

**** HOT TITLES COMING IN FEBRUARY ****

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Mickey7 – Edward Ashton. A disposable employee on a human expedition sent to colonize the ice work Niflheim, Mickey7, who can regenerate after dying, must keep his newly arrived clone a secret from the rest of the colony as the survival of all lifeforms comes down to him.

Beneath the Stairs – Jennifer Fawcett. Twenty years after a pair of emboldened friends trespassed into the site of a shocking, gruesome murder, one of them returns to commit suicide there leaving the other to uncover the root of the darkness responsible.

Gwendy's Final Task – Stephen King. Years after a magical, extremely dangerous box first showed up in Gwendy Peterson's life, it returns, again tempting her to push its destructive buttons, in the final installment of the trilogy by two masters of horror, following *Gwendy's Magic Feather*.

House of Sky and Breath – Sarah Maas. After saving Crescent City, Bryce, Hunt and their friends get pulled into the rebels' plans to chip away at the Asteri's power, in the second novel of the series following *House of Earth and Blood*.

General Fiction

The Family Chao – Lan Samantha Chang. When Big Leo, the owner of Fine Chao restaurant is found dead—presumed murdered, his three sons are reunited and fall under suspicion of the town and police, and must reckon with the legacy of their father's outsized appetites and own future survival.

Mercy Street – Jennifer Haigh. As anti-abortion protests intensify, Claudia, a counselor at the Mercy Street clinic, is in a constant state of fear and turns to an affable pot dealer through whom she meets a random assortment of customers, one of whom may unwittingly bring about the destruction of the clinic.

The Pages – Hugo Hamilton. Dramatically illuminating the connections between past and present by looking at censorship, oppression and violence, this gripping novel follows Lena Knecht as she, accompanied by an old copy of *Rebellion*, searches for clues to the hand-drawn map on its last page.

What the Fireflies Knew – Kai Harris. Told from the perspective of almost 11-year-old Kenyatta Bernice (KB), this coming-of-age novel follows KB as she is sent to live with her estranged grandfather where she, as everything and everyone changes around her, is forced to carve out a different identity for herself and find her own voice.

Vladimir – Julia May Jonas. With her husband Vladimir under investigation for inappropriate relationships with his former students, a popular English professor finds their extra-marital pursuits taking a toll on their relationship, while a married young novelist becomes dangerously obsessed with Vladimir, threatening to blow their life wide open.

Very Cold People – Sarah Manguso. Growing up in the frozen, snow-padded town of Waitsfield, Massachusetts, Ruthie, dealing with shame handed down from her immigrant ancestors and her indomitable mother, and violence endured by her high school friends, wonders if she'll ever get out of this town alive.

The Swimmers – Julie Otsuka. When a crack appears in the pool, a fellowship of swimmers who take comfort in their laps are cast out, including Alice, who, slowly losing her memory, is reunited too late with her estranged daughter, in this intimate story of mothers and daughters, and the sorrows of implacable loss.

The Books of Jacob – Olga Tokarczuk. Set in the mid-18th century, this sweeping novel follows a mysterious, Messianic religious leader as he, traversing the Hapsburg and Ottoman empires, reinvents himself again and again and wreaks havoc on the conventional order, Jewish and Christian alike.

Historical Fiction

The Christie Affair – Nina De Gramont. Brilliantly reimagining the unexpected 11-day disappearance of Agatha Christie that captivated the world, this novel is told from the point of Miss Nan O'Dea, who infiltrated the Christies' wealthy, rarified world to destroy their marriage.

Black Cloud Rising – David Wright Falade. Sergeant Richard Etheridge, the son of a slave and her master, must prove that his troops in the African Brigade are skilled and trustworthy as they raid the areas occupied by the Confederate Partisan Rangers in the fall of 1863.

