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NEW TITLES, MARCH 2017

FICTION

F BEATON Beaton, M. C. Death of a ghost / Grand Central Publishing, 2017

"When Police Sergeant Hamish Macbeth hears reports of a haunted castle near Drim, he assumes the eerie noises and lights reported by the villagers are just local teenagers going there to smoke pot or, worse, inject themselves with drugs. Still, Hamish decides that he and his policeman, Charlie 'Clumsy' Carson, will spend the night at the ruined castle to get to the bottom of the rumors once and for all. There's no sign of any ghost...but then Charlie disappears through the floor. It turns out he's fallen into the cellar. And what Hamish and Charlie find there is worse than a ghost: a dead body propped against the wall. Waiting for help to arrive, Hamish and Charlie leave the castle just for a moment--to eat bacon baps--but when they return, the body is nowhere to be seen. It's clear something strange--and deadly--is going on at the castle, and Hamish must get to the bottom of it before the 'ghost' can strike again" --

F BLOCK Block, Lawrence. Resume speed / Subterranean Press, 2016

"A new town, a fresh start. A chance to escape old demons. Or meet new ones. He got on the Trailways bus in Galbraith, North Dakota, booked all the way through to Spokane. But the Help Wanted sign at the diner in Cross Creek was calling his name. Soon, he had a job working in the grill and a place to stay, and a new name to go with them. But what he didn't have was peace of mind. Or a clear conscience. Or any memory at all of what he'd done the night before fleeing Galbraith. What he'd done to get the scratches on his wrists and the backs of his hands ... In this brand new novella, Mystery Writers of America Grand Master Lawrence Block delivers an unforgettable portrait of a troubled man trying to lay the ghosts of his past and make a new life for himself. But there are things you can't run away from, and one of them is who you really are. Subtle and painful and beautifully crafted, Resume Speed is Lawrence Block at the pinnacle of his storytelling powers." -- From publisher's description.

F BROCKMANN Brockmann, Suzanne. Do or die: Reluctant Heroes / Ballantine Books, 2014

"Former Navy SEAL Ian Dunn has been tasked by a mysterious government agency with rescuing two kidnapped children believed to have been taken prisoner in a South American embassy. Leading the mission alongside Phoebe Kruger, the new hire at the prestigious law firm where Dunn is a longtime client, Dunn will embark on a race against time while simultaneously dealing with an equally pressing danger -- he's being hunted by the mob for a job gone bust. In the midst of all this, Phoebe gets sucked deeper and deeper into Dunn's clandestine world, and Dunn faces some surprises of his own as he slowly becomes aware of Phoebe's sharp intelligence, keen sense of humor and generous heart--things he's been missing all his life"--

F BROWN Brown, Dale. Target utopia: a Dreamland thriller / Harper, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2015

After tracking a mysterious UAV to a group of Muslim extremists in Borneo, the Whiplash team race against time to recover their stolen technology and discover who is bankrolling the group before they start World War III.

F BUTLER Butler, Samuel. *The way of all flesh* / Heritage Press, 1936

"Hailed by George Bernard Shaw as "one of the summits of human achievement," this chronicle of the life and loves of Ernest Pontifex spans four generations, focusing chiefly on the relationship between Ernest and his father, Theobald. Written in the wake of Darwin's *Origin of Species*, it reflects the dawning consciousness of heredity and environment as determinants of character. Along the way, it offers a powerfully satirical indictment of Victorian England's major institutions, the family, the church, and the rigidly hierarchical class structure."

F COES Coes, Ben. *Independence day* / St. Martin's Press, 2015

"Dewey Andreas, former Delta and newly recruited intelligence agent, is sidelined after screwing up his last two operations. Still drowning in grief after the tragic murder of his fiancée, Dewey has seemingly lost his focus, his edge, and the confidence of his superiors. A high level Russian hacker, known only as Cloud, is believed to be routing large amounts of money to various Al Qaeda terror cells, and the mission is to capture and render harmless Cloud. At the same time, a back-up team is sent after the only known associate of Cloud, a ballerina believed to be his girlfriend. Unwilling to sit out the mission as ordered, Dewey defies his superiors, and goes rogue, surreptitiously following and tracking the two teams. What should be a pair of simple snatch and grab operations goes horribly wrong--both teams are ambushed and wiped out. Only through the unexpected intervention of Dewey does the ballerina survive. On the run, with no back-up, Cloud's girlfriend reveals a shocking secret--a plot so audacious and deadly that their masterminds behind it would risk anything and kill anybody to prevent its exposure. It's a plot that, in less than three days, will completely remake the world's political landscape and put at risk every single person in the Western world. With only three days left, Dewey Andreas must unravel and stop this plot or see everything destroyed. A plot that goes live on July 4th--Independence Day"--

F COLLINS Collins, Jackie. *Poor little bitch girl* / St. Martin's Press, 2010

Madam Annabelle Maestro returns home to Los Angeles after the murder of her celebrity mother and is reunited with old high school friends while her father stands trial for the crime and secrets from the past are uncovered.

F CONNELLY Connelly, Michael. *City of bones* / Warner Vision, 2002

Detective Harry Bosch responds to a call when a dog digs up a human bone, and soon finds himself investigating a murder case that is more than twenty years old, stirring up distant memories from his childhood.

F DINERSTEIN Dinerstein, Rebecca. *The sunlit night: a novel* / Bloomsbury, 2015

"Frances flees a painful breakup and her claustrophobic childhood home in Manhattan, which has become more airless in the aftermath of two family announcements ... She seeks refuge at a Norwegian artist colony that's offered her a painting apprenticeship ... Yasha, an eighteen-year-old Russian immigrant raised in a bakery in Brighton Beach, is kneading bread in the shop's window when he sees his mother for the first time in a decade. As he gains a selfish and unreliable parent, he loses his beloved father. He must carry out his father's last wish to be buried 'at the top of the world' and reconcile with the charismatic woman who abandoned them both. And so Frances' and Yasha's paths intersect in Lofoten, a string of five islands ninety-five miles above the Arctic Circle"--Provided by publisher.

F DODD Dodd, Christina. Virtue Falls / St. Martin's Press, 2015

Twenty-three years ago, Misty Banner was brutally slashed to death in her home in Virtue Falls, Washington. Her husband was convicted of the murder. Their four year old daughter Elizabeth witnessed the crime, but has no memory of the killing. Now, two decades later, Elizabeth is back in Virtue Falls. She soon discovers her father is innocent. The real killer is still out there. And her investigation has stirred dark and deadly resentments that could provoke another bloody murder--her own.

F DOWNEY Downey, Annie. Hot and bothered: a novel / Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2006

She's offbeat, off balance, and at times off-the-wall, a late-thirties mother of two living in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and trying to figure out who she is now that her husband has left her. He's a rat, anyway, and currently attends Sex Addicts Anonymous. He still comes by the house, though, as do her hippie, macrobiotic mother; her feisty, alcoholic best friend; her God-fearing grandmother; and that Perfect Guy, the one with the beatific son who plays with her daughter, the one who happens to have a winning smile, wild black hair, a professorship at Harvard, and (drats!) a gorgeous doctor girlfriend.

F DUGONI Dugoni, Robert. The trapped girl / Thomas & Mercer, 2017

"When a woman's body is discovered submerged in a crab pot in the chilly waters of Puget Sound, Detective Tracy Crosswhite finds herself with a tough case to untangle. Before they can identify the killer, Tracy and her colleagues on the Seattle PD's Violent Crimes Section must figure out who the victim is. Her autopsy, however, reveals she may have gone to great lengths to conceal her identity. So who was she running from? After evidence surfaces that their Jane Doe may be a woman who suspiciously disappeared months earlier, Tracy is once again haunted by the memory of her sister's unsolved murder. Dredging up details from the woman's past leads to conflicting clues that only seem to muddy the investigation. As Tracy begins to uncover a twisted tale of brutal betrayal and desperate greed, she'll find herself risking everything to confront a killer who won't go down without a deadly fight."--

Amazon.com

F EDDINGS Eddings, David. The Belgariad / Ballantine Books, 2002

Presents the final two novels in The Belgariad series which follow the adventures of Garion, a simple farm boy whose pursuit of the legendary Orb leads him on a path of danger and self-discovery.

F FEEHAN Feehan, Christine. Power game / Berkley, 2017

"When members of a United Nations joint security force are taken hostage by radical terrorists in Indonesia, Captain Ezekiel Fortunes is called to lead the rescue team. Part of a classified government experiment, Zeke is a supersoldier with enhanced abilities. He can see better and run faster than the enemy, disappear when necessary and hunt along any terrain. There are those in the world willing to do anything for power like that. A formidable spy genetically engineered to hide in plain sight, Bellisia rarely meets a man who doesn't want to control her or kill her. But Zeke is different. His gaze, his touch--they awaken feelings inside her that she never thought possible. He's the kind of man she could settle down with--if she can keep him alive."--

F FISHER Fisher, Carrie. Postcards from the edge / Simon & Schuster Paperbacks, 2010
When we first meet the extraordinary young actress Suzanne Vale, she's feeling like "something on the bottom of someone's shoe, and not even someone interesting." Suzanne is in the harrowing and hilarious throes of drug rehabilitation, trying to understand what happened to her life and how she managed to land in a "drug hospital."

F FRANKEL Frankel, Laurie. This is how it always is / Flatiron Books, 2017
"This is Claude. He's five years old, the youngest of five brothers. He also loves peanut butter sandwiches. He also loves wearing a dress, and dreams of being a princess. When he grows up, Claude says, he wants to be a girl. Rosie and Penn want Claude to be whoever Claude wants to be. They're just not sure they're ready to share that with the world. Soon the entire family is keeping Claude's secret. Until one day it explodes."--

F FREED Freed, Alexander. Rogue One: a Star Wars story / Del Rey, 2016
Follows a band of rebels on a daring mission to steal the Death Star plans.

F GILSTRAP Gilstrap, John. Against all enemies / Kensington Publishing Corp., 2015
Unable to believe that a fellow combat vet has gone rogue, killing American agents and leaking sensitive intel to the enemy, Jonathan Grave sets out to find him first and, stumbling upon a far-reaching conspiracy, must divert a deadly catastrophe of historic proportions.

F GOODKIND Goodkind, Terry. Death's mistress: sister of darkness /Tor, 2017
"Onetime lieutenant of the evil Emperor Jagang, known as "Death's Mistress" and the "Slave Queen," the deadly Nicci captured Richard Rahl in order to convince him that the Imperial Order stood for the greater good. But it was Richard who converted Nicci instead, and for years thereafter she served Richard and Kahlan as one of their closest friends-- and one of their most lethal defenders. Now, with the reign of Richard and Kahlan finally stabilized, Nicci has set out on her own for new adventures. Her first job being to keep the unworldly prophet Nathan out of trouble ..."--Amazon.com.

