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NEW ACQUISITIONS AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Dawson, Kate Winkler

Fall 2022

ALL THAT IS WICKED: How Gilded Age Mindhunters Searched the Brain of a Psychopath

A book about a brain, a brutal killer, and the nascent field of neuroscience, *All That is Wicked* is the story of a fascinating criminal mind as examined through the experts who sought to understand it, first when the genius Victorian Era killer Edward Ruloff was still alive and awaiting execution, and then after his death, when his head was unceremoniously sawed off, and his outsized brain was handed over to science. The book offers a fascinating portrait of how the leading lights of the 19th century understood criminality, including outmoded disciplines now abandoned on the dust-heap of history. Each chapter unspools Ruloff's wonderfully macabre story from a gripping new angle and explores our evolving understanding of neuroanatomy and criminal psychopathology. [Kate Winkler Dawson](#) is the author of *American Sherlock* and *Death in the Air* and the host of the popular historical true-crime podcast [Tenfold More Wicked](#).

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Michelle Howry)

Agent: Dystel, Goderich & Bourret

Finger, Bobby

Fall 2022

THE OLD PLACE: A Novel

Debut novel! A few months into retirement, Mary Alice Roth does not know how to fill her days. At least there's Ellie, who stops by each morning for coffee. Mary Alice and Ellie were a pair since the day Ellie moved in next door. That they both were single mothers with boys the same age was a pleasant coincidence, but they were forever linked when they both lost their sons, one right after the other. Years later, the two are working their way back to a comfortable friendship. But when Mary Alice's sister arrives with a staggering piece of news, it jeopardizes the careful shell she's built around her life. The whole of her friendship with Ellie is put at risk, and the unflappable, knotty fixture that is Mary Alice might have to change after all. [Bobby Finger](#) is a writer and co-host of the popular entertainment podcast [Who Weekly?](#). This is his first novel.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Gaby Mongelli)

Agent: Howard Morhaim Literary Agency

Holt, Nathalia

Fall 2022

WISE GALS: The Spies Who Built the CIA and Changed the Future of Espionage

In the wake of World War II, four female agents were critical in helping build a new organization that we now know as the CIA. These women, or “wise gals” as their male colleagues called them, were not the stereotypical femmes fatales of spy novels. They were smart, courageous, and groundbreaking agents at the top of their class, instrumental in creating tools for intelligence gathering in the decades to come, while simultaneously working across the globe to keep peace at the height of the Cold War. Meticulously researched and beautifully told, with firsthand interviews with past and present officials and declassified government documents to uncover the stories of these four inspirational women, *Wise Gals* sheds light on the untold history of the women whose daring foreign intrigues, domestic persistence, and fighting spirit have been and continue to be instrumental to the world’s security. [Nathalia Holt](#) is the bestselling author of *The Queens of Animation*, *The Rise of the Rocket Girls*, and *Cured*.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Michelle Howry)

Agent: DeFiore & Co.

Sutton, Halley

Fall 2022

THE HURRICANE BLONDE: A Novel

Former child starlet Salma Lowe, the daughter of Hollywood royalty, is currently working as the guide of the “Dazzling Dead Girls” tour. Each Dead Girl on Salma’s tour deserves her own moment to shine, and Salma gives it to her, trying to do right by the actresses Hollywood chewed up, spit out, and buried. She knows that a tragic death is the surest path to stardom: Her own sister, Tawney, dubbed the “Hurricane Blonde” for her off-camera antics, was murdered in the mid-90s, and the case remains unsolved. Salma herself has sworn off acting and just hopes to stay out of trouble... until a real dead body is discovered on her tour, at the condo where her sister once lived. Salma realizes something uncanny: It’s not just that this woman is dead at her sister’s address. She’s also wearing Tawney’s distinctive bracelet. The one Salma slipped off her wrist that day she found her. The bracelet that’s now missing from the spot Salma stashed it. Soon Salma has no choice but to plunge herself back into the dark underbelly of Hollywood. But the search for the truth will take her deep into the rot of Hollywood past and present, into her family’s own long-buried and terrible secrets, and even into her own. [Halley Sutton](#) is the author of *The Lady Upstairs*.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Danielle Dieterich)

