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A Redbird Christmas

A heart-warming, feel-good festive read

Random House *Welcome to the charming town of Lost River – and an enchanting and unforgettable Christmas... When Oswald moves to the sleepy little town of Lost River he's not expecting to make friends - but one by one the eccentric inhabitants win his heart. There's his landlady Betty who's a force to be reckoned with, Roy who runs the local store and secretly nurses a broken heart, Patsy the little abandoned girl he takes under his wing and, most importantly, Jack the redbird who brings the sort of miracle that can only happen at Christmas... 'A wonderful book ...oozing with goodness and charm... Absurdly satisfying' Guardian 'A born storyteller' New York Times*

A Redbird Christmas

Fawcett Books *In a tiny and remote Alabama town, an unexpected, unusual, and life-transforming event that occurs on one Christmas morning changes a family and a town forever, in a heartwarming holiday novel by the author of Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe. Reprint.*

A Redbird Christmas

A Novel

Random House *With the same incomparable style and warm, inviting voice that have made her beloved by millions of readers far and wide, New York Times bestselling author Fannie Flagg has written an enchanting Christmas story of faith and hope for all ages that is sure to become a classic. Deep in the southernmost part of Alabama, along the banks of a lazy winding river, lies the sleepy little community known as Lost River, a place that time itself seems to have forgotten. After a startling diagnosis from his doctor, Oswald T. Campbell leaves behind the cold and damp of the oncoming Chicago winter to spend what he believes will be his last Christmas in the warm and welcoming town of Lost River. There he meets the postman who delivers mail by boat, the store owner who nurses a broken heart, the ladies of the Mystic Order of the Royal Polka Dots Secret Society, who do clandestine good works. And he meets a little redbird named Jack, who is at the center of this tale of a magical Christmas when something so amazing happened that those who witnessed it have never forgotten it. Once you experience the wonder, you too will never forget A Redbird Christmas.*

Welcome to the World, Baby Girl!

A Novel

Ballantine Books *A funny, serious, and compelling novel by Fannie Flagg, author of the beloved Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe (and prize-winning co-writer of the classic movie). "[This] tale of tough, eccentric, endearing women who first endure and then prevail. . . . will make you laugh out loud—and shed a few tears. . . . Welcome to the World, Baby Girl! is another rattling success."—Richmond Times-Dispatch Once again, Flagg's humor and respect and affection for her characters shine forth. Many inhabit small-town or suburban America. But this time, her heroine is urban: a brainy, beautiful, and ambitious rising star of 1970s television. Dena Nordstrom, pride of the network, is a woman whose future is full of promise, her present rich with complications, and her past marked by mystery. Among the colorful cast of characters are: Sookie, of Selma, Alabama, Dena's exuberant college roommate, who is everything that Dena is not; she is thrilled by Dena's success and will do everything short of signing autographs for her; Sookie's a mom, a wife, and a Kappa forever Dena's cousins, the Warrens, and her aunt Elner, of Elmwood Springs, Missouri, endearing, loyal, talkative, ditsy, and, in their way, wise Neighbor Dorothy, whose spirit hovers over them all through the radio show that she broadcast from her home in the 1940s Sidney Capello, pioneer of modern sleaze journalism and privateer of privacy, and Ira Wallace, his partner in tabloid television Several doctors, all of them taken with—and almost taken in by—Dena There are others, captivated by a woman who tries to go home again, not knowing where home or love lie.*

Fried Green Tomatoes At The Whistle Stop Cafe

Random House Rediscover the ultimate comfort read in the classic story of friendship, loyalty and secrets set in the deep south of America in the 1930s. The day Ildgie Threadgoode and Ruth Jamison opened the Whistle Stop Cafe, the town took a turn for the better. It was the Depression and that cafe was a home from home for many of us. You could get eggs, grits, bacon, ham, coffee and a smile for 25 cents. Ruth was just the sweetest girl you ever met. And Ildgie? She was a character, all right. You never saw anyone so headstrong. But how anybody could have thought she murdered that man is beyond me. *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* is a mouth-watering tale of love, laughter and mystery. It will lift your spirits and above all it'll remind you of the secret to life: friends. 'A richly comic, poignant narrative' Harper Lee

