

**** HOT TITLES COMING IN AUGUST ****

FICTION

The Reading List – Sara Nisha Adams. Working at the local library, Aleisha reads every book on a secret list she found, which transports her from the painful realities she's facing at home, and decides to pass the list on to a lonely widower desperate to connect with his bookworm granddaughter.

She Wouldn't Change a Thing – Sarah Adlakha. When 39-year-old psychiatrist, wife and mother Maria Forssmann wakes up in her 17-year-old body, she desperately tries to get back to her home and life, and wonders if she can change time and still keep what it's given her.

Ghosts – Dolly Alderton. A single author believes she's met her dream match on a dating app until he ghosts her and forces her to deal with everything she's trying to ignore, including her father's dementia and her editor's dislike of her new book.

Where the Truth Lies – Anna Bailey. When her best friend Abigail goes missing after a party in the woods, Emma sets out to discover the truth and is trapped in a web of secrets, betrayal and murder in a town from where there is no escape.

The Women of Troy – Pat Barker. Held captive by the victorious Greeks, one time Trojan queen Briseis, formerly Achilles's slave, forges alliances when she can with Priam's aged wife, the defiant Hecuba and the disgraced soothsayer Calchas, all the while shrewdly seeking her path to revenge.

The Manningtree Witches – A. K. Blakemore. In a small English town in 1643, Rebecca West, when a newcomer who identifies himself as the Witchfinder General arrives, to save the women of Manningtree, must quell the rumors of covens, pacts and bodily wants to save them all from themselves.

Blind Tiger – Sandra Brown. A moonshiner in Prohibition-era Texas must deal with murder, lust, greed and other mayhem in the new novel from the *New York Times* best-selling author of *Thick as Thieves* and *One Good Deed*.

Another Kind of Eden – James Lee Burke. After hopping off a boxcar in early 1960s Denver, aspiring novelist Aaron Holland Broussard meets and instantly connects with Joanne McDuffy, a college student who is involved with a shady professor caught up in a drug-addled cult.

Feral Creatures – Kira Jane Buxton. After rescuing pets who had been trapped in their homes during the apocalypse, a Cheeto-loving crow, S.T., and his bloodhound bestie, Dennis, discover humanity's last hope for survival in this follow-up to *Hollow Kingdom*.

Viral – Robin Cook. With his wife in a coma after contracting a rare and highly lethal mosquito-borne viral disease, Brian vows to seek justice against the hospital and insurance company that won't cover the costs by exposing the dark side of a ruthless industry and bring down the executives preying on the sick.

Vortex – Catherine Coulter. While FBI agent Sherlock helps an investigative journalist piece together the past to bring a killer to justice in the present, FBI agent Savich becomes

a target as he protects a CIA operative who was betrayed on a compromised mission in Iran.

Damnation Spring – Ash Davidson. A mother and midwife inadvertently threatens the fortunes and livelihoods of her family and their neighbors after noticing an increase in local miscarriages and believes it's caused by the pesticides used by the Sanderson Timber Company.

The King of Infinite Space – Lyndsay Faye. After his Broadway theater baron father dies mysteriously, Ben Dane, his best friend Horatio and his artist ex-fiancé Lia, on one explosive night, are drawn into otherworldly events where the only outcome is death.

Her Heart for a Compass – Sarah Ferguson. Expected to make an advantageous marriage, Lady Margaret Montagu Scott rebels shortly before her betrothal is announced and flees to Ireland, befriending a group of similarly-minded, independent women in this new novel from the Duchess of York.

Cul-de-Sac – Joy Fielding. Five families on a quiet, suburban cul-de-sac deal with the shooting of one of their own and the secrets they each harbor, including newlyweds whose marriage is already on the rocks and a family who fled to Florida from California.

Revelator – Daryl Gregory. Returning to the backwoods of Tennessee for her grandmother's funeral, and to check on Sunny, a mysterious 10-year-old girl her grandmother adopted, professional bootlegger Stella soon discovers that Sunny is a direct link to her buried past and her family's destructive faith.

More Than I Love My Life – David Grossman. Thirty-year-old Gili seeks to make a film that might help explain her life and embarks on an unlikely journey with her grandmother Vera to a barren island off the coast of Croatia where Vera was imprisoned and tortured for not denouncing her husband as an enemy of the state.

The Show Girl – Nicola Harrison. In 1927, Olive McCormick, a star in the Ziegfeld Follies, accepts a marriage proposal that forces her to decide if she is willing to reveal a devastating secret and sacrifice the life she loves for the man she loves.