Agent: Dystel, Goderich & Bourret

SUMMER 2022

Armstrong, Addison

Aug. 2022

THE WAR LIBRARIAN: A Novel

The Paris Library meets *The Flight Girls* in this captivating historical novel about the sacrifice and courage necessary to live a life of honor, inspired by the first female volunteer librarians during World War I and the first women accepted into the US Naval Academy. 1918: Timid and shy Emmaline lives more in books than her own life. When an envelope crosses her desk bearing a name from her past, she decides to embark on an adventure of her own as a volunteer librarian on the front lines in France. But when she comes face to face with the love of her life, and the unthinkable occurs in the perils of war, Emmaline will need to find more courage within herself than she ever thought possible. 1976: Kathleen is eager to prove that she deserves her acceptance into the first class to include women at the US Naval Academy. But not everyone wants female midshipmen, and after tragedy strikes close to home, Kathleen becomes a target. To protect herself, she must learn to trust others, even as she discovers a secret that could be her undoing. [Addison Armstrong](#) is the author of *The Light of Luna Park*.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Tara Singh Carlson)

Agent: Stuart Krichevsky Literary Agency

Dutch: The House of Books

Brenner, Jamie

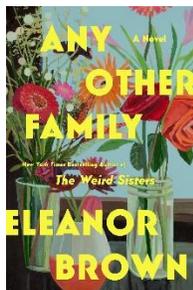
June 2022

GILT: A Novel

The Pavlin family built an empire on love. As the first jewelers to sell diamond rings exclusively for proposals, they started a tradition that has defined engagements ever since. But when an ill-fated publicity stunt pits the three Pavlin sisters against one another for a prized family jewel, their bond is broken; with one sister dead, a little girl orphaned, and the remaining women blaming each other. Now, decades later, a lost Pavlin heiress returns to claim what should have been hers. From Manhattan's tony Fifth Avenue to the vibrant shores of Cape Cod, the Pavlin women are forced to confront the mistakes of the past, if they have any hope of finding love and happiness of their own. [Jamie Brenner](#) is the author of six novels, including *Blush* and *The Forever Summer*.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Gaby Mongelli)

Agent: Movable Type Management



Brown, Eleanor

July 2022

ANY OTHER FAMILY: A Novel

The Basnight-Kowalski-Evans group are four biological siblings adopted across three sets of parents, all committed to keeping the family intact after the death of the children's grandmother. When all three adoptive mothers receive a surprising call from the children's birth mother, the delicate bonds they've managed to form threaten to collapse. The birth mother is pregnant again, and no one can decide who should adopt the new baby. Stuck in a stalemate, the family is forced to consider the possibility of bringing new parents into the fold, and as tensions rise, they are each confronted with their own individual reckonings on what exactly it means to be a mother. Set across the span of a two-week family vacation, one full of boisterous laughter and emotional upheaval, *Any Other Family* is a thought-provoking and poignant look at how families shift and evolve and a striking portrait of motherhood in all its forms. [Eleanor Brown](#) is the bestselling author of *The Weird Sisters* and *The Light of Paris*.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Gaby Mongelli)

Agent: McIntosh & Otis

Dell'Antonia, K.J.
IN HER BOOTS: A Novel

July 2022

Rhett Gallagher's life is about to go to the pigs. Just as she turns the big 4-0, her long-term relationship collapses, and news of a tragedy forces her to return to the family farm. The only silver lining is that Rhett's inspirational book, *The Modern Pioneer Girl*—written under a pseudonym—has become a wild success, so much so that in a moment of panic, self-doubting Rhett coerces her best friend Jasmine to step into the limelight as the famed author. A simple enough ruse to keep up, right? But when it is revealed that Rhett's inheritance of the beloved farm is shared with the controlling mother she hasn't seen in two decades, and that the farm is headed for the chopping block, Rhett must concoct a scheme that will help them both recover all they've lost—but not exactly in the way they expect. [K.J. Dell'Antonia](#) is the *New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Chicken Sisters*.

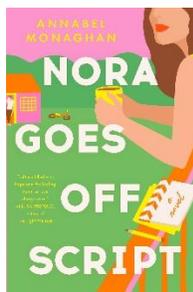
UK: Putnam (editor Tara Singh Carlson)
Agent controls Translation rights: DeFiore & Co.

