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FICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Armstrong, Kelley	Cold As Hell	Detective/Mystery	2/18

Detective Casey Duncan and Sheriff Eric Dalton investigate a terrifying assault and a mysterious frozen body in the forest surrounding their secluded Yukon town, in the third novel of the series following *The Boy Who Cried Bear*.

Ashton, Edward	The Fourth Consort	Science Fiction/Adventure	2/25
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Dalton Greaves, reluctant envoy for the dubious Unity confederation, finds himself stranded on a hostile planet after a clash with the rival Assembly, forcing him to survive dangerous aliens, political scheming, and the manipulative Neera while uncovering the true stakes of humanity's role in intergalactic conflict.

Bailey, Tessa	Dream Girl Drama	Sports/Romance	2/4
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Hockey player Sig falls for Chloe, only to discover she's his soon-to-be stepsister, forcing them to navigate family tensions and a growing attraction, in the third novel of the series following *The Au Pair Affair*.

Ballard, Falon	Change of Heart	Romance/Comedy	2/11
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A workaholic lawyer, Campbell Andrews, finds herself magically transported to a charming small town, where her only way back to her career-driven life is to experience the one thing she loathes most: true love.

Bannalec, Jean-Luc	An Island of Suspects	Detective/Mystery	2/25
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Commissaire Georges Dupin's peaceful routine is shattered when a prominent islander is found murdered and must solve the crime amid intense August heat, in the 10th novel of the series following *Death of a Master Chef*.

Beaton, M. C. Green, R. W.	Death of a Smuggler	Cozy/Mystery	2/18
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Hamish's hopes for a peaceful break are dashed when a murder, a missing man and a family feud disrupt his Highland village, in the latest addition to the long-running series following *Death of a Spy*.

Benedict, Marie	The Queens of Crime	Historical/Mystery	2/11
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In 1930 London, the Queens of Crime, a secret society of renowned women writers led by Dorothy L. Sayers investigates the murder of nurse May Daniels, found strangled in a park, and must navigate a web of intrigue and danger as they challenge societal norms.

Berry, Steve	The Medici Return	Historical/Thriller	2/11
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The search for a 16th-century Vatican debt known as the Pledge of Christ leads Cotton Malone into a high-stakes quest involving the lost Medici lineage, while the future of Italy's prime minister and the papacy hang in the balance, all depending on the Medici's possible return.

Black, Lisa	Not Who We Expected	Thriller/Suspense	2/25
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Rock star Billy Diamond enlists crime experts Ellie Carr and Rachael Davies to find his missing daughter, Devon, whose boyfriend Carlos was found dead near the Nevada ranch retreat they were attending; Devon is thriving at the ranch but follows leader Galen slavishly, and Rachael wonders why Billy knows her late sister, Isis, whose son she's raising.

FICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Box, C. J.	Battle Mountain	Crime/Thriller	2/25

Nate Romanowski seeks vengeance after a devastating attack, while Joe Pickett teams up with a rookie game warden setting both on separate paths destined to collide at Battle Mountain, in the latest addition to the series following *Three-Inch Teeth*.

Boyle, William	Saint of the Narrows Street	Literary/Crime	2/4
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In Gravesend, Brooklyn, 1986, Risa Franzone lives with her bad-seed husband, Saverio, and their eight-month-old baby, Fabrizio, and when she hits and kills Sav after an accident occurs with Risa's younger sister, Giulia, the girls call Sav's friend Chooch to help them and hide their secret.

Brickley, Holly	Deep Cuts	Literary/Saga	2/25
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In a Berkley, California bar in 2000, an opinionated New Yorker, Percy, meets songwriter Joe, sparking a creative partnership that propels him toward indie-rock stardom and challenges her to reconcile her own ambitions with their complex, all-consuming collaboration.

Butler, Nickolas	A Forty Year Kiss	Literary/Romance	2/4
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Forty years after their divorce, Charlie returns to Wisconsin to reconnect with Vivian, in an exploration of love, forgiveness and starting over in the twilight of life, in the new novel from the best-selling author of *Shotgun Lovesongs*.

