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# New Releases in July

#### Annotations from Baker & Taylor Booking Ahead

### **Biography**

#### Clint: The Man and the Movies by Shawn Levy

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

#### JFK: Public, Private, Secret by J. Randy Taraborrelli

A Kennedy historian tells John É. 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 by Christine Brennan

The 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.

# **Fantasy and Science Fiction**

#### Bewitching, The by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

While researching a horror writer, a student uncovers a link between a vanished schoolgirl, a sinister novel, and her great-grand-mother's eerie childhood tales, leading her to suspect that a malevolent force lingers in the halls of her university.

#### Blood Slaves, No. 1 by Markus Redmond

In 1710 Carolina, an enslaved man, Willie, accepts an African vampire's dark offer of liberation, igniting a blood-fueled revolt against their masters, forcing him to choose between justice and the woman he loves.

#### Gryphon's Valor, No. 2 by Mercedes Lackey and Larry Dixon

Set in the world of Valdemar, a second book in a new trilogy returns to the tales of the majestic gryphons.

#### Last Wizards' Ball, The, No. 6 by Charlaine Harris

A gunslinger must protect her powerful wizard sister from ruthless suitors at a deadly magical ball, where intrigue, dark magic, and dangerous alliances threaten to pull them into conflict.

#### **General Fiction**

#### August Lane by Regina Black

From the author comes a small-town romance about the visibility of Black women's voices in country music.

#### Beautiful Nights by Nina George

A respected professor begins a secret affair with her son's girlfriend one summer.

#### Blonde Dust by Tatiana De Rosnay

Chronicles a reimagined friendship between Marilyn Monroe and a young maid whose life will be forever changed.

#### Girl I Was, The by 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.

#### That Last Carolina Summer by Karen White

Phoebe Manigault returns to South Carolina Lowcountry to help her sister care for their mother, confronting childhood tensions, unsettling visions, and a deepening bond with a grieving family.

#### Vera, or Faith by Gary Shteyngart

A both bitter and humorous tale of a family struggling to stay together in a country coming apart, as told through the eyes of their 10-year-old daughter.

#### Wayward Girls by Susan Wiggs

In 1968 Buffalo, six teenage girls are sent to the Good Shepherd Refuge, for reasons ranging from being gay to rebellious, where they face forced labor, exploitation, and struggles while finding strength in solidarity.

#### General Nonfiction

#### Black Genius: Essays on an American Legacy by Tre Johnson

An exploration of Black ingenuity, resilience and cultural influence, weaving historical analysis and pop culture to challenge the traditional definitions of genius and to highlight everyday brilliance that has shaped American innovation and identity.

#### Can-Do Mindset, The by Candace Parker

The WNBA legend recounts her journey as an athlete and advocate, inspiring readers to overcome obstacles and pursue success on their own terms.

#### How We Grow Up by Matt Richtel

The science reporter delivers an investigation into adolescence, the pivotal life stage undergoing profound transformation.

#### **Historical Fiction**

#### Lies They Told, The by Ellen Marie Wiseman

In 1930s Virginia, Lena Conti, a young immigrant mother, 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 by Meg Waite Clayton

Rising star Isabella Giori and blacklisted writer Leon Chazan forge a bond in 1957, while in 2018, Leon's granddaughter Gemma uncovers long-buried secrets about identity, authorship, and hidden history in the ruins of Hollywood's golden era.

#### Under the Stars by Beatriz Williams

Providence Dare vanishes during a steamship disaster in 1846, leaving behind a mystery that resurfaces two centuries later when chef Audrey Fisher and her mother uncover hidden paintings and family secrets that link the past and present.

### **History**

#### CIA Book Club, The by Charlie English

Recounts a covert Cold War operation led by George Minden to smuggle banned literature into Eastern Europe, focusing on the role underground reading networks played in weakening totalitarian control, especially in Poland.

#### Dinner With King Tut by Sam Kean

An archaeological romp through the entire history of humankind—and through all five senses—from tropical Polynesia islands to arctic ice floes and everywhere in between.

#### Midnight on the Potomac by Scott Ellsworth

The author's research infers that by the time the house lights dimmed inside of Ford's Theatre on April 14th, 1865, Lincoln's assassin had been working alongside, if not in direct concert with, the Confederate Secret Service for nearly a year.

# **Mystery and Detective**

#### Badlands, No. 5 by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child

Archeologist 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.

#### Dogged Pursuit, No. 31 by David Rosenfelt

Defense attorney Andy Carpenter goes to an animal shelter to adopt two dogs and stumbles into a case defending a dog-loving murder suspect.

#### Enemy in the Village, An, No. 18 by Martin Walker

When a local businesswoman is found dead with a suicide note, Chief Bruno suspects foul play and must uncover the truth.