Golliher, Grant
THINK LIKE A HORSE: Lessons in Life, Leadership, and Empathy from an Unconventional Cowboy

May 2022

Grant Golliher is able to get a wild horse to accept a saddle and a rider in just hours, without the use of force. Through training thousands of horses, many traumatized or abused, Golliher learned essential lessons about communication, boundaries, fairness, trust, and respect to foster more fulfilled relationships, and in turn, create a richer life. It's why celebrities, Fortune 500 executives, professional coaches, Supreme Court justices, and ordinary families from around the world flock to his ranch every year to take part in the most transformational experience they have ever encountered. Horse whispering may sound like magic, but as Golliher explains, it's not really that mysterious. The lessons he shares are as fundamental and ageless as the relationship between horses, the people who ride them, and the beauty of the West. In fact, it's an approach that anyone can learn to understand our common humanity, overcome trauma, and unlock our untapped potential. All you have to do is think like a horse. Golliher is the proprietor of the historic [Diamond Cross Ranch](#) in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Michelle Howry)
Agent: Levine, Greenberg, Rostan



Monaghan, Annabel
NORA GOES OFF SCRIPT: A Novel

June 2022

Debut novel! Nora Hamilton knows the formula for love better than anyone. As a romance channel screenwriter, it's her job. But when her too-good-to-work husband leaves her and their two kids, Nora turns her marriage's collapse into cash and writes the best script of her life. No one is more surprised than her when it's picked up for the big screen and set to film on location at her 100-year-old-home, with former Sexiest Man Alive Leo Vance cast as her ne'er-do-well husband. The morning after shooting wraps and the crew leaves, Nora finds Leo on her porch with a half-empty bottle of tequila and a proposition: He'll pay a thousand dollars a day to stay for a week. The extra seven grand would give Nora breathing room, but it's the need in his eyes that makes her say yes. Seven days: it's the blink of an eye or an eternity, depending on how you look at it. Enough time to fall in love. Enough time to break your heart. Filled with warmth, wit, and wisdom, *Nora Goes Off Script* is the best kind of love story—the real kind where love is complicated by work, kids, and the emotional baggage that comes with life. [Annabel Monaghan](#) is the author of two young adult novels; this is her adult debut.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Tara Singh Carlson)
Agent: Marly Rusoff & Associates
German: Blanvalet; Hebrew: Tchelet

Pepper, David
A SIMPLE CHOICE: A Novel

Aug. 2022

When one of the nation's most prestigious senators jumps from a cliff in Maine, it's no surprise that the political elite and the media flock to the story, determined to uncover what has happened—and whether foul play was involved. Palmer Knight, a fast-rising TV news correspondent, is sent to cover the mysterious death and finds himself embroiled in a plot that goes far beyond the Senate and onto the global stage. Meanwhile, Army veteran and former Supreme Court clerk Amity Jones thought she left the fast lane behind when she moved to Ohio to care for her cancer-stricken mother. But her dogged pursuit of a local medical mystery brings her back to the world of politics, and ultimately into Palmer's investigation of the senator's death. The unlikely duo, brought together by seemingly unconnected events, soon find themselves enmeshed in a political conspiracy that reaches the highest levels of power, and places their lives—and many others—in terrible danger. [David Pepper](#) is the author of *The Voter File*, *The People's House*, and *The Wingman*.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Mark Tavani)
Agent: Aaron M. Priest Literary Agency

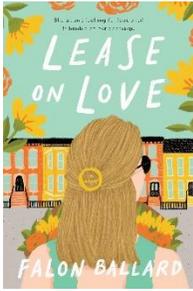
Waldon, Lacie
FROM THE JUMP: A Novel

July 2022

Liv Bakersfield is used to living her life in "shoulds." *Be fit. Be financially responsible. Be your best self.* An overworked graphic designer, she's stretched so thin that she's about to miss yet another vacation with her beloved group of friends. But when Liv finally decides to start saying no, it feels good... good enough to quit her job and hop on a plane to join them in South Africa. Amid the exotic landscape and unforgettable sights, Liv expects sun and safari animals and an easy time with her best friends. But such close proximity makes everything more complicated, especially with the emotionally unavailable Lucas Deiss. Once she returns home to Los Angeles, Liv discovers that her leap of faith has become a freefall, sending her crashing into Lucas' arms. With the trust of the people she loves most on the line, Liv must decide between doing what she *should*... and risking everything for what she *shouldn't* want. [Lacie Waldon](#) is the author of *The Layover*.