Love & Saffron: a Novel of Friendship, Food, and Love – Kim Fay. When 27-year-old Joan Bergstrom sends a fan letter—as well as a gift of saffron—to 59-year-old food writer Imogen Fortier, so begins an enduring friendship that sustains them through the Cuban Missile Crisis, the assassination of President Kennedy and the unexpected in their own lives.

Think of Me – Frances Liardet. In 1974, 10 years after his wife's death, James, needing a change of scenery, moves into a new house in the beautiful English village of Upton where the discovery of scarf is the catalyst for unlocking new revelations about his past, which gives him purpose and a second chance at love.

Circus of Wonders – Elizabeth Macneal. Sold as a human wonder to the ringmaster of a traveling Victorian circus in 1860s London, a young woman becomes a international superstar, in the new novel from the author of *The Doll Factory*.

Black Cake – Charmaine Wilkerson. Two estranged siblings try to reclaim the closeness they once shared while trying to piece together their late mother's life story and fulfill her last request of sharing a traditional Caribbean black cake "when the time is right."

Mystery & Detective

Finlay Donovan Knocks 'em Dead – Elle Cosimano. Struggling novelist and single mom Finlay Donovan uncovers a world of Russian mobsters and assassins disguised as soccer moms, in an effort to keep her ex-husband safe in the follow-up to *Finlay Donovan is Killing It*.

The Harbor – Katrine Engberg. When a 15-year-old boy goes missing, leaving behind a strange note, detectives Jeppe Kørner and Anette Werner become trapped in a web of lies that could prevent the boy from ever being found.

The Paris Apartment – Lucy Foley. Arriving in Paris to stay with her brother, Ben, Jess learns that he has gone missing, and to find him, starts digging into his life, realizing, even though she has come to the City of Lights to escape her past, it's his future hanging in the balance.

The Lady in the Silver Cloud – David Handler. When a universally loved resident of a luxury apartment building on Central Park West is murdered, ghostwriting sleuth Stewart Hoag is called in by Lieutenant Romaine Very of the NYPD to investigate and discovers the unexpected source of her wealth, which changes everything.

The Goodbye Coast – Joe Ide. Against his better judgment, Detective Philip Marlowe takes on two missing-persons cases, while grappling with his troubled and confounding relationship with his father, a once-decorated LAPD homicide detective.

Reader, I Buried Them & Other Stories – Peter Lovesey. On the occasion of his 100th short story, the Mystery Writers of America Grand Master presents a collection of short fiction spanning 50 years that includes the first story that launched his story-writing career as well as three exclusive new stories.

Diablo Mesa – Douglas Preston. Responding to the promise of a hefty donation from a wealthy, eccentric billionaire with space travel ambitions, the Santa Fe Archaeological Institute excavates the site of the 1947 Roswell incident and immediately uncovers two unknown murder victims.

Abandoned in Death – J. D. Robb. Homicide detective Eve Dallas investigates after a woman's body is found on a city playground bench holding a sign reading "bad mommy," in the newest novel of the long-running series following *Forgotten in Death*.

The Violin Conspiracy – Brendan Slocumb. When, right before the cutthroat Tchaikovsky Competition -- the Olympics of classical music, his priceless Stradivarius is stolen, with a ransom note for \$5 million in its place, Ray McMillian must piece together the clues to reclaim the violin before it's too late.

A Game of Fear – Charles Todd. Inspector Ian Rutledge investigates when the lady at a grand manor claims she witnessed a violent murder, but no blood or body can be found, in the latest installment of the best-selling series following *A Fatal Lie*.

Suspense

Catch Her When She Falls – Allison Buccola. Years after her high school boyfriend was convicted of killing her best friend, a small-town Pennsylvania coffee shop owner visits an online true crime forum and begins wondering if there was another explanation for Emily's murder.

The Violence – Delilah Dawson. When a mysterious illness sweeps the nation, resulting in sudden, explosive bouts of animalistic rage, Chelsea, who has been abused by her husband for years, uses this the opportunity to liberate herself from him once and for all.

