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Summertime and the Reading Is Easy

Cozy Corner

Burns, Valerie. [Murder is a Piece of Cake](#) (Kensington \$16.95).

When a rival bakery owner turns up dead with a Baby Cakes knife stuck in his back, social media influencer Maddy Montgomery, supported by the crafty Baker Street irregulars and her new boyfriend, must sift through the clues to catch a killer.

Chien, Vivien. [Misfortune Cookie](#) (St. Martin's \$8.99).

After a cocktail party ends in the tragic death of a close journalist friend of their Aunt Grace's, Lana Lee realizes it's the same journalist she saw fighting with a fortune cookie vendor at the restaurant convention and works to crack this case wide open.

Coles, Richard. [Murder Before Evensong](#) (Titan \$16.95).

When his plan to install a lavatory in church divides his parish and results in murder, Canon Daniel Clement, Rector of Champton, along with his opinionated mother and two dachshunds, must try to keep his fractured community together

- and catch a killer. A No.1 bestseller in the U.K., this is a first in a charming new series set among the parishioners of a quaint English Village.

Freeman, Dianne. [A Newlywed's Guide to Fortune and Murder](#) (Kensington \$27).

With her new husband George busy on a special mission for the British Museum, Frances has taken on an assignment of her own. The dowager Viscountess Winstead needs someone to sponsor her niece, Kate, for presentation to Queen Victoria. Frances—who understands society's quirks and constraints as only an outsider can—is the perfect candidate. Kate is charming and intelligent, though perhaps not quite as sheltered as she might first appear. More worrying to Frances is the viscountess's sudden deterioration. The usually formidable dowager has become shockingly frail, and Frances suspects someone may be drugging her. The spotlight falls on Kate, who stands to inherit if her aunt passes, yet there are plenty of other likely candidates within the dowager's household, both above and below stairs.

Gates, Eva, [Death Knells and Wedding Bells](#) (Crooked Lane \$28.99).

After her beautiful Outer Banks Wedding to her

beloved Connor, Lucy Richardson McNeil hears from her boss at the Bodie Island Lighthouse Library that his friend never made it back from the reception, Kirkus says “Quirky characters enliven a mystery with a twisty payoff in the latest cozily charming addition to Gates’ Lighthouse Library series.

Ross, Barbara. [Hidden Beneath](#) (Kensington \$8.99).

While attending a memorial service for her mother’s old friend Ginny, who’s been officially declared dead five years after she went missing, Julia Snowden senses there’s something fishy going on and she and her mom look into Ginny’s cold case, and find things quickly boiling over when a present-day murder occurs.

Sennefelder, Debra. [How the Murder Crumbles](#) (Crooked Lane \$26.99).

Wingate, Connecticut, is famed as one of the top ten shopping destinations in the state, and home to Mallory Monroe’s beloved Cookie Shop—a place where patrons are greeted with the heavenly aroma of freshly baked cookies that are as beautifully decorated as they are insanely delicious. But things aren’t going so smoothly for Mallory. Her two employees are a disaster in the kitchen, she catches her boyfriend with another woman, and she’s seen having a fierce argument with food blogger Beatrice Wright, who accuses Mallory of stealing her cookie recipe. When Beatrice turns up dead in her kitchen, flour outlining her body and a bloodied marble rolling pin nearby, Mallory immediately becomes suspect number one.

Siegel, Katie. [Charlotte Illes Is Not a Detective](#) (Kensington \$16.95).

Charlotte Illes, a former child detective still living with her mom, searching for a job and going on endless first dates, is pulled back into sleuthing for one more case and discovers that mystery-solving is much more complicated as an adult. Amateur sleuthing fun for fans of Lisa Lutz’s *Spellman Files* as well as anyone looking for

a cozy crime novel with a deliciously dry sense of humor.

Thorogood, Robert. [Death Comes to Marlow](#) (Sourcebooks \$16.99).

Preparing to attend the wedding of Sir Peter Bailey, cross-word puzzle creator Judith Potts, along with her friends Suzie and Becks, are shocked to find the groom crushed to death in his study, in the second novel of this cozy series following *The Marlow Murder Club* that *PW* calls “good, fast-moving fun.”

Historical Fiction, Mysteries, Romance and More

Adelman, Melissa. [What the Neighbors Saw](#) (Minotaur \$28).

