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### BIOGRAPHIES

☐ ***Clint: The Man and the Movies***

-Shawn Levy

This sweeping portrait of Clint Eastwood's life and career captures his evolution from iconic on-screen tough guy to masterful director while revealing how his persona and choices reflect the shifting tides of American culture and identity.

☐ ***The Jailhouse Lawyer: The Education of a Jailhouse Lawyer***

-Calvin Duncan & Sophie Cull

An account of Charles Duncan, who became a self-taught jailhouse lawyer after a wrongful conviction at 19, spending decades navigating a broken legal system, advocating for fellow prisoners, fighting for his own freedom, and ultimately exposing systemic failures.

☐ ***JFK: Public, Private, Secret***

-Randy J. Taraborrelli

In this deeply researched presidential biography, a bestselling Kennedy historian tells John F. Kennedy's story in a provocative new way by revealing how public moments in his life were influenced by his private relationships.

☐ ***On Her Game: Caitlin Clark and the Revolution in Women's Sports***

-Christine Brennan

Drawing on dozens of extensive interviews and exclusive, behind-the-scenes reporting, a veteran journalist narrates Clark's rise—including the formative experiences that led to her scoring more points than any woman or man in major college basketball history.

### CHRISTIAN FICTION

☐ ***Code Trauma***

-Lynette Eason

Flight Nurse Practitioner, Holly Cooper, has an enemy who wants her gone from the hospital one way or another. She and her fiancé, Detective Andy McKittrick are "taking a break", and a patient has died under mysterious circumstances. Can they find a killer before the killer succeeds in sending Holly six feet under?

☐ ***A Constant Love***

-Tracie Peterson

In the wake of a harsh winter, Micah Hamilton and Charlotte Aldrich are grappling with loss and guilt after the disaster that took the lives of their loved ones. Struggling to cope with his grief, Micah abandons his father's dreams of a prosperous ranch and cuts himself off from the rest of the world.

☐ ***Every Deadly Suspicion***

-Janice Cantore

Thirty years after a federal agent and two suspects disappeared in the wilderness, the case is cold, and they've never been found. Now their suspected killer is about to go free. But is the truth really what it seems?

## CHRISTIAN FICTION (CONTINUED)

- ☐ ***Legends of Gold***  
-Mary Connealy  
After years of solitude, Tilda Muirhead's life takes an unexpected twist when she accepts a teaching position at Two Harts Ranch following her cross-country pursuit of two brothers obsessed with a treasure map left by their grandfather.
- ☐ ***The Light on Horn Island***  
-Valeri Fraser Luesse  
When Edie Gardner's life in New York falls apart, her grandmother Adele "Punk" Cheramie coaxes her back to tiny Bayou du Chêne, Mississippi. Edie spent many happy summers there, a stone's throw from untamed Horn Island, where she once found love. Can she now demystify the island's strange new light?
- ☐ ***Vanished***  
-David Jeremiah  
As leader of a special military unit charged with stopping potential pandemics before they spread, John "Haggs" Haggerty has a front-row seat to the sharp increase in natural disasters that precede the Rapture—including plagues, earthquakes, famines, wars, and rumors of war. And each crisis is becoming more intense.

## FANTASY & SCI-FI

- ☐ ***Arcana Academy***  
-Elise Kova  
A woman who wields magical tarot cards lands herself in a false engagement to the headmaster of a mysterious academy. By the bestselling author of *A Deal with the Elf King*.
- ☐ ***The Bewitching***  
-Silvia Moreno-Garcia  
While researching a forgotten horror writer, a graduate student uncovers a disturbing link between a vanished schoolgirl, a sinister novel, and her great-grandmother's eerie childhood tales, leading her to suspect that an ancient, malevolent force still lingers in the halls of her university.
- ☐ ***The Last Wizards' Ball***  
-Charlaine Harris  
As war brews in Europe, a skilled gunslinger must protect her powerful wizard sister from ruthless suitors at a deadly magical ball, where political intrigue, dark magic, and dangerous alliances threaten to pull them into a conflict that could reshape their world.
- ☐ ***Silvercloak***  
-L.K. Steven  
Determined to avenge her parents' murder, a young woman infiltrates an elite academy to hunt the ruthless gang responsible, only to be sent undercover into their world, where deadly alliances, brutal betrayals, and a doomed prophecy threaten to unravel her mission—and her heart.

