

## **\*\* HOT TITLES COMING IN JUNE \*\***

### **FICTION**

#### **Fantasy & Science Fiction**

No Soul Taken – Patricia Briggs. Mercy Thompson, car mechanic and shapeshifter, must face her greatest fears, in a chilling new entry in the #1 *New York Times* best-selling series.

A Mirror Mended – Alix E. Harrow. The best-selling and award-winning author of *The Ten Thousand Doors of January* adds to her collection of fractured fairytales with a new version of Snow White where the Evil Queen finally gets what she deserves.

Aurora – David Koepp. When a solar storm knocks out the power across the globe, Aubrey Wheeler, in Aurora, Illinois, becomes the fierce protector of her suburban neighborhood, while across the country, her brother, a Silicon Valley CEO, hunkers down in his gilded desert bunker, leading to a long-overdue reckoning between siblings.

Lapvona – Ottessa Moshfegh. As record drought and famine plague the village, a young shepherd boy finds himself caught in power struggle between his people and their depraved lord and governor when occult forces arise to upset the old order. By the author of *My Year of Rest and Relaxation*.

#### **General Fiction**

Gilt – Jamie Brenner. Three sisters who grew up in their family's jewelry empire become estranged after a falling out over a publicity stunt involving a diamond engagement ring called the Electric Rose in the new novel by the author of *Blush*.

An Island Wedding – Jenny Colgan. Flora MacKenzie and her fiancé have their plans for their tiny "sweetheart wedding" on the Scottish island of Mure disrupted when an expat with money wants to throw the most extravagant wedding possible on the same day.

Cult Classic – Sloane Crosley. From a *New York Times* best-selling author and Thurber Prize finalist comes a twisted mystery on the metaphysics of modern love, memory and mind control.

These Impossible Things – Salma El-Wardany. Each navigating love, sex and the one night that changes it all, three Muslim best friends, Malak, Kees and Jenna, as their lives begin to take different paths, must find a way back to each other as they reconcile faith, family and tradition.

The Measure – Nikki Erlick. When every person, all over the globe, receives a small wooden box bearing the same inscription and a single piece of string inside, world is thrown into a collective frenzy, in this novel told through multiple perspectives that introduces an unforgettable cast of characters.

It All Comes Down To This Therese Anne Fowler. Three sisters—Beck, a freelance journalist; Claire, a pediatric cardiologist; and Sophie, an Instagram influencer—come together to sell the family's summer cottage in Maine, which becomes complicated by an enigmatic ex-con with his own hidden past.

More Than You'll Ever Know – Katie Gutierrez. An evocative drama follows a woman caught leading a double life after one husband murders the other, and the true-crime writer who becomes obsessed with telling her story.

'The Hotel Nantucket – Elin Hilderbrand. Attempting to win the favor of the Hotel Nantucket's new London billionaire owner, general manager Lizbet Keaton, with drama behind closed doors, staff and guests with complicated pasts, a ghost roaming the halls and her own romantic uncertainty, has her work cut out for her.

Flying Solo – Linda Holmes. Returning to her Maine hometown to handle her grandmother's estate, Laurie investigates a love letter and a mysterious wooden duck she found at the bottom of a cedar chest and is swept up in a journey of self-discovery and antiques.

Nora Goes Off Script – Annabel Monaghan. After her husband leaves her, a romance-channel screenwriter finds a new chance at love when a sexy leading man is cast to play her husband in a movie based on the script she wrote about her marriage's collapse.

Vacationland – Meg Mitchell Moore. From the *USA Today* best-selling author of *Two Truths and a Lie* and *The Islanders*, a summer read set in midcoast Maine, tackling family secrets, marriage, motherhood and privilege.

Nightcrawling – Leila Mottley. When a drunken altercation with a stranger turns into a job she desperately needs, Kiara, who supports her brother and an abandoned 9-year-old boy, starts nightcrawling until her name surfaces in an investigation exposing her as a key witness in a massive scandal within the Oakland Police Department.

On Rotation – Shirlene Obuobi. Explores that time in your life when you must decide what you want and how to get it, all while navigating love, friendship, and the realization that the path you thought you were travelling has just taken some hard turns.

Shifty's Boys – Chris Offutt. When he is asked by the mother of a recently deceased heroin dealer to look into her son's case, Army-CID-officer/unofficial PI Mick Hardin is pitted against his sister, the local sheriff, and drawn into a dark underworld where unseen forces will stop at nothing to get what they want.

Tracy Flick Can't Win – Tom Perrotta. Tracy Flick, the iconic protagonist of *Election*, is back in full force as the hardworking assistant principal at a public high school in suburban New Jersey where she, energized by the prospect of a long-overdue promotion, sets out to prove her worth and get what she deserves.

Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting – Clare Pooley. An advice columnist breaks her rule for never talking to other commuters on the train when she witnesses a nurse save another man choking on a grape.

