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New Releases in December

Annotations from Baker and Taylor Booking Ahead

Biography

Ingenious: A Biography of Benjamin Franklin, Scientist by Richard Munson

The story of an ingenious American Founder who explained nature and created a country.

McCartney Legacy, The: 1974-80 by Allan Kozinn and Adrian Sinclair

The second entry of this multi-volume biography chronicles the musician's life from 1974 onward, detailing his rise with Wings as a top band of the 1970s and his continued evolution as a musician beyond the Beatles.

Name of This Band is R.E.M., The by Peter Ames Carlin

This biography explores the band's rise from beginning in Athens, Georgia, to rock stardom, detailing impacts both on music and on generational identity through the lives of four friends.

Paris Girl, The by Francelle Bradford White

Written by her daughter, the biography marks the courage of Andree Grotteray, a teenage girl in Nazi-occupied Paris who would become a hero of the French Resistance through her work as an underground intelligence courier.

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Bellevue by Robin Cook

As Dr. Fuller begins his residency at Bellevue Hospital, his sixth sense intensifies, leading him to uncover sinister connections between patient deaths and the dark secrets of an abandoned local psychopathic hospital.

I Made It Out of Clay by Beth Kander

Desperate for a date to her sister's wedding, Eve creates a golem to be her plus-one, but what begins as a lighthearted fantasy mudslides toward something much, much darker.

Icarus Needle, The, No. 5 by Timothy Zahn

Gregory Roarke and his Kadolian partner Selene navigate shifting alliances and rival factions on a distant world.

Miss Amelia's List, No. 17 by Mercedes Lackey

Amelia Stonehold and Serena Meleva navigate property acquisition, marriage proposals and other ancient horrors in Regency England, but with the help of elemental magic.

Monsoon Rising, A, No. 2 by Thea Guanzon

Forced into a marriage to end their nations' war, Alaric and Talasyn traverse their feelings along with a dangerous plot that could cause a cataclysmic event.

Sky of Emerald Stars, A, No. 2 by A.K. Mulford

Royal guard Sadie embarks on a mission to uncover a rival king's secrets, while Queen Calla negotiates a treacherous alliance.

Wind and Truth, No. 5 by Brandon Sanderson

Dalinar Kholin's challenge to the evil god Odium puts the future of Roshar at stake as various characters engage in global battles and unravel mysteries.

General Fiction

Apartment Women by Gu Byeong-Mo

Moving into a communal apartment complex designed to boost birth rates, Yojin grapples with growing unease as the pressures of communal parenting reveal the hidden struggles and imbalances of motherhood.

Definitely Better Now by Ava Robinson

Celebrating one year sober, Emma finds her life unravelling when her estranged father reappears, she's tasked with planning the office holiday party, and she meets a charming guy who challenges her to embrace imperfection.

I Might Be in Trouble by Daniel Aleman

After his novel flops and his boyfriend leaves, David has an amazing night with a stranger from a dating app, but wakes up to find his date dead, so he and his literary agent try to untangle what happened.

Only Stars Know the Meaning of Space: A Literary Mixtape by Remy Ngamije

Presented as a literary mixtape, the A-Side describes an aspiring writer living in a complicated world, and the B-Side features (seemingly) unrelated short stories—but when read together, they reveal a complex interconnected world exploring grief.

Rental House by Weike Wang

A couple dealing with the cultural divides between her strict Chinese immigrant family and his rural white roots, face the challenges of family tensions during a vacation.

Seaside Homecoming, The, No. 3 by Julie Klassen

Claire Summers answers an ad to run a boarding house, but faces complications when her secretive partner discovers her less-than-respectable past.

Sister Snake by Amanda Lee Koe

A sheltered wife of a politician in Singapore, and her sister, Emerald, are bound by a 1000-year-old secret from their past as snakes in Tang dynasty China, but their reunion in Singapore threatens to unravel their hidden identities.

General Nonfiction

Blues in Stereo: The Early Works of Langston Hughes by Langston Hughes and Danez Smith

Highlights the early work of the Harlem Renaissance poet, social, activist, novelist and playwright.

Box Office Poison by Tim Robey

The author presents an alternative history of Hollywood, exploring a century of notable film flops, with insights into the film industry, public tastes and the circumstances behind these cinematic failures.

Century of Tomorrows, A by Glenn Adamson

This exploration of futurology examines how the world's fascination with predicting the future has been shaped by influential thinkers, revealing that our visions of tomorrow are rooted in today's realities.

How to Be Heard by Roxane Gay

The author provides realistic, frank and humorous advice for aspiring writers, giving readers confidence and practical tools to ensure their voice is heard.

Long Live: The Definitive Guide to the Folklore and Fandom of Taylor Swift by Nicole Pomarico

Covering the Taylor Swift multiverse from all angles through fandom history, exclusive interviews, and behind-the-scenes detail on her career across all eras—this is the ultimate fan guide for Swifties.

Matchmaker Matchmaker: Find Me a Love That Lasts by Ben Aleeza Shalom

A dating coach aims to guide readers through her perspective on dating, revealing the ways in which a person's dating habits influence their chances of finding lasting love.