## GENERAL FICTION

- ☐ ***Darling Beasts***  
-Michelle Gable  
The heirs to a publishing fortune are knit back into each other's lives when they are forced into the spotlight for their father's political campaign—and exotic animals begin to appear as an omen before each new debacle they face.
- ☐ ***The Girl I Was***  
-Jeneva Rose  
A woman who wakes up in the year 2002 believes she's been given a second chance to do her life over—until she comes face-to-face with her unruly 18-year-old self.
- ☐ ***House of Beth***  
-Kerry Cullen  
Seeking a fresh start after heartbreak, a young career woman marries her widowed best friend and embraces family life, but as a mysterious voice reveals dark secrets, she is drawn into a chilling mystery surrounding his late wife's untimely death

## GENERAL FICTION (CONTINUED)

- ☐ ***The Nantucket Restaurant***  
-Pamela Kelley  
When their grandmother's will unexpectedly grants a Nantucket restaurant to Mandy, Jill, and Emma—provided they each work there for a year—the former friends must navigate unresolved past hurts, personal ambitions, and Emma's complicated history with the chef.
- ☐ ***Vera, or Faith***  
-Gary Shteyngart  
A both bitter and humorous tale of a family struggling to stay together in a country rapidly coming apart, told through the eyes of their wondrous 10-year-old daughter, by the bestselling author of *Super Sad True Love Story*.
- ☐ ***Wayward Girls***  
-Susan Wiggs  
In 1968 Buffalo, six teenage girls are sent to the Good Shepherd Refuge, an institution controlled by the Sisters of Charity, for reasons ranging from being gay to rebellious, where they face forced labor, exploitation, and personal struggles while finding strength and solidarity.

## HISTORICAL FICTION

- ☐ ***A Bomb Placed Close to the Heart***  
-Nishant Batsha  
An expansive and poignant novel of love, radical ambition and intellectual rebirth is set at the dawn of World War I.
- ☐ ***The Lies They Told***  
-Ellen Marie Wiseman  
In 1930s Virginia, Lena Conti, a young immigrant mother separated from her family at Ellis Island, builds a new life in the Blue Ridge Mountains but must resist a brutal eugenics campaign that targets her community and threatens to take her daughter.
- ☐ ***Typewriter Beach***  
-Meg Waite Clayton  
Aspiring star Isabella Giori and blacklisted writer Léon Chazan forge a bond on California's foggy coast in 1957, while in 2018, Léon's granddaughter Gemma uncovers long-buried secrets about identity, authorship, and hidden history in the ruins of Hollywood's golden age.
- ☐ ***Under the Stars***  
-Beatriz Williams  
Providence Dare vanishes during a steamship disaster near Winthrop Island in 1846, leaving behind a trail of mystery that resurfaces two centuries later when chef Audrey Fisher and her actress mother Meredith uncover hidden paintings and long-buried family secrets that link past and present across generations.

## MYSTERY & DETECTIVE

- ☐ ***Badlands***  
-Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child  
Archaeologist Nora Kelly and FBI Agent Corrie Swanson, while investigating bizarre deaths in the desert, awaken an ancient evil more terrifying than anything they've faced before.
- ☐ ***Death and the Librarian***  
-Victoria Gilbert  
When a woman is murdered after accusing art dealer Kurt Kendrick of a cold case crime, librarian Amy Muir races to uncover the truth and protect her family in the ninth novel of the series following *Murder Checks Out*.
- ☐ ***The Frozen People***  
-Elly Griffiths  
Time-traveling investigator Ali Dawson journeys to 1850s London to clear a man's name but becomes trapped in a perilous Victorian mystery that may be tied to her son's troubles in the present, forcing her to race against time to solve both cases.

## MYSTERY & DETECTIVE (CONTINUED)

- ☐ ***Mrs. Plansky Goes Rogue***  
-Spencer Quinn  
Mrs. Plansky plans to celebrate a senior tennis championship with her partner, Kev, on his yacht, until the yacht is destroyed in a suspicious fire and Kev goes missing, and apparently her dad had introduced Kev to Jack, her wayward tennis-pro son—and now he’s missing too.
- ☐ ***The Red Queen***  
-Martha Grimes  
When a businessman is gunned down in a quiet Twickenham pub, superintendent Richard Jury uncovers a web of conflicting accounts, a mysterious lookalike in America, and a parallel case involving his partner’s missing sister that soon complicates both investigations in unexpected ways.
- ☐ ***Solid Gold Murder***  
-Ellen Byron  
When the discovery of gold turns her struggling motel into a viral tourist hotspot, ex-sitcom writer Dee Stern must navigate eccentric guests, tech millionaires, and a suspicious death in the mines to save her business and clear her name.

## NONFICTION

- ☐ ***The Boys in the Light: An Extraordinary World War II Story of Survival, Faith, and Brotherhood***  
-Nina Willner  
Follows the parallel journeys of Holocaust survivor Eddie Willner and his friend Mike, who endured years in Nazi death camps, and the American soldiers of Company D, whose harrowing wartime experiences culminated in the unexpected rescue of the two boys in war-torn Europe.
- ☐ ***The Can-Do Mindset: How to Cultivate Resilience, Follow Your Heart, and Fight for Your Passions***  
-Candace Parker  
Blending personal stories with motivational guidance, a WNBA legend recounts her journey as an athlete and advocate, introducing a mindset framework rooted in community, authenticity, resilience, and purpose to inspire readers to overcome obstacles and pursue meaningful success on their own terms.
- ☐ ***The CIA Book Club: The Secret Mission to Win the Cold War with Forbidden Literature***  
-Charlie English  
Recounts a covert Cold War operation led by George Minden to smuggle banned literature into Eastern Europe, focusing on the cultural and psychological battle against Soviet censorship and the role underground reading networks played in weakening totalitarian control, especially in Poland.
- ☐ ***The Knowing: How the Oppression of Indigenous Peoples Continues to Echo Today***  
-Tanya Talaga  
Explores the dark history of residential schools, “Indian hospitals” and asylums and their effects on indigenous peoples.

