# DAISY NEW TITLES LIST – April 2024

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The Library continually adds new titles to the collection in DAISY. Each month we produce a list of titles which inform Library members about what’s recently been added to the catalogue.

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## AUSTRALIANA

### Book 1 - Black Duck: a year at Yumburra by Bruce Pascoe and Lyn Harwood

When Dark Emu was adopted by Australia like a new anthem, Bruce found himself at the centre of a national debate that often focussed on the wrong part of the story. But through all the noise came Black Duck Foods, a blueprint for traditional food growing and land management processes based on very old practices. Bruce Pascoe and Lyn Harwood invite us to imagine a different future for Australia, one where we can honour our relationship with nature and improve agriculture and forestry. Where we can develop a uniquely Australian cuisine that will reduce carbon emissions, preserve scarce water resources and rebuild our soil. Bruce and Lyn show us that you don't just work Country, you look, listen and care. It's not Black Duck magic, it's the result of simply treating Australia like herself. From the aftermath of devastating bushfires and the impact of an elder's death to rebuilding a marriage and counting the personal cost of starting a movement, Black Duck is a remarkable glimpse into a year of finding strength in Country at Yumburra.

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### Book 2 - Killing for Country: a family story by David Marr

David Marr was shocked to discover forebears who served with the brutal Native Police in the bloodiest years on the frontier. Killing for Country is the result – a soul-searching Australian history. This is a richly detailed saga of politics and power in the colonial world – of land seized, fortunes made and lost, and the violence let loose as squatters and their allies fought for possession of the country – a war still unresolved in today's Australia.

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### Book 3 - All the words we know by Bruce Nash

Rose is in her eighties and has dementia, but she's not done with life just yet. Alternately sharp as a tack and spectacularly forgetful, she spends her days roaming the corridors of the aged-care facility, ruminating on the staff and residents and enduring visits from her emotionally distant children and grand-daughters. But when her friend is found dead after an apparent fall from a window, Rose embarks on an eccentric and deeply personal investigation to discover the truth and exposes all manner of secrets, even some from her own past.

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### Book 4 - Everyone and everything by Nadine J Cohen

When Yael Silver’s world comes crashing down, she looks to the past for answers and finds solace in surprising places. An unconventional new friendship, a seaside safe space and an unsettling amount of dairy help her to heal, as she wrestles with her demons – and some truly terrible erotic literature. Funny and tender, Everyone and Everything is about friendship, grief and the deep, frustrating bond between sisters. It asks what makes us who we are and what leads us onto ledges.

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### Book 5 - The sitter by Angela O'Keeffe

Paris, 2020. A writer is confined to her hotel room during the early days of the pandemic, struggling to finish a novel about Hortense Cezanne, wife and sometime muse of the famous painter. Dead for more than a century, Hortense has been reawakened by this creative endeavour, and now shadows the writer through the locked-down city. But Hortense, always subject to the gaze of others, is increasingly intrigued by the woman before her. Who is she and what event hides in her past?

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### Book 6 - A brief affair by Alex Miller

From the bustling streets of China, to the ominous Cell 16 in an old asylum building, to the familiar sounds and sight of galahs flying over a Victorian farm, A Brief Affair is a tender love story. On the face of it, Dr Frances Egan is a woman who has it all - a loving family and a fine career - until a brief, perfect affair reveals to her an imaginative dimension to her life that is wholly her own. Fran finds the courage and the inspiration to risk everything and change her direction at the age of forty-two. This newfound understanding of herself is fortified by the discovery of a long-forgotten diary from the asylum and the story it reveals.

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### Book 7 - Orphan road by Andrew Nette

Gary Chance is an ex-Australian army driver and nightclub bouncer turned professional thief and in need of a job. An offer comes from a former employer, once notorious Melbourne social identity, now aging owner of a failing S&M club, Vera Leigh. A shadowy real estate developer is trying to squeeze Leigh out of a rapidly gentrifying city. But she has a rescue plan that involves one of Australia's biggest heists, Melbourne's Great Bookie Robbery. On April 21, 1976, a well organised gang stole as much as three million dollars, a fortune at the time, from a Melbourne bookmakers club. The money was never recovered. No one was ever charged. And everyone associated with the crime has since died, either by natural causes or violently. Leigh maintains that money was not the only thing stolen that day. So was a stash of uncut South African diamonds. And she wants Chance's help to retrieve them. Problem is, they are not the only ones looking. The heist always goes wrong and the consequences, even half a century later, can be deadly.

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## BIOGRAPHIES AND MEMOIRS

### Book 8 - Jack of Hearts: QX11594 by Jackie Huggins and Ngaire Jarro

Born an only child in North Queensland, Jack Huggins had an idyllic childhood in Ayr, where his family somehow escaped the harsh Queensland government treatment of First Nations' peoples. His father was in the army in World War I and Jack followed in his footsteps into World War II. He was captured by the Japanese in Singapore and spent much of the war on the notorious Burma-Thailand railway. The narrative and personal reflections give insight into love, loss and the need to understand one man's journey, as seen through the eyes of his children seeking to learn more. It is an affectionate portrait and a moving account of courage in wartime which helps a reader understand the sacrifices made by our soldiers.

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### Book 9 - Searching for Charlotte: the fascinating story of Australia's first children's author by Kate Forsyth and Belinda Murrell

In 1841, Australia's first children's book was published, the anonymous writer known only as 'a lady long resident in New South Wales'. The identity of the author was one of the most puzzling literary mysteries until 1981, when she was finally given a name: Charlotte Waring Atkinson. Today, her great-great-great-great-granddaughters Kate Forsyth and Belinda Murrell are also celebrated authors. They grew up on stories about Charlotte's life of love, grief, and violence - and her struggle to assert an independent spirit.

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### Book 10 - Unfinished woman: a memoir by Robyn Davidson

In 1977, twenty-seven-year-old Robyn Davidson set off with a dog and four camels to cross 1,700 miles of Australian desert to the sea. A life of almost constant traveling followed. From the deserts of Australia, to Sydney's underworld; from Sixties street life, to the London literary scene; from migrating with nomads in Tibet, to 'marrying' an Indian prince, Davidson's quest was motivated by an unquenchable curiosity about other ways of seeing and understanding the world. Davidson threw bombs over her shoulder and seeds into her future on the assumption that something would be growing when she got there. The only terrain she had no interest in exploring was the past. In Unfinished Woman Davidson turns at last to explore that long avoided country. Through this brave and revealing memoir, she delves into her childhood and youth to uncover the forces that set her on her path, and confront the cataclysm of her early loss. Unfinished Woman is an unforgettable investigation of time and memory, and a powerful interrogation of how we can live with and find beauty in the uncertainty and strangeness of being.

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### Book 11 - The mistress's daughter by A. M Homes

The acclaimed writer A. M. Homes was given up for adoption before she was born. Her biological mother was a twenty-two-year-old single woman who was having an affair with a much older married man with a family of his own. The Mistress's Daughter recounts her experience of meeting her birth parents, describing how adoption affected her sense of identity, her efforts to learn about her late birth mother's personal life, and her discouragement with her birth father's unwillingness to invite her into his family.

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### Book 12 - Messalina: a story of empire, slander and adultery by Honor Cargill

This is the story of Messalina - third wife of Emperor Claudius and one of the most notorious women to have inhabited the Roman world. In her new life of Messalina, the classicist Honor Cargill-Martin reappraises one of the most slandered and underestimated female figures of ancient history. Looking beyond the salacious anecdotes, she finds a woman battling to assert her position in the overwhelmingly male world of imperial Roman politics - and succeeding. Cargill-Martin sets out not to 'salvage' Messalina's reputation, but to look at her life in the context of her time. Above all, she seeks to reclaim the humanity of a life story previously circumscribed by currents of high politics and patriarchy.

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### Book 13 - What it is like to go to war by Karl Marlantes

In his memoir, Marlantes relates his combat experiences in Vietnam and discusses the daily contradictions warriors face in the grind of war, where each battle requires them to take life or spare life. He also underscores the need for returning veterans to be counseled properly.

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### Book 14 - Women we buried, women we burned: a memoir by Rachel Louise Snyder

Award-winning journalist Rachel Louise Snyder has spent her career reporting on abuse that happens under the cover of ‘private life'. And yet the story of her own troubled family is one she has always kept locked away. Snyder was eight when her mother died, and her distraught father thrust the family into an evangelical, cult-like existence halfway across the country. Furiously rebellious against this life, she was expelled from school, and then from home. Living out of her car and relying on strangers, she soon found herself masquerading as an adult, talking her way into college, and eventually traveling the globe. In places like India, Tibet, and Niger, she interviewed those who had been through the unimaginable. In Cambodia, where she lived for six years, she watched a country reckon with the horrors of its own recent history. Women We Buried, Women We Burned is a necessary story of family struggle, female survival, and the passionate drive to bear witness.

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### Book 15 - Skunk works: a personal memoir of my years at Lockheed by Ben R Rich and Leo Janos

Skunk Works is the true story of America's most secret and successful aerospace operation as recounted by Ben Rich, the operation's brilliant boss for nearly two decades. Here are up-close portraits of the maverick band of scientists and engineers who made the Skunk Works so renowned. Filled with telling personal anecdotes and high adventure, with narratives from the CIA and from Air Force pilots who flew the many classified, risky missions, this book is a riveting portrait of the most spectacular aviation triumphs of the twentieth century.

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## COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET

### Book 16 - Benny the blue whale: a descent into story, language and the madness of ChatGPT by Andy Stanton

Is ChatGPT the end of creative industries as we know them? An ethical quagmire from which there is no return? A threat to all our jobs, as we keep hearing on the news? When a friend introduces him to ChatGPT, the new large language chatbot, Andy is as sceptical as he is curious. Can this jumble of algorithms really mimic the spontaneity of human thought? Could it one day replace human authors like him for good? And are we soon to be ruled over by despotic robot overlords?

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## GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER

### Book 17 - The in-between by Christos Tsiolkas

No life is simple, and no life is without sorrow. No life is perfect. Two middle-aged men meet on an internet date. Each has been scarred by a previous relationship; each has his own compelling reasons for giving up on the idea of finding love. But still they both turn up for the dinner, feel the spark and the possibility of something more. Feel the fear of failing again, of being hurt and humiliated and further annihilated by love. How can they take the risk of falling in love again. How can they not?

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## HISTORY

### Book 18 - The star on the grave by Linda Margolin Royal

In 1940, as the Nazis sweep toward Lithuania, Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara defies his own government and secretly issues thousands of visas to Jewish refugees desperate to flee. After the war, Sugihara is dismissed and disappears into obscurity. Three decades later, in Australia, Rachael Margolin, her father and her grandmother live disconnected from one another and haunted by unspoken tragedies. When Rachel announces her engagement to a Greek Orthodox man, it detonates a long-held secret. The Margolins are Jewish, and her family has concealed their identity from her and the world. As Rachel struggles to understand this deception, an opportunity arrives to visit Chiune Sugihara, the man who risked his life to save them during World War II.

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### Book 19 - Little by Edward Carey

Born in Alsace in 1761, the unsightly, diminutive Marie Grosholtz is quickly nicknamed 'Little'. Orphaned at the age of six, she finds employment in Bern, Switzerland, under the charge of reclusive anatomist, Dr Curtius. In time the unlikely pair form an unlikely bond, and together they pursue an unusual passion: the fine art of wax-modelling. Forced to flee their city, the doctor and his protégée head for the seamy streets of Paris where they open an exhibition hall for their uncanny creations. Though revolution approaches, the curious-minded flock to see the wax heads, eager to scrutinise the faces of royalty and reprobates alike.

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### Book 20 - Clear by Carys Davies

1843. On a remote Scottish island, Ivar, the sole occupant, leads a life of quiet isolation until the day he finds a man unconscious on the beach below the cliffs. The newcomer is John Ferguson, an impoverished church minister sent to evict Ivar and turn the island into grazing land for sheep. Unaware of the stranger's intentions, Ivar takes him into his home, and in spite of the two men having no common language, a fragile bond begins to form between them. Meanwhile on the mainland, John's wife Mary anxiously awaits news of his mission.

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### Book 21 - The vaster wilds by Lauren Groff

A servant girl escapes from a colonial settlement in the wilderness. She carries nothing with her but her wits, a few possessions, and the spark of god that burns hot within her. What she finds in this terra incognita is beyond the limits of her imagination and will bend her belief in everything that her own civilization has taught her. Lauren Groff’s new novel is at once a thrilling adventure story and a penetrating fable about trying to find a new way of living in a world succumbing to the churn of colonialism.

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### Book 22 - Brooklyn crime novel by Jonathan Lethem

On the streets of 1970s Brooklyn, a daily ritual goes down: the dance. Money is exchanged, belongings surrendered, power asserted. The promise of violence lies everywhere, a currency itself. For these children, Black, brown, and white, the street is a stage in shadow. And in the wings hide the other players: parents; cops; renovators; landlords; those who write the headlines, the histories, and the laws; those who award this neighborhood its name.

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### Book 23 - The three lives of Alix St. Pierre by Natasha Lester

1943. After spearheading several successful advertising campaigns in New York, PR wizard Alix St Pierre comes to the attention of the US government and finds herself recruited into a fledgling intelligence organisation. Enlisted as a spy, Alix is sent to Europe where she is tasked with getting close to a Nazi who might be willing to help the Allied forces—but there's also the chance he might be a double agent. 1946. Following the war, Alix moves to Paris to run the Service de la Presse for the yet-to-be-launched House of Christian Dior. But when a figure from the war reappears and threatens to destroy her future, Alix realises that only she can right the wrongs of the past and bring him to justice.

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### Book 24 - Finding Endurance: Shackleton, my father and a world without end by Darrel Bristow-Bovey

Since the discovery of the wreck of Ernest Shackleton's ship Endurance on the bed of the Antarctic ocean, the world has been enthralled anew by one of the greatest stories of all time. Acclaimed South African writer Darrel Bristow-Bovey, himself a Shackleton aficionado, revisits this dramatic event, which managed to sweep the tide of anger and rancour off the timelines and front pages of the world.

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### Book 25 - To the strongest by Robert Fabbri

Babylon, 323 BC: Alexander the Great is dead, leaving behind him the largest empire the world has ever seen. As his final breaths fade in a room of seven bodyguards, Alexander refuses to name a successor. But without a natural heir, who will take the reins? As the news of the king's death ripples across the land, leaving all in disbelief, the ruthless battle for the throne begins. What follows is a tangled web of scheming and plotting, with alliances quickly made and easily broken, each rival with their own agenda.

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### Book 26 - The three paradises by Robert Fabbri

Alexander the Great's sudden and unexpected death has left the largest, most formidable empire the world has ever seen leaderless. As the fight to take control descends into ruthless scheming and bloody battles, no one is safe. As wars on land and sea are lost and won, and promises are made only to be broken, long-buried secrets come to light in the quest for the true circumstances surrounding Alexander's death. Was he murdered?

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### Book 27 - An empty throne by Robert Fabbri

The cause of Alexander the Great's sudden death is no longer in doubt - it was murder. But by whom? As his former followers struggle for power, the bonds of family, friendship and political loyalties are tested to the limit. As is the strength of the formidable empire that Alexander had wrought. Never before has the Western world seen such turmoil, such a threat to civilisation. As battles rage, armies, cities and thousands of lives are destroyed by the ruthless scheming of those who would be King. Or Queen.

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### Book 28 - Babylon by Robert Fabbri

Alexander the Great's sudden death has left his vast empire in chaos. War rages, cities fall and the lives of thousands are torn apart as his former generals struggle for a share. Alliances and betrayals are rife, and as one man threatens to gain an advantage, the others will not hesitate to plot his downfall. The one-eyed brute Antigonos is the most formidable power in the Western world and now has his eye on the jewel of the east: Babylon.

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### Book 29 - Forging kingdoms by Robert Fabbri

From the shattered empire, five kingdoms are emerging. Seleukos, triumphant in the capture of Babylon, now faces the challenge of holding onto his hard-won prize. One-eyed Antigonos and his son are newly reconciled and both hungry for revenge. But Antigonos has foes of his own. Driven by vengeance, widowed Artonis sides with Ptolemy, planning to thwart the one-eyed brute. The key to their success is Herakles, the sixteen-year-old illegitimate son of Alexander. To see him crowned, they will not only need an army but also to eliminate Kassandros, a powerful rival with his own designs on the throne of Macedon. Meanwhile in the north, Lysimachus broods. As loyalties shift like sand and political ambitions run rife, the stage is set for the greatest war in the ancient world. Who will win the fight for the greatest Kingdom in the ancient world? Let the games begin...

