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First Frost Simon and Schuster

"A smartly written romance, mystery and historical adventure all wrapped up in a

page-turner that will have you guessing until the very end." — Adena Halpern, author of *The Ten Best Days of My Life*
Three years after her husband Max's death, Shelley feels no more adjusted to being a widow than she did that first terrible day. That is, until the doorbell rings. Standing on her front step is a young man who looks so much like Max--same smile, same eyes, same age, same adorable bump in his

nose--he could be Max's long-lost relation. He introduces himself as Paolo, an Italian editor of American coffee table books, and shows Shelley some childhood photos. Paolo tells her that the man in the photos, the bearded man who Paolo says is his grandfather though he never seems to age, is Max. Her Max. And he is alive and well. As outrageous as Paolo's claims seem--how could her husband be alive? And if he is, why hasn't he looked her up?--Shelley desperately wants to know the truth. She and Paolo jet across the globe to track Max down--if it is really Max. Along the way, Shelley recounts the European package tour where they had met. As she relives Max's stories of bloody Parisian barricades, medieval Austrian kitchens, and buried Roman bathhouses, Shelley begins to piece together the story of who her husband was and what these new revelations mean for her

"happily ever after." And as she and Paolo get closer to the truth, Shelley discovers that not all stories end where they are supposed to.

The Pull of the Moon St.
Martin's Press

"Suley, Georgia, is home to Lost Lake Cottages and not much else. Which is why it's the perfect place for newly-widowed Kate and her eccentric eight-year-old daughter Devin to heal. Kate spent one memorable childhood summer at Lost Lake, had her first almost-kiss at Lost Lake, and met a boy named Wes at Lost Lake. It was a place for dreaming. But Kate doesn't believe in dreams anymore, and her Aunt Eby, Lost Lake's owner, wants to sell the place and move on. Lost Lake's magic is gone. As Kate discovers that time has a way of standing still at Lost Lake can she bring the cottages--and her

heart--back to life? Because sometimes the things you love have a funny way of turning up again. And sometimes you never even know they were lost . . . until they are found"--

Garden Spells Random House

This psychological thriller is a favorite in acting workshops. It is a mind game play. Toyer is someone who toys; he is a mass paralyzer who toys with his victims. He does not murder or rape, he seduces then immobilizes.

Complete Life's Little Instruction Book

HarperCollins

Settle back into that comfortable chair and enjoy a second helping of poignant, humorous and nostalgic tales about how things used to be in the legendary South. From vindictive mules and small town marriage rituals that

include a pig, to Grandma's story of how a quilt square got her a husband and a home remedy of the hemorrhoidal variety that goes awry, More Sweet Tea delivers what readers have been thirsting for since the first in the Sweet Tea series, Sweet Tea and Jesus Shoes. Other books in the series: On Grandma's Porch and Sweeter Than Tea Garden Spells BelleBooks

" A haunting, magical, modern-day fairytale. A feast for the senses. " —Sarah Addison Allen, New York Times bestselling author of First Frost With echoes of the alchemy of Practical Magic, the lushness of Saving CeeCee Honeycutt, and the darkly joyful wickedness of the Witches of Eastwick, Ellen Herrick ' s debut novel spins an enchanting love story about a place where magic whispers just beneath the surface and almost anything is possible, if you aren ' t afraid to listen. The Sparrow Sisters are as tightly

woven into the seaside New England town of Granite Point as the wild sweet peas that climb the stone walls along the harbor. Sorrel, Nettie and Patience are as colorful as the beach plums on the dunes and as mysterious as the fog that rolls into town at dusk. Patience is the town healer and when a new doctor settles into Granite Point he brings with him a mystery so compelling that Patience is drawn to love him, even as she struggles to mend him. But when Patience Sparrow's herbs and tinctures are believed to be implicated in a local tragedy, Granite Point is consumed by a long-buried fear—and its three hundred year old history resurfaces as a modern day witch-hunt threatens. The plants and flowers, fruit trees and high hedges begin to wither and die, and the entire town begins to fail; fishermen return to the harbor empty-handed, and blight descends on the old elms

that line the lanes. It seems as if Patience and her town are lost until the women of Granite Point band together to save the Sparrow. As they gather, drawing strength from each other, will they be able to turn the tide and return life to Granite Point? The Sparrow Sisters is a beautiful, haunting, and thoroughly mesmerizing novel that will capture your imagination.

