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FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Andrews, Donna	Probable Caws	Detective Mystery	8/4

Readers will flock to *New York Times* bestselling author Donna Andrews's next installment in the award-winning Meg Langslow series.

Barclay, Linwood	Not a Word	Thriller / Amateur Sleuth	8/25
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Every family has secrets, but when Reece visits his parents' house, he's shocked to find them in bed, dead. At first glance it looks like a murder-suicide perpetrated by his father, but on closer inspection there's clearly more to the story. For starters, inconsistencies in the crime scene suggest his dad may not have shot himself.

As Reece, shaken by his horrifying discovery, awaits questioning from the police, his phone lights up with a call. It's the last person he ever would have expected to hear from.

Reeling from the day's events, Reece finds himself questioning everything he thought he knew about his parents--and whether he and his own family are in danger now. While the authorities work to untangle the baffling crime scene, Reece is pulled into a web of secrets linked to the unscrupulous pharma company his father worked for years ago.

In order to protect the people he loves most, he'll have to dig deep into his own past to understand who his parents were, what they did, and who they hurt--before he ends up paying for their sins.

Bennett, Robert Jackson	A Trade of Blood	Fantasy / Mystery	8/4
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The heir to one of the Empire's most powerful families sits in jail, accused of murder. His hands are covered in the victim's blood, and he can neither deny his guilt nor explain his actions.

But if the great detective Ana Dolabra cannot save him from the noose, the farming canton of Sapirdad will explode into war, threatening to plunge the whole Empire into starvation and chaos.

Bohjalian, Chris	The Amateur	Mystery Thriller	8/4
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From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Midwives* and *The Flight Attendant*: When a young woman, a golf prodigy, kills a caddy with a stray ball at the country club, the investigation of this freak accident reveals a dark and shocking tale of secret affairs, predatory men, and a teenager on trial.

Borman, Tracy	The House of Boleyn	Historical / Renaissance	8/4
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Blending the history she knows so well with the creativity of her imagination, Tracy Borman brings the Boleyn family's three-decade rise and precipitous fall to vivid life. Borman surrounds the main dramatic events of the Boleyn saga with a colorful tableau in which familial and inter-familial rivalries threaten and true love often loses out to keen ambition. Anne's ever-loyal attendant Esther Frideswide and Thomas Boleyn's perfidious steward Robert Cranwell are as memorable as Cardinal Wolsey, Thomas Cromwell, or anyone in the increasingly dangerous orbit of the royal court. Henry VIII pursues Anne relentlessly, showering her with gifts as the Boleyns are catapulted to political prominence. But when she can't give him the son and heir he desperately seeks, the family faces a terrible and bloody fate. With lavish and compelling historical detail, Tracy Borman displays her keen gift for storytelling in this resonant novel of family, fate, and intrigue.

Bowen, Rhys	The Castle in the Glen	Women / Historical	8/4
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Australian writer Emma Callander has been recruited to complete the final historical mystery in a series by celebrated author Iris Blackburn. It's 1965, and Iris's memory is fading. She's certain that only Emma can do justice to her novel about a murder on the Isle of Skye. When Emma ventures to Scotland for research, she discovers the story is not fiction at all but rather a true crime, unsolved for more than fifty years.

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Boyles, Claire	Appraisals	Samll Town / Family Life	8/4

Maggie Brandt, a third-generation farmer, is cultivating a few acres of organic vegetables in rural Colorado--a place where industrial farming reigns supreme--when the Great Recession hits. After months of unemployment, her husband, Fish, takes a job with an oil and gas company, a decision that threatens their once happy marriage and alienates their teenage daughter, Ozzie, a budding environmental crusader. As the wider community organizes against a billionaire outsider who is buying farmland and, more worryingly, water rights in the moisture-starved county, Maggie's grandmother Flora grapples with the painful echoes of her own past. Flora and Ozzie's already close bond deepens as they join a local activist group, but Fish and Maggie's conflicting approaches to surviving circumstances that are out of their control drive them further apart. Faced with intolerable layers of loss, each member of the family is forced to consider what they are willing to compromise and what they are, or are not, able to forgive.

Brooks, Terry	Brona: The First Druids of Shannara	Fantasy / Saga	8/25	
Dawson, Delilah S				

Years have passed since Galaphile Joss and his life partner, Nirianne, established Paranor as a way to bring harmony to the Four Lands. Now their two sons are becoming men in a land of peace and plenty. Admittedly, it is a land that their eldest child, Abronja, finds rather boring. At sixteen, he longs for a way to prove himself--a chance to show he is every bit the equal of his famous father. But when the excitement he has been longing for materializes, it is in the form of an old evil: a dark sorcerer whom his father had defeated but not destroyed. And who is now back, stronger and deadlier than ever.

