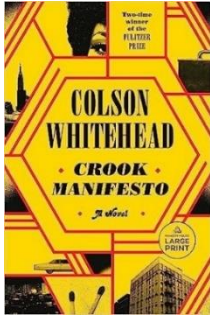
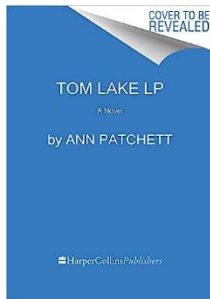


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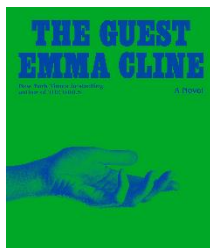
Step into the mesmerizing pages of [Crook Manifesto by Colson Whitehead](#). This darkly funny and thought-provoking tale brings Harlem to life, offering a kaleidoscopic portrait of a city under siege and exploring the profound meaning of family. With Whitehead's masterful storytelling, immerse yourself in a world where right and wrong blur, unexpected alliances form, and the complexities of humanity are laid bare. "Crook Manifesto" is an enthralling journey that will keep you hooked until the final page, leaving you questioning your own beliefs and pondering the intricate threads that connect us all. Delve into the intoxicating prose of "Crook Manifesto" as

Whitehead's narrative unravels, revealing a rich tapestry of humor, suspense, and unexpected twists. Through vibrant imagery and evocative storytelling, he paints a vivid picture of Harlem, inviting readers to experience the city's vibrancy and cultural nuances. As the characters navigate moral dilemmas and confront their own identities, "Crook Manifesto" offers a captivating exploration of the human experience, all while showcasing Whitehead's remarkable ability to craft a narrative that lingers in the mind long after the last page is turned. **Family Sage Fiction**



Step into the enchanting world of [Tom Lake LP by Ann Patchett](#), a mesmerizing exploration of love, family, and the inherent complexities of human connections. With her signature blend of poignant storytelling and profound observations, Patchett delves into the intricacies of youthful romance, the intricacies of married life, and the untold stories of parents before their children came into existence. "Tom Lake LP" is a poignant meditation on finding happiness amidst the chaos of a crumbling world, reminding us of the enduring power of love and resilience.

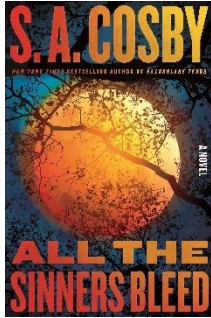
**Family Life Fiction / Coming of Age Fiction**



Immerse yourself in the captivating world of [The Guest by Emma Cline](#), a spellbinding and smoldering novel that unravels the complexities of identity and desire. In this New York Times bestselling author's mesmerizing tale, a young woman finds herself assuming a new persona, blurring the lines between truth and fiction.

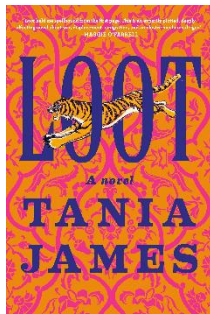
Emma Cline's "The Guest" transports readers into a rarefied realm where secrets abound and hidden desires simmer beneath the surface. With her lyrical prose and sharp insights, Cline delves into the complexities of human nature and the fragile threads that connect us all. Prepare to be enthralled as Alex's journey unfolds, challenging notions of identity and exploring the depths of human longing. **Psychological Thriller Contemporary Women Fiction**

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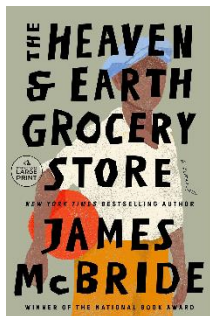
Prepare to be captivated by the gripping pages of [All the Sinners Bleed](#), an instant New York Times bestseller that delivers an exhilarating and atmospheric crime fiction experience. Acclaimed author S.A. Cosby, known for his distinct and powerful voice, weaves a tale of a black sheriff, a serial killer, and a small-town teetering on the edge of chaos.

"All the Sinners Bleed" is an unputdownable masterpiece that showcases S. A. Cosby's remarkable storytelling prowess. As the suspense builds and the stakes intensify, readers will be immersed in a world where secrets unravel and where the convergence of faith, violence, and redemption demands its due. Prepare for an unforgettable journey through the pages of this powerful crime fiction narrative. **Small Town & Rural Fiction / Black & African American Mystery, Thriller and Suspense**



Immerse yourself in the spellbinding world of [Loot by Tania James](#), one of the most anticipated books of the summer. Set in the vibrant eighteenth century, this historical novel effortlessly weaves together elements of a hero's quest, a love story, a coming-of-age tale, and an exhilarating heist adventure. Across two continents and fifty years, the narrative unravels the gripping saga of colonialism's bloody legacy.

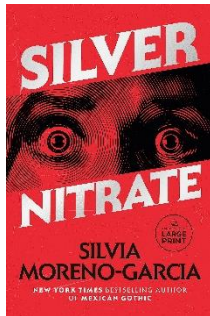
"Loot" is a brilliantly constructed tale of intrigue and resilience, where the echoes of history reverberate through the lives of captivating characters. Tania James skillfully transports readers into a world where ambition, love, and determination collide against a backdrop of cultural exchange and the consequences of colonial conquest. Prepare for an extraordinary adventure that unfolds through vivid prose and unforgettable storytelling, as Abbas's quest to recover the tiger automaton becomes an odyssey of self-discovery and triumph. **Cultural Heritage Fiction**



Discover the captivating world of [The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride](#), a powerful novel that delves into small-town secrets and the resilient people who guard them. With accolades from The New York Times, The Washington Post, and more, McBride's storytelling prowess shines through in this richly layered saga.

"The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" showcases McBride's masterful storytelling skills and his unwavering belief in the goodness of humanity. This compassionate and inventive work follows in the footsteps of his acclaimed novels, including Oprah's Book Club pick "Deacon King Kong" and the National Book Award-winning "The Good Lord Bird." Prepare to be enthralled by a tale that celebrates the enduring bonds of love, the pursuit of justice, and the enduring spirit of community. **Jewish Historical Fiction, Black & African American Literature**

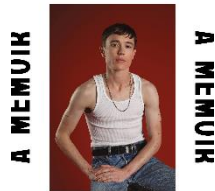
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Prepare to immerse yourself in the chilling world of [Silver Nitrate by Silvia Moreno-Garcia](#), a captivating blend of Mexican horror movies and Nazi occultism. From the New York Times bestselling author of "The Daughter of Doctor Moreau" and "Mexican Gothic," this dark thriller unravels the curse that lingers within a legendary lost film and awakens hidden powers within one woman.

In "Silver Nitrate," Silvia Moreno-Garcia showcases her masterful storytelling and transports readers into a realm of suspense and intrigue. This highly anticipated novel, hailed by The New York Times, NPR, and other esteemed publications, delves into the depths of Mexican horror and the chilling repercussions of Nazi occultism. Brace yourself for a mesmerizing journey that will challenge your perceptions and keep you enthralled until the very end. [Hispanic American Literature & Fiction, Supernatural Thrillers](#)

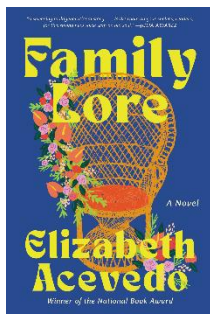
### PAGEBOY



### ELLIOT PAGE

Step into the transformative journey of Elliot Page, the Oscar-nominated star, as he fearlessly shares his story in [Pageboy](#). This searing and deeply moving memoir goes beyond a narrative of being trans—it delves into the profound essence of what it means to be human.

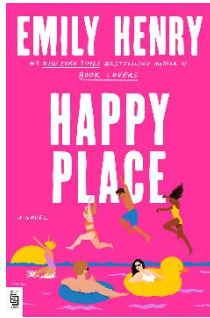
In this highly anticipated debut, Elliot Page opens up about intimate moments, from secret love affairs to battles with body image and familial struggles. "Pageboy" serves as a powerful testament to the importance of being seen and celebrated. With evocative prose and a lyrical voice, Page captures the universal experience of searching for identity and finding our place in the complexities of the world. [LGBTW+ Biographies, Actor & Entertainer Biographies](#)



Step into the rich tapestry of one Dominican-American family in [Family Lore](#), the eagerly anticipated first novel for adults by bestselling and National Book Award-winning author Elizabeth Acevedo. Through the compelling voices of its women, this captivating story unfolds as they anticipate a gathering that will forever alter their lives.

