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FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
<b>Adams, Sarah</b>	<b>The Rule Book</b>	<b>Contemporary Romance</b>	<b>4/2</b>

College exes break all the rules when they reunite years later in this enemies to lovers, second-chance romance, the highly anticipated companion novel to the TikTok sensation *The Cheat Sheet* — from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Practice Makes Perfect*.

<b>Alvarez, Julia</b>	<b>The Cemetery of Untold Stories</b>	<b>Hispanic Literary Fiction</b>	<b>4/2</b>
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Alma Cruz, the celebrated writer at the heart of *The Cemetery of Untold Stories*, doesn't want to end up like her friend, a novelist who fought so long and hard to finish a book that it threatened her sanity. So when Alma inherits a small plot of land in the Dominican Republic, her homeland, she has the beautiful idea of turning it into a place to bury her untold stories—literally. She creates a graveyard for the manuscript drafts and revisions, and the characters whose lives she tried and failed to bring to life and who still haunt her.

<b>Aubray, Camille</b>	<b>The Girl from the Grand Hotel</b>	<b>WWII Fiction</b>	<b>4/30</b>
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The #1 bestselling author of *Cooking for Picasso* and *The Godmothers* returns with *The Girl from the Grand Hotel*, a dazzling historical novel that brings readers into the glamorous world of the first (and doomed) Cannes Film Festival and the deadly atmosphere of Europe on the brink of war. Inspired by true events and the histories of three great hotels on the Côte d'Azur—with appearances by such real-life luminaries as Marlene Dietrich, F. Scott Fitzgerald, James Cagney, and Mae West—*The Girl from the Grand Hotel* is a brilliant page-turner that is not to be missed.

<b>Baldacci, David</b>	<b>A Calamity of Souls</b>	<b>Detective Thriller</b>	<b>4/16</b>
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Set in the tumultuous year of 1968 in southern Virginia, a racially-charged murder case sets a duo of white and black lawyers against a deeply unfair system as they work to defend their wrongfully-accused black defendants in this courtroom drama from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author David Baldacci. Over a decade in the writing, *A Calamity of Souls* breathes richly imagined and detailed life into a bygone era, taking the reader through a world that will seem both foreign and familiar.

<b>Bardugo, Leigh</b>	<b>The Familiar</b>	<b>Renaissance Fantasy</b>	<b>4/9</b>
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In a shabby house, on a shabby street, in the new capital of Madrid, Luzia Cotado uses scraps of magic to get through her days of endless toil as a scullion. But when her scheming mistress discovers the lump of a servant cowering in the kitchen is actually hiding a talent for little miracles, she demands Luzia use those gifts to improve the family's social position. What begins as simple amusement for the nobility takes a perilous turn when Luzia garners the notice of Antonio Pérez, the disgraced secretary to Spain's king. Still reeling from the defeat of his armada, the king is desperate for any advantage in the war against England's heretic queen—and Pérez will stop at nothing to regain the king's favor.

<b>Barnes, S. A.</b>	<b>Ghost Station</b>	<b>Science Fiction Horror</b>	<b>4/9</b>
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An abandoned planet. A hidden past. A deadly danger. Psychologist Dr. Ophelia Bray has dedicated her life to the study and prevention of ERS—the most famous case of which resulted in the brutal murders of twenty-nine people. It's personal to her, and when she's assigned to a small exploration crew who recently suffered the tragic death of a colleague, she wants to help. But as they begin to establish residency on an abandoned planet, it becomes clear that crew is hiding something.

<b>Brown, Rita Mae</b>	<b>Feline Fatale</b>	<b>Cozy Mystery &amp; Animals</b>	<b>4/16</b>
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Politicians fight like cats and dogs, but when things take a deadly turn at the Virginia House of Delegates, Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen calls on her beloved pets to help her crack the case and stop the fur from flying in this latest mystery from Rita Mae Brown and her feline co-author Sneaky Pie Brown.

## FICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
<b>Burr, Samuel</b>	<b>The Fellowship of Puzzlemakers</b>	<b>LGBTQ Family</b>	<b>4/9</b>

Clayton Stumper might be in his twenties, but he dresses like your grandpa and fusses like your aunt. Abandoned at birth on the steps of the Fellowship of Puzzlemakers, he was raised by a group of eccentric enigmatologists and now finds himself among the last survivors of a fading institution. When the esteemed crossword compiler and main maternal presence in Clayton's life, Pippa Allsbrook, passes away, she bestows her final puzzle on him: a promise to reveal the mystery of his parentage and prepare him for life beyond the walls of the commune. So begins Clay's quest to uncover the secrets surrounding his birth, secrets that will change Clay—and the Fellowship—forever.

