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

**FICTION**

**Fantasy & Science Fiction**

As You Wake, Break the Shell – Becky Chambers. Explore a universe of stubborn survival and found family, of persistent danger and quiet wonder in the first installment of a heartfelt new duology from Hugo Award-winning author Becky Chambers.

Other Worlds Than These – Stephen King. This is the story of Jack Sawyer, whom readers first met when he was twelve, crossing America and "the territories" to save his mother's life, and met again in *Black House*, where Jack faces a child killer and the Crimson King (among other evils). Now, Jack must stop a rampaging gang of infected teenagers from America-side, and the forces of the mysterious Gullet at the edge of Mid-World, before it destroys our world and all worlds. Jack is older now; his Ka-tet (echoing the world of Roland) is fraying; and his task, nearly impossible.

Bodies of Magic – Freya Marske. (*September release*) At the Academie of the Grand Duchy of Sieuxerr, every mage with the healer's gift has five years to master their power and to prepare for the infamous Grand Exam--a five-day trial whose results will determine their entire future. Five scholars. Five secrets. Five days in which to solve a murder, pass the most important exam of their lives, and uncover a secret larger than all of their own combined. One with the potential to change the world.

A Wall is Also a Road – Annalee Newitz. Bestselling author Annalee Newitz invites us to explore a large and not-so-lonely universe in this science fiction adventure about what happens when the alien becomes familiar... and beloved.

The Dragon Has Some Complaints – John Wiswell. (*July release*) In this heartfelt and humorous fantasy from the Nebula-winning author of *Someone You Can Build a Nest In*, a dragon whose three heads bear rather...different...personalities finds family in the most unexpected of places.

**General Fiction**

The Wild Beneath – Kelly Anderson. (*August release*) For readers of *Wild Dark Shore* and *The Time Traveler's Wife*, a fierce, haunting story of one woman caught between her first love and a mysterious stranger who upends everything... and the two worlds that won't let her go.

Peck & Peck – Bonnie Garmus. The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of global sensation *Lessons in Chemistry* returns with an irresistible, delightful, and tender literary novel set in the publishing world of 1980s New York City about a young man whose life turns upside down when he is hired by the most prestigious, secretive, and dysfunctional poetry journal in the world: the renowned *Peck & Peck*.

Partita – Barbara Kingsolver. The story of a brief, passionate, life-changing love affair, wrapped up in what might be the greatest romance of all: our eternal human longing for art and beauty. With razor-sharp acuity and deep affection, Pulitzer Prize winner Barbara

Kingsolver's unforgettable new novel reflects on class barriers, the risks of ambition, and the timeless, life-changing power of art.

Every Story is a Love Story – Imbolo Mbue. What do we owe to those who have hurt us? Are we defined by our worst moments and our deepest regrets? And, more than anything, can forgiveness ease our suffering? Moving and full of life, *Every Story Is a Love Story* charts the uneven path from heartbreak to healing.

Awake Awake – Fiona Mozley. (*August release*) From the Booker Prize finalist, a mesmerizing spiral of a novel whose unreliable narrator and her endearing, idiosyncratic group of friends reckon with the psychological weight of history, as it seeps into their everyday lives and relationships.

## Historical Fiction

Adam and Eve – Jeffrey Archer. November 11th, 1918. As the guns of the Great War fall silent, two babies draw their first breath. Eve is the daughter of an Earl. Adam, a shepherd's son. Yet from their first meeting they form an extraordinary bond that neither privilege nor prejudice can break. Then on a single September night in 1940, as Hitler prepares to invade the British Isles, their actions will change his mind. Determining not just their own futures but the fate of a nation. They will show extraordinary courage. They will make unimaginable sacrifices. And the story of what they did will stay with you long after you've turned the last page.

Samantha: the Next Chapter – Fiona Davis. It's 1920, and 25-year-old Samantha Parkington is working hard to educate women in New York about suffrage and encourage them to vote in their first presidential election that fall. But when Samantha's large inheritance, including her childhood Mount Bedford home, is stolen in a shocking scheme, she goes from socialite to shop girl overnight and experiences a very different side of New York City living in a boarding house. Searching for clues regarding the theft of her inheritance, she infiltrates the business of a notorious criminal in New York City. Determined as ever, Samantha will do whatever it takes to find answers and save her family's legacy.

Royal Witch – Philippa Gregory. 1420. Eleanor Cobham arrives at the court of Henry V. Pretty but not highborn, she hopes for nothing more than to marry well. It is a golden age for England, its royal family's dynasty stretching across Europe. But chaos waits in the shadows. Betrayals and shifts of power change the flourishing world Eleanor has stepped into. Now she must use her wits to survive - and to rise. Her newfound ambition will to carry her further than any woman before has dared. But if she is to rule England itself, she will need to turn to darker arts...

Die Famous – Michael Koryta. (*September release*) Cleverly layered and emotionally taut, perfect for readers of *The Lincoln Highway*, *The Frozen River*, and *The Alice Network*, *Die Famous* follows a remarkable family as they race toward an impossible reunion--and asks us to consider where our own loyalties lie when ambition, devotion, and truth mean something different to each person telling the story.