Connelly, Lucy	Death at a Scottish Halloween	Mystery / International	8/11	
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It's the week of Halloween--or as they say in Scotland, All Hallows' Eve--and the town of Sea Isle is full of spooky celebrations. Dr. Emilia McRoy loves being part of her new community and is eager to help out in any way she can. But the festivities are interrupted when she and her assistant, Abigail, find a dead body in a haunted house. A real one. They're too late to save the victim, but they'll do whatever it takes to find his killer. There's just one problem: There are too many suspects.

Constantine, LIV	Promise Me Never	Thriller / Suspence	8/18	
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Aspiring writer Savannah's scheme to meet superstar horror novelist Bennett Bryson turns out better than she ever imagined: not only does her charming and handsome literary idol offer to read her work, he is instantly smitten with her. After a whirlwind romance, Savannah says "yes" to marriage, and the two settle into Bennett's secluded upstate home. But just as Savannah thinks she has it made, cracks appear in her perfect new life. Bennett's behavior becomes dark and controlling: he criticizes Savannah's writing, dictates her permitted activities, and spends most of his time locked in his office, forbidding her from entering. And everywhere, Savannah cannot escape the shadow of Bennett's first wife, the free-spirited and passionate artist Poppy, who died in a tragic accident, but who seems still to be Savannah's rival for Bennett's affection. Then comes an enigmatic warning: Bennett is not who he seems. The women that came before Savannah have disappeared. And Savannah could be next.

Daanje, Anjet	The Song of Stork and Dromedary	Worl Lit. / Historical	8/18	
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Who was Eliza May Drayden? Is she just the quiet, intensely private person she seems to all the world in her little village of Bridge Fowling in the shadow of the West Yorkshire hills--or is there more to her than meets the eye? It is only after her death that Haeger Mass, her one book--a dark and cryptic novel--assumes a life of its own. In each new chapter of this literary treasure hunt that spans almost three hundred years, we see the conundrum through the eyes of a new generation of characters, each providing competing and interlocking versions of the life--and cursed vision--of this Emily Brontë-like figure. Scholars immerse themselves in the mystery of her life and are led to ruin; the curse that hangs over her comes to visit a young couple; a mysterious diary emerges with her strange and indecipherable poetry and sketches. Elements and symbols repeat in relentless and varying combinations from one story to the next as the years pass: as if the truth at the center of her work is fighting to break free.

Gardner, Lisa	You'll Be Sorry	Mystery Thriller	8/4	
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A newlywed couple each with their own secrets. An abandoned lodge with a horrific decades-old mystery. And a small mountain town where everyone believes they know their neighbors, in this thriller from a master storyteller.

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Gerritsen, Tess	The Shadow Friends	Espionage Thriller	8/25

When a renowned disease expert and Russian defector dies mysteriously during a global affairs conference in Purity, Maine, the tight-knit band of former spies in the Martini Club once again sees their quiet coastal retirement interrupted by international intrigue. And when a waitress at the conference hotel is found murdered, Ingrid Slocum sees chilling links to a disastrous mission that nearly killed her three decades ago.

Givhan, Jennifer	The Sleeping Sisters	Hispanic / Thriller	8/18
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A mother's love is the oldest curse.

Fortuna Miércoles has finally moved her family to a better neighborhood across the Rio Grande, desperate to outrun the curse that's stalked her bloodline since her greatest grandmother crossed the desert with a cactus thorn splitting her throat. But burying a family's violent legacy--or her own haunting secret--isn't so easy. Twenty years ago, girls and women vanished into the Albuquerque night, their bones later unearthed on the mesa. The so-called Reaper was never caught. Now, beneath the dormant volcanoes called the Sleeping Sisters, the killings have begun again, and they've called forth something in Fortuna that she has long fought to keep buried...

Gong, Chloe	Eyes of Kings	Fantasy / Action & Adventure	8/4
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War beckons in the kingdom of Talin. On one side sits Calla Tuoleimi and Anton Makusa, and on the other, the recently dethroned August Shenzhi and Calla's own predecessor Sinoa Tuoleimi. Neither will rest until the opposition is buried. Calla assumed victory would be easy. She wears the divine crown after a violent coup, wielding the most powerful weapon in the kingdom. Then the provinces start to whisper of the old gods returning to earth, and suddenly the game board is flipped upside-down. Anton thought he aligned himself with victory. When he swore to serve as Calla's general, he understood the battle they were waging. But he fears Calla is no longer herself with the crown. Rather, he fears that Calla is returning to who she once was. August would sacrifice anything for victory. He has waited his entire life for the throne, and surrender is not an option. In the face of age-old immortals challenging his terrain and the possibility of betrayal from his closest and most cherished guard, he must be careful who he trusts. Because when the war ends, there can only be one king.

