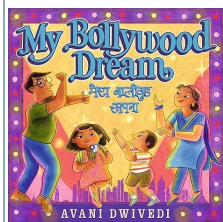
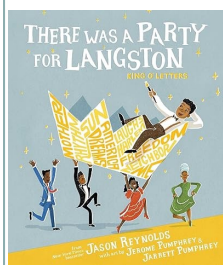


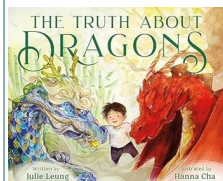
*Taino Tales: The Secret of the Hummingbird* by Vicky Weber



*My Bollywood Dream* by Avani Dwivedi



*There Was a Party for Langston* by Jason Reynolds



*The Truth About Dragons* by Julie Leung

## Children's Room

Alida lives in paradise, so what could go wrong? When she meets a boy from the opposing tribe, their friendship quickly blossoms. Created by an elementary teacher to educate and inspire, children will love learning about the Taino culture through the retelling of their indigenous folklore, bringing an ancient culture—and a young love—to colorful life. **Reading age: 4–8 years old.**

It's Friday night, and on the bustling streets of Mumbai, a girl heads out with her family to the cinema. As she rides through the winding blocks with her maa, baba, and bhai, old melodies fill the car. And as she captures the sights and sounds of the city with her camera, she imagines a movie unfolding before her eyes. And finally comes the best part: time for everyone to jump up and dance! **Reading age: 3–7 years old.**

Back in the day, there was a heckuva party, a jam, for a word-making man. The King of Letters. Langston Hughes. His ABCs became drums, bumping jumping thumping like a heart the size of the whole country. Oh, yeah, there was hoopla in Harlem, for its Renaissance man: A party for Langston. **Reading age: 4–8 years old.**

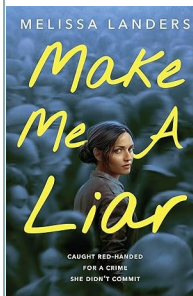
Brought to life with lavish and ornate illustrations, *The Truth About Dragons* follows a young child on a journey guided by his mother's bedtime storytelling. He quests into two very different forests, as his two grandmothers help him discover two different, but equally enchanting, truths about dragons; Eastern and Western mythologies coexist and enrich each other in this warm celebration of mixed cultural identity. **Reading age: 4–8 years old.**



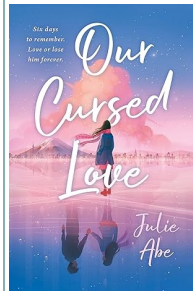
*Tag, You're Dead* by Kathryn Foxfield



*Seven Minutes in Candyland* by Brian Wasson



*Make Me a Liar* by Melissa Landers



## Teens & Young Adults

When teen social media influencer Anton Frazer stages a live-streamed, citywide game of Tag where the prize is to become one of his live-in personal assistants, his fans go wild. Outfitted with body cams, GPS trackers, and pressure sensors to keep tally of who's disqualified, contestants are split into Chasers and Runners then let loose into the night-covered urban jungle to hunt each other down.

Kalvin has finally perfected his underground candy-selling hustle at school: he keeps his prices reasonable, his inventory fresh, and himself out of the drama. But when a heartbroken Sterling—Kal's longtime crush—barges into the storage closet where he keeps his candy supply, a new source of income unexpectedly presents itself: relationship therapist.

It's an open secret at Harvey Davis High School that Tia Dante can solve all your problems (for a fee, of course). As one of the few blessed with the genetic gift of transferable consciousness, she can slip inside your mind and do your dirty work—humiliate your cheating boyfriend, bring a bully to his knees, tell your boss where to stick it—and then return your body with no one the wiser.

Remy Kobata has always wished she was destined to be with her best friend, Cam Yasuda. All the way from being neighbors from birth to mixing up magical prank potions together to their “just friends” homecoming date during their senior year in high school, nothing's a secret between Remy and Cam—except for how much she is in love with him.

*Our Cursed Love* by Julie Abe

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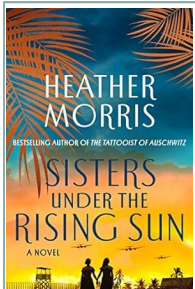
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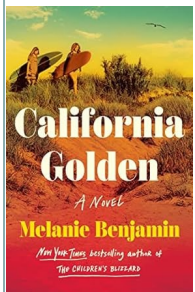
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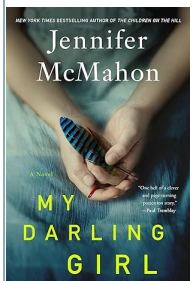
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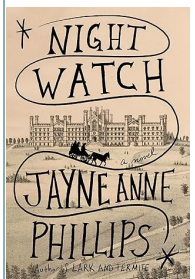
*Sisters Under the Rising Sun* by Heather Morris



*California Golden* by Melanie Benjamin



*My Darling Girl* by Jennifer McMahon



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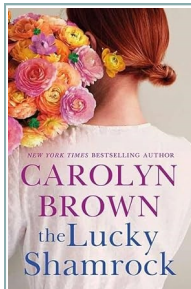
**AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT:** In the midst of World War II, an English musician, Norah Chambers, places her eight-year-old daughter Sally on a ship leaving Singapore, desperate to keep her safe from the Japanese army as they move down through the Pacific. Sister Nesta James, a Welsh Australian nurse, has enlisted to tend to Allied troops. But as Singapore falls to the Japanese she joins the terrified cargo of people, including the heartbroken Norah, crammed aboard the *Vyner Brooke* merchant ship.

**AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT:** In 1960s Southern California, in an era when women are expected to be housewives, Carol Donnelly breaks the mold as a legendary female surfer struggling to compete in a male-dominated sport—and her daughters, Mindy and Ginger, bear the weight of Carol's unconventional lifestyle.

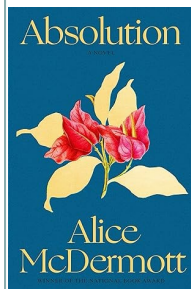
**AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT:** Alison has never been a fan of Christmas, but with it right around the corner and her husband busily decorating their cozy Vermont home, she has no choice but to face it—and then she gets the call. Mavis, Alison's estranged mother, has been diagnosed with cancer and has only weeks to live. She agrees to take in Mavis, though when things begin not to add up, and as the holiday festivities turn into a nightmare, she must confront just how far she is willing to go to protect her family.

**AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT:** In 1874, in the wake of the War, erasure, trauma, and namelessness haunt civilians and veterans, renegades and wanderers, freedmen and runaways. Twelve-year-old ConaLee, the adult in her family for as long as she can remember, finds herself on a buckboard journey to the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum with her mother, Eliza, who hasn't spoken in more than a year.

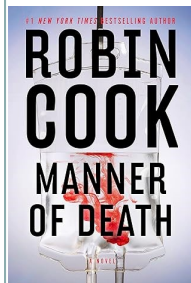
*Night Watch* by Jayne Anne Phillips



*The Lucky Shamrock* by Carolyn Brown



*Absolution* by Alice McDermott



*Manner of Death* by Robin Cook

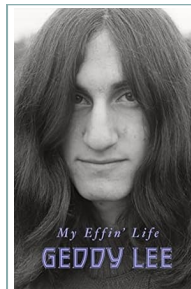
**Fiction Cont.**

**AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT:** Family doesn't mean everyone has to like each other. That's the case when cousins Taryn, Anna Rose, and Jorja return to Shamrock, Texas, to help manage their grandmother's flower shop, the Lucky Shamrock. The reunion isn't exactly a beautiful arrangement—considering they're as compatible as ranchers and coyotes. But as the hot months wear on, hidden secrets begin to surface for the temperamental trio.

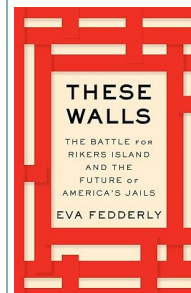
**AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT:** Tricia is a shy newlywed, married to a rising attorney on loan to navy intelligence; Charlene is a practiced corporate spouse and mother of three, a beauty and a bully. In Saigon in 1963, the two women form a wary alliance as they balance the era's mandate to be "helpmeets" to their ambitious husbands with their own inchoate impulse to "do good" for the people of Vietnam.

**AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT:** NYC Chief Medical Examiner Laurie Montgomery is carrying the load both at work and at home. When Laurie insists that Dr. Ryan Sullivan—an underperforming senior pathology resident who is spending his required month at the medical examiner's office but who truly detests doing forensic autopsies—assist her on a suicide autopsy in hopes of stimulating his interest in the field, the last thing she expects is to be unwittingly drawn into a major conspiracy that puts her own life in jeopardy.

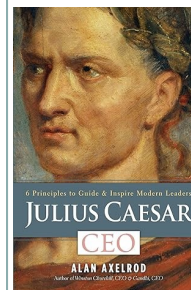
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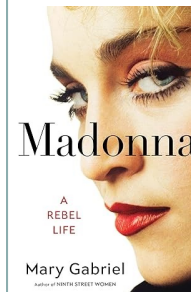
*My Effin' Life* by Geddy Lee



*These Walls* by Eva Federley



*Julius Caesar, CEO* by Alan Axelrod



*Madonna* by Mary Gabriel

**Non-Fiction**

Geddy Lee is one of rock and roll's most respected bassists: for nearly five decades, his playing and work as co-writer, vocalist and keyboardist has been an essential part of the success story of Canadian progressive rock trio Rush. But long before Rush accumulated more consecutive gold and platinum records than any rock band after the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, Geddy Lee was Gershon Eliezer Weinrib. As he recounts the transformation, Geddy looks back on his family, in particular his loving parents and their horrific experiences as teenagers during World War II.

**AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT:** Rikers Island jail complex is the largest correctional facility in the city, housing eight active jails and thousands of incarcerated individuals who have not yet been tried. It is also one of the most controversial and notorious jails in America—and more so when, in 2017, it was announced that Rikers would be closed within the next decade, replaced with four jails within the city's boroughs.

Thanks to Julius Caesar, "crossing the Rubicon" has become a synonym for bold decision-making when the risks are great—but the rewards can be greater. Now, historian and bestselling author Alan Axelrod analyzes the Roman emperor as a business leader, using an engaging, conversational style to explore six inspirational principles that constitute his guiding tenets.

With her arrival on the music scene in the early 1980s, Madonna generated nothing short of an explosion—as great as that of Elvis or the Beatles—taking the nation by storm. Deftly tracing Madonna's story from her Michigan roots to her rise to super-stardom, master biographer Mary Gabriel captures the dramatic life and achievements of one of the greatest artists of our time.