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# Fireworks Over Toccoa Jeffrey Stepakoff

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The Forest of Hands and  
Teeth Simon and Schuster  
Back when they were  
young, Cate and Margie's  
friendship meant the world

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to them. But now they're worlds apart. Cate's living in Scotland with her gorgeous husband Dan and their perfect children: her life apparently a textbook example of domestic bliss. Margie, meanwhile, is a vision of career success. Her on-off boyfriend is a dashing war correspondent and her own job, as a highly-paid television executive, is exciting and demanding. To anyone looking in, her life is enviable. Then a school reunion brings

them back together and it will be just in time. As their lives start spinning in unexpected new directions, having a best friend once more might be exactly what both women need...

You'll Miss Me When I'm Gone  
Minotaur Books

Meet Sarah Walters, a Camellia Society debutante with a weakness for bad ideas. Sarah's mother lectures her on etiquette but tends to get loose after a few gins. Still, Sarah tries to follow the debutante code - after all, in Charleston, manners mean everything. But it's not easy to

follow the rules, particularly in the summers when she runs into boys in pickup trucks, or, later, when she moves to New York with her friends. For the Camellia girls soon learn, careers don't always go to plan and men don't always love you back: the bright future they thought was theirs dissolves into heartbreak, illness and addiction. And when a shocking event brings thirty-something Sarah back home to Charleston, she must decide where 'home' really is.

*I Was Cuba* Hachette  
UK

Every so often that story comes along

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that reminds us of what it's like to experience love for the first time—against the odds, when you least expect it, and with such passion that it completely changes you forever. An unexpected discovery takes eighty-four-year-old Lily Davis Woodward to 1945, and the five days that forever changed her life. Married for only a week before her husband was sent

to fight in WWII, Lily is anxious for his return, and the chance to begin their life together. In honor of the soldiers' homecoming, the small Georgia town of Toccoa plans a big celebration. And Jake Russo, a handsome Italian immigrant, also back from war, is responsible for the elaborate fireworks display the town commissioned. But after a chance

encounter in a starlit field, he steals Lily's heart and soul—and fulfills her in ways her socially-minded, upper-class family cannot. Now, torn by duty to society and her husband—and the poor, passionate man who might be her only true love—Lily must choose between a commitment she's already made and a love she's never known before.

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takes us to a moment in time that will resonate with readers long after the book's unforgettable conclusion. A devastating and poignant story, this debut novel will resonate with anyone who believes in love.

### Billion-Dollar Kiss

Macmillan

A romantic short story from Jeffrey Stepakoff, bestselling author of *Fireworks Over Toccoa* and *The Orchard*. In *The Orchard*, Grace

Lyndon is a rising ingénue in the world of perfumes and flavors; a stiletto-wearing, work-a-holic in Atlanta, she develops aromas and tastes to enthrall the senses. Dylan Jackson is a widowed single father whose heart and hands have been calloused in the fields of his North Georgia apple farm. When Grace happens to taste an apple picked from Dylan's trees, it changes both their lives

forever. In "Love A La Carte," Dylan cooks a romantic dinner for Grace, who is stuck all evening at work. By the end of the delicious evening, Grace realizes that she's beginning to fall for the handsome and caring Dylan...

*Summer at Tiffany* Hachette

UK

*Something Borrowed* Emily Giffin The smash-hit debut novel for every woman who has ever had a complicated love-hate friendship. Rachel White is the consummate

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good girl. A hard-working attorney at a large Manhattan law firm and a diligent maid of honor to her charmed best friend Darcy, Rachel has always played by all the rules. Since grade school, she has watched Darcy shine, quietly accepting the sidekick role in their lopsided friendship. But that suddenly changes the night of her thirtieth birthday when Rachel finally confesses her feelings to Darcy's fiance, and is both horrified and thrilled to discover that he feels the same way. As the

wedding date draws near, events spiral out of control, and Rachel knows she must make a choice between her heart and conscience. In so doing, she discovers that the lines between right and wrong can be blurry, endings aren't always neat, and sometimes you have to risk everything to be true to yourself.