Hillier, Jennifer	Heart of Glass	Psychological Thriller	8/25
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Twenty-five years ago in Seaside, Washington, a charming drifter named Sam met three inseparable teenage girls at the local amusement park. Days later, one of them was found dead. Barb and Nicolette were shocked to learn that the man they all met at Wonderland was the Carnival Killer. Years later, they've both moved on with their lives, their past safely behind them. But when the Carnival Killer recants his confession and a new body washes ashore on the eve of Wonderland's grand reopening, the secrets that Barb and Nicolette have worked so hard to bury begin to resurface, threatening to destroy everything in their carefully constructed lives.

Johnston, Anna	When Lemons Give You Life	Friendship / Siblings	8/4
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Retired Michelin-star chef Griff Barlow has lost his appetite. He's done with grief, guilt, and the beige slop they call food at Sunny Glen Aged Care Facility, where he resides. Six decades of life have handed him all the lemons he can handle, so he breaks into the nursing home kitchen to bake one last tart as his final meal. But the act of cooking stirs a dormant joy, and soon he's sneaking in after dark to serve up flavor and comfort to fellow residents, who come alive with each bite--all while hiding a lie big enough to destroy the one thing he has left to protect.

Kingfisher, T.	Daggerbound	Fantasy/Romance	8/25
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New York Times bestselling author T. Kingfisher returns to the charming fantasy world of *Swordheart* in this delightful and unexpected new romantic adventure. Learned Edmund, a disillusioned scholar, is transporting yet another precious relic from one stuffy temple to a different stuffy temple. Another great adventure for the ages...But when Edmund is set upon by bandits, in desperation, he breaks the cardinal rule and grabs for the relic, an ancient sword. To his surprise, instead of unsheathing a rusty, ancient weapon, an alarmingly handsome man appears, wielding daggers of blue steel and cutting the thieves down.

Krueger, William Kent	God's Country	Detective Mystery	8/18
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Cork O'Connor, preparing for a family trip into the Boundary Waters, is troubled by ominous visions about his future. Ignoring the warnings, he uncovers signs of violence while searching for his missing friend, Cordell Bishop. Soon, he is forced to negotiate with dangerous criminals, the Kennedy brothers, who are seeking their late father's hidden stash.

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Maehrer, Hannah Nicole	Adversary to the Villain	Fantasy / Romance	8/4

Evie has always tried to be helpful, loyal, and only mildly involved in treason. But with a dangerous prophecy threatening the very magic of Rennedawn--not to mention the race to claim its necessary artifacts before King Benedict does--things are starting to feel...less like a career path and more like a serious problem.

The prophecy won't stop pointing in Evie's direction. The Villain's magic keeps choosing her. And honestly, if you're going to be accused of evil anyway, you might as well commit.

McFadden, Freida	Brain Damage	Thriller / Psychological	8/18
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How can you survive when you can't remember who wants you dead?

Dr. Charly McKenna had the perfect life: a thriving dermatology practice, a luxury apartment overlooking Central Park, and a handsome husband who adored her.

Until the night a bullet tore through her skull... and stole everything.

Now Charly wakes in a rehabilitation hospital unable to walk, speak, or remember her own name. All she knows is that someone tried to kill her--and they may still be out there. As fragments of memory surface, so do unsettling questions about the people around her, including the attentive man who keeps appearing at her bedside.

The truth of what happened that night lives somewhere inside her brain. And as Charly pieces together the jagged edges of her past, she begins to realize the most terrifying possibility: the person who wants her dead might be the one she once trusted.

McMahon, Jennifer	Stay Buried	Women / Supernatural	8/11
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Some towns stay isolated for a reason.

1919: Frankie O'Massey has always been the black sheep of isolated Boone's Ferry, Vermont. Her uncle, Dr. Thomas Endicott, has been training her in the science of medicine, something the townspeople are wary of. When a mysterious illness strikes the town, and the community suspects supernatural forces, the two desperately search for a logical explanation. Patient zero seems to be the town's knackerman--a recluse who collects dead and dying farm animals to make use of their parts.