Locked in Time St. Martin's Press

If you love Bridgerton, you'll love Georgette Heyer! 'The greatest writer who ever lived' ANTONIA FRASER '[My] generation's Julia Quinn'

ADJOA ANDOH, star of Bridgerton 'One of my perennial comfort authors.

Heyer's books are as incisively witty and quietly subversive as any of Jane Austen's' JOANNE HARRIS _____

Horry Winwood doesn't play by the rules. So when her family are near ruin and her sister is

about to enter a loveless marriage finest and most entertaining ...
 to a wealthy man to settle the family debts, young and headstrong Horry proposes to marry him in her sister's place. As her new husband's attentions fall elsewhere, Horry begins to feel increasingly unhappy. Then she meets the attractive and dangerous Lord Lethbridge and her days suddenly become more exciting. But there is bad blood between Horry's husband and her new acquaintance, and as complications and deceptions mount, the social tangle grows ever trickier to unpick. Will Horry's gamble cost her everything she holds most dear?

_____ 'Elegant, witty and rapturously romantic'
 KATIE FFORDE 'Utterly delightful' GUARDIAN
 'Absolutely delicious tales of Regency heroes. . . Utter, immersive escapism' SOPHIE KINSELLA 'Georgette Heyer's Regency romances brim with elegance, wit and historical accuracy, and this is one of her

Escapism of the highest order'
 DAILY MAIL 'If you haven't read Georgette Heyer yet, what a treat you have in store!'
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 _____ Readers love
 The Convenient Marriage . . .
 ***** 'Another good read from Heyer!!! I absolutely loved the characters!!!' ***** 'Heyer's characterizations just sparkle and shine.' ***** 'Absolutely delightful. As expected, really.'
 ***** 'I enjoyed this historical romance very much.' *****
 'Splendid comedy, with a charming romance.'
 She's Come Undone
 ReadHowYouWant.com
 Welcome to Walls of Water, North Carolina, a place where secrets run thicker than the town's famous fog. Once upon a time, Willa Jackson's family owned the beautiful house on the top of the ridge. Now it symbolises her family's ruin and a legacy Willa longs to escape from. Paxton Osgood also yearns to break free, especially from her parents'

expectations, and the heartbreak of unrequited love. Desperate for a distraction, she decides to restore the empty mansion to its former glory. But the discovery of a long-buried secret, a friendship that defies time, and a touch of magic, will transform both women's lives in ways they would never have expected.

Into the Storm Bantam

Bright lights flicker in the dark evenings of summer. Pinpoints of hope float against the black descent of night. The sweetest of small and innocent creatures finds its way through the shadows. Fireflies seem to dance on sheer air, illuminating the space between heartbeats. Children give off a similar brave glow, despite the challenges of their young lives. The lessons of childhood are often painful, the shedding of fragile wings in the gloam of an uncertain future. These rich novellas are small jewels reflecting the essence of what it means to grow up dancing among the shadows of life, carrying a brave, small

beacon because you know that even the brightest days always, always, end in darkness.

Childhood can be so sweetly sad and sadly sweet, profound and deceptively easy to categorize, yet poignant to remember. New York Times bestselling novelist Sarah Addison Allen (GARDEN SPELLS, SUGAR QUEEN, THE PEACH KEEPER) anchors THE FIREFLY DANCE with her wistful and funny novella about Louise, a North Carolina girl whose keen observations of the lives around her weaves an unforgettable spell with just a hint of everyday magic. Phyllis Schieber's Sonya, a child of Holocaust survivors, is confronted with the responsibilities of her legacy when she has a poignant encounter with a classmate, another child of survivors, and her mother, in a local shop in their 1970's New York neighborhood. Kathryn Magendie's Petey deals wryly

with her family's move from the cool blue mountains of North Carolina to the hot flatlands of Texas. Augusta Trobaugh's stoic Georgia boy leads us through his surreal encounter with a mysterious backwoods toddler who turns out to be anything but ordinary.