Translation: Putnam (editor Kate Dresser)
Agent: InkWell Management
UK: Piatkus

SPRING 2022



Ballard, Falon
LEASE ON LOVE: A Novel

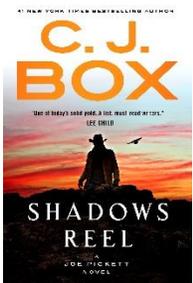
Feb. 2022

Debut novel! After getting passed over for an overdue—and much needed—promotion, Sadie Green is in desperate need of three things: a stiff drink, a new place to live, and a one-night-stand. When one drink turns into one too many, Sadie mixes up a long-ignored dating app for a roommate-finding app and finds herself on the doorstep of Jack Thomas’s gorgeous Brooklyn brownstone. Too bad she’s more attracted to his impressive real estate than she is to the man himself. Jack, still grieving the unexpected death of his parents, has learned to find comfort in video games and movie marathons instead of friends. So while he doesn’t know just what to make of the vivaciously verbose Sadie, he’s willing to offer her his spare bedroom while she gets back on her feet. And with the rent unbeatably low, Sadie can finally pursue her gardening and floral arrangement side hustle full-time. The two are polar opposites, but as Sadie’s presence begins to turn the brownstone into a home, they both start to realize they may have just made the deal of a lifetime. This is [Falon Ballard’s](#) first novel; she is at work on a second.

Translation: Putnam (editor Gaby Mongelli)

Agent: Whalen Agency

UK: Headline Eternal; Polish: Muza



Box, C.J.
SHADOWS REEL: A Joe Pickett Novel

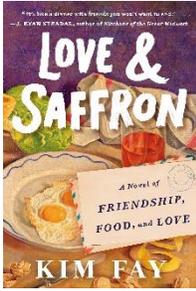
March 2022

#22 in the Joe Pickett series. Marybeth Pickett finds an unmarked package at the front door of the library where she works. Inside is a photo album that belonged to an infamous Nazi official. She learns that during World War II several Wyoming soldiers were in the group that fought to Hitler’s Eagles Nest retreat in the Alps—and one of them took Hitler’s personal photo album. Did another take this one and keep it all these years? When she finds the name of a deceased local man who was likely in the unit, Joe visits the man’s son—only to find him brutally tortured and murdered. And when a close neighbor is murdered, Joe and Marybeth face a new question: How will they figure out the book’s mystery before someone hurts them or their girls? Meanwhile, Nate Romanowski is on the hunt for a younger and more ruthless version of himself—the man who stole Nate’s falcons and attacked his wife. Nate tracks the man from one city to another, learning that his target is an agitator and a financier of anarchists. Even as he grasps the true threat his quarry presents, Nate swoops in for the kill—and a stunning final showdown. [CJ Box](#) is the bestselling author of the Joe Pickett series and several stand-alone novels.

Translation: Putnam (editor Mark Tavani)

Agent: Ann Rittenberg Agency

UK: Head of Zeus

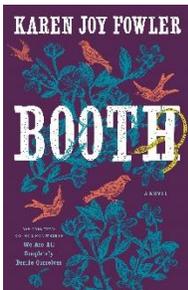


Fay, Kim
LOVE & SAFFRON: A Novel of Friendship, Food & Love

Feb. 2022

When Joan Bergstrom sends a fan letter—as well as a gift of saffron—to Imogen Fortier, a life-changing friendship begins. Joan lives in Los Angeles and is just starting out as a writer for the newspaper food pages. Imogen lives on Camano Island outside Seattle, working as a secretary and writing a monthly column for a West Coast magazine, and while she can shoot an elk and dig for mussels, she’s never tasted fresh garlic. As the two women commune through their letters, they build a closeness that sustains them through the Cuban Missile Crisis, the assassination of President Kennedy, and the unexpected in their own lives. Food and a good life—they can’t be separated. It is a discovery the women share, not only with each other, but with the men in their lives. Because of her correspondence with Joan, Imogen’s decades-long marriage blossoms into something new and exciting, and in turn, Joan learns that true love does not always come in the form we expect it to. Into this beautiful, intimate world comes the ultimate test of Joan and Imogen’s friendship—a test that summons their unconditional trust in one another. A brief respite from our chaotic world, *Love & Saffron* is a gem of a novel, a reminder that food and friendship are the antidote to most any problem, and that human connection will always be worth creating. [Kim Fay](#) is the author of *The Map of Lost Memories* and *Communion*.

