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FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Adams, Sarah	In Your Dreams	Contemporary Romance	12/30

A homecoming to Rome, Kentucky, sparks a new romance--and lots of drama--between two old family friends, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *When in Rome*, *Practice Makes Perfect*, and *Beg, Borrow, or Steal*.

Battles, Brett	Stuart Woods' Blown Away	Action Thriller	12/2
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Former CIA operative Teddy Fay returns for another thrilling Hollywood adventure in this latest installment in the *New York Times* bestselling series.

Cook, Robin	Spasm	Medical Thriller	12/9
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From the "master of the medical thriller" (*The New York Times*), Robin Cook, fan favorites Jack and Laurie return in another fast-paced spine chiller about a deadly bioweapon that could disrupt the world order as we know it.

Catalano, Andrea	The First Witch of Boston	Historical/Witches	12/1
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Massachusetts Bay Colony, 1646. Thomas and Margaret Jones arrive from England to build a life in the New World. With a child on the way, their new beginning promises only blessings. But in this austere Puritan community, comely faces hide malicious intent. Wrong moves or words are met with suspicion, and Margaret's bold and unguarded nature draws scorn. Soon, Margaret is mistrusted as more cunning woman than kind caregiver. And when personal tragedies, religious hysteria, and wariness of the unknown turn most against her, even the devotion Margaret and her husband share is at risk.

Church, Meagan	The Mad Wife	Historical Thriller	12/1
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In the 1950s, nothing is valued more than conformity, and Lulu Mayfield has spent the last five years molding herself into the ideal housewife. Exhausted by expectations and haunted by tragic memories, Lulu looks to her new neighbor, Bitsy. Bitsy, always the model of a perfect housewife, is not quite what she seems and Lulu knows something dark lurks beneath Bitsy's constant smile. Increasingly fixated on Bitsy and her perfectly crafted life, Lulu's mental state begins to fracture, and memories she had suppressed long ago begin to rise to the surface. Soon, Lulu is forced to confront the possibility that she might be headed down a path much darker than she could ever foresee.

Coben, Harlan	Gone Before Goodbye	Mystery/Thriller	12/1
Witherspoon, Reese			

Maggie McCabe is teetering on the brink. Upside down after a devastating series of tragedies leads to her medical license being revoked, Maggie has lost her purpose, but not her nerve or her passion. At her lowest point, she is thrown a lifeline by a former colleague, an elite plastic surgeon whose anonymous clientele demand the best care money can buy, as well as absolute discretion. Halfway across the globe, sequestered in the lap of luxury and cutting-edge technology, one of the world's most mysterious men requires unconventional medical assistance. But when the patient suddenly disappears while still under her care, Maggie must become a fugitive herself.

Cornwell, Bernard	Sharpe's Storm	Historical/Action	12/2
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The year is 1813. France is a battlefield, and winter shows no mercy. Amid brutal conditions, Major Richard Sharpe finds himself saddled with an unexpected burden: Rear-Admiral Sir Joel Chase, dispatched by the Admiralty with sealed orders, unshakable confidence, and a frankly terrifying enthusiasm for combat. Sharpe's mission from Wellington is clear, yet anything but simple: Keep Sir Joel alive. Sir Joel could hold the key to defeating Napoleon once and for all.

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Davis, Davey	Casanova 20: Or, Hot World	LGBTQIA+/Fiction	12/2

Cursed by an extreme and unrelenting beauty, Adrian has drawn the frenzied attention of adoring strangers since childhood. As a twenty-nine-year-old in New York City, Adrian's aimless sexual availability is interrupted by a shocking discovery: He is no longer beautiful. Across the country, Adrian's best friend, Mark, is faced with his own horrible revelation: He's dying from the same mysterious disease that will soon take his mother and sister. Feeling as if he's disappearing from sight, Adrian searches for answers among his thousands of lovers. In a race against his failing body, Mark becomes obsessed with watching fifty-two VHS tapes of unknown origin, left to him by his sister, before it's too late.