Calhoun, Ada	Crush	Contemporary/Family	2/25
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A woman with a seemingly perfect life confronts the limits of marriage when her husband's provocative question about desire unravels her world, sparking a journey through passion, self-discovery and redefining love in modern relationships.

Durham, Elyse	Maya & Natasha	Historical/Family	2/18
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Twins Maya and Natasha are Kirov Ballet dancers in 1958 during the Soviet regime, but when only one sister can join the company's American tour, the sisters compete until one betrays the other, and the Cold War tests their loyalties to the East, the West, and each other.

Eckstine, Erin Crosby	Junie	Historical/Literary	2/4
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Sixteen-year-old slave Junie tends to master's daughter Violet at Bellereine Plantation in Alabama, but when Violet's potential marriage leads Junie to commit a desperate act that rouses sister Minnie's spirit, she enlists coachman Caleb's help as horrifying secrets are revealed.

Espstein, Allison	Fagin the Thief	Historical/Thriller	2/25
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Long before *Oliver Twist*, Jacob Fagin carves out a life in 19th-century London's underworld, forming a found family of thieves, including Bill Sikes and the Artful Dodger, until a botched heist forces him to confront his morals.

Eskens, Allen	The Quiet Librarian	Thriller/Suspense	2/18
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In Minnesota, quiet librarian Hana Babic, once known as Nura Divjak, must confront her violent past as the legendary warrior Night Mora when a detective informs her of her best friend's murder, forcing her to protect her grandson while unraveling a deadly mystery tied to her family's tragic history in war-torn Bosnia.

Estleman, Loren D.	Smoke on the Water	Detective/Mystery	2/11
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Amidst the haze of Canadian wildfires choking Detroit, private investigator Amos Walker is assigned to unravel the hit-and-run death of law associate Spencer Bennett, bearer of confidential documents that reveal a deadly conspiracy, leading Walker deeper into danger as more bodies surface in connection to the case.

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Farnsworth, Christopher	Robert B. Parker's Buried Secrets	Detective/Mystery	2/4

Police Chief Jesse Stone investigates the mystery behind a dead body found with photos of murder victims strewn around it and placed on top of \$2 million in cash, before a mob of hit men converge on Paradise.

Feito, Virginia	Victorian Psycho	Horror/Suspense	2/4
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In Grim Wolds, England, Winifred Notty takes on the role of governess at Ensor House, where she must navigate the twisted dynamics of the dysfunctional Pounds family while suppressing her own violent past; as Christmas approaches, she plans sinister gifts for her charges, revealing her true nature.

Franklin, Alice	Life Hacks for a Little Alien	Coming-of-Age/Contemporary	2/11
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A lonely girl in southeast England feels like an alien but hears about an ancient, indecipherable manuscript, giving her hope that others are like her, and she and friend Bobby research the text in the library, in a volume narrated by an unexpected guide.

Girma, Baalu	Oromay	Political/Thriller	2/4
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In December 1981, Tsegaye Hailemaryam, a journalist for the state-run media, finds himself embroiled in a disastrous government campaign in Asmara as well as a sweeping romance with local woman Fiammetta in this landmark English translation of Ethiopia's most famous novel.

Greaney, Mark	Midnight Black	Thriller/Espionage	2/18
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The Gray Man, aka assassin Court Gentry, must face miles of frozen wasteland and the Russian police state to free his lover, ex-spy Zoya Zakharova, from Penal Colony IK22.

Holmes, Linda	Back After This	Romance/Comedy	2/25
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Podcast producer Cecily Foster reluctantly agrees to host a show documenting her dating life under the guidance of an influencer coach and must reconcile her growing feelings for a kind photographer with her coach's conflicting advice.

Hurwitz, Gregg	Nemesis	Crime/Thriller	2/11
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Evan Smoak is dedicated to his assassin's 10 Commandments, but when Tommy Stojack, gifted gunsmith and possibly his best friend, crosses a line while helping a dead friend's son, Smoak is ambushed when trying to confront him, and the dispute explodes into open warfare.