When their neighbor, Teddy, a handsome, successful father of three, is found dead on the banks of the Potomac River, Alexis, as tension in the neighborhood mounts, takes comfort in her budding friendship with Teddy’s beautiful widow until the unthinkable truth about his murder is finally revealed. A debut novel of domestic suspense that is getting major buzz.

Barker, Lucy. [The Other Side of Mrs. Wood](#) (HarperCollins \$30).

At the height of Victorian London’s obsession with Spiritualism, the city’s premier medium, Mrs. Violet Woods takes in a girl with an uncanny talent for the craft to spice up her brand, but this act of charity could lead to Violet’s downfall, since a newspaperman is working to expose false mediums across London. According to Kirkus, this debut delivers “a twist at the end [that] should tickle readers.”

Benedict, Marie and Victoria Christopher Murray. [The First Ladies](#) (Penguin \$28).
Initially drawn together because of their shared

belief in women's rights and the power of education, civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt fight together for justice and equality, holding each other's hands through tragedy and triumph, all while their singular friendship helped form the foundation for the modern civil rights movement.

Bromely, Kate. [Ciao for Now](#) (Graydon House \$18.99).

With her thirties rapidly approaching and a mountain of student debt looming over her, Violet Luciano's dream of finishing design school and working in fashion has cost her everything. So when she lands an internship at an up-and-coming fashion brand in Rome, she brings her A game to Italy. But when a coffee run goes wrong and Violet accidentally destroys a stranger's laptop, all of the apology Americanos in the world won't help her. Because it turns out that the man from the café is Matteo, her professor's eternally grumpy son, who thinks she's a clumsy American...and *maybe* a stalker. "This will be just as much of a treat for armchair travelers as it is for hopeless romantics." (PW)

Cartmel, Andrew. [Death in Fine Condition](#) (Titan \$16.95).

An addict-turned-dealer of classic paperbacks, when Cordelia's not spending her days combing the charity shops and jumble sales of suburban London for valuable collector's items, she's pining for the woman of her dreams and nimbly avoiding her landlord's demands for rent. Now the most elusive prize of all, her white whale, has surfaced — a set of magnificent, vintage Sleuth Hound crime novels. Gorgeous, and as rare as they come. Just one problem. They're not for sale. Still, that won't stop a resourceful woman like Cordelia... One burglary later, the books are hers. Unfortunately, the man she's just robbed turns out to be one of London's most dangerous gangsters, and now he's on her trail and out for blood.

Castellano, Elizabeth. [Save What's Left](#) (Knopf \$26).

Starting over in a small beach community on the east coast, Kathleen Deane discovers this picturesque town is not what it seems but just what she needs as she finds herself in an all-out war with her neighbors who are building a huge monstrosity next to her tiny cottage. PW called this debut a "witty send-up and a winner."

Didomizio, Nicolas. [The Gay Best Friend](#) (Sourcebooks \$16.99).

Domenic Marino has become an expert at switching between the hypermasculine and ultrafeminine worlds of his two soon-to-be-wed best friends. But this summer—reeling from his own failed engagement and tasked with attending their bachelor and bachelorette parties—he's anxious over having to play both sides. The pressure is on. The bride wants Dom to keep things clean. The groom wants Dom to "let loose" with the guys. And Dom just wants to get out of this whole mess with his friendships intact.

But once the rowdy groomsmen show up at the beach house—including a surprise visit from the groom's old frat brother, handsome and charming PGA star Bucky Graham—chaos (and unexpected romance) quickly ensues.

Eco, Umberto. [Name of the Rose Deluxe 40th Anniversary Ed.](#) (HarperCollins \$19.99).

First published in 1980, *The Name of the Rose* became an international sensation, beguiling readers around the world with its mix of history, humor, and intellectual heft. This beautifully designed modern edition, illustrated with exclusive original drawings created by Umberto Eco, will enchant a new generation of readers and entice old fans to fall under its spell once again.

Fremantle, Elizabeth. [Disobedient](#) (Pegasus \$26.95).

Artemisia Gentileschi, growing up in a family of all-male painters, dreams of becoming a great

artist in 1611 Rome and completes lesson after lesson until a mysterious tutor threatens her honor and virtue and she is put on trial.

Gaynor, Hazel. [The Last Lifeboat](#) (Penguin \$17). Inspired by a remarkable true story, this moving novel follows schoolteacher Alice King as she helps evacuate Britain's children overseas and finds her life fatefully entwined with mother Lily Nichols when a Nazi U-boat torpedoes the *USS Carlisle* carrying a ship of children to Canada.

