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### **The Aging of Aquarius**

A new novel from the author of *The Seventh Unicorn* and *The Lost Madonna* "Kelly Jones is a wonderful writer, and definitely one to watch." -Nicholas Sparks Lauren O'Farrell is an "art detective" who made it her mission to retrieve invaluable artworks stolen by the Nazis during the darkest days of World War II. Her quest leads her to the Manhattan apartment of elderly Isabella Fletcher, a woman who lives in the shadow of a terrible history-years ago her mother was rumored to have

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collaborated with the Nazis. But as Isabella reveals the events of her mother's life, Lauren finds herself immersed in an amazing story of courage and secrecy as she discovers the extraordinary truth about a priceless piece of art that may have survived the war and the enduring relationship between a mother and a daughter.

### **Juliet's Nurse**

Winner of the 2016 Gold Medal for Best Regional Fiction, Independent Publisher Book Awards In 1889, the Boston Farm School didn't accept boys with any sort of criminal record. Which made it the perfect hiding place for two boys who accidentally killed someone. Charles has been living alone on the streets of Boston for the last two of his twelve years. Aidan's mom can't stay sober enough to keep her job. When the boys team up, Charles teaches Aidan the art of rolling drunks in the saloon and brothel district, and life starts to look up—until a robbery goes horribly wrong one night and they need to leave the city or risk arrest. When the boys con their way into The Boston Farm School—located on an island one mile out in Boston Harbor—they think they've cheated fate. But the Superintendent is obsessed with keeping the bad element out of his school, and as both their story and their friendship start to splinter, Charles and Aidan discover they are not as far from the law as they had hoped.

### **No Reason To Stay**

Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory, Alison Weir, and Showtime's *The Tudors*, *The Boleyn Deceit* is the captivating new novel set in the imagined Tudor court of King Henry IX, son of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, who must navigate a terrain rife with palace intrigue, impending war, and unbridled passions. The regency period is over and William Tudor, now King Henry IX, sits alone on the throne. But England must still contend with those who doubt his legitimacy, both in faraway lands and within his own family. To diffuse tensions and appease the Catholics, William is betrothed to a young princess from France, but still he has eyes for only his childhood friend Minuette, and court tongues are wagging. Even more scandalous—and dangerous, if discovered—is that Minuette's heart and soul belong to Dominic, William's best friend and trusted advisor. Minuette must walk a delicate balance between her two suitors, unable to confide in anyone, not even her friend Elizabeth, William's sister, who must contend with her own cleaved heart. In this irresistible tale, the secrets that everyone keeps are enough to change the course of an empire. Includes a preview of Laura Andersen's *The Boleyn Reckoning* Praise for *The Boleyn Deceit* "Detailed and quick-paced, [*The Boleyn Deceit*] will have series fans devouring it and emerging eager for the last book. An excellent recommendation for Philippa Gregory fans."—Booklist (starred review) "This entertaining work of alternative history offers plenty to savor for both fans of historical romance and those whose passion is political intrigue. . . . Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory and Alison Weir,

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Andersen's novel admirably takes artistic license with history while remaining true to many aspects of real-world history. . . . [Foreshadows] a mesmerizing conclusion to the trilogy."—Publishers Weekly "An intriguing re-imagining of Tudor England and the treacheries of court life."—Kirkus Reviews Praise for Laura Andersen's *The Boleyn King* "A sumptuous, vividly imagined novel of a Boleyn king's fateful rise to power amid the treacherous glamour of the Tudor court."—C. W. Gortner, author of *The Queen's Vow* "Fans of both Stephenie Meyer and Philippa Gregory will find much to love in this evocative and well-written debut."—Francine Mathews, author of *Jack 1939* Look for special features inside. Join the Random House Reader's Circle for author chats and more. From the Trade Paperback edition.

### **Madam**

Not since Anna Diamant's *The Red Tent* or Geraldine Brooks's *People of the Book* has a novel transported readers so intimately into the complex lives of women centuries ago or so richly into a story of intrigue that transcends the boundaries of history. A "lavishly detailed" (*Elle Canada*) debut that masterfully captures sixteenth-century Venice against a dramatic and poetic tale of suspense. Hannah Levi is renowned throughout Venice for her gift at coaxing reluctant babies from their mothers using her secret "birthing spoons." When a count implores her to attend his dying wife and save their unborn son, she is torn. A Papal edict forbids Jews from rendering medical treatment to Christians, but his payment is enough to

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ransom her husband Isaac, who has been captured at sea. Can she refuse her duty to a woman who is suffering? Hannah's choice entangles her in a treacherous family rivalry that endangers the child and threatens her voyage to Malta, where Isaac, believing her dead in the plague, is preparing to buy his passage to a new life. Told with exceptional skill, *The Midwife of Venice* brings to life a time and a place cloaked in fascination and mystery and introduces a captivating new talent in historical fiction.