Ivey, Eowyn	Black Woods, Blue Sky	Literary/Family	2/4
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A struggling single mother in Alaska, Birdie, finds solace and love in the reclusive Arthur and his remote wilderness life, but as she embraces this idyllic escape, she uncovers his dark secret and the unforgiving nature of the wild.

Jenoff, Pam	Last Twilight in Paris	Historical/Romance	2/4
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In London, 1953, a secondhand shop necklace bears the name Lévitán, a Paris department store-turned-Nazi prison camp, leading Louise and former romantic partner Ian to investigate her friend Franny's war death and the fate of Helaine, a woman imprisoned at Lévitán when the Germans invaded France.

Johnson, Nancy	People of Means	Literary/Family	2/11
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From the acclaimed author of *The Kindest Lie*, a propulsive novel about a mother and daughter, Freda and Tulip, each seeking justice and following their dreams during moments of social reckoning—1960s Nashville and 1992 Chicago.

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Kellerman, Jonathan	Open Season	Thriller/Suspense	2/4

The body of an aspiring actress is found, another victim is shot by a sniper, and then more bodies pile up, and psychologist Alex Delaware and homicide detective Milo Sturgis must face a highly complex killer that will require all their skills to decipher.

Kelly, Julia	The Dressmakers of London	Historical/Family	2/18
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After their mother's unexpected death, Isabelle Shelton and her estranged sister Sylvia inherit the family dressmaking shop, prompting Izzie to reluctantly seek Sylvia's help to save it while aiming to buy her out, leading to letters that explore old wounds and the possibility of reconciliation within their shared legacy.

Klune, T. J.	The Bones Beneath My Skin	Fantasy/Contemporary	2/4
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In 1995, after losing everything, Nate Cartwright retreats to his family's summer cabin in Roseland, Oregon, only to find it occupied by a man named Alex and a remarkable girl named Artemis Darth Vader; as cultists and government forces close in, Nate must choose between despair and hope.

Lawson, Mike	Untouchable	Thriller/Suspense	2/25
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Washington DC troubleshooter Joe DeMarco is tasked with investigating the execution of billionaire Brandon Cartwright, uncovering links to the President of the United States, while navigating the dangerous world of the rich and powerful amidst a web of deception and high-stakes politics.

Lipman, Elinor	Every Tom, Dick & Harry	Contemporary/Humor	2/11
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Emma Lewis reluctantly takes over her parents' estate-sale business, facing her quirkiest job yet involving clearing a scandalous B&B, but as she navigates its colorful clients, she discovers unexpected paths to fulfillment and happiness.

Marshall, Kate Alice	A Killing Cold	Thriller/Suspense	2/4
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When Theodora Scott visits her fiancé's secluded family estate, she uncovers eerie ties to her forgotten childhood, unraveling a deadly secret the powerful Daltons will stop at nothing to protect, even if it puts her life at risk.

McAllister, Gillian	Famous Last Words	Thriller/Suspense	2/25
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Returning to work, new mom Camilla's life is upended when she learns her husband is the gunman in a London hostage crisis, leaving her to decipher his cryptic goodbye note and make a critical choice.

McCall Smith, Alexander	Looking for You	Romance/Contemporary	2/11
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Katie Donald helps the lovelorn citizens of Edinburgh find connections, and with more people than ever flocking to the Perfect Passion Company seeking her advice, she finds herself searching for new and creative solutions to locate their perfect match.

McCaulay, Diana	A House for Miss Pauline	Literary/Mystery	2/25
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A 99-year-old Jamaican woman, Pauline Sinclair, must confront her past and the secrets hidden within the walls of her ancestral home as the stones themselves begin to reveal the truth before she passes.

