

JANUARY 2010 ADULT ACQUISITIONS

Alice I Have Been

by Melanie Benjamin

In this spellbinding historical novel, readers meet the young girl whose bright spirit sends her on an unforgettable trip down the rabbit hole--and the grown woman whose story is no less enthralling.

BISAC Categories: Fiction | General

Ariel: A Book of the Change

by Steven R. Boyett

Contributor(s): Boyett, Steven R (Author)

It's been five years since the lights went out and magical creatures began roaming Earth. Pete Garey had survived the Change, trusting no one until the day he meets Ariel--a unicorn who brings new meaning and adventure to his life. Includes a newly restored chapter. Reissue.

Binding: Mass Market Paperbound

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Fantasy

The Betrayal of the Blood Lily

by Lauren Willig

The heroines of Willig's bestselling Pink Carnation series have engaged in espionage all over 19th-century Europe. In the sixth stand-alone volume, Miss Penelope Deveraux travels to India, where she finds freedom--and risk--more exciting than she ever imagined.

Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Romance | Historical

Between the Lines

by Jayne Ann Krentz

A mutually beneficial arrangement . . . with potential for endless passion! -- Marrying her boss, prominent businessman Cormick Grayson, was a very reasonable proposition for a woman who'd been hurt in love before. It wasn't love and they were both OK with that. But the heat in Grey's eyes told Amber there was more to this passionless marriage than he was revealing and soon Amber yearned to feel the things she vowed she would never risk again . . .

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Romance | General

Brava, Valentine

by Adriana Trigiani

"Brava, Valentine" is the much anticipated, dazzling sequel to the author's "New York Times" bestseller, "Very Valentine." Here, the story of Valentine Roncalli soars to breathtaking new heights as she evolves from apprentice to determined artist.

BISAC Categories: Fiction | General

The Burning Land

by Bernard Cornwell

In the fifth volume in the bestselling Saxon Tales series, Cornwell—the reigning king of historical fiction (“USA Today”)—resumes the saga of the birth of England, and of the brilliant king who made it possible: Alfred the Great.

Binding: Hardcover

US SRP: 25.99

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Historical | General

Committed: A Skeptic Makes Peace with Marriage

By Elizabeth Gilbert

Picking up where her bestselling memoir "Eat, Pray, Love" left off, Gilbert details the extraordinary circumstances that surround her love with Felipe, the man she swore never to marry. Told with Gilbert's trademark wit, "Committed" is a celebration of love with all the complexity and consequence that real love, in the real world, actually entails.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Biography & Autobiography | Women; Family & Relationships | Marriage; Biography & Autobiography | Personal Memoirs

Curse of the Spellmans

by Lisa Lutz

This sidesplitting follow-up to the national bestseller "The Spellman Files" brings back America's favorite family of private detectives.

Binding: Paperback

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Mystery & Detective | Women Sleuths; Fiction | Humorous

Delilah

By India Edghill

A glorious and inventive retelling of the story of Samson and Delilah, this is a soaring tale of political turmoil, searing betrayal, and forbidden love.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Christian | Biblical

Doors Open

by Ian Rankin

Three friends descend upon an art auction in search of some excitement. As enterprising girlfriends, clever detectives, seductive auctioneers and a Hell's Angel named Hate enter the picture, this fast-paced story of second guesses keeps changing the picture.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | General

Easy

by Marie Ponsot

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Poetry | American | General

Elegy Beach

By Steven R. Boyett

A publishing event 25 years in the making, "Elegy Beach" is the long-awaited sequel to the unforgettable post-apocalyptic fantasy, "Ariel."

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Fantasy | Contemporary

February

By Lisa Moore

Moore's follow-up to her award-winning debut, "Alligator," is propelled by a local tragedy, in which an oil rig sinks in a violent storm. Helen O'Mara, widowed by the accident, spirals from the present day back to that devastating winter that persists in her mind and heart.

Binding: Paperback

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Literary

The First Rule

By Robert Crais

From the "New York Times"-bestselling author who sets the standard for intense, powerful crime-writing comes a blistering thriller featuring Joe Pike and Elvis Cole.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Suspense; Fiction | Thrillers

The Grand Sophy

by Georgette Heyer

When Sophy goes to stay with her cousins in Berkeley Square, she finds them in a sad tangle of affairs--some romantic and others of a more pecuniary nature. Perhaps the Grand Sophy has arrived just in time to save them.

