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FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Anthony, Laura	The Forgotten Midwife	Historical/Multigenerational	5/12

Set in the dual timelines of present-day New Jersey and 1950s Ireland, and based on real historical events, comes a powerful, poignant novel of sisterhood, family secrets, and resilience from the author of the "profound, moving, and memorable" (*Fresh Fiction*) *The Women on Platform Two*.

Armstrong, Kelley	An Ordinary Sort of Evil	Historical Mystery	5/19
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New York Times bestselling author Kelley Armstrong returns to Victorian Scotland in the latest in the genre-blending Rip Through Time series. Modern-day homicide detective Mallory Mitchell has grown accustomed to life in Victorian Scotland after travelling 150 years into the past into the body of a housemaid. She works as an assistant to forensic-science pioneer Dr. Duncan Gray and Detective Hugh McCreadie. Late one night, Gray and Mallory are summoned urgently to the home of Lady Adler, they arrive in the midst of a seance with a ghost demanding Gray's presence. The ghost is Lady Adler's former maid, who had gone missing but now requests that Gray investigate her murder.

Averick, Brooke	Phoebe Berman's Gonna Lose It	Romantic Comedy	5/26
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Meet Phoebe Berman: despite being a hopeless romantic, she's about to be a thirty-year-old virgin. With one month before her milestone birthday, she's determined to finally lose it . . . if her own anxiety doesn't slow her down. The can't-miss debut novel from podcaster and comedian Brooke Averick.

Bannister, Ilona	Five	Psychological Thriller	5/5
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Five lives. Five stories. Four will live--one will die. Who it will be? In this slow-burn masterpiece of psychological fiction, the choice is all yours. An incredibly original novel that breaks the fourth wall and asks the reader to be judge, jury, and executioner, *Five* looks at some of the most complicated issues of contemporary life: motherhood, disability, addiction. Every stranger has a story. And in Ilona Bannister's skillful hands, five people's stories come together to create an unforgettable novel.

Brodie, Emma	Into the Blue	Contemporary Romance	5/1
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A Reese's Book Club Pick and *New York Times* bestseller. An epic, decades-spanning love story that blazes through the worlds of acting and comedy and charts a connection unlike any other.

Butcher, Jim	Out Law	Mystery/Fantasy	5/5
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The past comes back in a big way for Chicago's only professional wizard in this action-packed novella--now a national bestseller--from the #1 *New York Times* -bestselling Dresden Files.

Carr, Jack	The Fourth Option	Political Thriller	5/12
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When law enforcement, the courts, and the prison system fail, there is a fourth and final option. #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Jack Carr launches a new thriller series cowritten with *New York Times* bestselling author M.P. Woodward.

Center, Katherine	The Shippers	Romantic Comedy	5/19
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After a lifetime of being bad at love, JoJo Burton vows to solve her intimacy issues once and for all at her sister's destination wedding on a cruise ship.

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Author	Title	Genre	Date
Chakraborty, Shannon	The Tapestry of Fate	Fantasy/Adventure	5/12

New York Times bestselling author Shannon Chakraborty sets sail into the second adventure of pirate Amina al-Sirafi as her quest to track down magical artifacts brings her to the island lair of a sorceress whose woven enchantments are impossible to flee.

Clark, Harriet	The Hill	Literary/Coming-of-age	5/5
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After her mother is sentenced to life in a hilltop prison, Suzanna vows to return to the hill forever. An unexpectedly funny and deeply moving novel about the many ways we punish and return to each other.

Comey, James	Red Verdict	Political Thriller/Mystery	5/12
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Federal prosecutor Nora Carleton is drawn into international intrigue as she investigates the assassination of a weapons manufacturer in this latest thriller from the former director of the FBI.

Connelly, Michael	Ironwood	Detective Mystery	5/19
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Sworn to protect a scenic island meant to be far from the evils of the mainland, Detective Sergeant Stilwell can feel danger closing in.

Cutter, Nick	The Dorians	Horror/Supernatural	5/19
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On a remote island in the Canadian wilderness, five elderly volunteers from different walks of life are given a tantalizing offer: to stall their biological clocks or even reverse them, restoring their lost youth. The remarkable secret lies in the high-tech harnessing of an ancient and extraordinary biological agent...one with no conscience, yet possessed with a single-minded purpose that has helped it persist for eons: the will to survive. The dark heart of unbridled human ambition finds its apex in an unholy experiment that now tests the limits of both creator and subject, eclipsing all bounds of morality and sanity....

