



NEW BOOK LIST

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General Fiction

Opioid, Indiana by Brian Allen Carr

With rent due at the end of the week teenager Riggle has to either locate his missing uncle or come up with the money himself.

One More for Christmas by Sarah Morgan

Christmas will be a little different for Samantha and Ella this year; their estranged mother wants to spend the season with them.

Every Now and Then by Lesley Kagen

A bestselling novelist reflects on the secrets she and her friends uncovered when they were girls in the summer of 1960.

The Happiest Girl in the World by Alena Dillon

When her friend speaks out about their doctor, Sera protects her Olympic gymnastics dreams by denying any knowledge of his abuse.

Last Summer at the Golden Hotel

by Elyssa Friedland

Two families, once friends and business partners, consider selling their beloved but struggling hotel in the Catskills.

The Light Through the Leaves

by Glendy Vanderah

A mother retreats into herself after her child is abducted. A young girl with many secrets longs for life beyond her remote Washington home.

I Thought You Said This Would Work

by Ann Garvin

Samantha and Holly haven't spoken in years but when their friend, hospitalized with cancer, needs a favor they put aside their differences.

Peach Blossom Paradise by Ge Fei

During the Hundred Days' Reform in 1898 China a young woman's wealthy father disappears and a mysterious stranger arrives.

What's Worth Keeping by Kaya McLaren

In the wake of illness, secrets and strained relationships, three generations find healing during one unforgettable summer.

The Most Fun We Ever Had by Claire Lombardo

A family's lives are changed forever when Jonah, a child given up for adoption years before, returns once more to their lives.

All the Children are Home by Patry Francis

The lives of two parents and their three foster children are irrevocably changed when an indigenous girl comes to live with them.

Blind Ambition by Lutishia Lovely

After learning a devastating secret, the sister of a Hollywood star threatens to ruin everything with a tell-all memoir.

Beth and Amy by Virginia Kantra

Fashion designer Amy and singer-songwriter Beth return to their North Carolina hometown for their sister Jo's wedding.

Brotherhood by Mohamed Mbougar Sarr

In the fictional town of Kalep, under Islamist rule, two mothers begin corresponding after their children are executed for having loved each other.

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Fantasy

The Archive of the Forgotten by A. J. Hackwith
Hell is home to a library of unwritten stories now leaking a strange ink. Former librarian Claire must treat the ink before time runs out.

The Conductors by Nicole Glover
In post-Civil War Philadelphia Hetty and Benjy now use their cunning and magic to solve murders that white authorities ignore.

All the Murmuring Bones by A.G. Slatter
Miren's grandmother is determined to restore their family's glory by living up to a deal made between their ancestors and the mer.

The Bright and Breaking Sea by Cloe Neill
A captain in Queen Charlotte's fleet is sent on a mission to rescue a spy who's been gathering intelligence on the exiled emperor of Gallia.

Knight's Ransom by Jeff Wheeler
After a brutal war of succession, a young man earns a position of service to the new heir to the throne.

Spellmaker by Charlie N. Holmberg
Unregistered spellbreaker Elsie joins with elite magic user Bacchus to catch an assassin in 1895 England.

Historical

The Girl from the Channel Islands
by Jenny Lecoat
A young Jewish woman who fled Vienna to Jersey two years ago must hide in plain sight after Germany invades the Channel Islands.

From These Broken Streets by Roland Merullo
Five people's fates become intertwined in resistance to the Nazi occupation of Naples in 1943.

The Paris Dressmaker by Kristy Cambron
An art cataloger for the Nazis in France finds a gown concealing a cryptic message.

Half Life by Jillian Cantor
Cantor explores the trajectory of Marie Curie's life had she not left Poland for Paris in 1891.

Stars Over Clear Lake by Loretta Ellsworth
A woman returns to the Surf Ballroom, where during World War II she was forced to choose between her heart and her duty.

After Alice Fell by Kim Taylor Blakemore
In New Hampshire, 1865, recently widowed Marion searches for the truth surrounding her sister's apparent suicide.