<b>Charles, Janet Skeslien</b>	<b>Miss Morgan's Book Brigade</b>	<b>Historical Literary Fiction</b>	<b>4/30</b>
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The *New York Times* and internationally bestselling author of *The Paris Library* returns with a brilliant new novel based on the true story of Jessie Carson—the American librarian who changed the literary landscape of France. Based on the extraordinary little-known history of the women who received the Croix de Guerre medal for courage under fire, *Miss Morgan's Book Brigade* is a tribute to the resilience of the human spirit, the power of literature, and ultimately the courage it takes to make a change.

<b>Chiaverini, Jennifer</b>	<b>The Museum of Lost Quilts</b>	<b>Contemporary Fiction</b>	<b>4/30</b>
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Summer Sullivan, the youngest founding member of Elm Creek Quilts, has spent the last two years pursuing a master's degree in history at the University of Chicago. She finds welcome distraction in organizing an exhibit of antique quilts at Waterford Historical Society as a fundraiser to renovate Union Hall. But Summer's research uncovers startling facts about Waterford's past, prompting unsettling questions about racism, economic injustice, and political corruption within their community, past and present. Affronted local leaders demand that she remove all references to Waterford's troubled history. As controversy threatens the exhibit's success, Summer fears that her pursuit of the truth might cost the Waterford Historical Society their last chance to save Union Hall. Her only hope is to rally the quilting community to her cause.

<b>Clark, Mary Higgins</b>	<b>It Had to Be You</b>	<b>Detective Thriller</b>	<b>4/16</b>
<b>Burke, Alafair</b>			

The two identical brothers seemed perfect in every way—handsome, intelligent, popular—until a shocking summer night when one brother killed his parents in cold blood while the other brother had an iron-clad alibi. But which twin was where during the murders? And is it possible the two of them planned the perfect crime together?

<b>Cleeton, Chanel</b>	<b>The House on Biscayne Bay</b>	<b>Hispanic Gothic Thriller</b>	<b>4/2</b>
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As death stalks a gothic mansion in Miami, the lives of two women intertwine as the past and present collide in *New York Times* bestselling author Chanel Cleeton's atmospheric new novel. With the Great War finally behind them, many Americans flock to South Florida with their sights set on making a fortune. When wealthy industrialist Robert Barnes and his wife, Anna, build Marbrisa, a glamorous estate on Biscayne Bay, they become the toast of the newly burgeoning society. Anna and Robert appear to have it all, but in a town like Miami, appearances can be deceiving, and one scandal can change everything.

<b>Cole, Alyssa</b>	<b>One of Us Knows</b>	<b>Psychological Thriller</b>	<b>4/16</b>
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Years after a breakdown and a diagnosis of dissociative identity disorder derailed her historical preservationist career, Kenetria Nash and her alters have been given a second chance they can't refuse: a position as resident caretaker of a historic home. Having been dormant for years, Ken has no idea what led them to this isolated Hudson River island, but she's determined not to ruin their opportunity.

<b>Deveraux, Jude</b>	<b>An Unfinished Murder</b>	<b>Amateur Detective Thriller</b>	<b>4/30</b>
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Retired romance novelist Sara Medlar has been comfortably sharing her large home with her niece Kate and her "honorary grandson" Jack. It's a convenient arrangement given the Medlar Three, as they've become known, are often working closely together to solve mysteries in their small town of Lachlan, Florida. But when real estate agent Kate announces she's been given the listing for the town's storied Lachlan House, it sets off alarm bells for Sara and Jack. The infamous house has a dark history, one that's certain to haunt them all.

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<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Genre</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Dugoni, Robert</b>	<b>A Killing on the Hill</b>	<b>Historical Mystery</b>	<b>4/9</b>

The Great Depression. High-level corruption. And a murder that's about to become Seattle's hottest mystery. It's the kind of story that can make a reporter's career. If he lives to write about it.

<b>Garvin, Eileen</b>	<b>Crow Talk</b>	<b>Contemporary Family Life</b>	<b>4/30</b>
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Frankie O'Neill and Anne Ryan would seem to have nothing in common. Frankie is a lonely ornithologist struggling to salvage her dissertation on the spotted owl following a rift with her advisor. Anne is an Irish musician far from home and family, raising her five-year-old son, Aiden, who refuses to speak. When Frankie finds an injured baby crow in the forest, little does she realize that the charming bird will bring all three lost souls—Frankie, Anne, and Aiden—together on a journey toward hope, healing, and rediscovering joy. *Crow Talk* is an achingly beautiful story of love, grief, friendship, and the healing power of nature in the darkest of times.