**Fireworks MX Magic** Harper Collins

Colleen McCabe is enjoying an uneventful summer in North Carolina's Outer Banks supervising her firefighters, making rounds with her Border

collie, Sparky, and keeping an eye on the wild horses escaped from the local sanctuary. But when a dead body washes up on shore, she knows trouble has arrived in Corolla. Colleen is ready to start work on the investigation, but much to her irritation, her best friend, Sheriff Bill Dorman, makes it clear he doesn't want her butting her nose in or poking around. The stubborn Colleen, however, is not so easily deterred. When a man with a gun is spotted lurking around the lighthouse and her former school teacher's house explodes, she adds arson and a second suspicious death to her informal investigation. Colleen soon finds herself juggling her job, amorous advances from the

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town's developer, and intrusions from the local press, all while keeping information from Bill. Her secret sleuthing quickly comes to an end, however, when a bigger threat enters the picture. With a gutsy heroine, a lovable dog sidekick, quirky characters, and a charming locale, Kathryn O'Sullivan's *Foal Play* is a zany, fun-filled ride sure to please mystery readers.

*Kiss My Boots* Simon and Schuster

The brilliant, chilling debut of Karen White's New York Times bestselling Tradd Street series, featuring a Charleston real estate agent who loves old houses--and the secret histories inside them. Practical Melanie Middleton

hates to admit she can see ghosts. But she's going to have to accept it. An old man she recently met has died, leaving her his historic Tradd Street home, complete with housekeeper, dog--and a family of ghosts anxious to tell her their secrets. Enter Jack Trenholm, a gorgeous writer obsessed with unsolved mysteries. He has reason to believe that diamonds from the Confederate Treasury are hidden in the house. So he turns the charm on with Melanie, only to discover he's the smitten one... It turns out Jack's search has caught the attention of a malevolent ghost. Now, Jack and Melanie must unravel a mystery of passion, heartbreak--and even murder.

*Love a la Carte* Penguin

The passionate new novel by the author of *FIREWORKS OVER TOCCOA*. Grace Lyndon is a rising ingenue in the world of perfumes and flavors; a stiletto-wearing, work-a-holic in Atlanta, she develops aromas and tastes to enthrall the senses. Dylan Jackson is a widowed single father whose heart and hands have been calloused in the fields of his North Georgia apple farm. When Grace happens to taste an apple picked from Dylan's trees, it changes both their lives forever. Determined to track down the apple's origin, Grace sets off in the middle of the night where she finds not only a beautiful mountain orchard in the clouds,

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but the mysterious man who owns it. In Stepakoff's heartbreaking eloquence, their sudden yet undeniable attraction is threatened—leaving readers with a momentous finale that proves Jeffrey Stepakoff is a master craftsman of the heart.

Sea Change Chronicle Books

“Hart has a genuine gift for conveying the texture of midcentury Manhattan.... [She makes] the dilemmas of her own young life both compelling and contemporary.” —USA Today  
“[A] glorious once upon a time fairytale come true....I loved every moment!” —Adriana Trigiani, author of *Very Valentine* A memoir acclaimed as “reminiscent of *The Best of*

*Everything and Breakfast at Tiffany's*” (BookPage), *Summer at Tiffany* by Marjorie Hart is the true story of two best friends experiencing the time of their lives in New York City during the summer of 1945. The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* raves, “Hart writes about that stylish summer with verve, recollecting with a touching purity a magical summer in Manhattan, seen through the eyes of two 21-year-olds, just as the end of World War II approached.” *The Diplomat's Wife* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers A New York Times bestseller! From the author of *Today Tonight Tomorrow* comes a magical, “emotionally savvy[,] and genuinely romantic”

(Publishers Weekly, starred review) story in the vein of *Groundhog Day* about a girl forced to relive her disastrous first day of college—only to discover that her nemesis is stuck in the time loop with her. Barrett Bloom is hoping college will be a fresh start after a messy high school experience. But when school begins on September 21st, everything goes wrong. She's humiliated by the know-it-all in her physics class, she botches her interview for the college paper, and at a party that night, she accidentally sets a frat on fire. She panics and flees, and when she realizes her roommate locked her out of their dorm, she falls asleep in the common room. The next

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morning, Barrett's perplexed to find herself back in her dorm room bed, no longer smelling of ashes and crushed dreams. It's September 21st. Again. And after a confrontation with Miles, the guy from Physics 101, she learns she's not alone—he's been trapped for months. When her attempts to fix her timeline fail, she agrees to work with Miles to find a way out. Soon they're exploring the mysterious underbelly of the university and going on wild, romantic adventures. As they start falling for each other, they face the universe's biggest unanswered question yet: what happens to their relationship if they finally make it to tomorrow?

