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15 Books We're Excited to Read in 2015

As 2014 comes to a close, it's time to check out what's coming to a bookshelf near you in 2015! We've gathered a list of 15 books that we're looking forward to reading, but what about you? Let us know what you're excited to read and check back later in the year for even more picks.

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of
THE SWEETNESS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PIE

As **CHIMNEY
SWEEPERS
COME *to* DUST**



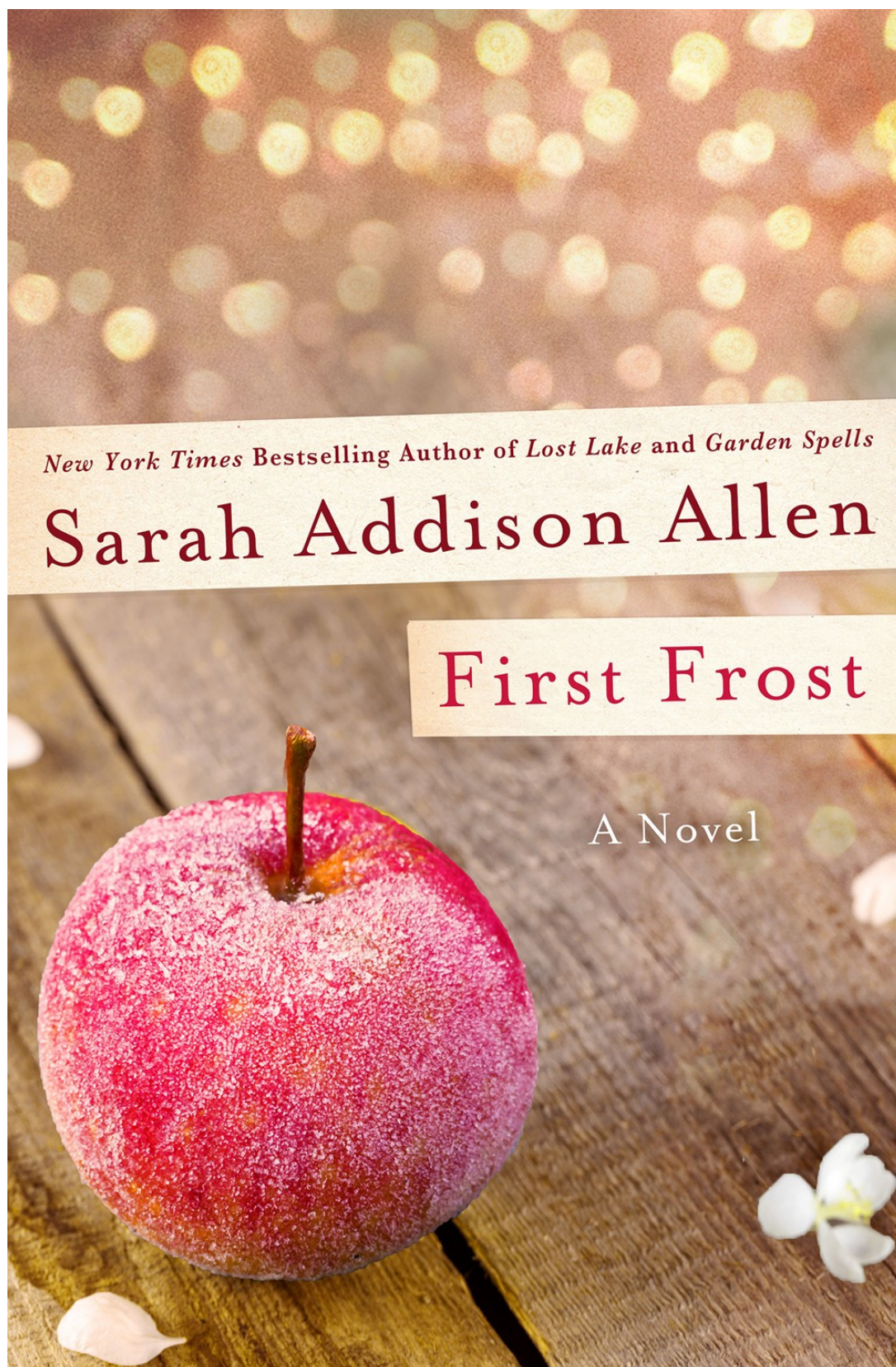
A Flavia de Luce Novel

**ALAN
BRADLEY**

As Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust (A Flavia de Luce Novel) by Alan Bradley

Release Date: January 6

When twelve year old Flavia de Luce is shipped off to Miss Bodycote's Female Academy in Canada, a mummified body tumbles out of her chimney and lands at her feet. Of course the budding chemist and sleuth is not afraid of this, and rather searches for the victim's identity and suspects in this charming novel that has been described as "part Harriet the Spy, part Violet Baudelaire from Lemony Snicket's *A Series of Unfortunate Events*".



Release Date: January 20

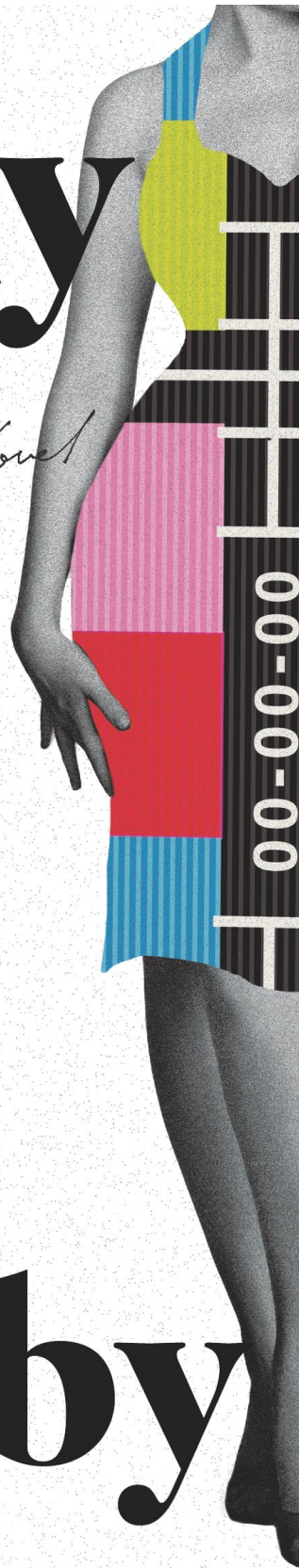
This magical tale follows the Waverley family in Bascom, North Carolina. As the leaves begin to turn and the season shifts from fall to winter, the Waverley women are restless by the whims of their mischievous apple tree and the magic surrounding it. The author of *Garden Spells* brings another fantastic book to the table.