Damoff, Sarah	The Burning Side	Literary/Family Life	5/19
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From the author of *The Bright Years*, the story of April and Leo, a couple on the brink of collapse. When their house goes up in flames, family secrets and thorny histories emerge as they are forced to decide what is worth salvaging.

Daws, Amy	Bad Boy Era	Romantic Comedy	5/26
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Everly is the matchmaking mastermind of her family, but her own love life is a bit of a flop. Back from four years in Dublin, she's ready for a quiet summer on Fletcher Mountain helping launch her aunt's animal rescue center--until Conri "Wolf" Reilly shows up. Wolf is her college roommate's infuriating twin brother. He's brooding, Irish, and college rugby's resident bad boy with thighs that could crack a watermelon. Perhaps Everly's in her bad boy era...or maybe Fletcher Mountain might have its own matchmaking plans.

Dinniman, Matt	A Parade of Horribles	Sci-Fi/Fantasy	5/12
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It's off to the races in the explosive eighth book in the Dungeon Crawler Carl series. As chaos and mass panic spread outside the dungeon in the wake of Faction Wars, Carl and Donut find themselves on the tenth floor, where they're forced to compete in a surprisingly normal set of tasks. Well, normal for the dungeon. Races. Get from point A to point B, and don't come in last. After each race, they pick an upgrade for their vehicle and the track gets more challenging. It all seems a little too normal, a little too simple.

Dray, Stephanie	A Founding Mother	Historical/Biographical	5/5
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In time for the 250th Anniversary of the birth of the United States comes a sweeping, intimate portrayal of Abigail Adams--wife of one president and mother to another--whose wit, willpower, and wisdom helped shape the fledgling republic. A stunning historical novel with modern-day implications from the *New York Times* bestselling authors of *America's First Daughter* and *My Dear Hamilton*.

FICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Everett, Jessica	Last Summer at Maine Chance	Historical/Feminist	5/12

Economics undergrad Cynthia Proctor knows everything about statistical impossibilities. In 1954, women like her from middle-class families do not earn degrees from prestigious New England colleges. When Cynthia receives notice that her scholarship will now be given to a male student, she knows her chances of graduating are slim. But an invitation to spend the summer lakeside in Maine turns into a job at Elizabeth Arden's Maine Chance spa, where Cynthia will learn that the best investment of all is herself.

Finlay, Alex	The Anniversary	Psychological Thriller	5/12
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Every May 1st, a serial killer stalks a small town. Every year he comes for them . . . Jules is high school queen bee in a small Midwestern town when she survives a brutal attack by the elusive May Day Killer--a predator who strikes every May 1st and then vanishes without a trace. Quinn, a boy from the wrong side of the tracks, is arrested the same night after trying to break up a fight and nearly killing someone. By morning, their lives are forever connected. Why was she spared? Over the next decade, their lives are revisited on a single day each year: May 1st.

Fortune, Carley	Our Perfect Storm	Contemporary Romance	5/5
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Best friends have one week in paradise to fix their friendship or fall apart in this heart-stopping, utterly romantic new novel from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Every Summer After* and *One Golden Summer*.

Francis, Dani	Broken Dove	Dystopian Romance	5/12
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In the heart-pounding sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling dystopian romance *Silver Elite*, lines will be crossed, loyalties will be tested, and the fight for the Continent is only just beginning as Wren Darlington finds herself caught in the middle of two wars: one for the fate of her home and another for the fate of her heart.

Francis, Dani	Silver Elite	Dystopian Romance	5/1
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In the first book of a sizzling dystopian romance series, psychic gifts are a death sentence and there are rules to survival: Trust no one. Lie to everyone. And whatever you do, don't fall for your greatest enemy.

Frankel, Laurie	Enormous Wings	Family Life/Humor	5/5
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At seventy-seven, Pepper Mills is too old to be a stranger in a strange land. She didn't choose the Vista View Retirement Community of Austin, Texas--that would be her three grown children--but when she grudgingly moves in, she not only makes new friends, she falls in love. Then the exhaustion, vomiting, and confusion start. She fears it's cancer, dementia, a stroke. But a raft of tests later, the news is even more shocking: She's pregnant.