## ROMANCE

- ☐ ***All the Men I’ve Loved Again***  
-Christine Pride  
In 1999, shy college freshman Cora Belle is swept into a whirlwind of first love, heartbreak, and self-discovery between two unforgettable men and, twenty years later, must face her unresolved choices when a surprise reunion brings them all back together.
- ☐ ***The Enchanted Greenhouse***  
-Sarah Beth Durst  
After being punished for creating a magical spider plant, Terlu Perna awakens on a mysterious island of enchanted greenhouses, where she teams up with a grumpy gardener and a sentient rose to uncover a fading magic, defying old laws and rediscovering purpose in the process.

## ROMANCE (CONTINUED)

- ☐ ***The View from Lake Como***  
-Adriana Trigiani  
After a painful divorce and family upheaval in working-class Lake Como, New Jersey, draftsman Jess Capodimonte Baratta flees to Carrara, Italy, where artistic ambition, and new relationships reshape her understanding of love, loyalty, and personal fulfillment.
- ☐ ***The Winds from Further West***  
-Alexander McCall Smith  
After professional and personal setbacks in Edinburgh, university lecturer Neil Anderson retreats to the remote Isle of Mull, where a pair of mysterious wolf cubs and a connection with local vet Katie lead him toward unexpected renewal.

## SUSPENSE/THRILLER

- ☐ ***Coded Justice***  
-Stacey Abrams  
Former Supreme Court clerk Avery Keene investigates a powerful AI company after a mysterious death, uncovering corporate corruption and high-stakes technological dangers that could have far-reaching consequences in the third book of the series following *Rogue Justice*.
- ☐ ***Do Not Disturb***  
-Freida McFadden  
When an unexpected snowstorm forces her off the road, Quinn must take refuge at the broken-down, isolated Baxter Motel and soon wonders if she will survive the night.
- ☐ ***Edge of Honor***  
-Brad Thor  
After six months abroad, elite spy Scot Harvath returns to a shifting political landscape in America, where a powerful secret cabal threatens to destabilize the nation in the latest addition to the long-time series following *Shadow of Doubt*.
- ☐ ***The First Gentleman***  
-James Patterson & Bill Clinton  
America has a powerful new president ... and her husbands on trial for murder.
- ☐ ***The Ghostwriter***  
-Julie Clark  
Struggling ghostwriter Olivia Dumont returns home to pen her estranged father's final book, only to discover he's finally ready to reveal the truth about the night his siblings were murdered, forcing her to confront long-buried family secrets and the ghosts that still haunt them.
- ☐ ***An Inside Job***  
-Daniel Silva  
The #1 New York Times bestselling author returns with a gripping international thriller filled with high-stakes intrigue, masterful storytelling and a globally spanning plot featuring the beloved spy in a suspenseful adventure.
- ☐ ***The List***  
-Steve Berry  
Brent Walker returns home to Concord, a quaint town in central Georgia nestled close to the Savannah River, to work for Southern Republic Pulp and Paper Company as its assistant general counsel, he is drawn into a plan that puts his life on the line.
- ☐ ***The Unraveling of Julia***  
-Lisa Scottoline  
After the shocking death of her husband, a troubled young widow inherits a Tuscan estate from a mysterious benefactor and finds herself thrust into the crosshairs of a dangerous conspiracy.

## PLAYAWAY AUDIOBOOKS

☐ ***Dying to Meet You***

-Sarina Bowen

Rowan Gallagher is a devoted single mother and a talented architect with a high-profile commission restoring an historic mansion for the most powerful family in Maine. But inside, she's a mess. She knows that stalking her ex's avatar all over Portland on her phone isn't the healthiest way to heal from their breakup. But she's out of ice cream and she's sick of romcoms.

☐ ***Hidden Nature***

-Nora Roberts

Natural Resources police officer, Sloan Cooper, and her partner had just taken down three men preying on hikers in the Western Maryland mountains. Driving back, she pulled in at a convenience store--and walked right into a robbery in progress. One gunshot from a jittery thief was about to change her world.

☐ ***The Poppy Fields***

-Nikki Erlick

Here, in a remote stretch of the California desert, lies an experimental and controversial treatment center that allows those suffering from the heartache of loss to sleep through their pain...and keep on sleeping.

## DVD'S

☐ ***Just Super***

-Family/Adventure (PG)

Eleven-year-old Hedvig knows who is behind the mask of the super hero that protects her city, because it's her father. But though she hopes one day to follow his footsteps, he chooses her athletic cousin as his successor.

☐ ***Snow White***

-Family/Fantasy (PG)

Fleeing from the Evil Queen, Snow White finds refuge with Dopey, Bashful, Grumpy, Sneezy, Happy, Doc and Sleepy. When the palace guards embark on a mission to bring her back, a commoner and his group of woodland bandits band together to protect her.



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