

# **Montgomery City-County Public Library**

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# New Releases in April

## Annotations from Baker & Taylor Booking Ahead

### Biography

**Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder** by Salman Rushdie

The author speaks out for the first time about the traumatic events of August 12, 2022, when an attempt was made on his life, in this meditation on violence, art, loss, love and finding the strength to stand up again.

**Life Impossible, A: Living With ALS: Finding Peace and Wisdom Within a Fragile Existence** by Steve Gleason and Jeff Duncan

A former NFL player who was diagnosed with ALS shares his story of living with a disease that doctors said should have killed him a decade ago and how he has learned to love and treasure life.

**Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians, The** by James Patterson and Matt Eversmann

This inspiring collection of true stories invites us into a world where we can feed our curiosities, discover new voices and find whatever we want or require.

**Swans of Harlem, The** by Karen Valby

This account of five accomplished black ballerinas, the Swans of Harlem, celebrates both their historic careers and their 50-year sisterhood, offering a window into the history of black ballet.

**Unfinished Love Story, An: A Personal History of the 1960s** by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Weaves together biography, memoir and history, taking readers along the emotional journey she and her husband embarked upon in the last years of his life.

### Fantasy and Science Fiction

**Dragon Rider** by Taran Matharu

A royal hostage, gifted with a stolen dragon hatchling, flees to forge his own destiny, seek revenge and reclaim his rightful land.

**Familiar, The** by Leigh Bardugo

Luzia Cotado, gifted with magic, is plunged into a world where the lines between magic, science and fraud blur—and she must enlist the help of an immortal familiar whose deadly secrets could destroy them both.

**Ghost Station** by S.A. Barnes

A psychologist confronts a gruesome murder and twisted secrets as she races to prevent history from repeating itself.

**I Cheerfully Refuse** by Leif Enger

A grieving musician sails a sentient Lake Superior, seeking his lost love amidst rising corpses, crumbling empires, and an unexpected rebellion sparked by his own gentle spirit.

**Pinquickle's Folly, No. 1** by R.A. Salvatore

The first adventure in a fantasy trilogy from the creator of Dungeons & Dragons character Drizzt Do'Urden.

**Star Wars: The Living Force** by John Jackson Miller

Sent on a mission to help the planet Kwenn, 12 Jedi Masters are met with warring pirate factions who are intent on assassinating the Jedi Council members.

**Toll of Honor** by David Weber

Lieutenant Brandy Bolgeo, returning home from war to heal her wounds, is faced with the deaths of so many friends, while Lord Pavel Young threatens the Star Kingdom with his actions.

### General Fiction

**Cemetery of Untold Stories, The** by Julia Alvarez

Writer Alma Cruz creates a graveyard for the characters whose lives she tried and failed to bring to life, but they have other ideas as they rewrite and revise themselves, revealing their true narratives to those who will listen.

**Crow Talk** by Eileen Garvin

The author tells the story of a friendship between a lonely ornithologist and a musician working to save an injured crow.

**Midnight Harbor, No. 8** by Davis Bunn

When his aunt passes away leaving him her home in Miramar, guitarist Ian Hart uses this opportunity to reflect and move forward after a scandal destroyed his career.

**Twilight Garden, The** by Sara Nisha Adams

Two warring London neighbors unite to resurrect a neglected city garden.

**Where There's Smoke, No. 2** by Kiki Swinson

Determined to conceal her part in an insurance scam gone wrong, firefighter Alayna Curry sets up her ex-lover to take the fall.

## General Nonfiction

**Beyond Getting by: The Financial Diet's Guide to Abundant and Intentional Living** by Holly Trantham

The author presents a guide for women who want to transition to a life where money is a tool for achieving what they want and not just a reflection of their worth.

**Good Housekeeping Organize Your Life** by The Editors of Good Housekeeping

Decluttering your home has never been easier with this step-by-step action plan.

**House Rules: How to Decorate for Every Home, Style, and Budget** by Myquillyn Smith

The author presents 100 decorating truths for any house, style and budget that can help beautify any room.

