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FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

The Familiar – Leigh Bardugo. During the Spanish Golden Age, Luzia Cotado, gifted with magic, garners the attention of the disgraced secretary to Spain's king, plunging her into a world where the lines between magic, science and fraud blur—and where she must enlist the help of an embittered immortal familiar whose deadly secrets could destroy them both.

Ghost Station – S. A. Barnes. While part of a small space exploration crew on an abandoned planet, a psychologist confronts a gruesome murder and twisted secrets as she races to prevent history from repeating itself in the form of a space-borne madness.

I Cheerfully Refuse – Leif Enger. In a climate-ravaged America, a grieving musician sails a sentient Lake Superior, seeking his lost love amidst rising corpses, crumbling empires, and an unexpected rebellion sparked by his own gentle spirit.

General Fiction

Wild Houses – Colin Barrett. In Ballina, Ireland, introspective loner Dev, when Doll English, the younger brother of a small-time local dealer shows up on his doorstep in the clutches of Dev's enforcer cousins, finds his quiet homelife upturned as he is quickly and unwittingly drawn into a revenge plot and a kidnapping gone awry.

The Fellowship of Puzzlemakers – Samuel Burr. Raised by a group of eccentric enigmatologists, 20-something Clayton Summer, when the esteemed crossword compiler and main maternal presence in his life passes away, bestowing her final puzzle on him, embarks on a quest to uncover the secrets surrounding his birth, which will change him, and the Fellowship of Puzzlemakers, forever.

The Marriage Sabbatical – Lian Dolan. A couple decides to take a vacation from their marriage in a fun, adventurous novel by the author of *The Sweeney Sisters*.

The Alternatives – Caoilinn Hughes. The four Flattery sisters—all single, all with PhDs—lead disparate, distanced lives until their oldest sister, a geologist, disappears, and together for the first time in years, they search the Irish countryside for a sister who doesn't want to be found, while confronting old wounds and a desperately uncertain future.

Real Americans – Rachel Khong. In this intricately woven tapestry of class and striving, race and visibility, and family and inheritance, 15-year-old Nick Chen, who cannot shake the feeling his mother is hiding something, sets out to find his biological father—a journey that raises more questions than provides answers.

A Short Walk Through a Wide World – Douglas Westerbeke. Cursed with immortality at nine, but with a requirement that she stays in perpetual motion, Aubry flees Paris and embarks on a century-spanning, globe-trotting odyssey, seeking a cure and discovering a world beyond the boundaries of time and space.

Historical Fiction

The Garden – Clare Beams. In 1948, pregnant Irene Willard, who's had five previous miscarriages, stays with a husband-and-wife team of doctors who are pioneering a cure for her condition, where she discovers a long-forgotten garden—a place imbued with its own powers and pulls, making a desperate bid to harness the garden's power despite the consequences.

Miss Morgan's Book Brigade – Janet Skeslien Charles. The New York Times and internationally best-selling author of *The Paris Library* returns with a novel based on the true story of Jessie Carson—the American librarian who changed the literary landscape of France.

Sharpe's Command – Bernard Cornwell. Sent on an undercover mission to a small village in the Spanish countryside in the early 19th century, far behind enemy lines, the formidable Captain Sharpe and his group of men—with their cunning and courage to rely on—must stop two French armies from meeting on the Almaraz bridge.

Clear – Carys Davies. An impoverished 1840s Scottish minister tasked with evicting a hermit from his island home ends up forming an unlikely connection with the man as the pair navigate language, loss and the legacy of forced displacement.

The Evolution of Annabel Craig – Lisa Grunwald. When John T. Scopes is arrested for teaching Charles Darwin's theory of evolution at the local high school in 1925, Annabel Hayes, with her marriage already strained, questions both her beliefs and her vows with her attorney husband joins the team defending Scopes.

The Sicilian Inheritance – Jo Piazza. Inheriting a plot of land in Sicily, along with a bombshell family secret—her great-grandmother Serafina didn't die of illness but was murdered—Sara Marsala races all over the picturesque Italian countryside to solve a mystery and learn the real story of Serafina, putting her in the crosshairs of a killer.

The Titanic Survivors Book Club – Timothy Schaffert. Paris bookshop owner Yorick, joining a secret society of other Titanic ticket holders who didn't board the ship, forms a book club where they can grapple with their good fortune and anxieties through heated discussions of literature, but when one of them unexpectedly dies, he wonders what fate has in store.

Only the Brave – Danielle Steel. During World War II, Sophia Alexander, after her mother dies and her father is sent to a concentration camp, becomes increasingly involved in the resistance and while working with the convent nuns, the Sisters of Mercy where she risks everything to help those in need—no matter what the cost.

