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FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

The Cautious Traveller's Guide to the Wastelands – Sarah Brooks. A historical fantasy novel set on a grand express train follows a group of passengers on a dangerous journey across a magical landscape. A first novel.

The Stardust Grail – Yume Kitasei. From the acclaimed author of *The Deep Sky* comes a thrilling anti-colonial space heist to save an alien civilization.

The Silverblood Promise – James Logan. A disgraced heir to an ancient noble house, Lukan Gardova, when his estranged father is murdered, vows to solve this mystery as a chance to make amends for his mistakes, which leads him to a fabled city where everything has a price—and the price of truth is the deadliest of all.

Incidents Around the House – Josh Malerman. An eight-year-old girl in the Bronx fights to keep her troubled family together as they offer the only protection against a malevolent spirit she calls "Other Mommy" and who grows stronger and asks her daily for entrance into her heart.

Enlightenment – Sarah Perry. Two unlikely best friends in Aldleigh, England investigate the mystery of a vanished nineteenth century explorer uncovering a devastating tale of love and scientific pursuit in the new novel from the author of *The Essex Serpent*.

Moonbound – Robin Sloan. Expands the Penumbraverse to new reaches of time and space in a rollicking far-future adventure.

General Fiction

Malas – Marcela Fuentes. When her beloved grandmother passes away, 14-year-old Lulu is drawn to the glamorous stranger who crashed the funeral and their unexpected kinship picks at the secrets of Lulu's family and a curse that reverberates across generation as one woman must make peace with the past and one girl must embrace her future.

Swan Song – Elin Hilderbrand. When a 22-million-dollar summer home is purchased by the mysterious and overly extravagant Richardsons, social mayhem ensues in the tight-knit Nantucket community, but when their house burns to the ground and their most essential employee goes missing, the entire island must save the day—and their way of life.

Blessings – Chukwuebuka Ibeh. Ostracized for his love of another boy, Obiefuna navigates being banished to boarding school while his family grapples with his absence and they all face the potential repercussions of proposed legislation to outlaw same sex relationships in Nigeria.

Lies and Weddings – Kevin Kwan. In a globetrotting tale that takes us from the black sand beaches of Hawaii to the skies of Marrakech, from the glitzy bachelor pads of Los Angeles to the inner sanctums of England's oldest family estates, Kevin Kwan unfurls a juicy, hilarious, sophisticated and thrillingly plotted story of love, money, murder, sex, and the lies we tell about them all.

Same As It Ever Was – Claire Lombardo. Finally at age 57, Julie Ames feels she has a firm handle on things, but a surprise announcement from her straight-arrow son, an impending separation from her teenaged daughter and a seductive resurgence of the past threaten to draw her back into the patterns that had previously kept her on a razor's edge.

For the Love of Summer – Susan Mallery. Fearing she's losing her teen daughter to her "other family" a Seattle salon owner is shocked when her ex-husband is arrested and her daughter convinces her to take in her stepmother, desperate for a friend.

Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books – Kirsten Miller. A satiric novel looks at a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books and a little lending library that changes everything.

Sandwich – Catherine Newman. From the beloved author of *We All Want Impossible Things* comes a moving, humorous story of a family summer vacation full of secrets, lunch and learning to let go.

Caledonian Road – Andrew O'Hagan. A biting portrait of British class, politics and money is told through five interconnected families and their rising—and declining—fortunes.

Godwin – Joseph O'Neill. A technical writer living in Pittsburgh with his young family is pulled into a scheme with his half-brother to recruit a soccer phenom in Africa to play for his team in the United Kingdom in the new novel by the author of *Neverland*.

Bear – Julia Phillips. Trapped on a remote Washington island with their dreams seemingly out of reach, two sisters clash when a mysterious bear arrives swimming in the channel, forcing them to confront their conflicting desires for escape and connection.

The Borrowed Hills – Scott Preston. In the rugged, rural landscape of northwest England, two sheep farmers lose their flocks and decide to reverse their fortunes by stealing sheep from a rich farm in the south.