<b>Graham, Heather</b>	<b>The Reaper Follows</b>	<b>Crime Thriller</b>	<b>4/2</b>
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Death comes for everyone. Deep in the Florida Everglades, the body of a woman is discovered in pieces, presumably ravaged by an alligator. Upon closer inspection, it's determined no animal could make such perfectly precise cuts. Only a blade could do that. Wielded by a human. Soon, dozens of oil drums emerge amid the river of grass. Each one packed to the brim with body parts.

<b>Gramazio, Holly</b>	<b>The Husbands</b>	<b>Romantic Comedy</b>	<b>4/2</b>
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When Lauren returns home to her flat in London late one night, she is greeted at the door by her husband, Michael. There's only one problem—she's not married. She's never seen this man before in her life. But according to her friends, her much-improved decor, and the photos on her phone, they've been together for years. As Lauren tries to puzzle out how she could be married to someone she can't remember meeting, Michael goes to the attic to change a lightbulb and abruptly disappears. In his place, a new man emerges, and a new, slightly altered life re-forms around her. Realizing that her attic is creating an infinite supply of husbands, Lauren confronts the question: If swapping lives is as easy as changing a lightbulb, how do you know you've taken the right path? When do you stop trying to do better and start actually living?

<b>Griffiths, Elly</b>	<b>The Last Word</b>	<b>Detective Mystery</b>	<b>4/23</b>
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Natalka and Edwin are perfect if improbable partners in a detective agency. At eighty-four, Edwin regularly claims that he's the oldest detective in England. He is a master at surveillance, deploying his age as a cloak of invisibility. Natalka, Ukrainian-born and more than fifty years his junior, is a math whizz, who takes any cases concerning fraud or deception. Despite a steady stream of minor cases, Natalka is frustrated. She loves a murder, as she's fond of saying, and none have come the agency's way. That is until local writer Melody Chambers dies.

<b>Henry, Emily</b>	<b>Funny Story</b>	<b>Romantic Comedy</b>	<b>4/23</b>
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Daphne always loved the way her fiancé Peter told their story. How they met (on a blustery day), fell in love (over an errant hat), and moved back to his lakeside hometown to begin their life together. He really was good at telling it...right up until the moment he realized he was actually in love with his childhood best friend Petra. Which is how Daphne begins her new story: Stranded in beautiful Waning Bay, Michigan, without friends or family but with a dream job as a children's librarian (that barely pays the bills), and proposing to be roommates with the only person who could possibly understand her predicament: Petra's ex, Miles Nowak.

<b>Hepworth, Sally</b>	<b>Darling Girls</b>	<b>Domestic Thriller</b>	<b>4/23</b>
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SISTERS, SECRETS, LOVE, AND MURDER... Sally Hepworth's new novel has it all. A thrilling page-turner of sisterhood, secrets, love, and murder.

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<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Genre</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Hillerman, Anne</b>	<b>Lost Birds</b>	<b>Native American Mystery</b>	<b>4/23</b>

Joe Leaphorn may be long retired from the Navajo Tribal Police, but his detective skills are still sharp, honed by his work as a private detective. His experience will be essential to solve a compelling new case: finding the birth parents of a woman who was raised by a bilagáana family but believes she is Diné based on one solid clue, an old photograph with a classic Navajo child's blanket. Leaphorn discovers that his client's adoption was questionable, and her adoptive family not what they seem. His quest for answers takes him to an old trading post and leads him to a deadly cache of long-buried family secrets.

<b>Horowitz, Anthony</b>	<b>Close to Death</b>	<b>Detective Mystery</b>	<b>4/16</b>
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Riverside Close is a picture-perfect community. The six exclusive and attractive houses are tucked far away from the noise and grime of city life, allowing the residents to enjoy beautiful gardens, pleasant birdsong, and tranquility from behind the security of a locked gate. It is the perfect idyll, until the Kentworthy family arrives, with their four giant, gas-guzzling cars, gaggle of shrieking children, and plans for a garish swimming pool in the backyard. Obvious outsiders, the Kentworthys do not belong in Riverside Close, and quickly offend every last one of the neighbors. When Giles Kentworthy is found dead on his own doorstep, a crossbow bolt sticking out of his chest, Detective Hawthorne is the only investigator they can call to solve the case.