### **The Hole in the Middle**

Returning to 1816 London to help military surgeon Alec Comrie build a civilian practice, Will Starling becomes acquainted with the medical world's seedy underbelly and strives to uncover the nature of one charismatic surgeon's evils.

### **Dark Moon Walking**

Two girls come of age during the horrors of China's Cultural Revolution in this novel by the national bestselling author of *Empress Orchid*. The young and beautiful Wild Ginger is only in elementary school, but has already survived hell through her sheer iron will. Singled out by the Red Guards for her "foreign-colored eyes," she has seen her deceased father branded a traitor and her mother commit

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suicide under the oppressive weight of persecution. But the young Wild Ginger will not allow herself to be taken down. Nor will she turn her back on other martyrs—like sweet Maple, daughter of a teacher of Chinese history, survivor of a labor camp, and victim of daily brutal beatings by a gang girl called Hot Pepper. While the two become fast friends over their shared ostracism, it is Wild Ginger who will take her Maoist principles to the extreme, becoming no less than a national model for the revolutionary Communist doctrine. But when both self-possessed young girls begin to feel a prohibited romantic love for the same boy, all three of them will face mortal danger. In this novel, the author of Pearl of China and the New York Times Notable Book Red Azalea “continues her extraordinarily acute inquiry into the wounded psyches of martyrs...and survivors of China's horrific Cultural Revolution... As in all her unsparing, compelling, and transcendent books, Min discerns both the vulnerability and strength of individuals and, more disturbingly, unveils the eroticism of pain. Given our own times, Min's taut and compassionate tale of oppressed teenagers kept in ignorance of the wider world, children brainwashed into performing acts of violence and self-destruction, is especially urgent.”—Booklist

### **The Glassblower of Murano**

It's been more than eight years since ex-cop Dan Connor put a troubled criminal named Walker behind bars, and a year since he handed in his badge after losing

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the woman he loved. The remote islands off the Pacific Northwest coast seem like the perfect destination for his retirement. That is until a wave of increasingly sinister events disrupts his peace. When a mysterious boat drives Connor from his anchorage and a marine biologist working in the area goes missing, Connor is forced to team up with his former nemesis, Walker, who has been released from jail and is struggling with his own demons. They have little in common, but when a life hangs in the balance and others are threatened, the knowledge and skills of these two men from very different cultures are the perfect mix. With an eclectic cast of characters and a riveting plot, the first Dan Connor Mystery, *Dark Moon Walking*, is a fast-paced, suspenseful thriller that will keep you turning the pages until its explosive conclusion.

### **Songs of Willow Frost**

In *The Red Tent* Anita Diamant brings the fascinating biblical character of Dinah to vivid life. Her name is Dinah. In the Bible her fate is merely hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the verses of the Book of Genesis that recount the life of Jacob and his infamous dozen sons. Anita Diamant's *The Red Tent* is an extraordinary and engrossing tale of ancient womanhood and family honour. Told in Dinah's voice, it opens with the story of her mothers – the four wives of Jacob – each of whom embodies unique feminine traits, and concludes with Dinah's own startling and unforgettable story of betrayal, grief and love. Deeply affecting and

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intimate, The Red Tent combines outstandingly rich storytelling with an original insight into women's society in a fascinating period of early history and such is its warmth and candour, it is guaranteed to win the hearts and minds of women across the world. 'I genuinely fell into this rich and colourful world and Dinah and Leah have stayed with me as ancestors and sisters brought to life by Anita Diamant's imaginative novel' - Maureen Lipman. Adapted as a TV mini series starring Rebecca Ferguson and Minnie Driver.

### **The Bridled Tongue**

A retelling of Shakespeare's tragic romance from the perspective of Juliet's closest caregiver follows the experiences of a grieving mother who becomes a wet nurse to a powerful family's daughter and who learns her employer's darkest secrets as the girl comes of age and pursues a forbidden love. By the author of The Secrets of Mary Bowser. 100,000 first printing.

### **The Impaler's Wife**

As the Guardian of the Crystal of the North, young Susan Sinclair must help restore balance throughout history. But can she survive the incredible adventure awaiting her in ancient Egypt? When Susan is suddenly pulled away from her home and she

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watches her crystal dwindle as she travels, she feels truly lost. She lands in mud, water, and reeds. She has nothing. Soldier find her and take her to a mysterious man who has summoned her to Egypt and is very disappointed to find that his summoning produced a young girl. He was expecting a mighty wizard. To save face he names her daughter and princess. She is truly stuck in ancient Egypt and must make the best of her life, hoping that she will have her crystal again in the end. She must learn an entirely new culture and work out how to fit in with her new circumstances. She is taken to the court of the Pharaoh and befriends some children of the court. Susan travels up the Nile with Pharaoh until disaster strikes. Everything changes for Susan and Egypt in an instant and she must strive to keep hope alive that she will eventually return home. There are many tense moments in her life as she wrestles between home-sickness and finding her place in Egyptian society. Only her daring and her friendships help her through.

