# DAISY NEW TITLES LIST – March 2024

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The Library continually adds new titles to the collection in DAISY. Each month we produce a list of titles which inform Library members about what’s recently been added to the catalogue.

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## AUSTRALIANA

### Book 1 The opposite of success by Eleanor Elliot Thomas

Council employee Lorrie Hope has a great partner, two adorable kids and absolutely no idea what to do with her life. This Friday, she's hoping for change: it's launch day for her big work project, and she's applied for a promotion she's not entirely sure she wants. Meanwhile, her best friend, Alex, is stuck in a mess involving Lorrie's rakish ex, Ruben-or, more accurately, his wife. And Ruben's boss happens to be the mining magnate Sebastian Glup, who is sponsoring Lorrie's project. As the day spirals from bad to worse to frankly unhinged, Lorrie and Alex must reconsider what they can expect from life, love and middle management.

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### Book 2 Mrs Winterbottom takes a gap year by Joanna Nell

Husband and wife GPs Alan and Heather Winterbottom have worked side by side in their idyllic rural practice for over forty years but now they've decided to hang up their stethoscopes and retire. Joy! Celebration! Or not . . . Heather dreams of exploring the Greek Islands, of escaping the shackles of her routine life and embracing an exciting new adventure. Alan dreams of growing his own vegetables. When things come to a head at a family lunch, Heather announces that she has decided to take a year off. From her old life, from her marriage - from Alan. Alone in beautiful Greece, Heather embarks on her very own odyssey - complete with unforgettable experiences, pitfalls and temptations. But could what's waiting for her back in Netherwood be Heather's biggest adventure yet?

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### Book 3 Gunflower: stories by Laura Jean McKay

A family of cat farmers gets the chance to set the felines free. A group of chickens tells it like it is. A female-crewed ship ploughs through the patriarchy. A support group finds solace in a world without men. With her trademark humour, energy, and flair, McKay offers glimpses of places where dreams subsume reality, where childhood restarts, where humans embrace their animal selves and animals talk like humans.

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### Book 4 The night tide by Di Morrissey

A secluded, peaceful and diverse waterside community faces turmoil as corporate greed threatens to undo generations of heritage and tradition. Tensions mount as the community's way of life is threatened. Meanwhile, in the city, Dominic Cochrane is at a crossroads. He is made redundant and retreats to the quiet Sydney bay. Far from being the relaxing break he expected, Dom quickly becomes embroiled in a tragic family mystery as money sharks circle treasured old family homes. As Dom investigates, secrets are exposed and old wounds reopened. Can he unravel what really happened so many years ago, or have the secrets been swept away on the dark night tide?

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## BIOGRAPHIES AND MEMOIRS

### Book 5 The shadow king by Harry Sidebottom

Alexander: The Shadow King tells this epic story from a new and unique angle through the eyes of another Alexander, a prince of the Macedonian royal house of Lyncestis. The Lyncestian was Alexander the Great's general and friend. But he was torn between that friendship and the duty to avenge his murdered brothers, and between adherence to the ways of his ancestors and the new world of empire. The Lyncestian was never safe. Others - Persians and Greeks, as well as Macedonians - saw him as a rival for the throne. For six years of conspiracy and battle, as the Macedonian army fought its way East, his life hung by a thread. Alexander of Lyncestis was The Shadow King.

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### Book 6 A brilliant life: my mother's inspiring story of surviving the Holocaust by Rachelle Unreich

Over seventy years had passed since Mira Unreich was freed from a concentration camp in Germany. On that spring day in 1945, she found herself alive, against all odds. In the decades that followed, she never explained the mystery underpinning her survival. How could Mira say that in the Holocaust 'I learned about the goodness of people'? When Mira's journalist daughter Rachelle realised time was running out for Mira, who was ill with cancer, she resolved to ask her mother questions. It would be the most important interview of her life: a chance to discover the secrets to her mother's joy, and an opportunity to fit together the jigsaw puzzle pieces of her own life. Rachelle discovered so much more than she ever expected. Mira's words would lead her along a surprising path, where she learned for the first time what a truly extraordinary life her mother had led. A Brilliant Life weaves together the past and the present to capture the powerful connection between a mother and child. It reminds us of the resilience of the soul and the ability of the heart to heal. It is an unforgettable story about fate and chance, love and grief, and the deepest kind of faith.

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### Book 7 Pure wit: the revolutionary life of Margaret Cavendish by Francesca Peacock

A biography of the remarkable, and in her time scandalous, seventeenth-century writer Margaret Cavendish, Duchess of Newcastle. She wrote extensively on gender, science, philosophy, and published under her own name at a time when women simply did not do so. Her greatest work was The Blazing World, published in 1666, a utopian proto-novel that is thought to be one of the earliest works of science fiction. Yet hers is a legacy that divides opinion. And history has largely forgotten her, an undeserved fate for a brilliant, courageous proto-feminist. In Pure Wit, Francesca Peacock shines a spotlight on the fascinating, pioneering, yet often complex and controversial life of Margaret Cavendish.

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### Book 8 In order to live: a North Korean girl's journey to freedom by Yeonmi Park

Yeonmi Park was not dreaming of freedom when she escaped from North Korea. She didn't even know what it meant to be free. All she knew was that she was running for her life, that if she and her family stayed behind they would die - from starvation, or disease, or even execution. This book is the story of Park's struggle to survive in the darkest, most repressive country on earth; her harrowing escape to South Korea through China's underworld of smugglers and human traffickers; and her emergence as a leading human rights activist - all before her 21st birthday. Park was born to a family of civil servants in the North Korean city of Hyesan, along the Chinese border. She grew up in a society in which the regime controls everything you do, everything you learn, where you go, what you say, even what you think. In this warped world, famine was a way of life and minor offenses, such as watching foreign videos, could prove fatal. Park's family was relatively privileged until her father, a party member, was arrested for smuggling. After that, life in North Korea became a ceaseless battle against starvation. Escaping with her mother, Park began a long journey of unspeakable hardship and degradation through China and Mongolia, which finally yielded her freedom in South Korea. Today Park is an influential leader of the younger generations of Korean dissidents and an internationally recognized advocate for human rights around the world.

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### Book 9 A memoir of my former self: a life in writing by Hilary Mantel

In addition to her celebrated career as a novelist, Hilary Mantel contributed for years to newspapers and journals, unspooling stories from her own life and illuminating the world as she found it. From her unusual childhood to her all-consuming interest in Thomas Cromwell that grew into the Wolf Hall trilogy, A Memoir of My Former Self reveals the shape of Hilary Mantel’s life in her own luminous words, through “messages from people I used to be.” Filled with her singular wit and wisdom, it is essential reading from one of our greatest writers.

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### Book 10 A Queen for all seasons: a celebration of Queen Elizabeth II by Joanna Lumley

In 2022 Queen Elizabeth II celebrated seventy years as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth. She was Britain's longest reigning monarch and the very first to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. A Queen For All Seasons, edited and introduced by Joanna Lumley, is a perceptive, touching and engaging tribute to this unique woman. A treasure chest of first-hand writings, insights and snapshots of the Queen during key moments of her reign to form a vibrant portrait of the woman herself and the extraordinary role she played. Joanna Lumley guides us as we meet Princess Elizabeth in 1952, aged just twenty-five, and about to become Queen, and in more recent times when, as our matriarch, the Queen kept the national ship steady through seven decades, including in moments of crisis and suffering. Here are unique perspectives into some of the most fascinating aspects of the Queen's life—her role as head of state at home and abroad, her private passions and public interests and a bird's-eye look at key events that have held the nation together and the Queen in our affection throughout Britain and beyond.

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### Book 11 Carl Frampton: my autobiography by Carl Frampton and Paul D Gibson

Belfast's Carl 'The Jackal' Frampton MBE is no ordinary boxer. One of only three fighters from the British Isles to be named the Ring magazine Fighter of the Year, he has headlined sellout world championship bouts on both sides of the Atlantic, winning multiple world titles in the process. In this captivating autobiography, Frampton reveals the most personal aspects of being a fighter: the fears and doubts, the exhilaration and devastation, the friendships and animosities. He also recounts for the first time his high-profile, acrimonious split with Barry McGuigan in devastating and revealing detail.

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### Book 12 Finding my bella vita: a story of family, food, fame and working out who you are by Pia Miranda

For years Pia Miranda has been stopped in the street by calls of, 'Found you!', forever linked to that character we all loved: Josie from Looking for Alibrandi. But playing Josie is only one small part of everything that has shaped the woman Pia has become. As a child, her Nonna would tell her stories of the small volcanic island off Sicily she called home. Cannoli, curses and lighting a candle at church were as much a part of Pia's childhood as mouse plagues, her Aussie Nanna's lemon slice and cheering on South Melbourne at the footy with her Grandfather. After chasing a childhood dream to become a ballet dancer (with a back-up plan of becoming a nun) she was cruelly shamed out of her leotard and into a new dream: acting. The rollercoaster ride of fame would see her travel the world and narrowly avoid a sky-high #MeToo moment. But after fame comes real life - work stress, career questions, money worries, relationships and heartbreak, love and marriage, illness and grief. Having grown up pinballing between her very Italian side and her very Australian side while trying to carve out a space all her own, Pia didn't realise how the push and pull of tradition had made her world all the richer. Finally, setting foot on Vulcano to reconnect with her roots, Pia understands how all the parts of herself have made her the true survivor she is. Like her Nonna told her, every day on top of the earth is a good day. Finding My Bella Vita is a charming, honest and uplifting memoir full of heart and humour that reminds us all of the two things that matter most - love and family. (A good cannoli and some Vegemite toast also rate pretty highly!)

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### Book 13 Irena's gift: an epic World War II memoir of sisters, secrets and survival by Karen Kirsten

In 1942, in Nazi-occupied Poland, a Jewish child was smuggled out of the Warsaw ghetto in a backpack. That child was Karen Kirsten's mother, but she knew nothing about this extraordinary event until one day a letter arrived from a stranger. After eventually discovering the grandparents she loved dearly were in fact not her biological grandparents, Karen travelled the globe to uncover her family's past and to find the answers to baffling questions: why did her adoptive grandmother treat Karen's mother so unkindly? Why did she hide the truth that she was actually her mother's aunt? And why, if she appeared to dislike Karen's mother, did she risk her life to save her and bring her to Australia? Irena's Gift weaves together a mystery, history and memoir to tell the story of a family torn apart by war. From the glittering concert halls of interbellum Warsaw to the vermin-infested prison where a Jewish woman negotiates with an SS officer to save her sister's child, Irena's Gift is about the lies we tell to survive and what happens when those lies unravel. It is about the extraordinary resilience of three generations of women, and the sacrifices made for love.

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### Book 14 My mother's eyes by Shanelle Dawson and Alley Pascoe

Imagine living with the knowledge that your father had murdered your mother and lied to you your whole life, telling you she left because she didn't love you anymore. How could a father do this to his children? How could a husband do this to a woman he at one time loved? When she was four years old, Shanelle Dawson's mother, Lynette, disappeared. On 8 January 1982, the woman who had been a loving, constant presence vanished without a trace. Four year old's might not be able to articulate questions or understand a lot, but the ache of absence is very real. Year after year that ache persisted. Shanelle's father, Chris Dawson, claimed that his wife just needed to get away. This is what he told Lyn's parents and siblings. This is what he told his daughters. But Lyn never returned home. Her side of the bed was immediately filled by Shanelle's teenage babysitter, a former student of her father's. After thirty-six years of her father's lies, a podcast called The Teacher's Pet investigated her mother's case. Sordid details about the father she loved became public. Whispers that he had murdered Lynette grew louder. The police refocused on the cold case. Then, Chris Dawson faced court. Forty years after she went missing, he was sentenced to twenty-four years in prison for the murder of Lynette. Now, in this brave, emotionally powerful memoir, Shanelle reclaims her mother's story and finds a channel for her own voice. It is an unforgettable insight into the ripples of trauma and loss that family violence brings and shows how Shanelle found the strength to confront her father and can now create a new life after unimaginable deception. This is Shanelle's story.

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### Book 15 The girl who left: from Croatia to the canefields by Debra Gavranich

Marija's idyllic early childhood on the beautiful Croatian island of Korčula is brutally disrupted by the invasion of the Italians and then the Nazis in 1941, bringing death and destruction. The devastation has left families struggling to survive years after the war has ended. In 1950 an opportunity arrives for 17-year-old Marija to escape the hunger and despair all around her by committing herself to a complete stranger in faraway North Queensland, through a proxy marriage. Taking the plunge, she leaves her family and friends, her culture, and everything she has ever known, to sail 12,000 km to a future in a land where she knows nothing and no one, whose language she doesn't speak. Is it a chance for a better life? Will her husband be a good man? Will she ever see her family again? This is the true story of an incredibly courageous young woman who risks all in her quest to escape a still-traumatized Europe.

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### Book 16 Love and pain: the epic times and crooked lines of life inside and outside Silverchair by Ben Gillies, Chris Joannou, Alley Pascoe

This is the powerful, untold inside story of Silverchair, Australia's most awarded musical act, told by two of its three members. From their beginnings in Ben Gillies' garage, this trio of high school kids from Newcastle, New South Wales, became famous with their smash-hit single 'Tomorrow', setting them on a path to domination of the Australian charts, worldwide touring and fame. So much has been written about Silverchair over the years but very little has been said by the band's members. In Love & Pain, childhood friends Ben Gillies (drummer) and Chris Joannou (bass player) tell us the tales that Silverchair's fans have never heard, about how the band started, how they worked together and how they ended up. There are some funny, unforgettable rock 'n' roll stories, along with all the love and pain that came with being in the band: the cost of fame and intense pressure on teenagers who had no way of preparing for it; the navigation of their friendships with each other and their relationships with friends and family members; the mistakes they made and the successes they cherished. Gillies and Joannou write with vulnerability and blistering honesty, making this an extraordinary account of a band adored by so many.

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### Book 17 Hanging by a thread: a memoir by Erin Deering

Wind back the clock on any Australian or New Zealand woman in her thirties or forties today and you'd probably find a Triangl bikini tucked away in her swimwear drawer. The uniquely neoprene, colour-blocked bikinis were the summer accessory season after season. Yet as customers snapped selfies at the beach, one woman was holed up in a smog-filled Hong Kong apartment, living on canned soup, battling twenty-hour days and debilitating depression, trying to make it all happen. 'Hanging by a Thread' takes a vulnerable deep dive into success and the challenge of caring for your mental health while in pursuit of your dreams.

