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New Releases in September

Annotations from Baker & Taylor
Booking Ahead

Biography

Astor: The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune by Anderson Cooper & Katherine Howe
The authors focus on a legendary American family that built a business empire and became the richest family in America.

Elon Musk by Walter Isaacson
The story of a controversial businessman who helped to lead the world into the era of electric vehicles, private space exploration and artificial intelligence.

Thicker Than Water by Kerry Washington
The actor and activist provides a view into her public and private worlds as she chronicles her life's journey thus far, sharing how she discovered her truest self.

Up Home: One Girl's Journey by Ruth J. Simmons
The first black president of an Ivy League University who has inspired generations of students as she herself made history, depicts an era long gone but whose legacies of inequality we still live with today.

Fantasy and Science Fiction

All the Dead Shall Weep, No. 5 by Charlene Harris
Lizbeth Rose waits for her sister Felicia to join her in Texoma while their mother's family of high-powered wizards tries to kidnap or assassinate her family.

Can't Get Fooled Again, No. 3 (Star Wars: From a Certain Point of View) by Olivie Blake, et al.
In honor of the 40th anniversary of Return of the Jedi, forty different storytellers re-create iconic scenes from the movie through the eyes of a supporting character.

Hemlock Island by Kelley Armstrong
After renters of her Hemlock Island vacation home report broken belongings, out of control campfires, bones, hex circles, and bloody scratches, Laney Kilpatrick and her niece show up to investigate.

Red Rabbit by Alex Grecian
A sweeping, page-turning folk horror where misfortune or luck is just a coin toss away.

World Wasn't Ready for You, The by Justin C. Key
A story collection blends science fiction, horror and fantasy to examine issues of race, class and prejudice.

General Fiction

Amazing Grace Adams by Fran Littlewood
Grace Adams, a once amazing woman who is now stalled, perimenopausal and losing it, leaves her car in the middle of traffic and sets out to win back her estranged teen daughter on her 16th birthday.

And Then She Fell by Alicia Elliott
A young Indigenous woman discovers that the picture perfect life she always hoped for may have horrifying consequences.

Bright Lights, Big Christmas by Mary Kay Andrews
Freshly single and unemployed, Kerry agrees to help her brother sell Christmas trees in New York and make a new start.

Dark Ride by Lou Berney
21 year old easy-going stoner Hardy "Hardly" Reed steps up to the responsibility when he encounters two children who are clearly being harmed by someone.

Flipping Boxcars by Cedric The Entertainer

The author presents a crime caper that is a valentine to close-knit black families and tightly woven communities struggling to get by during the Depression and World War II.

How I Won a Nobel Prize by Julius Taranto

A funny novel about a graduate student who decides to follow her disgraced mentor to a university that gives safe harbor to scholars of ill repute.

Museum of Failures, The by Thrity Umrigar

Returning to Bombay to adopt a baby and see his elderly mother, Remy Wadia reevaluates his entire childhood and his relationship with his parents.

Not Forever, but for Now by Chuck Palahniuk

Two brothers in a family of professional killers, Otto and Cecil, find it hard to continue the family legacy due to a series of escaped convicts showing up at their door, a new tutor with disturbing hobbies, and the disappearance of their father.

What You Are Looking for Is in the Library by Michiko Aoyama

A novel about how the perfect book recommendation can change a reader's life.

General Nonfiction

Misbelief: What Makes Rational People Believe Irrational Things by Dan Ariely

The social scientist explores the behavior of "misbelief," analyzing the psychological drivers that cause rational people to adopt deeply irrational beliefs.

Punished for Dreaming: How School Reform Harms Black Children and How We Heal by Bettina L. Love

Describes the problems with school reform, explaining how it is the result of 40 years of racist public school policy.

Unreliable Narrator: Me, Myself, and Impostor Syndrome by Aparna Nancherla

A humorous collection of essays exploring imposter syndrome, from the inside and out, by the self-proclaimed most successful fraud in comedy.

Historical Fiction

Armor of Light, The, No. 5 by Ken Follett

As war in Europe engulfs the entire continent and beyond in 1770, a cast of characters in Kingsbridge, England, are left to reckon with the future and a world they must rebuild from the ashes.