2016: Siblings Ashley and Malcolm lost their mother two years ago. When their grandmother dies, they inherit a property in Boone's Ferry--a place they've heard of but their grandmother has always refused to talk about--and embark on a trip to their ancestral home. The idyllic town is full of autumnal décor, picturesque farmland, and small-town charm. But some of the townspeople aren't very welcoming--and they have some unsettling traditions, like leaving offerings to a vengeful spirit four times a year.

Michaels, Fern	The Boat House	Family Life/Adventure	8/25
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Running their inherited marina in a quirky, picturesque New Jersey shore town, siblings Madison and Lincoln Wainright discover what could be a map to Captain Kidd's lost treasure in this fresh, adventure-filled Twin Lights novel from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Fern Michaels.

Minyoung, Kang	Plant Lady	Women / Thriller	8/4
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Tucked away in the corner of a neighborhood in Dosan, South Korea, is the Plant Shop. Shop owner Yoohee has started anew, and her meticulously grown foliage thrives under her tender care. To both her customers and herself, Plant Shop is a refuge, where petunias and marigolds bloom and the air itself is like an elixir of peace.

By day, Yoohee dispenses advice on gardening, but she also finds herself offering a special service off the clock. Women who are at their wits' end come to her about a man they hope might disappear from their lives. Pulling extra hours is taxing, but Yoohee has encountered--and dealt with--these kind of men in her own life, men who treated her (and her beloved plants) with utter disrespect. So as night falls, Yoohee trades her apron for a shovel and a hoe and disappears into her moonlit garden.

There, she buries not just the remains of the day, but also the bloody remnants of a few unfortunate encounters.

As men begin to disappear...will anyone ever suspect the Plant Lady?

Montgomery, Mimi	Murder Bites	Suburban	8/4
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Margot Cartwright is not exactly blending in with the residents of Glenville, South Carolina. An unwilling transplant from Washington, D.C., Margot feels like a fish out of water among the Lululemon-wearing, tiny-dog-owning, non- New Yorker-reading locals who are clamoring to have their fur babies star on Pawsh, a reality TV show about couture canines. (Sure, Margot loves her dog, but Sid Vicious is far too cool of a mutt for a show like that!) She even feels like an outcast amongst her family, and after she's caught channeling her inner "Robin Hood" by stealing her neighbors' pro- Pawsh signs, further cementing her title as the neighborhood pariah, she thinks things can't possibly get any worse, right?

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Moriarty, Laura	Sunlight Finds You	Coming of Age / Family Life	8/4

It's 1949, early in the Cold War, but St. Petersburg, Florida is warm, lush, and booming with newcomers seeking sunshine and opportunity. For seventeen-year-old Nora, St. Pete feels like paradise, especially after she meets and wins over Leonard, the shy, brilliant son of transplanted New Yorkers. Nora and Leonard are soon spending balmy days and evenings together, and in her adoring, encouraging company, he grows more confident, even as he remains tender and caring. Leonard's sophisticated mother welcomes Nora into their lives, but his father distrusts her motives.

Moriarty, Liane	Big Little Truths	Psychological Thriller	8/25
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In this highly anticipated sequel, Liane Moriarty examines the complexities of modern women's lives, shining light on family dynamics and long-hidden truths with wit and compassion. Whether you've read *Big Little Lies* or not, this is the perfect novel for longtime fans and new readers alike.

Nicole, Brittanée	Bonfire and Bliss Bookstore	Romance / Small Town	8/11
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These old flames are ready to catch fire.

For Penny Darling, love is best enjoyed between the pages of a book. After a very public failed engagement, she'd rather cozy up by the fire with a book boyfriend than a real one any day. And as the owner of Bonfire & Bliss Bookstore, she has her pick. Then Jake "Monty" Montgomery returns home. Her high school best friend, now a struggling author with inked forearms and wicked green eyes. And he needs her help.

Niffenegger, Audrey	The Time Traveler's Wife Collector's Edition	Time Travel / Literary	8/11
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Henry DeTamble is a dashing, adventurous librarian who travels involuntarily through time, pulled to moments of emotional gravity from his life, past and future. Clare Abshire is an artist whose life moves through a natural sequential course. This is the celebrated and timeless tale of their love. Henry and Clare's passionate affair is built and endures across a sea of time and captures them in an impossibly romantic trap that tests the strength of fate and basks in the bonds of love.

Patterson, James	Delusional	Mystery/Thriller	8/17
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Detective Michael Bennett and army-sniper-turned-NYPD-officer Rob Trilling travel to Montana to investigate a case that crosses state borders and family lines in this thriller from the world's bestselling author.

