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**FICTION**

**Fantasy & Science Fiction**

Medusa's Sisters – Lauren Bear. Monsters, but not, monstrous, Gorgons Stheno and Euryale, sisters of Medusa and horrifying hags, damned and doomed, finally tell the story of how they were changed by each other as they struggled against the inherent conflict between sisterhood and individuality, myth and truth, vengeance and peace.

Whalefall – Daniel Kraus. Diving in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Monastery Beach to find the remains of his deceased father, Jay Gardiner, in a terrifying turn of events, is swallowed by a sperm whale and has only one hour before his oxygen tanks run out—one hour to defeat his demons and escape.

Fever House – Keith Rosson. While collecting overdue drug money in a rundown Portland, Oregon apartment complex, Hutch Holtz discovers a severed hand in the client's refrigerator and quickly realizes the body part induces uncontrollable madness and violence and sets catastrophic forces into motion.

**General Fiction**

Family Lore – Elizabeth Acevedo. Follows the lives of several generations of women in the Marte family after gathering to honor Flor, who can predict the day someone will die, decides to throw herself a huge party as a living wake.

Shark Heart: a Love Story – Emily Habeck. When her husband Lewis, a few weeks after their wedding, receives a rare diagnosis—his physical body will gradually turn into a great white shark, Wren, struggling with his fate, finds his developing carnivorous nature activating long-repressed memories which forces her to make an impossible choice.

Those We Thought We Knew – David Joy. Returning to her ancestral home in the North Carolina mountains to complete her graduate thesis, Toya, a young Black artist, sets her sights on something bigger when she encounters a still-standing Confederate monument in the heart of town and two horrific crimes split the county apart.

The Connellys of County Down – Tracey Lange. After serving 18 months on a drug charge, 30-year-old Tara Connelly returns home to live with her siblings, and as she works to build a new career and hold her family together, especially when secrets threaten to tear them apart forever, she finds love in a most unlikely place.

Speech Team – Tim Murphy. Reuniting after the suicide of their former speech team teammate, Tip, Nat, Anthony and Jennifer discover an unsettling thread connected to their speech team coach and his deeply cutting remarks and decide to confront him at his posh retirement resort in Florida, which has unimaginable consequences.

The Bee Sting – Paul Murray. From the author of Skippy Dies, an comes a thought-provoking novel about family, fortune, and the struggle to be a good person when the world is falling apart.

Tom Lake – Ann Patchett. Recalling the past at her daughters' request, Lara tells the story of a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance with a theater company called Tom Lake that causes her daughters to examine their own lives and reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.

A Council of Dolls – Mona Susan Power. Details the story of three women from different generations, told through the stories of the dolls they carried in 1888, 1925 and 1961 bringing to light the damage done to indigenous people through history.

The English Experience – Julie Schumacher. Chaperoning Payne University's annual "Experience: Abroad," beleaguered Professor Jason Fitger strives to navigate safe passage for eleven undergrads, including a claustrophobe, a pair of unreconciled lovers and a young woman who has never been away from her cat before, through a sea of personal, institutional and international troubles.

The Breakaway – Jennifer Weiner. While leading a group bike trip from NYC to Niagara Falls, 34-year-old Abby Stern, newly engaged, encounters Sebastian, the one-night stand she never thought she'd see again, and, determined to keep him at arm's length over the next two weeks, finds her certainties about herself and the nature of love challenged.

## **Historical Fiction**

California Golden – Melanie Benjamin. Two teens in 1960s California grapple with the unconventional path of their mother, who defies societal expectations as a talented female surfer in the new novel from the New York Times best-selling author of *The Children's Blizzard*.

The Paris Assignment – Rhys Bowen. After the death of her son, Madeleine accepts a request from the ministry to aid in the war effort and, returning to France, confronts the devastation of WWII as she fights to take down the Nazis, find her husband and ultimately survive against inconceivable odds.

The Romantic – William Boyd. A 19th-century everyman, Cashel Greville Ross seeks his fortune around the world, traveling as a soldier, farmer, felon, writer and father, experiencing all the vicissitudes of existence, including a once-in-a-lifetime love, and realizing his greatest accomplishment is discovering who he truly is.

Canary Girls – Jennifer Chiaverini. During World War I, April Tipton, a nineteen-year-old former maid takes a job at Thornshire Arsenal filling shells where she befriends the wife of a star footballer and she decides to join the ladies' football club.

Learned by Heart – Emma Donoghue. Based on a true story and a five-million-word secret journal, this extraordinary work of fiction follows an orphaned heiress, banished from India to England, and a brilliant, troublesome tomboy who meet at the Manor School for young ladies in 1805 York where they fall secretly, deeply and dangerous in love.

The Invisible Hour – Alice Hoffman. Abandoning the rules of the Community, an oppressive cult in western Massachusetts where contact with the outside world is forbidden and books are considered evil, Mia Jacob, after secretly reading *The Scarlet Letter*, discovers the power of the written word, which leads her on a journey of love, heartbreak and self-discovery.

The Keeper of Hidden Books – Madeline Martin. As bombs rain down on Warsaw and Hitler's forces surround the city, childhood friends Marta and Janina join the war effort using one of the only weapons that still feel safe to them: literature, fighting to preserve their culture and community and finding hope in each other in order to survive.