## **Wild Ginger**

Live your passion and purpose and change the world as an empowered elder. Your career has wound down, the kids have moved, and your schedule is clear for the next 30 years. In your youth, you cared about people and planet earth, and you had grand visions of changing the world. At some point, those passions and that sense of purpose got buried under diapers and the 9-5. Still, that old you remains alive. Now, with the rest of your life ahead, you can be the change and make this

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next stage of your life the most powerful yet. But where to start? Helen Wilkes, a retired professor and activist, takes readers on an inspiring journey to find renewed purpose in retirement. Along the way she helps readers navigate the transition to a post-work identity by fanning the embers of lost passions and developing new interests. Whether you are drawn to gardening clubs, to social justice issues, political campaigning, ethical investing, or creativity through the arts, *The Aging of Aquarius* offers inspiration, practical steps, and extra resources to help reignite your passion, your sense of purpose, and to effect real change in the world as an empowered elder.

### **Life After Life**

Handmaid. Spy. Mistress. Anxious to secure his own success at the glittering court of Henry VIII, heiress Tamsin Lodge's ambitious guardian obtains her a position as maid of honor to young Princess Mary Tudor. Tamsin soon comes to love the neglected child, but in the Tudor court, not even a princess is secure. Mary's father is besotted with the lovely Anne Boleyn, and the girl's future has grown perilous. Plotting to be Mary's eyes and ears, Tamsin joins Anne's service, but the handsome silk worker who is her co-conspirator may be her undoing. While marriage with a merchant is unthinkable, she cannot resist Rafe Pinckney's embraces. When Tamsin also attracts the lusty Henry, she must choose between loyalty and desire. . . . With Anne's jealousy growing dangerous, can Tamsin survive the schemes and

seductions that surround her?

### **Ten Birds**

"R.F. Delderfield is a born storyteller." — Sunday Mirror The beloved classic saga from master author R. F. Delderfield, subject of a landmark BBC miniseries. To Serve Them All My Days is the moving saga of David Powlett-Jones, who returns from World War I injured and shell-shocked. He is hired to teach history at Bamfylde School, where he rejects the formal curriculum and teaches the causes and consequences of the Great War. Eventually David earns the respect of his students and many of his fellow teachers, against the backdrop of a country struggling to redefine itself. As David falls in love and finds himself on track to possibly take on the headmaster role, he must search to find the strength to hold true to his beliefs as the specter of another great war looms. To Serve Them All My Days is a brilliant picture of England between the World Wars, as the country comes to terms with the horrors of the Great War and the new forces reshaping the British government and society. Subject of a Landmark BBC Miniseries Includes Bonus Reading Group Guide WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING: "I sometimes still wake up in the morning and look forward to reading more about P.J. and Bamfylde." "From the stationmaster on the first page to the last boy on the last page, these characters all have a very human aspect that connects to you immediately." "This book should be in everyone's library." "This is an ennobling book...it showed a

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person wounded in body and spirit who found that concentrating on the details of teaching the schoolboys under his care was, in a sense, a healing meditation." "...just the book for a cold rainy day...with a hot cup of tea and a scone." "Mr. Delderfield's manner is easy, modest, heartwarming." Evening Standard "He built an imposing artistic social history that promises to join those of his great forebears in the long, noble line of the English novel. His narratives belong in a tradition that goes back to John Galsworthy and Arnold Bennett." Life Magazine "Sheer, wonderful storytelling." Chicago Tribune "Highly recommended. Combines tension with a splendid sense of atmosphere and vivid characterisation. An excellent read." Sunday Express

### **The Towers of Tuscany**

An opulent, riveting, and suspenseful continuation of the thrilling historical novel The Midwife of Venice set in medieval Constantinople. AN OPULENT, CAPTIVATING, AND SUSPENSEFUL HISTORICAL NOVEL FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE THRILLING INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER THE MIDWIFE OF VENICE The Imperial Harem, Constantinople, 1578. Hannah and Isaac Levi, Venetians in exile, have overcome unfathomable obstacles to begin life anew in the Ottoman Empire. He works in the growing silk trade, and she, the best midwife in the capital, tends to the hundreds of women in Sultan Murat III's lively and infamous harem. One night, Hannah is unexpectedly summoned to the extravagant palace and confronted with Leah, a

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Jewish peasant girl who was violently abducted. The sultan favors Leah as his next conquest and wants her to produce his heir, but if the spirited girl fails an important test, she faces a terrible fate. Taken by Leah's tenacity, Hannah risks everything to help her. But as Hannah agonizes over her decision, an enchanting stranger arrives from afar to threaten her peaceful life with Isaac, and soon Leah too reveals a dark secret that could condemn them both. Filled with adventure and vivid detail and peopled with memorable characters, *The Harem Midwife* showcases Roberta Rich's boundless talent for capturing readers' imaginations.

