New Year, New Reads: 2023 Releases

**HOT TITLES**

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**FICTION**

**A Dangerous Business**  
Jane Smiley  
Ever since her husband was killed in a bar fight, Eliza has been working in a brothel. The madam is kind, the men are (relatively) well behaved, and Eliza has attained what few women have: financial security. But when the dead bodies of young women start appearing outside of town, a darkness descends that she can't resist confronting.

**Night Shift**  
Robin Cook  
Colleagues turned spouses Dr. Laurie Montgomery and Dr. Jack Stapleton already have their plates full with crazy work schedules and family pressures. The last thing they need is a murder. When Laurie's longtime friend, by all accounts healthy Dr. Sue Passero, dies mysteriously in the hospital parking garage, an autopsy is required.

**The Book of Everlasting Things**  
Cormac McCarthy  
Alicia admits herself to the hospital with forty thousand dollars in a plastic bag. Alicia has been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, and she does not want to talk about her brother, Bobby. Told entirely through the transcripts of psychiatric sessions, Stella Moris is a searching, rigorous, intellectually challenging coda to The Passenger.

**The Last Invitation**  
Darby Kane  
Over the last few years, prominent people have died in a series of fluke accidents and shocking suicides. There's no apparent connection, no signs of foul play. Behind it all is a powerful group of women, the Sophie Foundation, who meet over wine and cheese to review files of men who behave very, very badly, and then mete out justice.
**Ms. Demeanor**
Eleanor Lipman
Jane is a valued member of her law firm until a prudish neighbor observes her in a compromising position. Police are summoned, and a judge sentences her to six months of home confinement. With Jane now jobless and trapped at home, life looks bleak. As she tries to adapt, she discovers she hasn’t heard the end of that tattletale neighbor.

**Wicked Dreams**
Lisa Jackson and Nancy Bush
The note pinned to the dead body found on the remote beach has no name, just Ravinia Rutledge’s phone number and the words “Next of Kin.” Ravinia insists she doesn’t recognize the man on the mortuary slab, but she suspects Detective Nev Rhodes doesn’t believe her. He can tell that she’s one of them—the Siren Song women.

**My Darkest Prayer**
S.A. Cosby
Nathan Waymaker is a man who knows how to handle the bodies. A former marine and sheriff’s deputy he is known in his small Southern town as a man who can help when all other avenues have been exhausted. When a beloved local minister is found dead, his parishioners ask Nathan to make sure the death isn’t swept under the rug.

**The Ingenue**
Rachel Kapelke-Dale
When former piano prodigy Saskia Kreis returns home after her mother’s unexpected death, she expects to inherit the family estate. But when her mother’s will bequeathed the Elf House to a man that Saskia shares a complicated history with, she is forced to reexamine her own past.

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**NONFICTION**

**Elizabeth Taylor**
Kate Andersen Brower
No celebrity rivals Elizabeth Taylor's glamour or her level of fame. The last major star to come out of the old Hollywood studios, she is known for her beauty and her magnetic screen presence in a career that spanned nearly sixty films. But her private life was even more compelling than her Oscar-winning on-screen performances.

**Your Table is Ready**
Michael Cecchi-Azzolina
From the elegant to the entitled, from royalty to the financially ruined, everyone who wanted to be seen—or just to gawk—came to places Michael Cecchi-Azzolina helped run. Your Table Is Ready drops us back in time in the most vibrant city in the world, taking us places we’d never have been able to get into on our own.

**Screaming on the Inside**
Jessica Grose
Close your eyes and picture the perfect mother. She seamlessly melds work, wellness and home. After Jessica Grose failed to meet every one of her own expectations for her first pregnancy, she devoted her career to revealing how morally bankrupt so many of these ideas and pressures are.

**The Tudors In Love**
Steve Martin
Martin shares anecdotes from the sets of his beloved films—Father of the Bride, Roxanne, The Jerk, Three Amigos—bringing readers directly into his world. Martin details his forty years in the movie biz, as well as his stand-up comedy, banjo playing, writing, and cartooning, all with his unparalleled wit.