

The Shadow Box

Author: *Luanne Rice*

The Amazon Charts bestselling author of *Last Day* delivers a haunting thriller about how far one wife is willing to go to expose the truth—and the lengths someone will go to stop her.

After artist Claire Beaudry Chase is attacked and left for dead in her home on the Connecticut coast, she doesn't know who she can trust. But her well-connected husband, Griffin—who is running for governor—is her prime suspect.

Just before the attack, Claire was preparing for an exhibit of her shadow boxes, one of which clearly accuses Griffin of a violent crime committed twenty-five years ago. If the public were to find out who her husband is, his political career would be over. Claire's certain her husband and his powerful supporters would kill her to stop the truth from getting out.

When one of Claire's acquaintances is murdered, the authorities suspect the homicide is linked to the attack on Claire. As the dual investigations unfold, Claire must decide how much she's willing to lose to take down her husband and the corrupt group of elites who will do anything to protect Griffin's interests and their own.

When We Believed in Mermaids: A Novel

Author: *Barbara O'Neal*

An Amazon Charts, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestseller.

From the author of *The Art of Inheriting Secrets* comes an emotional new tale of two sisters, an ocean of lies, and a search for the truth.

Her sister has been dead for fifteen years when she sees her on the TV news...

Josie Bianci was killed years ago on a train during a terrorist attack. Gone forever. It's what her sister, Kit, an ER doctor in Santa Cruz, has always believed. Yet all it takes is a few heart-wrenching seconds to upend Kit's world. Live coverage of a club fire in Auckland has captured the image of a woman stumbling through the smoke and debris. Her resemblance to Josie is unbelievable. And unmistakable. With it comes a flood of emotions—grief, loss, and anger—that Kit finally has a chance to put to rest: by finding the sister who's been living a lie.

After arriving in New Zealand, Kit begins her journey with the memories of the past: of days spent on the beach with Josie. Of a lost teenage boy who'd become part of their family. And of a trauma that has haunted Kit and Josie their entire lives.

Now, if two sisters are to reunite, it can only be by unearthing long-buried secrets and facing a devastating truth that has kept them apart far too long. To regain their relationship, they may have to lose everything.

Not One of Us

Author: *Debbie Herbert*

From the bestselling author of *Cold Waters* comes a brooding thriller about a woman who must decide if safeguarding her family is worth burying a truth that will haunt her forever.

Thirteen years ago, Jori Trahan's boyfriend vanished without a trace. Now, after moving back home to Alabama to care for her ailing grandmother and autistic brother, she comes face-to-face with the deadly mystery behind his disappearance.

Jori has a rare form of synesthesia, meaning she can "hear" colors; to her, tones of voice are as unique as fingerprints. With the help of this ability and a sympathetic cop, Jori comes dangerously close to uncovering the truth. But those responsible will go to any length—including murder—to keep their dark secrets buried.

Soon, it seems that no one in the sleepy bayou town is safe, and after Jori's brother is kidnapped, she knows she must drop the investigation or risk losing her family. But when protecting them means letting an evil deed go unpunished, putting family first may be the last thing she'll ever do.

Hadley and Grace: A Novel

Author: *Suzanne Redfearn*

The author of *In an Instant* delivers a heart-pounding and emotional roller-coaster ride of self-discovery in the tradition of *Thelma and Louise*.

Needing to escape her abusive marriage, Hadley flees with her two kids, knowing it might be her only chance. A woman who can't even kill a spider, Hadley soon finds herself pushed to the limits as she fights to protect her family.

Grace, new mother of baby Miles, desperately wants to put her rough past behind her for good, but she finds it impossible when her path crosses with Hadley's, and her quest for a new start quickly spirals out of control and turns into a terrifying flight for survival.

Stronger together than apart, the two find their fates inextricably entwined, and as the danger closes in, each must decide how much she is willing to risk for the other.

A powerful story of self-discovery, *Hadley and Grace* is the heart-racing tale of two women facing insurmountable odds, racing to stay one step ahead of the trouble that is chasing them, and discovering new kinds of love and family along the way.