### **The Woman Who Heard Color**

A young woman is swept into a life of intrigue, revenge, passion, and betrayal when she falls for the world's most notorious prince, Vlad Dracula. The year is 1464. King Matthias controls Hungary, his family, and the fate of the world's most notorious political prisoner, Prince Vlad Dracula. Ilona Szilágyi, the king's cousin, is young and ambitious. Dracula is determined to marry into the family. It is love at first sight, but the king has other plans. The Impaler Prince, however, never takes no for an answer. This begins Ilona's journey into the treacherous world of court intrigues, family betrayals, and her husband's dark desires. Eager to become Vlad's trusted confidant, Ilona soon discovers that marriage to a man tortured by his past comes with a price. Woven throughout is a peek into the life and times of one of the world's most enigmatic and maligned rulers—the man before the legend. THE

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IMPALER'S WIFE offers a fierce yet sensuous glimpse into the violent 15th century.

### **Will Starling**

"When Susan Sinclair is dragged along to a flea market with her parents, a woman she's never seen before unexpectedly gives her a crystal. Suddenly, when she falls asleep, Susan is transported back in time to a migrant ship in the 1860s. Susan tries to return the crystal, but she's horrified to learn she cannot do so. She's meant to help a young orphan, Jeremy, she's met on the ship. Fortunately, Susan quickly gets used to time travel. But she does not realize she could be in danger until a bully steals the crystal and traps Susan in the past. Will Susan rise to the challenge to help Jeremy and return home, or is she doomed to the same fate as the poor nineteenth-century orphan boy[?]" -- Back cover.

### **The Fallen Angels**

Playwright, broadcaster, actor and comedian, Darrell Dennis looks at European-First Nations interactions in Canada from the moment of first contact to today.

### **To Serve Them All My Days**

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“Timely . . . brilliant . . . hugely enjoyable, magnificently researched and deeply absorbing.”—Jason Goodwin, *New York Times Book Review* At midnight, December 31, 1925, citizens of the newly proclaimed Turkish Republic celebrated the New Year. For the first time ever, they had agreed to use a nationally unified calendar and clock. Yet in Istanbul—an ancient crossroads and Turkey's largest city—people were looking toward an uncertain future. Never purely Turkish, Istanbul was home to generations of Greeks, Armenians, and Jews, as well as Muslims. It welcomed White Russian nobles ousted by the Russian Revolution, Bolshevik assassins on the trail of the exiled Leon Trotsky, German professors, British diplomats, and American entrepreneurs—a multicultural panoply of performers and poets, do-gooders and ne'er-do-wells. During the Second World War, thousands of Jews fleeing occupied Europe found passage through Istanbul, some with the help of the future Pope John XXIII. At the Pera Palace, Istanbul's most luxurious hotel, so many spies mingled in the lobby that the manager posted a sign asking them to relinquish their seats to paying guests. In beguiling prose and rich character portraits, Charles King brings to life a remarkable era when a storied city stumbled into the modern world and reshaped the meaning of cosmopolitanism.

### **The Midwife of Venice**

This second thrilling novel featuring Laurence Beaumont, the seductive, sardonic protagonist introduced in *The Best of Men*, blends history and fiction in a

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seventeenth century alive with intrigue, passion, violence and wit, from the embattled court of King Charles I at Oxford where poisonous rivalries fester, to stately country estates and the colourful underworld of thieves and whores. 1643: England is descending into a bloodier Civil War, and Beaumont, born a nobleman's heir but with a shadowy past as a mercenary turncoat and spy, has been hired against his will as agent to the King's new Secretary of State, the manipulative Lord Digby. Still in love with the bewitching Isabella Savage, Beaumont is sent by Digby into enemy-held London to track down his counterpart, Parliament's twisted spymaster, who nourishes his own, very personal desire for revenge. Already Beaumont suspects he can trust no one, not even Isabella, who has deep ties to Digby. As power struggles seethe within the Royalist camp and Beaumont's tenuous faith in the King's cause is further eroded, he becomes haunted by nightmares portending two deaths: of the King, and of the Prince of Wales, for whom Beaumont cherishes a strong, protective bond. At home, as his father's health weakens, Beaumont's duty is to choose a respectable wife and carry on the ancient line, though to give up Isabella will devastate him. Worse yet, a visitor from his mother's Spanish past appears with a long-buried secret that could ultimately destroy the Beaumont family.

### **Memoria**

The lush, sweeping story of a remarkable dancer who charts her own course

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through the tumultuous years of early twentieth-century Europe. Beautifully blending fiction with fact, *The Chosen Maiden* plunges readers into an artistic world upended by modernity, immersing them in the experiences of the era's giants, from Anna Pavlova and Serge Diaghilev to Coco Chanel and Pablo Picasso. From their earliest days, the Nijinsky siblings appear destined for the stage. Bronia is a gifted young ballerina, but she is quickly eclipsed by her brother Vaslav. Deemed a prodigy, Vaslav Nijinsky will grow into the greatest, and most provocative, dancer of his time. To prove herself her brother's equal in the rigid world of ballet, Bronia will need to be more than extraordinary, defying society's expectations of what a female dancer can and should be. The real-life muse behind one of the most spectacular roles in dance, *The Rite of Spring's* Chosen Maiden, Bronia rises to the heights of modern ballet through grit, resilience and fervor. But when the First World War erupts and rebellion sparks in Russia, Bronia—caught between old and new, traditional and ground-breaking, safe and passionate—must begin her own search for what it means to be modern.