<b>Jimenez, Abby</b>	<b>Just for the Summer</b>	<b>Romantic Comedy</b>	<b>4/2</b>
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Justin has a curse, and thanks to a Reddit thread, it's now all over the internet. Every woman he dates goes on to find their soul mate the second they break up. When a woman slides into his DMs with the same problem, they come up with a plan: They'll date each other and break up. Their curses will cancel each other's out, and they'll both go on to find the love of their lives. It's a bonkers idea... and it just might work.

<b>Khong, Rachel</b>	<b>Real Americans</b>	<b>Cultural Heritage &amp; Family</b>	<b>4/30</b>
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In immersive, moving prose, Rachel Khong weaves a profound tale of class and striving, race and visibility, and family and inheritance—a story of trust, forgiveness, and finally coming home. Exuberant and explosive, *Real Americans* is a social novel par excellence that asks: Are we destined, or made, and if so, who gets to do the making? Can our genetic past be overcome?

<b>Kubica, Mary</b>	<b>She's Not Sorry</b>	<b>Domestic Thriller</b>	<b>4/2</b>
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An ICU nurse accidentally uncovers a patient's frightening past in this chilling thriller from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Local Woman Missing* and *Just the Nicest Couple*.

<b>Lattimore, Ashton</b>	<b>All We Were Promised</b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>	<b>4/2</b>
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A housemaid with a dangerous family secret conspires with a wealthy young abolitionist to help an enslaved girl escape, in volatile pre-Civil War Philadelphia. The rebel . . . the socialite . . . and the fugitive. Together, they will risk everything for one another in this beguiling story of friendship, deception, and women crossing boundaries in the name of freedom.

<b>Mackintosh, Clare</b>	<b>A Game of Lies</b>	<b>Suspense Thriller</b>	<b>4/23</b>
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They say the camera never lies. But on this show, you can't trust anything you see. Stranded in the Welsh mountains, seven reality show contestants have no idea what they've signed up for. Each of these strangers has a secret. If another player can guess the truth, they won't just be eliminated - they'll be exposed live on air. The stakes are higher than they'd ever imagined, and they're trapped. The disappearance of a contestant wasn't supposed to be part of the drama.

<b>Miranda, Megan</b>	<b>Daughter of Mine</b>	<b>Psychological Thriller</b>	<b>4/9</b>
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When Hazel Sharp, daughter of Mirror Lake's longtime local detective, unexpectedly inherits her childhood home, she's warily drawn back to the town—and people—she left behind almost a decade earlier. But Hazel's not the only relic of the past to return: a drought has descended on the region, and as the water level in the lake drops, long-hidden secrets begin to emerge...including evidence that may help finally explain the mystery of her mother's disappearance.

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<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Genre</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Muller, Marcia</b>	<b>Circle in the Water</b>	<b>Detective Thriller</b>	<b>4/23</b>

In this twisting mystery in a *New York Times* bestselling series, pranks escalate into a deadly scheme that Private Investigator Sharon McCone must unravel—before they claim her life.

<b>Nichols, Peter</b>	<b>Granite Harbor</b>	<b>Detective Thriller</b>	<b>4/30</b>
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Set in small-town Maine, an English novelist-turned-detective investigates a serial killer preying on the historic town.

<b>Novak, Brenda</b>	<b>Tourist Season</b>	<b>Contemporary Romance</b>	<b>4/2</b>
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A summer by the ocean promises new beginnings—until old secrets resurface. Ismay Chalmers is ready for a relaxing summer reconnecting with her fiancé at his family’s luxurious beachfront cottage. But before Remy can join her, a hurricane bears down on Mariners Island. Alone in the large house, Ismay makes a disturbing discovery in Remy’s childhood closet. She’s not sure what to make of it, but is relieved when the property’s caretaker, Bo, checks in on her.

<b>Paretsky, Sara</b>	<b>Pay Dirt</b>	<b>Detective Thriller</b>	<b>4/16</b>
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Legendary detective V.I. Warshawski uncovers a mystery with roots dating back to the Civil War in this edge-of-your-seat thriller from *New York Times* bestseller Sara Paretsky.

<b>Patterson, James</b> <b>Fox, Candice</b>	<b>The Murder Inn</b>	<b>Crime Thriller</b>	<b>4/16</b>
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It’s the perfect getaway. But the past will always find you . . . When ex-cop Bill Robinson takes over The Inn by the Sea, all he wants is a quiet escape from the city. But when a crime boss moves into town and begins terrorizing Bill’s friends, he can’t just sit back and watch. It’s not long before local criminals are turning up dead and The Inn comes under attack. With the help of The Inn’s fearless residents, Bill must do everything he can to defend his town, his chosen family, and his home.

