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FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

I'm Afraid You've Got Dragons – Peter S. Beagle. Unhappily inheriting his late father's job as a dragon catcher/exterminator Robert dreams of quitting and becoming a princess valet because he just really likes the dragons in the new novel by the best-selling author of *The Last Unicorn*.

Lake of Souls: Collected Short Fiction – Ann Leckie. Journey across the stars of the Imperial Radch universe. Listen to the words of the Old Gods that ruled the Raven Tower. Learn the secrets of the mysterious Lake of Souls. And so much more, in this masterfully wide-ranging and immersive short fiction collection from award-winning author Ann Leckie.

General Fiction

The Ministry of Time – Kaliane Bradley. A time travel romance, a spy thriller, and an ingenious exploration of the nature of power and the potential for love to change it all.

Women and Children First – Alina Grabowski. When a young woman dies under suspicious circumstances at a house party, the private lives of ten women unravel as they confront this tragedy in their small Massachusetts town where blame is cast, secrets are buried deeper and a shocking truth about that dreadful night begins to emerge.

Every Time We Say Goodbye – Natalie Jenner. With her future in 1955 London not looking bright, at the suggestion of her friend, Peggy Guggenheim, Vivien Lowry takes a job as a script doctor on a major film shooting in Rome's Cinecitta Studios.

Oye – Melissa Mogollon. The baby of her large Colombian American family, Luciana, when her eccentric grandmother, Abue, moves into her bedroom, finds her wild demands, unpredictable antics and devastating secrets a welcome distraction, putting her on center stage, facing down adulthood—and rising to the occasion.

Whale Fall – Elizabeth O'Connor. In 1938, when a dead whale washes up on the shores of a remote Welsh island, Manon, seeing this as a sign of things to come, is drawn to two English ethnographers who are studying their cultures, reckoning with a sensual awakening inside herself, despite her misgivings that her community is being misconstrued.

The Guncle Abroad – Steven Rowley. With his brother getting remarried in Italy, Patrick takes his niece and nephew back under his wing, and as they travel through Europe, he tries his best to help them understand love, while dealing with a groom with cold feet, his over-flirtatious sister and other disasters.

Lucky – Jane Smiley. Coming of age in recording studios, backstage and on tour, rising folk musician Jodie Rattler, trying to hold her own in the wake of Janis Joplin, Joan Baez, Judy Collins and Joni Mitchell, feels like something is missing and sets out on a journey in search of herself.

I Hope This Finds You Well – Natalie Sue. An admin worker accidentally gains access to her colleagues' private emails and DMs and decides to use this intel to save her job.

Wives Like Us – Plum Sykes. A humorous novel features a grand English country house, a heartbroken American divorcee, three rich wives, two tycoons, a pair of miniature sausage dogs and one bereaved butler.

Long Island – Colm Toibin. In 1976 Lindenhurst, Long Island, Ellis Lacey, an Irishwoman in her 40s with no one to rely on in this still-new country, discovers her husband got a woman pregnant and the woman's husband refuses to raise it, forcing Ellis to decide what she will do and not do in this unexpected situation.

The Lady Waiting – Magdalena Zyzak. Hired by a charismatic couple as their assistant, Viva, a young Polish émigré, is seduced into a misguided international heist, making her realize she's out of her depth and only luck, cunning and her own hustler's instinct can save her from disaster.

Historical Fiction

Daughters of Shandong – Eve J. Chung. As China's civil war ravages and engulfs their once-privileged lives, four resourceful daughters defy tradition and flee their home as the Communist army closes in, charting a path across a war-torn nation to independence in Taiwan.

The Sweet Blue Distance – Sara Donati. In 1857, young midwife Carrie Ballentyne travels west to the New Mexico Territory for a nursing position, but while helping women give birth in Sante Fe, she discovers her employer is keeping secrets and must ferret out the truth to save his young daughter whom she has come to love.

The Stolen Child – Ann Hood. For decades, Nick Burns has been haunted by a decision he made as a young soldier in World War I, when a French artist he'd befriended thrust both her paintings and her baby into his hands—and disappeared. In 1974, with only months left to live, Nick enlists Jenny, a college dropout desperate for adventure, to help him unravel the mystery. The journey leads them from Paris galleries and provincial towns to a surprising place: the Museum of Tears, the life's work of a lonely Italian craftsman. Determined to find the baby and the artist, hopeless romantic Jenny and curmudgeonly Nick must reckon with regret, betrayal, and the lives they've left behind.

Spitting Gold – Carmella Lowkis. In 1866 Paris, Baroness Sylvie Devereux and her estranged sister, fraudulent spirit mediums, target the de Jacquinots, who believe they are being haunted, hoping to scare them out of their gold, but the sisters are faced with inexplicable horrors, making them question whether they really are at the mercy of vengeful spirit.

Butcher – Joyce Carol Oates. A disgraced doctor's quest for surgical renown in 19th-century America leads him down a horrifying path of experimentation on marginalized women at a New Jersey asylum, until his obsession with a young Irish indentured servant brings about his ultimate destruction.

Mystery & Detective

First Frost – Craig Johnson. Sheriff Walt Longmire tries to manage his increasingly complicated personal life while staving off the violent underworld that is encroaching on the Old West in the twentieth novel of the series following *The Longmire Defense*.

