

## **\*\* HOT TITLES COMING IN MAY \*\***

### **FICTION**

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

Book of Night – Holly Black. In a world where shadows have feelings and memories and can be altered, a low-level con artist/bartender is pitted against doppelgangers, mercurial billionaires, shadow thieves and her own sister while trying to keep out of trouble.

Darling Girl: a Novel of Peter Pan – Liz Michalski. Holly Darling, the granddaughter of Wendy, is running a successful skincare company when she gets a phone call that her comatose daughter, Eden, has been kidnapped from their estate and immediately suspects Peter Pan, who is real and very dangerous.

Razzmatazz – Christopher Moore. In 1947 San Francisco, bartender Sammy “Two Toes” Tiffin is tasked by club owner Jimmy Vasco to find out who is killing the city’s drag kings, while Eddie “Moo Shoes” Shu seeks to save his uncle’s opium den from Squid Kid Tang.

Elektra – Jennifer Saint. A reimagining of the story of Elektra, one of Greek mythology’s most infamous heroines, from the author of the beloved international best-seller, *Ariadne*.

This Time Tomorrow – Emma Straub. When Alice wakes up on her 40th birthday somehow back in 1996 as her 16-year-old self, she finds the biggest surprise is the 49-year-old version of her father with whom she is reunited, and, armed with a new perspective on life, wonders what she would change given the chance.

Eyes of the Void – Adrian Tchaikovsky. Facing impending extinction, an Intermediary decides to help the Human Colonies stop the Architects who are back consuming entire planets after eighty years of a fragile peace in the second novel of the series following *Shards of Earth*.

#### **General Fiction**

Love Marriage – Monica Ali. In training to be a doctor, and engaged to upper-class Joe Sangster, whose formidable mother is a famous feminist, 26-year-old Yasmin Ghorami, as the wedding quickly approaches, finds her relationship upended by misunderstandings, infidelities, long-buried-secrets and the truth about her parents’ supposed “love marriage.”

When Women Were Dragons – Kelly Barnhill. After the Mass Dragoning of 1955, when thousands of women, including her beloved Aunt Marla, transformed into dragons, left a trail of fiery destruction and took to the skies, young Alex Green must face the consequences of this event as she learns to accept people as they really are.

Sleepwalk – Dan Chaon. A 50-year-old who has been living off the grid half his life, big-hearted mercenary Will Bear finds his life taking a deadly turn when a woman claiming to be his biological daughter needs his help escaping the powerful and ruthless operation he works for.

Notes on Your Sudden Disappearance – Alison Espach. Opening in the early 90s and charting almost two decades of shared history and missed connections, a new novel is both a breathtaking love story about two broken people and a coming-of-age tale.

Dreaming of Flight – Catherine Ryan Hyde. An unexpected connection becomes the saving grace for two unlikely friends.

Bloomsbury Girls – Natalie Jenner. Presents a story of post-war London, a century-old bookstore and three women determined to find their way in a fast-changing world.

An Island – Karen Jennings. A man living a solitary life as a lighthouse keeper on a small African island where nameless bodies of refugees wash ashore discovers one is still breathing and nurses the stranger back to life, stirring memories of his former life.

The Latecomer – Jean Hanff Korelitz. When her triplets, who have no strong familial bond and cannot wait to go their separate ways, leave for college, Johanna, faced with being alone for the first time, decides to have a fourth child and wonders what role the “latecomer” will play in her already fracture family.

Yerba Buena – Nina Lacour. Follows two women on a star-crossed journey toward each other.

The Colony – Audrey Magee. In 1979, as violence erupts all over Ireland, two outsiders travel to a small island off the west coast in search of their own answers, despite what it may cost the islanders.

The Boardwalk Bookshop – Susan Mallery. Three best friends brought together by chance, bookshop owners Bree, Mikki and Ashley each get a chance for a new beginning and a love to last a lifetime when they fight for what they really want.

