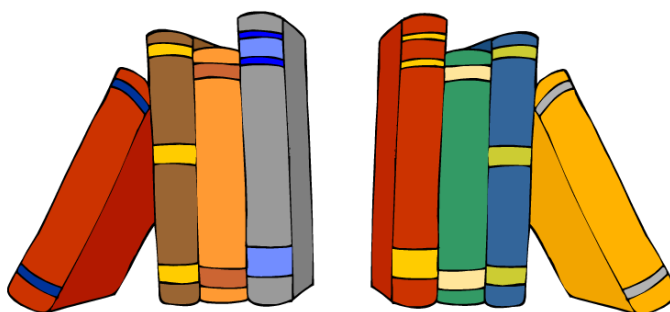


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FICTION

Francis Beanland
THE HOUSE IS ON FIRE

April 2023
CG

From the author of *Florence Adler Swim Forever* comes a new historical novel that begins with one of America's greatest tragedies: the 1811 fire of the Richmond Theater. The novel is told from the points of view of four characters—men and women, white and Black, free and enslaved—as they struggle to come to terms with the fire's devastation, and with the fact that, as the fire raged, many men in the theater seemed to immediately cast aside norms of chivalry and saved themselves rather than their wives and daughters. *Florence Adler* was a Barnes & Noble Pick and was a *USA Today* Best Book of the Year. **(World)**

Maisy Card
UNTITLED NOVEL

June 2023
LA

From the bestselling author of *These Ghosts Are Family* comes a new novel set in a wealthy retirement community in Florida and featuring three friends – an undocumented woman from Jamaica who's abandoned a Ph.D. in Nigeria, and a Haitian woman who has worked as a servant for the same couple since she was a child. When a new attendant arrives – a white woman named Rose – the three women become good friends. When Rose's client dies mysteriously, all of their lives are suddenly thrown into chaos. It's *Big Little Lies* meets *The Help*. **(World)**

R.A. Frumkin
CONFIDENCE

March 2023
CG

A psychologically twisty novel about two men involved in a long-con pyramid scheme who happen to also be lovers on the side. Raphael Green and Orson Ortman, are lifelong friends and partners in crime. Through the years, exploit after exploit, not only do they reach the upper echelons of self-made success, they grow closer and closer, too close, more self-obsessed and each-other-obsessed, more sinister. Before long, their greatest creation--an idea, a company, a lifestyle called NuLife—grows too big to fail. They IPO. A competitor shorts their stock. The FBI, seeing well beyond their scams, closes in on their trail. *Confidence* is an exciting caper that thrills, captivates, and calls into question what it means to love, and what it means to sacrifice everything in pursuit of that love. Sony Television/Alfresco Pictures has optioned the television rights to the author's previous novel, *The Comedown*. It is in active development as a limited series. **(World)**

Stephen Markley
THE DELUGE

January 2023
SR

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*

P. Harijs Toutonghi
THE REFUGEE OCEAN

June 2023
TOC

P. Harijs Toutonghi's *The Refugee Ocean*, follows two very different people who are bonded by a single, haunting song. Born into a Maronite Christian family in Beirut in 1922, Marguerite Toutoungi lives a life of loss and sacrifice. When her father dies in 1948, she leaves her family — and her dreams of studying music at the *Conservatoire de Paris* — behind. She travels across the Pacific Ocean with her Cuban fiancée, hoping to find a new beginning. What she finds, instead, is revolution and chaos. She is lucky to escape with her life, and find refuge on the shores of south Florida.

Over fifty years later, Naïm Rahil is a teenage Muslim refugee from Aleppo, Syria. A former piano prodigy who's lost part of his hand in a thermobaric bomb attack, Naïm struggles to thrive in President Trump's America. Sentenced to community service as the result of an act of vandalism, Naïm meets 95-year-old Marguerite in the memory care ward of the Chancellor Village Retirement Community.

