

**** HOT TITLES COMING IN AUGUST ****

FICTION

The Hierarchies - Ros Anderson. Designed to cater to a human man's every whim, a synthetically designed "wife" hidden on the top floor of a luxurious home secretly longs for a more qualitative existence and records in her diary her fears of being reprogrammed.

Bronte's Mistress - Finola Austin. A meticulously researched debut by the award-winning "Secret Victorianist" blogger follows the scandalous 1843 love affair between a grieving Lydia Robinson of Thorp Green Hall and her son's erratically unconventional tutor, Branwell Brontë.

The Comeback - Ella Berman. Returning mostly sober to Los Angeles after a year of self-imposed exile, a teen star decides she can no longer stay silent when she is asked to present a lifetime achievement award to the man responsible for her trauma.

Every Kind of Wicked - Lisa Black. Forensics expert Maggie Gardiner is swept up in a dangerous web of lies when detective Jack Renner's investigation into a university student's death violently converges with a suspicious overdose case being overseen by Maggie's homicide detective ex.

Space Station Down - Ben Bova. A lone survivor becomes the world's only defender when a millionaire space tourist lands aboard the International Space Station, murders her colleagues and sets the station to crash into New York City.

The Last Mrs. Summers - Rhys Bowen. Helping her friend inspect a recently inherited but uninhabitable Cornwall property, Georgie investigates a bossy host's suspicions that her husband murdered his first wife, allegations that are complicated by a creepy housekeeper and a long-ago tragedy.

A Traveler at the Gates of Wisdom - John Boyne. From the award-winning, best-selling author of *The Heart's Invisible Furies* comes an epic tale of humanity, a novel that aims to tell the story of all of us.

Behind the Red Door - Megan Collins. Experiencing recurring nightmares after seeing a news report about a kidnapping survivor who has again gone missing, Fern reads the victim's memoirs before making a chilling connection.

The New Wilderness - Diana Cook. A first novel by the author of *Man V. Nature* finds a desperate mother in a world ravaged by climate change joining a hunter-gatherer initiative to test humanity's capacity to survive in the wilderness without destroying it.

The Saboteurs - Clive Cussler. Thwarting the attempted assassination of a U.S. Senator, detective Isaac Bell traces the attack to a plot involving the nearly constructed Panama Canal and a local insurgency that would prevent its completion.

The Pull of the Stars - Emma Donoghue. A novel set in 1918 Dublin offers a three-day look at a maternity ward during the height of the Great Flu pandemic. By the best-selling author of *Room*.

The Death of Vivek Oji - Akwaeke Emezi. In the wake of a southeastern Nigerian mother's discovery of her son's body on her doorstep, a family struggles to understand the enigmatic nature of a youth shaped by disorienting blackouts, diverse friendships and a cousin's worldly influence.

Atomic Love - Jennie Fields. Recruited by the FBI to spy on her former lover, a guilt-riddled Manhattan Project physicist becomes torn between lingering feelings for her ex and her growing attraction to a special agent, a former prisoner of war.

The Night Swim - Megan Goldin. A popular true-crime podcaster finds an unsettling note on her windshield begging for help before she uncovers dark community secrets from the past and present, including one involving the disappearance of her own sister.

Ghost Ups Her Game - Carolyn Hart. A *New York Times* best-selling author's warm-hearted sleuth returns in the ninth Bailey Ruth Ghost Novel, with a case that will test even her Heavenly powers.

We Are All the Same in the Dark - Julia Heaberlin. The discovery of an unknown girl found by the side of the road a decade after an unsolved disappearance compels a young police officer's investigation into dangerous local and personal secrets.

Squeeze Me - Carl Hiaasen. When a high-society dowager murdered at the height of Palm Beach's charity gala season is declared a political martyr by the colorful president she supported, a talented wildlife wrangler uncovers the truth amid the discovery of a controversial affair.

Missing and Endangered - J. A. Jance. Protecting a brilliant freshman whose homeschooled life has left her unprepared for the outside world, Jennifer invites the vulnerable girl home for a Christmas break that embroils Sheriff Joanna Brady in a volatile missing-person's case.

Sisters - Daisy Johnson. Moving in the aftermath of a school bullying incident to an abandoned family home near the shore, two fiercely loyal siblings find the nature of their bond changing in the wake of a series of revelatory encounters.

