

AUGUST 2025 BOOKS & MEDIA

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FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Abbott, Megan	El Dorado Drive	Thriller/Suspense	8/1

Facing financial ruin, three sisters in Detroit join a seemingly lucrative club called "The Wheel," but their desperation for financial independence spirals into an addiction, leading to shocking crimes that threaten to destroy everything.

Benton Frank, Victoria	The Violet Hour	Family Life/Women	8/12
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Violet Adams is the perfect, youngest child in a family of loud, passionate women on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina. As the sweet, traditional one, she's always been the steady hand in her family but after a sudden breakup and subsequent tragedy, she doesn't know who she is anymore. Aly Knox, Violet's best friend, is a young influencer still struggling with the loss of her mother and adjusting to joining Violet in Southern living. With her best friend's help, Violet is determined to break out of her shell—and who she thought she was—no matter what. And what better place to look for success, meaning, and possibly love than the Lowcountry of South Carolina?

Bowen, Rhys	Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure	Historical Fiction	8/5
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Blindsided by betrayal in pre-WWII England, a woman charts a daring new course in this captivating tale of resilience, friendship, and new love by the bestselling author of *The Rose Arbor* and *The Venice Sketchbook*.

Broadbent, Carissa	The Fallen & the Kiss of Dusk	Romance/Fantasy	8/5
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New York Times bestselling author and BookTok sensation Carissa Broadbent returns with a brand new novel in the Crowns of Nyaxia series, *The Fallen & the Kiss of Dusk*.

Brown, Dan	The Secret of Secrets	Thrillers/Suspense	8/5
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Robert Langdon, esteemed professor of symbology, travels to Prague to attend a groundbreaking lecture by Katherine Solomon—a prominent noetic scientist with whom he has recently begun a relationship. Katherine is on the verge of publishing an explosive book, but a brutal murder catapults the trip into chaos, and Katherine suddenly disappears along with her manuscript. Langdon finds himself targeted by a powerful organization and hunted by a chilling assailant sprung from Prague's most ancient mythology. In a thrilling race through the dual worlds of futuristic science and mystical lore, he uncovers a shocking truth about a secret project that will forever change the way we think about the human mind.

Brown, Gareth	The Society of Unknowable Objects	Fantasy	8/12
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From the author of the internationally bestselling *The Book of Doors*, another fantastical, stand-alone novel in which a trio of seemingly everyday people are members of a secret society tasked with finding and protecting hidden magical objects—ordinary items with extraordinary properties.

Brunstetter, Wanda E.	The Pretender	Amish Romance	8/5
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After disappearing from home two years ago, Rosa is finally home. Will her family accept her and the English husband she brings along?

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Chou, Elaine Hsieh	Where Are You Really From	Short Stories/Satire	8/19

A mail order bride from Taiwan is packed up in a cardboard box and sent via express shipping to California, where her much older husband awaits her. Two teenage girls meticulously plan how to kill and cook their downstairs neighbor. An American au pair moves to Paris to find herself, only to find her actual French doppelgänger. A father reunites with his estranged daughter in unusual circumstances: as a background actor on the set of her film. A writer's affair with a married artist tests the line between fact and fiction, self-victimization and the victimization of others. In these six singular stories and a novella that pivot from the terrible to the beautiful to the surreal, Elaine Hsieh Chou confronts the slipperiness of truth in storytelling.

Citchens, Addie E.	Dominion	Southern/Literary	8/19
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In this taut Southern family drama, the sins of a favorite son rock a small Mississippi town. A brilliantly crafted Black Southern family drama told with the captivating force, humor, and tenderness carried in the hearts of these women, Addie E. Citchens's *Dominion* wrestles with the many brutal, sinister ways in which we are shaped by fear and patriarchy, and studies how we might yet choose to break free.

Deaver, Mason	The Build-a-boyfriend Project	LGBTQIA+ Romance	8/5
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Bestselling and award-winning author Mason Deaver's adult romance debut follows a journalist in a dead-end job who agrees to teach his disastrous blind date how to be a better boyfriend. Readers will delight in this sweet and steamy queer romance with trans representation!