Funny Girl

A Novel

*Author of
About a Boy and
A Long Way Down*

Nick Hornby

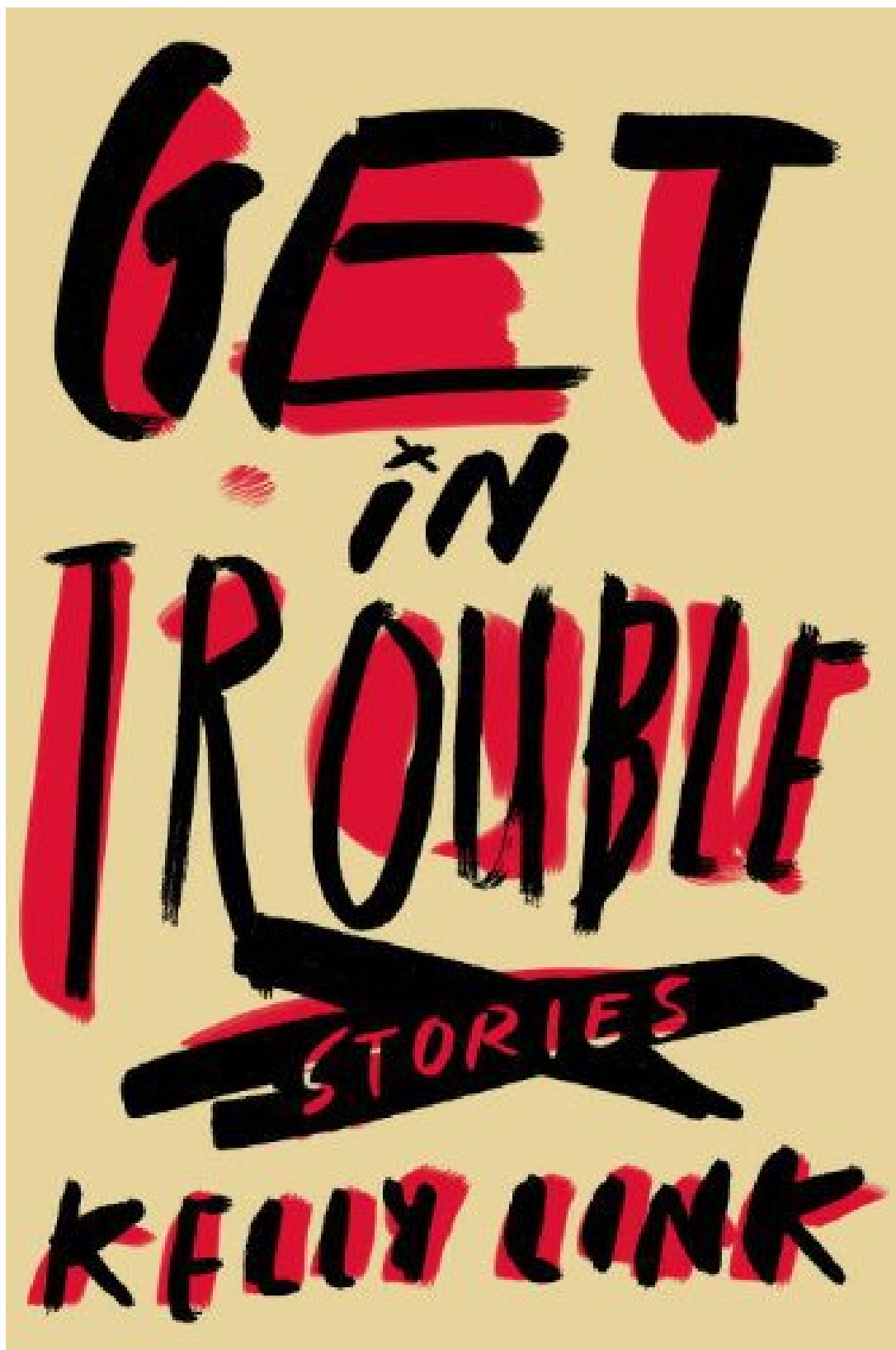


Funny Girl by Nick Hornby

Release Date: February 3

Released in mid-2014 in Australia, Nick Hornby's *Funny Girl* is getting its U.S. release next year. Barbara Parker is a

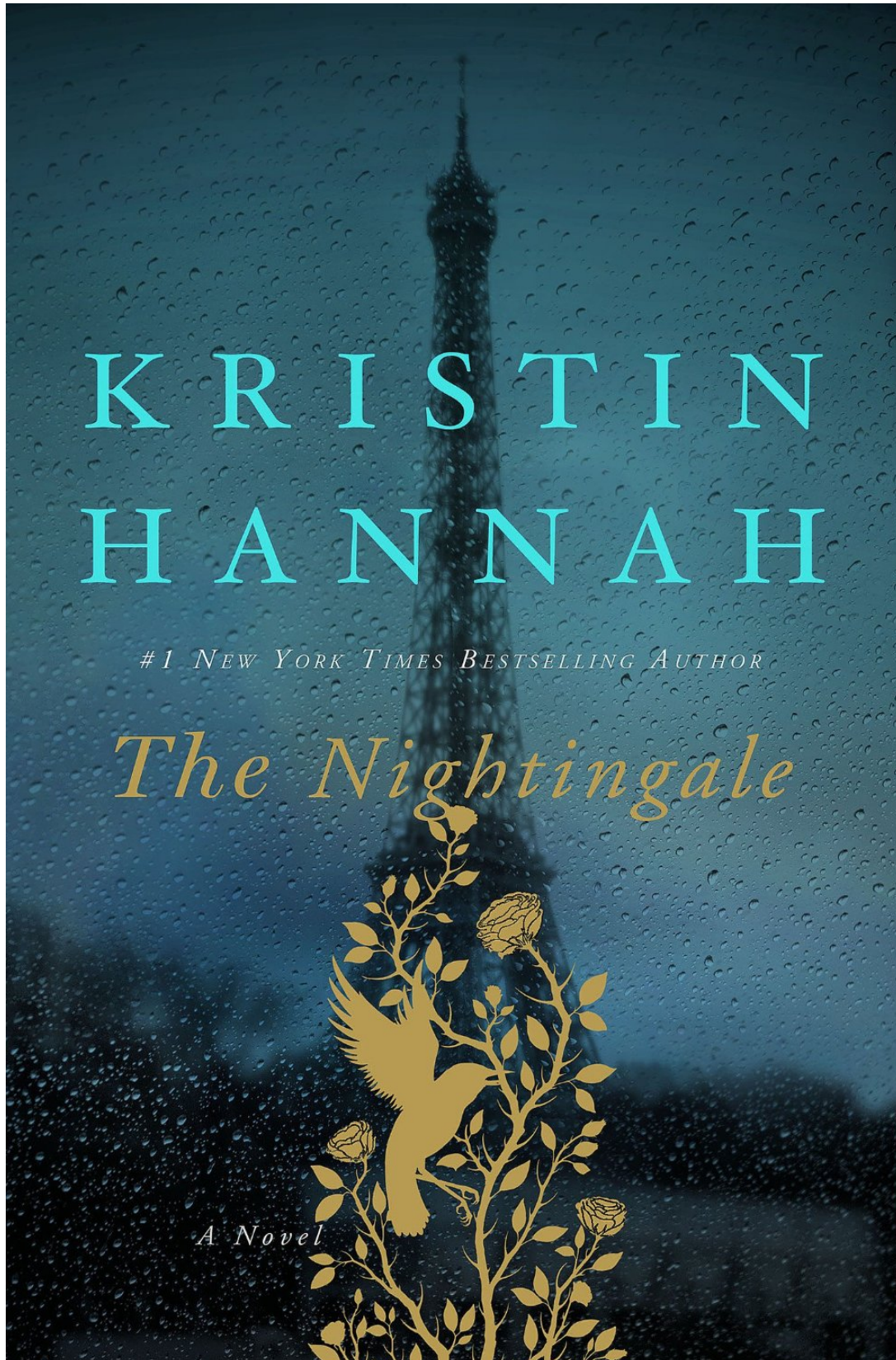
beauty queen, but she wants to make people laugh. After she takes off to London and gets a job working at a cosmetics counter, a chance meeting with an agent and audition land her a new role (and a new name—Sophie Straw). The story hones in on the people behind the scenes—writers Tony and Bill, producer Dennis, and Sophie's co-star Clive.