An Olive Grove in Ends – Moses Mckenzie. Attempting to escape Ends, Bristol and make a better life for himself and Shona, his grade-school love, Sayon Hughes temporarily deals drugs alongside his cousin until a deadly altercation with a rival drug dealer upends his plans.

The Shore – Katie Runde. When their father, the owner of a beachside real estate company, develops a brain tumor, needing constant care, siblings Liz and Evy still seek out summer adventures while their mother tries to keep it together, wishing to leave the beach behind her.

Remarkably Bright Creatures – Shelby Van Pelt. A widow forges an unlikely friendship with a curmudgeonly giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium—and, when a mysterious grifter comes to town, the truths all three unlock about her son’s disappearance 30 years ago.

The Summer Place – Jennifer Weiner. At her stepdaughter’s wedding day to her pandemic boyfriend—the last gathering at the family’s beach house in Cape Cod, Sarah is faced with lovers being revealed as their true selves, misunderstandings, and secrets, ensuring that nothing will ever be the same.

## **Historical Fiction**

Our Last Days in Barcelona – Chanel Cleeton. In 1964, when her sister Beatriz disappears in Barcelona. Isabel Perez goes to Spain in search of her, and, with the help of an unlikely ally, is thrust into Beatriz’s dangerous world of espionage, leading to a shocking revelation about her family history that transforms her life.

Trust – Hernan Diaz. Told from the perspective of one woman bent on disentangling fact from fiction, this unrivaled novel about money, power, intimacy and perception is centered around the mystery of how the Rask family acquired their immense fortune in 1920s-1930's New York City.

Meant To Be – Emily Giffin. When Joe Kingley, the free-spirited son of American royalty, and Cate Cooper, a famous model, have a chance encounter that leads to an instant and intense connection, they wonder if their relationship can survive the glare of the spotlight and the so-called Kingsley Curse.

The Foundling – Ann Leary. In 1927, when 18-year-old Mary Engle, while working at an institution for mentally disabled women, learns that a girl from her childhood orphanage is an inmate and who begs Mary to help her escape, forcing Mary to make a terrible choice with life-altering consequences.

The Book Woman's Daughter – Kim Michele Richardson. When her parents are imprisoned, Honey, picking up her mother's old packhorse library route, brings books to those in need, but certain folks aren't keen to let a woman pave the way until she meets a group of extraordinary women who help her fight for her place.

The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle – Jennifer Ryan. After losing everything in the London Blitz, renowned fashion designer Cressida Westcott heads to the country where she inspires a local village sewing group to mend wedding dresses for both local brides and brides across the county, helping others celebrate love while searching for it themselves.

## **Mystery & Detective**

A Rip Through Time – Kelley Armstrong. While visiting her dying grandmother in Edinburgh, a homicide detective out on a jog is beaten unconscious and wakes up in the body of a housemaid, left for dead in the exact same spot in 1869.

Robert B. Parker's Revenge Tour – Mike Lupica. Owing her landlord and former client a favor, PI Sunny Randall sets out to find Melanie Joan's stalker, but makes a discovery that challenges her loyalty to her old friend, while her aging ex-cop father is threatened by a sleazy lawyer with a desire to settle an old score.

Overboard – Sara Paretsky. In a city emerging from its pandemic lockdown, detective V.I. Warshawski must elude Chicago powerbrokers and mobsters as she tries to find a missing girl who is the key witness to a nefarious conspiracy, which makes Warshawski a target as well.

Two Nights in Lisbon – Chris Pavone. Waking up in Lisbon alone, her husband gone with no warning, no note, not answering his phone, Ariel Price, sensing something is wrong, realizes she knows so little about her new, much younger husband, and discovers just how far she'll go when everything is on the line.

## **Romance**

The Homewreckers – Mary Kay Andrews. While starring on a beach house renovation reality show called "The Homewreckers," Hattie Kavanaugh is drawn into a mystery—and an unexpected romantic triangle—when, during the demolition, evidence in unearched about a long-ago crime.