The Piano Teacher of Montparnasse – Heather Morris. In 1942, the Nazis come for a Jewish family living in the Montparnasse area of occupied Paris. In the chaos of their arrest, eleven-year-old Josephine runs to the only person she can trust: her piano teacher, Andrée

Levallois, a secret French Resistance operative. Andrée takes her in as a member of the family, spreading their rations and risking everything to keep her safe. But soon the authorities close in, and both Andrée and Josie are caught in a desperate race to stay alive.

Single Girls – John Searles. (*July release*) An infectious and utterly charming fictionalization of the iconic Helen Gurley Brown's early years at the helm of *Cosmopolitan*, and the intrepid group of women she took under her wing to create one of the most talked about magazines of all time.

A Perfect Hand – Ayelet Waldman. (*May release*) A richly drawn, captivating, and endlessly amusing novel of love and subterfuge between a lady's maid and her clandestine lover, set in the country estates of nineteenth-century England.

## **Horror**

Back for Blood: Never Whistle at Night Part II – Shane Hawk. (*August release*) The bestselling Indigenous dark fiction anthology returns with a new selection of even more daring and sinister stories. From monsters to mutilation, *Never Whistle at Night* is back for revenge. Featuring stories by: Jessica Doe - P.C. Verrone - Theodore C. Van Alst Jr. - Jim Terry - Jessica Johns - A.J. Eversole - Sonia Marie Barry - Shane Hawk - Stephen Graham Jones - Alicia Elliott - Mat RudeWalker - Shaawan Francis Keahna - Billy-Ray Belcourt - Jake Arrowtop - Alina Pete - Debra Magpie Earling - Joshua Whitehead - Tommy Orange - Ramona Emerson - Erica Tremblay - Kimberly Blaeser.

Blacktail – Scott Hawkins. (*September release*) The long-awaited second novel from the author of the cult hit *The Library at Mount Char*, a one-of-a-kind dark fantasy in which a wolf sets out on an epic journey of revenge.

Off the Reservation – Stephen Graham Jones. A ragtag group of activists sets out to repatriate the bones of a Blackfeet boy taken to the infamous Carlisle Indian Industrial School. By turns terrifying and deeply moving, *Off the Reservation* is a haunting American Indian novel of survival, reckoning, and redemption, shining light on the dark corners of this country's history while also showing the desperate choices people make when they're put up against a wall.

The Fisherman – John Langan. (*2016 release*) In upstate New York, in the woods around Woodstock, Dutchman's Creek flows out of the Ashokan Reservoir. Steep-banked, fast-moving, it offers the promise of fine fishing, and of something more, a possibility too fantastic to be true. When Abe and Dan, two widowers who have found solace in each other's company and a shared passion for fishing, hear rumors of the Creek, and what might be found there, the remedy to both their losses, they dismiss it as just another fish story. Soon, though, the men find themselves drawn into a tale as deep and old as the Reservoir.

Solace House – Will MacLean. An addictive and brilliant puzzle box of a novel following a group of university students who discover an astonishing secret while clearing out a neglected Victorian mansion.

Look What the Cat Dragged In – Jason Rekulak. Meet Penny Padgett, a twenty-seven-year-old cartoonist in Philadelphia who agrees to pet-sit a very peculiar cat named Godfrey in her home. At first, he's a warm and affectionate companion who follows Penny all around

the house and insists on sleeping by her side every night. But soon strange things are happening: Penny is haunted by disturbing and violent nightmares. There's a terrible insect infestation in her basement. Her cute cartoon illustrations turn dark and surreal, as if influenced by some invisible hand. And her health starts failing, as if her mind and body are under attack by a sinister, malevolent force. Penny may be a cat person, but she's starting to think Godfrey is no ordinary cat...

## **Mystery & Detective Fiction**

Dead Before Tea Time – M. C. Beaton. Beloved *New York Times* bestseller M. C. Beaton's cranky, crafty Agatha Raisin--the star of her own hit T.V. series--is back on the case again.

The Girl in the Lake – James Patterson. At a frozen lakeside crime scene, a corpse carries an accusatory note: "If anything happens to me, arrest Brendan Holmes." Mysteries trail Brendan Holmes, Margaret Marple, and Auguste Poe wherever they go. At a remote lodge in upstate New York, the embattled private investigators have taken refuge from the assailant who bombed their sleek city headquarters. When the discovery of a body in the lake puts the detectives back in the headlines and under suspicion, the elusive killer issues his despicable orders: stop solving crimes--and start committing them.

Miss Wolcott's Ghost – Louise Penny. As ghosts begin to gather, Gamache, Beauvoir, and Lacoste, with the help of Reine-Marie, Clara, and the other villagers of Three Pines, realize that a mysterious body on a grave is far from the only death. To solve the crime and avert catastrophe they must look to rancid secrets and old lies no longer dead and buried.

## **Romance**

Every Summer After – Carley Fortune. (2022 release) Six summers to fall in love. One moment to fall apart. A weekend to get it right. Told over the course of six years and one weekend, *Every Summer After* is a big, sweeping nostalgic story of love and the people and choices that mark us forever.