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### Book 30 - The captive Queen by Alison Weir

Eleanor of Aquitaine was the beautiful twelfth-century woman who was queen of France until she abandoned her royal husband for the younger man who would become king of England. In a relationship based on lust and a mutual desire for great power, Henry II and Eleanor took over the English throne in 1154, thus beginning one of the most influential reigns and tumultuous royal marriages in all of history.

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### Book 31 - Wolves of winter by Dan Jones

1347. Bruised and bloodied by an epic battle at Crécy, six soldiers known as the Essex Dogs pick through the wreckage of the fighting—and their own lives. Now a new siege is beginning, and the Dogs are sent to attack the soaring walls of Calais. King Edward has vowed no Englishman will leave France ‘til this city falls. To get home, they must survive a merciless winter in a lawless camp deadlier than any battlefield.

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### Book 32 - The continental affair by Christine Mangan

Henri and Louise, two strangers, travelling alone, on the train from Belgrade to Istanbul. Except this isn't the first time they have met. It's the 1960s, and Louise is running. From her past in England, from the owners of the money she has stolen - and from Henri, the person who has been sent to collect it. Across the Continent - from Granada to Paris, from Belgrade to Istanbul - Henri follows. He's desperate to leave behind his own troubles and the memories of his past life as a gendarme in Algeria. But Henri soon realises that Louise is no ordinary traveller. As the train hurtles toward its final destination, Henri and Louise must decide what the future will hold.

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### Book 33 - Cold victory by Karl Marlantes

Helsinki, 1947. Finland teeters between the Soviet Union and the West. Everyone is being watched. A wrong look or a wrong word could end in catastrophe. Natalya Bobrova, from Russia, and Louise Koski, from the United States, are young wives of their country’s military attachés. When they meet at an embassy party, their husbands, Arnie and Mikhail, both world-class skiers, drunkenly challenge each other to a friendly – but secret – cross-country wilderness race. Louise is delighted, but Natalya is worried. Stalin and Beria’s secret police rule with unforgiving brutality. If news of the race gets out and Mikhail loses, Natalya knows it would mean his death, her imprisonment, and the loss of her two children. Meanwhile, Louise, who is childless, uses the race as an opportunity to raise money for a local orphanage, naïve to the danger it will bring to Natalya and her family. Too late to stop Louise’s scheme, a horrified Natalya watches as news of the race spreads across the globe as newspapers and politicians spin it as a symbolic battle: freedom versus communism. Desperate to undo her mistake, Louise must reach Arnie to tell him to throw the race and save Mikhail – but how? The two racers are in a world of their own, unreachable in Finland’s arctic wilderness.

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### Book 34 - Three fires by Denise Mina

In Three Fires, award-winning author Denise Mina re-imagines the 'Bonfire of the Vanities', a series of fires lit throughout Florence at the end of the fifteenth century—inspired by the fanatical Girolamo Savonarola. Girolamo Savonarola was a Dominican friar living in Florence at the tail end of the fifteenth century. An anti-corruption campaigner his hellfire preaching increasingly spilled over into tirades against all luxuries that tempted people towards sin. These sermons led to the infamous ‘Bonfire of the Vanities'—a series of fires lit throughout Florence for the incineration of everything from books, extravagant clothing, playing cards, musical instruments, make-up and mirrors, to paintings, tapestries and sculptures. Railing against the vice and avarice of the ruling Medici family, he was instrumental in their removal from power, and for a time became the puritanical leader of the city. After turning his attention to corruption in the entire Catholic Church, he was first excommunicated and then executed by a combination of hanging and being burnt at the stake.

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### Book 35 - Empire of shades by Gordon Doherty

379 AD: Thracia has fallen to the Gothic horde. With the ashes of Adrianople still swirling in the air, the Eastern Roman Empire is in turmoil. The emperor is dead, the throne lies empty and the remaining fragments of the army are few and scattered. Numerius Vitellius Pavo, now Tribunus of the XI Claudia, tries to hold his patchwork ranks together amidst the storm. One of the few legions to have survived the disaster at Adrianople, the Claudia do what they can to keep alive the dying flame of hope. When word spreads of a new Eastern Emperor, those hopes rise. But the coming of this leader will stir the Gothic War to new heights. And it will cast Pavo headlong into the sights of the one responsible for the East's plight - a man mighty and seemingly untouchable, and one who will surely crush any who dares to challenge him.

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### Book 36 - The honour of Rome by Simon Scarrow

AD 59. Fifteen years after he fought Britannia's barbarians during the Roman invasion, Centurion Macro is back. There is restlessness amongst the tribes that have supposedly accepted Roman rule, while the atmosphere in Londinium is menacing. Newly discharged from the army, Macro is missing the drama of battle. But soon he will need all his courage and skills to survive. Gangs of thugs run the city. When Macro resists, a brutal attack serves as punishment and warning. But the mobsters have made a deadly error. Britannia's veterans stand with their own. And Macro will soon have a powerful ally: Prefect Cato. They will fight to the death to protect the honour of Rome.

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### Book 37 - Death to the emperor by Simon Scarrow

AD 60. Britannia. The Boudica Revolt begins . . .The Roman Empire's hold on the province of Britannia is fragile. The tribes implacably opposed to Rome have grown cunning in their attacks on the legions. As hostilities create mayhem in the west, Governor Gaius Suetonius Paulinus gathers a vast army, with Prefect Cato in command. A hero of countless battles, Cato wants his loyal comrade Centurion Macro by his side. But the Governor leaves Macro behind, in charge of the veteran reserves in Camulodunum.

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### Book 38 - Rebellion by Simon Scarrow

AD 60. Britannia is in turmoil. The rebel leader Boudica has tasted victory, against a force of tough veterans in Camulodunum. Alerted to the rapidly spreading uprising, Governor Suetonius leads his army towards Londinium with a mounted escort, led by Prefect Cato. Soon it's terrifyingly clear that Britannia is slipping into chaos and panic. Cato and Suetonius are grimly aware that they are ill-prepared for a full-scale rebellion.

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## HORROR

### Book 39 - Lily: a ghost story by Adele Geras

Seventeen-year-old Marie has had a lot to cope with in her young life. But things are getting better, especially when she gets a job working for the widower Dr Slade, looking after his four-year-old daughter, Amy. At first, her new job seems perfect. Marie loves Amy, and Amy seems to like Marie too. Then things start to change. It seems that not everyone is happy with the new arrangement. There appears to be someone else in the house - someone who is determined to come between Amy and Marie...

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### Book 40 - The fisherman by John Langan

In upstate New York, in the woods around Woodstock, Dutchman's Creek flows out of the Ashokan Reservoir. Steep-banked, fast-moving, it offers the promise of fine fishing, and of something more, a possibility too fantastic to be true. When Abe and Dan, two widowers who have found solace in each other's company and a shared passion for fishing, hear rumors of the Creek, and what might be found there, the remedy to both their losses, they dismiss it as just another fish story. Soon, though, the men find themselves drawn into a tale as deep and old as the Reservoir. It's a tale of dark pacts, of long-buried secrets, and of a mysterious figure known as Der Fisher: the Fisherman. It will bring Abe and Dan face to face with all that they have lost, and with the price they must pay to regain it.

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### Book 41 - The hacienda by Isabel Cañas

Hacienda San Isidro was meant to be Beatriz's haven, her salvation from an oppressive life with her uncle and his vicious wife. When Don Rodolfo Solórzano proposed, Beatriz dreamed only of the security his estate in the countryside would provide, ignoring the rumors surrounding his first wife's demise and his sinister allegiances. Visions and voices claw at Beatriz, stealing her sleep, and the weight of invisible eyes follows her every move. Deep in her bones, Beatriz knows--something is wrong with San Isidro. Desperate for help, she turns to the young priest, Padre Andrés. Handsome and sympathetic, he seems like Beatriz's only hope. But as their passions rise and the walls close in around Beatriz, the weight of secrets everyone is carrying may lead them all to their doom.

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### Book 42 - Beatrix & Fred by Emily Spurr

Beatrix is a loner. She has a love-hate relationship with her one friend, Ray, a hate-hate relationship with everyone else in her office and a genuine attachment to a stuffed canary named Horatio. She drinks alone far too much. Lately she's been finding the edge of the railway platform dangerously seductive. Her life needs to change. Then she crosses paths with an old woman who seems to be stalking her, and that's exactly what happens. Eighty-something Fred is smart, earthy, funny and not the harmless elderly lady she appears to be. She is, in fact, quite literally something else.

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### Book 43 - Sign here by Claudia Lux

Peyote Trip has a pretty good gig in the deals department on the fifth floor of Hell. Sure, none of the pens work, the coffee machine has been out of order for a century, and the only drink on offer is Jagermeister, but Pey has a plan - and all he needs is one last member of the Harrison family to sell their soul. When the Harrisons retreat to the family lake house for the summer, with their daughter Mickey's precocious new friend Ruth in tow, the opportunity Pey has waited a millennium for might finally be in his grasp. And with the help of his charismatic co-worker Calamity, he sets a plan in motion. But things aren't always as they seem, on Earth or in Hell. And as old secrets and new dangers scrape away at the Harrisons' shiny surface, revealing the darkness beneath, everyone must face the consequences of their choices.

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## HUMOUR

### Book 44 - Appreciation by Liam Pieper

Everything in this world has a price. A great work of art is no exception. And what fortune was ever built without a little subterfuge? Oli Darling is a queer artist from the country - it says so right at the top of every press release. His art has brought him fame, money, fashionable substance abuse issues and only a little imposter syndrome. But then he goes on live TV and says the one thing that can get a rich white guy cancelled. With his reputation in tatters, nobody is buying Oli's schtick or his art. That's a problem for all the people who've invested millions in him. Powerful, dangerous people. To save his own skin, Oli will need to restore his public image. Together with a ghostwriter, he must do the most undignified thing imaginable: he will have to write a memoir. So begins a journey through the underbelly of modern celebrity that sees Oli confront the consequences of his own ruthless mythmaking - lies he's told others, lies he's told himself. Perhaps he was right to feel like an imposter. And maybe the only way out is to take a good hard look at himself.

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### Book 45 - Caledonian Road by Andrew O'Hagan

May 2021. London. Campbell Flynn - art historian and celebrity intellectual - is entering the empire of middle age. Fuelled by an appetite for admiration and the finer things, controversy and novelty, he doesn't take people half as seriously as they take themselves. Which will prove the first of his huge mistakes. The second? Milo Manghasa, his beguiling and provocative student. Milo inhabits a more precarious world, has experiences and ideas which excite his teacher. He also has a plan. Over the course of an incendiary year, a web of crimes and secrets and scandals will be revealed, and Campbell Flynn may not be able to protect himself from the shattering exposure of all his privilege really involves. But then, he always knew: when his life came tumbling down, it would occur in public.

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### Book 46 - The understudy by David Nicholls

For Josh Harper, being in show business means money, fame, a beautiful wife and a lead role on the London stage. For Stephen C McQueen it means a disastrous career playing passers-by and dead people. Stephen's stuck with an unfortunate name, a hopeless agent, a daughter he barely knows and a job as an understudy to Josh Harper, officially the 12th sexiest man in the world. And when Stephen falls in love with Josh's clever, funny wife Nora, things get even more difficult. But might there yet be a way for Stephen to get his big break....

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### Book 47 - Wendy's winter gift by Debbie Viggiano

Wendy Walker can count on two fingers the number of birthdays until she's fifty. She can also count on six hands the number of years she's been married to controlling Derek. Wendy yearns for freedom but is resigned to her lot. After all, there are others to think about. Like daughter Ruby who - as a teenage single mum still at home - needs supporting, especially since abandoning her hopes of being on Love Island and achieving fame as a reality star. But secrets dare to spill at the most inopportune moments. Ruby is nurturing a mystery romance that she frets about her mother discovering, while Derek finds himself under the spotlight in the most disastrous of circumstances. But just when Wendy thinks her world is falling apart, she discovers that sometimes unexpected joy is just around life's corner.

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## LAW LEGAL ISSUES AND ETHICS

### Book 48 - The Padre: the true story of the Irish priest who armed the IRA with Gaddafi's money by Jennifer O'Leary

In The Padre, award-winning investigative journalist Jennifer O'Leary exposes the paramilitary exploits of notorious former Catholic priest and active IRA supporter Patrick Ryan - exposing details which have, outside of his very guarded circles, been unknown until now. Drawing on highly sensitive information, divulged by Ryan during exclusive secret meetings with the author, The Padre lifts the lid on the true extent of the priest's involvement with the IRA: from being the link between the organisation and the Gaddafi regime, to Ryan's connection to the failed assassination attempt on Margaret Thatcher and her cabinet. The Padre tells the truly remarkably story of this man of the cloth, and his lifelong struggle with what he, in his heart, believes to be right and wrong.

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### Book 49 - The Gilligan tapes: Ireland's most notorious crime boss in his own words by Jason O'Toole

John Gilligan is no altar boy, by his own admission. One of Ireland's most infamous criminals and drug lords, and widely believed in the court of public opinion to have ordered the cold-blooded murder of crime reporter Veronica Guerin, he remains a defiant figure. In this remarkable book - the first of its kind - journalist Jason O'Toole distills hours of sensational face-to-face, no-holds-barred interviews with the feared criminal into a fast-paced and jaw-dropping account of the Irish gangland scene.

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## LITERATURE AND FICTION

### Book 50 - Prophet song by Paul Lynch

On a dark, wet evening in Dublin, scientist and mother of four Eilish Stack answers her front door to find the GNSB on her step. Two officers from Ireland’s newly formed secret police are here to interrogate her husband, a trade unionist. Ireland is falling apart. The country is in the grip of a government turning towards tyranny and when her husband disappears, Eilish finds herself caught within the nightmare logic of a society that is quickly unravelling. How far will she go to save her family? And what – or who – is she willing to leave behind?

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### Book 51 - Day by Michael Cunningham

As the world changes around them, a family weathers the storms of growing up, growing older, falling in and out of love, losing the things that are most precious – and learning to go on. April 5th, 2019: In a cozy brownstone in Brooklyn, the veneer of domestic bliss is beginning to crack. Dan and Isabel, troubled husband and wife, are both a little bit in love with Isabel’s younger brother, Robbie. Robbie, wayward soul of the family, who still lives in the attic loft; Robbie, who, trying to get over his most recent boyfriend, has created a glamorous avatar online; Robbie, who now has to move out of the house – and whose departure threatens to break the family apart. And then there is Nathan, age ten, taking his first uncertain steps toward independence, while Violet, five, does her best not to notice the growing rift between her parents. April 5th, 2020: As the world goes into lockdown the brownstone is feeling more like a prison. Violet is terrified of leaving the windows open, obsessed with keeping her family safe. Isabel and Dan circle each other warily, communicating mostly in veiled jabs and frustrated sighs. And beloved Robbie is stranded in Iceland, alone in a mountain cabin with nothing but his thoughts – and his secret Instagram life – for company. April 5th, 2021: Emerging from the worst of the crisis, the family comes together to reckon with a new, very different reality – with what they’ve learned, what they’ve lost, and how they might go on.

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### Book 52 - The bee sting by Paul Murray

The Barnes family is in trouble. Dickie's car business is going under, but instead of doing anything about it, he's out in the woods preparing for the actual end of the world. Meanwhile his wife Imelda is selling off her jewellery on eBay and half-heartedly dodging the attentions of fast-talking local wrongun Big Mike. Their teenage daughter Cass, usually top of her class, seems determined to drink her way through the whole thing. And twelve year old PJ is spending more and more time on video game forums, where he's met a friendly boy named Ethan who never turns his camera on and wants PJ to run away from home. Digging down through layers of family history, the roots of this crisis stretch deep into the past. Meanwhile in the present, the fault lines keep spreading, ghosts slipping in through the cracks, and every step brings the Barneses closer to a fatal precipice. When the moment of reckoning finally arrives, all four of them must decide how far they're willing to go to save the family, and whether - if the story's already been written - there's still time to give it a happy ending...