F GORDON Gordon, Jon. The carpenter: a story about the greatest success strategies of all /Wiley, 2014

"Bestselling author Jon Gordon returns with his most inspiring book yet--filled with powerful lessons and the greatest success strategies of all. Michael wakes up in the hospital with a bandage on his head and fear in his heart. The stress of building a growing business, with his wife Sarah, caused him to collapse while on a morning jog. When Michael finds out the man who saved his life is a Carpenter he visits him and quickly learns that he is more than just a Carpenter; he is also a builder of lives, careers, people, and teams. As the Carpenter shares his wisdom, Michael attempts to save his business in the face of adversity, rejection, fear, and failure. Along the way he learns that there's no such thing as an overnight success but there are timeless principles to help you stand out, excel, and make an impact on people and the world. Drawing upon his work with countless leaders, sales people, professional and college sports teams, non-profit organizations and schools, Jon Gordon shares an entertaining and enlightening story that will inspire you to build a better life, career, and team with the greatest success strategies of all. If you are ready to create your masterpiece, read The Carpenter and begin the building process today"--

F HALTER CAN 1 Halter, Marek. Sarah: a novel / Crown Publishers, 2004

Sarah is born Sarai, the daughter of one of the most powerful lords of Ur. At the age of 12, she is pledged in marriage to a man she has never met, and despite the finery of her bridal chamber ("Everything was new.... Linen rakutus as smooth as a baby's skin"), she flees in distress. Dragged back to her father's house, she doses herself with an herbal concoction that leaves her barren and is made a priestess of Ishtar, Ur's goddess of war. Six years later, an encounter with her childhood love, the handsome Abram, furnishes her with the chance she's been waiting for: she escapes with him and joins his nomadic tribe. Her contentment is short-lived, because Abram is called by God to leave his tribe and set out for a new land, whereupon the familiar (but freely adapted) Bible story unfolds.

F HARMS Harms, Kelly. The good luck girls of Shipwreck Lane / St. Martin's Griffin, 2014

Janine Brown of Cedar Falls, Iowa, is this year's lucky winner of a brand-new, fully loaded dream home! Problem is, which Janine Brown? Janine "Janey" Brown is at first reluctant to give up the safety and sanctity she finds in her tiny kitchen. Across town, Janine "Nean" Brown knows that this house promises an escape from the latest in her revolving door of crappy jobs and drunk boyfriends. Both Janine Browns head for Christmas Cove, Maine, to claim the prize they both rightfully think is theirs.

F HERTMANS Hertmans, Stefan. War and turpentine / Pantheon Books, 2016

"War and Turpentine centers on two men distanced by time: a religious painter whose life is changed forever by World War One; and his grandson, a writer reckoning with his grandfather's story. The life of Urbain Martien--artist, soldier, survivor of the incomprehensible--lies contained in two notebooks written before his death in 1981. His grandson, a writer, imagines his way into the locked chambers of Urbain's memory: retouching church paintings as a boy, dodging death in an iron foundry, and, ultimately, fighting the war that altered the course of human history. There is Urbain's father, the lowly church painter; Urbain's wife, Gabrielle, his true love's sister; and Urbain's canvas, the ever-present reminder of the artist he wanted to be and the soldier he was forced to become. Wrestling with this story, the narrator straddles past and present, searching for a place in both. As artfully rendered as a Renaissance fresco, War and Turpentine paints the extraordinary story of one man's life and the echo of its impact resounding through the generations. Translated from the Dutch by David McKay"--

F JAMES James, Miranda. Arsenic and old books / Berkley Prime Crime, 2015

"Lucinda Beckwith Long, the mayor of Athena, Mississippi, has donated a set of Civil War-era diaries to the archives of Athena College. She would like librarian Charlie Harris to preserve and substantiate them as part of the Long family legacy -- something that could benefit her son, Beck, as he prepares to campaign for the state senate...Together with his Maine Coon cat, Diesel, Charlie must discover why the diaries are worth killing for -- before he too reaches his final chapter." --Back cover.

F KELLERMAN Kellerman, Jonathan. Heartbreak Hotel / Ballantine Books, 2017

"Psychologist Alex Delaware and Detective Milo Sturgis investigate the murder of a woman who led a long life full of dark secrets"--

F KINSELLA Kinsella, Sophie. My not so perfect life: a novel /Dial Press, 2017

"When Katie Brenner is fired from her dream job in advertising in London, she's desperate to get away from her mad boss Demeter, and her crush, Alex, who she thought shared her

feelings of adoration but didn't. Seeking refuge, she goes home to her father's farm in Somerset to help make her stepmother's dream of turning their land into a glamping retreat come true. Applying her savvy marketing smarts, Katie masterminds a glamorous upscale resort. But when Demeter shows up unannounced, with Alex not far behind, Katie is forced to rethink her revenge fantasies and her assumptions about family, love, and office politics and realize how much she may have misjudged everyone--and everything--around her"--

F KITAMURA Kitamura, Katie M. A separation: a novel / Riverhead Books, 2017

"A mesmerizing, psychologically taut novel about a marriage's end and the secrets we all carry. A young woman has agreed with her faithless husband: it's time for them to separate. For the moment it's a private matter, a secret between the two of them. As she begins her new life, she gets word that Christopher has gone missing in a remote region in the rugged south of Greece; she reluctantly agrees to go and search for him, still keeping their split to herself. In her heart, she's not even sure if she wants to find him. Adrift in the wild landscape, she traces the disintegration of their relationship, and discovers she understands less than she thought about the man she used to love. A story of intimacy and infidelity, *A Separation* is about the gulf that divides us from the lives of others and the narratives we create for ourselves. As the narrator reflects upon her love for a man who may never have been what he appeared, Kitamura propels us into the experience of a woman on the brink of catastrophe. *A Separation* is a riveting stylistic masterpiece of absence and presence that will leave the reader astonished, and transfixed"--

F LESCROART Lescroart, John T. Fatal: a novel / Atria Books, 2017

"Kate loves her life. At forty-four, she's happily married to her kind husband, Ron, blessed with two wonderful children, and has a beautiful home in San Francisco. Everything changes, however, when she and Ron attend a dinner party and meet another couple, Peter and Jill. Kate and Peter only exchange a few pleasant words but that night, in bed with her husband, Kate is suddenly overcome with a burning desire for Peter. What begins as an innocent crush soon develops into a dangerous obsession and Kate's fixation on Peter results in one intense, passionate encounter between the two. Confident that her life can now go back to normal, Kate never considers that Peter may not be so willing to move on. Not long after their affair, a masked man barges into the cafe Kate is sitting in with her best friend, firing an assault weapon indiscriminately into the crowd. This tragedy is the first in a series of horrifying events that will show Kate just how grave the consequences of one mistake can be"--

F MCCALL SMITH McCall Smith, Alexander. The Bertie project / Anchor Books, a division of Penguin Random House LLC, 2017

"Bertie's mother Irene returns from the Middle East to discover that, in her absence, her son has been exposed to the worst of evils--television shows, ice cream parlors, and even unsanctioned art at the National Portrait Gallery. Her wrath descends on Bertie's long-suffering father, Stuart. But Stuart has found a reason to spend more time outside of the house and seems to have a new spring in his step. What does this mean for the residents of 44 Scotland Street?"--Amazon.com.

F MEJIA Mejia, Mindy. Everything you want me to be: a novel /Emily Bestler Books/Atria Books, 2017

High school senior Hattie Hoffman has spent her whole life playing many parts: the good student, the good daughter, the good citizen. When she's found brutally stabbed to death on the opening night of her high school play, the tragedy rips through the fabric of her small

town community. Local sheriff Del Goodman, a family friend of the Hoffmans, vows to find her killer, but trying to solve her murder yields more questions than answers. It seems that Hattie's acting talents ran far beyond the stage. Told from three points of view, Del, Hattie, and the new English teacher whose marriage is crumbling, *Everything You Want Me to Be* weaves the story of Hattie's last school year and the events that drew her ever closer to her death.

F MONING Moning, Karen Marie. *Feversong* / Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House, 2017

"As Mac, Barrons, Ryodan, and Jada struggle to restore control, enemies become allies, right and wrong cease to exist, and the lines between life and death, lust and love, disappear completely...This time, there's no gain without sacrifice, no pursuit without risk, no victory without irrevocable loss. In the battle for Mac's soul, every decision exacts a tremendous price."--Book jacket.

F OATES Oates, Joyce Carol. *A book of American martyrs* / Ecco, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2017

When evangelical Luther Dunphy assassinates abortion doctor Augustus Vorhees, the two grieving families find their lives intricately linked.

F PALAHNIUK Palahniuk, Chuck. *Diary: a novel* / Anchor Books, 2004

Misty Wilmot has had it. Once a promising young artist, she's now stuck on an island ruined by tourism, drinking too much and working as a waitress in a hotel. Her husband, a contractor, is in a coma after a suicide attempt, but that doesn't stop his clients from threatening Misty with lawsuits over a series of vile messages they've found on the walls of houses he remodeled. Suddenly, though, Misty finds her artistic talent returning as she begins a period of compulsive painting. Inspired but confused by this burst of creativity, she soon finds herself a pawn in a larger conspiracy that threatens to cost hundreds of lives. What unfolds is a dark, hilarious story from America's most inventive nihilist, and Palahniuk's most impressive work to date.

F PARKER Knott, Robert. *Robert B. Parker's Revelation* / G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2017

"Territorial marshals Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch figured things had finally settled down in Appaloosa when Boston Bill Black's murder charge was dropped. But all that changed when Augustus Noble Driggs was transferred to a stateside penitentiary just across the border from Mexico. Square-jawed, handsome, and built like a muscled thoroughbred stallion, Driggs manages to intimidate everyone inside the prison walls, including the upstart young warden. In a haunting twist of fate, Driggs and a pack of cold-blooded convicts are suddenly on the loose--and it's up to any and all territorial lawmen, including Cole and Hitch, to capture the fugitives and rescue the woman kidnapped during their escape. But nothing is ever quite what it seems with the ever-elusive Driggs. Finally free, he's quickly on his own furious hunt for a hidden cache of gold and jewels--and for the men who betrayed him and left him for dead. With an unlikely and unconventional Yankee detective by their side, Cole and Hitch set off on a massive manhunt. As horses' hooves thunder and guns echo deadening reports, Driggs discovers one of the lawmen on his trail is none other than a fellow West Point graduate he'd just as soon see dead. Ruthless and willing to leave a bloody path of destruction in his wake, Driggs seeks vengeance at any cost"--

F PATTERSON Patterson, James. Humans, bow down / Little, Brown and Company, 2017
The Great War is over. The Robots have won. The humans who survived have two choices-- they can submit and serve the vicious rulers they created or be banished to the Reserve, a desolate, unforgiving landscape where it's a crime to be human. And the robots aren't content--following the orders of their soulless leader, they're planning to conquer humanity's last refuge. With nothing left to lose, Six, a feisty, determined young woman whose family was killed with the first shots of the war, is a rebel with a cause. On the run for her life after an attempted massacre, Six is determined to save humanity before the robots finish what the Great War started and wipe humans off the face of the earth, once and for all.

F PATTERSON Patterson, James. Witch & wizard / Little, Brown, 2009
A sister and brother, along with thousands of young people, have been kidnapped and either thrown in prison or turned up missing after accusations of witchcraft were made against them, and the ruling regime will do anything in order to suppress life and liberty, music and books.

F PENNY Penny, Louise. Bury your dead / Minotaur Books, 2011
An obsessive historian's quest for the remains of the founder of Quebec, Samuel de Champlain, ends in murder. Could a secret buried with Champlain for nearly 400 years be so dreadful that someone would kill to protect it? Although he is supposed to be on leave, Chief Inspector Gamache cannot walk away from a crime that threatens to ignite long-smoldering tensions between the English and the French. Meanwhile, he is receiving disquieting letters from the village of Three Pines, where beloved Bistro owner Olivier was recently convicted of murder.

