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# New Releases in January

## Annotations from Baker & Taylor Booking Ahead

### Biography

**Dirtbag Queen** by Andy Corren

This family portrait explores the life of an unconventional mother, her children and their chaotic bonds.

**From These Roots** by Tamara Lanier

A woman's quest to trace her lineage leads to the discovery of a daguerreotype of her enslaved ancestor, igniting a legal battle against Harvard over the rightful ownership of historical artifacts and stories tied to America's painful past.

**In Gad We Trust** by Josh Gad

This essay collection from the star of Book of Mormon covers topics such as his parent's divorce, struggles with self image, and fatherhood.

**Survivor, The: How I Survived Six Concentration Camps and Became a Nazi Hunter** by Josef Lewkowicz

Tells the story of Josef Kewkowicz, who endured six concentration camps during the Holocaust and later became a determined Nazi hunter, capturing notorious SS officer Amon Goeth, while offering readers a narrative of survival, and the resilience of the human spirit.

**Woman Who Knew Everyone, The** by Meryl Gordon

An account of the life of a wealthy and influential Washington socialite of the 20th century, who inspired a Broadway musical with her extravagant parties, her close relationships with U.S. presidents and her support for the Equal Rights Amendment.

### Business & Economics

**Buy What You Love Without Going Broke** by Jennifer Louise Smith & Jillian Faye Sirianni

The duo offer a practical, guilt free guide to reshaping spending habits by identifying what you truly value, addressing impulse spending, and prioritizing financial goals.

**Reset: How to Change What's Not Working** by Dan Heath

The author presents a guide to fixing what's not working—in systems and processes, organizations and companies, and in our daily lives.

### Family & Relationships

**Disengaged Teen, The** by Jenny Anderson & Rebecca Winthrop

Explores the disengagement of adolescents from school, identifying four learning modes—Resister, Passenger, Achiever, and Explorer—that shape teens' relationships with learning, while offering strategies for parents to foster curiosity and self awareness to help children thrive.

**It Begins With You: The 9 Hard Truths About Love That Will Change Your Life** by Jullian Turecki

A relationships coach offers a non-nonsense guide to meaningful relationships, revealing 9 core truths and practical tools that empower readers to take responsibility for their love lives.

**Way of Play, The** by Tina Payne Bryson & Georgie Wisen-Vincent

Presents 7 playful techniques that promote healthy emotional development and resilience in children through intentional, brief interactions, emphasizing the importance of daily moments that nurture calmness, cooperation, and communication.

### Fantasy & Science Fiction

**Boudicca** by C.P. Cast

Guided by the goddess Andraste, Queen Boudicca of the Iceni leads a rebellion against opposing forces in Roman-occupied Britain, gathering 250,000 warriors to reclaim her land, even as dark prophecies threaten to doom her fight for freedom.

**Daughter of Chaos, No. 1** by A.S. Webb

In ancient Greece, Danae, a fisherman's daughter with mysterious powers, joins Heracles on a quest to fulfill a prophecy that could free humankind from the gods' tyranny, if she can unlock a truth that may destroy everything.

**Death of the Author** by Nnedi Okorafor

After being fired and facing yet another novel rejection, aspiring author Zelu writes a futuristic epic about AI and robots, setting herself on a path to literary stardom that could change the future of humanity.

**Immortal: A Novel of the Celestial Kingdom** by Sue Lynn Tan

Queen Liyen vows to sever ties with immortals for a risky alliance with a ruthless God of War.

**Mother of Rome** by Lauren J.A. Bear

In a reimagining of the earliest Roman legend, after her father loses his kingdom in a coup and she becomes pregnant and ostracized, Rhea Silvia forges a dangerous deal with the divine to save her sons, Romulus and Remus, and reclaim their birthright.

**Order of Swans** by Jude Deveraux

Kaley Adams travels to friend Jobi's island home, but she awakens on the plane in the birthplace of fairytales, and when the king asks Kaley to find the prince, she must rely on fairytale knowledge to survive this new world.

**Wind on Her Tongue, No. 2** by Anita Kopacz

Oya, born with storm-controlling powers from her Yoruba Orisha lineage, embarks on a journey through 19th-century America under the guidance of Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau, confronting issues of racism, colorism, and classism.

**Witchcraft for Wayward Girls** by Grady Hendrix

Four teenage girls trapped in a secretive maternity home for unwed mothers find an unexpected source of power through witchcraft.