Book Lovers – Emily Henry. Agreeing to a holiday escape to the country, literary agent Nora keeps running into a bookish, hardheaded, arrogant editor she knows from Manhattan, and wishes she didn't, even as she discovers they have more in common than previously thought.

Something Wilder Christina Lauren. When the man who broke her heart is in her tourist group, Lily Wilder, the daughter of a notorious treasure hunter, after the trip goes horribly and hilariously wrong, must decide whether she'll risk her life and heart on the adventure of a lifetime.

When She Dreams – Amanda Quick. In 1930s Burning Cove, California, Maggie Lodge hires PI Steen Colfax to find the person posing as her boss, an advice columnist, and together they are hurled into a deadly world of blackmail and murder where they must confront someone much more dangerous than a mere imposter.

Nightwork – Nora Roberts. Harry Booth, a clever thief who can't afford to get attached, finds his heart stolen by Miranda Emerson, but must leave her cruelly behind to free himself from the grip of a deadly predator in order to possess something more valuable than anything he has ever stolen—Miranda.

Summer Love – Nancy Thayer. Reuniting 26 years after an amazing summer in Nantucket, four friends realize life hasn't worked out the way they had all hoped as they confront the past, while their children, exploring the island together, experience love and heartbreak, and forge lifelong bonds just as their parents did years ago.

## **Story Collections**

Sparring Partners – John Grisham. A #1 best-selling author collects a trio of novellas where law is a common thread.

## **Suspense**

Take Your Breath Away – Linwood Barclay. Finally putting his life back together six years after the disappearance of his wife, Brie, Andy Mason, settling down with a new partner, finds his future, and the lives of those closest to him, in danger when a woman bearing a striking resemblance to Brie shows up.

The Lioness – Chris Bohjalian. In 1964, Hollywood royalty Katie Barstow and her new husband, along her glittering entourage, arrive for their luxury African safari, but are instead taken hostage by Russian mercenaries, in this blistering story of fame, race, love death set in a world on the cusp of great change.

Every Cloak Rolled in Blood – James Lee Burke. A novelist honoring his late daughter's memory by saving two young men ravaged by the opioid crisis is drawn into a network of crime until the ghost of his daughter helps him fight back.

In the Blood – Jack Carr. A former Navy SEAL relies on allies around the world to track down who is responsible when a Mossad operative dies in a plane explosion in the fifth novel of the series following *The Devil's Hand*.

Clive Cussler's Dark Vector – Graham Brown. The head of the U.S. National Underwater and Marine Agency's (NUMA) Special Assignments Team unravels a new mystery in the

dangers above and below the sea in the latest addition to the long-running series following *Fast Ice*.

Sweet, Sweet Revenge – Jonas Jonasson. Swirling around a colorful cast of characters, including a goat called Molly and the Pope, this madcap adventure follows Ole Mbatian Jr., a Maasai warrior, and Agneta as they hire an unscrupulous man who specializes in revenge to take action against the gallery owner who wronged them.

Omega Rules – Eric Van Lustbader. When a fellow Parachute agent is assassinated in Vienna, Evan Ryder is sent on a dangerous world-wide hunt for the truth, pitting her against forces so powerful they may go beyond her abilities to annihilate.

Breathless – Amy McCulloch. A journalist who sacrificed everything on a career-making opportunity to interview an internationally famous mountaineer on the last leg of a record-breaking summit must battle the elements and an apparent killer, who is picking off climbers in her party.

The Island – Adrian McKinty. In a new thriller, a family that just wanted a nice vacation finds themselves running for their lives.

The Dark Flood – Deon Meyer. In the wake of their unauthorized pursuit of state corruption in South Africa's halls of power, Benny Griessel and Vaughn Caputo are demoted from the elite Hawks police unit and assigned to investigate the disappearance of a brilliant college student, which exposes a traitor in their department.

Secrets – Fern Michaels. When they find themselves saddled with life or death information, two siblings, and owners of an antique shop/café, realize they have no one to turn to but each other.