Water Memory: A Thriller (Sentro Book 1)

Author: Daniel Pyne

A fast-paced, page-turning thriller that contemplates the consequences of motherhood, memory, and crime as a commodity.

Black ops specialist Aubrey Sentro may be one concussion away from death. But when pirates seize the cargo ship she's on, she must decide whether to risk her life to save her fellow passengers.

Sentro's training takes over, and she's able to elude her captors, leaving bodies in her wake. But her problems are just getting started. Her memory lapses are getting more frequent, symptoms of serial-concussion syndrome.

As she plays a deadly game of cat and mouse with the pirates, she pushes herself to survive by focusing on thoughts of her children. She's never told them what she really does for a living, and now she might not get the chance.

While her memories make her vulnerable, motherhood makes her dangerous.

Hidden Star (Stars of Mithra Book 1)

Author: Nora Roberts

Diamonds can be a girl's best friend...or her worst enemy. Don't miss the first thrilling story in the Stars of Mithra trilogy, from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Nora Roberts!

Bailey James can't remember a thing. She doesn't even know who she is, let alone why her bag is filled with cash, a gun, and a large blue diamond. Desperate for help, she heads to the first detective office she can find, hoping that PI Cade Parris is someone she can trust—and with no options, Bailey doesn't have much of a choice. Cade is sure the woman of his dreams just walked through the door when Bailey shuffles in, but he'll have to convince her that she's not a criminal before he can consider his love for her...

The Sea (Vintage International)

Author: John Banville

In this luminous new novel about love, loss, and the unpredictable power of memory, John Banville introduces us to Max Morden, a middle-aged Irishman who has gone back to the seaside town where he spent his summer holidays as a child to cope with the recent loss of his wife. It is also a return to the place where he met the Graces, the well-heeled family with whom he experienced the strange suddenness of both love and death for the first time. What Max comes to understand about the past, and about its indelible effects on him, is at the center of this elegiac, gorgeously written novel — among the finest we have had from this masterful writer.

The Russian (Michael Bennett Book 13)

Author: James Patterson

A serial killer crashes Detective Michael Bennett's wedding.

Weeks before NYPD Detective Michael Bennett is to marry his longtime love, Mary Catherine, an assassin announces his presence in the city with a string of grisly murders. Each victim is a young woman. And each has been killed in a manner as precise as it was gruesome.

Tasked with working alongside the FBI, Bennett and his gung-ho new partner uncover multiple cold-case homicides across the country that fit the same distinctive pattern -- proving the perpetrator they seek is as experienced at ending lives as he is at evading detection.

Bennett promises Mary Catherine that the case won't affect their upcoming wedding. But as Bennett prepares to make a lifetime commitment, the killer has a lethal vow of his own to fulfill.

How to Stop Time: A Novel

Author: Matt Haig

“A quirky romcom dusted with philosophical observations....A delightfully witty...poignant novel.” —*The Washington Post*

“She smiled a soft, troubled smile and I felt the whole world slipping away, and I wanted to slip with it, to go wherever she was going... I had existed whole years without her, but that was all it had been. An existence. A book with no words.”

Tom Hazard has just moved back to London, his old home, to settle down and become a high school history teacher. And on his first day at school, he meets a captivating French teacher at his school who seems fascinated by him. But Tom has a dangerous secret. He may look like an ordinary 41-year-old, but owing to a rare condition, he's been alive for centuries. Tom has lived history—performing with Shakespeare, exploring the high seas with Captain Cook, and sharing cocktails with Fitzgerald. Now, he just wants an ordinary life.

Unfortunately for Tom, the Albatross Society, the secretive group which protects people like Tom, has one rule: Never fall in love. As painful memories of his past and the erratic behavior of the Society's watchful leader threaten to derail his new life and romance, the one thing he can't have just happens to be the one thing that might save him. Tom will have to decide once and for all whether to remain stuck in the past, or finally begin living in the present.

How to Stop Time tells a love story across the ages—and for the ages—about a man lost in time, the woman who could save him, and the lifetimes it can take to learn how to live. It is a bighearted, wildly original novel about losing and finding yourself, the inevitability of change, and how with enough time to learn, we just might find happiness.