McCluskey, Laura	The Wolf Tree	Detective/Mystery	2/11
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On the isolated island of Eilean Eadar, two Glasgow detective inspectors, Georgina "George" Lennox and her partner Richie, investigate the mysterious death of a young man near a lighthouse, uncovering hostility from locals and dark secrets tied to the unsolved 1919 disappearance of three lighthouse keepers.

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Miller, C. L.	The Antique Hunter's Death on the Red Sea	Detective/Mystery	2/18

Freya Lockwood and her aunt Carole investigate a murder and stolen painting aboard an antiques cruise, uncovering a sinister art trafficking scheme, in the second novel of the series following *The Antique Hunter's Guide to Murder*.

Mirvis, Tova	We Would Never	Literary/Thriller	2/11
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When Hailey Gelman becomes a suspect in her ex-husband Jonah's murder following a bitter custody battle, her tight-knit family—including her fiercely protective mother, brother, and secretive father—must confront their own dark loyalties and the lengths they will go to protect each other.

Montimore, Margarita	The Dollhouse Academy	Thriller/Suspense	2/11
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At the secretive Dollhouse Academy, a famed performer's diary reveals sinister truths as two aspiring stars navigate intense rivalries, unsettling threats, and the dark underpinnings of their dream institution, forcing them to uncover the academy's hidden cost before it's too late.

Moyes, Jojo	We All Live Here	Literary/Romance	2/11
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Lila Kennedy juggles a broken marriage, rebellious daughters, a crumbling house, and an elderly stepfather when her estranged father unexpectedly shows up after thirty-five years, forcing her to confront unresolved feelings and discover unexpected lessons about love and family amidst her chaotic life.

Nesbo, Jo Ferguson, Robert	Blood Ties	Noir/Mystery	2/11
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Two brothers, Carl and Roy Opgard, face off against a highway bypass threat to their small town, but as they resort to dark measures, a sheriff's reopened investigation and rising body count pushes their loyalty to the edge.

Newman, Nick	The Garden	Apocalyptic/Science Fiction	2/18
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Elderly sisters Evelyn and Lily live in isolation within a walled garden, tending to their secluded home, until the discovery of a mysterious boy hiding nearby disrupts their routine and forces them to confront dark truths about themselves and their isolated existence.

O'Connor, Carlene	Murder in an Irish Garden	Cozy/Mystery	2/25
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In Kilbane, County Cork, Ireland, Siobhán and husband Macdara must solve a murder connected to the designer of Kibane's Top Garden Contest winner—a landscaper hired by Siobhán's chef brother Eoin—before there's another victim.

O'Connor, Joseph	The Ghosts of Rome	Historical/Thriller	2/4
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In Nazi-occupied Rome, Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty's covert network, The Choir, struggles to aid escapees, while SS Commander Paul Hauptmann is blackmailed into dismantling the operation; tensions heighten when the fearless Contessa Giovanna Landini from the Italian Resistance confronts Hauptmann, escalating the fight for survival within the city.

O'donnell, Roisín	Nesting	Literary/Family	2/18
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Ciara Fay escapes with her two young daughters from her controlling husband Ryan to stay in a hotel room for single mothers, but as Ryan wages a relentless campaign to get her back, she wavers—don't the girls need a stable home?

Patterson, James Born, James O.	Paranoia	Crime/Thriller	2/10
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NYPD Detective Michael Bennett is on special assignment, chasing a killer who feeds on isolation and paranoia, and he will stop at nothing to protect family: his wife, his kids—and his fellow officers.

FICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Pearce, Daisy	Something in the Walls	Psychological/Thriller	2/25

In the superstitious town of Bathanel, child psychologist Mina tries to unravel the haunting claims of 13-year-old Alice, only to discover unsettling connections between the town's dark traditions, the girl's behavior, and the shadows of her own past.

Pliego, Ande	You Are Fatally Invited	Suspense/Thriller	2/11
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At a private-island writing retreat hosted by author J. R. Alastor, former aspiring writer Mila del Angél plans revenge but is thrown into chaos when one of the six thriller authors is murdered, forcing her to navigate a deadly game of wits as a storm isolates them and the body count rises.