#### Mrs. Plansky Goes Rogue, No. 2 by Spencer Quinn

Mrs. Plansky plans to celebrate a senior tennis championship with her partner, Kev, until Kev goes missing, and apparently her dad had introduced Kev to Jack, her wayward tennis-pro son—and now he's missing too.

#### Rage, No. 17 by Linda Castillo

When the dismembered body of 21-year-old Samuel Eicher, and then the body of 21-year-old Aron Shetler, Samuel's best friend, are found, Painters Mill Chief of Police Kate Burkholder must delve into the sordid corners of her community.

#### Red Queen, The by Martha Grimes

When a businessman is gunned down, superintendent Richard Jury uncovers a web of conflicting accounts, a mysterious lookalike, and a parallel case involving his partner's missing sister.

#### Savvy Summers and the Sweet Potato Crimes by Sandra Jackson-Opoku

When Grandy Jaspers, the 75-year-old neighborhood womanizer, drops dead at table 2 of Savvy Summers's Soul Food Café at Essie's, she finds herself and her café swamped by bad press, so Savvy and her assistant manager, Penny Lopes, take it upon themselves to find out who really killed Grandy.

#### Something Whiskered, No. 17 by Miranda James

While honeymooning, Charlie Harris and his new wife Helen Louise witness the death of a baron, prompting them—and their cat Diesel—to investigate a tangled web of inheritance and eerie omens.

#### Tea with Jam & Dread, No. 6 by Vicki Delany

When Cape Cod tearoom owner Lily Roberts travels with her mother for a centenarian aristocrat's birthday, a missing heirloom sapphire and a deadly allergic reaction pull her into a mystery to be solved.

#### Political Science

# 2024: How Trump Retook the White House and the Democrats Lost America by Josh Dawsey; Tyler Pager; and Isaac Arnsdorf

Offers the inside story of one of the most tumultuous and consequential presidential campaigns in American history.

#### Mission, The by Tim Weiner

A history of the CIA in the 21st century spans from 9/11 through the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to today's battles with Russia and China—and with the President of the United States.

#### Romance

#### All the Men I've Loved Again by Christine Pride

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.

#### Atonement Sky, No. 9 by Nalini Singh

On the brink of a mental breakdown, Justice –Psy Eleri Dias returns to confront Falcon changeling leader Adam Garrett, the man she once betrayed, and a ruthless serial killer.

#### Enchanted Greenhouse, The by Sara Beth Durst

After being punished for creating a magical spider plant, Terlu Perna awakens on an island of greenhouses, where she teams up with a gardener and a sentient rose to uncover a fading magic.

#### View From Lake Como, The by Adriana Trigiani

After a divorce and family upheaval in working-class Lake Como, New Jersey, draftswoman Jess Capodimonte Baratta flees to Carrara, Italy, where artistic ambition, and new relationships reshape her understanding of love, loyalty and personal fulfillment.

#### Winds from Further West, The by 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 wolf cubs and a connection with the local vet lead him toward unexpected renewal.

#### Wrath of the Dragons by Olivia Rose Darling

As war ignites across Ravaryn, dragon heir Elowen Atarah and Demon Commander Cayden Veles must navigate an alliance and their complicated feelings for one another while fighting to claim their thrones.

## Suspense

#### Angel Down by Daniel Kraus

World War I soldier Cyril Bagger and his squad venture into No Man's Land on a mission, only to discover a fallen angel whose fate could end the war, if they can overcome their own greed and paranoia.

#### Blood and Treasure by Ryan Pote

A chilling scene of violence is revealed when the International Space Station goes silent.

#### Carved in Blood, No. 3 by Michael Bennett

Detective Hana Westerman is drawn into a high-stakes investigation when her ex-husband is murdered, uncovering a web of gang violence and past vendettas.

#### Coded Justice, No. 3 by Stacey Abrams

Former Supreme Court clerk Avery Keene investigates a powerful Al company after a death, uncovering corporate corruption and technological dangers that could have far-reaching consequences.

#### Crossfire, No. 24 by Wilbur A. Smith

In 1943, British spy Saffron Courtney sails to New York on a mission to rally support for the war effort while secretly hunting a Nazi spy ring within the British Embassy.

#### Dead Line, No. 7 by Marc Cameron

Deputy U.S. Marshals Arliss Cutter and Lola Teariki hunt down a hitman in the Alaskan wilderness where they uncover an even deeper threat and a conspiracy.

#### Death Mask, The, No. 31 by Iris Johansen

Eve Duncan races against time to protect her family from a merciless killer.

#### Do Not Disturb by Freda Mcfadden

When a 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, No. 24 by 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.

#### Felons' Ball, The by Polly Stewart

A powerful Southern family's dark secrets set in motion a chain of events with deadly consequences.

#### First Gentleman, The by James Patterson & Bill Clinton

American has a powerful new president....and her husband's on trial for murder.

