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FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

The Tainted Cup – Robert Jackson Bennett. Investigating a seemingly impossible death, detective Ana Dolabra, whose brilliance is matched only by her eccentricities, and her new magically altered assistant, Din, who is trying to keep his own secrets safe from her piercing intellect, uncover a scheme that threatens the safety of the Empire itself.

The Parliament – Aimee Pokwatka. When tens of thousands of owls descend on her hometown library, rending and tearing at anyone foolish enough to step outside, Madigan Purdy, tasked with keeping her students safe, seeks inspiration from her favorite childhood book, *The Silent Queen*, to find a solution to their dilemma.

Projections – S. E. Porter. As a young woman seeks vengeance on the obsessed sorcerer who murdered her because he could not have her, her murderer sends projections of himself out into the world to seek out and seduce women who will return the love she denied—or suffer mortal consequence.

General Fiction

Fourteen Days: a Collaborative Novel – Authors Guild. During the pandemic, a group of Manhattan neighbors gather nightly on a rooftop to tell stories in a collaborative novel where each character was secretly written by a major literary voice, including Margaret Atwood and Celest Ng.

The Adversary – Michael Crummey. When his wedding to the daughter of a rival merchant to cement his hold on the shore is sabotaged, Abe Strapp, in an isolated outpost on Newfoundland's northern coastline, seeks revenge on the person he despises most in the world, dividing the community with devastating consequences.

Green Dot – Madeleine Gray. A love story about the terrible allure of wanting something that promises nothing.

Plastic – Scott Guild. Erin, a figurine who sells wearable tech that allows full, physical immersion in a virtual world free from war, governmental monitoring and eco-terrorists, finally experiences hope when she meets Jacob, a blind figurine, until a crack in her carefully constructed façade threatens to expose her very real vulnerability.

The Women – Kristin Hannah. In 1965, nursing student Frankie McGrath, after hearing the words "Women can be heroes, too," impulsively joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows her brother to Vietnam where she is overwhelmed by the destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed and politically divided America.

The Other Valley – Scott Alexander Howard. A novel about an isolated town neighbored by its own past and future, and a young girl who spots two elderly visitors from across the border: the grieving parents of the boy she loves.

The Summer Book Club – Susan Mallery. In the small town of Los Lobos, California, three women join a local indie bookstore's summer book club—devoted entirely to romance

novels—and become life-long friends as they navigate the messiness of motherhood, second chances and becoming the person you’ve always wanted to be.

The Moorings of Mackerel Sky – MZ. A contemporary novel marries fantasy with the everyday, in a story about a Maine lobstering town whose local myths come to life.

Wandering Stars – Tommy Orange. Traces the legacies of the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864 and the Carlisle Indian Industrial School through to the shattering aftermath of Orvil Red Feather’s shooting in There There.

Greta & Valdin – Rebecca K. Reilly. A brother and sister navigate queerness, multiracial identity and the dramas big and small of their entangled, unconventional family, all while flailing their way to love.

Historical Fiction

The Fox Wife – Yangsze Choo. In 1908 Manchuria, Bao, a detective with an uncanny ability to sniff out the truth, is hired to uncover the identity of a dead courtesan, while a secretive woman named Snow, seeking vengeance for her lost child, navigates the myths and misconceptions of fox spirits to find a murderer.

The Painter’s Daughters – Emily Howes. A story of love, madness, sisterly devotion and control, about the two beloved daughters of renowned 1700s English painter Thomas Gainsborough, who struggle to live up to the perfect image the world so admired in their portraits.

Last Summer at Chelsea Beach – Pam Jenoff. Young Adelia Monteforte begins the summer of 1941 aboard a crowded ship bound for America, utterly alone yet free of Fascist Italy. Whisked away to the seaside by her well-meaning aunt and uncle, she basks in the noisy affection of the boisterous Irish Catholic boys next door. And although she adores all four of the Connally brothers, it’s the eldest, Charlie, she pines for. But all hopes for a future together are throttled by the creep of war and a tragedy that hits much closer to home. Grief-stricken, Addie flees--first to Washington and then to war-torn London, where she finds a position at a prestigious newspaper, as well as a chance for a new beginning. But the past always nips at her heels. And in a final, fateful choice, Addie will discover that the only way home may be a path she never suspected.