Cheneyville: A Novel of Murder, Loss, and Vengeance by Paulette Jiles

After recovering from a traumatic head injury, John Cheneyville discovers his sister and her family were murdered during the end of the Civil War and embarks on an odyssey seeking revenge.

Night Watch by Jayne Anne Phillips

In the wake of the Civil War, 12-year-old ConaLee and her mother, Eliza, who hasn't spoken in over a year, seek refuge in a West Virginia mental asylum where they get swept up in the life of the facility.

History

Black AF History: the Un-whitewashed Story of America by Michael Harriot

The author presents a sharp and hilarious retelling of American history that focuses on the often overlooked contribution of Black Americans and corrects the idea that American history is white history.

Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America by Heather Cox Richardson

The author explains how America, once a beacon of democracy, now teeters on the brink of autocracy— and how we can turn back.

Killing the Witches: The Horror of Salem, Massachusetts by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

Revisiting the Salem witch trials of 1692 and 1693, this history of the Puritan tradition and how the power of early American ministers shaped the origins of the US depicts good, evil, community panic, and how fear can overwhelm fact and reason.

Six, The: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts by Loren Grush

Tells the true story of America's first women astronauts—six extraordinary women, each making history going to orbit aboard NASA's Space Shuttle.

House and Home

Home Edit—Stay Organized, The by Clea Shearer and Joanna Teplin

Revealing important habits, debunking myths and addressing the setbacks of being organized, the authors show you how to create a home that's organized for the long term.

Right at Home: How Good Design is Good for the Mind by Bobby Berk

Offering tried-and-true tips for setting up your space so it takes care of you, the design expert shows us how good design can aid mental wellness and help us achieve a new sense of happiness within the home.

Mystery and Detective

Dead on Target by M.C. Beaton and R.W. Green

Convinced of foul play, Agatha Raisin disregards the conclusion of her old adversary, Detective Chief Inspector Wilkes and investigates the death of a local land owner struck by an arrow.

Longmire Defense, The by Craig Johnson

Investigating a crime that goes back to his grandfather's time in Wyoming, Walt Longmire, Sheriff of Absaroka County, recalling clues and motives from his past, questions the nature of justice and mercy.

Murder at Midnight, No. 4 by Katharine Schellman

When a body is found shot to death after an unexpected snowstorm, Lily Adler realizes that some people will stop at nothing to bury their secrets.

Murder Most Royal by S.J. Bennett

When the severed hand of a scion of the St. Cyr family is found, Queen Elizabeth II is dragged into the matter and with the help of her Assistant Private Secretary, must separate fact from fiction.

Payback in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel, No. 57 by J.D. Robb

While investigating the apparent suicide of a retired Internal Affairs captain, who made his career tripping up bribe takers, rule breakers and worse, detective Eve Dallas follows a trail of corruption all the way to the top.

Raging Storm, The: A Detective Matthew Venn Novel, No. 3 by Ann Cleeves

When the body of Jem Rosco-sailor, adventurer and legend- is found in a dinghy, anchored off Scully Cove, DI Matthew Venn returns home to investigate.

Running Grave, The, No. 7 by Robert Galbraith

Business partners Cormoran Strike and Robert Ellacott are back in this installment in the best-selling series.

Seams Deadly, No. 1 by Maggie Bailey

When sewist Lydia Barnes finds a dead body soon after moving to a new town, she will need more than luck to find the killer.

Spanish Diplomat's Secret, The, No. 3 by Nev March

The author explores the 19th century world of the transatlantic voyage, one passenger's secret at a time.

Traitor Among Us, The, No. 5 by Anne Perry

Infiltrating Wyndham Hall, where the body of a M16 agent was found, Elena Standish covertly investigates his murder, working to uncover the true loyalties of the people in the house.

Romance

Art of Desire, The by Stacey Abrams and Selena Montgomery

One doomed love affair after another has made Alex Walton swear off men, and now she's determined to try something that maybe she can succeed at: a writing career.

