**HOT TITLES FOR APRIL**
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FICTION

**Afterlife** – Julie Alvarez. Reeling from her beloved husband's sudden death in the wake of her retirement, an immigrant writer is further derailed by the reappearance of her unstable sister and an entreaty for help by a pregnant undocumented teen.

**Walk the Wire** – David Baldacci. The best-selling author of *The Fix* presents a highly charged thriller in which fan-favorite character Amos Decker embarks on an action-packed investigation that is complicated by Baldacci's signature twists and turns.

**A Thousand Moons** – Sebastian Barry. Raised by unconventional adoptive parents on a Tennessee farm, an orphaned Lakota child pursues a life for herself beyond the violence and dispossession of her past. By the award-winning author of *Days Without End*.

**Little Family** – Ishmael Beah. Struggling to replace the homes they have lost in their conflict-scarred homeland, five young people improvise a home together in an abandoned airplane before an irresistible opportunity tests their bond. By the best-selling author of *A Long Way Gone*.

**Three Hours in Paris** – Cara Black. A suspenseful historical tale based on the mystery of Hitler's abrupt departure from newly occupied 1940 Paris follows the mission of a British intelligence markswoman who while trying to assassinate the Führer discovers that she has been set up.

**The Third Sister** – Sara Blaedel. A high-action conclusion to the best-selling series finds Ilka Jensen embarking on a formidable journey when an astonishing revelation pulls her into a violent world where she confronts the answers she has been seeking.

**The Split** – Sharon Bolton. Taking a job on an isolated island to hide from her former inmate ex-husband, Felicity is offered help from a doctor who would understand Felicity and her ex's complicated past.

**Pretty Things** – Janelle Brown. To save her mother, a con artist who hustled to give her a decent childhood, Nina must run her most audacious, dangerous scam yet that involves a privileged young heiress as they both try to survive the greatest game of deceit and destruction they will ever play.

**Sin Eater** – Megan Campisi. Sentenced to become a Sin Eater for the crime of stealing bread, a 14-year-old orphan in 16th-century England becomes ensnared in a deadly royal plot that helps her discover the power of her subjugated position.

**Savage Son** – Jack Carr. While a woman flees for her life in Siberia and a traitorous CIA officer goes into hiding within the Russian mafia, James Reece slowly recovers from brain surgery, unaware that he has been targeted by dangerous adversaries.
Sunrise on Half Moon Bay – Robyn Carr. A contemporary woman navigates her journey from a devoted parental caregiver to a person capable of embracing her own joy in the face of hardship.

If I Had Your Face – Frances Cha. In Seoul, South Korea, four young women make their way in a world defined by impossibly high standards of beauty, secret salons catering to wealthy men, strict social hierarchies and K-pop fan mania. A first novel.

Master Class – Christina Dalcher. Transferring from an elite post to the state boarding school where her daughter has been placed, a teacher is horrified to discover that the students are secretly being put to work as child laborers and subjected to involuntary lab experiments.

He Started It – Samantha Downing. Forced by their wealthy grandfather's death to reunite after an extended estrangement, three siblings and their respective partners reluctantly participate in a cross-country road trip to fulfill a final request and secure their inheritances.

The Big Finish – Brooke Fossey. A curmudgeonly senior who would avoid a nursing home forges an unexpected bond with his estranged granddaughter, an abused child who is rapidly succumbing to the alcoholism that once painfully overshadowed his own life.

Northernmost – Peter Geye. From the acclaimed author of Wintering comes a thrilling ode to the spirit of adventure and the vagaries of loss and love.

Lakewood – Megan Giddings. Forced to drop out of school to help support her family, Lena takes a lucrative job as a secret laboratory subject before devastating side effects make her question how much she can sacrifice. A first novel.

Fake Truth – Lee Goldberg. Breaking her personal rule about avoiding relationships when she falls for an ambitious entrepreneur, defense attorney Samantha Brinkman is challenged to prove her lover's innocence of murder when his alibi and past are thrown into question.

Camino Winds – John Grisham. The best-selling author of Fair Warning presents a follow-up to Camino Island that finds novelist Mercer Mann's continued efforts to find literary inspiration in the idyllic region complicated by mysterious intrigues.

You and Me and Us – Alison Hammer. Spending a final summer at the beach together when her husband is diagnosed with terminal cancer, workaholic Alexis puts her career on hold while their daughter struggles through the bittersweet realities of first love. A first novel.