Slow Fire Burning – Paula Hawkins. Three women unknown to each other are each questioned in connection with the gruesome murder of a young man found on a London houseboat in the new novel by the *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Girl on the Train*.

The Guide – Peter Heller. Trying to return to normalcy after a young life filled with loss, Jack takes a job as a guide for the elite Kingfisher Lodge where he, while guiding a well-known singer, discovers that this idyllic fishing lodge may be a cover for a far more sinister operation.

The Guilt Trip – Sandie Jones. While in Portugal for her brother-in-law's wedding to Ali, who rubs everyone wrong way, Rachel discovers something about Ali that changes everything and threatens to unravel friendships and marriages in a place where jumping to conclusions becomes the difference between life and death.

My Heart is a Chainsaw – Stephen Graham Jones. Protected by horror movies – especially the ones where the masked killer seeks revenge on a world that wronged them –

Jade Daniels, an angry, half-Indian outcast, pulls us into her dark mind when blood *actually* starts to spill into the waters of Indian lake.

Billy Summers – Stephen King. A former Iraq war vet working as an assassin-for-hire who only accepts jobs when the target is truly a bad guy seeks retirement in the new novel from the legendary best-selling author of over 60 novels.

Lightning Strike – William Kent Krueger. In this prequel to the acclaimed Cork O'Connor series, 12-year-old Cork stumbles upon the body of a man hanging in a tree – the first in a series of events that cause him to question everything he took for granted about his hometown, his family and himself.

We Are the Brennans – Tracey Lange. Returning to the east coast to recover from a drunk driving accident she caused, 29-year-old Sunday Brennan must protect her family from a man from her past who brings her family's pub business to the brink of financial ruin.

Songbirds – Christy Lefteri. A poacher who traps songbirds in Cyprus and sells them on the black market, Yiannis dreams of finding a new way of life with his love, Nisha, but when Nisha disappears, he works with her employer to unravel the truth, taking him to the darker side of a migrant's life.

Once There Were Wolves – Charlotte McConaghy. When a farmer is mauled to death after she reintroduces fourteen gray wolves into the remote Scottish Highlands, Inti Flynn knows where the town will lay blame and makes a reckless decision to protect them no matter what the cost.

Velvet Was the Night – Silvia Moreno-Garcia. In 1970s Mexico City, Maite, a secretary with a penchant for romance novels, searches for her missing neighbor, Leonora, a beautiful art student, which leads her to an eccentric gangster who longs to escape his own life, and together, they set out to discover the dangerous truth.

Ice and Stone – Marcia Muller. Hired by Crimes Against Indigenous Sisters, private investigator Sharon McCone goes undercover in Eiwok county on the Oregon border to determine who killed two women in the latest addition to the *New York Times* best-selling series.

If the Shoe Fits – Julie Murphy. A fashion-obsessed plus-size woman fills in for a no-show contestant on her executive producer stepmother's popular dating reality show and becomes a body-positivity viral sensation overnight and could actually picture herself falling for the eligible suitor.

Breathe – Joyce Carol Oates. After her husband comes down with a mysterious illness, Michaela contemplates widowhood at age 37 and refuses to surrender her love in the new novel from the best-selling and prize-winning author of *The Falls*.

The Noise – James Patterson. After a mysterious explosion kills thousands in the Pacific Northwest, two survivors are left – 16-year-old Tennant and her 8-year-old sister, Sophie, in this new novel from the master of psychological suspense.

Yours Cheerfully – A. J. Pearce. A young wartime advice columnist, Emmeline Lake must tackle a life-changing dilemma between doing her duty and standing by her friends when

the Ministry of Information calls on her to help recruit desperately needed female workers to the war effort.

The Madness of Crowds – Louise Penny. When a visiting professor spreads lies so that fact and fiction are so confused it's near impossible to tell them apart, leading to murder, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache must investigate this case as well as this extraordinary popular delusion – and the madness of crowds.

The Bloodless – Douglas Preston. When completely exsanguinated bodies are found in Savannah, Georgia, FBI Agent Pendergast investigates amid growing panic and whispers of an infamous local vampire in the 20th novel in the series, following *Crooked River*.

The Last Chance Library – Freya Sampson. June Jones emerges from her shell to fight for her beloved local library, and through the efforts and support of an eclectic group of library patrons, she discovers life-changing friendships along the way.

The Perfume Thief – Timothy Schaffert. In 1941 Paris, 80-something Clementine, a reformed con artist who bottles her favorite extracts for the ladies of cabarets, is recruited to steal the recipe book of a now-missing famous Parisian perfumer that has fallen into the hands of a Francophile Nazi bureaucrat.