Can't Wait to Get to Heaven

Random House Life is the strangest thing. One minute, Mrs Elnor Shimfissle is up a tree, picking figs to make jam, and the next thing she knows, she is off on a strange adventure, running into people she never expected to see again, in the unlikeliest of places. Meanwhile, Elnor's highly strung niece Norma takes to her bed, before embarking on a brand new career; Elnor's neighbour Verbena turns to the Bible; her truck-driver friend, Luther Griggs, runs his eighteen-wheeler into a ditch; a dark secret emerges from the past - and the entire town is left wondering, 'What's life all about anyway?' Except for Tot Whooten, whose main concern is that the end of the world might come before she can collect her social security. A plea for honest doubt and humanity in an over-certain world, *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven* is further proof that Fannie Flagg was put on this earth to write.

I Still Dream About You

Random House Meet Maggie Fortenberry. Her life seems pretty much perfect - she's beautiful, charming and successful, just as you'd expect of a former Miss Alabama. But in fact, Maggie is perfectly miserable. By now she should have been living in an elegant house with an adoring husband and children. Instead, she makes a living selling that dream to others - though her estate agency business has lately been going from bad to worse. So Maggie comes up with the perfect plan to end it all. And that's when strange things start happening. As Maggie finds herself catapulted into one surprising discovery after another, she learns valuable lessons about the nature of friendship, the challenges of modern life and the dangers of impossible dreams. She also learns that everybody, dead or alive, has at least one little secret...

Standing in the Rainbow

A Novel

Ballantine Books Good news! Fannie's back in town—and the town is among the leading characters in her new novel. Along with Neighbor Dorothy, the lady with the smile in her voice, whose daily radio broadcasts keep us delightfully informed on all the local news, we also meet Bobby, her ten-year-old son, destined to live a thousand lives, most of them in his imagination; Norma and Macky Warren and their ninety-eight-year-old Aunt Elnor; the oddly sexy and charismatic Hamm Sparks, who starts off in life as a tractor salesman and ends up selling himself to the whole state and almost the entire country; and the two women who love him as differently as night and day. Then there is Tot Whooten, the beautician whose luck is as bad as her hairdressing skills; Beatrice Woods, the Little Blind Songbird; Cecil Figgs, the Funeral King; and the fabulous Minnie Oatman, lead vocalist of the Oatman Family Gospel Singers. The time is 1946 until the present. The town is Elmwood Springs, Missouri, right in the middle of the country, in the midst of the mostly joyous transition from war to peace, aiming toward a dizzyingly bright future. Once again, Fannie Flagg gives us a story of richly human characters, the saving graces of the once-maligned middle classes and small-town life, and the daily contest between laughter and tears. Fannie truly writes from the heartland, and her storytelling is, to quote Time, "utterly irresistible."

The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion

Random House The hilarious and heartwarming new novel from the author of *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* Wisconsin, 1941 - With all the men off to war, Fritzi and her sisters must learn men's work and the All-Girl Filling Station is born, complete with neat little caps, short skirts, and roller-skates. Their peace doesn't last long though: skilled women are needed to fly planes for the war effort... Alabama, 2005 - Mrs Sookie Earle has just married off the last of her daughters and is looking forward to putting her feet up. But then one day a package arrives. Its contents knock Sookie sideways, propelling her back to the 1940s, and four irrepressible sisters whose wartime adventures force them to reimagine who they are, and what they are capable of. 'Flagg is a writer of great warmth and wisdom... A richly imagined family saga' The Times 'Wonderful... A warm, funny riff on family and identity' Daily Mail

