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# New Releases in February

Annotations from Baker & Taylor  
Booking Ahead

## Biography

**Becoming Spectacular** by Jennifer Jones

An African American dancer recounts her journey to becoming a Radio City Rockette, overcoming racism, resistance, and barriers to integration, while revealing the challenges and triumphs of joining one of America's most celebrated dance troupes.

**Brooke Shields Is not Allowed to Get Old** by Brooke Shields, with Rachel Bertsche

The former child star reflects on aging with confidence and empowerment, challenging stereotypes about women growing older, while sharing insights to encourage women to reclaim their power and redefine the narrative around aging.

**Fearless and Free** by Josephine Baker

This memoir chronicles the life of Josephine Baker, the dancer, singer, spy, and Civil Rights activist, from her rise to fame in 1920s Paris to her daring role in World War II and her activism during the U.S. Civil Rights movement.

**JFK Conspiracy, The** by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch

Uncovers the story of Richard Pavlick, a disgruntled postal worker who plotted to assassinate John F. Kennedy in December 1960, detailing the near-miss that could have altered American history and the gripping events surrounding the failed attempt.

**Memorial Days** by Geraldine Brooks

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 the coast, going days without seeing another person, and pondered the ways cultures grieve.

**Source Code** by Bill Gates

The software giant explores his personal journey, recounting his early influences, friendships, family and first steps in computing that paved the way for his career and philanthropic focus, offering an intimate look at the experiences that shaped him.

## Fantasy and Science Fiction

**Dragon of Black Glass, A, No. 3** by James Rollins

Nyx and her allies race against time to unearth an ancient weapon buried beneath a desert, while facing enemies, growing madness and an impending war.

**Emily Wilde's Compendium of Lost Tales, No. 3** by Heather Fawcett

Renowned fairy scholar Emily Wilde must navigate the intrigues of a faerie realm as they seize Wendell's throne and race to break a deadly curse.

**Moth eater** by Linda H. Codega

In a queer fantasy set amid the Appalachian Mountains in Virginia, the last witch of the Ridge must choose sides in a clash between industry and nature.

**Star Wars: The Mask of Fear, No. 1** by Alexander Freed

In the early days of the Empire, Mon Mothma, Bail Organa, and Saw Gerrara navigate the regime in the wake of the Chancellor's proclamation, grappling with their personal struggles and hidden motivations while laying groundwork for the Rebel Alliance.

**Strange Case of Jane O., The** by Karen Thompson Walker

After giving birth, Jane experiences amnesia, hallucinations, and premonitions, leading to her sudden disappearance; her psychiatrist investigates the links between her struggles and a traumatic past, grappling with questions of memory and reality.

**Witch of Whispervale, The** by R.A. Salvatore

The latest of the DemonWars series, as the Xoconai launch an invasion of Corona, discarding treaties and igniting war, a witch emerges, drawing the attention of a hunter known as the Coyote, who seeks her power.

## General Fiction

**B is for Bonnet, No. 2** by Shelley Shepard Gray

Four English-raised siblings return to their grandparents' Ohio community with the intent to become Amish.

**Black Hamptons 2: Gentrification** by Carl Weber and La Jill Hunt

The return of the family patriarch, Moses, stirs up secrets and tensions within the Britton family, unraveling hidden affairs and conflicts across generations.

**Black Woods, Blue Sky** by Eowyn Ivey

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 escape, she uncovers his dark secret and the unforgiving nature of the wild.

**Every Tom, Dick & Harry** by Elinor Lipman

Emma Lewis takes over her parents' estate-sale business, facing her quirkiest job yet involving clearing a scandalous B&B, but as she gets to know its colorful clients, she discovers unexpected paths to fulfillment and happiness.

**House for Miss Pauline, A** by Diana McCaulay

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.

**Moonlight Healers, The** by Elizabeth Becker

Louise Winston discovers her family's secret healing abilities, but when seeking answers in her grandmother's orchard, uncovers their hidden history and must confront the mysterious costs of her newfound powers.

**Penitence** by Kristin M.E. Koval

When a murder occurs in the home of Angie and David Sheehan, their lives are shattered; and, desperate to defend their family, they turn to small-town lawyer Martine Dumont for help.

**People of Means** by Nancy Johnson

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.

**Three Days in June** by Anne Tyler

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

**We Would Never** by Tova Mirvis

When Haley Gelman becomes a suspect in her ex-husband's murder following a bitter custody battle, her tight-knit family must confront their own dark loyalties and the lengths they will go to protect each other.

## General Nonfiction

**Doctored: Fraud, Arrogance, and Tragedy in the Quest to Cure Alzheimer's** by Charles Piller

This account reveals how falsified data, corporate greed and institutional corruption have derailed Alzheimer's research.

**Mayo Clinic Guide to Better Sleep** by Timothy I. Morgenthaler and Bhanu Kolla Prakash

A new resource from the sleep specialists at Mayo Clinic aims to help readers improve sleep and manage common sleep disorders.

