

When Will There Be Good News? by Kate Atkinson
Unrelated characters and plot lines collide with momentous results in Atkinson's third novel to feature ex-cop turned PI Jackson Brodie.

2666 by Roberto Bolano
Bolano's sprawling masterpiece revolves around a passel of academics, a reclusive German writer and a fictionalized Juarez, Mexico. Pure brilliance.

Hold Tight by Harlan Coben
Edgar-winner Coben's unnerving thriller follows a sadistic suburban killer in a New Jersey community with his usual mastery.

The Brass Verdict by Michael Connelly
This beautifully executed crime thriller brings together two popular Connelly characters, LAPD Det. Harry Bosch and L.A. lawyer Mickey Haller.

Master of the Delta by Thomas H. Cook
Edgar-winner Cook examines the slow collapse of a prominent Southern family in this magnificent tale of suspense set in 1954.

The Konkans by Tony D'Souza
This story of an Indian-American family's immigrant experience in Chicago is loaded with humor and pathos. Young in writer-years, D'Souza writes with a seasoned hand.

The Plague of Doves by Louise Erdrich
Erdrich's 13th novel, a multigenerational tour de force of sin, redemption, murder and vengeance, finds its roots in the 1911 slaughter of a farming family near Pluto, ND.

Sea of Poppies by Amitav Ghosh
Diaspora, myth and a fascinating language mash-up propel the Rubik's cube of plots in Ghosh's picaresque epic. The cast is marvelous and the plot majestically serpentine, but the real hero is the English language, which has rarely felt so alive and vibrant.

The Likeness by Tana French
Fans of psychological suspense will embrace Irish author French, who blurs the boundaries between victim and cop, memory and fantasy, in this stunning sequel to her debut, *In the Woods*.

Ritual by Mo Hayder
Readers looking for visceral thrills need look no further than this British crime novel involving African witchcraft.

The Lazarus Project by Aleksandar Hereon
Dueling story lines about Central European immigrants dovetail into a masterful account of the immigrant experience and the quest for identity in MacArthur genius Hemon's second novel, an NBA finalist.

Day by A.L. Kennedy
Kennedy's highly stylized and immeasurably sad sixth novel (after *Paradise*) follows former Royal Air Force tail gunner Alfred Day as he relives his experiences in a WWII German prison camp.

Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri
The gulf that separates expatriate Bengali parents from their American-raised children--and that separates the children from India--remains Lahiri's subject for this faultless follow-up to *The Namesake*.

The Shape of Mercy by Susan Meissner
This stunning and achingly romantic story draws on the Salem witch trials to transform a present-day relationship. Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana by Anne Rice Rice's persuasive characterization sensitively balances the human and divine natures of the protagonist.



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FICTION & POETRY

POETRY:

Watching the Spring Festival Frank Bidart
In his first collection of short lyrics--a finalist for the NBA--Bidart reflects on aging, regret and a life lived in close contact with, if not through, pop music, art, ance and other monuments of culture.

The Shadow of Sirius by W.S. Merwin
W.S. Merwin The latest by one of America's great living masters of the lyric poem--Merwin's best book in a decade--finds the poet reflecting movingly on his own mortality, his oracular voice seeming to predict the past as if it were yet to come.

Annotations from *Publishers Weekly*

Sway by Zachary Lazar

Lazar channels the Rolling Stones, Kenneth Anger and a Manson family associate in this piercing examination of the dread and exhilaration of the late 1960s.

The Boat by Nam Le

The stories in Le's stunning debut collection cover a vast geographic territory and are filled with exquisitely painful and raw moments of revelation, captured in an economical style as deft as it is sure.

The Given Day by Dennis Lehane

In a splendid flowering of the talent previously demonstrated in his crime fiction (Gone, Baby, Gone; Mystic River), Lehane combines 20th-century American history, a gripping story of a family torn by pride and the strictures of the Catholic Church, and the plot of a multifaceted thriller.

Flesh House by Stuart MacBride

Scottish author MacBride's dry wit turns what could have been a gratuitously gory slasher story into a crackling thriller.

The Private Patient by P.D. James

Adam Dalgliesh, the charismatic police commander, investigates a private plastic surgery clinic after the murder of a patient in what fans will hope is not his last case.

