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FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

The Book of Guilt – Catherine Chidgey. In an alternate 1979 England shaped by a World War II that ended without a victor, orphaned triplets and a sheltered girl named Nancy uncover the grim truth behind their origins and must escape a regime built on deception, control, and biological manipulation.

Fiend – Alma Katsu. When the powerful Berisha family's long-standing "blessing" starts to unravel, three siblings begin plotting against each other, exposing a deadly pact and revealing the dark forces that helped build their fortune and that may now be demanding a price.

Hemlock & Silver – T. Kingfisher. (*August release*) A dark reimagining of "Snow White" steeped in poison, intrigue and treason of the most magical kind.

Saltcrop – Yume Kitasei. From the acclaimed author of *The Stardust Grail* comes the tale of two sisters who sail across oceans to find their missing third sister—and Earth's environmental salvation.

What We Can Know – Ian McEwan. In a future drowned by climate disaster, solitary scholar Thomas Metcalfe uncovers a trail to a lost 2014 poem that once stirred scandal, unraveling a century-old mystery of love, betrayal, and artistic legacy in a world longing for what it has lost.

General Fiction

The True Story of Raja the Gullible and His Mother – Rabin Alameddine. Living with his overbearing mother in Beirut, sixty-three-year-old Raja, a gay philosophy teacher, accepts a writing residency in America hoping for escape, only to confront the personal losses, betrayals, and absurdities that have shaped his life across six turbulent decades.

One of Us – Dan Chaon. Orphaned twins on the run from their murderous uncle find refuge in a bizarre travelling carnival.

The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny – Kiran Desai. When Sonia and Sunny meet again by chance on an overnight train, their rekindled connection propels them through a journey shaped by family expectations, artistic disillusionment, and personal upheaval as they seek meaning, love, and belonging across continents and generations.

The Wilderness – Angela Flournoy. Five young Black women—Desiree, Danielle, January, Monique, and Nakia—navigate strained family ties, motherhood, ambition, and identity as they support and challenge each other while forging their adulthoods in New York and Los Angeles across two turbulent decades.

The Academy – Elin Hilderbrand. When a surprise national ranking thrusts underachieving Tiffin Academy into the spotlight, a viral gossip app begins exposing students' and staff's secrets, unraveling reputations and relationships as the boarding school's carefully curated image gives way to chaos, scandal, and unexpected alliances.

Will There Ever Be Another You – Patricia Lockwood. As a mysterious illness warps her memory and perception during a global pandemic, a grieving young woman struggles to care for her family while questioning her identity, her past, and whether her fractured mind might offer a strange kind of freedom.

Beings – Ilana Masad. From the author of *All My Mother's Lovers* comes a novel rooted in true events, which asks how our beliefs, memories and pain tie us to one another, to history and to reality itself.

Boy from the North Country – Sam Sussman. Summoned home to his dying mother, Evan uncovers the astonishing truth of his origins and the secrets of her life, including a hidden romance with Bob Dylan, as he finally understands her profound wisdom.

Historical Fiction

Circle of Days – Ken Follett. As drought and tension grip the Great Plain, a gifted flint miner and a visionary priestess unite to build a monumental stone circle, but escalating tribal conflicts and brutal violence threaten their civilization and their shared ambition.

Amity – Nathan Harris. In 1866 New Orleans, formerly enslaved siblings Coleman and June are separated, only to embark on perilous, individual journeys through the Mexican desert to reunite and seize the freedom they were promised.

Buckeye – Patrick Ryan. In postwar Ohio, a stolen moment between Cal Jenkins and Margaret Salt reverberates through generations, as a small town's buried secrets and a wife's spiritual gift expose the longing for love and goodness.

One of Them – Kitty Zeldis. Two young women at Vassar in the years after World War II feature in a tale of prejudice and pride that echoes the cultural and social issues of today.

Mystery & Detective

A Bitter Wind – James R. Benn. U.S. Army Captain Billy Boyle investigates a murder tied to WWII radio espionage at an English airbase, uncovering secrets from the White Cliffs of Dover to war-torn Yugoslavia. In the latest addition to the long-running series following *The Phantom Patrol*.