**Mind Your Body** by Nicole J. Sachs

Learn how to free yourself from chronic pain, anxiety, and fatigue through the transformative process of nervous system regulation.

**Original Sins** by Eve L. Ewing

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 reevaluation of what schools are supposed to do, and for whom.

## Historical Fiction

**Boy** by Nicole Galland

A young actor famed for his female roles in Shakespeare's company, Sander Cooke, and his friend Joan Buckler are drawn into political intrigue with Francis Bacon, altering their lives and testing their dreams.

**Dressmakers of London, The** by Julia Kelly

After their mother's 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.

**Girls of the Glimmer Factory, The** by Jennifer Coburn

A story of childhood friends forced onto opposite sides of a propaganda war in a "model" ghetto in World War II Czechoslovakia.

**Harlem Rhapsody** by Victoria Christopher Murray

In 1919 Harlem, literary editor Jessie Redmon Fauset is at the forefront of a Black cultural renaissance, discovering talents like Langston Hughes and Nella Larsen, but her ambition and a secret affair with W.E.B. Du Bois threaten her legacy.

**Junie** by Erin Crosby Eskstine

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 secrets are revealed.

**Last Twilight in Paris** by Pam Jenoff

In London, 1953, a secondhand shop necklace bears the name Levitan, a Paris department store-turned-Nazi prison camp, leading Louise to investigate her friend Franny's war death and the fate of Helaine, a woman imprisoned at Levitan when the Germans invaded France.

**Owl Was a Baker's Daughter, The** by Grace Tiffany

Explores themes of motherhood, friendship, and loss amid societal upheaval as the heroine, a midwife-apothecary, flees her very troubled marriage and accusations of witchcraft.

**Queen's of Crime, The** by Marie Benedict

In 1930 London, the Queens of Crime, a secret society of women writers, investigates the murder of nurse May Daniels, found strangled in a park, and must navigate a web of intrigue and danger.

## History

**Antisemitism in America: A Warning** by Chuck Schumer

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer sheds light on the Jewish American experience and sounds the alarm about the troubling resurgence of antisemitism.

**Last Seen** by Judith Giesberg

The founder of an archive of 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 stories of formerly enslaved people's love for the families they lost.

## Mystery and Detective

**Antique Hunter's Death on Red Sea, No. 2** by C.L. Miller

Freya Lockwood and her aunt Carole investigate a murder and stolen painting aboard an antiques cruise.

**Bonded in Death, No. 60** by J.D. Robb

Lieutenant Eve Dallas investigates the murder of an elderly man linked to the Urban Wars, while being targeted by a vengeful killer.

**Cold as Hell, No. 3** by Kelley Armstrong

Detective Casey Duncan and Sheriff Eric Dalton investigate an assault and a mysterious frozen body in the forest.

**Death of a Smuggler, No. 37** by M.C. Beaton, with R.W. Green

Hamish's hopes for a peaceful break are dashed when a murder, a missing man and a family feud disrupt his Highland village.

**Eleanor and the Cold War, No. 1** by Ellen Yardley

A 1950s Cold War mystery features the former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt's indispensable assistant as a resourceful sleuth.

**Johnny Careless** by Kevin Wade

Burnout from a case leads Jeep Mullane back to Long Island's North Shore to head a small department, and when childhood friend Johnny Chambliss is found dead, Jeep must face Johnny's family, ex-wife and decades-old secrets to untangle the mystery.

**Robert B. Parker's Buried Secrets** by Christopher Farnsworth

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.

**Smoke on the Water, No. 32** by Loren D. Estleman

Amidst Canadian wildfires, 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.

## Political Science

**Money, Lies, and God** by Katherine Stewart

The author takes us to conferences of conspiracy-mongers, backroom strategy gatherings, and services at extremist churches, providing a compelling analysis of the authoritarian reaction in the United States, the "engine of unreason" roiling American culture and politics.

**New Prize for These Eyes** by Juan Williams

The author turns his attention to the rise of a new 21st-century civil rights movement.

## Romance

**Back After This** by Linda Holmes

Podcast producer Cecily Foster agrees to host a show documenting her dating life under the guidance of an influencer coach and must reconcile her feelings for a kind photographer with her coach's conflicting advice.

**Crush** by Ada Calhoun

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.

**Deep End** by Ali Hazelwood

Scarlet Vandermeer, a disciplined diver, has her focused life upended when a secret bond with swim champion Lukas Blomqvist turns their fling into a deep connection, threatening her heart and her Olympic dreams.

**Dream Girl Drama, No. 3** by Tessa Bailey

Hockey player Sig Gauthier falls for Chloe Clifford, only to discover she's his soon-to-be stepsister.

**Onyx Storm** by Elizabeth Yarros

After months at Basgaith War College, Violet Sorrengail must seek allies from unfamiliar lands to stand with Navarre, and she will do anything to save what she loves—her dragons, her family, her home and him.