F PERRY Perry, Anne. Seven dials / Ballantine Books, 2003
Thomas Pitt, mainstay of Her Majesty's Special Branch in Victorian England, rushes against time to learn the truth when the beautiful, notorious Egyptian woman Ayesha Zakhari is put on trial for murdering her husband and senior cabinet minister Saville Ryerson, rumored to be Zakhari's lover, falls under suspicion.

F POEPPPEL Poeppel, Amy. Small admissions: a novel / Emily Bestler Books/Atria, 2016
"Kate is a young woman who is unexpectedly thrust into the cutthroat world of New York City private school admissions as she attempts to understand city life, human nature, and falling in love"--

F PRESSFIELD Pressfield, Steven. Tides of war: a novel of Alcibiades and the Peloponnesian War / Doubleday, 2000
Presents the story of the great Athenian warrior and general Alcibiades, from his great victories on behalf of Athens to his later alliances with Sparta and Persia and his role in the eventual downfall of Athens

F PROSE Prose, Francine. Mister monkey: a novel / Harper, 2016
"The acclaimed New York Times bestselling author weaves an ingenious, darkly humorous, and brilliantly observant story that follows the exploits and intrigue of a constellation of characters affiliated with an off-off-off-off Broadway children's musical. Mister Monkey--a screwball children's musical about a playfully larcenous pet chimpanzee--is the kind of family favorite that survives far past its prime. Margot, who plays the chimp's lawyer, knows the production is dreadful and bemoans the failure of her acting career. She's settled into the

drudgery of playing a humiliating part--until the day she receives a mysterious letter from an anonymous admirer, and later, in the middle of a performance, has a shocking encounter with Adam, the twelve-year-old who plays the title role. Francine Prose's effervescent comedy is told from the viewpoints of wildly unreliable, seemingly disparate characters whose lives become deeply connected as the madcap narrative unfolds. There is Adam, whose looming adolescence informs his interpretation of his role; Edward, a young audience member who is candidly unimpressed with the play; Ray, the author of the novel on which the musical is based, who witnesses one of the most awkward first dates in literature; and even the eponymous Mister Monkey, the Monkey God himself. With her trademark wit and verve, Prose delves into humanity's most profound mysteries: art, ambition, childhood, aging, and love. Startling and captivating, *Mister Monkey* is a breathtaking novel from a writer at the height of her craft"--

F SAGAN Sagan, Françoise. *Bonjour tristesse* / Ecco, 2001

Set against the translucent beauty of France in summer, *Bonjour Tristesse* is a bittersweet tale narrated by Cécile, a seventeen-year-old girl on the brink of womanhood, whose meddling in her father's love life leads to tragic consequences. Freed from boarding school, Cécile lives in unchecked enjoyment with her youngish, widowed father -- an affectionate rogue, dissolute and promiscuous. Having accepted the constantly changing women in his life, Cécile pursues a sexual conquest of her own with a "'tall and almost beautiful'" law student. Then, a new woman appears in her father's life. Feeling threatened but empowered, Cécile sets in motion a devastating plan that claims a surprising victim. Deceptively simple in structure, *Bonjour Tristesse* is a complex and beautifully composed portrait of casual amorality and a young woman's desperate attempt to understand and control the world around her.

F SEKARAN Sekaran, Shanthi. *Lucky boy* / G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2016

"A heart-wrenching novel that gives voice to two mothers: a young undocumented Mexican woman and an Indian-American wife whose love for one lucky boy will bind their fates together. Solimar Castro-Valdez is eighteen and drunk on optimism when she embarks on a perilous journey across the US/Mexican border. Weeks later she arrives on her cousin's doorstep in Berkeley, CA, dazed by first love found then lost, and pregnant. This was not the plan. But amid the uncertainty of new motherhood and her American identity, Soli learns that when you have just one precious possession, you guard it with your life. For Soli, motherhood becomes her dwelling and the boy at her breast her hearth. Kavya Reddy has always followed her heart, much to her parents' chagrin. A mostly contented chef at a UC Berkeley sorority house, the unexpected desire to have a child descends like a cyclone in Kavya's mid-thirties. When she can't get pregnant, this desire will test her marriage, it will test her sanity, and it will set Kavya and her husband, Rishi, on a collision course with Soli, when she is detained and her infant son comes under Kavya's care. As Kavya learns to be a mother--the singing, story-telling, inventor-of-the-universe kind of mother she fantasized about being--she builds her love on a fault line, her heart wrapped around someone else's child. *Lucky Boy* is an emotional journey that will leave you certain of the redemptive beauty of this world. There are no bad guys in this story, no single obvious hero. Sekaran has taken real life and applied it to fiction; the results are moving and revelatory"--

F TAYLOR Taylor, Brad. *Ring of fire* /Dutton, 2017

"Taskforce operators Pike Logan and Jennifer Cahill come face-to-face with an insidious threat to strike terror into the heart of America. Fifteen years ago, in order to win a contract in the

Kingdom, a desperate defense contractor used a shell company to provide a bribe to a wealthy Saudi businessman. Now a powerful player in the defense industry, he panics when the Panama Papers burst onto the public scene. Providing insight into the illicit deeds of offshore financing, they could prove his undoing."--

F VANLIERE VanLiere, Donna. The Christmas light / St. Martin's Press, 2014

"In the small town of Grandon, five very different people discover the true meaning of Christmas. Jennifer and Ryan are both single parents, struggling with their own losses and heartache. Sixteen-year-old Kaylee is faced with a life-changing situation that has affected her whole family. Stephen and Lily are happily married and ready to start a family. All of them are facing their own struggles, and all are finding their way through the dark. When they are brought together for a rather unconventional church Nativity, they will learn that with strength, courage, and love, there is always hope. "--

F WINTERSON Winterson, Jeanette. Christmas days: 12 stories and 12 feasts for 12 days / Grove Press, 2016

A collection of stories written annually at Christmas includes tales of trees with magical powers, a tinsel baby that talks, flying dogs, philosophical fairies, and a haunted house.

F ZAHN Zahn, Timothy. The last command / Bantam Books, 1993

It's five years after the events of Return of the Jedi, and the fragile New Republic reels from the attacks of Grand Admiral Thrawn and his new weapon: an army of clone soldiers.

F ZANDER Zander, Joakim. The believer: a novel / Harper, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2017

Yasmine Ajam has fled her past in the rough Stockholm borough Bergort, reinventing herself as a trendspotter in New York City. One day she receives a startling message: there are riots erupting on the streets of Stockholm and they appear to be connected with the disappearance of her brother, Fadi. Following rumors that Fadi was radicalized and died fighting for ISIS in Syria, Yasmine returns to Stockholm to discover what really happened to her brother. There she becomes entangled in a dangerous web of allegiances and violence that stretches far beyond the gangs on her childhood streets. Meanwhile, in London, Klara Waldeen has landed a job at a human rights research institute working on a report to predict the effects of privatizing police forces. When Klara travels to Stockholm to present her findings to European Union policymakers, her laptop is stolen and one of her colleagues is pushed in front of an oncoming subway train. As her path collides with Yasmine's, Klara begins to realize that she may unwittingly be contributing to the sinister agendas of powerful interests who will stop at nothing to attain their goals.

NON-FICTION

028.9 SCH Schwalbe, Will. Books for living / Alfred A. Knopf, 2017

"From the author of the best-selling and beloved The End of Your Life Book Club--a wonderfully engaging new book: both a celebration of reading in general and an impassioned recommendation of specific books that can help guide us through our daily lives. 'I've always believed that everything you need to know you can find in a book,' writes Will Schwalbe in his introduction to this thought-provoking, heartfelt, and inspiring new book about books. In each chapter he makes clear the ways in which a particular book has helped to shape how he leads

his own life and the ways in which it might help to shape ours. He talks about what brought him to each book--or vice versa; the people in his life he associates each book with; how each has led him to other books; how each is part of his understanding of himself in the world. And he relates each book to a question of our daily lives, for example: Melville's *Bartleby, the Scrivener* speaks to quitting; 1984 to disconnecting from our electronics; James Baldwin's *Giovanni's Room* to the power of finding ourselves and connecting with one another; Anne Morrow Lindbergh's *Gift from the Sea* to taking time to recharge; Anne Lamott's *Bird by Bird* to being sensitive to the surrounding world; *The Little Prince* to making friends; Paula Hawkins's *The Girl on the Train* to trusting. Here, too, are books by Dickens, Daphne du Maurier, Haruki Murakami, Edna Lewis, E. B. White, and Hanya Yanagihara, among many others. A treasure of a book for everyone who loves books, loves reading, and loves to hear the answer to the question: "What are you reading?"--

303.483 FRI Friedman, Thomas L. Thank you for being late: an optimist's guide to thriving in the age of accelerations / Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016

Friedman discusses how the key to understanding the 21st century is understanding that the planet's three largest forces -- Moore's law (technology), the market (globalization) and Mother Nature (climate change and biodiversity loss) -- are accelerating all at once. And these accelerations are transforming the five key realms: the workplace, politics, geopolitics, ethics, and community. Friedman posits that we should purposely "be late" -- we should pause to appreciate the amazing historical epoch we're passing through and to reflect on its possibilities and dangers.

303.484 COL Collins, Chuck. Born on third base: a one percenter makes the case for tackling inequality, bringing wealth home, and committing to the common good / Chelsea Green Publishing, 2016

"As inequality grabs headlines, steals the show in presidential debates, and drives deep divides between the haves and have nots in America, class war brews. On one side, the wealthy wield power and advantage, wittingly or not, to keep the system operating in their favor, all while retreating into enclaves that separate them further and further from the poor and working class. On the other side, those who find it increasingly difficult to keep up or get ahead lash out, waging a rhetorical war against the rich and letting anger and resentment, however justifiable, keep us from seeing new potential solutions. But can we suspend both class wars long enough to consider a new way forward? Is it really good for anyone that most of society's wealth is pooling at the very top of the wealth ladder? Does anyone, including the one percent, really want to live in a society plagued by economic apartheid? It is time to think differently, says longtime inequality expert and activist Chuck Collins. Born into the one percent, Collins gave away his inheritance at 26 and spent the next three decades mobilizing against inequality. He uses his perspective from both sides of the divide to deliver a new narrative. Collins calls for a ceasefire and invites the wealthy to come back home, investing themselves and their wealth in struggling communities. And he asks the non-wealthy to build alliances with the one percent and others at the top of the wealth ladder. Stories told along the way explore the roots of advantage, show how taxpayers subsidize the wealthy, and reveal how charity, used incorrectly, can actually reinforce extreme inequality. Readers meet pioneers who are crossing the divide to work together in new ways, including residents in the author's own Boston-area neighborhood who have launched some of the most interesting community transition efforts in the nation. In the end, Collins's national and local solutions not only challenge inequality but also respond to climate change and offer an unexpected, fresh take on one of our most intransigent problems."

305.8009 ALC Alcott, Linda. The future of whiteness / Polity Press, 2015

"White identity is in ferment. White, European Americans living in the United States will soon share an unprecedented experience of slipping below 50% of the population. The impending demographic shifts are already felt in most urban centers and the effect is a national backlash of hyper-mobilized political, and sometimes violent, activism with a stated aim that is simultaneously vague and deadly clear: 'to take our country back.' Meanwhile the spectre of 'minority status' draws closer and the material advantages of being born white are eroding. This is the political and cultural reality tackled by Linda Martín Alcoff in *The Future of Whiteness*. She argues that whiteness is here to stay, at least for a while, but that half of whites have given up on ideas of white supremacy, and the shared public, material culture is more integrated than ever. More and more, whites are becoming aware of how they appear to non-whites, both at home and abroad, and this is having profound effects on white identity in North America. The young generation of whites today, as well as all those who follow, will have never known a country in which they could take white identity as the unchallenged default that dominates the political, economic and cultural leadership. Change is on the horizon, and the most important battleground is among white people themselves. *The Future of Whiteness* makes no predictions but astutely analyzes the present reaction and evaluates the current signs of turmoil. Beautifully written and cogently argued, the book looks set to spark debate in the field and to illuminate an important area of racial politics."

