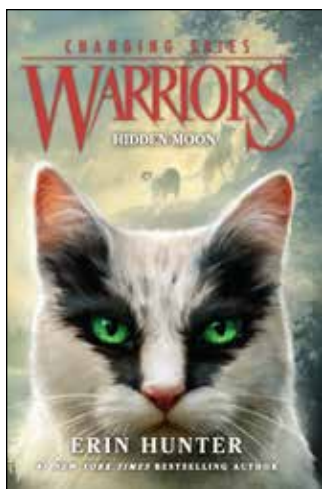
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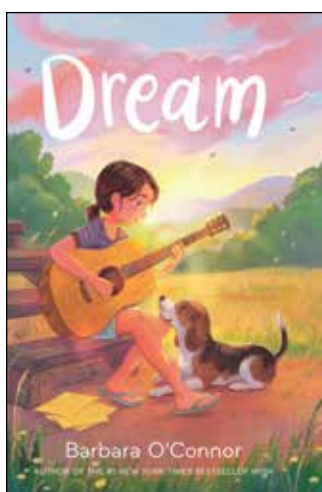
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Still healing from an accident that almost killed her, Tawnypelt is eager to share the message she received from StarClan about a “great peril” looming over the clans. Racked with guilt that he caused his father’s death, Starlingpaw is determined to atone for his mistake. His chance comes when Tawnypelt warns him of a “two-faced cat” intent on destroying the clans. Starlingpaw seizes on the opportunity to prove that he is an asset to SkyClan. Meanwhile, Twolegs have set their sights on the Moonpool, preventing the Clans from reaching StarClan. Will the cats find a way to reach their ancestors before all is lost?

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Idalee Lovett is content with her life in small-town Colby, North Carolina, but she has big dreams. When the local radio station announces a songwriting contest with the winning song being recorded by an up-and-coming singer, Idalee is determined to win. It would definitely be possible if only she could buy the shiny blue guitar in Asheville’s music shop. Idalee doesn’t have much money, but she knows exactly how to get it — the long-lost treasure her late granddaddy hid somewhere in their house. Idalee is going to search in every nook and cranny until she finds it. But little does she know, the biggest treasure of all is only discovered when you believe in yourself with your whole heart.

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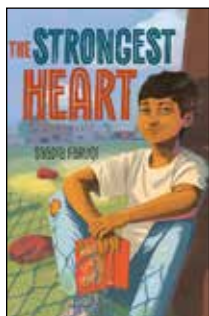
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“An appealing male protagonist facing tough choices makes this a compelling selection for most libraries.” — School Library Journal

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THE STRONGEST HEART

Saadia Faruqi

"[A] deep dive into what it's like living with a parent experiencing mental illness . . . realistic depictions of mental illness, family struggles, and emotional growth."
— starred, School Library Journal

Mo is used to his father's fits of rage. When Abbu's moods shake the house, the best way to respond is not to engage. Apparently, his mama knows that too — which is why she took a job on the other side of the world, leaving Mo alone with Abbu. With Mama gone, the two move to Texas to live with Mo's aunt and cousin, Rayyan. The two boys could not be more different. Still, there is a lot to like about living in Texas. Sundays at the mosque are better than he'd expected. And Rayyan and his aunt become a real family to Mo. But even in a warm home and school where he begins to see a future for himself, Mo knows that the monster within his father can break out and destroy their fragile peace at any moment.

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HURRICANE HEIST

The Sherlock Society • Book 2

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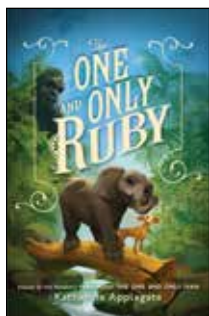
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
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"An engrossing caper with a cerebral tilt."
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When a category three hurricane hits Miami Beach, it uncovers a body buried at the renowned Moroccan Hotel. The body is identified as the man who served as the hotel's bell captain sixty years ago . . . and the presumed culprit of the million-dollar jewel heist that took place just before his disappearance. Since the bell captain clearly didn't take off with the goods as had been long believed, the Sherlock Society sets their sights on uncovering the real culprit of the theft. But when the thief may also be implicated in the bell captain's murder, even sixty years later, there are people who want the truth to stay buried.

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THE ONE AND ONLY RUBY

Katherine Applegate

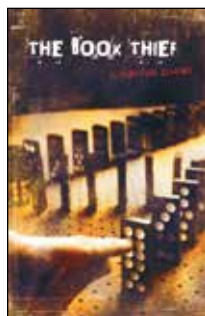
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER
NEWBERY MEDAL AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

Ruby's story picks up a few months after the events of *The One and Only Bob*. Now living in a wildlife sanctuary, Ruby's caretaker from

the elephant orphanage in Africa where she grew up is visiting. Seeing him again brings back a flood of memories both happy and sad of her life before the circus, and she recounts the time she spent in the African savannah to Ivan and Bob. In the timeless way that only Katherine Applegate could craft, this highly anticipated novel in verse is the perfect mix of heartfelt and humorous, poignant and sweet. Artist Patricia Castalao returns to the world of Ivan and his friends with gorgeous black-and-white interior illustrations to complete the story.

