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FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

The Possession of Alba Diaz – Isabel Canas. In 1765, as plague ravages Zacatecas, Alba seeks refuge in her fiancé's remote mining estate but soon spirals into convulsions and darkness, forcing her into a dangerous alliance with his cousin Elías as demonic forces, buried secrets, and forbidden desire close in.

Departure 37 – Scott Carson. After pilots across America refuse to fly following mysterious calls from their mothers, some long dead, a teenager in Maine becomes entangled in a decades-old secret tied to a 1962 naval experiment, a deadly discovery and rising global tensions.

House of Monstrous Women – Daphne Fama. In 1986 Philippines, Josephine accepts an invitation to a childhood friend's eerie, labyrinthine house to play a game that promises her heart's desire, only to find herself trapped in a deadly contest where winning may cost her blood.

The End of the World As We Know It – Christopher Golden. Set during and after the events of *The Stand*, this authorized anthology gathers original stories from acclaimed writers who expand on the novel's apocalyptic world, exploring survival, morality, and human resilience amid civilization's collapse and the uncertain rebuilding that follows.

Katabasis – R. F. Kuang. Alice has sacrificed everything to work with Professor Grimes at Cambridge, the world's greatest magician, but when he dies in a magical accident and is sent to Hell, she and rival Peter follow him, using only tales of Orpheus and Dante to guide them.

Automatic Noodle – Annalee Newitz. From an acclaimed sci-fi author comes a cozy near-future novella about a crew of leftover robots opening their very own restaurant.

The Magician of Tiger Castle – Louis Sachar. As political pressure mounts in the faltering kingdom of Esquaveta, Princess Tullia falls for a scribe, forcing disgraced court magician Anatole to choose between salvaging his reputation and protecting the one person who still believes in him.

The Faceless Thing We Adore – Hester Steel. After Aoife escapes to the isolated shores of the farmstead commune, things become less and less idyllic, as a disappearing cave looms above an ocean no one dares step foot in, mysterious crying fills the night hours and a rot is spreading across the island.

Lucky Day – Chuck Tingle. One woman must go up against horrifying odds to save the world. By the USA Today bestselling author of *Camp Damascus*.

General Fiction

Moderation – Elaine Castillo. When Girlie Delmundo's parent company purchases Fairground—the preeminent VR content provider—she becomes an elite VR moderator, which solves her family's money and mobility problems, despite the isolation that VR

requires; but when she meets Playground's cofounder William Cheung, she finds herself falling in love.

Dominion – Addie E. Citchens. In a taut Southern family drama, the sins of a favorite son rock a small Mississippi town.

Spectacular Things – Beck Dorey-Stein. In a small Maine town, sisters Mia and Cricket grow up under the weight of their mother's hidden past, navigating ambition, loyalty, and fear of repeating generational wounds as they struggle to define their identities and futures.

Mendell Station – J. B. Hwang. When Miriam's best friend Esther dies in 2020, she loses her faith and quits teaching at a Christian school to join the postal service; while on her route, she composes letters to Esther that she will never deliver, reflecting on their shared childhoods and difficult families.

The Sandersons Fail Manhattan – Scott Johnston. As wealthy financier William Sanderson chases a promotion and schemes to get his daughter into Yale, his family struggles to adapt to shifting social expectations, but when a trans student at their daughters' elite school vanishes, they find themselves unexpectedly entangled in a citywide crisis.

Cheesecake – Mark Kurlansky. In 1970s Upper West Side, the arrival of an ancient Roman cheesecake recipe captivates residents and fuels the ambitious Greek Katsikas family's real estate ventures, impacting the lives of neighbors facing displacement and revealing their hidden dramas.

People Like Us – Jason Mott. The novel rooted in reality follows two Black writers trying to find peace in a world riven with gun violence, one on a global book tour after a big prize win, the other set to give a speech at a school after a shooting.

For Richer For Poorer – Danielle Steel. As fashion designer and single mother Eugenia Ward faces business setbacks, her daughter's questionable, lavish wedding and a looming hurricane, she finds unexpected support and a chance for a new beginning with a real estate developer.

The Sunflower Boys – Sam Wachman. A young boy wrestling with his sexuality as war breaks out in modern Ukraine.

Graphic Novels

Defiant: the Story of Robert Smalls – Rob Edwards. (*June release*) Born a slave but destined for greatness, Robert Smalls became a Captain in the Union Navy by stealing a Confederate ship. Decades later, retired Congressman Robert Smalls sits down with his grandson to tell the story of his life. Based on historical events.