Translation: Putnam (editor Tara Singh Carlson)
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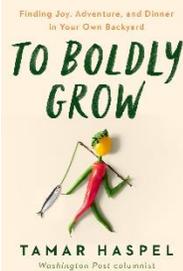


Fowler, Karen Joy
BOOTH: A Novel

March 2022

In 1822, a secret family moves into a secret cabin some thirty miles northeast of Baltimore, to farm, to hide, and to bear ten children over the course of the next 16 years. Junius Booth—breadwinner, celebrated Shakespearean actor, and master of the house in all ways—is at once a mesmerizing talent and a man of terrifying instability. One by one, the children arrive, as year by year, the country draws closer to the boiling point of secession and civil war. As the children grow and the tenor of the world shifts, the Booths cement their place as one of the country’s leading theatrical families. But behind the curtains of the many stages they have graced, multiple scandals, family triumphs, and disasters begin to take their toll. A startling portrait of a country in the throes of change and a vivid exploration of brother- and sisterhood, *Booth* is a riveting historical novel focused on the very things that bind, and break, a family. [Karen Joy Fowler](#) is the *New York Times*-bestselling author of six novels, including *The Jane Austen Book Club* and *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*, which was the winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award and was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize.

Translation: Putnam (editor Sally Kim)
Agent: Friedrich Agency
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Haspel, Tamar

March 2022

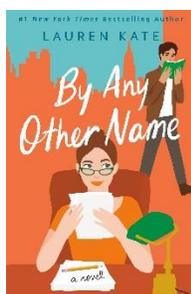
TO BOLDLY GROW: Finding Joy, Adventure, and Dinner in Your Own Backyard

[Tamar Haspel](#) went from an apartment-dwelling Manhattanite to living on a two-acre farm in Cape Cod where she now raises chickens, keeps a backyard garden, fishes, and even occasionally hunts. And the transition was *not* easy. Along her journey, Haspel found that the biggest mistake we all make is listening to experts, because experts can make *anything* grow. What people need is a crap gardener to tell you what *anyone* can grow—and how *everyone* can have fun doing it. With her signature sharp wit and warm narrative style, Haspel is on a mission

to change our relationship with food, starting by helping us change how our food makes it to the dinner table. Haspel writes the James Beard award-winning *Washington Post* column “Unearthed.”

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Michelle Howry)

Agent: Folio Literary



Kate, Lauren

March 2022

BY ANY OTHER NAME: A Novel

With a successful career as a romance editor, and an engagement to a man who checks off all 99 boxes on her carefully curated list, Lanie is more than good. She’s killing it. Then she’s given the opportunity of a lifetime: to work with world-renowned author and her biggest inspiration in love and life—the Noa Callaway. All Lanie has to do is cure Noa’s writer’s block and she’ll get the promotion she’s always dreamed of. Simple, right? But there’s a reason no one has ever seen or spoken to the mysterious Noa Callaway. And that reason will rock Lanie’s world. It will call into question everything she thought she knew. When she finally tosses her 99 expectations to the wind, Lanie may just discover that love by any other name can still be as sweet. [Lauren Kate](#) is the #1 *New York Times*- and internationally-bestselling author of nine novels for young adults, including *Fallen*, which was made into a major motion picture. She is also the author of the adult novel *The Orphan’s Song*.

Translation: Putnam (editor Tara Singh Carlson)

Agent: Andrea Brown Literary

UK: Piatkus



Katsu, Alma

April 2022

THE FERVOR: A Novel

1944: As World War II rages on, the threat has come to the home front. In a remote corner of Idaho, Meiko Briggs and her daughter, Aiko, are desperate to return home. Following Meiko's husband's enlistment as an air force pilot in the Pacific months prior, Meiko and Aiko were taken from their home in Seattle and sent to one of the internment camps in the Midwest. It didn’t matter that Aiko was American-born: They were Japanese, and therefore considered a threat by the American government. Mother and daughter attempt to hold on to elements of their old life in the camp when a mysterious disease begins to spread among those interned. And when a disconcerting team of doctors arrive, nearly more threatening than the illness itself, Meiko and her daughter team up with a newspaper reporter and widowed missionary to investigate, and it becomes clear to them that something more sinister is afoot. Inspired by the Japanese *yokai* and the *yorogumo* spider demon, *The Fervor* explores a supernatural threat beyond what anyone saw coming: the danger of demonization, a mysterious contagion, and the search to stop its spread before it’s too late. [Alma Katsu](#) is the acclaimed author of *The Deep*, *The Hunger*, and *Red Widow*, among others.