Garman, Emma	The Kindness of Strangers	Historical Mystery	5/12
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A wildly entertaining debut and homage to the classic murder mystery set in post-WWII London where a stranger's arrival at a boarding house sets a deadly chain of events in motion--perfect for fans of Kate Atkinson, Agatha Christie, and Richard Osman.

Garvey, Shannon	June Baby	Literary/Coming-of-age	5/12
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In this moving debut novel, set over the course of one transformative summer in the lush, beachy enclave of Block Island, a young woman reckons with love, loss, and the choices she must make to move forward.

Gaylin, Alison	Robert B. Parker's Booked	Detective Mystery	5/12
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Boston PI Sunny Randall investigates a popular book critic on a mean streak . . . only for her to wind up dead, in the latest thriller in Robert B. Parker's bestselling series.

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Author	Title	Genre	Date
Gilmore, Laurie	The Daisy Chain Flower Shop	Romance/Small Town	5/5

Daisy is fed up with being unlucky in love. And since Mayor Kelly declared her beloved flower shop cursed in one of his infamous visions, business has been slow. Dream Harbor newcomer Elliot has been adjusting to small-town life following his own relationship turmoil. When he finds himself walking through the door of the Daisy Chain Flower Shop, he doesn't expect it to be a life-changing moment. But as the petals blossom in the sunlight, might the unluckiest woman in Dream Harbor finally find that love comes when you're least expecting it?

Haig, Matt	The Midnight Train	Time Travel/Romance	5/26
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When your life flashes before your eyes, where would you stop? No one can change the past, but the Midnight Train can take you there. The chance to re-live the moments that meant most. To see what kind of person you really were. For Wilbur his best days were with Maggie, the love of his life. On his honeymoon in Venice. Before he gave it all away. He wishes he could go back and live differently. But to do so risks everything . . .

Harvey, Kristy Woodson	Summer State of Mind	Southern/Family/Romance	5/5
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After the worst day in her professional life, burnt-out NICU nurse Daisy Stevens runs to Cape Carolina, North Carolina, looking for a new life--and possibly new romance. High school baseball coach Mason Thaysden discovers an abandoned baby, and sparks fly as Mason acquaints Daisy with Cape Carolina, introducing her to his friends and family, including his batty Aunt Tilley. But as Daisy becomes increasingly attached to this abandoned child, and begins facing her own demons in the process, a startling discovery is made that threatens to rip the entire town of Cape Carolina apart.

James, Eloisa	The Last Lady B	Regency Romance	5/12
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Lady B may have married Bluebeard; she may have fallen in love with a gorgeous, grumpy solicitor; she may have met a ghost and survived to tell the tale! *New York Times* and *USA TODAY* bestselling author Eloisa James delights with witty historical romance with a gothic twist.

Johnson, Craig	The Brothers McKay	Mystery/Western	5/26
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A masterful new novel in the beloved *New York Times* bestselling Longmire series. When Pepper McKay, one of the most hated men in Absaroka County, is found murdered on his ranch in Crazy Woman Canyon, suspects aren't in short supply. But Sheriff Walt Longmire's attention is on those who had gathered for a family meeting that evening, McKay's very different sons: a smooth-talking charmer, a cosmopolitan journalist, a reclusive monk, and a half-Native ranch hand who keeps the place running. Each had a motive. Each claims he's innocent.

Leckie, Ann	Radiant Star	Science Fiction/Space	5/12
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The Temporal Location of the Radiant Star has always been a source of both conflict and hope for the people of Ooioiaa. However, the imperial Radch see it only as an inconvenience, an antiquated religious site soon to be absorbed into their own, superior culture. But local politics is complicated, and the Radch have made a final concession: One last man will be allowed to join the mummified bodies in the temporal location to become a "living saint". But this decision will ripple out to affect every part of the city.

Lee, Fonda	The Last Contract of Isako	Dystopian/Sci-Fi	5/5
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A battle-worn corporate samurai undertakes one last mission on a merciless planet where death is always a mere breath away, in this standalone dystopian epic from the author of the modern fantasy classic *Jade City*.

