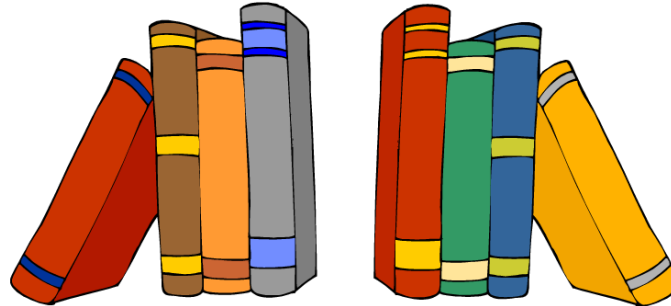


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FICTION

Melanie Gideon
THE INVITATION

June 2021
MSR

Author of *Wife 22* (sold to 31 countries) returns with a novel of psychological suspense, in which the alluring friendship between a widowed single mother and a rich divorcee grows increasingly obsessive and dark, with dire consequences for their teenage daughters. **(World)**

R.O. Kwon and Garth Greenwell
KINK

February 2021
Fiction

An anthology of literary fiction about love, BDSM, featuring contributions from many notable authors such as Roxane Gay, Carmen Maria Machado, Ariana Reines, and Lidia Yuknavitch.

R.O. Kwon is the author of the debut novel *The Incendiaries*. She is a National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellow. **Garth Greenwell** is the author of *What Belongs to You*, which won the British Book Award for Debut of the Year, was longlisted for the National Book Award, and was a finalist for six other awards, including the PEN/Faulkner Award, the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, and the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize. A *New York Times* Book Review Editors' Choice, it was named a Best Book of 2016 by over fifty publications in nine countries, and is being translated into a dozen languages. **(World English).**

Becky Mandelbaum
THE BRIGHT SIDE SANCTUARY FOR ANIMALS

August 2020
MSR



From the winner of the 2016 Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction comes a tender and funny debut novel, set over one emotionally charged weekend at an animal sanctuary in western Kansas, where maternal, romantic, and community bonds are tested in the wake of an estranged daughter's homecoming. *The Bright Side Sanctuary for Animals* is in trouble. It's late 2016 when Ariel discovers that her mother Mona's animal sanctuary has not only been the target of anti-Semitic hate crimes—but that it's for sale, due to hidden financial ruin. Ariel, living a new life and estranged from her mother for seven long years, knows she has to return to her childhood home. She expects tension, maybe even fury—but she doesn't anticipate that her first love, a ranch hand named Gideon, will still be working at the Bright Side; nor that her own past may have played a role in the attack on the sanctuary.

The Bright Side Sanctuary for Animals explores the unique love and tension between mothers and daughters, and humans and animals alike. Wise and funny, moving and eloquent, and ultimately buoyant, Mandelbaum offers a panoramic view of family and forgiveness, and of the meaning of home. **(World English) Manuscript available**

Stephen Markley
THE DELUGE

September 2021
CG

From the bestselling author of *Ohio* comes a new novel set in the near future that follows the lives of seven Americans over several decades as they navigate a rapidly changing landscape of extreme politics and environmental disasters. The novel has a sprawling cast of deeply human – flawed and complex – characters facing a changing landscape. Markley is the author of *Ohio* which was named a *Best Book* by *Time*, *Vulture*, *New York Post* and *themillions.com*. **(World English)**

Praise for *Ohio*:

[Ohio] is so rich in complex storytelling and literary excellence that it's difficult to believe it's a fiction debut. – Publishers Weekly

"Markley [does] some extraordinary things with the structure of the book . . .The real core of this earnestly ambitious debut lies not in its sweeping statements but in its smaller moments, in its respectful and bighearted renderings of damaged and thwarted lives. It's the human scale that most descriptively reveals the truth about the world we're living in."— *New York Times Book Review*

"A book of genuine substance and style...Markley's skill is apparent...Both a lament and a love letter, *Ohio* is a reminder of the wealth of stories hidden in small towns, and of how much 'history and pathos could accumulate in errant pockets on any given night.'"—*Wall Street Journal*