Soon to be a major motion picture starring Benedict Cumberbatch.

Hide Away (A Rachel Marin Thriller Book 1)

Author: Jason Pinter

“Pinter is in fine form with *Hide Away*. You'll burn through the pages.” —David Baldacci

From the bestselling author of the Henry Parker series comes a page-turning thriller about a vigilante who's desperate to protect her secrets—and bring a killer to justice.

On the surface, Rachel Marin is an ordinary single mother; on the inside, she's a fierce, brilliant vigilante. After an unspeakable crime shatters her life, she changes her identity and moves to a small town in Illinois, hoping to spare her children from further trauma...or worse. But crime follows her everywhere.

When the former mayor winds up dead, Rachel can't help but get involved. Where local detectives see suicide, she sees murder. They resent her for butting in—especially since she's always one step ahead. But her investigative genius may be her undoing: the deeper she digs, the harder it is to keep her own secrets buried.

Her persistence makes her the target of both the cops and a killer. Meanwhile, the terrifying truth about her past threatens to come to light, and Rachel learns the hard way that she can't trust anyone. Surrounded by danger, she must keep her steely resolve, protect her family, and stay one step ahead, or else she may become the next victim.

The Stillwater Girls

Author: Minka Kent

Two sisters raised in fear are about to find out why in a chilling novel of psychological suspense from the author of *The Thinnest Air*.

Ignorant of civilization and cautioned against its evils, nineteen-year-old Wren and her two sisters, Sage and Evie, were raised in off-the-grid isolation in a primitive cabin in upstate New York. When the youngest grows gravely ill, their mother leaves with the child to get help from a nearby town. And they never return.

As months pass, hope vanishes. Supplies are low. Livestock are dying. A brutal winter is bearing down. Then comes the stranger. He claims to be looking for the girls' mother, and he's not leaving without them.

To escape, Wren and her sister must break the rule they've grown up with: never go beyond the forest.

Past the thicket of dread, they come upon a house on the other side of the pines. This is where Wren and Sage must confront something more chilling than the unknowable. They'll discover what's been hidden from them, what they're running from, and the secrets that have left them in the dark their entire lives.

Cross Her Heart (Bree Taggart Book 1)

Author: Melinda Leigh

A homicide detective's violent family history repeats itself in #1 Amazon Charts and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Melinda Leigh's novel of murder, secrets, and retribution.

For more than twenty-five years, Philadelphia homicide detective Bree Taggart has tucked away the nightmarish childhood memories of her parents' murder-suicide...Until her younger sister, Erin, is killed in a crime that echoes that tragic night: innocent witnesses and a stormy marriage that ended in gunfire. There's just one chilling difference. Erin's husband, Justin, has vanished.

Bree knows how explosive the line between love and hate can be, yet the evidence against her troubled brother-in-law isn't adding up. Teaming up with Justin's old friend, former sheriff's investigator and K-9 handler Matt Flynn, Bree vows to uncover the secrets of her sister's life and death, as she promised Erin's children. But as her investigation unfolds, the danger hits close to home. Once again, Bree's family is caught in a death grip. And this time, it could be fatal for her.

The Contract Lawyer (Thaddeus Murfee Legal Thriller Series Book 14)

Author: John Ellsworth

He went into the jungle to find his family. He came back out to find himself...

Thaddeus Murfee is an attorney in San Diego whose nephew is kidnapped to South America. The traffickers just didn't know all the rules, but he did.

This is Thaddeus at his best, pulled away from his normal life and cast into a cruel world where the cartels run rife and anything goes. This time, they rang the wrong doorbell, took the wrong kid, and ran in the wrong direction. Because this seasoned lawyer will stop at nothing to bring back his sister's son. And in the end, there will be a trial, inside a California courtroom, where justice is sought and crimes are punished.

But will they even be there? Or will they no longer walk the earth, buried in a South American jungle where no one cares?

Join million-seller John Ellsworth on a train wreck of a ride through South American jungles and back streets while your hero, Thaddeus Murfee, does his thing. Get it now!