**Rattled: How to Calm New Mom Anxiety With the Power of the Postpartum Brain** by Nicole Pensak

The author, a doctor, provides practical and emotional support for new mothers, helping to relieve the anxiety and pressure for perfection in motherhood.

**Somehow: Thoughts on Love** by Anne Lamott

The author explores the transformative power of love in our lives: how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity and guides us forward.

## Historical Fiction

**All We Were Promised** by Ashton Lattimore

A former enslaved housekeeper escapes to Philadelphia and befriends a young abolitionist and risks everything to help another former slave brought to the city by her plantation mistress.

**Limits, The** by Nell Freudenberger

Sent to stay with her father, 15-year-old Pia, rebelling against her stepmother when COVID sends them into isolation, finds her life colliding with Athyna, who's caring for a toddler full time, as they spiral toward different tragedies.

**Miss Morgan's Book Brigade** by Janet Skeslien Charles

A novel based on the true story of Jessie Carson—the American librarian who changed the literary landscape of France.

**Museum of Lost Quilts, The** by Jennifer Chiaverini

Summer, the youngest member of Elm Creek Quilts, researches the antique quilts on display for a fundraiser to renovate the headquarters of the Waterford Historical Society, and discovers its troubled history of racism, economic injustice and political corruption, past and present.

**Only the Brave** by Danielle Steel

During World War II, Sophia Alexander becomes involved in the resistance, and while working with the convent nuns, the Sisters of Mercy, she risks everything to help those in need—no matter what the cost.

**Paris Novel, The** by Ruth Reichl

Stella travels to Paris where she meets an art collector who introduces her to the who's who of the Paris literary, culinary and art worlds, helping her understand what it means to live a larger life.

**Sharpe's Command: Richard Sharpe and the Bridge at Almaraz, May 1812** by Bernard Cornwell

Sent on an undercover mission far behind enemy lines, Captain Sharpe and his group of men—with their cunning and courage to rely on—must stop two French armies from meeting on the Almaraz bridge.

## History

**Demon of Unrest, The** by Erik Larson

Drawing on diaries, secret communiques, slave ledgers and plantation ledgers, the author offers an account of the months between Lincoln's election and the start of the Civil War.

**Hell Put to Shame: The 1921 Murder Farm Massacre and the Horror of America's Second Slavery** by Earl Swift

Tells the forgotten story of the mass killing of 11 black farmhands on a Georgia plantation in the spring of 1921.

**Tripped: Nazi Germany, the CIA, and the Dawn of the Psychedelic Age** by Norman Ohler

A history of drugs and postwar America examines the untold story of how Nazi experiments into psychedelics covertly influenced CIA research and shaped the War on Drugs.

## Mystery and Detective

**Another Day's Pain** by K.C. Constantine

A Vietnam vet working on the police force of a small city is looking forward to retirement but must first face a mad shooter, a vengeful city council member and maybe most dangerously, his own mother.

**Circle in the Water, No. 36** by Marcia Muller

Sharon McCone is hired by a coalition of concerned homeowners whose homes have been targeted in a series of "pranks".

**Close to Death** by Anthony Horowitz

When Charles Kentworthy is found dead on his doorstep after moving his family into a gated community, Detective Hawthorne investigates.

**Death by Chocolate Raspberry Scone, No. 7** by Sarah Graves

Jake and Ellie search for the remains of a skilled fisherman who vanished with a gold doubloon inherited from his grandfather.

**Feline Fatale, No. 32** by Rita Mae Brown

Mary Minor "Harry" Harristeen investigates a murder with assistance from her beloved pets.

**Last Word, The** by Elly Griffiths

Words turn deadly with an unlikely detective duo on the case of a murdered obituary writer.

**Lost Birds** by Anne Hillerman

P.I. Joe Leaphorn is hired to find the birth parents of a woman, which unexpectedly turns into a complicated case, while Officer Bernadette Manuelito investigates an explosion linked to his investigation.