The Paris Apartment by Kelly Bowen
When Aurelia inherits her grandmother's apartment she finds secrets from her family's WWII past.

Off the Wild Coast of Brittany by Juliet Blackwell
Two sisters discover wartime secrets while living on a tiny island off the coast of France.

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Lana's War by Anita Abriel

After Lana's husband is killed by an SS officer, she finds purpose again when she joins the Resistance on the French Riviera.

The Warsaw Orphan by Kelly Rimmer

Two young friends smuggle children out of the Warsaw ghetto in 1942.

The Invisible Woman by Erika Robuck

American socialite turned WWII spy Virginia Hall does all she can to subvert the Nazi regime in war-torn France.

The Last Green Valley by Mark Sullivan

In 1944, a German couple living in Ukraine must choose between staying and facing the Russians or fleeing towards the Nazis.

Horror

The Only Good Indians

by Stephen Graham Jones

A disturbing event from their past puts four young Native men in a desperate struggle for their lives.

The Haunting of Brynn Wilder by Wendy Webb

After a loss, Brynn retreats to an inn on Lake Superior where she finds herself unsettled by bad dreams and a mysterious fellow lodger.

Mystery

Meet Isabel Puddles by M. V. Byrne

Widow Isabel starts investigating when she finds evidence that the death of man from her Lake Michigan town was not natural.

The Other End of the Line by Andrea Camilleri

After refugees arrive in Sicily, Inspector Montalbano follows the ties between a local seamstress and a murder at the docks.

What Waits for You by Joseph Schneider

Detective Tully Jarsdel must find a serial killer who lurks in people's homes undetected for days before he strikes.

Crossed Skis by Carol Carnac

Inspector Brook of Scotland Yard finds a connection between a murder by arson in London and a skiing party in the Austrian Alps.

The Water Rituals by Eva García Sáenz

Unai "Kraken" López de Ayala solves the ritualistic murders of two pregnant women in the Basque country of northern Spain.

Killer Content by Olivia Blacke

Odessa sets out to solve a fellow waitress' murder after it goes viral, caught on video in the background of a flash mob proposal.

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Mystery

Murder at the Beacon Bakeshop

by Darci Hannah

After a bad breakup, Lindsey moves to Beacon Harbor to open a bakery. But her opening day is soured by cyanide.

Fresh Brewed Murder by Emmeline Duncan

Soon after opening, Sage finds a man's body in front of her new coffee cart and her box cutter is the murder weapon.

The Shape of Darkness by Laura Purcell

A struggling silhouette artist in Victorian Bath consults a medium to find who has killed three of her clients.

A Game of Cones by Abby Collette

After a developer set on building a mall ends up dead, Win must clear her friend's name while maintaining her family's ice cream parlor.

The Hive by Gregg Olsen

Detective Lindsay Jackman investigates the murder of a young journalist working on an exposé of a charismatic wellness guru.

The Grandmother Plot by Caroline B. Cooney

When a woman is murdered in the same nursing home as Freddy's grandmother, he must keep his sketchy friends and sketchier income a secret.

Wolf Kill by Cary J. Griffith

A wildlife biologist returns to his hometown after his estranged father's mysterious death to find out what really happened.

Religious Fiction

Here for You by Pat Simmons

Nicholas is charmed by Rachel, caretaker for her aging great-aunt. But devastating news brings a crisis of faith and roadblocks to their budding relationship.

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Romance

Once Upon a Mail Order Bride by Linda Broday
Traumatized and unable to speak, Addie begins to heal in her new life with an innocent man living as an outlaw.

Meet Me in Paradise by Libby Hubscher
Marin always plays it safe, so when her sister talks her into a weekend on a tropical island then misses the flight, Marin is alone and way out of her comfort zone.

Near You by Mary Burton
Forensic psychologist Ann teams up with Montana Highway Patrol officer Bryce to find a killer.

Courage Under Fire by Lindsay McKenna
A beekeeper with a dark past, Cari lands a job at a historic ranch just outside Silver Creek, Wyoming.

