# DAISY NEW TITLES LIST – April 2023

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## ANIMALS

### Book 1 Fowl play: a history of the chicken from dinosaur to dinner plate by Sally Coulthard

Sally Coulthard tells the fascinating - and sometimes shocking - story of the domestic chicken. The chicken can fly only a few metres but - somehow - this unlikely evolutionary descendant of Tyrannosaurus Rex has conquered the world. Earth is now home to more than twenty billion chickens, at least ten times more than any other bird. For every human on the planet, there are three chickens. In Fowl Play, Sally Coulthard charts the chicken's fascinating journey from dinosaur to domestication to exploitation, exploring every aspect of the history of Gallus gallus domesticus: its importance to the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans as food source and fighting bird; its symbolic roles in religion and folklore and metaphorical function in the language we use; its homely place as egg-providing companion on farms, smallholdings and in suburban back gardens; and its darker modern-day fate as battery bird raised to satisfy society's unquenchable addiction to wings and nuggets. Of all animals, chickens perhaps best represent the contradictory way we humans treat other species; both beloved pet and cheap commodity, symbol of a sustainable good life and brutalised object of factory farming. The chicken is also a bird we feel deeply familiar with and yet know very little about. As informative as it is entertaining, Fowl Play tells a remarkable tale of evolutionary change, epic global travel and ruthless exploitation - as well as of companionship, ingenuity and the folly of human nature.

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## AUSTRALIANA

### Book 2 Prettier if she smiled more by Toni Jordan

As the eldest child in a single-parent family, Kylie's always had more important things on her mind than smiling for random strangers. Controlling her job, her home, her romantic life and - most importantly - her family takes all her concentration. She's always succeeded, though, because that's just who Kylie is. When her fiercely independent mother breaks an ankle and needs help, it's up to Kylie, as usual, to fix things. She reluctantly packs her bags and moves in, but back in her childhood home, things start to unravel. Could it be that Kylie's carefully curated life is not so perfect after all?

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### Book 3 Here in the after by Marion Frith

Two damaged people, one unlikely friendship and a way to find hope in the darkness. Anna has survived the worst. So has Nat. Two broken souls, struggling to find a place in a world they no longer fit. Anna, 62, is the victim of a terrorist attack in which eleven others were murdered. Nat, 35, is an Army veteran who fought in Afghanistan. They have so little in common. And so much. A friendship stirs between them, tentative and unlikely, its foundation the violence they have seen and the memories that stalk them. Together, they begin to search for a way back home. But when Nat's wife falls unexpectedly pregnant, terrible ghosts from his wartime past rise up and much more than a friendship is at stake. Here in the After is a poignant and uplifting exploration of the legacy of trauma and the healing power of connection.

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### Book 4 You talk, we die by Judy Ryan

'They should do something, ' I groaned. Then a frightening prospect -- they might be me! What the hell could I do? In July 2016, inner-city resident Judy Ryan found a young man -- one of 'her regulars' -- slumped and quiet at her gate. He had overdosed from heroin. Fortunately, that man lived. But Judy had reached breaking point. After four years in a 'war zone', where children might encounter a body on the streets, enough was enough. Knowing little about what she was getting into, but fired with resolve, Judy launched a grassroots campaign against apathy and prejudice. While the residents fought for their neighbourhood and for the right of those suffering from addiction to be treated with the needed care and respect, they would see three coroners' reports, two elections, a private member's bill, the police finally acknowledging that arresting their way out of the problem didn't work, and more unnecessary deaths before the trial of a safe injecting facility was agreed to. A story of drugs, addiction, and a health crisis that touches people from all walks of life, You Talk, We Die is also a highly personal yet practical account of how an authentic local voice and an inclusive campaign can change the minds of business and political leaders to improve the lives of everyone in a community.

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### Book 5 Funny ethnics by Shirley Le

I looked at the streets of Yagoona through eyes stinging with melted Maybelline liquid liner. Yagoona looked back at me, the wannabe hipster who dreamed of moving to a share house in the inner west, and cackled. Funny Ethnics catapults readers into the sprawling city-within-a-city that is Western Sydney and the world of Sylvia Nguyen: only child of Vietnamese refugee parents, unexceptional student, exceptional self-doubter. It's a place where migrants from across the world converge, and identity is a slippery, ever-shifting beast. Jumping through snapshots of Sylvia's life - from childhood to something resembling adulthood - this novel is about square pegs and round holes, those who belong and those on the fringes. It's a funhouse mirror held up to modern Australia revealing suburban fortune tellers, train-carriage preachers, crumbling friendships and bad stand-up comedy. In Funny Ethnics, Shirley Le uses a coming-of-age tale to reveal a side of Australia so ordinary that it's entirely bizarre.

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### Book 6 My mate Gidgee: an outback story of hard yakka and humour by Sandy Thorne

Tom and Gidgee, best mates, toil and laugh together for decades, in the shearing sheds and stockyards of the challenging, semi-arid Western Division. Constantly tested by extremes of Nature, their huge capacity for both work and laughter helps them cope with everything that's thrown at them. They support each other through personal tragedies. When Gidgee is wrongly imprisoned, Tom saves his soul and his future. When Tom, tough and funny, is driven to become a homicidal madman, through treachery from within his family, Gidgee will sacrifice himself to save his mate from going to jail. The humour features the coarse, often ribald yarns and jokes of the stockyards and shearing sheds, in an era when that was a man's world, and the chauvinistic attitudes were balanced by chivalry.

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## BIOGRAPHIES AND MEMOIRS

### Book 7 I don't need therapy by Toni Lodge

A hilarious memoir of home truths and whatever the opposite of 'that girl energy' is, from one half of the hit podcast Toni & Ryan. Like most of us, Toni Lodge tells little white lies all the time. Whether it's 'I'm five minutes away' or 'It must have gone to my spam folder', most of these innocent fibs are harmless. But what if you realised that you weren't just lying about the little things, but the big 'life' stuff too? When Toni sat down to write this memoir, she realised that the lies she was telling herself were hiding some pretty important home truths--about her work, her identity and her mental health. In her dogged pursuit of these truths, she brazenly explores everything from gastro, fame and Twilight to funerals, the Dalai Lama and Brazilian waxes. In this hilarious warm hug of a book, Toni exposes the lies she has told herself about who she is and what she is capable of, inviting us on a riotous romp that will make you laugh, cringe, cry and utterly rethink the truth behind the stories we tell ourselves.

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### Book 8 My father and other animals: how I took on the family farm by Sam Vincent

A moving and hilarious fish-out-of-water memoir of a millennial leaving his inner-city life to take over the family farm. Sam Vincent is a twenty-something writer in the inner suburbs, scrabbling to make ends meet, when he gets a call from his mother: his father has stuck his hand in a woodchipper, but 'not to worry -- it wasn't like that scene in Fargo or anything'. When Sam returns to the family farm to help out, his life takes a new and unexpected direction. Whether castrating a calf or buying a bull -- or knocking in a hundred fence posts by hand when his dad hides the post-driver -- Sam's farming apprenticeship is an education in grit and shit. But there are victories, too: nurturing a fig orchard to bloom; learning to read the land; joining forces with Indigenous elders to protect a special site. Slowly, Sam finds himself thinking differently about the farm, about his father and about his relationship with both. By turns affecting, hilarious and utterly surprising, this memoir melds humour and fierce honesty in an unsentimental love letter. It's about belonging, humility and regeneration -- of land, family and culture. What passes from father to son on this unruly patch of earth is more than a livelihood; it is a legacy.

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### Book 9 Gold digger by Tyler Mahoney

The wild stories of gold and the Australian outback from a young woman defying male conventions in pursuit of the mother lode. If you haven't seen a Discovery Channel gold-hunting show, you might picture a gold prospector as a relic of the Wild West: a TNT-toting, bearded old man wildly swinging a pick on the hunt for nuggets, guided by old maps, superstition, legends and instinct. It's still predominantly a man's world, and still often fanatical, but these days the golden dream attracts people from all walks of life - and 25-year-old Tyler Mahoney (Australian star of the Discovery Channel's Gold Rush series) is leading the way. Hailing from Kalgoorlie, Tyler is a fourth-generation gold miner and has seen up close how gold fever makes normally reasonable people do the most irrational things. From mysterious corpses in the desert to huge heists, backstabbings to life-changing finds, Tyler unearths hair-raising stories and legends from Australia's gold prospecting past and present, while sharing her experience forging her way in a traditionally male domain. She writes candidly about the push and pull of the gold world in her own life, as well as her struggles with bipolar disorder - a mental-health challenge that in some ways parallels the feast-or-famine nature of prospecting itself. With humour, grit and an infectious zest for life, 'gold digger' Tyler Mahoney stakes her claim.

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### Book 10 Big things grow: a memoir of teaching on Country in Wilcannia by Sarah Donnelley

This red dirt, it takes a hold of you. The blue skies, the sunsets, the starry nights, the river... Country holds onto you. Then you meet the people. Within one week of living in Wilcannia, I had signed up to stay until the end of the year. When Sarah Donnelley left Sydney to take up a teaching post in Wilcannia, a small town two hours east of Broken Hill, she had no idea what to expect. Determined to shrug off Wilcannia's rumoured reputation for danger and dysfunction, she threw herself into her new role. Four fulfilling years later, Sarah is an active member of a rich, complex school community that is transforming the idea of a conventional classroom experience. Making deep connections with Indigenous elders and local families, Sarah has focused her teaching practice on empowering, listening and creating space for respectful conversations. She takes her students out on Country as often as she can, enlisting aunties and uncles in the community to share their wisdom - everything from hunting for emu eggs and cutting canoes from trees to working with local artists and learning the history of the river. Big Things Grow is a powerful memoir about community, music and passion, laying bare the beauty and challenges of living in a part of Australia that is often overlooked.

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### Book 11 Drunk on confidence by Heidi Anderson

"Being 'Drunk on Confidence' is not some throw-away phrase for an inspirational Insta caption, it's a lifestyle, a complete shift in perspective that will help you feel empowered and confident every day." Radio and TV personality, Heidi Anderson was always the girl who wore a cardigan in summer to cover her arms, and board shorts to the beach on the rare occasion she dared to go. She spent years hating herself; silencing her body demons through sex, booze and boys. Heidi knows what it's like to feel alone, to deal with debilitating anxiety daily and to constantly try to please people; pretending to be okay on the outside, while suffering crushing insecurities on the inside. After breaking down on live radio to 300 thousand listeners and making the nerve-racking confession, "I wish I could sit here and tell you that I love myself because that's what people expect me to say, but I can't. I absolutely hate my body", she experienced a life-changing moment. Her gut-wrenching admission forced her to embrace her vulnerabilities, challenge her old beliefs and learn how to say a big fat ''Fuck You" to unrealistic beauty standards, and a big ''Up Yours' to all diets and society's expectations.

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### Book 12 Higher sobriety: my years without booze by Jill Stark

What happened next? It's the question Jill Stark has been asked most often since the publication of her acclaimed memoir, High Sobriety. Now, in this updated and extended 10th Anniversary edition, narrated this time by Jill herself, she retells and continues her story. As one of the original pioneers in the 'quit lit' space, Jill started a national conversation about the role of alcohol in our lives, turning the lens on her own rocky relationship with booze and forensically dissecting the culture that gave rise to it. Now, ten years after the book's first release, she fills in the gaps on where life took her after she unwittingly became the poster girl for sobriety. In this updated edition, Jill charts her struggle to become a moderate drinker, the crippling 'hangxiety' that led to her quitting alcohol for good, and the ever-evolving journey of self-discovery sobriety has taken her on. Surviving six long lockdowns alcohol-free, Jill also looks at how a global pandemic tested her sobriety and shone a spotlight on the way alcohol has been sold as the panacea for all our troubles. At the same time, it helped accelerate a seismic change in the nation's drinking habits, with the rise of the sober-curious movement and a booming non-alcoholic drinks industry proving there is a growing appetite for abstinence. After so long feeling like a social pariah, Jill embraces the joy of living life on the outer, and meets a new generation of sober rebels who are radically redefining what it means to be alcohol-free. Now she feels prompted to ask the question, has sobriety become cool? 'Stark writes with honesty and unnerving clarity.

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### Book 13 White houses by Amy Bloom

Lorena Hickok meets Eleanor Roosevelt in 1932 while reporting on Franklin Roosevelt's first presidential campaign. Having grown up worse than poor in South Dakota and reinvented herself as the most prominent woman reporter in America, "Hick", as she's known to her friends and admirers, is not quite instantly charmed by the idealistic, patrician Eleanor. But then, as her connection with the future first lady deepens into intimacy, what begins as a powerful passion matures into a lasting love, and a life that Hick never expected to have. She moves into the White House, where her status as "first friend" is an open secret, as are FDR's own lovers. After she takes a job in the Roosevelt administration, promoting and protecting both Roosevelts, she comes to know Franklin not only as a great president but as a complicated rival and an irresistible friend, capable of changing lives even after his death. Through it all, even as Hick's bond with Eleanor is tested by forces both extraordinary and common, and as she grows as a woman and a writer, she never loses sight of the love of her life.

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### Book 14 Queens of the age of chivalry, 1299-1409 by Alison Weir

Medieval queens were seen as mere dynastic trophies, yet many of the Plantagenet queens of the High Middle Ages dramatically broke away from the restrictions imposed on their sex, as Alison Weir shows in this gripping group biography of England's fourteenth-century consorts. Using personal letters and wonderfully vivid sources, Alison Weir evokes the lives of five remarkable queens: Marguerite of France, Isabella of France, Philippa of Hainault, Anne of Bohemia and Isabella of Valois. The turbulent, brutal Age of Chivalry witnessed the Black Death, the Peasants' Revolt, the Hundred Years War against France and savage baronial wars against the monarchy in which these queens were passionately involved. Queens of the Age of Chivalry brilliantly recreates this truly dramatic period of history through the lives of five extraordinary women.

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### Book 15 William at 40: the making of a modern monarch by Robert Jobson

Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, is destined one day to be king. Determined to serve his country as his grandmother, the Queen has so selflessly done for seven decades, William is the epitome of a loving husband to Catherine, and a devoted father to their three children: George, Charlotte and Louis. In public, William appears calm, balanced and determined. He is passionate about safeguarding the environment and helping to protect species under threat of extinction. The Duke and his wife have also worked tirelessly to remove the stigma that continues to mark mental health problems. In private, however, those close to him say that William, while being a dedicated servant of the Crown can defy his calm, family-guy public demeanour. This is the definitive account – insightful and nuanced – of the life of the Duke of Cambridge as he approaches his milestone birthday. Jobson explores the complex character of the man who will one day reign as King William V.

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### Book 16 Inconceivable: heartbreak, bad dates and finding solo motherhood by Alexandra Collier

Alexandra Collier was a writer living in a light-filled Brooklyn brownstone in New York with the man she loved. But when she woke up to a ravenous hunger to have a baby that her partner didn't share, her life took a sharp turn. She found herself back in Melbourne at 37, single, heartbroken and living with her parents. Ally began dating with dedication, with sometimes hilarious and often soul-crushing results. Like many 30-something single women, though, she found that her reproductive timeline was rapidly outpacing her romantic life. So she began to explore a controversial option: conceiving a baby with donor sperm.

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### Book 17 The first Muslim: the story of Muhammad by Lesley Hazleton

Muhammad’s was a life of almost unparalleled historical importance; yet for all the iconic power of his name, the intensely dramatic story of the prophet of Islam is not well known. In The First Muslim, Lesley Hazleton brings him vibrantly to life. Drawing on early eyewitness sources and on history, politics, religion, and psychology, she renders him as a man in full, in all his complexity and vitality. Hazleton’s account follows the arc of Muhammad’s rise from powerlessness to power, from anonymity to renown, from insignificance to lasting significance. How did a child shunted to the margins end up revolutionizing his world? How did a merchant come to challenge the established order with a new vision of social justice? How did the pariah hounded out of Mecca turn exile into a new and victorious beginning? How did the outsider become the ultimate insider?

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## BUSINESS AND FINANCE

### Book 18 Sort your career out: and make more money by Shelley Johnson

Build your dream career, showcase your strengths and unlock a money-making mindset ... it's the most practical career book you'll ever read! The best investment you can make is in yourself and your career. Sort Your Career Out: And Make More Money is your go-to guide for building a career that you love. Dream jobs don't just come along: you need to make them happen. And this is the book that will show you how, from creating the ultimate career strategy to getting paid what you're really worth. (Hint: It's not just about changing the font on your resume!) With tips and guidance from two of today's top money and career experts, you'll learn how to change jobs, secure a promotion, ask for a pay rise and much, much more. Whether you're preparing for a job interview or you're looking to make a radical change, Sort Your Career Out has the smart advice you need for earning more and winning at work. Inside you'll find practical activities that will help boost your bankability and take you further, faster. Along the way, you'll also follow diverse case studies from real employees: people who have been there, done that, and figured out the way forward. It's time to discover more career flexibility and achieve your long-term goals. With this must-read handbook, you'll be ready to move up, move on, and feel more fulfilled with what you do every day.

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## COMMUNICATION

### Book 19 A short history of the world in 50 lies by Natasha Tidd

Short History of the World in 50 Lies details the profound impact of the most secretive side of history and shows that the truth really is stranger - and far more dangerous - than fiction. In this global journey through human history, historian Natasha Tidd examines how lies can change the world around us. From forgeries that created centuries worth of conflict and domination, to mass political and press cover ups, Tidd explores how our retellings of history can turn fiction into fact and how historic lies can still impact our lives today.