Gaynor, Jessie. [The Glow](#) (Random \$27). In a last-ditch effort to keep her job, New York PR manager Jane Dormer transforms the impossibly gorgeous Cass, a proprietor of a "wellness retreat," into a guru who can bring you inner peace and make your skin glow—for a hefty price. Sparklingly plotted, deliciously deadpan, and irresistibly entertaining, this debut novel is a razor-sharp send-up of an industry built on the peculiar intersection of money and wellness, where health is a commodity and self-care a luxury.

Grissom, Kathleen. [Crow Mary](#) (Atria \$28.99). Married to a white fur trader in 1872, a Crow Native woman has her journey to Saskatchewan interrupted when she steals two guns and saves five Nakota women who were kidnapped by drunken whiskey traders, setting off a culture war in the latest moving story by the author of *The Kitchen House*.

Hall, Alexis. [Mortal Follies](#) (Random \$18). To free herself from a curse, Miss Maelys Mitchelmore must mix with undesirable company, Lady Georgianna Landrake, a rumored malign enchantress, and finds herself delving into a world of angry gods and vindictive magic, where both her heart and life are in danger by this rumored witch. Think of Hall's latest wickedly witty literary effort as a kind of midsummer night's Regency. Or, in the words of *Kirkus*, "Part historical, part fantasy, all top-notch queer romance."

Harrison, Nicola. [Hotel Laguna](#) (St. Martin's \$29). Unwilling to return to traditional female roles after becoming a "Rosie the Riveter" during the war, Hazel Francis heads to an artsy, bohemian life in Laguna Beach, where she inserts herself into local society and helps in the recovery of a missing painting.

Hawks, Arlem. [Along a Breton Shore](#) (Shadow Mountain \$26.99). Two years into the Revolution that brought down the French monarchy, Maxence Étienne is stationed in Nantes where he is called upon to execute Armelle Bernard, a counterrevolutionary woman for an unjust crime. However, instead of following orders, Maxence helps Armelle escape. Hawks makes the most of her refreshingly different French revolutionary-era setting in this thrilling novel filled with drama, danger, and a dash of romance.

Higgins, Kristan. [A Little Ray of Sunshine](#) (Penguin \$18). Life is filled with surprises. At least, that is what Cape Code bookstore owner Harlow Smith discovers when, eighteen years after she gave up her newborn baby for adoption, her now teenage son Matthew Rohan Patel walks into Open Book with the goal of getting to know her. Richly imbued with Higgins' zingy sense of wit, featuring a cozy New England bookstore, and populated with an engaging cast of characters (including the adorable dog Oliver Twist), *A Little Ray of Sunshine* celebrates the importance of family and friendships in life while also offering an insightful examination as to what it really means to be a mother. No author can deftly pivot between moments of heartbreak, humor, and hope quite like Higgins, whose latest delightful novel is both entertaining and enlightening in equal measures.

Hudleston, Mary Hollis. [Piece of Cake](#) (Harper-Muse \$17.99). Forced to work with New York native and social media star Dominic Gravino to save *Piece of Cake*, the beloved Southern wedding magazine

where she works, former debutante Claire Sommers is surprised to discover that they make a great team - on and off the job.

Jalaluddin, Uzma. [Much Ado about Nada](#) (Penguin \$17).

Attending the massive Muslim conference in downtown Toronto with her recently engaged friend Haleema, Nada Syed encounters someone from her past, complicating things and bringing a moment of reckoning in which she must decide whether to say goodbye to what once was, or keep holding on tight to her dreams. A sparkling second-chance romance inspired by Jane Austen's *Persuasion*.

Kelley, Pamela M. [The Bookshop by the Bay](#) (St. Martin's \$17).

After discovering her husband cheated on her, high-profile lawyer Jess retreats to her childhood home on Cape Cod where she purchases a beloved local bookstore with her best friend Allison, and by reopening its doors, they open themselves up to the possibility of romance and the magic of second chances.

Knight, Eliza. [Starring Adele Astaire](#) (HarperCollins \$18.99).

From the glittering roaring 20s New York to the horrors and sacrifice of World War II London, this glamorous story follows Adele Astaire as she travels the world dancing with her brother, Fred, and finds her life intertwining with a young dancer, Violet Wood, whose hunger for fame and fortune comes with a high price.

Lenhardt, Melissa. [Run Baby Run](#) (Graydon House \$18.99).