Darius by J.R. Ward

Darius isn't expecting to find love when a human woman runs out into the road and he must swerve to avoid her.

Enchanted to Meet You, No. 1 by Meg Cabot

Boutique owner and witch Jess is asked to help mentor a local teen who might be the Chosen One.

Santa and Company, No. 2 by Fern Michaels

Reuniting for a holiday at a ski resort, longtime friends Amy, Frankie, Rachael and Nina find it's the season for new beginnings.

Self-Help

Build the Life You Want: The Art and Science of Getting Happier by Arthur C. Brooks and Oprah Winfrey

It is possible to become happier and this book outlines the path for getting there.

Flip Thinking: The Life-changing Art of Turning Problems into Opportunities by Berthold Gunster

The 'flip-thinking' philosophy presents 15 strategies to transform your thinking away from stuck-in-the-mud, pessimistic thinking and towards possibilities and opportunities to solve life's most challenging problems.

Moving on Doesn't Mean Letting Go: A Modern Guide to Navigating Loss by Gina Moffa

The author helps readers navigate through loss, giving them permission to grieve authentically and showing them how they can be empowered by the very thing they imagined would swallow them whole.

Suspense

Blessing of the Lost Girls, No. 1 by J.A. Jance

Federal investigator Dan Pardee crosses paths with Sheriff Joanna Brady as he traces bloody path of a merciless serial killer across the southwest.

Bright Young Women by Jessica Knoll

Two women from opposite sides of the country are brought together by violent acts of the same man, and become allies and sisters in arms as they pursue justice.

Clive Cussler's Condor's Fury, No. 20 by Graham Brown

Kurt and Joe respond to a nearby distress call while on a NUMA training mission in the Caribbean to discover a terrified and disoriented crew potentially suffering from Havana Syndrome.

Code Red, No. 22 by Vince Flynn and Kyle Mills

Mitch Rapp crosses into war-torn Syria at the behest of a powerful crime lord to determine who is manufacturing a highly addictive new narcotic.

Ghost Illusion, The by Kat Martin

An American psychologist tests the line between life and death, reality and perception, after inheriting an old house in Suderland England.

Holly by Stephen King, edited by Nan Graham

Private detective Holly Gibney reluctantly agrees to search for a client's missing daughter, which may have something to do with an unholy secret being harbored in the basement of a pair of octogenarian academics.

Jane Smith by James Patterson and Mike Lupica

Undefeated defense attorney, terminally ill Jane Smith, while knee-deep in the murder trial of the century, is targeted by a killer who's determined to end her life before her expiration date.

Land of Lost Things, The by John Connolly

While reading aloud fairy stories in hopes of bringing her comatose eight-year-old daughter back to this world, Ceres is called to a land colored by the memories of childhood and the folklore beloved by her father.

Neighbors We Want, The by Tim Lane

Explores how far couples will go to keep their marriage intact- unless their secrets tear it apart first.

No Reserve by Felix Francis

While investigating the death of a yearling colt worth millions of dollars, auctioneer Theo Jennings, when a dead body is discovered in the same stable a few days later, becomes the prime suspect in the case.

Out of Nowhere by Sandra Brown

The lives of a young mother and a high-rolling consultant collide under devastating circumstances, culminating in a desperate manhunt that will change their futures forever.

Stranger Upstairs, The by Lisa M. Matlin

When bizarre accidents, threatening notes and unexplained footsteps in the attic confirm something is very wrong with her infamous house, Sarah finds her life spiraling out of control.

Tom Clancy Weapons Grade, No. 11 by Don Bentley

After witnessing a professional hit, Jack Ryan Jr., following one lead, is drawn into the underbelly of a small Texas town and an investigation that pulls him into an international conspiracy of epic proportions.

23 1/2 Lies, No. 25 by James Patterson

The author presents three novellas including one about an ex-Texas-Ranger and a starving artist who agree to expose a client's cheating wife.

Traitors Gate by Jeffrey Archer

Preparing to execute the most secret operation in their armory—transporting the Crown Jewels across London, the Metropolitan Police have twenty-four hours to stop a master criminal from pulling off the most outrageous theft in history—and expose a traitor in their midst.

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