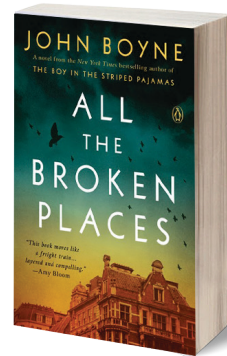


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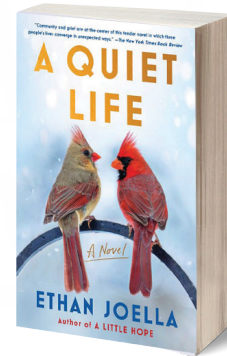
All the Broken Places: A Novel

By John Boyne

(Penguin Books, 9780593653449, \$19, Nov. 28, Historical Fiction)

"Gretel Fernsby is a character for the ages! She's a 91-year-old full of guilt with stories to tell. Boyne writes her with great compassion – maybe more than she deserves – and brings alive a story spanning decades and continents."

–Claire Benedict, Bear Pond Books, Montpelier, VT



A Quiet Life: A Novel

By Ethan Joella

(Scribner, 9781982190989, \$16.99, Nov. 21, Fiction)

"A touching novel that is meant to be read with a warm cup of tea. *A Quiet Life* beautifully explores how loss, in its many forms, can lead to new hope in the most unexpected places."

–Angela Pursel, The Next Chapter Bookstore, Hermiston, OR



Blaze Me a Sun: A Novel About a Crime

By Christoffer Carlsson, Rachel Willson-Broyles (Transl.)

(Hogarth, 9780593449370, \$18, Nov. 28, Thriller)

"If you love a good Swedish crime novel or are a fan of Stieg Larsson then this book is for you! A runaway bestseller in Sweden, this is the American debut for the author and a can't put down thriller that had me guessing until the end."

–Kathy Clemmons, Sundog Books, Santa Rosa Beach, FL



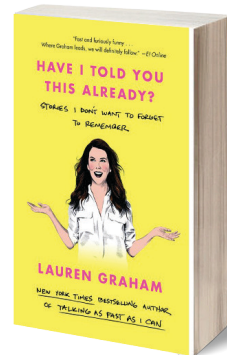
Weightless: Making Space for My Resilient Body and Soul

By Evette Dionne

(Ecco, 9780063076372, \$17.99, Dec. 5, Memoir)

"Dionne's essays cover fat-shaming, plus-size characters, love and sex, the pain of weight loss due to illness, and weight-discrimination legislation. Based both on research and her own experiences, there's much here to think about."

–Susan Posch, The Book Shoppe, Boone, IA



Have I Told You This Already?: Stories I Don't Want to Forget to Remember

By Lauren Graham

(Ballantine Books, 9780593355442, \$18, Nov. 14, Memoir)

"This book is like sitting down with an old friend! Learn about an actor's climb to the top, what book she keeps by her bedside, and what she thinks about when she walks around town. I read it as quickly as her Lorelai Gilmore character talked!"

–Margaret Walker, Union Avenue Books, Knoxville, TN



Winterland: A Novel

By Rae Meadows

(Holt Paperbacks, 9781250834515, \$17.99, Nov. 7, Thriller)

"Rae Meadows' *Winterland* is more than a story of women, and more than an expose of the abuse young gymnasts endure. It is a moving portrait of an authoritarian country and how hard it is to know when or how to stand up to what we know is wrong."

–Sarah Bagby, Watermark Books & Café, Wichita, KS



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Second Chances in New Port Stephen: A Novel

By TJ Alexander (Atria/Emlay Bestler Books, 9781668021965, \$17.99, Paperback, Dec. 5, Romance)

"I can't stop talking about Second Chances in New Port Stephen! Such a beautiful, fun love story, and the ways queerness and transness are just simply accepted are so important. There is so much packed into this sweet romance - it's a miracle!"

-Lisa Swayze, Buffalo Street Books, Ithaca, NY



The Other Mothers: A Novel

By Katherine Faulkner (Gallery Books, 9781668024782, \$28.99, Dec. 5, Thriller)

"The Other Mothers was a wonderful exploration into imposter syndrome and what it's like trying to fit in, but also how quickly it happens when you don't even realize you're trying to do it. I loved Sophie's POV as well. Very well written!"