Our Year of Maybe Delacorte

Press

"Heartfelt, deeply moving."

—Buzzfeed "Dark and thought-provoking." —Publishers Weekly

"A stunning debut." —VOYA A

poignant, lyrical debut novel about twins who navigate first

love, their Jewish identity, and shocking results from a genetic

test that determines their

fate—whether they inherited their mother's Huntington's disease.

Eighteen-year-old twins Adina and Tovah have little in common

besides their ambitious nature.

Viola prodigy Adina yearns to

become a soloist—and to convince her music teacher he wants her

the way she wants him.

Overachiever Tovah awaits her

acceptance to Johns Hopkins, the

first step on her path toward med school and a career as a surgeon.

But one thing could wreck their carefully planned futures: a

genetic test for Huntington's, a rare degenerative disease that

slowly steals control of the body and mind. It's turned their Israeli

mother into a near stranger and fractured the sisters' own bond in

ways they'll never admit. While Tovah finds comfort in their

Jewish religion, Adina rebels against its rules. When the results

come in, one twin tests negative for Huntington's. The other tests

positive. These opposite outcomes push them farther apart as they

wrestle with guilt, betrayal, and the unexpected thrill of first love.

How can they repair their



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relationship, and is it even worth saving? From debut author Rachel Lynn Solomon comes a luminous, heartbreaking tale of life, death, and the fragile bond between sisters.

**The Orchard** A&C Black Published to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution, this work takes a look at Cuban history seen through the collection of Ramiro Fernandez, the world's largest archive of Cuban photos and ephemera.

**Cowboy Up: Coming Home Book 3** St. Martin's Griffin  
'I started to write short pieces when I was living in a room

too small to write a novel in.' So says Angela Carter of this collection, written during a period living in Toyko. These exotic, sensuous stories represent Carter's first major achievement in the short story form. Lush imaginary forests, a murderous puppet show and an expressionistic vision of Japan: each one instantly conjures an atmosphere, dark and luminous in turn, and from the recognisably daring imagination of one of the great twentieth-century stylists.

The Melody of Secrets St. Martin's Press  
The perfect gift for dog

lovers and readers of *Inside of a Dog* by Alexandra Horowitz—this New York Times bestseller offers mesmerizing insights into the thoughts and lives of our smartest and most beloved pets. Does your dog feel guilt? Is she pretending she can't hear you? Does she want affection—or just your sandwich? In their New York Times bestselling book *The Genius of Dogs*, husband and wife team Brian Hare and Vanessa Woods lay out landmark discoveries from the Duke Canine Cognition

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Center and other research facilities around the world to reveal how your dog thinks and how we humans can have even deeper relationships with our best four-legged friends. Breakthroughs in cognitive science have proven dogs have a kind of genius for getting along with people that is unique in the animal kingdom. This dog genius revolution is transforming how we live and work with dogs of all breeds, and what it means for you in your daily life with your canine friend.

[Return to Sullivans Island](#)  
Quirk Books  
The beautiful Izumi frequently models for members of the all-male Photography Club. However, Izumi has a secret admirer that has been yearning to get his attention: the cool and mysterious Shinooka. Things take a turn toward the erotic when the club members embark on a vacation together, spending a few weeks under the same roof. Will Izumi make a move? Will Shinooka declare his love?

**Something Borrowed** Penguin  
An all new full-length standalone novel from Inspirational Romance bestselling author Kathryn Andrews, that is a delicious, sweet southern treat of a second chance sports romance. Lexi Jarvie Pie isn't just a dessert, it's a way of life. Pies, fillings, jams, jellies, honey, they're all a part of my award-winning business, Firefly Kitchen. After being left behind, by everyone, I was determined to make it all on my own, and I have. I love what I do, I love what I've created, and I love who I've

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become. Yes, it's small, but it's mine, and nothing or no one can stop me now. Not even Bryan Brennen. He may have returned, but it won't be long before he leaves. And regardless of which way you slice it, some things can't be forgotten, no matter how sweet the taste. Bryan Brennen Football isn't just a sport, it's a way of life. I've spent more years than I can remember chasing my dream. When you come from nothing, it's even more important to become something. The unstoppable drive and incomparable determination that is ingrained

in me has gotten me to where I am now; twenty-eight years old and undoubtedly the best professional quarterback in the league. To be happy is to be perfect. Plans, plays, passes, I've mastered them all, but it was never just for me, it was for her, too. Only she doesn't know it, and now, ten years later, I'm ready to tell her. She's a small town girl. He's a household name. Off the field and out of the kitchen, will they break and crumble, or finally get their second chance at the biggest game of them all . . . love.