306.874 GAR Garner, Abigail. Families like mine: children of gay parents tell it like it is / HarperCollins, 2004

"What is it really like to grow up with gay parents? Abigail Garner was five years old when her mother and father divorced and her dad came out as gay. Growing up immersed in gay culture, she now calls herself a "culturally queer" heterosexual woman. As a child, she often found herself in the middle of the political and moral debates surrounding lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) parenting. At the age of twenty-two, she began to speak publicly about her family and has since become a nationally recognized advocate for the estimated 10 million children growing up with LGBT parents. The creator of FamiliesLikeMine.com, Garner has written a deeply personal and much-needed book about gay parenting, from the seldom-heard perspective of grown children raised in these families. Based on eight years of activism, combined with interviews with more than fifty sons and daughters, 'Families Like Mine' debunks the anti-gay myth that these children grow up damaged and confused. At the same time, Garner's book refutes the popular pro-gay sentiment that these children turn out "just like everyone else." In addition to the typical stresses of growing up, the unique pressures these children face are not due to their parents' sexuality, but rather to homophobia and prejudice. Using a rich blend of journalism and memoir, Garner offers empathetic yet unapologetic opinions about the gifts and challenges of being raised in families that are often labeled "controversial." As more LGBT people are pursuing parenthood and as the visibility of gay parenting is rapidly increasing, many of the questions about these families focus on the "best interests" of their children. Eloquent and sophisticated, *Families Like Mine* addresses these questions, providing an invaluable insider's perspective for LGBT parents, their families, and their allies."

320.5209 HOC Hochschild, Arlie Russell. Strangers in their own land: anger and mourning on the American right / The New Press, 2016

"In *Strangers in Their Own Land*, the renowned sociologist Arlie Hochschild embarks on a thought-provoking journey from her liberal hometown of Berkeley, California, deep into

Louisiana bayou country--a stronghold of the conservative right. As she gets to know people who strongly oppose many of the ideas she famously champions, Hochschild nevertheless finds common ground and quickly warms to the people she meets--among them a Tea Party activist whose town has been swallowed by a sinkhole caused by a drilling accident--people whose concerns are actually ones that all Americans share: the desire for community, the embrace of family, and hopes for their children. *Strangers in Their Own Land* goes beyond the commonplace liberal idea that these are people who have been duped into voting against their own interests. Instead, Hochschild finds lives ripped apart by stagnant wages, a loss of home, an elusive American dream--and political choices and views that make sense in the context of their lives. Hochschild draws on her expert knowledge of the sociology of emotion to help us understand what it feels like to live in 'red' America. Along the way she finds answers to one of the crucial questions of contemporary American politics: why do the people who would seem to benefit most from 'liberal' government intervention abhor the very idea?"--

324.973 TAI Taibbi, Matt. *Insane clown president: dispatches from the 2016 circus* / Spiegel & Grau, 2017

"Dispatches from the 2016 election that provide an eerily prescient take on our democracy's uncertain future, by the country's most perceptive and fearless political journalist. The 2016 presidential contest as told by Matt Taibbi, from its tragicomic beginnings to its apocalyptic conclusion, is in fact the story of Western civilization's very own train wreck. Years before the clown car of candidates was fully loaded, Taibbi grasped the essential themes of the story: the power of spectacle over substance, or even truth; the absence of a shared reality; the nihilistic rebellion of the white working class; the death of the political establishment; and the emergence of a new, explicit form of white nationalism that would destroy what was left of the Kingian dream of a successful pluralistic society. Taibbi captures, with dead-on, real-time analysis, the failures of the right and the left, from the thwarted Bernie Sanders insurgency to the flawed and aimless Hillary Clinton campaign; the rise of the "dangerously bright" alt-right with its wall-loving identity politics and its rapturous view of the "Racial Holy War" to come; and the giant fail of a flailing, reactive political media that fed a ravenous news cycle not with reporting on political ideology, but with undigested propaganda served straight from the campaign bubble. At the center of it all stands Donald J. Trump, leading a historic revolt against his own party, "bloviating and farting his way" through the campaign, "saying outrageous things, acting like Hitler one minute and Andrew Dice Clay the next." For Taibbi, the stunning rise of Trump marks the apotheosis of the new postfactual movement. Taibbi frames the reporting with original essays that explore the seismic shift in how we perceive our national institutions, the democratic process, and the future of the country. *Insane Clown President* is not just a postmortem on the collapse and failure of American democracy. It offers the riveting, surreal, unique, and essential experience of seeing the future in hindsight"--

338.761 KID Kidder, Tracy. *A truck full of money* /Random House, 2016

"Like Paul Farmer in *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, Paul English grew up poor, in working-class Boston, but as Tracy Kidder writes, he had "a mind for the age that was coming." Brilliant, reckless, endlessly energetic, Paul English, after Kayak sold for \$2 billion, asked himself: What comes next? Start another company? Use his new wealth to make a difference in the world? With a riveting, page-turning narrative and unmatched storytelling skill, Kidder casts a fresh and critical eye on how new technologies and start-ups, new money, are reshaping our culture"--

341.72 SLO Sloan, Stanley R. Defense of the west: NATO, the European Union and the transatlantic bargain / Manchester University Press, 2016

"Defense of the West delivers a clear and balanced interpretive history of transatlantic security relations from the late 1940s until 2015. The author writes in the authoritative and highly readable style that has made his work required reading for policy makers as well as academic experts on and students of international relations on both sides of the Atlantic. The lively text is also highly accessible for the citizen who wants to develop their understanding of how the United States and Europe came to their current, complex security relationship. The analysis suggests that the democratic principles and shared interests on which NATO and the European Union are based serve as the foundation for 'the West', a term that originated in the Cold War conflict between western democracies and the Soviet Union, but which continues to have meaning today in light of new challenges to Western security."

362.17 ROB Robbins, Alexandra. The nurses: a year of secrets, drama, and miracles with the heroes of the hospital / Workman Publishing, 2015

In a gripping, behind-the-scenes look filled with drama, miracles, heartbreak, humor and unsung heroism, an award-winning journalist chronicles a year in the lives of four real-life hospital nurses, in a book that doubles as a shocking, unedited examination of our healthcare system.

371.1412 BAK Baker, Nicholson. Substitute: going to school with a thousand kids / Blue Rider Press, 2016

In 2014, after a brief orientation course and a few fingerprinting sessions, Nicholson Baker became an on-call substitute teacher in a Maine public school district. Nearly every morning, he awoke to the dispatcher's five-forty a.m. phone call and headed to a nearby school. When he got there, he did his best to follow lesson plans and help his students get something done. In Baker's hands, the inner life of the classroom is examined anew -- mundane worksheets, recess time-outs, surprise nosebleeds, rebellions, griefs, minor triumphs, kindergarten show-and-tell, daily lessons on everything from geology to metal tech to the Holocaust -- as he and his pupils struggle to find ways to get through the day. Baker is one of the most inventive and remarkable writers of our time, and this book, filled with humor, honesty, and empathy, may be his most impressive work of nonfiction yet.

510.92 SHE Lee Shetterly, Margot. Hidden figures: the American dream and the untold story of the Black women mathematicians who helped win the space race / William Morrow, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2016

Before John Glenn orbited the earth or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Among these problem-solvers were exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation. Originally relegated to teaching math in the South's segregated public schools, they were called into service during the labor shortages of World War II, when America's aeronautics industry was in dire need of anyone who had the right stuff. Suddenly, these overlooked math whizzes had a shot at jobs worthy of their skills, and they answered Uncle Sam's call, moving to Hampton, Virginia and the fascinating, high-energy world of the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory. Even as Virginia's Jim Crow laws required them to be segregated from their white counterparts, the women of Langley's all-black "West Computing" group helped America achieve one of the things it desired most: a

decisive victory over the Soviet Union in the Cold War, and complete domination of the heavens"-- Adapted from publisher website.

522.1974 SOB Sobel, Dava. The glass universe: how the ladies of the Harvard Observatory took the measure of the stars / Viking, 2016

"The little-known true story of the unexpected and remarkable contributions to astronomy made by a group of women working in the Harvard College Observatory from the late 1800s through the mid-1900s"--

572.87 BLA Blackburn, Elizabeth H. The telomere effect: a revolutionary approach to living younger, healthier, longer / Grand Central Publishing, 2017

"Have you wondered why some 60-year olds look and feel like 40-year-olds and why some 40-year-olds look and feel like 60-year-olds? While many factors contribute to aging and illness, Nobel Prize-winning Doctor Elizabeth Blackburn discovered biological markers, called telomerase, the enzyme that replenishes telomeres, which protect our DNA. Dr. Blackburn discovered that the length and health of one's telomeres provides a biological basis for the long hypothesized mind-body connection. But perhaps more importantly, along with leading health psychologist, Dr. Elissa Epel, she discovered that there are things we can do to improve and lengthen our telomeres to keep us vital and disease-free,"--NovelList.

613.2 TAR Tara, Sylvia. The secret life of fat: the science behind the body's least understood organ and what it means for you / W.W. Norton & Company, 2017

Blends historical perspectives with cutting-edge research to examine body fat as a critical endocrine organ that can be better understood and managed when recognized as a necessary component of human health.

613.2833 TAU Taubes, Gary. The case against sugar / Alfred A. Knopf, 2016

"From the best-selling author of *Why We Get Fat*, a groundbreaking, eye-opening expose that makes the convincing case that sugar is the tobacco of the new millennium: backed by powerful lobbies, entrenched in our lives, and making us very sick. Among Americans, diabetes is more prevalent today than ever; obesity is at epidemic proportions; nearly 10% of children are thought to have nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. And sugar is at the root of these, and other, critical society-wide, health-related problems. With his signature command of both science and straight talk, Gary Taubes delves into Americans' history with sugar: its uses as a preservative, as an additive in cigarettes, the contemporary overuse of high-fructose corn syrup. He explains what research has shown about our addiction to sweets. He clarifies the arguments against sugar, corrects misconceptions about the relationship between sugar and weight loss; and provides the perspective necessary to make informed decisions about sugar as individuals and as a society"--

616.8589 GRE Greenwood, David A. Overcoming distractions: thriving with adult ADD/ADHD / Sterling, 2016

"We know that Attention Deficit Disorder makes it tough for children to focus in school. But what happens when those kids grow up? How can they make the transition to a successful professional life? And how can newly diagnosed adults meet the challenges of the workplace? David Greenwood, an ADD sufferer who now works as a well-respected PR consultant, answers the question for anyone who wants to thrive with ADD or ADHD--not just survive!"--Amazon.com.