Little Secrets – Jennifer Hillier. A year after the disappearance of her son, Marin, a shadow of herself, hires a P.I. to pick up where the police left off only to discover that her husband is having an affair with a younger woman, which is a problem Marin can fix by any means necessary.

Queenie Malone’s Paradise Hotel – Ruth Hogan. Returning to her childhood home in Brighton after the death of her estranged mother, Tilda uncovers complicated truths before discovering the renewing power of a chosen family. By the best-selling author of The Keeper of Lost Things.
**Miss Austen** – Gill Hornby. Cassandra Austen hunts down a trove of letters written by her deceased sister, Jane, and confronts the buried secrets they hold, secrets not only about Jane but also about Cassandra herself.

**Simon the Fiddler** – Paulette Jiles. Conscripted into the Confederate Army after nearly escaping the American Civil War, an itinerant fiddle player joins a ragtag regimental band playing for both sides of the conflict before falling in love with an indentured Irish governess.

**Liberation** – Imogen Kealey. Drawn into the underground Resistance in occupied France, special-ops spy Nancy Wake quickly rises to the top of the Nazi's most-wanted list only to find her husband arrested for the acts she has committed.

**The Book of Longings** – Sue Monk Kidd. A first-century intellectual fights the limitations imposed on women before an encounter with an 18-year-old Jesus leads to their marriage, his dangerous public ministry and her flight to safety in Alexandria.

**To Calais, In Ordinary Time** – James Meek. In 1348 England, a gentlewoman fleeing an odious arranged marriage, a Scots proctor setting out for Avignon, and a young plowman in search of freedom is on his way to volunteer with a company of archers all come together on the road to Calais.

**The Love Story of Missy Carmichael** – Beth Morrey. Reevaluating her past upon finding herself alone at age 79, Missy forges unexpected ties with two strangers and their spirited dog, discovering the power of friendship, family and self-forgiveness along the way. A first novel.

**A Tender Thing** – Emily Neuberger. Running away to New York City for an open-call Broadway audition, an aspiring musical actress lands a major role in a controversial new production that tests the cultural boundaries of the late 1950s. A first novel.

**Dead Land** – Sara Paretsky. Dragged by her impetuous goddaughter into a legal battle over a clandestine deal that is threatening community land, V. I. Warshawski uncovers a developer scheme that ends the life of the young man her goddaughter is dating.

**Revenge** – James Patterson. Investigating the suspicious suicide of a young woman whose family once employed him as a bodyguard, former SAS soldier David Shelley makes unsettling discoveries that are complicated by the victim's father's thirst for revenge.

**The Secrets of Love Story Bridge** – Phaedra Patrick. A single father's brave act of saving a woman's life sparks an unexpected journey that helps him find a second chance at love. By the award-winning author of *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*.

**The Jerusalem Assassin** – Joel C. Rosenberg. Investigating the murders of senior American officials who were negotiating a Middle East peace agreement, Marcus Ryker and his CIA operative team uncover a chilling plot against the life of the President.

**Masked Prey** – John Sandford. When a Senator's daughter discovers that an unknown extremist has been posting politician kid photos online beside vicious but legal ideological
rants, Lucas Davenport is summoned by influential Washington leaders to prevent
dangerous attacks on their children.

The Last Emperor – John Scalzi. This thrilling conclusion to the best-selling
Interdependency series follows Emperox Grayland II as she fights a desperate final battle
for her crown and empire while striving to save her citizens from eternal intergalactic
isolation.

Hid From Our Eyes – Julia Spencer-Fleming. Police chief Russ van Alstyne races to solve
a baffling murder that eerily resembles two unsolved killings from decades earlier for which
he was the prime suspect. By the award-winning author of One Was a Soldier.

The Wedding Dress – Danielle Steel. A treasured wedding gown made in 1928 Paris is
handed down through four generations of women in a family shaped by the San Francisco
social scene, two world wars, the Civil Rights era and the rise of Silicon Valley.

A Hundred Suns – Karin Tanabe. In the 1930s an American journeys to Indochine in the
name of family fortune, the glamorous world she finds herself in—and the truth she may be
running from.

Redhead by the Side of the Road – Anne Tyler. A tech expert and building superintendent
finds his circumscribed routines upended by his significant other's eviction and the
appearance of a teen at his doorstep who claims to be his son. By the Pulitzer Prize-winning
author of Breathing Lessons.

Have You Seen Me? – Kate White. Arriving at work to discover that she has suffered a
dissociative fugue and lost five years of her memory, a finance journalist examines a
traumatic past event before connecting her experience to an unsolved murder.

