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New Releases in August

Annotations from Baker & Taylor
Booking Ahead

Biography

Art of Power, The by Nancy Pelosi

The politician tells the story of her transformation from housewife to House Speaker.

Ask Not: The Kennedys and the Women They Destroyed by Maureen Callahan

The journalist reveals the dark history of the generations of Kennedy men who have physically and psychologically abused the women in their lives, despite their carefully curated depiction of honor and integrity.

Herod and Mary: The True Story of the Tyrant King and the Mother of the Risen Savior by Kathie Lee Gifford

A look at the complicated and interwoven lives of King Herod the Great and Mary of Nazareth.

Midnight in Moscow by John J. Sullivan

An American ambassador who was on the diplomatic front lines when Putin invaded Ukraine presents this first-hand account of this climactic period, showing how our relationship with Russia has deteriorated, where it's headed and how it's ending.

Sharks Don't Sink: Adventures of a Rogue Shark Scientist by Jasmin Graham

The author, a marine biologist, shares how she flourished outside of academia by remembering the important lesson she learned from sharks: keep moving forward.

That Librarian: The Fight Against Book Banning in America by Amanda Jones

The inspiring story of a Louisiana librarian advocating for inclusivity on the front lines of America's culture wars.

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Crimson Crown, The by Heather Walter

To prove herself to her coven, Ayleth arrives at the White Palace, where she must find the strength to transform into someone she never imagined she could be—the wickedest witch of them all.

Dragons of Eternity, No. 3 by Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman

Transported to a war-torn past by a magical gem, Destina and her companions must fix the fractured timeline before their present vanishes and evil controls the world.

Hera by Jennifer Saint

Betrayed by Zeus's ruthlessness after overthrowing her father, Hera questions her place as his wife and as a mother and seeks a path beyond endless violence in a retelling of the classic Greek myth.

House of Bone and Rain by Gabino Iglesias

Five teenagers vow vengeance for their friend's mother who was murdered by a drug kingpin.

Medusa by Nataly Gruender

Medusa, transformed by Athena into a monster whose gaze turns those who look upon her into stone, searches for a haven as Perseus, tasked to bring the king her head, closes in, forcing her to choose between becoming the monster or cling to the last shred of her humanity.

Seventh Spell, The by Davis Bunn

Traveling to Mars armed with seven ancient spells, Adrian Capstan, hoping to connect to the red planet's magical forces to bring the mysterious spells alive, is drawn into a fight for survival and must unlock the spells' true power.

Sorceress Comes to Call, A by T. Kingfisher

Raised by an evil sorceress, Cordelia must choose between her controlling mother and the kindness of a stranger to save lives in a dark retelling of *The Goose Girl* by the Brothers Grimm.

General Fiction

Bookshop of Hidden Dreams, The by Karen Hawkins

A gifted historian investigates the mystery of a love story lost to time.

By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult

Across the centuries two women, Melina Green and Emilia Bassano, one a modern playwright and the other her Elizabethan ancestor, each fight societal expectations to have their voices heard on the stage in a world that silences female playwrights.

Family Business 7, The: New Orleans by Carl Weber and C.N. Phillips

Keep up with the Duncan family down south in New Orleans.

Five-Star Stranger by Kat Tang

A “Rental Stranger”—a companion hired under various guises—walks the line between personal and professional in new ways.

Great Marriage, A by Frances Mayes

Dara and Austin begin a romance and engagement after meeting at a New York City gallery, only to have their love shattered by a life-altering family secret that forces the cancellation of their big day.

Seventh Veil of Salome, The by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

In 1950s Hollywood, when an unknown ingénue is cast as Salome, a star-making role about the legendary heroine, she becomes the object of envy of Nancy Hartley, a bit player who will do anything to win the fame she believes she richly deserves.

General Nonfiction

Feeding the Machine: The Hidden Human Labor Powering A.I. by Mark Graham, Collum Cant, and James Muldoon

A myth-dissolving exposé of what “artificial intelligence” really means, and a resounding argument for an equitable future of A.I.

Love Triangle: How Trigonometry Shapes the World by Matt Parker

An ode to trigonometry, the most important idea in mathematics and the key concept that enables our modern world.

Secret Lives of Numbers, The by Kate Kitagawa and Timothy Revell

The math historian and science journalist/mathematician make the case that the history of math is infinitely deeper, broader and richer than the narrative we think we know.

We Are Experiencing a Slight Delay by Gary Janetti

Sharing stories of his varied trips around the world, the author tackles the absurdity and glory of travel, delivering practical advice on all aspects of a traveler’s life.

Historical Fiction

Black Butterflies by Priscilla Morris

Zora, an artist and teacher, sends her husband and elderly mother safely to England but stays in Sarajevo to fight and rebuild as the city fractures along ethnic lines during the Balkan conflict in 1992.

Hanging Party, The, No. 1 by William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone

A legendary gunslinger tries to outrun his past and start a new life, but after so many years, so many bullets, and so much bloodshed he finds old habits die hard.