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### Book 53 - The heart whisperer by Ella Griffin

On her thirty-third birthday, Claire decides that it's time to grow up. Her mother was thirty-three when she drowned. She'd had everything to live for but Claire's life is a mess. All her relationships have fizzled out. Nothing in her life works. If it wasn't for the once-very-famous Ray Devine, she wouldn't even have a place to live. She gives herself twelve months to sort out her life...

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### Book 54 - River East, River West by Aube Rey Lescure

Shanghai, 2007: Fourteen-year-old Alva raised by her American expat mother. She's never known her Chinese father, and is certain a better life awaits them in America. But when her mother announces her engagement to their wealthy Chinese landlord, Lu Fang, Alva's hopes are dashed, and so she plots for the next best thing: the American School in Shanghai. Upon admission, though, Alva is surprised to discover an institution run by an exclusive community of expats and the ever-wilder thrills of a city where foreigners can ostensibly act as they please. 1985: In the seaside city of Qingdao, Lu Fang is a young, married man and a lowly clerk in a shipping yard. Though he once dreamed of a bright future, he is one of many casualties in his country's harsh political reforms. So when China opens its doors to the first wave of foreigners in decades, Lu Fang's world is split wide open after he meets an American woman who makes him confront difficult questions about his current status in life, and how much will ever be enough.

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### Book 55 - Second best by David Foenkinos

It's 1999. Martin Hill is ten years old, crazy about Arsenal and has a minor crush on a girl named Betty. Then he makes it to the final two in the casting for Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. In the end, the other boy is picked for the role of a lifetime. A devastated Martin tries to move on with his life. But how can he escape his failure, especially when it's the most famous film series in the world?

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### Book 56 - Fates and furies by Lauren Groff

Every story has two sides. Every relationship has two perspectives. And sometimes, it turns out, the key to a great marriage is not its truths but its secrets. At the core of this rich, expansive, layered novel, Lauren Groff presents the story of one such marriage over the course of twenty-four years. At age twenty-two, Lotto and Mathilde are tall, glamorous, madly in love, and destined for greatness. A decade later, their marriage is still the envy of their friends, but with an electric thrill we understand that things are even more complicated and remarkable than they have seemed.

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### Book 57 - The girl next door by Elizabeth Noble

Set in a turn-of-the-century New York apartment building on the Upper East Side, 'The Girl Next Door' features a collection of interwoven stories about love, life, and living together.

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### Book 58 - Normal women by Ainslie Hogarth

Dani is a new mother, and she's worried that her seemingly healthy husband, Clark, will drop dead, leaving her and her new baby Lotte destitute. Then Dani discovers The Temple. Ostensibly a yoga center, The Temple and its guardian, Renata, are committed to helping people reach their full potential. And if that sometimes requires sex work, so be it. Finally, Dani has found meaningful work that will protect her and Lotte from poverty, and provide true economic independence from Clark. But just as she's preparing to embrace this opportunity, Renata disappears, leaving Dani to step into another role entirely - detective.

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### Book 59 - Roseland by Judy Finnigan

Cathy has barely been back since Eloise's death a decade ago. So she is shocked when Jack, the love of Eloise's life and father of her children, announces that he is getting married, and that the wedding will take place at Roseland. As Cathy and Eloise's family gather at the house for the first time in years, long buried secrets and resentments come to the surface. Nobody likes Jack's new bride, but is she really the imposter everybody claims, or are they haunted by memories of Eloise? And how can Cathy look to the future, when the past refuses to let go?

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### Book 60 - Eloise by Judy Finnigan

"Yesterday I almost saw her. I was standing on the sun deck, looking out to sea, revelling in the unexpected warmth of the February sun. A butterfly trembled on a nearby buddleia and suddenly I smelled her perfume. She wasn't there, of course. How could she be when I had seen her lying in her coffin just two weeks ago, the day before she was buried, her casket surrounded by the scented candles she loved? She lay in Cornish ground now ..."

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### Book 61 - Flores and Miss Paula by Melissa Rivero and Liliana Montenegro

Thirtysomething Flores and her mother, Paula, still live in the same Brooklyn apartment, but that may be the only thing they have in common. It’s been nearly three years since they lost beloved husband and father Martín, who had always been the bridge between them. One day, cleaning beneath his urn, Flores discovers a note written in her mother’s handwriting: Perdóname si te falle. Recuerda que siempre te quise. (“Forgive me if I failed you. Remember that I always loved you.”) But what would Paula need forgiveness for? Now newfound doubts and old memories come flooding in, complicating each woman’s efforts to carve out a good life for herself—and to support the other in the same. Paula thinks Flores should spend her evenings meeting a future husband, not crunching numbers for a floundering aquarium startup. Flores wishes Paula would ask for a raise at her DollaBills retail job, or at least find a best friend who isn’t a married man. When Flores and Paula learn they will be forced to move, they must finally confront their complicated past—and decide whether they share the same dreams for the future.

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### Book 62 - Whenever you're ready by Trish Bolton

An unexpected death finds Lizzie, Alice and Margot at various crossroads in their lives, torn between looking back and moving on. Lizzie is reeling from a decades-old discovery that changes everything she thought she knew about her friends, her family and her marriage. Alice has always been the good-time girl, as charismatic presenting the weather on television as she is working as a life model. But decades of piecemeal gigs have left her with a safety net that is rapidly unravelling. Meanwhile, Lizzie's perfectionist daughter Margot is realising that, despite having built herself a faultlessly curated life, she hasn't put her troubled past behind her as neatly as she thought she had.

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### Book 63 - In a country of mothers by A. M Homes

For Claire Roth, an established psychotherapist, her new patient - Jody Goodman, a young filmmaker - is a welcome diversion from her predictable life. Jody, successful, yet uncertain, is disarmed by Claire's interest and approval. Gradually, the lines between friendship and family, between love and compulsion, start to blur.

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### Book 64 - The invite by A. J McDine

When the anonymous invite arrived, we knew exactly who it was from. Elle Romero, the beautiful, charismatic Texan who burst into our lives when we were teenagers. We'd gone our separate ways and lost touch. Until now. Elle, the legendary prankster, is back. She's invited us all - me, Claire, Lizzie and Megan - to a swanky country house for a reunion. We arrive excited for a weekend of reminiscing and reconnecting. A chance to step out of our uneventful lives for a while. But when Elle fails to show up at her own party, we begin to wonder if she's up to her old tricks.

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## MILITARY

### Book 65 - Salonika burning by Gail Jones

Macedonia,1917. The great city of Salonika is engulfed by fire as all of Europe is ravaged by war. Amid the destruction are those who have come to the frontlines to heal: surgeons, ambulance drivers, nurses, orderlies and other volunteers. Four of them – Stella, Olive, Grace and Stanley – are at the centre of Gail Jones’s new novel, which takes its inspiration from the wartime experiences of Australians Miles Franklin and Olive King, and British painters Grace Pailthorpe and Stanley Spencer. In Jones’s imagination these four lives intertwine and change, each compelled by the desire to create something meaningful in the ruins of a broken world.

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### Book 66 - The eagle and the lion: Rome, Persia and an unwinnable conflict by Adrian Keith Goldsworthy

The epic story of the imperial rivalry between two of the greatest empires of the ancient world - Parthian and Persian - and how they rose and eventually fell. The Roman empire shaped the culture of the western world against which all other great powers are compared. Stretching from the north of Britain to the Sahara, and from the Atlantic coast to the Euphrates, it imposed peace and prosperity on an unprecedented scale. However, the exception lay in the east, where the Parthian and then Persian empires ruled over great cities and the trade routes to mysterious lands beyond. This was the place Alexander the Great had swept through, creating a dream of glory and conquest which tantalised Greeks and Romans alike. Caesar, Mark Antony and a long succession of emperors longed to follow in Alexander's footsteps. All failed. Only here did the Roman empire slow down and eventually stop because it was unable to go any further. Following seven centuries of conflict that ultimately, neither Rome nor Persia would win, The Eagle and The Lion delves into the clash, context and journeys of these entities of great power and the people caught in their wider struggle.

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### Book 67 - Don't let's be beastly to the Germans: the British occupation of Germany, 1945-49 by Daniel Cowling

Based on a battery of source materials that ranges from newspaper reports to feature films, from declassified Foreign Office documents to private diaries, personal letters and interviews with veterans, 'Don't Let's Be Beastly to the Germans' offers telling insights into Britain's experience of the Second World War and the Cold War, and sheds revelatory light on the development of Britain's relationship with Europe since 1945.

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### Book 68 - Matterhorn by Karl Marlantes

The timeless story of a young Marine lieutenant, Waino Mellas, and his comrades in Bravo Company, who are dropped into the mountain jungle of Vietnam as boys and forced to fight their way into manhood. Standing in their way are not merely the North Vietnamese but also monsoon rain and mud, leeches and tigers, disease and malnutrition. Almost as daunting, it turns out, are the obstacles they discover between each other: racial tension, competing ambitions, and duplicitous superior officers. But when the company finds itself surrounded and outnumbered by a massive enemy regiment, the Marines are thrust into the raw and all-consuming terror of combat. The experience will change them forever.

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### Book 69 - The path of peace: walking the Western Front Way by Anthony Seldon

A deeply intimate and inspiring memoir about walking the 1,000 kilometre route of World War I's Western Front, by a leading historian. Without a permanent home, a wife or a job, and with no clear sense of where his life was going, Anthony Seldon set out on a 35-day pilgrimage from the French-Swiss border to the English Channel. The writer’s vivid account of walking the Western Front Way illuminates the traumas of the first world war while reassessing his own tumultuous life.

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## MUSIC

### Book 70 - Shake it up, baby: the rise of Beatlemania and the mayhem of 1963 by Ken McNab

This is the unprecedented story of the Beatles' remarkable journey from Liverpool dance hall favourites to becoming the biggest band in the world in the space of just twelve rollercoaster months. From playing to fewer than twenty people in January in the remote Scottish Highlands to being met by a tsunami of screams from 10,000 fans at London Airport in November.

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### Book 71 - Flame music: the true story of Resurgam Records by one who was there by D. J Taylor

It's 1978 and Nick Du Pont is a savvy manager navigating the highs and lows of the music scene in the 70s and 80s. He's a man on a mission, dealing with difficult artists, and battling to get his bands played on popular radio shows. Can Nick sign the unpredictable band 'The Flame Throwers' and manage their wild ways? Will he be able to keep up with the rapidly changing trends and survive in the cut-throat world of the music industry?

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## MYSTERY AND THRILLERS

### Book 72 - The missing girls of Alardyce House by Heather Atkinson

Edinburgh 1880. When Amy Osbourne's parents are lost at sea, she is forced to leave her London home and is sent to live with her aunt and uncle at the opposite end of the country. Alardyce House is depressing and dreary, her aunt haughty and cruel. Struggling in this strange, unwelcoming environment, Amy begins to suspect that something isn't right at Alardyce House. There are rumours below stairs of a monster on the loose, local women are being brutally attacked and her cousin Henry is the prime suspect. Alardyce House is full of dark secrets and Amy isn't sure who she can trust ...

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### Book 73 - The cursed heir by Heather Atkinson

Darkness has fallen over Edinburgh, and the streets are no longer safe... Edinburgh 1896. At Alardyce House, the family are gathered to celebrate the engagement of the heir to the estate, Robert, to his childhood sweetheart. But what should be a precious memory for his mother Amy, is marred by darkness. For Robert's biological father was a demon and a criminal, and now Robert is coming-of-age, disturbing reports are beginning to emerge about his behaviour. Amy is torn between her love and loyalty to her son, her hope that she can save his soul, and her growing sense of dread that the streets of Edinburgh aren't safe when Robert is in town.

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### Book 74 - His fatal legacy by Heather Atkinson

Edinburgh 1896. Amy Alardyce's once-perfect life is in tatters. Her eldest son, Robert, has come of age, become the master of his own home, and married his childhood love Jane. But with maturity has come a terrible legacy, and the dark desires Robert inherited from his evil father Matthew, are fighting to get loose. Whilst Jane is working hard to get her and Robert accepted into fashionable society, poor women are being hunted on the streets of Edinburgh, and Amy fears her son is to blame.

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### Book 75 - Evil at Alardyce House by Heather Atkinson

The history of the Alardyce family is fraught with scandal and intrigue. But after her eldest son Robert leaves the country, finally Amy Alardyce can enjoy some peace. Robert is wanted by the police for some unspeakable crimes, and his family hope he has run far enough and never looks back. A decade after his disappearance, Robert has forged a successful life for himself, making his fortune from the diamond and gold mines of Africa. But when he sees a death notice in the newspaper, the call to go home to Scotland grows ever louder.

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### Book 76 - The concierge by Abby Corson

The peaceful setting of Cavengreen Hotel has been shattered by a shocking murder. Hector Harrow, the hotel's concierge, has been accused and is determined to clear his name. Hector enlists the aid of Helen, a retired publisher, to document the shocking crime that has unfolded, with the intention of publishing a truthful account. Amid interruptions from a nosy journalist and the egotistical antics of the hotel's new owner, American Dave, Helen works tirelessly to keep Hector focused on finishing his book. As suspicions fall on different guests and one makes a shocking confession, Hector must navigate a web of secrets to uncover the truth.

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### Book 77 - Glenrock by Lee Christine

When Justice Maurice Tempest is murdered in the Glenrock State Conservation Area in Newcastle, local detective Senior Sergeant Callan O'Connor is the first on the scene. News of a second body, found in the same location days later, makes what had looked like a revenge killing into so much more. Angela Avery, formerly a political journalist, is spending a lot of time at the Hunter Valley Prison interviewing a soon-to-be-released forger, Benjamin Reid. When O'Connor's investigation reveals an interest in Ben, Angela is determined to protect both her source and her fledgling relationship with O'Connor. Meanwhile, two young, female lawyers have disappeared after making a devastating discovery in an upcoming case.

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### Book 78 - The royal correspondent by Alexandra Joel

The only female in The Clarion's newsroom, Blaise Hill's long-held dream of being a reporter has come true. But the ambitious young journalist's confidence is shaken when she secretly witnesses the murder of a top crime boss--a death that rocks the Sydney underworld. Adam Rule, who helps cover up the murder, is one of the few people who knows what really happened, and what Blaise knows. When she gets a plum assignment--moving to England to cover the British royal family--Blaise hopes to put it all behind her. Will Blaise's dark secret come back to hurt her?

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### Book 79 - Sinners of starlight city by Anika Scott

Madame Mystique is a performer extraordinaire, come to work her scandalous magic at the glittering 1933 Chicago World's Fair. Of African American and Sicilian heritage, Mystique - aka Rosa Mancuso - and her fellow performers move on the margins. Her ambiguous status serves a hidden vendetta: she awaits the arrival of Paolo Amanta, the dashing pilot sent by Mussolini to dazzle spectators with a phenomenal air show. Back in Sicily, Paolo's band of young Fascists had murdered her relatives as the old Mafia families were swept from their palazzi with unsparing brutality. Rosa is fixed on revenge. Then her estranged cousin, Mina, comes to the Fair, begging her help to face down their American family.

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### Book 80 - A mother's heartbreak by Jennie Felton

When her father dies, Abigail Newman is forced to leave her mother and the vicarage she was raised in and take up the position of governess to the son of Sir Hugh Hastings. Arriving at the grand estate of Bramley Court, Abi, who is concealing a heartbreaking secret, finds a family haunted by a tragic loss. But Bramley Court is also filled with secrets. Why is Sir Hugh's wife, Lady Imogen, so sure she can still hear the cries of the little boy she lost 18 months ago? And what is the history between the mysterious, glamorous visitor, Constance Bingham, and complex, charismatic Sir Hugh?

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### Book 81 - The devil's daughter by Gordon Greisman

When a financier offers PI Jack Coffey a job, it sounds easy--find his missing daughter. The more Jack learns, the more he suspects the financier doesn't care about his daughter, but the secrets she knows.

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### Book 82 - Yule Island by Johana Gustawsson

Art expert Emma Lindhal is anxious when she's asked to appraise the antiques in the infamous manor house of one of Sweden's wealthiest families, on the island of Storholmen, where a young woman was murdered nine years earlier, her killer never found. As she goes about her painstaking work and one shocking discovery yields clues that lead to another, Emma becomes determined to uncover the secrets of the house and its occupants.