Get in Trouble: Stories by Kelly Link

Release Date: February 3

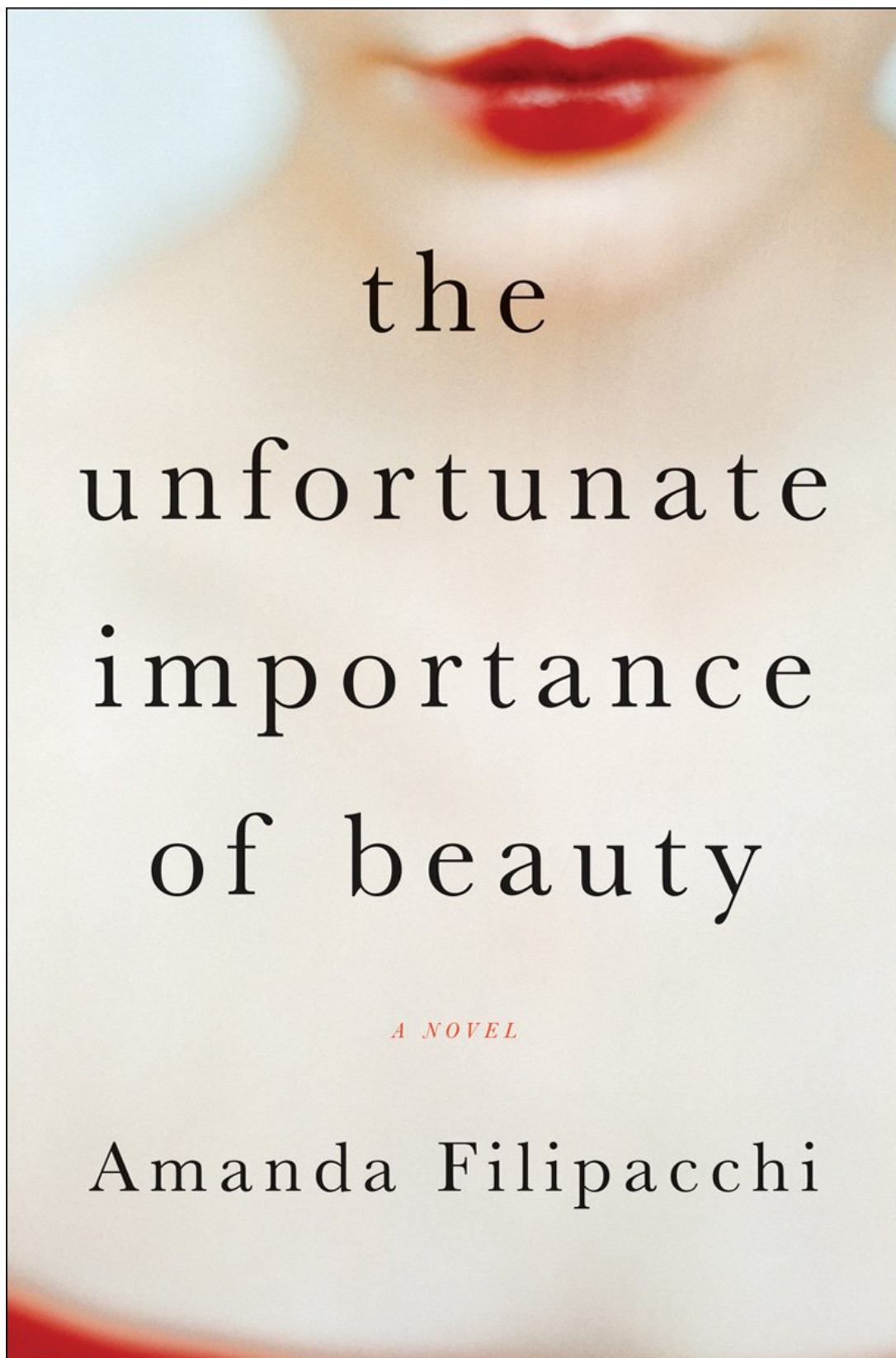
Her first story for YA readers in a decade, Link's new collection of short stories has been praised by many authors. The sometimes humorous stories span from "The Summer People," in which a young girl serves as caretaker to the mysterious visitors inhabiting the cottage behind her house, to "The New Boyfriend" involving a slumber party and a life-size animated doll.



The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Release Date: February 3

The novel follows two French sisters: Vivianne, whose husband Antoine heads to the Front to fight the Nazis, and Isabelle, an eighteen-year old searching for her purpose. Separated by age and experience, Kristin Hannah tells the story of WWII and focuses on the women's war—which is rarely seen. Each sister starts out on her own dangerous path towards love, survival, and freedom in a war-torn France.

