# NEW CELA Titles – Printable List

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## The first gentleman by James Patterson

### Adventure stories, Suspense and thrillers

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America has a powerful new president... And her husband's on trial for murder. Clinton and Patterson are back. And they're better than ever. The President of the United States is up for re-election. Her husband is on trial for murder. Is the First Gentleman a killer? A pair of brilliant investigative journalists set out to answer that burning question about the NFL star-turned-political spouse. The First Gentleman has all the twists and turns, and the authenticity, one expects from the #1 bestselling authors of The President Is Missing and The President's Daughter.

## The winds from further west by Alexander McCall Smith

### Humourous fiction, Serious and literary fiction

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Often a small and seemingly insignificant event can change the course of our lives. Not long after starting a new job, Neil meets Chrissie. Romance soon blossoms and together they move to a lavish flat in Edinburgh. Everything seems to be falling into place perfectly. But an innocuous, throw-away comment unintentionally causes Neil's career to collapse, and, at the same time, a cruel betrayal shatters the life he thought he knew. His only option is to escape to the secluded, remote beauty of a breathtaking Hebridean island. Here, he finds a different way of life, and new friendships develop. But he can't escape the past forever, and soon he must confront a life-changing decision once more. From the world's favourite author of The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, this novel is about chance encounters; it is richly atmospheric and packed with compassion and humour.

## The rogue (Four Corners Ranch #11) by Maisey Yates

### Contemporary romance, Westerns, Romance

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What's a little honeymooning between friends? Rue Matthews has it all. A cute little yarn store to call her own, her upcoming wedding and the best friend on earth. Sure, most people might not understand her relationship with Justice King, but he's always been there for her. And now he's going to be her best man...until her fiancé calls off the wedding just before the guests arrive. Justice loves Rue more than anything in the world. But that love has always stayed platonic because he knows full well she deserves better than him. Though when her fiancé breaks her heart and Rue asks him to show her what passion is really like, he can't resist. But going on a honeymoon with her turns out to be a lot more intense than either of them bargained for. She's always been his best friend... Could she be everything?

## She didn't see it coming: A novel by Shari Lapena

### Suspense and thrillers

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When a beloved wife and mother disappears, a luxurious condo building transforms into a potential crime scene, and the investigation begins: can the detectives find her before it's too late? Bryden and Sam have it all: thriving careers, a smart apartment in a luxury condominium, supportive friends and a cherished daughter. The perfect life for the perfect couple. Then Sam receives a call at his office. Bryden – working from home that day – has failed to collect their daughter from daycare. Arriving home with their little girl, he finds his wife’s car in the underground garage. Upstairs in their apartment her laptop is open on the table, her cell phone nearby, her keys in their usual place in the hall. Except Bryden is nowhere to be seen. It’s as if she just walked out. How can she have disappeared from her own home? And did she even leave the building at all? With every minute that passes – and as questions swirl around their community – Bryden and Sam’s past seems a little less perfect, their condominium less safe, their friends, neighbors and relatives no longer quite so reliable.

## JFK: Public, private, secret by J. Randy Taraborrelli

### Politics and government biography, Biography, United States history

Available in human narrate audio: <https://celalibrary.ca/node/26058096> and through Bookshare: <https://celalibrary.ca/node/25949695>