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### Book 83 - Cheated by Roberta Kray

Sheltered and naive Carmen Darby has lived under the thumb of her father Rex, a brutal criminal businessman, her whole life. But when Rex announces his retirement and plans to leave his vast wealth to his three daughters, Carmen doesn't thank her father as effusively as he'd like, enraging him. Cast out from her home, Carmen assumes a new identity but she knows she can't outrun the sins of her family for ever.

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### Book 84 - Kill for me kill for you by Steve Cavanagh

One dark evening in New York City, two strangers meet by chance. Over drinks, Amanda and Wendy realise they have so much in common. They both feel alone. They both drink alone. And they both desperately want revenge against the two men who destroyed their families. Together, they have the perfect plan. IF YOU KILL FOR ME, I'LL KILL FOR YOU...

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### Book 85 - She rides shotgun by Jordan Harper

When enemies from his time in prison put a bounty on his head and target his family, Nate McClusky takes his eleven-year-old daughter Polly from in front of her school into a world of robbery, violence, and the constant threat of capture, or death.

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### Book 86 - The accident by Dawn Goodwin

Veronica Pullman's comfortable suburban life comes to a shuddering halt when her young daughter Grace tragically dies in a car accident. Months later, unable to come to terms with her daughter's death, detached from her husband and alienated from her friends and family, a chance encounter on a rainy street pushes her into an unlikely new friendship. Scarlet is everything Veronica could've been: feisty, adventurous, unpredictable. But as she approaches what would have been Grace's 10th birthday, it becomes clear to Veronica that the friendship she thought was saving her life could be costing her everything.

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### Book 87 - Every time we say goodbye by Colette Caddle

Marianne has worked hard to get where she is today. Brought up in care, she's always been determined to make sure her children have what she so badly craved: a secure and loving home. But then comes the news that will change everything: her husband Dominic, has been found dead. As she and the police delve deeper into the circumstances surrounding Dominic's death, they discover a web of lies that conceals a shady double life. Little does she realise that the worst is yet to come...

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### Book 88 - The lost girls of Rome by Donato Carrisi and Howard Curtis

A young girl has mysteriously disappeared in Rome. On the case are Clemente and Marcus, two members of the ancient Penitenzeri: a unique team, linked to the Vatican, and trained in the detection of true evil. Sandra, a brilliant forensics expert with a tragic past, is also working on the case. When their paths cross, they uncover a terrible secret world, hidden in the dark recesses of Rome....

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### Book 89 - First we take Manhattan by Colette Caddle

Identical twins, Sinead and Sheila Fields, have always done everything together and so, after graduating in millinery, they decide to open their own hat shop. It's a small business but thanks to hard work and talent, they build up a loyal clientele. Then one day a glamorous young actress buys one of their hats, wears it to the Baftas and suddenly success seems guaranteed. But within weeks, tragedy strikes when Sheila disappears, and is presumed dead. After months of desolation, Sinead is just beginning to come to terms with her loss when she is given new hope: there has been a sighting of her sister.

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### Book 90 - The pupil by Dawn Goodwin

Literary agent Viola Matthews is sure she's met Katherine Baxter before. When her husband and bestselling novelist Samuel Morton introduces her to the quiet, unassuming woman he has offered to mentor, she knows their paths have crossed previously. The question is... where? As their worlds collide and the bond between Samuel and Katherine deepens, Viola realises she must take control. If her suspicions are right, then Katherine needs to pay for something that happened twelve years ago.

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### Book 91 - Everything is not enough by Lola Akinmade-Akerstrom

Yasmiin cannot comprehend what the policeman is saying to her. Her friend in a coma? Attempted suicide? Discovering she's listed as next of kin, Yasmiin looks to her friend's past to try and understand her actions, uncovering fresh mysteries at every turn. Kemi seems to have it all: a high-powered job, a beautiful flat, a loving boyfriend. So why doesn't she feel more settled? Brittany-Rae doesn't remember the woman she was before she met her husband Jonny. And as she unearths disturbing secrets about her husband, she's focused on only one thing: her daughter, Maya, and ensuring she is as far away from Jonny as possible. The three women's lives begin to overlap in the most unexpected of circumstances. Is it possible that the answer to their problems lie in one another's hands?

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### Book 92 - Maeve Fly by Cj Leede

By day, Maeve Fly works at the happiest place in the world as every child's favourite ice princess. By the neon night glow of the Sunset Strip, Maeve haunts the dive bars with a drink in one hand and a book in the other, imitating her misanthropic literary heroes. But when Gideon Green - her best friend's brother - moves to town, he awakens something dangerous within her, and the world she knows suddenly shifts beneath her feet. Untethered, Maeve ditches her discontented act and tries on a new persona. A bolder, bloodier one, inspired by the pages of American Psycho.

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### Book 93 - A life lived beautifully by Catherine Miller

Jodie and Harper are destined to be on the West End stage side by side. They've lived and worked on that dream all their lives but, in a split second, their world divides. Harper is left disabled after a black taxi ploughs into her and Jodie has to return to her stage career alone. Facing life without her best friend is harder than Harper thought and, as the time comes for them to reunite, she senses something is wrong. Her sister has disappeared. As she begins to search for Jodie, she has a horrible feeling in her chest... If something has happened to her twin sister, can she find her way back to her before it's too late?

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### Book 94 - Kala by Colin Walsh

In the seaside town of Kinlough, on Ireland's west coast, three old friends are thrown together for the first time in years. They - Helen, Joe and Mush - were part of an original group of six inseparable teenagers in the summer of 2003, with motherless, reckless Kala Lanann as their group's white-hot centre. Soon after that summer's peak, Kala disappeared without a trace. Now it's fifteen years later. Human remains have been discovered in the woods. Two more girls have gone missing. And as past and present begin to collide, the estranged friends are forced to confront their own complicity in the events that led to Kala's disappearance.

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### Book 95 - Obsession by Rob Sinclair

Fixated on her estranged sister's death, a woman heads to the Spanish coast to conduct her own investigation. Ever since her sister, Anya, was murdered in Sotogrande, a playground for the rich, Natasha's life has gone off the rails. After three months of poring over the details of what happened, Natasha travels to the scene of the crime where she hopes to unravel the truth. The police have no suspect. Publicly, they claim the killing was likely gang-related. But their key person of interest, a local with links to organised crime, is also now dead. His fingerprints were found in Anya's luxury apartment--but so too were the fingerprints of several others, all of whom could be suspects. But how were these people linked to Anya?

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### Book 96 - The good dog by Simon Rowell

After gunshots echo through the summer night on Mount Macedon, Detective Sergeant Zoe Mayer and her loyal service dog Harry race to the summit at first light. What they find looks like a grisly murder-suicide: an alleged fraudster named Piers Johnson, and his lawyer Antony Peterson, both dead from bullet wounds, a gun lying nearby. Something about the scene doesn't stack up. There are plenty of suspects, but no one seems to be telling the truth.

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### Book 97 - A dance with murder by Elizabeth Coleman

Ballerina Giselle Tereiti is the target of a stalker, but she's also the ex-wife of Ted's new flame - homicide detective, Spike. While the case is a win for Ted's agency, it means she's forced to distance herself from Spike. As Ted goes undercover via the dating apps in pursuit of suspects, the stalker ups the ante with a disturbing break-in at Giselle's home. Meanwhile, talented crafter Cicely Bunting is desperate to locate her husband, Duncan, who disappeared while surfing a year ago. As Ted closes in on the stalking culprit and her relationship with Spike hits rock-bottom, Cicely's case takes a bizarre twist and then a murder turns everything upside down.

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### Book 98 - Under ground by E. S Thomson

A plague is coming to London. Dreaded more than the Devil himself, cholera - the 'blue death' - spares no one. As fear grows across the city, Jem Flockhart and Will Quartermain are called to the bedside of a dead man, murdered, and with his throat torn out, in the back room of a brothel. When an innocent man is taken to Newgate, Jem and Will have until execution day to save him. The search for the identity of the corpse, and the killer, takes them to the gates of Blackwater Hall, home to the secretive, and corrupt Mortmain family.

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### Book 99 - No fortunate son by Brad Taylor

The Taskforce - a highly clandestine Special Forces unit - suffers a personal blow. The niece of their commander has been taken. He sends Pike Logan to find her, but she isn't the only one who's disappeared. An unknown and professional force is taking military relatives of the US political elite. The mission takes top operator Pike Logan to the UK, where the Taskforce are given an ultimatum: cease all counter-terrorist operations or watch the hostages die one by one...

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### Book 100 - Orders to kill by Edward Marston

December 1917. Ada Hobbs has cleaned for Dr Tindall for many years and begins this frosty morning like any other day. But it turns out the house is not empty after all. The blood-covered George Tindall is sprawled across the floor. Detective Inspector Harvey Marmion and Sergeant Joe Keedy arrive to a horrific scene. Someone enjoyed killing Tindall, without a doubt. Their investigation takes them out of London, and on the trail of three different women as it emerges that Dr Tindall was not the respectable local GP after all, but a bigamist whose third wife had some very interesting connections in the crime fraternity.

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### Book 101 - Danger of defeat by Edward Marston

February 1918. Detective Inspector Harvey Marmion and Detective Sergeant Joe Keedy are pulled from their beds to attend a sinister siege involving three burglars where one policeman has already been shot dead. Attempts at talking the men in the house into surrender are met with stony silence so the police proceed to batter down the door and Keedy bravely leads the way. A gunshot is heard. Keedy is hit. As Keedy is rushed to hospital, Marmion is on the trail of the men who fled the scene and startling revelations emerge. A cold-blooded killer is intent on finishing the job he started and has Keedy in his sights.

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### Book 102 - The conjuror's apprentice by G. J Williams

Finding the battered body of a young boy was not unusual in Bloody Mary's cruel England. However, the stabbed tongue, a false seal and strange letter implicate Princess Elizabeth, threatening to bring down the Tudor Dynasty. Doctor John Dee and his secret apprentice, Margaretta, using his brilliant mind and her strange abilities, embark on a perilous journey to solve this brutal murder. Before their work can really begin, another body is found. As Dee and Margaretta delve deeper into their investigation, they uncover a web of deceit, political intrigue and treachery that threatens to engulf them both.

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### Book 103 - The fearless one by Lori Foster

Jedidiah Stephens came to the Colorado Rockies to uncover the truth behind the fire that killed her family. She gets a job monitoring a campground. Getting involved with Memphis Osborn, the groundskeeper, is not part of the plan.

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### Book 104 - Murder of a lover by Faith Martin

Ten years ago, Rowan Thompson was found stabbed to death with a pair of scissors in his student house. It turns out that Rowan was quite a lover, with many disgruntled partners left in his wake. But did any of them have a strong enough motive to murder him? Meanwhile, Hillary's stalker is getting more aggressive with his messages and flowers. And it looks like he may be much, much worse than she thought. Has Hillary finally bitten off more than she can chew?

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### Book 105 - Sorrow bound by David John Mark

Philippa Longman will do anything for her family. Roisin McAvoy will do anything for her friends. DS Aector McAvoy will do anything for his wife. Sorrow Bound is a powerful police procedural thriller about how those with the biggest hearts make the easiest targets; and how the corrosive venom of evil can dissolve the bonds between good people, until all they are bound by is grief.

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### Book 106 - Savage moon by Chris Simms

The body of a woman with her throat ripped out is found on Saddleworth Moor, near Manchester. She is discovered in an area where sightings of a large black cat have been made. When analysis shows that hairs caught under the victim's nails are those of a panther, it’s assumed the animal has killed its first human prey. Then a man DI Jon Spicer is investigating is murdered in exactly the same way.

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### Book 107 - Soldiers by Nicholas Sansbury Smith

Broken by the death of his wife, Don Antonio Moretti seeks revenge against her killers. He embarks on a body-strewn campaign to crush his last rivals and secure the crown of Los Angeles. Nephew Vinny Moretti tires of the killings and wonders whether his uncle is going too far.

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### Book 108 - The exploit by Daniel M Scanlan

FBI Special Agent Ericka Blackwood faces off against criminal mastermind Dantalion in a race against time to save thousands of lives... and herself. Following her harrowing pursuit of sinister cybercriminal Dantalion, and her life-changing decision to pursue personal vengeance over her case, Ericka Blackwood hit rock bottom. The only way she can find redemption is through the relentless hunting down of her former quarry.

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### Book 109 - Body of lies by Sarah Bailey

A car crash victim clings to life and is rushed to hospital but can't be saved. Hours later, the body is stolen from the morgue. No one knows who the dead woman was or why her body was taken. Detective Sergeant Gemma Woodstock is back in her hometown of Smithson on maternity leave when the bizarre incident occurs. She is intrigued by the case but reluctant to get involved. But in the days after the body goes missing, the town is rocked by another shocking crime and Gemma can't resist joining the investigation.

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### Book 110 - Devil in the detail by Ed James

When the body of a girl turns up in an affluent East Lothian town, the main suspect is a teen with a history of run-ins with the police. When it's revealed that both the victim's family and the suspect's family belong to an offshoot group of the Catholic Church, DC Cullen realises he needs to unravel the secrets of their secret community if he hopes to catch the killer.

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### Book 111 - Fire in the blood by Ed James

DC Scott Cullen finds himself investigating two decades-old cases when a mangled body is found in a barrel of aged Dunpender Distillery whisky. Two men disappeared around the time the barrel was filled, nearly twenty years ago. As Cullen investigates, he finds himself steeped in twisted tales of family loyalties, lies and professional rivalries. Before he can find the killer, he needs to know whose body is in the barrel.

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### Book 112 - Open season by Quintin Jardine

Amidst a family celebration, a cataclysmic storm uncovers long-buried horrors - and a team of detectives struggle to solve a 30-year-old double murder. The police are also searching two countries for traces of a mysterious crime novelist who appears to have vanished. Has the faking of his own death been his masterpiece? Alongside each inquiry as it evolves is former Chief Constable Sir Robert Skinner, relishing his new role as a media magnate, but drawn into reluctant action and towards a chilling discovery of his own. With evil on one hand and intrigue on the other, will Skinner escape with either his integrity or career intact...or is it open season on him?

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### Book 113 - The cage by Quintin Jardine

On a sunny seaside August morning, a woman on maternity leave spots a body wedged in rocks on a Scottish beach. Gavin Ayre's riding gear sparks the assumption that he had been thrown by a panicked horse...until an autopsy reveals this was no accident. Soon it becomes clear that Ayre's life was as big a mystery as his death. Detective Superintendent Harold 'Sauce' Haddock heads an investigation that is running into the sand, until a link is revealed between the victim and another man in Spain, with a surprisingly similar name.

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### Book 114 - Death on the Trans-Siberian express by C. J Farrington

One day Olga is knocked unconscious by a man falling from the Trans-Siberian, his throat cut from ear to ear and his mouth stuffed with 10-ruble coins. Another death soon follows, and Sergeant Vassily Marushkin, the brooding, enigmatic policeman who takes on the case, finds himself falsely imprisoned by his Machiavellian superior, Chief-Inspector Babikov. Olga resolves to help Vassily by proving his innocence. But with no leads to follow and time running out, has Olga bitten off more than she can chew?

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### Book 115 - Blood on the Siberian snow by C. J Farrington

Olga is being forced overseas by her jealous superior, and now faces two years in exile from her beloved rail-side hut, her white-breasted hedgehog Dmitri, and Vassily Marushkin, sergeant-in-charge at the tiny Roslazny police station. Fate seems to intervene when Olga's train crashes outside Roslazny, shutting the line and killing two on board - local celebrity Danyl Petrovich and his wife, Anoushka. But Vassily Marushkin soon discovers that the Trans-Siberian locomotive was derailed on purpose.

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### Book 116 - Last stop on the Murder Express C. J Farrington

When Olga is forced to babysit a murder mystery steam train, the staged murder becomes very real. Vassily starts a homicide investigation with his boss, Captain Zemsky, but both are baffled when another murder follows. Zemsky bans Olga from joining the investigation, but she makes vital discoveries that point towards something deeper. Further afield, a rival author emerges to steal Olga's crown, and Olga begins to suspect that Rozalina might be hiding secrets. Can Olga solve the murders, save her literary career, and settle Rozalina's identity before she loses Vassily forever?

