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## **SPRING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **ADULT FICTION**

-- **I KILL KILLERS** by **S.T. Ashman**, *Dexter* meets *The Queen's Gambit* in this pulse-pounding thriller about a killer hiding in plain sight; this book electrifies everyone who reads it! Pg. 5. Listen to me talk about this book [HERE](#).

-- **A SONG TO DROWN RIVERS** by **Ann Liang**, it was a "surprise" book in Frankfurt, and now it's a spring highlight! This epic historical fantasy about womanhood, war, sacrifice, and love has my heart and soul. Already sold to Australia, UK, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Russia, and Spain! Pg. 18. Listen to me talk about this book [HERE](#).

-- **STRANGE BEASTS** by **Susan J. Morris**, the worlds of Dracula and Sherlock Holmes collide as the cunning daughter of Moriarty and the daughter of Dracula's killer—both working for the Royal Society for the Study of Abnormal Phenomena—work to solve a series of beastly killings. Smashing good writing, great mystery, and a dynamic duo. This historical fantasy is not to be missed! Pg. 24

-- **THE PARIS GOWN** by **Christine Wells**, three woman, one dress. In 1955 Paris three friends reunite. One is mysteriously gifted a Dior gown, a gown that has the power to change lives—as these three remarkable women are about to discover....Pg. 36.

-- **LUCY UNDYING** by **Kiersten White**, Lucy from Bram Stoker's original tale finally gets her own story, as this epic, gothic fantasy follows her bloody rise through two world wars...and true love. This is my "drop everything and read it now" book! Already sold to UK, Italy, and Spain. Pg. 37. Listen to me talk about this book [HERE](#).

**And don't miss these highlights from the fall:**

-- **NEFERURA: The Pharaoh's Daughter** by **Malayna Evans**, for readers of *The Wolf Den* and *Kaikeyi* comes an immersive, electrifying journey featuring a sheltered Egyptian princess turned political mastermind. Pg 10. Listen to me talk about this book [HERE](#).

-- **PRICKLY COMPANY** by **Kitty Johnson**. Do you love hedgehogs? Do you love neighborhood gossip? Then this sharply funny and compassionate story about the dramas of a neighborhood trying to help the local hedgehogs (think feeding stations and holes in fences) is for you! Pg. 16. Listen to me talk about this book [HERE](#).

### **ADULT NON-FICTION**

-- **RAISING SECURELY ATTACHED KIDS: Using Connection-Focused Parenting to Create Confidence, Empathy, and Resilience** by **Eli Harwood (725k followers)**, attachment styles are hugely popular on TikTok, and this easy-to-read, actionable title helps parents create a secure emotional bond for children. When children feel seen, heard, and supported, all the other parenting tips and tricks start to work! Pg.

-- **THE HAPPINESS FORMULA: A Scientific, Groundbreaking Approach to Happiness and Personal Fulfillment by Alphonsus Obayuwana, MD, PhD, CPC**, this ground-breaking book reveals the scientifically developed "Personal Happiness Index" and how to boost yours! It also debunks happiness myths and challenges popular ideas about happiness. Get your happy on! Pg. 60

-- **WARMING UP: How Climate Change is Changing Sport by Madeleine Orr**, many people have their head in the sand when it comes to climate change, but can they ignore changes effecting their favorite sports? Marathons run at night due to heat, golf courses sinking into the sea, ski resorts turning into ghost towns—the trillion-dollar sports industry is feeling the heat! And this important, eye-opening book provides the play-by-play. Pg. 61

-- **THE UNIVERSE IN 100 COLORS: Weird and Wonderful Colors from Science and Nature by Tyler Thrasher & Terry Mudge**. This is a book you have to see to believe! At the intersection of art and science, this must-have coffee-table book opens your eyes to colors like Cosmic Latte (the average color of the universe) and Sonoluminescence (a color created by sound!) Pg. 65

-- **YOUR UNCONSCIOUS IS SHOWING by Dr. Courtney Tracey (1.8 million followers)**, sold in a 7-way auction, this ground-breaking self-help debut demystifies the way the unconscious operates, physically, cognitively, psychologically, and relationally, so you can hack your mind and live the life you want! Already sold, at auction, to UK. Pg. 66

**And don't miss this highlight from the fall:**

-- **THE POWER OF PERSONALITY: Unlock the Secrets to Understanding Everyone in Your Life—Including Yourself! by Eric Gee**. Forget Myers-Briggs and Enneagrams and learn about the 16 personality types based on the personality typing of 50,000 people in this ground-breaking work from the founder of [Youtopia](#). Already sold to UK and Germany. Pg. 51

## ROMANCE

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-- **THE TRUTH ACCORDING TO EMBER by Danica Nava**, when Ember Lee embellishes her resume and lands her dream job, her little lies snowball and threaten to ruin her new relationship with the handsome IT guy in this sparkling, honest work-place rom-com. Pg. 34. Listen to me talk about this book [HERE](#).

-- **DRIVE ME CRAZY by Carly Robyn**, it was a "surprise" book in Frankfurt, now it's a spring highlight! This enemies-to-lovers Formula 1 rom-com will have your heart racing as a writer Ella Gold butts heads with hot-shot driver Blake Hollis in order to write his biography. For fans of *Drive to Survive*. Already sold to UK, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, and Russia. Pg. 41

-- **HOW TO HELP A HUNGRY WEREWOLF by Charlotte Stein**, first comes hot, horny werewolf sex, then comes love, in this sweet second chance romance about a woman who discovers she's a witch...and her former best friend is a werewolf...a werewolf she's falling for. A howling delight! Pg. 42. Listen to me talk about this book [HERE](#).