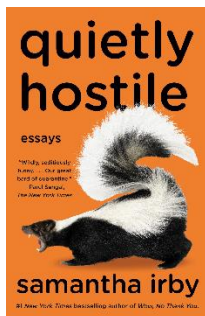
"Family Lore" is a heartfelt and unforgettable portrayal of the complexities of familial bonds, illuminated by the power of Acevedo's storytelling prowess. Through its pages, readers are invited to witness the beauty and resilience of a family as they navigate love, loss, and the inextricable ties that bind them together. [Family Fiction, Women's Domestic Life Fiction](#)

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Dive into the sun-soaked pages of [Happy Place](#), the glittering and wise new novel from the #1 New York Times bestselling author Emily Henry. In this eagerly anticipated book, a couple who broke up months ago must pretend to still be together during their cherished annual vacation with their closest friends.

"Happy Place" captures the essence of summer days, heartfelt friendships, and the complexities of love. Emily Henry's unparalleled storytelling prowess shines as she explores the intricacies of relationships, the resilience of the human heart, and the power of shared moments in a place that holds profound significance. Get ready for a beach read that will captivate and resonate long after the final page is turned. **Contemporary Women Fiction, Romantic Comedy**



Prepare for an uproarious and candid ride with [Quietly Hostile](#), the hilarious new essay collection from Samantha Irby. With her trademark blend of laugh-out-loud moments, heartfelt reflections, and cringe-worthy experiences, Irby engages readers in a rollercoaster of emotions that will leave them both in stitches and deeply moved.

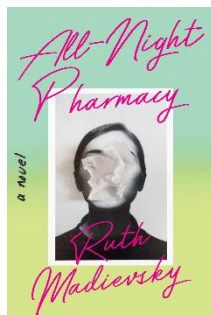
"Quietly Hostile" is a relatable and poignant journey through the ups and downs of existence, illuminating the absurdities of modern life with Irby's signature charm. Whether dodging Hollywood calls or reveling in the offerings of QVC, Irby's writing serves as a tonic—a much-needed source of laughter and catharsis for readers everywhere. **Essays, Humor Essays**



In [Yellowface](#) by R.F. Kuang, a web of white lies, dark humor, and deadly consequences unfolds. Juniper Song, a bestselling sensation, is harboring a secret—she is not the true author of the book she claims to have written, and she is certainly not Asian American. In this chilling and hilariously cutting novel from R.F. Kuang, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of "Babel," readers are taken on a thrilling journey of identity and deception.

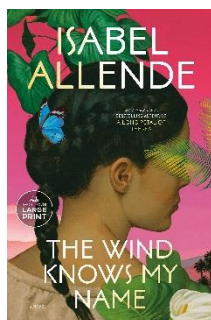
"Yellowface" offers a totally immersive narrative through June's compelling first-person voice. R.F. Kuang skillfully navigates timely themes, crafting a razor-sharp and eminently readable novel. Through its gripping exploration of identity, deception, and the perils of social media, "Yellowface" prompts readers to reflect on issues of diversity and cultural appropriation in a thought-provoking and engrossing manner. **Cultural Heritage Fiction, Psychological Fiction**

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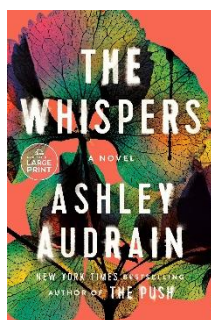
Prepare to be captivated by the feverish allure of [All-Night Pharmacy by Ruth Madievsky](#), a novel that merges the sensibilities of Rachel Kushner and David Lynch. Set in the sprawling city of Los Angeles, this book immerses readers in a mesmerizing tale of a young woman's impulsive act of violence on the night of her high school graduation, which coincides with the mysterious disappearance of her sister.

Ruth Madievsky's prose pulses like a neon sign, casting a mesmerizing glow over the pages of "All-Night Pharmacy." This intoxicating portrait follows a young woman navigating her unease about societal expectations and personal identity. As she grapples with sobriety and embraces her sexuality, she must confront the pivotal choice of either searching for her estranged sister or allowing her to become a relic of the past. **Jewish Literature & Fiction, Family Life Fiction**



Experience the powerful and moving narrative of [The Wind Knows My Name by Isabel Allende](#), the acclaimed New York Times bestselling author of "A Long Petal of the Sea" and "Violeta." This compelling novel masterfully weaves together the past and the present, tracing the far-reaching consequences of war and immigration on two children—one in Europe in 1938 and the other in the United States in 2019.

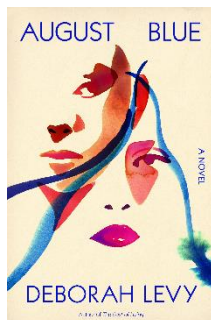
Interweaving the past and the present, "The Wind Knows My Name" presents the enthralling stories of two unforgettable characters, both on a quest for family and a place to call home. It serves as a poignant testament to the sacrifices parents make and a heartfelt tribute to the resilient children who endure unimaginable perils while never relinquishing their dreams. **Hispanic American Literature & Fiction, Literary Fiction**



Prepare to be captivated by [The Whispers](#), the compelling new novel by Ashley Audrain, acclaimed author of the New York Times bestseller "The Push." This propulsive page-turner delves into the lives of four families, forever altered when the unimaginable occurs, and examines the consequences of succumbing to our darkest impulses.

"The Whispers" is a chilling and thought-provoking novel that firmly establishes Ashley Audrain as a prominent talent in women's fiction. Through her skillful storytelling, she delves into the depths of human emotions, examining the intricate dynamics between women and the unspoken truths that shape their lives. With its razor-sharp narrative and unflinching exploration of complex relationships, "The Whispers" will leave you spellbound until its shocking conclusion—a revelation that will leave you reeling and compelled to revisit the story again. Prepare for a riveting journey that will linger in your thoughts long after you've turned the final page. **Domestic Thriller, Women's Domestic Life**

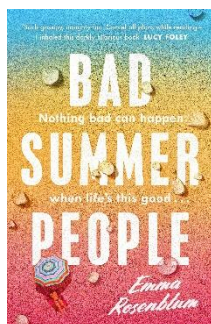
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Prepare to be immersed in the spellbinding world of [August Blue](#), the captivating new novel by Deborah Levy, acclaimed author, and finalist for the prestigious Booker Prize. Known for her extraordinary works such as "The Man Who Saw Everything" and "The Cost of Living," Levy weaves a tale that explores identity, transformation, and the pursuit of self-discovery.

With its shimmering prose and profound introspection, Deborah Levy's "August Blue" invites readers into a world of introspection and metamorphosis. It is a mesmerizing exploration of the human spirit and the perpetual quest for self-discovery. Lose yourself in this captivating novel that will leave you pondering the power of reinvention and the ways in which we shape our own destinies.

Metaphysical & Visionary Fiction, Fiction Urban Life

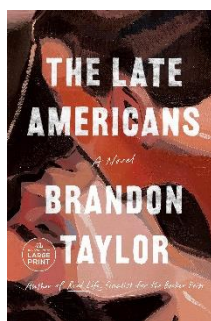


Prepare to be swept away to the exclusive summer enclave of Salcombe on Fire Island in Emma Rosenblum's exhilarating debut novel, [Bad Summer People](#). Infidelity, betrayal, and a web of murderous intrigue await in this whip-smart and propulsive tale.

"Bad Summer People" has earned acclaim from readers and critics alike, earning the status of a national bestseller. Kevin Kwan, bestselling author of "Crazy Rich Asians" and "Sex and Vanity," describes it as a roiling beach community satire that is as sharp and clever as the hit series "White Lotus."

With its intoxicating blend of suspense, wit, and social commentary, this novel has been hailed as a must-read and has garnered recognition as one of the best books of summer by esteemed publications such as Bustle, ELLE, Cosmopolitan, PopSugar, Bloomberg, Vogue, and more.

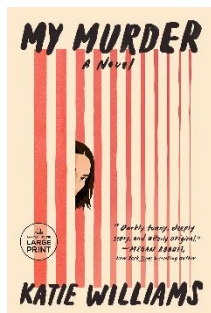
Family Life Fiction, Contemporary Women Fiction



Prepare to be immersed in the vibrant and provocative world of [Brandon Taylor's The Late Americans](#), an instant national bestseller and a highly anticipated book of the year by esteemed publications such as Vogue, Elle, Oprah Daily, The Washington Post, BuzzFeed, and Vulture. In the diverse and intersecting spaces of Iowa City, a group of young men and women find themselves at a crucial juncture in their lives. Within this circle of lovers and friends, their encounters, confrontations, and provocations during a volatile year of self-discovery set the stage for a deeply involving narrative.

