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**FICTION**

**Fantasy & Science Fiction**

The Adventures of Amina al-Sirafi – Shannon Chakraborty. While trying to settle into a life of piety, motherhood and absolutely nothing that hints of the supernatural, Amina al-Sirafi, one of the Indian Ocean's most notorious pirates, is offered a job she cannot refuse, but soon discovers this final chance at glory comes with a high price—her soul.

Monstrilio – Gerardo Samano Cordova. Grieving mother Magos cuts out a piece of her deceased 11-year-old son's lung, nurturing it until it gains sentience, and hides this carnivorous little Monstrilio in the walls of her family's decaying Mexico City estate, but his innate impulses threaten to destroy this fragile second chance at life.

Our Share of Night – Mariana Enriquez. United in grief after the death of the wife and mother they both loved, a young father and son travel to confront the terrifying legacy she bequeathed – a family called the Order that commits unspeakable acts in search of immortality.

A Brief History of Living Forever – Jaroslav Kaifar. In an authoritarian near-future America obsessed with digital consciousness and eternal life, two long-lost siblings risk everything to save their mother from oblivion.

The Curator – Owen King. Searching for the truth behind the secret she's long concealed, Dora, a former domestic servant, is given curatorship of The National Museum of the Worker by her lover, a place that isn't at all what it seems as she unravels a monstrous conspiracy that brings her to the edge of worlds.

A House with Good Bones – T. Kingfisher. Warned by her brother that their mother seems "off," Sam visits and discovers a once-cozy home with sterile white walls, a her mom a jumpy, nervous wreck and a jar of teeth hidden in the rosebushes.

Lone Women – Victor LaValle. In 1915, Adelaide Henry, after her secret sin killed her parents, sets out for Montana, dragging an enormous steamer trunk that's locked at all times, to become one of the "lone women" taking advantage of the government's offer of free land where she hopes to bury her past.

Feed Them Silence – Lee Mandeto. Using a neurological interface to translate animal's perceptions through her own mind, a scientist becomes obsessed with seeing the world through the eyes of a wolf, endangering her marriage and threatening her mind and body.

**General Fiction**

Earth's the Right Place for Love – Elizabeth Berg. Arthur becomes friends with the hottest girl in his class even though she has a crush on his older brother and must come to terms with grief and how to go on when a sudden tragedy changes his world.

Lessons at the School by the Sea – Jenny Colgan. During summer holiday, beloved high school teacher Maggie Adair, despite being engaged to another man, falls for her colleague,

David McDonald, and faces an uncertain future, while the girls of Downey House each have their own challenges during the break.

Confidence – Rafaell Frumkin. A pair of best friends and occasional lovers who meet at a last-chance camp before juvenile detention embark on what they hope is a lucrative career in scam artistry with Nulife, a company that promises consumers a lifetime of bliss.

Hello Beautiful – Ann Napolitano. Awarded a college basketball scholarship away from his childhood home silenced by tragedy, a young man befriends a spirited young woman who welcomes him into her loving, loud, chaotic household in the new novel by the author of Dear Edward.

## **Historical Fiction**

Weyward – Emilia Hart. Told over five centuries through three connected women, this riveting novel follows Kate, in 2019, as she seeks refuge in Weyward Cottage; Altha, in 1619, as she uses her powers to maintain her freedom; and Violet, in 1942, as she searches for the truth about her mother's death.

The Perfumist of Paris – Alka Joshi. In 1974, Paris perfumer Radha, on the cusp of a breakthrough, travels to India where she enlists the help of her sister and the courtesans of Agra, who use the power of fragrance to seduce, while finally confronting a past secret, which threatens her already vulnerable marriage.

The Lost English Girl – Julia Kelly. During WWII, Viv Byrne, with her husband serving in the Royal Air Force, discovers the countryside safe haven she sent her daughter to wasn't immune from the horrors of war, and it is only years later, with his help, that she learns what it will take to put their family back together again.

The London Séance Society – Sarah Penner. In 1873, Lenna Wickes accompanies acclaimed spiritualist Vaudeline D'Allaire to England where they team up with London's exclusive Seance Society to solve a high-profile murder and soon suspect they are not merely out to solve a crime, but perhaps entangled in one themselves.

Kunstlers in Paradise – Cathleen Schine. In this powerful novel of stories hand down and handed on, and those held close to the heart, Julian Künstler, during the 2020 pandemic, is trapped in Venice, California, with his glamorous, eccentric 93-year-old grandmother who shares her experiences upon arriving in the US after escaping Nazi Germany.