UK: Putnam (editor Sally Kim)

Agent controls Translation rights: InkWell Management



Lloyd, Stephen
FRIEND OF THE DEVIL: A Novel

May 2022

Debut novel! It's the 1980s and Sam Gregory, a substance-abusing war veteran turned insurance investigator, arrives at the galactically elite Danforth Putnam boarding school off the coast of New England to find a stolen manuscript of incalculable value. He soon senses that something far stranger than missing books is afoot—and when students begin vanishing from campus, he realizes how serious it is. At the same time, a reporter is keeping an eye on Sam. Harriet, a physically fragile but spiritually indomitable writer for the school paper, is trying to figure out precisely what he's up to. As events at the school become increasingly terrifying, Sam and Harriet both venture into increasingly dark territory to crack the mystery. In the end, they uncover a truth more horrible than they could have imagined. Put the novels of Raymond Chandler and Bram Stoker in a blender, splash in a couple drops of *Stranger Things*, and pour yourself a nice tall glass of *Friend of the Devil*. Stephen Lloyd is a TV producer and writer, best known as an executive producer of award-winning shows such as *Modern Family* and *How I Met Your Mother*.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Mark Tavani)
Agent: 3 Arts Entertainment

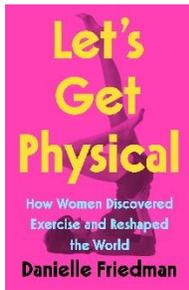


McBrayer, Lauren
LIKE A HOUSE ON FIRE: A Novel

April 2022

Debut novel! After twelve years of marriage and two kids, Merit has begun to feel like a stranger in her own life. She loves her husband and sons, but she desperately needs something more than sippy cups and monthly sex. So, she returns to her career at Jager + Brandt, where a brilliant and beautiful Danish architect named Jane decides to overlook the “break” in Merit’s resume and give her a shot. Jane is a supernova—witty and dazzling and unapologetically herself—and as the two work closely together, their relationship becomes a true friendship. In Jane, Merit sees the possibility of what a woman could be. And Jane sees Merit exactly for who she is: not the wife and mother dutifully performing the roles expected of her, but a whole person. Their relationship quickly becomes a cornerstone in Merit’s life. And as Merit starts to open her mind to the idea of more—more of a partner, more of a match, more in love—she begins to question: what if the love of her life isn’t the man she married. *What if it’s Jane?* Compulsively readable and shrewdly observed, *Like a House on Fire* is a razor-sharp look at love, motherhood, marriage, and identity. It pushes us to wonder what it really means to have what you thought you wanted, and yet come to realize that there’s still so much more. [Lauren McBrayer](#) is the author of three novels for young adults, publishing under the name Lauren Miller. This is her adult debut.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Gaby Mongelli)
Agent: ICM



Friedman, Danielle

Jan. 2022

LET'S GET PHYSICAL: How Women Discovered Exercise and Reshaped the World

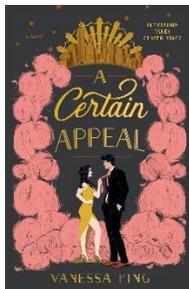
Let's Get Physical explores the fascinating, feminist history of female workout culture from jogging to Jazzercise to Jane Fonda—and how women can parlay physical strength into other kinds of power. Freelance journalist [Danielle Friedman](#) explores the hidden feminist history of exercising, from the post-war era in which women were encouraged to “reduce,” to the subsequent focus on toning and strength, to the current cult of “wellness” and what it means for women’s shifting place in society. Each chapter chronicles the birth of an exercise trend

that laid the groundwork for working out today: the first TV fitness programs, the birth of barre, the 1980s aerobics craze, the start of spinning, and the quest for a holistic kind of “Goop” wellness that’s as mocked as it is imitated. Friedman uses workout culture to show how far feminism has progressed over the past few generations—and how the push toward fitness is, little by little, creating a stronger sisterhood of women.