What unfolds is an unlikely journey, as two very different people are bonded by a single, haunting song. Marguerite and Naïm perform Marguerite's composition in front of a live audience — with beautiful, if heartbreaking, results. *The Refugee Ocean* is a novel about how people change over time, how wounds heal, and the role of art in the resilience of the human spirit. **(World English).**

NON-FICTION

Dr. David Agus

NATURE'S SECRETS TO A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE

March 2023

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 January 2022**

Sara Bader

THE LITTLE BOOK OF PET REMEMBRANCE

April 2023

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

March 2023
PP

A powerful and inspiring memoir about growing up, mortality, and how we might live with the perspective of a terminal disease without the dire prognosis.

Laurel Braitman tells the story of her 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.

Laurel Braitman's work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Guardian*, *Wired*, and a variety of other publications. **(World English)**

Garrett Bucks
RACE OF STRANGERS

July 2023
YI

In a stunning memoir, Bucks' reconciles how his belief that being a well-meaning liberal working in communities of color exonerated him from investigating how whiteness shaped his sense of self and his ability to relate to, and connect with, other white people. Bucks takes readers on the journey that led him to create The Barnraisers Project, an organization that trains white Americans to build community to create and sustain movements for racial justice. **(World)**

Matt Donnelly
FINDING ELLEN

September 2023
SR

A definitive account of the rise and fall of TV star Ellen DeGeneres, from the Variety reporter who helped break the story of her toxic and abusive behavior off screen. **(World)**

Camille T. Dungy
SOIL: THE STORY OF A BLACK MOTHER'S GARDEN

February 2023
YI

A narrative non-fiction essay collection from critically acclaimed writer, Camille Dungy, detailing her 7-year journey to diversify her garden, and community in Fort Collins, Colorado, to make a case for why our planet benefits from a diversity of voices in the nation's discourse around environmental justice. **(World)**

Lindsey Fendt
BLOOD IN THE SOIL

July 2023
ES

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

Ron Friedman
THE PEAK PERFORMANCE FORMULA

March 2024
SF

Psychologist Ron Friedman's *The Peak Performance Formula* is a roadmap for leveraging biology to sharpen your thinking, reclaim your focus, and take back control of your time by aligning the way we work with the way the human body was designed to function. Friedman shows readers how they can stop relying on effort, and work with their body to unleash the overlooked biological secrets to lasting energy, sustained focus, and higher performance.

Ron Friedman, Ph.D., is an award-winning social psychologist who specializes in human motivation. Dr. Friedman has served on the faculty of the University of Rochester, Nazareth College, and Hobart and William Smith Colleges, and has consulted for some of the world's most successful organizations. He is the bestselling author of *Decoding Greatness*. **(option S&S UK) (World)**

Kristen R. Ghodsee
EVERYDAY UTOPIA FOR WOMEN

May 2023
MH

A globe-trotting tour through 2,500 years of utopian thinking and experiments to tease out better ways of imagining our domestic lives—from childrearing and housing to gender roles and private property—and a look at the communities putting these seemingly fanciful visions into practice today. Although progress is made in fits and starts, social change does happen. It is fueled by the optimism and perseverance of those who believe that we can do better. Progress begins with the ability to dream of how things might be different, to convince others that the dream is possible, to continue to believe in that dream even when things seem hopeless. By exploring the utopian feminist visions of the past, we can think more creatively about new political and economic solutions to help us navigate the uncertain years, decades, and centuries ahead.

Kristen R. Ghodsee is an award-winning author and professor of Russian and East European Studies and Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania who has been teaching, researching, and writing about gender issues and left feminism for more than twenty years. Her book *Why Women Had Better Sex Under Socialism* has been licensed to 13 countries and her many articles and essays have been translated into over 25 languages. **Proposal/sample chapter available.** **(World excluding UK/BCN; UK: Janklow & Nesbit)**

Eric Goode
WILD LIFE

May 2023
SM

An eye-opening, gripping memoir from the co-creator of and co-director of the Netflix phenomenon, *Tiger King*, and world-renowned entrepreneur and conservationist. After an incredibly unconventional bohemian upbringing in Northern California, Goode became a fixture of the 1980s New York City nightlife world, befriending Jean-Michel Basquiat, Madonna, and Andy Warhol and founding the landmark club Area. He built on his success as a hospitality magnate with Manhattan hotspots, including B Bar & Grill, the Bowery Hotel, the Jane Hotel, and Waverly Inn. And he has devoted much of his wealth to animal conservation—especially the preservation of tortoises and turtles.