Loyalty – Lisa Scottoline. Set during the rise of the Mafia in 19th-century Sicily, this epic story of good vs evil follows four individuals—a desperate lemon grower; an idealistic lawyer with a secret life; a new mother; and a reclusive goatherd under constant threat of being discovered as a Jew—as their lives collide.

Hang the Moon – Jeanette Walls. After encouraging her younger step-brother to participate in daredevil activities leads to an accident, Sallie Kincaid is cast out of her family in the new novel from the number one New York Times best-selling author of The Glass Castle.

Two Wars and a Wedding – Lauren Willig. As the Spanish-American war begins, archaeologist Betsy Hayes joins the Red Cross in search of her former best friend and

follows Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders straight to the heart of the fighting where dark memories of her last war resurface and her need to protect old and new friends intensifies.

## **Mystery & Detective**

Death of a Traitor – M. C. Beaton. When the nosiest neighbor in Lochdubh is seen lugging a heavy suitcase to the bus stop, town residents are pleased, until they discover she's gone missing, in the latest addition to the long-running series following *Death of a Green-Eyed Monster*.

The Refusal Camp – James R. Benn. The award-winning author of the Billy Boyle World War II mysteries presents an eclectic mix of new and previously published stories full of terror, action and humor that are rife with historical detail and riveting wartime storytelling.

All That is Hidden – Rhys Bowen. Former private detective Molly Murphy Sullivan is shocked when her husband tells her they are moving to Fifth Avenue and that he's running for sheriff in the latest addition to the long-running series following *Wild Irish Rose*.

Hiss & Tell – Rita Mae Brown. When a series of mysterious deaths spoil the Christmas season in Crozet, Virginia, Mary Minor "Harry" Harristeen and her beloved cats and dogs lend the police a helping paw.

The Donut Legion – Joe R. Lansdale. When his ex-wife, Meg, who works at a local donut shop run by an evangelist cult who believes in an extraterrestrial Second Coming, goes missing, Charlie Garner, along with his brother and a reporter, uncovers strange and frightening details in his quest to rescue Meg.

So Shall You Reap – Donna Leon. Assigned to investigate the murder of an undocumented Sri Lankan immigrant, Commissario Guido Brunetti must rely on gossip and the memories of people who knew the victim, and as parts of the puzzle come together, a connection to his own youthful past turns out to be the final piece.

The Golden Spoon – Jessa Maxwell. During her annual televised baking competition on her Vermont estate, celebrated baker Betsy Martin, hailed as "America's Grandmother," finds murder in the mix when a body is discovered, and everyone is a suspect.

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers – Jesse Q. Sutanto. When she discovers a dead man in the middle of her tea shop, Vera Wong, a suspicious Chinese mother with time on her hands, calls the police but not before swiping the flash drive from the body, setting a trap for the killer that becomes complicated by unexpected friendships with her customers.

The Kind Worth Saving – Peter Swanson. When a troubled woman from his past wants proof her husband is cheating, this simple case of infidelity turns into a murder investigation, forcing PI Henry Kimball to go back to one of the worst days of his life to uncover the truth.

The White Lady – Jacqueline Winspear. A former wartime operative and trained killer, Elinor White, settling in Kent, England, keeps to herself until the powerful Mackie crime family threatens her neighbors and former wartime colleagues, who know the truth about what happened in 1944, help free her from her past.

## **Romance**

The Sister Effect – Susan Mallery. When her sister, Sloane, a recovering addict, returns, wanting a relationship with her daughter, Finley McGowan, who has been raising her niece, struggles with forgiveness and trust with the help of a man who knows all too well how messy families can be.

Worthy Opponents – Danielle Steel. The CEO of the most respected and luxurious department store in NYC, Spencer Brooke goes up against Mike Weston, a wealthy investor who threatens to take over, but when bad luck strikes and she is backed into a corner, she must decide what's best for the family business.

## **Story Collections**

Old Babes in the Wood: Stories – Margaret Atwood. The internationally acclaimed, award-winning author of *The Handmaid's Tale* presents this stunning collection of short stories that showcase both her creativity and her humanity as she explores family relationships, marriage, loss and memory and what it means to spend a life together.

## **Suspense**

Birnam Wood – Eleanor Catton. The founder of a guerilla gardening group that plants crops on roadsides, parks and neglected yards fights an enigmatic billionaire over a parcel of land in the new novel from the Booker Prize-winning author of *The Luminaries*.

I Will Find You – Harlan Coben. Receiving evidence that his son might still be alive, an innocent father convicted of murdering his own child breaks out of prison to uncover the truth in the new novel by the best-selling author of *The Stranger*.

The Last Beekeeper – Julie Carrick Dalton. Returning to her childhood home, Sasha Severn, the daughter of the infamous Last Beekeeper, sees a honeybee, presumed extinct, which she believes is connected to her incarcerated father's missing research—a discovery that could threaten the lives of those around her—or save them all.