Lady Macbeth by Ava Reid

Marrying a Scottish warrior, Lady Macbeth must use all her wiles and hidden witchcraft to survive his hostile court, but unknown to her, he has occult secrets of his own and a prophecy that girds him like armor, making her magic even more dangerous.

Pair of Wings, A by Carole Hopson

A novel inspired by the life of pioneer aviatrix Bessie Coleman, a black woman who learned to fly at the dawn of aviation.

Palace of Eros, The by Caro De Robertis

A bold feminist retelling of the Greek myth of Psyche and Eros explores the power of queer joy and freedom.

Rose Arbor, The by Rhys Bowen

In 1968 London, obituary writer Liz Houghton helps her friend, a police officer, investigate a high-profile case and uncovers a mystery dating back to World War II that is linked to the disappearance of a young girl and a murder.

Volcano Daughters, The by Gina Maria Balibrera

Sisters Graciela and Consuelo, when genocide strikes the community from which they hail, and each believing the other to be dead, flee across the globe, reinventing themselves until fate brings them back together.

History

Bookshop, The: A History of the American Bookstore by Evan Friss

This ode to bookstores discusses its central place in American cultural life and offers a look at this institution that is beloved by many.

Nat Turner, Black Prophet: A Visionary History by Anthony E. Kaye and Gregory P. Downs

A bold reinterpretation of the causes and legacy of Nat Turner's rebellion.

Mystery and Detective

After Oz by Gordon McAlpine

Accused of murder after going missing for four days and returning with tales of a fantastical land, young Dorothy must convince a psychologist of her innocence in 1896 Kansas in a retelling of The Wizard of Oz.

All the Way Gone, No. 4 by Joanna Schaffhausen

Private investigator Annalisa Vega is skeptical when her first client insists that some sociopaths are beneficial to society.

Angel of Vengeance, No. 22 by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child

An FBI Special Agent poses as a cleric in a notorious slum to help catch a dangerous serial killer.

Between a Flock and a Hard Place, No. 35 by Donna Andrews

Meg grapples with belligerent turkeys, building code violations and a murder during a reality show makeover.

Booked on Murder, No. 8 by Allison Brook

Carrie Singleton investigates when a body, who turns out to be a bank robber recently released from prison, is discovered on the lawn of her wedding venue.

Cabaret Macabre by Tom Mead

To expose a secret at an English estate, a retired magician tackles impossible crimes while a sister fights for her wrongly imprisoned brother.

Dark Wives, The, No. 11 by Ann Cleeves

A man's body is found and DI Vera Stanhope is called in to investigate, and when a second body is found near the Three Dark Wives monument, superstition and folklore collide with fact.

Dream in the Dark, A, No. 2 by Robert Justice

A lawyer takes on the case of a man who is being accused of sexual assault by a blind woman.

Farewell to Arfs, A, No. 15 by Spencer Quinn

Canine Chet and his human partner Bernie help a woman whose life savings goes missing days after loaning her son some money.

Murder at Vinland, No. 12 by Alyssa Maxwell

Emma Andrews, reporter and sleuth, arriving for a luncheon for bird protection at Vinland, must clip the feathers of a bold poisoner targeting the society wives.

Peach Tea Smash, No. 28 by Laura Childs

When Cricket Sadler asks her to find out who killed her husband Harlan, tea shop owner Theodosia realizes the killer may have mistaken Harlan for a slum landlord who recently injured a woman in a boating accident.

Pumpkin Spice Puppy, No. 30 by Laurien Berenson

When a pet supply shop owner is murdered during a town-wide treasure hunt fundraiser, Melanie Travis gathers a list of suspects and follows a trail of clues, while the biggest prize is staying alive.

River View, The, No. 5 by Jamie Harrison

PI Jules Clement discovers everything that can go wrong will, in terms of money, love, and murder, while dealing with horrible neighbors, misplaced bodies, and an old enemy who forces him to confront the death of his father.

Spirit Crossing, No. 20 by William Kent Krueger

Cork O'Connor and the Iron Lake Ojibwe Tribal Police, when the body of a young Ojibwe woman is found, uncover a connection to a missing teenager—one that places his own grandson in the crosshairs of a killer.

Nature

Dinosaurs at the Dinner Party by Edward Dolnick

From the author comes a historical adventure story about the eccentric Victorians who discovered dinosaur bones, leading to a whole new understanding of human history.

Turning to Stone by Marcia Bjornerud

The author reveals how rocks are the hidden infrastructure that keep the planet functioning.

What the Wild Sea Can Be by Helen Scales

The marine biologist takes us into the realms of animals that epitomize today's challenging conditions, offering ideas for protecting coastlines and cleaning the toxic seas to maintain a sense of awe and wonder at the majesty beneath the waves.