Downing, Samantha	Too Old for This	Psychological Thriller	8/12
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A retired serial killer's quiet life is upended by an unexpected visitor. To protect her secret, there's only one option left—what's another murder?

Driscoll, Sara	Shadow Play	Detective Mystery	8/26
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In this timely and terrifying thriller for readers of Janelle Brown, Karin Slaughter, Stacy Willingham, and Jennifer Hillier, a woman with a side gig offering relationship advice on Twitch learns just how dangerous online anonymity can be . . .

Ellison, J. T.	Last Seen	Suspense Thriller	8/1
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Halley James knows her marriage is over. But she's not prepared for the rest of her life to fall apart too. She just lost her job at the forensics lab. Her dad needs emergency surgery. But the biggest blow comes back home in Marchburg, Virginia, where she discovers her mother didn't actually die in a car crash. Her mom was murdered—and her father lied about it all these years.

Eze, Tochi	This Kind of Trouble	Cultural Heritage	8/5
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1960s Lagos. A riveting tale of forbidden love centered on an estranged couple brought together to reckon with the mysterious events that splintered their family.

Francis, Dani	Silver Elite	Romance/Sci-Fi	8/1
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On the Continent, being Modified like Wren means certain death; forced to join the Continent's elite training program, she's handed the perfect opportunity to strike a blow from inside their ranks, but her commanding officer is the ruthless and irresistible Cross—how far will she go to protect herself?

Gaige, Amity	Heartwood	Literary/Mystery	8/1
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"A literary thriller of the highest order" (Elin Hilderbrand, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Perfect Couple*), Heartwood takes you on a gripping journey as a search and rescue team race against time after an experienced hiker mysteriously disappears on the Appalachian Trail in Maine.

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Goodman, Carol	Writers and Liars	Psychological Thriller	8/1

A group of mystery authors gathers on a secluded Greek island for a writers retreat, only to discover that their enigmatic host has been murdered and everyone present is a suspect. They'll kill for inspiration...

Grodstein, Lauren	A Dog in Georgia	Animals/Family Life	8/5
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In this beautiful story of connection and self-reflection, a missing dog in Georgia sets Amy Webb on an adventure away from her tumultuous marriage and lack-luster personal life and towards a journey of self-discovery and joy.

Hall, Rachel Howzell	The Cruel Dawn	Romance/Fantasy	8/19
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The explosive second book in the Vallendor series—a sweeping romantasy where gods bleed, realms fall, and one woman stands between salvation and ruin.

Kingfisher, T.	Hemlock & Silver	Fantasy/Fairy Tales	8/19
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From *New York Times* bestselling and Hugo Award-winning author T. Kingfisher comes *Hemlock & Silver*, a dark reimagining of “Snow White” steeped in poison, intrigue, and treason of the most magical kind.

Kuang, R. F.	Katabasis	Historical Fantasy	8/26
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Dante’s *Inferno* meets Susanna Clarke’s *Piranesi* in this all-new dark academia fantasy from R. F. Kuang, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Babel* and *Yellowface*, in which two graduate students must put aside their rivalry and journey to Hell to save their professor’s soul—perhaps at the cost of their own.

Ladelle, Ebony	You’ve Got a Place Here, Too	Anthology/Romance	8/12
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A heartwarming and unforgettable collection of love stories set at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, exploring hope, endurance, and what it means to leave a legacy, from some of today’s most prominent Black writers and edited by the acclaimed author of *Love Radio*.

Mcfadden, Freida	The Surrogate Mother	Psychological Thriller	8/19
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Abby wants a baby more than anything. But after years of failed infertility treatments and adoptions that have fallen through, it seems like motherhood is not in her future. That is, until her personal assistant Monica makes a generous offer to serve as a surrogate. It's an offer that will make all of Abby's dreams come true. But soon, strange things start happening. And it turns out Monica isn't who she says she is. The woman now carrying Abby's child has an unspeakable secret. And she will stop at nothing to get what she wants.

McKinney-Whetstone, Diane	Family Spirit	Fantasy/Paranormal	8/12
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Diane McKinney-Whetstone’s latest character-rich, page-turner blends her signature style with a little magic in her depiction of the Maces, a vibrant family of Philadelphia clairvoyants with issues.