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THE BOOK THIEF

Markus Zusak

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KIDS' INDIE NEXT PICK
MICHAEL L. PRINTZ AWARD HONOR BOOK

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist — books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time.

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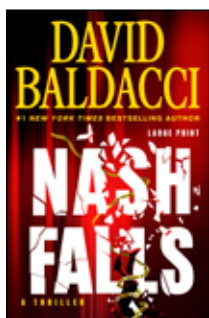
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Nash has a wife and a daughter and a high-level position at Sybaritic Investments. Following his estranged Vietnam-veteran father's funeral, Nash is approached by the FBI. They have an important request: become their inside man to expose

an enterprise that is laundering large sums of money through Sybaritic. At the top of this illegal operation is Victoria Steers, an international criminal mastermind that the FBI has been trying to bring down for years. Nash has little choice but to accept the FBI's demands and try to bring Steers and her partners to justice. But when Steers discovers that Nash is working with the FBI, she turns the tables on him in a way he never could have contemplated. And that forces Nash to take the ultimate step both to survive and to take his revenge: He must become the exact opposite of who he has always been. And even that may not be enough.

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**THE LAST DAYS OF MARILYN MONROE**

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In the months before her death, Marilyn Monroe polishes the script for her ultimately unfinished film, *Something's Got to Give*. In the weeks

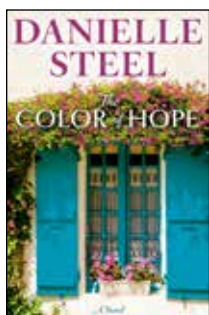
before her death, she drinks champagne on Santa Monica Beach with the last photographer to take her picture. In the days before her death, she's a guest of Frank Sinatra in the Celebrity Room at the Cal Neva Lodge. In the hours before her death, she argues with US Attorney General Bobby Kennedy and his brother-in-law Peter Lawford. In an emergency session with her psychiatrist, she confesses: "Here I am, the most beautiful woman in the world, and I do not have a date for Saturday night." On June 1, 2026, the world celebrates Marilyn Monroe's one hundredth birthday. Without her.

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A NOVEL

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Following the unexpected death of her husband, art gallery owner Samantha Thompson finds herself adrift. Her three adult children encourage her to take a trip to Paris. Samantha soon discovers

the charming medieval village of Arcangues and its historic château. The château is the ancestral home of Xavier de Bonport, who is trapped in a loveless marriage and trying to dig himself out financially. He needs rental income as urgently as Samantha needs a refuge. As they each sense compassion and resilience in the other, as well as kindness, a friendship blossoms. Inspired by the stories of Xavier's grandmother, who saved hundreds of Jewish children during World War II, Samantha considers fostering some children at the request of the local Dominican nuns. As a newfound family begins to fill the château, Samantha and Xavier wonder if their friendship is becoming something more.

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A NOVEL

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It's 1985, and fourteen-year-old Peter Bennett is convinced his mom's new boyfriend is a Russian agent. Peter thinks Gary only wants to get close to his mom because she works at

Scientific Atlanta, a lab with big government contracts. After a woman who works at the lab is killed, Peter recruits an unlikely pair of allies: a has-been pulp writer and his drag performer buddy. Both become the target of a Russian hitman. Meanwhile, Sylvia Weaver, a young, Black FBI agent, investigates Scientific Atlanta and discovers a nest of Russian spies. Little does she know her investigation is being thwarted by a compromised colleague in Washington, D.C., who is in league with a KGB defector.

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A NOVEL

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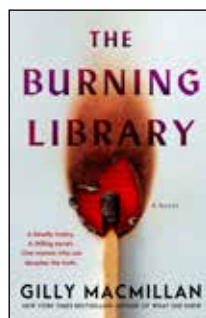
War against Napoleon rages across Europe. As Britain prepares to invade France for the first time, the formidable Richard Sharpe and his men brace themselves for a cold, hard winter. Before them, across

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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**THE BURNING LIBRARY**

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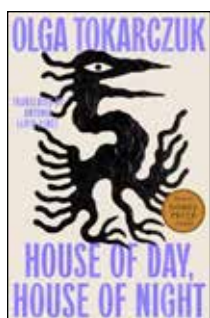
On a frigid day in Scotland's Western Hebrides, Eleanor Bruton's body is discovered on the shore. To her family, Eleanor was an ordinary middle-aged woman. Yet she was harboring a dark secret in the form of a scrap of fraying embroidery. For

over a century, two rival organizations of women — the Order of St. Katherine and the Fellowship of the Larks — have gone to deadly lengths to secure the valuable artifact. When Dr. Anya Brown garners international attention for her translation of the cryptic Folio 9, she is handpicked by Diana Cornish, a professor and high-ranking member of the Fellowship, to join the Institute of Manuscript Studies in St Andrews. Meanwhile at Scotland Yard, Detective Clio Spicer begins a private investigation into the death of Eleanor Bruton. As all of them grow further entangled in this ancient web, circumstances are spinning wildly out of control and their lives may be in grave danger.

