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## Newly Released Titles Scheduled for October 2023

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# New Releases in October

## Annotations from Baker & Taylor Booking Ahead

### Biography

**Be Useful: Seven Tools for Life** by Arnold Schwarzenegger

Sharing his toolkit for a meaningful life, along with personal stories, the bodybuilder, actor, businessman, and politician shows us how to put these tools to work, in service of whatever fulfilling future we can dream up for ourselves.

**Being Henry: The Fonz...and Beyond** by Henry Winkler

With heart, charm and humor, the actor shares the disheartening truth of his childhood, the pressures of a role that takes on a life of its own and the path forward once your wildest dream seems behind you.

**Counting the Cost** by Jill Duggar, with Derick Dillard and Craig Borlase

Discover the unedited truth about the Duggars, as they share their story, revealing the secrets, manipulation, and intimidation behind the show.

**Hitchcock's Blondes: The Unforgettable Women Behind the Legendary Director's Dark Obsession** by Laurence Leamer  
This account takes a modern look at both the enduring art created by a man obsessed-and the private toll that fixation took on the women in his orbit.

**Inconvenient Cop, An: My Fight to Change Policing in America** by Edwin Raymond and Jon Sternfeld

The highest-ranking whistleblower in NYPD history offers a view of American policing that exposes institutional violence and corruption and presents a vision of radical hope and potential for change that could reform police departments country wide.

**Romney: A Reckoning** by McKay Coppins

Drawing on interviews with Romney himself and his inner circle as well as his personal journals, this book is a glimpse into the life of the politician who in recent years has been at the center of our nation's most defining political dramas.

**Tupac Shakur** by Staci Robinson

This biography tells the powerful story of one of the most controversial artists of all time whose unapologetic lyrics continue to inspire his fans around the world.

**Woman in Me, The** by Britney Spears

The pop star offers a moving story about freedom, fame, motherhood, survival, faith, and hope.

### Business and Economics

**Big Fail, The: What the Pandemic Revealed About Who America Protects and Who It Leaves Behind** by Joe Nocera and Bethany McLean

The authors offer a damning indictment of American capitalism, revealing what the pandemic did to the economy and the people who profited from it.

### Fantasy and Science Fiction

**After the Forest** by Kell Woods

Twenty years after escaping a witch, Greta and Hans are struggling in the aftermath of a brutal war, but Greta still has the witch's grimoire and plans to keep her family afloat with a delicious gingerbread recipe.

**Long Past Dues, No. 2** by James J. Butcher

Grimsby, an auditor determined to prove his worth, attempts to discover the origins of a strange, unfinished ritual with the help of Leslie Mayflower, the temporarily unretired Huntsman, and stop it from being completed.

**Night House, The** by Jo Nesbo, translated by Neil Smith

14-year-old Richard Elauved, when he is suspected in the disappearance of two classmates, must prove his innocence and preserve his sanity as he grapples with the dark magic that is possessing the town.

**Out There Screaming: An Anthology of New Black Horror** by Jordan Peele, editor

The writer and director curates an anthology of all-new stories of black horror, exploring not only the terrors of the supernatural but the chilling reality of injustice that haunts our nation.

**Princess of Dune** by Brian Herbert & Kevin J. Anderson

Irulan, Princess Royal, witnesses the machinations of the many factions vying for power, and is determined to become much more than a pawn, while Chani, trained in the Fremen mystical ways, learns the harsh cost of Fremen obligations.

**Testament** by Wilbur A. Smith

Great mage Taita sends his protégé to discover the answer to a millennia-old riddle which has the power to unite the divided kingdoms of Egypt and save their beloved land from falling into the clutches of evil.

**Touched** by Walter Mosley

With the knowledge that humanity is a virus destined to destroy all existence and he is the cure, Martin violently defends his family against pure evil.

**Yumi and the Nightmare Painter: A Cosmere Novel** by Brandon Sanderson

Yumi, who comes from a land of gardens, meditation and spirits, and Painter, who lives in a world of darkness, technology and nightmares, must learn to compromise and work together to save their worlds from ruin.

## General Fiction

**Christmas to Remember, A** by Beverly Jenkins

Bernadine and Mal discover their relationship isn't the only one being tested as Preston Mays gets his heart broken and Reverend Paula Grant asks God to send her someone to share her life.