<b>Piazza, Jo</b>	<b>The Sicilian Inheritance</b>	<b>Historical Mystery</b>	<b>4/16</b>
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Sara Marsala barely knows who she is anymore after the failure of her business and marriage. On top of that, her beloved great-aunt Rosie passes away, leaving Sara bereft with grief. But Aunt Rosie’s death also opens an escape from her life and a window into the past by way of a plane ticket to Sicily, a deed to a possibly valuable plot of land, and a bombshell family secret. Rosie believes Sara’s great-grandmother Serafina, the family matriarch who was left behind while her husband worked in America, didn’t die of illness as family lore has it . . . she was murdered.

<b>Preston, Douglas</b>	<b>Extinction</b>	<b>Science Fiction Thriller</b>	<b>4/23</b>
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With *Extinction*, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Douglas Preston has written a page-turning thriller in the Michael Crichton mode that explores the possible and unintended dangers of the very real efforts to resurrect the woolly mammoth and other long-extinct animals.

<b>Reichl, Ruth</b>	<b>The Paris Novel</b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>	<b>4/23</b>
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A dazzling, heartfelt adventure through the food, art, and fashion scenes of 1980s Paris—from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Save Me the Plums* and *Delicious!*

<b>Sandford, John</b>	<b>Toxic Prey</b>	<b>Crime Thriller</b>	<b>4/9</b>
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Lucas Davenport and his daughter, Letty, team up to track down a dangerous scientist whose latest project could endanger the entire world, in this latest thriller from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author John Sandford.

<b>Smiley, Jane</b>	<b>Lucky</b>	<b>Literary Performing Arts</b>	<b>4/23</b>
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From the best-selling, Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, a soaring, soulful novel about a folk musician who rises to fame across our changing times.

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<b>Steel, Danielle</b>	<b>Only the Brave</b>	<b>WWII Romance</b>	<b>4/30</b>

A powerful, sweeping historical novel about a courageous woman in World War II Germany. In *Only the Brave*, Danielle Steel vividly captures the devastating effects of war alongside beautiful moments of compassion and courage.

<b>Sutherland, Rose</b>	<b>A Sweet Sting of Salt</b>	<b>LGBTQ Mythology Retelling</b>	<b>4/9</b>
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Once a young woman uncovers a dark secret about her neighbor and his mysterious new wife, she'll have to fight to keep herself—and the woman she loves—safe in this stunning queer reimagining of the classic folktale "The Selkie Wife."

<b>Thayer, Nancy</b>	<b>The Summer We Started Over</b>	<b>Domestic Contemporary</b>	<b>4/23</b>
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Two sisters reconnect and pursue their dreams on the beautiful island of Nantucket, overcoming life's challenges and finding new love, in this heartwarming and hopeful novel by *New York Times* bestselling author Nancy Thayer.

<b>Towles, Amor</b>	<b>Table for Two</b>	<b>Short Stories</b>	<b>4/2</b>
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Millions of Amor Towles fans are in for a treat as he shares some of his shorter fiction: six stories based in modern day New York City and a novella set in Golden Age Hollywood featuring beloved character, Evelyn Ross.

<b>Ward, J. R.</b>	<b>The Beloved</b>	<b>Paranormal Romance</b>	<b>4/9</b>
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The daughter of a legend finds the love of a lifetime in this passionate, heart-wrenching installment in J.R. Ward's #1 *New York Times* bestselling Black Dagger Brotherhood series.

<b>Waxman, Abbi</b>	<b>Christa Comes Out of Her Shell</b>	<b>Domestic Contemporary</b>	<b>4/16</b>
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Just when she thought she'd gotten far enough away . . . a life-changing phone call throws an antisocial scientist back into her least favorite place—the spotlight. A hilarious and insightful new novel from the *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill*.

<b>Whitten, Hannah</b>	<b>The Hemlock Queen</b>	<b>Fantasy Romance</b>	<b>4/9</b>
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In the second installment of *New York Times* bestselling author Hannah Whitten's lush romantic epic fantasy series, the glittering and dangerous world of the Sainted King's royal court is upended when Prince Bastian seizes control and a mysterious dark force begins to take over.

<b>Winslow, Don</b>	<b>City in Ruins</b>	<b>Crime Thriller</b>	<b>4/2</b>
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Following *City on Fire* and *City of Dreams*, *City in Ruins* is the explosive, impossible to put down conclusion to *New York Times* bestselling author Don Winslow's epic, genre-defining crime trilogy and the final book of Winslow's extraordinary career.

## NONFICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
<b>America's Test Kitchen Scott, Elle Simone</b>	<b>Food Gifts</b>	<b>Cooking &amp; Entertainment</b>	<b>4/16</b>

The only all-occasion guide to homemade food gifts that look as fabulous as they taste, with more than 150 recipes, hundreds of packaging ideas, and insider tips from best-selling author and food stylist Elle Simone Scott.

<b>Duval, Kathleen</b>	<b>Native Nations</b>	<b>Indigenous People's History</b>	<b>4/9</b>
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Long before the colonization of North America, Indigenous Americans built diverse civilizations and adapted to a changing world in ways that reverberated globally. And, as award-winning historian Kathleen Duval vividly recounts, when Europeans did arrive, no civilization came to a halt because of a few wandering explorers, even when the strangers came well armed.

## NONFICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Greene, Benjamin	My Child Is Trans, Now What?	LGBTQ Family Relationships	5/7

A powerful book for readers aiming to support trans youth that *Booklist* calls a "warm and generous book [that] will help a wide range of readers" and *Publishers Weekly* says is "a pragmatic program for parenting beyond the gender binary." This book is for parents and loved ones of transgender youth and young adults at any stage in their journey.

Groves, Mark Mcbeath, Kylie	Liberated Love	Codependency Self-Help	4/16
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We all desire great love. Yet, there seems to be a lot in the way when it comes to cultivating a relationship we crave. Why is that? It's time for a new template — one rooted in choice, truth, safety, and respect. To get us there, Mark Groves and Kylie McBeath, champions of positive philosophy, provide us a roadmap, one they walked themselves, to step out of protection mode and into connection mode. In these pages, in a format you'll want to turn to again and again, you'll learn how to begin and maintain relationships that allow true self-expression—to feel safe and to feel real, involving, sustaining love.

Lamott, Anne	Somehow: Thoughts on Love	Personal Growth	4/9
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In *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*, Lamott explores the transformative power that love has in our lives: how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity, and guides us forward. "Love just won't be pinned down," she says. "It is in our very atmosphere" and lies at the heart of who we are. We are, Lamott says, creatures of love.

Larson, Erik	The Demon of Unrest	Civil War History	4/30
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The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Splendid* and the *Vile* brings to life the pivotal five months between the election of Abraham Lincoln and the start of the Civil War—a simmering crisis that finally tore a deeply divided nation in two. Drawing on diaries, secret communiques, slave ledgers, and plantation records, Larson gives us a political horror story that captures the forces that led America to the brink—a dark reminder that we often don't see a cataclysm coming until it's too late.

Mullen, Suzette	The Only Way Through Is Out	LGBTQ Memoir	2/13
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Digging into her past, Suzette uncovered a deeply buried truth: she'd been in love with her best friend—a woman—for nearly two decades—and still was. Leaning into these "unspeakable" feelings would put Suzette's identity, relationships, and life of privilege at risk—but taking this leap might be her only chance to feel fully alive. As Suzette opened herself up to new possibilities, an unexpected visit to a new city helped her discover who she was meant to be. Introspective, bittersweet, and empowering, *The Only Way Through Is Out* is both a coming-out and coming-of-age story, as well as a call to action for every human who is longing to live authentically but is afraid of the cost.

Oster, Emily Fox, Nathan	The Unexpected	Pregnancy & Child Birth	4/30
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While *The Unexpected* is a book that Oster hopes no one needs, the reality is that 50 percent of pregnancies include complications, a fact we don't talk about. Preeclampsia, miscarriage, hyperemesis gravidarum, preterm birth, postpartum depression: these are lonely experiences, and that isolation makes treatment harder to access—and crucial research and policy change less likely to happen. *The Unexpected* lays out the data on recurrence and treatments shown to lower or mitigate risk for these conditions in subsequent pregnancies. It also provides readers road maps to facilitate productive conversations with their providers, with insights from lauded maternal fetal medicine specialist Dr. Nathan Fox.

Patterson, James Eversmann, Matt	The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians	Literary Figures	4/8
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To be a bookseller or librarian...You have to play detective. Be a treasure hunter. A matchmaker. An advocate. A visionary. A person who creates "book joy" by pulling a book from a shelf, handing it to someone and saying, "You've got to read this. You're going to love it." Step inside *The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians* and enter a world where you can feed your curiosities, discover new voices, find whatever you want or require. This place has the magic of rainbows and unicorns, but it's also a business. The book business. Meet the smart and talented people who live between the pages—and who can't wait to help you find your next favorite book.

## NONFICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
<b>Pensak, Nicole</b>	<b>Rattled</b>	<b>Motherhood &amp; Childcare</b>	<b>4/30</b>

According to Harvard- and Yale-trained psychologist Dr. Nicole Pensak, it's completely normal for a new mom to feel unlike herself, physically and psychologically different—to feel “rattled.” In fact, research shows that a woman’s brain shifts in real, biological ways very quickly. There are, however, also boosts in brainpower that can help to manage the distress and harness the advantages of the postpartum brain. In *Rattled*, Dr. Pensak draws on her own experiences and insights gleaned from her clinical practice to provide practical and emotional support for new moms, helping to relieve the anxiety and pressure for perfection in motherhood.

<b>Quayle, Stephanie</b>	<b>Why Do We Stay?</b>	<b>Domestic Partner Abuse &amp; Relationships</b>	<b>4/30</b>
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*Why Do We Stay?* combines singer Stephanie Quayle’s real-life experience in toxic relationships with professional insights from psychologist Dr. W. Keith Campbell to help you identify the signs of a toxic relationship and know what to do to break free.

<b>Roberts, Jason</b>	<b>Every Living Thing</b>	<b>18th Century Natural History</b>	<b>4/9</b>
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In *Every Living Thing*, Jason Roberts weaves a sweeping, unforgettable narrative spell, exploring the intertwined lives and legacies of Linnaeus and Buffon—as well as the groundbreaking, often fatal adventures of their acolytes—to trace an arc of insight and discovery that extends across three centuries into the present day.

<b>Rushdie, Salman</b>	<b>Knife</b>	<b>Memoir</b>	<b>4/16</b>
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Speaking out for the first time, and in unforgettable detail, about the traumatic events of August 12, 2022, Salman Rushdie answers violence with art, and reminds us of the power of words to make sense of the unthinkable. *Knife* is a gripping, intimate, and ultimately life-affirming meditation on life, loss, love, art—and finding the strength to stand up again.

<b>Shah, Meera</b>	<b>You're the Only One I've Told</b>	<b>Abortion &amp; Birth Control</b>	<b>9/1</b>
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At a time where reproductive rights are at risk, these vital stories of diverse individuals serve as a reminder of the importance of empathy, finding community and motivating advocacy.

<b>Szumski, Bonnie</b>	<b>Suicide</b>	<b>Mental Health &amp; Social Topics</b>	<b>1/1</b>
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According to the Centers for Disease Control, 47,500 people killed themselves in in the US in 2019, which is about one death every eleven minutes. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. The shock of it and immediacy of the grief makes a suicidal death different from many other deaths people can experience.

<b>Trantham, Holly</b>	<b>Beyond Getting By</b>	<b>Buisness &amp; Economics/Personal Growth</b>	<b>4/23</b>
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The girlboss came in many forms, and she struggled valiantly against our increasing exhaustion at her brand of pinkwashed-capitalism-as-liberation—but it's time to put her to rest. Yes, money is essential to life, and managing it well can be the difference between freedom and constraint. But once you have enough, the focus should be on converting it into things that are meaningful to you: more time with the people you love, more creativity, more days to just vibe on the couch.



## LARGE PRINT

Author	Title	Genre	Date
<b>Baldacci, David</b>	<b>A Calamity of Souls</b>	<b>Detective Thriller</b>	<b>4/16</b>

Set in the tumultuous year of 1968 in southern Virginia, a racially-charged murder case sets a duo of white and black lawyers against a deeply unfair system as they work to defend their wrongfully-accused black defendants in this courtroom drama from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author David Baldacci. Over a decade in the writing, *A Calamity of Souls* breathes richly imagined and detailed life into a bygone era, taking the reader through a world that will seem both foreign and familiar.

<b>Chiaverini, Jennifer</b>	<b>The Museum of Lost Quilts</b>	<b>Contemporary Fiction</b>	<b>4/30</b>
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Summer Sullivan, the youngest founding member of Elm Creek Quilts, has spent the last two years pursuing a master's degree in history at the University of Chicago. She finds welcome distraction in organizing an exhibit of antique quilts at Waterford Historical Society as a fundraiser to renovate Union Hall. But Summer's research uncovers startling facts about Waterford's past, prompting unsettling questions about racism, economic injustice, and political corruption within their community, past and present. Affronted local leaders demand that she remove all references to Waterford's troubled history. As controversy threatens the exhibit's success, Summer fears that her pursuit of the truth might cost the Waterford Historical Society their last chance to save Union Hall. Her only hope is to rally the quilting community to her cause.