### **The Red Tent**

A descendant of a late-seventeenth-century master glassblower who sold closely guarded secrets about how to make mirrors leaves her unhappy life in London to follow in her ancestor's footsteps in Venice, an endeavor for which she finds her fate inextricably linked to his. Original.

### **The Crest**

A story to break your heart – if you read only one book this year, make it *The Fortunate Ones*. Germany, 1941. When Inge – all blonde curls and good manners – first locks eyes with Felix, she knows instinctively that he’s off limits. Her staunchly proper parents will never approve of a working-class Jewish boy for their precious only daughter. But that doesn’t make their first, shy kiss less significant, or the moment they’re torn apart less shocking. The next time they see each other, it will be across the packed courtyard of a Nazi concentration camp – Felix in the prisoners’ ranks and Inge on the arm of her new, Nazi husband. Inge never knew that her father’s ‘party loyalty’ would extend to marrying her off to a cruel Nazi officer twice her age, who sees his new wife as just another thing to control. She has always been a good girl – a silent wife – but when Inge sees Felix that day – beaten, bloody and brave – she knows she can’t stay silent any longer. She must save him, whatever the cost, whatever her husband or even her country might do to her later... What readers are saying about *The Fortunate Ones*: \*\*\*\*\* ‘What an amazing read, well written emotional and very compelling... I was totally absorbed in the story and I would love to give it 10 stars. One of my best reads this year. I can't begin to say how much I loved this book, I couldn't put it down, absolutely brilliant.’ Goodreads reviewer \*\*\*\*\* ‘Heartbreaking I cried many, many times...This story showed just how important hope can be. The historical detail Hokin poured into this book through her research was simply phenomenal. *The Fortunate Ones* is

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a must-read.' Goodreads reviews \*\*\*\*\* 'This was a wonderful story about romance, life, and survival. I could not put it down... heartbreaking.' Crossroad Reviews \*\*\*\*\* 'This story just swept me away... I was left speechless... just wow!! I do recommend a box of tissues... This book will have you turning the pages.' Red Headed Book Lady blog \*\*\*\*\* 'I stayed up all hours to finish this book. There were moments I could barely breathe. A fantastic and compelling read if you like suspense, WWII, and stories that aren't always tied neatly with a bow.' Goodreads reviewer \*\*\*\*\* 'What an extraordinary, engaging story. It moved me to undiscovered heights of understanding and compassion. A novel that will stay in my mind forever.' Goodreads reviewer \*\*\*\*\* 'Contained within a richly detailed narrative was a story that spoke of prevalence of the human spirit, both resilient and beatific, bowed but never broken by the unfathomable horrors of war. Captivating. Sobering. Unflinching. 5+ stars.' Goodreads reviewer 'The writing is deeply moving, so much detail is cleverly woven throughout to make this a vivid and entrancing read. Strong characters make this such a gripping read.' NetGalley reviewer 'From the first to the very last page this story was a sheer joy to read. One of hope, despair, love and loss and history combined this book has it all. Thoroughly recommend.' Goodreads reviewer

### **A Trial in Venice**

16th Century Florence: Allegra Castagno harbors a secret that can ruin her life and

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her father's reputation. Banned from the Florentine guilds, she devises a clever ruse in order to ply her beloved craft. Before long, the work of "La Castagna" is being praised in noble courts. Resentful of the male dominated society in which she lives, Allegra rejects all suitors until a rival melts her icy heart. Faced with a serious dilemma, she turns to her scandalous friend, Bianca Cappello for help.

### **The California Wife**

Basodee is a passionate and eye-opening collection of youth poems, essays, and stories exploring what it means to be young, Black and Canadian. This anthology seeks to portray contemporary Canadian-Black relations and is one of the few published collections of Black youth stories in Canada. Topics covered in poems, essays and stories include the Canadian system of (mis)educating Blacks, integrated vs. non-integrated schools, Black identity, and fitting in with a different culture. There are remembrances of 'back home'--about places like Haiti, Somalia, Kenya, Burundi, and Trinidad; experiences of culture shock and solutions for remembering where one came from; stories of family and finding one's own voice; facts and fictions about Black Canadian history.