Demeester, Kristi	Dark Sisters	Historical Horror	12/9
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In this fiercely captivating novel, horror meets historical fiction when a curse bridges generations, binding the fates of three women. Anne Bolton, a healer facing persecution for witchcraft, bargains with a dark entity for protection--but the fire she unleashes will reverberate for centuries. Mary Shephard, a picture-perfect wife in a suffocating community, falls for Sharon and begins a forbidden affair that could destroy them both. And Camilla Burson, the rebellious daughter of a preacher, defies conformist expectations to uncover an ancient power as her father's flock spirals into crisis. Three women. Three centuries. One legacy of fury, love, and a power that refuses to die.

Evans, Virginia	The Correspondent	Family Life	12/1
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Sybil is seventy-three years old, in the winter of her life. Sybil has always made sense of the world through writing letters and through this epistolary novel we see how she comes to terms with her past and present and learns forgiveness.

Fletcher, Jessica	Murder, She Wrote	Cozy Mystery	12/2
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It's leaf-peeping season in Cabot Cove, but for someone, it's killing season! A quartet of friends from Florida have come to Maine to experience a New England autumn, complete with hiking in the woods and fishing. When one of them goes missing, the town rallies to find the presumably lost but otherwise safe tourist. But when newspaper editor Dan Andrews is biking on the trail along a ridge, he looks down and sees a leg caught in the branches of a tree. Count on Jessica Fletcher to uncover the secret reason the victim came to town . . . and how it led to her murder.

Godfrey, Jennie	The List of Suspicious Things	Coming-of-age/Mystery	12/30
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Twelve-year-old Miv is panicking. Life has been complicated since her mom got sick, and now her dad is talking about wanting to move their family away from the town Miv has lived in her whole life—because of the murders. Young women are dying, everyone is afraid, and no one knows who the culprit might be. Perhaps if she could solve the case of the disappearing women, they could stay after all?

Hannah, Bailey	At Whit's End	Romance/Western	12/2
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A single mom struggling to raise her rebellious son finds unexpected support in a kind-hearted cowboy in this spicy romance from the author of *Seeing Red* and *Change of Hart*.

Hassan, Aisha	When Fireflies Dance	World Lit./Pakistan	12/2
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On the outskirts of Lahore, Pakistan, a large yellow moon hung low in the sky when the men came with dogs and guns and cricket bats. In front of his family's small hut on the edge of a looming brick kiln, Lalloo's brother was murdered. Unable to escape the memory of that horrible night, Lalloo's parents and sisters remain trapped, the kiln chimney churning black smoke into the sky as the family slave, brick by brick, to pay off their debts. To rescue them, Lalloo must free himself from his past and carve out his own destiny.

Hauty, Chris	Dead Ringer	Political Thriller	12/2
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Set in present-day, a disgraced former Secret Service office and a Jesuit professor join forces to delve into the mysteries surrounding the events of November 22, 1963. Fixated on deciphering the conspiracies behind the history-changing assassination, they are oblivious to the fact that the cabal is still active--and may face an end as bloody as the carnage in Dealey Plaza. Will they be able to uncover the truth in time? Or will they become two more footnotes in history?