Pekkanen, Sarah	The Women in White	Mystery/Thriller	8/4
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In 1964, four remarkable young women at a prestigious university became the subjects of parapsychology experiments by a visionary scientist. On the cusp of a historic breakthrough, the women mysteriously vanished and the program was erased from history. Decades later, Riley Bell, newly divorced and desperate for a fresh start, accepts a caretaker job for an elderly widow named Betty. As the story unfolds across two timelines - Betty's 1960s era of 5 o'clock martinis and high-stakes experiments, and Riley's quest to uncover the truth about the missing women - old secrets rise to the surface. And the only way to survive is to confront the mystery that has lingered for sixty years.

Pirateaba	The Wandering Inn	Fantasy / Humorous	8/11
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"No killing Goblins."

So reads the sign outside of The Wandering Inn, a small building run by a young woman named Erin Solstice. She serves pasta with sausage, blue fruit juice, and dead acid flies on request. And she comes from another world. Ours.

It's a bad day when Erin finds herself transported to a fantastical world and nearly gets eaten by a Dragon. She doesn't belong in a place where monster attacks are a fact of life, and where Humans are one species among many. But she must adapt to her new life. Or die.

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Russo, Richard	Under the Falls	Small Town / Crime	8/11

When Tyler Sinclair left Stone Mountain at eighteen, he had no plans of returning. With only a duffel bag full of clothes, a few bucks stolen from his father's dresser, and a guitar, his most prized possession, Tyler disappeared without so much as a goodbye. Eighteen years later, Tyler, now the frontman of a famous band aptly named Stone Mountain, finds himself returning to his hometown for a one-night-only benefit concert to support his old friend, Doc, who lost feeling in his legs following a childhood accident. As Tyler ascends the mountain, memories of his childhood come rushing back--memories of his abusive father and despondent mother, of the friends he left behind--and he quickly learns that, for many people on Stone Mountain, the past does not feel like so long ago, and not everyone has been eagerly awaiting Tyler's return.

At the concert, resentment simmers just beneath the surface, and Tyler finds himself confronted with faces new and old: there's Curt, Tyler's childhood best friend, now Stone Mountain's chief of police, and his star officer, Deb, an out-of-towner who may have bitten off more than she can chew by accepting a job in Stone Mountain. And then there's Freddi, Curt's wife and Tyler's former lover, a woman whose questionable dealings and fraught history with Tyler will become the catalyst for a tragedy that will upend each of their lives and threaten to validate Tyler's worst fear: that "Stone Mountain is the kind of place you might escape from once, if you're lucky, but not twice."

Sager, Riley	The Unknown	Suspense Thriller/Horror	8/4
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In 1926, five women disappeared from a remote island in Vermont. Now, one hundred years later, it's happening again.

Sandeen, del	These Walls Remember	Horror / Gothic	8/18
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Do not go into the attic, the note warned.

But that's exactly what sisters Mickie and Delilah do when they inherit a distant relative's house in Savannah, Georgia. They intend to sell the property, divide the proceeds, and go their separate ways once and for all.

But 724 Hartford Street has other plans.

As the sisters learn about this house and its history, past wounds begin to fester and spill into the present: strange visions, memory lapses, unexplained accidents, and surreal echoes of the house's previous inhabitants--some of whom disappeared after living in the home. The sisters suspect the residents of the sleepy Savannah neighborhood know more than they're saying about what really happened there.

And then Delilah, once adamant about selling and never looking back, develops an uncanny attachment to the house, her personality changing in alarming ways. Mickie knows that she'll have to pull her sister from the home's clutches or they will both succumb to that which hungers in its walls.

Slaughter, Karin	The Secrets We Hide	Detective Mystery/Thriller	8/11
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1601 Iris Drive looks like any other house on the quiet, residential street. But rumors are rampant about the Vickery family, and what goes on behind closed doors. When gunshots ring out, Sheriff Emmy Clifton and her sister, ex-federal agent Jude Archer, discover a devastating crime scene. Allison Vickery has been murdered in her own kitchen, and her teenage daughter is bleeding upstairs, left for dead. Everyone thinks they know what happened. But secrets are buried everywhere in this small town. And it's up to Emmy Clifton to uncover the truth...

Steel, Danielle	The True Meaning of Love	Romance/War	8/11
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February 24 is the eighteenth birthday of a Ukrainian ballet school student named Vlad. It also happens to be the day that the first bombs of the 2022 Russian attack land on his homeland. As life for every person in the country is turned upside down in a moment, Vlad is immediately called up to serve in the military. But as much as he wants to defend his country, he is desperate to get his girlfriend, Tatyanna, an orphan whose only home has been the ballet school, out of the country.