-Amy Williams, As The Page Turns, Travelers Rest, SC

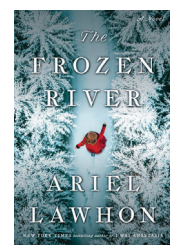


The Fake Mate: A Novel

By Lana Ferguson (Berkley, 9780593549377, \$17, Paperback, Dec. 5, Romance)

"Expect fake dating, wolf shifters, spice galore, true love, and workplace romance! It's not only spicy, but it also has fantastic banter and lots of hilarious plot points, while wonderfully explaining the lore of the Omegaverse world."

-Olivia Determan, Books Around the Corner, Gresham, OR



The Frozen River: A Novel

By Ariel Lawhon (Doubleday, 9780385546874, \$28, Dec. 5, Historical Fiction)

"Based on the life of Martha Ballard, an 18th-century midwife in Maine, The Frozen River is mesmerizing. Martha is brilliant and strong in a period when women were lucky to read. Throw in a murder mystery with vivid characters? Heaven."

-Mary Hembree, House of Books, Kent, CT

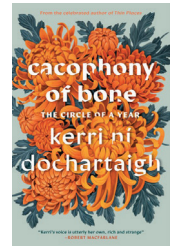


Raiders of the Lost Heart

By Jo Segura (Berkley, 9780593547465, \$17, Paperback, Dec. 5, Romance)

"The tension between Corrie and Ford is hotter than the jungle heat in this adventurous romance! Set in Mexico on an archaeological dig, witness the extreme circumstances that push these rivals to share their true feelings for each other."

-Jamie Southern, Bookmarks, Winston-Salem, NC

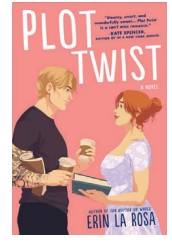


Cacophony of Bone: The Circle of a Year

By Kerri ní Dochartaigh (Milkweed Editions, 9781571311573, \$26, Nov. 14, Essays)

"A gorgeous, elegiac meditation on time, the natural world, and all the aspects of life that we can only understand through our mind's eye. Kerri ní Dochartaigh is a gifted writer and Cacophony of Bone is a joy to read."

-Debra Ginsberg, DIESEL, A Bookstore, Santa Monica, CA

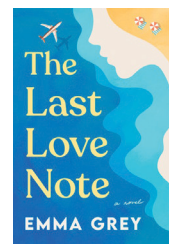


Plot Twist: A Novel

By Erin La Rosa (Canary Street Press, 9781335458117, \$18.99, Paperback, Nov. 14, Romance)

"A great friends-to-lovers romance, with a realistic representation of sobriety/alcoholism that doesn't gloss over the reality of addiction. Sophie figures out what went wrong, and Dash accepts that even in recovery, he is worthy of love."

-Stephanie Rivera, Chapter Two...a Bookstore, Lompoc, CA

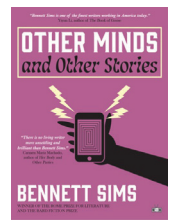


The Last Love Note: A Novel

By Emma Grey (Zibby Books, 9781958506288, \$16.99, Paperback, Nov. 28, Fiction)

"I fell in love with the characters in this book. I rooted for all of them. I wanted them to do well. I wanted their love stories to work. It made me laugh, it made me cry, it made me cringe and scream like a teenager. I loved it."

-Andrea Iriarte, Molly's Bookstore, Melrose, MA

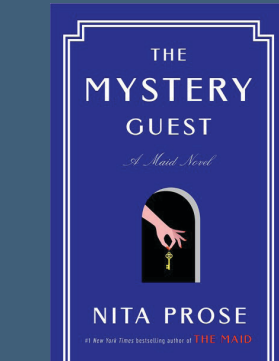


Other Minds and Other Stories

By Bennett Sims (Two Dollar Radio, 9781953387356, \$18.95, Paperback, Nov. 14, Short Stories)

"A perfectly unsettling collection about memory, perception, self-doubt, Hegel, and amateur chicken butchering that goes horrifically wrong. Sims masterfully explores the horror in mundane situations. Highly recommended!"