Netherland by Joseph O'Neill

A Dutch-born equities analyst gets swept up by a fast-talking, crooked-dealing Bangladeshi cricket enthusiast in post-9/11 New York City in O'Neill's beautifully written and intelligent novel.

The Messengers of Death: A Mystery in Provence by Pierre Magnan

French author Magnan blends elegant clue-laying and deft characterizations that strike to the core of human frailties in his second mystery set in Provence.

Serena by Ron Rash

This implacably grim tale of greed and corruption gone wild--and of eventual, well-deserved revenge--follows the dealings of a Depression-era lumber baron and his callous new wife.

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski

A Wisconsin mute hides out in the woods with hyper intelligent dogs in Wroblewski's contemporary riff on Macbeth.

Wild Inferno by Sandi Ault

Ault smoothly blends a murder mystery plot with Native American lore in this impressive sequel to her debut, Wild Indigo.

Lush Life by Richard Price

Price trains his sharp eye and flawless ear on Manhattan's Lower East Side in this manic crescendo of a novel that explores the repercussions of a seemingly random shooting.



Lie Down with the Devil by Linda Barnes

Boston PI Carlotta Carlyle suspects her mob-associated fiancé of infidelity after he disappears in this utterly compelling 12th outing.

Death's Half Acre by Margaret Maron

Corruption and murder stalk rural Colleton County, N.C., in Maron's outstanding 14th mystery to feature Judge Deborah Knott and her extended family.

Ghost at Work by Carolyn Hart

A ghost turns sleuth in this intriguing first in a new series by veteran Hart, who's won Agatha, Anthony and Macavity awards.

How the Dead Dream by Lydia Millet

Millet is as lyrical, haunting and deliciously absurd as ever in this Heart of Darkness--style journey into massive loss.

Salt River by James Sallis

Poetic prose and the richly described rural Southern backdrop lift Sallis's sublime third novel to feature philosophical sheriff John Turner.

Fear of Landing by David Waltner-Toews

Set in the repressive Indonesia of the early 1980s, this compelling debut introduces an unlikely detective, a Canadian veterinarian.

The Calling by Inger Ash Wolfe

In this bracingly original mystery set in rural Ontario, a middle-aged female police inspector investigates the murder of an elderly cancer patient.

Ink and Steel by Elizabeth Bear

The secret war between fae and the Elizabethan court comes to light in this dramatic tale of espionage, seduction and the literal magic of poetry and plays.

City at the End of Time by Greg Bear

Bear returns triumphantly to large-scale science fiction with this complex, difficult tale of Seattle drifters sent on a mission to preserve the universe's last vestiges of consciousness.

Fallen by Tim Lebbon

Lebbon blends wonder and nightmare in this vividly memorable novel of aging voyagers whose quest for glory takes a dark turn when they encounter ancient and terrifying gods.

Half a Crown by Jo Walton

Walton wraps up her Small Change trilogy with a powerful tale of an alternate 1960 in which a fascist Britain, attempting to emulate Nazi Europe, finally pushes its citizens too far.

Deadly Deceptions by Linda Lad Miller

Miller's second Cave Creek supernatural mystery is packed full of plot twists and smart romance, painting crime-solver Mojo Sheepshanks as much more than just another quirky psychic.

Nothing to Be Frightened Of by Julian Barnes

In this virtuosic memoir, Barnes makes little mention of his personal or professional life, but grants readers access to an unexpectedly large world, populated with Barnes's daily companions and his chosen ancestors. **{921 BARNES}**

The Journal of Helene Berr by Helene Berr

Berr's searing record of the devastation of Paris's Jewish community during the Nazi occupation is also a moving self-portrait of a passionate young Jewish Frenchwoman who tried to aid her people and carry on her life with dignity before she perished in Bergen-Belsen. **{ON ORDER}**

Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell

Gladwell tears down the myth of individual merit to explore how culture, circumstance, timing, birth and luck account for success--and how historical legacies can hold others back despite ample individual gifts. **{646.7 GLADWELL}**

The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family
by Annette Gordon-Reed