Your Presence is Mandatory – Sasha Vasilyuk. A novel based on real events follows a World War II veteran with a secret that could land him in the Gulag, and his family who are forced to live in the shadow of all he has not told them.

Mystery & Detective

Next of Kin – Samantha Jayne Allen. From a Tony Hillerman Prize-winning author comes a new novel set in a hardscrabble Texas town, where the past is never far away.

Feline Fatale – Rita Mae Brown. Mary Minor "Harry" Harristeen investigates a murder in Albermarle County, Virginia with assistance from her beloved pets, including cats Mrs. Murphy and Pewter and dogs Pirate and Tucker in the latest novel in the long-running series following Hiss and Tell.

The Last Word – Elly Griffiths. Words turn deadly with an unlikely detective duo on the case of a murdered obituary writer in this literary mystery from the internationally best-selling author of the Ruth Galloway series.

Lost Birds – Anne Hillerman. Retired from the Navajo Tribal Police, P.I. Joe Leaphorn is hired to find the birth parents of a woman raised by a bilagaana family, which unexpectedly turns into a complicated case, while Officer Bernadette Manuelito investigates an explosion linked his investigation.

Close to Death – Anthony Horowitz. When Charles Kentworthy is found dead on his doorstep after moving his loud, boisterous family into an idyllic gated community, Detective Hawthorne investigates, in the fifth novel of the series following *The Twist of a Knife*.

Pay Dirt – Sara Paretsky. While visiting Angela, one her protégées in Kansas, V.I. Warshawski, when Angela's roommate goes missing and V.I. finds her near death in a drug house, is pitched headlong into the country's opioid crisis and a local land-use battle with roots going back to the Civil War.

Death in the Details – Katie Tietjen. Maple Bishop is ready to put WWII and the grief of losing her husband, Bill, behind her. But when she discovers that Bill left her penniless, Maple realizes she could lose her Vermont home next and sets out to make money the only way she knows how: by selling her intricately crafted dollhouses. Business is off to a good start—until Maple discovers her first customer dead, his body hanging precariously in his own barn. Determined to help the local authorities see "what's big in what's small," Maple turns to what she knows best, painstakingly recreating the gruesome scene in miniature. With the help of a rookie officer named Kenny, Maple digs into the dark undercurrents of her sleepy town, where everyone seems to have a secret—and a grudge. But when her nosy neighbor goes missing and she herself becomes a suspect, it'll be up to Maple to find the devil in the details—and put him behind bars. (*LOCAL NOTE: Katie Tietjen is Phil Devlin's daughter!*)

Romance

Funny Story – Emily Henry. After being dumped for her boyfriend's lifelong best friend, Petra, Daphne agrees to room with Petra's freshly heartbroken ex until she can figure things out, in the new novel from the New York Times best-selling author of *Happy Place*.

Just for the Summer – Abby Jimenez. With every person they date finding their soulmate the second they break up, Justin and Emma decide to date each other and break up to cancel each other's curse out, but their quick fling turns something more when their families get involved and they catch real feelings for each other.

The Summer We Started Over – Nancy Thayer. Returning to Nantucket to help her younger sister with the grand opening of her gift shop, Eddie Grant must face all she left behind: her father's increased eccentricities; her sister's resentment of her leaving; and a

past love connection, discovering a long-buried family secret that will change them all forever.

Colton Gentry's Third Act – Jeff Zentner. A grieving country star, haunted by tragedy and bad bourbon-based decisions, finds redemption and rediscovers himself in his Kentucky hometown while working alongside his high school sweetheart amidst flashbacks to their musical past.

Story Collections

The Werewolf at Dusk: and Other Stories – David Small. Through three interconnected stories, linked by the dread of things internal, the #1 New York Times best-selling author of *Stitches* and modern master of graphic literature turns his attention to the twilight of life and to aging, gracefully or otherwise.

Table for Two: Fictions – Amor Towles. The New York Times best-selling author shares six stories based in New York City, which consider the fateful consequences that can spring from brief encounters, and a novella set in Golden Age Hollywood, told from seven different viewpoints, which stars the indomitable Evelyn Ross.

Suspense

A Calamity of Souls – David Baldacci. In a Virginia courtroom in 1968, a reluctant white lawyer and a dedicated black attorney must bridge their differences to fight for a black man's life against racial prejudice and powerful forces seeking to undo civil rights progress.

It Had To Be You – Mary Higgins Clark. Years after their parents' murder, identical twin brothers, determined to clear one name at the expense of the other, ask Laura Moran and her Under Suspicion crew to solve this brutal crime and as they get close to the truth, they find the danger from the past finding its way into the present.