## General Fiction

**Big Empty, The, No. 20** by Robert Crais

When Elvis Cole finds himself shadowed by a gang of criminals, a missing-persons cold case becomes far more sinister, and he must call his ex-Marine friend Joe Pike for help.

**Blob: A Love Story** by Maggie Su

After getting dumped, lonely college dropout Vi Liu discovers a strange blob in an alley outside a bar and takes it home, where she works with the sentient creature and molds it into her ideal partner.

**Confessions** by Catherine Airey

Three generations of women are bound by family secrets, lost memories and a boarding school game as they unravel mysteries spanning from 1970s Ireland to post-9/11 New York.

**Good Girl** by Aria Aber

Nila, a nineteen-year-old German-Afghan, explores art, philosophy and freedom in Berlin's underground, but must confront racial tensions and her own identity after falling under the influence of a controlling American writer.

**Grave Danger, No. 19** by James Grippando

Jack Swyteck must defend a woman accused of kidnapping her niece, while uncovering deadly secrets about her parents, as political forces and international law complicate the case.

**Isaac's Song** by Daniel Black

Encouraged by his therapist to write down his story, a young, queer black man describes the details and circumstances of his life.

**More or Less Maddy** by Lisa Genova

Maddy Banks, an NYU student diagnosed with bipolar disorder after experiencing a terrifying mania, rejects the stability of a "normal" life for a career in stand-up comedy.

## General Nonfiction

**Before Elvis** by Preston Lauterbach

This exploration of the Black musicians who shaped Elvis Presley's music focuses on four overlooked artists while examining their influence, legacies and the injustices that kept them in poverty as others profited from their work.

**Neat Method Organizing Recipe Book, The** by Ashley Murphy & Marissa Hagmeyer

Readers are guided through simple projects for every room in the house, featuring clear "ingredient" lists and step-by-step directions for creating stylish solutions, transforming homes into spaces of beauty, calm, and simplicity.

**Sewing Guide to Cancer and Other Pesky Long Term Illnesses, The** by Heather Grant, editor

A unique sewing guide for friends and families of loved ones fighting cancer, with 27 ideas for genuinely useful gifts.

**Tidy Up Your Life** by Tyler Moore

Shares guiding principles and practical routines for organizing and prioritizing both physical and emotional spaces, aiming to help overwhelmed individuals create a more joyful and manageable home life.

**Wiseguys in the White House** by Eric Dezenhall

Explores the hidden connections between organized crime and U.S. presidents, revealing how mobsters have influenced political power.

## Health & Fitness

**Eat Your Age: Feel Younger, Be Happier, Live Longer** by Ian K. Smith

The author provides nutrition and lifestyle advice to help readers maximize longevity, prevent disease, and age well.

**Menopause is Hot** by Mariella Frostrup & Alice Smellie

In a guide designed to equip readers with the know-how to handle symptoms starting from perimenopause onward, journalists present stories from women around the world at various ages and stages of their menopause journey.

## Historical Fiction

**Call Her Freedom** by Tara Dorabji

Trained by her midwife mother in a Himalayan village, Aisha confronts societal expectations, family secrets and a military occupation that force her to sacrifice her dreams to protect her family.

**English Problem, The** by Beena Kamlani

Shiv Advani, chosen by Mahatma Gandhi to study British law in 1930s London, arrives determined to fight colonialism but soon finds himself torn between his duty to India's independence movement and his desire to belong within British society.

**Good Dirt** by Charmaine Wilkerson

Ebby Freeman's life unravels when her brother is killed and a family heirloom is shattered, but years later, while fleeing a public breakup, she uncovers how that lost, shattered heirloom may hold secrets to her future.

**Grace of the Empire State** by Gemma Tizzard

During the Great Depression, Grace O'Connell disguises herself as her injured twin to work on the Empire State Building, but when a deadly accident occurs, she faces a life-altering decision that could expose her secret.

**Isola** by Allegra Goodman

An orphaned and betrayed young woman, Marguerite, is marooned on an island with her lover, where she must confront nature's harshness and her own strength in a fight for survival.

**Life of Herod the Great, The** by Zora Neale Hurston & Deborah G. Plant

The novel offers a reimagined portrayal of Herod the Great as a philosophical and visionary king who brought prosperity to Judea during a period of war and imperial expansion in the first century BCE.