### **The King's Damsel**

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In the sweeping, poignant sequel to *The Vintner's Daughter*, the Lemieux family's ambition to establish an American winemaking dynasty takes Sara and Philippe from pastoral Napa to the Paris World's Fair and into the colourful heart of early 20th-century San Francisco. It is 1897, and Sara and Philippe Lemieux, newly married and full of hope for the future, are determined to make Eagle's Run, their Napa vineyard, into a world-renowned winemaking operation. But the swift arrival of the 20th century brings a host of obstacles they never dreamed of: price wars and the twin threats of phylloxera and prohibition endanger the success of their business, and the fiercely independent Sara is reluctant to leave the fields behind for the new and strange role of wife and mother. An invitation to the World's Fair in 1900 comes just in time to revive the vineyard's prospects, and amid the jewel-coloured wonders of Belle époque Paris, Sara and Philippe's passion is rekindled as well. But then family tragedy strikes, and, upon their return to California, a secret from Philippe's past threatens to derail their hard-won happiness in one stroke. Sara gains an ally when Marie Chevreau, her dear friend, arrives in San Francisco as the first female surgery student to be admitted to prestigious Cooper Medical College. Through Marie, Sara gets a glimpse of the glittering world of San Francisco's high society, and she also forges friendships with local women's rights advocates, inciting new tensions in her marriage. Philippe issues Sara an ultimatum: will she abandon the struggle for freedom to protect her family's winemaking business, or will she ignore Philippe and campaign for a woman's right to vote and earn a fair wage? Fate has other plans in store in the spring of 1906,

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which brings with it a challenge unlike any other that the Lemieux family or their fellow Northern Californians have ever faced. Will the shadow of history overwhelm Sara and Philippe's future, despite their love for each other? In *The California Wife*, Kristen Harnisch delivers a rich, romantic tale of wine, love, new beginnings, and a family's determination to fight for what really matters—sure to captivate fans of *The Vintner's Daughter* and new readers alike. PRAISE FOR THE VINTNER'S DAUGHTER "Will invoke inevitable comparisons to *Gone with the Wind*. . . . A pleasure." —ROBERTA RICH, AUTHOR OF *THE HAREM MIDWIFE* AND *THE MIDWIFE OF VENICE*

### **The Twelve Rooms of the Nile**

The heartfelt and hilarious, international bestselling debut about having it all without losing your mind. Sophie Whelan is the kind of woman who prides herself on doing it all. In a single day, she can host a vegan-friendly and lactose-free dinner for ten, thwart a PTA president intent on forcing her to volunteer, and outwit her hostile 'assistant' in order to get her work done on time. With her fortieth birthday looming, and her carefully coordinated existence beginning to come apart at the seams, Sophie begins feeling like she needs more from her life—and especially from her husband, Jesse. The last thing Sophie needs is a new complication in her life. But when an opportunity from her past suddenly reappears, Sophie is forced to confront the choices she's made and decide if her

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chaotic life is really a dream come true—or the biggest mistake she’s ever made...

### **The Licence of War**

Loire Valley, 1895. When seventeen-year-old Sara Thibault's father is killed in a mudslide, her mother sells their vineyard to a rival family whose eldest son marries Sara's sister, Lydia. But a violent tragedy compels Sara and her sister to flee to New York, forcing Sara to put aside her dream to follow in her father's footsteps as a master winemaker. Meanwhile, Philippe Lemieux has arrived in California with the ambition of owning the largest vineyard in Napa by 1900. When he receives word of his brother's death in France, he resolves to bring the killer to justice. Sara has travelled to California in hopes of making her own way in the winemaking world. When she encounters Philippe in a Napa vineyard, they are instantly drawn to one another, but Sara knows he is the one man who could return her family's vineyard to her, or send her straight to the guillotine. This riveting tale of betrayal, retribution, love, and redemption, Kristen Harnisch's debut novel immerses readers in the rich vineyard culture of both the Old and New Worlds, the burgeoning cities of late nineteenth-century America and a spirited heroine's fight to determine her destiny.

### **Vintner's Daughter**

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When Alyce Bradley agrees to an arranged marriage with privateer, Thomas Granville, she expects nothing more than courtesy and respect. Instead, as England braces for invasion by Spain's great armada, Alyce confronts closer dangers from both her own and Thomas's past, threats that could not only destroy her hope of love and happiness but her life

### **The Boleyn Deceit**

Tim Kimmel gives a comprehensive strategy to churches for family ministry as well as a plan for parents seeking to pass their faith to the next generation. He shares valuable tools for the church to use to build a strong family ministry. A child who has seen grace lived out in front of him at church and at home is much more inclined toward staying committed to a relationship with God into adulthood. So Kimmel shares what a grace-based family ministry looks like in the local church. He also teaches parents how to translate every part of ministry they are exposed to at church to translate into spiritual training at home. The Family Ministry Map, created by Kimmel, is explained in detail, and examples of the program put into practice are given. This book gives a vital message to church ministry leaders and parents equally, making this a must-read for all involved in sharing faith with the next generation.