641.013 BOU Bourdain, Anthony. A cook's tour: in search of the perfect meal / Ted Smart / Bloomsbury Publishing, 2002

Inspired by Apocalypse Now, Bourdain heads out to Saigon where he eats the still-beating heart of a live cobra (washed down with its blood), and then into Cambodia, the Heart of Darkness, where he travels deep into landmined Khmer Rouge territory to find the rumored Wild West of Cambodia (Pailin). Other stops include dining with gangsters in Russia, a medieval pig slaughter and feast in northern Portugal, the Basque All Male Gastronomique Society in Saint Sebastian, paladars in Cuba (Commie Beach Party), rural Mexico with his Mexican sous-chef, a pilgrimage to the French Laundry in the Napa Valley and a return to his roots in the tiny fishing village of La Teste, where he first ate an oyster as a child. Written with the inimitable machismo and humour that has made Tony Bourdain such a sensation. A Cook's Tour is an adventure story sure to give you indigestion.

641.5 REI Reinhart, Peter. The joy of gluten-free, sugar-free baking: 80 low-carb recipes that offer solutions for celiac disease, diabetes, and weight loss / Ten Speed Press, 2012

"The first gluten-free baking book from legendary bread maker and James Beard Award-winning author Peter Reinhart, with 80 world-class recipes suitable for wheat sensitive, diabetic, and low-carb/low-sugar dieters"--

641.5 ROB Robertson, Robin. Fresh from the vegetarian slow cooker: 200 recipes for healthy and hearty one-pot meals that are ready when you are / Harvard Common Press, 2004

641.5638 BAU Bauer, Juli. The paleo kitchen: finding primal joy in modern cooking / Victory Belt Publishing Inc., 2014

"George Bryant and Juli Bauer, two of the most insightful and well-respected Paleo powerhouses have united to bring a myriad of bold and delectable gluten & grain-free Paleo recipes straight from their kitchens to yours in their new cookbook The Paleo Kitchen. Together, George and Juli have masterfully created daring flavor combinations that will bring your Paleo experience to a whole new level. This beautiful cookbook offers full-color photos along with tips, tricks and anecdotes straight from the clever minds of these culinary mavericks. The Paleo Kitchen boasts over 100 brand new recipes consisting of appetizers, entrées, side dishes, and decadent desserts that are sure to invigorate and please the fearless caveman palate. "

646.34 JOB Jobity, Natalie. Frumpy to fabulous: flaunting it: your ultimate guide to effortless style / Elan Image Management, 2011

"In ""Frumpy to Fabulous: Flaunting It. Your Ultimate Guide to Effortless Style", Natalie Jobity, a style expert and professional image consultant, shares with women fashion tips, insider secrets and advice they can use immediately to elevate their look. The book teaches women how to dress to enhance their image and express their unique style so they look and feel amazing, inside and out. Frumpy to Fabulous: Flaunting It has step-by-step guidance on all the topics you care about: dressing to flatter your figure; determining your personal style; shopping smarter so you fill your closet with the right pieces; working with color; pulling your look together with accessories; dressing to elevate your image at work; and much more. As you read each chapter, Natalie's friendly, engaging, voice empowers you to unleash your style potential and encourages you to dare to express your most fabulous self."

746.12 MOR Moreno, Jillian. Yarn-i-tec-ture: a knitter's guide to spinning: building exactly the yarn you want / Storey Publishing, 2016

"Create your dream yarn! Discover the pleasures of designing and building custom-made yarn by spinning it yourself, choosing everything from color to feel and gauge. Jillian Moreno leads you through every step of yarn construction, with detailed instructions and step-by-step photos showing you how to select the fiber you want (wool, cotton, silk, synthetic), establish a foundation, and spin a beautiful yarn with the structure, texture, and color pattern that you want. In addition to teaching you the techniques you need for success, Moreno also offers 12 delicious original patterns from prominent designers, each one showcasing hand-spun yarns,"--Amazon.com.

791.45 COH Cohen, Andy. Most talkative: stories from the front lines of pop culture / St. Martin's Griffin, 2013

"The man behind the Real Housewives writes about his lifelong love affair with pop culture that brought him from the suburbs of St. Louis to his own television show. From a young age, Andy Cohen knew one thing: He loved television. Not in the way that most kids do, but in an irrepressible, all-consuming, I-want-to-climb-inside-the-tube kind of way. And climb inside he did. Now presiding over Bravo's reality TV empire, he started out as an overly talkative pop culture obsessive, devoted to Charlie's Angels and All My Children and to his mother, who received daily letters from Andy at summer camp, usually reminding her to tape the soaps. In retrospect, it's hard to believe that everyone didn't know that Andy was gay; still, he remained in the closet until college. Finally out, he embarked on making a career out of his passion for television. The journey begins with Andy interviewing his all-time idol Susan Lucci for his college newspaper and ends with him in a job where he has a hand in creating today's celebrity icons. In the witty, no-holds-barred style of his show Watch What Happens Live, Andy tells tales of absurd mishaps during his ten years at CBS News, hilarious encounters with the heroes and heroines of his youth, and the real stories behind The Real Housewives. Dishy, funny, and full of heart, Most Talkative provides a one-of-a-kind glimpse into the world of television, from a fan who grew up watching the screen and is now inside it, both making shows and hosting his own."

920 SMI Smith, Jean Kennedy. The nine of us: growing up Kennedy /Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2016

The last surviving child of Joe and Rose Kennedy presents an intimate portrait of her family's shared life that describes how her parents would encourage their children to discuss current events, forge a strong work ethic and appreciate the sacrifices of their ancestors.

921 ALKHATAHTBEH Al-Khatahtbeh, Amani. Muslim girl: a coming of age / Simon & Schuster, 2016

"At nine years old, Amani Al-Khatahtbeh watched from her home in New Jersey as two planes crashed into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. That same year, she heard her first racial slur. At age eleven, when the United States had begun to invade Iraq and the television was flooded with anti-Muslim commentary, Amani felt overwhelmed with feelings of intense alienation from American society. At thirteen, her family took a trip to her father's native homeland of Jordan, and Amani experienced firsthand a culture built on pure religion, not Islamic stereotypes. Inspired by her trip and after years of feeling like her voice as a Muslim woman was marginalized and neglected during a time when all the media could talk about was, ironically, Muslim women, Amani created a website called MuslimGirl. As the editor-in-chief, she put together a team of Muslim women and started a life dedicated to

activism. This is the extraordinary account of Amani's journey through adolescence as a Muslim girl, from the Islamophobia she's faced on a daily basis, to the website she launched that became a cultural phenomenon, to the nation's political climate in the 2016 election cycle with Donald Trump as the Republican nominee. While dispelling the myth that a headscarf makes you a walking target for terrorism, she shares both her own personal accounts and anecdotes from the "sisterhood" of writers that serve as her editorial team at MuslimGirl. Amani's honest, urgent message is fresh, timely, and a deeply necessary counterpoint to the current rhetoric about the Middle East."

921 ARMSTRONG Bergreen, Laurence. Louis Armstrong: an extravagant life / Broadway Books, 1997

Louis Armstrong was the founding father of jazz and one of this century's towering cultural figures. His musical innovation and exuberance made him a household name, yet the full story of his extravagant life has never been told. Now, drawing on a vast, previously unexplored archive of Armstrong's writings and recordings, acclaimed biographer Laurence Bergreen presents an intimate, provocative, and definitive portrait of the legendary Pied Piper of American music.

921 FISHER Fisher, Carrie. The princess diarist / Blue Rider Press, 2016

In 1976, Carrie Fisher was a teenager filming a movie, with an all-consuming crush on her costar. And it just happened to become one of the most famous films of all time-- the first Star wars movie. When she recently discovered the journals she had kept, she found them full of plaintive love poems, unbridled musings with youthful naiveté, and a vulnerability that she barely recognized. In revisiting her diaries, Fisher ponders the joys and insanity of celebrity as well as the absurdity of a life spawned by Hollywood royalty whose lofty status has ultimately been surpassed by her own outer-space royalty.

921 JONES Jones, Grace. I'll never write my memoirs / Gallery Books, 2015

In her first book, legendary performer Grace Jones offers a revealing account of her spectacular career and turbulent life, charting the development of a persona that has made her one of the world's most recognizable artists. As a singer, model, and actor, Grace has consistently been an extreme, challenging presence in the entertainment world since her emergence as an international model in the 1970s. Celebrated for her audacious talent and trailblazing style, Grace became one of the most unforgettable, free-spirited characters to emerge from the historic Studio 54, recording glittering disco classics. Her provocative shows in underground New York nightclubs saw her hailed as a disco queen, gay icon, and gender-defying iconoclast. In 1980, she escaped a crowded disco scene to pursue more experimental interests. Her music also broke free, blending house, reggae, and electronica into a timeless hybrid. In the memoir she once promised never to write, Grace offers an intimate insight into her evolving style, personal philosophies, and varied career--including her roles in the 1984 fantasy-action film Conan the Destroyer alongside Arnold Schwarzenegger and the James Bond movie A View to a Kill. Featuring sixteen pages of full-color photographs, this book follows this ageless creative nomad as she rejects her strict religious upbringing in Jamaica; conquers New York, Paris, and the 1980s; answers to no-one; and lives to fight again and again.-- Adapted from book jacket.

921 ROOSEVELT Brady, Tim. His father's son: the life of General Ted Roosevelt Jr. / New American Library, 2017

"The story of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., a fortunate son who proved himself on the battlefields of two world wars. General Omar Bradley said of him, "I have never known a braver man or a more devoted soldier." But for much of his life, Theodore Roosevelt's son Ted seemed born to live in his father's shadow. With the same wide smile, winning charm, and vigorous demeanor, Ted possessed limitless potential, with even the White House within his reach. In the First World War, Ted braved gunfire and gas attacks in France to lead his unit into battle. Yet even after returning home a hero, he was unable to meet the expectations of a public that wanted a man just like his father. A diplomat, writer, and man of great adventure, Ted remained frustrated by his lack of success in the world of politics, witnessing instead the rise of his cousin, Franklin, to the office that had once seemed his for the taking. Then, with World War II looming, Ted reenlisted. In his mid-fifties with a gimpy leg and a heart condition, he was well past his prime, but his insistence to be in the thick of combat proved a vital asset. Paired with the irascible Terry de la Mesa Allen Sr., Ted soon distinguished himself as a front-line general in a campaign that often brought him into conflict with another hard fighter, George Patton. On D-Day, Ted became the oldest soldier and the only general in the Allied forces to storm the beach in the first wave, hobbling across the sand with his cane in one hand and a pistol in the other. His valor and leadership on Utah Beach became the stuff of legends, and earned him the Medal of Honor. His Father's Son delves into the life of a man as courageous, colorful, and unwavering as any of the Roosevelt clan, and offers up a definitive portrait of one of America's greatest military heroes."

921 RUSSELL Laoutaris, Chris. Shakespeare and the countess: the battle that gave birth to the Globe / Pegasus Books, 2015

"In November 1596, a woman signed a document that would nearly destroy the career of William Shakespeare. Who was this woman who played such an instrumental, yet little known, role in Shakespeare's life? Never far from controversy when she was alive--she sparked numerous riots and indulged in acts of breaking-and-entering, bribery, blackmail, kidnapping and armed combat--Lady Elizabeth Russell, the self-styled Dowager Countess of Bedford, has been edited out of public memory, yet the chain of events she set in motion would make Shakespeare the legendary figure we all know today. Lady Elizabeth Russell's extraordinary life made her one of the most formidable women of the Renaissance. The daughter of King Edward VI's tutor, she blazed a trail across Elizabethan England as an intellectual and radical Protestant. And, in November 1596, she became the leader of a movement aimed at destroying William Shakespeare's theatrical troupe--a plot that resulted in the closure of the Blackfriars Theatre but the construction, instead, of the Globe. Providing new pieces to this puzzle, Chris Laoutaris's rousing history reveals for the first time this startling battle against Shakespeare and the Lord Chamberlain's Men."--Jacket.