Binding: Paperback

US SRP: 13.99

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Romance | Regency; Fiction | Historical | General

I, Sniper

By Stephen Hunter

Bob Lee Swagger is back, facing off against one of his most ruthless adversaries yet to clear the name of a fellow soldier-in-arms. A Pulitzer Prize-winner and author of 13 novels, Stephen Hunter delivers once again.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Thrillers; Fiction | Action & Adventure

Impact

By Douglas Preston

From the "New York Times"-bestselling author of "Blasphemy" comes an apocalyptic thriller in the tradition of "The Andromeda Strain." An unusually alarming and thoughtful thriller . . . clever and terrifying.--"Kirkus Reviews."

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Thrillers

Knitbook: The Basics & Beyond [With DVD]

With this "Knitbook" and accompanying DVD for guides, those new to knitting can discover how easy it is to learn. Features 17 projects and 24 stitch patterns.

Binding: Spiral

US SRP: 26.00

BISAC Categories: Crafts & Hobbies | Needlework | Knitting

The Lady in the Tower: The Fall of Anne Boleyn

By Alison Weir

Richly researched and utterly captivating, "The Lady in the Tower" presents the full array of evidence of Anne Boleyn's guilt--or innocence. Only in Weir's capable hands can readers learn the truth about the fate of one of the most influential and important women in English history.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Biography & Autobiography | Historical | British; Biography & Autobiography | Royalty

Last Night in Twisted River

By John Irving

A story spanning five decades, Irving's 12th novel is set in 1954 New Hampshire, where an anxious 12-year-old boy mistakes the local constable's girlfriend for a bear.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Literary

The Lock Artist

By Steve Hamilton

Award-winning author Hamilton returns with a captivating new thriller about a young man with the talent to become the perfect criminal--whether he likes it or not.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Thrillers; Fiction | Suspense

The Lost Books of the Odyssey

By Zachary Mason

Mason's beguiling debut novel reimagines Homer's classic story of the hero Odysseus and his long journey home after the fall of Troy.

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Literary

A Matter of Class

By Mary Balogh

From the "New York Times"-bestselling author of "Slightly Wicked" comes another classic historical tale that sizzles with romance and unforgettable drama.

Binding: Hardcover

US SRP: 15.95

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Romance | Contemporary

Mr. Shivers

By Robert Bennett

Set against the desolate backdrop of the Great Depression, this debut novel is sure to reignite the horror genre. Mr. Shivers is a chilling and unforgettable figure as haunting as any monster out of mythology.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Fantasy | Historical; Fiction | Horror | General

The Possessed: Adventures with Russian Books and the People Who Read Them

By Elif Batuman

Batuman searches for the answers to the big questions in the details of lived experience, combining fresh readings of the great Russians with the sad and funny stories of the lives they continue to influence--including her own.

Binding: Paperback

BISAC Categories: Literary Criticism | Russian & Former Soviet Union; Literary Criticism | Books & Reading

The Red Door

By Charles Todd

In this riveting novel by a "New York Times"-bestselling author, Inspector Ian Rutledge must solve a series of mysteries: Who is the woman who dies behind the Red Door? And what does she see before she dies?

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Mystery & Detective | General

Remarkable Creatures

By Tracy Chevalier

From the "New York Times"-bestselling author of "Girl With a Pearl Earring" comes this stunning novel of how one woman's gift transcends class and social prejudice to lead to some of the most important discoveries of the

19th century.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Literary

Rendezvous

By Amanda Quick

From the elegantly appointed drawing rooms of London's most exclusive club to an imposing country estate in Dorset comes a provocative tale of a free-thinking beauty, a dignified lord, and an impetuous love that defies all logic. Quick, a pseudonym for Jayne Ann Krentz, has almost two million copies of Bantam titles in print.

Binding: Mass Market Paperbound

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Romance | Historical

Revenge of the Spellmans

Contributor(s): Lutz, Lisa (Author)

Private investigator Isabel Spellman is back on the case and back on the couch. She's in court-ordered therapy after getting a little too close to her previous subject. Filled with signature Spellman antics, this work is a hilarious and tender installment in the series.

Pub Date: 02/2010

US SRP: 14.00

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Mystery & Detective | Women Sleuths; Fiction | Humorous

The Science of Liberty: Democracy, Reason, and the Laws of Nature

By Timothy Ferris

From the author of the acclaimed "Coming of Age in the Milky Way" comes a brilliant chronicle of how science sparked the spread of liberal democracy across the modern world.