### **Midnight at the Pera Palace: The Birth of Modern Istanbul**

The fabled Tuscan landscape in the turbulent fourteenth century provides the backdrop for a tale of unconquered passions and the triumph of the creative spirit. Set amid the twisting streets and sunlit piazzas of medieval Italy, *The Towers of Tuscany* tells the story of a woman who dares to follow her own path in the all-male domain of the painter's workshop. Trained in secret by her father to create the beautifully-crafted panels and altarpieces acclaimed today as masterpieces of late medieval art, Sofia's desire for freedom from her father's workshop leads her to betray her passion and sink into a life of loveless drudgery with a husband who comes to despise her when she does not produce a son. In an attack motivated by vendetta, Sofia's father is crushed by his own fresco, compelling Sofia to act or risk the death of her soul. The choice she makes takes her on a journey from misery to the heights of passion-both as a painter and as a woman. Sofia escapes to Siena where, disguised as a boy, she paints again. When her work attracts the notice of a nobleman who discovers the woman under the dirty smock, Sofia is faced with a choice that nearly destroys her. *The Towers of Tuscany* unites a strong heroine with meticulously researched settings and compelling characters drawn from the rich tapestry of medieval Italy during one of Europe's most turbulent centuries. The stylishly written novel is packed with enough twists and turns to keep readers up long past their bedtimes. Anne Fortier, author of the New York Times bestseller "Juliet" and "The Lost Sisterhood" calls "*The Towers of Tuscany* a delightful escape

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to the Siena we all love. Carol Cram has crafted a delicious story about a strong woman torn between her secret past, her love of painting and the forbidden charms of her rich patron. Hard to resist and highly recommended!" Roberta Rich, bestselling author of "The Midwife of Venice" and "The Harem Midwife" states that "The Towers of Tuscany has all the elements of a wonderful historical novel--a talented, frustrated heroine, a treacherous, feckless husband, and a promise to a dying, much loved father who orders the heroine on a dangerous mission. Carol is a first rate storyteller. The research is well done. Every chapter displays a fine knowledge of painting technique of the 14th century, and customs and mores of the age. The details of dress, fabric, food, are flawless. The clever dialogue and fast pace make the novel zing along."

### **The Chosen Maiden**

During the French Revolution, lovely young Englishwoman Lady Campion Lazender finds herself endangered because of her French ancestry and her valuable estate, coveted by a ruthless secret society.

### **Pharaoh's Tomb**

A captivating debut that imagines a passionate friendship between Florence

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Nightingale and Gustave Flaubert when they were exploring the Nile in 1849. Before she became the nineteenth-century's heroine, before he had written a word of *Madame Bovary*, Florence Nightingale and Gustave Flaubert traveled up the Nile at the same time. In reality, they never met. But in *The Twelve Rooms of the Nile*, they ignite a friendship marked by intelligence, humour, and a ravishing tenderness that will alter both their destinies. On the surface, Nightingale and Flaubert have little in common. She is a woman with radical ideas about society and God, naive in the ways of men. He is a notorious womanizer, involved with innumerable prostitutes. But both are at painful crossroads in their lives and burn with unfulfilled ambition. In Shomer's deft hands, the two unlikely soulmates come together to share their darkest torments and fervent hopes. Brimming with adventure and the sparkling sensibilities of the two travellers, this mesmerizing debut novel offers a luminous combination of gorgeous prose and wild imagination, all of it coloured by the opulent tapestry of mid-nineteenth century Egypt. 'A tour de force of twenty-first century storytelling' Gillian Gill, author of *Nightingales* 'Immensely satisfying deftly imagined' Susanna Moore, author of *The Big Girls* 'The Twelve Rooms of the Nile promises heat and mud aplenty in an atmospheric imagining of the friendship that grew between Florence Nightingale and Gustave Flaubert on their 1849 Nile journey' - Sunday Telegraph

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When vice had a legal home and jazz was being born—the captivating story of an infamous true-life madam New Orleans, 1900. Mary Deubler makes a meager living as an “alley whore.” That all changes when bible-thumping Alderman Sidney Story forces the creation of a red-light district that’s mockingly dubbed “Storyville.” Mary believes there’s no place for a lowly girl like her in the high-class bordellos of Storyville’s Basin Street, where Champagne flows and beautiful girls turn tricks in luxurious bedrooms. But with gumption, twists of fate, even a touch of Voodoo, Mary rises above her hopeless lot to become the notorious Madame Josie Arlington. Filled with fascinating historical details and cameos by Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong, and E. J. Bellocq, Madam is a fantastic romp through The Big Easy and the irresistible story of a woman who rose to power long before the era of equal rights. From the Trade Paperback edition.

### **A Rare Gift**

What if you could live again and again, until you got it right? On a cold and snowy night in 1910, Ursula Todd is born to an English banker and his wife. She dies before she can draw her first breath. On that same cold and snowy night, Ursula Todd is born, lets out a lusty wail, and embarks upon a life that will be, to say the least, unusual. For as she grows, she also dies, repeatedly, in a variety of ways, while the young century marches on towards its second cataclysmic world war. Does Ursula's apparently infinite number of lives give her the power to save the

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world from its inevitable destiny? And if she can -- will she? Darkly comic, startlingly poignant, and utterly original -- this is Kate Atkinson at her absolute best.