Mystery & Detective

Paper Cage – Tom Baragwanath. When her young nephew is the latest child to go missing, Lorraine Henry, a records clerk at the Masterton police station, with the cops dragging their heels, launches her own investigation—one that exposes all the good and all the bad in her small town.

Death of a Spy – M. C. Beaton. Scottish Highland village Sergeant Hamish Macbeth introduces as his new assistant officer, James Bland, an American who is secretly investigating a Russian spy ring, in the latest addition to the long-running series following Death of a Traitor.

Village in the Dark – Iris Yamashita. When shocking clues emerge, revealing her husband and son were possibly murdered, potentially connected to a string of other deaths and

disappearances, Detective Cara Kennedy will stop at nothing to find the truth, placing her own life and the lives of those around her in mortal danger.

Romance

Simply the Best – Susan Elizabeth Phillips. When Brett, the hottest sports agent in the business, and Rory, the sister of his superstar client, meet and have a disastrous one-night stand, resulting in murder, they find things getting messy, dangerous, heartbreaking and sexy as they struggle with themselves, each other and love.

Story Collections

Float Up, Sing Down – Laird Hunt. A collection of fourteen interwoven short stories from the author of *Zorrie*, each of which takes place on the same day, in the same close-knit, small-town community in Indiana, each told from the perspective of a different resident.

Suspense

Three-Inch Teeth – C. J. Box. When the outlaw he locked up years ago is released from prison, determined to exact revenge on the six people who sent him away, Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett, with a grizzly bear on a rampage, soon discovers he's one of those six people.

End of Story – A. J. Finn. Invited by a reclusive mystery novelist to help draft his life story, a longtime correspondent and detective fiction expert finds herself in a real whodunnit when she learns the writer's first wife and son mysteriously vanished.

The Split – Kit Frick. A pair of sisters delve into their family's dark past and how a single choice can drastically alter the trajectory of our lives.

Lone Wolf – Gregg Hurwitz. Orphan X helps a little girl find her missing dog and finds himself battered between feuding AI technocrat billionaires and a female assassin called the Wolf in the ninth novel of the series following *The Last Orphan*.

The Ghost Orchid – Jonathan Kellerman. Consulting on the baffling double murder of a playboy heir to an Italian shoe empire and his married lover, brilliant psychologist Alex Delaware and LAPD homicide lieutenant Milo Sturgis are led to L.A.'s darkest side as they contend with one of the most shocking cases of their careers.

The Guest – B. A. Paris. When their friend Laure moves in after her husband reveals he's had a child with another woman, Iris and Gabriel, with Laure acting increasingly unhinged and broken relationships and hidden motives linked to a recent tragedy piling up around them, must reckon with whether their happy life has been an illusion.

Crosshairs – James Patterson. NYC detective Michael Bennett teams up with a former Army Ranger and sniper whose long, unexplained absences from duty causes suspicions during the investigation of a serial killer, in the 16th novel of the series following *Obsessed*.

Missing Persons – James Patterson. A wealthy businessman approaches Jack Morgan, head of Private - the world's largest investigation agency - with a desperate plea to track down his daughter and two grandchildren, who have disappeared without a trace. What at first seems to be a simple missing persons case soon escalates into something much more

deadly, when Jack discovers the daughter is being pursued by highly trained operatives. As Jack uncovers more of the woman's backstory, the trail leads towards Afghanistan - where Jack's career as a US Marine ended in catastrophe . . . Jack will need to face the trauma of his past to save a family's future.

The Price You Pay – Nick Petrie. When they discover someone has stolen notebooks full of incriminating secrets about his closest friend Lewis's long-ago crimes, Peter and Lewis, to get them back, face ruthless and violent enemies at each turn, forcing them decide how far they'll go to save the people they love most.

Nightwatching – Tracy Sierra. Hiding her children in a tiny, secret room concealed behind a wall to keep them safe from an intruder, a mother struggles to remain calm, but when she catches a glimpse of the man who is terrorizing them, she realizes she knows exactly who he is and what he wants.

NONFICTION

Grief is for People – Sloane Crosley. The author explores multiple kinds of loss following the death of her closest friend.