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### Book 117 - Under dog by Kerry Kaya

Against his parent's wishes, nineteen-year-old Tommy Carter throws away a promising career as a professional boxer to work for local villain Davey Abbott. Slowly he climbs the ranks and is promoted from collecting debts to working the protection rackets and strip clubs. When Davey's old adversary Dean Johnson comes on to the scene hell bent on revenge, Tommy must take action and do everything he can to survive.

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### Book 118 - Top dog by Kerry Kaya

Once you're in you're in. There is only one way out. Danny McKay wants out, his boss Freddie Smith on the other hand has different ideas. At all costs, Freddie the Top Dog of the East End must protect his reign and if that means disposing of his much younger, stronger, number two, then so be it. With a price on his head, Danny must fight to stay alive.

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### Book 119 - The price by Kerry Kaya

Break the rules.. Harry Fletcher - Fletch to his friends - has spent his life surviving the tough streets of the East End. He knows working for notorious gangster Billy King is dangerous, and sleeping with Billy's beautiful wife, Susan is deadly.. but rules are meant to be broken. Pay the price. If Billy discovers the affair, Fletch is a dead man. But the closer he gets to Susan the more reckless Fletch becomes.

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### Book 120 - The score by Kerry Kaya

He did the crime ... Twenty years ago, Fletch avenged the gangland killing of his younger brother, Spencer and accepted his guilt. But his actions meant he had to leave his precious children, Austin and Kitty to fend for themselves. He thought they would be looked after ... Served his time ... Now a free man, Fletch returns to find his family in chaos, devastated by his prolonged incarceration. Kit is married to notorious gangster Rosco Taylor, while Austin seems hell bent on doing everything he can to create a turf war.

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### Book 121 - In the crypt with a candlestick by Daisy Waugh

Sir Ecgbert Tode of Tode Hall has survived to a grand old age - much to the despair of his younger wife, Emma. But at 93 he has, at last, shuffled off the mortal coil. Emma, thoroughly fed up with being a dutiful Lady of the Manor, wants to leave the country to spend her remaining years in Capri. Unfortunately, her three tiresome children are either unwilling or unable to take on management of their large home, so the mantle passes to a distant relative. Not long after the new owner takes over, Lady Tode is found dead in the mausoleum. Accident? Or is there more going on behind the scenes of Tode Hall than an outsider would ever guess ...?

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### Book 122 - Phone for the fish knives by Daisy Waugh

When Hollywood wants to do a remake of the film that made Tode Hall famous, India and Egbert are delighted. They envisage a summer of free money and star-studded dinner parties ahead ... But the Hall is soon overrun by wardrobe trucks and catering tents, and lusty, insecure actors squabbling about nudity clauses. When the movie's producers threaten to sue over the exact colour of Tode Hall's rolling lawns, India and Egbert realise that having a film crew on their doorstep isn't such a breeze after all. With so many egos in one place things were bound to end badly, but no one would have predicted quite so literal a backstabbing ...

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### Book 123 - Old school ties by Daisy Waugh

Close to Rome languishes the magnificent Villa Rospo, a jewel in the Tode family portfolio, and one they had virtually forgotten until Sir Ecgbert and Alice decide it's the perfect place for their honeymoon. Now suddenly everyone wants a piece. Sir Ecgbert's brother Esmé plans to turn it into a luxury eco wellness hub. His business partner Charlie Tysedale only wants it to escape from his dreaded bestselling-author wife. India Tode sees in it the ideal holiday home, while Sir Ecgbert envisages a yoga retreat. Everyone's old school chum, Piers Slayer-Wilson-Tite, has his eye on making it his personal love-nest. Meanwhile, some of the locals have excellent reasons for keeping it just the way it is. When the body of Piers's wife, Elizabetta, is discovered in the gardens, everyone agrees...there's absolutely no need to call the police.

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### Book 124 - Unholy Island by Conrad Jones

DI Alan Williams is called to the recovery of two bodies from the sea at Trearddur Bay, during a storm. The lifeboat crew suspect they're fishermen, washed away by a wave but they're wrong. Alan and his detective sergeant, Kim Davies, realise the men were beaten and tied together before they entered the water. Two miles along the headland at Porth Dafarch, a third victim is found but there are no obvious links. As the number of victims increases, a major investigation team battles to unravel a deadly puzzle which, appears to have links to a series of historic murders from the 90's.

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### Book 125 - A visit from the devil by Conrad Jones

DI Alan Williams is faced with the most brutal murder scene he's witnessed; the ritual killing of an elderly widow. Evidence at the scene indicates that the murderer is close and the investigation runs at breakneck speed in the hunt to stop them from striking again. Meanwhile, the busy port of Holyhead is being used by unscrupulous traffickers, who are embroiled in a violent turf war. With resources stretched, DI Williams is facing a case that could break him.

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### Book 126 - Nearly dead by Conrad Jones

The renovation of a remote farmhouse on Anglesey uncovers a chamber of horrors but the crimes are historical. DI Alec Ramsay must sift through the evidence to identify both the victims and the perpetrators, while trying to dismantle the dangerous drug gangs that plague the city.

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### Book 127 - Louisiana firestorm by Michael McDowell and John Preston

A Texas oil magnate allied with a fanatical right-wing cult had made an unholy alliance to keep the territory free of Mexicans and competition—even if it meant taking his grievance to the people next door. But when your neighbors happen to be a quintet of renegade warriors, your backyard may become a burying ground … and the bone you came to pick may just turn out to be your own!

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### Book 128 - The Death machine contract Michael McDowell and John Preston

Someone wanted to overthrow the government of San Sebastian, a country whose tiny army, nonaligned status, and location on the deadly curve of Central America made it ripe for subversion. The first try was an attempted hit on its president on a crowded street in Washington. The second was an invasion from the sea. Both times the Black Berets were there to keep the worst from happening. But how long could five men and one boy hold out against an army of the world’s most skilled assassins? An army with limitless resources—and the patience to keep on killing?

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### Book 129 - The Red man contract by Michael McDowell and John Preston

In Mesa County, Nevada, the tide of history was about to change. A tiny tribe of Indigenous Americans had just beaten the white man in his own court—and won title to some of the richest land in America. But some people were poor losers. And if they couldn’t hold on to the land … they’d simply eliminate its rightful owners. With a handful of poorly armed Native Americans facing a lynch mob led by the county sheriff and backed by corporate millions, Mesa County might be the setting for another Wounded Knee. Until the Black Berets get in on the action and show how professionals handle a massacre.

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### Book 130 - Shadows in death by J. D Robb

When a night out at the theatre is interrupted by the murder of a young woman in Washington Square Park, it seems like an ordinary case for Detective Eve Dallas and her team. But when Roarke spots a shadow from his past in the crowd, Eve realises that this case is far from business as usual. Eve has two complex cases on her hands - the shocking murder and tracking down the shadow before he can strike again. Eve is well used to being the hunter, but how will she cope when the tables are turned?

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### Book 131 - Faithless in death by J. D Robb

It's a beautiful Spring day in NYC when Eve Dallas gets an early morning murder call. A talented young sculptor hasn't had such a perfect day in May. Killed by her own hammer, it looks like an argument with a jealous partner at first, but it soon becomes clear that there is much more to this case than a lovers' quarrel turned fatal. Eve finds herself drawn into the dark and dangerous world of a secret order.

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### Book 132 - Forgotten in death by J. D Robb

Lieutenant Eve Dallas hasn't even arrived at work when her first call of the day comes in. Alva Quirk - 46 years old, sidewalk sleeper - was beaten to death with a crowbar. Eve has barely had time to examine the crime scene when her second victim of the morning is discovered just a block away. Make that second and third. Jane Doe - a well-dressed young mother and her baby shot and buried over 40 years ago. Two very different victims in the same location with no one to claim them.

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### Book 133 - Abandoned in death by J. D Robb

Three young women have gone missing. They're all pretty, mid-twenties - someone clearly has a type. But no one links their disappearances until the first - Lauren Elder - is found lying peacefully on a bench in a children's playground. She is neatly dressed with a wide black velvet ribbon covering where her neck has been precisely slit. Her hands are folded over a childish sign on which is written in black crayon - BAD MOMMY.

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### Book 134 - Desperation in death by J. D Robb

Mina Rose Cabot, age thirteen, is a good girl from a good family. Walking home from soccer practice in Devon, Pennsylvania, she disappears. Eight months later her body is found in Battery Park, New York, speared through the chest by a three-inch piece of wood. Lt. Eve Dallas knows that whoever abducted Mina is responsible for her death. But who took her - and just where has Mina been for eight long months...?

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### Book 135 - Encore in death by J. D Robb

A glittering event full of A-listers, hosted by Eliza Lane and Brant Fitzhugh, a celebrity couple whod conquered both Hollywood and Broadway. And now Eve Dallas has made her entrance - but not as a guest. After raising a toast, Brant falls to the floor and died, with physical symptoms pointing to cyanide, and the police have crashed the party. Brant wasn't the kind of star who made enemies. Everyone loved him, even his ex-wife. And since the champagne cocktail that killed him was originally intended for Eliza, it's possible she was the real target - with a recently fired assistant, a bitter rival, and an obsessed fan in the picture.

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### Book 136 - The China chapter by David Pearson

A man is found dead after a house fire. Detective Fiona Moore suspects foul play. It’s not the charred remains of Tony Phelan that really trouble Dublin law enforcement or the traces of accelerant, so much as the bullet hole in his chest. When a weapon is recovered at the back of the still-smouldering house, it will be the first clue that the death is connected to China. And when Phelan is identified as an airport worker, the investigation begins to focus on suspicious goings-on in relation to a regular A300 freight flight from Shanghai.

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### Book 137 - The second mouse by Archer Mayor

On the edge of blue-collar Bennington, Vermont, legendary investigator Joe Gunther encounters the lifeless body of Michelle Fisher. To uncover the truth about the fate of this discarded, all-but-forgotten woman, Gunther must follow a confusing trail of half leads and mounting crimes.

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### Book 138 - Chat by Archer Mayor

When an unidentified body is found in the peaceful town of Brattleboro, Vermont, local police and the Vermont Bureau of Investigation both appear at the scene. But before investigator Joe Gunther can begin to gather evidence of murder, a family emergency sends him to his hometown.

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### Book 139 - The catch by Archer Mayor

Vermont Bureau of investigation head Joe Gunther chases Boston-based drug runners who murdered a Vermont cop at a routine stop near Canada.

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### Book 140 - The price of malice by Archer Mayor

Wayne Castine was found brutally murdered and the murderer remains at large. Castine, a suspected child predator, was involved with a tangled network of an extended family living in a local trailer park. Any member of the clan would have had the opportunity to kill him, and, as he was involved with both the mother and her 12 year old daughter, reason to commit the murder. At the same time, Joe Gunther has learned that his girlfriend Lyn Silva's fisherman father and brother, believed lost at sea off the coast of Maine, might have actually been murdered. Without enough solid information to warrant law enforcement involvement, Lyn returns to Maine to try and investigate Gunther's findings.

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### Book 141 - Red herring by Archer Mayor

VBI (Vermont Bureau of Investigation) head Joe Gunther and his team are called in to investigate a series of violent deaths that appear unrelated until telltale clues reveal a link among them.

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### Book 142 - Murder on the Old Bog Road by David Pearson

It's a cold winter evening and rain is sweeping in from the Atlantic when a young woman comes across an obstacle in the road. She clears the highway of stones from a damaged bridge only to see the body of a woman in a ditch. With no phone reception, she travels to the nearest police station to report what she has found. The local Garda waste no time in attending the scene of the crime. The woman is clearly dead, but it needs proper forensics to establish if foul play was the cause. In the meantime, is it not possible that the woman driver was in fact the culprit? She is clearly not telling the whole truth. A game of cat and mouse ensues when the inquiry is upgraded to a murder investigation.

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### Book 143 - Murder at the old cottage by David Pearson

A health-worker visiting clients in a remote area on the West Coast of Ireland has a nasty surprise when she finds a reclusive old man dead in his armchair in his tumbledown cottage. When the local Garda is called, it soon becomes obvious that this is no death from natural causes. The man has been tortured and his house ransacked. Galway detectives and pathology are called in to establish the cause of death and a possible motive. Nothing has been taken from the house, and the Scene of Crime Officers discover little to excite forensics. So, why did the man meet such a violent and miserable death?

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### Book 144 - Murder on the West Coast by David Pearson

When an incompetent local crook makes a botched attempt at a kidnap, it should be a wrap for the Galway police. Unfortunately, Maureen Lyons' first case in charge as Detective Inspector threatens to be a wash out as a series of mishaps lets the prime suspect slip through the Garda's fingers. When the true consequences of the crime become apparent and a body is discovered, the detectives will have to up their game lest they incur the full wrath of the police chief. Can Detective Lyons overcome her growing self-doubt and track down the ringleader behind the extortion attempt to save her reputation?

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### Book 145 - Murder at the Pony Show by David Pearson

The discovery of a man’s body puts a damper on the annual Connemara Pony Show. DI Maureen Lyons investigates a difficult case of foul play. The show is under way, but the gaiety is brought to an abrupt halt with the discovery of a dead man in a horsebox. Whilst the teenaged owner of the horse runs off in fright, detectives are quickly dispatched to investigate what is soon established as murder. Given the suspicious activity of the organisers, and the peculiar occupation of the victim, the Irish police have a conundrum on their hands.

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### Book 146 - Murder on pay day by David Pearson

A body found below a cliff is not what it seems, and a deadly heist is underway in this enjoyable Irish murder mystery. Whilst junior detectives rush to the scene of a potential murder near Roundstone, Connemara, an informant lets on to DCI Mick Hays that a big robbery is about to take place. With a large part of Galway’s police force mobilised to catch the felons in the act, resources are stretched. Will the robbers walk into the trap? Is the information reliable? Are they sufficiently prepared? Unresolved, the murder and the heist stand to leave egg on the face of the west coast of Ireland’s finest. And a group of dangerous criminals are set to make off scot-free with the Christmas pay.

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### Book 147 - Murder in the air by David Pearson

A local businessman’s plane crashes into bogland killing all three occupants.... Galway’s detectives investigate. It turns out that Fortune did not always play fair, and many individuals were left out of pocket by his business dealings. But was that enough to kill? Who would go to such lengths to see off the plane’s occupants? Who was the real target? And why?

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### Book 148 - Murder at the holiday home by David Pearson

A woman is found dead in a local businessman's holiday let. Detectives uncover some shady dealings. But did he kill her? The charm of a West of Ireland holiday home is somewhat tarnished when a woman's body is found in the property. There are few clues as to her identity. However, in her hand is found a small solid-gold ingot. Galway-based DI Maureen Lyons is drawn out to the sticks to take on the case. Suspicion naturally falls on the property's owner who runs a large discount store, lives beyond his means, and has an over-zealous interest in the ladies.

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### Book 149 - Murder on the Peninsula by David Pearson

It is with a certain trepidation that the local garda approach a car stuck out on Ballyconneely Beach gradually becoming swamped by the rising tide. And the police’s worst fears are confirmed when they find it contains the body of a young woman. When the post-mortem indicates the death was the result of foul play, the girl’s family is interviewed and her room searched. After the discovery of a USB stick that appears to be evidence of corruption within the Council’s planning department, the investigation begins to centre on an architectural firm.

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### Book 150 - Murder at the races by David Pearson

When a successful bookmaker is robbed and killed during the annual Galway Races, the motive seems clear. But when the money turns up untouched, more questions are raised than answered. Top Brass want the case wrapped up. The pressure is on DI Maureen Lyons to find the killer. However, the police didn’t count on having to deal with a troublemaker within their own ranks. Rigorous detective work will be needed to find the culprit. But with more than a few suspects, the police are stretched to their limit.

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### Book 151 - Murder in a safe haven by David Pearson

A relaxing sailing trip on his day off becomes anything but for DSI Mick Hays when a body is found at sea. The coastguard pluck the corpse from the ocean with ease, but establishing the dead man's identity won't be straightforward. And when pathology indicates he was murdered, Hays' partner DI Maureen Lyons is put in charge of the investigation. Good forensics and a nose for trouble lead Lyons to a small hamlet in an isolated part of the coast. But the locals, who are running a smooth bootleg liquor operation, are none too forthcoming with information. Suspicions are raised when a known associate of the victim goes to ground. But who is he running from? The police or the killer themselves?