Hang the Moon by Alexandria Bellefleur
A hopeless romantic vows to show his childhood crush that romance isn't dead by re-creating iconic dates from his favorite rom-coms.

The Military Wife by Laura Trentham
A widow gets a second chance when she starts a new business and meets a survivor from the mission that killed her husband.

Twice Shy by Sarah Hogle
Guarded Maybell tries to make a new start when she inherits her great-aunt's house. Then she finds out she's not the only inheritor.

Float Plan by Trish Doller
After losing her fiancé, Anna sets out on the sailing trip they were meant to do together and meets a man also facing an unexpected future.

How to Survive a Scandal by Samara Parish
Lady Amelia and the untitled Benedict Asterly find themselves in a marriage of convenience after an innocent mistake results in scandal.

The Bookshop of Second Chances by Jackie Fraser
A woman desperate to turn a new page heads to the Scottish coast and finds herself locked in a battle of wits with an intriguingly aloof bookseller.

Science Fiction

Dead Space by Kali Wallace
Security officer Hester must solve her friend's brutal murder at a remote asteroid mine.

The Swimmers by Marian Womack
On a ravaged and dangerous Earth, a young surface dweller's world will change forever when she is promised to a starborn called Arlo.

We Shall Sing a Song Into the Deep
by Andrew Kelly Stewart
Remy, living on an aging nuclear submarine, must confront her beliefs when a surface dweller is captured during a raid.

The Fallen by Ada Hoffmann
Yasira and Tiv fight to save their fading planet, where the laws of physics have been forever upended.

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Thriller

Strands of Truth by Colleen Coble

Harper, who grew up not knowing if she had family, uncovers dangerous secrets when a DNA test connects her to a half-sister.

The Witch Hunter by Max Seeck

A shocking murder in an affluent Helsinki suburb has ties to witchcraft and the occult.

A Spy in the Struggle by Aya de León

A corporate lawyer turned FBI spy reexamines her allegiances on an undercover job in an African-American "extremist" group.

A Good Mother by Lara Bazelon

A public defender and new mother defends a woman who stabbed her husband to death at a US Army base, seemingly in self defense.

The Stranger Behind You by Carol Goodman

After breaking a controversial story, a journalist goes into hiding in a high security apartment building in Manhattan where she finds more secrets to uncover.

Girls of Brackenhill by Kate Moretti

Sixteen years after her sister's unsolved disappearance, Hannah returns to her family's castle in the Catskills to find the truth.

Every Last Secret by A. R. Torre

Cat has everything she could want but it's all threatened when a new couple moves in next door.

A Deadly Influence by Mike Omer

Hostage negotiator Abby helps fellow cult survivor Eden find her son, who's been kidnapped and ransomed for \$5 million.

Beneath Devil's Bridge by Loreth Anne White

When a true crime podcaster gets an exclusive interview with an imprisoned murderer, he claims innocence, even though he confessed years ago.

Westerns

The Ghost Rifle by Max McCoy

Jack Picaro's gun is stolen in a skirmish with an Arikara war party. He sets off to find it, followed by the son he abandoned.

The Intruders by William W. Johnstone

Lawman Buck Trammel is caught between the corrupt businessman who runs his town and the son who'll do anything to take over the empire.

Go West, Young Man by William W. Johnstone

Two families decide to leave the turmoil of antebellum Missouri and head west on the Oregon Trail.

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Short Stories

Attrib. and Other Stories by Eley Williams

Williams presents a cast of unforgettable characters standing at the precipice of emotional events and finding it impossible to express themselves.

The Tangleroot Palace by Marjorie Liu

A collection of short fiction featuring dangerous magic and even more dangerous women.

The Rock Eaters by Brenda Peynado

Using elements of sci-fi, fantasy, and magical realism Peynado tackles issues from class differences to immigration to xenophobia.

Sword Stone Table

edited by Swapna Krishna and Jenn Northington

A collection of diverse retellings of traditional Arthurian legends.