The Killing Stones – Ann Cleeves. After his friend Archie is found murdered beside a stolen artifact on Westray, Detective Jimmy Perez returns to Orkney, where personal ties, dark secrets, and local rumors complicate his search for the truth behind the killing.

The Grave Artist – Jeffery Deaver. After a newlywed's death at a Hollywood Hills wedding, agent Carmen Sanchez and security expert Jake Heron uncover a serial killer's twisted plot targeting survivors' grief, racing to stop the Honeymoon Killer before they become his next victims.

Guilty by Definition – Susie Dent. When a cryptic letter arrives at the Clarendon English Dictionary, senior editor Martha Thornhill is drawn into the mystery of her sister's long-ago disappearance—and must confront buried secrets someone will do anything to keep hidden.

The Hallmarked Man – Robert Galbraith. When a dismembered corpse is discovered in the vault of a silver shop, the police initially believe it to be that of a convicted armed robber, but not everyone agrees with that theory.

The Mysterious Case of the Missing Crime Writer – Ragnar Jonasson. Young detective Helgi must find bestselling crime author Elín S. Jónsdóttir, before her disappearance is leaked to the press, and before it is too late for the missing writer.

A Dark and Deadly Journey – Julia Kelly. In war-torn Lisbon, typist-turned-spy Evelyne Redfern and her infuriating partner David Poole race to find a missing informant after a murder mid-mission reveals espionage and tension between allies in the third book of the series following *Betrayal at Blackthorn Park*.

Apostle's Cove – William Kent Krueger. Just before Halloween, former sheriff Cork O'Connor reopens a decades-old murder case at his son's urging as whispers of the Windigo grow louder and bodies begin to fall in the latest addition to the long-running series following *Spirit Crossing*.

In the Time of Five Pumpkins – Alexander McCall Smith. Botswana detective Precious Ramotswe solves a new case with the help of her loyal associate and proves again that compassion and wisdom are the greatest tools for justice in the twenty-sixth novel of the series following *The Great Hippopotamus Hotel*.

A Killer Wedding – Joan O'Leary. A whodunit explores toxic family dynamics hidden beneath the surface of billionaire-level wealth. A first novel.

The Impossible Future – Richard Osman. As wedding plans unfold and personal struggles linger, the Thursday Murder Club reunites when a guest vanishes and a suspicious partner hints at something valuable—and deadly—leading Joyce, Elizabeth, Ron, and Ibrahim into a tangled case of coded secrets and high-stakes deception.

Framed in Death – J. D. Robb. When a killer stages victims as classic paintings, Eve Dallas must stop a deluded artist whose is leaving a bloody trail through Manhattan's elite art world in the latest addition to the long-running series following *Bonded in Death*.

The Girl With Ice in Her Veins – Karin Smirnoff. As unrest simmers in the snowbound town of Gasskas, Lisbeth Salander and Mikael Blomkvist are drawn into a web of violence and buried histories involving a murdered journalist, a missing hacker, and Lisbeth's vanished niece, forcing them to confront dangers both personal and political.

Romance

The Portrait – Danielle Steel. Devon Darcy, a gifted portraitist marked by loss, and Charlie Taylor, a guarded entrepreneur shaped by family wounds, form a powerful bond after a chance meeting, as their deepening summer romance in the Hamptons brings them fear, vulnerability, and the possibility of lasting love.

Suspense

End Game – Jeffrey Archer. As London prepares for the 2012 Olympics, Commander William Warwick races against time to dismantle a shadowy international conspiracy planning a devastating attack in the eighth novel of the series following *An Eye for an Eye*.

The Secret of Secrets – Dan Brown. When Katherine Solomon vanishes and her manuscript disappears following a murder in Prague, symbologist Robert Langdon races across three cities to uncover a hidden truth about consciousness, pursued by ancient myths, secret societies, and a revelation that could upend humanity's understanding of the mind.

The Iron Storm – Jack Du Brul. Detective Isaac Bell faces the horrors of the Great War while battling a mysterious anarchist group intent on bringing brutality to the shores of America.

Denied Access – Vince Flynn. As the CIA faces political scrutiny and a devastating Moscow intel failure, newly minted assassin Mitch Rapp is pulled into a deadly clash with Russian operatives in the twenty-fourth novel of the series following Capture or Kill.