The Whole Town's Talking

A Novel

Random House NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The bestselling author of *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* is at her superb best in this fun-loving, moving novel about what it means to be truly alive. WINNER OF THE SOUTHERN BOOK PRIZE Elmwood Springs, Missouri, is a small town like any other, but something strange is happening at the cemetery. Still Meadows, as it's called, is

anything but still. Original, profound, *The Whole Town's Talking*, a novel in the tradition of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* and Flagg's own *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*, tells the story of Lordor Nordstrom, his Swedish mail-order bride, Katrina, and their neighbors and descendants as they live, love, die, and carry on in mysterious and surprising ways. Lordor Nordstrom created, in his wisdom, not only a lively town and a prosperous legacy for himself but also a beautiful final resting place for his family, friends, and neighbors yet to come. "Resting place" turns out to be a bit of a misnomer, however. Odd things begin to happen, and it starts the whole town talking. With her wild imagination, great storytelling, and deep understanding of folly and the human heart, the beloved Fannie Flagg tells an unforgettable story of life, afterlife, and the remarkable goings-on of ordinary people. In *The Whole Town's Talking*, she reminds us that community is vital, life is a gift, and love never dies. Praise for *The Whole Town's Talking* "A witty multigenerational saga . . . [Fannie] Flagg's down-home wisdom, her affable humor and her long view of life offer a pleasant respite in nerve-jangling times."—People "Fannie Flagg at her best."—*The Florida Times-Union* "If there's one thing Fannie Flagg can do better than anybody else, it's tell a story, and she outdoes herself in *The Whole Town's Talking*. . . . Brilliant . . . equally on the level as her famous *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*."—*The Newport Plain Talk* "Delightful."—*The Washington Post* "A ringing affirmation of love, community and life itself."—*Richmond Times-Dispatch*

The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop

A Novel

Random House NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A heartwarming novel about secrets of youth rediscovered, hometown memories, and the magical moments in ordinary lives, from the beloved author of *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* "A gift, a blessing and a triumph . . . celebrates the bonds of family and friends—and the possibilities of recovery and renewal."—*The Free Lance-Star Bud Threadgoode* grew up in the bustling little railroad town of Whistle Stop with his mother, Ruth, church-going and proper, and his Aunt Idgie, the fun-loving hell-raiser. Together they ran the town's popular Whistle Stop Cafe, known far and wide for its fun and famous fried green tomatoes. And as Bud often said of his childhood to his daughter Ruthie, "How lucky can you get?" But sadly, as the railroad yards shut down and Whistle Stop became a ghost town, nothing was left but boarded-up buildings and memories of a happier time. Then one day, Bud decides to take one last trip, just to see what has become of his beloved Whistle Stop. In so doing, he discovers new friends, as well as surprises about Idgie's life, about Ninny Threadgoode and other beloved Fannie Flagg characters, and about the town itself. He also sets off a series of events, both touching and inspiring, which change his life and the lives of his daughter and many others. Could these events all be just coincidences? Or something else? And can you really go home again?

The Red Button

This Is Red "The prequel to *A CHRISTMAS CAROL*- A sweet Regency Christmas romance. Here at last is the untold story of Scrooge's doomed engagement. Belle Endicott and Ebenezer Scrooge are young, bookish, hardworking Londoners drawn together by button-making. His brand-new factory threatens her family's tiny shop, yet they fall in love and start planning their future. When personal and business calamities strike, they confront them vigorously side by side, but ultimately something has to give. We know what it is. They do not." -- Google books.

Skipping Christmas

Random House Imagine a year without Christmas. No crowded shops, no corny office parties, no fruitcakes, no unwanted presents. That's just what Luther and Nora Krank have in mind when they decide that, just this once, they'll skip the holiday altogether. Theirs will b

Looking for Mr. Goodbar

A Redbird Christmas

Dear Senator, a Memoir

A Redbird Christmas

A Novel

Daisy Fay And The Miracle Man

Random House Fannie Flagg takes us on a journey to a South that only Southerners know, to a time when 'Blue Velvet' was played at the Senior Prom, and into the life of Daisy Fay Harper, a sassy, truth-telling heroine who just can't stay out of trouble. What's more she tells us everything - from what (or who) made her Daddy and Momma split up to what is really stashed in the freezer of the family's malt shop. Daisy Fay is coming of age in the Gulf Coast's Shell Beach, which is *The End of the Road of the South*, but a dandy

place to meet the locals like hard-drinking Jimmy Snow, former debutante Mrs Dot and Daisy's own Daddy. They're all part of the fun that takes us down home, back to the '50s, and into the best story ever written east of Texas...