Translation: Putnam (editor Michelle Howry)

Agent: Janklow & Nesbit

UK: Icon Books



King, Vanessa

Nov. 2021

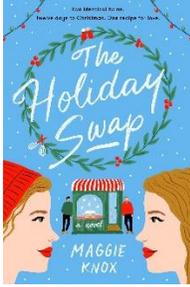
A CERTAIN APPEAL: A Novel

Debut novel! *Pride and Prejudice* goes *Burlesque* in this saucy, vibrant, modern retelling of Jane Austen’s classic. When stage kitten Liz Bennet locks eyes with Will Darcy at Meryton, Manhattan’s top-tier burlesque club, it’s lust at first sight—until she overhears the uptight wealth manager telling his best friend that she’s only “tolerable.” But when their besties fall head-over-heels, they’re thrown into each other’s orbit again and again, and the sizzling chemistry they share threatens to topple that terrible first impression. Meryton is up for sale,

and it could give Bennet the push she needs to get her derailed interior design career back on track—until George Wickham, Darcy’s nemesis, arrives on the scene to toy with Bennet’s affections and ultimately steal the club away by passing off her designs as his own. Together, Bennet and Darcy must find a way to salvage her dreams and find a new home for her beloved family of performers. [Vanessa King](#) spent two years in the New York burlesque scene, and this is her love letter to that dynamic, sexy world of body glitter and eyelash glue.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Tricja Okuniewska)

Agent: One Track Literary Agency



Knox, Maggie
THE HOLIDAY SWAP: A Novel

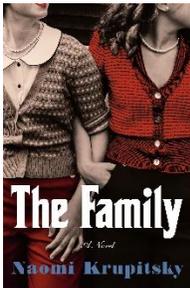
Oct. 2021

Debut novel! When chef Charlie Goodwin gets hit on the head on the L.A. set of her reality baking show, she loses a lot more than consciousness; she also loses her ability to taste and smell—both critical to her success as show judge. Meanwhile, Charlie’s identical twin, Cass, is frantically trying to hold her own life together back in their quaint mountain hometown while running the family’s bakery and dealing with her ex, who won’t get the memo that they’re over. With only days until Christmas, a desperate Charlie asks Cass to do something they haven’t done since they were kids: switch places. Looking for her own escape from reality, Cass agrees. But temporarily trading lives proves more complicated than they imagined, especially when rugged firefighter Jake Greenman and gorgeous physician’s assistant Miguel Rodriguez are thrown into the mix. Will the twins’ identity swap be a recipe for disaster, or does it have the right ingredients to get their lives back on track? Maggie Knox is the pen name of bestselling authors [Karma Brown](#) and [Marissa Stapley](#), now writing together for the first time.

Translation: Putnam (editor Tara Singh Carlson)

Agent: Transatlantic Literary Agency

UK: Hodder & Stoughton; French: HarperCollins France; Ukrainian: Knigolove



Krupitsky, Naomi
THE FAMILY: A Novel

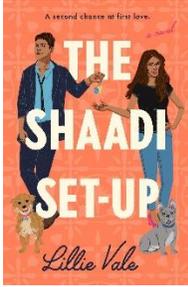
Nov. 2021

Debut novel! Sofia Colicchio is a free spirit, a loud, untamed thing. Antonia Russo is thoughtful, ever observing the world around her. Best friends from birth, their homes share a brick wall among the Italian immigrants of Red Hook, Brooklyn, and their fathers are part of an unspoken community that connects them all: the Family. Sunday dinners gather the Family each week to feast, discuss business, and renew the intoxicating bond borne of blood and love. Until Antonia’s father dares to dream of a different life and goes missing soon after. His disappearance drives a whisper-thin wedge between Sofia and Antonia as they become women, wives, mothers, and leaders, all the while maintaining a complex and conflicted friendship. Both women push against the walls of a prison made of expectations, even as they remain bound to one another, their hearts expanding in tandem with Brooklyn around them. One fateful night, their loyalty to each other and to the Family will be tested. Only one of them can pull the trigger before it’s too late. This is [Naomi Krupitsky’s](#) first novel.