### **The Fortunate Ones**

MEMORIA: An Anthology of Portuguese Canadian Writers showcases contemporary fiction, nonfiction and poetry that reflect the changing Portuguese Canadian community while supporting new voices in the diaspora. Contributors include Clemente Alves, Edith Baguinho, Nelia Botelho, Esmeralda Cabral, Tony Correia, paulo da costa, Humberto da Silva, Aida Jordão, Irene Marques, Antonio M. Marques, Emanuel Melo, Eduardo Bettencourt Pinto, Paul Serralheiro, Richard Simas, and Laureano Soares. Foreword by noted academic and author Onésimo T. Almedia.

### **The Island of Worthy Boys**

At the end of World War I, Gerhard Lange and Otto Schmidt return home broken men. As war rages around him, Gerhard worries about his family and how he will ensure the future of the Lange legacy. The Crest is dedicated to those folks who are forced to fight for what they believe in, to keep their family and their country

safe.

### **Connecting Church & Home: A Grace-Based Partnership**

In *The Midwife of Venice*, set in 1575, Hannah Levi was forced to flee Venice with the baby of a Venetian aristocratic family whom she rescued. Roberta Rich followed that action-packed adventure with *The Harem Midwife*, which exiled Hannah and her beloved husband Isaac to Constantinople--only for Hannah to become enmeshed in the shady politics of a sultan's harem. And now, with *A Trial in Venice*, set five years later, Hannah is forced back to Venice--both to opulent yet crumbling villas and the Jewish ghetto known as Veneto. Her beloved adopted son Matteo has been kidnapped and is in danger once more. And this time, so is Hannah.

### **Allegra**

Alexandra Wainwright was unaware that the universe had important lessons to teach her. Now, at the age of forty-nine, as she gradually succumbs to illness, Alexandra retraces her steps through the decades of a life well-lived. Set in the unspoiled mountains of the West Kootenays, this tender exploration brims with love and culminates with an illuminating discovery. [www.akwhite.ca](http://www.akwhite.ca)

### **Peace Pipe Dreams**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER From Jamie Ford, author of the beloved *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, comes a much-anticipated second novel. Set against the backdrop of Depression-era Seattle, *Songs of Willow Frost* is a powerful tale of two souls—a boy with dreams for his future and a woman escaping her haunted past—both seeking love, hope, and forgiveness. Look for special features inside. Join the Random House Reader's Circle for author chats and more. Twelve-year-old William Eng, a Chinese American boy, has lived at Seattle's Sacred Heart Orphanage ever since his mother's listless body was carried away from their small apartment five years ago. On his birthday—or rather, the day the nuns designate as his birthday—William and the other orphans are taken to the historical Moore Theatre, where William glimpses an actress on the silver screen who goes by the name of Willow Frost. Struck by her features, William is convinced that the movie star is his mother, Liu Song. Determined to find Willow and prove that his mother is still alive, William escapes from Sacred Heart with his friend Charlotte. The pair navigate the streets of Seattle, where they must not only survive but confront the mysteries of William's past and his connection to the exotic film star. The story of Willow Frost, however, is far more complicated than the Hollywood fantasy William sees onscreen. Shifting between the Great Depression and the 1920s, *Songs of Willow Frost* takes readers on an emotional journey of discovery. Jamie Ford's sweeping novel will resonate with anyone who has ever longed for the comforts of

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family and a place to call home. Praise for Songs of Willow Frost “If you liked Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, you’re going to love Songs of Willow Frost. . . . tender, powerful, and deeply satisfying.”—Lisa Genova “[A] poignant tale of lost and found love.”—Tampa Bay Times “Arresting . . . [with] the kind of ending readers always hope for, but seldom get.”—The Dallas Morning News “[An] achingly tender story . . . a tale of nuance and emotion.”—The Providence Journal “Ford crafts [a] beautiful, tender tale of love transcending the sins people perpetrate on one another and shows how the strength of our primal relationships is the best part of our human nature.”—Great Falls Tribune “Remarkable . . . likely to appeal to readers who enjoy the multi-generational novels of Amy Tan.”—Bookreporter “Jamie Ford is a first-rate novelist, and with Songs of Willow Frost he takes a great leap forward and demonstrates the uncanny ability to move me to tears.”—Pat Conroy “With vivid detail, Jamie Ford brings to life Seattle’s Chinatown during the Depression and chronicles the high price those desperate times exacted from an orphaned boy and the woman he believes is his mother. Songs of Willow Frost is about innocence and the loss of it, about longing, about the power of remembered love.”—Nancy Horan, author of Loving Frank “Ford’s boundless compassion for the human spirit, in all its strengths and weaknesses, makes him one of our most unique and compelling storytellers.”—Helen Simonson, author of Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand

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Ten little birds need to get to the other side of the river, and each comes up with his own unique solution.

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