Robb, J. D.	Bonded in Death	Detective/Mystery	2/4
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Lieutenant Eve Dallas investigates the mysterious murder of an elderly man linked to the Urban Wars while being targeted by a vengeful killer, in the latest addition to the long-running series following *Passions in Death*.

Rollins, James	A Dragon of Black Glass	Epic/Fantasy	2/18
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Nyx and her allies race against time to unearth an ancient weapon buried beneath a sun-scorched desert while facing enemies, growing madness and an impending war, in the third novel of the series following *The Cradle of Ice*.

Salvatore, R. A.	The Witch of Whispervale	Adventure/Fantasy	2/18
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In the latest installment of the DemonWars series, the Xoconai launch a brutal invasion of Corona, discarding treaties and igniting war. As resistance consolidates in Behren, a legendary gem-wielding witch emerges, drawing the attention of a relentless hunter known as the Coyote, who seeks her power.

Shannon, Samantha	The Dark Mirror	Paranormal/Fantasy	2/25
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Faced with a mysterious memory loss, Paige Mahoney navigates a revolution against the oppressive Republic of Scion, uncovering in Venice the dangerous Operation Ventriloquist, while seeking the truth about her past and the key to stopping Scion's rise.

Shigematsu, Kiyoshi Kirkwood, Jesse	The Blanket Cats	Cozy/Literary	2/25
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In a quirky Tokyo pet shop, seven struggling customers take home "blanket cats" for three days, hoping these temporary companions will help them escape their realities, including a couple facing infertility and a woman on the run, but the cats challenge their expectations and perceptions of happiness.

Smith, Ali	Gliff	Science Fiction/Literary	2/4
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Set in the near-future, two children and a horse embark on a journey that shows why our messy, human stories and complexities matter more than fitting into data and labels, in the new novel from the award-winning author of *Summer*.

Tara, Jane	Tilda Is Visible	Magical Realism/Literary	2/25
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When Tilda Finch begins to physically disappear, a mysterious condition affecting millions of women over forty, she joins a support group and, with the help of a controversial therapist and a new relationship, learns to confront her inner struggles and reclaim her self-worth.

Tiffany, Grace	The Owl Was a Baker's Daughter	Renaissance/Historical	2/25
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Explores themes of motherhood, friendship, and loss amid societal upheaval as the titular heroine, a midwife-apothecary, flees her troubled marriage and accusations of witchcraft in 17th-century Stratford, accompanied by a zealous Puritan and her child amidst the backdrop of civil war.

FICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Tyler, Anne	Three Days in June	Family/Literary	2/11

As Gail navigates the chaos of her daughter Debbie’s wedding preparations—including a job loss, exclusion from family events, and the unexpected arrival of her ex-husband Max—she faces a crisis that threatens the wedding and forces both parents to confront unresolved issues from their past.

Unger, Lisa	Close Your Eyes and Count to 10	Psychological/Thriller	2/25
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A single mother joins a deadly island game set up by a charismatic daredevil and extreme adventurer, but a monstrous storm and an unseen menace transform the social media stunt into a ruthless fight for survival.

Viel, Neena	Listen to Your Sister	Horror/Thriller	2/4
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Twenty-five-year old Calla Williams struggles as guardian for 16-year-old Jamie while dealing with The Nightmare, images where both her brothers are killed, so when Jamie’s actions spiral out of control, the siblings hide out in a remote cabin where their lives—and reality—hang in the balance.

Walker, Karen Thompson	The Strange Case of Jane O.	Psychological/Literary	2/25
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After giving birth, Jane experiences amnesia, hallucinations, and premonitions, leading to her sudden disappearance and a subsequent episode of dissociative fugue; her psychiatrist investigates the links between her struggles and a traumatic past, he grapples with questions of memory and reality, while a ghostly figure warns of impending disaster.