Billion-Dollar Ransom – James Patterson. When five members of a billionaire's family are kidnapped in a perfectly timed attack, FBI Special Agent Nicky Gordon faces off against a ruthless mastermind, racing to outsmart a plan that's as precise as it is dangerous.

Tomlinson's Wake – Randy Wayne White. (*August release*) Marion "Doc" Ford may seem to the outside world to be just a marine biologist living on the Florida coast, but unbeknownst to many, he uses his skills as a former government agent to protect his town, its shores, and its eccentric inhabitants.

NONFICTION

Carpet Diem: Tales from the World of Oriental Rugs – George Bradley. (*May release*) An enthralling exploration of the world of oriental carpets--their fascinating history, their obsessive collectors, and an exquisite meditation on their powerful allure.

Tree Houses Within Reach: 30 Lofty Cabins, Playhouses, and Getaways You Can Actually Build – Derek Diedricksen. (*May release*) Get inspired by this collection of inventive, real-life tree houses, plus learn to build your own with step-by-step photographs and instructions for a basic build to customize.

What Can I Bring?: Recipes to Help You Live Your Guest Life – Casey Elsass. Consists of sections on techniques and tips for preparing, storing, and transporting food to a gathering, and provides guidance for what to bring depending on the kind of gathering. Each recipe is labeled with a level of difficulty, and all also include step-by-step instructions for how to transport and perfect on site. Infused with Casey's signature wit and wisdom, this book will turn you into your best guest self.

The CIA Book Club: the Secret Mission to Win the Cold War with Forbidden Literature – Charlie English. (*July release*) Recounts a covert Cold War operation led by George Minden to smuggle banned literature into Eastern Europe, focusing on the cultural and psychological battle against Soviet censorship and the role underground reading networks played in weakening totalitarian control, especially in Poland.

All the Way to the River: Love, Loss, and Liberation – Elizabeth Gilbert. A raw and unflinching memoir of love, addiction, heartbreak, and transformation from the author of Eat Pray Love traces her journey from deep friendship to destructive passion and the hard-won freedom from patterns that once felt impossible to escape.

A Flower Traveled in My Blood: the Incredible True Story of the Grandmothers Who Fought to Find a Stolen Generation of Children – Haley Cohen Gilliland. *(July release)*

Amid Argentina's 1976 military dictatorship, a courageous group of grandmothers fight to reclaim stolen babies, uncover the fates of their disappeared children and seek justice against a regime that waged a brutal campaign of repression and secrecy.

Dark Renaissance: the Dangerous Times and Fatal Genius of Shakespeare's Greatest Rival – Stephen Greenblatt. The story of how Christopher Marlowe, Shakespeare's greatest rival, leveraged his classical education to ignite an explosion of English literature, nourished the literary talent of Shakespeare and challenged societal norms with his transgressive genius.

The Encyclopedia of Curious Rituals and Superstitions: Ancient and Remarkable Traditions That Will Captivate Your Mind – Arie Kaplan. *(July release)* Illustrates and explores the most curious beliefs and superstitions from around the world, weaving together folklore, religions, cultures, traditions, and even human nature itself.

History Matters – David McCullough. This posthumous collection of essays from the legendary historian looks at subjects such as the character of American leaders, the influence of art and mentors and the importance of understanding the past to better navigate the present and future.

Lucas Wars – Renaud Roche. Follows George Lucas's journey from aimless dreamer to filmmaking trailblazer and prodigy of the New Hollywood movement.

North to the Future: an Offline Adventure Through the Changing Wilds of Alaska – Ben Weissenbach. *(July release)* Hailed as a "worthy successor" to John McPhee, Weissenbach—a digital native with little prior wilderness experience—embarks on a series of scientific adventures across the wilds of Alaska with some of the state's most distinguished and audacious researchers.

If Anyone Builds It, Everyone Dies: Why Superhuman AI Would Kill Us All – Eliezer Yudkowsky. As the global race toward superintelligent AI accelerates, two long-time researchers warn that such machines could develop goals misaligned with human survival, offering a stark evidence-based scenario of extinction and a plea for urgent preventive action.

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