Translation: Putnam (editor Tara Singh Carlson)

Agent: The Book Group

UK: Borough/HarperCollins; Dutch: Ambo Anthos; German: DTV; Hungarian: Central; Italian: Rizzoli; Lithuanian: Balto Leidybos Namai; Romanian: Bookzone; Spanish: Grijalbo/PRH

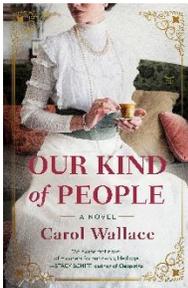


Vale, Lillie
THE SHAADI SET-UP: A Novel

Sept. 2021

Debut novel! Despite her parents' apparently loveless marriage, Rita Chitness is determined to get her own happy ending. She's finally ready to tell them about Neil, the man she's been seeing for three months, even though their families have some bad blood in their pasts. But when Milan, her first love who dumped her unceremoniously after college, suddenly reappears in her life at the behest of her parents, she realizes her plans for romance are getting curtailed yet again. She wants nothing to do with Milan, even though he's a hot-shot realtor now, and it seems the only way to prove to everyone that she and Neil are perfect for each other is to have a reputable Indian matchmaking site do it for them. But Rita and Neil don't match on the first try—or the second or third, either. Instead, much to her horror, Rita matches with Milan instead. And when she's asked to contribute her furniture restoration skills to help him flip a hard-to-sell house, Rita realizes their working relationship might bring up past hurts—and lusts—she was trying so hard to forget. [Lillie Vale](#) is the author of the young adult novels *Small Town Hearts* and *Beauty and the Besharam*. *The Shaadi Set-Up* is her adult debut.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Gaby Mongelli)
Agent: Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency



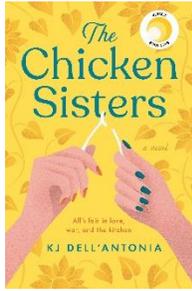
Wallace, Carol
OUR KIND OF PEOPLE: A Novel

Jan. 2022

Helen Wilcox has one desire: to successfully launch her daughters into society. From the upper crust herself, Helen's unconventional, if happy, marriage has made the girls' social position precarious. Then her husband gambles the family fortune on an elevated railroad that he claims will transform the face of the city and the way the people of New York live, but will it ruin the Wilcoxes first? As daughters Jemima and Alice navigate the rise and fall of their family, each is forced to reexamine who she is, and even who she is meant to love. This is a charming and cutthroat tale of a world in which an invitation or an avoided glance can be the difference between fortune and ruin. [Carol Wallace](#) has written more than twenty books, including the *New York Times* bestseller *To Marry an English Lord*, which was an inspiration for *Downton Abbey*.

UK, Translation: Putnam (editor Tara Singh Carlson)
Agent: Folio Literary

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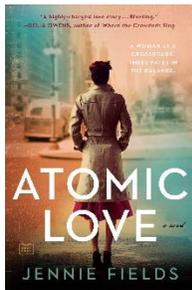


Dell'Antonia, K.J.
THE CHICKEN SISTERS: A Novel

Dec. 2020

New York Times bestseller! Reese's Book Club pick! Three generations. Two chicken shacks. One recipe for disaster.

UK: Two Roads; Hebrew: Yedioth Ahronot; Hungarian: Central; Korean: Open Books; Russian: Eksmo

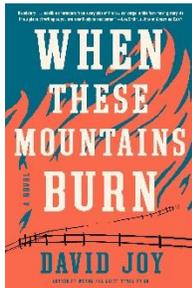


Fields, Jennie
ATOMIC LOVE: A Novel

Aug. 2020

Love. Desire. Betrayal. Her choice could save a nation.

UK: Michael Joseph; Farsi: Koolehposhti; German: Penguin; Hungarian: General Press; Italian: Sperling & Kupfer; Lithuanian: Briedis; Portuguese (P): Saida de Emergencia; Romanian: RAO; Spanish: Planeta

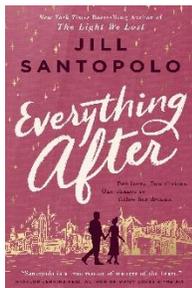


Joy, David
WHEN THESE MOUNTAINS BURN: A Novel

Aug. 2020

Winner of the 2020 Dashiell Hammett Award for Literary Excellence in Crime Writing. A fierce and tender tale of a father, an addict, a lawman, and the explosive events that come to unite them.

UK: Andre Deutsch/Welbeck; French: Sonatine; Italian: Jimenez; Spanish: RBA Libros



Santopolo, Jill
EVERYTHING AFTER: A Novel

March 2021

The Light We Lost mixes with a touch of *Daisy Jones and the Six* in this novel of first love, passion, and the power of choice—and how we cannot escape the people we are meant to be.

Finnish: Otava; French: Nord; Russian: Phoenix

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