-Caitlin Baker, Island Books, Mercer Island, WA

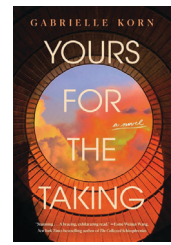


The Mystery Guest: A Maid Novel

By Nita Prose (Ballantine Books, 9780593356180, \$29, Nov. 28, Mystery)

"Molly is back with another entertaining mystery to solve at the Regency Grand Hotel. This time, a famous author is under scrutiny, featuring a pack of rabid fans and a peek into Molly's past. Pour a nice cup of tea and enjoy Molly's next case!"

-Jenny Stroyeck, The Homer Bookstore, Homer, AK

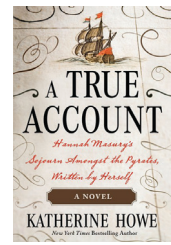


Yours for the Taking: A Novel

By Gabrielle Korn (St. Martin's Press, 9781250283368, \$29, Dec. 5, Fiction)

"With multiple narrators with diverse backgrounds and ideas, this book kept me guessing. This story is all about how different decisions one makes (as well as society), no matter the intention, can negatively harm what follows."

-McKenna Moran, Anderson's Bookshops, Naperville, IL

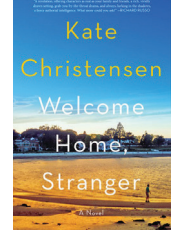


A True Account: Hannah Masury's Sojourn Amongst the Pyrates, Written by Herself: A Novel

By Katherine Howe (Henry Holt and Co., 9781250304889, \$28.99, Nov. 21, Historical Fiction)

"This book has everything I love in a good historical fiction novel: fierce female protagonists, pirates, smashing the colonial patriarchy, twentieth-century academia. It will make for a great book club selection - I can't wait to share it!"

-Sarah Danforth, Reads & Company, Phoenixville, PA



Welcome Home, Stranger: A Novel

By Kate Christensen (Harper, 9780063299702, \$28.99, Dec. 5, Fiction)

"Rachel lives an independent life. When her mom dies back home in Maine, Rachel's return opens up wounds that she might finally be able to examine and heal. Complex, insightful and real, this moving story of lifelong relationships is resonant."

-Beth Mynhier, Lake Forest Book Store, Lake Forest, IL



Calamity

By Constance Fay (Bramble, 9781250330413, \$18.99, Paperback, Nov. 14, Romance)

"A great debut that will appeal to a large audience. The characters feel real, and it's great to read sci-fi with romance that doesn't feel forced. I'll recommend this to fantasy romance readers who are looking to branch out."

-Scott Patnesky, Tattered Cover Book Store, Denver, CO

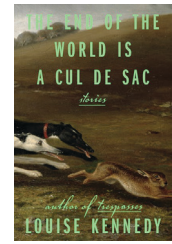


The Other Half: A Novel

By Charlotte Vassell (Anchor, 9780593685945, \$27, Nov. 21, Mystery)

"First in a series about British Detective Camus Beauchamp, this mystery takes us into London's high society to solve the murder of one of the gentry's 'It' girls. DI Beauchamp is intriguing - I'm looking forward to more of his cases."

-Camille Kovach, Completely Booked, Murrysville, PA

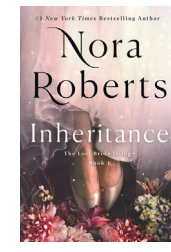


The End of the World Is a Cul de Sac: Stories

By Louise Kennedy (Riverhead Books, 9780593540923, \$28, Dec. 5, Short Stories)

"Kennedy displays why she was able to make her name, writing with a delicateness that articulates a great love for these characters as they weave through domestic peril. Her ability to fit complex characters into a short window is remarkable."

-Richard Dixon, Politics and Prose Bookstore, Washington, DC



Inheritance: The Lost Bride Trilogy #1

By Nora Roberts (St. Martin's Press, 9781250288325, \$30, Nov. 21, Romance)

"This book has it all. Not only is the storyline wonderful, but the characters fit it perfectly and are well developed. There's a reason why Nora Roberts is considered the queen of romance: no one does it better. This is a winner."

