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**FICTION**

**Fantasy and Science Fiction**

The Unworthy – Agustina Bazterrica. In a dystopian convent sheltering women from a climate-ravaged world, a narrator yearning to ascend within the Sacred Sisterhood confronts her forgotten past and unsettling truths when a mysterious stranger breaches the convent's walls.

Rose of Jericho – Alex Grecian. From the New York Times bestselling author of Red Rabbit comes a supernatural horror where ghosts and ghouls are the least of a witch's problems in 19th-century New England.

The Buffalo Hunter Hunter – Stephen Graham Jones. In 1912, a Lutheran pastor documents the chilling confessions of Good Stab, a Blackfeet vampire seeking justice for a historical massacre, intertwining themes of revenge, survival, and haunting truths on the Blackfeet reservation.

Luminous – Silvia Park. A novel set in a unified Korea tells the story of three estranged siblings—two human, one robot—as they collide against the backdrop of a murder investigation to settle old scores and make sense of their shattered childhood.

When the Moon Hits Your Eye – John Scalzi. When the Moon inexplicably turns to cheese, humanity grapples with the absurd transformation through the perspectives of astronauts, billionaires, professors, and everyday people, confronting faith, science, and survival over a single surreal lunar cycle.

**General Fiction**

The Women on Platform Two – Laura Anthony. In 1969 Dublin, Maura and Bernie confront dangerous choices around motherhood, while in 2023, Saoirse's hesitation about having children connects her to a hidden history of women's resilience that shaped her freedom to choose.

We Pretty Pieces of Flesh – Colwill Brown. In 1990s Doncaster, lifelong friends Rach, Shaz, and Kel navigate the complexities of adolescence, ambition, and loyalty in a gritty postindustrial town, but as they grow older, a buried secret threatens to unravel their indestructible bond.

O Sinners! – Nicole Cuffy. Young journalist Faruq Zaidi, reeling from loss, investigates a cult in the California redwoods, The Nameless, led by Vietnam vet Odo, but as Faruq gets closer to Odo, he unravels and is forced to come to terms with old memories while trying to resist Odo's spell.

Hot Air – Marcy Dermansky. Single mother Joannie finds herself caught in a whirlwind of desire and confusion when her billionaire childhood crush crash-lands into her life, leading to a chaotic and hilarious exploration of love, lust and the complexities of modern relationships.

Broken Country – Clare Leslie Hall. A love triangle unearths dangerous, deadly secrets from the past.

Beach Vibes – Susan Mallery. Beth's idyllic life running her Malibu beach shop unravels when she discovers her brother's infidelity and must make a moral decision threatening her newfound happiness and forcing her to choose between love and loyalty.

Twist – Colum McCann. Irish journalist Anthony Fennell investigates the human cost of fiber-optic cable repair on Africa's west coast, joining a mysterious engineer and freediver as their mission at sea reveals personal and global fractures, forcing them to confront love, loss, and the fragile connections that bind them.

Tilt – Emma Pattee. Nine months pregnant and stranded in a chaotic, earthquake-ravaged Portland, Annie journeys home on foot, navigating human desperation and kindness while reflecting on her struggling marriage, stalled career, and hopes for a fresh start with her baby.

Sister Europe – Nell Zink. Elderly Princess Naema's attempt to honor an acclaimed author devolves into chaos as a cast of mismatched guests—including a troubled teen, a disaffected prince, and an opportunistic publisher—collide at a Berlin gala, culminating in a life-altering midnight adventure.

## **Graphic Novels**

Tongues – Anders Nilsen. Set in a version of modern Central Asia, *Tongues* is a retelling of the Greek myth of Prometheus. It follows the captive god's friendship with the eagle who carries out his daily sentence of torture and chronicles his pursuit of revenge on the god that has imprisoned him. It is both an adventure story and a meditation on human nature in our present fraught, historical moment.

## **Historical Fiction**

33 Place Brugmann – Alice Austen. On the eve of Nazi occupation, the residents of 33 Place Brugmann in Brussels are forced to choose between submission or risking everything to protect one another in the face of betrayal, love and courage.

The Jackal's Mistress – Chris Bohjalian. Managing her gristmill amid the turmoil of war in 1864 Virginia, Libby Steadman must choose whether to risk treason and aid a gravely injured Union officer left to die, while her desperate hope for news of her imprisoned husband collides with the harsh realities of war.

The Paris Express – Emma Donoghue. Set on a fateful 1895 train journey to Paris, a diverse group of passengers—including politicians, a medical student, an inventor, and an anarchist—navigate personal ambitions and hidden motives, culminating in a disaster that forever changes their lives.

