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### BIOGRAPHIES

**Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder**

-Rushdie, Salman

The internationally renowned writer and Booker Prize winner speaks out for the first time about the traumatic events of August 12, 2022, when an attempt was made on his life, in this deeply personal meditation on violence, art, loss, love and finding the strength to stand up again.

**Life: My Story Through History**

-Pope Francis

For the first time, Pope Francis tells the story of his life as he looks back on the momentous world events that have changed history—from his earliest years during the outbreak of World War II in 1939 to the turmoil of today.

**Shakespeare: The Man Who Pays the Rent**

-Dench, Judi & O'hea, Brendan

For the very first time, a noted actor opens up about every Shakespearean role she has played throughout her seven-decade career, from Lady Macbeth and Titania to Ophelia and Cleopatra.

**Warren and Bill: Gates, Buffett, and the Friendship That Changed the World**

-McCarten, Anthony

An Academy Award-nominated screenwriter presents this fascinating account of the extraordinary friendship between Warren Buffet and Bill Gates that impacted each man and led to change on a grander scale as they jointly addressed some of the world's most critical problems by giving their wealth away.

### CHRISTIAN/INSPIRATIONAL FICTION

**Just for the Summer**

-Carlson, Melody

The story follows two women, Ginny and Jacqueline, who end up switching jobs temporarily. Ginny works as a hotel manager in Washington and Jacqueline works at her grandfather's fishing lodge in Idaho.

**The Seamstress of Acadie**

-Frantz, Laura

Caught between the warring French and English on Canada's rugged shores in 1755, Sylvie Galant is forced from her Acadian home and family and is alone in colonial Virginia. Now the enemy soldier who once tore her world apart might be the key to restoring her shattered past.

## CHRISTIAN/INSPIRATIONAL FICTION (CONTINUED)

- A Season of Harvest**  
-Snelling, Lauraine  
Can her dreams for the future—and a budding romance—survive the trouble that comes calling? Larkspur Nielsen is determined to keep her family homestead running and to fulfill their dream of starting a seed catalog, with or without her siblings' help.
- The Songbird of Hope Hill**  
-Sawyer, Kim Vogel  
After escaping life in a brothel, Birdie Clarkson sings at revival meetings while feeling unworthy of her new life and of love. But God—and a certain reverend's son—won't give up on her.

## FANTASY & SCI-FI

- The Familiar**  
-Bardugo, Leigh  
During the Spanish Golden Age, Luzia Cotado, gifted with magic, garners the attention of the disgraced secretary to Spain's king, plunging her into a world where the lines between magic, science and fraud blur—and where she must enlist the help of an embittered immortal familiar whose deadly secrets could destroy them both.
- Ghost Station**  
-Barnes, S.A.  
While part of a small space exploration crew on an abandoned planet, a psychologist confronts a gruesome murder and twisted secrets as she races to prevent history from repeating itself in the form of a space-borne madness.
- Pinquickle's Folly**  
-Salvatore, R.A.  
The first adventure in a fantasy trilogy from the legendary best-selling author and creator of fan-favorite Dungeons & Dragons character Drizzt Do'Urden.
- Star Wars: The Living Force**  
-Miller, John Jackson  
Sent on a goodwill mission to help the planet Kwenn, 12 Jedi Masters are met with an infestation of warring pirate factions who are intent on assassinating the Jedi Council members and willing to destroy countless innocent lives to do so.

## GENERAL FICTION

- The Alternatives**  
-Hughes, Caoilinn  
The four Flattery sisters—all single, all with PhDs—lead disparate, distanced lives until their oldest sister, a geologist, disappears, and together for the first time in years, they search the Irish countryside for a sister who doesn't want to be found, while confronting old wounds and a desperately uncertain future.
- The Cemetery of Untold Stories**  
-Alvarez, Julia  
Inheriting a small plot of land in the Dominican Republic, celebrated writer Alma Cruz creates a graveyard for the characters whose lives she tried and failed to bring to life, but they have other ideas as they rewrite and revise themselves, revealing their true narratives to those who will listen.
- Crow Talk**  
-Garvin, Eileen  
The best-selling author of *The Music of Bees* returns with the story of the unlikely friendship between a lonely ornithologist and an Irish musician working to save an injured crow in the wild beauty of the Pacific Northwest.
- The Fellowship of Puzzlemakers**  
-Burr, Samuel  
Raised by a group of eccentric enigmatologists, 20-something Clayton Summer, when the esteemed crossword compiler and main maternal presence in his life passes away, bestowing her final puzzle on him, embarks on a quest to uncover the secrets surrounding his birth, which will change him, and the Fellowship of Puzzlemakers, forever.