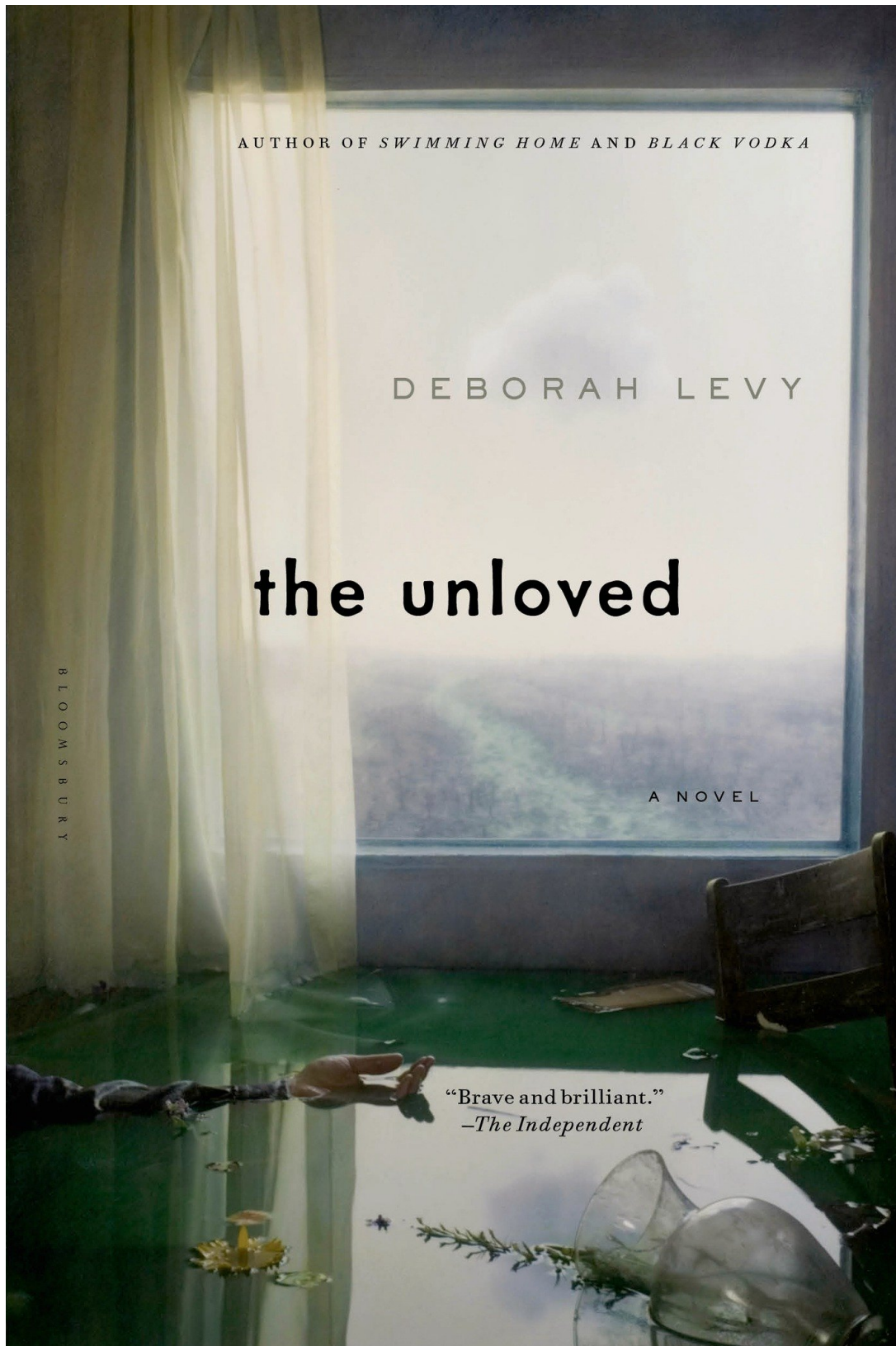


The Unfortunate Importance of Beauty by Amanda Filipacchi

Release Date: February 16

This book addresses the timeless question of what it means to truly see ourselves. Friends Barb and Lily have the same problem in different ways. Barb is stunningly beautiful and makes herself appear uglier in the hopes of

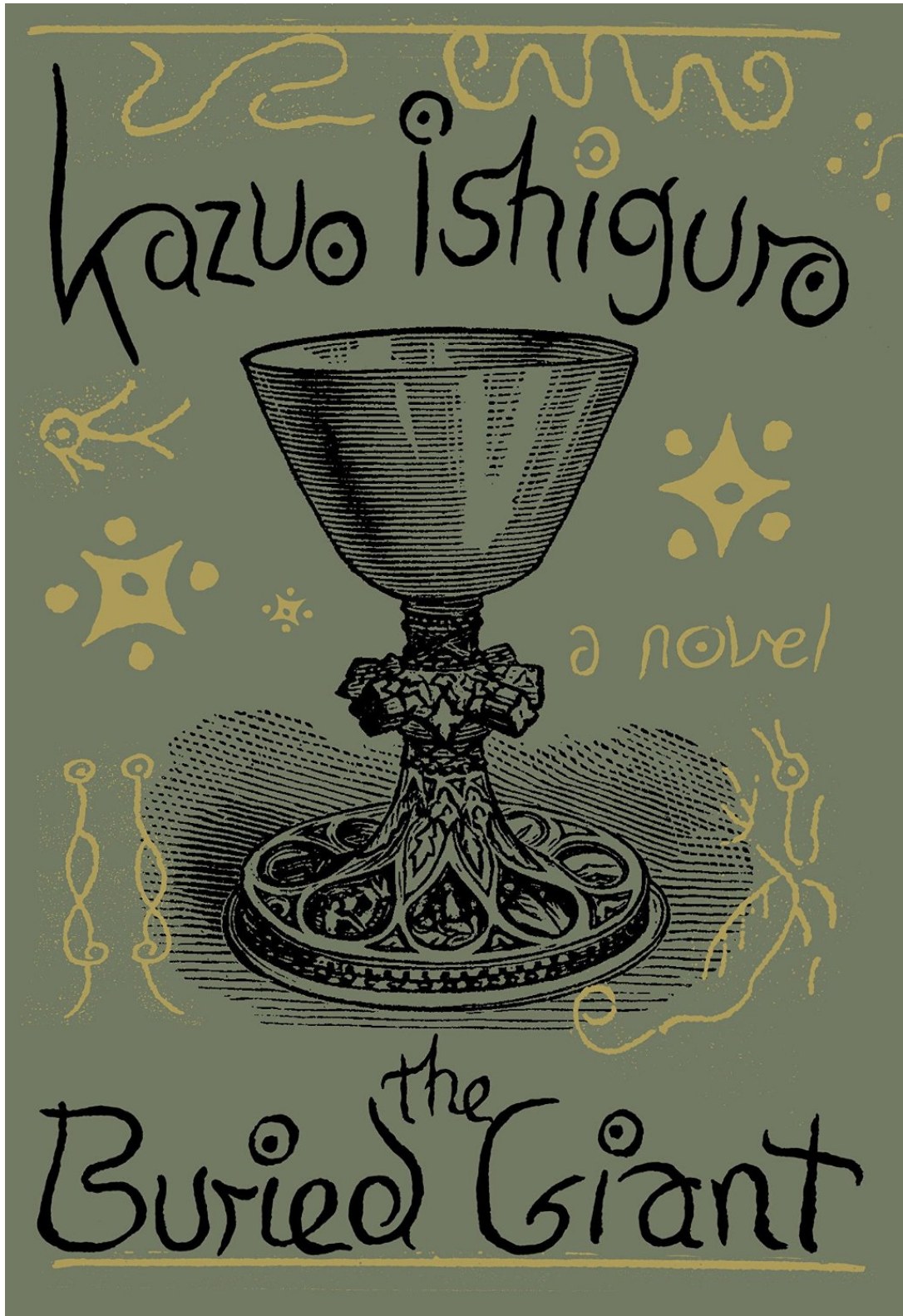
finding true love. Lily is a plain girl who goes to great lengths to make herself pretty in order to attract a man who has rejected her. In the heart of all of this chaos a murderer is in their midst—making for an interesting whodunit-thought provoking tale.



