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New Releases in October

Annotations from Baker & Taylor Booking Ahead

Biography

Anthony Bourdain Reader, The by Anthony Bourdain, edited by Kimberly Witherspoon

This collection highlights Bourdain's enduring voice as a writer, offering a portrait through essays, fiction, diary entries, and reflections on food, travel and culture.

Finding My Way by Malala Yousafzai

Thrust onto the public stage at fifteen years old after the Taliban's brutal attack on her life, the author quickly became an international icon known for bravery and resilience.

Joyride by Susan Orlean

This memoir traces the writer's creative journey and blends personal stories with reflections on curiosity, discovery and the writing life while offering inspiration and insights for anyone pursuing a path shaped by wonder and imagination.

Love Johnny Carson by Mark Malkoff and David Ritz

A Carson aficionado has amassed more Carson stories from original sources than anyone in entertainment history, and he aims to set the record straight in this portrait of Carson's life and career.

Misunderstood by Allen Iverson

A memoir of the NBA Hall of Famer details his tough childhood in Virginia, his entry into the league as the number one overall pick and his controversial, culture-changing pro basketball career.

Night People: How to Be a DJ in 90's New York City by Mark Ronson

Organized around venues that defined his experience of the downtown scene, Ronson evokes the rush of that decade and those spaces and invites us into the tribe of creatives and parties who came alive when the sun went down.

Softly, As I Leave You: Life After Elvis by Priscilla Presley and Mary Jane Ross

Recounts the author's journey from life inside Elvis's inner circle to finding independence after their divorce, navigating grief, single motherhood, and personal reinvention as she built a life beyond fame.

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Blind Date With a Werewolf by Patricia Briggs

When the deadly werewolf Asil is gifted five blind dates by some friends, his reclusive life will never be the same.

Finest Edge of Twilight, The by R.A. Salvatore

Determined to prove herself, Breezy Do'Urden trains at the Monastery of the Yellow Rose to master dragons, while Dahlia Sin'felle embraces vampiric power, both carving fateful paths in a world of beauty and reality.

Haunting of Paynes Hollow, The by Kelley Armstrong

When Samantha inherits her family's cottage under the condition that she stay there a month, she returns to Paynes Hollow to confront buried her memories, her father's alleged crime, and a chilling force beneath the lake.

Hole in the Sky by Daniel H. Wilson

As a mysterious object hurtles toward Earth, a Cherokee father, a NASA astrophysicist, and a government agent each uncover pieces of an impending first contact, forcing humanity to confront what it means to meet the unknown.

Scar in the Bone, A by Sophie Jordan

After losing her husband in battle, dragon-shifter Tamsyn must train for war, confront a former friend turned enemy, and fight to protect magic itself.

Sword of Light, The by Heather Graham

Fabled objects of power appear just when an encroaching tide of northern invaders threaten ancient Ireland.

Unveiling, The by Quan Barry

On a luxury Antarctic cruise, film scout Striker becomes stranded with wealthy tourists after disaster strikes, and as the hostile environment exposes deadly secrets and inner demons, she must confront haunting truths about herself.

General Fiction

Bone Thief, The by Vanessa Lillie

When a Native teenager vanishes from her small town, archaeologist Syd Walker is called to investigate.

C is for Courting by Shelley Shepard Gray

Four English-raised siblings return to their grandparents' Ohio community with plans to become Amish—but discover, one-by-one, that even the simple life has complications.

Calling All Blessings by Beverly Jenkins

While Tamar confronts painful memories, the town of Henry Adams rallies around her and reasserts the importance of family, forgiveness and small town magic.

Dogs of Venice, The by Steven Rowley

Reeling from the collapse of his marriage, Paul travels alone to Venice, where an unexpected bond with a stray dog leads him through the city's beauty and warmth toward healing, self-discovery, and a new sense of independence.

Guardian and a Thief, A by Megha Majumdar

In a near-future Kolkata, India, which has been ravaged by climate change and food scarcity, two families seeking to protect their children must battle each other.