Sullivan, Tim	The Tailor: A DS George Cross Mystery	Thriller / Mystery Detective	8/11
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Detective Sergeant George Cross is nothing if not precise. When a man is found dead in the first-class toilet of a train--his throat cut, a plastic bag over his head--the grisly scene shocks his fellow officers. Cross registers every detail, but it's not the blood that interests him. It's the victim's exquisite suit.

The dead man is a tailor by the name of Billy Titcomb, trusted by clients around the world for his meticulousness and discretion. Who would want a tailor dead? With his new partner, DC Alice Mackenzie, Cross starts pulling at the threads. There's a widow grieving in peculiar ways. A dead scientist whose suicide doesn't add up. And two South Korean tourists with embassy connections who keep showing up in places they shouldn't. The deeper Cross digs, the less this looks like a simple murder, and the more it looks like a professional operation.

DS Cross has the highest conviction rate in the force. But in the world of spies and state secrets, the rules are different--and for the first time, the people trying to stop him may be on his own side.

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Thomas, Will	For Services Rendered	Traditional / Mystery	8/18

In 1896, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, would be reformer and revolutionary, turns up in London, running away from China's Imperial Qing Secret Service, who has placed a substantial bounty on his head for his political activities. Captured by those agents, he's imprisoned in the Chinese Embassy until he can be smuggled back to China to face execution.

In the meantime, private enquiry agents Cyrus Barker and Thomas Llewelyn receive the unbelievable news that Sebastian Nightwine is both alive and in London. Not just that, it seems he's taking action against Barker and his close associates. At the same time, they've been hired to find this missing Sun Yat-Sen. With elements of the Chinese secret service, elements of the British government, and Nightwine himself all working against them, Barker & Llewelyn are at risk of being cornered by the deadliest set enemies they've yet faced.

Yoon, Paul	Etna	Animals / Magical Realism	8/4
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Set in a fictional country in the present day, this is a story told through the eyes of an ex-military dog, Etna. After surviving years of a devastating war, Etna decides one night to leave the men he has fought alongside for years and return home--to the place where he was taken from when he was young, in the thin but persistent hope that if a home exists for him, it might be there.

NONFICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Challenger, Melanie	Alive: The Hidden Intelligence of the Living World	Philosophy / Ethics	8/11

In *Alive*, natural philosopher Melanie Challenger draws on biology, philosophy, physics, ecology, and the history of science to reveal a radical truth: to be alive is first and foremost a way of being in a body. From Greenland sharks that can live for half a millennium, to birds that sense the Earth's magnetic field through their retinas, and even slime molds that solve mazes, this book tells a new story of intelligence in the living world.

Chambers, Caroline	What to Cook When You Don't Feel Like Cooking: Make It Fast	Cookbook / Quick & Easy	8/11
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Caroline Chambers famously doesn't feel like cooking--and she's built a whole brand on that premise. Her superpowers are eliminating unnecessary steps; minimizing dirty dishes; and making dinnertime as simple, stress-free, and fun as possible. While plenty of obstacles stand between you and a delicious meal, being short on time is probably the biggest one.

de Greef, Kimon	The Ego Trip: Psychedelic Toads, a Trail of Deaths, and the Guru Who Peddled Transcendence	New Age / Health & Fitness	8/4
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In 2012, a Mexican doctor named Octavio Rettig declared that he had revived a forgotten indigenous ritual: smoking the secretions of the Sonoran Desert toad, which releases a potent psychedelic substance known as "the God molecule." This enormously powerful drug can induce states of ego death and the sensation of being directly connected with the divine. In some cases, it offers profound relief for numerous conditions and illnesses. Drawn in by Octavio's visionary message of healing, many psychonauts, spiritual seekers, and patients without other options flocked to Sonora and sparked a psychedelic movement that would eventually circle the globe. But as Octavio's fame grew, stories emerged of extreme dosing, abusive behavior, and even dramatic deaths.

Diaz, Katerina	Coffee Shop at Home: The Ultimate Guide to Making Your Favorite Coffee Drinks	Cookbook / Coffee & Tea	8/11
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If you've ever felt like the coffee you make at home doesn't compare to your favorite store-bought specialty drinks, you're not alone. Fed up with the subpar coffee she'd make when trying to break the expensive habit of going to a coffee shop every morning, content creator Katerina Diaz began sharing videos online documenting her journey to perfecting her daily brew. She has since become an at-home coffee expert, and she's here to teach you how to make your own coffee exactly the way you like it.