The Unloved by Deborah Levy

Release Date: March 3

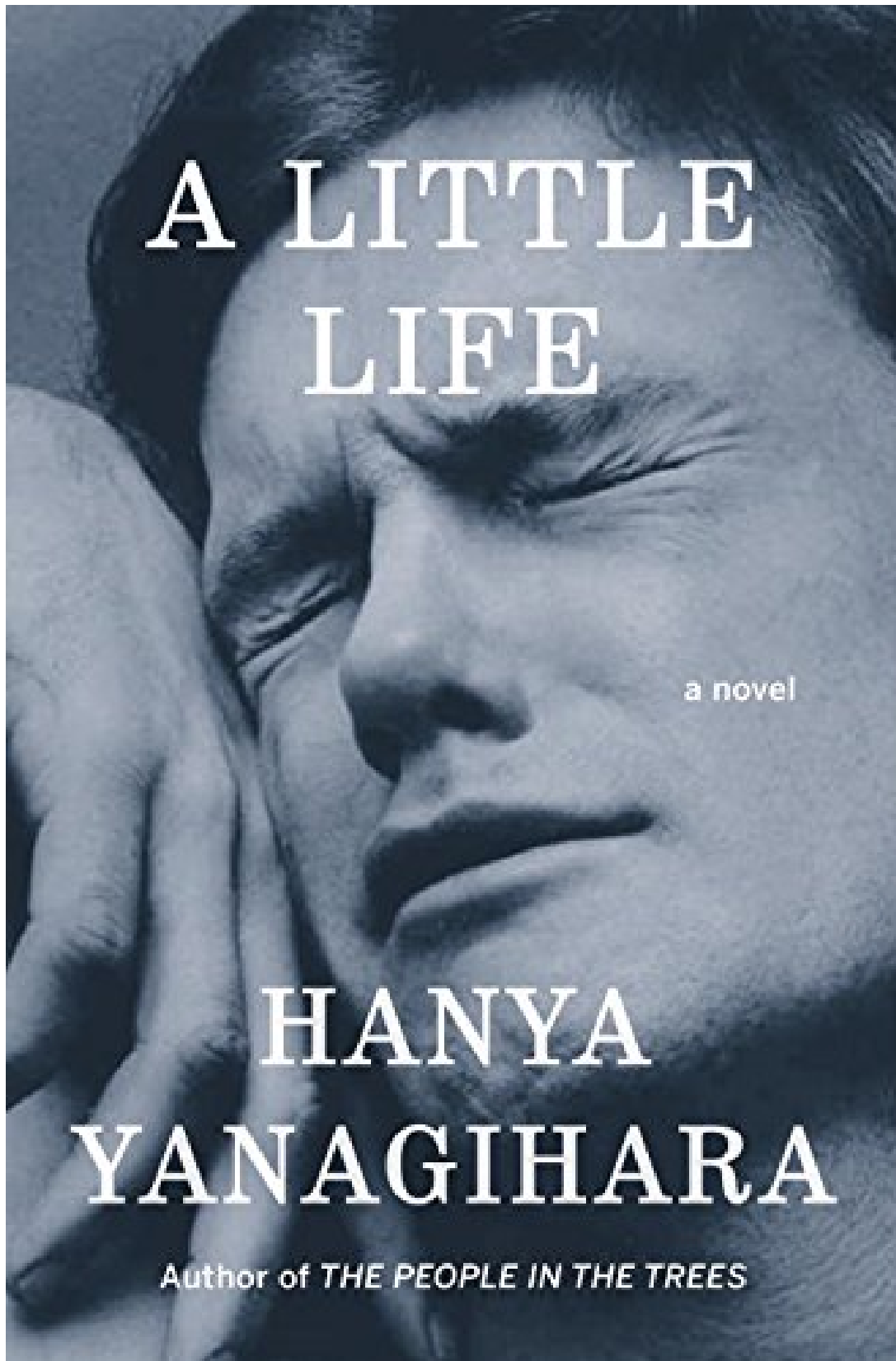
After a group of tourists from various countries gather to celebrate the holidays in a remote French chateau, a woman is brutally murdered. A child Tatiana claims to know who has done it, and so the books dives into an investigation of more than just the death—but into the nature of identity, love, rage, and desire.