## **Historical Fiction**

Horse – Geraldine Brooks. A scientist from Australia and a Nigerian-American art historian become connected by their shared interest in a 19th century race horse, one studying its remains, the other uncovering the history of the Black horsemen who were critical to its success.

Woman of Light – Kali Fajardo-Anstine. In 1930s Denver, Luz “Little Light” Lopez, a tea leaf reader and laundress, begins having visions that transport her to her Indigenous homeland in the nearby Lost Territory where she must save her family stories from disappearing into oblivion.

## **Mystery & Detective**

Local Gone Missing – Fiona Barton. Detective Elise King, in a seaside town where tensions are growing between the locals and weekenders, investigates the disappearance of a man during a music festival. By the *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Widow*.

Hatchet Island – Paul Doiron. A game warden and his girlfriend investigate the death of two marine biologists who were overheard arguing with local fisherman near an endangered sea bird sanctuary in the thirteenth novel of the series following *Dead by Dawn*.

Movieland – Lee Goldberg. When a female camper is gunned down in Malibu Creek State Park, one of seven victims over 14 months, Los Angeles homicide detectives Eve Ronin and Duncan Pavone must expose secrets and break the conspiracy of silence.

The Locked Room – Elly Griffiths. Nelson, investigating a series of murder-suicides he has connected to an archaeological discovery—and to Ruth’s seemingly sweet new neighbor, Sally, he enlists Ruth’s help until she, Sally and Kate go missing and he is left scrambling to find them before it’s too late.

Outside – Ragnar Jonasson. Stranded by a snowstorm in the Icelandic highlands, four friends seek shelter in an abandoned hunting lodge where they discover they are not alone, and must come to terms with their past to survive to see their future.

The Murder Rule – Dervla McTiernan. A young woman, posing as an idealistic law student, tricks everyone into believing she is working to save an innocent man on death row when she is really there to bury him.

The Second Husband – Kate White. Starting a new life with Tom, a loving widower who makes her feel safe again, Emma, when a police detective shows up asking questions about her first husband’s unsolved murder, learns a shocking truth about her second husband that calls everything into question.

## **Romance**

Out of the Clear Blue Sky – Kristan Higgins. When her husband suddenly leaves her for another woman, Lillie, furious and with limited options of whom to turn to for help, finds unexpected allies who come to her aid, while, at the same time, she comes to theirs.

The Girl Who Survived – Lisa Jackson. The sole survivor of a brutal family massacre 20 years earlier, Kars McIntyre, when the person believed to be responsible for the killings is released, wonders how many times she can be the girl who survived as people around her die horrible deaths.

## Story Collections

Learning to Talk: Stories – Hilary Mantel. A collection of short stories from the two-time winner of the Man Booker Prize and #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of the Wolf Hall Trilogy.

The Angel of Rome – Jess Walter. This humorous, heartfelt and redemptive collection of short fiction from the #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of *Beautiful Ruins* explores moments when everything changes—for the better, worse and outrageous—as an unforgettable cast of characters question life and search for inspiration.

## Suspense

Tom Clancy Zero Hour – Don Bentley. When the severely injured leader of North Korea activates an army of sleeper agents in South Korea, Jack Ryan, Jr., finds his benign trip in Seoul taking a deadly turn when a wave of violence perpetrated by North Korean operatives grips South Korea's capital.

The Omega Factor – Steve Berry. While in Belgium, UNESCO investigator Nicholas Lee, whose job it is to protect the world's cultural objects, stumbles upon a priceless artifact that plunges him into a bitter conflict, forcing him to confront a modern-day religious crusade intent on eliminating a shocking truth from humanity's past.

The Gatekeeper – James Byrne. After foiling an attack at the hotel where he's staying, Dez, a retired mercenary, musician and gatekeeper, is back in action and drawn into a dangerous conspiracy involving media manipulation, militias, an armed coup and an attempt to fracture the very country in which we live.

The Lies I Tell – Julie Clark. Determined to expose con artist Meg Williams, the woman who upended her life 10 years earlier, for who she really is, Kat Roberts begins to question her long-held assumptions as the two women grow close, leading her to wonder who Meg's real target is.

One of the Girls – Lucy Clarke. An internationally-best-selling author offers the story of a bachelorette trip on a stunning Greek island ... that ends in murder.

The Local – Joey Hartstone. When the judge on his case is murdered—and all evidence points to his client, wealthy Pakistani-American businessman Amir Zavar, patent lawyer James Euchre sets out to prove Zavar's innocence in a town where everyone knows everyone and bad blood has a long history.

A Face to Die For – Iris Johansen. An archaeologist who lost her father to tomb raiders after discovering Helen of Troy's burial spot teams up with a forensic sculptor to recreate Helen's ship-launching face in the latest novel of the long-running series following *The Bullet*.