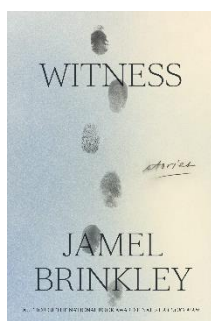
"The Late Americans" explores themes of friendship, chosen family, love, sex, ambition, and precarity. Brandon Taylor's exquisite prose delves into the complexities of human relationships and the ways in which we can inadvertently hurt one another while searching for our true selves. With erudition, intimacy, humor, and poignancy, Taylor presents a gorgeously written novel that captures the promise and challenges of youth, the quest for belonging, and the pursuit of personal and creative fulfillment. LGBTQ+ Literary Fiction, Friendship Fiction

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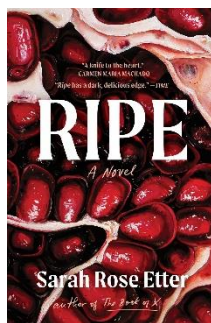
Prepare to embark on a chilling and twisted journey with Katie Williams' gripping novel, [My Murder](#). What if the murder you had to solve was your own?

Williams skillfully crafts a narrative that combines elements of mystery, suspense, and humor, making "My Murder" an irresistible, devour-in-one-sitting experience. With unexpected plot twists and an unconventional protagonist, this novel explores themes of identity, trust, and the lengths one will go to uncover the truth, even when it involves investigating their own demise. Get ready to be captivated by this masterfully executed thriller that will leave you questioning your own perceptions until the very last page. **Women's Friendship Fiction, Psychological Thrillers**



Prepare to be immersed in the elegant and profound narrative of [Witness by James Brinkley](#), hailed as a must-read by NPR, Los Angeles Times, Vulture, The Boston Globe, Shondaland, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Essence, and Literary Hub.

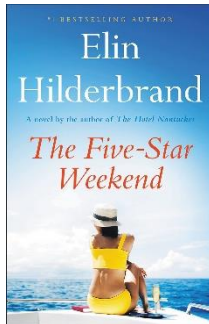
In this collection of ten stories, all set within the ever-evolving landscapes of contemporary New York City, Brinkley explores the meaning of action and the significance of bearing witness. The characters that inhabit these tales range from children to grandmothers to ghosts, each grappling with the weight of perceiving the world and the moral dilemma of speaking up or remaining silent. However, their attempts to connect, remember, advocate for one another, and truly see each other are often marred by their shortcomings, and the structures they construct around these aspirations and failures shape not only their own destinies but also the legacies and possibilities of their families and their city. **Short Stories Anthologies, Short Stories**



Prepare to enter the surreal and thought-provoking world of [Ripe by Sarah Rose Etter](#), a novel that has been highly anticipated by Bustle, Lit Hub, and more! With a dark and delicious edge, this captivating story delves into the sacrifices one woman must make in the pursuit of success in Silicon Valley.

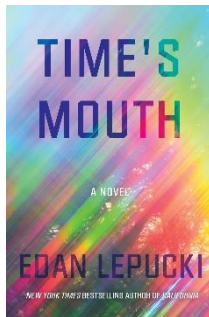
With its lurid and tense atmosphere, "Ripe" offers a profound exploration of one millennial woman's struggles within the confines of our contemporary world. Sarah Rose Etter's writing is utterly unique and remarkable, painting a vivid and captivating picture of a society where the boundaries of reality blur and the consequences of our actions become increasingly surreal. **Magical Realism, Literary Fiction**

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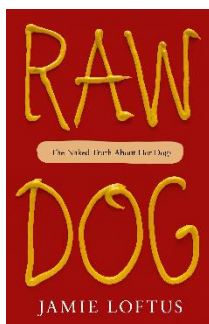
Experience a tale of friendship, love, and self-discovery in the enchanting setting of Nantucket with [The Five-Star Weekend by Elin Hilderbrand](#), the #1 New York Times bestselling author of "The Hotel Nantucket." When tragedy strikes, food blogger Hollis Shaw embarks on a journey to heal, bringing together four friends from different phases of her life for an unforgettable weekend.

"The Five-Star Weekend" weaves a surprising and captivating narrative as these women come together to rediscover themselves and explore the intricate bonds of friendship on Nantucket. Amidst the backdrop of this magical island, their lives intersect, intertwine, and reveal the power of connection in the face of adversity. Elin Hilderbrand's storytelling prowess shines through, delivering a weekend like no other—a tale brimming with authenticity, emotion, and the enduring strength of female bonds. [Women's Divorce Fiction, Family Life Fiction](#)



Dive into the captivating world of family secrets that grow more powerful with time in [Time's Mouth](#) by acclaimed New York Times bestselling author Edan Lepucki. Set against the magical and dangerous landscape of California, this enthralling saga takes readers on a journey through memory and the intricate ties that bind us together.

Filled with the poignant duality of memory's ability to both heal and harm, "Time's Mouth" is a powerful and evocative exploration of the bonds that connect families across time. Edan Lepucki's masterful storytelling skillfully unveils the intricate tapestry of familial ties, taking readers on a profound journey through California's rich landscapes and the labyrinth of memory itself. [Family Life Fiction, Women's Domestic Life Fiction](#)

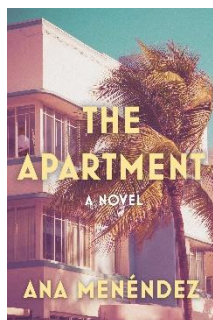


Prepare yourself for a cross-country adventure unlike any other as comedian Jamie Loftus takes you on a hilarious and thought-provoking journey in her debut book, [Raw Dog](#). Part travelogue, part culinary history, and entirely a critique of capitalism, this New York Times and indie bestseller will expose the creation, culture, and class influence of hot dogs, offering a unique lens into America today.

Featured in esteemed publications such as NPR Weekend Edition, Bon Appétit, Glamour, NY Mag, and many more, Raw Dog is a wild ride that will leave you both entertained and enlightened. With endorsements from the likes of Andy Richter, Sarah Marshall, Robert Evans, and Jack O'Brien, Jamie Loftus's storytelling prowess shines through as she navigates the world of hot dogs. [Gastronomy History, Celebrity & Popular Culture Humor](#)

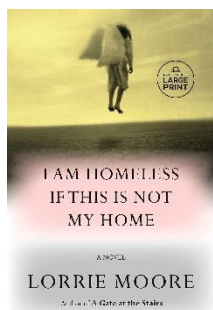


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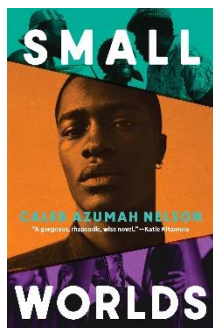
Experience the captivating power of community and the enduring quest for freedom in [The Apartment](#), the latest novel from Ana Menendez, critically acclaimed author of *In Cuba I Was a German Shepherd*. Spanning decades and generations of residents within a historic art deco building in South Miami Beach, this poignant tale explores the lives intertwined within the walls of apartment 2B.

With themes of exile, homesickness, and displacement at its core, *The Apartment* delves into the profound question of what we owe one another in a violent and isolating era. It explores the inherent powerlessness of solitude and the transformative potential of community, as the sharing of stories becomes a lifeline in the face of sorrow and isolation. Through the lives and experiences of its richly drawn characters, *The Apartment* reminds us that in the face of adversity, survival and perseverance lie in the bonds we forge with one another. [Ghost Fiction, Women's Friendship Fiction](#)



Step into the haunting world of Lorrie Moore's newest novel, [I Am Homeless If This Is Not My Home](#), a mesmerizing blend of ghost story and elegy that spans centuries and explores the enduring power of love, grief, and the unseen.

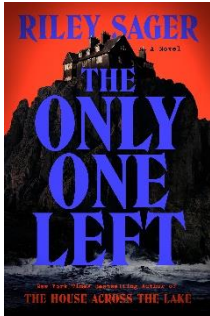
In this enigmatic tale, Moore weaves together the lives of diverse characters and threads their stories through the nineteenth and twenty-first centuries. With the lyrical prose that has made her one of the most revered writers of her generation, Moore delves into the depths of love, death, and the ever-present weight of the past. The novel becomes a gateway to explore the persistence of history and the enduring ties of the human heart. [Dark Humor, Ghost Fiction](#)



Prepare to be captivated once again by the evocative storytelling of Caleb Azumah Nelson in his highly anticipated second novel, [Small Worlds](#). Following the tremendous success of his debut, *Open Water*, Nelson returns with a spellbinding tale that explores the complexities of family, friendship, and personal identity.