McAllister, Gillian	Caller Unknown	Psychological Thriller	5/5
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How far would you go to rescue your child? A mother races against the clock--and finds herself on the wrong side of the law--in a desperate fight to save her teenage daughter in this pulse-pounding thriller from the author of Reese's Book Club Pick and *New York Times* bestseller *Wrong Place Wrong Time*.

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Author	Title	Genre	Date
McFadden, Freida	The Divorce	Psychological Thriller	5/26

What is a happily ever after really worth? Naomi was living the quintessential love story. Boy meets girl. They fall in love, get married, buy a dream house, start a family...Then--he kicks her out, hires the city's best divorce lawyers, drains their accounts, and takes up with a 20-something. Naomi fixates on her husband's new girlfriend. What begins as cynical curiosity soon twists into obsession--and then into something far darker. As Naomi uncovers secrets she never imagined, she realizes her own life may be in danger. But if it keeps her perfect family intact, isn't it worth it?

Monaghan, Annabel	Dolly All the Time	Romantic Comedy	5/26
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A hardworking single mom returns to her seaside hometown and stumbles into a fake dating situation with a wealthy, workaholic scion, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Nora Goes Off Script*.

Murray, Jo	Dissection of a Murder	Psychological Thriller	5/5
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Nothing is as it seems--and no one is telling the truth--in this addictive page-turner about a young lawyer forced to defend a man on trial for murder against the mentor who taught her everything: her husband.

Painter, Lynn	First and Forever	Romance/Sports	5/12
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From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lynn Painter comes an utterly irresistible romantic comedy about a football star and his team's die-hard fan who find themselves entangled in a PR stunt that only one of them knows is fake.

Palmer, Suzanne	Ode to the Half-Broken	Sci-Fi/Apocalyptic	5/26
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In the abandoned New York Botanical Gardens, forty years after the world nearly ended, a worn-out robot is attacked, and realizes old evils are stirring.

Parker, Sarah A.	The Ballad of Falling Dragons	Fantasy/Romance	5/19
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The Ballad of Falling Dragons is the much-anticipated sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling phenomenon *When the Moon Hatched*, featuring an immersive, vibrant world with mysterious creatures, a unique magic system, and a love that blazes through the ages.

Patterson, James	26 Beauties	Detective Mystery	5/4
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From the world's #1 bestselling author, the Women's Murder Club goes searching for 26 Beauties--young women missing in San Francisco.

Penny, Louise	The Last Mandarin	Political Thriller	5/12
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A gripping thriller about family and power co-written by Louise Penny, #1 bestselling author of the Gamache novels, and Mellissa Fung, an award-winning journalist. A mother and a daughter race against time in this all-too-real thriller that reaches from Tiananmen Square all the way to the White House.

Quinn, Meghan	Rules for the Summer	Contemporary Romance	5/5
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He clicked "yes" on a dare. She bought a failing candy shop. Now they're neighbors for the summer--and neither is ready for what comes next.

Roberts, Nora	The Final Target	Psychological Thriller	5/26
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A young author becomes the object of a fan's desire--and rage--in the gripping thriller by the #1 *New York Times* -bestselling author of *Hidden Nature*.

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Author	Title	Genre	Date
Rowley, Steven	Take Me With You	Literary/LGBTQIA+	5/19

College professor Jesse del Ruth has been abandoned. Thirty years into their relationship, Jesse witnesses his husband, Norman, get out of bed late one night, walk into their Joshua Tree backyard, step into a strange beam of light and . . . disappear. How could Norman desert him after a lifetime together? Where did he go? And, most confoundingly . . . will he ever return? Add to Jesse's grief and confusion a conspiracy-theorist neighbor, a strange man following him, and suspicions that he may have had a hand in Norman's disappearance, and Jesse starts to crack under the pressure. Before he can understand how Norman could leave it all behind, Jesse must confront what it means to stay.

Sepetys, Ruta	A Fortune of Sand	Historical Mystery	5/26
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The daughter of a powerful tycoon escapes to a glamorous artists' retreat--where dark secrets and dangerous temptations await--in this gripping Prohibition-era novel from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Salt to the Sea*.

Silver, Elsie	Fever Dream	Romance/Western	5/19
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From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Elsie Silver comes a small-town, forbidden, rivals-to-lovers romance, the first book in the brand-new Western romance series Emerald Lake.