Drome – Jesse Lonergan. A visually mind-blowing epic about war, love, and death in a fledgling world.

Historical Fiction

I'll Be Right Here – Amy Bloom. (*June release*) After immigrating to New York alone after World War II, Gazala builds an unbreakable bond with her brother and two spirited sisters,

forming a fiercely loyal found family whose love, desires and unorthodox connections shape generations to come.

Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure – Rhys Bowen. In Surrey, England, 1938, blindsided by her husband's divorce appeal, Ellie impulsively heads to the South of France with housekeeper Mavis and elderly friend Dora until their Bentley breaks down in Saint Benet, where Ellie is drawn to fisherman Nico—but war looms.

Fonseca – Jessica Francis Kane. In 1952, pregnant Penelope Fitzgerald journeys to a remote Mexican town with her young son to pursue an inheritance, only to find rival claimants, a chaotic household full of artists and opportunists and a handsome stranger who could change everything.

The Hounding – Xenobe Purvis. Neighbors in a small village in 18th-century England are convinced five sisters are turning into dogs.

The Lost Masterpiece – B. A. Shapiro. (*June release*) In a gripping novel full of plot twists, B. A. Shapiro embeds us in a circle of famous painters in late-nineteenth-century Paris, centering on the anguished Impressionist artist Berthe Morisot—the one woman in their midst who never got her due—and the story of Morisot's great-great-great-great granddaughter, Tamara Rubin, who has inherited Édouard Manet's *Party on the Seine*, a painting that completely upends her life.

The Art of a Lie – Laura Shepherd-Robinson. After her husband is murdered, Hannah Cole fights to save her struggling confectionary shop on Piccadilly, contends with suspicion from magistrate Henry Fielding, and finds an unlikely ally in William Devereux, whose introduction of iced cream sparks both opportunity and peril in eighteenth-century London.

Mystery & Detective

The Marigold Cottages Murder Collective – Jo Nichols. Mrs. B, the landlady of The Marigold Cottages is a stubborn idealist who only rents to people she cares about: Sophie, an anxious young playwright with a dark past; Hamilton, an agoraphobe who likes to overshare; Ocean, a queer sculptor raising two kids alone; and more.

The Witch's Orchard – Archer Sullivan. Former Air Force Special Investigator Annie Gore is getting by as a private investigator and her latest case takes her to an Appalachian holler not unlike the one where she grew up.

History Lessons – Zoe B. Wallbrook. A college history professor must solve her superstar colleague's murder before she becomes the next target.

Suspense

Sheepdogs – Elliot Ackerman. After being cast aside by their countries, former CIA operative Skwerl and Afghan pilot Cheese join a covert network to repossess a jet in Africa, launching them into a chaotic mission spanning Kampala, Marseille, Kyiv, and beyond, with unexpected allies and escalating personal entanglements.

The Glass Man – Anders de la Motte. Detective Leonore Asker investigates a mutilated body found on her estranged father's farm while writer Martin Hill uncovers eerie legends at

a remote estate, their paths converging as a mysterious figure known as the Glass Man emerges from the shadows.

Jenny Cooper Has a Secret – Joy Fielding. While visiting a friend at memory care facility Legacy Place, Linda meets Jenny, a ninety-two-year-old dementia patient who admits that she kills people; Linda dismisses her “secret” as the confusion of Jenny’s ailing mind until a fellow patient dies.

Kiss Her Goodbye – Lisa Gardner. Frankie is called to Tucson, Arizona, to find a missing Afghan refugee, whose friend suspects she is in grave danger—before it is too late.

The Surrogate Mother – Freida McFadden. Abby's dream of having a child is endangered when she discovers that her personal assistant, and the surrogate mother carrying her child, has an unspeakable secret.

Emma on Fire – James Patterson. What Emma Caroline Blake has planned at New Hampshire’s Ridgemont Academy is to change the world will shock all involved.

We Are All Guilty Here – Karin Slaughter. When two girls vanish on fireworks night in North Falls, Officer Emmy Clifton races to uncover their secrets and redeem her past failure, only to find the town—and those closest to her—harbor darker truths than she ever imagined.

Forget Me Not – Stacy Willingham. Returning to coastal South Carolina for the summer, journalist Claire Campbell takes a job at a vineyard near where her sister vanished decades earlier—and when she uncovers a disturbing old diary, she begins to suspect the past holds deadly secrets, from the best-selling author of *A Flicker in the Dark*.