Otter Country: an Unexpected Adventure in the Natural World – Miriam Darlington. Over the course of a single year, Darlington takes readers on a winding expedition in pursuit of these elusive creatures-from her home in Devon, England, through the wilds of Scotland, Wales, the Lake District, and the countryside of Cornwall. As she's drawn deeper into wilder habitats, trekking through changing landscapes, seasons, and weather, Darlington meets biologists, conservationists, fishing and hunting enthusiasts, and poets-enriching her understanding, admiration, and awe of the wild otter.

Street Smart Safety for Women: Your Guide to Defensive Living – Joy Farrow. In a book written by women for women, Street Smart Safety for Women offers tips on defensive living that will increase readers' reliance on the one thing that can protect them most: their safety intuition.

The Hank Show: How a House-Painting, Drug-Running DEA Informant Built the Machine That Rules Our Lives – McKenzie Funk. (*October release*) Taking you on a 40-year journey of intrigue and innovation, a critically acclaimed journalist relates the stranger-than-fiction story of Hank Asher, who careened from drug-running pilot to alleged CIA asset to the father of data fusion, becoming a billionaire whose creations now power a new reality where your every move is tracked.

Living the Vanlife: On the Road Toward Sustainability, Community, and Joy – Naomi Grevemberg. (*July release*) Through personal stories and actionable advice, an eco-vanifer and founder of the Diversity Vanlife movement breaks down all aspects of the van lifestyle and demonstrates for readers that challenging the "status quo" means taking bold steps, venturing out of your comfort zone, taking risks and living intentionally.

The Story of Art without Men – Katy Hessel. (*May release*) Guided by Katy Hessel, art historian and founder of @thegreatwomenartists, discover the glittering paintings by Sofonisba Anguissola of the Renaissance, the radical work of Harriet Powers in the nineteenth-century United States and the artist who really invented the "readymade." Explore the Dutch Golden Age, the astonishing work of postwar artists in Latin America, and

the women defining art in the 2020s. Have your sense of art history overturned and your eyes opened to many artforms often ignored or dismissed. From the Cornish coast to Manhattan, Nigeria to Japan, this is the history of art as it's never been told before.

Class: a Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education – Stephanie Land.

(November release) Paints an intimate and heartbreaking portrait of motherhood as it converges and often conflicts with personal desire and professional ambition. *Who has the right to create art? Who has the right to go to college? And what kind of work is valued in our culture?* In clear, candid, and moving prose, *Class* grapples with these questions, offering a searing indictment of America's educational system and an inspiring testimony of a mother's triumph against all odds.

How to ADHD: an Insider's Guide to Working with Your Brain (Not Against It) – Jessica

McCabe. *(January release)* Reveals the tools that have changed her life while offering an unflinching look at the realities of living with ADHD. The key to navigating a world not built for the neurodivergent brain, she discovered, isn't to fix or fight against its natural tendencies but to understand and work with them. She explains how ADHD affects everyday life, covering executive function impairments, rejection sensitivity, difficulties with attention regulation, and more. You'll also find ADHD-specific strategies for adapting your environment, routines, and systems.

Four Thousand Paws: Caring for the Dogs of the Iditarod: a Veterinarian's Story – Lee

Morgan. An award-winning veterinarian who cares for the dogs who compete in the annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races shares the story of the heroic canine athletes who risk injury, illness and fatigue while facing the dangers of the Arctic.

The Secret History of Bigfoot: Field Notes on a North American Monster – John

O'Connor. Journalist and writer John O'Connor takes readers on a narrative quest through the American wilds in search of Bigfoot, its myth and meaning. Inhabited by an eccentric cast of characters – reputable men of science and deluded charlatans alike – the book explores the zany and secretive world of "cryptozoology," tracking Bigfoot from the Wild Men of Native American and European lore to Harry and the Hendersons, while examining the forces behind our ever-widening belief in the supernatural.

The Race to Be Myself: a Memoir – Caster Semenya. *(October release)* Olympian and

World Champion Caster Semenya is finally ready to share the vivid and heartbreaking story of how the world came to know her name. Thrust into the spotlight at just eighteen years old after winning the Berlin World Championships in 2009, Semenya's win was quickly overshadowed by criticism and speculation about her body, and she became the center of a still-raging firestorm about how gender plays out in sports, our expectations of female athletes, and the right to compete as you are.

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