FICTION				
Author	Title	Genre	Date	
Hoen, Tory Henwood	Before I Forget	Magical Realism/Family Life	12/2	
Despite working at a zeitgeisty wellness company, 26-year-old Cricket Campbell feels anything but well. Still adrift after a tragedy that upended her world a decade ago, she has entered early adulthood under the weight of a new burden: her father's Alzheimer's diagnosis. In returning home to become her father's caretaker, she hopes to repair their strained relationship and shake herself out of her perma-funk. As Cricket settles back into the family house at Catwood Pond she discovers that her father possesses a rare gift: as he loses his grasp of the past, he is increasingly able to predict the future.				
Holder, Lovell	The Book of Luke	LGBTQ+/Reality TV	12/2	
For fans of <i>Survivor</i> and <i>Less</i> , this fast-paced debut novel shines an unflinching light on the drama of reality TV when a gay man returns to the cut-throat show he won in his youth after his adult life begins to unravel.				
Indridason, Arnaldur	The Quiet Mother	Detective Mystery	12/9	
A woman is found murdered in her Reykjavík home, her apartment ransacked. On her desk lies a note with retired detective Konrad's phone number. Days earlier, she had begged him to find the child she gave up nearly fifty years ago. But Konrad, reluctant to reopen old wounds, turned her away. Now, haunted by guilt, he vows to uncover the truth--for her and for himself.				
Jacobs, Bethany	This Brutal Moon	Sci-Fi/Space Opera	12/2	
Violence has erupted across the Treble. The colony that Jun Ironway and Masar Hawks have fought to protect is now woefully compromised, and its people, unwilling to submit to tyranny once more, face a brutal fight for their lives and freedom. As the quiet ones launch their attack and all hope seems lost, Cleric Chono looks to unlikely allies to fight a final battle for peace. But one crucial question remains: where is Six?				
Jalaluddin, Uzma	Yours for the Season	Romantic Comedy	12/1	
For an ambitious attorney and a rising-star chef, a cross-cultural fake romance takes an unexpected detour in a heartwarming and funny novel by the author of <i>Much Ado About Nada</i> and <i>Ayesha at Last</i> .				
Kashino, Marisa	Best Offer Wins	Thriller/Humor	12/1	
An insanely competitive housing market. A buyer pushed to the breaking point. How far would you go for the American Dream? Eighteen months and eleven lost bidding wars into house-hunting, thirty-seven-year-old publicist Margo Miyake gets a tip about the perfect house. Desperate to escape her cramped apartment Margo becomes obsessed with buying the house. With some (harmless!) stalking and a bit of (very light!) trespassing, she worms her way into the homeowners' lives. But just when she believes she's won them over, they uncover her scheme and shut her out. Undeterred, Margo will prove again and again that there's nothing she won't try to finally kickstart the dream life she's worked so hard to achieve.				
Kingfisher, T.	Snake-Eater	Horror Fantasy	12/1	
From <i>New York Times</i> bestselling and Hugo Award-winning author T. Kingfisher comes an enthralling contemporary fantasy seeped in horror about a woman trying to escape her past by moving to the remote US desert--only to find herself beholden to the wrath of a vengeful god.				
Lafferty, Paula	The Once and Future Queen	Arthurian Fantasy	12/16	
<i>Outlander</i> -meets- <i>The Princess Bride</i> plus <i>Camelot</i> in a fresh, big-hearted, feminist, timeslip adventure reimagining the epic saga of King Arthur, as told from the perspective of his spunky and surprising queen, Vera – complete with time travel and good running shoes!				

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Majumdar, Megha	A Guardian and a Thief	World Lit./India	12/1

In a near-future Kolkata beset by flooding and blight, Ma, her two year old daughter Mishti, and her elderly father Dadu are just days from leaving the collapsing city behind. After procuring long-awaited passports and visas from the consulate, they pack their bags for the flight to America. But in the morning they awaken to discover that Ma's purse, with all the treasured documents within it, has been stolen. *A Guardian and a Thief* tells two stories: the story of Ma and her family; and Boomba, the thief, whose hunger and desperation to care for his family drive him to commit a crime whose consequences he cannot fathom.

Markovits, Ben	The Rest of Our Lives	Literary/Family Life	12/30
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When Tom Layward's wife had an affair twelve years ago, he resolved to leave her as soon as his youngest child left the nest. Now, while driving his college-bound daughter to Pittsburgh, he remembers his promise to himself. So, rather than returning to his wife in Westchester, Tom keeps driving west, with the vague plan of visiting people from his past -- an old college friend, his ex-girlfriend, his brother, his son -- en route, maybe, to California. He's moving towards a future he hasn't even envisioned yet while he considers his past and the choices he's made that have brought him to this particular present.

McDermid, Val	Silent Bones	Detective Mystery	12/2
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Scotland, 2025. When torrential winter rain causes a landslide on a motorway, it dislodges more than mud and asphalt - it reveals a skeleton, concealed when the road was built eleven years prior.

McEwan, Ian	What We Can Know	Literary/Sci-Fi/Romance	12/1
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What We Can Know is a masterpiece, a fictional tour de force, a love story about both people and the words they leave behind, a literary detective story which reclaims the present from our sense of looming catastrophe and imagines a future world where all is not quite lost.

