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Author - Title - <i>Subject</i> - Synopsis
Anonymous - <u>A Warning</u> - <i>U.S. Politics and Government, President Donald Trump</i> - The nameless resister inside the White House speaks. "The character of one man has widened the chasms of American political division," writes Anonymous. Indeed. The Trump years will not be remembered well—not by voters, not by history since the man in charge "couldn't focus on governing, and he was prone to abuses of power, from ill-conceived schemes to punish his political rivals to a propensity for undermining vital American institutions." It was only patriotic to try to save the country from the man even as the resistance movement within the West Wing simultaneously tried to save Trump's presidency. However, that they tried did not mean they succeeded: The warning of the title consists in large part of an extended observation that Trump has removed the very people most capable of guiding him to correct action, and the "reasonable professionals" are becoming ever fewer in the absence of John Kelly and others. So unwilling are those professionals to taint their reputations by serving Trump, in fact, that many critical government posts are filled by "acting" secretaries, directors, and so forth. And those insiders abetting Trump are shrinking in number even as Trump stumbles from point to point, declaring victory over the Islamic State group and denouncing the legitimacy of the process that is now grinding toward impeachment. However, writes the author, removal from office is not the answer, not least because Trump may not leave without trying to stir up a civil war. Voting him out is the only solution, writes Anonymous; meanwhile, we're stuck with a president whose acts, by the resisters' reckoning, are equal parts stupid, illegal, or impossible to enact. Readers would do well to heed the dark warning that this book conveys.
Baldacci, David - <u>A Minute to Midnight</u> - <i>"FBI Agent Atlee Pine," Murder/Suspense Fiction</i> - FBI Agent Atlee Pine's life was never the same after her twin sister Mercy was kidnapped—and likely killed—thirty years ago (Long Road to Mercy, in our McNaughton Collection). After a lifetime of torturous uncertainty, Atlee's unresolved anger finally gets the better of her on the job, and she finds she has to deal with the demons of her past if she wants to remain with the FBI. Atlee and her assistant Carol Blum head back to Atlee's rural hometown in Georgia to see what they can uncover about the traumatic night Mercy was taken and Pine was almost killed. But soon after Atlee begins her investigation, a local woman is found ritualistically murdered, her face covered with a wedding veil—and the first killing is quickly followed by a second bizarre murder. Atlee is determined to continue her search for answers, but now she must also set her sights on finding a potential serial killer before another victim is claimed. But in a small town full of secrets—some of which could answer the questions that have plagued Atlee her entire life—digging deeper into the past could be more dangerous than she realizes.
Clark, Mary - <u>Kiss the girls and Make Them Cry</u> - <i>Sexual Harassment Fiction, Suspense/Thriller Fiction</i> - Returning from a trip to Hong Kong, investigative journalist Gina Kane is eager to hear from CRyan, the mysterious correspondent who'd emailed her about "a terrible experience with one of the higher-ups" at REL News. Despite Gina's repeated attempts, CRyan doesn't reply. By the time Gina has identified her as Catherine Ryan, she's been killed in a jet ski accident in Aruba. Since Cathy was an old hand at jet skiing whose death seems suspiciously timed, Gina takes off for Aruba, where she satisfies herself that this was no accident. A long flashback to two years earlier shows REL associate producer Lauren Pomerantz reporting to Michael Carter, a lawyer in the news organization's HR department, that venerable anchor Brad Matthews has harassed her and that she's gotten some convincing proof that will put paid to he-said, she-said. Clark clearly relishes the opportunity to show a bunch of high-priced lowlifes—Matthews, Carter, CEO Richard Sherman, and Frederick Carlyle Jr., son and heir apparent to REL's founder—scrambling to cover up Matthews' bad behavior without leaving any trace that they're doing so. Back in the present, Gina leans on enough sources to link Cathy Ryan's death to Matthews' serial abuse. And savvy readers will realize long before Gina does that one of the conspirators at REL whose wings she plans to clip has ideas about clipping hers first. Clark's usual mixture is now updated, with surprising and welcome assurance, for a new generation of imperiled women.

Lithgow, John - **Dumpty: The Age of Trump in Verse** - *American Political satire, Donald Trump Caricatures and Cartoons* - Dumpty: The Age of Trump in Verse is a satirical poetry collection from award-winning actor and bestselling author John Lithgow. Chronicling the last few raucous years in American politics, Lithgow takes readers verse by verse through the history of Donald Trump's presidency. Lampoons the likes of Betsy DeVos, William Barr, Rudy Giuliani, and dozens more. Illustrated from cover to cover with Lithgow's never-before-seen line drawings. Draws inspiration from A. A. Milne, Lewis Carroll, Edward Lear, and even Mother Goose. Great for fans of A Very Stable Genius by Mike Luckovich, Win Bigly: Persuasion in a World Where Facts Don't Matter by Scott Adams, and The Donald J. Trump Presidential Twitter Library by The Daily Show with Trevor Noah. The poems collected in Dumpty draw inspiration from A. A. Milne, Lewis Carroll, Edward Lear, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Mother Goose, and many more. A feat of laugh-out-loud lyrical storytelling, this timely volume is bound to bring joy to poetry lovers, political junkies, and Lithgow fans alike.

