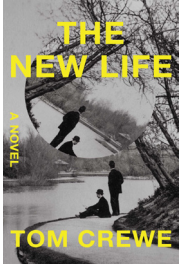




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The New Life

by Tom Crewe

Scribner, 9781668000830, Hardcover Historical Fiction, \$28.
On Sale: 1/3/2023.

"Erotic, philosophical, inspiring. Tom Crewe brings 19th-century England to vibrant life. His creations — John, Henry, Edith, and their associates — are captivated by radical ideas about love, desire, art, and partnership. I savor historical fiction that celebrates the endurance of queer kinship and asserts our presence in a wider history. *The New Life* is a profound addition to that canon."

—Emerson Perper, Curious Iguana, Frederick, MD



The Survivalists

by Kashana Cauley

Soft Skull Press, 9781593767273, Hardcover Fiction, \$27.
On sale: 1/10/2023.

"As I read *The Survivalists*, I felt like I was transported from a grounded reality into a world bordering on the absurd. On the surface, it's a story about folks prepping for a doomsday and a skeptic who attempts to understand them; on a deeper level, it asks how well we really know ourselves."

—Laura Kendall, Second Flight Books, Lafayette, IN



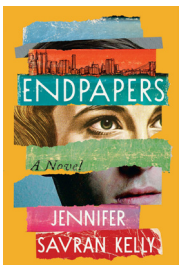
Brutes

by Dizz Tate

Catapult, 9781646221677, Hardcover Fiction, \$27.
On Sale: 2/7/2023.

"*Brutes* is not a run-of-the-mill coming of age story. Tate explores a young teen friend group in Florida in the aftermath of the disappearance of a local popular girl. The girls obsess over each detail of the search, following moms, peers, and a strange boy unafraid of swimming in the lake. *Brutes* feels like a story told in whispers between classes, capturing your attention all the way until the end."

—Nikita Imafidon, Raven Book Store, Lawrence, KS



Endpapers

by Jennifer Savran Kelly

Algonquin Books, 9781643751849, Hardcover Fiction, \$27.
On sale: 2/7/2023.

"Melding a post-9/11 genderqueer artist's coming-of-age story with a historical mystery of forbidden romance, *Endpapers* is an intimate, raw, and profoundly messy quest for authenticity, belonging, and empowerment."

—Alyssa Raymond, Copper Dog Books, Beverly, MA



The Applicant

by Nazlı Koca

Grove Press, 9780802160546, Hardcover Fiction, \$26.
On sale: 2/14/2023.

"Koca's *The Applicant* hits like the first drag of an unfiltered cigarette: brash, bright, unapologetic and genuinely invigorating. Her narrator's clear-eyed, deadpan assessment of living as a Turkish woman in present-day Berlin — its parties, its haphazardness, its bureaucratic impenetrability — is a welcome, necessary addition to the scene."

—Camden Avery, The Booksmith, San Francisco, CA



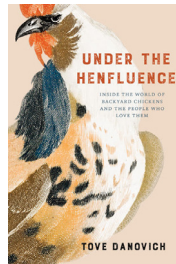
Wandering Souls

by Cecile Pin

Henry Holt and Co., 9781250863461, Hardcover Fiction, \$26.99.
On sale: 3/21/2023.

"A compact and powerful novel about a family torn apart by immigration. Set in the 1970s, three siblings leave Vietnam with the dream of living in the United States. It's a story of survival, family, ghosts, and love."

—Sara Rishforth, Roundabout Books, Bend, OR



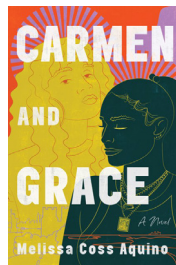
Under the Henfluence

by Tove Danovich

Agate Surrey, 9781572843219, Hardcover Memoir, \$27.
On sale: 3/28/2023.

"This book will make you look at chickens like you look at your beloved dogs and cats. *Under the Henfluence* is an important and compulsively readable book about the history of our partnership with chickens, and the cost that we pay — both personally speaking and environmentally speaking — when we forget to look after their welfare."

—Jason Jefferies, Explore Booksellers, Aspen, CO



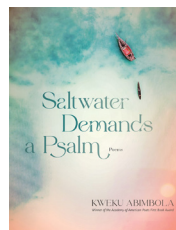
Carmen and Grace

by Melissa Coss Aquino

William Morrow, 9780063159068, Hardcover Fiction, \$27.99.
On sale: 4/4/2023.

"I entered a whole new world I didn't even know existed when I read this book — the world of women in an underground drug empire, mostly Latina, and all so much smarter and smoother than their male counterparts. Through sharp street dialogue and well-defined characters, I found myself wanting to root for their success; given their dangerous enterprise, I really wanted to see either main character escape unscathed."

—Tanya Mills, The Book Bungalow, St. George, UT



Saltwater Demands a Psalm: Poems

by Kweku Abimbola

Graywolf Press, 9781644452271, Paperback Poetry, \$16.
On sale: 4/4/2023.

"Combining Ghanaian pictographs with the grave result of being Black in America, Abimbola honors the victims of police violence. Each person is renamed and reimagined, allowing them to be reborn. Abimbola incorporates both Black and African themes into an enchanting collection that is as sacred as a bowl of jollof rice. *Saltwater Demands a Psalm* is a call that you want to respond to with as much joy as reverence."

—Nikita Imafidon, Raven Book Store, Lawrence, KS



To Shape a Dragon's Breath

by Monique Blackgoose

Del Rey, 9780593498286, Paperback Fantasy, \$18.
On sale: 5/9/2023.