In *Wild Life*, Goode covers all these fascinating story threads that make up his life, including how he stumbled onto the *Tiger King* story and many behind-the-scenes details from the show's production. **(World)**

Anders Gyllenhaal and Beverly Gyllenhaal
A WING AND A PRAYER: The Race To Save Our Vanishing Birds

April 2023
MM

In this captivating drama rich with characters and conflict, veteran journalists and avid birders Anders Gyllenhaal and Beverly Gyllenhaal issue a call to action to fight the forces killing our birds. **(World)**

Dr. Debra Hendrickson
A BURNING HOUSE

July 2024
PP

A pediatrician's call to arms about how global warming harms children and how families can keep their kids safe. Through a series of vivid stories profiling children, parents, and doctors from across America, Dr. Hendrickson shows how the microscopic structures and chemical reactions of the human body are interwoven with our surroundings—how lungs, sweat glands, heart, and brain have evolved in the climate we've known. As the temperature of the planet rises, and those conditions shift, our health is at risk. *A Burning House* is not just a review of health impacts of global warming, but something more: a soul-stirring reminder of our moral responsibility to our children, and our profound connections to this unique and irreplaceable world. Debra Hendrickson is a board-certified pediatrician and an associate clinical professor at the University of Nevada School of Medicine where she lectures on how early childhood experiences affect long-term health. **(World)**

Joshua Hunt
KNOCKOFF: INSIDE FASHION'S CRIMINAL UNDERGROUND

October 2023
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)**

Robert Kanigel
UNTITLED ON THE ANTIOCH MOSAICS

September 2025
RM

From the author of *The Man Who Knew Infinity* and *Hearing Homer's Song* comes a history of the making, loss, and recovery of some of the greatest treasures of antiquity, posing questions about the nature of museums and the meaning of art

Robert Kanigel is the author of eight previous books including *Eyes on the Street: The Life of Jane Jacobs*, "long-listed for the 2017 Andrew Carnegie Medal for non-fiction and named an NPR best book of the year. He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including a Guggenheim fellowship, the Grady-Stack Award for science. His book *The Man Who Knew Infinity* was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, and named a New York Public Library "Book to Remember"; it has been translated into more than a dozen languages, and was the basis for the film of the same name starring Jeremy Irons and Dev Patel. **(World)**

Katy Kelleher
THE UGLY HISTORY OF BEAUTIFUL THINGS

May 2023
TB

Longreads columnist and contributor to the *Paris Review* and the *New York Times* Style section explores the darker truths behind our love of makeup, flowers, perfume, jewelry, and more through a collection of essays. Katy dives deep into angora wool production, perfume mixology, pearl cultivation, and orchid hoarding. In researching these objects, she came to see how ugliness runs through every beautiful thing, every prized possession. In the end, we get a better understanding of how complicated desire is, and how beauty is multifaceted and ambiguous. **(World)**

Ed Kilgore
UNITED WE FALL

August 2028
MH

New York Magazine political columnist Ed Kilgore's *UNITED WE FALL* takes a look at the unexpected dangers of political unity, exploring 200-plus years of American history to show how, again and again, a desire for bipartisanship has led this country into many of its gravest mistakes, from putting a premature end to Reconstruction to going to war in Afghanistan. **(World)**

Felicia Leatherwood
IT'S DEEPER THAN HAIR

June 2023
LA

A memoir from celebrity natural hair stylist, Felicia Leatherwood, also known as the "hair whisperer" who has been credited for bringing Black natural hair to the forefront of Hollywood red carpets. Leatherwood's styles have been featured on such high profile acts as Oscar Award nominee Ava Duvernay (*"Selma"* director), Issa Rae of HBO's *Insecure*, megastar Will Smith, Grammy winner/R&B superstar Jill Scott, *"Iron Man"/"Empire"* star Terrence Howard, *"Mad Men"* star Teyonah Parris, *"Black-ish"* star Anthony Anderson, *"The Color Purple"* composer and Grammy/Tony Award nominee Brenda Russell, Maybelline supermodel Tomiko Fraser, actresses Nicole Ari Parker, Kim Coles and Kimberly Elise, Simone Missick (*Misty Knight*) of NETFLIX *Luke Cage* Series, as well as a host of entertainment executives, rising stars and beauty entrepreneurs. **(World)**