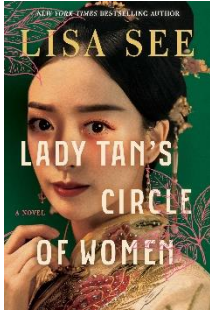
Spanning multiple summers and traversing the vibrant landscapes of London and Accra, *Small Worlds* is a mesmerizing exploration of the bonds we form with the people and places that shape us. Caleb Azumah Nelson's prose, characterized by its rhythmic and melodic quality, paints an exquisite portrait of characters who grapple with their desires, dreams, and the complexities of their identities. With his unique blend of elegance and poetry, Nelson cements his place as an important voice of his generation. [Cultural Heritage Fiction, Family Life Fiction](#)

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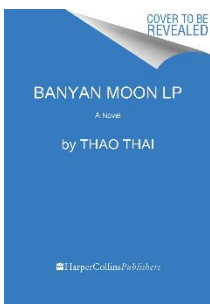
Prepare to be enthralled by the chilling and suspenseful tale of [The Only One Left](#), the latest Gothic thriller from bestselling author Riley Sager. With accolades from The Washington Post, Boston Globe, Oprah, and more, this book is set to captivate readers with its dark secrets and sinister atmosphere.

With its Gothic ambiance and a relentless sense of suspense, *The Only One Left* will keep readers on the edge of their seats. Riley Sager's masterful storytelling weaves a web of mystery and deception, exploring the depths of human darkness and the terrifying power of secrets. Prepare to be gripped by this atmospheric whodunit, where the truth lurks just beneath the surface, waiting to be unearthed. **Murder Thrillers, Psychological Thrillers**



Step into the captivating world of 15th-century China with [Lady Tan's Circle of Women](#), the mesmerizing new historical novel from bestselling author Lisa See. Drawing inspiration from a true story, See takes readers on a journey of friendship, determination, and the power of women's resilience, reminiscent of her beloved works *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* and *The Island of Sea Women*.

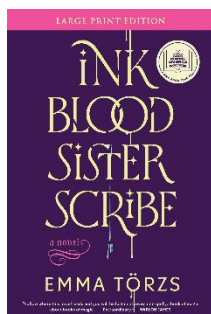
*Lady Tan's Circle of Women* is a captivating tale of women uplifting one another, defying societal norms, and creating a legacy that resonates across the centuries. Through the remarkable life of Yunxian, Lisa See presents a triumphant reimagining of a woman's extraordinary journey in the Ming dynasty, a story that continues to inspire in the present day. **Asian American Literature & Fiction, Literary Fiction**



Delve into the rich and captivating world of [Banyan Moon](#), the breathtaking debut novel by Thao Thai. This multigenerational tale follows the lives of three Vietnamese American women, grappling with the loss of their matriarch, unearthing family legacies, buried truths, and unexpected love stories.

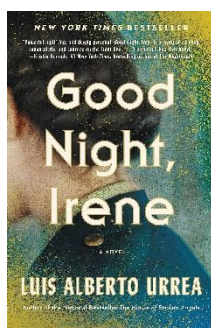
Spanning decades and continents—from 1960s Vietnam to the untamed swamplands of the Florida coast—*Banyan Moon* is a poignant and deeply moving exploration of the bonds between mothers and daughters, the legacies we inherit, and the lives we forge from those legacies. Thao Thai's exquisite storytelling weaves a tapestry of love, secrets, motherhood, family, and survival that will leave readers spellbound. **Mothers & Children Fiction, Women's Domestic Life Fiction**

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Prepare to be enchanted by the mesmerizing debut novel, [Ink Blood Sister Scribe](#), a captivating tale of magic and mystery. This book has been selected as a Good Morning America, Book Club pick, and it is receiving high praise from readers and critics alike.

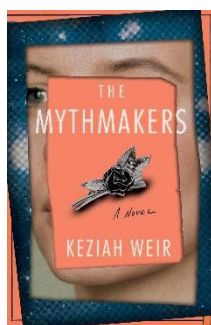
In the tradition of celebrated novels like *Ninth House*, *The Magicians*, and *Practical Magic*, *Ink Blood Sister Scribe* is a spellbinding and atmospheric tale that will transport you into a realm of suspense, romance, and intrigue. Emma Torzs, in her remarkable debut, weaves a narrative that will keep readers on the edge of their seats and leave them yearning for more. **Magical Realism, Family Life Fiction**



Prepare to be immersed in the powerful and uplifting novel, [Good Night Irene](#), an instant New York Times bestseller that has captivated readers and critics alike.

Set during the tumultuous period of World War II, this deeply personal and heart-wrenching wartime drama follows the courageous journey of Irene Woodward, a woman who defies societal expectations and leaves behind an abusive fiancé in New York to join the Red Cross and serve in Europe.

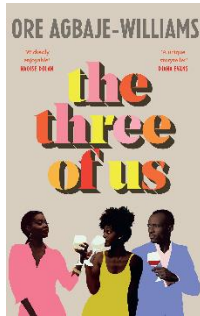
With its affecting portrayal of friendship and valor, *Good Night Irene* is a moving and graceful tribute to the heroic women of World War II. Luis Alberto Urrea's masterful storytelling transports readers to a time of great turmoil and showcases the indomitable spirit of those who faced it head-on. This novel, in the tradition of acclaimed works like *The Nightingale* and *Transcription*, is a testament to the human capacity for bravery and compassion in the midst of adversity. **Friendship Fiction, World War 2 Historical Books**



Prepare to be captivated by the intoxicating debut novel, [The Mythmakers](#), from acclaimed senior editor Keziah Weir. This enthralling tale follows Sal Cannon, a young journalist whose life is spiraling out of control. Her relationship is falling apart, and her journalism career hits rock bottom when her profile of a playwright is exposed as full of inaccuracies. Just when she's at her lowest point, Sal stumbles upon a short story written by Martin Keller, an older author she once met at a literary event. To her astonishment, the story seems to be about her and the moment they crossed paths.

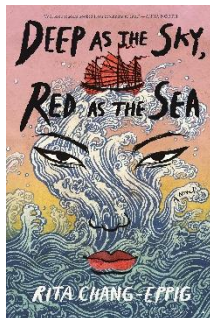
Within the pages of this nesting doll of a book, readers will navigate the trials and tribulations of self-discovery at any stage in life. It delves into the mysterious ways inspiration can find us in unexpected places. **Mothers & Children Fiction, Psychological Fiction**

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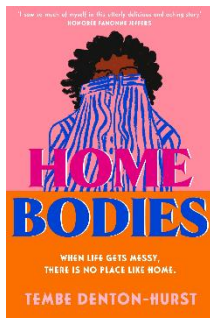
Prepare to be immersed in the sharp and witty world of [The Three of Us](#), a captivating domestic comedy of manners by Ore Agbaje-Williams, chosen as a Belletrist Book Club pick. In this brilliantly crafted novel, long-standing tensions between a husband, his wife, and her best friend finally reach a breaking point.

Ore Agbaje-Williams presents a subversively comical and astute portrayal of domestic life, delving into the multifaceted dynamics between friends, spouses, and the choices that shape our relationships. With its sharp dialogue, sly wit, and razor-sharp observations, *The Three of Us* is an irresistible triptych that will keep readers hooked until the final page, contemplating the boundaries of love, loyalty, and the consequences of defying expectations. **Women's Domestic Life Fiction, Contemporary Women Fiction**



Prepare to embark on a thrilling historical adventure with [Deep as the Sky, Red as the Sea](#) by Rita Chang-Eppig, a captivating novel that has been recognized as a Good Morning America Buzz Pick and recommended by a multitude of esteemed publications and platforms.

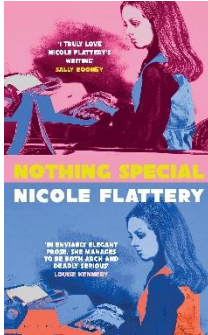
In *Deep as the Sky, Red as the Sea*, Rita Chang-Eppig weaves a tale that is as gritty and relentless as the saltwater that engulfs the seas. It is a story of blood, sweat, and unyielding determination, where Shek Yeung emerges as an unforgettable protagonist—a woman of unparalleled courage and ruthless ambition. This remarkable novel invites readers into a world where the boundaries between heroism and darkness blur, offering an unmissable portrait of a captivating woman who defies conventions and embraces the extraordinary challenges that lie before her. **Asian American Literature & Fiction, Family Saga Fiction**



Prepare to be captivated by [Homebodies](#), the striking debut novel by Tembe Denton-Hurst that has garnered praise from the New York Times Book Review and is listed as one of the most anticipated books of 2023 by Elle, Washington Post, Harper's Bazaar, Vogue, Cosmopolitan, USA Today, them, Bustle, PopSugar, New York Post, Women's Health, and The Millions.