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Cookbooks

Baby-Led Weaning Made Easy
The Busy Parent's Guide to Feeding Babies and Toddlers
with Delicious Family Meals
by Simone Ward

The Complete Salad Cookbook
by America's Test Kitchen

Cook For Your Gut Health
Quiet Your Gut, Boost Fiber, and Reduce Inflammation
by America's Test Kitchen

DIY & Hobbies

The Beginner's Guide to Growing Great Vegetables
by Lorene Edwards Forkner

The Clean Freak Manifesto
The Germaphobe's Guide to Sanitizing Everything in Your Home
by Tara D. Garner

The New Heirloom Garden
Designs, Recipes, and Heirloom Plants for Cooks Who Love to Garden
by Ellen Ecker Ogden

The Grow System
The Essential Guide to Modern Self-Sufficient Living - From Growing Food to Making Medicine
by Marjory Wildcraft

The Year-Round Vegetable Gardener
How to Grow Your Own Food 365 Days a Year No Matter Where You Live
by Niki Jabbour

No-Fail Watercolor
The Ultimate Beginner's Guide to Painting with Confidence
by Mako

History

1493
Uncovering the New World Columbus Created
by Charles C. Mann

A True History of the United States
Indigenous Genocide, Racialized Slavery, Hyper-Capitalism, Militarist Imperialism, and Other Overlooked Aspects of American Exceptionalism
by Daniel A. Sjursen

The Note Through the Wire
The Incredible True Story of a Prisoner of War and a Resistance Heroine
by Doug Gold

Mitka's Secret
A True Story of Child Slavery & Surviving the Holocaust
by Steven W. Brallier

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Memoir & Biography

I Just Wanted to Save My Family
by Stéphan Péliissier

The Spirit of Music
by Victor L. Wooten

Leaving Isn't the Hardest Thing
By Lauren Hough

Social Sciences

Raceless
*In Search of Family, Identity, and the Truth About
Where I Belong*
by Georgina Lawton

The Climate Diet
50 Simple Ways to Trim Your Carbon Footprint
by Paul Greenberg

The Twentysomething Handbook
Everything You Actually Need to Know About Real Life
by Nora Bradbury-Haehl

Don't Call it a Cult
*The Shocking Story of Keith Raniere and the Women of
Nxivm*
by Sarah Berman

Divorce Without Court
A Guide to Mediation & Collaborative Divorce
by Katherine E. Stoner

*Legal Guide for Starting & Running a Small
Business*
by Fred S. Steingold

*Everything You Need to Know About
Homeschooling*
*A Comprehensive, Easy-to-Use Guide for the Journey from
Early Learning Through Graduation*
by Lea Ann Garfias

Blockchain Chicken Farm
And Other Stories of Tech in China's Countryside
by Xiaowei Wang

Numbers Don't Lie
71 Stories to Help Us Understand the Modern World
by Vaclav Smil

Shadow Network
Media, Money, and the Secret Hub of the Radical Right
by Anne Nelson

Social Security Works for Everyone!
*Protecting and Expanding the Insurance Americans Love
and Count On*
by Nancy J. Altman

The Rejection That Changed My Life
*25+ Powerful Women on Being Let Down, Turning it
Around, and Burning It Up At Work*
by Jessica Bacal

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Health

Yoga Bones

A Comprehensive Guide to Managing Pain and Orthopedic Injuries Through Yoga
by Laura Staton

Rewire Your OCD Brain

Powerful Neuroscience-Based Skills to Break Free from Obsessive Thoughts & Fears
by Catherine M. Pittman

Yoke

My Yoga of Self-Acceptance
by Jessamyn Stanley

The Brain Fitness Book

Activities and Puzzles to Keep Your Mind Active and Healthy
by Rita Carter

Parenting

Healing Your Child's Brain

A guide for Parents of Children with ADHD, Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Dyslexia, and Other Common Conditions
by Matthew and Carol Newell

Bringing Up Bookmonsters

The Joyful Way to Turn Your Child into a Fearless, Ravenous Reader
by Amber and Andi Ankowski

Science & Nature

The Hummingbird Book

Everything You Need to Know About These Fascinating Birds
by John Shewey