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(adult print titles only, includes some titles from past months)

FICTION

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Honeysuckle – Bar Fridman-Tell. Once upon a time, on the edge between meadow and forest, there was a lonely child with only his older sister for company. In exchange for being left in peace, his sister made him a playmate: Daye, a girl woven from flowers and words. And for the first time, this boy, Rory, had a friend. Rory couldn't be happier, until he learns that Daye is a short-lived creature. At the end of each season, she must be woven back together or fall gruesomely apart. And every time Daye falls apart might be her last.

Lady Tremaine – Rachel Hochhauser. Twice-widowed, Lady Etheldreda Verity Isolde Tremaine Bramley is solely responsible for her two children, a priggish stepdaughter, a razor-taloned peregrine falcon, and a crumbling manor. Fierce and determined, Ethel clings to the respectability her deceased husband's title affords her, hoping it will secure her daughters' future through marriage. When a royal ball offers the chance to change everything, Ethel risks her pride in pursuit of an invitation for all three of her daughters--only to see her hopes fulfilled by the wrong one. As an engagement to the future king unfolds, Ethel discovers a sordid secret hidden in the depths of the royal family, forcing her to choose between the security she craves and the wellbeing of the stepdaughter who has rebuffed her at every turn.

Wolf Worm – T. Kingfisher. Sonia Wilson is a talented scientific illustrator--but she is only able to follow her dream because of her father's reputation as a renowned scientist. Such is the lot in life for a woman in science in 1899. And after his death, she is left without work, prospects, or hope. So when the reclusive Dr. Halder offers her a position illustrating his vast collection of insects, Sonia jumps at the chance to move to his North Carolina manor house and put her talents to use. With the aid of the housekeeper and a local healer, Sonia discovers that Halder's entomological studies have taken him down a twisted road. His ground-breaking discoveries come with a cost--one that Halder is paying with human flesh. If Sonia can't find a way to stop the monstrosity, she may be next under the knife.

The Fountain – Casey Scieszka. Vera Van Valkenburgh hasn't been home in one hundred and eighty-eight years. But now Vera, forever twenty-six and able to heal from any wound, has returned to the Catskills. Whatever made her family immortal happened here, and if she can uncover it, maybe she can reverse it. After nearly two centuries--an endless sequence of unnoticed, meaningless lives and a soul-shaking incident in the desert--she longs to be released.

The Afterlife Project – Tim Weed. (*June 2025 release*) A finalist for the Prism Prize for Climate Literature, *The Afterlife Project* encompasses a desperate quest for the key to the future of humanity, an impossible love story, and a search for meaning across the inconceivable vastness of geological time.

General Fiction

Life: a Love Story – Elizabeth Berg. Full of Berg's characteristic mix of warmth, humor, and poignancy, *Life: A Love Story* is a reminder that whatever your circumstances, as long as you're alive, you can keep on investing in life. The joy will inevitably follow.

Upward Bound – Woody Brown. A wondrous, deeply affecting portrait of the interlocking lives at an adult day care center in Southern California, depicting an often overlooked community with extraordinary wit and grace--by a major new literary voice hailed as a groundbreaking debut novelist.

Kin – Tayari Jones. (*February release*) A novel about mothers and daughters, friendship and sisterhood, and the complexities of being a woman in the American South, *Kin* is an exuberant, emotionally rich, unforgettable work from one of the brightest and most irresistible voices in contemporary fiction.

The Hitch – Sara Levine. (*January release*) A delightfully unhinged comedy following a woman as she attempts to exorcise the spirit of a dead corgi from her nephew and renegotiate the borders of her previously rational world.

Son of Nobody – Yann Martel. Takes readers from the plains of Troy to the halls of Oxford, from the classical to the contemporary, from ancient verses to modern footnotes. It is a dazzling, masterful feat of myth, history, and domesticity that explores how stories become facts, the price we pay to share them, and how we live--then, now, always.

Felicia's Favorites – Danielle Steel. After the unexpected death of their mother, Felicia Morgan Weston, her five daughters are summoned to a historic Connecticut farmhouse for the reading of her will. Still reeling from shock, they hear revelations that will potentially change their lives--and they realize there was much more to their mother than they ever knew.