**Distant Sons** by Tim Johnston

Two men forge a friendship despite secrets in their past, and their actions ignite passions and violence of a small town still haunted by the unsolved disappearance of three boys in the 1970s.

**Family Meal** by Bryan Washington

Haunted by the ghost of Kai, the love of his life, Cam returns to his hometown where he reconnects with his former best friend, TJ, and his family's bakery, and wonders if they can find a way back to being okay again.

**Twelve Dogs of Christmas, The** by Susan Wiggs

In town to drop rescue puppies off at their forever homes, Brenda Malloy is trapped by a blinding snowstorm, an escaped mutt and a life-saving encounter with a single dad and paramedic who restores her faith in Christmas—and love.

**Unsettled, The** by Ayana Mathis

In this multi-generational novel set in the 1980s in politically turbulent Philadelphia and in the tiny town of Bonaparte, Alabama, a mother fights for her sanity and survival.

**What We Kept to Ourselves** by Nancy Jooyoun Kim

A family searches for answers following the disappearance of their mother.

## General Nonfiction

**Black Love Letters** by Cole Brown and Natalie Johnson, editors

From celebrated black writers, creators and thinkers-comes a collection of letters and original illustrations on the subject of black love, a powerful and heartfelt celebration of blackness in all its many forms.

**How to Know a Person** by David Brooks

One of the nation's leading commentators helps us become more understanding and considerate towards others, and to find the joy that comes from being seen.

**I Am Asking in the Name of God: Ten Prayers for a Future of Hope** by Pope Francis

Pope Francis reflects on the 10 most pressing issues we are facing today, inspiring action to unite humanity.

## Historical Fiction

**Let Us Descend** by Jesmyn Ward

Before the Civil War, Annis, sold south by the white enslaver who fathered her, struggles through the miles-long march, and seeks comfort from memories of her mother and stories of her African warrior grandmother.

**Shoot the Moon** by Isa Arsen

Annie Fisk, a NASA secretary during the Apollo 11 mission, identifies an engineer's miscalculations, and is propelled into a new position where she's torn between her ambitions, her heart and a mysterious discovery.

**Sisters Under the Rising Sun** by Heather Morris

Australian nurse Nesta James and Norah Chambers, held in notorious Camp Palembang, deep in Sumatra, battle disease, starvation and brutality meted out by Japanese soldiers, but find the courage and resourcefulness to survive.

## History

**Collision of Power: Trump, Bezos and the Washington Post** by Martin Baron

Gives a first-row seat to the epic power struggle between politics, money, media and tech.

**Gray Areas: How the Way We Work Perpetuates Racism and What We Can Do to Fix It** by Harvey Adia Wingfield

The sociologist reveals why racial inequality persists in the workplace despite today's multibillion dollar diversity industry.

**Sisterhood, The** by Liza Mundy

The author turns her attention to the women of the CIA who fought to become operatives, transformed spy craft and provided the data analysis that helped track down Bin Laden in his Pakistani compound.

**To Rescue the Constitution** by Bret Baier

This new biography of George Washington centers on his return from retirement to lead the Constitutional Convention and secure the future of the United States.

## Mystery and Detective

### **Blood Sisters** by Vanessa Lillie

When her sister goes missing, an archeologist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Syd Walker, digs into the case, and uncovers a string of missing Indigenous women cases going back decades.

### **Christmas Appeal, The** by Janice Hallett

The Fairway Players theater group puts on a Christmas play— and solves a murder that threatens their production.

### **Dirty Thirty** by Janet Evanovich

Stephanie Plum, while taking care of her boyfriend's dog, tracks the former security guard of a local jeweler who supposedly stole a fortune of diamonds, and must keep herself clean while everyone else is playing dirty.

### **From a Far and Lovely Country, No. 24** by Alexander McCall Smith

The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency are reminded by Mma Ramotswe that the best solutions to life's problems can be found with a bit of good humor, generosity of spirit and a steaming cup of red bush tea.

### **Hercule Poirot's Silent Night** by Sophie Hannah

Hercule Poirot, world's greatest detective, finds his plans for a restful Christmas holiday thwarted by a murder investigation and has less than a week to solve the crime and prevent more murders.

### **Let It Crow! Let It Crow! Let It Crow!, No. 34** by Donna Andrews

Participating in a weaponsmithing competition, Meg joins a cast laden with grudges and feuds who have large weapons and forges full of fire at their disposal—what could possibly go wrong?

### **Lost & Hound, No. 15** by Rita Mae Brown

When a dead body is placed directly in the path of an early season hunt, "Sister" Jane Arnold must decipher cryptic clues left for her and her friends before any of them wind up dead.

### **Murder by Degrees** by Ritu Mukerji

A mystery set in 19th century Philadelphia follows a pioneering woman doctor as she investigates the disappearance of a young patient who is presumed dead.

### **Murder in an Italian Village, No. 1** by Michael Falco

In Positano, Italy, a widowed B&B owner discovers a body in one of her bedrooms before opening day.

### **Murder in Drury Lane, No. 2** by Vanessa Riley

This mystery features an engaging heroine with an independent streak, a notorious past, and a decided talent for sleuthing.

### **Twas the Bite Before Christmas, No. 28** by David Rosenfelt

When one of the Tara Foundation's best foster volunteers, Derek Moore, is arrested for murder during the annual Christmas party, lawyer Andy Carpenter, believing in Derek's innocence, discovers he's in the witness protection program and vows to clear his name and catch the killer.

### **Twelve Books of Christmas, The** by Kate Carlisle

Arriving in Loch Ness, Scotland to attend the wedding of their dearest friends, Brooklyn Wainwright and Derek Stone discover murder is in attendance when two guests are found dead and must catch the culprit who may also have stolen 12 rare books.

### **Up on the Woof Top, No. 14** by Spencer Quinn

When author Dame Ariadne Carlisle's lead reindeer Rudy—and her good luck charm, goes missing, Chet the dog and his human partner Bernie, while searching for Rudy, find their case turning into a murder investigation when Dame Ariadne's personal assistant plunges to her death.

## Political Science

### **Democrat Party Hates America, The** by Mark R. Levin

The author, radio host, and Fox News star argues that a radically dangerous Democrat agenda is upending American life.

### **Tyranny of the Minority: Why American Democracy Reached the Breaking Point** by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt

Two Harvard professors, drawing on a wealth of examples, from 1930s France to present day Thailand, explain why and how political parties turn against democracy and issue an urgent call to reform our antiquated political institutions.

## Romance

### **Burnout, The** by Sophie Kinsella

Retreating to the seaside resort she loved as a child, burned out professional Sasha meets Finn, who is just as stressed as she is, and forced together by curious messages addressed to them, talk about everything, including the attraction between them.

### **Christmas at the Shelter Inn** by RaeAnne Thayne

When the magic of the holidays comes around, tragedy turns to hope for a family in Shelter Springs, Idaho, and the two sisters who run the local Inn.

**Christmas in Painted Pony Creek, No. 4** by Linda Lael Miller

When Tessa Stafford and her daughter arrive in Painted Pony Creek, Texas, cowboy Jessie McKettrick, who always wanted a family of his own, is immediately smitten, but when her past threatens their newfound future, Jessie won't let the family he's come to love go without a fight.

**Dark Memory, No. 37** by Christine Feehan

When evil comes to their small town on the coast of Algeria, an evil she can feel but cannot see, Safia Meziane, trained since birth to protect her tribe, is joined in her fight by Petru Cioban, one of the oldest Carpathians in existence who has waited 2,000 years to claim her as his lifemate.

**Second Act** by Danielle Steel

Out of a job and humiliated, Andy Westfield, the head of a movie studio, flees to a forgotten coastal town in England where he hires a former journalist to help get his affairs in order and in a surprising turn of events, finds a miracle that could change both of their lives.

**Stars in Your Eyes** by Kacen Callender

Two fake-dating actors navigate their love story both on and offscreen.

**Winter in New York, A** by Josie Silver

Young chef Iris offers her services to save a struggling gelato shop in Little Italy, New York, where she finds herself falling for the owner's nephew Gio and his family, until all the secrets she's been keeping threaten to ruin her new life.

**Wyoming Proud** by Diana Palmer

Fleeing to Wyoming after Ty Mosby, the love of her life, breaks her heart, Erienne, keeping her pregnancy a secret, tries to stand strong when he follows her, willing to do anything to beg for her forgiveness and win back her trust.

