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New Releases in January

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Booking Ahead

Biography

Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons With Racism in Medicine by Uche Blackstock

A physician and thought leader on bias and racism in healthcare recounts her journey to finally seizing her own power as a health equity advocate against the backdrop of the pandemic and Black Lives Matter movement.

Naomi Osaka: Her Journey to Finding Her Power and Her Voice by Ben Rothenberg

The revealing biography of the Haitian-American/Japanese phenomenon and activist chronicles her rise to fame and the impact she's had on the game and on social justice as she advocates for racial justice and mental health.

Showman, The: Inside the Invasion That Shook the World and Made a Leader of Volodymyr Zelensky by Simon Shuster

A journalist gives readers the first inside account of the Russian invasion of Ukraine from the perspective of President Volodymyr Zelensky and his team, who granted him unprecedented access.

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Beautyland by Marie-Helene Bertino

A woman who doesn't feel at home on Earth and was born with knowledge of a faraway planet is encouraged by a friend to share what she knows.

City of Stardust, The by Georgia Summers

When her family's tormentor issues her an ultimatum: she has ten years to locate her mother or suffer the consequences, Violet Everly travels to the edges of the world to find the key to the city of stardust, where the Everly story began.

Exordia by Seth Dickinson

A disaffected office worker has an unearthly close encounter and joins a team of civilians, soldiers and scientists to investigate an other-worldly broadcast.

Faebound by Saara El-Arifi

Forced into the wilderness beyond their homeland's borders, an elven warrior and her sister encounter the fae court.

From the Forest, No. 23 by L.E. Modesitt

Alayiakal climbs the ranks of Cyador's Mirror Lancers while keeping secret his ties to the Great Forest and his magus abilities.

House of Flame and Shadow, No. 3 by Sarah J. Maas

Stranded in a strange new world, Bryce Quinlan must rely on all her wits to get back to her family and friends in Midgard.

Kinning, No. 2 by Nisi Shawl

Traveling the world via aircanoe, siblings Tink and Bee-Lung spread spores of an empathy-generating fungus to build bonds between people.

Parliament, The by Aimee Pokwatka

When thousands of owls descend on her hometown library, rending and tearing at anyone foolish enough to step outside, Madigan Purdy seeks inspiration from her favorite childhood book to find a solution to their dilemma.

Sanctuary of Shadow by Aurora Ascher

Hidden within an unusual circus run by a centuries-old Enchanter, Harrow, keeping her true identity and magical ability a secret, finds her destiny in an elemental with no recollection of who he is.

Sunlit Man, The: A Cosmere Novel by Brandon Sanderson

Landing on a new planet where he's instantly caught up in the struggle between a tyrant and the rebels, Nomad must gain enough power to leap offworld before he pays the ultimate price.

To Challenge Heaven by David Weber and Chris Kennedy

The Earth, now a starfaring civilization, is desperate for allies in a universe teeming with hostile aliens and predators, and a group of determined individuals make a discovery that could bring down the Hegemony that dominates the galaxy.

General Fiction

Behind You Is the Sea: A Novel in Stories by Susan Muaddi Darraj

A novel that gives voice to the residents of a Palestinian American community in Baltimore—from young activists to the poor who clean for the rich—shows lives which intersect across divides of class, generation and religion.

Bullet Swallow, The by Elizabeth Gonzalez James

A Mexican bandito sets off for Texas to save his family, only to encounter a mysterious figure who has finally come to collect a cosmic debt generations in the making.

Come and Get It by Kiley Reid

A senior resident assistant at the University of Arkansas accepts an unusual opportunity offered by a visiting professor and things get messy when her new side-hustle is jeopardized by strange new friends and vengeful dorm antics.

Confrontations by Simone Antangana Bekono translated by Suzanne Heukensfeldt Jansen

A mixed race teenager in the Netherlands spends months at a juvenile detention center for a violent crime that she did not commit and must come to terms with her anger, sorrow and guilt.

Curse of Pietro Houdini, The by Derek B. Miller

A vivid, thrilling, and moving World War II art-heist-adventure tale where enemies become heroes, allies become villains, and a child learns what it means to become an adult.

Dead in Long Beach, California by Venita Blackburn

Discovering her brother has committed suicide, a lonely author with a hit novel begins responding to texts as her late brother on her phone and becomes more and more untethered from reality.