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A woman settles in a remote Polish village where she knows no one. It has few inhabitants, but it teems with the stories of the living and the dead. There's the drunk Marek Marek, who

discovers that he shares his body with a bird, and Franz Frost, whose nightmares come to him from a newly discovered planet. There's the man whose death was an international incident. And there are the Germans who still haunt a region that not long ago they called their own. From the founding of the town to the lives of its saints, these shards piece together not only a history, but a cosmology.

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**I, MEDUSA**

A NOVEL

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Meddy has spent her life as a footnote in someone else's story. Out of place next to her beautiful, immortal sisters and her parents — both gods, albeit minor ones — she dreams of leaving her family's island

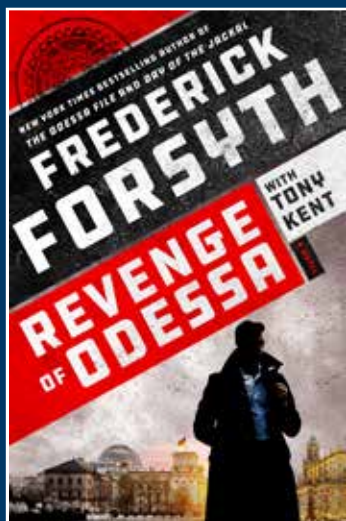
for a life of adventure. When she catches the eye of the goddess Athena, who invites her to train as a priestess in her temple, Meddy leaps at the chance. In the market streets of Athens and the clandestine chambers of the temple, Meddy flourishes in her role as Athena's acolyte. But when she is noticed by another Olympian, Poseidon, the course of Meddy's promising future is suddenly altered. When her locs are transformed into snakes as punishment for a crime she did not commit, Medusa must embrace a new identity — not as a victim, but as a vigilante — and with it, the chance to write her own story as mortal, martyr, and myth.

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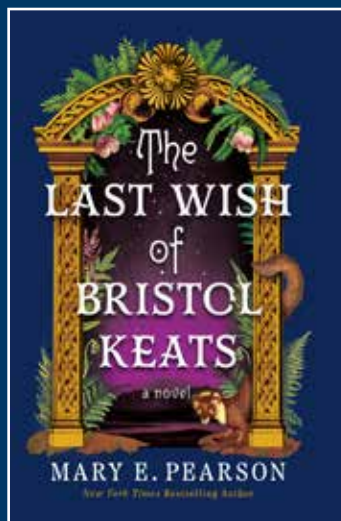
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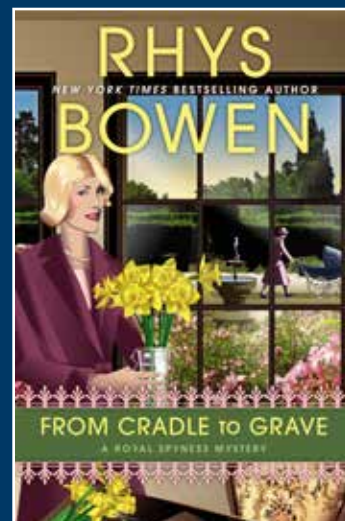
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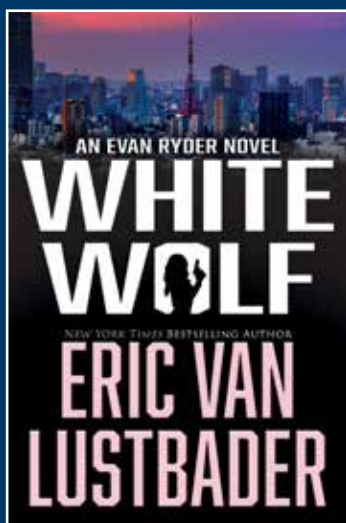
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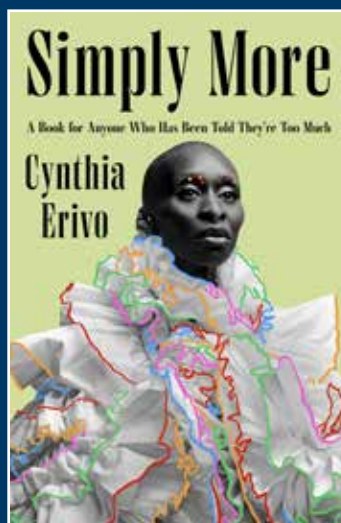
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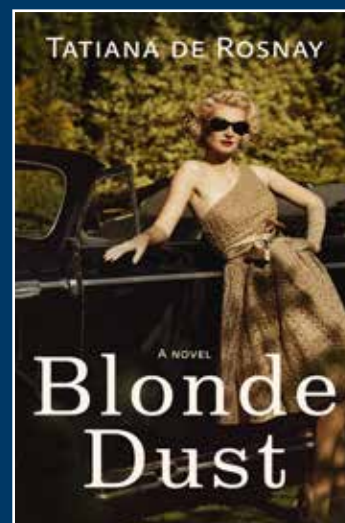
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