Gone for Good – Joanna Schaffhausen. Chicago Detective Annalisa Vega investigates when a new tally is added to the body count of the Lovelorn Killer, a notorious, local serial killer who has evaded the police and been dormant for 20 years.

In the Country of Others – Leila Slimani. After marrying a handsome Moroccan soldier during World War II, a young Frenchwoman is torn as tensions mount between the locals and the French colonists in the new novel by the internationally best-selling author of *The Perfect Nanny*.

Getaway – Zoje Stage. Two sisters and a best friend go on a hiking getaway, but tensions from their shared past flare up as someone appears to be stalking them in the new thriller by the best-selling author of *Baby Teeth*.

Complications – Danielle Steel. After four years of renovations and the death of its beloved manager, a popular Paris boutique hotel reopens with new staff looking to make good impressions and guests seeking luxurious accommodations, but what they all find is unrelenting drama.

Dark Roads – Chevy Stevens. Beth Chevalier quits school, lies to her parents and becomes addicted to pills while dealing with the murder of her sister on the notorious Cold Creek Highway in the new thriller by the author of *Still Missing*.

The Coldest Case – Martin Walker. An anonymous skull, an unsolved murder, sinister rumors from the Cold War era of espionage—Bruno's investigation into a long-standing cold case finds him caught between an enigmatic winegrower and a menacing Communist organization from the past.

The Garden House – Marcia Willett. After her father dies, El moves into his house where she uncovers more about his life, and the secrets he had been keeping from her and her family, while his lover Julie holds on to the memories of their time spent at The Garden House.

Today a Woman Went Mad in the Supermarket: Stories – Hilma Wolitzer. Reintroducing a beloved writer to a whole new generation of readers, this collection of short stories – most of them originally published in magazines in the 1960s and 1970s – are evocative of an era that still resonates deeply today.

Class Act – Stuart Woods. Returning to New York from Maine, Stone Barrington helps out a former client who mistakenly thought an old feud would remain in the past in the latest addition to the long-running series following *Double Jeopardy*.

NONFICTION

All the Frequent Troubles of Our Days: the American Woman at the Heart of the German Resistance to Hitler – Rebecca Donner. Part biography, part political thriller, part scholarly detective story that draws on letters, diary entries, notes smuggled out of a Berlin prison, and other documents, this true story chronicles the life and brutal death of the American leader of one of the largest underground resistance groups in Germany.

Hero of Two Worlds: the Marquis De Lafayette in the Age of Revolution – Mike Duncan. The *New York Times* bestselling author looks at the life of the Marquis de Lafayette, who helped fight and finance the American Revolution as well as the French Revolution and the overthrow of the Bourbon Dynasty.

The Viking Heart: How Scandinavians Conquered the World – Arthur Herman. In this compelling historical narrative with cutting-edge archeological and DNA research, a *New York Times* bestselling historian and Pulitzer Prize finalist chronicles how the Vikings and their descendants have shaped history and America.

The Icepick Surgeon: Murder, Fraud, Sabotage, Piracy, and Other Dastardly Deeds Perpetrated in the Name of Science – Sam Kean. From a *New York Times* best-selling author comes the untold history of science's darkest secrets.

The Quiet Zone: Unraveling the Mystery of a Town Suspended in Silence – Stephen Kurczyk. An award-winning journalist takes us deep into the Appalachian Mountains where the last truly quiet town of America exists and where its residents live a life free from constant digital connectivity, challenging us to rethink the role of tech in our lives.

By Water Beneath the Walls: the Rise of the Navy SEALs – Benjamin Milligan. A former Navy SEAL chronicles the history of the special operations unit, from their beginnings as unarmed World War II frogmen to their rise to America's first permanent commando force, deployed on counterterrorism and capture-kill missions.

Chasing Me to My Grave: an Artist's Memoir of the Jim Crow South – Winfred Rembert. The late celebrated artist tells his life story of growing up in the segregated south, joining the civil rights movement and surviving a near-lynching through a series of drawings and paintings.

Head First: How the Mind Heals the Body – Alastair Santhouse. A distinguished psychiatrist discusses his work exploring the ways in which our minds exert a huge influence

over our health, including cases covering medical issues such as obesity, suicide and self-induced illness.

Shards of Earth – Adrian Tchaikovsky. Idris, an enhanced human, and his crew, 50 years after the destruction of the earth by alien aggressors, the Architects, discover some strange in space that many people would kill to obtain – and could herald the return of the enemy.

**ANYTHING WE'VE MISSED?
SOMETHING YOU'D RECOMMEND?
LET US KNOW!**

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