Markley is a knockout storyteller, infusing each section with realistic detail, from the drudgery of Walmart work to war to the fleeting ecstasies of drugs to violence, especially self-harm."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Genuinely absorbing...*Ohio* burns with alienation, nihilism, frustration and finally love for a place that gave birth to all of them."—*Washington Post*

David James Poissant
LAKE LIFE

July 2020
SM

A multi-layered debut novel about a family that confronts their past as they bid goodbye to their beloved lake house. The novel offers an unflinching look at marriages both open and closed and the not-so-nuclear traditional family. Each year, the Starling family reunite for vacation at the family's lake house. But that's about to end as the parents, Richard and Lisa, have decided to retire, move to Florida, and sell the lake house. Before they do, the group will spend one final weekend at the lake. However, what's supposed to be a joyous farewell takes a nightmarish turn when they witness a neighbor boy drown. The stress of this tragedy unlooses a series dramatic revelations among the family.

As the weekend unfolds, the family's strength is tested, and each member is forced to reckon with who they are and what they want out of life. **(World English). *Manuscript available***

Joe Mungo Reed
HAMMER

August 2021
SM

From the acclaimed author of *We Begin Our Ascent* comes a new novel exploring wealth, class, violence, and art. Set in the international auction world, where art, money, power, and idealism collide, a young auction house employee seeks to convince a Russian oligarch to sell his illicit collection, stirring up past misdeeds. **(World)**

NON-FICTION

Dr. David Agus
NATURE'S SECRETS TO A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE

April 2021
PP

Dr. David Agus, a leading scientist and medical practitioner, explores the cutting-edge research into what we can learn from other animals and from nature about living better.



Dr. Agus is one of the world's leading physicians and the cofounder of several pioneering personalized medicine companies. Over the past twenty-five years he's received acclaim for his innovations in medicine and contributions to new technologies that will change how all of us maintain optimal health. He's also built a reputation for having a unique way of looking at the relationship of the human body to health and disease.

Dr. Agus specializes in treating patients with advanced cancer. His clinical responsibilities include the development of clinical trials for new drugs and treatments for cancer, supported by the National Cancer Institute and other private foundations (he has no financial ties to drug companies). He serves leadership roles at the World Economic Forum, among other prestigious organizations. After earning his BA from Princeton University and medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, he completed his medical residency training at Johns Hopkins Hospital, a research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health, and an oncology fellowship at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He is the bestselling author of *The End of Illness*, *A Short Guide to a Long Life*, and *The Lucky Years*. **(World) Manuscript September 2020**

Sara Bader
THE LITTLE BOOK OF PET REMEMBRANCE

April 2021
PP

A poignant collection of quotations from artists, writers, and other luminaries who've loved and lost their pets. **[World except BCN; For BCN: contact David Black Agency/Susan Raihofer]**

Laurel Braitman
UNTITLED MEMOIR

June 2021
PP

A powerful and inspiring memoir in which Laurel Braitman tells the story of her own father who lived with a fatal diagnosis for ten years as she was growing up and what a dying man can teach a daughter about living. Laurel Braitman, the bestselling author of *Animal Madness* and a TED Fellow and Writer-in-Residence at the Stanford School of Medicine addresses not only how to handle the tragedy of a parent's decline, but how to deal with a fatal diagnosis and find a way to keep building a family and living the life you want to live. Candid and uplifting, this is a memoir celebrating life and family bonds.
Manuscript August 2019 (World English)

David Copperfield
DAVID COPPERFIELD'S MUSEUM OF MAGIC

February 2021
pp

Emmy Award-winning illusionist David Copperfield provides a history of magic told through 25 of the artifacts housed in Copperfield's secret, invitation-only museum, including 16-century manuals on sleight-of-hand, Houdini's handcuffs, and coins that once magically passed through the hand of Abraham Lincoln. **(World)**

Alex Davies
DRIVEN

June 2020
RB

Wired editor Alex Davies tells the dramatic, colorful story of the quest to develop driverless cars—and the fierce competition in a race to revolutionize our lives. Davies chronicles the history of the driverless car through the stories of a core group of tech pioneers who then commercialized the technologies at Google, Uber, and the world's biggest automakers. **(World English)**