Can't Look Away – Carola Lovering. Lonely and feeling out of place in their wealthy suburb, Molly, plagued by fertility issues, believes she's finally found a friend in newcomer Sabrina, but soon discovers that this woman's secrets are linked to her own, forcing her to confront an obsessive love from her past.

Escape – James Patterson. Chicago special-ops leader Detective Billy Harney investigates when six jail inmates escape and leave a taunting note for him along with two dead correctional officers in the third novel of the series following *The Black Book*.

The House Across the Lake – Riley Sager. Recently widowed actress Casey Fletcher retreats to her family's lake house in Vermont where she passes the time watching the glamorous couple across the lake until the wife disappears and she discovers that the most shocking of secrets can lurk beneath the most placid of surfaces.

Suspects – Danielle Steel. Rebuilding her life, fashion royalty Theodora Morgan, during an event in NYC, forms an instant connection with a man who, unbeknownst to her, is a CIA agent sent to protect her from the very same people involved in the kidnapping of her husband and son, which ended in tragedy.

Cold Fear – Brandon Webb. Wanted for questioning in connection to war crimes in Yemen, a disgraced Navy SEAL is on the run and trying to clear his name while being stalked by a fellow SEAL-turned-contract-killer in the follow-up to *Steel Fear*.

## **NONFICTION**

Gun Barons: the Weapons That Transformed America and the Men Who Invented Them – John Bainbridge. The story of men such as Colt, Smith & Wesson, Winchester and Remington who changed the course of American history through the invention of repeating firearms for both soldiers and everyday Americans.

A Bright and Blinding Sun: a World War II Story of Survival, Love, and Redemption – Marcus Brotherton. The *New York Times* best-selling author tells the true story of an underage soldier who joined the Army at age 14 and was sent to the Philippines after Pearl Harbor, where he became a prisoner of war.

The Rise and Reign of the Mammals: a New History, from the Shadow of the Dinosaurs to Us – Steve Brusatte. A renowned paleontologist and *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs* charts the extraordinary story of the dinosaurs' successor: mammals, which emerged from the shadows to rule the Earth.

Bitch: On the Female of the Species – Lucy Cooke. A fierce, funny, and revolutionary look at the queens of the animal kingdom.

The Facemaker: a Visionary Surgeon's Battle to Mend the Disfigured Soldiers of World War I – Lindsey Fitzharris. The author of *The Butchering Art* returns with a real-life wartime medical thriller.

The Earth is All That Lasts: Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, and the Last Stand of the Great Sioux Nation – Mark Lee Gardner. The best-selling author of *Rough Riders* and *Shot All to Hell* presents a dual biography of Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull, the two most legendary and consequential American Indian leaders, who triumphed at the Battle of Little Bighorn and led Sioux resistance in the fierce final chapter of the Indian Wars.

Funny Business: the Legendary Life and Political Satire of Art Buchwald – Michael Hill. This biography of the Pulitzer Prize-winning political humorist draws on documents,

interviews and his own correspondence with dozens of celebrities, as well as revealing his life-long struggle with depression.

Rogues: True Stories of Grifters, Killers, Rebels, and Crooks – Patrick Radden Keefe.

The prize-winning, *New York Times* best-selling author presents twelve of his most celebrated articles from *The New Yorker* that form a deeply human portrait of criminals and rascals, as well as those who stand up against them.

James Patterson by James Patterson: the Stories of My Life – James Patterson. A #1 best-selling author shows how a boy from small-town New York made it to literary stardom.

A Life in Light: Meditations on Impermanence – Mary Pipher. The best-selling author of *Women Rowing North* and *Reviving Ophelia* returns with a series of essays drawing on her experiences as psychologist specializing in women, trauma and the effect of our culture on our mental health.

The Monster's Bones: the Discovery of T. Rex and How It Shook Our World – David K. Randall. From prehistory to present day, from remote Patagonia to the unforgiving badlands of the American West to the penthouses of Manhattan, this riveting narrative follows a fearless paleontologist who, after unearthing the first T-Rex fossils, saved NY's struggling American Museum of Natural History.

Outdoor Kids in an Inside World: Getting Your Family Out of the House and Radically Engaged with Nature – Steven Rinella. Helping families connect with nature—and each other, this timely guide shares parenting wisdom, practical advice and hands-on activities to help kids see their own place within the natural world.

Cabin Fever: the Harrowing Journey of a Cruise Ship at the Dawn of a Pandemic – Michael Smith. The story of the Holland America cruise ship *Zaandam*, which set sail with 1,200 passengers days before COVID-19 shut down the world in March 2020 and found itself denied safe harbor everywhere.

**ANYTHING WE'VE MISSED?  
SOMETHING YOU'D RECOMMEND?  
LET US KNOW!**

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