The Space Between Worlds - Micaiah Johnson. A cross-dimensional examination of identity, privilege and belonging follows the adventures of a rare survivor whose counterparts in other realities have died and who stumbles on a dangerous secret threatening her new home and fragile place in it.

When These Mountains Burn - David Joy. A vigilante who would save his addict son, a disabled thief confronting irresistible temptation and a frustrated DEA agent find redemption and opportunity in an unlikely partnership.

Universe of Two - Stephen P. Kiernan. From the critically acclaimed author of *The Baker's Secret* and *The Curiosity* comes a novel of conscience, love, and redemption—a fascinating fictionalized account of the life of Charlie Fisk, a gifted mathematician who was drafted into Manhattan Project and ordered against his morals to build the detonator for the atomic bomb.

Shadows of the Dead - Spencer Kope. Covering Newport's first automobile parade, *Messenger* editor-in-chief Emma Cross investigates a pair of accidents that implicate her inebriated son in the demise of a disreputable butler, an inheritance dispute and revelations about a child inmate.

The Lone Jack Trail - Owen Laukkanen. A veteran Marine and an ex-convict find themselves on opposite sides of the law, in a new thriller from the best-selling author of *Deception Cove*.

The Boy in the Field - Margot Livesey. Saving the life of a young boy, three siblings find their bond challenged by their parents' troubled marriage and their respective efforts to identify the boy's attacker, manage a new relationship and search for a birth parent.

Migrations - Charlotte McConaghy. A woman who has dedicated her life to protecting the environment convinces a fishing captain and his salty crew to follow the world's last flock of Arctic terns on a migration of dark revelations. A first novel.

Betty - Tiffany McDaniel. Born to a Cherokee father and white mother in the Appalachians of 1954, Betty endures poverty and violence in a wild natural refuge before she is forced to reckon with the historical influences that shaped dark family secrets.

The Less Dead - Denise Mina. Navigating burnout, an unfaithful ex and a relative's recent death, Margo reaches out to her birth family before discovering that her biological mother was murdered years earlier by a killer who begins sending her threatening letters.

Then She Vanished - T. Jefferson Parker. Helping a rising politician whose wife has gone missing amid an inexplicable series of bombings, private investigator Roland Ford investigates the activities of a mysterious group before uncovering sinister ties to a kidnapping that threatens an entire city.

The Midwife Murders - James Patterson. When two kidnappings and a stabbing occur on her watch in a Manhattan university hospital, a fearless senior midwife teams up with a skeptical NYPD detective to investigate rumors that shift from the Russian Mafia to an underground adoption network.

The Eighth Detective - Alex Pavesi. A young editor travels to a remote Mediterranean village to convince a reclusive writer to republish his classic detective stories, before discovering that the books hide even greater mysteries. A first novel.

Under Pressure - Robert Pobi. When hundreds are killed in an explosion at the Guggenheim that does little damage to the building, Special Agent Brett Kehoe teams up with astrophysicist Lucas Page to identify possible links to an internet hub bombing.

In the Valley: Stories and a Novella Based on *Serena* - Ron Rash. A collection of 10 modern allegorical tales includes such acclaimed entries as "Baptism" and "Neighbors" as well as a novella starring fan-favorite villainess Serena Pemberton, who returns to North Carolina to finish the murderous job she started.

The Heatwave - Kate Riordan. Returning to the Southern France childhood home she would rather forget, Sylvie endeavors to protect her youngest daughter from a growing threat and toxic family dynamics linked to the death of her enigmatic firstborn.

The First to Lie - Hank Phillippi Ryan. A devastating act of betrayal catapults a young woman onto an obsessive path to justice that embroils a glamorous manipulative wannabe, an in-too-deep reporter and a grieving widow into a high-stakes game of cat and mouse.

In Case of Emergency - E. G. Scott. Managing a painful career setback with the help of an online support group and a secret boyfriend who goes mysteriously missing, a neuroscientist is declared a person of interest when she is asked to identify the body of a stranger.

Royal - Danielle Steel. Sent into hiding during World War II, headstrong 17-year-old Princess Charlotte assumes an alias and enjoys the freedoms of a normal life in Yorkshire before her ill-fated romance with her guardians' son leads to the orphaning of a royal infant.