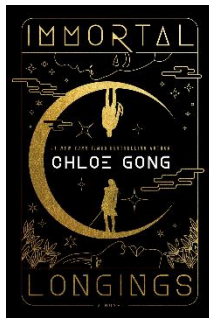
With intimacy, wit, and a deeply sensual tone, *Homebodies* stands as a testament to those who strive to be heard and loved in a world that often refuses to make space for them. Tembe Denton-Hurst delivers a remarkable debut that explores the complexities of identity, the desire for recognition, and the challenges of finding one's voice. *Homebodies* introduces Denton-Hurst as a standout new writer whose insightful storytelling will leave a lasting impact. **Cultural Heritage Fiction, Black & African American Women's Fiction**

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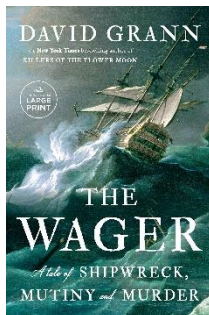
Prepare to be captivated by [Nothing Special](#), the wildly original coming-of-age novel by Nicole Flattery, praised by Sally Rooney as "bold, irreverent, and agonizingly funny." Set in 1960s New York City, this novel offers a unique glimpse into the life of a teenage girl working at Andy Warhol's Factory.

For fans of Ottessa Moshfegh and Mary Gaitskill, *Nothing Special* is a blistering and mordantly funny debut novel that delves into the nature of friendship, independence, and the construction of art and identity. Nicole Flattery skillfully brings to life the experiences of young girls in this iconic and turbulent moment in American history. This whip-smart coming-of-age story will leave you captivated and questioning the complexities of youth and the search for meaning in a changing world. [Dark Humor, Coming of Age Fiction](#)



Immerse yourself in the fiery collision of power, romance, and deadly games in [Immortal Longings](#), the epic fantasy debut by #1 New York Times bestselling YA author Chloe Gong. Inspired by Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra*, this adult novel takes you on a thrilling journey through the kingdom of Talin.

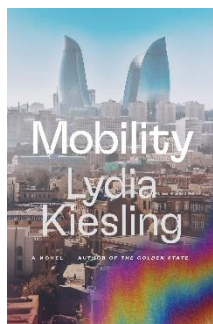
In *Immortal Longings*, Chloe Gong weaves a tale of intrigue, passion, and conflicting loyalties. Prepare to be swept away in a world of high-stakes games, where alliances are forged and broken, and the line between love and duty blurs. Will Calla choose her heart's desire or the fate of her realm? Find out in this enthralling epic fantasy that will leave you breathless. [Romantic Fantasy, Fantasy Action & Adventure](#)



Prepare to be captivated by [The Wager](#), a gripping and #1 New York Times bestselling narrative by acclaimed author David Grann. From the mastermind behind *Killers of the Flower Moon* comes a thrilling true story of shipwreck, survival, and the shocking revelations that unfolded during a court martial. This powerful tale transcends the mere accounts of a captain and his crew, ultimately challenging the very concept of empire.

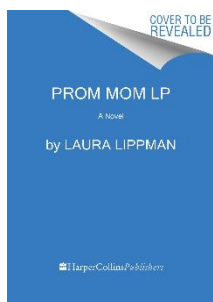
*The Wager* weaves a grand and enthralling tale of human behavior pushed to its limits, delivered by one of the foremost nonfiction writers of our time. Grann skillfully reconstructs the hidden world within a British warship, rivaling the work of Patrick O'Brian. His portrayal of the castaways' desperate struggle for survival stands tall among the classics of survival literature, akin to *The Endurance*. Meanwhile, his account of the court martial brims with the cunning and suspense, reminiscent of a Scott Turow thriller. With each twist and turn, Grann's masterful storytelling keeps readers spellbound, offering an unforgettable exploration of the depths of the human spirit. Prepare to embark on an extraordinary journey with *The Wager*, where shipwrecks, survival, and the quest for truth intertwine in a narrative that will leave you breathless. [Chile Travel Guides, Maritime History & Piracy](#)

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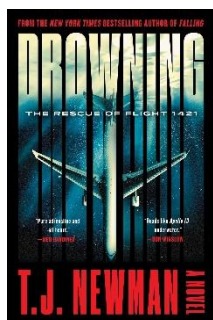
Prepare to be enthralled by [Mobility](#), a captivating novel by Lydia Kiesling that delves into the complexities of coming-of-age amidst a world consumed by corporate greed. With sharp wit and incisive political commentary, Kiesling crafts a story that seamlessly blends humor and insight.

Propulsive and thought-provoking, *Mobility* delves deep into the complexities of one woman's life, illuminating the influence of her surroundings on her choices. With unparalleled storytelling prowess, Lydia Kiesling showcases the immense power of fiction to shed light on the interconnectedness of individual lives within a larger context. With its sharp social commentary and empathetic storytelling, *Mobility* is a masterful exploration of ambition, desire, and the human experience in a world driven by power and politics. **Political Fiction, Coming of Age Fiction**



Step into the gripping world of [Prom Mom](#) by bestselling author Laura Lippman, where Amber Glass, haunted by her scandalous past, finds herself irresistibly drawn back to her hometown of Baltimore and the man who shattered her dreams.

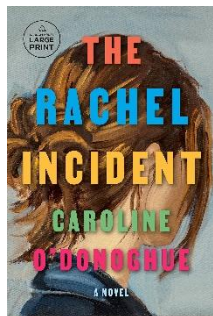
In "Prom Mom," Laura Lippman delivers a riveting tale of love, betrayal, and second chances. With her trademark storytelling prowess and compelling characters, Lippman explores the boundaries of morality, the weight of past mistakes, and the enduring power of hope. Prepare to be captivated by a tale that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the final page. **Psychological Thrillers, Murder Thrillers**



Prepare for a pulse-pounding, edge-of-your-seat experience with [Drowning: The Rescue of Flight 1421](#) by T.J. Newman, the New York Times bestselling author.

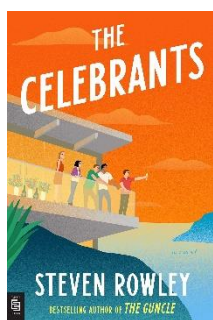
T.J. Newman delivers an unforgettable thriller that combines devastating emotional power with heart-stopping suspense. "Drowning: The Rescue of Flight 1421" is a gripping tale of a family's fight for survival against unimaginable circumstances. Brace yourself for a breathtaking journey that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very last page. **Terrorism Thrillers, Psychological Thrillers**

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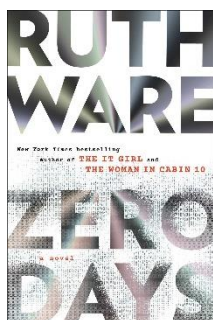
Prepare to be captivated by [The Rachel Incident by Caroline O'Donoghue](#), a highly anticipated novel that has garnered attention from Vogue, Electric Lit, She Reads, and more. This brilliantly funny book takes readers on a journey through friendships, love affairs, and a chaotic Ireland, as a young woman desperately tries to manage it all.

"The Rachel Incident" is a triumphant exploration of love, longing, and the consequences of our desires. Caroline O'Donoghue's writing will leave you aching with empathy and laughing out loud, as she skillfully weaves a tale that captures the complexities of human relationships. This novel is a must-read for anyone who has ever experienced the struggles and triumphs of youth, making it a truly unforgettable literary experience. [LGBTQ+ Coming of Age Fiction, Coming of Age Fiction](#)



Get ready to immerse yourself in [The Celebrants by Steven Rowley](#), a New York Times bestseller and a TODAY Show #ReadWithJenna Book Club Pick. This remarkable novel delivers a contemporary version of "The Big Chill," paying homage to enduring friendships and the promises we make—to ourselves and to one another. From the beloved author of "The Guncle," this book is a celebration of life's complexities and the connections that sustain us.

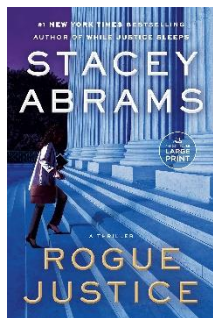
"The Celebrants" is an intimately honest portrayal of self-discovery and the enduring bonds of friendship. Steven Rowley infuses the narrative with his trademark blend of humor and heartfelt moments, delivering a poignant exploration of the fallibility of youth and the profound ways in which our connections with others allow us to truly celebrate life, even amidst its most profound challenges. [LGBTQ+ Family Life Fiction, Family Life Fiction](#)



Prepare for a heart-pounding thrill ride with [Zero Days by Ruth Ware](#), the New York Times bestselling author hailed as the "new Agatha Christie" (Air Mail). This adrenaline-fueled thriller takes readers on a gripping journey as a woman races against time to clear her name and uncover the truth behind her husband's murder, blending the intensity of "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" with the suspense of "The Fugitive."