Broken: Six Short Novels – Don Winslow. Drug dealers, bounty hunters, fugitives,
struggling cops and lost souls rob, steal, kill, corrupt and betray their way through five
intense novellas in this collection from the internationally best-selling author of The Border.

The Book of Lost Friends – Lisa Wingate. A modern-day teacher discovers the story of
three Reconstruction-era women and how it connects to her own students’ lives in this latest
from the New York Times best-selling author of Before We Were Yours.

How Much of These Hills is Gold – C. Pam Zhang. Two orphaned Chinese immigrant
siblings flee the threats of their gold rush mining town across an unforgiving landscape
where their survival is tested by family secrets, sibling rivalry and disparate goals. A first
novel.

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Hell and Other Destinations: a 21st-Century Memoir – Madeleine Albright. Revealing,
funny and inspiring, the six-time New York Times best-selling author and former secretary
of state—one of the world’s most admired and timeless public servants—reflects on the final
stages of her career and how she has blazed her own trail in her later years.
After the Last Border: Two Families and the Story of Refuge in America – Jessica Goudeau. Documents the intimate stories of two refugees in present-day Texas, describing how a Christian from Myanmar and a Muslim from Syria narrowly escaped their home countries only to be introduced to the worst and best of the American dream.

At the Center of All Beauty: Solitude and the Creative Life – Fenton Johnson. A heavily researched meditation on the role of solitude in creative and intellectual lives explores the characters and achievements of iconic “solitaires,” from Thoreau to Zora Neale Hurston.

Weird: the Power of Being an Outsider in an Insider World – Olga Khazan. An Atlantic staff writer reclaims the concept of “weird” and turns it into a badge of honor rather than a slur, showing how being different—culturally, socially, physically or mentally—can actually be a person's greatest strength.

The Last Book on the Left: Stories of Murder and Mayhem from History’s Most Notorious Serial Killers – Ben Kissel. A haunting and humorous deep-dive review of history's most notorious and cold-blooded serial killers is presented by the creators of the award-winning podcast Last Podcast on the Left.

Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family – Robert Kolker. Tells the heartrending story of a midcentury American family with 12 children, 6 of them diagnosed with schizophrenia, that became science’s great hope in the quest to understand the disease.

Joy at Work: Organizing Your Professional Life – Marie Kondo. The best-selling author of The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up and the psychologist author of Stretch share anecdotes, studies and strategies for promoting workplace fulfillment through focused organization and productivity.

The Women with Silver Wings: the Inspiring True Story of the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II – Katherine Sharp Landdeck. Tells the true story of the daring female aviators who helped the United States win World War II—only to be forgotten by the country they served.

The Moment of Tenderness – Madeleine L'Engle. A collection of short stories by the late author of the Newbery Award-winning A Wrinkle in Time draws on L'Engle's early life, career and faith to convey uplifting messages about the power of hope.

Dorothy Day: Dissenting Voice of the American Century – John Loughery. An authoritative portrait of the radical pacifist and activist includes coverage of her early suffrage demonstrations, conversion to orthodox Catholicism, imprisonment for her Vietnam War protests and recognition by Pope Francis I.

Trees in Trouble: Wildfires, Infestations, and Climate Change – Daniel Mathews. The author of The Natural History of the Pacific Northwest Mountains examines the devastating effects of climate change in the Western and Rocky Mountain states, drawing on in-depth reportage to illuminate the essential work of today’s activists.
Gardening Your Front Yard: Projects and Ideas for Big and Small Spaces – Tara Nolan. Provides sage advice and step-by-step projects to transform your front yard into a beautiful outdoor living space.

Overkill: When Modern Medicine Goes Too Far – Paul A. Offit. An award-winning patient advocate presents a revelatory assessment of 15 out-of-date, common and widely used medical interventions, from vitamins and sunscreen to prescription drugs and surgeries, that are proving more harmful than helpful.

Becoming Kim Jong Un: a Former CIA Officer’s Insights Into North Korea’s Enigmatic Young Dictator – Jung H. Pak. A CIA analyst’s account of the rise of North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un looks at everything from his nuclear ambitions to his summits with President Donald J. Trump.

The House of Kennedy – James Patterson. A revelatory portrait of the Kennedys explores how the dual mottos, "To whom much is given, much is expected" and "Win at all costs" shaped generations of life inside and outside the family.

**ANYTHING WE’VE MISSED?**
**SOMETHING YOU’D RECOMMEND?**
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