The French Don't Diet Plan

Thomas Nelson Inc

For fans of Sarah Addison

Allen, Aimee Bender, and Alice Hoffman, *The Night Garden* is

a luminous novel of love, forgiveness, and the possibilities

that arise when you open your

heart. Nestled in the bucolic

town of Green Valley in upstate

New York, the Pennywort farm

appears ordinary, yet at its

center lies something

remarkable: a wild maze of

colorful gardens that reaches

beyond the imagination. Local

legend says that a visitor can

gain answers to life's most

difficult problems simply by

walking through its lush

corridors. Yet the labyrinth has

never helped Olivia Pennywort, the garden's beautiful and

enigmatic caretaker. She has

spent her entire life on her

family's land, harboring a

secret that forces her to keep

everyone at arm's length. But

when her childhood best friend,

Sam Van Winkle, returns to the

valley, Olivia begins to question

her safe, isolated world and

wonders if she at last has the

courage to let someone in. As

she and Sam reconnect, Olivia

faces a difficult question: Is the

garden maze that she has

nurtured all of her life a safe

haven or a prison? Praise for Lisa

Van Allen's *The Wishing*

Thread "Reader to reader,

knitter to knitter: You're going

to love this book." —Debbie

Macomber "Whimsical . . .

great for fans of Sarah Addison

Allen and Alice

Hoffman." —Library Journal

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chats and more.

Toyer Ballantine Books

In a garden surrounded by a tall fence, tucked away behind a small, quiet house in an even smaller town, is an apple tree that is rumored to bear a very special sort of fruit. In this luminous debut novel, Sarah Addison Allen tells the story of that enchanted tree, and the extraordinary people who tend it. . . . The Waverleys have always been a curious family, endowed with peculiar gifts that make them outsiders even in their hometown of Bascom, North Carolina. Even their garden has a reputation, famous for its feisty apple tree that bears prophetic fruit, and its edible flowers, imbued with special powers. Generations of Waverleys tended this garden. Their history was in the soil. But so were their futures. A successful caterer, Claire Waverley prepares dishes made with her mystical plants—from the nasturtiums that aid in keeping secrets and the pansies that make children thoughtful, to the snapdragons intended to discourage the attentions of her amorous neighbor. Meanwhile, her elderly cousin, Evanelle, is

known for distributing unexpected gifts whose uses become uncannily clear. They are the last of the Waverleys—except for Claire ’ s rebellious sister, Sydney, who fled Bascom the moment she could, abandoning Claire, as their own mother had years before. When Sydney suddenly returns home with a young daughter of her own, Claire ’ s quiet life is turned upside down—along with the protective boundary she has so carefully constructed around her heart. Together again in the house they grew up in, Sydney takes stock of all she left behind, as Claire struggles to heal the wounds of the past. And soon the sisters realize they must deal with their common legacy—if they are ever to feel at home in Bascom—or with each other. Enchanting and heartfelt, this captivating novel is sure to cast a spell with a style all its own. . . . The Sugar Queen Samuel French, Inc. **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • In this irresistible novel, Sarah Addison Allen, author of the bestselling debut, *Garden Spells*, tells the tale of a young woman whose family

secrets—and secret passions—are about to change her life forever. Josey Cirrini is sure of three things: winter is her favorite season, she’s a sorry excuse for a Southern belle, and sweets are best eaten in the privacy of her closet. For while Josey has settled into an uneventful life in her mother’s house, her one consolation is the stockpile of sugary treats and paperback romances she escapes to each night. . . . Until she finds her closet harboring Della Lee Baker, a local waitress who is one part nemesis—and two parts fairy godmother. With Della Lee’s tough love, Josey’s narrow existence quickly expands. She even bonds with Chloe Finley, a young woman who is hounded by books that inexplicably appear when she needs them—and who has a close connection to Josey’s longtime crush. Soon Josey is living in a world where the color red has startling powers, and passion can make eggs fry in their cartons. And that’s just for starters. Brimming with warmth, wit, and a sprinkling of magic, here is a spellbinding tale of friendship, love—and the enchanting possibilities of every new day. Praise for *The Sugar Queen* “ Like the most decadently addictive bonbons, once started, Allen’s magically entrancing novel is impossible to put down. ” —Booklist (starred review) “ Bewitching . . . Such a pleasurable book. ” —Publishers Weekly