The Favor – Nora Murphy. Explores what can happen when women pushed to the limit take matters into their own hands.

Extenuating Circumstances – Joyce Carol Oates. Two hit men struggle with a job gone wrong and medical students bring a severed foot to a college party in a collection of short stories from the five-time Pulitzer Prize finalist and author of over 70 books.

22 Seconds – James Patterson. San Francisco police sergeant Lindsay Boxer receives a tip about a last-chance shipment of drugs and weapons across the Mexican border ahead of new restrictive gun laws in the latest addition to the long-running series.

Hidden Pictures – Jason Rekulak. A woman working as a nanny for a young boy who has strange and disturbing secrets.

Hide – Kiersten White. Fourteen contestants, including Mack, a homeless shelter resident who lost everything, embark on a seven-day competition and the chance to win \$50,000 if they can successfully play hide and seek in an abandoned amusement park without being found and eliminated.

The Lost Summers of Newport – Beatriz Williams. Three *New York Times* best-selling authors combine their talents in this novel of money and secrets set among the famous mansions of Newport, Rhode Island, from the Gilded Age to the present day.

## NONFICTION

The Fourth Man: the Hunt for a KGB Spy at the Top of the CIA and the Rise of Putin's Russia – Robert Baer. In this real-life thriller, a *New York Times* best-selling author and former CIA officer tells the never-before-told story of the hunt for a KGB spy in the top ranks of the CIA led by three women who squared off against a man who could have been the most damaging man in history.

Life on the Mississippi: an Epic American Adventure – Rinker Buck. In this highly anticipated book, the author of the *New York Times* best-seller *The Oregon Trail*, building an authentic wooden flatboat from a bygone era, casts off down the Mississippi river, charting his own geographical and emotional journey, while providing a satisfying work of history.

Here's the Deal: a Memoir – Kellyanne Conway. One of the biggest insiders from the Trump Administration finally tells her story.

The Chaos Machine: the Inside Story of How Social Media Rewired Our Minds and Our World – Max Fisher. A narrative fuses research, exclusive interviews and on-the-ground reporting to capture the full inside story of Big Tech's monomaniacal race to drive engagement—and profits—at all costs.

How to Prevent the Next Pandemic – Bill Gates. The technologist, business leader and philanthropist who founded Microsoft explains the science of fighting pandemics, discusses the lessons learned from COVID-19 and provides a path forward to preventing another pandemic from taking millions of lives.

True: the Four Seasons of Jackie Robinson – Kostya Kennedy. Offers a new chronicle of the life of Jackie Robinson, one of baseball's, and America's, most significant figures.

River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile – Candice Millard. Set against the backdrop of the race to exploit Africa by the colonial powers, this unrivaled story of courage and adventure brings to life the rivalry between two enemies—a decorated soldier and a young aristocrat/Army officer—as they set out to find the mysterious headwaters of the Nile River.

So Help Me Golf: Why We Love the Game – Rick Reilly. Through these original pieces, the *New York Times* best-selling author and golf aficionado explores all the wonderful, maddening, heart-melting, heart-breaking, cool and captivating things about golf that make the game so addicting—and what it has meant to him and others.

There Are Places in the World Where Rules Are Less Important Than Kindness: and Other Thoughts on Physics, Philosophy and the World – Carlo Rovelli. One of the world's most prominent physicists takes us on an accessible and enlightening journey through science, literature, philosophy and politics across time and space, in this intellectual portal to the universe.

Call Me Chef, Dammit!: a Veteran's Journey from the Rural South to the White House – Andre Rush. A former White House head chef, who made his way from a farm in rural Mississippi to West Point and a 24-year military career, chronicles his time holding one of the most prestigious culinary positions in the United States.

Happy-Go-Lucky – David Sedaris. The best-selling, award-winning author of *Calypso* and regular contributor to *The New Yorker* is back with a whole new collection of satirical and humorous essays that chronicle his own life and ordinary moments that turn beautifully absurd.

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

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