



May 2024 has brought a fresh wave of literary talent, with debut authors making their mark in various genres. These first-time authors have crafted stories that span across romance, drama, and thrilling adventures. Join us as we explore the best debut books of may 2024 and celebrate the newest talent in the literary world.

Best Debut Books of May 2024

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Shanghailanders by Juli Min



*Best Debut Books of May 2024 - **Shanghailanders** by Juli Min*

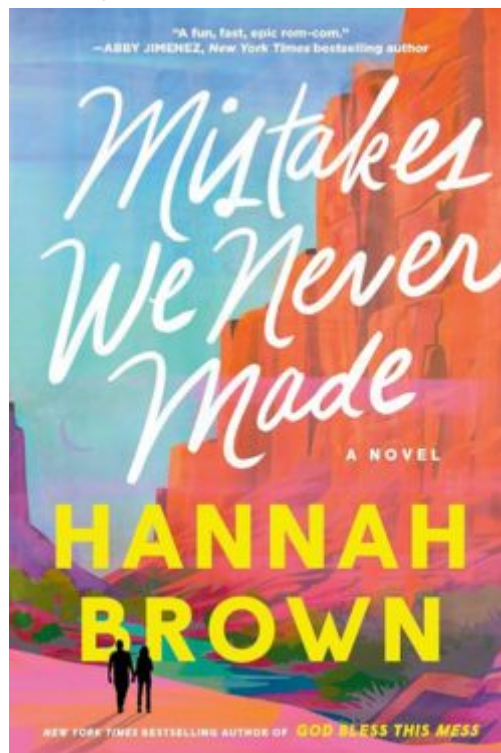
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Set in a futuristic world, *Shanghaianders* follows the journey of Leo Yang and his family as they navigate time travel, starting in 2040 and moving backward to 2014. The novel intricately weaves a family saga with elements of historical fiction, offering readers a unique narrative structure. Min's writing is poignant and immersive, drawing readers into the emotional depths of the characters and their complex relationships.

The characters are richly developed, with Leo and his Japanese French wife serving as the story's emotional anchors. Their interactions with their children and the broader narrative backdrop of Shanghai provide a compelling look at family dynamics and cultural identity. Min's debut is a masterful blend of futuristic fiction and deeply personal storytelling, making it a standout read for May 2024.

Mistakes We Never Made by Hannah Brown



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In *Mistakes We Never Made*, Hannah Brown's debut novel, readers are introduced to Emma Townsend and Finn Hughes, two former debate partners whose relationship has been defined by a series of "almosts." They almost dated in high school, almost hooked up after college, and almost took their relationship to the next level one magical night.

Now, years later, they find themselves reunited under less than ideal circumstances at a mutual friend's wedding. Emma, the maid of honor, is determined to keep her distance from Finn, but when the bride goes missing, Emma and Finn embark on a road trip in his vintage sports car to salvage the wedding. This journey forces them to confront their unresolved feelings and the many misunderstandings that have kept them apart.

Brown's writing is engaging and witty, capturing the tension and chemistry between Emma and Finn with ease. The novel is a delightful blend of beloved romance tropes such as enemies to lovers and second chances, all set against the backdrop of a high-stakes adventure. The characters are well-developed and relatable, with Emma's sharp wit and Finn's charming yet flawed personality creating a dynamic and entertaining narrative. The road trip element adds an extra layer of excitement and humor, making *Mistakes We Never Made* a fun and heartwarming read perfect for fans of romantic comedies.

The Honey Witch by Sydney J. Shields



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Sydney J. Shields' debut novel, *The Honey Witch*, is a delightful blend of fantasy, romance, and magical realism set in an alternative 19th-century England. The story revolves around Marigold Claude, a young woman who discovers she is part of a lineage of honey witches cursed to never find true love. When her estranged grandmother reveals this familial curse, Marigold is thrust into a world of magic she never knew existed. Her life takes an unexpected turn when Lottie, a skeptic who doesn't believe in magic, arrives on her island, igniting a series of magical and romantic events.

Shields' writing is both whimsical and evocative, capturing the enchanting ambiance of the magical island and the depth of Marigold's internal struggles. The characters are richly developed, with Marigold's journey from skepticism to acceptance of her magical heritage and her evolving relationship with Lottie at the heart of the narrative. The supporting



characters, including Marigold's childhood friend August and the menacing ash witch, add layers of intrigue and conflict, making the story compelling and multidimensional. This novel is a heartwarming tale of love, magic, and self-discovery that will captivate readers from start to finish

The Ministry of Time by Kaliane Bradley



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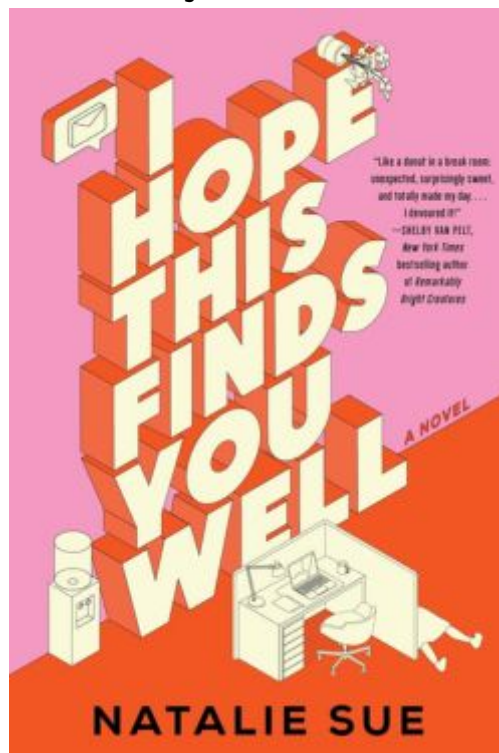
Set in a near-future world, *The Ministry of Time* follows a civil servant tasked with managing government-sanctioned time travel. The novel's genre-bending premise combines elements of sci-fi, thriller, and political intrigue, offering readers a fast-paced and thought-provoking read.

Bradley's writing is sharp and imaginative, with complex characters and a tightly woven



plot. The protagonist's moral dilemmas and the novel's exploration of time travel's implications make for an engaging and intellectually stimulating debut. This book is sure to captivate fans of speculative fiction.

I Hope This Finds You Well by Natalie Sue



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Natalie Sue's *I Hope This Finds You Well* is a heartfelt debut that captures the nuances of modern relationships and communication. The novel follows a group of friends navigating love, loss, and personal growth through a series of letters and messages.

Sue's writing is intimate and evocative, drawing readers into the characters' inner worlds. The epistolary format adds a unique dimension to the storytelling, allowing for a deep exploration of the characters' thoughts and feelings. This debut is a touching and beautifully



written exploration of connection and self-discovery.

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