Darcy Evans is getting married. In a week. To a man who is her childhood dream come true. But a late-night confession from her best friend changes everything and before she even has time to unpack it, she must endure a road trip to the ceremony with her estranged mother, Marja. It was always the two of them against the world...

until Marja ghosted Darcy three years ago. Now no car in the world has enough room for all of their baggage. The drive from Austin to Chicago is nostalgic, claustrophobic, incredibly messy and exactly what both women need. As they each find themselves at a crossroads in their lives, long-held secrets are revealed—ones that reshape Darcy's memories of the past and forever alter the future of which she'd recently been so certain..

Lin, Katherine. [You Can't Stay Here Forever](#) (HarperCollins \$28.99).

After the death of her husband, Ellie Huang, discovering he had a mistress, cashes in his life insurance policy for an extended stay on the French Riviera with her best friend—a sun-drenched getaway that turns into a reckoning for Ellie as long-simmering tensions and uncomfortable truths come to the surface.

Lynch, Christina. [Sally Brady's Italian Adventure](#) (St. Martin's \$29).

An effervescent gossip columnist secretly satirizing Europe's upper crust in 1940, Sally Brady finds herself stranded in wartime Italy with only her biting wit, a fake passport and an elastic sense of right and wrong to help her combat tragedy with comedy, to save her friends and find her way home.

MacMillan, Lindsay. [Double-Decker Dreams](#) (Crooked Lane \$18.99).

American consultant Kat is staffed on a six-month project in London and has two very small, very reasonable ambitions before returning home: get promoted to partner and fall in love with a handsome English aristocrat. No problem, right? But work is a grind, and the British men she meets are a far cry from her royal ideal. Then one morning, she sees a man on a double-decker bus and just knows that he's her person. But when Kat finally musters the courage to board the bus and introduce herself, he turns out to be very different from the Prince Charming she expected.

Martineau, Maxym M. [Shadows of the Lost](#) (Sourcebooks \$16.99).

As a member of the Charmers Council, Gaige is able to form lasting bonds with the magical beasts of his world. At least, he used to be a Charmer...until he died and was brought back as one of the immortal assassins of Cruor. Now he's far more dangerous....and something beyond the shadows lies in wait, hungry to claim him for its own. As leader of the assassins, all Kost can do is watch as Gaige struggles with his new life day by day. He wants nothing more than to ease Gaige's suffering--yet how can he when they both know he's the one responsible? First in a new romantic fantasy spinoff by Martineau.

McKanna, Rebecca. [Don't Forget the Girl](#) (Sourcebooks \$16.99).

Twelve years ago, 18-year-old University of Iowa freshman Abby Hartmann disappeared. Now, Jon Allan Blue, the serial killer suspected of her murder, is about to be executed. Abby's best friends, Bree and Chelsea, watch as Abby's memory is unearthed and overshadowed by Blue and his flashier crimes. Now the friends, estranged in the wake of Abby's disappearance, and suffering from years of unvoiced resentments, must reunite when a high-profile podcast dedicates its next season to Blue's murders.

Monaghan, Annabel. [Same Time Next Summer](#) (Penguin \$17).

While touring a wedding venue near her family's Long Island beach house, Sam Holloway runs into Wyatt Pope, the guy who broke her heart when she was seventeen, and finds her memories flooding back, remembering who she used to be and the undeniable connection between them.

Patrick, Phaedra. [The Little Italian Hotel](#) (Park Row \$18.99).

After her husband asks for a divorce on their anniversary, acclaimed radio host Ginny Splinter impulsively invites four heartbroken listeners to join her on her holiday to Italy and, with her new-found friends, embarks on a vacation of healing

and second chances.

Rabess, Cecilia. [Everything's Fine](#) (Simon & Schuster \$27.99).

Overlooked and underestimated as the sole Black woman on the trading floor at Goldman Sachs, Jessica Jones finds an unlikely ally in a preppy, white conservative Josh Hillyer, whom she knows from college. But as 2016 cultural and political landscape shifts and their friendship turns into a romance neither one of them ever expected, Jess begins to question whether it is more important for her to be happy in life than right. "A hot book on a hot topic, well worth reading and arguing about." (Kirkus)

Rao, Nilima. [A Disappearance in Fiji](#) (Soho \$25.95).