Verity

Author: Colleen Hoover

A thrilling, instant bestseller from the #1 New York Times bestselling author. Lowen Ashleigh is a struggling writer on the brink of financial ruin when she accepts the job offer of a lifetime. Jeremy Crawford, husband of bestselling author Verity Crawford, has hired Lowen to complete the remaining books in a successful series his injured wife is unable to finish.

Lowen arrives at the Crawford home, ready to sort through years of Verity's notes and outlines, hoping to find enough material to get her started. What Lowen doesn't expect to uncover in the chaotic office is an unfinished autobiography Verity never intended for anyone to read. Page after page of bone-chilling admissions, including Verity's recollection of the night their family was forever altered.

She decides to keep the manuscript hidden from Jeremy, knowing its contents would devastate the already grieving father. But as Lowen's feelings for Jeremy begin to intensify, she recognizes all the ways she could benefit if he were to read his wife's words. After all, no matter how devoted Jeremy is to his injured wife, a truth this horrifying would make it impossible for him to continue to love her.

Due to graphic scenes and mature content, this book is recommended for readers 18+.

The Family

Author: Louise Jensen

The USA Today bestselling author of *The Sister* delivers a suspenseful novel "packed full of secrets and twists" as grieving mother and daughter become ensnared by a cult-like community where leaving isn't an option (Alice Feeney, *New York Times* bestselling author).

At Oak Leaf Farm you will find a haven.

Welcome to The Family.

Laura is grieving after the sudden death of her husband. Struggling to cope emotionally and financially, Laura is grateful when a local community, Oak Leaf Organics, offer her and her 17-year-old daughter Tilly a home.

But as Laura and Tilly settle into life with their new "family," sinister things begin to happen. When one of the community dies in suspicious circumstances Laura wants to leave but Tilly, enthralled by the charismatic leader, Alex, refuses to go.

Desperately searching for a way to save her daughter, Laura uncovers a horrifying secret but Alex and his family aren't the only ones with something to hide. Just as Laura has been digging into their past, they've been digging into hers and she discovers the terrifying reason they invited her and Tilly in, and why they'll never let them leave...

Praise for *The Family!*

"This gripping psychological thriller slowly lures you in, then keeps you guessing about who's good—and who really isn't—all the way to the end" —*Heat*

"Raced through it in a day! Creepy and compelling!" —B.A. Paris, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Behind Closed Doors*

"Twisted and suspenseful, each layer of deception is peeled back for maximum dramatic impact" —*Women's Weekly*

"A very good study of vulnerability, and how our best intentions can often lead us astray." —*The Guardian*

"A clever, addictive thriller about family, loss and lies. Packed full of secrets and twists, it will keep you guessing until the final page." —Alice Feeney, *New York Times* bestselling author of *His & Hers*

Devoted

Author: Dean Koontz

An Amazon Charts, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestseller.

From Dean Koontz, the master of suspense, comes an epic thriller about a terrifying killer and the singular compassion it will take to defeat him.

"Canine or human, it is hard to find a more lovable character in fiction than Kipp. *Devoted* has every mark of a classic." —Associated Press

Woody Bookman hasn't spoken a word in his eleven years of life. Not when his father died in a freak accident. Not when his mother, Megan, tells him she loves him. For Megan, keeping her boy safe and happy is what matters. But Woody believes a monstrous evil was behind his father's death and now threatens him and his mother. And he's not alone in his thoughts. An ally unknown to him is listening.

A uniquely gifted dog with a heart as golden as his breed, Kipp is devoted beyond reason to people. When he hears the boy who communicates like he does, without speaking, Kipp knows he needs to find him before it's too late.

Woody's fearful suspicions are taking shape. A man driven by a malicious evil has set a depraved plan into motion. And he's coming after Woody and his mother. The reasons are primal. His powers are growing. And he's not alone. Only a force greater than evil can stop what's coming next.

Bloodline

Author: Jess Lourey

Perfect town. Perfect homes. Perfect families. It's enough to drive some women mad...

In a tale inspired by real events, pregnant journalist Joan Harken is cautiously excited to follow her fiancé back to his Minnesota hometown. After spending a childhood on the move and chasing the screams and swirls of news-rich city life, she's eager to settle down. Lilydale's motto, "Come Home Forever," couldn't be more inviting.