Lake Effect – Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney. A wry and tender portrait of two families forever changed by one lovestruck decision that will reverberate for decades.

Little F – Michelle Tea. (*October 2025 release*) In teenage Spencer's fantasies, Provincetown, MA, is a utopia where he and his imaginary queer uncle can be free. When a violent attack in his suburban Arizona schoolyard sends him to the hospital, he decides utopia can't wait. With the help of his best friend, the teenage witch Joy, he hitches a ride to find it, launching him on a road odyssey and journey of self-discovery.

Historical Fiction

The Feeling of Iron – Giaime Alonge. (*August 2025 release*) Shlomo Libowitz and Anton Epstein, two Jewish prisoners subjected to horrific experiments in a Nazi concentration camp, survive the unimaginable. Decades later, their lives converge again as they hunt Hans Lichtblau, the SS officer who tormented them, now operating in the shadowy world of Cold War geopolitics. Their pursuit takes them from the ashes of Europe to the jungles of Central America, where justice and revenge blur against the backdrop of CIA conspiracies and a haunting past. But one life may be too short to settle all accounts, and Anton and Shlomo's belated revenge is also a race against time.

Daughter of Egypt – Marie Benedict. Marie Benedict returns with a sweeping tale of a young woman who unearths the truth about a forgotten Pharaoh--rewriting both of their legacies forever.

The Book of I – David Greig. (*September 2025 release*) The year is 825 CE. In the aftermath of a vicious attack by raiders from the north, an unlikely trio finds themselves the lone survivors on a remote Scottish isle. Still breathing are young Brother Martin, the only resident of the local monastery to escape martyrdom; Una, a beekeeper and mead maker who has been relieved of her violent husband during the slaughter; and Grimur, an aging Norseman who claws his way out of the hasty grave his fellow raiders left him in, thinking him dead. As the seasons pass in this wild and lonely setting, their inherent distrust of each other melts into a complex meditation on the distances and bonds between them. Told with humor and alive with sharply exquisite dialogue, David Greig deftly lifts the curtain between our world and the past.

Call Me Ishmaelle – Xiaolu Guo. (*January release*) Ishmaelle is born in a small village on the stormy Kent coast. After her parents and infant sister die, her brother, Joseph, leaves to find work as a sailor. Abandoned and desperate for a life at sea, Ishmaelle disguises herself as a cabin boy and travels to New York. She boards the Nimrod, a whaling ship led by the obsessive Captain Seneca, a Black free man of heroic stature who is haunted by a tragic past. Here, she finds protectors amidst the bloody male violence of whaling and discovers a mysterious bond between herself and the white whale who claimed Seneca's leg. Built on the bones of Melville's classic, *Call Me Ishmaelle* is a dynamic new tale, imbued with a diverse, swashbuckling crew and a powerful exploration of human nature, gender, and the nature of home.

A Far-Flung Life – M. L. Stedman. From the author of the acclaimed bestseller *The Light Between Oceans* comes a breathtaking and epic novel set in the vast outback of Australia--about tragedy, family secrets, and the enduring power of love.

Mystery & Detective Fiction

Vanished in the Crowd – Rhys Bowen. In the latest in the *New York Times* bestselling series from Rhys Bowen and Clare Broyles, retired detective Molly Murphy Sullivan investigates the disappearance of a female scientist.

Finlay Donovan Crosses the Line – Elle Cosimano. Life hasn't been easy for Finlay Donovan lately, but it just got a whole lot harder. Her nanny and partner-in-crime, Vero, has been extradited from Virginia to Maryland, where she's facing criminal charges for a theft she swears she didn't commit. A prisoner to an ankle bracelet as she awaits her trial, Vero is forced to live with her overbearing mother and nosy aunt. Threatening messages keep arriving on her mother's door, demanding Vero "turn over the money . . . or else." And if she doesn't figure out who really stole her former sorority's treasury funds, her next home might be a prison cell.

The Murder at World's End – Ross Montgomery. (*January release*) Secrets, murder, and mayhem collide as this unlikely sleuthing duo--an under-butler and a foul-mouthed octogenarian--hunt a killer in a manor sealed against the end of the world, in this locked-room mystery.