"Not only is it extremely rare to find such a unique tale of dragons and their human companions (set at a magic school, no less), but this phenomenal series opener gives us an alternative history of American colonization from an Indigenous perspective. Anequ is my new favorite hero!"

—Alyssa Raymond, Copper Dog Books, Beverly, MA



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The Davenports by Krystal Marquis

Dial Books, 9780593463338, Hardcover Young Adult, \$19.99.
On sale: 1/31/2023.

"In the fleeting moment of American history following Reconstruction, formerly enslaved people sought the 'American Dream.' This YA historical romance follows the wealthy Davenport family in 1910 Chicago Black high society. Varied perspectives across class lines flesh out their world fully. I haven't been able to stop talking about *The Davenports*!"

—Tory Hall, Chapters Books & Gifts, Seward, NE



The Pearl Hunter by Miya T. Beck

Balzer + Bray, 9780063238190, Hardcover Middle Grade, \$16.99.
On sale: 2/7/2023.

"A stunning novel, inside and out. Kai and Kishi are twin pearl divers who do everything together, until the day Kishi is swallowed by a ghost whale. Kai is willing to risk everything to bring her twin back home. Kai is complex, imperfect, fierce, and loyal. *The Pearl Hunter* will capture your heart and leave you thinking."

—Brandi Stewart, Changing Hands Bookstore, Tempe, AZ

The Swifts
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available

The Swifts by Beth Lincoln

Dutton Books for Young Readers, 9780593533239, Hardcover Middle Grade, \$17.99. On sale: 2/7/2023.

"A rambunctious and often hilarious mystery with a classic feel thanks to the rundown family house and quirky cast of characters. With a penchant for wordplay, treasure hunting, and odd traditions like comically accurate names, *The Swifts* are one family with a reunion you'll never forget."

—Gabriella Crivillare, Prairie Fox Books, Ottawa, IL

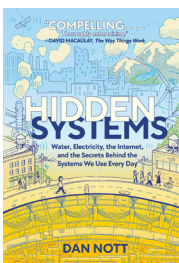


There Goes The Neighborhood by Jade Adia

Disney-Hyperion, 9781368084321, Hardcover Young Adult, \$18.99.
On sale: 3/7/2023.

"Fun yet insightful, like if Scooby Doo and the gang had to solve a mystery in a neighborhood dealing with gentrification. I loved the initiative shown by the characters to do everything in their power to stay together."

—Earl Dizon, Green Bean Books, Portland, OR



Hidden Systems by Dan Nott

Random House Graphic, 9781984896049, Paperback Young Adult, \$17.99.
On sale: 3/14/2023.

"Dan Nott takes one of the most innocuous and seemingly boring subjects — infrastructure — and demonstrates just how fascinating and vital it can be. Subtleties, entrenched inequalities, dis-functions, and outmoded processes are laid bare in a way that is awesome and interesting to read!"

—Justin Colussy-Estes, Little Shop of Stories, Decatur, GA



Turtles of the Midnight Moon by Maria José Fitzgerald

Knopf Books for Young Readers, 9780593488706, Hardcover Middle Grade, \$17.99. On sale: 3/14/2023.

"*Turtles of the Midnight Moon* is magical in more ways than one, but the glimpse it offers into life in Honduras and the challenges environmentalists face there is all too real. Barana and Abby are a dedicated and inspiring team. A wonderful story about friendship, courage, and conservation."

—Gabriella Crivillare, Prairie Fox Books, Ottawa, IL

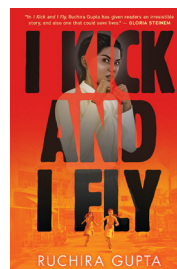


Bianca Torre Is Afraid of Everything by Justine Pucella Winans

Clarion Books, 9780358721642, Hardcover Young Adult, \$18.99.
On sale: 4/11/2023.

"This book is the weird and wonderful queer-teen-investigates-money-laundering-bird-cult murder mystery I didn't realize I was waiting for. It's simultaneously hilarious and terrifying, sweet and wry."

—Rebekah Shoaf, Boogie Down Books, Bronx, NY



I Kick and I Fly by Ruchira Gupta

Scholastic, 9781338825091, Hardcover Young Adult, \$18.99.
On sale: 4/18/2023.

"An incredibly immersive, honest, yet YA-appropriate novel based on the real experiences of trafficked young women and those who work to free them. This incredible book manages to offer an uplifting and hopeful story without downplaying the incredibly harsh realities its characters, and the people who inspired them, face."

—Emily Autenrieth, A Seat at the Table Books, Elk Grove, CA



Jude Saves the World by Ronnie Riley

Scholastic, 9781338855876, Hardcover Middle Grade, \$18.99.
On sale: 4/18/2023.

"Filled with courage and positivity, Jude is middle grade's next Pride icon. I will be thinking about this story for years to come. Young readers and adults alike will find this book to be a fantastic resource in understanding queer and gender identities!"

—Kaliisha Cole, Whitlam Books, Reading, MA



Where You See Yourself by Claire Forrest

Scholastic, 9781338813838, Hardcover Young Adult, \$19.99.
On sale: 4/18/2023.

"Utterly engrossing through and through. A fun senior year novel told through the eyes of a spunky teenager fighting for disability rights. I was rooting for Effie to find her voice, to get the guy, and to go for the future that would make her happy."

—Earl Dizon, Green Bean Books, Portland, OR