Miller, Andrew	The Land in Winter	Historical/Family Life	12/1
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December 1962: In a village deep in the English countryside, two neighboring couples begin the day. Local doctor Eric Parry commences his rounds in the village while his pregnant wife, Irene, wanders the rooms of their old house, mulling over the space that has grown between the two of them. On the farm nearby lives Irene's mirror image: witty but troubled Rita Simmons is also expecting. But her head still swims with images of a raucous past that her husband, Bill, prefers to forget. When Rita and Irene meet across the bare field between their houses, a clock starts. There is still affection in both their homes. But when the ordinary cold of December gives way so do the secret resentments harbored in all four lives.

Nwosu, Brionni	The Wondrous Life and Loves of Nella Carter	Historical/Magical Realism	12/1
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Most humans cower in the face of Death. Not Nella May Carter. She sees him. She doesn't hide. Instead, she bargains. Born enslaved in eighteenth-century Georgia, Nella still believes in the will to survive. She asks that Death allow her to live long enough to prove it. Challenged, Nella embarks on an epic journey across the globe and centuries. When she meets handsome and passionate professor Sebastian Moore--the first man to whom she has ever revealed her secrets--Nella yearns for the mortality that escapes her. She can't bear to leave this love behind. As Death keeps watch, has Nella's journey come to an end? Or is a new one just beginning?

Packer, Ann	Some Bright Nowhere	Literary/Family Life	12/1
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Eliot and his wife Claire have been happily married for nearly four decades. They've raised two children in their sleepy Connecticut town and have weathered the inevitable ups and downs of a long life spent together. But eight years after Claire was diagnosed with cancer, the end is near, and it's time to gather loved ones and prepare for the inevitable. But as he focuses on settling into what will be their last days and weeks together, Claire makes an unexpected request that leaves him reeling. In a moment, his carefully constructed world is shattered.

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Author	Title	Genre	Date	
Patrick, Phaedra	The Time Hop Coffee Shop	Magical Realism	12/9	

Greta Perks was once the shining star of the iconic Maple Gold coffee commercials, the quintessential TV wife and mom. Now fame has faded, her marriage is on the rocks, her teenage daughter has become distant and Greta's once-glittering career feels like a distant memory. When Greta stumbles upon a mysterious coffee shop serving a magical brew, she wishes for the perfect life in those past Maple Gold commercials. Next thing she knows, Greta wakes in the idyllic make-believe town of Mapleville, where the sun always shines and the aroma of freshly brewed coffee and second chances fill the air. Given the opportunity to live the life she dreamed, Greta is determined to rewrite her own script. But can life ever be like a coffee commercial?

Patterson, James	The Last Days of Marilyn Monroe	True Crime Fiction	12/1	
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The Last Days of Marilyn Monroe is a true crime thriller about a woman who changed Hollywood history, and whose indelible image captures our imagination to this day.

Priest	Silent Reading	Romance/Thriller/Danmei	12/23	
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A young man's body is found outside a glitzy high-rise on the West Side of Yancheng--dressed for celebration, strangled, and left with a sheet of paper covering his face. One word is scrawled across it: money. To Sergeant Luo Wenzhou, head of the Criminal Investigation Team, it's just another case in a city rife with power plays and buried secrets. But as he digs deeper with his team, what begins as a straightforward homicide unravels into something far murkier--reaching into the city's darkest corners of wealth, privilege, and police corruption. And then there's Fei Du: the aloof, razor-sharp CEO of the Fei Corporation, who seems to know far too much about the murder--and about Luo Wenzhou himself. Luo Wenzhou finds himself reluctantly drawn toward the very man who unsettles him most. But in a city where justice is easily bought and truth wears many masks, can either man afford to trust the other?

Rich Edwards, Janet	Canticle	Historical/Medieval	12/2	
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A masterful debut novel following a spirited young woman's explorations of faith, agency, and love in thirteenth-century Bruges.

Rothery, Lauren	Television	Performing Arts/Satire	12/2	
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BoJack Horseman meets Joan Didion in this smart, sly, and irresistibly stylish debut novel about a jaded movie star and the two differently conflicted women in his orbit.