**Lucky** by Jane Smiley

Rising folk musician Jodie Rattler feels like something is missing and sets out on a journey in search of herself.

**Murder Most French, A, No. 2** by Colleen Cambridge

Tabitha Knight investigates the sudden death of a chef at a cooking school who poured himself a glass of wine from a rare vintage bottle.

**Patchwork Quilt Murder, No. 30** by Leslie Meier

When the director of the community center and her employee are found dismembered, reporter Lucy Stone discovers the truth rests somewhere between wild rumors, a new sewing project and the authenticity of a 300 year old patchwork quilt.

**Pay Dirt** by Sara Paretsky

V.I. Warshawski is pitched headlong into the country's opioid crisis and a land-use battle with roots going back to the Civil War.

**Unfinished Murder, An, No. 5** by Jude Deveraux

Sara Medlar and her friends use all their amateur sleuthing skills to solve a crime when a literal skeleton is discovered.

## Romance

**Beloved, The** by J.R. Ward

When Zsadist's daughter, Nalla, falls in love, the Black Dagger Brotherhood's deadliest fighter has to confront the future and the reality that he can't protect his daughter forever.

**Funny Story** by Emily Henry

After being dumped for her boyfriend's lifelong best friend, Petra, Daphne agrees to room with Petra's heartbroken ex until she can figure things out.

**Just for the Summer** by Abby Jimenez

With every person they date finding their soulmate the second they break up, Justin and Emma decide to date each other and break up to cancel each other's curse out.

**Sleepwalkers, The** by Scarlett Thomas

A couple runs from both secretive pasts and very present dangers while honeymooning on a Greek island.

**Summer We Started Over, The** by Nancy Thayer

Returning to Nantucket to help her sister with the opening of her gift shop, Eddie Grant must face all she left behind, and discovers a long-buried family secret that will change them all forever.

**Tourist Season** by Brenda Novak

Trapped alone in her fiancé's cottage as a hurricane bears down, Ismay Chalmers, as she prepares for the storm, discovers some disturbing items hidden in a closet that have her questioning everything she knows about her fiancé.

## Science

**Alien Earths: The New Science of Planet Hunting in the Cosmos** by Lisa Kaltenegger

An astrophysicist unlocks the mysteries of alien worlds, from lava planets to multi-sun systems, in a thrilling quest to answer whether we are alone in the universe.

**Before It's Gone** by Jonathan Vigliotti

A journalist traces the human toll of climate change that is no longer just a warming future, guiding readers across our current wildfire-ravaged landscapes, hurricane battered coasts and vanishing ecosystems.

## Story Collections

### **Someone Birthed Them Broken** by Asantewa AMA Diaka

This collection of interconnected stories explores themes such as corruptions and economic hardship, trauma and infidelity, shame and neglect— and illuminates hope, freedom and triumph that can be found in the everyday.

### **Table for Two** by Amor Towles

The author shares six stories based in New York City, which consider the consequences that can spring from brief encounters, and a novella set in Golden Age Hollywood, told from seven different viewpoints.

## Suspense

### **Calamity of Souls, A** by David Baldacci

In a Virginia courtroom in 1968, a white lawyer and a black attorney must bridge their differences to fight for a black man's life against racial prejudice and powerful forces seeking to undo civil rights progress.

### **City in Ruins** by Don Winslow

A Las Vegas casino mogul with a sordid past must fight for the life he created and everything he holds dear after old enemies surface.

### **Darling Girls** by Sally Hepworth

Two women who escaped a strict home with a foster mother on a farm are called back to their childhood home and into the orbit of their former guardian when human bones are discovered beneath the farmhouse.

### **Daughter of Mine** by Megan Miranda

Returning to Mirror Lake after inheriting her childhood home, Hazel discovers long-hidden secrets that may explain the mystery of her mother's disappearance.

### **Extinction** by Douglas Preston

Colorado Bureau of Investigation Agent Frances Cash investigates after a couple is kidnapped and murdered by a gang of eco-terrorists at a park where extinct animals are brought back through genetic manipulation.