Romance

Buried Too Deep, No. 3 by Karen Rose

When nighttime security guard Phineas Bishop tries to track down an intruder to clear his name, his only lead and witness is spirited librarian Cora Winslow.

Coven, The, No. 1 by Harper L. Woods

Focuses on the prestigious Hollow's Grove University—where the best and brightest witches learn and practice their magic.

Golden Lord, No. 2 by Mary Jo Putney

Two gifted individuals rely on their shared extra-sensory connection to block a dangerous plot against Britain.

Joy by Danielle Steel

Abandoned by her mother and raised by her father, Allegra finds solace in books and love, only to find the harsh realities of war and its impact on her husband, who returns from Afghanistan nearly unrecognizable.

Suspense

Arkangel, No. 18 by James Rollins

Sigma Force is summoned to help search for a missing trove of ancient books after a Vatican archivist is murdered.

Backwater Justice, No. 36 by Fern Michaels

The Sisterhood investigates when two young women go missing in Mountain Valley, Oregon.

Body Next Door, The by Maia Chance

When a dead teenage girl is found buried on the site where a cult-like community once lived, Hannah, the woman who owns the house next door, suspects her husband knows more than he's saying.

Burn by Peter Heller

Hunting buddies Jess and Storey stumble out of the woods and into a post-apocalyptic Maine after their two-week off-the-grid hunt, forcing them to fight their way home.

City of Secrets, No. 4 by P.J. Tracy

LAPD Detective Margaret Nolan investigates what appears to be a fatal car-jacking, but uncovers details about the victim that suggests there's more going on.

Eye of the Beholder by Emma Bamford

A novel about the beauty industry, a ghostwriter and the reappearance of a lover thought dead.

Fire and Bones, No. 23 by Kathy Reichs

Forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan investigates a deadly fire in a neighborhood with a colorful past and ties to gangs.

Glass Houses by Madeline Ashby

A start-up team lead by a billionaire is stranded on a deserted tropical island with a mysterious AI-driven mansion, and soon members begin to disappear one by one.

I Need You to Read This by Jessa Maxwell

An advice columnist searches for answers about her predecessor's murder.

Lost Coast, The, No. 5 by Jonathan Kellerman and Jesse Kellerman

PI Clay Edison, when a case of fraud explodes into a con game going back decades and involving countless victims, follows the evidence where he discovers the price of truth is higher—and deadlier—than he imagined.

Madness, The by Dawn Kurtagich

In the Welsh countryside, Mina Murray receives an email from her estranged best friend, Lucy, and soon Mina's life is turned completely upside down.

Only the Guilty Survive by Kate Robards

A podcaster digs into strange connections between a cult's mass suicide and the murder of a local beauty queen.

Snap, The by Elizabeth Staple

When a legendary coach is found dead with five threatening notes for each of them, football professional Poppy and the W.A.G.S., high-ranking women in sports, must reckon with the choices they've made to get where they are.

Talking to Strangers by Fiona Barton

While investigating the Valentine's Day murder of Karen Simmons, Detective Elise King is derailed by aggressive reporter Kiki Nunn, who sees this case as her opportunity to boost her career.

This is Why We Lied by Karin Slaughter

While at McAlpine Lodge, GBI investigator Will Trent and medical examiner Sarah Linton must solve a murder when the Lodge's manager is found dead, and investigating the McAlpine family and guests, realize everyone here is lying about their past, lying to their family, lying to themselves.

Tom Clancy Shadow State No. 12 by M.P. Woodward

Cut off from his comrades at The Campus just when he needs them most, Jack Ryan, Jr. finds himself in the middle of a conspiracy that may be too much for even him to handle.

Trials of Lila Dalton, The by L.J. Shepherd

Stranded on an island in the Atlantic ocean where the most serious crimes are tried, Lila Dalton, with no memory of how she got there, must prove her client's innocence in a mass murder if she wants to go home.

We Love the Nightlife by Rachel Croft

Locked in a toxic female friendship, two vampires careen toward catastrophe in this dark novel, set among London's disco scene.

World of Hurt, A by Mindy Mejia

After her girlfriend sacrifices herself to save her life, drug trafficker Kara is given a choice by the DEA to either to go to prison or turn informant to lure out the remains of the drug empire that murdered her girlfriend.

True Crime

All That Glitters: A Story of Friendship, Fraud, and Fine Art by Orlando Whitfield

Describes the rise and fall of former best friends Orlando Whitfield and Inigo Philbrick, one an art gallery owner and the other an art dealer who navigated success, financial ruin and finally betrayal resulting in imprisonment for art fraud.

Devil at His Elbow, The: Alex Murdaugh and the Fall of a Southern Dynasty by Valerie Bauerlein

A veteran Wall Street Journal reporter tells the true story of Alex Murdaugh, an influential South Carolina lawyer who murdered his wife and son.

Guilty Creatures: Sex, God, and Murder in Tallahassee, Florida by Mikita Brottman

A true crime tale of sex, religion and murder in the deep South.

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