Sanderson, Brandon	Tailored Realities	Short Stories/Fantasy	12/9	
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Spanning the genres of fantasy and science fiction, this collection features stories from beyond the bounds of Brandon Sanderson's Cosmere universe. Along with the new novella "Moment Zero," *Tailored Realities* includes nine works of short fiction never before gathered into one volume, many available here in print for the first time.

Stark, Stacia	We Who Will Die	Romance/Fantasy	12/30	
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Life in the perilous Thorn district is a constant battle for Arvelle and her younger brothers. And the vampire standing on her doorstep is about to turn their world upside down. Faced with an unthinkable choice, Arvelle makes a magically binding vow to do the impossible: kill the emperor, an ancient vampire created by the god Umbros. But first, she must enter the Sundering--an arena where only the fastest, strongest, and deadliest survive long enough to be selected for the emperor's elite guard.

White, Erin O.	Like Family	Family Life	12/1	
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Ruth and her wife, Wyn, are living the dream (or Wyn's dream, at least) with their four children on their small farm, which is also the bucolic gathering place for their circle of friends. It's a sweet life, but there's a secret at its center. After an unexpected death in their community, all three couples are forced to confront the tensions that have long been buried beneath the surfaces of their lives.

FICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Wibberley, Emily	Seeing Other People	Contemporary Romance	12/9

Two people haunted by their exes find that love isn't dead in this new romance comedy from the beloved authors of *The Roughest Draft*.

NONFICTION			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Angelica, Jesamyn	Llewellyn's Complete Book of the Moon	Body, Mind & Spirit/Wicca	12/8

High Priestess Jesamyn Angelica guides you on an in-depth, illuminating journey through lunar phases, moon magic, and sacred ritual. Jesamyn shares more than three decades of expertise to help you develop a profound connection with cosmic tides and build a sustainable magical practice.

Collins, Billy	Dog Show	Pets/Dogs/Poetry	12/1
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In twenty-five poems, Collins distills the many emotions dogs bring us, from the happiness we feel as we watch a dog trot out the door unencumbered by our burdens, to the silliness of holding a dog in our arms as we step on the scale together. Turning his inimitable eye and ear to the complexities of dog behavior, Collins ponders all that these winning creatures give us and what we learn from them about ourselves.

Galloway, Scott	Notes on Being a Man	Biography/Memoir	12/1
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In *Notes on Being a Man*, Galloway explores what it means to be a man in modern America. He promotes the importance of healthy masculinity and mental strength. He shares his own story from boyhood to manhood, exploring his parents' difficult divorce, his issues with anger and depression, his attempts to earn money, and his life raising two boys.

Giuffre, Virginia Roberts	Nobody's Girl	Biography/Memoir/Abuse	12/1
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The world knows Virginia Roberts Giuffre as Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's most outspoken victim: the woman whose decision to speak out helped send both serial abusers to prison, whose photograph with Prince Andrew catalyzed his fall from grace. But her story has never been told in full, in her own words--until now.

Gough, Robert E.	The Complete Guide to Saving Seeds	Gardening/Techniques	12/1
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Learn how to collect, save, and cultivate seeds from more than 300 types of plants.

Gross, Alyssa	Play Mahjong!	Games/Mahjong/Reference	12/1
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Mahjong is an intellectually stimulating game of strategy that can sharpen the minds of people of all ages as it brings them together. *Play Mahjong!* is your comprehensive guide to the American version of the game, packed with interactive step-by-step instructions, helpful tips, tricks, and fun facts designed to enhance your playing experience.

Harris, Kamala	107 Days	Biography/Political	12/1
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Your Secret Service code name is Pioneer. You are the first woman in history to be elected vice president of the United States. On July 21, 2024, your running mate, Joe Biden, announces that he will not be seeking reelection. The presidential election will occur on November 5, 2024. You have 107 days. Written with candor, a unique perspective, and the pace of a page-turning novel, *107 Days* takes you inside the race for the presidency as no one has ever done before.