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store – James McBride. When a skeleton is unearthed in the small, close-knit community of Chicken Hill, Pennsylvania, in 1972, an unforgettable cast of characters, living on the margins of white, Christian America closely guard a secret, especially when the truth is revealed about what happened and the part the town's white establishment played in it.

Mrs. Porter Calling – A. J. Pearce. In London during WWII, Emmy Lake, now in charge of "Yours Cheerfully"—a huge popular advice column in Woman's Friend magazine, finds her world turned upside down by the magazine's new publisher, a glamorous socialite who announces she's cutting the column, forcing Emmy and her friends to take action.

## **Mystery & Detective**

Dead Mountain – Douglas Preston. A renowned archaeologist and an FBI agent investigate when a group of backpackers become so terrified they slashed their way out of their tent and into a blizzard, in the fourth novel of the series following Diablo Mesa.

The Girl in the Eagle's Talons – Karin Smirnoff. Named guardian to her niece, whose mother has disappeared, Lisbeth Salander, while keeping the remarkably gifted teenager safe, comes to Mikael Blomkvist's aid when rumors about the man his daughter is about to marry lead to violence, plunging them both into a world of conspiracy and betrayal in the ice-bound wilderness.

A Chateau Under Siege – Martin Walker. When a French intelligence official is stabbed during an historical reenactment, Bruno, the mayor of Sarlat, must protect the victim's daughters, friends and secrets while investigating in the latest addition to the series following To Kill a Troubadour.

## **Romance**

Happiness – Danielle Steel. A successful author of thrillers receives a mysterious letter about an inheritance of a manor and a title from a recently deceased uncle outside London and her plans to sell the place quickly fade as she contemplates a different life.

## **Suspense**

Out of Nowhere – Sandra Brown. Brought together by a mass shooting at a Texas county fair, children's book author and single mother Elle Portman and high-rolling corporate consultant Calder Hudson, both fueled by revenge, search for a killer while wondering if the attraction growing between them is too painful and complicated to sustain.

Good Bad Girl – Alice Feeney. When a baby is stolen from a stroller and someone at a nursing home is murdered, four women who distrust each other must investigate together, in the new novel by the best-selling author of Daisy Darker.

The Last Ranger – Peter Heller. While investigating the background of a local poacher, Officer Ren Hopper, an enforcement ranger at Yellowstone National Park, discovers a

frightening conspiracy, in this masterful portrait of the American west where greed, love, family and community play out amidst the stunning beauty of the natural world.

None of This is True – Lisa Jewell. Popular podcaster Alix Summer becomes the subject of her own podcast after a woman named Josie Fair comes into her life and then disappears, leaving behind a terrible and terrifying legacy that puts her life and her family's lives in mortal danger.

Just Another Missing Person – Gillian McAllister. While investigating the disappearance of 22-year-old Oliva, Julia, the detective heading up the case, discovers, to save her own family, she must not find out what happened to Oliva and must frame somebody else for her murder.

Lion & Lamb – James Patterson. Rival PIs, Veena Lion and Cooper Lamb work the same intense headline-making case involving an Eagles starting quarterback and his even more famous wife, a Grammy-winning singer, and together, knowing every secret in Philadelphia, prove how two wrongs can make a right.

Bone Hacker – Kathy Reichs. Called in to help investigate the murders of young male tourists on the islands of Turks and Caicos, forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan makes a discovery that could have global significance, making herself a target.

## **NONFICTION**

The Underworld: Journeys to the Depths of the Ocean – Susan Casey. Drawing on interviews with marine geologists, marine biologists and oceanographers, a premiere chronicler of the aquatic world and New York Times best-selling author provides a fascinating history of deep-sea exploration and shows how urgent it is that we understand the ocean in a time of increasing threats from climate change.

Is Math Real? How Simple Questions Lead Us to Mathematic's Deepest Truths – Eugenia Cheng. A much-needed repudiation of the rigid ways we're taught to do math, and a celebration of the true, curious spirit of the discipline. Written with intelligence and passion, *Is Math Real?* brings us math as we've never seen it before, revealing how profound insights can emerge from seemingly unlikely sources.

President Garfield: From Radical to Unifier – C. W. Goodyear. A prominent historian presents this magisterial biography chronicling the extraordinary, tragic life and times of our 20th president—an impoverished boy working his way from the frontier to the Presidency, trying to raise a more righteous, peaceful Republic out of the ashes of civil war.

Owner of a Lonely Heart: a Memoir – Beth Nguyen. In this memoir about parenthood, absence and the condition of being a refugee, the author, who fled Saigon for America at the end of the Vietnam War, while her mother stayed behind, tells a coming-of-age story spanning her Midwestern childhood, her first meeting with her mother and becoming a parent herself.

In Defense of Love: an Argument – Ron Rosenbaum. Examining the intersection of love with literature and science, the acclaimed author of *The Shakespeare Wars* shows how the very capacity that makes us human is being taken over by numerical methods of analysis

and encourages us to celebrate the mysterious and noble phenomenon of surrendering to love.

Congratulations, the Best is Over!: Essays – R. Eric Thomas. The best-selling author of *Here for It: Or, How to Save Your Soul in America* presents a collection of relatable and humorous essays that explore his return to his hometown of Baltimore.

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