Sugar Queen Macmillan
From the New York Times bestselling author of *GARDEN SPELLS* comes a story of the Waverley family, in a novel as sparkling as the first dusting of frost on new-fallen leaves... It’s October in Bascom, North Carolina, and autumn will not go quietly. As temperatures drop and leaves begin to turn, the Waverley women are made restless by the whims of their mischievous apple tree... and all the magic that swirls around it. But this year, first frost has much more in store. Claire Waverley has started a successful new venture, *Waverley’s Candies*. Though her handcrafted confections—rose to recall lost love, lavender to promote happiness and lemon verbena to soothe throats and minds—are singularly effective, the business of

selling them is costing her the everyday joys of her family, and her belief in her own precious gifts. Sydney Waverley, too, is losing her balance. With each passing day she longs more for a baby—a namesake for her wonderful Henry. Yet the longer she tries, the more her desire becomes an unquenchable thirst, stealing the pleasure out of the life she already has. Sydney's daughter, Bay, has lost her heart to the boy she knows it belongs to...if only he could see it, too. But how can he, when he is so far outside her grasp that he appears to her as little more than a puff of smoke? When a mysterious stranger shows up and challenges the very heart of their family, each of them must make choices they have never confronted before. And through it all, the Waverley sisters must search for a way to hold their family together through their troublesome season of change, waiting for that extraordinary event that is First Frost. Lose yourself in Sarah Addison Allen's enchanting world and fall for her charmed characters in this captivating story that proves that a happily-ever-after is never the real ending to a

story. It's where the real story begins.

The Peach Keeper Ballantine Books

An eye-of-the-hurricane view of storm chasing from the star of the Discovery Channel hit series Storm Chasers. Only one in ten chases actually intercept a tornado—unless you're Reed Timmer. The thrill-seeking meteorologist and star of Storm Chasers has followed and faced down more violent tornadoes than anyone. Into the Storm brings readers into the mind of this man and his mission—collecting data on tornadoes and hurricanes that could save lives—in the terrifying, awe-inspiring world of big weather. Into the Storm is also a fascinating look at the science of weather—what causes extreme conditions, its connection to climate change, and how a tornado gets its stovepipe structure.

Real Happy Family
Macmillan

NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLER • “A
dusting of magic, the aroma

of sugary cakes swirling through the breeze, and a girl who unwittingly brings change to a town of misfits make for a sweet summer story filled with hope and forgiveness. ” —Beth Hoffman, author of *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* Emily Benedict has come to Mullaby, North Carolina, hoping to solve at least some of the riddles surrounding her mother ’ s life. But the moment Emily enters the house where her mother grew up and meets the grandfather she never knew, she realizes that mysteries aren ’ t solved in Mullaby, they ’ re a way of life: Here are rooms where the wallpaper changes to suit your mood. Unexplained lights skip across the yard at midnight. And a neighbor, Julia Winterson, bakes hope in the form of cakes, not only wishing to satisfy the town ’ s

sweet tooth but also dreaming of rekindling the love she fears might be lost forever. Can a hummingbird cake really bring back a lost love? Is there really a ghost dancing in Emily ’ s backyard? The answers are never what you expect. But in this town of lovable misfits, the unexpected fits right in.