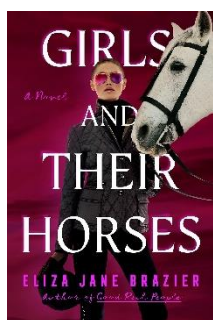
"Zero Days" is a relentless and captivating tale, showcasing Ware's talent for crafting suspenseful narratives that grip readers from the very first page. As Jack fights to stay one step ahead of her pursuers and uncover the chilling truth, she must make difficult choices about whom she can trust. This heart-pounding thriller is sure to leave readers breathless and eagerly turning the pages, as they join Jack on her perilous journey to unveil the secrets that lie beneath the surface. [Literary Fiction, Psychological Thrillers](#)

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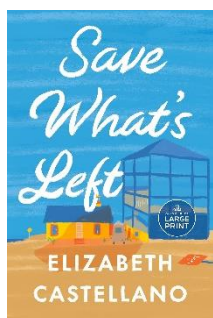
Prepare for another heart-pounding and intricately plotted thriller from the #1 bestselling author of "While Justice Sleeps," Stacey Abrams. In [Rogue Justice](#), a blackmailed federal judge, a secret court, and a brazen murder converge to ignite an unprecedented national crisis, delivering a riveting tale that will keep readers on the edge of their seats.

In "Rogue Justice," Stacey Abrams once again draws inspiration from real-world headlines and brings her unique insider perspective to craft a gripping and suspenseful novel. With twisting plotlines, sharp wit, and clever puzzles, Abrams creates an immensely entertaining tale that will keep readers guessing until the final page. As the stakes escalate and danger looms, Avery's quest for justice becomes a thrilling journey that will leave readers breathless. [Political Thrillers, Murder Thrillers](#)



Prepare to be captivated by the thrilling world of show jumping in [Girls and Their Horses](#) by Eliza Jane Brazier. Set in the glamorous and competitive realm of equestrianism, this novel delves into the lives of the girls who ride, their cutthroat mothers, and a suspicious death that rocks the horse show circuit. From the acclaimed author of "Good Rich People," this gripping tale will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Prepare to be swept away into the fascinating world of show jumping, where the love for horses clashes with intense competition and where one wrong move can lead to deadly consequences. "Girls and Their Horses" is a gripping and suspenseful exploration of ambition, deception, and the tragic events that unfold when lives collide in the pursuit of perfection. [Mothers & Children Fiction, Psychological Thrillers](#)

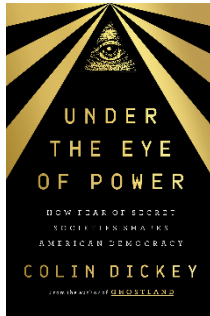


Prepare to be delighted and entertained by Elizabeth Castellano's uproarious debut novel, [Save What's Left](#). Packed with humor and heart, this charming story follows the journey of a woman who seeks solace in a small beach town, only to find herself embroiled in an all-out war with her eccentric neighbors.

"Save What's Left" is a refreshing twist on the traditional beach read, peeling back the curtain to reveal the hidden complexities of life in a beach town and the unexpected challenges that come with a beautiful view. Narrated with candid irreverence by a newcomer-turned-local, this novel explores themes of forgiveness, resilience, and embracing second chances. With its witty humor and genuine charm, "Save What's Left" offers a delightful escape and a poignant reminder that sometimes what we need most is found where we least expect it. [Women's Friendship Fiction, Family Life Fiction](#)

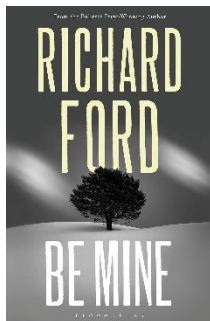


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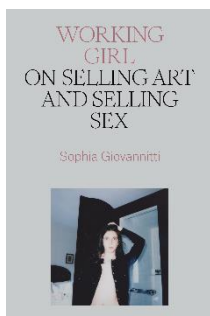
Delve into the captivating exploration of America's enduring fascination with secret societies and the pervasive influence of conspiracy theories in [Under the Eye of Power: How Fear of Secret Societies Shapes American Democracy](#). Colin Dickey, a revered cultural historian, and acclaimed author of "Ghostland," presents a compelling historical narrative that unravels the nation's obsession with hidden power and its impact on the fabric of American society.

With meticulous research and a thought-provoking perspective, Colin Dickey presents "Under the Eye of Power" as a profound examination of America's deep-rooted fears and the impact they have on shaping the nation's democratic processes. This enlightening journey unravels the intricate relationship between conspiracy theories and American society, ultimately challenging readers to confront their own beliefs and embrace a more nuanced understanding of the complexities that define our democracy. [Free Masonry, Communication & Media Studies](#)



Step into the world of Frank Bascombe, one of the most unforgettable characters in American literature, in [Be Mine by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Ford](#). As the final installment in a series of four acclaimed novels spanning nearly four decades, Ford offers readers an ambitious, incisive, and singular perspective on American life.

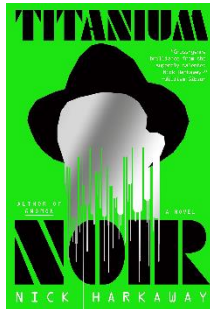
With exquisite prose, sharp wit, and profound insight, Richard Ford displays the literary mastery that has earned him critical acclaim. "Be Mine" is a poignant and humorous love letter to a world that often feels beleaguered. Ford's exploration of the human condition and his ability to capture the intricacies of our emotions make this novel a compelling and unforgettable read. [Small Town & Rural Fiction, Family Life Fiction](#)



Step into the world of Sophia Giovannitti, a young artist navigating the intricate intersection of art and commerce, intimacy, and desire, in [Working Girl: On Selling Art and Selling Sex](#). With raw honesty and insightful introspection, Giovannitti presents a compelling portrait of a woman determined to forge her own path in a society where creativity and autonomy often clash with financial realities.

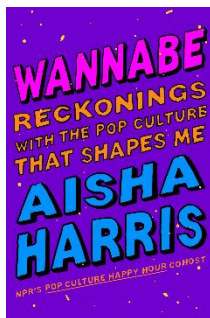
"Working Girl: On Selling Art and Selling Sex" is a provocative and introspective work that challenges societal norms and invites readers to question the nature of art, desire, and personal agency. Giovannitti's narrative is a testament to the indomitable spirit of individuals striving to navigate the complexities of a world where everything seems to be a transaction, and to find authenticity and meaning amid it all. [Psychology & Counseling Books on Sexuality, Women's Biographies](#)

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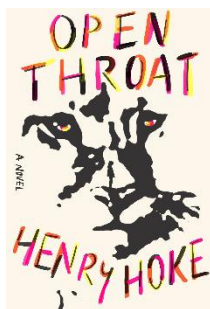
Enter the captivating world of [Titanium Noir: A Novel by Nick Harkaway](#), a masterful blend of Philip K. Dick's mind-bending science fiction, Raymond Chandler's gritty detective tales, and the larger-than-life flair of Marvel's superheroes. In this thrilling narrative, readers are transported to a near-future dystopia where a detective takes on the daunting task of investigating the murder of a Titan—a member of society's elite, medically-enhanced beings with unparalleled power.

"Titanium Noir: A Novel" is a tour de force of imagination and storytelling. Nick Harkaway's gripping narrative weaves together elements of science fiction, noir detective fiction, and high-stakes drama to create an immersive and unforgettable reading experience. Prepare to be enthralled as you join Cal Sounder on a journey that challenges the boundaries of morality, explores the complexities of power and privilege, and unravels the secrets hidden within the heart of this dystopian world. Cyberpunk Science Fiction, Dystopian Fiction



Step into the world of [Wannabe: Reckonings with the Pop Culture That Shapes Me by Aisha Harris](#), an acclaimed cultural critic whose sharp insights and entertaining analysis have garnered her a devoted following. In this captivating collection of nine essays, Aisha delves into the pop culture touchstones that have shaped her life, offering a thought-provoking exploration of their influence on society and our ability to shape them in return.

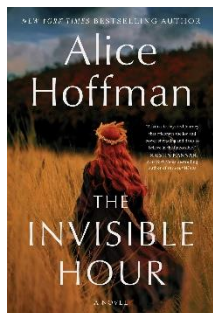
Reading "Wannabe" feels like a lively conversation with a brilliant, hilarious friend who shares your passion for pop culture. Aisha's adept analysis and fresh perspective illuminate the deeper layers of meaning and influence embedded within these seemingly mundane artifacts of our time. With her characteristic blend of intellect and humor, she invites readers to engage in a delightful exploration of the pop culture that has shaped us and to question the narratives and tropes that define our collective consciousness. **Essays, Memoirs**



Embark on a mesmerizing journey through the pages of [Open Throat by Henry Hoke](#), a groundbreaking novel hailed as "what fiction should be" by The New York Times Book Review.