Pub Date: 02/2010

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Science | Philosophy & Social Aspects; Political Science | Political Ideologies | Democracy

Shadow Tag

By Louise Erdrich

When Irene America discovers that her husband has been reading her diary, she begins a secrets Blue Notebook, as much the truth about her life and her marriage as the Red Diary is a farce. Alternating between these two records, "Shadow Tag" is an eerily gripping novel.

Pub Date: 02/2010

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | General

Sizzle

By Julie Garwood

"New York Times"-bestselling author Garwood weaves magnificent stories of passion, adventure, and intrigue. Now she raises the heat and spices up the action with a sexy, smart, daring new heroine and a smoldering thriller.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Romance | General

Stones Into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan

By Greg Mortenson and Mike Bryan
The author of the #1 bestseller "Three Cups of Tea" offers the continuing story of this determined humanitarian's efforts to promote peace through education. Filled with rich, personal stories and insights into the Middle East, this book is an inspiration--and a call to action.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Political Science | Peace; Education | Aims & Objectives; History | Asia | General

The Swan Thieves

By Elizabeth Kostova

Kostova's masterful new novel travels from American cities to the coast of Normandy, from the late 19th century to the late 20th, from young love to last love to create a story of obsession, history's losses, and the power of art to preserve human hope.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | General

Talking about Detective Fiction

By P.D. James

From one of the most widely admired--and widely read--writers of detective fiction at work today comes an illuminating exploration of the human appetite for mystery and mayhem and those writers who have satisfied it. Essential for every lover of detective fiction.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Literary Criticism | Mystery & Detective Fiction

Thereby Hangs a Tail

By Spencer Quinn

Following the acclaimed "Dog on It," the second mystery in the Chet and Bernie series featuring an irresistible canine narrator.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Mystery & Detective | General

This Book Is Overdue!: How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All

By Marilyn Johnson

In "The Dead Beat," Johnson reveals the stories behind obituary writers. Now, the author celebrates libraries and librarians while trying to answer the question: What is worth saving?

Pub Date: 02/2010

Binding: Hardcover

US SRP: 24.99

BISAC Categories: Language Arts & Disciplines | Library & Information Science | General

Through the Heart

By Kate Morgenroth

From the bestselling author of "They Did It with Love" comes this page-turning love story in which a chance meeting ignites romance and results in murder.

Binding: Paperback

US SRP: 15.00

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Mystery & Detective | General; Fiction | Romance | Suspense

To Love a Wicked Lord

Contributor(s): Layton, Edith (Author)

A "USA today"-bestselling author begins a sensational new series about three siblings born to three different mothers and their search for love. Original.

Binding: Mass Market Paperbound

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Romance | Historical

Treasure Hunt

Contributor(s): Lescroart, John (Author)

Wyatt Hunt--hero of Lescroart's "New York Times" bestseller "The Hunt Club"--returns with a new protg, in an intricate, tightly plotted thriller set against San Francisco's glamorous charity circuit.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Thrillers; Fiction | Suspense

U Is for Undertow

By Sue Grafton

Through 20 excursions into the dark side of the human soul, Grafton has never written the same book twice. Once again, she breaks genre formulas, creating a twisting, complex, surprise-filled, and totally satisfying thriller. Kinsey Millhone agrees to help Michael Sutton locate a grave he discovered 21 years earlier, but as the investigation unfolds, Kinsey discovers Michael has an uneasy relationship with the truth.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Mystery & Detective | Women Sleuths

The Unnamed

By Joshua Ferris

This dazzling novel tells the story of marriage, family, and the unseen forces of nature and desire that seem to threaten them both. It is the heartbreaking story of a life taken for granted and what happens when that life is abruptly and irrevocably taken away.

Binding: Hardcover

US SRP: 24.99

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Literary

The Vintage Caper

By Peter Mayle

Set in Hollywood, Paris, Bordeaux, and Marseille, Mayle's newest and most delightful work is filled with culinary delights, sumptuous wines, and colorful characters.

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Mystery & Detective | General

The Wife's Tale

By Lori Lansens

Over the years, disappointment and worry have brought Mary Gooch's life to a standstill. But when her husband disappears, Mary is startled out of her inertia. What she finds out in the world fills her with an inner strength she's never felt before.

Pub Date: 02/2010

Binding: Hardcover

BISAC Categories: Fiction | Contemporary Women