Taxes 101 by Michele Cagan

Provides a detailed overview of the U.S. tax system, covering its structure, types of taxes, relevant laws, deductions, credits, and filing procedures,

Tiger Slam, The by Kevin Cook

An account of the golfer's historic achievement of winning four consecutive major championships from 2000 to 2001, featuring insights from key figures in golf and capturing the intensity, strategy and dominance of Woods during this unparalleled streak.

Historical Fiction

Kingdom of No Tomorrow by Fabienne Josaphat

Nettie Boileau joins the Black Panthers' Free Health Clinics in Oakland in 1968 and is soon swept up in a love affair with Melvin Mosley, a defense captain of the Black Panther Party.

Rest is Memory, The by Lily Tuck

In a fictionalized retelling of a real life tragedy, fourteen year old Czeslawa's brief life, from her upbringing in a Polish village to her death at Auschwitz, is explored alongside the suffering of millions during the German occupation.

Shadowed Land, The, No. 3 by Signe Pike

Following victory against the Angles in AD 850, Languoreth, her daughter Angharad, brother Lailoken, and the warrior Artur mac Aedan are drawn into separate but perilous quests across ancient Britain.

Sweet Vidalia by Lisa Sandlin

Eliza Kratke's life is shattered by her husband's sudden death, uncovering long-hidden secrets that force her to confront the illusions that shaped her existence and inspire her to rebuild her life.

History

Four Points of the Compass: The Unexpected History of Direction by Jerry Brotton

The history and significance of the four cardinal directions are explored and shows how societies have defined and used them for navigation and travel.

Oathbreakers by David M. Perry and Matthew Gabriele

The historians and authors present the story of the Carolingian Civil War, a bloody, protracted battle pitting brother against brother, father against son, that would end an empire, upend a continent, and lay down the modern borders of Europe.

Resist by Rita Omokha

Explores the impact of young Black activists on American history, from Ella Baker to Darnella Frazier (who filmed George Floyd's murder), illustrating how these youth-driven movements have transformed the fight for justice and equality in the U.S.

Sisters in Science by Olivia Campbell

Explores the lives of physicists Hedwig Kohn, Lise Meitner, Hertha Sponer, and Hildegard Stucklen, who made groundbreaking discoveries during the golden age of physics before fleeing Nazi Germany due to their Jewish ancestry or anti-Nazi sentiments.

White Ladder, The by Daniel Light

A sweeping history of mountaineering before Everest looks at the epic human quest to reach the highest places on Earth.

Mystery and Detective

Against the Grain, No. 22 by Peter Lovesey

Invited by a former colleague to a small village, Detective Peter Diamond investigates a miscarriage of justice and goes undercover at an annual Harvest Festival.

Booked for Murder, No. 1 by P.J. Nelson

Returning to a small Georgia town to inherit her Aunt Rose's quirky bookstore, Madeline Brimley is threatened by arson and a murder, forcing her to investigate before she becomes the next victim.

Burn This Night by Alex Kenna

Private investigator Kate Myles learns her late father isn't her biological dad, right before she discovers that an unknown distant relative is the prime suspect in a murder investigation.

Death at an Irish Wedding by Ellie Brannigan

Rayne McGrath's plan to save her family's crumbling castle hinges on hosting a celebrity wedding, but the suspicious death of a guest threatens everything.

Invisible Helix by Keigo Higashino, translated by Giles Murray

After Ryota Uetsui is murdered and girlfriend Sonoka Shimauchi goes missing, Detectives Kusanagi and Utsumi turn to Detective Galileo to unravel the facts of the crime and discover the helix that ties them together.

Irish Soda Bread Murder by Carlene O'Connor, Peggy Ehrhart, and Liz Ireland

A collection of cozy mystery novellas feature the popular St. Paddy's Day treat, Irish soda bread.

Knife Skills for Beginners by Orlando Murrin

A MasterChef semi-finalist and cookbook writer presents a locked-room culinary mystery set in a London cooking school.

Love the Stranger, No. 2 by Michael Sears

Ted Molloy, a Queens attorney with a penchant for noble causes, investigates the murder of a corrupt immigration lawyer.

Matter of the Secret Bride, The, No. 3 by Darcie Wilde

In Regency London, a young woman with a talent for helping ladies of the ton with their most delicate and pressing predicaments finds herself facing a task of royal proportions.

Perfect Storm by Paige Shelton

Beth Rivers and her boyfriend, Tex, leave Benedict, Alaska, to hide from her one-time kidnapper, Travis, and then return with the widow of a recently murdered man for Police Chief Gril to investigate.

Pretty Dead Things by Lilian West

A small town bride-to-be's discovery of long lost wedding rings at an estate sale reveals the key to a decades-old cold case.

Secret of the Three Fates, The, No. 2 by Jess Armstrong

American heiress Ruby Vaughn and her employer, Mr. Owen, are drawn into a dangerous investigation after a séance ends in murder, forcing them to uncover long-buried secrets and clear their names before they become the next targets.