Other People's Clothes – Calla Henkel. When they snap up an apartment owned by well-known thriller writer Beatrice Becks, exchange students Zoe and Hailey, convinced that Beatrice intends to use their lives as an inspiration for her next novel, craft main-character-worthy personas, finally gaining the notoriety they've been craving, but at a high price.

Killer View – Roy Johansen. Hired by an incarceration consultant, who prepares wealthy people for prison, to find his missing partner, army vet and former bodyguard for the rich and famous, Jessie Mercado, as murder and mayhem ensue, learns just how far someone will go to keep the fate of one man hidden.

The Berlin Exchange – Joseph Kanon. In 1963 Berlin, Martin Keller, a captured physicist and American who spied for the KGB, is swapped by the British and returns to East Berlin where he needs to know who arranged for his release and why.

City of the Dead – Jonathan Kellerman. Court-consulting child psychologist Alex Delaware and homicide detective Milo Sturgis unravel a baffling mystery after a naked corpse in the street leads to the discovery of another murder, in the latest novel of the long-running series following *Serpentine*.

Steal – James Patterson. When the son of the founder of the world's largest hedge fund is thought to have committed suicide, but a body hasn't been found, his father, believing that he is still alive, turns to Dylan Reinhart for help, drawing him into a world of multi-million-dollar secrets and danger.

Our American Friend – Anna Pitoniak. When mysterious first lady Lara Caine asks her to write her official biography, former White House correspondent Sofie Morse is wary when Lara starts sharing sensitive information, which draws her into a game of cat and mouse with explosive consequences.

This Might Hurt – Stephanie Wrobel. When she receives an email from Wisewood, an off-the-grid facility where her sister is learning to become her Maximized Self, threatening to expose her darkest secret, Natalie heads North to come clean and soon discovers that Wisewood won't let either of them go without a fight.

NONFICTION

Bone Deep: Untangling the Betsy Faria Murder Case – Charles Henry Bosworth. The explosive, first-ever insider's account of the case that's captivated millions - the murder of Betsy Faria and the wrongful conviction of her husband - told by the defense attorney who fought for justice on behalf of Russel Faria, and a *New York Times* best-selling author.

From Strength to Strength: Finding Success, Happiness, and Deep Purpose in the Second Half of Life – Arthur C. Brooks. A social scientist and Harvard professor draws on social science, philosophy, biography, theology and eastern wisdom, as well as dozens of interviews with everyday people to help those over 50 find purpose, meaning and success as they age.

The Grieving Brain: the Surprising Science of How We Learn from Love and Loss – Mary-Frances O'Connor. A renowned grief expert and neuroscientist shares groundbreaking discoveries about what happens in our brain when we grieve, providing a new paradigm for understanding love, loss and learning.

Origin: a Genetic History of the Americas – Jennifer Raff. In this study of both past and present, a celebrated anthropologist tells the story of who the first peoples in America were based on their complete genomes, providing a glimpse into how the tools of genetics reveal details about human history and evolution.

52 Ways to Walk: the Surprising Science of Walking for Wellness and Joy, One Week at a Time – Annabel Streets. Provides a short, user-friendly guide to attaining the full range of benefits that walking has to offer—physical, spiritual and emotional—backed by the latest scientific research to inspire readers to develop a fulfilling walking lifestyle.

Heiresses: the Lives of the Million Dollar Babies – Laura Thompson. Looks at the lives of heiresses throughout history such as Consuelo Vanderbilt, the original American “Dollar Heiress,” Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress and Patty Hearst, the notorious heiress to a newspaper fortune turned terrorist.

Funny Farm: My Unexpected Life with 600 Rescue Animals – Laurie Zaleski. An inspiring and moving memoir of the author's turbulent life with 600 rescue animals.

**ANYTHING WE'VE MISSED?
SOMETHING YOU'D RECOMMEND?
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