921 STRAHAN Strahan, Michael. Wake up happy: the dream big, win big guide to transforming your life / 37 Ink / Atria, 2015

"From America's favorite football player turned morning talk show host, a man who makes just about everything look easy, a mélange of stories and motivational advice to inspire the reader to turn up the heat and go from good to great in pursuit of their personal ambitions. Michael Strahan spent his childhood on a military base in Europe, where community meant everything, and life, though idyllic, was different. For one, when people referenced football they meant soccer. So when Michael's father suggested he work toward a college scholarship by playing football in Texas, where tens of thousands of people show up for a weekend game,

the odds were long. Yet he did, indeed, land a scholarship and from there a draft into the NFL where he scaled the league's heights, broke records, and helped his team win the Super Bowl as a result of which he was inducted into the Hall of Fame. How? By developing "Strahan's Rules" — a mix of mental discipline, positive thinking, and a sense of play. He also used the Rules to forge a successful post pro-ball career as cohost with Kelly Ripa on Live!, a position for which he was considered the longshot, and much more."

941.1 NIC Nicolson, Adam. Sea room: an island life in the Hebrides / North Point Press, 2002

"In 1937, Adam Nicolson's father answered a newspaper ad -- ""Uninhabited islands for sale. Outer Hebrides, 600 acres . . . Puffins and seals. Apply . . . "" -- and found the Shiant (the name means holy or enchanted islands). Adam inherited this almost indescribably beautiful property when he was twenty-one: Sea Room describes, and relives, his love affair with the three tiny islands, composed as he prepares to give them to his oldest son. The Shiant lie east of the Isle of Lewis in a treacherous sea once known as the "stream of blue men," after the legendary water spirits who menaced sailors there. For millennia, they were a haven for those seeking solitude -- an eighth-century hermit, the twentieth-century novelist Sir Compton Mackenzie -- but their rich, sometimes violent history of human habitation includes much more. The landscape is soaked in centuries-old tales of restless ghosts and Bronze Age gold, and it cradles the heritage of a once productive world of farmers and fishermen. In passionate, keenly precise prose, Nicolson evokes the paradoxes of island life: cut off from the mainland yet intricately bound to it, austere yet fertile, unforgiving yet bewitchingly beautiful. Sea Room does more than celebrate this unique, profoundly isolated place. It shares with us the greatest gift an island bestows on its inhabitants, a deep, revelatory engagement with the natural world."

947.086 ALE Alexievich, Svetlana. Secondhand time: the last of the Soviets / Random House, 2016

"From the 2015 winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, Svetlana Alexievich, comes the first English translation of her latest work, an oral history of the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the emergence of a new Russia. Bringing together dozens of voices in her distinctive documentary style, Secondhand Time is a monument to the collapse of the USSR, charting the decline of Soviet culture and speculating on what will rise from the ashes of communism."--

949.618 MAD Madden, Thomas F. Istanbul: city of majesty at the crossroads of the world / Viking, 2016

Perched at the tip of Europe, gazing across to the shores of Asia, Istanbul remains as much a city of crossroads as it has been for the past two millennia. The history of this fabled metropolis--known at first as Byzantium, then Constantinople, and now Istanbul--is glorious, grandiose, and astounding. No other city has stood at the center of world events for so long, a home to great empires and diverse cultures from the Greeks to the Romans, the Italians to the Armenians, the Ottomans to the modern Turks. Prizewinning historian Thomas F. Madden's tremendous new biography of this mysterious city captures centuries of triumph and defeat, riches and poverty, seen through the lives of those who inhabited it: the emperors and empresses, artisans and architects, sailors and fishermen, street vendors and harem concubines. This book propels the reader on a journey of Mediterranean commerce, thought, religion, and power, running through ancient roads, wharfs, forums, and palaces. Excavating centuries of firsthand accounts, Madden sets this history against the background of men and women who forever changed their worlds, including Alexander the Great, Constantine,

Empress Theodora, Mehmed the Conqueror, Suleiman the Magnificent, and Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Witness the construction of the massive Theodosian Walls, the embellishment of rich Hagia Sophia, and the transformation and revitalization of the Golden Horn district. From 667 BC to President Erdogan's tumultuous twenty-first century presidency, Madden's account not only questions how we think of Istanbul's past, but also examines what we can learn from a people who have withstood invasion and threat time and time again. Through the long gaze of Madden's stirring narrative, we experience the strength of a people who endure at the intersection of faith, geography, and ideology.--Adapted from dust jacket.

956 FIL Filiu, Jean-Pierre. From deep state to Islamic state: the Arab counter-revolution and its Jihadi legacy / Oxford University Press, 2015

"In his disturbing and timely book Jean-Pierre Filiu lays bare the strategies and tactics employed by the Middle Eastern autocracies, above all those of Syria, Egypt, Yemen and Algeria, that set out to crush the democratic uprisings of the 'Arab Revolution.' In pursuit of these goals, they turned to the intelligence agencies and internal security arms of the 'deep state,' the armed forces, and to street gangs such as the Shabiha to enforce their will. Alongside physical intimidation, imprisonment and murder, Arab counter-revolutionaries discredited and split their opponents by boosting Salafi-Jihadi groups such as Islamic State. They also released from prison hardline Islamists and secretly armed and funded them. The full potential of the Arab counter-revolution surprised most observers, who thought they had seen it all from the Arab despots: their perversity, their brutality, their voracity. But the wider world underestimated their ferocious readiness literally to burn down their countries in order to cling to absolute power. Bashar al-Assad clambered to the top of this murderous class of tyrants, driving nearly half of the Syrian population into exile and executing tens of thousands of his opponents. He has set a grisly precedent, one that other Arab autocrats are sure to follow in their pursuit of absolute power."

956.64 WAR Ward, Miriam. Behind the wall: Palestinians under occupation / CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015

"This book is a collection of my writings on the Palestinian/Israeli conflict published over a period of several decades. These letters to the editor, op-eds, articles, testimonials, and chapters from two books reflect one person's experience in challenging the mainstream media's misrepresentation and distortion in coverage of events in the Middle East. ... A list of significant dates is included to provide context for the relevant events, and I include only a brief personal background."--Page xvii.

972.85 PRE Preston, Douglas J. The lost city of the Monkey God: a true story / Grand Central Publishing, 2017

"Douglas Preston takes readers on an adventure deep into the Honduran jungle in this riveting, danger-filled true story about the discovery of an ancient lost civilization"-- | Since the days of Cortés, rumors have circulated about a lost city of immense wealth hidden somewhere in the Honduran interior, called the White City or the Lost City of the Monkey God. In 1940 journalist Theodore Morde returned from the rainforest with hundreds of artifacts and an electrifying story of having found the Lost City-- but then committed suicide without revealing its location. In 2012 Preston joined a team of scientists using classified technology that could map the terrain under the densest rainforest canopy. They found evidence of not just an undiscovered city but an enigmatic, lost civilization-- and returned carrying a horrifying, sometimes lethal-- and incurable-- disease.

973.3 PAU Paul, Joel R. Unlikely allies: how a merchant, a playwright, and a spy saved the American Revolution / Riverhead Books, 2009

"Silas Deane, a Connecticut merchant and member of the Continental Congress, went to France to persuade the king to support the colonists in their struggle with Britain. Pierre-Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais was a playwright who had access to the arms and ammunition that Deane needed. And the Chevalier d'Éon was a diplomat and sometime spy for the French king who ignited a crisis that persuaded the French to arm the Americans. This is the true story of how three remarkable people lied, cheated, stole, and cross-dressed across Europe to gain France's aid as the War of American Independence hung in the balance."

973.932 CHA Chait, Jonathan, Audacity: how Barack Obama defied his critics and created a legacy that will prevail /Custom House, an imprint of William Morrow, 2017

"An unassailable case that, in the eyes of history, Barack Obama will be viewed as one of America's best and most accomplished presidents. Over the course of eight years, Barack Obama has amassed an array of outstanding achievements. His administration saved the American economy from collapse, expanded health insurance to millions who previously could not afford it, negotiated an historic nuclear deal with Iran, helped craft a groundbreaking international climate accord, reined in Wall Street and crafted a new vision of racial progress. He has done all of this despite a left that frequently disdained him as a sellout, and a hysterical right that did everything possible to destroy his agenda even when they agreed with what he was doing. Now, as the page turns to our next Commander in Chief, Jonathan Chait, acclaimed as one of the most incisive and meticulous political commentators in America, digs deep into Obama's record on major policy fronts--economics, the environment, domestic reform, health care, race, foreign policy, and civil rights--to demonstrate why history will judge our forty-fourth president as among the greatest in history. Audacity does not shy away from Obama's failures, most notably in foreign policy. Yet Chait convincingly shows that President Obama has accomplished what candidate Obama said he would, despite overwhelming opposition--and that the hopes of those who voted for him have not been dashed despite the smokescreen of extremist propaganda and the limits of short-term perspective"--

974.7102 ANB Anbinder, Tyler. City of dreams: the 400-year epic history of immigrant New York /Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016

With more than three million foreign-born residents today, New York has been America's defining port of entry for nearly four centuries, a magnet for transplants from all over the globe. These migrants have brought their hundreds of languages and distinct cultures to the city, and from there to the entire country. More immigrants have come to New York than all other entry points combined. City of Dreams is peopled with memorable characters both beloved and unfamiliar, whose lives unfold in rich detail: the young man from the Caribbean who passed through New York on his way to becoming a Founding Father; the ten-year-old Angelo Siciliano, from Calabria, who transformed into Charles Atlas, bodybuilder; Dominican-born Oscar de la Renta, whose couture designs have dressed first ladies from Jackie Kennedy to Michelle Obama. Tyler Anbinder's story is one of innovators and artists, revolutionaries and rioters, staggering deprivation and soaring triumphs, all playing out against the powerful backdrop of New York City, at once ever-changing and profoundly, permanently itself. City of Dreams provides a vivid sense of what New York looked like, sounded like, smelled like, and felt like over the centuries of its development and maturation into the city we know today.

974.73 DAU Daughan, George C. Revolution on the Hudson: New York City and the Hudson River Valley in the American War of Independence /W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 2016

"Traces the lesser-known story of the fight for the Hudson River Valley during the American Revolution, explaining the conflict's essential role in the outcome of the war and the political, military, economic and social strategies that influenced both sides."--NovelList.

LARGE PRINT

LP 921 GRAHAM Graham, Billy. Nearing home: life, faith, and finishing well / Thomas Nelson, 2011

"I never thought I would live to be this old." In this moving narrative, Billy Graham once again takes up the pen not only to share his personal experience of growing older but also teach us some important lessons on how to view our time here on Earth. He says that the Bible makes it clear that God has a specific reason for keeping us here. So what is His purpose for these years, and how can we align our lives with it? How can we not only learn to cope with the fears and struggles and growing limitations we face but actually grow stronger inwardly in the midst of these difficulties? In what may be his most powerful message of the last decade, Billy Graham speaks to all on this side of Heaven as he covers the importance of four key areas: Building strong foundations and understanding the gift of years; Facing life's transitions, including the passing of years, retirement, and when loved ones die; Making wise decisions; Understanding our glorious hope. "In this book I invite you to explore with me not only the realities of life as we grow older but the hope and fulfillment and even joy that can be ours once we learn to look at these years from God's point of view and discover His strength to sustain us every day. I pray that you and I may learn what it means not only to grow older, but, with God's help, to grow older with grace."--Publisher.