## GENERAL FICTION (CONTINUED)

**Midnight Harbor**

-Bunn, Davis

When his Aunt Amelia, his closest friend and greatest supporter, passes away, leaving him her home in Miramar, classical guitarist Ian Hart uses this opportunity to reflect and move forward after a scandal destroyed his career but instead finds himself drawn to another newcomer, artist Kari Langham, who changes everything.

**Real Americans**

-Khong, Rachel

In this intricately woven tapestry of class and striving, race and visibility, and family and inheritance, 15-year-old Nick Chen, who cannot shake the feeling his mother is hiding something, sets out to find his biological father—a journey that raises more questions than provides answers.

**The Twilight Garden**

-Adams, Sara Nisha

Two sets of neighbors living in identical houses on Eastbourne Road, London, in different periods, and how a shared garden connects them with a history of bringing people together.

## HISTORICAL FICTION

**The Limits**

-Freudenberger, Nell

Sent to New York to stay with her father, an overworked surgeon, and his new wife, 15-year-old Pia, rebelling against her stepmother when COVID sends them into near total isolation, finds her life colliding with 16-year-old Athyna, who's caring for a toddler full time, as they spiral toward parallel but inescapably different tragedies.

**The Museum of Lost Quilts**

-Chiaverini, Jennifer

While staying at Elm Creek Manor to finish her thesis, Summer, the youngest founding member of Elm Creek Quilts, instead researches the antique quilts on display for a fundraiser to renovate the headquarters of the Waterford Historical Society, discovering its troubled history of racism, economic injustice and political corruption, past and present.

**Only the Brave**

-Steel, Danielle

During World War II, Sophia Alexander, after her mother dies and her father is sent to a concentration camp, becomes increasingly involved in the resistance and while working with the convent nuns, the Sisters of Mercy where she risks everything to help those in need—no matter what the cost.

**Sharpe's Command: Richard Sharpe and the Bridge at Almaraz**

-Cornwell, Bernard

Sent on an undercover mission to a small village in the Spanish countryside in the early 19th century, far behind enemy lines, the formidable Captain Sharpe and his group of men—with their cunning and courage to rely on—must stop two French armies from meeting on the Almaraz bridge.

## MYSTERY & DETECTIVE

**Feline Fatale, No. 32 (Mrs. Murphy Mysteries)**

-Brown, Rita Mae

Mary Minor "Harry" Harristeen investigates a murder in Albermarle County, Virginia with assistance from her beloved pets, including cats Mrs. Murphy and Pewter and dogs Pirate and Tucker in the latest novel in the long-running series following Hiss and Tell.

**The Last Word**

-Griffiths, Elly

Words turn deadly with an unlikely detective duo on the case of a murdered obituary writer in this literary mystery from the internationally best-selling author of the Ruth Galloway series.

## MYSTERY & DETECTIVE (CONTINUED)

- Lost Birds**  
-Hillerman, Anne  
Retired from the Navajo Tribal Police, P.I. Joe Leaphorn is hired to find the birth parents of a woman raised by a bilagaana family, which unexpectedly turns into a complicated case, while Officer Bernadette Manuelito investigates an explosion linked his investigation.
- Patchwork Quilt Murder, No. 30 (Lucy Stone Mysteries)**  
-Meier, Leslie  
When the director of the new community center and her young employee are found dismembered, part-time reporter Lucy Stone, trying to piece the clues together, discovers the truth rests somewhere between wild rumors, a trusted friend's emotional new sewing project and the authenticity of a mysterious 300-year-old patchwork quilt.
- Pay Dirt**  
-Paretsky, Sara  
While visiting Angela, one her protégées in Kansas, V.I. Warshawski, when Angela's roommate goes missing and V.I. finds her near death in a drug house, is pitched headlong into the country's opioid crisis and a local land-use battle with roots going back to the Civil War.
- The Poison Pen, No. 9 (Scottish Bookshop Mysteries)**  
-Shelton, Paige  
The ninth installment in the cozy mystery series featuring amateur sleuth Delaney Nichols is set in a specialty bookshop in Edinburgh called The Cracked Spine.
- An Unfinished Murder, No. 5 (Medlar Mysteries)**  
-Deveraux, Jude  
A novelist, Sara Medlar, and her friends use all their amateur sleuthing skills to solve a crime when a literal skeleton is discovered in a closet, in the fifth novel of the series following A Relative Murder.
- What Cannot Be Said, No. 19 (Sebastian St. Cyr Mysteries)**  
-Harris, C. S.  
In 1815, when Lady McInnis and her daughter are found brutally murdered in Richmond Park, their bodies displayed in grotesque poses, Sebastian St. Cyr, Viscount Devlin, explores a host of unsavory suspects and is drawn to a conclusion far more horrific than he ever could have imagined.