Wolfgang-smith, Olivia	Mutual Interest	Family/Historical	2/4
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At the turn of the 20th century, Vivian Lesperance operates Clancey & Schmidt, a preeminent manufacturer of soap, perfume, and candles, from behind the image of Oscar Schmidt and Squire Clancey, and when Oscar and Squire fall in love, the trio form a new partnership, in this story of queer romance and power.

Woods, Kell	Upon a Starlit Tide	Folklore/Fantasy	2/18
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In 1758 Saint-Malo, Lucinde Leon, the rebellious daughter of a wealthy shipowner, discovers a world of faerie magic, love, and betrayal after rescuing a drowning man, drawing her into a dangerous web of secrets, power and the pull of the sea.

Younis, Nussaibah	Fundamentally	Political/Satire	2/25
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When Dr. Nadia Amin accepts a U.N. role in Iraq to lead a controversial deradicalization program, she faces hostile colleagues, systemic corruption, and an unexpected bond with a young refugee who forces her into impossible decisions with unforeseen consequences.

NONFICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Black, Riley	When the Earth Was Green: Plants, Animals, and Evolution's Greatest Romance	Paleontology/Science	2/25

Explores the critical role prehistoric plants played in shaping life on Earth, from oxygenating the atmosphere to supporting the evolution of animals and humans, highlighting key moments in plant evolution and their interactions with species that formed the world we know today.

Boylan, Jennifer Finney	Cleavage: Men, Women, and the Space Between Us	Gender Identity/Social Science	2/4
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A candid and insightful exploration of gender identity and body image, reflecting on the challenges and joys of living in two genders, with hope for a future where everyone can embrace their true selves.

NONFICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Brooks, Geraldine	Memorial Days	Literary/Biography	2/4

Having no time to grieve when her husband suddenly died, the author after three years flew to a remote Australian island and stayed in a shack on a pristine coast, going days without seeing another person, and pondered the ways cultures grieve and what rituals might help her rebuild her life.

Ewing, Eve L.	Original Sins: The Miseducation of Black and Native Children and the Construction of American Racism	Discrimination/Education	2/11
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The author demonstrates that it's in the DNA of American schools to serve as an effective mechanism maintaining inequality in the United States and argues that there should be a profound reevaluation of what schools are supposed to do, and for whom.

Giesberg, Judith	Last Seen: The Enduring Search by Formerly Enslaved People to Find Their Lost Families	Black Studies/History	2/4
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The founder of an archive of almost 5,000 letters and advertisements placed by members of the Freedom Generation, former slaves who spent years searching for family stolen by slavery, recounts the moving stories of formerly enslaved people's enduring love for the families they lost.

Goldstone, Nancy	The Rebel Empresses: Elisabeth of Austria and Eugénie of France, Power and Glamour in the Struggle for Europe	Royalty/Autobiography	2/25
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Follows Empresses Elisabeth of Austria and Eugénie of France as they navigate political upheaval, personal hardships, and societal expectations in 19th-century Europe, challenging traditional roles while influencing their realms amid a rapidly modernizing and tumultuous era.

Mlotek, Haley	No Fault: A Memoir of Romance and Divorce	Relationships/Memoir	2/18
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As a preteen at her mother's marriage counseling practice, the author had typed paperwork for divorcing couples and saw divorce as an ordeal promising something better in the future, but now divorced herself, she questions what divorce should be, who it is for, and why the institution of marriage maintains its power.

Ross, Loretta J.	Calling in: How to Start Making Change With Those You'd Rather Cancel	Activism & Social Justice/ Social Science	2/4
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This powerful memoir-manifesto from a Black feminist activist explores how "calling in" instead of "calling out" can transform conversations, hold people accountable with compassion and foster real change by prioritizing shared values over punitive responses.

Rosser, Kareem	When You're Ready: A Love Story	Memoir	2/11
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Documents the romance that blossomed from a shared passion for horses amidst stark socioeconomic contrasts and was shattered by a tragic accident that jeopardized Lee's life, leading the author to confront deep-seated grief and unresolved trauma as he grappled with his mental health and the ghosts of his past.