Patterson, James - **Criss Cross** - *"Detective Alex Cross," Psychological Fiction, Suspense/Thriller Fiction* - A killer with all the skills of a master detective has made Alex Cross the subject of his deranged "investigation." In a Virginia penitentiary, Alex Cross and his partner, John Sampson, witness the execution of a killer they helped convict. Hours later, they are called to the scene of a copycat crime. A note signed "M" rests on the corpse. "You messed up big time, Dr. Cross." Was an innocent man just put to death? Alex soon realizes he may have much to answer for, as "M" lures the detective out of the capital to the sites of multiple homicides, all marked with distressingly familiar details -- details that conjure up decades-old cases. Details that conjure up Cross family secrets. Details that make clear that M is after a prize so dear that -- were the killer to attain it -- Alex's heart would no longer have reason to beat.

Roberts, Nora - **The Rise of Magicks** - *Dytopias Fiction, Fantasy Fiction* - The #1 New York Times bestselling author of Year One and Of Blood and Bone (both in our McNaughton Collection) concludes her stunning new trilogy praised as "A match for end-of-the-world classics like Stephen King's The Stand." After the sickness known as the Doom destroyed civilization, magick has become commonplace, and Fallon Swift has spent her young years learning its ways. Fallon cannot live in peace until she frees those who have been preyed upon by the government or the fanatical Purity Warriors, endlessly hunted or locked up in laboratories, brutalized for years on end. She is determined to save even those who have been complicit with this evil out of fear or weakness-if, indeed, they can be saved. Strengthened by the bond she shares with her fellow warrior, Duncan, Fallon has already succeeded in rescuing countless shifters and elves and ordinary humans. Now she must help them heal-and rediscover the light and faith within themselves. For although from the time of her birth, she has been The One, she is still only one. And as she faces down an old nemesis, sets her sights on the enemy's stronghold, and pursues her destiny-to finally restore the mystical shield that once protected them all-she will need an army behind her.

Simpson, Glenn and Fritsch, Peter - **Crime in Progress: Inside the Steele Dossier and the Fusion GPS Investigation of Donald Trump** - *U.S. Corrupt Election Practices, Donald Trump* - Fusion GPS was founded in 2010 by Glenn Simpson and Peter Fritsch, two former reporters at *The Wall Street Journal* who decided to abandon the struggling news business and use their reporting skills to conduct open-source investigations for businesses and law firms—and opposition research for political candidates. In the fall of 2015, they were hired to look into the finances of Donald Trump. What began as a march through a mind-boggling trove of lawsuits, bankruptcies, and sketchy overseas projects soon took a darker turn: The deeper Fusion dug, the more it began to notice names that Simpson and Fritsch had come across during their days covering Russian corruption—and the clearer it became that the focus of Fusion's research going forward would be Trump's entanglements with Russia. Before Ukraine, before impeachment: This is the never-before-told inside story of the high-stakes, four-year-long investigation into Donald Trump's Russia ties—culminating in the Steele dossier, and sparking the Mueller report—from the founders of political opposition research company Fusion GPS.

Trump Jr., Donald - **Triggered: How the Left Thrives on Hate and Wants to Silence Us** - *U.S. Politics and Government, Donald Trump Jr.* - Trump Jr. debuts with a vitriolic screed against "liberal losers" and "Starbucks-chugging socialists in Brooklyn," combining a full-throated defense of his father's presidency with autobiographical snapshots likely to fuel speculation that he has political ambitions of his own. Sarcastically stating that he's "not mad" about special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 elections, Trump Jr. derides the inquiry for "taking nearly two years" when "anyone with half a brain could have done in five minutes." He snipes at many of the right wing's favorite targets, including the Green New Deal ("freaking stupid"), undocumented immigrants ("comparing today's illegal immigrants to the ones who built this country is ridiculous"), and safe spaces on college campuses ("don't get me started"). Trump Jr.'s memories of visiting his maternal grandparents in Czechoslovakia, learning to hunt and fish, and working manual labor jobs during summer breaks are meant to burnish his common-man bona fides, despite the fact that he grew up rich. Aiming exclusively at "Trump-supporting Americans," Trump Jr. delivers the snarky yet polished self-portrait he's been honing at his father's rallies and on Twitter for years. Loyalists will nod their heads in agreement; skeptics need not apply.