Hurricane Coltrane

Musical genius Robbie Stubbs was born and raised in a polygamist compound in Colorado City. He has the chops to be another John Coltrane, but that will take running away from home. He lands in Hurricane, Utah and befriends Merrill Hinton—a young man with a high IQ, a knack for trouble, a mysterious father he's never met, and an ambition for leaving his remote small town. Managing Robbie's path to fame may get them both out of the sticks.

The Cupid Effect

Hachette UK There's something special about Ceri . . . Meet Ceri. She's giving up her life and job in London to follow her heart in Leeds. But Ceri has a bad habit of unintentionally inspiring other people to follow their hearts too - then desperately trying to solve the resulting problems. When she arrives in her new city it's not long before chaos ensues. Will Ceri stick with her vow to not get involved or will she be forced to do what she does best and act like modern-day Cupid?

Dying to Read (The Cate Kinkaid Files Book #1)

A Novel

Baker Books Cate Kinkaid is just dipping her toe into the world of private investigating until one of the many résumés she has floating around lands her a real job. All she has to do is determine that a particular woman lives at a particular address. Simple, right? When the big and brooding house happens to contain a dead body, this routine PI job turns out to be anything but simple. Is Cate in over her head? Readers will be hooked from the very first chapter of this fast-paced and witty romantic mystery from bestselling and award-winning author Lorena McCourtney.

Shoe Addicts Anonymous

Random House Four very different women...all addicted to shoes. Lorna is up to her eyeballs in debt but can't help bidding for the newest Jimmy Choos on eBay. Helene is unhappily married to a politician who keeps threatening to cancel her credit cards. Sandra pays her shoe bills by working as a phone sex operator. And Joss is a nanny who has found herself in a family from hell and will do just about anything to get out of the house on her night off. When they come upon a classified advert, inviting shoe lovers to a weekly shoe-swap, each one jumps at the chance to meet fellow addicts. But none of them realise that they will come away with much, much more than just a new pair of kitten heels...

Unlocked

Harper Collins Holden Harris is an autistic eighteen-year-old who is bullied at school. Ella Reynolds is the head cheerleader who befriends Holden but has problems of her own at home.

Fried Green Tomatoes, Can't Wait to Get to Heaven, and I Still Dream About You: Three Bestselling Novels

Random House Fannie Flagg has enchanted readers with her warm, wonderful, and witty books for nearly forty years. Now this delightful eBook bundle showcases three of her classic novels—full of heart and smart and refreshing as sweet tea on a hot summer day. **FRIED GREEN TOMATOES AT THE WHISTLE STOP CAFE** "It's very good, in fact, just wonderful."—Los Angeles Times Folksy and fresh, endearing and affecting, *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* is the now-classic novel of two women in the 1980s: of gray-headed Mrs. Threadgoode telling her life story to Evelyn, who is in the sad slump of middle age. The tale Mrs. Threadgoode tells is also of two women—of the irrepressibly daredevilish tomboy Ildgie and her friend Ruth—who back in the thirties ran a little place in Whistle Stop, Alabama, a Southern kind of Cafe Wobegon offering good barbecue and good coffee and all kinds of love and laughter, even an occasional murder. And as the past unfolds, the present—for Evelyn and for us—will never be quite the same again. . . . **CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO HEAVEN** "Funny and utterly charming."—The Miami Herald It's the strangest thing. One minute Elnor Shimfissle is up in her tree, picking figs in Elmwood, Missouri, and the next thing she knows she is off on an adventure she never dreamed of, running into people she never in a million years expected to meet. Meanwhile, back in Elmwood Springs, Elnor's high-strung niece Norma faints and winds up in bed with a cold cloth on her head; Elnor's neighbor Verbena rushes immediately to the Bible; her truck driver friend, Luther Griggs, runs his eighteen-wheeler into a ditch; and the entire town is thrown for a loop. In this comedy-mystery, those near and dear to Elnor discover something wonderful. **I STILL DREAM ABOUT YOU** "Undoubtedly [Flagg's] wisest book, comic and compassionate."—Richmond Times-Dispatch Meet Maggie Fortenberry, a still beautiful former Miss Alabama. To others, Maggie's life seems practically perfect—she's lovely, charming, and a successful agent at Red Mountain Realty. Still, Maggie can't help but wonder how she wound up living a life so different from the one she dreamed of as a child. But just when things seem completely hopeless, and the secrets of Maggie's past drive her to a radical plan to solve it all, Maggie discovers, quite by accident, that everybody, it seems, has at least one little secret. Praise for Fannie Flagg "A born storyteller."—The New York Times Book Review "What [Flagg] writes about, time and again, are the touching, terrifying, heartbreaking, hysterical, extraordinary, everyday things that make us