Taylor Lorenz
EXTREMELY ONLINE

March 2023
SF

From the business reporter at the *New York Times* comes an illuminating look at Gen Z: how they make their money, how they created and capitalized on the new economy of influence, and how they will continue to change key sectors of our culture and economy.

Navigating between all types of content creators and social media platforms—Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube, most prominently—Lorenz reveals what has led to the creator economy, what it takes for these creators to stay relevant in a rapidly changing technology landscape, and the monetization of content online. *Extremely Online* offers an authoritative look at Generation Z, the birth of the creator economy, and its sweeping effects on the global world. **(World)**

Sandra McCoy
SAFE SPACES

September 2023
MM

A timely, heart-warming, and inspirational story of a multiracial family forced to confront difficult and profound conversations surrounding race, class, gender, the criminal justice system, and education. This memoir is in the vein of other bestsellers about parenthood such as *The Glass Castle* and *The Blind Side*. McCoy provides a unique perspective of how a white woman survives an abusive and impoverished upbringing and confronts systemic racism and bias with her blended family **(World)**

Aaron O'Connell
Nation-Breaking

March 2024
RM

Marine Colonel and military historian Aaron O'Connell gives an account of how U.S. military operations in the global war on terror backfired, weakening America and making the world more dangerous.

Aaron O'Connell, Ph.D. teaches courses in military history, U.S. foreign affairs, and the military's effects on contemporary U.S. culture and society. He served in the Obama administration as Director for Defense Policy & Strategy on the National Security Council staff. Prior to serving in government, Dr. O'Connell taught military history at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. In addition to his academic career, Dr. O'Connell is also a Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and in that capacity, he has served as a Special Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon, to the Commander of U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii, and to the ISAF Commander in Afghanistan.
(World English)

David Quammen
THE DEVIL YOU DON'T KNOW

February 2027
RB

The principles behind treating cancer are beginning to change as researchers come to understand cancer as an evolutionary phenomenon that is best treated through new immunotherapy techniques. Bestselling science writer (*Song of the Dodo* and *The Tangled Tree*) explores the new thinking: where and how it originated and how it is beginning to change oncology. **(World) (Option: The Bodley Head)**

Lisa Reburn with Alex Tresniowski
BEYOND THE STORM

June 2023
LA

Beyond the Storm is a first-person nonfiction book written by Dr. Lisa Reburn, a close family friend of Ari Hallmark and her grandmother, guardian and now adoptive parent, Susan Garmany. It tells the story of how Ari barely survived a direct hit from an EF-4 tornado during the historic tornado outbreak in Alabama in 2011, and how she tragically lost five members of her family that day, including her parents and grandparents, in the storm. At the heart of the book is Ari's incredible visit to Heaven while caught inside the deadly tornado, and her strong desire, even as a six-year-old, to share her experience. It's also the story of how she had to fight a court-appointed guardian for the right to be in her grandmother's custody and tell her own story. Dr. Reburn was instrumental in helping Ari and her grandmother Susan regain control over Ari's life and both are full participants and collaborators in this book. **(World)**

Busta Rhymes with Shaheem Reid
STILL SHINING: A MEMOIR

May 2023
YI

A memoir about the one of the most iconic figures in hip hop culture, documenting 30 years in the music business and how he survived fame, depression, and his own doubts. This reflective and introspective memoir allows Busta Rhymes to reckon with how he makes sense of his life, career, celebrity in way that's insightful, nuanced and surprising. **(World)**