Kennedy, John	How to Test Negative for Stupid	Political Science/Humor	12/1
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How to Test Negative for Stupid offers the Senator's tongue-in-cheek guidebook through Washington, punctuated by his thoughts on various issues and humorous stories about life from Louisiana politics and inside the Senate.

Kuehn, Christine	Family of Spies	History/WWII/Espionage	12/1
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A never-before-told story of one family's shocking involvement as Nazi and Japanese spies during WWII and the pivotal role they played in the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

NONFICTION				
Author	Title	Genre	Date	
Macy, Beth	Paper Girl	Memoir/Civics	12/1	
From one of our most acclaimed chroniclers of the forces eroding America's social fabric, her most personal and powerful work: a reckoning with the changes that have rocked her own beloved small Ohio hometown.				
McGrath, Mike	C# Programming in Easy Steps	Computers/Programming	12/23	
Unlock the power of C# and start creating professional-grade applications -- the easy way! C# Programming in Easy Steps, 4th edition is your beginner-friendly guide to one of the world's most popular programming languages. In easy steps, and with crystal-clear, syntax-highlighted examples (free to download), you'll quickly gain the skills to code with confidence.				
Roman, Alison	Something from Nothing	Cookbook/Quick & Easy	12/1	
<i>New York Times</i> bestselling author Alison Roman gives you a collection of simple, smart, timeless recipes that rely on a home cook's best kept secret: a well-stocked pantry. Making the most of your shelf-stable bottles, bags, jars, and cans, Alison shows you how to cook as she does--loosely, intuitively, and with maximum flavor. With each recipe you'll fall deeper in love with the magic of pantry cooking by using flavorful, hardworking ingredients, leaving you to ask, "How did something so wonderful come from basically nothing?."				
Sardet, Christian	Cells	Cell Biology	12/2	
Written in clear, accessible language and accompanied by artful illustrations, <i>Cells: The Illustrated Story of Life</i> offers an authoritative and visually captivating overview of the building blocks of life. Designed for visual learners and curious minds alike, this immersive exploration of life and evolution brings readers up to date with the latest discoveries--revealing how cells function, how they have evolved, and why they fascinate us.				
Shea, Neil	Frostlines	Nature/Polar/Anthropology	12/2	
In <i>Frostlines</i> , Neil Shea blends natural history, anthropology, and travel writing to explore how the beauty, chaos, and power of change in the Arctic are reflected in the lives of people and animals.				
Siler, Brooke	The Pilates Body, Revised and Expanded Edition	Health & Fitness/Pilates	12/2	
In <i>The Pilates Body</i> , Brooke Siler, who trained under Joseph Pilates protégée Romana Kryzanowska, offers a comprehensive program of Pilates exercises that can be done anywhere and anytime with an exercise mat. Siler guides the reader through the principles that form the foundation of Pilates and offers directions for more than fifty exercises.				
Sioux, Nia	Bottom of the Pyramid	Biography/Entertainment	12/1	
When you've been told over and over that you belong at the bottom, how do you come out on top? Dance Moms star and triple threat Nia Sioux shows the way via her story of resilience, triumph, and defining success for herself.				
Stevens, Yusuf Cat	Cat on the Road to Findout	Biography/Music	12/1	
Embark on an extraordinary journey through the life, music and spiritual adventures of Yusuf/Cat Stevens, one of the most iconic figures of our time. <i>Cat on the Road to Findout</i> is more than a memoir - it's a profound exploration of identity, faith, and the universal search for meaning.				

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Evanovich, Janet	The King's Ransom	Detective Mystery	12/3	
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Gabriela Rose, recovery agent extraordinaire, can find just about anything. Too bad she can't seem to lose her gorgeous-but-infuriating ex-husband Rafer Jones. And now he needs her help.

Heller, Peter	The Orchard	Literary/Coming-of-Age	12/2	
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Peter Heller's masterful coming-of-age tale, the story of a mother and daughter living on a Vermont apple orchard, escaping ghosts of the past. By turns joyful and searing, *The Orchard* reminds us that, even during the hardest of times, the enduring power of nature, love, and friendship will prevail.