The Buried Giant by Kazuo Ishiguro

Release Date: March 3

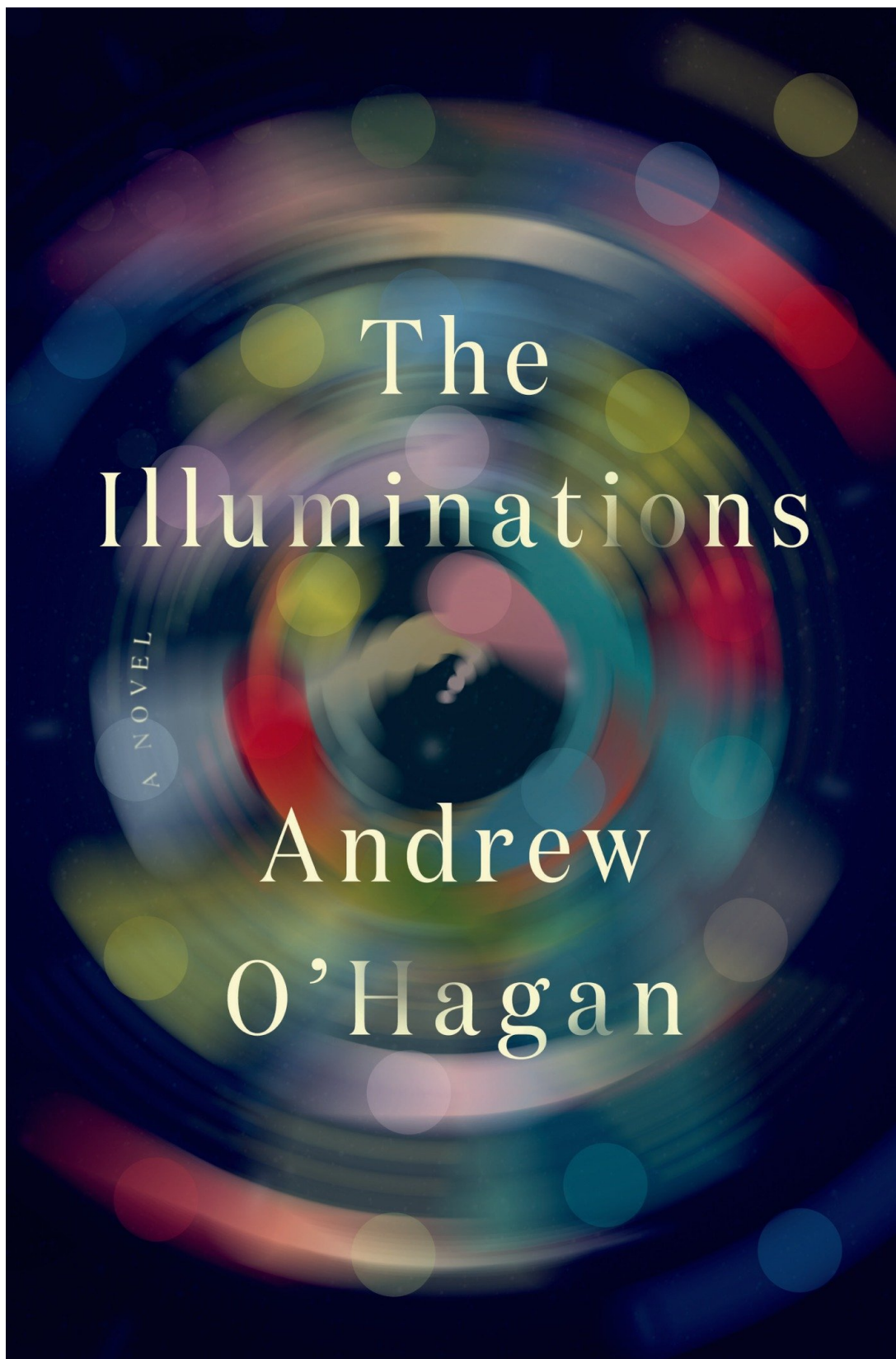
The author of *Never Let Me Go* and *The Remains of the Day* returns with his fantastic new novel, *The Buried Giant*. The story follows the journey of a couple through a troubled land of mist and rain in search for their son they haven't seen in years.



A Little Life by Hanya Yanagihara

Release Date: March 10

Yanagihara's new story surrounds four classmates from a Massachusetts college and their lives after moving to New York together. Each has their own struggles, but they come to realize their greatest challenge is one of them—Jude. While Jude is a talented litigator, he is scarred by a terrible childhood and haunted by fear he may never be able to overcome.

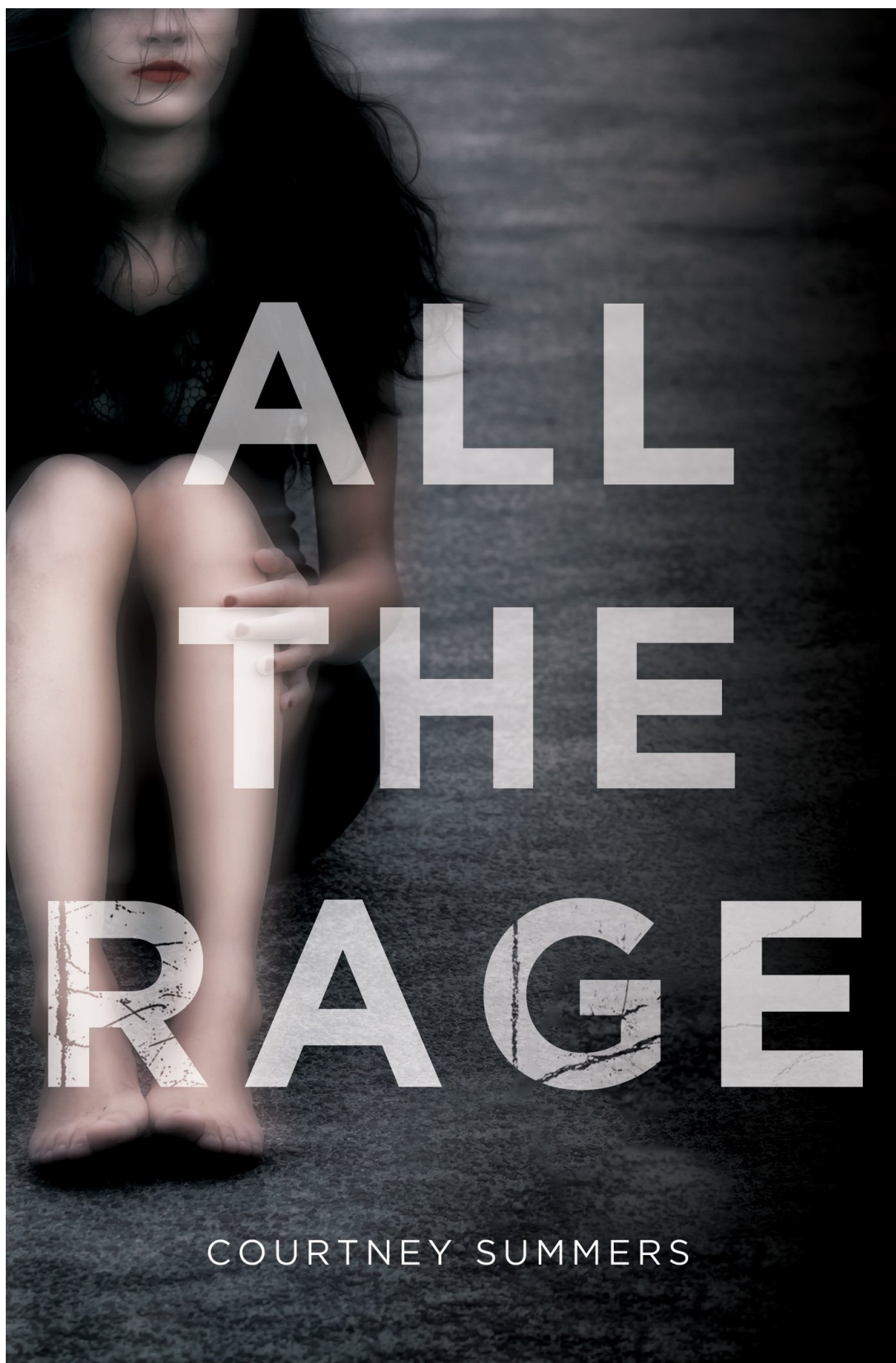


The Illuminations by Andrew O'Hagan

Release Date: March 24

This beautiful novel analyzes the stories and lies we tell ourselves to get by. Anne Quirk has told herself many fictitious tales to survive. Her grandson Luke, a captain with the Royal Western Fusiliers in the British army, has