Theft – Abdulrazak Gurnah. In early 21st-century Tanzania, Karim, Fauzia, and Badar navigate ambition, escape, and uncertainty as their lives intertwine amidst global changes that bring both opportunities and challenges, reshaping their understanding of destiny and self-determination.

The Story She Left Behind – Patti Callahan Henry. In 1952, illustrator Clara Harrington travels to London with her daughter Wynnie to investigate a discovery linked to her vanished mother, a famed author, uncovering long-buried truths amid the chaos of the Great Smog and a remote Lake District retreat.

A Map to Paradise – Susan Meissner. Blacklisted actress Melanie Cole and her maid, Eva, form an unlikely alliance to uncover the mystery surrounding their agoraphobic neighbor's disappearance, leading them to a surprising discovery about themselves and their shared past.

The Hymn to Dionysus – Natasha Pulley. In an ancient Greek empire on the brink of chaos, soldier Phaidros searches for Thebes' missing crown prince, encountering the enigmatic Dionysus, whose ties to divine rumors and unfolding unrest challenge Phaidros's loyalty, humanity, and hidden past.

The Antidote – Karen Russell. In a Dust Bowl-era Nebraska town burdened by the Great Depression and its dark past, a witch guarding memories, a grieving athlete, a cursed farmer, and a photographer with a time-bending camera grapple with buried secrets and the consequences of a nation's forgotten history.

The Girl from Greenwich Street – Lauren Willig. Bitter rivals Hamilton and Burr unite to defend a carpenter accused of murdering Elma Sands, a mysterious young woman found in a well, intertwining a high-profile trial with their own political ambitions and personal enmity.

## **LGBTQ+**

Stag Dance: a Novel and Stories – Torrey Peters. This collection of one novel and three novellas explores community, desire, and the complexities of gender through stories of lumberjacks navigating identity in Stag Dance, a gender apocalypse in Infect Your Friends and Loved Ones, boarding school intrigue in The Chaser, and dark choices on the Vegas strip in The Masker.

What Is Wrong With You? – Paul Rudnick. A diverse cast of eccentric characters—including a tech billionaire, a flight attendant, a disgraced book editor, and a TikTok rapping Wall Street bro—collide at a lavish private island wedding, where love, chaos, and self-discovery intertwine in unexpected ways.

## **Mystery & Detective**

Silent As the Grave – Rhys Bowen. Molly Murphy Sullivan, juggling motherhood in 1900s New York, investigates deadly sabotage on a film set after her adopted daughter, Bridie, lands a starring role, uncovering tensions between rival studios amidst the fledgling movie industry's dangerous experiments.

## **Romance**

Dream Count – Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Explores the lives of four Nigerian women, each grappling with love, loss and the complexities of modern life, as they face personal growth, societal expectations and the pursuit of happiness in the new novel by the best-selling author of Americanah.

Far from Home – Danielle Steel. Fleeing Paris after her husband’s execution for opposing Hitler, Arielle von Auspeck hides in Normandy, joins the Resistance and forges a bond with a grieving widower as they fight to reunite with their loved ones.

## **Short Stories**

Waiting for the Long Night Moon – Amanda Peters. (*February release*) Stories of Indigenous experiences across time, from early European contact to modern water-rights activism, depicting resilience through characters like a residential school survivor, a water protector, and a young dancer, all revealing strength and dignity amid systemic hardships.

## **Suspense**

Blood Moon – Sandra Brown. Haunted by an unsolved case, a detective teams up with a determined true crime producer to solve the mysterious disappearances of local teenage girls, all who went missing during the night of a blood moon.

Nobody’s Fool – Harlan Coben. Backpacking in Spain, Sami Kierce wakes up covered in blood, his girlfriend Anna dead, and he runs—then years later he sees Anna in his night school classroom, she bolts, and he must find her to solve the mystery that has haunted him.

The Savage, Noble Death of Babs Dionne – Ron Currie. In Waterville, Maine, crime matriarch Babs Dionne faces a drug kingpin’s enforcer and her youngest daughter’s mysterious death, unleashing her fierce determination to protect her family, her empire, and her town from the chaos threatening to consume them.

The Summer Guests – Tess Gerritsen. In Purity, Maine, former spy Maggie Bird and her Martini Club of ex-CIA operatives are drawn into the search for a missing teen with ties to their past, as they confront an innocent friend’s wrongful suspicion, a buried corpse, and dark secrets that threaten to unravel everything they’ve worked to protect.

Nowhere – Allison Gunn. After a series of disappearances in a small, fundamentalist town, one broken family must remain together as dark forces close in.

All the Other Mothers Hate Me – Sarah Harman. When single mom Florence Grimes’ son is accused of causing the mysterious disappearance of a bully classmate, she must manage her disdain of the other moms, her own self-doubts and unexpected truths to prove his innocence.