Michaels, Fern	Smuggler's Cove	Domestic Thriller	8/26
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#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Fern Michaels introduces siblings Madison and Lincoln Taylor, whose Jersey Shore inheritance plunges them into a world of mystery and mayhem . . .

Newitz, Annalee	Automatic Noodle	Sci-Fi/Humor	8/5
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A cozy near-future novella about a crew of leftover robots opening their very own noodle shop, from acclaimed sci-fi author Annalee Newitz.

Oyeyemi, Helen	A New New Me	Literary/Dark Humor	8/26
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From the award-winning, bestselling author, Helen Oyeyemi, comes a masterful story that asks: What if the different sides of your personality had trust issues with each other?

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Pekkanen, Sarah	The Locked Ward	Domestic Thriller	8/5

Was it...Bitter, all-consuming jealousy? Pathological sibling rivalry? Pure insanity? Whatever the cause—and everyone has a theory—it's the Crime of the Decade when glamorous Georgia Cartwright, who was adopted as a newborn, is accused of killing the biological daughter of her wealthy, Southern family.

Perry, Princess Joy L.	This Here Is Love	Historical/Literary	8/5
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1690s, Tidewater, Virginia. Bless, born into slavery and taken by her masters to toil in the house, faces her mother's fury, learning that cruelty can come from any side. David, an enslaved child of a freed father, dreams of the promise of liberty made to him. Jack, an impoverished Scots-Irish boy, sails to America to be indentured but, in the hellish crossing, finds his hopes fracturing. Yet, somehow, they all will stake a claim to love.

Purvis, Xenobe	The Hounding	Historical/Family Life	8/5
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The Crucible meets *The Virgin Suicides* in this haunting debut about five sisters in a small village in eighteenth-century England whose neighbors are convinced they're turning into dogs.

Rao, Shobha	Indian Country	World Lit./India	8/5
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In this fearless novel from the award-winning author of *Girls Burn Brighter*, a couple from India—so different from generations of white colonialists who came before them—move to Montana, only to discover how brutal and unforgiving hubris can be.

Ridzén, Lisa	When the Cranes Fly South	Family Life	8/19
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A profoundly moving debut novel that follows an elderly man's attempts to mend his relationship with his son before it's too late: an emotional story of love, friendship, fatherhood, dogs, and atonement that is already an international sensation.

Ringo, John	Behind the Veil	Action/Sci-Fi	8/5
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In the world of the cutthroat augmented reality game TransDimensional Hunter, Lynn Raven must outsmart stalker fans and a rogue algorithm, forcing her to push her limits to survive and win the championship.

Robuck, Erika	The Last Assignment	Historical Fiction	8/19
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From bestselling author Erika Robuck comes the perilous and awe-inspiring true story of award-winning photojournalist Dickey Chapelle as she risks everything to show the American people the price of war through the lens of her camera.

Rose, Jeneva	The Perfect Divorce	Psychological Thriller	8/1
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It's been eleven years since high-powered attorney Sarah Morgan defended her husband, Adam, against the charge of murdering his mistress. Sarah has long since moved on, starting a family with her new husband, Bob Miller, and changing careers. After discovering Bob engaged in a one-night stand, Sarah wastes no time filing for divorce. However, amid their ugly separation, new DNA evidence is uncovered in the case against Adam, forcing the police to reopen the investigation and putting Sarah right back in the spotlight.

Serritella, Francesca	Full Bloom	Contemporary Romance	8/5
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A woman's life is forever changed by a mysterious perfume in this stunning novel about ambition and untapped desire from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Ghosts of Harvard*.

Shalvis, Jill	He Falls First	Contemporary Romance	8/5
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Penny Rose has learned her lesson and now she's paying the price. That's why she's sharing a dilapidated house in a tiny California town with her feisty grandmother and tween brother living off the leftovers from her catering job. It's a far cry from her dream life. One thing's for sure, she's never falling in love again. Not even with the sexy, snarky contractor who keeps testing the walls she's built.