This extraordinary work of scholarship, an NBA finalist, brings to life not only Sally Hemings, slave and mistress to Thomas Jefferson, but the family's tangled blood links with slaveholding Virginia whites over an entire century. **{920 GORDON-REED}**

The Dark Side by Jane Mayer

This hard-hitting expose, an NBA finalist, by New Yorker correspondent Mayer examines the war on terror with a meticulous reconstruction of the battle within the Bush administration over antiterrorism policies: harsh interrogations, indefinite detentions without due process, extraordinary renditions and secret CIA prisons. **{973.931 MAYER}**

How to Cook Everything: 2000 Simple Recipes for Great Food by Mark Bittman

Ten years have brought many changes to the U.S. culinary landscape, and Bittman's new edition of his contemporary classic reflects that. Whether the first edition is on their shelves or not, home cooks of all skill levels will want to get this one. **{641.5 BITTMAN}**

Pictures at a Revolution: Five Movies and the Birth of the New Hollywood by Mark Harris

In examining the five films nominated for the 1967 Best Picture Oscar, Harris widens his scope to show Old Hollywood and New Hollywood clashing over changing cultural values, an outdated Production Code and the civil rights movement. **{791.4309 HARRIS}**

God's Crucible: Islam and the Making of Europe, 570-1215 by David Levering Lewis

Lewis gives a superb portrayal of the fraught half-millennium during which Islam and Christianity uneasily coexisted on the European continent, forging a sophisticated, socially diverse and economically dynamic culture. **{940.1 LEWIS}**

The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music by Steve Lopez

With self-effacing humor, fast-paced yet elegant prose and unsparing honesty, Lopez tells an inspiring story of heartbreak and hope as he tries to help an accomplished though homeless violinist find his path off the streets. **{921 AYERS}**

Alan's War by Emmanuel Guibert

A French cartoonist listens as an American GI recalls his life as a soldier during WWII and his subsequent disillusionment with American bravado, creating a fantastic, humane memoir. **{921 COPE}**

How to Live: A Search for Wisdom from Old People (While They Are Still on This Earth) by Henry Alford

In this rich and humorous narrative, Alford focuses on the stories of the elderly as he sets off a prolonged meditation on the question: What is wisdom? **{ON ORDER}**



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NONFICTION

The Ten-Cent Plague: The Great Comic-Book Scare and How It Changed America by David Hajdu

After writing about the folk scene of the early 1960s in *Positively 4th Street*, Hajdu goes back a decade to examine the censorship debate over comic books, casting the controversy as a prelude to the cultural battle over rock music. **{302.232 HADJU}**

My Jesus Year: A Rabbi's Son Wanders the Bible Belt in Search of His Own Faith by Benjamin Cohen

You don't need to be Jewish to enjoy this faith trip. **{921 COHEN}**

The Snowball: Warren Buffett and the Business of Life
by Alice Schroeder

Schroeder strips away the mystery that has long cloaked the world's richest man to reveal a life and fortune erected around a lucid and inspired business vision and unimaginable personal complexity. **{921 BUFFETT}**

The Angel of Grozny: Orphans of a Forgotten War
by Asne Seierstad

In this searing journey through a traumatized Chechnya, Norwegian journalist Seierstad highlights children, women and other victims of the war in a gallery of portraits drawn from her reporting. **{947.5 SEIERSTAD}**

Final Salute: A Story of Unfinished Lives by Jim Sheeler
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Sheeler offers an unflinching look at the soldiers who have died in Iraq and their devastated families in this NBA finalist's eloquent tribute that should be required reading for all Americans. **{956.7044 SHEELER}**

The Post-American World by Fareed Zakaria
Newsweek editor and popular pundit Zakaria delivers a largely optimistic forecast of where the 21st century is heading, predicting that despite its record of recent blunders at home and abroad, America will stay strong. **{303.49 ZAKARIA}**

Epilogue: A Memoir by Anne Roiphe
In poignant flashes of everyday moments and memories, Roiphe tells an unflinching and unsentimental story of widowhood's stupefying disquiet, of surviving love and living on. **{921 ROIPHE}**