After a promising start to his police career in Hong Kong, Akal Singh has been sent to Fiji as punishment for a humiliating professional mistake. Lonely and grumpy, Akal plods through his work and dreams of getting back to Hong Kong or his native India. When an indentured Indian woman goes missing from a sugarcane plantation and Fiji's newspapers scream "kidnapping," the inspector-general reluctantly assigns Akal the case. Akal, eager to achieve redemption, agrees—but soon finds himself far more invested than he could have expected. Set in 1914, this debut is "a complex and engaging mystery given even greater weight by its important historical backdrop." (Kirkus)

Reid, Charish. [Mickey Chambers Shakes It Up](#) (Harlequin \$18.99).

A 33-year-old adjunct instructor with a sunny disposition despite her chronic illness, Mickey Chambers takes a job at a local bar called The Saloon, owned by 42-year-old widow—and college student—Diego Costa, where she decides to embrace everything, life has to offer, including this grumpy Diego. LJ called this "a perfectly shaken cocktail of grumpy and sunshine characters, delicious banter, and heat."

Russell, Craig. [The Devil's Playground](#) (Knopf \$28).

In 1967, Paul Conway, a journalist and self-professed film aficionado, searches for the single copy of *The Devil's Playground*, a terrifying horror picture from 1927 rumored to have unleashed a curse on everyone involved in the production.

Shalvis, Jill. [The Sweetheart List](#) (HarperCollins \$18.99).

With her new Sugar Pine Bakery nestled between a tavern and a bookstore, Harper Shaw feels a peace she's never felt before until she meets Ivy, a teenage runaway who barrels into her heart, and Harper finds her world upended by Ivy's secrets, which change everything.

Shipman, Viola. [Famous in a Small Town](#) (Graydon House \$18.99).

Arriving in the lakeside town of Good Hart, Michigan, Becky Thatcher--just turned forty years old with little to show for it--encounters eighty-year-old Mary Jackson, who has almost given up hope that someone will come along to carry on her legacy as the owner of The Very Cherry General Store.

Smith, Dominic. [Return to Valetto](#) (Farrar Straus and Giroux \$28).

When someone else lays claim to the cottage where he spent his childhood summers, Hugh Fisher, a historian and author of a well-regarded book about vanishing Italian towns, finds this person's revelation unraveling a secret—a betrayal, a disappearance and an unstoppable act of violence—that has impacted the Italian village of Valetto across generations.

Solomon, Rachel Lynn. [Business or Pleasure](#) (Penguin \$17).

Ghostwriter Chandler Cohen heads straight to the bar after suffering through a book party for the celebrity memoir bestseller that no one knows she wrote. She feels an instant zing of attraction

with the stranger who plops down next to her and decides a quick hookup is just what she needs—leading to some truly awkward and uncomfortable sex. At least she'll never have to see him again, right? Unfortunately, her inept lover turns out to be washed-up heartthrob actor Finn Walsh, her new client.

Thomas, Julia Bryan. [The Radcliffe Ladies' Reading Club](#) (Sourcebooks \$16.99).

Alice Campbell escapes halfway across the country and finds herself in front of a derelict building tucked among the cobblestone streets of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and she turns that sad little shop into the charming bookstore of her dreams. Tess, Caroline, Evie, and Merritt become fast friends in the sanctuary of Alice's monthly reading club at The Cambridge Bookshop, where they escape the pressures of being newly independent college women in a world that seems to want to keep them in the kitchen. But they each embody very different personalities, and when a member of the group finds herself shattered, everything they know about each other—and themselves—will be called into question.

Thompson, Marielle. [Where Ivy Dares to Grow](#) (Kensington \$16.95).

Saoirse Read expected her introduction to her fiancé's family's ancestral home would be bittersweet. But the stark thrust of Langdon Hall against the cliff and the hundred darkened windows in its battered walls are almost as forbidding as the woman who lies wasting inside. Her fiancé's parents make no secret of their distaste for Saoirse, and their feelings have long since spread to their son. Or perhaps it is only the shadows of her mind suggesting she's unwelcome, seizing on her fears while her beloved grieves? As Saoirse takes to wandering the estate's winding, dreamlike gardens, overgrown and half-wild with neglect, she slips back through time to 1818. There she meets Theo Page, a man like her fiancé but softer, with all the charms of that gentler age, and who clearly harbors a fervent interest in her. As it becomes clear that Theo is her fiancé's ancestor, and the tenuous peace of

Langdon Hall crumbles around her, Saoirse finds she's no longer sure which dreams and doubts belong to the present—and which might not be dreams at all. A debut that mixes time-travel romance with a brooding gothic ambiance.

Trussoni, Danielle. [The Puzzle Master](#) (Random \$27).

A celebrated and ingenious puzzle constructor, Mike Brink finds his world upended by Jess Price, a woman serving 30 years in prison for murder who draws a perplexing puzzle believed to explain the crime she committed, and, obsessed with solving it, discovers there are powerful forces at work he cannot escape. "The author of *Angelopolis* (2013) and *The Ancestor* (2020) is at the top of her game in involving the reader in the puzzle-solving process, making the most of historic settings, including the Pierpont Morgan Library, and making the book's Da Vinci Code-like trappings pay off. *The Kabbalah* meets the *New York Times* crossword in a brainy thriller. (Kirkus)

Vine, Lucy. [Seven Exes](#) (HarperCollins \$17.99). *Seven Exes. Seven Missed Chances. Who was the one who got away?*

Esther is nearing thirty, with a great job and a flat she shares with her two best friends, Bibi and Louise. But her life is missing that special someone. Tired of being single and sick of bad date after bad date, she thinks she's found the answer to her romance problem in an old women's magazine. According to the magazine's dating column, there are seven archetypes a woman will date before finding Mr. Right. It all seems silly at first, until Esther realizes she has exactly seven exes that match the profiles. Is it so hard to believe that perhaps one of them is The One? A marvelously funny British-flavored rom-com, whose heroine is a slightly older, more bawdy version of Bridget Jones.

Ware, Ruth. [Zero Days](#) (Gallery \$29.99). When a routine assignment goes horribly wrong,

resulting in her husband Gabe's murder, penetration specialist Jacintha "Jack" Cross, becomes the police's #1 suspect, forcing Jack to go on the run, deciding who she can trust as she races against time to clear her name and find the real killer. Think of Ware's latest addictively readable novel as her modern take on Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps*.

Watson, Ruth P. [A Right Worthy Woman](#) (Atria \$27.99).

In the vein of *The Engineer's Wife* and *Carolina Built*, an inspiring novel based on the remarkable true story of Virginia's Black Wall Street and the indomitable Maggie Lena Walker, the daughter of a formerly enslaved woman, who became the first Black woman to establish and preside over a bank in the United States.

Wiggs, Susan. [Welcome to Beach Town](#) (HarperCollins \$30).

Compelled to return to Alara Cove, the place where an accusation she made years ago sent her into exile, competitive surfer Nikki Graziola finds old friendships, new rivalries and an unexpected romance drawing her back into the life of the beach town she's never quite forgotten.

Williams, Beatriz. [The Beach at Summerly](#) (HarperCollins 29.99).

In 1954, Emilia Winthrop, a professor at Wellesley College, is summoned to CIA headquarters where she's forced to confront the harrowing consequences of the summer she exposed a traitor amongst the New England elite and a choice that could destroy her chance for redemption all over again.

Teen

Bayron, Kalyann. [You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight](#) (Bloomsbury \$19.99). Recreating scenes from a classic slasher film for

a full-contact terror game, Charity Curtis, who plays the “final girl” at Camp Mirror Lake, finds her role turning all too real when a killer starts picking off her co-workers one by one.

Bradbury, Jennifer. [Take](#) (Atheneum \$18.99). In search of her missing father, Cara and her ex-boyfriend Nat venture into the Cascade Mountains, up a harrowing rock face, and navigate through time as they explore the impact of Pearl Harbor and its Japanese Incarceration Camps on Cara’s family and each other.

Buford, Candace. [Good As Gold](#) (Disney-Hyperion \$18.99). Suddenly an outcast from her popular squad after her father loses his job, Casey and a new group of friends search for her town’s rumored sunken treasure to save her family and her future, unwittingly bringing a dangerous truth to the surface.

Gould, Courtney. [Where Echoes Die](#) (St. Martin’s \$20). Arriving in an isolated Arizona town to investigate its connection to their mother’s death, sisters Beck and Riley suspect the town’s enigmatic leader and his daughter know more than they’re letting on as they uncover far more than just the truth.

Jaigirdar, Adiba. [The Dos and Donuts of Love](#) (Feiwel & Friends \$19.99). Competing on a televised baking competition in the hope of bringing much-needed attention to her parents’ beloved donut shop, Shireen Malik finds things heating up when her fellow contestants include her ex-girlfriend and her new crush, as well as a sweet saboteur.