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Smale, Holly	I Know How This Ends	General/Family Life	8/12

Margot Wayward is in manically gleeful self-destruct mode. Until one day, when Margot has a vision of herself with a man she's never met before. She doesn't believe in fate. But when Margot meets single-dad Henry, the vision comes true: exactly as she'd foreseen it. As her future continues to reveal itself, a glimpse at a time, Margot realises she knows exactly what's going to happen, and when. And there's nothing she can do to change any of it. So Margot has to decide how to live, how to love again, and how to be herself... Because if you can't change your destiny, how on earth do you live your present?

Smith, Wilbur A.	Crossfire	Historical Thriller	8/12
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It's 1943 and the tides of the Second World War are changing. Special Operations Executive, Saffron Courtney - daughter of the celebrated soldier Leon Courtney - is sailing from the west coast of Scotland to New York on the Queen Mary. Her mission is two-fold: to gather support for SOE, but, more treacherously, to uncover a Nazi spy ring and a mole deep within the British Embassy. Meanwhile, what Saffron doesn't realise is that while she is on the tail of a dangerous spy, there are equally dangerous agents after her. With time running out, and the safety of not only the nation, but Saffron herself, under threat, can she uncover the truth and expose the dangerous plots before it's too late?

Soloski, Alexis	Flashout	Psychological Thriller	8/5
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New York, 1972. A cloistered college student slips out of the dorms to attend a performance by a legendary experimental performance troupe. Within months, she has left campus life behind and joined the company, infatuated by its charismatic leader and his promises of absolute freedom.

California, 1997. A theater teacher at an exclusive private school receives an unsettling letter. With her job at risk and her past clawing at her carefully constructed present, what will she do to protect the life she has made?

Sullivan, Michael J.	Drumindor	Epic Fantasy	8/5
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The fifth installment of The Riyria Chronicles. When a master craftsman dwarf is fired and threatens retaliation, the rogues-for-hire enterprise known as Riyria is commissioned to stop him. Traveling to the paradise resort of Tur Del Fur, the two are granted a lavish allowance that, along with an easy task, promises to turn a job into a vacation. Everything would have been perfect except that the disgruntled worker's last name is Berling, and the targets of his wrath are the legendary towers of Drumindor.

Thorne, Rebecca	Alchemy and a Cup of Tea	Romance Fantasy	8/12
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Reyna and Kianthe have no trouble commanding the Realm, running a bookshop, or rescuing baby dragons...but can they save their town from the swarming influx of...tourists?!?

Wachman, Sam	The Sunflower Boys	LGBTQIA+/World Lit.	8/12
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A poignant coming-of-age story with the sensitivity and haunting power of *What Belongs to You* and *Swimming in the Dark*, about a young boy wrestling with his sexuality as war breaks out in modern Ukraine.

Willingham, Stacy	Forget Me Not	Crime Thriller	8/26
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Twenty-two years ago, Claire Campbell's older sister, Natalie, disappeared shortly after her eighteenth birthday. Days later, her blood was found in a car, a man was arrested, and the case was swiftly closed. In the decades since, Claire has attempted to forget her traumatic past by moving to the city and climbing the ranks as an investigative journalist... until an unexpected call from her father forces her to come back home and face it all anew.

NONFICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Al-rashid, Moudhy	Between Two Rivers	Ancient History	8/12

Humanity's earliest efforts at recording and drawing meaning from history reveal how lives millennia ago were not so different from our own.

Ansfield, Bench	Born in Flames	United States/Arson	8/19
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The explosive account of the arson wave that hit the Bronx and other American cities in the 1970s—and its legacy today.

Baron, David	The Martians	Space Exploration/Aliens	8/26
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The *Times* headline was no joke. In the early 1900s, many Americans actually believed that we had discovered intelligent life on Mars. *The Martians* —a truly bizarre tale reconstructed through newly discovered clippings, letters, and photographs by bestselling science writer David Baron—begins in the 1890s with Percival Lowell, a wealthy Harvard scion who was so certain of his Mars discovery that he (almost) convinced a generation of astronomers that grainy telescopic photographs of the red planet revealed meltwater and an intricate canal system, declaring “there can be no doubt that living beings inhabit our neighboring world” (*New York Times*).