The Keeper – Tana French. On a cold night in the remote Irish village of Ardnakelty, a girl goes missing. Sweet, loving Rachel Holohan was about to be engaged to the son of the local big shot. Instead, she's dead in the river. In a close-knit small town, a death like this isn't simple. It comes wrapped in generations-old grudges and power struggles, and it splits the townland in two. Retired Chicago detective Cal Hooper has friends here now, and he owes them loyalty, but his fiancée Lena wants nothing to do with Ardnakelty's tangles. As the feud becomes more vicious, their settled peace starts to crack apart. And when they uncover a scheme that casts a new light on Rachel's death and threatens the whole village, they find themselves in the firing line.

Ruby Falls – Gin Phillips. A tense, claustrophobic historical mystery set almost entirely underground at the onset of the Great Depression about the discovery of a 150-foot waterfall in the middle of a mountain, the unthinkable crime that happens in its caves, and a woman who's never felt more alive.

A Day of Judgment – Charles Todd. Inspector Ian Rutledge of Scotland Yard travels to England's windswept coastline to investigate a murder in a place where, several years after the end of WWI, the memory of the war still runs strong.

Strange Buildings – Uketsu. A lonely hut in the woods. A murder house. A hidden chamber. A mysterious shrine. A home in flames. A nightmarish prison. Each of the buildings in this book tells a chilling story. Each one is part of a puzzle. Look closely, and you'll see that everything is connected. All leading to a revelation so horrifying you won't want to believe it.

Romance

The Night We Met – Abby Jimenez. A beautiful, compelling novel that revels in laughter, friendship, and the messy choices life can throw our way. In everyone's life, there's a split-second decision that can change everything...

The Bookstore Diaries – Susan Mallery. Jax is living the bookworm dream, until an unhappy accident erases the names from the bookshop lockboxes where the town keeps their diaries. Which means the only way to find a diary's owner is...to read it. As secrets spill and scandals surface, life at the Painted Lady Bookstore gets a lot more colorful and chaotic. But for a woman who's always had to take charge, Jax will see that losing control--especially with the right wrong guy--can set you free.

Short Stories

Python's Kiss – Louise Erdrich. A magnificent story collection featuring a range of characters: a tribal newsletter editor whose son tells her a story that nothing in her experience can encompass, immigrant farmers whose tenuous hold on the earth, and sanity, is challenged, and ordinary people, bird lovers, artists, grade-school teachers, and romantics.

The News From Dublin: Stories – Colm Toibin. A brilliant collection of nine short stories, many never-before-published, set across Ireland, Spain, and America--about the complexities of family, longing, loss, and love.

Suspense

Bloodlust – Sandra Brown. Bestselling author Sandra Brown delivers a new signature sexy suspense about a detective seeking justice for his murdered wife with the help of a psychotherapist ... while fighting an undeniable attraction to her.

Whidbey – T. Kira Madden. A portrait of three women connected through one man in the aftermath of his murder – a stunning literary achievement and the explosive and highly anticipated debut novel from beloved award-winning memoirist T Kira Madden.

The Dark Time – Nick Petrie. At the suggestion of his girlfriend, June, Peter Ash rides to the aid of an investigative reporter who may have stumbled on a story more explosive than even he can handle in this propulsive new thriller from the bestselling and award-winning series.

Judge Stone – James Patterson. The most respected citizen in Union Springs, Alabama (population 3,314), is Judge Mary Stone. She holds two responsibilities sacred: running her family farm and presiding over her courtroom. It's there she draws the most controversial case in the history of the South. Criminally, it's open-and-shut. Ethically, there is no middle ground. Essentially, it's a choice between life and death. No judge can satisfy everyone. It would be dangerous to try. But Judge Stone is willing to fight to bring justice to the people and place she loves.

NONFICTION

Humor Me: How Laughing More Can Make You Present, Creative, Connected, and Happy – Chris Duffy. (*January release*) Promises to deepen your friendships, enhance your creativity, and lighten life's burdens, and is a genuinely funny read along the way.

To Die For: a Cookbook of Gravestone Recipes – Rosie Grant. (*October 2025 release*) An inspiring collection of recipes preserved on gravestones, with fascinating interviews from the families, celebrating the beloved food legacies of their dearly departed.