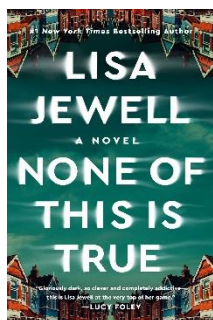
With "Open Throat," Henry Hoke showcases the artistry of storytelling, enveloping readers in a universal odyssey through a mesmerizing and foreboding world, all recounted by an endearing mountain lion. This feral and vulnerable narrative weave together profound insights and playful moments, breathing life into mythic realms. A true star-making novel, "Open Throat" invites you to delve into the extraordinary, where the boundaries of identity, desire, and the human-animal connection blur, leaving an indelible mark on your imagination. **LGBTQ+ Erotica, Animal Fiction**

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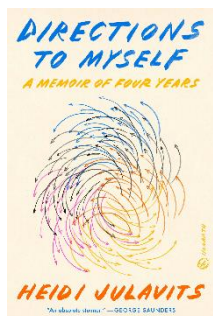
Step into the enchanting world of [The Invisible Hour by Alice Hoffman](#), the beloved New York Times bestselling author renowned for works such as "The Marriage of Opposites" and the Practical Magic series. In this mesmerizing novel, love, heartbreak, self-discovery, and the enduring magic of books intertwine to create a spellbinding tale.

From a young girl's infatuation with a book to a young woman's connection with a brilliant writer, Mia embarks on a journey that defies the limitations of time itself. Yet, what if Nathaniel Hawthorne had never written "The Scarlet Letter"? What if Mia had never discovered it on the day she believed her life would end? Dive into this enchanting narrative where love, resilience, and the profound impact of literature converge to create a world both familiar and extraordinary. [Occult Fiction, Literary Fiction](#)



Dive into the gripping world of [None of This Is True by Lisa Jewell](#), the #1 New York Times bestselling author renowned for her impeccable pacing, complex characters, and captivating prose. In this scintillating psychological thriller, Jewell delves into the unsettling territory of a woman who becomes the focus of her own popular true crime podcast, entangling her in a web of secrets and danger.

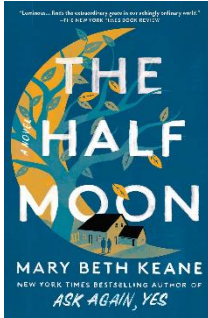
Who is Josie Fair, and what has she done? Lisa Jewell weaves a masterful tale of suspense, keeping readers on the edge of their seats as they unravel the truth behind Josie's enigmatic existence. In "None of This Is True," Jewell delivers a heart-pounding thriller that explores the depths of deception, the power of obsession, and the lengths one will go to protect their loved ones from a terrifying threat. [Domestic Thrillers, Murder Thrillers](#)



Prepare to be captivated by [To Myself: A Memoir of Four Years by Heidi Julavits](#), a sharply observed and introspective exploration of motherhood, self-discovery, and the complexities of raising a child in a rapidly changing world. With her razor-sharp wit and inventive storytelling, Julavits crafts a love letter to Maine while navigating the challenges of guiding her son through the transformative stages of adolescence.

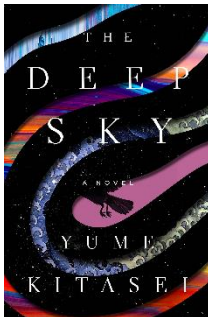
"Directions to Myself" is an intimate and unsentimental memoir that showcases Julavits's exceptional nonfiction writing skills. Her keen insight and fearless exploration of the messy intricacies of life invite readers to contemplate the power of storytelling in finding our own place in the world and connecting with others. [Parenting Girls, Feminist Theory](#)

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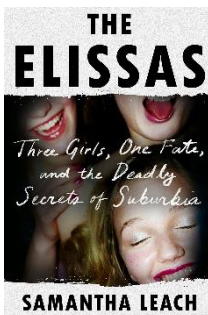
Get ready to be captivated by [The Half Moon by Mary Beth Keane](#), a highly anticipated novel that delves into the complexities of marriage, family, and longing. With its compelling narrative and exquisite craftsmanship, this book promises an unforgettable reading experience.

With accolades from renowned authors such as Liane Moriarty, Mary Beth Keane once again proves her ability to craft deeply compelling stories that resonate with readers. "The Half Moon" is a remarkable exploration of human relationships, exploring themes of love, loss, redemption, and the unbreakable bonds that tie us together. Prepare to be immersed in the world of "The Half Moon," where Keane's insightful storytelling and generous spirit illuminate the intricate tapestry of midlife and the profound experiences that shape our lives. **Coming of Age Fiction, Family Life Fiction**



Embark on a thrilling journey into the depths of space with [The Deep Sky by Yume Kitasei](#), a captivating debut sci-fi thriller that will leave you on the edge of your seat. Prepare to question loyalty, unravel a deadly conspiracy, and witness the resilience of the human spirit.

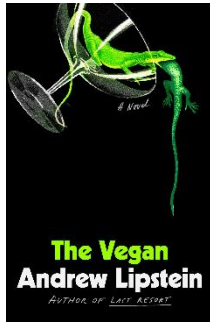
"The Deep Sky" is a pulse-pounding tale of survival, betrayal, and the unwavering human spirit. Yume Kitasei skillfully weaves a narrative that explores themes of identity, loyalty, and the fragile nature of trust. Prepare to be captivated by a thrilling sci-fi adventure that will keep you guessing until the final explosive conclusion. **Exploration Science Fiction, Post-Apocalyptic Science Fiction**



Step into the dark underbelly of suburbia in [The Elissas: Three Girls, One Fate, and the Deadly Secrets of Suburbia](#), a gripping nonfiction account that will send shivers down your spine. Samantha Leach, editor at Bustle, delves into the lives of three girls whose paths intertwine at a boarding school for troubled teens, only to meet a tragic and untimely demise years later.

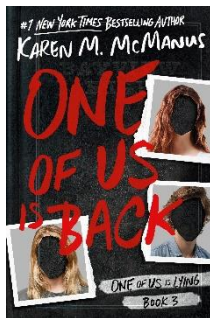
In "The Elissas," Samantha Leach explores the haunting connections between the lives and deaths of Elissa, Alyssa, and Alissa, painting a chilling portrait of the secret lives of suburban young women. As Samantha unravels the threads of their shared fate, she offers readers a chilling and thought-provoking account of hidden darkness lurking beneath the seemingly idyllic facade of suburbia. **Feminist Theory, Women's Biographies**

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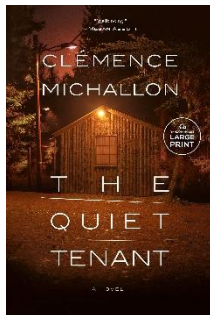
In [The Vegan by Andrew Lipstein](#), prepare to have your notions of virtue and morality challenged as the protagonist embarks on a journey of guilt, greed, and the limits of goodness.

Andrew Lipstein weaves a tale that challenges the reader's perception of right and wrong, pushing the boundaries of morality and exploring the blurred lines between greed, redemption, and the true meaning of goodness. "The Vegan" invites you to delve into a world where the pursuit of wealth collides with the quest for inner peace, and where the choices we make have consequences that extend far beyond ourselves. **Fiction Satire, American Literature**



Get ready for another gripping installment in the [One of Us Is Lying](#) series as Karen M. McManus, the #1 New York Times bestselling author, takes readers on a thrilling ride in "One of Us Is Back."

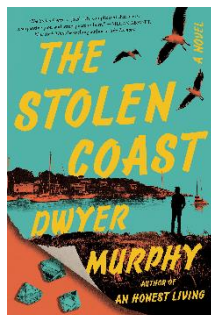
Prepare yourself for a heart-pounding journey as Karen M. McManus skillfully weaves a tale of suspense, betrayal, and the lengths people will go to protect their darkest truths. In "One of Us Is Back," the past collides with the present, and the Bayview Crew must confront the secrets that threaten to tear their lives apart once again. **Teen & Young Adult Mysteries & Detective Stories, Teen & Young Adult Friendship Fiction**



Prepare yourself for a pulse-pounding psychological thriller that will leave you breathless. [In The Quiet Tenant by Clemence Michallon](#), one of the most anticipated novels of 2023, the chilling story of a serial killer is narrated by those closest to him—the ones who didn't know his true nature, the ones who fought against him, and the one victim he has spared.

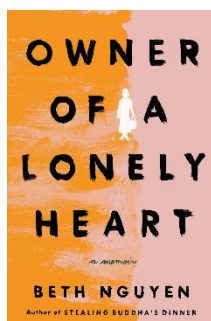
Prepare to be captivated by Clemence Michallon's masterful storytelling as she weaves a tale of suspense, terror, and the enduring strength of those caught in the grip of evil. "The Quiet Tenant" is an electrifying debut that will leave you questioning the depths of human darkness and the resilience of the human spirit. **Murder Thrillers, Psychological Thrillers**

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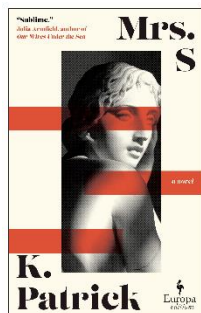
Prepare to be swept away to the sleepy coastal town of Onset, Massachusetts, in [The Stolen Coast by Dwyer Murphy](#). In this thrilling heist novel infused with the spirit of Casablanca, a man with a clandestine profession finds himself entangled in a plot to steal diamonds, igniting a chain of events that will challenge everything he knows.