Family Family by Laurie Frankel

An actress who makes a film about adoption starts a media storm after admitting to a journalist that it's a bad movie and that she gave up a baby for adoption during her senior year.

Season of Harvest, A, No. 4 by Lauraine Snelling and Kiersti Giron

Can homestead owner Larkspur Nielsen's dreams for the future—and a budding romance—survive trouble that comes calling?

Storm We Made, The by Vanessa Chan

A Malayan mother becomes an unlikely spy for the invading Japanese forces during World War II and faces some shocking consequences that rain upon her community and family.

Wild and Distant Seas by Tara Karr Roberts

Follows four generations of women as they seek to chart their own futures.

General Nonfiction

Fight Right: How Successful Couples Turn Conflict into Connection by Julie Schwartz Gottman and John Gottman

The founders of the famous Love Lab discuss how even the happiest and most successful couples fight and discuss ways to build stronger, healthier relationships by calming down and staying connected.

How to ADHD: An Insider's Guide to Working With Your Brain Not Against It by Jessica McCabe

The creator and star of the YouTube channel "How to ADHD" presents strategies for neurodivergent readers to adapt to their environment and establish routines and systems to work with the ADHD brain.

This is the Honey: An Anthology of Contemporary Black Poets by Kwame Alexander

Exploring joy, love, origin, race, resistance and praise, this anthology, featuring works from prominent and promising Black poets and writers of our time, is filled with poignant imagery and music.

Tightwads and Spendthrifts: Navigating the Money Minefield in Real Relationships by Scott Rick

The author tells readers how to create a game plan for navigating financial decision-making that both Tightwads and Spendthrifts can rely on for a happy life together.

Health and Fitness

Blood: The Science, Medicine, and Mythology of Menstruation by Jen Gunter

The author offers empowering, period-positive, facts about the science, medicine and myths surrounding menstruation.

Rethinking Diabetes: What Science Reveals About Diet, Insulin, and Successful Treatments by Gary Taubes

Exploring the history in the treatment of diabetes, types 1 and 2, the author reimagines diabetes care that argues for a recentring of diet over a reliance on insulin.

Wisdom of Plagues, The: Lessons from 25 Years of Covering Pandemics by Donald G. McNeil

A reporter reflects on 25 years of covering pandemics—how governments react to them, how the media covers them, how they are exploited and what we can do to prepare for the next one.

Younger for Life: Feel Great and Look Your Best With the New Science of Autojuvenation by Anthony Youn

From the author and social-media-star doctor comes a step-by-step guide to reversing the effects of aging.

Historical Fiction

American Queen, The by Vanessa Miller

In the 1669 South, enslaved woman Louella marries a reverend and leads her people off the plantation, starting her own self-proclaimed kingdom.

Diva by Daisy Goodwin

Describes the love affair between the opera singer, Maria Callas, and the Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, whose relationship ended suddenly with the shocking news that he was to marry Jacqueline Kennedy.

Library for the War-Wounded by Monika Helfer

This story transports to the aftermath of WWII where her father, Josef Helfer, after returning from the war an amputee, managed a convalescent home for the war-wounded and became obsessed with the home's remarkable library.

You Dreamed of Empires by Alvaro Enrigue, translated by Natasha Wimmer

Bringing to life Tenochtitlan at its height and reimagines its destiny, the author takes us back to 1519 where conquistador Hernan Cortes meets emperor Moctezuma in a collision of two worlds, two empires and two possible futures.

History

Aid State: Elite Panic, Disaster Capitalism, and the Battle to Control Haiti by Jake Johnston

Based on years of on-the-ground reporting, this account of how capitalism and politics led to the current crisis in Haiti and how it was exacerbated by years of U.S. and European investment.

Cold Crematorium: Reporting from the Land of Auschwitz by Jozsef Debreczeni, translated by Paul Olchvary

This lost memoir from a Holocaust survivor, translated into English for the first time, provides an eyewitness account of his twelve horrifying months of incarceration and slave labor in World War II Nazi concentration camps.

Counterfeit Countess, The: The Jewish Woman Who Rescued Thousands of Poles During the Holocaust by Elizabeth B. White and Joanna Sliwa

Tells the story of Dr. Josephine Janina Mehlberg—a Jewish mathematician who saved thousands of lives in Nazi-occupied Poland by masquerading as a Polish aristocrat.