Sachs, Nicole J. Stracks, John, M.D.	Mind Your Body: A Revolutionary Program to Release Chronic Pain and Anxiety	Pain Management & Anxiety/Health	2/4
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Learn how to free yourself from chronic pain, anxiety, fatigue and myriad debilitating conditions through the transformative process of nervous system regulation in this accessible guide from a psychotherapist and leading Mindbody clinician.

NONFICTION

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Shubin, Neil	Ends of the Earth: Journeys to the Polar Regions in Search of Life, the Cosmos, and Our Future	Ecosystems & Habitats/Environmental Science	2/4

The bestselling author of *Your Inner Fish* explores the polar regions, uncovering insights about life's adaptability, climate change's impact and the global significance of the poles, blending scientific discoveries with vivid adventure stories to reshape our understanding of Earth's future.

Slawson, Nicola	Single: Living a Complete Life on Your Own Terms	Relationships/Self-Help	2/11
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Combines personal insights and interviews to offer an honest, uplifting exploration of single life, addressing its unique challenges and celebrating its freedoms, while encouraging readers to find joy and fulfillment independently of relationship status.

Steves, Rick	On the Hippie Trail: Istanbul to Kathmandu and the Making of a Travel Writer Email Content	Essays/Travel	2/4
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Stow away with the author for a glimpse into the unforgettable moments, misadventures, and memories of his 1978 journey on the legendary Hippie Trail from Istanbul to Kathmandu, which ignited his love of travel and forever broadened his perspective on the world.

West, Keon	The Science of Racism: Everything You Need to Know but Probably Don't Yet	Discrimination/Social Science	2/18
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A social psychologist seeks to shift discourse on race from personal opinions to empirical evidence, examining how racism pervades various life stages and sectors, such as education and healthcare, while proposing scientifically grounded solutions for fostering equity and addressing the limitations of current approaches like unconscious bias training.

Wilkinson, Eleanor	One Pot, One Portion: 100 Simple Recipes Just for You	Comfort Food/Cooking	2/11
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Contains 100 simple, comforting one-pot recipes that yield the perfect single serving for people who cook, eat or live alone and want to eat well.

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Moyes, Jojo	We All Live Here	Literary/Romance	2/11

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AUDIOBOOK CD's

Author	Title	Genre	Date
Brodsky, Andrew	Ping: The Secrets of Successful Virtual Communication	Communication/Business	2/11

Discover the ultimate guide on when (and how) to use virtual communication tools, from video to instant messaging and everything in between, written by management professor at The University of Texas at Austin and leading expert on virtual communication Andrew Brodsky.

Eliot, John Guinn, Jim	How to Get Along With Anyone: The Playbook for Predicting and Preventing Conflict at Work and at Home	Relationships/Work Environment	2/18
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Defuse any heated conflict by learning which of the five conflict styles you are and how to resolve even the most sensitive dispute with this must-read guide.

Hanlen, Drew	Stop Bullshitting Yourself	Personal Growth/Self-Help	2/11
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Legendary NBA trainer Drew Hanlen—performance coach to stars like MVP Joel Embiid and Jayson Tatum—reveals his proven, step-by-step system for personal and professional transformation that has fueled the success of some of the top athletes and business leaders in the world.

DVD's

Title	Genre	Rating	Date
Conclave	Conspiracy/Drama/Mystery/Thriller	PG	2/1

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the center of a conspiracy that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church.

Decoding the Universe	Astrophysics/Science	TV-G	2/4
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How big is the universe? What is it made of? Are we alone? Questions like these have inspired amazing discoveries that have transformed our understanding of the universe since the 1970s, shedding light on everything from exoplanets to black holes to the mysterious dark matter and energy that rule the cosmos.

Wicked	Musical/Fantasy	PG	2/4
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Elphaba, a misunderstood young woman because of her green skin, and Galinda, a popular girl, become friends at Shiz University in the Land of Oz. After an encounter with the Wonderful Wizard of Oz, their friendship reaches a crossroads.