Heart the Lover by Lily King

Decades after a tangled college love triangle shaped her life, a woman is forced to confront her old choices and hidden truths.

Land of Sweet Forever, The by Harper Lee, introduction by Casey Cep

Spanning her early short stories and later nonfiction, this collection reveals the author's evolving voice and sharp insights into childhood, creativity, justice and Southern identity.

Last Spirits of Manhattan, The by John A. McDermott

In 1950s Manhattan, Carolyn Banks takes refuge in her eccentric great-aunts' haunted mansion, where a Hitchcock-hosted party spirals into a collision of ghosts, glamour, and buried family secrets.

My Beloved by Jan Karon

Father Tim's love letter to wife Cynthia goes missing and circulates among his neighbors; Harley gets an important letter of his own; Old Mayor Esther learns a lesson; and thanks to Lace and Dooley, readers get what they've been waiting for.

Wreck by Catherine Newman

In Western Massachusetts, Rocky juggles family life with her husband, adult children and aging father, until her fixation on a local accident and a medical concern stirs up anxieties that threaten to upend her.

General Nonfiction

Big One, The: How We Must Prepare for Future Deadly Pandemics by Michael T. Osterholm and Mark Olshaker

Examining past outbreaks and the global response to Covid-19, this analysis outlines the likelihood and potential severity of future pandemics, presenting a roadmap of steps needed to prepare for crises that may lie ahead.

Elements of Timeless Style by Erin Gates

An inspirational and practical guide offers advice for designing one's "forever" home, showcasing projects to help make confident investments and thoughtful choices.

If Anyone Builds It, Everyone Dies: Why Superhuman AI Would Kill Us All by Eliezer Yudkowsky and Nate Soares

Two long-time researchers warn that super-intelligent AI machines could develop goals misaligned with human survival.

Lions and Scavengers by Ben Shapiro

Examines the current state of America and Western civilization, and poses a question: Will we be Lions, or will we be Scavengers?

Ripley's Believe It or Not! Seek the Strange by Ripley's Believe It or Not!

With mind-boggling facts, inspiring stories, and captivating photos from across the globe, this edition will thrill readers of all ages.

Sisters in Death: The Black Dahlia, the Prairie Heiress, and Their Hunter by Eli Frankel

The true-crime researcher reveals a key fact about the Black Dahlia crime scene that leads to the identification of a criminal who was at the same time amateurish and fiendish, skilled and lucky, sophisticated and brutish.

Why Brains Need Friends by Ben Rein

Blends neuroscience, storytelling, and practical strategies to explore how social interaction supports brain health.

Historical Fiction

Boleyn Traitor by Philippa Gregory

The author returns to the court of Henry VIII with a novel about the high cost of loyalty, love and betrayal.

Guest in Room 120, The by Sara Ackerman

A hotel worker forms a friendship with the accomplished Jane Stanford before her mysterious death, leaving a dark legacy at the hotel for two writers to uncover a century later.

House of Two Pharaohs, No. 10 by Wilbur Smith

When a scribe is murdered in a sealed vault, Nomarc Piay turns to his mentor-mage, Taita, who must confront a brilliant adversary plotting to rise as Egypt's Dark Pharaoh.

Lion Hearts by Dan Jones

In 1353, the Hundred Years' War erupts again, and the band of brothers known as the Essex Dogs are thrown into the fray once more; the Black Death rages as the characters' fates are decided in this merciless blood-soaked finale.

History

Gales of November, The by John U. Bacon

Examines the 1975 storm that sank its largest, most profitable ship of the postwar economic powerhouse of the Great Lakes.

Motherland by Julia Ioffe

An acclaimed journalist tells the story of modern Russia through the history of its women, from revolution to utopia to autocracy.

On Antisemitism by Mark Mazower

The author shows how navigating through a history that seeks to illuminate rather than to blame, how the rise of a pessimistic post-Holocaust sensibility, along with international criticism of Israel produced a gradual conflation of the interest of Jews.