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## BUSINESS AND FINANCE

### Book 18 The creature from Jekyll Island: a second look at the Federal Reserve by G. Edward Griffin

This classic expose of the Fed has become one of the best-selling books in its category of all time. Where does money come from? Where does it go? Who makes it? The money magician's secrets are unveiled. Here is a close look at their mirrors and smoke machines, the pulleys, cogs, and wheels that create the grand illusion called money. A boring subject? Just wait. You'll be hooked in five minutes. It reads like a detective story - which it really is, but it's all true. This book is about the most blatant scam of history. It's all here: the cause of wars, boom-bust cycles, inflation, depression, prosperity. The 5th Edition includes a no-holds barred analysis of bank bailouts under the Bush and Obama Administrations that are shown to be nothing less than legalized plunder of the American people. Many other updates have been added, including a revision to the list of those who attended the historic meeting at Jekyll Island, where the Federal Reserve was created.

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## HISTORY

### Book 19 Uhtred's feast by Bernard Cornwell, Suzanne Williamson Pollak

“My name is Uhtred. I am the son of Uhtred, who was the son of Uhtred and his father was also called Uhtred.” The Saxon Chronicles (otherwise known as The Last Kingdom) is one of the most successful historical fiction series of our time. The novels tell the epic story of the birth of England and introduces one of the greatest ever fictional heroes: the iconic Uhtred of Bebbanburg, the Saxon-born, Norse-raised warrior and rebel. In this lively compendium, Bernard Cornwell revisits Uhtred’s realm, illuminating elements of the Anglo-Saxon world he couldn’t fully explore in his novels. Uhtred’s Feast offers rich background on the books of the Saxon Chronicles series, presenting a fascinating, detailed view of Anglo-Saxon life in all its splendor, danger, and beauty. With his narrative flair, Cornwell explores every aspect of this historical period, from the clothes to weapons to food, offering beautifully crafted recipes of early Anglo-Saxon fare, created by renowned UK chef Suzanne Pollak. In addition, he has written three new stories exclusive to this book that reveal the man behind the shield—Uhtred as a young boy, as Alfred’s advisor, and as prince.

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### Book 20 Horseman by Griff Hosker

The Raven Wing Clan have fought off their enemies and prosper on their island home. A sibling rivalry threatens to break apart the fabric of their lives and Hrolf the Horseman is sent on a mission deep in into the heart of Frankia to heal the rift. When Jarl Gunnar Thorfinnson decides to take a wife it embroils the clan in an alliance which takes the clan far from home to fight overwhelming numbers of wild and fierce warriors.

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### Book 21 The water outlaws by S. L. Huang

In the jianghu, you break the law to make it your own. Lin Chong is an expert arms instructor, training the Emperor's soldiers in sword and truncheon, battle axe and spear, lance and crossbow. Unlike bolder friends who flirt with challenging the unequal hierarchies and values of Imperial society, she believes in keeping her head down and doing her job. Until a powerful man with a vendetta rips that carefully-built life away.

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### Book 22 A day of reckoning by Matthew Harffy

AD 796. Sailing in search of an object of great power, Hunlaf and his comrades are far from home when they are caught up in a violent skirmish against pirates. After the bloody onslaught, an encounter with ships from Islamic Spain soon sees them escorted under guard to the city of Qadis, one of the jewels of the Emirate of Al-Andalus and the true destination of their voyage.

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### Book 23 Adama by Lavie Tidhar

In 1946, a young Ruth begins building a new life in Palestine, haunted by the death of her family in Europe and driven by youthful ideals in a land hostile to her presence. Her sister, Shoshana, survives in the Displaced Persons camps of Germany and joins her in Palestine, but dreams of escaping to distant America. Her lovers, Dov and Israel, die in war, and her children try to serve the land Ruth bled for, only to find their own tragic ends or means of escape.

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### Book 24 Pax: war and peace in Rome's golden age by Tom Holland

The Pax Romana has long been revered as a golden age. At its peak, the Roman Empire stretched from Scotland to Arabia, and contained perhaps a quarter of humanity. It was the wealthiest and most formidable state the world had yet seen. Beginning in 69AD, a year that saw four Caesars in succession rule the empire, and ending some seven decades later with the death of Hadrian, Pax presents a dazzling history of Rome at the height of its power. From the gilded capital to realms beyond the frontier, historian Tom Holland portrays the Roman Empire in all its predatory glory. Vivid scene follows vivid scene: the destruction of Jerusalem and Pompeii, the building of the Colosseum and Hadrian's Wall, the conquests of Trajan. Vividly sketching the lives of Romans both ordinary and spectacular, from slaves to emperors, Holland demonstrates how Roman peace was the fruit of unprecedented military violence.

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### Book 25 A woman of courage by Tania Blanchard

1890, Northern England. Hannah Todd dreams of a future where women have the right to vote. Fresh from her teaching studies in Durham, she joins her parents in a rural village, brimming with newly found passion and the groundswell towards women's suffrage unfolding in London. Working tirelessly to help women and children in the county, Hannah is determined to make the fight for the vote her life's work, adding her voice to the rising chorus across the nation and hopes of a new world and a new way of thinking. But soon she must fight a new, unexpected battle – that of the yearning of her own heart. As Hannah grapples with her conflicting feelings she discovers that when power is threatened, darkness, brutality and dangerous, closely guarded secrets are never too far from the surface. How far can she go to fight for what's right?

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### Book 26 Heart of oak by Alexander Kent

It is February 1818, and Adam Bolitho longs for marriage and a safe personal harbour. But with so much of Britain's fleet redundant, he knows he is fortunate to be offered HMS Onward, a new 38-gun frigate whose first mission is not war but diplomacy, as consort to the French frigate Nautilus. Under the burning sun of North Africa, Bolitho is keenly aware of the envy and ambition among his officers, the troubled, restless spirits of his midshipmen and the old enemy's proximity. It is only when Nautilus becomes a sacrificial offering on the altar of Empire that every man discovers the brotherhood of the sea is more powerful than the bitter memories of an ocean of blood and decades of war.

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### Book 27 The ides of March by S.J.A. Turney

The war in Gaul is over. The rebels are defeated. Now the battle for Rome has begun.

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## HORROR

### Book 28 Witch in progress by Elle Adams

Penniless graduate Blair Wilkes has always felt one step behind everyone else. Unemployed and out of luck, with the uncanny ability to cause havoc wherever she treads, when she receives a job offer from a strange town called Fairy Falls, she's certain it's too good to be true. It turns out Fairy Falls isn't just eccentric: it's magical... and so is Blair. Learning she's a witch with a never-before-seen talent is just the first in a series of surprises that await Blair.

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### Book 29 Witch in training by Elle Adams

Blair is one step closer to finally getting her own wand and becoming a real witch-in-training. The only person standing in her way is the notoriously grumpy wand-maker wizard. One small problem: he's just hired her to find him a new assistant, and the job is cursed. With every possible employee turning into a rodent, it's up to Blair to get to the bottom of the mystery.

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### Book 30 Witch in danger by Elle Adams

Blair Wilkes is having a trying week. Her best friend stands accused of murdering a vampire, and dead bodies are showing up in the forest. She knows Alissa is innocent, but with the vampires out for blood -- more than usual -- tensions in the small town of Fairy Falls are at a tipping point. As if that's not enough, Blair's witchcraft lessons aren't going well, with her wand gaining a life of its own -- not to mention her familiar. And then she discovers something startling about her family that puts her burgeoning relationship with former paranormal hunter Nathan under pressure.

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### Book 31 Witch in disguise by Elle Adams

Everyone knows Blair's secret now... and it's up to her to deal with the aftermath. With her love life in tatters and her family beyond reach, now isn't the best time for her unpleasant former co-worker Blythe to show up on the doorstep begging for help. A strange curse is spreading through the town and turning its victims' personalities inside-out. With her boss missing, her best friend indulging in death-defying broomstick stunts and her neighbours hiding secrets, she has her hands full. As if that isn't enough, Blair finds herself with an impossible quest to handle and a potential relationship to save.

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### Book 32 My brother's keeper by Tim Powers

This is a ghost story. It is a story about werewolves, and things that go bump in the night. It is a story of an ill-fated land, the pathless moors of Northern England so well chronicled in Wuthering Heights. And it is the story of a real family whose destiny it is to deal with this darkly glamorous and dangerous world. When young Emily Brontë helps a wounded man she finds at the foot of an ancient pagan shrine in the remote Yorkshire moors, her life becomes contentiously entwined with his. He is Alcuin Curzon, embittered member of a sect working to eradicate the resurgent plague of lycanthropy in Europe and northern England. But Emily's father, curate of the Haworth village church, is responsible for having unwittingly brought a demonic werewolf god to Yorkshire forty years ago—and it is taking possession of Emily's beloved but foolish and dissolute brother. Curzon must regard Emily's family as a dire threat. In spite of being at deadly odds, Emily and Curzon find themselves thrown together in fighting werewolves, confronting pagan gods, even saving each other from the lures of moorland demons. And in a final battle that sweeps from the haunted village of Haworth to a monstrous shrine far out on the moors, the two of them must be reluctant allies against an ancient power that seems likely to take their souls as well as their lives.

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## HUMOUR

### Book 33 Fiction land by R. R. Haywood

A delivery driver finds himself inside a world occupied by characters from unfinished novels and must accept he is not real. But the world around him doesn't feel right, and when he starts asking questions, the authorities soon take extreme measures to stop him finding the truth about Fiction Land.

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## LANGUAGE ARTS

### Book 34 Yeah, nah!: a celebration of life and the words that make us who we are by William McInnes

Have you ever bunged it on? Behaved like a drongo? Added mayo to a story? Lost your Reg Grundies? Join bestselling storyteller William McInnes as he offers his own take on our colourful and colloquial way with words. From the simpler times of childhood to today's testing (and unprecedented!) times, or when we're wasting time, enjoying sporting times or hitting the big time, Australians have a turn of phrase for every situation. Our love of plain speaking communicates the essence of the thing to our mates, to those in the know - and to those who should know better. Part memoir, part manifesto, this warm, witty, poignant and laugh-out-loud funny collection will have you thinking about what you say, how you say it and what that really says about us as a nation.

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### Book 35 Written: how to keep writing and build a habit that lasts by Bec Evans, Chris Smith

Bec Evans and Chris Smith have helped thousands of people stop procrastinating, overcome their blocks and reach their writing goals. Now, they've turned their successful approach into this life-changing audiobook that anyone can use to write more productively and with less stress.

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## LITERATURE AND FICTION

### Book 36 Lioness by Emily Perkins

From humble beginnings, Therese has let herself grow used to a life of luxury after marrying into an empire-building family. But when rumours of corruption gather around her husband's latest development, the social opprobrium is shocking, the fallout swift, and Therese begins to look at her privileged and insular world with new eyes. In the flat below Therese, something else is brewing. Her neighbour Claire believes she's discovered the secret to living with freedom and authenticity, freeing herself from the mundanity of domesticity. Therese finds herself enchanted by the lure of the permissive zone Claire creates in her apartment – a place of ecstatic release.

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### Book 37 What is left over, after by Natasha Lester

Gaelle has a dream job working for a fashion magazine, and a husband who loves her. Life should be perfect, but life does not always go according to plan. Feeling lost and alone, Gaelle flees to a tiny seaside town on the other side of the country. As she revisits the legacy of a strange, sometimes magical childhood in France, Gaelle finds unexpected help from a thirteen-year-old stranger. As if she was experiencing her childhood all over again, she must ask: when you lose everything you love, what is left over after?

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### Book 38 The good woman's guide to making better choices by Liz Foster

Loyal country girl Libby Levine lives a golden life with her confident financier husband Carl and their two children, Harrison and Ava. When Carl is jailed for financial fraud, Libby feels agonizingly complicit for hosting the final investor pitch in their home. She's also horrified to discover that her brother lost money as well - and with it his last chance at IVF. Matters go from atrocious to worse when her family's possessions and home are repossessed, Libby is sacked and Harrison's priceless violin is wrecked.

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### Book 39 Queuing for the queen by Swéta Rana

One queue. 250,000 people. Twenty-four life-changing hours. A young boy wearing a cereal box crown, impatiently dragging his mother behind him. A friendly man in a khaki raincoat, talking about his beloved Leeds United to anyone who will listen. An elderly woman who has lived her life alongside the Queen, and is just hoping she'll make it to the end of the queue to say goodbye.

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### Book 40 Meridian by Alice Walker

Meridian Hill, a dedicated and courageous young activist in the 1960s, works to create peace and understanding through her civil rights work, touching the lives of all those she meets even when her health begins to deteriorate. With the old rules of Southern society collapsing around her, her coworkers quitting and moving to comfortable homes and lives, and others turning to more violent means of achieving change, Meridian fights a lonely battle to reaffirm her own humanity—and that of all her people.

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### Book 41 The dying animal by Philip Roth

David Kepesh, white-haired and over sixty, is an eminent cultural critic and star lecturer at a New York college—as well as an articulate propagandist of the sexual revolution. For years he has made a practice of sleeping with adventurous female students while maintaining an aesthete’s critical distance. But now that distance has been annihilated. The agency of Kepesh’s undoing is Consuela Castillo, the decorous and humblingly beautiful twenty-four-year-old daughter of Cuban exiles. When he becomes involved with her, Kepesh finds himself dragged—helplessly, bitterly, furiously—into jealousy and loss. In chronicling this descent, Philip Roth performs a breathtaking set of variations on the themes of eros and mortality, license and repression, selfishness and sacrifice.

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## MEDICINE

### Book 42 Side effects: how our healthcare lost its way and how we fix it by David Haslam

In the shadow of the pandemic, how do we make a healthcare system that is affordable, effective and fair? Should we all be entitled to timely mental health therapy? How should we care for our old? As we grapple with the world's worst pandemic for a century, our minds are on our health more than ever. But what should we rightfully expect of doctors? In this original and thought-provoking book, Sir David Haslam explores what good healthcare should achieve and asks how we pay for it.

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## MILITARY

### Book 43 The last charge of the Australian Light Horse by Peter Fitzsimons

On 31st October 1917, as the day's light faded, the Australian Light Horse charged against their enemy. Eight hundred men and horses galloped four miles across open country, towards the artillery, rifles and machine guns of the Turks occupying the seemingly unassailable town of Beersheba. What happened in the next hour changed the course of history. This brave battle and the extraordinary adventures that led to it are brought vividly to life. It is an epic tale of farm boys, drovers, bank clerks, dentists, poets and scoundrels transported to fight a war half a world away, and is full of incredible characters: from Major Banjo Paterson to Lawrence of Arabia; the brilliant writer Trooper Ion Idriess and the humble General Harry Chauvel; the tearaway Test fast bowler 'Tibby' Cotter and the infamous warhorse, Bill the Bastard. All have their part to play in the enthralling, sprawling drama of the Australian Light Horse.

