**HOT TITLES FOR MARCH**
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Enter the Aardvark – Jessica Anthony. A Republican Congressman struggles to save his career after a mysterious stuffed aardvark appears on his doorstep, in a novel of politics, power and sexuality.

Conjure Women – Afia Atakora. A midwife and conjurer of curses reflects on her life before and after the Civil War, her relationships with the families she serves and the secrets she has learned about a plantation owner’s daughter. A first novel.

Providence – Max Barry. A four-person crew aboard Earth’s first warship prepares to defend the planet from hostile aliens only to find their communications disrupted by a sudden and devastatingly real space battle.

The Operator – Gretchen Berg. A 1950s Ohio switchboard operator who eavesdrops on her neighbors' conversations uncovers unexpected secrets when she decides to investigate a malicious rumor that threatens to upend her carefully ordered life. A first novel.

The Red Lotus – Christopher Bohjalian. Falling in love with a wounded former patient and accompanying him on a cycling trip to Vietnam, an emergency-room doctor uncovers a bizarre series of deceptions that culminate in her boyfriend’s unexplained disappearance.

Long Range – C. J. Box. Assisting an investigation into a fatal grizzly attack that is not what it seems, Joe Pickett become embroiled in the case of a prominent judge’s wife by a would-be assassin who was shooting from a confoundingly long distance.

City of Margins – William Boyle. The lives of several lost souls intersect in gritty 1990s south Brooklyn, from a disgraced ex-cop with blood on his hands to the grieving mother of a suicide victim.

Smoke Bitten – Patricia Briggs. Centuries after the banishment of the fae allows magical creatures to run wild, a violent escaped shape-shifter is pursued by a were-coyote and her pack of protective half-humans.

Stone Cross – Marc Cameron. In a remote Alaskan village, Deputy US Marshal Arliss Cutter searches for a stone-cold killer amid a hotbed of corruption, lies and long-buried secrets.

These Ghosts are Family – Maisy Card. A man on his deathbed reveals that he stole another man's identity decades earlier, traces the family's history from colonial Jamaica to present-day Harlem and reconnects with the firstborn daughter he never knew. A first novel.

The Boy From the Woods – Harlan Coben. A man with a past shrouded in mystery searches desperately for a missing teenage girl whose disappearance is triggering disastrous consequences throughout her community and the world.
Journey of the Pharaohs – Clive Cussler. Kurt Austin and the NUMA crew race to identify a link between an ancient Egyptian treasure, a 1927 daredevil aviator's disappearance and the sinking of a modern fishing trawler to prevent a scheme by a cutthroat arms dealer.

A Forgotten Murder – Jude Deveraux. Gathering at a British country estate for a festive murder-mystery weekend, a retired romance novelist and her old friends tackle a 25-year-old unsolved case that is complicated by the discovery of a murdered jewel thief.

Hannah’s War – Jan Eliasberg. As a female scientist works to develop the first atomic bomb during World War II, a young military investigator is determined to uncover her secret past.

Actress – Anne Enright. When her Irish-theater-legend mother succumbs to alcohol and instability, Norah draws on her experiences of surviving a crime and growing up in the wings of her mother's career to rediscover herself as a wife, mother and writer.


Gone by Midnight – Candice Fox. Distrustful of the police, Sara Farrow turns to Crimson Lake's unlikeliest private investigators—disgraced cop Ted Conkaffey and convicted killer Amanda Pharrell—to help find her missing son.

The Final Deception – Heather Graham. In a series finale, criminal psychologist Kieran Finnegan navigates unnerving ties to an escaped killer in the wake of an outbreak of violent murders that FBI agent Craig Frasier believes may be the work of a copycat.

The Other Benedict Sister – Janice Hadlow. A reimagining of the story of Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice* spinster, Mary Bennet, finds her navigating limited cultural expectations before embracing her intellectual identity and making her own choices about her future. A first novel.

Small Kingdoms and Other Stories – Charlaine Harris. The #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of the Sookie Stackhouse books presents a new collection of linked short stories.