Saltwater – Katy Hays. Thirty years after Sarah Lingate’s mysterious death on Capri, her daughter Helen returns with the family for their annual retreat, only to uncover a buried necklace, renewed suspicions, and dangerous secrets, as betrayal and paranoia threaten to rupture the family and claim more lives.

Ward D – Freida McFadden. Medical student Amy Brenner’s dreaded overnight shift on Ward D spirals into a nightmare as patients and staff mysteriously vanish, forcing her to confront buried secrets and the escalating danger within the locked psychiatric ward.

The Trouble Up North – Travis Mulhauser. The fractured Sawbrook family, once master smugglers on Michigan’s lakes, is forced to confront their painful past and dwindling legacy

when youngest daughter Jewell's misguided crime threatens them all, pushing them to navigate their deepest rifts and one final dangerous mission together.

The Writer – James Patterson. When the husband of bestselling true-crime author Denise Morrow is found dead in their luxury apartment, NYPD Detective Declan Shaw must unravel whether she is a target, a victim, or the mastermind behind a chilling plot.

Kills Well With Others – Deanna Raybourn. When a mole in the elite assassin organization the Museum leaks names to an Eastern European gangster who's murdering agents, assassins Billie, Helen, Mary Alice, and Natalie—senior in status and age—must root out the organization's mole and hunt down their new nemesis.

Lethal Prey – John Sandford. Twenty years after her sister Doris's murder, when Lara Grandfelt offers \$5 million for information leading to an arrest and a true-crime blogger finds the murder weapon, detectives Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers must discover the killer who's lurking in plain sight.

Count My Lies – Sophie Stava. A suspense thriller is narrated by a compulsive liar whose little white lies allow her to enter the life and comfort of a wealthy married couple who are harboring much darker secrets themselves.

## **NONFICTION**

Talk: the Science of Conversation and the Art of Being Ourselves – Alison Wood Brooks. (*January release*) Examines the psychology of conversation, revealing how small improvements in communication?—?through topic management, question-asking, humor, and kindness?—?can significantly enhance both personal and professional relationships, offering strategies based on new research to foster better understanding, creativity, and connection in various types of interactions, including face-to-face, digital and social media.

Raising Hare: a Memoir – Chloe Dalton. A moving and fascinating meditation on freedom, trust, loss, and our relationship with the natural world, explored through the story of one woman's unlikely friendship with a wild hare.

The Crazies: the Cattlemen, the Wind Prospector, and a War Out West – Amy Gamerman. (*January release*) Explores the conflict between a struggling rancher and wealthy neighbors over a wind farm in Big Timber, Montana, examining themes of land rights, environmental challenges, and American values, while introducing a diverse cast of characters amid an epic showdown that reflects broader societal issues in a changing landscape.

The Sewing Guide to Cancer or Other Unwanted Long Term Illnesses: 20+ Useful Craft Project for Patients and Caregivers – Heather Grant. (*April release*) A unique sewing guide for friends and families of loved ones fighting cancer, with 27 ideas for genuinely useful gifts, selected by cancer survivors.

Disposable: America's Contempt for the Underclass – Sarah Jones. (*February release*) A powerful blend of narrative and reporting reveals America's systemic racial and income inequality, spotlighting essential workers and vulnerable communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and argues for a future where no one is deemed disposable amid persistent social injustices.

Realm of Ice and Sky: Triumph, Tragedy, and History's Greatest Arctic Rescue – Buddy Levy. (*January release*) A National Outdoor Book Award-winning author's thrilling narrative of polar exploration via airship—and the men who sacrificed everything to make history.

The Best Minds: a Story of Friendship, Madness, and the Tragedy of Good Intentions – Jonathan Rosen. (*April release*) An acclaimed author investigates the forces that led his closest childhood friend, a paranoid schizophrenic with brilliant promise who defied the odds and graduated from Yale Law School, to kill the woman he loved, in this exploration of the ways in which we understand—and fail to understand—mental illness.

Breaking Up with Dairy: 100 Indulgent Plant-Based Recipes Cheese and Butter, Cream, and Milk Lovers Everywhere – Bailey Ruskus. (*February release*) A chef, activist and holistic nutrition coach introduces readers and home cooks to a dairy-free lifestyle with over 100 plant-based recipes that reinvent classic cheeses and dishes like Baked Truffle Mac, Breakfast Pizza Pockets and Mini Quiches.

The Pardon: the Politics of Presidential Mercy – Jeffrey Toobin. (*February release*) Examines the contentious events surrounding President Ford's decision to pardon Nixon, featuring key players such as Alexander Haig and Benton Becker, and explores its long-term impact on American politics and the presidency, arguing that this was not a necessary act of healing, but rather an unwise gift to an undeserving recipient.

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