In this definitive portrait of John Fitzgerald Kennedy—one of America's most consequential and enigmatic presidents—J. Randy Taraborrelli delivers a deeply researched and authoritative biography. More than the story of a presidency, this is an intimate study of a man whose public triumphs were shaped—and at times overshadowed—by the complex realities of his private life, from his legendary family to his marriage to Jacqueline Kennedy. Drawing from hundreds of interviews conducted over twenty-five years—as well as candid, firsthand oral histories from the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Presidential Library, rare internal reports from the Secret Service, detailed files from the National Archives, and intelligence documents from both the CIA and FBI. This is JFK as never before captured by history: brilliant yet fallible, revered yet human—a figure whose legacy continues to shape America and the world. Groundbreaking Revelations Include: A marriage defined by both devotion and distance—and Jackie's quiet but firm rules regarding her husband's infidelities. The romance that posed a potential national security risk—JFK's deep connection with Inga Arvad, a woman he considered his great love, brought to an abrupt end due to FBI concerns over her ties to Nazi intelligence. The long-awaited truth about Marilyn Monroe—uncovered at last through the firsthand account of one of her closest confidantes, shattering decades of speculation and exposing the reality of her deeply complicated connection to JFK. The woman who might have changed history—Joan Lundberg, the mistress JFK turned to during the darkest time in his marriage, whose clandestine relationship with him threatened to derail his entire political career. The Mafia's role in his rise to power—a definitive account that separates fact from fiction and lays bare the extent of organized crime's involvement in JFK's election. A presidency tested by betrayal and crisis—why JFK felt undermined by his own cabinet during the Bay of Pigs fiasco, and how he ultimately seized control of his administration during the Cuban Missile Crisis. The JFK presented in Taraborrelli's definitive biography is a complex and endlessly fascinating historical figure—despite, and perhaps even because of, his many flaws.

## Here we go again: A novel by Alison Cochrun

### Romance, Humourous fiction, Contemporary romance, LGBTQ+ fiction

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A long time ago, Logan Maletis and Rosemary Hale used to be friends. They spent their childhood summers running through the woods, rebelling against their conservative small town, and dreaming of escaping. But then an incident the summer before high school turned them into bitter rivals. After graduation, they went ten years without speaking. Now in their thirties, Logan and Rosemary find they aren't quite living the lives of adventure they imagined for themselves. Still in their small town and working as teachers at their alma mater, they're both stuck in old patterns. Uptight Rosemary chooses security and stability over all else, working constantly, and her most stable relationship is with her label maker. Chaotic and impulsive Logan has a long list of misguided ex-lovers and an apathetic shrug she uses to protect herself from anything real. And as hard as they try to avoid each other—and their complicated past—they keep crashing into each other. Including with their cars. But when their beloved former English teacher and lifelong mentor tells them he has only a few months to live, they're forced together once and for all to fulfill his last wish: a cross-country road trip. Stuffed into the gayest van west of the Mississippi, the three embark on a life-changing summer trip—from Washington state to the Grand Canyon, from the Gulf Coast to coastal Maine—that will chart a new future and perhaps lead them back to one another.

## The cost of a hostage (Lane Winslow Mystery #12) by Iona Whishaw

### Mysteries and crime stories, Women sleuths, Gentle mysteries, Historical fiction

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The latest mystery in the series Publishers Weekly calls "highly entertaining" sees Lane trekking through Mexico while the team back in Nelson pursue an open and shut and then open again kidnapping. It's a slow August morning in King's Cove. Lane has a book to read and a lawn that needs mowing. At the Nelson Police Station her husband, Inspector Darling, and his team are tidying their desks during a rare lull. Then Lane receives a call with news that Darling's brother Bob has gone missing from a mining camp in Mexico and the police station is visited by the frantic mother of a boy kidnapped from his bedroom. From bustling Mexico City, through the desert and into the mountain range beyond, Darling and Lane's search for Bob puts them out of the realm of the law and at the mercy of a local bandido. Meanwhile Lane is certain she's recognized someone from her past she'd rather forget. Back in the Kootenays, both kidnapper and kid turn up across the lake in Creston and it appears to be case closed—until a body is found mangled in the paddlewheel of a ferry boat. Plans for Ames's wedding are taking shape, and Terrell's favourite soon-to-be police officer April has a chance to prove her mettle. The latest Winslow mystery questions the roles of men and women, husbands and wives, and of course a certain police inspector and King's Cove's resident sleuth.