DK	Civilizations Map by Map: From Ancient Empires to the Present	Civilization / Atlases	8/25
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From Mesopotamia's thriving trade hubs to the spectacular cities of the Inca, such as Machu Picchu, Civilizations Map By Map charts the rise and fall of more than 90 pioneering early societies. A combination of specially commissioned storytelling maps and contemporary examples offer a window into the pivotal events, key innovations, cultural cornerstones, and enduring legacies of these ancient worlds.

NONFICTION				
Author	Title	Genre	Date	
Durán, Gil	The Nerd Reich: Silicon Valley Fascism and the War on Democracy	Political Economy / Civics	8/18	

When Silicon Valley says it is "moving fast and breaking things," the world interprets the chaos as a necessary cost of innovation. Gil Durán reveals something far more sinister: a decades-long campaign to replace elected governments with corporate rule.

Hattersley, Lucy	AI Projects with Raspberry Pi: High-Performance Artificial Intelligence for	Computers / AI	8/4	
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Combining Raspberry Pi hardware with artificial intelligence gives you new ways to interact with the world: turn your surroundings into a playing field with computer vision models, predict and adjust to changes in environmental conditions, and engage with people in natural ways.

Huffman, Jared	No Prophets: The Fight to Save Democracy from Christian Nationalism	Political Science / Nationalism & Patriotism	8/18	
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From Congressman Jared Huffman, a behind-the-scenes look at the shocking extent of Christian nationalism's reach in our government--and the fight to defend church-state separation.

Khabra, Simi	Minimalist Soapmaking: How to Make Incredible Soaps in Less Time with Just a Few Ingredients	Crafts & Hobbies / Soap Making	8/25	
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Author and accomplished soapmaker Simi Khabra traded the demands of running a high-volume natural soap business--shipping over 50,000 soaps around the world--for the slower pace of handcrafted small-batch soapmaking. Within these pages, she distills her years of knowledge to help home soapmakers create professional-quality bars as efficiently as possible using just five base oils, five affordable essential oils, and a curated selection of vibrant natural colorants.

Khalidi, Rashid	Palestine: A Primer	YA Nonfiction / History	8/18	
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Rashid Khalidi invites readers to learn more about Palestine in what is both a deeply personal and yet expansive account of the last hundred years of the country's history. By blending detailed research with firsthand experiences, this book is equal parts compelling and informative --the perfect educational resource for all ages. From the Balfour Declaration to Israel's siege of the Gaza strip, Khalidi delivers a thorough portrait of the intricacies of the geopolitical conflict occurring in the middle east while keeping the text broadly accessible.

Meyer, Thomas	Hannah Arendt: A Life of the Mind	Biography / Philosopher	8/11	
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Drawing on newly discovered archival materials and previously overlooked documents--from both Germany, where Hannah Arendt was born to a Jewish family in 1906, and the United States, where she was a citizen from 1950--Thomas Meyer tells the story of an intellectual icon whose character and ideas continue to captivate and challenge us to this day. Tracing anew Arendt's journey from Königsberg to Paris, where she fled after being imprisoned in 1933, and finally to New York in 1941, Meyer illuminates her formative years and the development of her radical and brilliant books, as well as her lifelong philosophical debate with Martin Heidegger, whose Nazism was a permanent challenge for her. Meyer's account centers on two pivotal phases--Arendt's years in Paris after fleeing Nazi Germany and her time in the United States leading up to the landmark publication of The Origins of Totalitarianism in 1951--providing not only a meticulous reconstruction of her life but also a compelling invitation to rethink her legacy for our times.

Perlmutter, David, MD	Brain Defenders: Harness the Power of Your Immune Cells to Protect Your Brain for Life	Health & Fitness / Alzheimer's & Dementia	8/18	
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We've been fighting the wrong enemy. For decades, medicine has pointed its weapons at symptoms like memory loss, tremors, headaches, and lethargy, while ignoring the root causes of diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and major depression. In Brain Defenders, neurologist Dr. David Perlmutter flips the script, exposing the real culprits: malfunctioning microglia, tiny immune cells that, when metabolically hijacked, go rogue and attack the very neurons they're meant to protect. With clarity and urgency, Dr. Perlmutter explains how a silent battle rages in the brain.

NONFICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Roberts, Sam	Are They Dead Yet?: The Art of the Obit	Social Science / Death	8/11

After nearly a decade behind the obituaries desk at the paper of record, Roberts knows obits aren't really about deaths. In fact, they usually only mention dying once. Over the course of the nearly 1,500 obituaries he has written throughout his career, he has instead come to understand that they're about distilling an entire life lived-for someone whose name he may have learned that morning.