David DeSteno
HOW GOD WORKS

April 2022
ED

A pioneering psychology professor at Northeastern draws on his own research and others' to show why a wide variety of religious practices and rituals are so beneficial to those who follow them – and potentially to anyone, regardless of their faith (or lack thereof). In its ongoing efforts over the last few millennia to sculpt the mind and move the heart, religion might be considered the first form of psychology – a way to understand, alter, and otherwise help the mind navigate life's travails. We now know that meditation reduces hostility and increases compassion. Buddha knew that centuries ago. Likewise, we realize that when people move in synchrony with each other (a major part of many rituals), they are bound together deeply in emotional terms. Ancient cultures have used such ritualized movements to reinforce community for centuries. DeSteno leads readers on an adventure of discovery and self-discovery that reveals how religious practices help our minds meet the challenges of life.
(World) Proposal available.

Lindsey Fendt
BLOOD IN THE SOIL

June 2021
ES

Journalist Lindsay Fendt presents a narrative that explores the complicated web of societal, economic, and criminal factors during the growing, global phenomenon of environmentally related murders. **(World)**

Sean Flynn
UNTITLED ON PEACOCKS

August 2021
SM

From critically acclaimed *GQ* correspondent Sean Flynn comes a humorous memoir that weaves Flynn's adoption of three peacocks with science writing and history about these rare creatures. *An intriguing mixture of memoir and reportage, the book tells the story of how the author came to adopt three peafowl and traces the history of the animal, with a cast of characters that includes 19th-century robber barons, serial killers, poachers, the British monarchy, Flannery O'Connor and Martha Stewart.* **(World)**
Manuscript October 2020

Justin Gillis and Hal Harvey
THE BIG FIX

April 2021
PP

A *New York Times* reporter and a clean energy philanthropist provide a practical strategy for saving our planet from climate change. Justin Gillis spent nearly a decade at the *New York Times* covering environmental science, with a special focus on climate change. His *Temperature Rising* series on developments in climate science won the 2012 John B. Oakes Award for Distinguished Environmental Journalism. He was the principal author of a 2014 series, *The Big Fix*, that critically examined proposed solutions to climate change. Hal Harvey is the CEO of Energy Innovation, a San Francisco-based energy and environmental policy firm. Since its inception in 2012, Energy Innovation has delivered high-quality research and analysis to policymakers around the world and across a range of jurisdictions to help inform their energy policy decisions. **(World)**

Elizabeth Greenwood
LOVE LOCKDOWN

July 2021
MH

Author of *PLAYING DEAD* launches an investigation into why women pursue prisoners for love and marriage - from serial killer groupies to ladies seeking Prince Charming on convict-only dating sites to surprisingly everyday couples holding down relationships in the face of extraordinary challenges. **(World English)**

Ann Hagedorn
UNDETECTED

March 2021
RB

Author, journalist, and former *Wall Street Journal* staff writer Ann Hagedorn tells the previously untold true story of George Koval (code name: Delmar), the brilliant American-raised spy for the Soviet Union

who infiltrated the Manhattan Project and stole vital secrets of the atomic bomb trigger, and who died in obscurity in Russia. **(World English)**

Dr. Debra Hendrickson
A BURNING HOUSE

September 2021
PP

A pediatrician's call to arms about how global warming harms children and how families can keep their kids safe. **(World)**

Joshua Hunt
KNOCKOFF: INSIDE FASHION'S CRIMINAL UNDERGROUND

May 2021
SR

An inside look at the global luxury goods counterfeit trade, following criminal syndicates from Shanghai to Canal Street, investigating how the great fashion houses have helped bring about their own demise. **(World English)**

John Koenig
THE DICTIONARY OF OBSCURE SORROWS

July 2021
t/k

A collection of invented words, mostly stitched together from parts of other languages, that gives a name to feelings we all might experience but don't have a word for. Based on a popular YouTube site, *The Dictionary of Obscure Sorrows* (<https://www.youtube.com/user/obscuresorrows>) is a compendium of invented words written by John Koenig. Each original definition aims to fill a hole in the language—to give a name to emotions we all might experience but don't yet have a word for. **Sample material**
February 2020 (World)