Mystery and Detective

And to All a Good Bite, No. 32 by David Rosenfelt

When a heroic dog dad is arrested for murder, lawyer Andy pauses his plans to clear his name and reunite him with his pup.

Black Wolf, The, No. 20 by Louise Penny

Weeks after foiling an attack in Montreal and arresting the so-called Black Wolf, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache, quietly leads a covert investigation with agents Beauvoir and Lacoste, fearing the conspiracy is only a deliberate misdirection.

Christmas Witness, A, No. 25 by Charles Todd

Inspector Ian Rutledge is sent to an estate after a suspicious riding accident, but as Christmas nears, he must uncover the truth behind a possible attempted murder.

Death on a Scottish Train, No. 4 by Lucy Connelly

When a passenger dies on Sea Isle's Storyteller Train, Dr. Emilia McRoy and her friends must unmask a killer.

Death on Dickens Island, No. 1 by Allison Brook

Returning home to Dickens Island, Delia Dickens finds her island town embroiled in a murder investigation stemming from a family feud over a farm and seeks help from a ghostly grandmother to find the killer.

Die Another Dane, No. 31 by Laurien Berenson

Already juggling family and poodles, Melanie Travis is drawn into an investigation in the dog show world after a Great Dane breeder dies suspiciously.

Five Golden Wings, No. 38 by Donna Andrews

When two feuding cousins plan their Christmas destination weddings on the same day in the same town, Meg mediates and uncovers a murdered photographer.

Fox and Furious by Rita Mae Brown

When an inheritance dispute between two brothers ends in murder, Sister Jane Arnold begins to suspect the killer may be someone she's hunted with for years and as secrets surface, long-held loyalties are put to the test.

Last Death of the Year, The by Sophie Hannah (Series created by Agatha Christie)

The brilliant Belgian detective rings in the New Year with a chilling murder investigation.

Miss Winter in the Library With a Knife by Martin Edwards

During an all-expenses-paid Christmas holiday at Midwinter—a remote hamlet in the North Pennines in Yorkshire, England—a group of strangers play a murder-mystery game that soon becomes deadly.

Shadow Ticket by Thomas Pynchon

Private eye Hicks McTaggart searches for an heiress, but he's shanghaied onto a ocean liner to Hungary; before he finds her he will be entangled with Nazis, Soviet agents, British counterspies, swing musicians and outlaw motorcyclists.

Sugar and Spite, No. 36 by M.C. Beaton and R.W. Green

When a series of deaths within the small Cotswolds birdwatching community begins to unravel her village, Agatha and her team at Raisin Investigators are certain there has been foul play involved.

Romance

Ferry Merry Christmas by Debbie Macomber

Separated for Christmas, siblings Avery and Reed Bond each find unexpected romance amidst travel delays; Avery meets a sailor on a stalled ferry, while Reed connects with a coworker, proving that unexpected detours can lead to love.

Mate by Ali Hazelwood

As the first Human-Were hybrid, Serena is prey to the political machinations of Weres, Vampyres, and Humans; her mate, Koen, Alpha of the Northwest pack, may be the only thing standing between her and total annihilation.

Remain by Nicholas Sparks and M. Night Shyamalan

After his sister's death and his treatment at a psychiatric facility, architect Tate moves to a bed-and-breakfast, where he has an immediate connection with Wren; but hate and greed fester below the surface of Wren's life, and Tate must unearth the truth.

Silver Hills Boarding House, The by Linda Lael Miller

In early-20th-century Montana, a woman risks everything to protect her younger brother and sister in the unforgiving west...and a widower sees in them a second chance at love and family.

Twice by Mitch Albom

Young Alfie Logan can rewind any moment for a do-over—but must accept the results of his second try; having navigated through adolescence and finding seemingly lasting love with Gianna, he must confront an impossible choice.

Suspense

All That We See or Seem, No. 1 by Ken Liu

"Orphan hacker" Julia Z is pulled from digital obscurity when a lawyer's artist wife, a dream-weaving oneirofex, is kidnapped by criminals, and Julia is needed for her unique skills to retrieve stolen dreams from a dangerous virtual underworld.