Darling Girls – Sally Hepworth. Two women who escaped an overly strict home with a foster mother on a farm are called back to their childhood home and into the orbit of their former guardian when human bones are discovered beneath the farmhouse.

She's Not Sorry – Mary Kubica. Single mother and full-time nurse Meghan Michaels, when it is revealed her patient with a traumatic brain injury did not jump from a bridge but was pushed, mistakenly lets herself get too close to the case, realizing she and her daughter could be the next victims.

A Game of Lies – Clare Mackintosh. Seven reality show contestants are trapped in the Welsh mountains, facing the shameful worldwide reveal of their deepest secrets, but when the disappearance of a contestant triggers a more deadly game, DC Ffion Morgan is employed in an investigation more complex than she had ever imagined.

Daughter of Mine – Megan Miranda. Returning to Mirror Lake after inheriting her childhood home, Hazel discovers long-hidden secrets that may explain the mystery of her mother's disappearance, in the new novel from the New York Times best-selling author of *All the Missing Girls*.

The Murder Inn – James Patterson. The owner of the Inn at Gloucester, a place open to anyone running from trouble or hiding from life, former Boston police detective Bill Robinson

must defend his town, his chosen family and his home when a newcomer in town launches a series of attacks.

The North Line – Matt Riordan. Joining an Alaskan fishing crew for some quick money, Adam, on the unforgiving Bering Sea, is invigorated by the labor and comradery, but when violence stalks the waves, he is thrust into a struggle for survival at the edge of the world where evolutionary and social forces collide for outcomes beyond anyone's control.

Toxic Prey – John Sandford. When a renowned expert in infectious diseases disappears without a trace, Letty Davenport, with the world on high alert, calls in her father, Lucas, to locate him, and when their worst fears are confirmed, they must race against time to stop the virus he created from becoming the perfect weapon.

City in Ruins – Don Winslow. A Las Vegas casino mogul with a spotty past must fight for the life he created and everything he holds dear after old enemies surface, in the third novel of the series following City of Dreams.

NONFICTION

Under the Henfluence: Inside the World of Backyard Chickens and the People Who Love Them – Tove Danovich. Accompanied by delightful and sometimes heartbreaking anecdotes from the author's own henhouse, this blend of chicken-keeping memoir and animal welfare reporting explores the lives of these quirky, mysterious birds, interviewing the people breeding, training, healing and, most importantly, adoring chickens.

Cook It Up: Bold Moves for Family Foods – Alex Guarnaschelli. A Food Network host and judge on Chopped joins forces with her teenage daughter for a collection of modern family meal dishes including Nanny Ida's Crisp Potato Latkes, Baked Chicken Wings with Garlicky Ranch, Marinated Skirt Steak and Paprika Chicken.

The Demon of Unrest: a Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War – Erik Larson. Drawing on diaries, secret communiques, slave ledgers and plantation ledgers, the #1 New York Times best-selling author of *The Splendid and the Vile* offers a gripping account of the months between Lincoln's election and the start of the Civil War, which tore a deeply divided nation in two.

The Age of Magical Overthinking: Notes on Modern Irrationality – Amanda Montell. A blend of cultural criticism and personal narrative explores our cognitive biases and the power, disadvantages and highlights of magical thinking.

The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians: Their Stories are Better Than the Bestsellers – James Patterson. Showcasing the smart and talented people who live between the pages, this inspiring collection of true stories, as told to one of the greatest novelists of our time, invites us into a world where we can feed our curiosities, discover new voices and find whatever we want or require.

Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder – Salman Rushdie. The internationally renowned writer and Booker Prize winner speaks out for the first time about the traumatic events of August 12, 2022, when an attempt was made on his life, in this deeply personal meditation on violence, art, loss, love and finding the strength to stand up again.

The Wide, Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook – Hampton Sides. Part high-seas adventure, part examination of the Age of Exploration, this account of Captain James Cook's last voyage in 1776 charts how his overt and covert missions came to a head on the island of Hawaii and left behind a complex and controversial legacy still debated to this day.

Dinner Tonight: 100 Simple, Healthy Recipes for Every Night of the Week – Alex Snodgrass. The New York Times best-selling author of *The Defined Dish* offers flexible, simple and healthy weeknight dinner recipes including Seared Tuna with White Bean and Arugula Salad, Chicken Pot Pie Chowder and 2AM Kimchi Noodles.

The Lede: Dispatches from a Life in the Press – Calvin Trillin. Drawing on his six-decade career, the best-selling author and beloved New Yorker writer, in this fascinating, opinionated portrait of journalism, uses his unique combination of reportage and humor to take on his own professional environment: the American press.

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