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## HISTORY

### Book 20 Baron's war by Griff Hosker

When Prince Arthur is murdered and the French begin to take Normandy, Sir Thomas finds himself isolated and alone. The Norman barons conspire against King John and the English knight has a dilemma. Does he join the rebels or stay true to his beliefs? Undefeated he and one of his knights leave Anjou and sail to a new life in England but it is not a life without trouble and death. He finds himself, in the midst of conspiracies and plots, forced to defend his land against bandits, brigands and the Scots. A fast-moving novel based on actual events at the start of the thirteenth century.

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### Book 21 The spear of crom by Tim Hodkinson

58AD. Fergus MacAmergin is a man out of place. An Irish Celt, he passes as a Gaul and rides with the Roman cavalry in Britannia, affirming Nero's control over the province. Wearied by years of fighting across the Empire, Fergus dreams of escaping the fetters of his birth and living freely as a citizen of Rome. When Fergus's commander makes an error in a skirmish against the Britons, it is Fergus who takes the blame. He and his men are given a thankless task – a quest that spells danger, despair, and near-certain death... but just might be what an ambitious young soldier needs. Their mission: to find the Holy Lance, the spear that wounded Christ on the Cross, and make it back alive with Celtic foes on every side. The young Tribune Agricola is drawn into the heart of the quest, and he and Fergus must overlook their differences if they are to survive. But there are plans afoot amongst the Roman commanders that may mean disaster for all concerned. What is the beautiful Celtic Queen Finnabair plotting with the Roman high command, and why is the Holy Lance so key to the Romans' mastery over an unruly province?

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### Book 22 The dead men by Jacky Colliss Harvey

Summer 1630. The Swedish army is fighting its way down through Germany, with Jack Fiskardo and his company of scouts, or 'discoverers', fighting the guerrilla war ahead of the main advance. There are new allies to be made, new perils to overcome, new enemies to outwit and new adventures to pursue; but there is also a fortune for the taking, a mystery to be solved, and a destiny to fulfil - one that will see Jack brought face-to-face at last with his sworn enemy, Carlo Fantom. And in the wintry forests of Bohemia, that destiny will present Jack with an almost impossible choice - does he pursue his final vengeance, or does he turn aside, to help a child as helpless as he once was himself?

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### Book 23 Lions of the grail by Tim Hodkinson

First in an adventure-filled historical series following Irish Knight Templar, Richard Savage, as he is forced to spy on his homeland for the King of England. 1315 AD. Ireland and England are ravaged by bitter war. Rotting in an English prison, condemned as a heretic, Irish Knight Templar Richard Savage is given one chance of reprieve. But there is a catch. He must return to Ireland as a traitor, and work as a spy there for the King of England. Savage returns to his homeland, but even here he can trust no one. He soon discovers the Scots intend to invade and someone in Ireland is helping them. The King of Scotland also claims to possess a mysterious holy treasure, and many are flocking to his cause. And what's more, Savage discovers he left more than just memories behind in Ireland.. Amid feasts, tournaments, invasion and war, can Savage decide whose side he is really on, and, above all, stay alive?

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## HORROR

### Book 24 Road of bones by Christopher Golden

Surrounded by barren trees in a snow-covered wilderness with a dim, dusky sky forever overhead, Siberia's Kolyma Highway is 1200 miles of gravel packed permafrost within driving distance of the Arctic Circle. A narrow path where drivers face such challenging conditions as icy surfaces, limited visibility, and an average temperature of sixty degrees below zero, fatal car accidents are common. But motorists are not the only victims of the highway. Known as the Road of Bones, it is a massive graveyard for the former Soviet Union's gulag prisoners. Hundreds of thousands of people worked to death and left where their bodies fell, consumed by the frozen elements and plowed beneath the permafrost road. Fascinated by the history, documentary producer Felix "Teig" Teigland is in Russia to drive the highway, envisioning a new series capturing Life and Death on the Road of Bones with a ride to the town of Akhust, "the coldest place on Earth", collecting ghost stories and local legends along the way. Only, when Teig and his team reach their destination, they find an abandoned town, save one catatonic nine-year-old girl--and a pack of predatory wolves, faster and smarter than any wild animals should be. Pursued by the otherworldly beasts, Teig's companions confront even more uncanny and inexplicable phenomena along the Road of Bones, as if the ghosts of Stalin's victims were haunting them. It is a harrowing journey that will push Teig beyond endurance and force him to confront the sins of his past.

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### Book 25 What moves the dead by T Kingfisher

When Alex Easton, a retired soldier, receives word that their childhood friend Madeline Usher is dying, they race to the ancestral home of the Ushers in the remote countryside of Ruritania. What they find there is a nightmare of fungal growths and possessed wildlife, surrounding a dark, pulsing lake. Madeline sleepwalks and speaks in strange voices at night, and her brother Roderick is consumed with a mysterious malady of the nerves. Aided by a redoubtable British mycologist and a baffled American doctor, Alex must unravel the secret of the House of Usher before it consumes them all.

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### Book 26 The hollow kind by Andy Davidson

A young woman striving to break free of that tragic past. Nellie Gardner is looking for a way out of an abusive marriage when she learns that her long-lost grandfather, August Redfern, has willed her his turpentine estate. She throws everything she can think of in a bag and flees to Georgia with her eleven-year-old son, Max, in tow. It turns out that the "estate" is a decrepit farmhouse on a thousand acres of old pine forest, but Nellie is thrilled about the chance for a fresh start for her and Max, and a chance for the happy home she never had. So it takes her a while to notice the strange scratching in the walls, the faint whispering at night, how the forest is eerily quiet. But Max sees what his mother can't: They're no safer here than they had been in South Carolina. In fact, things might even be worse. There's something wrong with Redfern Hill. Something lurks beneath the soil, ancient and hungry, with the power to corrupt hearts and destroy souls. It is the true legacy of Redfern Hill: a kingdom of grief and death, to which Nellie's own blood has granted her the key.

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### Book 27 Cackle by Rachel Harrison

All her life, Annie has played it nice and safe. After being unceremoniously dumped by her long-time boyfriend, Annie seeks a fresh start. She accepts a teaching job that moves her from Manhattan to a small village upstate. Her new home is picturesque and perfect. The people are all friendly and warm. Her new apartment is lovely too, minus the oddly persistent spider infestation. Then Annie meets Sophie. Beautiful, charming, magnetic Sophie, who takes a special interest in Annie, who wants to be her friend. More importantly, she wants Annie to stop apologizing and start living for herself. That's how Sophie lives. Annie can't help but gravitate toward the self-possessed Sophie, wanting to spend more and more time with her, despite the fact that the rest of the town seems ... a little afraid of her. And, okay. Sophie's appearance is uncanny and ageless, her mansion in the middle of the woods feels a little unearthly, and she does seem to wield a certain power ... but she couldn't be ... could she?

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### Book 28 Don't leave by Pru Heathcote

Jane is a young woman grieving for her child, who is taken to a remote holiday cottage on the Northumberland coast. From the moment she arrives at the cottage with her much older and over-protective husband, Peter, Jane keeps catching glimpses of a little girl and hearing a child crying. Peter is convinced these are hallucinations, as Jane has been diagnosed with schizophrenia - a diagnosis she doesn't agree with. She sets out to discover who or what the child could be. A ghost? A real child? Or something else?

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### Book 29 Las Vegas night by Stephen Leather

Las Vegas is known as Sin City. And what happens in Vegas usually stays in Vegas. But someone in the city has powers that allow them to strike anywhere in the world and take lives - for a price. Jack Nightingale has a track record of dealing with occult killers and so far he has always come out on top. But this time the only way to find the killer is to set himself up as bait. And this might be the time when his luck finally runs out.

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## HUMOUR

### Book 30 Wise blood by Flannery O'Connor

Wise Blood centers on Hazel Motes, a discharged serviceman who abandons his fundamentalist faith to become a preacher of anti-religion in a Tennessee city, establishing the "Church Without Christ." Motes is a ludicrous and tragic hero who meets a collection of equally grotesque characters. One of his young followers, Enoch Emery, worships a museum mummy. Hoover Shoats is a competing evangelist who creates the "Holy Church of Christ Without Christ." Asa Hawks is an itinerant preacher who pretends to have blinded himself to show his faith in redemption.

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### Book 31 All shook up by Trebor Blanc

Tommy West is the finest Elvis Presley tribute in the North West of England. At least, that's what is says on his van. Off stage however, his life is a mess. He can't pay his rent, his child maintenance is crippling him, and his old Bedford needs new tyres. Tommy is broke, drinks too much Guinness, smokes too much weed and is frightened of his own shadow. So, as Tommy is such a delicate soul, you may ask why, on the first day of lockdown, he finds himself on his way to Folkstone in a borrowed fruit and veg van in the company of a psychotic Rangers fan, a sex starved blonde, a cross dressing navigator and an Afghan slave? Why indeed? All Shook Up is an irreverent look at modern life and pokes a rather sharp stick at political correctness in all its forms.

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### Book 32 Mrs Harris, MP by Paul Gallico

Mrs Harris is a salt-of-the-earth charlady, content with her lot, cleaning the homes of the rich. However, her knack of setting things straight often has the tendency to stray beyond keeping things neat and tidy. In this novel, the honest-as-ever old char impresses her employer with her no-nonsense political views to such an extent that he - an MP, no less - encourages her to become a voice for the people of Battersea and stand for election herself. The world of local politics, however, soon proves a test for a lady as straight-laced as Mrs Harris; political skulduggery, the glare of the media and the apparent betrayal of a trusted friend all becoming issues she just hadn't bargained on.

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## LAW LEGAL ISSUES AND ETHICS

### Book 33 A witness of fact: the peculiar case of chief forensic pathologist Colin Manock by Drew Rooke

For nearly three decades, Dr Colin Manock was in charge of South Australia's forensic pathology services. In cases of unexpected or unexplained death, it was his job to determine when a person took their final breath, and whether they had died naturally - or not. But Manock did not have the necessary training for such a specialist role, and made serious errors in several major cases. The full extent of his wrongdoing, and the exact number of cases impacted by it, remain a mystery more than twenty-five years after he retired. In this book, Rooke examines several of Manock's most controversial cases. A Witness of Fact describes how an entire legal system has failed, how unsafe verdicts have been swept under the carpet - and how forensic evidence that is admitted in courts of law is dubious more often than we would like to think.

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## MILITARY

### Book 34 Chasing bandits in the Badlands by Bob Breen

In January 1993, the Australian government sent just under one thousand young men and women to serve under American command in a violent, impoverished, starving society. Most males over the age of twelve either carried or had access to a gun, and most Somali men had been fighting a vicious civil war for years. Australian soldiers and their teams had to gain control of the streets of Baidoa and surrounding towns. This contest was not 'find, fight and kill' warfare. There was no decisive victory or defeat. The aim was to detect 'the bad boys' and deter and de-escalate their violence rather than escalate hostilities to success through 'body count'. This mode of operation was not community policing by soldiers either. It involved adjusting attitudes forcefully and assuring uncomfortable consequences for bad behaviour and ultimately lethal responses to armed challenges. The world looked over their shoulders.

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### Book 35 The traitor of Colditz by Robert Verkaik

It is the depths of the Second World War. The Germans like to boast that there is 'no escape' from the infamous fortress that is Colditz. The elite British officers imprisoned there are determined to prove the Nazis wrong and get back into the war. As the war heats up and the stakes are raised, the Gestapo plant a double-agent inside the prison in a bid to uncover the secrets of the British prisoners. Captain Julius Green of the Army Dental Corps and Sergeant John 'Busty' Brown must risk their lives in a bid to save the lives of hundreds of Allied servicemen and protect the secrets of MI9. Drawn from unseen records, The Traitor of Colditz brings to light an extraordinary, never-before-told story from the Second World War, an epic tale of how MI9 took on the Nazis and exposed the traitors in their midst.

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## MYSTERY AND THRILLERS

### Book 36 Midnight at Malabar House by Vaseem Khan

Bombay, 1949. As India celebrates the arrival of a momentous new decade, Inspector Persis Wadia stands vigil in the basement of Malabar House, home to the city's most unwanted unit of police officers. When the phone rings to report the murder of prominent English diplomat Sir James Herriot, the country's most sensational case falls into her lap. As 1950 dawns and India prepares to become the world's largest republic, Persis, accompanied by Scotland Yard criminalist Archie Blackfinch, finds herself investigating a case that is becoming more political by the second. Navigating a society in turmoil, Persis, smart, stubborn and untested in the crucible of male hostility that surrounds her, must find a way to solve the murder.

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### Book 37 The wolves of Savernake by Edward Marston

Ralph Delchard, a soldier who fought at the Battle of Hastings, and Gervase Bret, a talented lawyer, have been commissioned by William the Conqueror to look into irregularities brought to light during the compilation of the Domesday Book. Their investigations take them throughout the kingdom, but the pair often find themselves embroiled in more sinister mysteries in the towns they visit. The King's work is a dangerous business. A man's body is found mutilated in Savernake Forest and the residents of Bedwyn sleep uneasy at night, fearing a monster stalking the town. When Ralph Delchard and Gervase Bret arrive, they discover that the locals are harbouring dark secrets and that the real killer may be a little closer to home.

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### Book 38 The ravens of Blackwater by Edward Marston

The small village of Maldon is controlled by the wealthy and rapacious FitzCorbucion family, led by Hamo FitzCorbucion, the lord of Blackwater Castle. When his eldest son, Guy, is found murdered, an enraged Hamo demands justice. Into this charged atmosphere arrives a tribunal, led by soldier Ralph Delchard and lawyer Gervase Bret. Surveying the lands of Maldon, the tribunal detects irregularities in various deeds, and plans to call the FitzCorbucion family to account. With tension high between Saxon and Norman factions in the village, Ralph and Gervase find some relaxation in the gentler company of nuns. But Guy's murder, and Hamo's quest for revenge, force Ralph and Gervase to deal with dangerous matters far beyond their original duties.

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### Book 39 The dragons of Archenfield by Edward Marston

The frontier zone of Archenfield in Herefordshire is a no-man's-land, which acts as a bulwark between Norman-controlled English soil, and the Welsh border. Soldier Ralph Delchard and lawyer Gervase Bret arrive in Hereford for what looks like one of their more straightforward assignments from the crown, to settle conflicting claims to land in Archenfield. Ralph and Gervase are shocked to discover the murder of a principal witness, a wealthy landowner who was burned alive in his own home. No clues remain except an enigmatic red dragon cut into the turf in front of the house.

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### Book 40 The lions of the North by Edward Marston

Soldier Ralph Delchard and lawyer Gervase Bret lead a group of the King's finest commissioners into the war-torn lands of Yorkshire to settle land claims and compile the Domesday Book. One island of wealth and luxury remains in Yorkshire: the castle of merchant Aubrey Maminot. There the commissioners learn of two great terrors: the rogue Olaf Evil Child, a hero of the poor and conquered Saxon people, and the ravenous lions Aubrey Maminot keeps as pets. The lions make a feast of an anonymous young man who tries to sneak into the castle, and Gervase Bret begins to wonder why someone would commit such an act of suicide.

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### Book 41 The serpents of Harbledown by Edward Marston

Ralph Delchard and Gervase Bret are royal commissioners appointed to investigate irregularities that come to light during the compilation of the Domesday Book in the reign of William the Conqueror. They arrive in Canterbury to be met by the news that the body of a young girl has been found, apparently killed by a poisonous snake. Their investigation takes them to the leper hospital in Harbledown where the girl used to take herbs. Once they establish that she was murdered by human agency, they begin to uncover all sorts of hidden secrets in the town. A second murder sends them off in a different direction altogether and they encounter a surprising twist.

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### Book 42 The stallions of Woodstock by Edward Marston

Three powerful Norman lords and a Saxon thegn watch their horses competing in a race near Woodstock. When one of the riders is murdered during the race, suspicion falls on the Saxon. Ralph Delchard and Gervase Bret are guests at Oxford Castle while they deliberate on land disputes in the area. Caught up in the murder investigation, they feel that a man has been wrongly accused and, in trying to save him from execution, get themselves immersed in a sea of malice, treachery, lust and simmering hostility.

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### Book 43 The forty elephants by Erin Bledsoe

London in the 1920s is no place for a woman with a mind of her own. Gang wars, violence, and an unforgiving world have left pickpocket Alice Diamond scrambling to survive in the gritty neighbourhood her family has run for generations. Recruited by the enigmatic Mary Carr, Alice chooses to break her father's edict against gangs and become part of a group of lady shoplifters, the Forty Elephants. Leaving the Mint behind, Alice Diamond tastes success. But it's not long before she wants more, no matter the cost.

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### Book 44 The Droitwich deceivers by Kerry Tombs

Droitwich, April 1890. A nine-year-old girl vanishes without a trace from the local churchyard. Her father, the salt tycoon Sir Charles Chilton, is beside himself. There's no price he won't pay for his daughter's safe return. And someone out there is counting on it. Sir Charles calls on Detective Inspector Ravenscroft and Constable Tom Crabb to investigate. Meanwhile, Ravenscroft's wife Lucy meets a distraught mother. She gave her baby daughter away under duress. Now she wants her back. The cases unravel, leading Ravenscroft and Lucy ever deeper into the darkened world of child exploitation -- where lies, deceit and murder are commonplace. Can they uncover the truth in time to save the endangered children?

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### Book 45 Frank Sinatra and the Mafia murders by Douglas Thompson and Mike Rothmiller

It was said of the young Frank Sinatra that he came across as 'St Francis of Assisi with a shoulder holster'. In Frank Sinatra and the Mafia Murders Mike Rothmiller and Douglas Thompson draw on previously secret Los Angeles Police intelligence files, a cache of FBI documents released to the authors in 2021 and extensive interviews with prime sources, including many who worked with Frank Sinatra and many more who tracked his long and fatal association with the American Mafia, notably his ongoing connection, after his original godfather was assassinated: Sam 'Momo' Giancana, who shared a lover with President John F. Kennedy. Sixteen days after the assassination of John F. Kennedy on 30 November 1963, while the singer was 'consoling' the president's widow, nineteen-year-old Frank Sinatra Jr. was kidnapped at gunpoint from his hotel room in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. A $240,000 ransom was demanded from his father. While the FBI and Nevada and California law-enforcement agencies sprang into action, Frank secretly contacted his Mafia friends for help. The Mafia believed they could free young Frank much more quickly through their underworld connections. In the end, nine people died, having been beaten for information. Revealed here as never before is the extent to which Sinatra was adopted by the Mafia. They promoted his career and 'watched his back' and, in return, Sinatra danced to their tune. New information disclosed here shows that Sinatra also offered to spy for the CIA. Inside sources say Sinatra wanted the CIA to intercede to stop an investigation into his gaming licence in Las Vegas. But the CIA declined because they were already working with the Mob and were concerned Sinatra would learn of the Mafia's connection to the CIA and leak it.

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### Book 46 Mad, bad and dead by Sherryl Clark

Already struggling to juggle co-running Candlebark's pub/bistro along with her new childcare responsibilities, the last thing Judi Westerholme needs right now is more stress. Yet, as usual, it arrives in spades: she starts receiving threatening late-night phone calls before discovering one of her best employees, Kate, shot dead in her bed. Once again, Judi finds herself at the centre of a murder investigation, as well as the hunt for Kate's fourteen-year-old daughter who has been missing since the murder. Add in the uncertainty of her relationship with D.S. Heath and the fact that her estranged mother's nursing home keeps calling to urge her to visit, and Judi might finally be at breaking point.

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### Book 47 No country for girls by Emma Styles

Charlie and Nao are strangers from different sides of the tracks. They should never have met, but one devastating incident binds them together forever. A man is dead and now they are unwilling accomplices in his murder there's only one thing to do: hit the road in the victim's twin cab ute, with a bag of stolen gold stashed under the passenger seat. uddenly outlaws, Nao and Charlie must make their way across Australia's remote outback using only their wits to survive. They'll do whatever it takes to evade capture and escape with their lives.

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### Book 48 The forthright woman by Darry Fraser

1898, South Australia. At the gateway to the Flinders Ranges lies Kanyaka Station, once a thriving sheep and cattle property, now abandoned and in ruins. But a discovery in her late mother's papers draws recently widowed Marcella Ross out to its remote landscape in search of clues to the disappearance of her Uncle Luca, an Italian immigrant whose fate seems to have been bound up in that of his mysterious partner - also long-since vanished. When Marcella is accosted by a daunting stranger, she discovers he too is entangled in the secrets of the past. Tragedy and obsession threaten Marcella's fragile independence, so how far will she have to go to unlock the secrets of Kanyaka - or solve the puzzle of her own future? 1955 After learning that they are unlikely to have children, Frances and Joe MacDonald have taken the unusual step of buying a caravan and travelling together through the outback. They stop at Kanyaka Station, where Fran becomes mesmerised by the past. Family lore holds that an ancestor met an untimely end amid the desolate ruins. But what truly happened, and to whom, at the isolated station? As fate alters the course of her life, Fran's footsteps echo another woman's from so long ago ... As the mystery unravels, will these two women have the chance to take control of their own destinies?

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### Book 49 The devil's advocate by Steve Cavanagh

Randal Korn has sent more men to their deaths than any district attorney in the history of the United States. When a young woman, Skylar Edwards, is found murdered in Buckstown, Alabama, a corrupt sheriff arrests the last person to see her alive, Andy Dubois. It doesn't seem to matter to anyone that Andy is innocent. Everyone in Buckstown believes Andy is guilty. And the local defence attorney assigned to represent him has disappeared. New York lawyer Eddie Flynn travels south to fight fire with fire. He plans to destroy the prosecutor's case, find the real killer and save Andy from the electric chair. But the murders are just beginning.

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### Book 50 The accomplice by Steve Cavanagh

The Sandman killings have been solved. Daniel Miller murdered 14 people before he vanished. His wife, Carrie, now faces trial as his accomplice. Eddie Flynn must prove to a jury, and the entire world, that Carrie Miller was just another victim of the Sandman. But so far, Eddie and his team are the only ones who believe her. Gabriel Lake is an investigator with a vendetta against the Sandman. He's the only one who can catch him, because he believes that everything the FBI knows about serial killers is wrong. With his wife on trial, the Sandman is forced to come out of hiding to save her from a life sentence. He will kill to protect her, and everyone involved in the case is a target.

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### Book 51 Dirty war by Stephen Leather

The target - The Prime Minister. The assassins - hard-bitten jihadists with nothing to lose. The only man who can stop them? Dan 'Spider' Shepherd. But Shepherd's reputation is also on the line - he helped get one of the jihadists into the UK during the final days of the War in Afghanistan. Now he has to track down the man whose life he once saved. But the assassins aren't lone wolf killers - someone much more devious is pulling their strings. And the clock is ticking.

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### Book 52 Inside the mind of John Wayne Gacy: the real-life killer clown by Brad Hunter

In this new book Brad Hunter enters the mind of John Wayne Gacy, the real-life 'Killer Clown', often said to be the inspiration for Stephen King's evil Pennywise in It. Gacy lured victims to his home with the promise of work or a warm bed and then duped them into putting on handcuffs, claiming he wanted to show them a magic trick. He would then rape and torture his victims before killing them by suffocating or strangling them. Twenty-six were buried in the crawl space beneath his home; others were buried elsewhere on his property, while a handful were dumped in the Des Plaines River. While Gacy was executed for his sickening crimes in 1994, his terrifying spectre continues to haunt us. At least five of his victims remain unidentified and detectives have always suspected that the known victims were just the tip of the iceberg. Gacy even told one detective that his tally of murders was closer to forty-five victims.How many victims were there? Did Gacy act alone? And what drove John Wayne Gacy to murder? Was it his alcoholic, abusive father or was it something deep within him that caused the seemingly normal Gacy to sexually assault, torture and murder at least thirty-three young men and boys? And who was the John Wayne Gacy who regularly performed at children's hospitals and charitable events as Pogo, or Patches, the Clown? The Gacy who was a player in local Democratic Party circles? Drawing on his many years' experience as a crime reporter, investigating and interviewing perpetrators of terrible crimes, Hunter seeks to understand what drove Gacy to unleash a reign of terror in suburban Chicago.

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### Book 53 The burial circle by Kate Ellis

The discovery of a human skeleton and a red rucksack amongst the roots of a fallen tree jolts memories for DI Wesley Peterson: a hitch hiker who went missing in 2008, and was never found. Meanwhile, in the small Devon village of Petherham, a famous TV psychic is the main attraction at a supernatural weekend. But when the psychic dies in suspicious circumstances Wesley discovers a connection between the dead man and the vanished hitch hiker. But was he responsible for her murder? Or has a shady organisation called The Burial Circle been revived in the present day?

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### Book 54 The stone chamber by Kate Ellis

On a summer's evening, Robert and Greta Gerdner are shot dead at their isolated home in the Devon countryside. DI Wesley Peterson suspects the execution-style murders might be linked to Robert's past career in the police - until Robert's name is found on a list of people who've been sent tickets anonymously for a tour of Darkhole Grange, a former asylum on Dartmoor. When his friend, archaeologist Neil Watson, finds the skeleton of a woman buried in a sealed chamber dating back to the 15th century at his nearby dig, Wesley wonders whether there might be a connection between the mysterious stone cell and the tragic events at Darkhole Grange. With the clock ticking, Wesley must solve the puzzle before the next person on the list meets a terrible end.

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### Book 55 The killing habit by Mark Billingham

How do you catch a killer who is yet to kill? We all know the signs. Cruelty, lack of empathy, the killing of animals. Now, pets on suburban London streets are being stalked by a shadow, and it could just be the start. DI Tom Thorne knows the psychological profile of such offenders all too well, so when he is tasked with catching a notorious killer of domestic cats, he sees the chance to stop a series of homicides before they happen. Others are less convinced, so once more, Thorne relies on DI Nicola Tanner to help him solve the case. It's a journey that brings them face to face with a killer who will tear their lives apart.

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### Book 56 Their little secret by Mark Billingham

Sarah thinks of herself as a normal single mum. It's what she wants others to think of her. But the truth is, she needs something new, something thrilling. Meanwhile, DI Tom Thorne is investigating a woman's suicide, convinced she was driven to do it by a man who preys on vulnerable women. A man who is about to change Sarah's life.

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### Book 57 Cry baby by Mark Billingham

It's 1996. Detective Sergeant Tom Thorne is a haunted man. Haunted by the moment he ignored his instinct about a suspect, by the horrific crime that followed and by the memories that come day and night, in sunshine and shadow. So when seven-year-old Kieron Coyne goes missing while playing in the woods with his best friend, Thorne vows he will not make the same mistake again. Cannot. The solitary witness. The strange neighbour. The friendly teacher. All are in Thorne's sights. This case will be the making of him, or the breaking.

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### Book 58 The murder book by Mark Billingham

Tom Thorne has it all. In Nicola Tanner and Phil Hendricks, Thorne has good friends by his side. He finally has a love life worth a damn and is happy in the job to which he has devoted his life... Tom Thorne has it all... to lose. Hunting the woman responsible for a series of grisly murders, Thorne has no way of knowing that he will be plunged into a nightmare from which he may never wake. A nightmare that has a name. Finally, Thorne's past has caught up with him and a ruinous secret is about to be revealed. If he wants to save himself and his friends, he must do the unthinkable.

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### Book 59 Better the blood by Michael Bennett

Hana Westerman is a tenacious Maori detective juggling single motherhood and the pressures of her career in Auckland's Central Investigation Branch. When she's led to a crime scene by a mysterious video, she discovers a man hanging in a secret room. As Hana and her team work to track down the culprit, other deaths lead her to think that they are searching for New Zealand's first serial killer. With little to go on, Hana must use all her experience as a police officer to try and find a motive to these apparently unrelated murders. What she eventually discovers is a link to an historic crime that leads back to the brutal bloody colonisation of New Zealand. Then the pursuit becomes frighteningly personal, and Hana realises that, whilst her heritage is key to finding the killer, their agenda of revenge may include her - and her family.

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### Book 60 Black widows by Cate Quinn

Blake's dead. His wife killed him. The question is, which one? Rural Utah is a vast, empty landscape where whole communities can be forgotten. Against the wishes of his family and the laws of the Mormon church elders, Blake Nelson has adopted the old polygamous ways and lives alone with his three wives on an isolated homestead miles from anywhere. That is, until his dead body is discovered.

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### Book 61 Deadly lesson by S. J. Butler

When a dead body is discovered in a house near the university, Detective Chief Inspector Jack Hogan and his team are left baffled by the viciousness of the assault. And with very little to go on, the questions quickly mount up. But when another victim turns up with the same distinguishing mark etched on their skin - one that links the victims to an anarchist group - it becomes clear that a depraved and calculating serial killer is at large. With the murderer always one step ahead, time is of the essence and DCI Hogan must act fast before another life is taken.

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### Book 62 The Furies by John Connolly

The Furies: mythological snake-haired goddesses of vengeance, pursuers of those who have committed unavenged crimes. Now, private investigator Charlie Parker is drawn into a world of modern furies in two linked stories. In The Sisters Strange, the return of the criminal Raum Buker to Portland, Maine brings with it chaos and murder, as an act of theft threatens not only to tear apart his own existence but also that of Raum's former lovers, the enigmatic sisters Dolors and Ambar Strange. And in The Furies Parker finds himself fighting to protect two more women as the city of Portland shuts down in the face of a global pandemic, but it may be that his clients are more capable of taking care of themselves than anyone could have imagined.

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### Book 63 A foreboding of petrels by Steve Burrows

On suspension and unable to work, DCI Domenic Jejeune finds his attention snared by an unexplained death at an Antarctic research base. Meanwhile, DS Danny Maik investigates a string of arson attacks in Norfolk. When a corpse is discovered in a bird hide, Danny's investigation escalates. It appears the body links the two enquiries, but the men are unable to share information. As they attempt to unravel a twisted web of leads involving Antarctic researchers, uncompromising climate scientists and billionaire philanthropists, Jejeune is forced to decide how much he is willing to sacrifice in the pursuit of truth.

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### Book 64 The killing hills by Chris Offutt

Mick Hardin, a combat veteran now working as an Army CID agent, is home on a leave that is almost done. His wife is about to give birth, but they aren't getting along. His sister, newly risen to sheriff, has just landed her first murder case, and local politicians are pushing for city police or the FBI to take the case. Are they convinced she can't handle it, or is there something else at work? She calls on Mick who, with his homicide investigation experience and familiarity with the terrain, is well-suited to staying under the radar. As he delves into the investigation, he dodges his commanding officer's increasingly urgent calls while attempting to head off further murders. And he needs to talk to his wife.

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### Book 65 Shifty's boys by Chris Offutt

Mick Hardin is an Army CID officer home on leave, recovering from an IED attack and flirting with prescription painkillers, when a body is found in the centre of town. It's Barney Kissick, the local heroin dealer, and the city police see it as an occupational hazard. But when Barney's mother, Shifty, asks Mick to take a look, it seems there's more to the killing than it seems. Mick should be rehabbing his leg, signing his divorce papers, getting out of town, and most of all, staying out of the way of his sister Linda's re-election as Sheriff - but he keeps on looking, and suddenly he's getting shot at himself.

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### Book 66 Last man standing by Stephen Leather

Friendships forged in the heat of combat can be stronger than anything. So when SAS trooper Matt Standing is told that the former Navy SEAL who saved his life is in trouble, he doesn't hesitate to go to his aid - even if that means flying half way around the world to Los Angeles. Navy SEAL-turned-bodyguard Bobby-Ray Barnes has been accused of killing the man he was supposed to be protecting. Three other bodyguards were also killed and now Bobby-Ray is on the run. The dead client was a Russian oligarch with connections to the Kremlin. But who wanted him dead? And if Bobby-Ray wasn't the killer, who carried out the assassination and why is Bobby-Ray being framed? Standing is the only man who can answer those questions - providing he can stay alive long enough.

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### Book 67 Standing alone by Stephen Leather

A Navy SEAL has gone rogue, selling his skills to the highest bidder as a professional assassin. Ryan French no longer cares who he kills so long as the price is right. His former bosses want him taken down, and SAS trooper Matt 'Lastman' Standing is tasked with the job. A lethal killing machine with experience in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, Standing is now hunting French in the lawless Wild West forests of Humboldt County, where the US produces most of its legal - and illegal - cannabis. But French isn't the only predator in the wilderness - there are Mexican cartels, Russian Mafia and Hungarian gangsters - and Standing has to overcome them all to get to his target.

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### Book 68 The siege by John Sutherland

Lee James Connor has found his purpose in life: to follow the teachings of far-right extremist leader, Nicholas Farmer. So when his idol is jailed, he comes up with the perfect plan: take a local immigrant support group hostage until Farmer is released. Grace Wheatley is no stranger to loneliness having weathered the passing of her husband, whilst being left to raise her son alone. The local support group is her only source of comfort. Until the day Lee James Connor walks in and threatens the existence of everything she's ever known. Superintendent Alex Lewis may be one of the most experienced hostage negotiators on the force, but there's no such thing as a perfect record. Still haunted by his last case, can he connect with Connor - and save his nine hostages - before it's too late?

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### Book 69 Blood sisters by Cate Quinn

When a man is found gruesomely murdered in the local pub, all fingers point to the backpackers working behind the bar that night - two American girls who skipped town before the body was discovered. Despite all the evidence against them, rookie cop Tara Harrison knows there must be more to this case than a pair of sorority sisters who couldn't take a joke. She's determined to uncover the truth and is soon on the trail of a devastating secret that could tear her hometown apart. But sorority sisters Lauren and Beth have their own dark secrets and they've made an oath to take them to the grave - which they will, all too soon, unless Tara can stop it.

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### Book 70 Plausible deniability by Stephen Leather

The war on drugs has always been a dirty business. But there are some jobs that are so dirty that even MI5 can't risk getting involved. Which is when the authorities turn to a man who isn't afraid to go where others fear to tread - Lex Harper. Harper is sent into the Golden Triangle in a bid to block the flood of heroin that is crippling the West. But when the plan backfires, Harper discovers that heroin poses a threat much closer to home. And his retaliation takes him on a mission of revenge around the world.

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### Book 71 Breakout by Stephen Leather

A friend in need is a friend indeed. And no one is a better friend than hitman-for-hire Lex Harper. When a mate from his past ends up in a Bolivian prison, Harper doesn't think twice about going to his aid. Beatings, rapes and murders are an everyday occurrence in the prison. But the only way to break his friend out is for Harper to put his own life on the line, in a place where death comes quickly and only the strong survive. Getting into the prison is easy enough - but can Harper get out? And how many people will he have to kill to make it back?

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### Book 72 Rogue warrior by Stephen Leather

No one knows for sure who Richard Yokely worked for in the past - the Army, the CIA, DEA, NSA - he has carried out missions for them all. But now he works for Grey Fox, the super secret agency that takes care of business that the White House would prefer to keep under wraps. A vicious killer has been attacking schools in America, killing without mercy. And when it looks like the killer might be a former special forces soldier who has gone rogue, Yokely could be the only man who can stop him.

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### Book 73 The chase by Stephen Leather

An Iranian defector shows his true colours and returns to his own country - taking a vital piece of intelligence equipment with him. The race is on to capture the turncoat and get the equipment back. Only one man is up for the job - American super-spy Richard Yokely. In the past Yokely served in the Army, the CIA, DEA and the NSA. But now he works for Grey Fox, the super secret agency that takes care of business that the White House would prefer stays hidden. And with a possible World War Three approaching, Yokely is America's only hope. The chase is on.

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### Book 74 The cast aways of Harewood Hall by Karen Herbert

Josh is a sweet, well-meaning university student with a big heart. After he impulsively steals two research mice from a campus laboratory, he hides them in the basement of Harewood Hall, a venerable building in the retirement village where he works. The mice are happy, Josh is happy - until he discovers that his charges might be carrying a deadly disease. Enter a curious cat called Harley, a devilish dog called Bobby, the arrival of some mysterious packing boxes, and a strange spike in the village's water bill. As the clock ticks and disaster looms, can the residents of Harewood Hall save the day?

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### Book 75 Between the lines by S. J. Butler

When Kev's girlfriend is killed in a hit-and-run, he thinks he's suffered the worst. Haunted by his past, Kev attempts to put his life back together, throwing himself into his new relationship with Stella and his job as a literary agent. Then a book lands on his desk that changes everything. And he quickly realises his nightmare has only just begun.

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### Book 76 Maximum Bob by Elmore Leonard

Lewd, lecherous, law-bending Florida jurist Judge Robert "Maximum Bob" Gibbs has been judged guilty by a grudge-bearing malefactor and sentenced to death - by alligator, if necessary. Somehow Kathy Baker, a nifty young probation officer, has got herself in the middle of all this. She's got to avoid two seducers, the judge and a homicidal maniac, and work with a young police officer who interests her for more than professional reasons.

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### Book 77 Escape from five shadows by Elmore Leonard

Corey Bowen is an innocent man. Wrongly convicted, and imprisoned in the brutal labor camp at Five Shadows run by a sadistic embezzler willing to kill to keep his scheme running, Bowen is determined to break out or die trying. The trackers have already caught him once, dragged him back through the mesquite and rocks, and beat him bloody and near dead after his last attempt. But this time he'll have help from a lady with murder on her mind and a debt to pay back. They say that breaking out of Five Shadows is impossible but Bowen is a different breed, and this time he will go to any extreme to escape.

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### Book 78 All the queen's men by S. J. Bennett

At Buckingham Palace, the autumn of 2016 presages uncertain times. The Queen must deal with the fallout from the Brexit referendum, a new female prime minister, and a tumultuous election in the United States—yet these prove to be the least of her worries when a staff member is found dead beside the palace swimming pool. Is it truly the result of a tragic accident, as the police think, or is something more sinister going on? Meanwhile, her assistant private secretary, Rozie Oshodi, is on the trail of a favorite painting that once hung outside the Queen’s bedroom and appears to have been misappropriated by the Royal Navy. And a series of disturbing anonymous letters have begun circulating in the palace. The Queen’s courtiers think they have it all ‘under control’, but Her Majesty is not so sure. After all, though the staff and public may not be aware, she is the keenest sleuth among them. Sometimes, it takes a Queen’s eye to see connections where no one else can.

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### Book 79 Death of a traitor by M. C Beaton and R. W. Green

The interfering Kate Hibbert has lived in the Highlands for only a year yet has alienated many villagers. When she disappears, constable Hamish Macbeth discovers some sinister doings.

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### Book 80 3 a.m.: premium by Nick Pirog

3:00 a.m. Henry Bins has Henry Bins -- a sleeping disorder, named after him. He wakes up at 3 a.m. and falls asleep at 4. Life is simple -- until he hears a woman scream and sees a man leave the house across the street. But not just any man: the President of the United States. 3:10 a.m. Henry hasn't seen his mother in thirty years. Now she's been found -- at the bottom of the Potomac River. Henry soon learns everything he thought he knew about his mother was a lie. And that maybe his condition wasn't the reason she left all those years ago. Because Sally Bins was a spy. 3:21 a.m. Henry Bins has traveled 3000 miles to see the sun. On June 21st in Fairbanks, Alaska, sunrise is at 3:07 a.m. Fourteen minutes later, eight hundred people will be dead. 3:34 a.m. Was Henry really one of the CIA Sleep Control Program's first experiments? If his mother has caused his condition, could she reverse it? In his search for answers, Henry learns that everything -- his condition, his parents, even the President -- are linked by one thing: Project Sandman. 3:46 a.m. Saturday, February 27th, 2016, 3:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m. It's the wedding everyone has been waiting for ... What could possibly go wrong?

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### Book 81 Unforeseen by Nick Pirog

Retired homicide detective Thomas Prescott is reluctant to read the bestselling book Eight in October, a true-crime thriller based on a string of murders occurring throughout October of the past year. After all, it was his case, and he doesn't need to be reminded of the gruesome details. The book dubbed the serial killer, Tristen Grayer, The MAINEiac. Grayer is allegedly dead, but only Prescott knows the truth: Grayer is alive and lurking in the shadows. On October 1st, the anniversary of the first murder, Tristen resurfaces, killing someone special from Prescott's past. Suddenly, it's deja vu for Prescott-except this time the women closest to him begin to fall victim at the hands of Grayer. With the help of former flame, medical examiner Dr. Caitlin Dodds, and Eight in October author, Alex Tooms, Prescott must race against the clock to stop Tristen from completing his encore.

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### Book 82 Gray matter by Nick Pirog

His love life in shambles, retired homicide detective Thomas Prescott returns to Seattle, the very place he fled from after his parents’ deaths nearly a decade earlier. Just as Prescott is getting settled in, he sees a body floating in the private cove behind his boyhood home. It’s a woman. But not just any woman. It’s Ellen Gray - the governor of Washington - who has been missing for the past six weeks. The lead suspect in the governor’s murder is her husband, famed defense attorney, Adam Gray. But unlike the Seattle Police Department - where Thomas was fired from several years earlier - Prescott has his doubts about Adam’s guilt. Ignoring direct orders to stay away from the case, Prescott soon finds himself drawn into the heart of the investigation. Working side-by-side with SPD detective, Erica Frost, Prescott uncovers a sophisticated conspiracy linked to a new breed of killer. In his pursuit to catch a madman, Prescott’s investigation will take him from the state capital to the snow-covered peaks of the North Cascades and for the first time in his career, Thomas finds himself both the hunter...and the hunted.

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### Book 83 The Afrikaans by Nick Pirog

Intimate in scale, but grandly outfitted, the luxury cruise liner The Afrikaans hosts no more than 208 pampered guests, among them former FBI contract agent Thomas Prescott. When the ship is overtaken by African pirates who are demanding the US send medical relief to a small Zulu village in South Africa, it is up to Prescott to keep the 400 hostages alive. As the US tries to figure out how to combat the terrorists' plot from the outside, World Health Organization doctor, Gina Brady, undertakes the impossible task of rescuing three children from the secluded village. As the deadline draws near, Prescott and Brady must race against the clock to discover the truth: Is it medical relief the pirates seek or a $2 billion ransom from one of the richest men in the world? Or could the implications be so profound, and the stakes so high, a war hangs in the balance?

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### Book 84 House witness by Mike Lawson

Joe DeMarco's long­time employer John Mahoney has kept an explosive secret: he has a son, and that son has just been shot dead in a bar in Manhattan. Mahoney immediately dispatches DeMarco to his native New York to provide the prosecutor with any assistance necessary, but with five bystanders willing to testify against the accused, the case seems like a slam ­dunk--that is, until it appears someone has interfered with the witnesses.

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### Book 85 House arrest by Mike Lawson

As the fixer for Congressman John Mahoney in Washington, D.C., Joe DeMarco has had to bend and break the law more than a few times. But when Representative Lyle Canton, House Majority Whip, is found shot dead in his office in the U.S. Capitol and DeMarco is arrested for the murder, DeMarco knows he’s been framed. Locked up in the Alexandria Jail awaiting trial, he calls on his enigmatic friend Emma, an ex-DIA agent, to search for the true killer. Emma’s investigation leads her to Sebastian Spear, the ruthless and competitive CEO of the multi-billion-dollar Spear Industries. Spear had a motive for killing Lyle Canton: Canton’s wife, Jean, had once been Spear’s high school sweetheart and the one true love of his life - until Canton won her over. Now Jean was dead, killed in a car crash while driving drunk, and Spear blamed Canton for the accident. But the case the F.B.I. has built against DeMarco is airtight, and not a single piece of evidence points to the grieving CEO. Using her cunning and her D.C. connections, Emma sets out to prove that Spear has been using some fixers of his own.

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### Book 86 Road dogs by Elmore Leonard

Every prison inmate needs a Road Dog - someone to watch their back, someone they can trust on the inside and out. For wealthy Cuban criminal Cundo Rey, that person is Jack Foley: charmer, ladies' man, and infamous bank robber. With the services of a shark attorney and a whole heap of cash, Cundo engineers his buddy's early release, and Jack is soon living large in Cundo's house in Venice Beach, enjoying the attentions of his sexy wife, Dawn. But Dawn has ulterior motives and a plan: to relieve her husband of his considerable fortune...and she needs Jack's help. But with Cundo's release imminent and rogue FBI agent Lou Adams on his tail, just who can Jack trust if he's to pull off the biggest score of his life...?

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### Book 87 A courage undimmed by Stephanie Graves

British pigeoneer Olive Bright is proud of the role her racing birds have played in the war effort and has hopes of becoming an agent herself ... but first there is a baffling murder to solve. As the weather turns bitterly cold in the dark days of November 1941, fewer pigeons are being conscripted for missions into occupied Europe and Olive fears her covert program may be dropped altogether. In fact, the new CO of the Baker Street intelligence operation at Brickendonbury Manor, Major Blighty, has expressed his doubts regarding her birds--not to mention Olive herself--and assigned her to a far more insignificant role: escort to a visiting officer of the Royal Navy Intelligence Special Branch. She's none too keen on her assignment or her charge--the aloof and arrogant Lieutenant Commander Ian Fleming--but the last place she expects to accompany him is to a sEance. Self-proclaimed medium Velda Dunbar--new to the village of Pipley--has drawn fascination and skepticism after a very public channeling of a doomed seaman aboard the HMS Bartholomew, which she claims has sunk. Fleming remains tight-lipped about his reason for attending her sEance, but his arrival with Olive raises eyebrows as she is still maintaining the ruse of dating Captain Jameson Aldridge. When murder occurs before her very eyes, Olive must trust her own instincts and not rule out anyone as a suspect--including the secretive Fleming--for one of them is harbouring a hidden deadly agenda.

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### Book 88 The writing retreat by Julia Bartz

A psychological suspense debut about a young author at an exclusive writer's retreat that descends into a nightmare. Alex has all but given up on her dreams of becoming a published author when she receives a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: attend an exclusive, month-long writing retreat at the estate of feminist horror writer Roza Vallo. Even the knowledge that Wren, her former best friend and current rival, is attending doesn't dampen her excitement. But when the attendees arrive, Roza drops a bombshell--they must all complete an entire novel from scratch during the next month, and the author of the best one will receive a life-changing seven-figure publishing deal. Determined to win this seemingly impossible contest, Alex buckles down and tries to ignore the strange happenings at the estate, including Roza's erratic behavior, Wren's cruel mind games, and the alleged haunting of the mansion itself. But when one of the writers vanishes during a snowstorm, Alex realizes that something very sinister is afoot. With the clock running out, she's desperate to discover the truth and save herself.

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### Book 89 A body in the lane by Peter Ford

Serious international crime operations thrive in big cities. They don't occur in tinpot little towns like Llangwelli. Or do they? It's late evening when the Regional Control Centre receives a mysterious 999 call. No-one speaks, but the call location is somewhere along a narrow, hardly used tree-lined stretch of road that leads nowhere. With no uniformed officers free to investigate, they pass the call on to DC Judy Lane at Llangwelli station. Lane informs DS Norman Norman who, concerned it may be a trap, agrees to meet her at the scene. But when Norman arrives, he finds a dead motorcyclist sitting against a tree, and the young detective unconscious nearby. It looks as if he was right to think it could be a trap, but if the biker died when he fell off his bike and hit the tree, who attacked Judy Lane? And who made the 999 call? Next morning an accident investigator suggests this was no accident, and the motorcyclist was a victim of a hit and run. Then, to complicate matters further, they find a young woman's body near the scene of the accident. But who is the young woman, and what's her connection to the motorcyclist? Before long, Llangwelli's finest are drawn into a tangled web of deception and corruption, but someone seems to know their every move and is trying to silence anyone who might know the truth. Norman and boss DI Sarah Southall came to Llangwelli on the understanding crime was very much small time, but now it seems they may have uncovered a serious crime operation right on their doorstep. The idea such a thing could happen in a quiet little town like Llangwelli seems unlikely. But then, perhaps that's what they're supposed to think. Maybe the idea it's so unlikely makes it more likely...

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### Book 90 Killing the music by Jack Gatland

When Dave Mansford, founding member of 80's band Alternator is electrocuted live on stage during a comeback concert, DI Declan Walsh and the team of the Last Chance Saloon are brought in to investigate whether it was a simple accident, or vicious murder. However, as they investigate further they find the surviving members of Alternator in the middle of a multi-million-dollar rights sale, a band whose lead singer disappeared in 1998 and has never been declared dead, and whose biggest success, the 1987 album Secrets and Lies seems to be cursed. With the bodycount climbing and with everyone keeping to their own version of events, can Declan discover what truly happened in a London recording studio over thirty years ago, and why everyone who was there that night has to die?

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### Book 91 Murder in the garden by Faith Martin

Di Hillary Greene, a policewoman struggling to save her career and catch criminals. Edward Philpott is found bludgeoned to death with his own spade in his beautiful garden. He lived with his daughter Rachel and his two grandchildren. Hillary's only lead is a rival from the village flower show who used to argue with the victim about the size of their vegetables. But what dark secrets from the past and present does this village hold? Hillary has returned to work after the slaying of her boss and is desperate to track down his murderer. His pregnant widow is even more determined to get revenge, but will she go too far? Can Hillary cope with two complex investigations full of extreme emotions, one of which is very close to home?

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### Book 92 The self-made widow by Fabian Nicieza

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| After mother of five and former FBI profiler Andie Stern solved a murder--and unraveled a decades old conspiracy--in her New Jersey town, both her husband and the West Windsor police hoped that she would set aside crime-fighting and go back to carpools, changing diapers, and lunches with her group of mom-friends, who she secretly calls The Cellulitists. Even so, Andie can't help but get involved when the husband of Queen Bee Molly Goode is found dead. Though all signs point to natural causes, Andie begins to dig into the case and soon risks more than just the clique's wrath, because what she discovers might hit shockingly close to home. Meanwhile, journalist Kenny Lee is enjoying a rehabilitated image after his success as Andie's sidekick. But when an anonymous phone call tips him off that Molly Goode killed her husband, he's soon drawn back into the thicket of suburban scandals, uncovering secrets, affairs, and a huge sum of money. Hellbent on justice and hoping not to kill each other in the process, Andie and Kenny dust off their suburban sleuthing caps once again.<https://my.visionaustralia.org/library/detail/book/5247092?format=DAISY_2_AUDIO&previous-title=Search>  |
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### Book 93 The wrong woman by Daniel Hurst

They messed with her. But they picked the wrong woman ... Simone used to be the woman that other women would use if they suspected that their partner was cheating. She would investigate, find out the truth, and if the men were guilty, exact revenge. But after things went wrong with one couple, Simone was forced to go into hiding to evade the law. Having assumed a new identity, Simone is now Mary, a mild-mannered woman who doesn't raise her voice or get angry, meaning nobody would suspect her of being capable of the things she used to do for a living. But when she finds out that her new boyfriend is having an affair, it awakens in her the person she used to be. That means Simone is back. It also means that her boyfriend and his mistress are in for the shock of their lives.

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### Book 94 Lies of mine by Cheryl Rees-Price

A body is found in a dark and dingy tunnel at the bottom of Dinas Rock, the site of a disused mine. There is no sign of struggle ... Detective Inspector Winter Meadows suspects the victim, youth worker David Harris, willingly reached the location where he met his end. He must have known his killer. But he must have known something else, too. Meadows discovers that Dinas Rock has a history of tragedy. Years ago a teenage girl met her end there, and Harris was present. As Meadows investigates the old case alongside the new, he opens old wounds. Ones that have festered for years. Can he find the killer before the inquiry forces them to strike again?

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### Book 95 Golden days by Caroline Barron

Becky thought she'd left Zoe Golden and that summer far behind. Set in 1995 against the backdrop of Auckland's burgeoning party scene, Golden Days is the story of an intense late-teens friendship between bookish Becky and star-dusted Zoe Golden, and what happened when one terrifying night changed their lives and destroyed their friendship forever. After finding out that her husband has been cheating on her, Becky is mourning the end of her picture-perfect marriage at the bottom of a bottle. She thought she'd left that summer far behind, but the trauma of her present day brings back memories of the horrific night her brother died. With Zoe's reappearance, Becky is forced to reconsider her interpretation of events, as well as where blame lies, her true nature and her place in the world.

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### Book 96 The silence project by Carole Hailey

On Emilia Morris's thirteenth birthday, her mother Rachel moves into a tent at the bottom of their garden. From that day on, she never says another word. Inspired by her vow of silence, other women join her and together they build the Community. Eight years later, Rachel and thousands of her followers around the world burn themselves to death. In the aftermath of what comes to be known as the Event, the Community's global influence quickly grows. As a result, the whole world has an opinion about Rachel - whether they see her as a callous monster or a heroic martyr - but Emilia has never voiced hers publicly. Until now. When she publishes her own account of her mother's life in a memoir called The Silence Project, Emilia also decides to reveal just how sinister the Community has become. In the process, she steps out of Rachel's shadow once and for all, so that her own voice may finally be heard.

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### Book 97 In cold blood by Adam Croft

A body is found under Welland Viaduct on a bitterly cold winter morning. But this will be a murder investigation like no other. As DI Caroline Hills and DS Dexter Antoine begin to unravel the dark secrets in the victim's life, they find themselves sucked into a web of lies and betrayal. Rutland Police need to find the killer before it's too late. But with Caroline's health failing and their main witness suspiciously missing, the stakes couldn't be higher. Dark histories, mysterious gifts and hidden secrets abound. But will they discover the truth before anyone else is killed in cold blood?

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### Book 98 Kiss of death by Adam Croft

An elderly woman collapses and dies during a Sunday morning church service in Oakham. But things aren't quite as innocent as they seem. Within hours, there's a second unexplained death in Rutland. Then a third. But the victims appear to be completely unconnected. With the body count rising by the day, DI Caroline Hills and DS Dexter Antoine need to uncover the link before more innocent people die. Only one thing is certain: a killer walks the streets of Rutland. But no-one knows who the next victim will be, when they will be killed -- or why.

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### Book 99 The tenant by Angela Lester

"Amy is the perfect landlady. But she does have some ground rules… Kate has always dreamed of a life in music. And now she’s finally done something about it – giving up her steady job, moving to the city to enroll in a degree program at a prestigious college. Needing a place to live, she answers an ad and moves in with Amy who seems a nice lady – mothering and protective. At first Kate is glad to have some support in this strange city, but gradually Amy’s presence becomes more and more stifling – it just seems so hard to get away from her. And every time Kate tries, something terrible happens… As her life spirals downwards, Kate struggles to understand what’s happening. Is Amy plotting against her? Or is she simply buckling under the stress of adjusting to her new life? Fearing for her sanity, Kate knows she needs to get some answers and begins to look into the history of the creepy old house she shares with Amy. What she finds is beyond her worst nightmares.

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### Book 100 All the dark places by Terri Parlato

Snow falls softly outside Molly Bradley's home on a frigid January night. Inside, half a dozen close friends are gathered to celebrate the fortieth birthday of Molly's psychologist husband, Jay. Everybody loves Jay, Molly most of all. Yet next morning, Molly discovers Jay dead on the floor of his office, his throat brutally slashed. Devastated, Molly tries to make sense of her husband's death. Jay was her rock, the only person who really understood the nightmare she lived through long ago. But shocking revelations are making her question if Jay was all he seemed to be--and whether someone else knows her past too.

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### Book 101 Traitor games by Andrew Raymond

The British Prime Minister's police protection unit has been infiltrated by rogue officers. The threat is unprecedented. For Novak and Mitchell, the consequences are unthinkable. Prime Minister, Angela Curtis, faces a threat like never before: resign, or the British establishment will face three days of increasingly audacious terrorist attacks. But if Curtis wants to save lives - and her political career - she must confront the darkest secret from her past. When fearless reporters Tom Novak and Stella Mitchell uncover evidence linking the attacks to the biggest story of their careers, they have one last chance at exposing a traitor at the heart of government. But this traitor won't go down without a fight. Or blood being spilled. With a ruthless assassin on Novak and Mitchell's trail, the conclusion of an astonishing conspiracy is in sight. But the clock is ticking, and the stakes have never been higher - or more personal. In this endgame, nobody is safe. Traitor Games takes you from one thrilling sequence to the next, with Andrew Raymond's trademark diabolical twists.

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### Book 102 The hacker by Daniel M Scanlan

FBI Special Agent Ericka Blackwood chases a deadly online predator - and nothing is as it seems. He's online. He's anonymous. He's deadly. When a video surfaces on the dark web showing a murder no one else could have witnessed, FBI Special Agent Ericka Blackwood must race to catch the killer. But the case is even darker than Ericka thought. Hidden behind an avatar named Dantalion, a criminal mastermind is feeding his sadistic appetites by directing the crimes of others - and he may have been orchestrating his schemes for years. As Ericka's investigation homes in on her target, the tables are suddenly turned. Dantalion knows that she is obsessed with tracking down the men who destroyed her sister's life, and has information that will enable her to find them. To exact her long-awaited revenge, Ericka will have to risk her career, her life, and the fate of Dantalion's future victims. But does vengeance come at too high a price?

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### Book 103 Resurrection by David Gilman

Dan Raglan, former Foreign Legion fighter, alias The Englishman, returns. Somewhere in the Sahara, on the desolate border between Sudan and Chad, a P51 Mustang with long-range drop tanks slowly emerges from the dunes. Inside, the skeletalized remains of a man missing for three decades. His flying jacket bears no insignia, a worn leather attache case lies by his side, held securely by a manacle around his left wrist. Inside a document men will kill for. Die for. The sands of time have shifted, and whoever finds that aircraft finds information that could expose the most valuable spy the UK intelligence service has ever known. The British, the French, and the Russians are on the trail. And so is Raglan.

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### Book 104 The Ash Lake murders by Helen H Durrant

A female serial killer with a deadly agenda. The detective who must stop her. Luxury holiday lodges in the stunning Peak District. The game begins ... Callum is lured to an isolated boathouse by an attractive older woman. When she gets him alone, she knocks him out with a single blow. As he wakes up, her voice comes out of the darkness, "You're a sprat to catch a mackerel". Surrounded by hills and lakes, Still Waters is home to a close-knit community of wealthy retirees. It's an unlikely setting for violence. The police don't take Callum's disappearance seriously: he's 24-years-old, after all. But Callum's mother, a Still Waters resident, knows that something is very wrong. Then a body is discovered floating in the lake. Head bashed in. But it's not Callum. And someone tweets: Come out to play one last time, Alice. Still Waters run deep. #MadHatter. That's when DCI Alice Rossi is called in. She's back.

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### Book 105 Extenuating circumstances: 22 tales of crime & suspense by Joyce Carol Oates

Two hitmen in a depressed rust belt town struggle with a job gone wrong. A girl witnesses a horrifying accident and carries it with her for the rest of her life. Medical students bring a severed foot to a college party. Five-time Pulitzer Prize finalist Joyce Carol Oates has made a career of exploring the forbidden corners of human experience, and the stories collected here, spanning her first three decades as a writer, are among her most unsettling and unforgettable works to date. Originally published in long out-of-print volumes, these tales have not appeared in any form this century - until now. Formally fresh and endlessly experimental, they show a writer boldly engaging with disturbing truths and terrifying possibilities, and deconstructing the tropes and expectations of traditional prose writing as she does so. But beyond their stylistic ingenuity, these are creepy, suspenseful stories that cut straight to the bone.

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### Book 106 The runaway by Nick Petrie

When Peter Ash rescues a stranded woman, he finds she's in far deeper trouble than he bargained for...Peter Ash came home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with only one souvenir: crippling claustrophobia due to PTSD. After years of living rough, he's trying hard to get back to a normal life – one where people aren't trying to kill him. And then he meets Helene, a young pregnant woman stranded on a remote Nebraska road. With no other rescuers in sight, Peter offers her a ride. But Helene's angry ex-cop husband is hot on her trail. It seems Helene has seen something she was never meant to see, and for Peter, protecting her will mean putting both their lives on the line...

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### Book 107 Omega rules by Eric Van Lustbader

Evan Ryder returns to uncover an international conspiracy against American democracy. Evan Ryder was once a field agent for a black-ops arm of the Department of Defense. Now she works for Parachute, a cutting-edge quantum-computing firm whose private espionage network exceeds any government spy agency. But her mission remains the same: Seek out and destroy Omega, a fanatical global cult intent on destroying democracy. The fight against Omega has already cost Evan dearly but she will not stop until she has torn out the conspiracy by its roots, no matter the risk. The assassination of a Parachute agent in Vienna sets Evan on a dangerous, world-wide hunt for answers and on a collision course with forces so powerful they may be beyond her abilities to annihilate.

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### Book 108 NYPD red 6 by James Patterson and Marshall Karp

Reality star Erin Easton's wedding may have a cable crew documenting every detail. But when she disappears, her dressing room is empty but for a blood-spattered wedding gown and signs of a struggle.

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### Book 109 NYPD red 7: the murder sorority by Marshall Karp

Finding a single assassin in a city of nine million people is daunting. Finding five is a nightmare. Lower Manhattan: A sniper's bullet ends the life of a high-profile New Yorker. Five miles uptown, a second prominent victim has his throat slashed. And that's only the beginning. A network of professional assassins is on the loose in New York City. Trained by the US military, they're on their own now, with a new unit called Kappa Omega Delta. Killers On Demand. NYPD Red detectives Kylie MacDonald and Zach Jordan are called in to hunt them down, but these mercenaries are as gifted in the art of escape as they are in snuffing out lives. It's the biggest professional challenge the Red team has ever faced, and before it's over, both Kylie's and Zach's personal lives will change. Forever.

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### Book 110 The dark hours by Michael Connelly

There's chaos in Hollywood at the end of the New Year's Eve countdown. Working her graveyard shift, LAPD detective Renée Ballard is called to a scene where a hardworking auto shop owner has been fatally hit by a bullet in the middle of a crowded street party. Ballard quickly concludes that the bullet is linked to another unsolved murder--a case at one time worked by Detective Harry Bosch. At the same time, Ballard hunts a fiendish pair of serial rapists, the Midnight Men, who have been terrorizing women and leaving no trace. Determined to solve both cases, Ballard must go outside to the one detective she can count on: Harry Bosch.

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### Book 111 House revenge by Mike Lawson

Joe DeMarco helps an elderly woman threatened by a shady real estate developer, then seeks revenge. In House Revenge, congressional fixer Joe DeMarco is dispatched to congressman John Mahoney's hometown of Boston. Mahoney wants him to help Elinore Dobbs, an elderly woman fighting against a real estate developer intent on tearing down her apartment building for a massive new development. Mahoney is just in it for the free press until Sean Callahan, the developer, disrespects him, and Elinore suffers a horrible "accident," likely at the hands of two thugs on Callahan's payroll. Now Mahoney and DeMarco are out for revenge. DeMarco tries to dig up dirt through Callahan's former mentor, along with one of his ex-wives. But when DeMarco gets a tip on the likely illegal source of some of Callahan's financing, the investigation turns deadly.

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### Book 112 Fate: the lost decades of Uncle Chow Tung by Ian Hamilton

Hong Kong, 1969. The Dragon Head of the Fanling Triad has died and there is a struggle to replace him among senior members of the gang. Normally, the Deputy Mountain Master is next in line, but this one is weak and ineffectual and has only survived because of the protection of the Dragon Head. Up to this point, the Fanling Triad has operated in relative isolation from neighbouring gangs, but the Dragon Head's death has drawn attention to the area - and to its wealth. Other gangs start to make threatening moves and it's obvious to the senior members of the Fanling Triad that they need a leader who can fend off the threats, unite the membership, and maintain their prosperity. There are several candidates. The least conspicuous is the White Paper Fan, their young administrator. His name is Chow Tung, but many of those who work with him already refer to him as 'Uncle'.

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### Book 113 Dark vector by Clive Cussler

1808, South China Sea. The infamous Chinese Pirate Queen Ching Shih was as powerful as she was feared. When a rogue captain in her fleet dares defy her wishes, devastation awaits - and a ship full of plundered treasure sinks to the depths of history. Kurt Austin and Joe Zavala have spent months on the trail of this legendary hoard. But their search is interrupted when a freighter carrying eight of the most advanced computers ever produced has disappeared in the Western Pacific. In the hands of the enemies of the West, these could be the Information Age's most dangerous weapons. Plunged into the middle of a cyber-war, Kurt and Joe's only allies are a group of pirates who operate under their own crude laws. The NUMA crew soon finds that knowing who to trust could be their most daunting mission yet.

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### Book 114 Nightwork by Nora Roberts

When he was nine, and his mother had her first deadly dance with cancer, Harry became a thief. Someone had to find food and pay the mortgage even if his mother was too sick to work. When his mother finally succumbs to cancer, Harry leaves Chicago but somehow he can't quite leave all of his past behind. Harry lives a quiet, careful, rootless life - he can't afford to attract attention or get attached - until he meets Miranda. But just when Harry thinks he has a chance at happiness his old life comes back to haunt him. Harry has had dealings with some bad people in his past but none more dangerous than Carter LaPorte and Harry is forced to run. But no matter what name he uses or where he goes, Harry cannot escape. If he is ever going to feel safe Harry must face down his enemy once and for all. Only then can he hope to possess something more valuable than anything he has ever stolen.

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### Book 115 Charlie Martz and other stories by Elmore Leonard

When Elmore Leonard died in 2013, he left behind a 60-year legacy of crime novels that, through their trademark wit and grit, transcended genre fiction. He also left behind a treasure trove of unpublished early stories. Their razor-sharp dialogue and headlong pacing reveal a master who honed his craft from a young age. Largely written during his years as a copywriter at a Detroit advertising agency, these fifteen stories - eleven of which have never been previously published - find Leonard exploring far-flung locations, from the bars of small-town New Mexico to a military base in Kuala Lumpur. They also introduce us to unforgettable Leonard characters, some of whom - like ageing lawman Charlie Martz and weary former matador Eladio Montoya - star in his other works but were born in these pages. Leonard's early work has all the hallmarks that made his later novels sparkle: gripping plots, an innovative and exhilarating approach to language, and a knowing appreciation for what makes everyone - from gangsters to gun molls, from detectives to damsels - tick. Whether embodying an extra on a movie set in Spain or a desperate man out for vengeance in Detroit, these stories are endlessly entertaining - finding humanity in hardscrabble places and reminding us why Leonard is so sorely missed.

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### Book 116 Grey in the dark by John Lincoln

Gethin Grey is back in the game. His wife may have left him and he's struggling with life as a single father, but now he's got his biggest case in years. The brutal murder of a young woman called Kelly Rowland has been the talk of the South Wales valleys. Even the conviction of a neighbour, a builder called Morgan Hopkins, failed to stop the gossip. There were too many other suspects still around, among them a pair of coppers: brother and sister. So Gethin was delighted when Morgan's family stumped up the money to pay him and his Last Resort Legals team to reinvestigate the case. But when a new lead takes him undercover into a support group for recovering addicts, Gethin has to confront his own demons.

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## PARENTING AND FAMILY

### Book 117 The Whittiers by Danielle Steel

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| Connie and Preston Whittier raised their six children in a once-grand mansion in Manhattan. Even though the children are now adults, the house remains the heart of the family and somewhere they all love to return, particularly in times of stress. But when Connie and Preston's skiing trip in Europe ends in tragedy, the future of the family and their home is called into question. The Whittiers must now learn to move forward while facing their personal challenges. Lyle is successful but has an unhappy marriage. Gloria is a genius on Wall Street, but lonely. Twins Caroline and Charlie work tirelessly on their fashion brand, but have no time to enjoy life and discover who they really are. Benji requires additional support from his home environment. And Annabelle, rebellious teenager and baby of the family, falls in with a bad crowd. With the house as a refuge, they all must be true to themselves and come together to support each other in these terrible times.<https://my.visionaustralia.org/library/detail/book/5247275?format=DAISY_2_AUDIO&previous-title=Search>  |  |
| Book 118 The illuminated by Anindita GhoseAfter the sudden death of her celebrated husband, Shashi is alarmed to realize that overnight, she has lost her life's moorings. Meanwhile, their fiercely independent daughter Tara, a Sanskrit scholar, has been drawn into a passionate involvement with an older man, which threatens to consume her in ways she did not imagine possible. Amidst a rising tide of religious fundamentalism in India that is determined to put women in their place, Shashi and Tara attempt to look at themselves, and at each other, in a new light. But is it possible to emerge from an eclipse unscathed?<https://my.visionaustralia.org/library/detail/book/5247398?format=DAISY_2_AUDIO&previous-title=Search>  |  |

### Book 119 A village secret by Julie Houston

When Jennifer goes up to Cambridge University with her head full of the Romantic Poets, she never dreams that she will find her very own Byron. But then she meets gorgeous actor Laurie Lewis, and finds herself living a real-life love poem. Fifteen years and two children later, Jennifer and Laurie's relationship is starting to feel more like an epic tragedy. After a series of revelations turn her world upside down, Jennifer will do anything to keep her family together - even if it means moving hundreds of miles away to Laurie's childhood home in Westenbury, Yorkshire. As she reluctantly enters into village life - complete with interfering in-laws, new friends and a surprise delivery of alpacas - Jennifer is amazed to find herself feeling happy for the first time in years. But the village holds one last, devastating secret and Jennifer must decide once and for all what she wants her future to hold.

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### Book 120 The affairs of Ashmore Castle by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

England, 1903. Giles, the new Earl of Stainton, is struggling to bring his family's estate back to order after the death of his father, and he has little time for his pregnant wife Kitty. She lives in fear of her mother-in-law, who won't give up the reins of the household. Will she ever truly be mistress of Ashmore Castle? Meanwhile, the Earl's younger sisters are having their first taste of romance, but not necessarily with the right people. Richard is pursuing his forbidden relationship with Molly, while Nina makes a lively new friend who leads her straight into trouble and pushes her relationship with her husband to the limit. And below stairs, ambition, jealousy and revenge stalk the corridors, while a tragic suicide, a tender romance, and finally a mysterious disappearance challenge the castle's residents, both high and low ...

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### Book 121 The silence of water by Sharron Booth

When Fan's mum Agnes announces that the family is moving to Western Australia to take care of Agnes's father - a man they've never spoken of before now - Fan finds herself a stranger in a new town, living in a home whose currents and tensions she cannot read or understand. Resentful of her mother's decision to move, Fan forms an alliance with her grandfather, Edwin Salt, a convict transported to Australia in 1861. As she listens to memories of his former life in England, Fan starts snooping around the house, riffling through Edwin's belongings in an attempt to fill the gaps in his stories. But the secrets Fan uncovers will test the family's fragile bonds forever, and force Edwin into a final reckoning with the brutality of his past.

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### Book 122 After the rain by Aisling Smith

Malti Fortune is uneasy. She has turned away from her birthplace of Fiji to make a new life in Melbourne. But all that she thought was certain is now in danger of being swept away. Her husband, Benjamin, a linguist, is a conundrum. He has changed. Or has she? The stories and superstitions of her childhood are telling her something she knows but doesn't want to hear - about being a trespasser, about not belonging. In the years to come, Malti and Benjamin's daughters are also to learn some hard truths. For Ellery, the hands-on father of her memories vanishes for months on end and the remembered fragments of good times aren't enough to sustain her anymore. Verona, on the verge of adulthood, can't imagine a world without her beloved Dad. He is her rock and hero. But Malti and Ellery both know that you can't depend on Benjamin. What makes a family? What does home look like? All three women are seeking answers. Each is haunted by her own ghosts. And by Benjamin. To find what they are looking for, they need to be honest with themselves and make peace with their own unreliable memories.

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## POETRY

### Book 123 Dress rehearsals by Madison Godfrey

A memoir made of poetry, Dress Rehearsals documents a decade of performing womanhood in a non-binary body. Dress Rehearsals is a raw and beautiful exploration of what it means to be feminine. Beginning with teenage yearning, these poems both celebrate and grieve Madison's sexual awakening as they transition into the glittering femme fatale. Navigating first love, menstruation, chronic illness, sex and patriarchal power dynamics, Dress Rehearsals is a coming-of-age story that has never been told - a decade of performing womanhood in an elaborate and shifting costume. This collection is a unique and transformative experience and, with its careful balance of dark humour and warmth, a queer celebration of gender.

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## POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

### Book 124 The White House Plumbers: the seven weeks that led to Watergate and doomed Nixon's presidency by Egil Krogh and Matthew D Krogh

This is the true story of the White House Plumbers, a secret unit inside Nixon's White House, their ill-conceived plans to stop the leaking of the Pentagon Papers, and how they led to Watergate and the President's demise.

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## PSYCHOLOGY

### Book 125 The emotional lives of teenagers: raising connected, capable, and compassionate adolescents by Lisa Damour

An urgently needed guide to help parents understand their teenagers' emotional highs and lows--and how to support their sons and daughters through this critical development stage. In teenagers, powerful emotions are the rule, not the exception. Unfortunately, many of today's parents now regard their teens' negative feelings as disruptive, dangerous, or diagnosable, thanks to the rise of the wellness industry and the widespread use of psychotropic drugs. To make matters worse, the global pandemic, academic pressure, social media stress, and a bleak environmental future have left today's teenagers feeling overwhelmed. Parents who read this book will learn: a teenager's mental health isn't just about feeling good, it's about having the appropriate feelings at the appropriate time. Parents can help their teens regulate those feelings to avoid emotional floods. strategies to keep teens from being overwhelmed by their emotions, so that kids aren't at the mercy of their moods how to connect with their teens to facilitate open, honest conversations how to deal with their teens' arguments, risk taking, romance, friendships, social media, and much more With concrete, relatable explanations embedded in vibrant, real-life anecdotes, The Emotional Lives of Teenagers gives parents the science-based information they need to guide their teens through a challenging developmental phase during challenging times.

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## RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

### Book 126 The violent bear it away by Flannery O'Connor

Orphaned Francis Marion Tarwater and his cousin, Rayber, defy the prophecy of their dead uncle - that Tarwater will become a prophet and will baptize Rayber's young son, Bishop. A series of struggles ensue, as Tarwater fights an internal battle against his innate faith and the voices calling nim to be a prophet, while Rayber tries to draw Tarwater into a more 'reasonable' modern world. Both wrestle with the legacy of their dead relatives and lay claim to Bishop's soul.

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## ROMANCE

### Book 127 Summer at Stallion Ridge by Delores Fossen

Matt Corbin returns to his hometown and encounters his former teenage crush, Emory Parkman, whose wedding gowns bring luck to all but herself. Now with Matt's return, she's tempted to give love another chance.

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### Book 128 Mornings at River's End Ranch by Delores Fossen

High school sweethearts Wyatt Buchanan and Nola Parkman were pulled apart by an unplanned pregnancy. Seventeen years later, the decision to place the baby for adoption finds them unlucky in love, yet still drawn to each other.

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### Book 129 Making waves at Penvennan Cove by Linn B Halton

For once, things are going well for thirty-year-old Kerra Shaw. She has a fulfilling job helping small businesses in the local community, she is within a few minutes' walk of all the people she loves best, and most importantly, she has finally got together with her childhood sweetheart, Ross. It's not all plain sailing, though, because they have to keep their relationship a secret. The feud between their families still rages on, and Kerra doesn't want to pour fuel on its flame and risk losing everything. But Kerra should know better than anyone that secrets don't stay hidden for long in a community like Penvennan Cove.

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### Book 130 Christmas at Applemore by Rachael Lucas

Harry Robertson is determined to make the Applemore Hotel a success. As the busy season ends, the builders are ready to get to work. He's closing the doors on the final guests of the year when a chance encounter changes everything. Capricious media star Ivy Winter causes a stir when she arrives in the tiny Highland village with her fiancE Ben. Harry's delighted to hear she wants nothing more than to marry in the hotel her parents loved ... there's just one tiny problem. Ivy's got her heart set on a Christmas wedding - and what Ivy wants, she gets. Harry's best friend Polly Fraser reassures him they can make it work - between her farm shop stuffed with local produce, her sister Beth's flower farm to provide the wedding flowers, and artisan bakers to create the wedding cakes of their dreams. The tight-knit community pull together, determined to make it a Christmas Applemore will never forget. But everything that can go wrong does, and the village is on tenterhooks. Can they pull it off? As snow begins to fall over the Highlands, romance is in the air. Will this Christmas wedding be the one to bring Harry and Polly together at last?

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### Book 131 The distant hills by Lucy Walker

Angela and Nellie plan to live with a family friend in Western Australia. When their ship from England docks, they learn that she has died in a tragic accident. What will the future hold for the young sisters? Gilbert Lawrence is the handsome, wealthy cattle station owner at Naroo Downs. His proposal surprises Angela. But has he made it for the right reasons? Angela soon makes an impression at Naroo Downs. Yet living up to Gilbert's expectations is a challenge. And is beautiful and sophisticated Stella Winton really an ally whom Angela can trust? As Angela grapples with her situation she asks herself, can there be a marriage without love?

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### Book 132 The lost letters of Ireland by Susanne O'Leary

Edwina is looking for a fresh start. So when a friend suggests she renovates a series of coastguard cottages in the tiny village of Sandy Cove, she wonders if the beautiful Irish seaside town might be her chance for a new beginning. Soon after she arrives, Edwina meets Shane O'Flaherty, a charming local doctor, with whom she feels an instant connection. As the pair walk the streets of the picturesque village together, Edwina's feelings grow stronger, and she begins to wonder whether Sandy Cove might be the place she can finally call home. But when Edwina discovers a message in a bottle, written twenty years ago and washed ashore at Wild Rose Bay, she is haunted by its contents. Touched by the heartbreaking letter, Edwina resolves to find the person who wrote it. As she begins to uncover the identity of the person who wrote the letter all those years ago, everything Edwina thought she knew about Shane changes in an instant. Has she unearthed a secret that should never have come to light? And does her heart still lie in Sandy Cove?

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### Book 133 Dirty little midlife dilemma by Lilian Monroe

A hot, hilarious fresh start! Nora's forties begin with a bang ... or rather, a crash. What's worse than bumping into a parked motorcycle and tipping it over? Easy. It's bumping into a motorcycle, tipping it over, and sending it crashing into an entire row of bikes like horrible, slow-motion dominos. What's even worse than that? Nora knows the answer. It's when the first motorcycle in the row belongs to the hottest man in a hundred-mile radius, and he watches the whole thing happen. Lee Blair looks like he wants to pop her head off her shoulders like a champagne cork. Saying "oopsie daisy" doesn't calm him down. Go figure. Safe to say, Nora's not having a great day. Her fresh start isn't exactly going to plan. When she gets the bill for her mistake, she nearly breaks down. In order to pay it off, she'll have to move back in with her mother and beg for her old job back. It's every forty-one-year-old woman's dream ... not. Until Lee offers her a solution. He'll take on the debt and let her pay it off over time ... if she agrees to work for him.

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### Book 134 Notorious by Olivia Hayfield

Everyone has heard of the Snows. Belle: world-famous singer of Woodville fame. Her husband Teddy: acclaimed actor by day, notorious party animal by night. Their children: Emma, Pearl, Crystal, Elfred, and River. Emma Snow wants three things: to become a writer, own a cat, and never think about Rowan Bosworth again. Darkly handsome with a tragic past, Emma should know better than to be in love with him. She's never sure whether he actually likes her, or if she's just a pawn in one of the twisted games he likes to play. One Valentine's Day, a terrible event occurs which rips the Snows apart. Determined to uncover the truth, Emma is forced to delve into the dark underbelly of her celebrity family - and decide whether to think with her heart or her head. Because when you're surrounded by rumours, it's difficult to see the truth.

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### Book 135 The laird's prize by Eliza Knight

Lady Douglass de Clifford is reticent about marrying an English soldier who holds a Scottish castle for their king. After all, she doesn’t really believe the English should be battling the Scots for their own land. When she arrives in Dumfries, their party is unexpectedly ambushed. Besieged by rebel Scots, she is tossed from her horse, only to be saved by a Highland warrior who promises safety even as he absconds with her. She vows to run away, until his tender kiss makes her doubt everything she has ever known. Laird Noah Sinclair had not expected to find an English bride in the center of his battle, and now he is determined to take from his enemy what he prizes most—his lady. As the eldest of his brothers and laird of his clan, he has a responsibility to those who look to him for leadership. But when Lady Douglass threatens to run away and is nearly accosted by an outlaw, he is determined to prove to everyone that she is his and his alone. While at first his decision to steal the prize seemed like a punishment, her kiss proves to be rewarding all on its own.

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### Book 136 The last gift of the master artists by Ben Okri

By a riverbank in Africa, two lovers meet for the first time. They make a promise to meet again the next day, same time, same place, but only one of them shows up. This sounds like the beginning of a love story, but it's more than that, for this breath-taking tale takes the reader into the heart of a vibrant world, a complex and intriguing civilisation of warriors and kings, philosophers and artists, parents and lovers. A world and culture which is about to end, for glimpsed on the horizon, seen but unsuspected, beautiful ships with white sails are waiting ...

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### Book 137 The girl at Holly Cottage by Tania Anne Crosse

Plymouth, 1954. The future seems rosy for Plymouth schoolgirl Anna Millington, as she prepares for teacher training college. But Anna's life is not what it seems. Her family is hiding a cruel secret that resulted from the worst night of the Plymouth Blitz. Now, the devastating consequences are about to erupt again. Fearing for her life, Anna leaves her dreams behind and flees to nearby Dartmoor. It isn't long before Anna secures a position as a serving girl at Ashcroft Hall. It isn't the teaching career she longed for. The staff are rude and make no effort to befriend her. But she finds solace in loving Sir Gilbert, Lady Ashcroft's son, who calls her his little smoky eyes'. It soon becomes clear that Anna's not the only one with secrets. Will she learn who she can really trust? And can she find the courage to seek out the happiness she truly deserves?

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### Book 138 Snowy Ridge by Peter McKelvie

Often, before a storm, there is that moment of eerie silence, stillness, tranquillity. A moment of absolute peace. Everything in nature stands motionless in anticipation. Even the initiated can be drawn into the deception. The moment Jack saw a lone figure on a horse riding toward him on that hot day in early spring was such a moment in time, literally and figuratively. It was the moment before he knew she was a she. The moment before he'd been instantly captured consciously and subconsciously by her beauty. The moment before the physical storm that forced their acquaintance. The moment before his life became the storm. Returning from the war, Jack Sutherland awaits the arrival of his beautiful Irish bride, oblivious to the heartwrenching twists and turns that lie on the road ahead.

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### Book 139 Red ember storm by Peter McKelvie

In an odd and serene moment, she wondered how something so bright and actually beautiful, such a vibrant red, a colour synonymous with passion, romance and love, the colour of blood, of life, could also be the colour of so much appalling devastation. Sent south to the Snowy mountains to work on his Cousin Jack's farm, George Sutherland finds himself fighting for a beautiful woman, his job and ultimately his life. He is driven to breaking point as he is made to question his own reality, if he is worthy of the job and ultimately, the family name. Maggie Jones can't control falling in love, but the shift in her relationships will cause more devastation than she will ever know.

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### Book 140 Outback roads by Annie Seaton

Determined never to trust a man again, Callie Young walks out of her job as a presenter on the weather channel, determined to take the first job that will get her out of the city and away from the Tik Tok video, #wrongforecast, that has kept the world amused. Meeting her new employer, the cranky and bossy owner of Kilcoy Station reinforces her belief that no man can be trusted, but to Callie’s dismay that doesn’t stop the growing attraction to this difficult man. Braden is unimpressed with the glamorous woman the city employment agency sends in response to his desperate ad for a nanny. She’s never been out of the city, barely knows the difference between a bull and a milking cow, and drives a luxury sedan. But she makes him feel things he’d thought were gone for good. Will his sad past, and a guilty secret, protect his heart and ensure Braden denies his growing feelings for Callie?

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### Book 141 Edgewater Road by Shelley Shepard Gray

When Jennifer Smiley’s grandmother, Ginny, leaves her an old farmhouse on Edgewater Road in seemingly quiet Ross County, Ohio, Jennifer can’t pass up the opportunity for a new beginning. Almost immediately, she meets a group of men who generously help her move in. When she realizes that they work for Lincoln Bennett, her next-door neighbor, she’s intrigued. Lincoln is gorgeous and has dark lapis-blue eyes she could get lost in...but he doesn’t seem all that friendly. She’s torn between getting to know him and sticking with the solitude she knows so well. Maybe she could let down some of those walls she’s built around her emotions? Lincoln Bennett likes to keep his head down and get his work done. He’s been to prison, and he knows that a lot of folks don’t take kindly to a man with that kind of history. Plus, he’s busy helping other ex-cons get back on their feet. But when he meets Jennifer, he can’t help but feel an instant attraction. Will she be able to look past his unsavory history? Will she be able to accept the men he’s working so hard to help? While Jennifer gets to know Lincoln and his friends, she also begins to unravel her grandmother’s story, putting together the pieces from scraps of memories and things she finds in her new home. She soon discovers that Ginny Smiley harbored some dark secrets on Edgewater Road - and that those secrets include both Lincoln and her own absent father. Is learning the truth worth the heartache it could bring?

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### Book 142 Sycamore Circle by Shelley Shepard Gray

There’s a lot going on in Joy Howard’s life. She’s got an ex-husband who starts acting like he doesn’t want to be an ex anymore, a sixteen-year-old daughter in need of a guiding hand and a lot of rides to dance practice, more orders for paintings than she has time to paint, and a roster of tutoring clients who sometimes need far more than she can give. What she doesn’t have is time for a new relationship. Samuel “Bo” Beauman is a lot of things. He’s a counselor for transitioning ex-cons, a good friend to many, a construction worker, a brother and son, and even a part-time model for a high-end sportswear catalog. He’s also a man searching for redemption. One thing he isn’t is a man in need of a girlfriend. But none of that seems to matter when Bo hears Joy’s kind voice in a crowded coffee shop. He instantly knows she’s someone he wants to know better. The two of them hit it off—much to the dismay of practically everyone they know—but Bo doesn’t care what other people think. He feels at peace whenever he’s with Joy, and he won’t let her go without a fight. When Joy starts getting mysterious texts and phone calls from unknown numbers, she tries to ignore it. But instead of going away, the messages escalate and Joy realizes she can’t handle it alone. But she is juggling a jealous ex-husband, a handful of students with little to lose, and a brand-new boyfriend who spent several years behind bars. Who can she trust?

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### Book 143 No holding back by Lori Foster

Trucker Sterling (Star) Parson is no stranger to the challenges a woman faces, both in her industry and in life. But she can take care of herself. She’s never needed — or wanted — a man around...until she meets Cade McKenzie. The take-charge bar owner sets off all kinds of alarm bells for Sterling, but he also sets her heart racing. Cade’s lived in Ridge Trail long enough to know trouble when he sees it, and the moment Sterling walks into his bar, he knows trouble’s come to call. Secrets run deep in the small town and Cade can tell Star’s got as many as he does, leaving him itching to uncover every last one. But finding common ground will mean trusting one another, further feeding an intense attraction that’s growing impossible to resist.

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### Book 144 Stronger than you know by Lori Foster

Kennedy Brooks has spent years learning how to protect herself, and empowering other women to do the same. Still, there are some hazards that can’t be predicted. That includes Reyes McKenzie, who owns her local gym. Strong, capable, and watchful, he seems like the one man who might understand her past. For once, Kennedy is tempted to let her guard down—something she’s vowed never to do. The moment petite, fiercely determined Kennedy walked into his gym, Reyes knew that she carried secrets. What he didn’t expect was that she could tell the same about him. When trouble tracks her down, she turns to Reyes, unleashing a maelstrom of protective instinct and mutual desire. But will her need for him end when the danger does, or will they take the ultimate risk—on each other?

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### Book 145 Watching over you by Lori Foster

While investigating a criminal network, Detective Crosby Albertson keeps crossing paths with members of the highly trained, suspiciously well-informed McKenzie family. They’re always one step ahead of him—especially their alarmingly attractive intel specialist, Madison. And Crosby needs to find out why. Madison McKenzie is the tech and surveillance whiz of her family’s operation. A recent case introduced her to Detective Albertson. She finds herself irresistibly drawn to the sexy and mysterious cop. There’s just one problem. He’s a detective, and her family’s work is secret. When Crosby starts digging for information about the McKenzies, Madison’s got to get him off the scent...while keeping him at a safe distance.

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### Book 146 The dangerous one by Lori Foster

Hunter Osborn left his family, his friends and his job as a park ranger after uncovering a disturbing crime scene. Haunted by nightmares and harrowing memories, Hunter relocated to an isolated property near Triple Creek, Colorado, where he lives alone and keeps his interactions with people to a minimum. Still, Hunter can spot trouble from a mile away, and when he encounters Jodi Bentley, he knows she’s trouble of the most tempting kind—even more tempting when she moves into the run-down cabin next door. Jodi is tough as nails, sexy as hell—and clearly struggles with her own traumatic past. Hunter tries to keep his distance, but when Jodi’s life is threatened, he can’t help being drawn out of his own darkness and into hers.

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### Book 147 A Texas kind of cowboy by Delores Fossen

When single mom Lorelei Parkman discovers the biological father of her adopted daughter could be Dax Buchanan, the Dax Buchanan, she's shocked. Of all the men in Last Ride, Texas, the bull-riding bad boy doesn't quite fit the bill of parent. But as Lorelei learns more about Stellie's mysterious birth mother, she realizes she'll have to trust the reckless rodeo star or risk losing her baby forever. Dax is normally up for any kind of challenge. Daddy duty, however, is best left to the pros. Still, being with the little girl, and the gorgeous Lorelei, unlocks something inside, a completeness he's been chasing his whole life. And now that he has it, he's sure as hell not letting go.

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## SCIENCE

### Book 148 Baby brain: the surprising neuroscience of how pregnancy and motherhood sculpt our brains and change our minds by Sarah McKay

If you think baby brain is bad for you, think again - because neuroscientist Dr Sarah McKay (author of The Women's Brain Book) has looked at studies and talked to experts from all over the world and the proof is in: giving birth is one of the best things to ever happen to a woman's brain. Moreover, the positive effects of baby brain last well beyond the baby stage - even into old age, with elderly mothers' brains showing resilience to ageing. Plus, the benefits of baby brain show up for non-birth parents - even fatherhood has a profound effect on the hormones and brains of men. This fascinating book weaves together baby brain research and interviews with neuroscientists and women's health specialists - many of whom are mothers - with personal experiences from parents concerning baby brain, nesting, maternal instinct, social support, anxiety and sleep. In each aspect the conclusion is clear: having a baby improves a mother's memory, and makes her smarter and more empathetic, intuitive and socially savvy. Baby Brain contains the ultimate good-news story about mothers' brains, backed up by scientific research from leading experts and presented in highly readable bite-sized sections by one of Australia's leading science communicators.

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## SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

### Book 149 The becoming by Nora Roberts

When Breen Kelly makes a leap into the unknown with a summer trip to Ireland in search of her father, little does she know she will find a portal into another world - Talamh - where she will find magic, family and a destiny beyond her wildest dreams. Breen is welcomed by most of her family and friends but there is one who is far from welcoming. Her grandfather, the outcast god Odran plots to destroy Talamh and now all must unite to defeat his dark forces. There will be losses and sorrows, betrayal and bloodshed. But through it, Breen Siobhan Kelly will take the next step on the journey to becoming all that she was born to be.

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### Book 150 The choice by Nora Roberts

With Odran's defeat at the Battle of the Dark Portal, his quest to rule over Talamh and Breen has stalled - for now. But the terrible battle and heart-breaking losses have taken their toll. Breen must help treat the wounded, bring the dead home from blood-and ash-soaked battlegrounds and support her friends and family in their grief. With the enemy cast out and the portal sealed it is a time to recover but there is little time to rest. Soon the enemy's witches begin to appear to Breen in her sleep, practicing black magick, sacrificing the innocent, and plotting brutal destruction. It is time for Breen to seek out those in desperate need of rescue and confront the darkness with every weapon she has. An epic battle is coming. A battle Breen cannot afford to lose.

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### Book 151 Solar storms by Nicholas Sansbury Smith

In the year 2055, scientists discover something far worse than rising temperatures and rising seas-they discover massive sunspots that are producing unprecedented solar flares. With little time to prepare for the storms, NASA recruits doctors Sophie Winston and Emanuel Rodriguez to help monitor the solar weather. At first, the duo believes they have been hired for a routine project. But when arriving at the Johnson Space Center they quickly realize they haven't been told everything about their mission. And as a massive storm races toward Earth, they begin to suspect that it isn't a natural event. Millions of miles away something is feeding the storms ..

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### Book 152 White sands and red sands by Nicholas Sansbury Smith

The thrilling short stories set in the Orbs universe. Jeff and his little brother, David, are alone. Their parents have disappeared along with the rest of the world, replaced by glowing blue orbs and a terrifying army of aliens. But the boys are survivors. Living in the tunnels beneath the White Sands military base, escaping from hungry aliens, and searching for supplies, they hatch a plan. The boys will fight back, and before they're through the white sands will run red with blood.

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### Book 153 Orbs by Nicholas Sansbury Smith

The year is 2061, and the planet is dying. Cataclysmic solar storms have forced leaders from around the world to finally put aside their differences and agree on one thing-to jump ship. The human race is headed to Mars. Dr. Sophie Winston is hired by New Tech Corporation to test a biosphere deep within the heart of Cheyenne Mountain; a mission she believes will help prepare the company for the three-year flight to the red planet. But, just days into the assignment, things start to go wrong. When the blast doors hiss open, Winston's team finds a changed world outside. Humans are gone, vanished without a trace, and they aren't the only thing missing. The planet's water has disappeared, too. As the team explores their surroundings, they find thousands of luminous blue orbs lining the streets. It isn't until they uncover what's inside that they realize the nightmare that lies ahead.

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### Book 154 Stranded by Nicholas Sansbury Smith

The aliens have invaded, wiping out almost all life on Earth. Their goal: water. Huge spaceships are draining the oceans, and the few remaining humans have been herded into farms, where their bodies are harvested to support the growing alien army. Humanity's last chance lies in the biospheres that have been planted secretly across the globe. But all is not peaceful in the biome led by Dr. Sophie Winston. With resources dwindling and tensions high, her small group of survivors is divided. Some want to fight, some want to stay hidden, and Sophie just wants to keep everyone alive. When one of their own, 11-year-old Jeff, is kidnapped by the Organics, Sophie is forced to pick sides. With the help of a promising new magnetic weapon, the biosphere team just might have a fighting chance to save Jeff and the world - if they live long enough to use it.

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### Book 155 Redemption by Nicholas Sansbury Smith

With the alien armies growing stronger, Sophie's biosphere decides to join forces with the team from NTC's submarine. Using data from a surviving satellite, they discover strange alien poles at each of the world's seven highest summits: alien technology that the survivors believe may hold the key to shutting down the alien ships once and for all. But before the two teams can launch an offensive, the biosphere must deal with sabotage from within and a strange nanotechnology that has infected several of the survivors. As tensions rise, Sophie and team must decide whether their new discovery is worth abandoning the biosphere. The more the team learns, the more they realize that Earth may be beyond saving and that salvation may require leaving the planet forever.

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### Book 156 Exodus by Nicholas Sansbury Smith

Operation Redemption, the final desperate mission in taking back the planet from the Organics has failed. Captain Rick Noble and his soldiers have been captured and imprisoned on an alien ship. But not all is lost. Their sacrifice allowed Doctor Sophie Winston, Doctor Emanuel Rodriguez, and their small team to escape in the NTC Sunspot - their destination, Mars. The perilous journey to find a lost human colony may offer Sophie and the rest of humanity a chance at life. Those left on Earth are caught in a life-and-death struggle. Corporal Athena Rollins of the NTC Ghosts of Atlantis submarine still believes they can beat the aliens with the help of AI Alexia, but time is running out. The oceans are draining, the temperatures are rising, and the other pockets of survivors are perishing every day. Trapped on the Organic ship, Captain Rick Noble is desperate to escape and save his crew back on Earth. As he waits for his opportunity he finds an ally in the most unlikely of places. The fight for Earth may be lost, but the fight for Mars and the future of the human race.

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### Book 157 No gods, no monsters by Cadwell Turnbull

One October morning, Laina gets the news that her brother has been shot and killed by Boston cops. But what looks like a case of police brutality soon reveals something much stranger. Monsters are real. And they want everyone to know it. As creatures from myth and legend come out of the shadows, seeking safety through visibility, their emergence sets off a chain of seemingly unrelated events. Members of a local werewolf pack are threatened into silence. A professor follows a missing friend's trail of bread crumbs to a mysterious secret society. And a young boy with unique abilities seeks refuge in a pro-monster organization with secrets of its own. Meanwhile, more people start disappearing, suicides and hate crimes increase, and protests erupt globally, both for and against the monsters. At the center is a mystery no one thinks to ask: Why now? What has frightened the monsters out of the dark? The world will soon find out.

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### Book 158 How to be remembered by Michael Thompson

Everybody wants to leave a legacy - through their children, their work or the difference they make in others' lives. But what if you were prevented? What if no-one even remembered you? How far would you go to make your mark on the world? Some lives are simply unforgettable ... On an ordinary night in an ordinary year, Tommy Llewellyn's doting parents wake in a home without toys and nappies, without photos of their baby scattered about, and without any idea that the small child asleep in his crib is theirs. That's because Tommy is a boy destined to never be remembered. On the same day every year, everyone around him forgets he exists, and he grows up enduring his own universal Reset. That is until something extraordinary happens: Tommy Llewellyn falls in love. Determined to finally carve out a life for himself and land the girl of his dreams, Tommy sets out on a mission to finally trick the Reset and be remembered. But legacies aren't so easily won, and Tommy must figure out what's more important-the things we leave behind or the people we bring along with us. How to be Remembered is a heartwarming, poignant and ultimately inspiring novel about the important things in life.

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### Book 159 In ascension by Martin MacInnes

Leigh grew up in Rotterdam, drawn to the waterfront as an escape from her unhappy home life and volatile father. Enchanged by the undersea world of her childhood, she excels in marine biology, travelling the globe to study ancient organisms. When a trench is discovered in the Atlantic ocean, Leigh joins the exploration team, hoping to find evidence of the earth's first life forms--what she instead finds calls into question everything we know about our own beginnings. Her discovery leads Leigh to the Mojave desert and an ambitious new space agency. Drawn deeper into the agency's work, she learns that the Atlantic trench is only one of several related phenomena from across the world, each piece linking up to suggest a pattern beyond human understanding. Leigh knows that to continue working with the agency will mean leaving behind her declining mother and her younger sister, and she faces an impossible choice: to remain with her family, or to embark on a journey across the breadth of the cosmos.

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### Book 160 Enclave by Claire G Coleman

'These are troubling times. The world is a dangerous place,' the voice of the Chairman said. 'I can continue to assure you of this: within the Wall you are perfectly safe.' Christine could not sleep, she could not wake, she could not think. She stared, half-blind, at the cold screen of her smartphone. She was told the Agency was keeping them safe from the dangers outside, an outside world she would never see. She never imagined questioning what she was told, what she was allowed to know, what she was permitted to think. She never even thought there were questions to ask. The enclave was the only world she knew, the world outside was not safe. Staying or leaving was not a choice she had the power to make. But then Christine dared start thinking-- and from that moment, danger was everywhere.

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## SOCIOLOGY

### Book 161 Girly drinks: a world history of women and alcohol by Mallory O'Meara

Drink has always been at the centre of social rituals and cultures worldwide - and women have been at the heart of its production and consumption. So when did drinking become gendered? How have patriarchies tried to erase and exclude women from industries they've always led, and how have women fought back? And why are things from bars to whiskey considered 'masculine', when, without women, they might not exist? With whip-smart insight and boundless curiosity, 'Girly Drinks' unveils distillers, brewers, drinkers and bartenders with a vital role in the creation and consumption of alcohol, from Cleopatra, Catherine the Great and the real Veuve Clicquot to Chinese poets, medieval nuns and Prohibition bootleggers.

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### Book 162 Tinder translator: an A-Z of modern misogyny by Aileen Barratt

Tinder Translator is a dictionary of douchebaggery for the modern dater - and a hilariously sharp read for all feminists - from Aileen Barratt of @TinderTranslators. It will make you laugh, sigh, think, and leave you feeling empowered and resilient. Ten years after the introduction of Tinder, dating apps have changed the terrain of human interaction, but many feel like they've been sent into the wilderness without a guide. For those dating cis-het men especially, the blatant misogyny encountered during every swipe session is depressing and enraging in equal measure. And then there is the not-so-blatant stuff. Scrolling through profile after profile, you'll see the same stock phrases: Good vibes only. Must have banter. Just ask. But what do they actually mean? Tinder Translator takes you through an A to Z of terminology that permeates not just the dating world but the wider world. Through her Instagram account, Aileen has heard from thousands of people on their dating experiences, in addition to her own years spent on dating apps. This book is part reference, part rant and part rallying cry for anyone navigating the sometimes gross and exhausting experience of dating, but also just for everyone who is sick of the patriarchy, whatever their relationship status.

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### Book 163 A 1950s childhood: from tin baths to bread and dripping by Paul Feeney

Do you remember Pathe News? Taking the train to the seaside? The purple stains of iodine on the knees of boys in short trousers? Knitted bathing costumes? Then the chances are you were born in or around 1950. To the young people of today, the 1950s seems like another age. But for those born around then, this era of childhood seems like yesterday. From waking up to ice on the inside of the windows, washing in a tin bath by the fire and spoonfuls of cod-liver oil, home life was very different to today. This delightful compendium of memories will appeal to all who grew up in this post-war decade, whether in town or country, wealth or poverty. With chapters on games and hobbies, holidays, music and fashion, the wonderful memories will bring back this decade of childhood, and jog memories about all aspects of life.

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### Book 164 A 1960s childhood: from Thunderbirds to Beatlemania by Paul Feeney

Do you remember Beatlemania? Radio Caroline? Mods and Rockers? The very first miniskirts? Then the chances are you were born in the or around 1960. To the young people of today, the 1960s seems like another age. But for those who grew up in this decade, school life, 'mod' fashions and sixties pop music are still fresh in their minds. From James Bond to Sindy dolls and playing hopscotch in the street, life was very different to how it is now. After the tough and frugal years of the fifties, the sixties was a boom period, a time of changed attitudes and improved lifestyles. With chapters on home and school life, games and hobbies, music and fashion, alongside a selection of charming illustrations, this delightful compendium of memories will appeal to all who grew up in this lively era. Take a nostalgic look at what it was like to grow up during the sixties and recapture all aspects of life back then.

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## TRAVEL

### Book 165 The Curtain and the Wall: a journey in the shadow of the Cold War by Timothy Phillips

The Iron Curtain divided the continent of Europe, north to south, with the Berlin Wall as its most visible, infamous manifestation. Since the Cold War ended and these borders came down, Europe has transformed itself. New generations have grown up, freed from the tensions and restrictions of the past. But what do the Curtain and the Wall mean today? What has happened to the people and places they divided? What have they left in their wake? In a major new book, Timothy Phillips travels the route of the Iron Curtain from deep inside the Arctic Circle to the meeting point of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Turkey. He explores the borderlands where the clash of civilisations was at its most intense between 1945 and 1989, and where the world's most powerful ideologies became tangible in reinforced concrete and barbed wire. He looks at the new Europe that emerged from the ruins. The people he meets bear vivid witness to times of change. There are those who look back on the Cold War with nostalgia and affection. Others despise it, unable to forgive the hard and sometimes lost decades that their families, friends and nations endured. These old fault lines have much to tell us about Europe now and about our societies' current disputes - over borders, and about belonging and the meaning of progress. The Curtain and the Wall transports the reader across 5,000 kilometres of Europe and through eight decades, to show how one of the defining stories of the 20th century continues to shape our world today.

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### Book 166 Bibliomaniac: an obsessive's tour of the bookshops of Britain by Robin Ince

Why play to 12,000 people when you can play to 12? In Autumn 2021, Robin Ince's stadium tour with Professor Brian Cox was postponed due to the pandemic. Rather than do nothing, he decided he would instead go on a tour of over a hundred bookshops, from Wigtown to Penzance; from Swansea to Margate. Packed with anecdotes and tall tales, Bibliomaniac follows Robin up and down the country in his quest to discover just why he can never have enough books. It is the story of an addiction and a romance, and also of an occasional points failure just outside Oxenholme.

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## CHILDREN’S BOOKS

### Book 167 No matter the distance by Cindy Baldwin

Penny Rooney has cystic fibrosis, which means she has to do breathing treatments to help her lungs work. During spring break Penny spots something impossible in the creek behind her house: a dolphin, far from its home. Penny names the dolphin Rose and feels an immediate bond, since the dolphin is also sick. But as Penny's CF worsens, she realizes that Rose needs to return to her pod to get better. Will Penny be able to help guide Rose back to the ocean, even if it means losing her friend?

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### Book 168 A boy called Bat by Elana K Arnold

For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises--some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But the minute Bat meets the kit, he knows they belong together. And he's got one month to show his mom that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet.

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### Book 169 Bat and the waiting game by Elana K Arnold

For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), caretaker of the best baby skunk in the world, life is pretty great. But when his older sister Janie gets a part in the school play and can't watch Bat after school, it means someone else has to take care of the skunk kit in the afternoons. Bat wants everything to go back to normal. He just has to make it to the night of Janie's performance.

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### Book 170 Bat and the end of everything by Elana K Arnold

Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat) has been the caretaker for Thor, the best skunk kit in the world, but the last day of third grade is quickly approaching, and Thor is almost ready to be released into the wild. The end of school also means that Bat has to say good-bye to his favorite teacher, and his best friend is leaving for a long vacation. Bat can't help but feel that everything is coming to an end.

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### Book 171 Peppa plays cricket by Mandy Archer

It is a very sunny day. Perfect for a game of cricket! Daddy Pig teaches Peppa, George and Suzy Sheep how to play cricket in the garden, followed by the most important part of the game - taking a break for tea and cake! Everyone loves cricket, especially Daddy Pig!

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### Book 172 The age of dinosaurs: the rise and fall of the world's most remarkable animals by Stephen Brusatte

Think you know about dinosaurs? Think again! Steve Brusatte brings young scientists and readers everywhere into his world of massive herbivores and fearsome predators, daily unexpected discoveries, and all the new science used to learn about some of the world's oldest beings. Even though the dinosaurs roamed the earth millions of years ago, we're still piecing together new information about these ancient animals. Did you know that, on average, a new species of dinosaur is discovered every single week? Or that many dinosaurs had feathers? Or that there are even modern-day dinosaurs walking around right now? Steve Brusatte writes about all the new discoveries he and his colleagues have made that help us better understand—and marvel at—these remarkable reptiles.

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### Book 173 Dogs with jobs by Natalie Leskie

Meet Humphrey, Pinky, Macy and their friends. Six different dogs with six important jobs.

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### Book 174 Midwinter burning by Tanya Landman

Alfie Wright? Alfie Wrong, more like. Alfie has never really fitted in anywhere - he doesn't have any friends, and even his mum seems embarrassed of him. So when he's evacuated to a farm in rural Devon run by kind old Aunt Bell and her gentle giant of a son, Alfie can't believe his luck. The War seems a long way off, and among the cows and pigs and geese Alfie's happier than he's ever been - especially when he makes friends with one of the local boys, Snidge. But Snidge, for all his friendliness, is not all he appears. And the mystery that surrounds him seems to be connected to the Midwinter Burning, an annual ritual held at the Standing Stones, high up on the cliffs. Aunt Bell says it's all just a bit of harmless superstition, but when Snidge goes missing, Alfie finally discovers who his friend really is - and relives the true horror of the legend.

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### Book 175 The grace of wild things by Heather Fawcett

Grace has never been good at anything except magic—not that anyone believes her. While other children are adopted from the orphanage, nobody wants Grace. So she decides to make a home for herself by running away and offering herself as an apprentice to the witch in the nearby woods. After all, who better to teach Grace to use her magic? Surely the witch can’t be that bad. But the witch is that bad—she steals souls for spells and gobbles up hearts. So Grace offers a deal: If she can learn all 100½ spells in the witch’s grimoire, the witch will make Grace her apprentice. But if Grace fails, the witch can take her magic. The witch agrees, and soon an unexpected bond develops between them. But the spells are much harder than Grace expected, and when a monster from the witch’s past threatens the home Grace has built, she may have to sacrifice more than her magic to save it.

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### Book 176 Unseen magic by Emily Lloyd-Jones

Aldermere is a town with its own set of rules: there’s a tea shop that vanishes if you try to force your way in, crows that must be fed or they’ll go through your trash, and a bridge that has a toll that no one knows the cost of. Some say that there may even be bigfoots wandering through the woods. For Fin, Aldermere is her new home. But she’s worried that she’ll do something to mess it up—that she was the reason she and her mother have constantly moved from place to place for so long. When an upcoming presentation at her school’s science fair gives her increasing anxiety, Fin turns to magic to ease her fears. The cost is a memory, but there are things from her past Fin doesn’t mind forgetting. This will be the last time she relies on magic anyway, she's sure. Except things don’t go exactly as planned. And instead of easing her anxiety, Fin accidentally unleashes an evil doppelganger. Suddenly Aldermere is overrun with unusual occurrences—and Fin is the only one who knows why. She will have to face her fears—literally—to stop it.

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### Book 177 Unspoken magic by Emily Lloyd-Jones

It’s been six months since Fin saved Aldermere from someone intent on exploiting its magic. With spring break just around the corner, Fin’s plans are to relax, try to train her new raven friend, and read some of the mystery books she loves. But her plans are derailed when Fin and her friends find a baby bigfoot who’s been separated from her pack. Then a film crew shows up, intending to add Aldermere to their web show debunking strange and magical legends. Fin can’t let the film crew put the bigfoot—and Aldermere—at risk. Now, Fin, Eddie, and Cedar must keep the bigfoot hidden and find a way to track down her family. But Cedar’s been hiding a secret of her own; one that may complicate everything. As monsters, friends, and enemies collide, Fin, Eddie, and Cedar have to trust one another with secrets both good and bad if they’re going to save the town they all love.

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### Book 178 It's boba time for Pearl Li! By Nicole Chen

Pearl Li is ready to spend the summer before seventh grade hanging out with her two best friends, crocheting the cutest amigurumi dolls, and visiting her favorite tea shop, Boba Time. Its quirky owner, Auntie Cha, is the only adult Pearl can confide in about her art—if only her tech-obsessed family would understand her love of crafts! After Pearl learns of Boba Time’s financial troubles, she decides to sell her amigurumi to raise money for the shop. But as she navigates the ups and downs of running a business, Pearl realizes that monetizing her passion is more complicated than she could’ve ever imagined. Can Pearl save Boba Time before it’s too late?

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### Book 179 Train driver: an action play book by Dan Green

Join in and help the busy train driver in this playful, interactive flap book! Toot toot! All aboard! Join in and use the flaps to help the busy train driver collect the passengers, change tracks, drive through the tunnel and much, much more. With interactive action-flaps, you can do it, too! Each clever flap provides an action or scene-change to encourage children to actively engage and explore. The playful flaps are perfect for little hands to develop fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

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### Book 180 Bone talk by Candy Gourlay

The Philippines, 1899. Ten-year-old Samkad thinks he knows everything about the world. He knows that home is in the mountains. He knows who his friends and his enemies are. And he knows that he will grow up to become a warrior like his dad, with his own shield, spear and axe. His best friend is Little Luki and she too wants to become a warrior - though there's little chance of that because she is just a girl. Then strangers arrive: a boy with many languages in his throat ... and weird-looking men called Americans who bring war and death.

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### Book 181 The rescue of Ravenwood by Natasha Farrant

On the top of the hill, overlooking the sea, that's where you'll find a magical place. To Bea and Raffy, Ravenwood is home. In its own way, the house rescued them, even if it did have a fallen-down tree taking up most of the kitchen. So the idea that it could be sold. Demolished even. Well, that's unthinkable. Then again, it's not like the children get a choice. But the truth is, we can all make our own choices, especially if we care enough. A beautiful, soulful, exciting story about holding onto what's precious, and guarding the extraordinary nature that surrounds us.

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### Book 182 Izzy at the end of the world by K. A. Reynolds

Ever since Izzy Wilder’s mom died, she’s wanted life to feel normal. She plays video games with her little sister, helps her grandparents around the house, and takes care of her best dog, Akka. But losing her mom is far from normal, and for Izzy, who is autistic, it feels like the end of the world. When mysterious lights flash across the mountains outside Izzy’s house one night, and suddenly everyone except her and Akka seem to have disappeared in an instant, Izzy is more alone than ever. But Izzy is a fighter and she won’t lose anyone else in her family, even if it means battling terrifying gray, ugly monsters and decoding cryptic messages that seem a lot like her mom talking to her from beyond the grave. In the face of disaster, Izzy and Akka embark on an epic adventure filled with nail-biting suspense, unexpected allies, and life’s greatest mysteries as they uncover the true endurance of the human spirit and save the world.

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### Book 183 Ring of Solomon by Aden Polydoros

The little beachside town of San Pancras is not known for anything exciting, but when Zach Darlington buys a mysterious ring at the local flea market, his quiet little hometown is turned topsy-turvy by monsters straight from Jewish folklore and a nefarious secret society focused on upholding an apocalyptic prophecy. Zach discovers that the ring grants him strange powers, and he's intrigued; maybe he can use the ring's strengths to halt the slew of anti-Semitic and homophobic bullying he's experiencing at school. But soon the ring brings unexpected visitors, Ashmedai, King of Demons, in the guise of a preteen boy named Ash, and the local chapter of the Knights of the Apocalypse, a secret society intent on completing a creepy prophecy that will bring three monsters to Earth to start the events of the end of times. Now responsible for the ring and its consequences, will Zach and his friends, with the help of Ash, be able to stop the Apocalypse and save the world?

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### Book 184 Listen to the music from around the world: with 6 amazing real-life sounds! by Marion Billet

Listen to the Hawaiian guitar, the Chinese violin, the bagpipes, the harmonica, the bongos and the Flamenco guitar.

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### Book 185 Come over to my house by Eliza Hull

Come Over To My House is a delightful picture book that explores the home lives of children and parents who are Deaf or disabled. Co-written by disability advocate Eliza Hull and bestselling author Sally Rippin, the inclusive rhyming text authentically explores the characters' various disabilities. A cast of friendly characters invite friends over for a play - there's fun to be had, food to eat and families to meet! Come over to my house. Come over and play! I'll show you around, you can stay the whole day. We'll swing on the swing-set and splash in the pool. Then I'll race you inside where my bedroom is cool.

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## TEENS

### Book 186 The book of knowing: know how you think, change how you feel by Gwendoline Smith

Written in an accessible and humorous style, this book teaches you to know what's going on in your mind and how to get your feelings under control. It'll help you adapt and feel better about your place in the world. Psychologist Gwendoline Smith uses her broad scientific knowledge and experience to explain in clear and simple language what's happening when you are feeling overwhelmed, anxious and confused.

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### Book 187 The pearl hunter by Miya T Beck

Twin sisters Kai and Kishi share the same futon, the same face, and the same talent for pearl diving. But Kishi is the obedient daughter, while Kai tries to push the rules, and sometimes they fight. Still, when Kishi is stolen and killed by the legendary Ghost Whale, nothing will stop Kai from searching for her, deep in the ocean, hoping for a way to bring her back to life. But such a rescue is beyond the power of an ordinary mortal. Kai strikes a deal with the gods: she’ll steal a magic pearl in exchange for her sister’s soul. As she journeys across treacherous land scape, Kai must navigate encounters with scheming bandits, a power-hungry war lord, and a legion of conniving fox spirits. And when a new friendship becomes something almost as powerful as her love for her sister, Kai must make impossible choices and risk everything just to get home again. Woven through with Japanese culture and legends, this many-layered story will grip listeners of all ages.

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### Book 188 Red Hood by Elana K Arnold

Since her grandmother became her caretaker when she was four years old, Bisou Martel has lived a quiet life in a little house in Seattle. She's kept mostly to herself. She's been good. But when a wolf attacks the night of homecoming, Bisou fights back. A new moon rises. And with it, questions. About the blood in Bisou's past, and on her hands as she stumbles home. About broken boys and vicious wolves. About girls lost in the woods, frightened, but not alone.

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### Book 189 Damsel by Elana K Arnold

The rite has existed for as long as anyone can remember: When the king dies, his son the prince must venture out into the gray lands, slay a fierce dragon, and rescue a damsel to be his bride. This is the way things have always been. When Ama wakes in the arms of Prince Emory, she knows none of this. She has no memory of what came before she was captured by the dragon or what horrors she faced in its lair. She knows only this handsome young man, the story he tells of her rescue, and her destiny of sitting on a throne beside him. It’s all like a dream, like something from a fairy tale. As Ama follows Emory to the kingdom of Harding, however, she discovers that not all is as it seems. There is more to the legends of the dragons and the damsels than anyone knows, and the greatest threats may not be behind her, but around her, now, and closing in.

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### Book 190 Arch-Conspirator by Veronica Roth

Outside the last city on Earth, the planet is a wasteland. Without the Archive, where the genes of the dead are stored, humanity will end. Passing into the Archive should be cause for celebration, but Antigone’s parents were murdered, leaving her father’s throne vacant. As her militant uncle Kreon rises to claim it, all Antigone feels is rage. When he welcomes her and her siblings into his mansion, Antigone sees it for what it really is: a gilded cage, where she is a captive as well as a guest. But her uncle will soon learn that no cage is unbreakable. And neither is he.

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### Book 191 Taylor before and after by Jennie Englund

Before, Taylor Harper is finally popular, sitting with the cool kids at lunch, and maybe, just maybe, getting invited to the biggest, most exclusive party of the year. After, no one talks to her. Before, she’s friends with Brielle Branson, the coolest girl in school. After, Brielle has become a bully, and Taylor’s her favorite target. Before, home isn’t perfect, but at least her family is together. After, Mom won’t get out of bed, Dad won’t stop yelling, and Eli...Eli’s gone. Through everything, Taylor has her notebook, a diary of the year that one fatal accident tears her life apart. In entries alternating between the first and second semester of her eighth-grade year, she navigates joy and grief, gain and loss, hope and depression.How can Taylor pick up the pieces of what used to be her social life? How can her house ever feel like home again after everything that’s happened? And how can she move forward if she can’t stop looking back?

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### Book 192 Chain of thorns by Cassandra Clare

Cordelia Carstairs has lost everything that matters to her. In only a few weeks, her father has been murdered, her plans to become parabatai with best friend Lucie have been destroyed, and her marriage has crumbled. Even worse, she is now bound to an ancient demon, Lilith, stripping her of her power as a Shadowhunter. Cordelia flees to Paris, hoping to forget her sorrows. But reality soon intrudes: Tatiana Blackthorn has escaped the Adamant Citadel, and London is under new threat by the Prince of Hell, Belial. Returning home, Cordelia discovers that Belial's plan is about to crash into the Shadowhunters like a deadly wave, one that will separate her, Lucie, and the Merry Thieves from help of any kind. If Cordelia and her friends are going to save their city, they will have to muster their courage, swallow their pride, and trust one another again. For if they fail, they may lose everything - even their souls.

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### Book 193 Azita and me by Sarah Martin

Holly has been keeping a low profile at school to avoid situations where the class bully can make unkind comments about her single sex parents and exclude her. Her strategy is upset when Azita, an Iranian refugee, joins her Year 7 class, and they become friends. The two girls are opposites, and Holly's world expands in unexpected ways. It will take her on a journey towards independence and self-belief and towards a greater understanding of the natural world. She will have to contend with grief and learn how to live with it and grow beyond it.

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### Book 194 A game of life or death by Triona Campbell

When sixteen-year-old Asha Kennedy discovers her older sister Maya's dead body in their home, her world falls apart. Desperate for answers, and to stay out of the hands of the social services she grew up in, Asha turns to her hacker friends for help. Her search leads her to Zu Tech, the hit games studio where Maya was a lead coder. As Asha begins to unravel the riddle of her death, she realises that the only way to uncover the truth is from the inside. Asha ghosts her old life and infiltrates a Zu Tech eSport tournament as they launch 'SHACKLE', the revolutionary Virtual Reality video game Maya was working on - and which hides a monstrous secret.

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### Book 195 The first thing about you by Chaz Hayden

A high school student with spinal muscular atrophy is determined to reinvent himself. When new-boy Harris meets cute-girl-in-his-class Nory, he is determined to prove he is more than just the kid in the powered wheelchair. Luckily, he has a secret weapon. His new nurse Miranda. Beautiful and confident, Miranda sees Harris for who he really is - funny, smart and totally worthy of Nory's affections. It seems everything is working out for Harris for once. But Miranda has her own demons, and Harris starts to wonder if she has his best interests at heart.

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