-Sandi Cararo, The Book Dragon, Staunton, VA



Ruined

By Sarah Vaughn, Sarah Winifred Searle (Illus.), Niki Smith (Illus.) (First Second, 9781250769350, \$28.99, Nov. 28, Romance/Graphic Novel)

"This graphic novel reflects so many of the emotions one feels while reading a historical romance novel. We see the blushes, the crooked smirks, and the awkwardness of stilted courtship roles. I love that there were no punches pulled!"

-R. Aimee Chipman, The Bluestocking Bookshop, Holland, MI

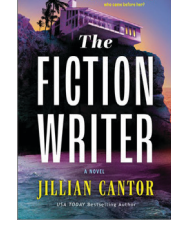


Wings of Red: A Novel

By James W. Jennings (Soft Skull, 9781593767099, \$16.95, Paperback, Nov. 21, Fiction)

"Somewhere between autofiction and a neo-Beat style bildungsroman, Wings of Red is the story of a young artist in a city that cares little for his art and less for his life. Through Jennings' vibrant prose, June Papers becomes someone you root for."

-Josh Cook, Porter Square Books, Cambridge, MA



The Fiction Writer: A Novel

By Jillian Cantor (Park Row, 9780778334187, \$17.99, Paperback, Nov. 28, Fiction)

"Jillian Cantor explores the fiction writers' storytelling dilemma of writing a story that is fresh and has not been told before. Cantor's entertaining novel has many twists that keeps you guessing until the very end."

-Connie L. Eaton, Three Sisters Books & Gifts, Shelbyville, IN

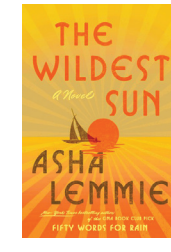


Alice Sadie Celine: A Novel

By Sarah Blakley-Cartwright (Simon & Schuster, 9781668021590, \$26.99, Nov. 28, Fiction)

"Written in gorgeous prose that dives deeply into each of the three women's characters and backstories, with a level of suspense that kept me wondering how things would turn out in the end. This novel is unique and surprising. A great read."

-Christine Bell, Roundabout Books, Bend, OR

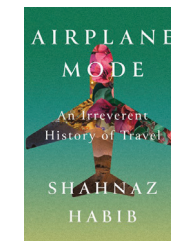


The Wildest Sun: A Novel

By Asha Lemmie (Dutton, 9780593185711, \$28, Dec. 5, Historical Fiction)

"Asha Lemmie grants us a new look into her creativity with a novel about a woman who embarks on a mission to find her father: Ernest Hemingway. A homage to the dreams we hold dear; This is a book of adventure, expectations, love and hope. Enjoy!"

-Linda Bond, Auntie's Bookstore, Spokane, WA



Airplane Mode: An Irreverent History of Travel

By Shahnaz Habib (Catapult, 9781646220151, \$27, Dec. 5, Essays)

"A thought provoking read about the origins of travel and how it intersects with class, race and colonialism. Habib interweaves her life experience with her own migration and travel. This is subtitled as irreverent - it's anything but."

-Audrey I-Wei Huang, Belmont Books, Belmont, MA



Mercy

By Sara Cate (Sourcebooks Casablanca, 9781728282169, \$17.99, Paperback, Dec. 5, Romance)

"This book brought me to tears in the most amazing way. It was sexy, emotional, healing all in one. I have devoured this series like no other and have never felt so seen as I have with Sara Cate's writing."

-Amanda Anderson, The Last Chapter Book Shop, Chicago, IL



Meet the Benedettos: A Novel

By Katie Cotugno (Harper Perennial, 9780063324145, \$17.99, Paperback, Dec. 5, Fiction)

"Simply scrumptious. Meet the Benedettos has the same captivating, fast-paced nature as everything Cotugno's written. The characters were great, and the romantic chemistry palpable. I was intoxicated by this novel; I loved it so, so much."

-Mallory Melton, BookPeople, Austin, TX