NONFICTION

Change the Recipe: Because You Can’t Build a Better World Without Breaking Some Eggs – Jose Andres. (*April release*) A Michelin-starred chef with more than forty restaurants, Jos   is also the founder of World Central Kitchen, a nonprofit dedicated to feeding the hungry in the wake of natural and man-made disasters. His lifetime of experience--from kitchens to conflict zones--has given him a wealth of stories and teachable moments that are funny, touching, and insightful, all animated by the belief that food can bring us closer together and the conviction that each of us can change the world for the better.

Moon Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, and Nantucket – Ray Bartlett. (*February release*) Includes strategic itineraries; top outdoor adventures; insider advice; highlights and unique experiences; full-color photos and detailed maps; and thorough background on the landscape, climate, wildlife, and culture – everything you need to escape to the Cape.

Native Nations: a Millennium in North America – Kathleen DuVal. (*May release*) Long before the colonization of North America, Indigenous Americans built diverse civilizations and adapted to a changing world in ways that reverberated globally. And, as award-winning historian Kathleen DuVal vividly recounts, when Europeans did arrive, no civilization came to a halt because of a few wandering explorers, even when the strangers came well armed.

A Marriage at Sea: a True Story of Love, Obsession, and Shipwreck – Sophie Elmhirst. (*July release*) A couple seeking escape sells everything to sail the world, but after a whale

sinks their boat, they endure months adrift in a raft, battling starvation, inner demons and the ultimate test of their relationship in this true-life survival struggle.

Submersed: Wonder, Obsession, and Murder in the World of Amateur Submarines – Matthew Gavin Frank. (*June release*) Combines elements of history, true crime, and psychological exploration to examine the obsession with deep-sea submersion, from DIY submarine builders to historical and modern tragedies, uncovering unsettling connections between the drive to descend and the darker aspects of human nature.

Crocheting the National Parks: 20 Patterns for Accessories, Home Décor, Plushies and More Inspired by Natural Wonders – Ann Krista. (*May release*) Curated by a renowned designer, this book features 20 unique patterns, including contributions from your favorite crochet artists?—whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, you'll find projects that suit every skill level, allowing you to explore new techniques.

On Character: Choices That Define a Life – Stanley McChrystal. (*May release*) Offers McChrystal's blueprint for living with purpose and integrity, challenging us to examine not just our deeds but who we become through them. Drawing from a lifetime of experience, he distills profound insights on setting and meeting standards, aligning actions with beliefs, and offers practical advice on overcoming obstacles and pursuing self-improvement.

Artificial Intelligence for Dummies – John Paul Mueller. (*January release*) Learn the basics of AI hardware and software, and how intelligence is created from code; get up to date with the latest AI trends and disruptions across industries; wrap your mind around what the AI revolution means for humanity, and for you; and discover tips on using generative AI ethically and effectively.

The Haves and Have-Yachts: Dispatches on the Ultrarich – Evan Osnos. (*June release*) A collection of essays explores American oligarchy and the culture of excess, providing a wry, unfiltered look at how the ultrarich shape—and sometimes warp—our social and political landscape.

Wildfire Days: a Woman, a Hotshot Crew, and the Burning of the American West – Kelly Ramsey. (*June release*) An adventure-filled memoir of one woman's struggle to succeed as a wildland firefighter on an elite, male-dominated crew as they battle some of the fiercest wildfires in the West.

Every Living Thing: the Great and Deadly Race to Know All Life – Jason Roberts. (*May release*) Weaves a sweeping, unforgettable narrative spell, exploring the intertwined lives and legacies of Linnaeus and Buffon—as well as the groundbreaking, often fatal adventures of their acolytes—to trace an arc of insight and discovery that extends across three centuries into the present day.

Grass Isn't Greener: the Everyday Conservationist's Guide to Bringing Nature to Your Yard – Danae Wolfe. (*May release*) Built around easy-to-digest tips for improving sustainability, this fun, action-oriented guide will help everyone turn their home garden into an earth-friendly habitat. Rooted in twenty practical steps that anyone can take starting today, this book demonstrates how small changes in your yard or garden can create lasting impact for the planet: from leaving your leaves to selecting eco-friendly holiday

decorations; from eliminating light pollution to attracting wildlife; from saving seeds to devoting even a small patch of lawn to native plants.

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