Bausum, Ann	White Lies	Civil War/Social Justice	8/12
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This powerful and unflinching examination of racism in America by award-winning historian Ann Bausum deconstructs the warped history of the Civil War for teen readers, perfect for fans of STAMPED, JUST MERCY, and ACCOUNTABLE.

Buckbee, Brian	We Should All Be Birds	Biography/Birds	8/5
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A charming and moving debut memoir about how a man with a mystery illness saves a pigeon, and how the pigeon saves the man.

Dalrymple, William	The Golden Road	History/India	8/1
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In *The Golden Road*, William Dalrymple draws from a lifetime of scholarship to highlight India's oft-forgotten position as the heart of ancient Eurasia. For the first time, he gives a name to this spread of Indian ideas that transformed the world. From the largest Hindu temple in the world at Angkor Wat to the Buddhism of China, from the trade that helped fund the Roman Empire to the creation of the numerals we use today (including zero), India transformed the culture and technology of its ancient world – and our world today as we know it.

Jeffers, Honoree Fanonne	Misbehaving at the Crossroads	Cultural & Ethnic Studies/Black Women	8/1
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Explores the journeys and possibilities of Black women throughout American history and in contemporary times.

Khan, Yasmin	Sabzi	Cookbook/Vegitarian	8/26
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Irresistible vegetarian and vegan recipes inspired by award-winning food writer Yasmin Khan's travels—and the cooking she does, at home, for family and friends.

Levin, Mark R.	On Power	Political Ideologies/ U.S. Government	8/1
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The eight-time #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, radio host, and Fox News star Mark R. Levin delivers a profound analysis of the philosophy and structure of power and the critical impact of liberty on our collective future.

Sheftall, M. G.	Nagasaki	History/Japan/WWII	8/5
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The second volume in a prize-worthy two-book series based on years of irreplicable personal interviews with survivors about each of the atomic bomb drops, first in Hiroshima and then Nagasaki, that hastened the end of the Pacific War.

NONFICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Tenore Tarpley, Mallary	<i>Slip</i>	Psychology/Eating Disorders	8/5

Written by journalist and professor at the University of Texas-Austin Mallary Tenore Tarpley, *Slip* offers a groundbreaking framework for understanding eating disorder recovery and interweaves poignant personal stories, immersive reporting, and cutting-edge science.

Vernon, Alex	<i>Peace Is a Shy Thing</i>	Biography/Literary Figures	8/1
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Drawing on extensive interviews and research, this book looks at the novelist's Vietnam War service, his evolution as a writer, and his broader cultural impact, intertwining his personal history with historical events and offering insights into his creative process and literary legacy.

Virgil	<i>The Aeneid</i>	Classics/Rome	8/12
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Rome's epic origin story, brilliantly rendered in a vivid, rhythmic idiom.

Willis, Gerri	<i>Lincoln's Lady Spymaster</i>	History/Civil War	8/1
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Chronicles the life of a Southern belle whose espionage for Abraham Lincoln and the Union helped win the Civil War.

LARGE PRINT			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Gardner, Lisa	<i>Kiss Her Goodbye</i>	Suspense Thriller	8/12

A *New York Times* bestselling author returns with the latest installment in the addictive Frankie Elkin series, in which Frankie is called to Tucson, Arizona, to find a missing Afghan refugee, whose friend suspects she is in grave danger—before it is too late.

Lippman, Laura	<i>Murder Takes a Vacation</i>	Cozy/Mystery	8/1
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Former private investigator and middle-aged widow Muriel Blossom's vacation on a Parisian river cruise turns into a deadly international mystery ... that only she can solve.

Mcfadden, Freida	<i>The Tenant</i>	Thriller/Psychological	8/1
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Blake Porter is riding high, until he's not. Fired abruptly from his job as a VP of marketing and unable to make the mortgage payments on the new brownstone he shares with his fiancée, he's desperate to make ends meet. Enter Whitney. Beautiful, charming, down-to-earth, and looking for a room to rent. She's exactly what Blake's looking for. Or is she? Because something isn't quite right. The neighbors start treating Blake differently. The smell of decay permeates his home, no matter how hard he scrubs. Strange noises jar him awake in the middle of the night. And soon Blake fears someone knows his darkest secrets...Danger lives right at home, and by the time Blake realizes it, it'll be far too late. The trap is already set.