#### Ghostwriter, The by 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.

#### Guess Again by Charlie Donlea

Ten years after teen volleyball star Callie Jones vanished without a trace, former detective Ethan Hall is pulled back to his hometown to uncover long-buried secrets forcing him into a dangerous investigation with ties to his own past.

#### Hamptons Lawyer, The, No. 3 by James Patterson & Mike Lupica

Undefeated criminal defense attorney Jane Smith—known as the Hamptons Lawyer—never fails to make her case.

#### Hotel Ukraine by Martin Cruz Smith

As Russia's invasion of Ukraine rages on, a legendary Moscow investigator battles worsening Parkinson's while uncovering a diplomat's murder tied to a paramilitary group and a deadly conspiracy that puts both him and his partner in danger.

#### How to Survive a Horror Story by Mallory Arnold

After a legendary horror writer dies, his home, Queen Manor, soon earns a deadly reputation.

#### Ink Ribbon Red by Alex Pavesi

At a birthday gathering, six friends play a murder-themed storytelling game that dredges up secrets and grudges, but as fiction bleeds into reality, the line between imagined killings and real danger disappears.

#### Inside Job, An by Daniel Silva

The author returns with an international thriller filled with intrigue, storytelling, and a globally spanning plot featuring the beloved spy in another suspenseful adventure.

#### Lake Escape, The by Jamie Day

When a woman disappears during a summer trip to Vermont's Lake Timmeny, longtime friends Julia, David, and Erika confront local legends and their own buried pasts as suspicion grows and secrets threaten to pull them under.

#### List, The by Steve Berry

Brent Walker returns home to Concord, a town in Georgia nestled close to the Savannah River, to work for Southern Republic Pulp and Paper Company, and as its assistant general counsel, he is drawn into a plan that puts his life on the line.

#### Mean Moms by Emma Rosenblum

In a satire of upper-crust moms, when a new mom at private school Atherton Seminary, Sofia, integrates herself into the clique of wealthy moms Frost, Nell, and Morgan, bad things start to happen to the women, and they wonder if someone is out to get them..

#### Not Quite Dead Yet by Holly Jackson

Thirty-six hours after being attacked, Jet awakens in the hospital to news that a bone fragment is putting pressure on her brain's arterial wall and will cause a fatal hemorrhage—instead of choosing surgery with a slim chance of survival, she uses her last week to find her murderer.

#### Our Last Resort by Clemence Michallon

Having grown apart after an unspeakable tragedy, Frida and Gabriel try a fresh start at the Ara Hotel, and it feels like paradise—until the dead body of the young wife of a powerful, much older husband is discovered and suspicion falls on Gabriel.

#### Party of Liars by Kelsey Cox

Sophie's sixteenth birthday party is at her dad's mansion, once thought to be haunted, but before the candles on the cake are blown out, a body falls from the balcony onto the dance floor below.

#### President's Shadow, The by James Patterson & Richard Dilallo

The iconic thriller hero recruits his lasting love, Margo Lane, and his great-great-granddaughter, Maddy, to join an international investigation.

#### Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Escape by Brian Freeman

A boat in the Mediterranean carries Jason Bourne, and his lover, Johanna, but in an instant, he's floating on wreckage and Johanna is gone; Bourne teams up with spy chief Shadow, who reveals that Bourne's surrogate father David Abbott, is alive, and they must find him before his enemies do.

#### She Didn't See It Coming by Shari Lapena

When young mother Bryden vanishes from her upscale condo without a trace, her husband Sam and the investigators must unravel the mystery behind her disappearance, exposing hidden tensions, unreliable neighbors, and cracks in the seemingly perfect life they built together.

#### Sunburned by Katherine Wood

When a washed-up foot ties Audrey Collet and her eccentric billionaire ex Tyson to a buried past, she's pulled into a high-stakes investigation on his St. Barth's estate, where blackmail, betrayal, and a deadly birthday dive reveal a killer among their secret laden inner circle.

#### Unraveling of Julia, The by Lisa Scottoline

After the 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 conspiracy.

#### White Crow, The, No. 2 by Michael Robotham

Philomena McCarthy, a young police officer from a London crime family, becomes entangled in a case involving a bloodied child and a bomb-strapped jeweler, forcing her to choose between her badge and her blood.

#### Woman in Suite 11. The by Ruth Ware

Journalist Lo Blacklock travels to a luxury Swiss hotel hoping to revive her career, but when a mysterious woman draws her into a dangerous chase across Europe, she must weigh ambition against survival.

#### Writers and Liars by Carol Goodman

A group of mystery authors gathers on a Greek island for a writer's retreat, only to discover that their host has been murdered and everyone present is a suspect.

#### You Belong Here by Megan Miranda

When her daughter enrolls at the college Beckett Bowery fled after a deadly scandal two decades earlier, Beckett is forced to return to Wyatt Valley, where buried truths and old suspicions threaten to resurface.

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