Fire Exit – Morgan Talty. From the porch of his home, Charles Lamosway has watched the life he might have had unfold across the river on Maine's Penobscot Reservation, and, on the far bank, he caught brief moments of his neighbor Elizabeth's life—from the day she came home from the hospital to her early twenties; but there's always been something deeper and more dangerous than the river that divides him from her and the rest of the tribal community: it's the secret that Elizabeth is his daughter, a secret Charles is no longer willing to keep.

15 Summers Later – RaeAnne Thayne. With the truth laid bare, and the past that Ava and Madison Howell have worked so hard to leave behind threatening everything they have built for themselves, the Howell sisters' reunion is bittersweet, and, as they attempt to remedy the rifts in their lives and reconcile their futures, they must face the demons of their past together.

Historical Fiction

Shelterwood – Lisa Wingate. In 1990 Oklahoma, Valerie, a Law Enforcement Ranger reporting for duty at Horseshoe Bend National Park, is immediately faced with the long-hidden burial site of three children, and working with the neighboring Choctaw Tribal Police, unearths old secrets and the tragic and deadly history of the land itself.

Mystery & Detective

Pitch Dark – Paul Doiron. Game Warden Mike Bowditch must chase down a cunning and dangerous fugitive in the North Maine Woods.

The Comfort of Ghosts – Jacqueline Winspear. In 1945 London, psychologist and investigator Maisie Dobbs visits a vacant Belgravia mansion where she finds four adolescent orphans and a demobilized, gravely ill soldier and as she tries to bring comfort to them all, she is forced to examine her own painful past and the beliefs she has always accepted as true.

Holy City – Henry Wise. A deputy sheriff in rural Southern Virginia must weigh his personal guilt and his public duty when an innocent man is arrested in the brutal murder of an old friend and an unpredictable female detective is hired to assist him.

Romance

Proof – Fern Michaels. The owners of a furniture restoration shop/café—an offshoot of their family's longtime antique business, siblings Luna and Cullen, gifted with unique abilities, must solve the mystery surrounding a piece Cullen just acquired not realizing there are some who will stop at nothing to claim what they believe is theirs.

How to Age Disgracefully – Clare Pooley. The quirky members of the Senior Citizen's Social Club join forces with the tiny members of the daycare next door to thwart the city council's planned sale of the building housing both centers.

A Novel Love Story – Ashley Poston. When her car breaks down traveling to her annual book club retreat, a superfan of romance novels finds herself stranded in the quaint, but fictional town of Eloraton, the site of her favorite series, looking for her own story.

Resurrection – Danielle Steel. A successful influencer and one part of a power couple on the international stage, 42-year-old Darcy Gray, after her perfect life comes crashing down, must stay indefinitely in France during an escalating worldwide health crisis and, through her newfound friendships with others who are stranded, begins to see glimpses of new possibilities.

Husbands & Lovers – Beatriz Williams. Two women, separated by decades and continents, but sharing an exotic family heirloom, search for their lost loves and reclaim secrets in the new novel from the New York Times best-selling author of *The Summer Wives*.

Suspense

Don't Let the Devil Ride – Ace Atkins. A Memphis wife and mother hires an old friend of her father, legendary private investigator Porter Hayes, to search for her missing husband and the pair uncover a dangerous knot of international intrigue involving mercenaries, retired actresses and imposters.

Clete – James Lee Burke. After his car is ransacked at a local car wash, Private investigator Clete Purcel probes into a group of Mexican cartel thugs trafficking fentanyl into New Orleans the latest installment of the long-running series following *A Private Cathedral*.

The Next Mrs. Parrish – Liv Constantine. With her husband Jackson getting out of prison, prominent socialite Amber Patterson Parrish, when an enemy from her past emerges looking for revenge, she, Jackson and Jackson's ex-wife Daphne become unlikely allies but when all is said and done, they'll have to fight for everything they have left in this zero-sum game.

Love Letters to a Serial Killer – Tasha Coryell. Writing to William, a handsome lawyer accused of murdering 4 women, 30-something Hannah, using this as an outlet for pent-up frustration and rage, is consumed by obsession when he writes back, and when he's acquitted, she moves in with him while secretly investigating him for serial murder.

Eruption – Michael Crichton. Two of the world's most popular and prolific modern authors team up for a thriller about a history-making eruption in Hawaii that threatens to reveal a huge secret the US military has been hiding for decades.