Everyone Who is Gone Is Here: The United States, Central America, and the Making of a Crisis by Jonathan Blitzer

The author examines the political factors in Central American countries such as El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras that have led to the humanitarian crises at America's southern border.

Rebels, The: Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and the Struggle for a New American Politics by Joshua Green

A national correspondent traces the rise of economic populism in the Democratic Party through the interwoven stories of three outsiders who emerged in the wake of the crash to lead the charge.

Mystery and Detective

Busy Body, The by Kemper Donovan

After a defeat, former Senator Dorothy Gibson retreats to her home in Maine, inviting her ghostwriter to join her, and the women are drawn into a mystery when a neighbor dies under suspicious circumstances.

Death at a Scottish Wedding, No. 2 by Lucy Connolly

Invited to a Scottish wedding at Morrigan's Castle, Emilia McRoy is forced to investigate after discovering a dead man in one of the turrets.

Dream Town, No. 5 by Lee Goldberg

LASD detective Eve Ronin struggles to investigate the murder of a reality star that brings her into a music industry war.

Easter Basket Murder by Leslie Meier, Lee Hollis, and Barbara Ross

A collection of Easter-themed mysteries set in coastal Maine.

Everyone on This Train Is a Suspect by Benjamin Stevenson

On an Australian train between Darwin and Adelaide for the Mystery Writers' Society, one of the attendees is murdered for real.

Random in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel, No. 58 by J.D. Robb

When a 16-year-old girl is murdered during a show at a New York club, Lieutenant Eve Dallas must find a madman consumed by hatred who's just another face in the crowd.

Sign of Four Spirits, The, No. 9 by Vicki Delany

With a psychic fair in West London, Gemma Doyle, when murder makes an appearance during a séance, must figure out whether the killer is flesh and blood or something evil summoned from beyond the veil.

Romance

Always Remember: Ben's Story, No. 3 by Mary Balogh

The ton gossips about the bastard son of the Earl of Stratton who embarks on a friendship with Lady Jennifer, left unable to walk by a childhood illness.

Bright Spot, The by Jill Shalvis

Running her café as well as a menagerie of rescued animals, Luna Wright, when the owner of Apple Ridge Farm passes away and his investment manager takes control, must find true strength and the real meaning of love and family.

Friendship Club, The by Robyn Carr

Marni McGuire, the host of a TV cooking show, forms a bond with her best friend Ellen as well as a young intern on the show and her pregnant daughter Bella as they navigate the challenges and celebrate the joys of life.

Heartsong, No. 3 by J.T. Klune

After the death of his mother, Robbie Fontaine accepts an offer to join a Maine werewolf pack as the trusted second to Michelle Hughes, the most powerful Alpha.

Mayor of Maxwell Street, The by Avery Cunningham

In 1921 Chicago, Nelly Sawyer works undercover to identify the head of an underground crime syndicate with the help of Jay Shorey, the low-level manager of the city's swankiest speakeasy.

Night Island, The, No. 2 by Jayne Ann Krentz

When an informant disappears, Talia March is forced to team up with Luke Rand when they are both targeted by a killer.

One in a Million, No. 1 by Janet Dailey

When Frank Culhane, the patriarch of one of Texas's most prestigious families is murdered, Detective Sam Rafferty is propelled into a web of rivalries and forbidden attractions.

Upside Down by Danielle Steel

While her mother deals with conflicting feelings for a much-younger man, her daughter, Morgan, falls for a much-older man, which brings them together as they each try to navigate an unconventional romance.

Social Science

Be a Revolution: How Everyday People Are Fighting Oppression and Changing the World, and How You Can, Too

by Ijeoma Oluo

From the author comes an eye-opening and galvanizing look at the current state of anti-racist activism across America.

Black Women Taught Us: An Intimate History of Black Feminism by Jenn M. Jackson

This collection of original essays from Harriet Jacobs and Ida B. Wells to Audre Lorde explore the legacy of Black women writers and leaders and repositions their intellectual and political work at the center of today's liberation movements.

Infectious Generosity: The Ultimate Idea Worth Spreading by Chris Anderson

The author shows how generosity has the power to transform outrage back into optimism and offers a playbook for how to embark on our own generous acts.