What Have We Done – Alex Finlay. The survivors of Savior House, an abusive group home for wayward teens, are forced to come together when someone one starts killing them one by one—a reunion none of them asked for or wanted, but one that may be the only way to save all their lives.

All That is Mine I Carry With Me – William Landay. When the remains of their mother's body are discovered twenty years after she went missing, three siblings must decide whether or not to believe their criminal defense attorney father is guilty of the murder or stand by him.

On the Line – Fern Michaels. Undergoing a series of genetic tests to learn the cause of his sudden illness, rising star chef Mateo Castillo discovers his results threatening to uncover a dark secret that will expose his family to dangers in the past, while clouding the investigation into who is trying to hurt him in the present.

48 Clues Into the Disappearance of My Sister – Joyce Carol Oates. Gigi's hatred for her beautiful sister is slowly revealed after Marguerite goes missing from her small town in

upstate New York, leaving a behind a silk Dior dress on the floor and prints from her Ferragamo boots exiting the house.

A Flaw in the Design – Nathan Oates. After his nephew is orphaned, a creative writing professor and his wife must take in seventeen-year-old Matthew and are concerned and panicked when the young man begins writing chilling stories that imagine the deaths of his parents and relatives.

Countdown – James Patterson. A young CIA agent has been handed an impossible mission, and has five days to save the world, four days to save her family and three hours to find the world's most dangerous double-agent.

Wolf Trap – Connor Sullivan. A former Ground Branch paramilitary officer, Brian Rhome, thinking his time with this elite group of shadow operatives was over, instead finds himself in the midst of a deadly conspiracy that threatens the highest levels of American democracy.

## **NONFICTION**

The Long Reckoning: a Story of War, Peace, and Redemption in Vietnam – George Black. This inspirational story follows a small group of veterans, scientists and Quaker-inspired pacifists and their Vietnamese partners as they used their moral authority, scientific and political ingenuity and sheer persistence to heal the horrors left in the wake of the military engagement in Southeast Asia.

The Declassification Engine: What History Reveals About America's Top Secrets – Matthew Connelly. Every day, thousands of new secrets are created by the United States government, but what is all this secrecy really for, and whom does it benefit?

Poverty, By America – Matthew Desmond. Drawing on history, research and original reporting, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Evicted* reimagines the debate on poverty, revealing there is so much poverty in America not in spite of our wealth but because of it, and builds a startlingly original case for eliminating poverty in our country.

The Things We Make: the Unknown History of Invention from Cathedrals to Soda Cans – Bill Hammack. From Stonehenge to microchips, discover the one simple method used to engineer the world as we know it.

A Stone is Most Precious Where It Belongs: a Memoir of Uyghur Exile, Hope, and Survival – Guichehra Hoja. An award-winning Uyghur journalist based in the United States, whose own family members disappeared, exposes the systematic destruction of culture and human rights by the Chinese government in the East Turkestan region.

Guardians of the Valley: John Muir and the Friendship That Saved Yosemite – Dean King. The author of the best-selling *Skeletons on the Zahara: A True Story of Survival* returns with the story of how legendary outdoorsman and conservationist John Muir's fight to save Yosemite National Park from predatory mining, tourism and the logging industry.

The Dirty Tricks Department: Stanley Lovell, the OSS, and the Masterminds of World

War II Secret Warfare – John Lisle. Drawing on extensive archival research and personal interviews, this previously untold story of the OSS Research and Development Branch, a secret group of scientists who invented deadly items, forged documents and performed truth drug experiments during WWII, explores the moral dilemmas they faced and reveals their dark legacy.

The Watchmaker's Daughter: the True Story of World War II Heroine Corrie Ten Boom – Larry Loftis. A New York Times best-selling author writes the first major biography of Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch watchmaker who saved the lives of hundreds of Jews during World War II—at the cost of losing her family and being sent to a concentration camp, only to survive, forgive her captors and live the rest of her life as a Christian missionary.

Your Brain on Art: How the Arts Transform Us – Susan Magsamen. Combining breakthrough research, insights from multidisciplinary pioneers and real-life stories, this authoritative guide to the new science of neuroaesthetics shows how the arts, from painting and dancing to expressive writing, architecture and more, are essential for improving physical and mental health.

The Odyssey of Phillis Wheatley: a Poet's Journeys Through American Slavery and Independence – David Waldstreicher. In this new biography of Phillis Wheatley, whose poetry was at the heart of the American Revolution, a noted historian offers the deepest account to date of her life and works, correcting myths, reconstructing intimate friendships and deepening our understanding of the revolutionary era.

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