The Return – Rachel Harrison. When their friend returns ill and haggard from a two-year absence with no memory of what happened, a circle of women, trapped inside a hotel by bad weather, become targeted by malevolent otherworldly phenomena. A first novel.

The Animals at Lockwood Manor – Jane Healey. When a young woman is tasked with safeguarding a natural history collection as it is spirited out of London during World War II, she discovers her new manor home is a place of secrets and terror instead of protection.

You Are Not Alone – Greer Hendricks. A lonely misfit with a dead-end job quietly envies a circle of popular sisters who hide dangerous vengeful truths beneath a veneer of friendship, glamour and accomplishments. By the authors of *The Wife Between Us*. 
The Woman in the Mirror – Rebecca James. A chilling modern gothic novel looks at a family consumed by the shadows and secrets of its past.

The Last Human – Zack Jordan. Hiding her feared human identity while living among hundreds of alien species roaming the corridors of Watertower Station, a lone survivor struggles to understand why humans were destroyed, before a bounty hunter reveals harrowing truths.

The Henna Artist – Alka Joshi. A talented henna artist for wealthy confidantes finds her efforts to control her own destiny in 1950s Jaipur threatened by the abusive husband she fled as a teenage girl. A first novel.

The Deep – Alma Katsu. Surviving the sinking of the Titanic, Annie takes a job as a nurse on the Britannic before encountering a fellow survivor who forces her to reckon with past demons. By the award-winning author of The Hunger.

Writers & Lovers – Lily King. A follow-up to the award-winning Euphoria follows the story of a former child golf prodigy-turned-unemployed writer whose determination to live a creative life is complicated by her relationships with two very different men.

Devoted – Dean Koontz. A child who has not spoken since his father’s death befriends a dog who understands his wordless communications, which are complicated by the boy’s conviction that an evil is targeting his family.

Code Name Helene – Ariel Lawhon. A novel based on the real-life story of socialite-spy Nancy Wake features the astonishing woman who killed a Nazi with her bare hands and went on to become one of the most decorated women in WWII.

Stop at Nothing – Michael Ledwidge. Stealing a fortune in cash and diamonds from a Gulfstream jet that has crashed in the Bahamas, an expat diving instructor uses elite skills from his secret former life to outmaneuver the conspirators behind the crash.

Trace Elements – Donna Leon. A woman's cryptic dying words in a Venetian hospice lead Commissario Guido Brunetti and his colleague, Claudia Griffoni, to uncover a threat to the entire region.

Watching from the Dark – Gytha Lodge. When a vibrant young woman is murdered over video chat, a small-town detective wades into a circle of friends and lovers with dangerous secrets.

House of Earth and Blood – Sarah J. Maas. Seeking oblivion in nightclubs in the aftermath of a shattering loss, half-fae Bryce is unwittingly dragged into a murder investigation at the side of a Fallen angel.

The Glass Hotel – Emily St. John Mandel. The award-winning author of Station Eleven presents a tale of crisis and survival in the hidden landscapes of homeless campgrounds, luxury hotels, private clubs and federal prisons, where a massive Ponzi scheme is tied to a woman’s disappearance at sea.
The Mirror & the Light – Hilary Mantel. A tale inspired by the final years of Thomas Cromwell describes how after the execution of Anne Boleyn and childbed death of Queen Jane, the former blacksmith's son orchestrates a desperate plot to fortify England and save his own life.

A Reasonable Doubt – Phillip Margolin. When a magician linked to suspicious deaths goes missing in the middle of performing a new trick, criminal defense attorney Robin Lockwood untangles dangerous clues to identify a killer among numerous suspects.

A Silent Death – Peter May. A new suspense novel unites a strong, independent Spaniard with a socially inept Scotsman; a senseless vendetta with a sense-deprived victim; and a red-hot Costa Del Sol with an ice-cold killer.

Deacon King Kong – James McBride. In the aftermath of a 1969 Brooklyn church deacon's public shooting of a local drug dealer, the community's African-American and Latinx witnesses find unexpected support from each other when they are targeted by violent mobsters.