inherited her ability to distort reality. When a mission goes terribly wrong—he is forced to see the world anew. After returning to Scotland, lies and secrets emerge and Anne confronts a mystery from her past at the Blackpool Illuminations—which are lights that brighten the town in winter.



All the Rage by Courtney Summers

Release Date: April 14

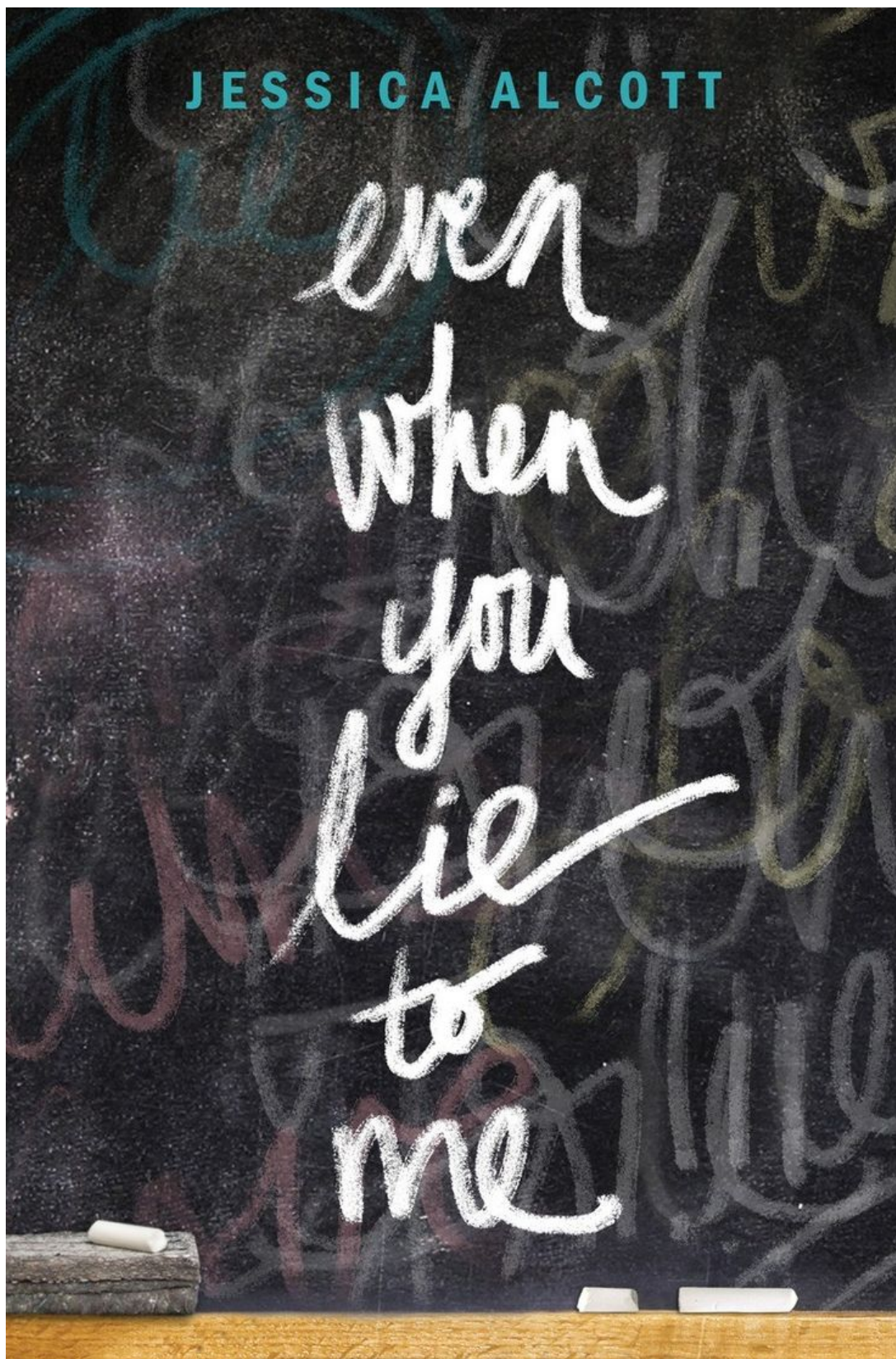
Romy Grey telling the truth about Kellan Turner cost her friends, family, and a community. The sheriff's son and golden boy is not what everyone thinks he is—but no one will believe her. When a girl with ties to both Romy and Kellan goes missing after a party and news of him assaulting another girl gets out, Romy has to decide whether to speak up even though no one believed her before. The thrilling novel will keep you on the edge of your seat.



The Heir (The Selection Series) by Kiera Cass

Release Date: May 5

The fourth book in *The Selection* series, Cass' new novel jumps twenty years after America Singer won the heart of Prince Maxon in his Selection. Now, it's time for their daughter Princess Eadlyn to have a selection of her own. Not expecting her parents' love-story to come true for herself, she realizes that maybe finding her own happiness isn't as impossible as she thought.