**Stolen Queen, The** by Fiona Davis

As a valuable Egyptian artifact disappears during the Met Gala, Met curator Charlotte Cross and assistant Annie Jenkins go on a high-stakes search that leads them to Egypt, where Charlotte must confront an ancient curse and the tragedy of her past.

## History

**African History of Africa, An** by Zeinab Badawi

This survey traces Africa's legacy from prehistory to the present, exploring ancient civilizations, medieval empires and colonialism's impact.

**Back in Blues** by Imani Perry

The author examines the connection of the color blue to Black history, weaving together themes of hope, melancholy and personal experience to examine race in ways that transcend politics and ideology.

## Mystery & Detective

**Abduction of a Slave, No. 4** by Dana Stabenow

In ancient Egypt, Tetisheri, Cleopatra's agent, is sent to investigate a communication breakdown involving a master trader, and uncovers a web of intrigue linked to impending war and a local murder mystery.

**Been Wrong So Long It Feels Like Right, No. 3** by Walter Mosley

Detective King Oliver fulfills his grandmother's wish to reunite with his estranged father while also protecting a woman from a powerful billionaire.

**Death in Diamonds, A** by S.J. Bennett

Queen Elizabeth II enlists ex-code breaker Joan McGraw to uncover a conspiracy threatening her reign.

**Haunting and Homicide** by Ava Burke

A woman who can see ghosts and works as a tour guide operator in New Orleans becomes the prime suspect in a rival guide's murder.

**Schooled in Murder** by Victoria Gilbert

At Clarion University in Virginia, Mia has a confrontation with a professor who turns up dead, and the cafeteria manager, campus psychologist, and a librarian work to clear Mia and discover the real murderer.

## Psychology

**Enneagram in Real Life: Find Your Type, Understand who You Are, and Take Steps Toward Growth** by Stephanie Barron Hall

The author offers practical guidance for applying the Enneagram system to personal growth, featuring relatable client stories, actionable advice, and tangible practices to help readers transform their life, career and relationships.

**Warrior to Civilian** by Robert Sarver & Alex Gendzier

A detailed resource for veterans transitioning to civilian life, addressing matters like job hunting and family reintegration, alongside deeper issues such as loss and purpose.

## Romance

**Beg, Borrow, or Steal** by Sarah Adams

Romance writer Emily Walker finds herself in a love-hate relationship with her neighbor and former nemesis, Jack Bennett, when he threatens to expose her secret identity.

**Better Than Friends, No. 7** by Jill Shalvis

When Olive's off-the-grid parents go missing, she turns to her ex, Noah, a National Park Service agent, for help, forcing them to confront their unresolved past.

**Dark Hope, No. 38** by Christine Feehan

Demon slayer Silke Vriese Reinders must join forces with Benedek Kovak, a Carpathian warrior on the brink of darkness, to stop an enemy threatening mankind.

**Homeseeking** by Karissa Chen

Separated by war and reunited after sixty years, Haiwen and Suchi navigate decades of love, loss and survival.

**Lie for a Million, No. 2** by Janet Dailey

Following her husband's murder, Lila Culhane battles his pregnant mistress for leverage, while preparing for a high-stakes competition, questioning her ranch manager's loyalty, and dealing with a growing list of suspects in Frank's death.

**Never Say Never** by Danielle Steel

After her husband leaves her for a younger male lover, Oona Kelly Webster takes her anniversary trip to France alone, where after renting a house called La Belle Florence, she risks love with her friendly Trinidadian neighbor, a well-known actor.

**Onyx Storm** by Rebecca Yarros

After 18 months at Basgiath 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.

**Remember When: Clarissa's Story** by Mary Balogh

When Clarissa returns to Ravenswood after living a society life as the Dowager Countess of Stratton, she reconnects with widowed village carpenter Matthew Taylor, and their summer friendship deepens into romance.

**Shattering Dawn** by Jayne Ann Krentz

When PI Gideon Sweetwater disrupts the kidnapping of Amelia Rivers, they escape and return to the ruins of the hotel where Amelia lost a night to amnesia before gaining powers, desperate to stop a killer and the people who are conducting illegal experiments with a dangerous drug.

## Self-Help

**Beyond Anxiety** by Martha Beck

A guide to overcoming anxiety by tapping into creativity, blending neuroscience and sociology to explain how engaging the brain's creative systems can break the anxiety cycle and lead to peace, improved problem solving, and deeper connections with others.