Fearless – Fern Michaels. Falling in love with a divorced professor she meets on a singles cruise, widow Anna Campbell accepts his proposal before uncovering disturbing facts about him and his children.

Beheld – TaraShea Nesbit. The best-selling author of The Wives of Los Alamos retracts the story of the Pilgrims from the perspectives of the rebel Billington family, whose disputes with Puritan neighbors under the influence of a newcomer escalate into Plymouth's first murder.

The Mountains Sing – Que Mai Phan Nguyen. Years after a family is forced by Vietnam's Communist Land Reforms to abandon their farm, a granddaughter comes of age as her loved ones depart for the Ho Chi Minh Trail. A first English-language translation.

Texas Outlaw – James Patterson. Receiving unwanted attention when his country-singer girlfriend writes a hit song about his heroism, Texas Ranger Rory Yates relocates to a tiny municipality where he investigates the suspicious death of a corrupt councilwoman.

The Land Beyond the Sea – Sharon Kay Penman. The young ruler of 12th-century Jerusalem finds his efforts to protect his people complicated by his lifelong struggles with leprosy, threats against his power and a limited number of trustworthy advisors.

Hour of the Assassin – Matthew Quirk. Using his elite training as a former Secret Service agent to test security around high officials, Nick implicates himself while trying to prevent a death before uncovering a decades-old conspiracy targeting the Oval Office.

A Conspiracy of Bones – Kathy Reichs. Forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan struggles to identify a faceless murder victim in possession of her cell number, a mystery that is entangled with a decade-old missing-child case.
The Yellow Bird Sings – Jennifer Rosner. A mother who goes into hiding when Nazis begin arresting Jewish citizens in Poland considers an impossible choice while struggling to keep her 5-year-old daughter, a musical prodigy, from being overheard.

88 Names – Matt Ruff. A romantic cyberthriller set in a world of fluid identities follows the experiences of a paid guide to online role-playing games who comes to believe that an anonymous wealthy new client is actually a violent dictator.

In Five Years – Rebecca Serle. An ambitious young lawyer on the brink of having it all disregards a vivid dream about how different her life will be in five years, before meeting the man in her vision nearly five years later.

The Two Lives of Lydia Bird – Josie Silver. A woman grieving the loss of her fiancé finds herself swapping back and forth between parallel lives, including one in which her first love has survived and another involving a new person who is asking her to move on.

The Everlasting – Katy Simpson Smith. Traces the lives of four individuals from different times in Roman history, from an early Christian child martyr and a medieval monk on crypt duty to a Medici princess of Moorish descent and a contemporary field biologist.

The Numbers Game – Danielle Steel. Setting aside her dreams to raise a family, Eileen reevaluates her sacrifices in the wake of her husband's affair with a famous actress's daughter, who discovers that she needs to find herself before committing to someone else.

The Last Tourist – Olen Steinhauer. Retired agent Milo Weaver has his hideout in Western Sahara invaded by a young CIA analyst who questions him about suspicious deaths and the possible return of the Tourists in the fourth novel of the series following An American Spy.

Eight Perfect Murders – Peter Swanson. Years after establishing a literary career through his compilation of the mystery genre's most unsolvable classics, an unsuspecting bookseller is tapped by the FBI for help solving murders that eerily mimic the books on his list.

The Sea Glass Cottage – RaeAnne Thayne. Returning to her northern California hometown to care for her estranged mother, an unfulfilled career woman reflects on the cycles of addiction and enabling that ended her sister's life and orphaned her niece.


Darling Rose Gold – Stephanie Wrobel. Enduring decades of serious illness as a victim of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy before exposing her mother's behavior, Rose Gold invites her unrepentant mother back into her life to secretly settle the score. A first novel.
Separation Anxiety – Laura Zigman. A once-promising children's book writer navigates the humbling realities of middle age and dysfunctional family life while pursuing well-intentioned but increasingly disastrous changes.

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John Adams Under Fire: the Founding Father's Fight for Justice in the Boston Massacre Murder Trial – Dan Abrams. The best-selling authors of Lincoln's Last Trial draw on the second American President's spoken words and trial transcripts in an account of John Adams's future-risking agreement to represent British soldiers implicated in five colonist murders.