Every Time I Go on Vacation, Someone Dies – Catherine Mack. Best-selling author Eleanor Dash's Italian book tour turns into a real-life murder mystery as her life starts to imitate her fictional world.

A Nest of Vipers – Harini Nagendra. Kaveri and Ramu investigate Indian street magic in 1922 Bangalore where they uncover a potential threat to the visiting Prince of Wales amidst cries for India's independence in the third novel of the series following *Murder Under a Red Moon*.

Romance

Summers at the Saint – Mary Kay Andrews. The widowed owner of the St. Cecelia, a landmark hotel, Traci Eddings has one summer season to restore it to its former glory, but when a tragic death changes everything, she must put wrongs to right, put guilty parties in their place and maybe even find a new romance along the way.

This Summer Will Be Different – Carley Fortune. When her best friend flees Toronto a week before her wedding, Lucy follows her Prince Edward Island to help her through her crisis and resist the one man she's never been able to, but his flirty quips have been replaced with something new, making her wonder if her heart is still safe.

Look on the Bright Side – Kristan Higgins. When a solution to get her life back on track comes from foul-tempered and renowned surgeon Lorenzo Santini who needs a date for his sister's wedding, oncologist Lark Smith agrees and falling in love with his big, warm family, discovers the best things in life aren't planned at all.

The Paradise Problem – Christina Lauren. When his 100-million-dollar inheritance comes with a catch—he must be happily married for five years, Liam Weston, the uptight heir of a grocery chain, turns to his secret not-so-ex-wife Anna Green, a feisty, foul-mouthed artist, to fake their relationship and convince his one-percenter parents they're in love.

Mind Games – Nora Roberts. With the ability to see into minds and souls, Thea, who brought her parents' killer to justice years ago, discovers the inmate who shattered her childhood has the same ability when she can hear his twisted thoughts and witness his evil acts from miles away as he plots his revenge.

Suspense

Tom Clancy's Act of Defiance – Brian Andrews. When U.S. intelligence reports there's something going on in Russia, President Jack Ryan and his youngest daughter, Katie, determine the Russians are about to launch a super missile submarine, and the race is on to find its location and decide if it poses a threat to the continental U.S.

Red Sky Mourning – Jack Carr. When three seemingly disconnected events are about to ignite a power grab unlike anything the world has seen, Navy SEAL sniper James Reece, to save America, must reconnect to a quantum computer called "Alice" who is positioned to act as either the county's greatest savior or its worst enemy.

Think Twice – Harlan Coben. When his former client, renowned basketball coach Greg Downing, who is deceased, has been placed at the scene of a double homicide, sports agent Myron Bolitar and Win, his longtime friend and colleague, search for answers, but the more they discover about Greg, the more dangerous their world becomes.

Clive Cussler's The Heist – Jack De Brul. Detective Isaac Bell investigates an attack on the Federal Reserve being led by a master thief and his assassin accomplice in 1914 Washington, D.C. in the fourteenth novel of the series following *The Sea Wolves*.

Camino Ghosts – John Grisham. Bay Books shop owner Bruce Cable is reunited again with best-selling author Mercer Mann to solve another murder on Camino Island, Florida in the third novel of the series following *Camino Winds*.

Southern Man – Greg Iles. Fifteen years after the events of the Natchez Burning trilogy, Penn Cage is alone. Nearly all his loved ones are dead, his old allies gone. But Penn's self-imposed exile comes to an abrupt end when a brawl at a Bienville music festival triggers a shooting--one that nearly takes the life of his daughter Annie. Before the stunned populace can process the tragedy, an arsonist begins torching antebellum plantation homes in Bienville. When an unknown Black group claims the fires as acts of justice, panic ensues, driving the Mississippi River town to the brink of war.

You Like It Darker: Stories – Stephen King. Delving into the darker part of life—both metaphorical and literal, the legendary storyteller and expert in short fiction presents this exhilarating collection of 12 tales, many never-before-published, about fate, mortality, luck and the folds in reality where anything can happen.

The Devil's Fortress – Patrick Larkin. After saving the U.S. from a Russian nuclear attack in the best-selling *Weapons of Opportunity*, Nick Flynn returns in what could be his most dangerous mission yet.

When We Were Silent – Fiona McPhillips. An outsider threatens to expose the secrets at an elite private school.

The 24th Hour – James Patterson. While celebrating Cindy's engagement at one of San Francisco's finest restaurants, a woman is assaulted and Lindsay, Claire and Yuki spring into action, but when the victim's story keeps changing, Lindsay must expose a high-society killer before the Women's Murder Club is short a bridesmaid...or two.

The Last Murder at the End of the World – Stuart Turton. On an isolated island where 122 villagers and three scientists live in peaceful harmony, one of the scientists is found brutally murdered, which triggers a security system, giving the islanders only 107 hours to solve the murder or be smothered by the fog that destroyed the planet.

One Perfect Couple – Ruth Ware. Landing on a tropical paradise where they'll compete against four other couples to win a cash prize, Lyla and Nico, starring on the new reality TV show, *One Perfect Couple*, find themselves trapped on a storm-swept island where they all must band together for survival as a killer walks among them.

NONFICTION

An Unfinished Love Story: a Personal History of the 1960s – Doris Kearns Goodwin. Weaves together biography, memoir and history and takes readers along on the emotional journey she and her husband embarked upon in the last years of his life.

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