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## PARENTING AND FAMILY

### Book 152 - Between a mother and her child by Elizabeth Noble

When Maggie and Bill’s eldest son Jake dies suddenly, they're swept away on a tide of grief that fractures their marriage. Maggie and the children are left clinging to the wreckage of their family. Enter Kate, housekeeper, companion, and shoulder to cry on. She's here to pick up the pieces and fix what isn't completely broken. But can Maggie trust Kate? And why is Kate so keen to help?

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### Book 153 - Lipstick and lies by Debbie Viggiano

41-year old Cassandra Mackerel is loved up and happily re-married to new husband Jamie. Together they have a ready-made family and a six-month-old baby boy. Juggling her own children with step-children and an infant is both hectic and stressful, especially with a mother-in-law who seems to have taken up permanent residence. The last thing Cass needs is the reappearance of husband Jamie's ex-girlfriend Selina. Gorgeous and glamorous but utterly unstable, Selina once stalked Cass and contrived to split her and Jamie up. And now Selina is engaged to Jamie's business partner, Ethan Fareham. Seemingly it is appalling coincidence. Cass can't shake the feeling that Selina is up to her old tricks. And she's right to be worried. For if Selina has her way, she'll split Cass and Jamie up permanently.

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### Book 154 - Life begins by Amanda Brookfield

If life begins at forty, then Charlotte Turner's life is not off to the best of starts. On top of a recent divorce and trouble with her twelve-year-old son, the husband of her closest friend has just started to show a bit too much interest in her as a newly-single woman. But only when Charlotte has faced up to some uncomfortable truths about her past can she finally shed the unhappy skin she's been so comfortable in and open up her life and her heart to all the promise and possibility that her future holds.

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### Book 155 - An image in a mirror by Ijangolet S Ogwang

Achen and Nyakale: twin sisters, separated from childhood to inherit different destinies. In the hope of inheriting a better life, a mother makes the heart-wrenching decision to send one child, Nyakale, to South Africa to be raised by her well-off sister, the child's aunt, who has no children of her own. The other child, Achen, stays in Uganda to be raised by their mother in a village. When the sisters, at the age of twenty-two, finally cross their respective worlds to meet, how mirrored will each feel about the other?

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### Book 156 - The Nightingale Christmas show by Donna Douglas

Christmas 1945. The war is over, but the Nightingale Hospital still bears the scars. Matron Kathleen Fox has the job of putting the hospital back together, but wonders if she is up to the task. In an attempt to bring some festive cheer, she decides to put on a Christmas show. The idea is greeted with mixed feelings by the nurses, who all have their own problems, and also by the new Assistant Matron and ward sister, who find themselves rivals for the role of organiser. But as rehearsals begin, the performers begin to find the show is not just a tonic for the patients.

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### Book 157 - A Nightingale Christmas promise by Donna Douglas

London, 1914. While young men enlist up and down the country, the Nightingale Hospital has its own set of new recruits Anna Beck is the daughter of the best baker in Bethnal Green. Her German father built the business out of nothing but, as the shadow of war descends, his fate is at the mercy of their neighbours. Meanwhile Katie Carlyle has always wanted to become a doctor. She fought hard to get into medical school, and even now she faces prejudice from her fellow students as well as the tutors. Can she prove them wrong? And Sadie Sedgwick joins the Nightingale for a fresh start, but the past has a way of catching up with people.

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### Book 158 - Nightingale wedding bells by Donna Douglas

East London. War rages on, but for the Nightingale nurses wedding bells are ringing...Anna is over the moon when her sweetheart returns from the front line. As he recovers from his injuries, they make plans to be married, but the horrors of the trenches cast a long shadow. Caring for shell-shocked soldiers brings untold challenges for Grace, and her parents have very different dreams for her future. Meanwhile Dulcie has her sights firmly set on her own happy ending. And yet sometimes we find love where we least expect to. Each of the nurses has her own battle to fight but they must rally together if they're to find true happiness.

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### Book 159 - The Nightingale daughters by Donna Douglas

It's 1957, and three young women are beginning their nursing training at the Florence Nightingale Hospital in London's East End... Winnie is determined to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a nurse, despite her family's desire for her to settle down and marry her sweetheart. Cat has been sent to the Nightingale by her father, who hopes the hospital can instill some discipline into his happy-go-lucky daughter. Diana has spent her life making up for the loss of her beloved sister, Elspeth, by being the perfect daughter. But how long can she go on trying when her mother hardly seems to notice her? With a steep learning curve ahead, will the Nightingale Daughters rise to the challenge?

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### Book 160 - Tidelines by Sarah Sasson

It's Sydney in the early 2000s, and Grub is spending the summer with her universally-adored older brother, Elijah, and his magnetic but troubled best friend, Zed. Their days are filled with surfing, swimming and hanging out; life couldn't be better. But years later, Elijah disappears and Grub's family unravels. At first, Grub blames Zed: he was the one who derailed Elijah from a bright future in the arts. But as Grub looks back at those dreamy summer days, the sanctuary of her certainty crumbles. Was Zed really responsible for her brother's disappearance?

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### Book 161 - The gilded hour by Sara Donati

The year is 1883, and although young surgeon Anna Savard and her cousin, Sophie, have become successful physicians, they never recovered from the losses they suffered as children. So when Anna encounters a child who's lost nearly everything, she must decide whether or not she's willing to let go of the past and let love into her life. Meanwhile, Sophie's memories of being left alone in the world propel the young obstetrician to help a desperate mother--and catapult her into the orbit of a very dangerous man.

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### Book 162 - Where the light enters by Sara Donati

Obstetrician Dr. Sophie Savard returns home to the achingly familiar rhythms of Manhattan in the early spring of 1884 to rebuild her life after the death of her husband. With the help of Dr. Anna Savard, her dearest friend, cousin, and fellow physician she plans to continue her work aiding the disadvantaged women society would rather forget.

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### Book 163 - The stolen child by Jennie Felton

When Stella Swift is discovered holding a shard of broken glass near her new-born baby, fears that she might harm William result in her being taken to Catcombe - the local asylum. Turning to his kind-hearted sister-in-law Grace for help taking care of his other three children whilst he keeps working at the mine seems like the simplest solution for her husband Tom if only there wasn't the shared history between them.

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### Book 164 - A mother's sacrifice by Jennie Felton

Martha Packer is much loved by everyone in the village of Hillsbridge. As the landlady of The Three Feathers, she runs a respectable establishment and is known for her generosity and care for her family and others around her. So when Martha announces that she has killed her son, Garth, the community is shocked. Garth was undoubtedly a bad seed, but they knew how much Martha adored her first-born. What could have driven Martha to such extreme actions? Martha refuses to give a reason but her other children cannot believe their mother is capable of murder and they begin to believe that she is protecting someone - maybe even one of them ...

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### Book 165 - The smuggler's girl by Jennie Felton

Cecile has been raised to a life of privilege at Polruan House, by her widowed father and aunt. Now she's of age, they are determined that she make a proper match, but Cecile's heart belongs to their coachman, Sam. When Sam turns to his friend, smuggler Zach Carver, for help eloping with Cecile, Zach tells of a recent encounter with Lise, a beautiful but poor girl in St Ives, who is the mirror image of Cecile. And so a plan is born to briefly swap the girls. But bringing Cecile and Lise together will uncover an astonishing family secret of a bold escape from a loveless marriage, a treacherous shipwreck and a sister thought lost to the sea long ago ...

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### Book 166 - The coal miner's wife by Jennie Felton

Somerset, 1911. Miner's wife Lorna Harrison sometimes wonders what became of her marriage. Her husband Harry is surly and cold. But Lorna will always be grateful for the joy that their two daughters bring. When a devastating accident occurs at the pit and Harry is unable to work, Lorna worries about how she will make ends meet. While Lorna's friend Flossie is a tower of strength, other neighbours turn their backs, as rumours spread that Harry helped cause the mine collapse. At her lowest ebb, Lorna is befriended by Bradley Robinson, the colliery safety officer.

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## POETRY

### Book 167 - Sight: the poetry of Timothy Nonn by Timothy Nonn

Timothy Nonn lost his sight to glaucoma over a period of ten years. He has written poetry that reflects his journey from sight to blindness. His poems are hauntingly beautiful as he learns to see the world in a new way, not with his eyes but with his heart.

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### Book 168 - 36 ways of writing a Vietnamese poem by Nam Le

36 Ways of Writing a Vietnamese Poem, says Le, a Vietnamese refugee to Australia, is ‘the book I needed to write. The book I've been writing my whole life’. This book-length poem is an urgent, unsettling reckoning with identity and the violence of identity, embedded with racism, oppression and historical trauma. But it also addresses the violence in those assumptions–of being always assumed to be outside one’s home, country, culture or language. And the complex violence, for the diasporic writer who wants to address any of this, of language itself. Making use of multiple tones, moods, masks and camouflages, Le’s poetic debut moves with unpredictable and destabilising energy between the personal and political, honouring every convention of diasporic literature–in a virtuosic array of forms and registers–before shattering the form itself.

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### Book 169 - Tomorrow someone will arrest you by Meena Kandasamy

These poems chronicle wanting, art-making, and the practising of resistance and solidarity in the face of a hostile state. Here, the personal is political, and Kandasamy moves between sex, desire, family and wider societal issues of caste, the refugee crisis, and freedom of expression with grace and defiance.

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## RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

### Book 170 - Mine is the kingdom: the rise and fall of Brian Houston and the Hillsong Church by David Hardaker

The inside story of the global megachurch and its charismatic leader, Brian Houston. In 2023 the curtain finally came down on Brian Houston. The rock star of Pentecostalism, former Global Senior Pastor of Hillsong Church, was acquitted of concealing his father's sexual abuse of a minor, but it was too late. His glittering megachurch had disowned him. How had it come to this? And how did Hillsong, the brightest star of international evangelical Christianity, fall to Earth so spectacularly?

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## ROMANCE

### Book 171 - The Paris model by Alexandra Joel

Raised on a vast Australian sheep farm, the beautiful Grace Woods is compelled to travel to tumultuous, postwar Paris in order to start a new life. While working as a glamorous model for Christian Dior, Grace mixes with counts and princesses, authors and artists, diplomats and politicians. Amongst those she befriends are Pablo Picasson, Julia Childs, and the future Jackie Kennedy. But when Grace falls in love with the handsome Phillippe Boyer, she doesn't know that he is leading a double life, nor that his past might hold secrets and lies that will turn her life upside down.

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### Book 172 - The colour of summer by Victoria Connelly

When Abigail and Edward became co-owners of historic Winfield Hall in the beautiful Sussex countryside, they had little idea what the future held. But, as the days of summer lengthen, their feelings towards one another grow and love begins to blossom. Harry and Aura have been a couple for a year now and, with the summer solstice approaching, Harry hatches a very special plan. He just hopes that the sun, moon and the stars are all in alignment. But not everything is going to plan. Life has a way of catching up with you and it isn't long before Abi discovers that Edward's been lying about his past, and the family secrets he's been hiding now threaten their future happiness.

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### Book 173 - The way we were by Elizabeth Noble

Susannah and Rob were childhood sweethearts. But as with most early love affairs, they broke up, moved on and now find themselves in very different places. And not entirely happy - who is? A chance meeting between them sends shockwaves through their lives. What happens when your first love makes a surprise reappearance?

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### Book 174 - The memory of us by Dani Atkins

If she had been found moments later, Amelia's heart would have stopped and never recovered. Instead she was taken from the desolate beach to the nearest hospital just in time to save her life. When her sister Lexi arrives from New York, Amelia's heart is beating, but the accident has implanted a series of false memories. These memories revolve around a man named Sam, and a perfect love story that never existed. Determined to help her sister, Lexi enlists the help of Nick, a local vet who bears a striking resemblance to Sam. Together, Lexi and Nick recreate and photograph Amelia's dream dates in the hopes of triggering her true memories.

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### Book 175 - The friendship club by Robyn Carr

Celebrity cooking show host Marni McGuire has seen it all. She’s been married—twice—and widowed and divorced. Now in her midfifties, she’s single. Happily so. She just needs to convince her pregnant daughter, Bella, of this fact. And maybe convince herself, too. Especially after Marni’s efforts to humour her determined daughter result in a series of disastrous dates that somehow prompt Marni to wonder if maybe the right man for her is still out there after all. Similarly single, Marni’s best friend and colleague is confident she’s content without a man, but both older women soon find themselves leading by example as the young intern on their show appears caught in a toxic relationship—and Bella reveals her own marriage maybe isn’t built to withstand the stresses of the baby on the way. Suddenly, all four women find themselves at a crossroads, each navigating the challenges of dating, marriage, loneliness and love. Thankfully, they have each other to lean on. The realities of modern love are far from easy, but there’s no better group to have in your corner than friends who will lift you up, no matter what, and hold fast in the face of any storm.

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### Book 176 - The woman who knew everything by Debbie Viggiano

Shy Chrissie, well-meaning Dee and no-nonsense Amber have worked together at law firm Hood, Mann & Derek ever since leaving their respective colleges. Now in their late twenties, the women have a close-knit friendship with much more in common than just typing up letters and legal documents for their solicitor bosses. Firstly, they've all been living with their respective boyfriends for the last few years. Secondly, they feel a marriage proposal is well overdue. When office siren Cougar Kate invites the three women to her birthday soirée - complete with visiting fortune teller - the girls know there is only one question they'll be asking the mysterious Madam Rosa: Will their men be going down on one knee any time soon? But opting to see a clairvoyant like Madam Rosa, who claims to know everything, is a bit like opening Pandora's box. Some revelations are a joy, whereas others are most definitely not. Sometimes you have to be careful what you wish for..

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### Book 177 - Always on my mind by Colette Caddle

When Molly Jackson's wedding is postponed for Declan, her fiancé, to go abroad on business, Molly is left reeling from the shock. But whilst seeing Declan off at the airport, she bumps into Luke, her childhood sweetheart. Seeing Luke again, she realises that she has an opportunity, while Declan is away, to put a few of the ghosts in her past to rest.

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### Book 178 - Holiday read by Taylor Cole

When romance-fanatic Candice meets writer Alexis, she thinks her happy ending is finally on its way. He walks into her struggling Cornish surf school, and they hit it off straight away. Until she discovers that Alexis has been using their courtship as inspiration for the romantic novel he's struggling to write. When Alexis offers to bring her in on the deal if Candice helps him deliver a winning book to his publisher, she accepts, and along with Alexis' agent Daniel, they embark on a very unusual summer of love, as Candice tries to teach the men the recipe for a successful romance.

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### Book 179 - Upside down by Danielle Steel

Oscar-winning actress Ardith Law is a Hollywood icon. Widowed at a young age by a philandering husband, Ardith is in no hurry to marry again. Her daughter, Morgan, a successful cosmetic surgeon, has always blamed her mother for a lonely childhood while Ardith was away on location, and the relationship remains strained. While Ardith's long-time partner is away filming in London, Josh Gray, an actor waiting for his big break, is employed as Ardith's assistant at her Bel Air home. When tragedy strikes he becomes an invaluable support, stirring up conflicting feelings in her for this younger man. In New York, Morgan is swept off her feet by Ben Ryan, one of the country's most famous TV news reporters. Though more than two decades her senior, she falls headlong for his charm and attention, but when a blackmail scheme puts his career--and their relationship--on the line, she doesn't know where to turn.

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### Book 180 - Stockings and cellulite by Debbie Viggiano

As the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve, Cass finds her husband lying naked on a coat-strewn bed, entwined with another woman. She's determined to get over him - and soon. Luckily, there are plenty of distractions: juggling a young family with a burgeoning social life and a return to work.. and narrowly avoiding arrest. Then one day, she falls for the last person she could ever have predicted..

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### Book 181 - Flings and arrows by Debbie Viggiano

Steph Garvey has been married to husband Si for 24 years. She thought they were soulmates until recently. Si is worried about middle-age spread and money. He's also aware things aren't right with Steph, But Si has forgotten the art of romance. Their son Tom has finished Sixth Form. He knows where he's going regarding a career, but not quite so sure where he's going regarding women. Widowed neighbour June adores the Garveys as if her own. And although she's 70, she's still up for romance. But then Cupid's arrow misfires causing madness and mayhem.