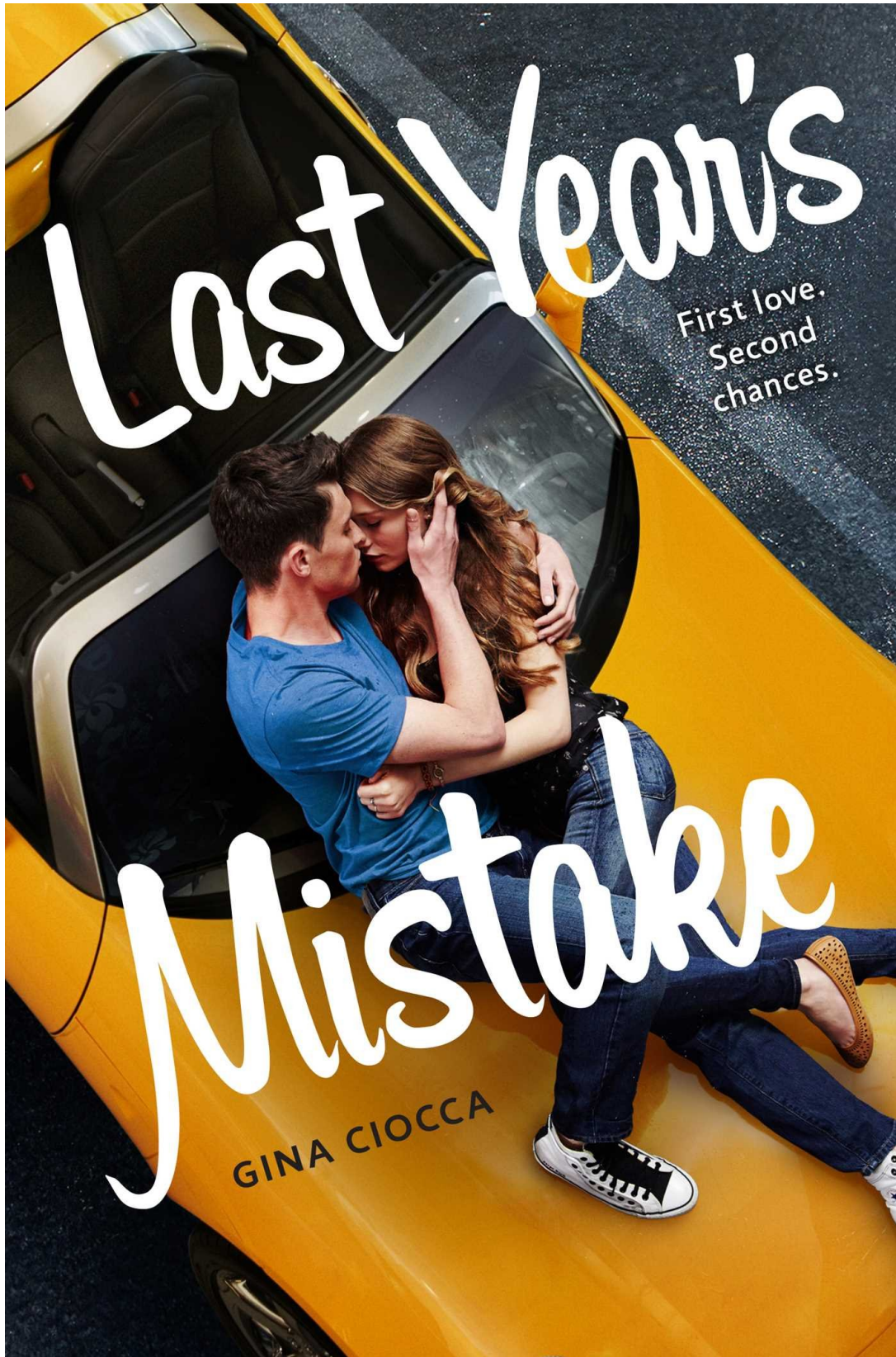


Even When You Lie to Me by Jessica Alcott

Release Date: June 9

Alcott's provocative debut novel explores forbidden love at a suburban high school. High school senior, Charlie, lives in the shadow of her best friend and hides behind her favorite books. However, the new English teacher Mr.

Drummond may change that. The attractive, funny and smart teacher has caught many of the students' eyes—and Charlie thinks he's the only one who really gets her.



Last Year's Mistake by Gina Ciocca

Release Date: June 9

This new YA novel is coming out just in time for summer reading! Told in alternating “before” and “after” chapters, Gina Ciocca’s novel follows Kelsey and David—two best friends who were inseparable the summer before freshman year of high school. A misunderstanding turned Kelsey into the school joke and ended her friendship—making her eager to start over when her parents decided to move away. Jumping to senior year, she has a new group of friends and a boyfriend, which gets a lot more complicated when David moves to town.



Lady Midnight (Book #1—The Dark Artifices) by Cassandra Clare

Release Date: TBA 2015

The upcoming Cassandra Clare book enters a new series titled *The Dark Artifices*. It takes place five years since the events in *The Mortal Instruments* and Emma has dedicated her life to finding out what killed her parents and getting her revenge. There’s no release date yet, but the first book in this new trilogy will be released sometime next year. The image is of some of the characters that will be featured in the new book.

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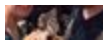
A few of these titles definitely peaked my interest. That said, none have me quite as excited to flip the pages of as [Boring Girls - A Novel](#) by Sara Taylor.

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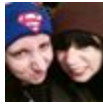
Mike Schilling · Schoolcraft College

Synopsis looks pretty good. I'd recommend anybody who wants to check out a debut



...title, a title from a female author, a counter culture title, a story that has to do with music, a story that has to do with revenge. A story about protagonists against the world. Give it a look, at least see what it's about.

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Mike Schilling and the cover alone is really intriguing.
I've read the synopsis so many times itching to know more.

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Suncoast Reviews

Not much there for an avid reader of thrillers. This time last year I had a long list of "Coming Soon" books but this year my list is pretty thin as several bestselling authors blotted their copybooks by stretching their plots to unbelievable levels to keep their readership in popular series.

"Yawn yawn" - there is another Jack Reacher book being released on 8 September.

The book I am most looking forward to in the near future is GUN STREET GIRL by Adrian McKinty, #4 in his Sean Duffy series set in "The Troubles" in Northern Ireland in the 1980's. It will be released in Australia on 8 January but not until 3 March in the US.

Another one for US members to look forward to is LIFE OR DEATH by Michael Robotham to be released on 10 March 2015 (it was released in Australia last July and has rave reviews).

You can see something about that book and others in my "Best books of 2014":

<http://www.suncoastbookreviews.com/2014/12/best-books-of-2014.html>

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Mina Louise Zalnasky · Imperial, Pennsylvania

Agree with Bill, how about some nonfiction? Nightingales interest me, but, other than that, nothing.

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Mary Salinas

Same here!

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Great list! So excited for a new one by Kristin Hannah!

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Some crime thrillers ?

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Pamela Rakes

For the non-fiction lovers: Factory Man, by Beth Macy. It focuses on Bassett, Martinsville, Galax, Virginia and the effects of globalization and furniture factory closings. Tom Hanks' Production company has bought the movie rights and is presently working on a mini-series that will be aired on HBO. The book is excellent and touches close to my heart since this is the area I grew up. It starts in 1902 & goes to present day. It made the New York Times best seller list!

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RoseMarie DiRusso Tamarro · Independent Consultant at Tupperware US & Canada

wish there was a book of interest for me, unfortunate to say these will all be on my miss list

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Would love to reead these books. Eagerly waiting *-*

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