Eugene Robinson
FREEDOM WON, FREEDOM LOST

November 2023
DC

Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post columnist Eugene Robinson's *FREEDOM WON, FREEDOM LOST*, tells our nation's torturous racial history through his own family's story, starting with his great-grandfather's freedom from slavery and threading his way to his own narrative and reaching today's Black Lives Matter movement, asking whether this time will be different. Eugene Robinson won the Pulitzer Prize in 2009 for his columns covering Barak Obama's campaign. As an associate editor at the *Washington Post* and a chief political analyst for both NBS News and MSNBC, Eugene Robinson has established himself as an authority on the political landscape and the current racial tensions in the country. **(World)**

Loretta J. Ross
CALLING-IN THE CALLING-OUT CULTURE

February 2024
SR

Veteran human rights activist, co-creator of the reproductive justice framework, and Associate Professor at Smith College Loretta J. Ross draws on her life experiences and her 50+ years of organizing for social justice to rethink how we communicate with each other about the most difficult issues, and offering practical guidance to explore how we process our pain to forge our relationships and access our joy even as we combat oppression. The book will function as a memoir and manifesto, offering lessons learned as an elder in social justice activism, while giving practical guidelines for alternatives to the calling-out that so often characterizes our responses to injustice. Loretta's timely message has already struck a chord, showing that our culture is craving healing alternatives to what has become a toxic reaction. **(World)**

Susan Page
BARBARA WALTERS

May 2024
PP

USA Today Washington bureau chief Susan Page writes an in-depth biography of Barbara Walters, the legendary journalist who became a pop culture icon. The book examines her early beginnings as the daughter of a Jewish producer of the Ziegfeld Follies to her emergence as a trailblazing journalist who inspired a generation of women, and became a friend, confidante, and antagonist to presidents and princes, pop stars and sports legends, while facing private heartaches and fierce rivalries. Page documents Walters's immense success and private turmoil. Walters was a pioneer as the first woman to co-anchor a network morning show and a network evening news show. She was also a pivotal figure in the emergence of celebrity journalism, while covering decades of war, social upheaval, and technological innovation.

Susan Page is the author of the instant *New York Times* bestsellers *Madame Speaker, a biography of Nancy Pelosi* and *The Matriarch*, a biography of First Lady Barbara Bush. **(World)**

Brandon Stosuy
SAD HAPPENS

October 2023
SR

An illustrated anthology celebrating crying and the emotions that accompany it, edited by the founder of The Creative Independent featuring personal reflections by creators from the worlds of art, music, film, comedy, and literature including notables like Phoebe Bridgers and Mike Birbiglia. **(World)**

Kara Swisher
UNTITLED ON TECH INDUSTRY

September 2023
SF

An exciting and candid memoir of *New York Times* opinion writer and veteran Silicon Valley journalist Kara Swisher's front row seat covering the tech industry. The memoir will delve into the author's experiences and offer an in-depth, behind-the-scenes memoir of the people and tech issues going back to the 1990s.

Kara Swisher is one of the most respected, feared and well-liked journalists covering tech today and is known for her fair and tenacious coverage of the industry. She is a contributing opinion writer for the *New York Times* and co-founder and editor-at-large of Recode, producer and host of the popular *Recode Decode* and *Pivot* podcasts, and co-executive producer of the Code Conference series. She also has a special series on MSNBC called *Revolution* on the impact of technology on work, society, and more. After getting her start at the *Washington Post*, Swisher served as co-executive editor of *The Wall Street Journal's* "All Things D" vertical with Walt Mossberg. **(World)**

Alex Thompson
BIDEN AND OBAMA

January 2024
MM

In a dual biography, *Politico* reporter Alex Thompson documents the complicated relationship between Barack Obama and Joe Biden, and its implications over the course of the Biden presidency. The book depicts how one man tries to escape the other's shadow, while the other tries to protect his legacy and defend his prominence in the Democratic party.

Thompson is a national political reporter at *Politico* and the co-author of *Politico's* 2020 Transition Playbook, which tracked the early stages of the Biden administration. His *Politico* magazine piece detailing the occasionally fractious relationship between Obama and Biden, delving beyond the popular "Bromance" narrative, was one of the most read stories in the publication's history. **(World)**