LP BINCHY Binchy, Maeve. A week in winter /Cengage Gale, 2013

Stoneybridge is a small town on the west coast of Ireland where all the families know one another. When Chicky Starr decides to take an old, decaying mansion set high on the cliffs overlooking the windswept Atlantic Ocean and turn it into a restful place for a holiday by the sea, everyone thinks she is crazy. Helped by Rigger (a bad boy turned good who is handy around the place) and her niece Orla (a whiz at business), Chicky is finally ready to welcome the first guests to Stone House's big warm kitchen, log fires, and understated elegance. The first week's guests share laughter and the heartache of respective challenges. John, the American movie star who thinks he has arrived incognito; Winnie and Lillian, forced into taking a holiday together; Nuala and Henry, husband and wife, both doctors who have been shaken by seeing too much death; Anders, the Swedish boy, hates his father's business, but has a real talent for music; Miss Nell Howe, a retired school teacher, who criticizes everything and leaves a day early, much to everyone's relief; the Walls who have entered in 200 contests (and won everything from a microwave oven to velvet curtains, including the week at Stone House); and Freda, the psychic who is afraid of her own visions.

LP COES Coes, Ben. First strike / Center Point Large Print, 2017

"When Dewey Andreas finds proof that a black-ops program deep within the Pentagon is providing arms to ISIS in time to stop a new shipment, ISIS terrorists take over a Columbia University dorm, capturing nearly five hundred college students and threatening to kill one every hour the shipment is delayed. Andreas is their only hope." -- Provided by publisher.

LP CROUCH Crouch, Blake. Pines / Center Point Large Print, 2017

"Secret service agent Ethan Burke arrives in Wayward Pines, Idaho, in search of two missing federal agents. Within minutes of his arrival, a violent accident lands Ethan in a hospital -- with no ID, no cell phone, and no briefcase. As days pass, he must face a horrifying fact -- he may never get out of Wayward Pines alive" -- Provided by publisher.

LP FISHMAN Fishman, Zoe. Inheriting Edith / Center Point Large Print, 2017

"A poignant breakout novel about a single mother who inherits a beautiful beach house in Sag Harbor--with a caveat--she must take care of the ornery elderly woman who lives in it who has recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Together they embark on a path to forgiveness, acceptance, and a life-changing friendship"--

LP GOUDGE Gouge, Eileen. Woman in red / Vanguard Press, 2007

Returning home after spending nine years in prison for the attempted murder of the drunk driver who had killed her son, Alice Kessler joins forces with Colin McGinty to help the son she had left behind when the teenager is wrongly accused of rape.

LP HOCKENSMITH Hockensmith, Steve. Fool me once: a Tarot mystery / Thorndike Press, a part of Gale, Cengage Learning, 2016

Since taking over the White Magic Five and Dime, Alanis McLachlan has been tracking down old customers to make amends for her mother's con jobs. So when Marsha comes looking for a way out of her abusive marriage, Alanis does what she can to help. But lending a hand leads to unforeseen consequences -- including murder.

LP HOFFMAN Hoffman, Alice. Faithful /Center Point Large Print, 2017

"The story of a survivor, filled with emotion--from dark suffering to true happiness--a moving portrait of a young woman finding her way through grief, guilt, and recovery in the modern world in New York City"--

LP PICOULT Picoult, Jodi. Small great things / Thorndike Press, 2016

"This stunning new novel is Jodi Picoult at her finest--complete with unflinching insights, richly layered characters, and a page-turning plot with a gripping moral dilemma at its heart. Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene? Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime. Kennedy McQuarrie, a white public defender, takes her case but gives unexpected advice: Kennedy insists that mentioning race in the courtroom is not a winning strategy. Conflicted by Kennedy's counsel, Ruth tries to keep life as normal as possible for her family--especially her teenage son--as the case becomes a media sensation. As the trial moves forward, Ruth and Kennedy must gain each other's trust, and come to see that what they've been taught their whole lives about others--and themselves--might be wrong. With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion--and doesn't offer easy answers. Small Great Things is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game."--

LP WARE Ware, Ruth. The woman in cabin 10 / Thorndike Press, 2016

Lo Blacklock, a journalist who writes for a travel magazine, has just been given the assignment of a lifetime: a week on a luxury cruise with only a handful of cabins. The sky is clear, the waters calm, and the veneered, select guests jovial as the exclusive cruise ship, the Aurora, begins her voyage in the picturesque North Sea. At first, Lo's stay is nothing but pleasant: the cabins are plush, the dinner parties are sparkling, and the guests are elegant. But as the week wears on, frigid winds whip the deck, gray skies fall, and Lo witnesses what she can only describe as a dark and terrifying nightmare: a woman being thrown overboard. The problem? All passengers remain accounted for--and so, the ship sails on as if nothing has happened, despite Lo's desperate attempts to convey that something (or someone) has gone terribly, terribly wrong.

AUDIO-VISUAL

CD 973.47 KIL Kilmeade, Brian. Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli pirates: the forgotten war that changed American history / Penguin Audio, 2015

This is the little-known story of how a newly independent nation was challenged by four Muslim powers and what happened when America's third president decided to stand up to intimidation. When Thomas Jefferson became president in 1801, America faced a crisis. The new nation was deeply in debt and needed its economy to grow quickly, but its merchant ships were under attack. Pirates from North Africa's Barbary Coast routinely captured American sailors and held them as slaves, demanding ransom and tribute payments far beyond what the new country could afford. So President Jefferson decided to move beyond diplomacy. He sent the U.S. Navy's new warships and a detachment of marines to blockade Tripoli, launching the Barbary Wars and beginning America's journey toward future superpower status.

CD BUT Butcher, Jim. Small favor: a novel of the Dresden files / Penguin Audio, 2008

Just as wizard Harry Dresden's life begins to calm down, an old bargain comes back to haunt Harry, forcing him to help the Queen of Air and Darkness battle an old foe and trapping him in a nightmare that stretches his skills and loyalties to their limits.

CD HEYER Heyer, Georgette. No wind of blame / Bolinda Audio, 2014

The superlatively analytical Inspector Hemingway is confronted by a murder that seems impossible; no one was near the murder weapon at the time the shot was fired. Everyone on the scene seems to have a motive, not to mention the wherewithal to commit murder, and alibis that simply don't hold up. The inspector is sorely tried by a wide variety of suspects, including the neglected widow, the neighbor who's in love with her, her resentful daughter, and a patently phony Russian prince preying on the widow's emotional vulnerability and social aspirations. And then there's the blackmail plot that may, or may not, be at the heart of the case.

CD KNO Knoll, Jessica. Luckiest girl alive / Simon & Schuster Audio, 2015

A New Yorker named Ani FaNelli, who seems to have it all: a dream job, a handsome fiancé and an apartment in trendy Tribeca. But Ani is actually clinging desperately to a veneer of perfection that is about to come undone because a documentary film threatens to reveal a violent, sordid incident from her past.

DVD 973 LAT Latino Americans / PBS Distribution, 2013

Chronicles the history and experiences of the Latino people in the United States over the last 500 years. Discusses how this ethnic group has evolved over the centuries and reveals the ways it has shaped the nation's culture and society. Also identifies the key issues facing Latinos today.

DVD AMA Amazing grace / Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2007

A biography of British legislator William Wilberforce, who led a decades-long movement to end the British slave trade.

DVD ANA Analyze this / Warner Home Video, 1999

A spoof on the gangster roles that have been associated with De Niro's film career, this is the story of an anxiety-ridden Mafia boss who monopolizes the services of a family psychiatrist.

DVD ANN Annie Hall / MGM Home Entertainment distributor, 2005

Woody Allen's semiautobiographical portrait of his amorous, but ultimately mismatched, relationship with co-star Diane Keaton. Allen uses satire and comedy to portray this "nervous romance" for modern times.

DVD BAC Back to school / Metro Goldwyn Mayer Home Entertainment, 2007

When college student Jason Melon decides to drop out of school, his dad drops in. And both learn more about studying and partying than they ever thought possible in this madcap campus comedy.

DVD BES The best of me / 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2014

The story of Dawson and Amanda, two former high school sweethearts who find themselves reunited after twenty years apart, when they return to their small town for the funeral of a beloved friend. Their bittersweet reunion reignites the love they've never forgotten, but soon they discover the forces that drove them apart twenty years ago live on, posing even more serious threats today.

DVD BIG Big fish / Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2005

William Bloom, is a young man who never really knew his now dying father, Edward - outside of the tall tales his dad told him about growing up. During Edward's last days William and his wife Josephine hold a bedside vigil next to the old man as he recollects elaborate memories of his youth. Still doubting the legends and folklore, William makes a journey to meet a mysterious woman from whom Edward had bought property.

DVD BLA The Blair Witch project / Artisan Entertainment, 1999

Three student filmmakers set out into the forest to film a documentary on a legend known as The Blair Witch. As they become lost in the woods, an unseen evil begins to stalk and harass them. They soon realize that what they are filming is not a legend, but their own descent into a horrifying encounter with the supernatural.

DVD CAR Carole Lombard / the glamour collection / Universal Pictures, 2006

"Man of the world": A young American girl visits Paris accompanied by her fiancé and her wealthy uncle. "We're not dressing": Beautiful high society type Doris Worthington is entertaining guests on her yacht in the Pacific when it hits a reef and sinks. "Hands across the table": A loafer and a manicurist, both planning to marry money, meet and form an uneasy

alliance. "Love before breakfast": Kay bounces between boyfriend Bill and a Wall Street tycoon who thinks he knows what's best for her and bosses her around. "The princess comes across": A woman pretends to be royalty in order to get aboard a cruise ship. "True confession": Helen and Ken are a pretty strange couple - she is a pathological liar, and he is a scrupulously honest lawyer.

DVD CHI Chicago / Miramax Home Entertainment | Distributed by Buena Vista Home Entertainment, 2002

At a time when crimes of passion result in celebrity headlines, nightclub sensation Velma Kelly and spotlight-seeking Roxie Hart both find themselves on Chicago's famed Murderess Row. They also share Billy Flynn, the town's slickest lawyer with a talent for turning notorious defendants into local legends.

DVD CIN Cinderella man / Universal Studios Home Entertainment, 2005

A look at the life and career of Depression era heavyweight boxer James Braddock, and his experiences as a fighter and a longshoreman, and his bout with champion boxer Max Baer.

DVD CLO A clockwork orange / Warner Home Video, 2001

Depicts a harrowing journey through a near-future world of decaying cities, murderous adolescents and nightmarish technologies of punishment and crime.

DVD COU Die Fälscher The counterfeiters / Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2008

Germany, 1936. Salomon "Sally" Sorowitsch is the king of counterfeiters. He lives a life of cards, booze, and women. Suddenly his luck runs dry when he is arrested by Superintendent Friedrich Herzog. He is immediately thrown into the Mauthausen concentration camp. There, Salomon exhibits exceptional skills and is soon transferred to the upgraded camp of Sachsenhausen. Upon his arrival, he once again comes face to face with Herzog, who is there on a secret mission. Hand-picked for his unique skill, Salomon and a group of professionals are forced to produce fake foreign currency under the program Operation Bernhard. The team, which also includes detainee Adolf Burger, is given luxury barracks for their assistance. Salomon attempts to weaken the economy of Germany's opponents. But Adolf refuses to use his skills for Nazi profit and would like to do something to stop the operation. Now faced with a moral dilemma, Salomon must decide whether his actions are ultimately the right ones.