Smith, Ali	Glyph	Literary/Metaphysical	5/19
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It all starts when Petra and her little sister Patch hear a horrifying story from the past and find themselves making up a ghost. Is it imaginary? Is it real? Then it all starts again thirty years later when Petra, now estranged from Patch, finds a phantom horse kicking the furniture to pieces in her bedroom. What to do? She phones her sister. In a chiarascuro dance through our increasingly antagonistic era, Glyph asks if we're attending to the history that's made us and to the history we're making.

Sorensen, Sable	Fury Bound	Romance/Fantasy	5/5
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Don't miss this action-packed, jaw-dropping, dark and romantic sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling *Dire Bound*. Against all odds, Meryn Cooper has inherited the crown--and a deadly war. With enemies closing in and shadows stirring in her dreams, Meryn stands to lose her kingdom--and her heart.

Stockett, Kathryn	The Calamity Club	Historical/Southern	5/5
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The multimillion-copy-selling author of *The Help* returns with a bold, big-hearted novel about a group of unbreakable women, fighting for what's rightfully theirs--and the power of friendship to change everything.

Strout, Elizabeth	The Things We Never Say	Literary/Family Life	5/5
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Pulitzer Prize-winning, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Elizabeth Strout's new novel tells the story of a chance incident that sparks a powerful realization in a beloved teacher's life--a poignant meditation on loneliness, friendship, parenthood, and the importance of truth in a capsizing world.

Stuart, Douglas	John of John	Family Life/LGBTQIA+	5/5
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From the Booker Prize-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Shuggie Bain* and *Young Mungo* comes a vivid, moving novel following a young man returning to his Hebridean island home, a portrait of a father's expectations and a son's desires.

Tsamaase, Tlotlo	House of Margins	Horror/South Africa	5/5
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Serial the podcast meets *The Other Black Girl* in a haunted house, as young African author disappears after being invited to an exclusive writing residency, and her sister is left only with a true crime podcast to help her uncover the truth about what really happened...

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Author	Title	Genre	Date
Walsh, Rosie	The One Day You Were My Husband	Romance/Thriller	5/19

Carrie and Johan marry on a beach in Thailand only months into their whirlwind romance. But as the wedding festivities stretch into the night, a group of armed men suddenly swarm the beach, taking Johan away. She never sees him again. Twelve years later, Carrie is living in the English countryside with her husband, Robin. One night, she stumbles across an online post in which she discovers that Johan escaped from Thailand years ago. As the memories of their passionate relationship flood her, she becomes obsessed with discovering what happened on their wedding day all those years ago. But just when Carrie thinks she knows what she must do, a shocking twist tears apart everything Carrie thought she knew.

Weir, Alison	The Boleyn Secret	Historical/Biographical	5/26
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The *New York Times* bestselling author of the Six Tudor Queens series explores the dramatic, mysterious life of Katherine Carey, niece of Anne Boleyn, in this surprising novel that delves into one of the deepest secrets of Henry VIII's court.

Wells, Martha	Platform Decay	Science Fiction/Robots	5/5
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Everyone's favorite lethal SecUnit is back in the next installment of Martha Wells' bestselling and award-winning Murderbot Diaries series. Having someone else support your bad decision feels kind of good. After volunteering to run a rescue mission, Murderbot realizes that it will have to spend significant time with a bunch of humans it doesn't know. Including human children. Ugh. This may well call for... eye contact!

White, Frances	The Bone Door	Fantasy/Mystery	5/12
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When Hop awakens in an ancient labyrinth, he has no memory of his life, or how he got here. He does not recognise the mysterious girl trapped with him. And he certainly cannot identify the shadowy figure stalking him, whispering terrible things... The only way out of the labyrinth is through The Bone Door. But it lies behind a series of locked doors hidden across an array of strange realms. To open the way, Hop must complete impossible tasks before his time runs out.

Yu, Vincent	Seek Immediate Shelter	Literary/Disaster	5/5
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On an otherwise unremarkable morning, the residents of a small town in Massachusetts all receive the same alert: BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL. Confronted with the options of fight or flight, planning or panicking, the people of Beckitt are stripped to their basest instincts and revealed as their truest selves. Then the second message comes in: FALSE ALARM. PLEASE DISREGARD. ALL CLEAR. First comes relief, then comes the reckoning, as each person is forced to face the unforeseen aftermath of decisions they thought might be their last.

NONFICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
America's Test Kitchen	The New Vegetarian	Cookbook/Vegetarian	5/5

Enjoy vegetarian meal-making at its best with 500+ recipes that showcase a wide variety of vegetables and non-meat healthier proteins that help to deliciously add more fiber to your diet. You'll find incredible flavors, new techniques, and hundreds of weeknight-friendly meals as well as stunning celebration-worthy centerpiece recipes.

Asbridge, Thomas	The Black Death	History/Medieval/Europe	5/26
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A magisterial history of humanity's greatest natural disaster--the Black Death--that reveals the true global impact and terrible human cost of this calamity, from the renowned author of *The Crusades* and *The Greatest Knight*.

Barnett, Mac	Make Believe	Writing/Children's	5/5
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Make Believe is bestselling children's author Mac Barnett's rallying cry for art and imagination, and a celebration of the power of storytelling in all our lives. It's an incisive, intimate, and timely invitation to approach children's literature not only as an art form worthy of deep study and criticism, but as a portal into the lives of the children. And at a time when we are faced with a national literacy crisis, he champions the profound joys of literature and the importance of reading for pleasure.

NONFICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Brant, Joseph	Mahjong	Games/Activities	5/19

Mahjong introduces this highly engaging and competitive game, which helps develop concentration and mental agility while at the same time building relationships and a sense of community. The book is divided into chapters designed for the beginner, offering a brief background history, with introductions to the tiles, rules, playing the game, and popular variants and competitions.

Fitzgerald, Isaac	American Rambler	Travel/Memoir	5/12
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New York Times bestselling author Isaac Fitzgerald sets off to the heart of America, following the path of the legendary Johnny Appleseed on an epic journey that both takes him far from home and brings him closer to it.

Kelly, Geoffrey	Thirteen Perfect Fugitives	True Crime/Heists	5/1
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The true story of the world's largest art heist, as told by the FBI agent who investigated the case. On March 18, 1990, thirteen works of art were plucked from the walls of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston by two subjects posing as police officers. The total loss associated with this robbery has been estimated at over \$1 billion. Based on meticulous investigations conducted to the standards required of an FBI special agent, *Thirteen Perfect Fugitives* offers author Geoffrey Kelly's insights and theories about the infamous heist.

Laura the Foster Parent Partner	First-Time Fostering	Family/Parenting/Fostering	5/12
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When you don't know what to do, this book is here to help. Parenting a child in foster care comes with unique challenges that most parenting books don't cover. Between trauma responses, court dates, system constraints, and well-meaning advice that just doesn't apply, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and alone. *First-Time Fostering* offers practical, in-the-moment guidance so foster parents and kinship caregivers can navigate hard moments with compassion and confidence.

Lerman, Amir	Mayo Clinic Guide to a Healthy, Happy Heart	Healthy Living/Heart	5/19
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Want a longer, healthier, happier life? Start with healthy, happy heart. Mayo Clinic cardiologists give simple advice and actionable steps to help you lower your cardiovascular risk at any age and enjoy living well.

Levings, Tia	I Belong to Me	Self-Help/Trauma	5/5
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After years of abuse in a violent marriage and high-control religion, Tia Levings escaped with her children (a story told in her memoir, *A Well-Trained Wife*) and thought the hardest was behind her. But leaving was just the beginning. With an audacious persistence to reclaim her life, Tia set off on a 15-year quest to psychological peace. Through a series of personal stories, therapeutic stages, and resources, Tia Levings guides readers through the journey that helped her leave abuse, rediscover selfhood, and heal her mind, soul, and body after religious trauma --so that you can too.

Martin, Lerone	Young King	History/Biography	5/5
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We know who Martin Luther King, Jr. became, but who was he at the beginning of his life? How did his youth inform his outlook and activism? Before Martin Luther King, Jr. was a civil rights leader, a Nobel Laureate, and a global hero, he was an emotional boy, a middling high school student devoted to fashion, dancing, and dating. Lerone A. Martin, Faculty Director of the Martin Luther King Institute at Stanford University, traces these roots to develop a fuller understanding of the influential preacher's emotional life, his youthful confusion about his future and career direction, his teenage missteps, and his inspiration to fight for justice.

NONFICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Minori	Modern Sashiko	Crafts/Needlework	5/1

Living with Sashiko is a modern celebration of global stitching traditions, blending the freeform charm of Kantha and Yao embroidery with the precise elegance of Japanese sashiko. With over 25 projects designed for everyday use--like coasters, bags, cushions, and mats--this guide showcases beautiful stitched textures and patterns that bring warmth and artistry to daily life. Clear tutorials, step-by-step photos and instructions, and stitch diagrams make it easy for beginners and seasoned crafters alike to create pieces that are both functional and beautiful. Let this cross-cultural embroidery book inspire your home with timeless handmade charm.

Parish, Robert	The Chief	Sports/Basketball/ Biography	5/1
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A memoir of basketball, dedication, and longevity from Boston Celtics legend Robert Parish.

Pasricha, Trisha, MD MPH	You've Been Pooping All Wrong	Health/Gastrointestinal	5/1
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A GI's guide to the brain-gut-microbiome connection, including research on why people develop IBS and how anyone can achieve poophoria.

Poirot, Gabe	18 Days in Heaven	Religion/Afterlife	5/1
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At just 20 years old, Gabe Poirot flatlined after a catastrophic accident. Though doctors were able to revive him, Gabe remained in a coma that would last 18 days. But death was only the beginning of his story. While machines sustained his body, Gabe traveled beyond the veil where he encountered Jesus face-to-face and received revelation of what truly happens after the last breath on earth. In *18 Days in Heaven*, Gabe shares his true near-death experience with striking clarity and humility, revealing what he saw, heard, and experienced--and how you can live in the power of eternity now.

The Princeton Review	Princeton Review SAT Premium Prep 2027	Study Aid/SAT	5/5
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The Princeton Review provides everything you need to master the exam, with traditional content review, proven SAT strategies, and 6 full-length practice tests (3 in the book and 3 realistic adaptive tests online). Plus, get instant score reports and practice with the digital format with in our exclusive online Student Tools!

Sedaris, David	The Land and Its People	Humor/Essays	5/26
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In *The Land and Its People*, Sedaris investigates what it means to be a traveler, a brother, a lifelong friend. Throughout these essays--at once acerbic and tender, playful and profound--Sedaris shows how much there is to marvel at when you keep your head up and your eyes open, observing with warmth and curiosity our fascinating human species and the lands we inhabit.

LARGE PRINT

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Burke, Caro Claire	Yesteryear	Psychological Thriller	5/1

A traditional American woman, a beautiful wife and mother who sells her pioneer lifestyle of raw milk and farm-fresh eggs to her millions of social media followers, suddenly awakens cold, filthy, and terrified in the brutal reality of 1855--where she must unravel whether this living nightmare is an elaborate hoax, a twisted reality show, or something far more sinister in this sensational debut novel.

Connelly, Michael	Ironwood	Detective Mystery	5/19
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Sworn to protect a scenic island meant to be far from the evils of the mainland, Detective Sergeant Stilwell can feel danger closing in.

Fortune, Carley	Our Perfect Storm	Contemporary Romance	5/27
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Best friends have one week in paradise to fix their friendship or fall apart in this heart-stopping, utterly romantic new novel from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Every Summer After* and *One Golden Summer*.

LARGE PRINT

Author	Title	Genre	Date
French, Tana	The Keeper	Detective Mystery	5/1

On a cold night in the remote Irish village of Ardnakelty, a girl goes missing. In a close-knit small town, a death like this isn't simple. It comes wrapped in generations-old grudges and power struggles, and it splits the townland in two. Retired Chicago detective Cal Hooper has friends here now, and he owes them loyalty, but as the feud becomes more vicious, his settled peace starts to crack apart. And when they uncover a scheme that casts a new light on Rachel's death and threatens the whole village, they find themselves in the firing line.

Patterson, James	26 Beauties	Detective Mystery	5/4
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From the world's #1 bestselling author, the Women's Murder Club goes searching for 26 Beauties--young women missing in San Francisco.

Stockett, Kathryn	The Calamity Club	Historical/Southern	5/27
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The multimillion-copy-selling author of *The Help* returns with a bold, big-hearted novel about a group of unbreakable women, fighting for what's rightfully theirs--and the power of friendship to change everything.

AUDIOBOOK CD'S

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Carr, Jack	The Fourth Option	Political Thriller	5/12

When law enforcement, the courts, and the prison system fail, there is a fourth and final option. #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Jack Carr launches a new thriller series cowritten with *New York Times* bestselling author M.P. Woodward.