**We All Live Here** by Jojo Moyes

Lila Kennedy juggles a broken marriage, rebellious daughters, and a crumbling house when her estranged father unexpectedly shows up, forcing her to confront unresolved feelings.

## Self Help

**5 Types of Wealth, The** by Sahil Bloom

Challenges the notion that money is the sole measure of wealth.

**Grieving Body, The** by Mary-Frances O'Connor

Discusses how grief and other stressors impact physical health.

**How to Be Enough** by Ellen Hendriksen

The author offers a guide to overcoming perfectionism, providing transformative shifts to replace self-criticism with self-acceptance.

## Suspense

**Battle Mountain, No. 25** by C.J. Box

Nate Romanowski seeks vengeance after an attack, while Joe Pickett teams up with a rookie game warden, setting both on separate paths destined to collide at Battle Mountain.

**Blood Ties** by Jo Nesbo, translated by Robert Ferguson

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.

**Chain Reaction** by James Byrne

Dez Limerick, with a shadowy past, is drawn into a terrorist attack at the Liberty Center while attempting to help a friend with a musical gig.

**Close Your Eyes and Count to 10** by Lisa Unger

A single mother joins a deadly island game set up by an extreme adventurer, but a monstrous storm and an unseen menace transform the social media stunt into a ruthless fight for survival.

**Dark Vector, No. 1** by Ward Larsen

When a defecting Russian pilot crash-lands in Siberia, CIA rookie Tru Miller and a team race against a ruthless Russian general in a high-stakes pursuit where their survival hinges on their slyness and lethal skills.

**Famous Last Words** by Gillian McAllister

Returning to work, new mom Camilla's life is turned upside down 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.

**Girl Like Us, A** by Anna Sophia Mcloughlin

In 2004, former reality TV star and the current wife of a Sterling family heir, Maya Miller becomes the suspect in a murder, forcing her to uncover the real killer while protecting her own buried secrets.

**Killing Cold, A** by Kate Alice Marshall

When Theodora Scott visits her fiancé's family estate, she uncovers eerie ties to her forgotten childhood, unraveling a secret the powerful Daltons will stop at nothing to protect.

**Librarians of Lisbon, The** by Suzanne Nelson

In 1943 Lisbon, American librarians Selene Delmont and Beatrice Sullivan, recruited by the US Intelligence Office, must navigate espionage and romance, torn between their secret missions and love for two dangerous men.

**Medici Return, The** by Steve Berry

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.

**Midnight Black** by Mark Greaney

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.

**Nemesis** by Gregg Hurwitz

Evan Smoak is dedicated to his assassin's Ten Commandments, but when Tommy Stojack, gifted gunsmith and 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.

**Open Season** by Jonathan Kellerman

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 complex killer that will require all their skills to decipher.

**Pananoia** by James Patterson and James O. Born

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.

**Quiet Librarian, The** by Allen Eskens

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 sorting out a deadly mystery tied to her family's history in war-torn Bosnia.

**Untouchable, No. 18** by Mike Lawson

Washington DC troubleshooter Joe DeMarco is tasked with investigating the execution of billionaire Brandon Cartwright, and uncovers links to the President of the United States, while navigating the world of the rich and powerful amidst a web of deception and high stakes politics.

**You Are Fatally Invited** by Ande Pliego

At a private island writing retreat hosted by author J.R. Alastor, former aspiring writer Mila del Angel 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.

## True Crime

**Blood and the Badge: The Mafia, Two Killer Cops, and a Scandal that Shocked the Nation** by Michael Cannell

Uncovers the story of NYPD detectives Louis Eppolito and Stephen Caracappa, who secretly served as mafia informants and hitmen for over a decade, revealing corruption that crippled investigations and led to multiple mob hits.

**Fatal Voyage: The Mysterious Death of Natalie Wood** by Dylan Howard

Renowned journalist Dylan Howard has spent six years investigating Natalie's fateful final hours—and the immediate aftermath, and after sifting through hundreds of pages of testimony, coroners reports, police statements and private journals, he is ready to reveal what he's discovered about the death of Hollywood's golden girl....and demand justice for Natalie Wood.

**Mother Next Door, The** by Andrea Dunlop and Mike Weber

An investigation of Munchausen by Proxy (MBP) through narratives and expert insights, exploring the disturbing dynamics between mothers and their children facing fabricated illnesses; following three high-stakes investigations, they reveal the complexities of this child abuse while addressing misinformation and proposing solutions to protect vulnerable children.

**You'll Never Believe Me** by Kari Ferrell

Recounts the author's journey from being a troubled, adopted Asian American girl in Utah to becoming the "Hipster Grifter" in New York City, detailing her rise through petty crime, media sensationalism, incarceration, and eventual redemption as she transforms her life through activism and social justice.