## NONFICTION

- Briefly Perfectly Human: Making an Authentic Life by Getting Real About the End**  
-Arthur, Alua  
A deeply transformative memoir that reframes how we think about death and how it can help us lead better, more fulfilling and authentic lives, from America's preeminent death doula.
- The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War**  
-Larson, Erik  
Drawing on diaries, secret communiques, slave ledgers and plantation ledgers, the #1 New York Times best-selling author of The Splendid and the Vile offers a gripping account of the months between Lincoln's election and the start of the Civil War, which tore a deeply divided nation in two.
- New Cold Wars: China's Rise, Russia's Invasion, and America's Struggle to Defend the West**  
-Sanger, David E.  
Drawing on interviews with top officials from five administrations, U.S. intelligence agencies, foreign governments and tech companies on the front line, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist presents this remarkable first draft history chronicling America's return to superpower conflict, the choices that lie ahead and what is at stake of the U.S. and the world.
- The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook**  
-Sides, Hampton  
Part high-seas adventure, part examination of the Age of Exploration, this account of Captain James Cook's last voyage in 1776 charts how his overt and covert missions came to a head on the island of Hawaii and left behind a complex and controversial legacy still debated to this day.

## ROMANCE

**Colton Gentry's Third Act**

-Zentner, Jeff

A grieving country star, haunted by tragedy and bad bourbon-based decisions, finds redemption and rediscovers himself in his Kentucky hometown while working alongside his high school sweetheart amidst flashbacks to their musical past.

**Funny Story**

-Henry, Emily

After being dumped for her boyfriend's lifelong best friend, Petra, Daphne agrees to room with Petra's freshly heartbroken ex until she can figure things out, in the new novel from the New York Times best-selling author of Happy Place.

**The Sleepwalkers**

-Thomas, Scarlett

A couple runs from both secretive pasts and very present dangers while honeymooning on a Greek island.

**The Summer We Started Over**

-Thayer, Nancy

Returning to Nantucket to help her younger sister with the grand opening of her gift shop, Eddie Grant must face all she left behind: her father's increased eccentricities; her sister's resentment of her leaving; and a past love connection, discovering a long-buried family secret that will change them all forever.

**Tourist Season**

-Novak, Brenda

Trapped alone in her fiancé's family "cottage" as a hurricane bears down on Mariners Island, Ismay Chalmers, as she prepares for the storm, discovers some disturbing items hidden in a closet that have her questioning everything she knows about the seemingly perfect Windsor family—especially her fiancé.

## SUSPENSE/THRILLER

**A Calamity of Souls**

-Baldacci, David

In a Virginia courtroom in 1968, a reluctant white lawyer and a dedicated black attorney must bridge their differences to fight for a black man's life against racial prejudice and powerful forces seeking to undo civil rights progress.

**City in Ruins**

-Winslow, Don

A Las Vegas casino mogul with a spotty past must fight for the life he created and everything he holds dear after old enemies surface, in the third novel of the series following City of Dreams.

**Extinction**

-Preston, Douglas

Colorado Bureau of Investigation Agent Frances Cash investigates after a billionaire's son and his new wife are kidnapped and murdered by a gang of eco-terrorists at a park where extinct animals are brought back through genetic manipulation.

**A Game of Lies**

-Mackintosh, Clare

Seven reality show contestants are trapped in the Welsh mountains, facing the shameful worldwide reveal of their deepest secrets, but when the disappearance of a contestant triggers a more deadly game, DC Ffion Morgan is employed in an investigation more complex than she had ever imagined.

**It Had to Be You**

-Clark, Mary Higgins & Burke, Alafair

Years after their parents' murder, identical twin brothers, determined to clear one name at the expense of the other, ask Laura Moran and her Under Suspicion crew to solve this brutal crime and as they get close to the truth, they find the danger from the past finding its way into the present.

## SUSPENSE/THRILLER (CONTINUED)

- The Murder Inn**  
-Patterson, James & Fox, Candice  
The owner of the Inn at Gloucester, a place open to anyone running from trouble or hiding from life, former Boston police detective Bill Robinson must defend his town, his chosen family and his home when a newcomer in town launches a series of attacks.
- She's Not Sorry**  
-Kubica, Mary  
Single mother and full-time nurse Meghan Michaels, when it is revealed her patient with a traumatic brain injury did not jump from a bridge but was pushed, mistakenly lets herself get too close to the case, realizing she and her daughter could be the next victims.
- Toxic Prey, No. 34 (Prey)**  
-Sandford, John  
When a renowned expert in infectious diseases disappears without a trace, Letty Davenport, with the world on high alert, calls in her father, Lucas, to locate him, and when their worst fears are confirmed, they must race against time to stop the virus he created from becoming the perfect weapon.