## Science

**Determined: A Science of Life Without Free Will** by Robert M. Sapolsky

The behavioral scientist tackles major arguments of free will and takes them out, navigating through the chaos and complexity of science, quantum physics and philosophy to apply a new understanding of life beyond free will to some of our most essential questions around punishment, morality and living well together.

**Eve: How the Female Body Drove 200 Million Years of Human Evolution** by Cat. Bohannon

Covering the past 200 million years to explain the specific science behind the development of the female sex, this account of the origin of our species will completely change what you think you know about evolution.

## Story Collections

**Roman Stories** by Jhumpa Lahiri, translated by Jhumpa Lahiri and Todd Portnowitz

Translated from Italian into English by the author, this collection of nine short stories has Rome, suspended between past and future, multifaceted and metaphysical, as the protagonist, not the setting.

## Suspense

**Blood Lines** by Nelson DeMille, and Alex DeMille

Reunited and tasked with investigating the murder of CID Special Agent Harry Vance, Army Criminal Investigation Agents Scott Brodie and Maggie Taylor are immersed in many conflicts and contradictions of modern Germany as they discover Vance's murder is a prelude to a more sinister event.

**Call Me Hunter** by Jim Shockley

An elite secret society of killers has controlled the world's treasures for hundreds of years....until one member tears himself free to salvage his soul and protect his daughter's life.

**Christmas Presents** by Lisa Unger

The only surviving victim of a killer suspected in the disappearance of two sisters, bookstore owner Madeline Martin, when a true-crime podcaster opens the cold case, must return to a past she hoped was dead.

**Death of Us, The** by Lori Rader-Day

The discovery of a submerged car in a pond reveals betrayals and family secrets that will tear a small town apart.

**Exchange, The: After the Firm** by John Grisham

Mitch, a partner at the largest law firm in the world, is asked for a favor by a mentor in Rome that plunges him into a sinister plot that has global implications and once again places everyone he holds dear in danger.

**Judgement Prey, No. 33** by John Sandford

Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers team up to solve another challenging case.

**Losing Spring** by V.C. Andrews

Linsey Brady meets her neighbor and when their newfound friendship evolves into a forbidden romance, causing the collapse of her marriage, Linsey finds herself disinherited from the Sutherland family fortune.

**Midnight is the Darkest Hour** by Ashley Winstead

In a small bayou town in Louisiana, people fear God's wrath and local superstitions—like the story of the Low Man, a vampiric figure who steals into sinners' homes to kill them on moonless nights.

**My Darling Girl** by Jennifer McMahon

Taking in her estranged mother who only has weeks to live, Alison, with memories of her violent abuse coming back to haunt her, discovers her mother is not quite who she seems as strange things start happening, forcing her to decide how far she's willing to go to protect her family.

**Obsession** by Stuart Woods and Brett Battles

Brought in to recover a billionaire's wife, who was kidnapped while her husband was making a deal with Centurion Studios, Teddy Fay quickly comes to realize dark forces are at play, while dealing with an obsessive fan with deadly intentions.

**Secret, The, No 28.** by Lee Child and Andrew Child

When eight people are found dead across the US, Jack Reacher, assigned as the Army's representative, must discover the link between these victims and who killed them, navigating around the ulterior motives and deciding if he should bring the bad guys to justice the official way—or his way.

**Shadowheart, No. 4** by Meg Gardiner

When two serial killers—Efrem Judah Goode, imprisoned in Tennessee, and the Broken Heart Killer—are locked in a twisted rivalry, FBI profiler Caitlin Hendrix must unravel the connection between them.

## True Crime

**In Light of All Darkness: Inside the Polly Klaas Kidnapping and the Search for America's Child** by Kim Cross

The author, journalist and historian presents a comprehensive account of the kidnapping of Polly Klaas from her bedroom by a stranger in 1993 that triggered one of the largest manhunts in FBI history.

**This House of Grief: The Story of a Murder Trial** by Helen Garner

A chronicler of Australian life tells the true-life story of Robert Farquharson, a father suspected of murdering his three sons, and the ensuing court case that became a national obsession as witnesses, family members and the defendant himself were forced to relive the unthinkable for an audience of millions.