**Pride and Prejudice and**

**Zombies: Dawn of the Dreadfuls** New Riders Publishing

Scarlett March lives to hunt the Fenris--the werewolves that took her eye when she was defending her sister Rosie from a brutal attack. Armed with a razor-sharp hatchet and blood-red cloak, Scarlett is an expert at luring and slaying the wolves. She's determined to protect other young girls from a grisly death, and her raging heart will not rest until every single wolf is dead. Rosie March once felt her bond with her sister was unbreakable. Owing Scarlett her life, Rosie

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hunts ferociously alongside her. But even as more girls' bodies pile up in the city and the Fenris seem to be gaining power, Rosie dreams of a life beyond the wolves. She finds herself drawn to Silas, a young woodsman who is deadly with an ax and Scarlett's only friend--but does loving him mean betraying her sister and all that they've worked for?

### The Friends We Keep

Macmillan

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flavors; a stiletto-wearing, work-a-holic in Atlanta, she develops aromas and tastes to enthrall the senses. Dylan Jackson is a widowed single father whose heart and hands have been calloused in the fields of his North Georgia apple farm. When Grace happens to taste an apple picked from Dylan's trees, it changes both their lives forever. Determined to track down the apple's origin, Grace sets off in the middle of the night where she finds not only a beautiful mountain orchard in the clouds, but the

mysterious man who owns it. In Stepakoff's heartbreaking eloquence, their sudden yet undeniable attraction is threatened—leaving readers with a momentous finale that proves Jeffrey Stepakoff is a master craftsman of the heart.

**Last Slice of Pie** Kathryn Andrews, LLC

In this second of the sultry Coming Home series from New York Times bestselling author Harper Sloan, Quinn Davis might finally have a shot at her own happily-ever-after—but will she let love in, or will she tell it to go ahead and kiss her boots? Quinn Davis prefers to live her life quietly. She's the stereotypical

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tomboy with two overprotective big brothers who have always been there to protect her, especially from devilishly handsome cowboys with silver tongues. That is, until Tate Montgomery comes riding into town. Their first meeting, however, is far from something out of a fairy tale and only further convinces Quinn that men aren't worth her time. The only place Tate Montgomery ever truly felt at home growing up was during the long, sweltering summer months he spent at his Gram and Paw's farm in Pine Oak, Texas. Now, Tate has returned to his childhood sanctuary seeking a fresh start—but if he's being entirely honest, he's not just back for the wranglers and

Stetsons. During those summers, Quinn was a friend-turned-young-love who Tate lost when life threw him a curveball and he cut all ties to his past; but all it takes is one glance at the raven-haired beauty he did his best to forget for him to realize just how much he's been missing....

**Stop Dressing Your Six-Year-Old Like a Skank**

Simon and Schuster

“Emotionally resonant and deeply characterized.”

—School Library Journal

(starred review) From the author of *You'll Miss Me*

When I'm Gone comes a stunning contemporary

novel, perfect for fans of *Five Feet Apart*, that examines the complicated aftermath of unrequited love between best friends. Aspiring choreographer Sophie Orenstein would do anything for Peter Rosenthal-Porter, who's been on the kidney transplant list as long as she's known him. Peter, a gifted pianist, is everything to Sophie: best friend, musical collaborator, secret crush. When she learns she's a match, donating a kidney is an easy, obvious choice. She can't help wondering if after

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the transplant, he'll love her back the way she's always wanted. But Peter's life post-transplant isn't what either of them expected. Though he once had feelings for Sophie, too, he's now drawn to Chase, the guitarist in a band that happens to be looking for a keyboardist. And while neglected parts of Sophie's world are calling to her—dance opportunities, new friends, a sister and niece she barely knows—she longs for a now-distant Peter more than ever, growing increasingly bitter he doesn't seem to feel the same connection. Peter fears he'll forever be indebted to her. Sophie isn't sure who she is without him. Then one heartbreaking night twists their relationship into something neither of them recognizes, leading them to question their past, their future, and whether their friendship is even worth fighting for.