Birdlane Island by V.C. Andrews

On a remote Maine island, a reclusive novelist forbids his sickly daughter from seeing her true love, leading her to question if the isolated haven is a sanctuary or a prison.

Boom Town by Nic Stone

When a dancer goes missing from Boom Town, Lyriq risks everything to uncover the truth, plunging into Atlanta's underworld to expose the secrets behind two disappearances that may be more connected than anyone dares to admit.

Code Blue, No. 37 by Fern Michaels

Suspecting that her aunt's care home is hiding dark secrets, Theresa Gallagher turns to the Sisterhood, an elite group of women who fight to right wrongs.

Coyote Hills, No. 6 by Jonathan Kellerman and Jesse Kellerman

Now a private investigator, former Alameda County coroner Clay Edison takes a case of a wealthy couple's son found dead in San Francisco Bay.

Gallery Assistant, The by Kate Belli

A New York art gallery assistant reckons with her past and is trapped in a web of deceit after an up-and-coming painter is murdered.

Gone Before Goodbye by Reese Witherspoon and Harlan Coben

When disgraced surgeon Maggie McCabe takes a secretive job treating a powerful man overseas, his sudden disappearance pulls her into a deadly conspiracy forcing her on the run to uncover the truth and clear her name.

If the Dead Belong Here by Carson Faust

When six-year-old Laurel vanishes, her sister Nadine's haunting visions lead her deep into family history and Indigenous folklore, where uncovering buried truths may be the only way to bring Laurel home.

Intruder, The by Freida McFadden

In the middle of a storm, a girl appears on Casey's doorstep, obviously in need of help, but soon things take a violent turn.

King Sorrow by Joe Hill

Blackmailed into stealing rare books, Arthur's friends summon a dragon to save him, only to strike a deadly bargain that binds them to a terrifying choice; offer a yearly sacrifice or face King Sorrow's wrath themselves.

Photograph by Brian Freeman

Shannon Wells must investigate the death of a former client, and the only clue to who she was and why she was murdered is an old photograph of a little girl in the rain outside a Midwestern hotel.

Picasso Heist, The by James Patterson and Howard Roughan

A 22-year-old art thief tries to best other criminals in the heist of an unknown Picasso discovered in the attic of a French villa.

Proving Ground, The, No. 8 by Michael Connelly

The Lincoln Lawyer is back with a case against an AI company whose product may have been responsible for the murder of a girl.

Sharp Force by Patricia Cornwell

A serial killer wreaks havoc on Northern Virginia, appearing as a ghostly apparition before striking—and Kay Scarpetta must avoid becoming the next victim.

Tin Men, The, No. 3 by Nelson DeMille and Alex DeMille

Army CID Special Agents Scott Brodie and Maggie Taylor are sent to the isolated Camp Hayden to investigate a mayor's death amid secret war games pitting Rangers against autonomous weapons, where the truth is obscured amidst desert isolation, internal rivalries and hidden agendas.

Widow, The by John Grisham

Already struggling at work and at home, rural Virginia attorney Simon Latch finds himself accused of murder after he secures wealthy widow Eleanor Barnett's secret inheritance only to see her fortunes unravel in the wake of a car crash.

Westerns

Gun Man Jackson Swagger, The by Stephen Hunter

The author returns with a classic Western—gunfights, horses, saloons and looming above, the ominous presence of the railroad—about a Civil War veteran investigating the dark reality of a prosperous ranch.

Shoot or Cut Bait by William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone

Former Texas Ranger "Catfish" Charlie Tuttle has a sweet spot for Julia, so when her stagecoach to Tombstone, Arizona, never arrives, Catfish and Deputy Brazos head into outlaw country to find her.

Tom's Crossing by Mark Z. Danielewski

In the fall of 1982, the Utah town of Orvop witnessed not just shocking crimes but an astonishing adventure beyond its borders, where the dead rose, a mountain fell, and a staggering act of courage forever marked the Katanogos massif and Pillars Meadow in legend.

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