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### Book 44 Politica by Yumna Kassab

The war broke out and she decided to call her dad. Weeks and weeks we do not speak, and the weeks become months and then they are so many years. She imagines herself starting this story. She imagines how she will tell this story later to someone else. We hadn't spoken for years but then the war broke out... As conflict plays out across an unnamed region, its inhabitants deal with the fallout. Families are torn apart and brought together. A divide grows between those on either side of the war, compromises are struck as the toll of violence impacts near and far. We learn about those who are left behind and those who choose to leave in a great scattering. As the stories of those affected play out they weave together to show the whole of a society in the most extreme of circumstances. Even after the last shot is fired, their world will never recover.

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### Book 45 The little liar by Mitch Albom

Eleven-year-old Nico Krispis never told a lie. When the Nazi’s invade his home in Salonika, Greece, the trustworthy boy is discovered by a German officer, who offers him a chance to save his family. All Nico has to do is convince his fellow Jewish residents to board trains heading to "new homes" where they are promised jobs and safety. Unaware that this is all a cruel ruse, the innocent boy goes to the station platform every day and reassures the passengers that the journey is safe.

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## MYSTERY AND THRILLERS

### Book 46 Tomb of the first priest by A. D Davies

In the city of Prague, freelance treasure hunter Jules has finally located the bangle stolen from his dying mother, an artifact that may unravel a centuries-old secret: the location of an ancient tomb hidden from the world by one of Christ's disciples. But when a reclusive, ruthless billionaire beats him to the artifact, Jules joins forces with an institute of unconventional archaeologists who reveal to him clues penned two thousand years ago.

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### Book 47 The wrong key by A. J Campbell

London-based Steph Knight faces the challenge of a lifetime when she's sent to New York to cover for a colleague involved in a tragic car accident. Recently divorced, Steph sees it as an opportunity for a fresh start and to spend time with her teenage daughter, Ellie, a talented musician, before she leaves for university. Soon after arriving, Steph crosses paths with Edward, a corporate lawyer, who introduces Ellie to Jack, a bioethics student enjoying his summer break. As both relationships intensify, Steph begins to uncover a web of corruption within her company that seemingly reaches right to the top.

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### Book 48 The golden gate by Amy Chua

In Berkeley, California, in 1944, Berkeley Homicide Detective Al Sullivan has just left the swanky Claremont Hotel after a drink in the bar when a former presidential candidate is assassinated in one of the rooms upstairs. A rich industrialist with enemies among the anarchist factions on the far left, Walter Wilkinson could have been targeted by any number of groups. But strangely, Sullivan's investigation brings up the specter of another tragedy at the Claremont, ten years earlier.

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### Book 49 The bloody, bloody banks by Andrew Raymond

When the dismembered body of a notorious banker washes up on the beach at Luss, DCI John Lomond finds a sinister message carved into the dead man's forehead. And the same message has just been found on a tortured businessman in Gullane on the east coast. With a twisted vigilante on the loose, and a brewing scandal threatening to pull his Major Investigations Team apart, they and Lomond must join forces with a team from Edinburgh - led by Lomond's ex. But like the killer they're hunting, she's not ready to leave the past behind. Now, as the body count rises, Lomond's past hasn't just come back to haunt him.

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### Book 50 The confessor by Andrew Turpin

The horrific killing of four cardinals in Washington, DC, en route to the White House. Deadly threats and intrigue at the Vatican. Intelligence operative Robinson is deployed by the CIA to discover why the American cardinals were murdered on their way to a top-level government meeting--with a mysterious message they were unable to deliver. At the same time, a British cardinal and key ally of the pope asks Jayne to help with his own line of inquiry--before it's too late.

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### Book 51 The rising tide by Ann Cleeves

Fifty years ago, a group of teenagers spent a weekend on Holy Island, forging a bond that has lasted a lifetime. Now, they still return every five years to celebrate their friendship, and remember the friend they lost to the rising waters of the causeway at the first reunion. Now, when one of them is found hanged, Vera is called in. Learning that the dead man had recently been fired after misconduct allegations, Vera knows she must discover what the friends are hiding, and whether the events of many years before could have led to murder then, and now... But with the tide rising, secrets long-hidden are finding their way to the surface, and Vera and the team may find themselves in more danger than they could have believed possible . . .

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### Book 52 Tucker peak by Archer Mayor

A string of condo burglaries have Lieutenant Joe Gunther digging deep for clues. But it doesn't take long for Joe to find the most likely thief missing and his girlfriend dead. As the complications mount, Joe and his team go undercover to infiltrate the closed society of a one-company town.

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### Book 53 The sniper's wife by Archer Mayor

Willy returns to the city of his hard-drinking youth with misgivings that deepen when he must identify his ex-wife's corpse. Driven by loss and guilt, he searches deep into his past, to a long-ago Vietnam where he was known as the Sniper. Soon he will live up to his chilling nickname.

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### Book 54 Gatekeeper by Archer Mayor

Along dark streets and in run-down motels, an appetite for the less savory offerings of the cities to the south is rapidly escalating. This is brutally brought to Joe's attention when a young woman is shot during an attempted robbery in his hometown of Battleboro. Sadly, she is a heroin addict who is desperate to feed her habit. Worse, Joe discovers she is also his girlfriend's niece.

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### Book 55 The surrogate thief by Archer Mayor

Thirty years ago store owner Klaus Ober-feldt was robbed and beaten to death. Investigator Joe Gunther, distracted by his wife's losing struggle with cancer, let the case go cold. Now reopened, the Ober-feldt investigation forces Gunther to revisit ancient history and open old wounds.

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### Book 56 St. Albans fire by Archer Mayor

With Joe Gunther and his Vermont Bureau of Investigation team spread thin, they're pushed to their absolute limit when a string of arsons across the Green Mountain State evolves into the most shocking series of murders the bucolic region has ever known.

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### Book 57 Eleventh hour by Catherine Coulter

When FBI agent Dane Carver's twin brother, Father Michael Joseph, is brutally murdered in his San Francisco church, husband-and-wife agents Lacey Sherlock and Dillon Savich take a personal interest in the investigation. Then Nicola "Nick" Jones, a homeless woman and the only witness to the shooting, is scared out of her mind because she's trying to hide from her own monsters - who are drawing closer and closer. The chase goes from San Francisco to the Premiere Studios in Los Angeles and its new television hit, a show all about murder.

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### Book 58 Blindside by Catherine Coulter

When six-year-old Sam Kettering is kidnapped and then manages to save himself, Savich and Sherlock join his father-former FBI agent Miles Kettering-to determine why Sam would be abducted and brought to eastern Tennessee. Although the local sheriff, Katie Benedict, kills the kidnappers, the attempts do not stop. The investigation leads them to charismatic, intense evangelist Reverend Sooner McCamy and his enigmatic wife. At the same time, Savich and Sherlock are desperate to locate the killer of five Washington, D.C., teachers. And meet Valerie Rapper, a woman on a mission: she wants Savich in the worst way...

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### Book 59 Blowout by Catherine Coulter

A long weekend in the Poconos is cut short when Sherlock and Savich are helicoptered back to Washington to lead the investigation into the brutal murder of a Supreme Court justice. Savich allows Callie Markham, an investigative reporter for The Washington Post, to partner with local Metro Police liaison Ben Raven since she's got the inside track--she's the stepdaughter of the murdered justice. Despite Detective Raven's unwillingness to have a civilian along, Callie Markham ends up riding shotgun to help look for her stepfather's murderer. Within the next 24 hours, a Supreme Court law clerk is found murdered, the M.O. the same. Savich learns he must also solve a 30-year-old crime after a psychic encounter with the murder victim, Samantha Barrister, who suddenly appears in front of his car and hysterically pleads for his help. Savich and Sherlock discover that at the time of her death, Samantha had a six-year-old son who disappeared as a teenager. Savich is convinced the missing boy is the key.

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### Book 60 Point blank by Catherine Coulter

Treasure-hunting FBI agent Ruth Warnecki is on the trail of stolen Confederate gold hidden in Winkel’s cave in western Virginia. She never expects to find herself chin-deep in a grisly murder that leaves her nearly dead and rocks the town of Maestro. Then, at a stake-out in Maryland, FBI agents Dillon Savich and Dane Carver are nearly killed in a horrific explosion while attempting to rescue kidnap victim, Pinky Womack. They are led to Arlington National Cemetery where they not only find Pinky, but Savich also takes a fateful call on his cell from an old man out to kill both him and Sherlock. The thing is they have no clue why. Pitted against an insane killer and his psychotic teenage girlfriend, Savich and Sherlock find themselves fighting a hate-driven villain with a grudge worth killing for...

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### Book 61 Double take by Catherine Coulter

FBI agents Dillon Savich and Lacey Sherlock are joined by one of their own and a Virginia sheriff in an extraordinary case that immerses them in the world of psychic visions, mind benders, and communications with the dead. It's been more than six months since her husband's brutal death, and Julia Ransom is just beginning to breathe again. She loved her husband, renowned psychic August Ransom, but the media frenzy that followed his murder sapped what little strength she had left. Now, after dinner with friends, strolling along San Francisco's Pier 39, she realizes that she's happy. Standing at the railing, she savors the sounds around her-tourists, seals on a barge-and for a moment enjoys the sheer normalcy of it all. And then it comes to an end. Out of nowhere she's approached by a respectable-looking man who distracts her with conversation before violently attacking her and throwing her the railing. If it hadn't been for Special Agent Cheney Stone, out to stretch his legs between courses at a local restaurant, Julia would have vanished into the bay's murky depths. Not only does he save her from a watery grave, but he senses a connection between her assault and her husband's death, and sets out to serve as her protector while reopening August Ransom's murder investigation.

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### Book 62 Tailspin by Catherine Coulter

FBI Special Agent Jackson Crowne is flying his Cessna over the Appalachians with a very important passenger: renowned psychiatrist Dr. Timothy MacLean. Their destination is Washington, D.C. Upon their arrival, the FBI will protect the doctor - and ascertain just who wants him dead. But they don't make it. In San Francisco, married FBI Special Agents Dillon Savich and Lacey Sherlock take an early-morning phone call from their supervisor, Jimmy Maitland. Maitland received a Mayday from Jack in the mountains near Parlow, Kentucky, and sends Savich and Sherlock to see what's happened. Agent Crowne is able to bring his plane down in a narrow valley and haul the unconscious Dr. MacLean from the burning wreckage before it explodes. Their crash is witnessed by Rachael Abbott, a young woman on the run after the mysterious death of her father. When Savich and Sherlock arrive on the scene, they find Jack and Rachael in the Parlow clinic and Dr. MacLean comatose in the local hospital, prognosis unknown. What they do know frightens them: Dr. MacLean was recently diagnosed with frontal lobe dementia, and in the months prior to the crash, his behavior had become erratic and alarmingly uninhibited, his ability to maintain doctor-patient confidentiality badly compromised. With a patient list made up of Washington movers and shakers, MacLean's role as a keeper of secrets is jeopardized as well.

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### Book 63 Above the fire by Michael O'Donnell

Doug and his son set out on a backpacking trip through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. But when reports of social collapse reach the ranger station, Doug withdraws even further into the backcountry. The alpine winter presents its own dangers, as father and son must endure the elements, the solitude, and the ever-present threat of outsiders.

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### Book 64 Everybody knows by Jordan Harper

Welcome to Mae Pruett's LA. A 'black-bag' publicist at one of Hollywood's most powerful crisis PR firms, Mae's job isn't to get good news out, it's to keep the bad news in and contain the scandals. But just as she starts to question her job and life choices, her boss is gunned down in front of the Beverly Hills Hotel, and everything changes. Investigating with the help of an ex-boyfriend, Mae dives headlong into a neon joyride through the jungle of contemporary Hollywood.

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### Book 65 The perpetual astonishment of Jonathon Fairfax by Chris Shevlin

When Jonathon Fairfax accidentally helps a murderer bump off Sarah Morecambe, the secretary of a senior politician, he sets off a chain of events that astonishes him. Jonathon is wrong-footed by even the most everyday things, so he's particularly startled to find himself caught up in a conspiracy that goes right to the heart of government. Teaming up with a suave private investigator, a glamorous grannie and the probable love of his life, Jonathon must confront his greatest fears.

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### Book 66 Jonathon Fairfax must be destroyed by Chris Shevlin

Jonathon Fairfax, the world's most socially awkward hero, works for a giant corporation where he specialises in muttering 'um' and tripping over bins. When he accidentally discovers a colossal corporate conspiracy, it soon becomes clear that someone will do anything to keep it a secret - including murder.

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### Book 67 The spy who came in from the bin by Chris Shevlin

He only knows three things about himself: he's polite, he likes tea, and everyone wants to kill him. Berlin: a man wakes up in a bin with no idea who he is. He's taken to hospital for treatment. Then people start trying to assassinate him. The man has to find out why, how to get them to stop, and what the CIA has to do with all this. There's also the little problem of working out who he used to be, and why that changed. Meanwhile, his girlfriend Piper and best friend Lance are trying to find him...

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### Book 68 The serpent of division by Christina Hardyment

The Serpent of Division features murder and mystery, a charming pirate, Oxford colleges and libraries, a buxom bookseller reminiscent of the Wife of Bath and a Persian physician with a fondness for Rumi. All have a part to play, as the granddaughter of Geoffrey Chaucer fights for survival against her ruthless neighbour Sir Robert Harcourt and the machinations of Elizabeth Wydeville, descendant of the serpent fairy Melusine and queen of Edward IV.

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### Book 69 The 6:20 man by David Baldacci

Every day without fail, Travis Devine puts on a cheap suit, grabs his faux-leather briefcase, and boards the 6:20 commuter train to Manhattan, where he works as an entry-level analyst at the city’s most prestigious investment firm. In the mornings, he gazes out the train window at the lavish homes of the uberwealthy, dreaming about joining their ranks. In the evenings, he listens to the fiscal news on his phone, already preparing for the next grueling day in the cutthroat realm of finance. Then one morning Devine’s tedious routine is shattered by an anonymous email: She is dead. Sara Ewes, Devine’s coworker and former girlfriend, has been found hanging in a storage room of his office building—presumably a suicide, at least for now—prompting the NYPD to come calling on him. If that wasn’t enough, before the day is out, Devine receives another ominous visit, a confrontation that threatens to dredge up grim secrets from his past in the army unless he participates in a clandestine investigation into his firm. This treacherous role will take him from the impossibly glittering lives he once saw only through a train window, to the darkest corners of the country’s economic halls of power . . . where something rotten lurks.

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### Book 70 The edge by David Baldacci

When CIA operative Jenny Silkwell is murdered in rural Maine, government officials have immediate concerns over national security. Her laptop and phone were full of state secrets that, in the wrong hands, endanger the lives of countless operatives. In need of someone who can solve the murder quickly and retrieve the missing information, the U.S. government knows just the chameleon they can call on. Ex-Army Ranger Travis Devine spent his time in the military preparing to take on any scenario, followed by his short-lived business career chasing shadows in the deepest halls of power, so his analytical mind makes him particularly well-suited for complex, high-stakes tasks. Taking down the world’s largest financial conspiracy proved his value, and in comparison, this case looks straightforward. Except small towns hold secrets and Devine finds himself an outsider again.Devine must ingratiate himself with locals who have trusted each other their whole lives, and who distrust outsiders just as much. Dak, Jenny’s brother, who’s working to revitalize the town. Earl, the retired lobsterman who found Jenny’s body. And Alex, Jenny’s sister with a dark past of her own. As Devine gets to know the residents of Putnam, Maine, answers seem to appear and then transform into more questions. There’s a long history of secrets and those who will stop at nothing to keep them from being exposed. Leaving Devine with no idea who he can trust... and who wants him dead.

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### Book 71 Simply lies by David Baldacci

Mickey Gibson, single mother and former detective, leads a hectic life similar to that of many moms: juggling the demands of her two small children with the tasks of her job working remotely for ProEye, a global investigation company that hunts down wealthy tax and credit cheats. When Mickey gets a call from a colleague named Arlene Robinson, she thinks nothing of Arlene’s unusual request for her to go inventory the vacant home of an arms dealer who cheated ProEye’s clients and fled. That is, until she arrives at the mansion to discover a dead body in a secret room—and that nothing is as it seems. Not only does the arms dealer not exist but the murder victim turns out to be Harry Lancaster, a man with mob ties who used to be in Witness Protection. What’s more, no one named Arlene Robinson works at ProEye. In the blink of an eye, Gibson has become a prime suspect in a murder investigation—and now her job is also on the line until she proves that she was set up. Before long, Gibson is locked in a battle of wits with a brilliant woman with no name, a hidden past, and unknown motives—whose end game is as mysterious as it is deadly.

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### Book 72 I am already dead by David Whish-Wilson

Trainee private investigator Lee Southern finds himself drawn into a web of danger and deceit as he investigates a series of bribery attempts targeting a wealthy entrepreneur. Under the expert tutelage of retiring PI Frank Swann, Lee uses all of his developing skills, instincts and cunning to get to the heart of a sordid mystery. As Lee delves deeper into the case and questions the intentions of those he's working for, he finds himself the target of increasingly ominous threats and several attempts on his life.

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### Book 73 While drowning in the desert by Don Winslow

Private eye Neal Carey is assigned to escort octogenarian comedian Natty Silver home from Las Vegas, but soon they're both dodging suits, a fascist con artist, and a career-track assassin.

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### Book 74 Nightshade by E. S. Thomson

London, 1851. Restless and bored after a long hot summer, apothecary and poison expert Jem Flockhart decides to redesign her physic garden. But plans are thrown into confusion when a man's skeleton is unearthed from beneath the deadly nightshade, a smaller, child-like skeleton curled at its feet. The police claim the victim is too long-buried for answers to be found, but for Jem, a corpse in her own garden is something that cannot be ignored.

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### Book 75 The unspeakable acts of Zina Pavlou by Eleni Kyriacou

London, 1954. Eva Georgiou has just returned from her shift at the glamorous Café de Paris, when she's summoned to her second job: Greek interpreter for the Metropolitan Police. There, she is tasked with representing Zina Pavlou, a Cypriot woman who has been accused of the brutal murder of her daughter-in-law who has been bludgeoned, strangled and then set alight. Eva gets to work as Zina's translator, but her concern grows that the case may be more complicated than it seems.

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### Book 76 The dark angel by Elly Griffiths

Dr Ruth Galloway is flattered when she receives a letter from Italian archaeologist Dr Angelo Morelli, asking for her help. He's discovered a group of bones in a tiny hilltop village near Rome but doesn't know what to make of them. It's years since Ruth has had a holiday, and even a working holiday to Italy is very welcome! So Ruth travels to Castello degli Angeli, accompanied by her daughter Kate and friend Shona. In the town she finds a baffling Roman mystery and a dark secret involving the war years and the Resistance. To her amazement she also soon finds Harry Nelson, with Cathbad in tow. But there is no time to overcome their mutual shock - the ancient bones spark a modern murder, and Ruth must discover what secrets there are in Castello degli Angeli that someone would kill to protect.

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### Book 77 The stone circle by Elly Griffiths

DCI Nelson has been receiving threatening letters telling him to 'go to the stone circle and rescue the innocent who is buried there'. He is shaken, not only because children are very much on his mind, with Michelle's baby due to be born, but because although the letters are anonymous, they are somehow familiar. They read like the letters that first drew him into the case of The Crossing Places, and to Ruth. But the author of those letters is dead. Or are they? Meanwhile, Ruth is working on a dig in the Saltmarsh - another henge, known by the archaeologists as the stone circle - trying not to think about the baby. Then bones are found on the site and identified as those of Margaret Lacey, a 12-year-old girl who disappeared 30 years ago. As the Margaret Lacey case progresses, more and more aspects of it begin to hark back to that first case of The Crossing Places, and to Scarlett Henderson, the girl Nelson couldn't save. The past is reaching out for Ruth and Nelson, and its grip is deadly.

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### Book 78 The lantern men by Elly Griffiths

Everything has changed for Dr Ruth Galloway. She has a new job, home and partner and is no longer North Norfolk police's resident forensic archaeologist. That is, until convicted murderer Amyas March offers to make DCI Nelson a deal. Nelson was always sure that March killed more women than he was charged with. Now March confirms this and offers to show Nelson where the other bodies are buried - but only if Ruth will do the digging. Curious, but wary, Ruth agrees. March tells Ruth that he killed four more women and that their bodies are buried near a village bordering the fens, said to be haunted by the Lantern Men, mysterious figures holding lights that lure travellers to their deaths. Is Amyas March himself a lantern man, luring Ruth back to Norfolk? What is his plan, and why is she so crucial to it? And are the killings really over?

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### Book 79 The night hawks by Elly Griffiths

The Night Hawks, a group of metal detectorists, are searching for buried treasure when they find a body on the beach in North Norfolk. At first Nelson thinks that the dead man might be an asylum seeker, but he turns out to be a local boy, Jem Taylor, recently released from prison. Ruth is more interested in the treasure, a hoard of Bronze Age weapons. Nelson at first thinks that Taylor's death is accidental drowning, but a second death suggests murder. Nelson is called to an apparent murder-suicide of a couple at the isolated Black Dog Farm. Local legend talks of the Black Shuck, a spectral hound that appears to people before they die. Nelson ignores this, even when the owner's suicide note includes the line, 'He's buried in the garden'. Ruth excavates and finds the body of a giant dog. All roads lead back to this farm in the middle of nowhere, but the place spells serious danger for anyone who goes near. Ruth doesn't scare easily. Not until she finds herself at Black Dog Farm...

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### Book 80 The locked room by Elly Griffiths

Three years after her mother’s death, Ruth is finally sorting through her things when she finds a curious relic: a decades-old photograph of her own Norfolk cottage—before she lived there—with a peculiar inscription on the back. Ruth returns to the cot­tage to uncover its meaning as Norfolk’s first cases of Covid-19 make headlines, leaving her and Kate to shelter in place there. They struggle to stave off isolation by clapping for frontline workers each evening and befriending a kind neighbor, Zoe, from a distance. Meanwhile, Nelson is investigating a series of deaths of women that may or may not be suicide. When he links a case to an archaeological dis­covery, he breaks curfew to visit Ruth and enlist her help. But the further Nelson investigates the deaths, the closer he gets to Ruth’s isolated cot­tage—until Ruth, Zoe, and Kate all go missing, and Nelson is left scrambling to find them before it’s too late.

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### Book 81 The last remains by Elly Griffiths

When builders renovating a café in King's Lynn find a human skeleton behind a wall, they call for DCI Harry Nelson and Dr Ruth Galloway, Head of Archaeology at the nearby University of North Norfolk. Ruth is preoccupied with the threatened closure of her department and by her ever-complicated relationship with Nelson. However, she agrees to look at the case. Ruth sees at once that the bones are modern. They are identified as the remains of Emily Pickering, a young archaeology student who went missing in the 1990s. Emily attended a course run by her Cambridge tutor. Suspicion falls on him and also on another course member - Ruth's friend Cathbad, who is still frail following his near death from Covid. As they investigate, Nelson and his team uncover a tangled web of relationships within the student group and the adults leading them. What was the link between the group and the King's Lynn café where Emily's bones were found? Then, just when the team seem to be making progress, Cathbad disappears. Was it guilt that led him to flee? The trail leads Ruth and Nelson to the Neolithic flint mines in Grimes Graves which are as spooky as their name. The race is on, first to find Cathbad and then to exonerate him, but will Ruth and Nelson uncover the truth in time to save their friend?

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### Book 82 Death in the Ozarks by Erik S Meyers

Sally Witherspoon, a fifty-something accountant turned biker-bar owner, loves solving puzzles. Up to now, she has focused on helping neighbors and friends find lost jewelry, lost pets, and lost loves. But when she finds her best friend and business partner, Bill Arnold, dead in a dumpster behind the bar, she needs all her wits and grit to find out who murdered him.

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### Book 83 The strip by Iain Ryan

When a local doctor is brutally murdered, Detective Constable Lana Cohen joins Strike Force Diablo on the notorious Gold Coast, where she finds herself navigating a world of chaos and corruption. As she delves deeper into the case, Lana reluctantly pairs up with Henry Loch, a detective with a tarnished reputation who sees an opportunity to redeem himself amidst the mayhem. But as Lana and Henry unravel the threads of violence and deceit, they uncover a dark side to the Gold Coast that shocks them to the core.

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### Book 84 One for the ages by J. D. Kirk

When a blood-soaked old man is spotted wandering through a sleepy fishing village in the far north of Scotland, his neighbours think he’s been in an accident. That is, until he leads them to his home and to the mutilated remains of his late wife. It is the first murder that the remote Highland village has ever seen. It will not be the last. Someone is targeting the elderly and vulnerable in their homes. Someone they know. Someone they trust. Arriving to lead the manhunt, DCI Jack Logan finds a close-knit community closing ranks. Can Jack break down the wall of silence before more lives are lost? Or, in this twisted, sadistic killer, has Jack Logan finally met his match?

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### Book 85 Dark arena by Jack Beaumont

When a DGSE agent is brutally murdered in front of his family, the 'Company' swings into action, determined to track down the killers. Meanwhile, operative Alec de Payns is turning a Russian intelligence officer by blackmail. His team must establish who is posting classified material against the Kremlin to embassies all over Europe. The clues lead to a secret meeting of businessmen, terrorists and mercenaries on a luxury yacht in the Mediterranean, which Alec must infiltrate. What he discovers there will set Europe on course for catastrophe.

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### Book 86 A shadow at the door by Jo Dixon

After a brutal attack and the breakdown of her marriage, life has taught former TV star Remi Lucan that it's safer to not rely on anyone. Instead, she's buried herself in Hobart, transforming her dilapidated sandstone house back to its former splendour, and it has been her proudest achievement. But when she runs out of money, her wealthy ex-husband tries to force the sale of the property and Remi realises her only option is to lower her defences and take in tenants. But when a series of 'accidents' turns ugly, it becomes clear these incidents are more than pranks. Someone is out to get Remi, and they won't stop until they destroy her.

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### Book 87 Storm prey by John Sandford

Early one Minnesota morning, three men burst into a hospital pharmacy, duct-tape the hands, feet, mouth, and eyes of two pharmacy workers, and clean the place out. But then things swiftly go bad, one of the workers dies, and the robbers hustle out to their truck and find themselves momentarily face-to-face with a blond woman in the garage: the wife of an investigator named Lucas Davenport. Unsure whether or not the woman could later identify them, they decide to find and eliminate her.

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### Book 88 Buried prey by John Sandford

A house demolition provides an unpleasant surprise for the Minneapolis Police -the bodies of two girls, wrapped in plastic. It looks like they've been there a long time, and Lucas Davenport knows exactly how long. With the bodies discovered, an old case is resurrected - but there's something wrong with the evidence. As Davenport investigates, one thing is becoming increasingly clear: It wasn't just the bodies that were buried. It was the truth.

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### Book 89 Stolen prey by John Sandford

Lucas Davenport has seen many terrible murder scenes. This is one of the worst. In the small Minnesota town of Deephaven, an entire family has been killed - husband, wife, two daughters, dogs. There's something about the scene that pokes at Lucas's cop instincts.

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### Book 90 Righteous prey by John Sandford

A group of vigilantes known only as 'The Five' are targeting the worst of society - rapists, murderers and thieves - and they use their unlimited resources to offset the damage done by those who they've killed, donating untraceable Bitcoin to charities and victims via the Dark Web. Soon, they are the most popular figures on social media . . . but their motives may not be entirely pure. After a woman is murdered in the Twin Cities, Virgil Flowers and Lucas Davenport are sent to investigate.

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### Book 91 Red Queen by Juan Gomez-Jurado

Antonia Scott―the daughter of a British diplomat and a Spanish mother―has a gifted forensic mind, whose ability to reconstruct crimes and solve baffling murders is legendary. But after a personal trauma, she's refused to continue her work or even leave her apartment. Jon Gutierrez, a police officer in Bilbao―disgraced, suspended, and about to face criminal charges―is offered a chance to salvage his career by a secretive organization that works in the shadows to direct criminal investigations of a highly sensitive nature. All he has to do is succeed where many others have failed: Convince a recalcitrant Antonia to come out of her self-imposed retirement, protecting her and helping her investigate a new, terrifying case. The case is a macabre, ritualistic murder―a teen-aged boy from a wealthy family whose body was found without a drop of blood left in it. But the murder is just the start. A high-ranking executive and daughter of one of the richest men in Spain is kidnapped, a crime which is tied to the previous murder. Behind them both is a hidden mastermind with even more sinister plans. And the only person with a chance to see the connections, solve the crimes and successfully match wits with the killer before tragedy strikes again...is Antonia Scott.

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### Book 92 Unleashed by Karl Hill

Meet Adam Black. A man betrayed. A man on a mission. Does anything matter more than justice? Adam Black, an ex SAS captain, is randomly attacked while out for his nightly jog in the quiet Scottish village of Eaglesham. But Black does not take the ambush lying down, and while defending himself, kills two of the three attackers. After being interviewed, the police decide not to press charges against Black. Unbeknownst to Black, the men who assaulted him have links to a vicious criminal, Peter Grant, who swears revenge. Black is not a man to mess with. But neither is Peter Grant, and when he begins a campaign of terror against Black, his wife and daughter, Black refuses to be intimidated. But at what cost?

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### Book 93 Violation by Karl Hill

When Adam Black learns he is the sole beneficiary of a stranger’s will, he begins to ask questions. Why would a man Black has never met or heard of leave him everything he owns? And as Black looks deeper, he discovers that the legacy is shrouded in mystery. To uncover the truth, Black will travel a violent and treacherous path. A path that leads to devastating consequences. This is Adam Black's biggest challenge yet. And, to endure it, he must once again resort to the skill he is an expert in. Killing for survival. But will Black make it back in one piece, or will it result in his undoing?

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### Book 94 Venomous by Karl Hill

Black is back and he’s facing his toughest challenge yet. Tasked with uncovering crucial information from a psychopath nicknamed the Red Serpent, Adam Black infiltrates one of Scotland’s hardest prisons. A young woman has been abducted and the Red Serpent may have the answers to her whereabouts. But the clock is ticking. When Black is betrayed, his only option is to break out of prison in order to find the woman and the identity of her abductor. Can Black rescue the woman and stop a deranged psychopath? Will he make it out of this alive? Black knows one thing for sure...there will be bloodshed.

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### Book 95 Fury by Karl Hill

Adam Black is facing his most mysterious case yet. When a stranger gives Black a book and tells him the book holds the key to the mystery surrounding his wife’s murder, Black dismisses the event as nothing more than the ramblings of a mad man. Then Black is called to a meeting with a Hollywood movie star, Victor Cromwell, who is shooting a new film in Glasgow. At the meeting, Victor makes a very strange request that will throw Black’s life into turmoil. Meanwhile a killer who was dormant for 20 years has returned and is murdering young women in the most gruesome way. As Black investigates, he starts to suspect the three events are linked and sets out to uncover the truth. But the truth often lies in the darkest places. Will he get out of this alive?

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### Book 96 Finale by Karl Hill

When Adam Black attends the funeral of an old friend, Desmond Gallagher—a human rights lawyer shot dead while jogging—the widow asks for his help, and he can’t say no. She confides that her husband had been threatened by a group calling itself the Remus Syndicate, and Black is soon plunged into a complex and shadowy mystery involving money laundering, organised crime and human trafficking. But every new discovery seems to lead to a dead end. Along the way, Black finds mortal threats, carnage and plenty of secrets—but will the truth about Desmond Gallagher’s demise remain forever unknown?

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### Book 97 How not to murder your ex by Katie Marsh

When single mum Clio's ex Gary turns up dead on the doorstep of her caravan, there's only one suspect. Her. What's more, she doesn't remember much about the night he was killed because she had too many cocktails with her two best friends Amber and Jeanie. Clio does remember them talking about how much they all hated him though. And, in the frame for murder, she has to ask herself - if she didn't kill Gary, who did?

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### Book 98 Hungry ghosts by Kevin Jared Hosein

Trinidad in the 1940s, nearing the end of American occupation and British colonialism. On a hill overlooking Bell Village sits the Changoor farm, where Dalton and Marlee Changoor live in luxury unrecognizable to those who reside in the farm's shadow. Down below is the Barrack, a ramshackle building of wood and tin, divided into rooms occupied by whole families. Among these families are the Saroops - Hans, Shweta, and their son, Krishna, all three born of the barracks. Theirs are hard lives of backbreaking work, grinding poverty, devotion to faith, and a battle against nature and a social structure designed to keep them where they are. But when Dalton goes missing and Marlee's safety is compromised, farmhand Hans is lured by the promise of a handsome stipend to move to the farm as a watchman. As the mystery of Dalton's disappearance unfolds, the lives of the wealthy couple and those who live in the barracks below become insidiously entwined, their community changed forever and in shocking ways.

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### Book 99 Three assassins by Kōtarō Isaka

Suzuki is an ordinary man until his wife is murdered. To get answers and his revenge, Suzuki abandons his law-abiding lifestyle and takes a low-level job with a front company operated by the crime gang Maiden, who are responsible for his wife’s death. Before long, Suzuki finds himself caught up in a network of quirky and highly effective assassins. The Cicada is a knife expert. The Pusher nudges people into oncoming traffic. The Whale whispers bleak aphorisms to his victims until they take their own lives. Intense and electrifying, Three Assassins delivers a wild ride through the criminal underworld of Tokyo, populated by contract killers who are almost superhumanly good at their jobs.

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### Book 100 The mantis by Kōtarō Isaka

Kabuto is a highly skilled assassin eager to escape his dangerous profession and the hold his handler, the sinister Doctor, has over him. The Doctor, a real physician who hands over Kabuto's targets as "prescriptions" in his regular appointments with him, doesn't want to lose Kabuto as a profitable asset, but he agrees to let him pay his way out of his employment with a few last jobs.

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### Book 101 Bullet train by Kōtarō Isaka

Nanao, nicknamed Ladybug—the self-proclaimed “unluckiest assassin in the world”—boards a bullet train from Tokyo to Morioka with one simple task: grab a suitcase and get off at the next stop. Unbeknownst to him, the deadly duo Tangerine and Lemon are also after the very same suitcase—and they are not the only dangerous passengers onboard. Satoshi, “the Prince,” with the looks of an innocent schoolboy and the mind of a viciously cunning psychopath, is also in the mix and has history with some of the others. Risk fuels him as does a good philosophical debate—like, is killing really wrong? Chasing the Prince is another assassin with a score to settle for the time the Prince casually pushed a young boy off of a roof, leaving him comatose. When the five assassins discover they are all on the same train, they realize their missions are not as unrelated as they first appear.

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### Book 102 Murder among the roses by Liz Fielding

In the peaceful Cotswolds village of Maybridge, you wouldn't expect to find a dead body in the rose garden. And certainly not two. Abby is horrified to discover the bones of a baby buried under a rose bush. It's in the garden of her soon-to-be ex-husband Howard's family home. She immediately calls the police. But she can't get hold of Howard. He's off on a jolly with the woman he's got pregnant. And then, just two days later, Abby finds Howard himself. Lying dead in the very same rose garden. Throat slashed with her own garden spade.

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### Book 103 The second son by Loraine Peck

Duty always has a price. When Ivan Novak is shot dead putting out his garbage bins in Sydney’s west, his family wants revenge, especially his father Milan, a notorious crime boss. It’s a job for the second son, Ivan’s younger brother Johnny. But Johnny loves his wife Amy and their son Sasha. And she’s about to deliver her ultimatum: either the three of them escape this wave of killing or she’ll leave, taking Sasha. Torn between loyalty to his family and love for his wife, Johnny plans the heist of a lifetime and takes a huge risk. Is he prepared to pay the price? And what choice will Amy make?

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### Book 104 The double bind by Loraine Peck

You can run, but you can never escape your family. Amy and Johnny Novak have fled to a seaside town in northern New South Wales. They want a fresh start with their 11-year-old son Sasha, and Amy is determined to shake off the legacy of Johnny’s criminal family. But it’s hard to outrun the Novaks. Are Amy and Johnny still keeping secrets from each other? And how did they get involved in a high-stakes game with Arturo Raoul De Leon, aka The Snake? Can Amy rise to the occasion to keep her family safe or will she be forced to become Johnny’s partner in crime?

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### Book 105 Taste of blood by Lynda La Plante

Detective Inspector Jane Tennison was beginning to feel she'd made a big mistake. Having requested a transfer to a station nearer her home, she's now wondering if any serious crimes are ever committed in Bromley. Especially since the first case she's assigned to involves nothing more dramatic than an altercation between neighbours over a disputed property boundary. Jane's new boss wants her to wrap up the enquiry as quickly as possible, but something in the apparently trivial case doesn't add up. Why was Martin Boon so adamant that David Caplan shouldn't install a new set of gates when they wouldn't encroach on his own property? Against her boss's orders, Jane decides to dig deeper, and soon uncovers a trove of dark secrets in sleepy Clarendon Court involving a tragic death and a forbidden love affair. As Tennison hunts for the missing piece of evidence that will identify a vicious killer, she knows that this case will either make her career - or break it.

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### Book 106 The Delta Devlin collection: Books 1-3 by Matthew Mather

The Dreaming Tree: After a near-fatal car crash, Royce Lowell-Vandeweghe wakes up to find he’s one of the first patients to undergo a radical new procedure: a full-body transplant. Convalescing years later and suffering from waking nightmares, he answers the door at his Long Island home and meets Delta Devlin, a New York detective. She sees things nobody else can—visions created by a mutation to her eyes—and meeting Royce sets off an unraveling chain of events … Meet Your Maker: Interpol rookie Delta Devlin witnesses an attempted assassination, but the bullet meant for the Ukrainian prime minister hits her father instead, lodging next to his heart. Investigations reveal that ex–KGB operator Yuri Korshunov smuggled a 3D-printed plastic gun into the UN Building. As her father falls into a mysterious coma, Devlin follows Korshunov and infamous tech wunderkind Lenny Bondar into the underworld of Eastern Europe. There, her worst nightmares materialize from the darkness. Out of Time: Critical components of the Large Hadron Collider, the largest machine ever built, have been stolen, and newly promoted Marshal Delta Devlin is brought in by Interpol to investigate. At the same time, a dead body appears on the shores of the East River in Delta’s hometown of New York City—one with very similar injuries to those left by the serial killer she caught to start her career. As events in the present collide in a tangle of secrets and lies, Delta cannot trust anyone—even her family and loved ones.

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### Book 107 The girl in the vault by Michael Ledwidge

Faye Walker has it all. She's not only scored one of the most highly coveted internships on all of Wall Street, she's also just met the head-over-heels love of her life. Faye is a shoo-in for a full-time position at the illustrious merchant bank, Greene Brothers Hale. Then, just as she awaits her offer and her signing bonus, a treacherous betrayal arrives to shatter Faye's plans and her young life.

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### Book 108 Deadly reunion by Michael McDowell, John Preston

The Black Berets learned their lethal skills on the battlefields of Vietnam. When word gets out that one of their own is being held prisoner, they must re-hone their skills to become a flawless killing machine once more.

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### Book 109 Cold vengeance by Michael McDowell, John Preston

The Black Berets had to hand it to Parkes, their former CIA case officer. First he'd sent them on a suicide mission to Vietnam. Then he'd sent some CIA hit men to finish them off when the enemy couldn't. And the moment they set foot stateside, the world's meanest mercenaries found that Parkes had arranged another lethal welcome.

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### Book 110 The black palm by Michael McDowell, John Preston

The Black Palm called themselves a nation, though their own people had cast them out. They called themselves an army, but made war on unarmed men, women and children. And in their fanatical crusade, they might strike anywhere. Even in the tiny Caribbean republic of New Neuzen.

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### Book 111 Black heart by Morgan Greene

What dreams may come ... On the idyllic Swedish island of Gotland, another teenager is found dead. This makes 22 suicides in 17 months. Some knew each other, others didn't. There are no notes. No explanations. No reasons. Each new death rocks the island to its core, and everyone holds their breath for the next to be found.

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### Book 112 3.53 a.m. by Nick Pirog

Henry Bins faces his most challenging mission yet: clearing his father’s name. As the past collides with the present, the stakes are higher than ever. 3:53 a.m. is a heart-pounding tale of family, conspiracy, and the relentless pursuit of justice. A trial. A baby. An election. And the biggest twist yet …

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### Book 113 An expert in murder by Nicola Upson

Travelling to London in 1934 to celebrate the triumphant final week of her play Richard of Bordeaux, popular writer Josephine Tey is caught up by the murder of a fellow train passenger, in a case that raises the suspicions of Detective Inspector Archie Penrose.

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### Book 114 Angel with two faces by Nicola Upson

Inspector Archie Penrose invites Josephine Tey down to his home in Cornwall so she can recover from the traumatic events depicted in 'An Expert in Murder'. However, Josephine's hopes of rest are dashed when her arrival coincides with the funeral of a young man from the village who had drowned when his horse leapt into the nearby lake.

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### Book 115 Two for sorrow by Nicola Upson

When Josephine Tey sets out to write a novel about the notorious Finchley baby farmers, her research helps to solve the recent sadistic murder of a young seamstress. The girl's death seems to be the result of a domestic feud, but when a second young woman is involved in an horrific accident, the search begins for a vicious killer who will stop at nothing to keep the past hidden.

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### Book 116 Fear in the sunlight by Nicola Upson

Summer, 1936. Writer Josephine Tey joins her friends in Portmeirion, meeting with Alfred Hitchcock to sign film deal. Hitchcock has a few tricks planned to keep the party entertained, but things get out of hand when a Hollywood actress is brutally murdered. As fear and suspicion take over, Chief Inspector Archie Penrose becomes unsatisfied with the investigation. Several years later another horrific murder drives Penrose back to Portmeirion to uncover the shocking truth.

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### Book 117 The death of Lucy Kyte by Nicola Upson

When Josephine Tey inherits a remote Suffolk cottage from her godmother, it comes full of secrets. There's the infamous Red Barn murders, committed in the grounds a century before, and there's Lucy Kyte, the mysterious beneficiary of her godmother's will. Josephine knows that there is something dark that has a hold on this small community. Is it the sinister ghosts of the Red Barn murders, or is there something very much alive that she needs to beware of?

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### Book 118 London rain by Nicola Upson

May, 1937, and London prepares to crown a new king. At the height of the Coronation celebrations, Detective Chief Inspector Archie Penrose is called to the BBC to investigate the murder of a famous broadcaster, a death which Josephine Tey suspects is linked to a decade-old scandal.

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### Book 119 Nine lessons by Nicola Upson

In the years before the Great War, M.R. James told ghost stories by candlelight to a handful of friends and scholars. Now, twenty-five years later, those men are being killed off one by one. Josephine Tey is in Cambridge, a town gripped by fear as a serial rapist stalks the streets, and Chief Inspector Archie Penrose faces some of the most horrific murders of his career.

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### Book 120 Sorry for the dead by Nicola Upson

In the summer of 1915, the sudden death of a young girl brings grief and notoriety to Charleston Farmhouse on the Sussex Downs. Years later, Josephine Tey returns to the same house - now much changed - and remembers the two women with whom she once lodged as a young teacher during the Great War. As past and present collide, with murders decades apart, Josephine is forced to face the possibility that the scandal which threatened to destroy those women's lives hid a much darker secret.

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### Book 121 The dead of winter by Nicola Upson

December 1938, and storm clouds hover once again over Europe. Josephine Tey and Archie Penrose gather with friends for a Cornish Christmas, but two strange and brutal deaths on St Michael's Mount - and the unexpected arrival of a world famous film star, in need of sanctuary - interrupt the festivities.

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### Book 122 Dear little corpses by Nicola Upson

1 September 1939 As the mass evacuation takes place across Britain, thousands of children leave London for the countryside, but when a little girl vanishes without trace, it seems that danger can lurk in the quietest village. In the chaos of war, crime novelist Josephine Tey struggles with the prospect of change. When a cloud of mistrust falls across the small community she has come to love, the conflict becomes personal and events take a sinister turn.

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### Book 123 Shot with crimson by Nicola Upson

September 1939, and the worries of war follow Josephine Tey to Hollywood, where a different sort of battle is raging on the set of Hitchcock's Rebecca. Then a shocking act of violence reawakens the shadows of the past, with consequences on both sides of the Atlantic, and Josephine and DCI Archie Penrose find themselves on a trail leading back to the house that inspired a young Daphne du Maurier--a trail that echoes Rebecca's timeless themes of obsession, jealousy, and murder.

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### Book 124 Rupture by Ragnar Jonasson

It's 1955. Two young couples move to the uninhabited, isolated fjord of Hedinsfjordur. Their stay ends abruptly when one of the women meets her death in mysterious circumstances. The case is never solved. Fifty years later an old photograph comes to light, and it becomes clear that the couples may not have been alone on the fjord after all....

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### Book 125 Whiteout by Ragnar Jonasson

Two days before Christmas, a young woman is found dead beneath the cliffs of the deserted village of Kalfshamarvik. Did she jump, or did something more sinister take place beneath the lighthouse and the abandoned old house on the remote rocky outcrop? With winter closing in and the snow falling relentlessly, Ari Thor Arason discovers that the victim's mother and young sister also lost their lives in this same spot, 25 years earlier....

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### Book 126 Winterkill by Ragnar Jonasson

Easter weekend is approaching, and snow is gently falling in Siglufjörður, the northernmost town in Iceland, as crowds of tourists arrive to visit the majestic ski slopes. Ari Thór Arason is now a police inspector, but he’s separated from his girlfriend, who lives in Sweden with their three-year-old son. A family reunion is planned for the holiday, but a violent blizzard is threatening and there is an unsettling chill in the air. Three days before Easter, a 19-year-old local girl falls to her death from the balcony of a house on the main street. A perplexing entry in her diary suggests that this may not be an accident, and when an old man in a local nursing home writes ‘She was murdered’ again and again on the wall of his room, there is every suggestion that something more sinister lies at the heart of her death.... As the extreme weather closes in, cutting the power and access to Siglufjörður, Ari Thór must piece together the puzzle to reveal a horrible truth...one that will leave no one unscathed.

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### Book 127 Mind burn by Rhett C Bruno, T. E. Bakutis

When your new employer tasks you with investigating the first successful mass shooting in twelve years, it’s understandable to be nervous. Fortunately, detective-in-training Cowan Soto has a Personal Brain Assistant—a cybernetic implant—that allows him to firewall pesky emotions like worry and guilt and redact memories of bullet-riddled corpses. Unfortunately, Cowan soon learns it was his suspect’s PBA which allowed a ruthless hacker to puppet her into a shooting rampage. Aided by a veteran investigator, a brilliant CFO, a nihilistic cybercriminal, and the best waifu madam in Kearny Mesa, Cowan must wade through a gauntlet of homicidal professional gamers, the Russian mafia, and the board of OneWorld to bring this ruthless puppetmaster to justice. All the while, the brand-new detective is concealing the fact that he’s the exact type of criminal OneWorld has hired him to arrest: a loose circuit—a human unbound by behavioral modification protocols.

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### Book 128 Geneva by Richard Armitage

Nobel Prize-winning scientist Sarah Collier has taken a step back from work to spend more time with her family. Movie nights with her husband Daniel and their daughter Maddie are a welcome respite from the scrutiny of the world’s press. As much as it hurts, it’s good to be able to see her father more too. He’s suffering from Alzheimer’s and needs special care. Sarah has started to show tell-tale signs of the disease too. She’s been experiencing blackouts and memory loss. It’s early days but she must face the possibility that she won’t be there to see her daughter grow up. Daniel, a neuroscientist himself, is doing his best to be supportive but she already knows that she will have to be the strong one. For all of them. So when Sarah is invited to be the guest of honour at a prestigious biotech conference in Geneva she declines, wanting to stay out of the public eye – that is until Daniel shows her the kind of work that the enigmatic Mauritz Schiller has been developing...

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### Book 129 One-armed Jack: uncovering the real Jack the Ripper by Sarah Bax Horton

Using a different analytical approach, for the first time, Sarah Bax Horton identifies a named perpetrator as Jack the Ripper by linking eye-witness accounts of the killer's distinctive physical characteristics to his official medical records.

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### Book 130 Choose me by Tess Gerritsen

Taryn Moore is young, beautiful, and brilliant…so why would she kill herself? When Detective Frankie Loomis arrives on the scene to investigate the girl’s fatal plunge from her apartment balcony, she knows in her gut there’s more to the story. Her instincts are confirmed when surprise information is revealed that could have been reason enough for Taryn’s suicide - or a motive for her murder. To English professor Jack Dorian, Taryn was the ultimate fantasy: intelligent, adoring, and completely off limits. But there was also a dark side to Taryn, a dangerous streak that threatened those she turned her affections to - including Jack. And now that she’s dead, his problems are just beginning. After Frankie uncovers a trove of sordid secrets, it becomes clear that Jack may know the truth. He is guilty of deception, but is he capable of cold-blooded murder?

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### Book 131 36 streets by Tim Napper

Lin “The Silent One” Vu is a gangster and sometime private investigator living in Chinese-occupied Hanoi, in the steaming, paranoid alleyways of the 36 Streets. Born in Vietnam, raised in Australia, everywhere she is an outsider. Through grit and courage Lin has carved a place for herself in the Vietnamese underworld where Hanoi’s crime boss, Bao Nguyen, is training her to fight and lead. Bao drives her hard; on the streets there are no second chances. Meanwhile the people of Hanoi are succumbing to Fat Victory—a dangerously addictive immersive simulation of the US-Vietnam war. When an Englishman comes to Hanoi on the trail of his friend’s murderer, Lin’s life is turned upside down. She is drawn into the grand conspiracies of the neon gods—of regimes and mega-corporations—as they unleash dangerous new technologies. Lin must confront the immutable moral calculus of unjust wars. She must choose: Family, country, or gang. Blood, truth, or redemption. No choice is easy on the 36 Streets.

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### Book 132 Bliss uncovered by Tony J Forder

Fresh out of uniform, DC Jimmy Bliss finds himself at the centre of an undercover sting. Enlisted by a crew of villains to crack a safe, he fears his cover is blown when he's seen in the wrong place at the wrong time. But on the night of the job, things run smoothly enough until the gang leader changes the location of the heist. As the job spirals out of control, Bliss has to trust his instincts and buy some time.

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### Book 133 Bad to the bone by Tony J Forder

A skeletal body is unearthed in a wooded area of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. DI James Bliss, together with DC Penny Chandler, investigate the case and discover that the young, female victim had been relocated from its original burial site. A witness is convinced that a young female was struck by a vehicle back in the summer of 1990, and that police attended the scene. However, no record exists of either the accident or the reported victim.

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### Book 134 The scent of guilt by Tony J Forder

Twelve years after he left Peterborough under a cloud, DI Bliss returns to the city and the major crimes team. Having spent years policing organised crime, Bliss is plunged straight into the heart of a serial murder investigation. Meanwhile, Penny Chandler has been promoted to DS and has been working in London on the Met's sexual crimes team. But when two rapes are reported on her old patch in Peterborough, Chandler volunteers to interview the victims.

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### Book 135 If fear wins by Tony J Forder

When a torched body is found in a country lane, DI Bliss and Chandler are called in to investigate. The detectives are drawn towards recent missing person reports and believe their victim will prove to be one of them. Bliss thinks he knows which, and fears the outcome if he is proven right. Soon the body is identified, and Bliss and Chandler discover evidence suggesting this murder might be a terrorist attack.

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### Book 136 The reach of shadows by Tony J Forder

Recovering from injuries sustained in a road collision, DI Bliss is taken directly from hospital to a fresh crime scene and ordered to investigate the vicious stabbing and murder of Jade Coleman. When Bliss realises the victim had reported being stalked, and that two of his own team had been drafted in to take her statement, he is given the unenviable task of interviewing both of his detectives. Increasingly it appears that the stalker may be their killer.

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### Book 137 The death of justice by Tony J Forder

One night. Two shootings. Two victims. When DI Bliss arrives at the scene of the second murder, he recognises the same three-shot pattern as the first. But there is one major difference: the second victim has been decapitated, the head nowhere to be found. When a second headless corpse is discovered the following day, Bliss and his team realise the killer is on a spree - and he's not done yet.

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### Book 138 Endless silent scream by Tony J Forder

When DI Bliss prevents fifteen-year-old Molly from jumping from a hotel roof, he has no idea their paths will cross again. A county lines mule, Molly is questioned by the drugs squad, but Bliss becomes convinced she is in danger and attempts to have her relocated. A local drug dealer and a London-based enforcer have other ideas.

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### Book 139 Slow slicing by Tony J Forder

When slices of flesh and body parts are discovered in different areas of the country, DI Bliss and his team are tasked with running the operation. After Bliss realises the victims have been subjected to a specific form of torture, it leads him to a cold case involving the brutal and bloody murder of a woman in London twenty-six years earlier.

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### Book 140 The autumn tree by Tony J Forder

When dark desires have no limitations, anything is fair game. After a young woman is found strangled to death, Bliss is called to the scene. When he learns that one of his business cards was found among the victim's clothing, and he is told what was written on the back of it, Bliss is immediately troubled. The card was one of five he handed out to trafficked young women he and his team had previously rescued from a shipping container.

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### Book 141 Darker days to come by Tony J Forder

DI Bliss and his team absorb two new cases which don't initially present as major crimes. But who is the man who stepped in front of an express train? Did he willingly commit suicide or was he coerced? And what, if any, connection is there to an abandoned vehicle whose owner cannot be traced? As Bliss and his team dig deeper they soon realise there are three people now missing - a journalist, a mother, and her young daughter.

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### Book 142 The lightning rod by Tony J Forder

DI Bliss attends the aftermath of an apparent murder-suicide—but the scene tells him and his colleagues something very different occurred. Now the Peterborough Major Crimes Unit face an adversary like no other. They have no idea why his victims had to die. They have no idea who he is. They have no idea where he might strike next—only that he will.

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### Book 143 A vow of evil by Veronica Black

It's an awfully long time since Sister Joan found a dead body." These are the words of old Sister Gabrielle, but she may have spoken too soon . . . There is clearly something weird going on in their quiet corner of Cornwall. There's been some obscene vandalism in the kitchen. A dog is kidnapped. And when a cat is killed, Joan knows there's evil afoot.

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## PARENTING AND FAMILY

### Book 144 The day we left by Caroline Bond

Oli and Joe are identical twins. But they will never be the same. Lizzie Truman gives birth to her sons at thirty-one weeks. Oli is bigger, stronger, healthier. Joe is small and much less robust, his future inexorably altered by the trauma of his premature delivery. As soon as the boys are well enough, Lizzie checks out of the maternity hospital and leaves her old life behind. By the time Oli and Joe are grown, Beth has a new name, a thriving business, and she has successfully raised her sons alone. But when the truth about their past emerges, the twins are forced to reassess everything they thought they knew about their mother, their upbringing and themselves.

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### Book 145 Missing pieces by Laura Pearson

What if the one thing that kept you together was breaking you apart? All Linda wants to do is sleep. She won't look at her husband. She can't stand her daughter. And she doesn't want to have this baby. Having this baby means moving on, and she just wants to go back to before. Before their family was torn apart, before the blame was placed. Alienated by their own guilt and struggling to cope, the Sadler family unravels. They grow up, grow apart, never talking about their terrible secret. That is until Linda's daughter finds out she's pregnant. Before she brings another Sadler into the world, Bea needs to know what happened twenty-five years ago. What did they keep from her? What happened that couldn't be fixed? A devastating mistake, a lifetime of consequences. How can you repair something broken if pieces are missing?

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### Book 146 The vintage village bake off by Judy Leigh

Robert Parkin is in his seventies, but the local ladies vie for his company. It's clear that Robert' baking prowess is his lure. All his recipes are inspired and his real masterpieces are his scones, which soon come to the attention of the local media. Which county does the best cream tea – Devon or Cornwall? It’s time for an age-old debate to be settled with a competition. Robert’s sisters Bunty and Hattie are both at crossroads in their lives, so news of their brother’s baking competition is the perfect excuse to bring them to Millbrook.

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### Book 147 The disappearance of Astrid Bricard by Natasha Lester

Paris, 1917: Parentless sixteen-year-old Mizza Bricard makes a vow: to be remembered on her own terms. This promise drives her through couture houses until, finally, a fashion legend is created - one that will endure for generations. New York, 1970: Designer Astrid Bricard arrives in Chelsea ready to change the fashion world. And she does - but cast in the role of muse to her lover. Just as Astrid's star is finally poised to ascend in its own right, she vanishes, leaving behind only a white silk gown. French Countryside, Present Day: Blythe Bricard is the daughter of fashion's most infamous 70s power couple, but she turned her back on that world years ago. Fate, however, has other plans, as Blythe discovers there is more to her iconic family - and herself - than she ever knew.

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### Book 148 Sidelines by Karen Viggers

Thirteen-year-old Audrey is a talented young football player. But does she want to play for Australia or does she just want to please her father, Ben, whose own thwarted sporting career looms large in his ambitions for his daughter? Audrey's mother, Jonica, doesn't know whether to be more concerned about her anxious daughter, her overbearing husband, or the only other girl on the team, Katerina, who is causing trouble on and off the field. And Katerina's mother, Carmen, is so busy looking for opportunities to give Katerina more game time that she fails to notice what is really capturing her daughter's attention. When Griffin, a naturally gifted player with spectacular skills, arrives, the tension within the team reaches boiling point.

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### Book 149 Salt river road by Molly Schmidt

In the aftermath of their mother's death, the Tetley siblings' lives are falling apart. Left to fend for themselves as their family farm goes to ruins, Rose sets out to escape the grief and mess of home. When she meets Noongar Elders Patsy and Herbert, she finds herself drawn into a home where she has the chance to discover the strength of community, and to heal a wound her family has carried for a generation.

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### Book 150 The tea girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See

Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. There is ritual and routine, and it has been ever thus for generations. Then one day a jeep appears at the village gate - the first automobile any of them have seen - and a stranger arrives. In this remote Yunnan village, the stranger finds the rare tea he has been seeking and a reticent Akha people. Li-yan, one of the few educated girls on her mountain, translates for the stranger and is among the first to reject the rules that have shaped her existence. When she has a baby outside of wedlock, rather than stand by tradition she wraps her daughter in a blanket, with a tea cake hidden in her swaddling, and abandons her in the nearest city. After mother and daughter have gone their separate ways, Li-yan slowly emerges from the security and insularity of her village to encounter modern life while Haley grows up a privileged and well-loved California girl. Despite Haley's happy home life, she wonders about her origins, and Li-yan longs for her lost daughter. They both search for and find answers in the tea that has shaped their family's destiny for generations.

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### Book 151 Where'd you go, Bernadette? by Maria Semple

Bernadette Fox is notorious. To Elgie Branch, a Microsoft wunderkind, she's his hilarious, volatile, talented, troubled wife. To fellow mothers at the school gate, she's a menace. To design experts, she's a revolutionary architect. And to 15-year-old Bee, she is a best friend, and quite simply, mum. Then Bernadette disappears. And Bee must take a trip to the end of the earth to find her.

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## PHILOSOPHY

### Book 152 The problem of pain by C. S Lewis

"If God is good and all powerful, why does he allow his creatures to suffer pain?" Is there justice or wisdom to be won by suffering, or some reward beyond understanding? And what of the suffering of animals, who neither deserve pain nor can be improved by it?" C.S. Lewis offers answers to these crucial questions and shares his hope and wisdom to help heal a world hungering for a true understanding of human nature, free will, and the will of the divine.

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### Book 153 Infinite jest by David Foster Wallace

Somewhere in the not-so-distant future the residents of Ennet House, a Boston halfway house for recovering addicts, and students at the nearby Enfield Tennis Academy are ensnared in the search for the master copy of Infinite Jest, a movie said to be so dangerously entertaining its viewers become entranced and expire in a state of catatonic bliss.... Equal parts philosophical quest and screwball comedy Infinite Jest explores essential questions about what entertainment is and why it has come to so dominate our lives; about how our desire for entertainment affects our need to connect with other people; and about what the pleasures we choose say about who we are.

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### Book 154 The fifth mountain by Paulo Coelho

In The Fifth Mountain, Paulo Coelho takes us back to the ninth century, to the turbulent Middle East, where the prophet Elijah is struggling to keep his faith alive in a world of constant upheaval, tyrannical royalty, and pagan gods. Elijah’s story is a lesson in persistence, an exercise in hope, and a journey you will never forget. Inspired by a circumstance that forever altered Coelho’s own life, The Fifth Mountain is a testament to the truth that tragedy in life should not be considered a punishment, but a challenge of the spirit. Gripping in its narrative and graceful in its prose, The Fifth Mountain teaches and inspires like no other novel. This is a timeless story for the ages, a tale of the past that resonates powerfully today.

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## POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

### Book 155 Politics: a survivor's guide: how to stay engaged without getting enraged by Bec Evans

On New Year's Eve 2019, Rafael Behr had what is clinically known as a massive bloody heart attack. In part, it was the result of his compulsive relationship with politics, working as a journalist in Westminster, on the front line of bitter information wars. When he was discharged from hospital, he asked himself how he would ever re-engage with politics - how would he care enough to write about it - without the stress? Something had to change.

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## ROMANCE

### Book 156 The collected regrets of Clover by Mikki Brammer

What’s the point of giving someone a beautiful death if you can’t give yourself a beautiful life? From the day she watched her kindergarten teacher drop dead during a dramatic telling of Peter Rabbit, Clover Brooks has felt a stronger connection with the dying than she has with the living. After the beloved grandfather who raised her dies alone while she is traveling, Clover becomes a death doula in New York City, dedicating her life to ushering people peacefully through their end-of-life process. Clover spends so much time with the dying that she has no life of her own, until the final wishes of a feisty old woman send Clover on a trip across the country to uncover a forgotten love story––and perhaps, her own happy ending. As she finds herself struggling to navigate the uncharted roads of romance and friendship, Clover is forced to examine what she really wants, and whether she’ll have the courage to go after it.

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### Book 157 The ball at Versailles by Danielle Steel

It's the summer of 1959 and the Palace of Versailles is hosting an event that will make history. It is an exclusive dusk to dawn ball in which a select group of American and French debutantes will be presented to international society and royalty. Four young women, all with something to prove, receive what some see as the invitation of a lifetime. For all these young women, Paris and one transcendent night will change their lives forever.

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### Book 158 High blue sky by Victoria Connelly

What would you sacrifice to be with the person you love? Summer has arrived and it's over a year since strangers Abigail and Edward bought Winfield Hall at auction and restored it together. Now, two new tenants are about to join them at their beautiful Georgian home. Workaholic Harry Freeman has forgotten what it is to relax so when he meets healer, Aura Arden, and learns to meditate with her, he can't believe how good he feels and he soon finds himself falling for her.

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### Book 159 Chasing victory by Beverley Watts

Kit Davies has been dating the gorgeous Captain Jason Buchannan for six months. Then one memorable evening, Jason drops a bombshell. His father's health is failing and he wants to retire from the Royal Navy, and relocate to his crumbling ancestral home in the wilds of Scotland. And he wants Kit to go with him. But Kit has too much unfinished business in Dartmouth to just up sticks and leave. How can she leave everything she's ever known for a man she's only known for six months? It's no secret that she has trust issues, not to mention a ridiculous fear of change.

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### Book 160 Thank you for sharing by Rachel Runya Katz

She's hated him since they were teenagers. He's missed her just as long. The last time Daniel Rosenberg and Liyah Cohen-Jackson spoke to each other was as teenagers, sharing a first kiss. But when the path of young love didn't run smooth, and Liyah found her heart bruised by Daniel, they parted ways for ever... until they are seated together on an aeroplane fourteen years later, butting heads just as badly but consoling themselves that at least they will never have to see each other again.

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### Book 161 Man hunt by Vanessa Vale

What’s worse than spilling coffee all over my billionaire boss? Accidentally emailing him my answers to a sex quiz. That was me. I did that. I might be a genius, but that was really dumb. I sneak into the office to delete it, but it’s too late. He knows my naughtiest fantasies. Instead of firing me, he wants to fulfill every one of them. He’s everything I didn’t know I wanted: older, fiercely protective, and a possessive streak the size of Montana. But can he really want someone like me with a past full of man struggles and a head full of math problems? Find out the answer in this steamy small-town romance where a nerdy heroine is outsmarted by a lumberjack-sized billionaire in a test of love.

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### Book 162 Man candy by Vanessa Vale

I’m looking for Mr. Right. Date after blind date, they’re all duds. None of them meet the requirements on my Man List. Until Dex James. My brain? It says he’s all kinds of wrong. He’s young. In town on vacation. A lazy billionaire. He’d only be a fling. A muse for the spicy book I’m writing. Nothing more. My body? It’s telling me to jump that big piece of man candy. Check off guy-given O’s from the list with Mr. Right Now. Which is right? Maybe neither. Maybe my heart has to decide because it turns out Dex is so much more than I ever imagined. Maybe Mr. Right Now could be Mr. Right after all. Find out who wins in this steamy small town, reverse age gap game of love.

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### Book 163 Man cave by Vanessa Vale

Life's not simple. Neither is love. I'm twenty-four, and ahem... inexperienced. When a blind date doesn't change that status, Theo volunteers for the task. Who's Theo? Just the guy I've been crushing on for six months. Yeah, him. Tall, broad and handsome and gah, now he's even got a beard! He's diligent. Very focused. Skilled. And impossible not to fall for. Except he's only up for a fun time. A wild romp or two. No way would he have any romantic interest in someone like me. Why would he? He’s an intense, brooding doctor—and, oh yeah, a billionaire—and I’m a goofy first grade teacher barely making ends meet. When my goal changes from man-made O’s to the man himself, I know I’m in trouble. Because he’s no longer a crush, but someone I might actually love.

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### Book 164 Rancher's forgotten rival by Maisey Yates

Chance Carson is ranching royalty. But when Juniper Sohappy finds him on her property, injured and without his memory, the passion between them is as undeniable as it is unexpected. Will it survive the truth?

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### Book 165 Best man rancher by Maisey Yates

Being his brother's best man is a privilege for Kit Carson. The rancher likes his future sister-in-law, and he really likes her sister, Shelby Sohappy. Now that he and Shelby are thrown together for wedding preparations, Kit can finally make his move. Shelby is still grieving her husband, so his offer is just one night with no-strings--he knows her heart can't handle more. Kit is certain he's fine with that, until he isn't.

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### Book 166 One night rancher by Maisey Yates

When bar owner Cara Thompson shares a kiss with her best friend, rancher Jace Carson, she is worried she ruined her friendship forever. But now, could that one slip of passion turn into something more?

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### Book 167 Savoy family series by Brenda Jackson

Tempting Fate: Justice Manning is talked into a lingerie modeling job…and forgets her inhibitions after meeting the sinfully gorgeous photographer, Black Savoy. When the photo shoot turns hot and heavy, the last thing she pictures is that lust might turn to love. The Perfect Seduction: College professor Megan James embarks on a no-strings-attached fling with the man who was her first love, Tyler Savoy. The trouble is, the ultra-gorgeous veterinarian has plans for something more permanent with the woman who has stolen his heart a second time. Simply Wonderful: To retain custody of her niece, Kendal Fischer is ready to do just about anything, including taking out an ad for a man interested in becoming a “baby daddy.” What she is not prepared for is the drop-dead gorgeous man by the name of Jamison Savoy vying for the job. Then she discovers he has his own reasons for wanting to wed the beautiful, curvy, and vivacious Kendal.

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### Book 168 Time to take a chance by Debbie Howells

Just four days ahead of her wedding, Lizzie Lavender receives a letter her mother wrote for her, a year ago, just before she died. Shocked into realising life is passing her by, she runs away, heading for the West Country, where she plans to clear her head and reconsider her options. Lizzie has no idea that a tiny village, two guardian angels and a host of new friends are exactly what she needs. And then there's Tom - who she can't help but feel she's met before.. As she rediscovers the magic in life, will she at last take a chance to find the happiness that has so far eluded her?

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### Book 169 Unbridled by Diana Palmer

Widowed Texas Ranger and single dad John Ruiz hardened his heart years ago. Day after day, he tracks the roughest criminals in the Lone Star State, leaving little room for love. So when John butts heads with the beautiful nurse who's helping his young son, he's floored by how quickly the sparks fly.

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### Book 170 Unleashed by Diana Palmer

Clancey Lang has vowed to never depend on anyone else, especially a man, though she's tempted to put her faith in her boss, ruggedly handsome Texas Ranger Colter Banks. If only he would look her way. There's something about his pretty assistant that Colter simply can't resist. But is he falling for a woman who'll never let herself be caught?

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### Book 171 Texas proud by Diana Palmer

Before he testifies in an important case, businessman Michael "Mikey" Fiore hides out in Jacobsville, Texas. On a rare night out, he crosses paths with softly beautiful Bernadette, who seems burdened with her own secrets.

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### Book 172 Notorious by Diana Palmer

Texas heiress Gaby Dupont finds a job working for powerful Chicago lawyer Nicholas Chandler. When sparks fly, Nicholas tries to keep the younger Gaby at arm's length, but it will be up to him to protect her.

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### Book 173 The loner by Diana Palmer

Tanner Everett spends most of his time jet-setting around the world. But that hasn't stopped innocent Stasie Bolton, the daughter of a neighboring rancher, from falling head-over-heels for the jet-setting playboy. So Stasie is secretly thrilled when both her father proposes linking the properties in matrimony.

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### Book 174 Nightingale by Fiona McIntosh

Amidst the carnage of Gallipoli, British nurse Claire Nightingale meets Australian Light Horseman Jamie Wren. Despite all odds, they fall deeply in love. Their flame burns bright and carries them through their darkest hours, even when war tears them apart. When Jamie encounters Turkish soldier Açar Shahin on the bloodstained battlefield, the men forge an unforgettable bond. Their chance meeting also leaves a precious clue to Jamie's whereabouts for Claire to follow. Come peacetime, Claire's desperate search to find Jamie takes her all the way to Istanbul and deep into the heart of Açar's family, where she attracts the unexpected attention of a charismatic and brooding scholar. In the name of forgiveness, cultures come together, enemies embrace and forbidden passions ignite - but by the nail-biting conclusion, who will be left standing to capture Nurse Nightingale's heart?

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### Book 175 Destined for you by Tracie Peterson

In 1869, Gloriana Womack's family is much smaller since smallpox killed her mother and two of her siblings. She lives in a modest cottage in Duluth, Minnesota, with her father and young brother, and she has dedicated her life to holding her tiny, fractured family together - especially as her father is frequently gone on long fishing trips. Their livelihood may come from the waters of Lake Superior, but storms on the lake can be dangerous, even to those who know it well. Luke Carson has come to Duluth to help shepherd the arrival of the railroad to the city's port, and he's eager to be reunited with his brother, Scott, who recently moved there with his pregnant wife. Competition for the railroad is fierce, with the neighboring city of Superior, Wisconsin, fighting for the tracks to come through their town instead. But the real danger lies in a resident of Duluth who is determined to have his revenge upon Luke. When tragedy brings Gloriana and Luke together, they help each other through their grief and soon find their lives inextricably linked. If they survive the trials ahead, could it be possible they've been destined for each other all along?

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### Book 176 Forever my own by Tracie Peterson

In 1871, Kirstin Hallberg arrives in Duluth, Minnesota, to find the city council intent on building a canal and ensuring the city's rise to greatness. She's come to care for her elderly grandmother, Lena Segerson, only to discover Lena very full of life and full of secrets. For when Kirstin opens their front door one day, she finds the brother she long thought dead on the other side. Domar begs his sister to say nothing to their parents, viewing their grief as payment for falsely accusing him of bad behavior years prior and driving him from their Swedish village. Caught between her brother's wishes and the chance to ease her family's pain, Kirstin doesn't know which decision is right. When Domar's friend, Ilian, is hurt in an accident, Kirstin and her grandmother volunteer to care for him. Ilian struggles with his own bitterness toward his estranged father, heightened by his injured leg. He can now never return to logging, but the only other thing he really knows and enjoys is making Mackinaw boats - but that would force him to seek his father's help. As he recovers, a natural attraction starts between Ilian and Kirstin, but both are dealing with problems without easy answers. With no clear way forward, can love ever thrive and the past be forgiven?

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### Book 177 Waiting on love by Tracie Peterson

Crisscrossing the Great Lakes onboard her father's freighter ship, the Mary Elise, Elise Wright has grown up cooking and caring for the crew. It is a life she loves. Unlike her estranged sister, Elise has turned down numerous opportunities for a "respectable life" with their wealthy relatives. And now, because of promises she made to her dying mother, she's bound to the ship and her deeply grieving father more than ever. Nick Clark is grateful to be hired on as the Mary Elise's first mate as he works to overcome his own guilt and others' censure for a fatal decision he made captaining another ship. He feels protective of the Wrights and their generous natures, especially when a rough new sailor seems intent on causing serious trouble. As the sailor's misdeeds grow, tragedy swells up from another corner. Left to pick up the pieces of the commitments they've made to themselves and to each other, Nick and Elise will have to rely on their faith to see them through.

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### Book 178 Bonfire night by Anna Bliss

London, 1936: At twenty-one, Kate Grifferty is a press photographer in a Fleet Street agency. Kate is both talented and daring, recklessly going wherever the story might be--including, one October day, to an anti-fascism protest in East London. There, she meets David Rabatkin, a brilliant Jewish medical student. Kate is exposed for the first time to the dangers and demands of David's world, where marrying within the Jewish faith is seen as not only preferable, but key to survival.

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### SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

### Book 179 A river of golden bones by A. K. Mulford

Twins Calla and Briar have spent their entire lives hiding from the powerful sorceress who destroyed their kingdom, and from the humans who don't know they are Wolves. No one knows who Calla truly is except for her childhood friend, and sister's betrothed, the distractingly handsome Prince Grae.

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### Book 180 Praiseworthy by Alexis Wright

In a small town dominated by a haze cloud, which heralds both an ecological catastrophe and a gathering of the ancestors, a crazed visionary seeks out donkeys as the solution to the global climate crisis and the economic dependency of the Aboriginal people. His wife seeks solace from his madness in following the dance of butterflies and scouring the internet to find out how she can seek repatriation for her Aboriginal/Chinese family to China. One of their sons, called Aboriginal Sovereignty, is determined to commit suicide. The other, Tommyhawk, wishes his brother dead so that he can pursue his dream of becoming white and powerful. This is a novel which pushes allegory and language to its limits, a cry of outrage against oppression and disadvantage, and a fable for the end of days.

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### Book 181 Renegades by Nicholas Sansbury Smith

On the damaged airship Vanguard, Michael and crew are running out of water and must dive to a new location before attempting the perilous voyage across the Atlantic to a new home.

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### Book 182 Tonight, I burn by Katharine J Adams

Thorns, Tides, Embers, Storms, and Ores. All five covens are bound in servitude to the tyrant High Warden of Halstett. Penny Albright is a daughter of the thorn coven, forced to patrol the veil between the realms of Life and Death. Each night, one thorn witch-and only one-must cross the veil by burning at the stake. Each morning, that witch draws on their magic to return. Failure to follow the rules risks the veil and risks them all. But one morning, Penny's favourite sister Ella doesn't return. And that night, determined to find her, Penny breaks the rules. She burns in secret. And she discovers that all isn't as it seems in Life or Death. Her journey leads her to Malin, a devastating lord with too many secrets; to Alice, a mysterious captive prophet; and to a rebellion brewing in the shadows beneath the city. And as Penny's world splits, she'll face a devastating choice. Because it's not just her sister's life that hangs in the balance. It's the fate of all magic.

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### Book 183 House of open wounds by Adrian Tchaikovsky

City-by-city, kingdom-by-kingdom, the Palleseen have sworn to bring Perfection and Correctness to an imperfect world. As their legions scour the world of superstition with the bright flame of reason, so they deliver a mountain of ragged, holed and scorched flesh to the field hospital tents just behind the frontline.

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### Book 184 Twice cursed: an anthology by Marie O'Regan, Paul Kane

Take a trip to a terrifying carnival and uncover the secrets within. Solve a puzzle box and await your reward. Join a travelling circus and witness the strangest ventriloquist act you've ever seen. Just be careful what you wish for ... and don't forget to leave a trail of breadcrumbs. Featuring stories from: Neil Gaiman, Joe Hill, Sarah Pinborough, Angela Slatter, M.R. Carey, Laura Purcell, Helen Grant, Mark Chadbourn, L.L. McKinney, A.K. Benedict, Christina Henry, A.C. Wise, Kelley Armstrong, Katherine Arden, Joanne Harris and Adam LG Nevill.

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### Book 185 The Nomad series: Books 1-4 by Matthew Mather

When exoplanet researcher Dr. Ben Rollins is told by NASA that a massive object in space could end the world, his first instinct is to call his daughter and wife: something is coming, he tells them. We can’t see it, we don’t know what it is, but it’s there. They’re calling it Nomad, and it’s coming fast. The world erupts into chaos as the end approaches—and Ben discovers that his wife and daughter are trapped. The key to humanity’s survival may rest in the answers he pieces together, in the midst of his frantic scramble to find his family before Nomad swallows the planet.

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## SELF-HELP

### Book 186 Fake love: understanding and healing from narcissistic abuse by Nova Gibson

The love of a narcissist is fake. It’s a soul-destroying realisation for every victim of narcissistic abuse, but even more damaging is finding yourself trapped and abused by the person who claims they love you. Nova Gibson has helped thousands of people in their struggle to understand, extricate themselves and heal from toxic relationships, narcissistic abuse and coercive control. With expertise gained from over a decade of working with clients, Nova offers comfort, knowledge and powerful strategies to help you identify, navigate and survive this extremely covert, confusing – and dangerous – form of abuse. Nova brings unparalleled insight into the lived experience of victims and helps identify the behaviours of narcissistic abusers, such as coercive control and gaslighting, pathological lying, the love-bomb-devalue-discard cycle, hoovering, smear campaigns and many, many more. She also helps you understand covert and overt narcissism, and explores in depth the concept of trauma bonding. In this deeply compassionate audiobook, Nova offers hope, support and practical strategies to protect and extricate yourself, and most importantly, heal.

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### Book 187 Think like a monk: train your mind for peace and purpose every day by Jay Shetty

Jay Shetty, social media superstar and host of the number one podcast ‘On Purpose’, distils the timeless wisdom he learned as a practising monk into practical steps anyone can take every day to live a less anxious, more meaningful life. In this inspiring, empowering book, Shetty draws on his time as a monk in the Vedic tradition to show us how we can clear the roadblocks to our potential and power. Drawing on ancient wisdom and his own rich experiences in the ashram, Think Like a Monk reveals how to overcome negative thoughts and habits, and access the calm and purpose that lie within all of us. The lessons monks learn are profound but often abstract. Shetty transforms them into advice and exercises we can all apply to reduce stress, improve focus, improve relationships, identify our hidden abilities, increase self-discipline and give the gifts we find in ourselves to the world. Shetty proves that everyone can – and should – think like a monk.

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### Book 188 Better small talk: talk to anyone, avoid awkwardness, generate deep conversations, and make real friends by Patrick King

Imagine the following situation: You've just put on your name tag, and you're approached by a stranger. What do you say? Nice weather today. No, we can do better than this. Learn better small talk to avoid awkwardness, put people at ease, and build real rapport. Learn to open people up without them even realizing it. Patrick King is an internationally best-selling author and social skills coach. His writing draws of a variety of sources, from scientific research, academic experience, coaching, and real life experience. He suffered for years as a shy introvert and managed to boil human interaction down to a science - first for himself, and now for you. You'll learn exact dialogues, responses, phrases, and questions to use. How to tell captivating stories and what to actually focus on. Four ways to warm yourself up and prepare for even the most unpredictable conversations. Instantly setting a tone of friendship and openness with strangers. Common and subtle conversational habits you need to stop right now. Become someone who is magnetic and who can make new friends in any situation. Simple conversation is the gatekeeper to friendships, your dream career, romance, and overall happiness. The ability to connect with anyone is an underrated superpower. People will be more drawn to you without even knowing why, and never again people will people be bored talking to you. You’ll never run out of things to say when you master these conversation tactics.

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### Book 189 Here comes the fun: a year of making merry by Ben Aitken

Ben Aitken, a man who was feeling increasingly flat and lacking in zen, realized that he needed to make a change in his life. He was determined to find a way to break free from the doldrums and inject some excitement and joy into his days. And so, he embarked on a journey of exploration and self-discovery, seeking out new experiences and activities that would bring him happiness.

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## SOCIAL STUDIES

### Book 190 Three women by Lisa Taddeo

In suburban Indiana we meet Lina, a homemaker and mother of two whose marriage, after a decade, has lost its passion. Starved for affection, Lina battles daily panic attacks and, after reconnecting with an old flame through social media, embarks on an affair that quickly becomes all-consuming. In North Dakota we meet Maggie, a seventeen-year-old high school student who allegedly has a clandestine physical relationship with her handsome, married English teacher; the ensuing criminal trial will turn their quiet community upside down. Finally, in an exclusive enclave of the Northeast, we meet Sloane—a gorgeous, successful, and refined restaurant owner—who is happily married to a man who likes to watch her have sex with other men and women. Based on years of immersive reporting and told with astonishing frankness and immediacy, Three Women is both a feat of journalism and a triumph of storytelling, brimming with nuance and empathy.

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## CHILDREN’S BOOKS

### Book 191 Nic Blake and the remarkables by Angie Thomas

It's not easy being Remarkable in a world where standing out is dangerous... Nic Blake is a Manifestor. All she wants is to learn the Gift, so she can be as powerful as her dad ... until she discovers a shocking secret. Now she must find a powerful magical weapon, or risk losing him for ever.

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### Book 192 The Tindims of Rubbish Island and the spooky secret by Sally Gardner

Halloween has nearly arrived, but a young witch is in a pickle. She has cast a spell and shrunk herself by mistake! When a gust of wind blows her out to sea, her best friend, a little ghost, goes with her. They find themselves landing on Rubbish Island where the Tindims haven't met witches or ghosts before, and the witch and ghost didn't know the Tindims even existed.

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### Book 193 The October witches by Jennifer Claessen

Thirteen-year-old Clementine Merlyn lives with her mom, her aunts, and her cousin Mirabelle at Number 15 Pendragon Road. The Merlyns are a family of witches, but because of an ancient falling out with the other branch of the family, the Morgans, they only have powers for a single month of the year: October. And this October may be the one that Clemmie gets her magic. After a disastrous attempt by the aunts to recover their lost magic, 15 Pendragon Road is visited by the creepy and cold Morgans. In the wake of the ensuing battle, Clemmie and Mirabelle are left on their own. With no other choice, the cousins must bond together and summon their courage and magic to solve the mystery.

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### Book 194 Bibi and the box of fairytales by Vivian French

Bibi doesn't believe in fairies. But when she meets her fairy godmother, the tiniest of hopes flickers in her mind. Seven quests to seven lands that will open a magic box and grant her a wish.... could it, just possibly, be true? Whisked away with her trusy companion, Sylvestro the cat, Bibi quests with giants, dragons, princes and princesses, wizards, witches, water sprites and sea elves, unicorns, trolls and gnomes... Can Bibi earn the keys to open the box.... and unlock her belief in fairy magic?

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### Book 195 Three tasks for a dragon by Eoin Colfer

After his father's death, Prince Lir is tricked into embarking on a perilous quest to rescue a maiden from a dragon. The studious young prince is no warrior, but he uses his brains to make himself indispensable to the grumpy dragon. However, neither prince nor dragon have bargained on the dark magic which manipulates them both, and it may be left to maiden herself to save them all.

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### Book 196 Oh maya gods by Maz Evans

Meet Vesper, the bossy, football-mad daughter of Elliot Hooper, the original hero of Who Let the Gods Out?, and Aster, the super-bright son of Constellation, Virgo. Together, they must recapture some villainous wrong'uns before the world ends next Wednesday. Off they head to the Maya underworld, where Kizin and his Lords and Ladies of Death are messing with astronomy, chocolate and human sacrifice ...

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## TEENS

### Book 197 The only girl in town by Allyson Braithwaite Condie

What would you do if everyone you love disappeared? What if it was your fault? For July Fielding, nothing has been the same since that summer before senior year. Once, she had Alex, her loyal best friend, the one who always had her back. She had Sydney, who pushed her during every cross-country run, and who sometimes seemed to know July better than she knew herself. And she had Sam. Sam, who told her she was everything and left her breathless with his touch. Now, July is alone. Every single person in her small town of Lithia has disappeared. No family. No Alex or Sydney. No Sam. July's only chance at unravelling the mystery of their disappearance is a series of objects, each a reminder of the people she loved most. And a mysterious message: GET TH3M BACK.

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### Book 198 Swarm by Jennifer D Lyle

On a sunny September morning, the creatures first appear. Shur sees one of them hovering outside the window in history class: it looks like a giant butterfly, at first too beautiful and strange to seem like a threat. But when emergency alerts light up everyone’s phones around her, she realizes something very, very wrong is happening outside. These … things are everywhere. By the time Shur makes it back to her house with her brother, Keene, and their two best friends, it’s clear they must face whatever comes next on their own. A terrifying species the world’s never seen before has suddenly emerged, and few living things are safe. As the creatures swarm and attack outside, life for Shur and her friends becomes a survival game. They board the windows, stockpile supplies, and try to make sense of the news reports for as long as the power stays on. Yet nothing can prepare them for what follows. The butterflies are only the beginning. The next onslaught will be deadlier, and even closer to home.

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### Book 199 The demon's apprentice by Ben Reeder

At fifteen, Chance Fortunato has seen more evil than most people ever will. Indentured by his father to the demon count Dulka, he's been taught dark magic and forced to do his infernal master's dirty work for eight years. But now Chance has figured out a way to defeat his master and free himself.

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### Book 200 Page of swords by Ben Reeder

For Chance Fortunato, demon's apprentice, being a normal teenager is difficult but when an empath named Dani asks him to find her missing girlfriend, his life spins out of control.

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### Book 201 Vision quest by Ben Reeder

Summer vacation isn't all fun and hanging out when you're a wizard-in-training. For partly reformed warlock Chance Fortunato, it's even worse. In addition to the constant study and training, he has to prove he's ready to be a full-fledged apprentice before he starts at the Franklin Academy. Plus, he's beginning to think someone has it out for him.

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### Book 202 Charm school by Ben Reeder

The Franklin Academy is the most prestigious magick school in the US, with the highest admission standards, and tuition to match. Any student would be honored to go at all, much less get a scholarship. Not Chance Fortunato. He'd much rather stay at home and study under his mentor, Dr. Corwin. But when a student is attacked and his soul is ripped from his body, Chance knows he has to stay.

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### Book 203 Every time you go away by Abigail Johnson

Since he first visited his grandparents' house, Rebecca and Ethan were drawn to each other. But years have passed since his last visit, and they must now learn if it was too long, or if they can still be happy together.

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### Book 204 Nightshade by Anthony Horowitz

Alex Rider's world has changed: his biggest enemy, the evil organization Scorpia, has been destroyed. Alex is hoping his life can finally go back to normal, that he can go to school and spend time with his friends - but very quickly everything changes. A new and dangerous criminal organisation - Nightshade - is rising. When Alex discovers they've planned a mysterious attack on London, he will stop at nothing to take them down. But protecting his home city means facing off against a ruthless new enemy and putting his life at stake, again. And this time, there's no one to save him if he makes a mistake.

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