Good Dogs Don't Make It to the South Pole - Hans-Olav Thyvoid. A heartwarming tale of aging, friendship and death is told from the perspective of a grumpy mutt who bonds with his late master's widow during walks to the library, before their home is threatened by impatient relatives.

The Jackal - J. R. Ward. The award-winning author of the Fallen Angels series presents a debut entry in a new Black Dagger Brotherhood spin-off set in an underground prison that is populated by thieving and murderous beings.

Final Cut - S. J. Watson. The award-winning author of *Before I Go to Sleep* explores themes of memory and identity in the story of a documentary filmmaker who investigates the disappearance of a girl from a quiet fishing village.

Choppy Water - Stuart Woods. When his Maine vacation is interrupted by extreme weather that a menacing adversary uses as cover to target a close friend, Stone Barrington uncovers a massive scheme with corrupt ties spanning New York City through Key West.

NONFICTION

The New One: Painfully True Stories from a Reluctant Dad - Mike Birbiglia. With humorous parenting observations, a *New York Times* best-selling author and award-winning

comedian delivers a book for anyone who has ever raised a child, been a child, or refuses to stop acting like one.

Fallout: the Hiroshima Cover-Up and the Reporter Who Revealed It to the World -

Lesley M. Blume. The author of *Everybody Behaves Badly* reveals the information suppression campaign that followed the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, detailing how reporter John Hersey saved millions of lives by exposing the bombings' long-term radiation effects.

Eliot Ness and the Mad Butcher: Hunting America's Deadliest Unidentified Serial Killer at the Dawn of Modern Criminology -

Max Allan Collins. The authors of *Scarface and the Untouchable* document Prohibition agent Eliot Ness' years-long and possibly fatal manhunt for "The Mad Butcher of Kingsbury Run" against a backdrop of the 1936 World's Fair in Cleveland.

A Furious Sky: the Five-Hundred-Year History of America's Hurricanes -

Eric Jay Dolin. A best-selling author tells the history of America itself through its 500-year battle with the fury of hurricanes.

The Organ Thieves: the Shocking Story of the First Heart Transplant in the Segregated South -

Chip Jones. An investigation into how racial inequality has shaped the heart transplant race describes how in 1968 an injured black man checked into a hospital before his heart was removed and donated without his family's knowledge or consent.

Vesper Flights - Helen MacDonald. The award-winning author of *H Is for Hawk* presents a collection of top-selected essays about humanity's relationship with nature, exploring subjects ranging from captivity and immigration to ostrich farming and the migrations of songbirds from the Empire State Building.

This Is Your Brain on Food: an Indispensable Guide to the Surprising Foods That Fight Depression, Anxiety, PTSD, OCD, ADHD, and More -

Uma Naidoo. A Harvard-trained psychiatrist, Cornell nutrition specialist and professional chef shares actionable dietary recommendations and brain-healthy recipes for foods that can support the treatments of common psychological and cognitive health challenges, from anxiety to sleep disorders.

Last Mission to Tokyo: the Extraordinary Story of the Doolittle Raiders and Their Final Fight for Justice -

Michel Paradis. A narrative account of the less-remembered Doolittle Raids of World War II traces the daring Raiders attack on mainland Japan and the international war crimes trials that defined Japanese-American relations and changed legal history.

Olive the Lionheart: Lost Love, Imperial Spies, and One Woman's Journey Into the

Heart of Africa - Brad Ricca. Draws on personal writings in an account of Olive MacLeod's search for her missing fiancé, naturalist Boyd Alexander, in 1910 Africa, a quest shaped by dangerous natural elements, a murderous leopard cult and two adorable lion cubs.

Caste: the Origins of Our Discontents - Isabel Wilkerson. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* identifies the qualifying characteristics of historical caste systems to reveal how a rigid hierarchy of human rankings, enforced by religious views, heritage and stigma, impact everyday American lives.

Tales from the Ant World - Edward O. Wilson. The Pulitzer Prize-winning Harvard professor emeritus and author of *Anthill* shares eloquent descriptions of his natural-world encounters with ants, from his boyhood explorations in the Alabama woods to his perilous journeys into the Brazilian rainforest.

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

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