<b>Lattimore, Ashton</b>	<b>All We Were Promised</b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>	<b>4/2</b>
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A housemaid with a dangerous family secret conspires with a wealthy young abolitionist to help an enslaved girl escape, in volatile pre-Civil War Philadelphia. The rebel . . . the socialite . . . and the fugitive. Together, they will risk everything for one another in this beguiling story of friendship, deception, and women crossing boundaries in the name of freedom.

<b>Patterson, James</b>	<b>The Murder Inn</b>	<b>Crime Thriller</b>	<b>4/16</b>
<b>Fox, Candice</b>			

It's the perfect getaway. But the past will always find you . . . When ex-cop Bill Robinson takes over The Inn by the Sea, all he wants is a quiet escape from the city. But when a crime boss moves into town and begins terrorizing Bill's friends, he can't just sit back and watch. It's not long before local criminals are turning up dead and The Inn comes under attack. With the help of The Inn's fearless residents, Bill must do everything he can to defend his town, his chosen family, and his home.

<b>Steel, Danielle</b>	<b>Only the Brave</b>	<b>WWII Romance</b>	<b>4/30</b>
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A powerful, sweeping historical novel about a courageous woman in World War II Germany. In *Only the Brave*, Danielle Steel vividly captures the devastating effects of war alongside beautiful moments of compassion and courage.

## AUDIOBOOK CD's

Author	Title	Genre	Date
<b>Goodwin, Doris Kearns</b>	<b>An Unfinished Love Story</b>	<b>Historical Memior</b>	<b>4/16</b>

*An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, one of America's most beloved historians, artfully weaves together biography, memoir, and history. She takes you along on the emotional journey she and her husband, Richard (Dick) Goodwin embarked upon in the last years of his life.

<b>Montell, Amanda</b>	<b>The Age of Magical Overthinking</b>	<b>Mental Health &amp; Psychology</b>	<b>4/9</b>
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From the bestselling author of *Cultish* and host of the podcast *Sounds Like a Cult*, a delicious blend of cultural criticism and personal narrative that explores our cognitive biases and the power, disadvantages, and highlights of magical thinking.

**DVD's**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Genre</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>American Fiction</b>	<b>Comedy Drana</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>4/30</b>

A novelist who's fed up with the establishment profiting from Black entertainment uses a pen name to write a book that propels him into the heart of the hypocrisy and madness he claims to disdain.

<b>Anatomy of a Fall</b>	<b>Crime Thriller Drama</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>4/16</b>
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A woman is suspected of murder after her husband's death; their half-blind son faces a moral dilemma as the main witness.

<b>Barbie</b>	<b>Adventure Comedy</b>	<b>PG-13</b>	<b>10/17</b>
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Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans.

<b>The Beekeeper</b>	<b>Action Thriller</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>4/23</b>
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One man's brutal campaign for vengeance takes on national stakes after he is revealed to be a former operative of a powerful and clandestine organization known as "Beekeepers."

<b>The Holdovers</b>	<b>Comedy Drama</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>1/2</b>
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A cranky history teacher at a prep school is forced to remain on campus over the holidays with a grieving cook and a troubled student who has no place to go.

<b>Jack Ryan Season 4</b>	<b>Action Thriller</b>	<b>TV-MA</b>	<b>4/16</b>
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Up-and-coming CIA analyst, Jack Ryan, is thrust into dangerous field assignments.

<b>Lawmen: Bass Reeves</b>	<b>Western Drama</b>	<b>TV-MA</b>	<b>4/30</b>
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About the legendary lawman Bass Reeves, one of the greatest frontier heroes and one of the first Black deputy U.S. marshals west of the Mississippi River.

<b>Mean Girls</b>	<b>Comedy Musical</b>	<b>PG-13</b>	<b>4/30</b>
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Cady Heron is a hit with the Plastics, an A-list girl clique at her new school. But everything changes when she makes the mistake of falling for Aaron Samuels, the ex-boyfriend of alpha Plastic Regina George.

<b>Past Lives</b>	<b>Romance Drama</b>	<b>PG-13</b>	<b>9/19</b>
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Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends, are wrested apart after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea. Twenty years later, they are reunited for one fateful week as they confront notions of love and destiny.

<b>Poor Things</b>	<b>Comedy Drama</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>3/12</b>
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The incredible tale about the fantastical evolution of Bella Baxter, a young woman brought back to life by the brilliant and unorthodox scientist Dr. Godwin Baxter.