Harvey, Kristy Woodson	Summer State of Mind	Southern/Family/Romance	5/5
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After the worst day in her professional life, burnt-out NICU nurse Daisy Stevens runs to Cape Carolina, North Carolina, looking for a new life--and possibly new romance. High school baseball coach Mason Thaysden discovers an abandoned baby, and sparks fly as Mason acquaints Daisy with Cape Carolina, introducing her to his friends and family, including his batty Aunt Tilley. But as Daisy becomes increasingly attached to this abandoned child, and begins facing her own demons in the process, a startling discovery is made that threatens to rip the entire town of Cape Carolina apart.

Kinsella, Ana	Frida Slattery as Herself	Performing Arts/Ireland	5/5
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A sweeping, witty, and wise novel following an actress and a writer-director--told through the plays they make together and the time they spend apart.

Miller, Marceau	The Story of Marceau Miller	Psychological Thriller	5/2
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In the beautiful and dangerous landscape of Lake Geneva, renowned writer Marceau Miller is found dead. In the wake of the tragedy, his wife, Sarah, discovers a manuscript he's left behind, entitled *The Story of Marceau Miller*. Sarah struggles to hold herself together while caring for her two children and coping with the mounting questions surrounding her famous husband's death. Was it an accident or part of some darker game? Who can she possibly trust? Her journey from grief to revelation captures the nuance of marriage to a man who remains an enigma. Who is Marceau Miller, really?

Raddatz, Martha	The Hero Next Door	History/Biography/Military	5/26
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An inspiring portrait of the men and women who serve in our nation's military that captures their courage and profound sacrifice, by the Emmy Award-winning ABC News anchor, Martha Raddatz.

AUDIOBOOK CD's

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Stern, Joanna	I Am Not a Robot	Business & Econ./AI	5/12

You've heard the hype: AI will make us healthier, give every child a personalized tutor, run our businesses more efficiently, return hours of free time to our overworked brains, and make discoveries previously unimagined by humankind. The AI future is going to be unlike any other technological revolution. But what does that really mean? And will AI truly make life better? To find out, award-winning journalist Joanna Stern surrendered her life to artificial intelligence for one year. The results are both hilarious and unsettling.

Venner, Jess	The Lost Voices of Pompeii	History/Ancient Rome	5/12
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Award-winning ancient historian, archaeologist, and social media sensation Dr. Jess Venner re-creates Pompeii's final day before Mount Vesuvius's eruption, revealing not just how its people died but how they lived.

DVD's

Title	Genre	Rating	Date
Avatar: Fire and Ash	Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Action/Adventure	PG-13	5/19

Jake and Neytiri's family grapples with grief, encountering a new, aggressive Na'vi tribe, the Ash People, who are led by the fiery Varang, as the conflict on Pandora escalates and a new moral focus emerges.

The Bride!	Monster Horror/Dark Comedy	R	5/19
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In 1930s Chicago, Frankenstein asks Dr. Euphronius to help create a companion. They give life to a murdered woman as the Bride, sparking romance, police interest, and radical social change.

Dreams	Psychological Thriller/Drama	NR	5/26
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A powerful American socialite (Jessica Chastain) and an undocumented Mexican ballet dancer begin a dangerous affair in this tense, erotic drama.

Goat	Animated Animal Adventure/Basketball	PG	5/5
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A small goat with big dreams gets a once-in-a-lifetime shot to join the pros and play roarball, a high-intensity, co-ed, full-contact sport dominated by the fastest, fiercest animals in the world.

Reminders of Him	Dark Romance/Tragedy/Drama	PG-13	5/19
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After prison, a woman attempts to reconnect with her young daughter but faces resistance from everyone except a bar owner with ties to her child. As they grow closer, she must confront her past mistakes to build a hopeful future.

Solo Mio	Romantic Comedy	PG	5/5
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Left heartbroken in Rome after a wedding disaster, a stranded groom finds his ruined honeymoon transformed by a determined local and a few meddling travelers-proving that sometimes heartbreak is only the beginning.

Wuthering Heights	Period Drama/Dark Romance	R	5/5
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A passionate and tumultuous love story set against the backdrop of the Yorkshire moors, exploring the intense and destructive relationship between Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw.