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From the bestselling author of *Matchmaking for Beginners* comes a novel about love, loss, and the beautiful mess of family. Marnie MacGraw and Patrick Delaney have been in love for a few years now, enough to realize that they are imperfectly perfect together. Still, there are some things that maybe need a little attention. Marnie's ebullient; he's brooding. She thrives on change; he prefers stability. She sees marriage and

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parenthood in their future, but he can't see beyond the shadow of an earlier tragedy. Then an eight-year-old surprise from Patrick's past shows up on their doorstep, cartwheeling into their lives and spinning things in all directions. While it's not exactly the change she envisioned, it looks like instant family to Marnie. But Patrick, afraid of being hurt again, retreats further into himself. Suddenly, two very different pieces of a beautiful puzzle find it harder and harder to fit. How can Marnie trust in the magic of the universe when it seems to be doing its best to knock her off her feet? But some love stories are worth waiting for. And what's love without a little chaos anyway?

On Wings Of The Morning

THE INSPIRATION FOR THE HALLMARK HALL OF FAME FILM CHRISTMAS EVERLASTING! From New York Times bestselling author Marie Bostwick comes an emotionally rich, inspiring novel about family, second chances—and the connections that bring women together in hope and healing Years of long workdays and little sleep as a political campaigner are about to pay off now that Lucy Toomey 's boss is entering the White House. But when her estranged older sister, Alice, unexpectedly dies, Lucy is drawn back to Nilson 's Bay, her small, close-knit Wisconsin hometown. An accident in her teens left Alice mentally impaired, and she was content to stay in Nilson 's Bay. Lucy, meanwhile, got out and never looked back. But now, to meet the terms of Alice 's eccentric will, Lucy has taken up temporary residence in her sister 's cottage—and begins to see the town, and Alice 's life,

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anew. Alice ' s diverse group of friends appears to have little in common besides an interest in quilting. Yet deep affection for Alice united them and soon Lucy, too, is brought into the fold as they share problems and stories. And as she finds warmth and support in this new circle, Lucy begins to understand this will be her sister ' s enduring gift—a chance to move beyond her difficult past, and find what she has long been missing “ Beautiful, thought-provoking, tragic and redeeming, The Second Sister is a feel-good goldmine. ”

—USAToday “ Fans of Debbie Macomber and Robyn Carr will enjoy this warm, witty novel of rediscovery and personal growth. ” —Booklist

Lost Roses

America's next favorite Australian author! "With jaw-dropping discoveries and realistic consequences, this novel is not to be missed. Perfect for lovers of Big Little Lies." —Library Journal, starred review Small, perfect towns often hold the deepest secrets. From the outside, Essie ' s life looks idyllic: a loving husband, a beautiful house in a good neighborhood, and a nearby mother who dotes on her grandchildren. But few of Essie ' s friends know her secret shame: that in a moment of maternal despair, she once walked away from her newborn, asleep in her carriage in a park. Disaster was avoided and Essie got better, but she still fears what lurks inside her, even as her daughter gets older and she has a second baby. When a new woman named Isabelle moves in next door to Essie, she is an immediate object of curiosity in the neighborhood. Why single, when everyone else is married with children?

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Why renting, when everyone else owns? What mysterious job does she have? And why is she so fascinated with Essie? As the two women grow closer and Essie ' s friends voice their disapproval, it starts to become clear that Isabelle ' s choice of neighborhood was no accident. And that her presence threatens to bring shocking secrets to light. The Family Next Door is Sally Hepworth at her very best: at once a deeply moving portrait of family drama and a compelling suburban mystery that will keep you hooked until the very last page.

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From the bestselling author of the Oprah Book Club pick "Back Roads" comes this fast-paced literary thriller about a small town police chief who's forced to dig into her own shadowy past as she investigates the murder of a teenage girl. Print run 50,000.

Death on Demand

A tale inspired by the romance between Mozart and prodigy soprano Anna Storace follows her transformation from an ambitious and carefree girl to a passionate young woman facing the dilemmas of her choices in eighteenth-century Vienna.--

No One Asked for This

Perfect for fans of Where ' d You Go, Bernadette and Small Admissions, a wry and cleverly observed debut novel about the privileged bubble that is Liston Heights

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High—the micro-managing parents, the overworked teachers, and the students caught in the middle—and the fallout for each of them when the bubble finally bursts. When a devoted teacher comes under pressure for her progressive curriculum and a helicopter mom goes viral on social media, two women at odds with each other find themselves in similar predicaments, having to battle back from certain social ruin. Isobel Johnson has spent her career in Liston Heights sidestepping the community's high-powered families. But when she receives a threatening voicemail accusing her of Anti-Americanism and a liberal agenda, she's in the spotlight. Meanwhile, Julia Abbott, obsessed with the casting of the school's winter musical, makes an error in judgment that has far-reaching consequences for her entire family. Brought together by the sting of public humiliation, Isobel and Julia learn firsthand how entitlement and competition can go too far, thanks to a secret Facebook page created as an outlet for parent grievances. The Liston Heights High student body will need more than a strong sense of school spirit to move past these campus dramas in an engrossing debut novel that addresses parents behaving badly and teenagers speaking up, even against their own families.

The Woman of a Thousand Names

As Europe buckles under Nazi occupation, Maisie Dobbs investigates a possible murder that threatens devastating repercussions for Britain's war efforts in this latest installment in the New York Times bestselling mystery series. October 1941. While on a delivery, young Freddie Hackett, a message runner for

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a government office, witnesses an argument that ends in murder. Crouching in the doorway of a bombed-out house, Freddie waits until the coast is clear. But when he arrives at the delivery address, he 's shocked to come face to face with the killer. Dismissed by the police when he attempts to report the crime, Freddie goes in search of a woman he once met when delivering a message: Maisie Dobbs. While Maisie believes the boy and wants to help, she must maintain extreme caution: she 's working secretly for the Special Operations Executive, assessing candidates for crucial work with the French resistance. Her two worlds collide when she spots the killer in a place she least expects. She soon realizes she 's been pulled into the orbit of a man who has his own reasons to kill—reasons that go back to the last war. As Maisie becomes entangled in a power struggle between Britain 's intelligence efforts in France and the work of Free French agents operating across Europe, she must also contend with the lingering question of Freddie Hackett 's state of mind. What she uncovers could hold disastrous consequences for all involved in this compelling chapter of the “ series that seems to get better with every entry ” (Wall Street Journal).

A No ë I Killing

In her most powerful novel yet, New York Times bestselling author Marie Bostwick weaves the uplifting story of three grief support group dropouts—women united in loss and rescued through friendship. Fifteen years ago, Grace Saunders vowed to take her beloved husband for better or worse. Now she 's coming to

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terms with difficult choices as she crafts a memory quilt from scraps of their life together—a life torn to shreds by an accident that has left him in a coma. Enduring months of limbo, Grace is at least not alone. Nan has been widowed for twenty years, but now, with her children grown, her home feels painfully empty. Even the company of her golden retriever, Blixen, and a series of other rescue dogs, can't fill the void. Then there ' s Monica, a feisty woman with a biting wit who ' s reeling following her husband ' s death—and the revelation of his infidelity. As for Grace, a chance evening with a man she barely knows brings a glimmer of joy she hasn ' t felt since the tragedy—along with feelings of turmoil and guilt. But her struggle to cope will force all three women to face their fears, share their deepest secrets—and lean on one another as they move from grief and isolation to hope, and a second chance at happiness . . . Praise for Marie Bostwick and Her Novels “ Marie Bostwick is my go-to author . . . always powerful, inspiring, and uplifting. ” —Robyn Carr, #1 New York Times bestselling author “ The Promise Girls is a beautiful story about the ties that bind . . . Marie Bostwick exquisitely tells the tale. ” —Melanie Benjamin, New York Times bestselling author of The Swans of Fifth Avenue “ Beautiful, thought-provoking, tragic and redeeming, The Second Sister is a feel-good goldmine. ” —USAToday.com A MaryJanesFarm Book Club Pick

A Million Reasons Why

“ Like All the Light We Cannot See, The Paris Hours explores the brutality of war and its lingering effects

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with cinematic intensity. The ending will leave you breathless.” —Christina Baker Kline, author of *Orphan Train* and *A Piece of the World* One day in the City of Light. One night in search of lost time. Paris between the wars teems with artists, writers, and musicians, a glittering crucible of genius. But amidst the dazzling creativity of the city’s most famous citizens, four regular people are each searching for something they’ve lost. Camille was the maid of Marcel Proust, and she has a secret: when she was asked to burn her employer’s notebooks, she saved one for herself. Now she is desperate to find it before her betrayal is revealed. Souren, an Armenian refugee, performs puppet shows for children that are nothing like the fairy tales they expect. Lovesick artist Guillaume is down on his luck and running from a debt he cannot repay—but when Gertrude Stein walks into his studio, he wonders if this is the day everything could change. And Jean-Paul is a journalist who tells other people’s stories, because his own is too painful to tell. When the quartet’s paths finally cross in an unforgettable climax, each discovers if they will find what they are looking for. Told over the course of a single day in 1927, *The Paris Hours* takes four ordinary people whose stories, told together, are as extraordinary as the glorious city they inhabit.

A Single Thread

From writer Cazzie David comes a series of acerbic, darkly funny essays about misanthropy, social media, anxiety, relationships, and growing up in a wildly eccentric family. For Cazzie David, the world is one big

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trap door leading to death and despair and social phobia. From shame spirals caused by hookups to panic attacks about being alive and everyone else having to be alive too, David chronicles her life ' s most chaotic moments with wit, bleak humor, and a mega-dose of self-awareness. In *No One Asked for This*, David provides readers with a singular but ultimately relatable tour through her mind, as she explores existential anxiety, family dynamics, and the utterly modern dilemma of having your breakup displayed on the Internet. With pitch-black humor resonant of her father, comedy legend Larry David, and topics that speak uniquely to generational malaise, *No One Asked for This* is the perfect companion for when you don ' t really want a companion.

The Recent East

One of *O*, the Oprah Magazine, Refinery29, and The Millions' Most Anticipated Books of 2021, one of Goodreads's 75 Debut Novels to Discover in 2021, and one of The Advocate's 22 LGBTQ+ Books You Absolutely Need to Read This Year "A sprawling, captivating story of identity, displacement, family, and belonging, Thomas Grattan's debut novel is at turns heart-breaking and life-affirming, a necessary reminder of the different ways we can find, or create, a home for ourselves." --Refinery29 An extraordinary family saga following a mother and two teens as they navigate a new life in East Germany Shortly after the fall of the Berlin Wall, Beate Haas, who defected from East Germany as a child, is notified that her parents ' abandoned mansion is available for her to reclaim.

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Newly divorced and eager to escape her bleak life in upstate New York, where she moved as an adult, she arrives with her two teenagers to discover a city that has become an unrecognizable ghost town. The move fractures the siblings' close relationship, as Michael, free to be gay, takes to looting empty houses and partying with wannabe anarchists, while Adela, fascinated with the horrors of the Holocaust, buries herself in books and finds companionship in a previously unknown cousin. Over time, the town itself changes—from dismantled city to refugee haven and neo-Nazi hotbed, and eventually to a desirable seaside resort town. In the midst of that change, two episodes of devastating, fateful violence come to define the family forever. Moving seamlessly through decades and between the thoughts and lives of several unforgettable characters, Thomas Grattan's spellbinding novel is a multigenerational epic that illuminates what it means to leave home, and what it means to return. Masterfully crafted with humor, gorgeous prose, and a powerful understanding of history and heritage, *The Recent East* is the profoundly affecting story of a family upended by displacement and loss, and the extraordinary debut of an empathetic and ambitious storyteller.

Taft

As times change for the book business, a rare book dealer lives through appraisals, auctions, danger, drama, love, and loss, in this thoughtful novel. Chas. Johnson & Sons, a rare bookstore in Chicago's Hyde Park, has been in Gabe Johnson's family for generations. It's where he learned to love Romantic

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poetry, and where he found a romance of his own with Olivia. Geared toward a colorful community of serious collectors, the shop has survived competition from big chains, and even a violent attack for stocking *The Satanic Verses*. But by the time Gabe takes over, Olivia is gone, and the world of books has changed. Internet sellers and gentrifying rents force him to close. Down but not out, Gabe decides to reopen on the shores of Lake Michigan. Secretly, he hopes this new beginning will also be a return into Olivia's arms. But just as he finds her again, Gabe faces yet another threat to the store—and everything else he holds most dear.

The Bookshop of Second Chances

From the internationally bestselling author of the “fascinating epic” (Associated Press) *Between Love and Honor* comes a rich, sweeping tale based on the captivating true story of the Mata Hari of Russia, featuring a beautiful aristocrat fighting for survival during the deadly upheaval of the Russian Revolution. Born into Russian aristocracy, wealth, and security, Moura never had any reason to worry. But in the upheaval of the Bolshevik Revolution, her entire world crumbles. As her family and friends are being persecuted by Vladimir Lenin's ruthless police, she falls into a passionate affair with British secret agent Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart. But when he's abruptly and mysteriously deported from Russia, Moura is left alone and vulnerable. Now, she must find new paths for her survival, even if it means shedding her past and taking on new identities. Some will praise her tenderness and undying loyalty. Others will denounce her lies. But all

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will agree on one point: Moura embodies Life. Life at all cost. Set against the volatile landscape of 20th-century Russia, *The Woman of a Thousand Names* brings history to vivid life in a captivating tale about an extraordinary woman caught in the waves of change—with only her wits to save her.

The Belle Cr é ole

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The million-copy bestseller *Lilac Girls* introduced the real-life heroine Caroline Ferriday. Now *Lost Roses*, set a generation earlier and also inspired by true events, features Caroline 's mother, Eliza, and follows three equally indomitable women from St. Petersburg to Paris under the shadow of World War I. “ Not only a brilliant historical tale, but a love song to all the ways our friendships carry us through the worst of times. ” —Lisa Wingate, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Before We Were Yours* It is 1914, and the world has been on the brink of war so often, many New Yorkers treat the subject with only passing interest. Eliza Ferriday is thrilled to be traveling to St. Petersburg with Sofya Streshnayva, a cousin of the Romanovs. The two met years ago one summer in Paris and became close confidantes. Now Eliza embarks on the trip of a lifetime, home with Sofya to see the splendors of Russia: the church with the interior covered in jeweled mosaics, the Rembrandts at the tsar 's Winter Palace, the famous ballet. But when Austria declares war on Serbia and Russia 's imperial dynasty begins to fall, Eliza escapes back to America, while Sofya and her family flee to their country estate. In need of domestic

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help, they hire the local fortune-teller 's daughter, Varinka, unknowingly bringing intense danger into their household. On the other side of the Atlantic, Eliza is doing her part to help the White Russian families find safety as they escape the revolution. But when Sofya 's letters suddenly stop coming, she fears the worst for her best friend. From the turbulent streets of St. Petersburg and aristocratic countryside estates to the avenues of Paris where a society of fallen Russian émigrés live to the mansions of Long Island, the lives of Eliza, Sofya, and Varinka will intersect in profound ways. In her newest powerful tale told through female-driven perspectives, Martha Hall Kelly celebrates the unbreakable bonds of women 's friendship, especially during the darkest days of history.

Between Heaven and Texas

'Nothing about Jenny Diski is conventional. Diski does not do linear, or normal, or boring highly intelligent, furiously funny' Sunday Times 'She expanded notions about what nonfiction, as an art form, could do and could be' New Yorker Jenny Diski was a fearless writer, for whom no subject was too difficult, even her own cancer diagnosis. Her columns in the London Review of Books – selected here by her editor and friend Mary-Kay Wilmers, on subjects as various as death, motherhood, sexual politics and the joys of solitude – have been described as 'virtuoso performances', and 'small masterpieces'. From Highgate Cemetery to the interior of a psychiatric hospital, from Tottenham Court Road to the icebergs of Antarctica, *Why Didn't You Just Do What You Were Told?* is a

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collective interrogation of the universal experience from a very particular psyche: original, opinionated – and mordantly funny.

The Promise Girls

When Gayla Oliver finds out that her husband has been cheating, she turns to her friends in the Cobbled Court Quilt Circle to help her pick up the pieces. Original.

The Night Portrait

Evvie Drake Starts Over meets The Friday Night Knitting Club in this wise and witty novel about a fired advice columnist who discovers lost and found family members in Charleston, by the New York Times bestselling author of The Second Sister. Celia Fairchild, known as advice columnist ‘ Dear Calpurnia ’, has insight into everybody ’ s problems – except her own. Still bruised by the end of a marriage she thought was her last chance to create a family, Celia receives an unexpected answer to a “ Dear Birthmother ” letter. Celia throws herself into proving she ’ s a perfect adoptive mother material – with a stable home and income – only to lose her job. Her one option: sell the Charleston house left to her by her recently departed, estranged Aunt Calpurnia. Arriving in Charleston, Celia learns that Calpurnia had become a hoarder, the house is a wreck, and selling it will require a drastic, rapid makeover. The task of renovation seems overwhelming and risky. But with the help of new neighbors, old friends, and an unlikely sisterhood of strong, creative women who need her as much as she needs them, Celia

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knits together the truth about her estranged family — and about herself. The Restoration of Celia Fairchild is an unforgettable novel of secrets revealed, laughter released, creativity rediscovered, and waves of wisdom by a writer Robyn Carr calls "my go-to author for feel-good novels. "

Minor Dramas & Other Catastrophes

For best friends Mestoph and Leviticus the end of the world can ' t come fast enough. Mestoph is a demon and troublemaker for Hell Industries, while Leviticus is an angel and cubicle jockey for Heaven, Inc. They might be unlikely friends, but they have something in common – they both hate their jobs. Unfortunately for them The End is nowhere in sight. The two take matters into their own hands when they come up with a scheme to get themselves kicked out of the Afterlife without spending an eternity in Purgatory. Their misadventure will take them from the tiny town of Truth or Consequences, NM to the highlands of Iceland as they cross paths and pantheons with Neo-Vikings, Greek and Norse Gods, and a Scottish terrier named Sir Reginald Pollywog Newcastle III.

The Bad Muslim Discount

Marie Bostwick delivers a captivating novel of soul mates discovering each other as the country faces its greatest challenge. . . Morgan Glennon's destiny points straight up into Oklahoma's clear, blue sky. It's been that way since he was four years old, imagining the famous flier father he's never met. Morgan leaves

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college to enlist as a Navy pilot, and his whole world suddenly changes when America goes to war. Watching his friends fall in battle, robs Morgan of the joy he always felt in the air. It will take one very unusual woman to help him get it back. . . Georgia Jean Carter learned early never to rely on a man for anything but trouble. Airplanes are different: they take a girl places most boyfriends can't. Remarkably, the war makes it possible for Georgia to do her part as a pilot. Flying with the WASPs brings a special sense of belonging--yet there's something missing that Georgia doesn't recognize until a brief encounter sets her dreaming about a young flyboy she barely knows. . . Praise for Marie Bostwick and *Fields of Gold* "A touching story." --Patricia Gaffney "Captivating and hauntingly beautiful. . .a true gem." --Romantic Times, 4 1 / 2 stars "A gripping, heartwarming story." --Dorothy Garlock on *Fields of Gold*

From Here To Home

Set in a charming little Scottish town, *The Bookshop of Second Chances* is an uplifting story of fresh starts and new beginnings by a hugely talented debut author. Thea 's having a bad month. Not only has she been made redundant, she 's also discovered her husband of nearly twenty years is sleeping with one of her friends. And he 's not sorry – he 's leaving. Bewildered and lost, Thea doesn 't know what to do. But, when she learns the great-uncle she barely knew has died and left her his huge collection of second-hand books and a house in the Scottish Lowlands, she seems to have been offered a second chance. Running away to a little town where

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no one knows her seems like exactly what Thea needs. But when she meets the aristocratic Maltravers brothers – grumpy bookshop owner Edward and his estranged brother Charles, Lord Hollinshaw – her new life quickly becomes just as complicated as the life she was running from. An enchanting story of Scottish lords, second-hand books, new beginnings and second chances perfect for fans of Cressida McLaughlin, Veronica Henry, Rachel Lucas and Jenny Colgan. 'How much do I love this book? So, so much. Refreshing and romantic, it's an absolute cracker!' HEIDI SWAIN, Sunday Times bestselling author 'A gorgeous, tip-top, pitch-perfect romantic read - I loved it!' RACHEL HORE, Sunday Times bestselling author 'The Bookshop of Second Chances has lifted my heart more than anything I 've read for a very long time. It 's funny, clever, well written, warm, joyful and comforting. I could rave about it all day!' IONA GREY, bestselling author of Letters to the Lost 'An escapist romance that glows with warmth! I loved it.' CARMEL HARRINGTON, bestselling author of A Thousand Roads Home 'A real winner with so much heart and a wonderfully relatable heroine.' CHRISTINA PISHIRIS, author of Love Songs for Sceptics

Vienna Nocturne

Antoine Verlaque, examining magistrate for the beautiful town of Aix-en-Provence, doesn't like Christmas. But his wife and partner Marine Bonnet is determined to make this a Christmas they can enjoy. Just as the holiday cheer is in full swing, a man is poisoned, sending the community into a tailspin. The

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list of suspects almost fills the town's huge church, from the visiting vendors at the Christmas fair to the victim's unhappy wife and disgruntled business partner. Now the pair must solve the murder while the spirit of the season attempts to warm Verlaque's stubborn heart.

A Thread So Thin

A three-step career system to help you tap into your own unique value to find a deeply meaningful and engaging job, whether you're a college student, a recent graduate, or a new professional looking for a fresh start. “ Snyder ’ s proven step-by-step plan shows you how to create a meaningful career you will love. ” —Tasha Eurich, New York Times bestselling author of *Insight* and *Bankable Leadership In Finding Work You Love*, award-winning University of Southern California business school professor Kirk Snyder helps you match the value you alone bring to today's new job market with work that rewards you for who you are in the professional world. When you find a role that leverages the exact strengths and abilities you have to offer, you set yourself up for a rewarding career that matters. Based on the top-rated course he teaches to graduate and undergraduate students, Professor Snyder's "Working You" system has three simple steps. First you take a guided inventory of your professional value: Who are you and what makes you special? What can you do that sets you apart? How are you personally motivated to be who you want to be? Next, you evaluate different fields, companies, and roles that truly fit with your personal inventory. And finally, having

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created a job bank of twenty-five high-potential positions just for you, you learn how to turn your right fits into tangible offers. Along the way, stories from current students, college grads, and new professionals who have used this system show you how easy it is to navigate the process. If you're ready to find the fulfilling and successful career you've dreamed of, start here.

Next to Last Stand

Set in the lush Big Band era of the 1940s and World War II, this spellbinding saga from beloved New York Times bestselling author Adriana Trigiani tells the story of two talented working class kids who marry and become a successful singing act, until time, temptation, and the responsibilities of home and family derail their dreams. Shortly before World War II, Chi Chi Donatelli and Saverio Armandonada meet one summer on the Jersey shore and fall in love. Both are talented and ambitious, and both share the dream of becoming singers for the legendary orchestras of the time: Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman. They 're soon married, and it isn ' t long before Chiara and Tony find that their careers are on the way up as they navigate the glamorous worlds of night clubs, radio, and television. All goes well until it becomes clear that they must make a choice: Which of them will put their ambitions aside to raise a family and which will pursue a career? And how will they cope with the impact that decision has on their lives and their marriage? From the Jersey shore to Las Vegas to Hollywood, and all the dance halls in between, this multi-layered story is vivid

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with historical color and steeped in the popular music that serves as its score. Tony ' s Wife is a magnificent epic of life in a traditional Italian family undergoing seismic change in a fast paced, modern world. Filled with vivid, funny, and unforgettable characters, this richly human story showcases Adriana Trigiani ' s gifts as a storyteller and her deep understanding of family, love, and the pursuit of the American dream.

The Gods of Gotham

Welcome to Too Much--where the women are strong-willed and the men are handsome yet shiftless. Ever since Mary Dell Templeton and her twin sister Lydia Dale were children, their Aunt Velvet has warned them away from local boys. But it's well known that the females in Mary Dell's family have two traits in common--superior sewing skills and a fatal weakness for men. While Lydia Dale grows up petite and pretty, Mary Dell just keeps growing. Tall, smart, and sassy, she is determined to one day turn her love of sewing into a business. Meanwhile, she'll settle for raising babies with her new husband, Donny. But that dream proves elusive too, until finally, Mary Dell gets the son she always wanted--a child as different as he is wonderful. And as Mary Dell is forced to reconsider what truly matters in her family and her marriage, she begins to piece together a life that, like the colorful quilts she creates, will prove vibrant, rich, and absolutely unforgettable. --Page 4 of cover.

A Happy Catastrophe

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A SheReads Most Anticipated Novel of 2021 Jessica Strawser's *A Million Reasons Why* is "a fascinating foray into the questions we are most afraid to ask" (Jodi Picoult, #1 New York Times bestselling author)--the story of two women who discover a bond between them that will change both their lives forever. When two strangers are linked by a mail-in DNA test, it ' s an answered prayer—that is, for one half sister. For the other, it will dismantle everything she knows to be true. But as they step into the unfamiliar realm of sisterhood, the roles will reverse in ways no one could have foreseen. Caroline lives a full, happy life—thriving career, three feisty children, enviable marriage, and a close-knit extended family. She couldn ' t have scripted it better. Except for one thing: She ' s about to discover her fundamental beliefs about them all are wrong. Sela lives a life in shades of gray, suffering from irreversible kidney failure. Her marriage crumbled in the wake of her illness. Her beloved mother, always her closest friend, unexpectedly passed away. She refuses to be defined by her grief, but still, she worries what will happen to her two-year-old son if she doesn ' t find a donor match in time. She ' s the only one who knows Caroline is her half sister and may also be her best hope for a future. But Sela ' s world isn ' t as clear-cut as it appears—and one misstep could destroy it all.

Kindness Goes Unpunished

“ A rousing adventure yarn full of danger and heart and humor. ” —Richard Russo An instant classic for fans of *Jane Smiley* and *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*: when two hardscrabble young boys think they ' ve committed

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a crime, they flee into the Northwoods of Wisconsin. Will the adults trying to find and protect them reach them before it ' s too late? It ' s the summer of 1994 in Claypot, Wisconsin, and the lives of ten-year-old Fischer " Fish " Branson and Dale " Bread " Breadwin are shaped by the two fathers they don ' t talk about. One night, tired of seeing his best friend bruised and terrorized by his no-good dad, Fish takes action. A gunshot rings out and the two boys flee the scene, believing themselves murderers. They head for the woods, where they find their way onto a raft, but the natural terrors of Ironsforge gorge threaten to overwhelm them. Four adults track them into the forest, each one on a journey of his or her own. Fish ' s mother Miranda, a wise woman full of fierce faith; his granddad, Teddy, who knows the woods like the back of his hand; Tiffany, a purple-haired gas station attendant and poet looking for connection; and Sheriff Cal, who ' s having doubts about a life in law enforcement. The adults track the boys toward the novel ' s heart-pounding climax on the edge of the gorge and a conclusion that beautifully makes manifest the grace these characters find in the wilderness and one another. This timeless story of loss, hope, and adventure runs like the river itself amid the vividly rendered landscape of the Upper Midwest.

The Consequences of Fear

"Marie Bostwick is my go-to author always powerful, inspiring, and uplifting." – Robyn Carr, #1 New York Times bestselling author
New York Times bestselling author Marie Bostwick welcomes readers to the quirky,

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unforgettable town of Too Much, Texas, in a heartwarming, richly satisfying story of friendship and moving forward Mary Dell Templeton prefers the quiet charms of Too Much to the bright lights of Dallas any day. She's relieved to be moving back to her hometown--and bringing her cable TV show, Quintessential Quilting, with her. There are just a couple of wrinkles in her plan. Her son, Howard, who is her talented co-host and color consultant, and happens to have Down syndrome, wants to stay in Dallas and become more independent. Meanwhile, Mary Dell's new boss hopes to attract a different demographic--by bringing in a younger co-host. What Holly Silva knows about quilting wouldn't fill a thimble, but she's smart and ambitious. Her career hinges on outshining the formidable Mary Dell in order to earn her own show. Yet as Holly adapts to small-town living and begins a new romance, and Mary Dell considers rekindling an old one, the two find unlikely kinship. For as Mary Dell knows, the women of Too Much have a knack for untangling the knottiest problems when they work together. And sometimes the pattern for happiness is as simple and surprising as it is beautiful Praise for Marie Bostwick and Her Novels "Fans of Debbie Macomber and Robyn Carr will enjoy this warm, witty novel of rediscovery and personal growth." --Booklist on The Second Sister "A story that touches women on many levels and yet is filled with humor and a bit of pathos." --Kirkus on Between Heaven and Texas "A brilliant storyteller." --Las Vegas Review-Journal on Threading the Needle

Love, Death & Rare Books

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First published in the United States of America by Viking Penguin, 2007.

The Paris Hours

In Bostwick's first contemporary novel, she weaves the unforgettable story of four very different women whose paths cross, changing their lives forever.

The Second Sister

WHO COULD PLOT A MURDER BETTER THAN A MYSTERY WRITER? At Annie Laurance ' s Death On Demand bookstore on Broward ' s Rock Island, South Carolina, murder most foul suddenly isn ' t confined to the well-stocked shelves. Author Elliot Morgan ' s abrupt demise during a weekly gathering of famous mystery writers called the Sunday Night Regulars is proof positive that a bloody sword is sometimes mightier than a brilliant pen. With Annie is the unenviable position of primary police suspect, the pretty young mystery maven and her wealthy paramour, Max Darling, embark on an investigation into a classic locked-room mystery with high stakes. For failing to unmask a brutal and ingenious killer could mean prison for Ms. Laurance. While success could mean her death. " Irresistible! [Carolyn] Hart drops big names from the mystery world like murderers drop clues and Annie and Max are the most endearing new pair of sleuths since Tommy and Tuppence! " – Nancy Pickard

Finding Work You Love

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In an emotionally rich and captivating new novel, New York Times bestselling author Marie Bostwick reunites three sisters whose deep bond is rooted in an unconventional past. Every child prodigy grows up eventually. For the Promise sisters, escaping their mother's narcissism and the notoriety that came with her bestselling book hasn't been easy. Minerva Promise claimed that her three "test tube" daughters—gifted pianist Joanie, artistic Meg, and storyteller Avery—were engineered and molded to be geniuses. In adulthood, their modest lives fall far short of her grand ambitions. But now, twenty years after the book's release, she hopes to redeem herself by taking part in a new documentary. Meg, who hasn't picked up a paintbrush in years, adamantly refuses to participate, until a car accident leaves her with crushing medical bills. While she recuperates in Seattle, the three sisters reluctantly meet with filmmaker Hal Seeger, another former prodigy. Like them, he's familiar with the weight of failed potential. But as he digs deeper, he uncovers secrets they've hidden from each other—and a revelation that will challenge their beliefs, even as it spurs them to forge their own extraordinary lives at last. "Reading Marie Bostwick is like wrapping yourself up in a warm, hand-crafted quilt. Her books, rich in character and plot, are stitched together by a skilled wordsmith." —Debbie Macomber, #1 New York Times bestselling author "THE PROMISE GIRLS is a beautiful story about the ties that bind—love, laughter, memories, even secrets kept so long they become a part of the fabric of a family. Marie Bostwick exquisitely tells the tale of the three Promise girls, former child prodigies who learn to heal the scars of a bitter past so that they

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can love—and forgive—again. ” —Melanie Benjamin, New York Times Best Selling author of *The Swans of Fifth Avenue*

Why Didn ' t You Just Do What You Were Told?

In this compelling, heartwarming novel from New York Times bestselling author Marie Bostwick, one woman finds new purpose in a new phase of life . . . “ Whatever comes your way, find the happiness in it. ” Hope Carpenter received that advice from her mother decades ago. Now, with their four children grown, Hope and her husband, Rick, are suddenly facing an uncertain future, after a forced retirement strains both their savings and their marriage. Seeking inspiration and a financial boost, Hope gets a job teaching crafts to inmates at a local women ' s prison. At first, Hope feels foolish and irrelevant, struggling to relate to women whose choices seem so different from her own. But with time, and the encouragement of the prison chaplain, she begins to discover common ground with the inmates, in their worries about their children and families, their fear of having failed those who need them. Just like her, they want to make something of themselves, but believe it might be impossible. Embarking on an ambitious quilting project, Hope and her students begin to bond. Together, piece by piece, they learn to defy expectations—their own and others ' —and to see that it ' s never too late to stitch together a life that, even in its imperfections, is both surprising and beautiful. Praise for Marie Bostwick and Her Novels “ Reading Marie Bostwick is like wrapping yourself up in a warm, hand-crafted quilt. ” —Debbie

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Macomber, #1 New York Times bestselling author “ It takes great skill to write a heartwarming story about grief, and Bostwick proves she is up to the task. . . . A great addition to any women ’ s-fiction collection. ”

—Booklist “ Beautiful, thought-provoking, tragic and redeeming, *The Second Sister* is a feel-good goldmine. ”

—USAToday.com

Hope on the Inside

“ *Thread So Thin* by Marie Bostwick is an endearing tale that will please all readers . . . this book is well written and wonderful for a book for the beach or just hanging around the pool. ” – Manic Readers

New York Times bestselling author Marie Bostwick crafts a timeless tale of friendship, love, and the choices we must make in their name. . . While New Bern, Connecticut, lies under a blanket of snow, the Cobbled Court Quilt Shop remains a cozy haven for its owner, Evelyn Dixon, and her friends. Evelyn relishes winter's slower pace--besides, internet sales are hopping, thanks to her son Garrett's efforts. In addition to helping out at the shop, Garrett has also been patiently waiting for his girlfriend, Liza, to finish art school in New York City. But as much as Evelyn loves Liza, she wonders if it's a good idea for her son to be so serious, so soon, with a young woman who's just getting ready to spread her wings. . . Liza's wondering the same thing--especially after Garrett rolls out the red carpet for a super-romantic New Year's Eve--complete with marriage proposal. Garrett's the closest thing to perfect she's ever known, but what about her own imperfections? The only happy marriage Liza's ever

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seen is her Aunt Abigail's, and it took her decades to tie the knot. Soon, Liza is not only struggling with her own fears, but with the mixed reactions of her friends and family. And when she finds herself torn between a rare career opportunity and her love for Garrett, Liza must grasp at the thinnest of threads--and pray it holds. . .

Raft of Stars

The new novel in the beloved New York Times bestselling Longmire series. One of the most viewed paintings in American history, Custer's Last Fight, copied and distributed by Anheuser-Busch at a rate of over two million copies a year, was destroyed in a fire at the 7th Cavalry Headquarters in Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1946. Or was it? When Charley Lee Stillwater dies of an apparent heart attack at the Wyoming Home for Soldiers & Sailors, Walt Longmire is called in to try and make sense of a piece of a painting and a Florsheim shoebox containing a million dollars, sending the good sheriff on the trail of a dangerous art heist.

Tony's Wife

An ex-jazz drummer wants nothing more than to be a good father in this moving family novel by the New York Times – bestselling author of *The Dutch House*. When his lover takes away his son, he's left only with his Beale Street, Memphis bar. He hires a young waitress named Fay Taft who brings with her a desperate, dangerous brother, Carl, and the possibility of new intimacy. Nickel finds himself consumed with

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Fay and Carl's dead father—Taft—obsessing over and reconstructing the life of a man he never met. A stunning artistic achievement, Taft confirms Ann Patchett's standing as one of the most gifted writers of her generation and reminds us of our deepest instincts to protect the people we love. “What could be merely a literary parlor trick—keeping three stories in the air at once—becomes...as resonant as a blues song, each story harmonizing with and answering others.... Expect miracles when you read Ann Patchett's fiction.” —New York Times “A moving emblem of fatherhood's rarely explored passion.” —Los Angeles Times “Patchett writes with remarkable conviction and attention to telling detail.... [She] is excellent at portraying the steady love and interest that holds the family members together, even though that love and interest isn't always successful in preserving the members from danger.” —Jane Smiley, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Golden Age* “Strikingly original.” —Kirkus Reviews

Angels Burning

Possessing one of the most vital voices in international letters, Maryse Condé added to an already acclaimed career the New Academy Prize in Literature in 2018. The twelfth novel by this celebrated author revolves around an enigmatic crime and the young man at its center. Dieudonné Sabrina, a gardener, aged twenty-two and black, is accused of murdering his employer--and lover--Lorraine, a wealthy white woman descended from plantation owners. His only refuge is a sailboat, *La Belle Créole*, a relic of times gone by. Condé follows Dieudonné's desperate wanderings

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through the city of Port-Mahault the night of his acquittal, the narrative unfolding through a series of multivoiced flashbacks set against a forbidding backdrop of social disintegration and tumultuous labor strikes in turn-of-the-twenty-first-century Guadeloupe. Twenty-four hours later, Dieudonné 's fate becomes suggestively intertwined with that of the French island itself, though the future of both remains uncertain in the end. Echoes of Faulkner and Lawrence, and even Shakespeare 's Othello, resonate in this tale, yet the drama 's uniquely modern dynamics set it apart from any model in its exploration of love and hate, politics and stereotype, and the attempt to find connections with others across barriers. Through her vividly and intimately drawn characters, Condé paints a rich portrait of a contemporary society grappling with the heritage of slavery, racism, and colonization.

Necessary Evil and the Greater Good

Evvie Drake Starts Over meets The Friday Night Knitting Club in this wise and witty novel about a fired advice columnist who discovers lost and found family members in Charleston, by the New York Times bestselling author of The Second Sister. Celia Fairchild, known as advice columnist 'Dear Calpurnia', has insight into everybody's problems - except her own. Still bruised by the end of a marriage she thought was her last chance to create a family, Celia receives an unexpected answer to a "Dear Birthmother" letter. Celia throws herself into proving she's a perfect adoptive mother material - with a stable home and income - only to lose her job. Her one option: sell the Charleston

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house left to her by her recently departed, estranged Aunt Calpurnia. Arriving in Charleston, Celia learns that Calpurnia had become a hoarder, the house is a wreck, and selling it will require a drastic, rapid makeover. The task of renovation seems overwhelming and risky. But with the help of new neighbors, old friends, and an unlikely sisterhood of strong, creative women who need her as much as she needs them, Celia knits together the truth about her estranged family -- and about herself. The Restoration of Celia Fairchild is an unforgettable novel of secrets revealed, laughter released, creativity rediscovered, and waves of wisdom by a writer Robyn Carr calls my go-to author for feel-good novels." --RT Book Reviews

Just in Time

"A future classic." Gary Shteyngart Following two families from Pakistan and Iraq in the 1990s to San Francisco in 2016, *The Bad Muslim Discount* is an inclusive, comic novel about Muslims immigrants finding their way in modern America. It is 1995, and Anvar Faris is a restless, rebellious, and sharp-tongued boy doing his best to grow up in Karachi, Pakistan. As fundamentalism takes root within the social order and the zealots next door attempt to make Islam great again, his family decides, not quite unanimously, to start life over in California. Ironically, Anvar's deeply devout mother and his model-Muslim brother adjust easily to life in America, while his fun-loving father can't find anyone he relates to. For his part, Anvar fully commits to being a bad Muslim. At the same time, thousands of miles away, Safwa, a young girl living in

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war-torn Baghdad with her grief-stricken, conservative father will find a very different and far more dangerous path to America. When Anvar and Safwa's worlds collide as two remarkable, strong-willed adults, their contradictory, intertwined fates will rock their community, and families, to their core. The Bad Muslim Discount is an irreverent, poignant, and often hysterically funny debut novel by an amazing new voice. With deep insight, warmth, and an irreverent sense of humor, Syed M. Masood examines universal questions of identity, faith (or lack thereof), and belonging through the lens of Muslim Americans.

Apart at the Seams

"This is a truly original novel that has earned its place among my favorite works of historical fiction."--Jennifer Robson, USA Today bestselling author of *The Gown* An exciting, dual-timeline historical novel about the creation of one of Leonardo da Vinci's most famous paintings, *Portrait of a Lady with an Ermine*, and the woman who fought to save it from Nazi destruction during World War II. Milan, 1492: When a 16-year old beauty becomes the mistress of the Duke of Milan, she must fight for her place in the palace—and against those who want her out. Soon, she finds herself sitting before Leonardo da Vinci, who wants to ensure his own place in the ducal palace by painting his most ambitious portrait to date. Munich, World War II: After a modest conservator unwittingly places a priceless Italian Renaissance portrait into the hands of a high-ranking Nazi leader, she risks her life to recover it, working with an American soldier, part of

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the famed Monuments Men team, to get it back. Two women, separated by 500 years, are swept up in the tide of history as one painting stands at the center of their quests for their own destinies.

The Family Next Door

One of Publishers Weekly's Top Ten Mystery/Thrillers of the Year One of Kirkus Reviews' Ten Best Crime Novels of the Year One of Gillian Flynn's "Recommendations for the Season" on Today Edgar (R) Award Nominee for Best Novel ALA Reading List Award for Best Mystery 1845: New York City forms its first police force. The great potato famine hits Ireland. These two events will change New York City forever... Timothy Wilde tends bar, saving every dollar in hopes of winning the girl of his dreams. But when his dreams are destroyed by a fire that devastates downtown Manhattan, he is left with little choice but to accept a job in the newly minted New York City Police Department. Returning exhausted from his rounds one night, Tim collides with a girl no more than ten years old... covered in blood. She claims that dozens of bodies are buried in the forest north of Twenty-Third Street. Timothy isn't sure whether to believe her, but as the image of a brutal killer is slowly revealed and anti-Irish rage infects the city, the reluctant copper star is engaged in a battle that may cost him everything...

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