Survivors of the Clotilda, The: The Lost Stories of the Last Captives of the American Slave Trade by Hannah Durkin

Chronicles the history of the Clotilda, told through the stories of its survivors—the last documented survivors of any slave ship—whose lives diverged and intersected in profound ways.

Story Collections

Harbor Lights by James Lee Burke

A story collection featuring stories that move from the marshlands on the Gulf of Mexico to the plains of Colorado, to prisons, saloons and trailer parks across the South, weaving love, friendship, violence, survival and revenge.

Old Crimes by Jill McCorkle

In this collection of stories about crimes large and small, the author delves into the lives of characters who hold their secrets and misdeeds close, and can't seem to tell the whole truth.

Suspense

Anna O by Matthew Blake

A young woman commits a double murder while sleepwalking, and then never opens her eyes again.

Argyll by Elly Conway

Frances Coffey, a CIA spymaster, must prevent a Russian magnate from restoring his nation to greatness and setting into motion a chain of events that will take the world to the edge of war.

Bad Weather Friend, The by Dean R. Koontz

When he loses his job, reputation, fiancée and his favorite chair, Benny Catspaw gets an inheritance from an uncle he's never heard of named Spike whose mission is to help people who are just too good for this world.

Clinic, The by Cate Quinn

Checking into a rehab facility as a patient in order to investigate her sister's death, Meg searches for the truth.

Dead Man's Hand, No. 18 by Brad Taylor

Brad Taylor and Pike Logan face off against Putin's agents and a group of rogue Ukrainian partisans plotting to assassinate a Swedish deputy minister.

Deep Freeze, No. 1 by Michael C. Grumley

After surviving a bus accident, Joh Reiff awakes in the hospital alive and suspicious that the doctors aren't telling him something.

Front Sight: Three Swagger Novellas by Stephen Hunter

Three generations of Swagger family members tell their stories in three interconnected novellas that describe hunting for a gangster in Chicago, uncovering corruption in Maryland, and returning from the Vietnam War.

Fury, The by Alex Michaelides

Spending Easter with Lana Farrar, a reclusive ex-movie star, on her private Greek island, her guests, concealing hatred and the desire for revenge, become trapped when the night ends in violence and murder.

Goodbye Girl, No. 18 by James Grippando

A Miami criminal defense lawyer helps a popstar who signed a contract as a teen that leaves her ex-husband with all her royalties.

Heiress, The by Rachel Hawkins

After North Carolina's richest heiress dies, her adopted son, Camden, rejects his inheritance until ten years later, when his uncle's death pulls him and his wife back into the family fold.

Hero by Thomas Perry

A private security agent finds that being branded as the City of Angel's latest hero could also make her its next victim.

Holmes, Marple & Poe by James Patterson and Brian Sitts

Brendan Holmes, Margaret Marple and Auguste Poe open a private investigating company together and their daring methodology and news-making solved cases attract the attention of an NYPD detective.

Lost Van Gogh, The by Jonathan Santlofer

Alternating between his hunt for the Lost Van Gogh, and the glamorous life John Decker remade for himself after serving time for forgery, follows Luke Perrone as he unearths several mysteries best left untouched.

Missing Witness, The, No. 5 by Allison Brennan

Framed for the murder of an FBI agent after testifying against David Chen and his illegal businesses, Kara Quinn goes on the run, determined to clear her name without putting her partner in danger.

No One Can Know by Kate Alice Marshall

Returning to the house where her parents were murdered, Emma Palmer who has never told anyone what she saw the night her parents died, is reunited with her estranged sisters who will do anything to keep the past buried.

Only If You're Lucky by Stacy Willingham

Moving into an off-campus house with Lucy Sharpe and two other girls, shy and quiet Margot finally comes out of the shell she's been in since her best friend Eliza died, until one of the fraternity boys next door is murdered and Lucy goes missing.

Private: Missing Persons, No. 16 by James Patterson and Adam Hamdy

When a businessman asks him to find his daughter and grandchildren who have disappeared without a trace, Jack Morgan, head of Private, finds this case turning deadly.

Where You End by Abbott Kahler

After awakening from a coma with no memory of who she is, Kat Bird, with her twin sister Jude helping her rebuild her memory block by block by block, soon discovers everything is a lie.

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