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### Book 182 - The Paris secret by Natasha Lester

England, 1939: Skye Penrose is a daring and brash pilot, and she's thrilled when she is reunited with her childhood soulmate, Nicholas. But she's less thrilled to learn he is now engaged to a Frenchwoman named Margaux Jourdan. Paris, 1947: Designer Christian Dior unveils his glamorous first collection. He names his debut fragrance Miss Dior in tribute to his sister Catherine, who forged a friendship with Skye and Margaux through the French Resistance. Present Day: Fashion conservator Kat Jourdan discovers a collection of Dior gowns in her grandmother's cottage. As she delves into the mystery of their origin, Kat begins to doubt everything she thought she knew about her beloved grandmother.

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### Book 183 - The witch's daughter by Imogen Edwards-Jones

It is 1916 and Rasputin has finally been killed by those who have long feared his influence over Tsar Nicholas and Tsarina Alexandra. But for Princess Militza, famed as one of the 'Witches of St Petersburg', and her daughter Nadezhda, life is about to become extremely dangerous. Revolution is bubbling and with it will come the murder of the Romanov imperial family. Now the rest of the court is also on the run, fleeing from the mob. Against this violent and turbulent backdrop, Nadezhda, the witch's daughter, finds in exile and captivity an extraordinary and unlikely love. They say nothing heals like the heart, but as the Red Army marches south and the remnants of the Russian court finds itself trapped in the Crimea, with their backs to the sea, Nadezhda and her beloved Prince Orlov must take the gamble of their lives.

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### Book 184 - Peppercorn House by Nicole Hurley-Moore

Felix Carrington helps run the family's wedding venue business as the in-house wedding photographer for Carrington Farm. His personal passion? Taking unexpected shots of his local environment. And it's through an unlikely and close friendship with 84-year-old Winnifred Knightly that Felix is able to access one of his favourite places to photograph, the faded grandeur of Peppercorn House and its overgrown gardens. Winnifred Knightly believes herself to be an excellent matchmaker and intends to make Felix her final project. She makes a point of throwing Jasmine Clarke, her favourite aged care worker directly in his path. Jasmine, a single mum, is just trying to stay afloat. Burned by her last relationship, she has no interest in allowing another man into her life. But she has to admit to feeling a different sort of way each time Felix glances at her.

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### Book 185 - Love, just in by Natalie Murray

Sydney TV news reporter Josephine 'Josie' Larsen is approaching 30 and coming dangerously close to failing at life. Lost in a vortex of other people's career milestones, engagement parties, and baby showers, Josie is perennially single, abandoned by her globetrotting family, and invisible to her boss - except for the one time he tuned in while she was mid-panic attack on live TV. As a punishment, Josie is shipped off to cover another reporter's six-month leave at a regional bureau in Newcastle. But Josie has more waiting for her in Newcastle than yawn-inducing stories about bicycle lane protests.

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### Book 186 - The blue gum camp by Leonie Kelsall

Three sisters. Two brothers. And a wild weekend at the bachelor and spinsters' ball. What could go wrong…or is there a chance it could all go impossibly, incredibly right? Charity Farrugia is too sensible to believe she'll find love in a paddock. After all, at thirty-four, she's the one with the secure career and the mortgage. The one who took on the job of raising her two sisters when Mom got sick. Everyone knows she's the practical one. The responsible one. Yeah, the boring one. But it would be neither safe nor prudent to let Faith and Hope spend a weekend in the country without her, would it? Lachlan MacKenzie doesn't believe in all that once-burned stuff. He might be divorced, but his cheating ex is no grounds for him to swear off women. No, he has a far better motive. A secret that his brother, Hamish, and their increasingly distant father share. A reason that could cost him his livelihood. But Mom would have wanted him to keep an eye out for Hamish, so he reluctantly allows himself to be dragged to the local B&S. Charity has no intention of allowing her chaperone duties to be side-tracked by any local yokel. But meeting the intriguing farmer—who seems as reluctant as her to be at the B&S—might be an opportunity to prove to her sisters that she does have a wild side after all. But will she discover that what happens in the country sometimes refuses to stay in the country?

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### Book 187 - Spurred by Vanessa Vale

For Cord Connolly and Riley Townsend, that's sinfully sweet Kady Parks. The Philadelphia schoolteacher discovers she's the heir--along with half-sisters she didn't know existed--to the Steele fortune, including a real-life cattle ranch. Instead of spending her summer break at home, she's in Barlow, Montana. And the West is as wild as she imagined, for two hot cowboys have decided she's theirs. And Kady? She's ready to dig in her spurs and hang on tight.

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### Book 188 - Wrangled by Vanessa Vale

Pushed by her driven mother to become the best in her field, Penny believes fate has stepped in when she receives word she isn’t just an heiress to Steele Ranch, but had a father she never knew. She takes her chance to break free from the family she never truly felt a part of and heads to Barlow, Montana. Two cowboys have set their sights on the smart, beautiful blonde, and they have no intention of letting her go. Jamison and Boone will give her whatever she wants, especially since she’s wrangled their hearts.

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### Book 189 - Tangled by Vanessa Vale

Cricket is used to relying on no one but herself. Working two jobs to get through nursing school, she has no time for anything but studying and paying the bills. When three hot cowboys give her a night to remember, she believes it’s just that. One night.

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### Book 190 - Hitched by Vanessa Vale

One unexpected encounter brings Sarah Gandry face to face with the two men she loves. Yes, two. Wilder and King have been the basis for every one of her fantasies for as long as she can remember. But they’d been just that...fantasies. Until now. Now, the three of them get to make things right. To finally be together. But nothing’s ever simple, and the secrets she’s held could tear them apart.

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### Book 191 - Lassoed by Vanessa Vale

Sam and Ashe didn’t believe in love at first sight. They didn’t understand how the men who’d been spurred, wrangled, tangled, and even hitched to the other Steele heiresses fell so hard and so fast. Until now. One look at Natalie ruins all other women for Sam and Ashe. But she’s not easy to tame. They’ll need to lasso more than just her heart in order to make her theirs once and for all.

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### Book 192 - A stitch in time by Amanda James

Sarah Yates is a thirty-something history teacher, divorced, disillusioned and desperate to have more excitement in her life. Then one evening the door bell rings and the handsome and mysterious John Needler brings more excitement than Sarah could ever have imagined. John wants Sarah to go back in time trying to make sure people find their happy endings. The question is, will she ever be able to find hers?

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### Book 193 - Cross stitch by Amanda James

Sarah Yates is finally marrying her true love, John Needler. But they can't pretend they're an ordinary couple. They're time travellers and where time travel is involved, nothing runs smoothly. Newly-wedded bliss is certainly not on the cards for Sarah as events see her travelling from the British punk era to 1950's America. But when the past and the present collide, that's when the real problems start!

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### Book 194 - I see London by Chanel Cleeton

When Maggie Carpenter moves to London, she meets Hugh and is soon riding around in a Ferrari, living the high life. But there's Samir. Now she's torn between her dream guy and the one always in her thoughts.

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### Book 195 - Christmas in Seabury by Beth Rain

Kate Hardy's world seems to be making some kind of sense at last. The Sardine's finally safe from her idiotic ex, things seem to be going well with Mike and she's looking forward to celebrating Christmas with the important people in her life. Mike's buying her beloved lighthouse and is due to get the keys any day now. Kate just wishes she could muster the courage to ask him what his plans are for the old place - instead of changing the subject every time he brings it up. And then there's Bernard - who's come all the way from Canada. He's loitering very close to Seabury and is promising to wreak yuletide havoc. The Met office are pretty sure he's due to make landfall on Christmas day - and according to them, this storm's going to be a doozy.

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### Book 196 - Rancher's snowed-in reunion by Maisey Yates

Bull rider Flint Carson has only ever opened his heart to one person...and she turned his heartbreak into a hit song! As if that wasn’t torture enough, now country music star Tansey Martin is at his hotel—and when a blizzard hits, they’re stranded—together. What starts as a confrontation may just end up a reunion hot enough to melt the snow!

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### Book 197 - Lasting victory by Beverley Watts

Victory Shackleford has been married to Hollywood heartthrob Noah Westbrook for nearly two years, and despite all media predictions of doom, she has never been so happy. Of course, her best friend Kit's relocation to Scotland did come as a bit of a blow, but being married to an A list actor has its perks, and ease of travel is definitely one of them. Kit Davies has spent the last eighteen months helping the bad tempered, gorgeous ex-naval captain Jason Buchannan renovate his family pile up in the wilds of Scotland. Considering the chaos they're in, nobody is more surprised than Kit when, out of the blue, Jason suddenly pops the question. Even more surprising is her lack of hesitation in saying yes. The only complication is the housekeeper's niece Nicole, who for some reason is still hanging around like a bad smell.

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### Book 198 - Snowflakes at the Hummingbird Hotel by Daisy James

When Corfu's newest hotelier Abbie Coleman is asked to host a fun-filled creativity retreat for a group of am-dram enthusiasts rehearsing for that year's pantomime, she pulls out all the stops. She's hoping that this time her guests' planned production of Cinderella will not descend into a comedy of errors. But this is the Hummingbird Hotel, and the words 'plain-sailing' and 'hassle-free' do not feature in the script. So when a lovingly painted Christmas wreath acquires a few unusually shaped floral additions, and a prized Greek vase is moulded into something a little more risqué, Abbie must once again partner-up with local winery and vineyard owner, the movie-star-handsome Nikos Angelopoulos, to unmask the culprit and ensure the story of the hotel has a happy ending.

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### Book 199 - The laird's kiss by Eliza Knight

Highland warrior Ian Sinclair knows crossing the English border to retrieve Lady Rhiannon could be deadly. But he's up to the challenge. What he doesn't expect is his desire for the feisty, beautiful lady.

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### Book 200 - An inconvenient earl by Julia London

It's been over a year since Emma Clark's no-good husband left on an expedition. The Countess of Dearborn has played the abandoned wife, but people are beginning to presume the earl is dead, which does not suit Emma at all. She's thirty years old and finally having some fun. If the earl is in fact dead, his family is waiting in the wings to swoop in and kick Emma out, leaving her destitute. Then along comes Luka Olivien, the Weslorian Earl of Marlaine. He's traveled all the way from Egypt, duty bound to return to the countess her deceased husband's precious pocket watch, only to discover she doesn't know he's dead. Or does she?

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### Book 201 - Romancing the Duke by Tessa Dare

As the daughter of a famed author, Isolde Ophelia Goodnight grew up on tales of brave knights and fair maidens. She never doubted romance would be in her future, too. The storybooks offered endless possibilities. And as she grew older, Izzy crossed them off, one by one by one. Now, Izzy's given up yearning for romance; she'll settle for a roof over her head. What fairy tales are left over for an impoverished twenty-six year-old woman who's never even been kissed?

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### Book 203 - Say yes to the Marquess by Tessa Dare

After eight years of waiting for Piers Brandon, the wandering Marquess of Granville, to set a wedding date, Clio Whitmore has had enough. She's inherited a castle, scraped together some pride, and made plans to break her engagement. Not if Rafe Brandon can help it. A ruthless prizefighter and notorious rake, Rafe is determined that Clio will marry his brother--even if he has to plan the dratted wedding himself.

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### Book 204 - When a Scot ties the knot by Tessa Dare

On the cusp of her first London season, Miss Madeline Gracechurch was shy, pretty, and talented with a drawing pencil but hopelessly awkward with gentlemen. So Maddie did what generations of shy, awkward young ladies have done: She invented a sweetheart, a Scottish sweetheart. One who was handsome and honorable and devoted to her but conveniently never around. Maddie poured her heart into writing the imaginary Captain MacKenzie letter after letter...and by pretending to be devastated when he was (not really) killed in battle, she managed to avoid the pressures of London society entirely.

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### Book 205 - Christmas on the range by Diana Palmer

"Winter roses": Handsome rancher Stuart York was never one to mince words. Ivy Conley, his younger sister's best friend, found that out the hard way. During a night's stay at his Jacobsville ranch, Ivy wound up in Stuart's arms. Knowing she was too young for him, Stuart closed his heart to her. Now, years later, Ivy is determined to be treated like a grown woman. But can she tame the one man determined to avoid her embrace?. -- "Cattleman's choice": Carson Wayne has come to Mandelyn Bush with the ultimate request: he needs her to teach him how to treat a lady. There's no doubt he asked the right person. Beautiful Mandelyn is as polished and feminine as Carson is rough and reclusive. It's too intriguing a challenge for Mandelyn to turn down. She's always been curious about what lies beneath the outlaw's hard shell. But what she didn't count on were her own feelings for the irresistible rebel.

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### Book 206 - Heart of stone by Diana Palmer

A businessman and a rancher, Boone Sinclair had it all - except for Keely Welsh. The first time he spotted her on his property, he was determined not to let her get away from him. The lovely beauty would be his ...Every long, tall Texan gets his woman, and this one would not be denied.

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### Book 207 - Texas honor by Diana Palmer

Unlikely lover: When Ward Jessup and Mari Raymond meet after being brought together by Mari's wily matchmaking aunt, neither is what the other expected. The handsome oilman is anything but old and unwell, and Mari is hardly a helpless girl. But although the sparks fly between them, they can't fight the power of Cupid's arrow. -- Rage of passion: A vacation at her grandmother's ranch would have been the perfect place for Maggie Turner to escape her ex-husband's threats. Perfect, that is, if it hadn't been for Gabe Coleman. The sexy rancher was just as direct—and undeniably handsome—as he'd been ten years ago. And his icy-blue eyes dared her to look beneath his rough exterior. Could this rugged Texas cowboy give Maggie a new lease on love?

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### Book 208 - Cowboy true by Diana Palmer

Maggie's Dad: Fatherhood hasn't diminished the attraction Antonia feels whenever Powell is near. Is taking a chance at a future family with him simply too much to wish for? -- Champagne Girl: Catherine has a job offer waiting for her in New York City. There's only one thing that could keep her on a dusty cattle ranch in Texas--the cowboy who has lassoed her heart.

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## SCIENCE

### Book 209 - Plastics: just a load of rubbish? Re-evaluating plastic and its role in saving the environment by Alicia Chrysostomou

The book begins by building a picture. Just what exactly is a plastic, how did it gain such a dominant role in our lives? Are recent denouncements fully justified? By better understanding plastics, a clearer opinion can be formed of their usefulness and their potential to alleviate serious environmental concerns.

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## SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

### Book 210 - The glass box by J. Michael Straczynski

Riley Diaz was born to fight back. When she's incarcerated under the authority of a shadowy new defense act, Riley is sent to one of a growing number of American Renewal Centers (ARCs)--institutions modeled after psychiatric facilities--for mandatory reeducation. Forced therapy, involuntary medication, solitary confinement, restricted rations, and more are all in the ARC program's bag of dirty tricks designed to break down dissidents. Give in, and you go free. Resist, and ... Riley declares a one-woman war against the gaslighting and manipulation in a struggle to take down the ARC program and its white-coated collaborators. Despite being isolated and resented by her fellow inmates, Riley eventually wins their trust, and forms a heartfelt, life-and-death bond with a mysterious patient known only as Frankenstein, who is as enigmatic as his namesake. Sometimes breaking an unjust system starts with one person willing to stand up--when standing is the hardest thing in the world--and saying no. Riley Diaz is willing to stand behind that word, regardless of the cost, in order to put her fist through the Glass Box once and for all.

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### Book 211 - Beast-laid plans by Kim M Watt

DI Adams' missing person is human, not dragon, but the trails of both lead to the village of Eldmere, where glimpses of a mysterious Beast have drawn in the nation's monster hunters. And where the Toot Hansell Women's Institute and the Cloverly dragons are in hot pursuit of Gilbert. A valley full of weekend Yeti hunters and cryptozoologists won't stand between them and the young dragon. But something strange is happening in Eldmere, and the dragons, Beast, and ladies of the Women's Institute are at the heart of it.

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### Book 212 - The Refrigerator monologues by Catherynne M Valente

The lives of six female superheroes and the girlfriends of superheroes. A series of linked stories from the points of view of the wives and girlfriends of superheroes, female heroes, and anyone who's ever been 'refrigerated' - comic book women who are killed, raped, brainwashed, driven mad, disabled, or had their powers taken so that a male superhero's storyline will progress.