Iron Star – Loren D. Estleman. Set against the sprawling landscape of the Wild West, a new adventure by a Spur Award-winning author follows a man on a journey to set his legacy, and the men dedicated to bringing his story to life.

The Midnight Feast – Lucy Foley. During the opening weekend of The Manor, a luxe coastal retreat built on top of old secrets, those in attendance all have an agenda but not everyone will survive.

Flashback – Iris Johansen. Twenty years after their mother was the second victim of the Bayside Stranger, two sisters disappear leaving Kendra Michaels to investigate the cold case in the eleventh novel of the series following More Than Meets the Eye.

Shanghai – Joseph Kanon. In pre-World War II Shanghai, glamour and squalor exist side by side and murder is just a cost of doing business.

Tell Me Who You Are – Louisa Luna. A psychiatrist with a shocking past is challenged by a dangerous new patient.

Middle of the Night – Riley Sager. Returning to his childhood home 30 years after his friend Billy's disappearance, Ethan, plagued by strange occurrences, sets out to find out what really happened that night and, reunited with former friends and neighbors, finds his investigation leading him to a mysterious institute where clandestine research is performed.

A Talent for Murder – Peter Swanson. A newlywed becomes suspicious of her husband after finding a blood streak on the back of a shirt he wore to a conference and discovers a disturbing pattern of unsolved murders in all the cities he's visited.

Horror Movie – Paul Tremblay. A chilling twist on the "cursed film" genre from the best-selling author of The Pallbearers Club and The Cabin at the End of the World.

Smolder – Stuart Woods. When he is drawn into a case involving a ring of art thieves, which has links to his own mother's paintings, Stone Barrington must draw out a familiar enemy and face down his most vindictive threat yet.

NONFICTION

The Catalyst: RNA and the Quest to Unlock Life's Deepest Secrets – Tom Cech.

Exploring the most transformative breakthroughs in biology since the discovery of the double helix, a Nobel Prize-winning scientist unveils the RNA age.

The Fall of Roe: the Rise of a New America – Elizabeth Dias. Two award-winning journalists team up to tell the head-spinning story of how the events of the last decade affected abortion rights in the United States.

All the Worst Humans: How I Made News for Dictators, Tycoons, and Politicians – Phil Elwood. A top PR operative in Washington exposes the secrets of the \$129-billion industry that controls so much of what we see and hear in the media.

Trippy: the Peril and Promise of Medicinal Psychedelics – Ernesto Londono. Londono's riveting personal narrative pulls the reader through a deeply researched and brilliantly reported account of a game-changing industry on the rise. Trippy is the definitive book on psychedelics and mental health today, and Londono's in-depth and nuanced look at this shifting landscape will be pivotal in guiding policymakers and readers as they make sense of the perils, limitations, and promises of turning to psychedelics in the pursuit of healing.

Code Dependent: Living in the Shadow of AI – Madhumita Murgia. By highlighting the voices of ordinary people in places far removed from the cozy enclave of Silicon Valley, Code Dependent explores the impact of a set of powerful, flawed, and often-exploitative technologies on individuals, communities, and our wider society. Murgia exposes how AI can strip away our collective and individual sense of agency, and shatter our illusion of free will. Murgia not only sheds light on this chilling phenomenon, but also charts a path of resistance. AI is already changing what it means to be human, in ways large and small, and Murgia reveals what could happen if we fail to reclaim our humanity.

The Riddles of the Sphinx: Inheriting the Feminist History of the Crossword Puzzle – Anna Shechtman. In this fascinating work—part memoir, part cultural analysis—Shechtman excavates the hidden history of the crossword and the overlooked women who have been central to its creation and evolution, from the "Crossword Craze" of the 1920s to the role of digital technology today. As she tells the story of her own experience in the CrossWorld, she analyzes the roles assigned to women in American culture, the boxes they've been allowed to fill, and the ways that they've used puzzles to negotiate the constraints and play of desire under patriarchy. The result is an unforgettable and engrossing work of art, a loving and revealing homage to one of our most treasured, entertaining, and ultimately political pastimes.

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