Descent into Chaos by Ahmed Rashid
Long overshadowed by the Iraq War, the ongoing turmoil in Afghanistan and Central Asia finally receives a searching retrospective as Rashid surveys the region to reveal a thicket of ominous threats and lost opportunities. **{954.053 RASHID}**

Eat Me: The Food and Philosophy of Kenny Shopsin
by Kenny Shopsin andCarolynn Carreno
Shopsin hates publicity the way a magnet must hate metal filings, but this supposedly reluctant restaurateur now adds to his own legend by releasing a totally hilarious and surprisingly touching treatise on cooking, customer loyalty and family bonds. **{641.5 SHOPSIN}**

BakeWise: The Hows and Whys of Successful Baking
by Shirley O. Corriher

James Beard Award-winner Corriher offers a no-nonsense approach to cakes, muffins, breads and cookies, showing that baking is, above all things, a science. **{ON ORDER}**

Fish Without a Doubt: The Cook's Essential Companion
by Rick Moonen and Roy Finamore

Moonen shares his expertise--from how to shop for fish to how to clean it and how to cook it--in this essential cookbook for home chefs. **{641.692 MOONEN}**

No-Nonsense Guide to Menopause
by Barbara Seaman and Laura Eldridge
Seaman (who died this year) and Eldridge articulate the myths, controversies, statistics, economics and prevailing protocols that feed continued confusion regarding women's health during what the authors see as an overmedicalized but profoundly natural experience. **{618.175 SEAMAN}**

Culture Making: Recovering Our Creative Calling
by Andy Crouch
Research and theology blend in this call to do what's possible to create and preserve the good in all that humans fashion. **{261.0973 CROUCH}**

Audition: A Memoir by Barbara Walters
This mammoth, compulsively readable memoir offers an entertaining panorama of a full life lived and recounted with humor, bracing honesty and unflagging energy. **{921 WALTERS}**

Self-Esteem Trap: Raising Confident and Compassionate Kids in an Age of Self-Importance
by Polly Young-Eisendrath
Young-Eisendrath identifies a "threatening and perplexing problem" she calls the self-esteem trap, and encourages overbearing parents to let kids develop autonomy and experience the consequences of their decisions. **{155.2 YOUNG-EISENDRATH}**

Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire
by Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Ann Parker
This humane and often beautiful study of faith, loss and hope straddles the boundary between historical discovery and spiritual writing. **{230.09 BROCK}**

The Open Road: The Global Journey of the 14th Dalai Lama
by Pico Iyer

A brilliant pairing of writer and subject in this journalistic analysis of a compelling world religious figure. **{921 BSTAN-DZIN-RGYN-MTSHO}**

The Wise Heart: A Guide to the Universal Teachings of Buddhist Psychology
by Jack Kornfield

The well-respected teacher of insight meditation gets a little more self-disclosing in this comprehensive and friendly guidebook. **{294.3422 KORNFIELD}**

Reasons to Believe: One Man's Journey Among the Evangelicals and the Faith He Left Behind by John Marks
A memoir of longing and doubt that tempers rejection with sympathy. **{277.3083 MARKS}**

Beyond Tolerance: Searching for Interfaith Understanding in America by Gustav Niebuhr
The former longtime New York Times religion reporter tells remarkable stories of people reaching across religious lines. **{201.5 NIEBUHR}**

Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer's Life
by Kathleen Norris
A beautiful memoir, and Norris's best book in years. **{248.862 NORRIS}**

Liberty of Conscience: In Defense of America's Tradition of Religious Equality by Martha Nussbaum
A generous and engrossing history of the First Amendment's religion clauses as pillars of religious liberty. **{323.442 NUSSBAUM}**

The Great Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why by Phyllis Tickle
PW's founding religion editor, still on the trail of the topic, looks back in history to discern the future. **{ON ORDER}**

Champlain's Dream by David Hackett Fischer
With his characteristically outstanding style, Fischer offers the definitive biography of an extraordinary and flawed man: Samuel de Champlain (1567-1635): spy, explorer, courtier, soldier and founder and governor of New France (today's Quebec). **{921 CHAMPLAIN}**

Jesus for President by Shane Claiborne & Chris Haw
A provocative book good for election year and beyond. **{261.7097 CLAIBORNE}**