The Night Garden Hachette UK

Jamilet is a beautiful young woman marred by a shockingly gruesome birthmark. It spills over her back and down her legs, twisting and writhing like a hideous cape of blood, causing her to be shunned by the villagers of her rural Mexican town. In search of medical salvation, this angel with the devil's mark is finally driven to escape north and cross the border illegally to Los Angeles. After acquiring

false documents, Jamilet finds enlightening perspective on work at a mental hospital, the true meaning of beauty. where she is assigned to look Untitled Addison Allen 3 after Se ñ or Peregrino, an Bantam elderly man from Spain who is The tale of a young woman as disagreeable as he is whose family secrets--and mysterious. Jamilet is given secret passions--are about to strict orders to keep her change her life forever. distance, but when he cleverly The Demon's Lexicon snags possession of her Penguin papers, he bargains to return From Kim Edwards, the them upon the condition that author of the #1 New York she listen to his story. Jamilet Times bestseller *The Memory* begrudgingly agrees, and *Keeper's Daughter*, an Se ñ or Peregrino takes her arresting novel of one family's back to the days of his youth, secret history Imbued with all when he embarked upon a the lyricism, compassion, and mystical and romantic suspense of her bestselling journey along the legendary novel, *The Memory Keeper's* Road to Santiago in Spain. *Daughter*, Kim Edwards ' s Jamilet and Se ñ or Peregrino *The Lake of Dreams* is a forge a spiritual bond that is powerful family drama and more healing to them both an unforgettable story of love than modern medicine could lost and found. Lucy Jarrett is ever be. In an inspiring story at a crossroads in her life, still of redemption, faith and the haunted by her father's enduring power of love, unresolved death a decade Samartin offers an earlier. She returns to her

hometown in Upstate New York, *The Lake of Dreams*, and, late one night, she cracks the lock of a window seat and discovers a collection of objects. They appear to be idle curiosities, but soon Lucy realizes that she has stumbled across a dark secret from her family's past, one that will radically change her—and the future of her family—forever. *The Lake of Dreams* will delight those who loved *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, as well as fans of Anna Quindlen and Sue Miller.

First Frost Crown

Meet Dolores Price. She's thirteen, wise-mouthed but wounded. Beached like a whale in front of her bedroom TV, she spends the next few years nourishing herself with the chocolate, crisps and Pepsi her anxious mother supplies. When she finally rolls into young womanhood at 257 pounds,

Dolores is no stronger and life is no kinder. But this time she's determined to rise to the occasion and give herself one more chance before really going belly up. In his extraordinary coming-of-age odyssey, Wally Lamb invites us to hitch an incredible ride on a journey of love, pain, and renewal with the most heartbreakingly comical heroine to come along in years. At once a fragile girl and a hard-edged cynic, so tough to love yet so inimitably loveable, Dolores is as poignantly real as our own imperfections.

The Convenient Marriage St. Martin's Press

An unforgettable debut novel about finding a home, a safe haven, and family Deep in Oregon farm country, Edith and Earl McRae are looking down the barrel of their fiftieth anniversary with none of the joy such a milestone should hold. Instead, they are stuck in a past that holds them to heartbreak and tragedy. Enter the

mysterious and ever-so-slightly magical Mara O'Shaunessey who appears on their ranch with the power to mend long broken fences and show them how to recognize the enchantment of their everyday lives. Gracefully capturing the strange alchemy of people and places, Kaya McLaren's story of redemption and rediscovery will inspire readers to find the magic and power in every day shared with the people they love.

More Sweet Tea Penguin

From the New York Times bestselling author of Garden Spells comes an enchanting tale filled with magical realism and moments of pure love that won't let you go.

Between the real and the imaginary, there are stories that take flight in the most extraordinary ways. Right off the coast of South Carolina, on Mallow Island, The Dellawisp sits--a stunning cobblestone building shaped

like a horeshoe and named after the tiny turquoise birds who, alongside its human tenants, inhabit an air of magical secrecy. When Zoey comes to claim her deceased mother's apartment on Mallow Island, she meets her quirky and secretive neighbors, including a girl on the run, two estranged middle-aged sisters, a lonely chef, a legendary writer, and three ghosts. Each with their own story, Each with their own longings. Each whose ending isn't written yet.