Steves, Rick	Rick Steves Scotland	Travel / Europe	8/4
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Spending time in Scotland? Hit the highlights with Rick Steves Best of Scotland.

Urban, Melissa	The Whole30 Fast & Easy Cookbook	Cookbook / Diet & Nutrition	8/4
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The groundbreaking Whole30 program has helped millions of people transform their lives, bringing about better sleep, more energy, less bloating, and fewer cravings. In this cookbook, bestselling author and Whole30 co-creator Melissa Urban wants to make it even easier to achieve Whole30 success--with over 150 easy-to-make recipes that you can put together in 30 minutes or less.

Wu, Sharon	Natural Settings: Creating Botanical Jewelry with Eco-Resins	Craft & Hobbie / Jewelry	8/18
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Whether you're a beginner looking to take up an eco-friendly hobby, or an established crafter looking to ditch harmful petroleum-based resins, these 33 projects provide essential advice for creating your own botanical jewelry. You'll learn to select, pick and prepare flowers, leaves and other natural materials for preservation, before following a beginner-friendly introduction to encasing objects in resin, working with bezels and jewelry tools. Once you've got to grips with shaping and curing plant-based resin, later projects open up a world of sculptural creativity - using a range of molds, you'll learn how to cast, layer and assemble like a pro.

LARGE PRINT			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Gardner, Lisa	You'll Be Sorry	Thriller / Small Town	8/4

When a stray dog leads to the discovery of a skeleton on the property, Raquel and Theo face a daunting choice of what to believe, who to trust, and how to survive. Because in the tiny village of Shereford the time has come. The local residents, the new neighbors, and the fledgling police chief must work together to unravel the terrifying events that happened one night thirty years ago, or ... You'll be sorry.

Moriarty, Laura	Sunlight Finds You	Women / Coming of Age	8/4
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It's 1949, early in the Cold War, but St. Petersburg, Florida is warm, lush, and booming with newcomers seeking sunshine and opportunity. For seventeen-year-old Nora, St. Pete feels like paradise, especially after she meets and wins over Leonard, the shy, brilliant son of transplanted New Yorkers. Nora and Leonard are soon spending balmy days and evenings together, and in her adoring, encouraging company, he grows more confident, even as he remains tender and caring. Leonard's sophisticated mother welcomes Nora into their lives, but his father distrusts her motives.

Patterson, James	Delusional	Thriller / Crime	8/17
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In New York City, a series of deadly bombs explodes. Across the river, a military base is burglarized for munitions. In Montana, violence and arson rock a small town outside of Bozeman. Are the incidents related?

Bennett, Trilling, and the ATF investigate. A single-minded group angry with the government keep turning up in unexpected places, insisting that they're only trying to make the world a better place. To law enforcement, their claims seem delusional. Will words or gunpowder light the next fuse?

Sager, Riley	The Unknown	Thriller / Horror	8/4
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In 1926, five women disappeared from a remote island in Vermont. Now, one hundred years later, it's happening again. Because New Avalon isn't your ordinary island. A century ago, it was a commune for spiritual mediums--until they all vanished in 1926. The only trace of them was five dresses hanging from the branches of an old oak tree in the middle of the island, one for each missing woman. Some locals say they simply left. Others think they were murdered. But the prevailing opinion, thanks to a diary left behind by one of the vanished, a young woman named Daisy Rue, is that a séance gone wrong conjured something supernatural that took them all one by one.

LARGE PRINT				
Author	Title	Genre	Date	
Slaughter, Karin	The Secrets We Hide	Thiller / Crime	8/11	

Welcome to North Falls. A small town with big secrets...

1601 Iris Drive looks like any other house on the quiet, residential street. But rumors are rampant about the Vickery family, and what goes on behind closed doors.

When gunshots ring out, Sheriff Emmy Clifton and her sister, ex-federal agent Jude Archer, discover a devastating crime scene. Allison Vickery has been murdered in her own kitchen, and her teenage daughter is bleeding upstairs, left for dead. Everyone thinks they know what happened. But secrets are buried everywhere in this small town.

And it's up to Emmy Clifton to uncover the truth...

Steel, Danielle	The True Meaning of Love	Romance / Family Life	8/11	
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February 24 is the eighteenth birthday of a Ukrainian ballet school student named Vlad. It also happens to be the day that the first bombs of the 2022 Russian attack land on his homeland. As life for every person in the country is turned upside down in a moment, Vlad is immediately called up to serve in the military. But as much as he wants to defend his country, he is desperate to get his girlfriend, Tatyanna, an orphan whose only home has been the ballet school, out of the country.