Michael Mechanic
JACKPOT

March 2021
ED

Exploring the reality of the universal dream of hitting it big in the lottery, Michael Mechanic offers a blend of investigative reporting, narrative journalism, social critique, and satire, to show how incredible wealth is not all we hoped it would be. He stealthily guides us toward an understanding of the psychological, cultural, economic, and political implications of the gaping income and wealth disparities in America and beyond in this astute and provocative book. *Jackpot* shows what it is like to be super-rich at a time of insane inequality, based on in-depth conversations with billionaires and multimillionaires, and time spent with their retinues of advisers, handlers, and therapists. The book reveals, among other things, what keeps the richest among us up at night, how they make financial plans, and how they use their riches to enrich themselves further at society's expense. **(World in English)**

Martha Nussbaum
OUR FELLOW ANIMALS

February 2021
JK

Through the lens of philosophy, Nussbaum explores and redefines the relationship between humans and animals. In this manifesto, Nussbaum challenges our very idea of what is "animal" and in turn gives us a new theory of animal rights. **(World)**

Lisa Olivera
HEALING IS FOR EVERYONE

May 2021
EG

Practicing therapist and Instagram personality Lisa Olivera's HEALING IS FOR EVERYONE, a handbook about identifying, understanding, and reframing your story, bringing tools and practices out of the therapist's office and into readers' hands. Her original three-part program shows readers how to get in touch with their own story, identify how that story continues to show up in their life and hold them back, and unravel the story so they can grow, change, heal, and find a better way of living. Her message carries through the pages of her book: Healing is for *everyone*--not just those privileged enough to afford therapy or exclusive workshops and retreats--and once we heal ourselves, we begin to heal our relationships, our communities, and our world. **(World) Proposal available**

David Pogue
THE BIG BOOK OF ANXIETY

March 2021
PP

From the *New York Times* columnist and CBS News Sunday Morning technology correspondent, an investigation into the truth behind modern anxieties and how to make anxieties work for you. David Pogue is a columnist at the New York Times and the technology and science correspondent for "CBS Sunday Morning," where he has won four Emmy awards. His New York Times bestselling how-to series of life hacks and tips includes 80 titles, with 3.5 million copies in print. **(World)**

David Pogue
HOW TO PREPARE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

March 2021
PP

From the *New York Times* columnist and CBS News Sunday Morning technology correspondent comes a practical guide to surviving the greatest disaster of our time. **(World)**

Margaret Powell
Untitled Biography of Anne Lowe

January 2021
SM

Carnegie Museum of Art curatorial assistant Margaret Powell writes a fascinating biography of pioneering black fashion designer Ann Lowe, a descendant of slaves who despite fervent racism and sexism became one of high society's most sought-after dressmakers, responsible for Jackie Kennedy's wedding dress and Olivia de Havilland's Oscar gown. **(World)**

Francine Russo
LOVE AFTER 50

July 2021
PP

A guide to new options to finding, keeping, and enjoying the best kind of love – love after age 50. Journalist and speaker Francine Russo is a longtime contributor to *Time* and is the author of *They're Your Parents, Too! How Siblings Can Survive Their Parents' Aging Without Driving Each Other Crazy*. Her articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *New York* magazine, *The Atlantic*, *Oprah*, *Scientific American* and other publications. **(World)**

Dr. Brandy Schillace
MR. HUMBLE AND DR. BUTCHER

March 2021
MH

Medical historian Dr. Brandy Schillace's MR. HUMBLE AND DR. BUTCHER writes a stranger-than-fiction but true tale of the research being undertaken today that will allow doctors a way to transplant the head of a dead patient to the body of a brain-dead donor. ***Manuscript September 2019*** **(World)**

Jessie Singer
UNTITLED ON ACCIDENTS

April 2021
ED

An investigative journalist examines how the concept of “accidents” arose over the past century as a tool the powerful use to shift blame—and consequences—to the powerless. As the rate of accidental deaths skyrocket, the poor and people of color bear the brunt of the violence and blame, while the powerful use the excuse of the “accident” to avoid consequences for their actions. **(World in English).**

Abby Tucker
MOM GENES

March 2021
KM

The bestselling author of *The Lion in the Living Room* provides an expansive and scientific investigation of the way mothers across **all** species copy and change during the childbearing process. **(World English)**