Patterson, James	<i>Emma on Fire</i>	Action Thriller	8/19
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Everyone at Ridgemont Academy knows what to expect from Emma Caroline Blake. Perfect grades. Perfect record. Perfect life. Then she stands up in class and commits an act so shocking her reputation will never recover. And that's exactly what Emma wants.

Slaughter, Karin	<i>We Are All Guilty Here</i>	Suspense Thriller	8/12
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Welcome to North Falls—a small town where everyone knows everyone. Or so they think. Until the night of the fireworks. When two teenage girls vanish, and the town ignites. For Officer Emmy Clifton, it's personal. She turned away when her best friend's daughter needed help—and now she must bring her home. But as Emmy combs through the puzzle the girls left behind, she realizes she never really knew them. Nobody did. Every teenage girl has secrets. But who would kill for them? And what else is the town hiding?

LARGE PRINT			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Steel, Danielle	For Richer for Poorer	Contemporary Romance	8/12

A loving mother and successful fashion designer struggles to keep her family together and her business afloat in this gripping novel by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Danielle Steel.

Stiefvater, Maggie	The Listeners	Historical/Fantasy	8/1
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June Porter Hudson struggles to maintain the elegance of the Avallon Hotel in 1942 West Virginia when it is secretly repurposed to house captured Axis diplomats, forcing her to balance wartime tensions, divided loyalties, and the covert operations of an FBI agent.

AUDIOBOOK CD's			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Beck, Martha	Beyond Anxiety	Self-Help/Anxiety	8/1

A guide to overcoming anxiety by tapping into creativity, blending neuroscience and sociology to explain how engaging the brain's creative systems can break the anxiety cycle and lead to peace, improved problem-solving and deeper connections with others.

Francis, Pope	Hope	Religion/Biography	8/1
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Pope Francis originally intended this book to appear only after his death, but the needs of our times and the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope have moved him to make this legacy available now.

Hunter, Georgia	One Good Thing	Historical Fiction/WWII	8/1
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In occupied Italy, Jewish best friends Lili and Esti hide war orphans in a convent where they forge false papers for the Underground, and when Esti is critically injured, she asks Lili to go on the run with her son Theo through Nazi-occupied villages toward Allied territory.

Vuong, Ocean	The Emperor of Gladness	Literary/Asian American & Pacific Islander	8/1
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In the struggling town of East Gladness, Connecticut, nineteen-year-old Hai is saved from despair by Grazina, an elderly widow with dementia, forging an unexpected bond that reshapes their lives and reveals dynamics of love, memory, and resilience on the margins of society.

Weiner, Tim	The Mission	Political Science/Espionage	8/1
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A masterpiece of reporting based on-the-record interviews with six former CIA directors and scores of spies, station chiefs, and top operations officers: *The Mission* is a gripping and revelatory history of the modern CIA, reaching from 9/11 through its covert operations in Afghanistan and Iraq to today's secret battles with Russia and China, concluding with the Agency's own fight for survival under the current president of the United States.

Wiggs, Susan	Wayward Girls	Family Life	8/1
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From *New York Times* bestselling author Susan Wiggs, a wrenching but life-affirming novel based on a true story of survival, friendship, and redemption. Set in the turbulent Vietnam era in the All-American city of Buffalo, New York, six girls are condemned to forced labor in the laundry of a Catholic reform school.

DVD's				
Title	Genre	Rating	Date	
1923: Yellowstone Season 2	Period Drama Western	TV-MA	8/12	

The Duttons face a new set of challenges in the early 20th century, including the rise of Western expansion, Prohibition, and the Great Depression.

How to Train Your Dragon	Family Fantasy Adventure	PG	8/12	
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As an ancient threat endangers both Vikings and dragons alike on the isle of Berk, the friendship between Hiccup, an inventive Viking, and Toothless, a Night Fury dragon, becomes the key to both species forging a new future together.

Lilo & Stitch	Disney Family Alien Adventure	PG	8/26	
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A lonely Hawaiian girl befriends a runaway alien, helping to mend her fragmented family.