human.”—*Southern Living* “Courageous and wise.”—*Houston Chronicle*, on *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* “A thoroughly entertaining comic novel.”—*Newsday*, on *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* “The characters are endearing, the story is engaging. . . . A comforting and sometimes thought-provoking read.”—*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, on *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven* “A fun and rollicking Nancy Drew mystery for grown-ups.”—*The Birmingham News*, on *I Still Dream About You*

Seven Days of Us

the most hilarious and life-affirming novel about a family in crisis

Hachette UK 'One of the best books of the year' Hello! 'If you are struggling with self-isolation in the family home, then this is the novel for you' *Abbie Greaves*, author of *The Silent Treatment* The joyful, sharply observed and life-affirming story about being quarantined with your loved ones. Also a Radio 2 Bookclub pick. It's the holidays, and the Birch family is gathering for the first time in years. Olivia, the eldest daughter, has returned from treating an epidemic abroad and must go into quarantine for seven days. Her mother has decided it's the perfect opportunity to spend some 'special time' together. Her youngest sister wholeheartedly disagrees. Her father isn't allowed an opinion. When no one can leave the house and no one can enter, quarantine for the Birches feels like an eternity. Especially when they're all harbouring secrets. One of which is about to come knocking at their door... Rave reviews for *Seven Days of Us*: 'LOVED it! Warm and humane, funny and sad, with a great, twisty plot, *Seven Days of Us* is absolute pleasure reading from beginning to end' *Marian Keyes* 'I loved this comic drama...the plot is genius...and the results are hilarious and touching' *Daily Mail* 'One of the best family dramas you'll ever read' Best 'Francesca Hornak is hilariously funny with characters that jump off the page, grab you, and just won't let go' *Rosamund Lupton*, bestselling author of *Sister* 'Sharply observed by Hornak's satirical eye, this has "Working Title film deal" written all over it' *Glamour* 'Expertly captures the joys and the tensions of spending any time with those who know you best. It thoroughly deserves to be this year's big Christmas hit' The i 'Absorbing, insightful and immensely enjoyable' *Laura Barnett*, bestselling author of *The Versions of Us* 'Compassionate, witty and wise' *Saskia Sarginson*, bestselling author of *The Twins* 'I LOVED *Seven Days of Us*. The story swallowed me up. It has all the makings of your classic rom-com, with characters that are both remarkable yet wonderfully relatable' *The Unmumsy Mum* 'Touching, funny, emotionally intelligent, *Seven Days of Us* is pure pleasure from beginning to end. It's stylishly written and totally engrossing. I really, really loved it' *Adele Geras*

Wish Upon a Star

HarperCollins UK A wonderful warm festive treat from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Christmas Invitation*

The Accidental Empress

A Novel

Simon and Schuster The *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Traitor's Wife* fictionalizes the little-known and tumultuous love story of "Sisi," the 19th-century Austro-Hungarian empress and captivating wife of Emperor Franz Joseph.