Mcfadden, Freida	The Intruder	Psychological Thriller	12/1	
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In the middle of a storm, a girl appears on Casey's doorstep, obviously in need of help, but soon things take a violent turn.

Patterson, James	The Last Days of Marilyn Monroe	True Crime Fiction	12/1	
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Penny, Louise	The Black Wolf	Detective Mystery	12/1	
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Weeks after foiling an attack in Montréal and arresting the so-called Black Wolf, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache, confined by his injuries to Three Pines, quietly leads a covert investigation with agents Beauvoir and Lacoste, fearing the conspiracy he uncovered is only a deliberate misdirection.

Roberts, Nora	The Seven Rings	Supernatural Romance	11/18	
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A dark-hearted witch wants to be mistress of the house on the Maine clifftop called Poole Manor, but Sonya MacTavish who lives in the house will need to fight a battle across two realms to finally break the curse and take possession the house -- and of her own future.

Tokarczuk, Olga	House of Day, House of Night	Short Stories/ Realism	Magical	12/2	
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When the narrator of *House of Day, House of Night* arrives with her husband in a village in remote southwest Poland, she knows no one. Before long, though, she discovers that everyone--and everything--there has a story. With the help of her neighbor, the eccentric Marta, she pieces together the fragments of the living and the dead.

AUDIOBOOK CD's			
Author	Title	Genre	Date
Beaton, M. C.	Sugar and Spite	Detective Mystery	12/13

When a series of deaths within the small Cotswolds birdwatching community begins to unravel her village, Agatha and her team at Raisin Investigators are certain there has been foul play involved. Now, they must dig up decades' worth of tempestuous relationships and simmering secrets among the birdwatching enthusiasts of the village in order to prevent any further deaths.

Brown, David S.	In the Arena	Biography/Presidents	12/2
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Theodore Roosevelt was one of America's most fascinating presidents--a complex man both publicly and privately. In this sweeping biography, historian David S. Brown takes us on an electrifying journey through Theodore Roosevelt's life--from his privileged New York upbringing to his transformative presidency that reshaped America's role on the global stage.

Cornwell, Bernard	Sharpe's Storm	Historical/Action	12/2
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Fuqua, Ea DeLong, Meg	Tidying Up	Self-Help/Cleaning & Organization	12/9
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Declutter your life and create the peaceful sanctuary you desire with these 100 organizational tricks from Meg DeLong and Ea Fuqua, cofounders of The Tidy Home. This foolproof, room-by-room guide is the book you need--so easy and fun, everyone can join in!

Kim, Juhea	A Love Story From the End of the World	Short Stories/Sci-Fi	12/2
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Lyrical, at times hilarious, and always heartfelt, each of these ten stories is a reflection of individual choice in the face of man-made apocalypse.

Pearl, Matthew	The Award	Psychological Thriller	12/2
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David Trent is an aspiring novelist in Cambridge, Massachusetts, trying to navigate his ambitions in a place that has writers around every corner. He lives in an apartment above a Very Famous Author named Silas Hale who, beneath his celebrated image, is a bombastic, vindictive monster who refuses to allow his new neighbor even to make eye contact with him--until young David wins a prestigious award for his new book. Suddenly Silas is interested--if intensely spiteful. But soon, the administrator of the award comes to David with alarming news, forcing the writer into a desperate set of choices.

Shea, Neil	Frostlines	Nature/Polar/Anthropology	12/2
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In *Frostlines*, Neil Shea blends natural history, anthropology, and travel writing to explore how the beauty, chaos, and power of change in the Arctic are reflected in the lives of people and animals.

Theroux, Paul	The Tao of Travel	Travel Essays	12/16
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A philosophical guidebook and collection of insights celebrating the joy of travel, chosen by eminent travel writer Paul Theroux.

DVD's			
Title	Genre	Rating	Date
Good Fortune	Comedy Fantasy Romance	R	12/9

A well-meaning but rather inept angel named Gabriel meddles in the lives of a struggling gig worker and a wealthy venture capitalist.

The Last Showgirl	Drama Entertainment Industry	R	12/16
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A seasoned showgirl must plan for her future when her show abruptly closes after a 30-year run.