Summit's Edge, No. 9 by Sara Driscoll

FBI K-9 officer Meg Jennings and her dog, Hawk, lead a rescue mission in Colorado's Elk mountains, where they locate survivors of a hijacked plane crash.

Trouble Island by Sharon Short

On Trouble Island in Lake Erie, maid Aurelia Escalante, secretly a gangster's wife in hiding, faces danger when her employer, Rosita, the wife of a notorious gangster, disappears and is later found dead.

Nature

Hungry Beautiful Animals by Matthew C. Halteman

This humorous account explores why strict veganism often fails and advocates for creating an abundant future without animal food through joy, love, and flourishing, rather than moral judgement or environmental guilt.

Miraculous from the Material, The by Alan Lightman

Combines photographs with accessible essays to explore the science behind some of nature's awe-inspiring phenomena, from rainbows and snowflakes to galaxies, while reflecting on how these wonders connect with both spiritual and scientific perspectives.

Vanishing Treasures by Katherine Rundell

Highlights the beauty and fragility of the natural world through detailed explorations of extraordinary animals facing extinction, showcasing their unique behaviors and adaptations while making an urgent call to appreciate and protect these animals.

Romance

Eddie Winston is Looking for Love by Marianne Cronin

Ninety year old Eddie Winston, a lifelong romantic who has never been kissed, embarks on an unexpected adventure with a grieving young woman, Bella, to finally find love and discover the enduring power of friendship and second chances.

Gathering Storm, The by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

In 1936 England, Polly Morland is left behind while her brother, James, travels to Russia, and their scattered family members journey from New York to Hollywood, all while their father, Jack, grapples with the political tensions between Communist Russia and Fascist Germany.

Her Soul to Take, No. 1 by Harley Laroux

Leon, a magician known for his lethal skills, must protect Rae, a ghost hunter who unknowingly summoned him, from a dangerous cult and ancient evil awakening.

Lawbreaker by Diana Palmer

Aspiring Met singer Odalie Everett and New York gallery owner and former crime boss Tony Garza meet and give into passion, but when they escape danger by fleeing to her family's Texas ranch, she must decide between true love or a shot at her dream.

Where the Creek Bends by Linda Lael Miller

Madison Bettencourt returns to her grandmother's home to care for her, where she reconnects with memories of her childhood friend, Bliss, who vanished years ago.

Suspense

Buried Road by Katie Tallo

Three years after the disappearance of Gus Monet's partner, Howard, she and her daughter uncover hidden evidence in his abandoned camper, reigniting a dangerous investigation that leads them into a web of deadly small town secrets.

Close-up, The by Pip Drysdale

A struggling author's life takes a terrifying turn when a stalker starts reenacting violent scenes from her failed thriller, just as she begins to rekindle a romance with her former flame, now a famous actor, and her career experiences an unexpected revival.

Deadbeat by Adam Hamdy

After a devastating accident, Peyton Collard's life spirals, leading him to become a vigilante-for-hire and despite being haunted by his actions, he embarks on a quest to uncover the truth behind his mysterious employer.

Havoc by Christopher Bollen

Eighty-one-year-old widow Maggie Burkhardt seeks refuge at the Royal Karnak, but when she befriends a young mother and her son, she unwittingly opens her heart to a challenge that tests her resolve like never before.

Imposter Syndrome by Joseph Knox

Con artist Lynch is discovered posing as Heydon Pierce, the missing brother of a woman named Bobbie, so he strikes a deal with her family to unearth what really happened to Heydon, who had been tangled up with dangerous and powerful people from London's underbelly.

Locked In by Jussi Adler-Olsen translated by Caroline Waight

Detective Carl Morck, head of Department Q, is framed for a violent case from his past, so his colleagues Rose, Assad, and Gordon ignore orders to find answers and free Carl from Copenhagen's Vestre prison, where there's a million dollar bounty on his head to ensure he doesn't talk.

Resurrectionist, The by Rae A. Dunlap

In 19th century Scotland, when real-life serial killers Burke and Hare terrorized the streets of Edinburgh, a young medical student is lured into the illicit underworld of body snatching.

Stuart Woods' Golden Hour, No. 7 by Brett Battles

Former CIA operative Teddy Fay goes on a European press tour for a film while secretly investigating the mysterious deaths of former colleagues linked to a past mission, all while evading assassins determined to expose his identity.

Tom Clancy Defense Protocol, No. 25 by Brian Andrews and Jeffrey Wilson

As Chinese President Li Jian Jun plans a secret military takeover of Taiwan, Defense Minister Qin Haiyu seeks asylum with the CIA, prompting a covert task force led by John Clark and Lt. Commander Katie Ryan's defense of Taiwan, while President Jack Ryan races to prevent a catastrophic war.

What the Wife Knew by Darby Kane

After the death of renowned surgeon Dr. Richmond Dougherty in a suspicious fall, his new widow Addison becomes a target of hostility and investigation, while battling his vengeful ex-wife Kathryn and facing threats, as she remains determined to unravel Richmond's legacy and pursue her own agenda.