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-- **WAKE UP, NAT AND DARCY by Kate Cochrane**. Hockey is hot! In this adorable f/f rom-com, former college hockey teammates turned rivals team up on an Olympic coverage TV show. Is their chemistry just for the TV cameras or is it real? Pg. 16. Listen to me talk about this book [HERE](#).

-- **THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE KISSMAS** by Sara Raasch. *Red, White & Royal Blue* meets *The Nightmare Before Christmas* in this hilarious, sexy m/m rom-com, in which the Prince of Christmas falls for the Prince of Halloween (the holidays really *are* magical!). Already sold to UK. Pg. 36

-- **WE MET LIKE THIS** by Kasie West. Yes, the Queen of contemporary YA has written an adult rom-com! Squeeee! And it features a literary agent character trying to find that book-level perfect romance story, but ends up with a guy from the apps, ha! Already sold to France and Germany. Pg. 45. Listen to me talk about this book [HERE](#).

## YOUNG ADULT

-- **LONDON ON MY MIND** by Clara Alves, this hot-on-TikTok Brazilian author's US debut follows new-to-London Dayana as she navigates a new family, a new city, and new love—love that comes with a big royal secret! Pg. 3. Listen to me talk about this book [HERE](#).

-- **A CONSTELLATION OF MINOR BEARS** by Jen Ferguson, previous books by this critically-acclaimed author have been *Kirkus* Best Books, Junior Library Guild Selections, award-winners, received starred reviews, and more! Now, in this break-out book, two teens grapple with grief, enduring friendship, and moving forward when life takes unexpected turns. Pg. 11

-- **WE ARE THE BEASTS** by Gigi Griffis, from the author of *The Empress* (a Netflix series) comes a gripping historical horror set in 1765 France, where girls fake their own deaths to hide from a beast....Pg. 14

-- **DUST** by Alison Stine, this Philip K. Dick Award-winning and #ownvoices partially deaf author brings an arresting novel about finding community in a harsh climate. Pg. 23

-- **MEET ME AT BLUE HOUR** by Sarah Suk, it's no secret Sarah Suk is my favorite YA author! In this speculative young adult, memory erasing clinics are real, and Yena discovers her former best friend has erased her from his mind...but why? Their past and present collide as Yena and Lucas re-ignite their spark. Heartbreaking, hopeful, and romantic! Pg. 25

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-- **DEAD BELOW DECK** by Jan Gangsei. Sold at auction, this twisty YA thriller is told in reverse, from day 5 to day 1, and takes place on a glistening yacht. On the last day of the trip, queen bee Giselle Haverford is missing and security footage shows main character Maggie Mitchell pushing her overboard....Pg. 12.

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-- **FOR SHE IS WRATH** by Emily Varga, in this romantic Pakistani-inspired fantasy Dania is in prison for a crime she didn't commit when she's offered the keys to a powerful Jinn treasure and takes the chance for vengeance...only to find past love re-ignited. Pg. 29. Listen to me talk about this book [HERE](#).

## MIDDLE-GRADE

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-- **THE MYSTERY OF LOCKED ROOMS** by Lindsay Currie, three 12-year-old friends and escape room experts decide to sneak into an abandoned funhouse to find the treasure, and the funhouse tests them and their friendship in this middle-grade mystery filled with codes, clues, and riddles. Pg. 39. Listen to me talk about this book [HERE](#).

## CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

-- **GIRAFFE IS TOO TALL FOR THIS BOOK** by DK Ryland, what will a group of animal friends do when they realize giraffe is too tall for their book? Ask the reader for help, of course! This adorable, interactive picture book is a problem-solving delight! Pg. 56

**And don't miss these highlights from the fall:**

-- **LIGHTHOUSE AND THE LITTLE BOAT** by Katie Frawley, illustrated by Ben Mantle. This has the feel of an instant classic! It reminds me of *Scuffy the Tugboat* and *Little Toot*, and is a story any parent will relate to—one about worrying for our children as they go into the big world and away from our “light.” Yes, I cried the first time I read it (even though it's a happy story). Pg. 53

-- **EVERYDAY BRAVE** by Colter Jackson. What happens when we lose our courage? In this timeless children's book, a little girl has a lion by her side helping her be brave, but then another classmate tells her it's only imaginary. She will have to discover the lion within. I think *every* child will relate. Already sold to France. Pg. 54

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-- **HOUSE OF FRANK** by Kay Synclaire, a dream-like, charming, and hopeful cozy fantasy about a defunct witch consumed by grief, who discovers a whimsical cast of characters in a magical arboretum—and the healing power of found family. Certain to touch your heart deeply. Pg. 32

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-- **I AM THE SWARM** by **Hayley Chewins**, set in Cape Town South Africa, this novel-in-verse follows 15-year-old Nell as her family's magic arrives to her in the form of insects swarming when she experiences emotions, and she'll have to decide how much of herself she's willing to shut down or if she can find the courage to fell. Pg. 9

-- **BETTER THAN REVENGE** by **Kasie West**, 17-year-old Finely wants to be a famous podcaster...and then her boyfriend gets her spot on the high school podcast team...so she takes HIS spot on the football team and recruits her boyfriend's nemesis to help in this pitch-perfect (or should I say kick-perfect?) contemporary romance! Pg. 31

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