**DOSE Effect, The** by T.J. Power

Describes a framework for enhancing mental and physical well-being by regulating the brain's key hormones—Dopamine, Oxytocin, Serotonin, and Endorphins—through lifestyle changes, offering strategies to improve cognitive performance, manage stress, and promote wellness.

## Suspense

**Beautiful Ugly** by Alice Feeney

After his wife Abby disappeared, author Grady Green, still consumed by grief, retreats to a remote Scottish island only to encounter a woman who looks exactly like the wife he lost.

**Clever Little Thing** by Helena Echlin

After her daughter Stella begins mimicking the personality of her deceased babysitter, Blanka, pregnant Charlotte becomes convinced that Blanka has possessed her child.

**Crash, The** by Freida McFadden

Eight months pregnant and abandoned by her baby's father, Tegan embarks on a desperate journey to her brother's house during a storm, only to crash and find herself at the mercy of a remote couple with potentially sinister intentions.

**Dark Hours, The** Amy Jordan

Retired Detective Julia Harte has spent years hiding in a quiet Irish village, haunted by memories of capturing the country's most prolific serial killer, but when a copycat emerges, she's pulled back into the hunt.

**Dead Money** by Jakob Kerr

Lawyer Mackenzie Clyde, Silicon Valley's unofficial problem solver, is tasked with uncovering the truth behind the murder of a tech CEO to protect billions of dollars frozen in his will, while navigating a world that consistently underestimates her.

**Holmes Is Missing, No. 2** by James Patterson & Brian Sitts

Holmes, Marple & Poe Investigations face a challenging string of child abductions that forces them to solve the case without their brilliant leader, Brendan Holmes.

**Inheritance, The** by Trisha Sakhlecha

The Agarwal family gathers on a private Scottish island for a reunion where patriarch Raj plans to announce his company's succession, but as long-held secrets, personal betrayals, and simmering tensions rise, the reunion takes a deadly turn.

**Last Room on the Left, The** by Leah Konen

Kerry, a struggling writer with a crumbling life, takes a caretaker job at a remote Catskills motel to finish her book, but when a snowstorm traps her with a frozen corpse, she must unravel a deadly game of survival.

**Note, The** by Alafair Burke

May Hanover reunites with her childhood friends Lauren and Kelsey for a carefree trip to the Hamptons, but when a drunken prank goes wrong, May becomes the focus of a police investigation and wonders whether her friends are hiding dangerous secrets.

**Oligarch's Daughter, The** by Joseph Finder

Paul Brightman, a former Wall Street star hiding in a New England town with a bounty on his head, is forced to flee into the New Hampshire wilderness as he unravels a conspiracy involving Russian operatives and government agencies after falling in love with Tatyana, the daughter of a powerful oligarch.

**Presumed Guilty** by Scott Turow

Rusty is a retired judge asked by his fiancée, Bea, to defend her adult son, Aaron, who is accused of murdering his girlfriend, and Rusty agrees to help but questions whether the system can provide true justice for those who are presumed guilty.

**Pro Bono** by Thomas Perry

A tenacious attorney grapples with a dangerous group of thieves.

**Robert Ludlum's the Bourne Vendetta** by Brian Freeman, series created by Robert Ludlum

When a hacked database known as The Files upends the intelligence community, with careers destroyed and assassinations spreading from Europe to the U.S., Treadstone sends Jason Bourne to get or destroy them before the Chinese or the Russians—and Bourne's ex-lover, spy Johanna, may be the only one who can help him.

**See How They Hide** by Allison Brennan

When murder victims are found in different parts of the country in the same unusual position on the same night, Matt Costa and his team discover that the victims had escaped from Colorado's Havenwood cult and are being hunted one by one.

**Serial Killer's Guide to Marriage, A** by Asia Mackay

Hazel and Fox, former vigilante killers turned suburban London parents, are adjusting to a quiet life with their baby, until Hazel's boredom leads to an impulsive murder, threatening to unravel their carefully constructed family façade.

**Texas Murders, The, No. 3** by James Patterson & Andrew Bourelle

Texas Ranger Rory Yates, a quick-draw champion, teams up with Tigua Tribal police archer Ava Cruz to investigate the disappearance of a native woman, pursuing a suspect in a long-cold case across Texas's harshest landscapes.



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