### **Game of Lies, A** by Claire Mackintosh

Seven reality show contestants are trapped in the Welsh mountains, but when the disappearance of a contestant triggers a more deadly game, DC Ffion Morgan is employed in an investigation more complex than she ever imagined.

### **Gathering, The** by C.J. Tudor

When a boy is found with all the blood drained from his body, Detective Barbara Atkins must determine if a member of the Colony, an ostracized community of vampires, is responsible.

### **Indian Burial Ground** by Nick Medina

When the facts surrounding her boyfriend Roddy's suicide don't add up, Noemi, suspecting something sinister is stalking their tribal lands, relies on help from her uncle, who has returned to the reservation.

### **It Had to Be You** by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke

Years after their parent's murder, identical twin brothers ask Laura Moran and her Under Suspicion crew to solve this brutal crime and as they get close to the truth, they find the danger from the past finding its way into the present.

### **Killing on the Hill, A** by Robert Dugoni

In the corrupt Seattle of the Great Depression, a reporter investigates a murder that's about to become the city's hottest mystery.

### **Matterhorn** by Christopher Reich

A sudden family death and an old nemesis bring retired agent Mac Dekker in from the cold.

### **Murder Inn, The** by James Patterson and Candice Fox

The owner of the Inn at Gloucester, a place open to anyone running from trouble or hiding from life, former police detective Bill Robinson must defend his town, his family and his home when a newcomer in town launches a series of attacks.

### **One of Us Knows** by Alyssa Cole

From the author comes a thriller about the new caretaker of a historic estate who finds herself trapped on an island with the ghosts of her past—and a murderer.

### **Reaper Follows, The** by Heather Graham

Agents from the FBI and Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigate a series of murders linked to conspiracy theorists and doomsday cults.

### **Safe and Sound** by Laura McHugh

Sisters Amelia and Kylee, when human remains are discovered in town, search for the truth surrounding their cousin Grace's disappearance, determined to find her dead or alive, but soon find themselves fighting to save their own lives.

### **She's Not Sorry** by Mary Kubica

Full time nurse Meghan Michaels, when it is revealed her patient with a traumatic brain injury did not jump from a bridge but was pushed, lets herself get too close to the case.

**Toxic Prey, No. 34** by John Sandford

When an expert in infectious diseases disappears without a trace, Letty Davenport, with the world on high alert, and when their worst fears are confirmed, must race against time to stop the virus he created from becoming the perfect weapon.

**Vacancy in Room 10, The** by Seraphina Nova Glass

A run-down apartment complex is packed with shady characters willing to go to deadly lengths to keep their darkest secrets from the stranger in their midst.

**While We Were Burning** by Sara Koffi

Hiring a personal assistant named Brianna to distract her from her obsession with her best friend's death, Elizabeth does not realize Brianna has her own agenda—to find out why the police killed her young son—and immerses herself in Elizabeth's life where the answers to her questions lie.

**You Know What You Did** by K.T. Nguyen

When her mother dies suddenly, Annie Shaw finds her OCD coming back with a vengeance, and when the investigation zeroes in on her, her mind increasingly fractures and the only thing she knows is this: she will do anything to protect her daughter even if it means losing herself.

## Westerns

**Angry Land, The** by William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone

When a cattle train bound for Texas is ambushed by rustlers, legendary mountain man Smoke Jensen vows to get the cattle back, get the killers who stole them—and get revenge for the blood they spilled.

**Kill Me Tomorrow** by William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone

Texas good-old-boys Doolin and Tubbs take on a pair of copy-cat outlaws—and prove they're not getting older, they're getting deadlier.

**Sweet Blue Distance, The** by Sara Donati

In 1857, young midwife Carrie Ballentyne travels west to the New Mexico territory for a nursing position, but while helping women give birth in Sante Fe, she discovers her employer is keeping secrets and must ferret out the truth to save his young daughter whom she has come to love.