## Fallosophy: My trip through life with MS: a memoir by Ardra Shephard

### Journals and memoirs, Biography of persons with disabilities, Canadian biography

Available in human narrated audio: <https://celalibrary.ca/node/25948503> and in synthetic audio and automated braille: <https://celalibrary.ca/node/26011408>

Twenty-three-year-old Ardra Shephard is sleeping with the wrong guy, living in a crappy apartment, and spending money she doesn't have on designer shoes, boozy brunches, and weekends in NYC. Making mistakes while you figure stuff out is what your twenties are all about. Then a doctor tells Ardra she has MS, and those two letters split her life into a Before and After. While over a million people in North America live with Multiple Sclerosis, there is no certainty when it comes to the progression of the disease. By her mid-thirties, Ardra is struggling to walk, and it's terrifying. When she starts using mobility aids, she faces feelings of otherness and not belonging like never before. As Ardra's deepest fears keep coming true, she starts to learn the most important lesson: She's been sold a lie about disability—it isn't a fate worse than death. Having survived all of her worst-case scenarios, she begins to realize that a difficult life doesn't have to be a joyless life. Fallosophy isn't about fighting an unwinnable battle. This is a story about Plan Bs and pivots. Ardra serves up wisdom like a bartender who has been there: with good humor and a gentle refusal to sugarcoat reality—in this case, what it's really like to walk unsteadily through life with a progressive, disabling illness in a world that would rather not build a ramp.

## Seventhblade by Tonia Laird

### Adventure stories, Fantasy, Indigenous peoples in Canada fiction

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For readers of N. K. Jemisin and Rebecca Roanhorse, a fast-paced, anti-colonial action-adventure fantasy that explores twisted power dynamics and the effects of settler colonialism After the murder of T'Rayles's adopted son, the infamous warrior and daughter of the Indigenous Ibinnas returns to the colonized city of Seventhblade, ready to tear the streets asunder in search of her son's killer. T'Rayles must lean into the dangerous power of her inherited sword and ally herself with questionable forces, including the Broken Fangs, an alliance her mother founded, now fallen into greed and corruption, and the immortal Elraiche, a powerful and manipulative deity exiled from a faraway land. Navigating the power shifts in a colonized city on the edge and contending with a deadly new power emerging from within, T'Rayles must risk everything to find the answers, and the justice, she so desperately desires. Loaded with complex characters and intricately staged action, and set in a fragmented, fascinating world of dangerous magics and cryptic gods, Seventhblade is a masterful new fantasy adventure from a bright, emerging Indigenous voice.

## Wayward girls: A novel by Susan Wiggs

### Friendship stories, Family stories

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From New York Times bestselling author Susan Wiggs, a wrenching but life-affirming novel based on a true story of survival, friendship, and redemption. Set in the turbulent Vietnam era in the All-American city of Buffalo, New York, six girls are condemned to forced labor in the laundry of a Catholic reform school. In 1968 we meet six teens confined at the Good Shepherd—a dark and secretive institution controlled by Sisters of Charity nuns—locked away merely for being gay, pregnant, or simply unruly. Mairin — free-spirited daughter of Irish immigrants, committed to keep her safe from her stepfather. Angela —denounced for her attraction to girls, sent to the nuns for reform, but instead found herself the victim of a predator. Helen —the daughter of intellectuals detained in Communist China, she saw her "temporary" stay at the Good Shepherd stretch into years. Odessa —caught up in a police dragnet over a racial incident, she found the physical and mental toughness to endure her sentence. Denise —sentenced for brawling in a foster home, she dared to dream of a better life. Janice —deeply insecure, she couldn't decide where her loyalty lay—except when it came to her friend Kay, who would never outgrow her childlike dependency. Sister Bernadette —rescued from a dreadful childhood, she owed her loyalty to the Sisters of Charity even as her conscience weighed on her. Wayward Girls is a haunting but thrilling tale of hope, solidarity, and the enduring strength of young women who find the courage to break free and find redemption...and justice.