The Ecco Book of Christmas Stories

Ecco Christmas is the storytelling time, the beginning of things expected but not yet seen, of tales suspenseful and mysterious, and full of a comfort of sorts. Internationally acclaimed anthologist *Alberto Manguel* offers an immensely enjoyable collection of twenty-three brilliant stories from across the globe, written under the merry canopy of Christmas. *The Ecco Book of Christmas Stories* includes tales by the best master storytellers, such as "The Turkey Season" by *Alice Munro*; "Christmas Is a Sad Season for the Poor" by *John Cheever*; "Crèche" by *Richard Ford*; "Horatio's Trick" by *Ann Beattie*; "Another Christmas" by *William Trevor*; and "The Leaf-Sweeper" by *Muriel Spark*. The collection also features voices of writers whose work has seldom or never been translated into English, such as "A Risk for Father Christmas" by *Siegfried Lenz* and "The Night Before Christmas" by *Theodore Odrach*. Eminently readable, *The Ecco Book of Christmas Stories* is a celebration of the most magical of seasons.

The Handmaid and the Carpenter

Random House Digital, Inc. A new rendition of the Christmas story follows a young couple, *Mary and Joseph*, who are planning to be married, only to be confronted by an unexpected pregnancy that for *Mary* is a miracle and for *Joseph*, a challenge to his faith in his wife and in God.

The Penguin Book of Christmas Stories

Penguin Books Canada Internationally acclaimed anthologist *Alberto Manguel* offers an immensely enjoyable collection of 22 brilliant stories from across the globe, written under the merry canopy of Christmas. *The Penguin Book of Christmas Stories* features tales by the best master storytellers, including *Alice Munro*, *John Cheever*, *Richard Ford*, *Anne Beattie*, *William Trevor*, *Muriel Spark*, *Paul Auster*, *Mavis Gallant*, *Alistair MacLeod*, and *Vladimir Nabokov*.

A Redbird Christmas

Dear Senator, a Memoir

The Red Gloves Collection

Hachette UK *Compiled in this collector edition are Gideon's Gift, Sarah's Song, Maggie's Miracle, and Hannah's Hope. Readers worldwide have been touched by these heart-warming tales of hope, inspiration, and joyous miracles by bestselling author Karen Kingsbury.*

Spooky Little Girl

A Novel

Villard *Death is what happens while you're busy making other plans. Coming home from a Hawaiian vacation with her best girlfriends, Lucy Fisher is stunned to find everything she owns tossed out on her front lawn, the locks changed, and her fiancé's phone disconnected—plus she's just lost her job. With her world spinning wildly out of her control, Lucy decides to make a new start and moves upstate to live with her sister and nephew. But then things take an even more dramatic turn: A fatal encounter with public transportation lands Lucy not in the hereafter but in the nearly hereafter. She's back in school, learning the parameters of spooking and how to become a successful spirit in order to complete a ghostly assignment. If Lucy succeeds, she's guaranteed a spot in the next level of the afterlife—but until then, she's stuck as a ghost in the last place she would ever want to be. Trying to avoid being trapped on earth for all eternity, Lucy crosses the line between life and death and back again when she returns home. Navigating the perilous channels of the paranormal, she's determined to find out why her life crumbled and why, despite her ghastly death, no one seems to have noticed she's gone. But urgency on the spectral plane—in the departed person of her feisty grandmother, who is risking both their eternal lives—requires attention, and Lucy realizes that you get only one chance to be spectacular in death.*

Christmas Tales of Alabama

History Press Library Editions *It's the most wonderful time of the year, especially in Alabama. Celebrate the spirit of the season with these tales of Christmases past from the heart of Dixie. There is the story of Helen Keller's first Christmas memories in Tusculumbia, the tale of how Birmingham native Hugh Martin penned the classic tune "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," visions of all the impressive Christmas light displays throughout the state and much more. In a collection of tales that range from the heartwarming to the heartbreaking, Alabama author Kelly Kazek culls from over two hundred years of Christmas celebrations in the state and offers up a gift that no one will want to be without come Christmas morning.*