Immerse yourself in the atmospheric setting of Onset, where danger lurks beneath the surface of the picturesque town. As the stakes rise and loyalties are tested, Jack must navigate a treacherous path to protect himself and those he cares about. "The Stolen Coast" is a masterful blend of suspense, wit, and heartfelt storytelling that will keep readers eagerly turning the pages until the final reveal. [Private Investigator Mysteries, Amateur Sleuths](#)



Prepare to embark on a powerful journey through the complexities of a mother-daughter relationship fragmented by war and resettlement in [Owner of a Lonely Heart by Beth Nguyen](#). This poignant memoir, from the award-winning author of "Stealing Buddha's Dinner," delves into the profound impact of absence and the longing for connection.

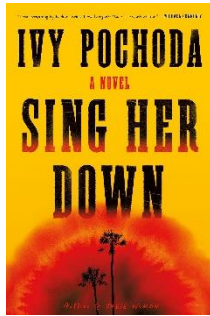
Immerse yourself in this evocative memoir that captures the complexities and emotional depths of the mother-daughter relationship, painting a vivid picture of the Vietnamese refugee experience and the quest for belonging in a new land. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" is a compelling and profoundly moving narrative that will resonate with readers long after the final page is turned. [Emigrants & Immigrants Biographies, Women's Biographies](#)



Prepare to be captivated by the sublime and sensual debut novel, [Mrs. S by K. Patrick](#). This compelling story, hailed as a Best Book of Summer 2023 and a July 2023 Indie Next Pick, delves into the complexities of queer love and attraction, the transformative power of desire, and the dissonance between self and place.

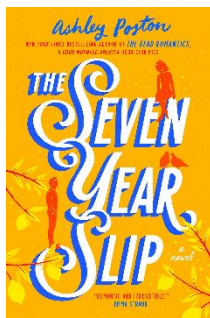
With seductive prose, stylish storytelling, and a disarmingly wry tone, K. Patrick's debut novel immerses readers in the heat of summer, exploring the complexities of the queer experience and the overwhelming force of forbidden love. It is a tale that challenges societal norms, delves into the depths of desire, and invites readers to ponder the nature of identity and the power of choice. [LGBTQ+ Erotica, LGBTQ+ Romance](#)

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Prepare to be captivated by the gritty, feminist Western thriller, [Sing Her Down](#) by Ivy Pochoda. This gripping novel, praised by renowned author Michael Connelly, combines the intensity of "No Country for Old Men" with the thrilling cat-and-mouse dynamics of "Killing Eve." From the award-winning author of "These Women," Ivy Pochoda delivers a blistering and incisive tale that will keep readers on the edge of their seats.

Ivy Pochoda's razor-sharp prose immerses readers in a world of tension and suspense. "Sing Her Down" is a spellbinding thriller that explores the depths of female darkness and the refusal of society to acknowledge it. Set against the backdrop of the Wild West, this immersive tale follows two indelible women on a collision course towards destruction, culminating in an epic and stunning showdown. [Western \(books\), Murder Thrillers](#)



Prepare to be swept away by the enchanting love story of [The Seven Year Slip](#) by Ashley Poston. With praise from bestselling author Carley Fortune, this novel promises to deliver a captivating and heartfelt romance.

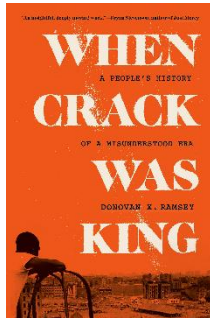
"The Seven Year Slip" is a fascinating tale that explores the intricacies of love and the role that time plays in our lives. Ashley Poston's exceptional storytelling and tender romance will leave readers breathless and contemplating the power of destiny and the choices we make. Don't miss this unforgettable journey where the boundaries of time and love are tested, reminding us that sometimes, true love transcends the constraints of the clock. [Contemporary Women Fiction, Romantic Comedy \(books\)](#)



Prepare to be captivated by the powerful and poignant debut novel, [Everything's Fine](#) by Cecilia Rabess. With praise from New York Times bestselling authors Zakiya Dalila Harris and Nick Hornby, this book promises to deliver a unique and thought-provoking love story.

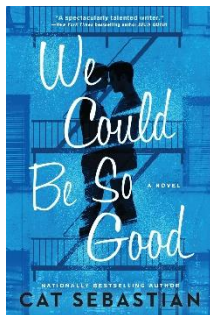
With razor-sharp prose and a keen understanding of complex dynamics, Cecilia Rabess presents a stunning debut that showcases her talent as a rising star in the literary world. "Everything's Fine" delves into the depths of love, challenging societal norms, and exploring the choices we make. It's a novel that asks not only if they will come together, but more importantly, whether they should. Prepare to be moved by this heartfelt and thought-provoking story that will stay with you long after you turn the last page. [Black & African American Women's Fiction \(books\), Multicultural Romances](#)

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Prepare to delve into the kaleidoscopic account of a misunderstood era in American history with [When Crack Was King: A People's History of a Misunderstood Era by Donovan X. Ramsey](#). This groundbreaking book offers a poignant and compelling re-examination of the crack cocaine epidemic that plagued the nation in the 1980s and 1990s, shedding light on its far-reaching impact and the resilience of a community in the face of devastation.

By weaving together extensive research and the voices of survivors, Ramsey presents a crucial reevaluation of this era, challenging prevailing narratives and exposing the lasting effects on historically violated communities. "When Crack Was King" serves as a powerful argument for providing these communities with the resources they deserve, while offering a stark reminder of the urgent need for justice and healing. Prepare to be enlightened and moved by this meticulously researched and thought-provoking book that sheds new light on a dark chapter in American history. [Sociology of Urban Areas, Black & African American History \(books\)](#)

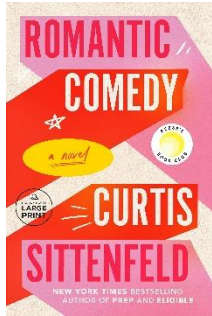


Prepare to be swept away by the mid-century rom-dram of [We Could Be So Good by Cat Sebastian](#), where Casey McQuiston meets "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo." Set in the late 1950s, this captivating historical romance follows the journey of a scrappy reporter and the son of a newspaper mogul as they navigate a world that is both hostile and unforgiving to their desires.

Cat Sebastian, a spectacularly talented writer, weaves a heartwarming and poignant tale in this historical romance that will captivate fans of "Newsies" and readers seeking a touching love story. With expertly crafted characters and a vivid setting, "We Could Be So Good" explores the fragile and tender bond between two individuals whose love seems destined for heartbreak. Now, Nick and Andy must summon the courage to defy societal norms and fight for the love they so desperately crave. [LGBTQ+ Historical Fiction \(books\), 20<sup>th</sup> Century Historical Romance \(books\)](#)



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Prepare to be enchanted by the delightful [Romantic Comedy of Curtis Sittenfeld](#)'s newest novel. A New York Times bestseller and Reese's Book Club pick, this book takes readers on a journey through the world of a comedy writer who believes she has sworn off love, only to have a dreamy pop star turn her assumptions upside down.

With her keen observations and the trademark ability to bring complex women to life, Curtis Sittenfeld explores the enchanting and nerve-wracking magic of love, while cleverly dissecting the social rituals of romance and gender relations in the modern age. Filled with dazzling banter, sizzling chemistry, and a backstage pass to the world of Saturday Night Live, this smart, sophisticated, and fun novel will leave you both charmed and introspective about the nature of love and the expectations society places upon us.

Contemporary Women Fiction, Literary Fiction (books)



Prepare to be entertained and uplifted by R. Eric Thomas, the beloved bestselling author of *Here for It*, as he returns with a brand-new collection of essays that explore what happens after happily ever after in [Congratulations, The Best Is Over!](#)

In this heartening and laugh-out-loud collection, Thomas takes readers on a journey through the postscript of life. After going viral for his unique take on chaotic political news and navigating numerous awkward social encounters, Thomas thought he had it all figured out. He knew who he was and where he was headed—he was living his best life.

With his signature wit, heartfelt storytelling, and a hopeful outlook for the future, Thomas delivers a not-so-gentle reminder that even when life takes unexpected turns and doesn't go according to plan, there's always a way to find our way back home. *Congratulations, The Best Is Over!* is an insightful and humorous meditation on rediscovering oneself, finding solace in the familiar, and embracing the unexpected twists and turns that life throws our way. Get ready to laugh, reflect, and ultimately feel hopeful about the journey that lies ahead. LGBTQ+

Biographies (books), Humor Essays (books)