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### Book 213 - The forcing by Paul E Hardisty

Civilisation is collapsing. Frustrated and angry after years of denial and inaction, a government of youth has taken power in North America, and a policy of institutionalised ageism introduced. All those older than the prescribed age are deemed responsible for the current state of the world, and are to be 'relocated', their property and assets confiscated. David Ashworth and his wife May find themselves among the thousands being moved to the southern deserts. Together, they must come to terms with their new lives in a land rendered unrecognisable. As the terrible truth of their situation is revealed, they plan a perilous escape, lured by rumours of a tropical sanctuary where they can live in peace. But the world outside is more dangerous than they could ever have imagined. And for those who survive, nothing will ever be the same again...

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### Book 214 - The sanctuary by Andy Murray

Ben is a painter from the crowded, turbulent city. For six months his fiancée, Cara, has been working on the remote island of Sanctuary Rock, the private estate of millionaire philanthropist Sir John Pemberley. When she breaks off their engagement, Ben travels there to win her back. As Ben begins to traverse Pemberley's kingdom, he begins to uncover the truth of the apparently perfect society the enigmatic Sir John is building. Is Sanctuary Rock truly a second Eden, as he claims, or a previously undiscovered level of hell?

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### Book 215 - Princess of Dune by Brian Herbert and Kevin J Anderson

Set two years before Dune: Princess of Dune is the never-before-told story of two key women in the life of Paul Muad’Dib — Princess Irulan, his wife in name only, and Paul’s true love, the Fremen Chani. Both women become central to Paul’s galaxy-spanning Imperial reign.

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## SELF-HELP

### Book 216 - Hope by Rosie Batty and Sue Smethurst

On a warm summer's evening in February 2014, eleven-year-old Luke Batty was killed by his father at cricket practice. It was a horrific act of family violence that shocked Australia. The next morning, his mother Rosie bravely stood before the media. Her powerful and gut-wrenching words about family violence galvanised the nation and catapulted her into the spotlight. From that day on, Rosie Batty campaigned tirelessly to protect women and children, winning hearts and minds with her courage and compassion, singlehandedly changing the conversation around domestic violence in this country. Rosie's remarkable efforts were recognised when she became the 2015 Australian of the Year and a year later she was named one of the World's Greatest Leaders by Fortune magazine. However, behind Rosie's steely public resolve and seemingly unbreakable spirit, she was a mum grieving the loss of her adored son. Following on from her runaway best-seller A Mother's Story, which detailed the lead up to her son's murder, Hope shares what happened to Rosie the day after the worst day of her life and how she reclaimed hope when all hope was lost. She shares her struggles with anxiety, PTSD, self-doubt and self-loathing and how she finally confronted her grief. She shares the stories of those who have inspired her to keep going and given her hope when she needed it most. In this heartfelt, and at times heartbreaking memoir, Rosie tells how she found the light on her darkest days and how she found hope to carry on.

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## SOCIOLOGY

### Book 217 - Just friends: on the joy, influence and power of friendship by Gyan Yankovich

'Just Friends' explores modern friendship - what it means to be, to make and, sometimes, to lose a friend. It is a celebration of friendship, shining a light on the many different forms they can take and the comfort they provide, whether they exist within the workplace, emerge in motherhood, are uncovered inside our neighbourhoods, or become our chosen family.

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## SPORTS

### Book 218 - Running with the Kenyans: discovering the secrets of the fastest people on Earth by Adharanand Finn

After years of watching Kenyan athletes win the world's biggest races, Adharanand Finn set out to discover just what it was that made them so fast - and to see if he could keep up. Packing up his life he moved from Devon to Iten, in Kenya, to eat with, interview, sleep beside and - most importantly - run with, some of the greatest runners in the world. In the distance rests his dream, to join the best of the Kenyan athletes in an epic first marathon across the Kenyan plains.

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## CHILDREN’S BOOKS

### Book 219 - The wolf-girl, the Greeks and the gods: a tale of the Persian wars by Tom Holland

“The Persians are coming…” Hearing these words, Gorgo of Sparta is plunged into a dangerous world of vengeful gods and invincible heroes. For a mighty empire threatens Athens, Sparta and all who stand in its path... Calling on the ancient power to transform into a wolf and the blood of Zeus that runs through her veins, Gorgo must lead her nation in one of history's greatest wars.

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### Book 220 - How Ali Ferguson saved Houdini by Elen Caldecott

Ali has just moved into Lever Tower with his mum. He soon meets Caitlin, Gez and an Alsatian called Falcon. Together they set out to discover why the foxes have disappeared from the area, why the owls have appeared, and why Miss Osborne has vanished ... With the help of his friends and Caitlin's dad, Ali and his mum begin to feel happy in their new life without Ali's dad.

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### Book 221 - Sherlock Bones & The curse of the Pharaoh's mask, and Sherlock Bones & the horror of the haunted castle by Tim Collins

In The Curse of the Pharoah's Mask, Bones and Catson are visiting the tombs of the ancient feline kings in Egypt when they discover that a precious mask has been stolen. In The Horror of the Haunted Castle, when a wealthy dog spots a ghostly figure haunting her kennel she come to Bones and Catson for help. Bones is convinced there's no such things as ghosts... but even he's at a loss to explain the creepy sounds and strange goings-on. Things get even more spooky when Bones is suddenly called back to London, leaving Catson to crack the case on her own.

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### Book 222 - Operation Eiffel Tower by Elen Caldecott

Lauren, Jack, Ruby and Billy live by the seaside with their mum and dad. But their parents are always arguing, and then their dad moves out. Lauren and Jack decide they have to get them together again. And so begins Operation Eiffel Tower - in which they try to raise money to give their mum and dad a treat in an attempt to make them happier.

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### Book 223 - How Kirsty Jenkins stole the elephant by Elen Caldecott

Kirsty adores her grandfather's old allotment. When Mr Thomas from the council insists that it must go not to Kirsty but the next person on the waiting-list, she and her half-brother Ben (nice) and sister Dawn (a pain) cook up all sorts of plans to get it back, including 'borrowing' a stuffed elephant!

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### Book 224 - Death at the lighthouse by Alasdair Beckett-King

When Bonnie Montgomery finally gets a break from cracking cases as her alter-ego, Montgomery Bonbon, something terribly fishy happens the moment she and Grampa Banks arrive on Odde Island for half-term - and it's not just the smell of the harbour. There's been a mysterious death at Leerie Lighthouse, and what everyone assumed was an accident is setting Bonbon's moustache all a-quiver: a sure sign that something is Highly Suspicious.

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### Book 225 - The case of the dastardly dognappers by Mark Dawson and Allan Boroughs

Things in Southwold get off to a bad start! Max has to do extra lessons while Charlie has been roped into helping with the decorating. Meanwhile Lucy loses an important race to a new girl in her school, Miranda Fitchwitherington, who seems to enjoy being as mean as possible to Lucy and the rest of the gang. And there is more bad news - when the gang meet Captain Tom, walking his own dog, Pugly, he tells them about an outbreak of pet thefts in the area. When they meet a lady looking for her lost dog, their worst fears are realised - there are dognappers on the loose in Southwold!

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### Book 226 - The impossible secret of Lillian Velvet by Jaclyn Moriarty

Lillian Velvet lives a very lonely life with her cold and remote Grandmother. That is, until her tenth birthday, when she is given a pickle jar of gold coins, along with a note with clear instructions: don't go out, don't open the door for anyone, and don't spend all your coins in one day. What happens next seems impossible. The coins whisk Lillian away to a different time and place. There she meets a small boy in a circus about to be crushed to death; a lively family, each member in a distinctive form of mortal danger; a boy with a skateboard; and a girl who can whisper. And a web of dangerous magic closing tight around it all. Why is Lillian here

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## TEENS

### Book 227 - Seven minutes in Candyland by Brian Wasson

Sophomore Kalvin Shmelton has a perfect candy-selling hustle at school. But when his longtime crush barges into the closet where he keeps his candy supply, a new source of income presents itself: relationship therapist.

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### Book 228 - Goddess crown by Shade Lapite and Maria Gbeleyi

Kalothia has grown up in the shadows of her kingdom, hidden away in the forested East after her parents were outed as enemies of the king. Raised in a woodland idyll by a few kindly adult caretakers, Kalothia can hunt and fish and fend for herself but knows little of the outside world. When assassins attack her home on her sixteenth birthday, she must flee to the king's court in the West--a beautiful but lethal nest of poison, plots, and danger, overseen by an entrenched patriarchy. Guided by the Goddess herself, can Kalothia navigate this most worldly of places to find her own role?

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### Book 229 - Midnight game by Cynthia Murphy

When a group who have met on a creepy Deddit thread decide to meet in real life, they only have one plan in mind: they are going to summon the Midnight Man. And once you start the Midnight Game, you must finish it - there's no other way out! Six strangers. One night. But how many survivors?

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### Book 230 - Small town pride by Phil Stamper

Jake is just starting to enjoy life as his school's first openly gay kid. While his family and friends are accepting and supportive, the same can't be said about everyone in their small town. Jake is just starting to enjoy life as his school’s first openly gay kid. While his family and friends are accepting and supportive, the same can’t be said about everyone in their small town of Barton Springs, Ohio. When Jake’s dad hangs a comically large pride flag in their front yard in an overblown show of love, the mayor begins to receive complaints. A few people are even concerned the flag will lead to something truly outlandish: a pride parade. Except Jake doesn’t think that’s a ridiculous idea. Why can’t they hold a pride festival in Barton Springs? The problem is, Jake knows he’ll have to get approval from the town council, and the mayor won’t be on his side. And as Jake and his friends try to find a way to bring Pride to Barton Springs, it seems suspicious that the mayor’s son, Brett, suddenly wants to spend time with Jake. But someone that cute couldn’t possibly be in league with his mayoral mother, could he?

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### Book 231 - Jack by A. M Homes

Jack is a teenager who wants nothing more than to be normal--even if being normal means having divorced parents and a rather strange best friend. But when Jack's father takes him out rowing on a lake and tells his son that he's gay, nothing will ever be normal again. Out of Jack's struggle to redefine 'family', comes a work of enormous humour, charm and resonance.

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### Book 232 - Jay's guide to crushing it by Ruby Clyde and Dylan Eleanor Faye

Jay - sorry, Jennifer - and her family move to a new town for a fresh start, after bullying at her last school went too far. Jennifer's mum insists that she do things differently, so gone are her jeans, T-shirts, skateboard and short hair. Jennifer want to keep her mum happy, so she follows Mum's plan to start looking and acting like a girl. But it soon starts to wear on Jennifer, and she starts leading a double life, dressing in her brother's clothes to sneak out to go skateboarding in the local park. That's where Jennifer feels most like herself, where she can be Jay again. But then Jay gets tangled up in a crush with Alex, a closeted boy at the skate park who thinks Jay is a boy. But is her friend Mina flirting with Jay ... as a girl?

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### Book 233 - Paper aeroplanes by Dawn O'Porter

It's the mid-1990s, and fifteen-year-old Guernsey schoolgirls, Renée and Flo, are not really meant to be friends. Thoughtful, introspective and studious Flo couldn't be more different to ambitious, extroverted and sexually curious Renée. But Renée and Flo are united by loneliness and their dysfunctional families, and an intense bond is formed. Although there are obstacles to their friendship (namely Flo's jealous ex-best friend and Renée's growing infatuation with Flo's brother), fifteen is an age where anything can happen, where life stretches out before you, and when every betrayal feels like the end of the world.

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### Book 234 - Goose by Dawn O'Porter

Renée is now living with her Aunty Jo. They even have geese, and Renée likes to sit and watch them, wondering if she'll ever find 'the One' - someone who will love her no matter what. She and Flo are in their final year at school, and they've got some tough choices to make. Renée's usual ambivalence on the matter shocks Flo, who had assumed they'd continue as they were, the best and closest of friends, forever. She feels as though she needs Renée's support more than ever, so when a handsome young boy enters Flo's life, she finds herself powerfully drawn to his kindness, and his faith. Renée and Flo's friendship will soon be tested in a way neither of them could have expected.

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### Book 235 - Nightbane by Alex Aster

Isla Crown has secured the love of two powerful rulers and broken the curses that plagued the six realms for centuries, but few know the true origins of her powers. Now, in the wake of a crushing betrayal, Isla finds herself hungry for distraction, preferring to frequent Lightlark's seductive haunts instead of embracing her duties as the newly crowned leader of two separate realms. Worse, her fellow rulers haven't ceded victory quietly, and there are others in Isla's midst who don't believe her ascent to power was earned. As certain death races toward Lightlark and secrets from the past begin to unravel, Isla must weigh her responsibility to her people against the whims of the most dangerous traitor of all: her heart.

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### Book 236 - Lucero by Maya Motayne

In the aftermath of Sombra's return, the balance between light and dark magic has been destroyed and chaos has broken out in Castallan and around the world. Sombra's shadows have taken over to create monstrous versions of everyone Finn and Alfie love, and with war between Castallan and Englass looming, the prince and the thief must band together one last time - to save their entire world.

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### Book 237 - Prom knight by Ben Reeder

While investigating an occult group, Chance discovers something truly sinister: An event known as the Rending will fall on the night of prom, and every circle of demon-worshippers in New Essex is looking for one girl: the half-caste Chylde for her blood is the key to controlling Mammon’s horde. Chance learns that if the Horde is not controlled by the blood of the Half-Caste Chylde, it will break free to fulfill a plan of its own, to slaughter one hundred innocents as a sacrifice to release Mammon, the original ruler of Hell. Can Chance do the impossible, save the day and survive taking up the mantle of Prom Knight?

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### Book 238 - True colors by Ben Reeder

Apprentice mage Chance Fortunato just can’t catch a break. His training has gotten even harder, and his mentor, Dr. Corwin, is pushing him to take his mage trials early. Still, it beats his old gig working for a demon. But life takes a turn for the worse when a member of his girlfriend Shade’s werewolf pack is killed by a member of a rogue pack. Adding insult to grief, the pack is forced to let the Conclave send an observer to monitor their investigation.

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### Book 239 - Reign of angels by Ben Reeder

When a man Chance Fortunato swore to find turns up in Colombia, he must accompany a group of Sentinels, elite battle mages, to make good on his vow. But when what was supposed to have been a simple rescue mission becomes a deadly ambush, Chance finds himself at the mercy of an ancient conspiracy.

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### Book 240 - In absentia by Ben Reeder

Chance Fortunato may be away at boarding school, but the bad guys haven’t gone anywhere, and they certainly haven’t changed their ways. It falls to Chance’s friends to pick up the slack. In Mage Enough, Lucas is confronted with the consequences of helping Chance during an earlier adventure and must delve into the vampire subculture of New Essex in order to find a missing priest. As he uncovers another, greater threat, he also discovers that he’s capable of far more than he ever thought possible. In Freedom, Shade learns that there is much more to the world behind the Veil than she ever suspected. When Lucas shows up needing her help for a newfound friend, she’s more than willing to assist. But they quickly discover that he’s taken something that the vampires will go to any lengths to get back. In trying to keep those around her safe, she will discover what it truly means to live free, and how far she’ll go to safeguard that right. In Those Who Can, Dr. Corwyn discovers how far the conspiracy Lucas and Shade have uncovered goes, and how much the Conclave doesn’t know. Drafted back into a role he had given up years ago, he must figure out how the Sentinels have changed over the years, and if he can do the job now. As he struggles to find his way in his old/new role, he finds an even bigger conspiracy and the hint of something familiar.

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### Book 241 - Redeeming 6 by Chloe Walsh

With his world unraveling around him, and pressure rising at home, Joey Lynch's life has never been in more turmoil. Unwilling to give up on the boy she loves, Aoife Molloy fights to save her best friend from the edge of self-destruction. Drowning in a world she doesn't understand, with only her heart to guide her, Aoife refuses to turn her back on Joey, no matter how badly the odds are stacked against them. Through heartbreak and horror, Aoife and Joey have had each others backs, and this time is no different. Come what may. Irrevocable life changing circumstances, unexpected additions, new schools, and healing hearts all come together in Redeeming 6.

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### Book 242 - Nightshade revenge by Anthony Horowitz

When his best friend Tom is abducted, Alex Rider is given an ultimatum by Nightshade - a sinister cult of assassins with a score to settle. But what twisted evil are they planning, and how is it connected to a revolutionary new gaming system? With no idea who to trust, Alex finds himself dragged into a nightmare world - where nothing is real but the game could kill you. The clock is ticking and Nightshade is closing in...

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