DVD DIS The dish / Warner Home Video, 2000

Based on a true story. This is how the biggest television event in history was almost not televised. Apollo 11 goes to the moon and the first step is to be televised around the globe. But right before the landing, the dish flatlines. Its up to the unconventional Aussie crew and the by-the-book NASA supervisor to work together to fix the dish before the landing occurs.

DVD DOG Dogma / Columbia TriStar Home Video, 2005

Two banished angels find a loophole that would get them back into heaven. The only snag? They'll be destroying existence in the process. In an effort to stop them, the overworked voice of God (Alan Rickman) taps cynical mortal Bethany to save the world by preventing the angels from reaching their unholy destination.

DVD EDG The edge of seventeen / Universal Studios Home Entertainment, 2017

Growing up is hard, and life is no easier for Nadine, who is already at peak awkwardness when her best friend Krista begins dating her all-star brother Darian. All at once, Nadine feels more

alone than ever. With the help of her reluctant sounding-board, she soon discovers that what feels like the end of the world may just be the beginning of growing up.

DVD FOO Food, Inc. / Magnolia Home Entertainment, 2009

Lifts the veil on our nation's food industry, exposing how our nation's food supply is now controlled by a handful of corporations that often put profits ahead of consumer health, the livelihood of the American farmer, the safety of workers and our own environment. Reveals surprising - and often shocking truths - about what we eat, how it's produced and who we have become as a nation.

DVD FOU Four weddings and a funeral / MGM Home Entertainment, 1999

Romantic comedy about a young man who meets the girl of his dreams at a friend's wedding. However, she slips through his fingers when the timing seems wrong, and they meet at three more weddings and a funeral before the two finally connect.

DVD GRA Grace is gone / The Weinstein Company Home Entertainment | Distributed by Genius Products, 2008

Stanley Phillips is a sad, disconnected man unable to tell his young daughters that their mother, a soldier, has died in Iraq. Instead, he takes the girls on a road trip, where their innocent charm helps him rediscover a healing joy he thought he'd lost forever.

DVD GRI Gridiron gang / Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2007

Sean Porter was a football player who turned into a juvenile detention counselor. He wrestles with the seemingly insolvable problem. The vast majority of young men who leave detention fall right back into crime. Looking for a way to give these not-yet-hardened kids a taste of self-esteem and discipline, Porter manages to persuade his superiors to let him teach the kids football-- and then take on other high school football teams. Based on a true story.

DVD HAL Half baked / Universal, 2005

A hilarious adventure of three loveable party buds trying to find cash to bail their friend out of jail. Features cameo appearances by: Janeane Garofalo, Snoop Doggy Dog, Willie Nelson, Stephen Baldwin, Bob Saget, John Stewart, and Tommy Chong.

DVD HAN The handmaiden / Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2017

In 1930s Korea during the Japanese occupation, a young Korean thief poses as a maid working for a Japanese heiress to help a swindler rob her of her fortune.

DVD HOM The homesman / Roadside Attractions LLC, 2015

When three women living on the edge of the American frontier are driven mad by harsh pioneer life, the task of saving them falls to the pious, independent-minded Mary Bee Cuddy. Transporting the women by covered wagon to Iowa, she soon realizes just how daunting the journey will be, and employs a low-life drifter, George Briggs, to join her.

DVD JES Jesus Christ superstar / Universal, 2004

Rock opera musical version of the last days of Christ.

DVD KIT Kitchen stories Salmer fra kjøkkenet / MGM Home Entertainment, 2004

A Swedish efficiency researcher is sent to improve a Norwegian farmer's kitchen habits. There is a rule that they must not speak to each other. This rule is ignored and the men become fast friends, passing afternoons sipping coffee and telling stories.

DVD LIT Little Miss Sunshine / 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2006

Olive is a little girl who dreams of winning the Little Miss Sunshine contest. Her family wants her dream to come true, but they are so dysfunctional that they can barely make it through a day without some disaster befalling them. Olive's father, Richard, is unsuccessful as a motivational speaker. He is barely on speaking terms with Olive's mother. Her uncle Frank has attempted suicide following an unsuccessful romance with a male graduate student. Her brother Dwayne, a fanatical follower of Nietzsche, has taken a vow of silence. And Olive's grandfather is a loser with a drug habit, but at least he enthusiastically coaches Olive in her contest talent routine. Circumstances conspire to put the entire family on the road together with the goal of getting Olive to the Little Miss Sunshine contest in California.

DVD LUC Lucky me / Distributed by Warner Home Video, 2007

"Candy, Hap, Duke, and Flo are four small-time performers who find themselves stranded in Miami. Forced to take domestic jobs in a fancy hotel, the foursome's spirits are lifted when songwriter Dick checks in. On the verge of writing a big-time Broadway show, Dick invites the four entertainers to participate. The hitch: In order to bankroll the show, Dick must woo and win the daughter of a Texas oil magnate-- and Candy has fallen in love with Dick."--Hal Erickson, All Movie Guide

DVD MAG S.1 Magnum P.I. / Universal, 2004

Vietnam veteran turned private investigator Thomas Magnum works as head of security on the luxurious Hawaiian estate of wealthy, but absentee owner Robin Masters. With the mansion and its amenities, including a 308 GTS Ferrari, at his disposal, Magnum investigates his cases while clashing with the estate's strict caretaker, Jonathan Higgins, an ex-British Army soldier.

DVD NIN 9 to 5 /20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2006

Three secretaries live every female worker's dream after discovering they share the same resentment towards their sexist boss.

DVD NOA Noah / Paramount, 2014

A man is appointed by God to carry out a crucial mission of rescue before a calamitous flood destroys the world.

DVD NOR Northern borders / Kingdom County Productions | Marlboro College, 2013

10 year-old Austen Kittredge is sent to the farm of his Northeast Kingdom grandparents whose thorny marriage is called "the 40 years' war." At the farm, Austen experiences wild adventures and uncovers long-festering family secrets.

DVD NOT Notes on a scandal / 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2007

Barbara is a cynical schoolteacher who is close to retirement. Her only means of taking the edge off her desperate loneliness is writing in her journal. Sheba is a younger, attractive woman, who joins the faculty as an art teacher. Barbara watches her from afar and has nothing but caustic things to say in her diary. Barbara finds herself reaching out to Sheba. Sheba responds by inviting her to dinner at her house to meet Sheba's lecturer husband and

their two children. Later, when Barbara discovers that Sheba is having a sexual relationship with a 15-year old student, Barbara realizes that knowledge of this secret gives her power over Sheba, which she can use for her own purposes. Sheba becomes uneasy with Barbara's friendship. The tenuous relationship between the two women reaches a crisis point when Barbara's cat is dying and she asks Sheba to go with her to the vet. Sheba chooses to go with her family to see their son in a play instead. In revenge, Barbara sets in motion the scandal that will rock both their lives in ways they never imagined.

DVD PUB Public enemy / Warner Home Video, 2005

Classic gangster film tells the story of two brothers, one an honorable war veteran, the other a high-class gangster that sold alcohol during prohibition.

DVD ROB Robocop / MGM Home Entertainment, 1987

RoboCop is designed to stop a crimewave, which is spreading all across America. The cyborg, created from the body of a slain Detroit police officer, is programmed to serve the public trust, uphold the law and protect the innocent. All goes well at first and Robocop stops every sleaze ball he encounters, but there are forces which will stop at nothing to see him eliminated.

DVD ROB Rob Roy / Fox Home Entertainment, 2012

There are extraordinary performances given as the legendary hero who refused to let his enemies destroy his honor and the loyal woman who gave him the courage to fight.

DVD ROY The royal hunt of the sun / 905 Entertainment, 2005

Fueled by promises of gold, Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro and his explorers venture across the treacherous Andes Mountains to Peru. There, Pizarro captures King Atahualpa, Inca's godlike monarch, and promises his freedom upon the deliverance of gold. But friendship and respect develop between the two leaders and when the King is sentenced to die, Pizarro finds himself torn between his desire for conquest and his sense of honor for the King.

DVD SAF Safe haven /20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2013

Based on the novel from Nicholas Sparks, a young woman with a mysterious past lands in Southport, North Carolina where her bond with a widower forces her to confront the dark secret that haunts her.

DVD SAY Say anything Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2009

A young man, recently graduated from high school, wants only one thing: a date with a fellow graduate. The catch is she's beautiful, brilliant and headed to England to study, and all his friends and her father tell him she's way out of his league. When they fall in love anyway, the result is a funny, poignant and joyous celebration of first love.

DVD SON The sons of Katie Elder / Paramount Home Video, 2001

The day that Katie Elder is buried, her four sons return home to Clearwater, Texas, to pay their last respects. It is a he-man story, as well as a drama of the maternal influence of Katie Elder, her sacrifice, love and incredible valor. The hopes and aspirations for her sons are movingly communicated from beginning to conclusion.

DVD SWA S.W.A.T. / Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment, 2003

When things get too tough for the cops, the cops call on the Special Weapons and Tactics Unit - better known as S.W.A.T. Two wisecracking, battle-hardened veterans team up with a pair of street smart rookies to form the most free-wheeling, but effective, S.W.A.T. team ever. Their first assignment: transport an international drug kingpin to federal custody, after he's offered \$100 million to anyone who will free him.

DVD UNF An unfinished life / Buena Vista Home Entertainment, 2006

Einar is a crusty old rancher who does what he can to hold onto his Wyoming ranch. It's been a struggle for years; his son was killed in a car crash, his wife left him, and his longtime friend and helper, Mitch was recently mauled by a bear. Now, Einar has to care for Mitch and help him recover. Jean and her daughter, Griff, have to leave Jean's current abusive boyfriend. The only place they can go is the ranch of Griff's grandfather, Einar, who only learns of his granddaughter's existence upon their arrival.

DVD VEN Venus / Miramax Home Entertainment | Distributed by Buena Vista Home Entertainment, 2007

Maurice and Ian are successful but aging actors. The two are close friends whose conversation generally revolves around theatrical shop talk and the infirmities of other aging actors. Ian is fearful that death is right around the corner, so he agrees to let his niece's daughter, Jessie, move into his flat to care for him. Jessie is a modern woman in her early twenties. She turns out to be a nightmare for Ian, especially since she is a hard-drinking, rude, and dismissive brat. But Maurice sees something else in the young woman, a potential for humanity which blossoms under his kindness and gentle guidance. For Maurice, something else blossoms as well - romantic love for a girl fifty years younger.

DVD VF V for vendetta / Warner Home Video, 2006

Set against the futuristic landscape of totalitarian Britain, the story of a young working-class woman, Evey, who is rescued from a life-and-death situation by a masked man known only as 'V.' Incomparably charismatic and ferociously skilled in the art of combat and deception, 'V' ignites a revolution when he urges his fellow citizens to rise up against tyranny and oppression. As Evey uncovers the truth about 'V's' mysterious background, she also discovers the truth about herself. She becomes his ally in his plan to bring freedom and justice to a cruel and corrupt society.

DVD VIC Victoria / Distributed by PBS Distribution, 2017

In 1837, a diminutive, neglected teenager is crowned Queen Victoria, navigates the scandal, corruption, and political intrigues of the Court, and soon rises to become the most powerful woman in the world.