Meade, Lily. [The Shadow Sister](#) (Sourcebooks \$18.99). When her missing sister Sutton suddenly reappears but is changed in ways she cannot explain,

Casey starts uncovering her sister’s secrets while searching for the truth surrounding the disappearance of other girls in their area.

Mills, Emma. [Something Close to Magic](#) (Atheneum \$19.99). No-nonsense baker’s apprentice Aurelie, who has the gift of Seeking, is reluctantly drawn into an adventure when a bounty hunter needs her help rescuing Prince Hapless from the dangerous Underwood—and finds what’s even more dangerous are the feelings she’s starting to have for the prince.

Pool, Katy Rose. [Garden of the Cursed](#) (Henry Holt \$19.99). While helping the son of Caraza City’s wealthiest spell-making families break a curse, Marlow Briggs discovers a connection to her mother’s disappearance that could unravel the very foundations of magic, in this glamorous and gritty novel set in a Roaring ‘20s-inspired fantasy world.

Rodeny, Kelsey. [Plus One](#) (HarperCollins \$19.99). Fans of Emma Lord and Rachel Lynn Solomon will revel in Kelsey Rodkey’s latest swoon-worthy YA rom-com as self-proclaimed matchmaker Lahy finally puts her own heart on the line—to find a date in just one week.

Children’s Fiction

McClosky, Robert. [Blueberries for Sal Cookbook](#) (Clarkson Potter \$14). With over three million copies sold since its publication in 1948, Robert McCloskey’s *Blueberries for Sal* has established its place in the hearts of readers worldwide. Now, for the first time, you can share Little Sal’s love of blueberries with this charming cookbook of thirty family-friendly, blueberry-based recipes to enjoy. Featuring the author’s original illustrations as well as new drawings inspired by the iconic images in the

book, *Blueberries for Sal Cookbook* invites you to imagine all the ways Little Sal enjoyed her berries after that memorable day on Blueberry Hill.

Schwartz, Larry and Iva-Marie Palmer. [The Jules Verne Prophecy](#).

When a mysterious book by the legendary science-fiction writer falls into their hands, three unlikely friends, using the hidden codes written inside, set off on an epic treasure hunt throughout Paris and soon discover they aren't the only ones searching for the hidden riches.

Nonfiction

Brady, Amy. [Ice](#) (Penguin \$29).

In *Ice*, journalist and historian Amy Brady shares the strange and storied two-hundred-year-old history of ice in America: from the introduction of mixed drinks “on the rocks,” to the nation’s first-ever indoor ice rink, to how delicacies like ice creams and iced tea revolutionized our palates, to the ubiquitous ice machine in every motel across the US. But *Ice* doesn’t end in the past. Brady also explores the surprising present-day uses of ice in sports, medicine, and sustainable energy—including cutting-edge cryotherapy breast-cancer treatments and new refrigerator technologies that may prove to be more energy efficient—underscoring how precious this commodity is, especially in an age of climate change.

Conroy, James B. [The Devils Will Get No Rest](#) (Simon and Schuster \$34).

This first full account of the Casablanca Conference of January 1943, a secret, no-holds-barred, 10-day debate in a Moroccan warzone where FDR, Winston Churchill, Charles de Gaulle and many others argued their way through choices that could win or lose WWII, and which transformed their alliance from a necessity to a bond.

Grant, Will. [The Last Ride of the Pony Express](#) (Little Brown \$30).

Inspired by the likes of Mark Twain, Sir Richard Burton and Horace Greeley, cowboy and journalist Grant takes us an epic and authentic horseback journey across the American West as he rides the Pony Express trail from one end to the other.

Hartman, Darrell. [Battle of Ink and Ice](#) (Penguin \$30).

A sixty-year saga of frostbite and fake news that follows the no-holds-barred battle between two legendary explorers – Robert Peary and Frederick Cook - to reach the North Pole, and the two powerful New York City newspapers which stopped at nothing to get--and sell--the story.

Johnson, Scott C. [The Con Queen of Hollywood](#) (HarperCollins \$30).

Blending years of deep reporting with distinctive, powerful prose, this unique true crime narrative recounts the exploits of a psychopathic con artist and gender-bending criminal mastermind – an Indonesian man born Hargobind Tahilramanis - who swept through the entertainment industry, stealing dozens of identities and millions of dollars while exploiting the dreams of artists around the world.

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