Pearls of Wisdom: Little Pieces of Advice – that Go a Long Way – Barbara Bush. Collects the best advice that First Lady Barbara Bush offered her family, staff and close friends.

Cosmos: Possible Worlds – Ann Druyan. Based on National Geographic's internationally renowned series, a long-awaited sequel to Carl Sagan's best-seller explores the parallel evolutions of science and civilization, discussing such topics as the Big Bang, the Voyager missions and Cassini-Huygen's remarkable findings.

Had I Known: Collected Essays – Barbara Ehrenreich. A selection of the best-selling writer and political activist's most provocative signature writings includes her groundbreaking undercover investigations, op-ed pieces, essays and reviews, including the award-winning "Welcome to Cancerland."

Heaven and Hell: a History of the Afterlife – Bart D. Ehrman. Explores literary and cultural sources to reveal that common perceptions about heaven, hell and the afterlife are modern, competing beliefs that are neither found in the Old Testament nor what Jesus taught.

I Want You To Know We're Still Here: a Post-Holocaust Memoir – Esther Safran Foer. A Jewish-American community leader and founding CEO of Sixth & I describes her parents' silence on their Holocaust experiences and her visit to the Ukraine in search of her family's stories.

Rebel Cinderella: From Rags to Riches to Radical, the Epic Journey of Rose Pastor Stokes – Adam Hochschild. From the best-selling author of King Leopold's Ghost and Spain in Our Hearts comes the astonishing but forgotten story of an immigrant sweatshop worker who married an heir to a great American fortune and became one of the most charismatic radical leaders of her time.

Nobody Will Tell You This But Me: a True (As Told to Me) Story – Bess Kalb. The award-winning Jimmy Kimmel Live writer reflects on her relationship with her loving grandmother, the daughter of immigrants from 19th-century Belarus whose hardships, sacrifices and headstrong nature shaped the author's perspectives on family and career.
The Other Madison: the Lost History of a President’s Black Family – Bettye Kearse. A descendant of an enslaved cook and, according to oral tradition, President James Madison, shares her family story and explores the issues of legacy, race, and the powerful consequences of telling the whole truth.


Why Did I Come Into This Room?: a Candid Conversation About Aging – Joan Lunden. The award-winning broadcast journalist and women's health advocate highlights the laugh-out-loud realities of aging, sharing insights into and personal experiences with such taboo subjects as hot flashes, sex-drive changes and ageism.

Bag Man: the Wild Crimes, Audacious Cover-Up, and Spectacular Downfall of a Brazen Crook in the White House – Rachel Maddow. Documents the lesser-known scandals surrounding former Vice President Spiro Agnew, describing the massive bribery and extortion ring he operated and the efforts of three federal prosecutors to expose his activities before he could ascend to the presidency.

Yellow Bird: Oil, Murder, and a Woman’s Search for Justice in Indian Country – Sierra Crane Murdoch. Tells the true crime story of a murder on an Indian reservation, and the unforgettable Arikara woman who becomes obsessed with solving it.

Capital and Ideology – Thomas Piketty. The epic successor to the #1 best-selling Capital in the Twenty-First Century is at once a retelling of global history, a scathing critique of contemporary politics and a bold proposal for a new and fairer economic system.

When My Time Comes: Conversations About Whether Those Who Are Dying Should Have the Right to Determine When Life Should End – Diane Rehm. A renowned radio host and best-selling author addresses the hotly contested cause of the right-to-die movement, of which she is one of the strongest voices.

Unworthy Republic: the Dispossession of Native Americans and the Road to Indian Territory – Claudio Saunt. A history of the 1830s forced migration of indigenous populations to territories west of the Mississippi describes the government-driven fraud, intimidation and murder that were used to confiscate Native American homelands and property.

Nobody’s Child: a Tragedy, a Trial, and a History of the Insanity Defense – Susan Nordin Vinocour. Provides a powerful and humane exploration of the “insanity defense,” through one heartbreaking case.

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SOMETHING YOU’D RECOMMEND?
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