Nothing Daunted

The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West

Simon and Schuster *The acclaimed and captivating true story of two restless society girls who left their affluent lives to "rough it" as teachers in the wilds of Colorado in 1916. In the summer of 1916, Dorothy Woodruff and Rosamond Underwood, bored by society luncheons, charity work, and the effete men who courted them, left their families in Auburn, New York, to teach school in the wilds of northwestern Colorado. They lived with a family of homesteaders in the Elkhead Mountains and rode to school on horseback, often in blinding blizzards. Their students walked or skied, in tattered clothes and shoes tied together with string. The young cattle rancher who had lured them west, Ferry Carpenter, had promised them the adventure of a lifetime. He hadn't let on that they would be considered dazzling prospective brides for the locals. Nearly a hundred years later, Dorothy Wickenden, the granddaughter of Dorothy Woodruff, found the teachers' buoyant letters home, which captured the voices of the pioneer women, the children, and other unforgettable people the women got to know. In reconstructing their journey, Wickenden has created an exhilarating saga about two intrepid women and the "settling up" of the West.*

The Christmas Box

20th Anniversary Edition

Simon and Schuster *Richard, a busy and preoccupied father, discovers a Christmas box full of love letters from an old woman to her dead daughter and, with the help of an angel, begins to learn the true meaning of Christmas.*

Distant Shores

Random House Digital, Inc. *When her daughters leave for college and her husband lands the job of his dreams, Elizabeth Shore struggles to renew her dreams and passion for life.*

The Christmas Pearl

Simon and Schuster *A Christmas treat from the bestselling author of The Hurricane Sisters Theodora is the matriarch of a family that has grown apart. While she's finally managed to get them all together in South Carolina to celebrate Christmas, this is shaping up to be nothing like the extravagant, homey holidays of her childhood. All they do is argue. What happened to the days when Christmas meant tables groaning with home-cooked goodies, over-the-top decorations, and long chats in front of the fire with Pearl, her grandmother's beloved housekeeper and closest confidante? Luckily for Theodora, a special someone who heard her plea for help arrives, with pockets full of enough magic and common sense to make Theodora's Christmas the love-filled miracle it's meant to be.*

The Christmas Train

Hachette UK *A journalist on a cross-country Christmas train scales the rugged terrain of his own heart in this New York Times bestselling holiday tale that inspired the Hallmark Hall of Fame original movie! Disillusioned journalist Tom Langdon must get from Washington to Los Angeles in time for Christmas. Forced to travel by train, he begins a journey of rude awakenings, thrilling adventures, and holiday magic. He has no idea that the locomotives pulling him across America will actually take him into the rugged terrain of his own heart, as he rediscovers people's essential goodness and someone very special he believed he had lost. David Baldacci's THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN is filled with memorable characters who have packed their bags with as much wisdom as mischief...and shows how we do get second chances to fulfill our deepest hopes and dreams, especially during this season of miracles.*

Last Christmas in Paris

A Novel of World War I

HarperCollins *An unforgettably romantic novel that spans four Christmases (1914-1918), Last Christmas in Paris explores the ruins of war, the strength of love, and the enduring hope of the Christmas season. New York Times bestselling author Hazel Gaynor has joined with Heather Webb to create this unforgettably romantic novel of the Great War. August 1914. England is at war. As Evie Elliott watches her brother, Will, and his best friend, Thomas Harding, depart for the front, she believes—as everyone does—that it will be over by Christmas, when the trio plan to celebrate the holiday among the romantic cafes of Paris. But as history tells us, it all happened so differently... Evie and Thomas experience a very different war. Frustrated by life as a privileged young lady, Evie longs to play a greater part in the conflict—but how?—and as Thomas struggles with the unimaginable realities of war he also faces personal battles back home where War Office regulations on press reporting cause trouble at his father's newspaper business. Through their letters, Evie and Thomas share their greatest hopes and fears—and grow ever fonder from afar. Can love flourish amid the horror of the First World War, or will fate intervene? Christmas 1918. With failing health, Thomas returns to Paris—a cherished packet of letters in hand—determined to lay to rest the ghosts of his past. But one final letter is waiting for him...*

Carol of the Brown King

Nativity Poems

Atheneum *A colorfully illustrated collection of nativity poems for young readers celebrates the beauty and majesty of the very first Christmas.*