## CD AUDIOBOOKS

- Come and Get It**  
-Reid, Kiley  
Explores issues of racism, privilege, and the intricacies of interpersonal relationships. The narrative tracks the lives of visiting lecturer Agatha, 38, and residential assistant Millie, 24. It shows how their paths unexpectedly cross.
- Front Sight**  
-Hunter, Stephen  
As nearby Hot Springs tries to retool its image from gambling paradise to family resort, a butcher has begun to prey on the city's young women, a figure straight out of a horror movie. Hot Springs Homicide is baffled and recruit Bob's help.
- The Ghost Orchid**  
-Kellerman, Jonathan  
Psychologist Alex Delaware and Detective Milo Sturgis are faced with their most perplexing case yet when a double homicide investigation leads them to stolen identities and long-buried secrets worth killing for in this riveting thriller from the #1 New York Times bestselling author.

## PLAYAWAY AUDIOBOOKS

- Close To Death**  
-Horowitz, Anthony  
Obvious outsiders, the Kentworthys do not belong in Riverside Close, and they quickly offend every last one of their neighbors. When Giles Kentworthy is found dead on his own doorstep, a crossbow bolt sticking out of his chest, Detective Hawthorne is the only investigator that can be called on to solve the case.
- The Night Island**  
-Krentz, Jayne Ann  
The enigmatic disappearance of a key informant sends them to the secluded Night Island, uncovering a sinister plot rooted in government experiments and psychic enhancements. Krentz masterfully spins a story of gripping suspense and heartwarming romance.
- The Truth About the Devlins**  
-Scottoline, Lisa  
TJ plunges into the investigation. seizing the chance to prove his worth and save his brother. But in no time, TJ and John find themselves entangled in a lethal web of deception and murder. T.J. will fight to save his family, but what he learns might break them first.

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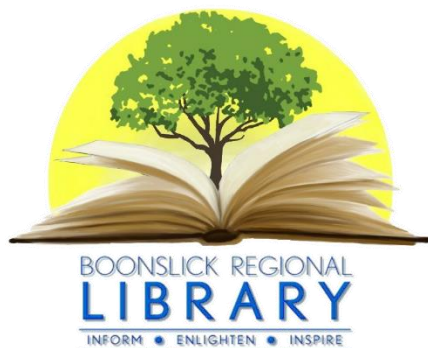
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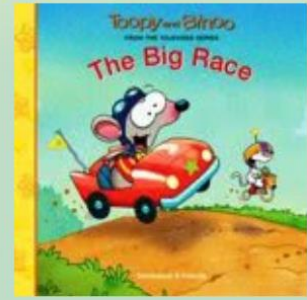
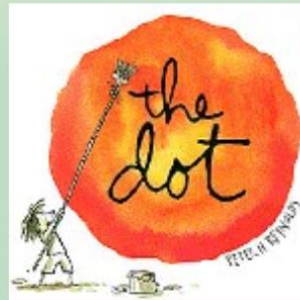
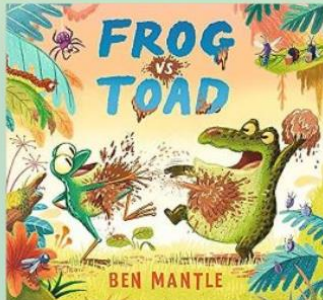
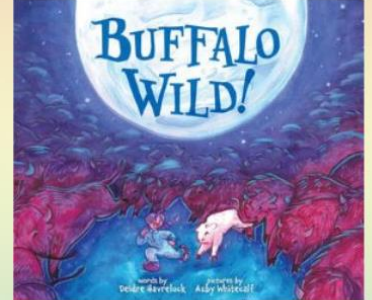
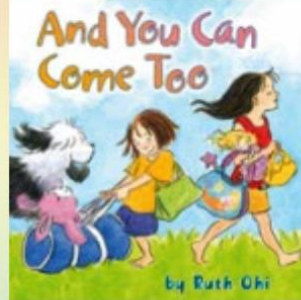
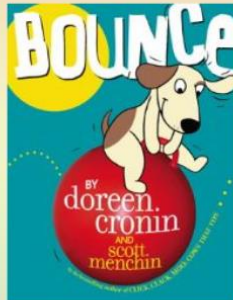
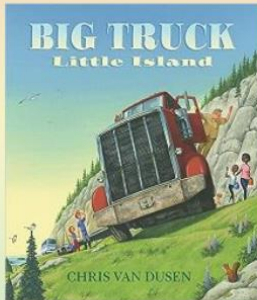
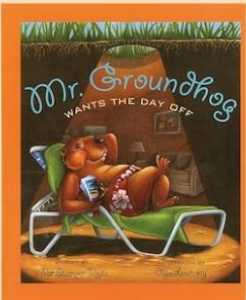
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