Read This When Things Fall Apart: Letters to Activists in Crisis – Kelly Hayes. (*November 2025 release*) This collection harnesses the writers' individual moments of despair into living, breathing wisdom that chips away at the supposed inevitability of fascist life. Restorative like a letter from a trusted friend and invigorating like a story from a mentor, the book is an indispensable companion for all of us navigating challenging times.

Real Japanese Cooking: Traditions, Tips, Techniques and Over 600 Authentic Recipes – Makiko Itoh. (*August 2025 release*) Itoh's mission is to demystify Japanese cuisine for non-Japanese home cooks. Her book contains 400 beautiful color photos with clearly-presented recipes interspersed with fascinating essays and sidebars explaining all aspects of Japan's unique food culture.

Chain of Ideas: the Origins of Our Authoritarian State – Ibram X. Kendi. Internationally bestselling author Ibram X. Kendi offers an unsettling but indispensable global history of how the great replacement theory brought humanity into this authoritarian age--and how we can free ourselves from it.

Homeschooled – Stefan Merrill Block. (*January release*) A heartbreaking, empowering, often hilarious debut memoir about a mother's all-consuming love, a son's perilous quest to discover the world beyond the front door and the unregulated homeschool system that impacts millions like him.

Judy Blume: a Life – Mark Oppenheimer. The highly anticipated biography of one of the world's most treasured literary voices, showcasing a life as triumphant and inspiring as the stories she crafted.

My Parents are Dead: What Now? A Panic-Free Guide to the Practicalities of Death – Becky Robison. (*January release*) A certified death doula provides an accessible and digestible guide to dealing with the legal, financial logistical hurdles of a parent's death--without losing your sense of humor.

Frostlines: a Journey Through Entangled Lives and Landscapes in a Warming Arctic – Neil Shea. (*December 2025 release*) Shea blends natural history, anthropology, and travel writing to explore how the beauty, chaos, and power of change in the far north are reflected in the lives of people and animals. He sojourns with a wolf pack on Canada's Ellesmere Island and travels with Indigenous hunters in Alaska, Nunavut, and the Northwest Territories. He tracks dwindling caribou herds across the top of North America, searches for vanished Vikings in Greenland, and visits the front line of the new Cold War rising between Russia and Europe. What Shea finds is not one Arctic but many--all still linked by shattering cold, seasons of darkness, and a pure, inimitable light.

I Do Know Some Things – Richard Siken. (*August 2025 release*) It is brave to write about childhood scars and the heartbreak the dead leave behind. It is brave to reconfigure one's life in the aftermath of a stroke. Richard Siken presents these subjects directly, without ornament, and with nothing to hide behind, confronting the fact that he can no longer manipulate the constructions of form, or speak lies that tell the truth. In spite of these limitations, Siken chooses to write these poems and release them into a dangerous world.

What Sheep Think About the Weather: How to Listen to What Animals Are Trying to Say – Amelia Thomas. (*November 2025 release*) What are animals truly seeking to communicate, not to each other, but to us humans? Thomas introduces readers to a myriad scientists, experts, and practitioners--from animal behaviorists to anthrozoologists; pet psychics to animal trainers; A.I. experts to indigenous trackers; animal mindfulness gurus to psychologists--all who are listening to vastly different species in vastly different ways. Because listening has never been so important, and if we can learn to do it better, we might find out that the animals have been talking to us all along.

Adult Braces: Driving Myself Sane – Lindy West. When Lindy found herself in the throes of a deep depression, with her marriage and sense of self-worth hanging in the balance, she knew she needed to make a change. In *Adult Braces*, she examines her shifting feelings about traditional marriage, and her search for her long-lost self. She also tracks the highs and lows of her journey, from eye-opening natural wonders and kitschy roadside attractions to lackluster tourist traps and campground epiphanies. The result is an engaging and laugh-out-loud narrative of becoming as Lindy transforms from a passenger into the active navigator of her own life.

Enough: Your Health, Your Weight, and What It's Like to Be Free – Oprah Winfrey.
(*January release*) For her entire adult life, Oprah Winfrey has struggled with her weight. She never thought in her lifetime, medicines would provide hope, health, and healing for people like her. But as her conversations with Dr. Ania Jastreboff from the Yale School of Medicine reveal, we've learned that having obesity is not a choice. It's not a question of willpower.

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