A Married Little Christmas – Abby Jimenez. Bring on the holiday cheer in this delightful collection of three feel-good novellas from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Night We Met* --with bonus recipes and full-page illustrations.

Bad Words – Rioghnach Robinson. Parker Navarro's debut novel was meant to define his career - until critic Selina Chan's blistering review made it the flop of the decade. Four years later, his new book is his shot at redemption; for Selina, reviewing him again is a professional risk she can't refuse. When her second takedown ignites a viral feud, both their fortunes shift overnight. But as the literary world feeds on their public sparring, a quieter dialogue begins - one that challenges everything they thought they knew about success, sincerity, and each other.

## **Short Stories**

The Passing of the Dragon and Other Stories – Ken Liu. (September release) Thought-provoking, heartbreaking, and wondrous are some of the many ways the tales in this collection will engage readers, from the titular story about a painter who fears she's failing as an artist to the twelve other examples of captivating science fiction. Ken Liu continues to delight and challenge your perceptions as one of the most accomplished and lauded American short story writers of our time.

Patient, Female – Julie Schumacher. (*May release*) From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dear Committee Members*, a collection of wryly funny stories about ordinary women--in all their complexity, fallibility, and humanity.

## **Suspense**

Chain Reaction – Lee Child. The heart-pounding new Jack Reacher thriller from #1 *New York Times* bestselling authors Lee Child and Andrew Child.

The Witch – Freida McFadden. When Julia Barlow loses her job and her apartment, she has nowhere left to go but Pemberton, her family's sprawling seventeenth-century estate in rural Massachusetts. Officially, she's there to check in on her aging grandmother. As Julia digs into the house's dark history, she uncovers the story of a woman executed for witchcraft in 1692, and realizes the past may not be finished with Pemberton yet. When decades of family lies begin to surface, Julia must confront a terrifying truth: Pemberton may be haunted by women whose voices refuse to stay silent.

The Family Cross – James Patterson. Alex Cross investigates a series of baffling murders while balancing a family crisis that threatens to upend his entire world.

## **NONFICTION**

The Black Death: a Global History of Humanity's Most Devastating Pandemic – Thomas Asbridge. (*May release*) Uncovering a story that speaks to our own age, *The Black Death* highlights humankind's capacity for compassion and resilience amidst a global crisis to explain how the medieval world confronted, and ultimately overcame, this shattering pandemic.

The Plunge: Maverick Swimmers, an Unlikely Quest, and the Transformative Power of Cold Water – Chris Ballard. (*June release*) *Born to Run* meets *Why We Swim* and *Breath* in a globe-spanning work of immersive narrative nonfiction that dives into the hidden world of cold water plunging and swimming--and what it reveals about the human body, mind, and need for connection.

Zine Making and Bookbinding: a Beginner's Guide in 25 Projects – Lauren Simkin Berke. (*April release*) Learn to create zines and books with this approachable guide featuring illustrated, step-by-step lessons on making many different book formats. The possibilities are endless!

Solid Wiggles: Recipes and Techniques for Phenomenal Jelly Shots and Cakes – Jena Derman. (*June release*) Learn how to create more than 45 of your own delectable and eye-catching jelly shots and cakes for all occasions. Unlike the saccharine shots of our youth, Derman and Schramm's elevated cocktail jellies are flavored with high-quality spirits and freshly squeezed juices, then handcrafted into works of edible art. And the best part? You can achieve it all in your own kitchen.

Like, Follow, Subscribe: Influencer Kids and the Cost of a Childhood Online – Fortesa Latifi. (*April release*) A searing investigation into the child influencer industry and the perils of childhood internet fame, *Like, Follow, Subscribe* is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand the costs of internet fame, and the ethics of online content.

The Cure at Walden Pond: a Guide to Recovering Our Humanity – Thomas Moore.

*(July release)* The journey to Walden Pond is an essential American pilgrimage, and *The Cure at Walden Pond* embodies Thoreau's essence, guiding us through Thoreau's precepts so we can find more harmony in our communities and in ourselves. Immersing ourselves in the music of the natural world this is a resonate read that will move and inspire any one in search of a new way of being.

Ottolenghi Simple Too: a Cookbook – Yotam Ottolenghi. Every dish has simplicity at its core and can be made in under 30 minutes, cooked in one pot, or prepped ahead. Whatever your barriers to cooking, this book brings you into the kitchen with a promise that even the simplest of meals can be full of flavor and joy.

All About Allergies: Everything You Need to Know About Asthma, Food Allergies, Hay Fever, and More – Zachary Rubin, MD. *(February release)* From viral social media sensation Dr. Zachary Rubin, an in-depth look at both common and surprising allergies, spotlighting patient stories, the history and science behind allergies, common myths, treatment options, and more.

Crossing the Wine-Dark Sea: Journeys Through Ancient Literature – Emily Wilson. *(September release)* From the most celebrated translator of our time comes a visionary exploration of how translation reshapes and enriches our understanding of the ancient world.

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