And yet, something is off in the picture-perfect village.

The friendliness borders on intrusive. Joan can't shake the feeling that every move she makes is being tracked. An archaic organization still seems to hold the town in thrall. So does the sinister secret of a little boy who vanished decades ago. And unless Joan is imagining things, a frighteningly familiar figure from her past is on watch in the shadows.

Her fiancé tells her she's being paranoid. He might be right. Then again, she might have moved to the deadliest small town on earth.

The Perfect Marriage: a completely gripping psychological suspense

Author: Jeneva Rose

****A Top 50 Amazon Bestseller****Optioned by Picture Perfect Federation for development as a film or tv series****

****#1 Bestseller in Women's Psychological Fiction****

His mistress is dead. His wife is his only hope.

Sarah Morgan is a successful and powerful defense attorney in Washington D.C. As a named partner at her firm, life is going exactly how she planned. The same cannot be said for her husband, Adam. He's a struggling writer who has had little success in his career and he tires of his and Sarah's relationship as she is constantly working.

Out in the secluded woods, at the couple's lake house, Adam engages in a passionate affair with Kelly Summers. But one morning everything changes. Kelly is found brutally stabbed to death and now, Sarah must take on her hardest case yet, defending her own husband, a man accused of murdering his mistress.

The Perfect Marriage is a juicy, twisty, and utterly addictive thriller that will keep you reading all night long. You won't see the ending coming... guaranteed!

What everybody is saying about *The Perfect Marriage*:

"The Perfect Marriage is a twisty, compulsive book that will keep you reading all night! Fast-paced with crisp writing and an intriguing plot. Jeneva Rose is one to watch." - **Samantha Downing, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *My Lovely Wife and He Started It***

"With a tantalizing premise and twists at every turn, *The Perfect Marriage* by Jeneva Rose is a sizzling, masterful debut about betrayal and justice. Expertly plotted with gripping characters who are all suspects, this brilliant suspense is a must-read for any thriller lover." - **Samantha M. Bailey, #1 bestselling author of *Woman on the Edge***

"A book to be read in one gulp--this dastardly debut flies to a shocking reveal. I couldn't put it down; I had to see what happened. Twists galore..." -- **J.T. Ellison, *NYT* bestselling author of *GOOD GIRLS LIE***

***The Perfect Marriage* is Jeneva Rose's unmissable new debut. It's the perfect read for readers of domestic noir, as well as for fans of authors like Gillian Flynn, Liv Constantine, and Samantha Downing.**

False Memory: A Novel

Author: Dean Koontz

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

No fan of Dean Koontz or of psychological suspense will want to miss this extraordinary novel of the human mind's capacity to torment—and destroy—itsself.

It's a fear more paralyzing than falling. More terrifying than absolute darkness. More horrifying than anything you can imagine. It's the one fear you cannot escape no matter where you run . . . no matter where you hide.

It's the fear of yourself. It's real. It can happen to you. And facing it can be deadly.

False Memory . . . Fear for your mind.

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Dean Koontz's *The City*.

Jake Wolfe Series Bundle Box Set: (Books 1-2-3)

Author: Mark Nolan

Enjoy three exciting and addictive page-turning thrillers you can't put down.

DEAD LAWYERS DON'T LIE:

In this Amazon Top 20 Bestseller, a mysterious killer who calls himself The Artist is assassinating wealthy lawyers in San Francisco. When war veteran Jake Wolfe accidentally takes his picture during a murder, The Artist adds Jake to his kill list and he becomes a target in a deadly game of cat and mouse. How far would you go to protect your loved ones from a killer?

VIGILANTE ASSASSIN: Jake Wolfe wants to leave his violent past behind, but when a woman and her kids are threatened he starts a one-man vigilante war on a criminal gang.

Every marriage has a secret, and this one is deadly. Lauren Stephens wakes up to find her husband, Gene, has vanished during the night. His phone is dead. Desperate, she hires Jake Wolfe and his war dog, Cody. They search the house and discover something so disturbing that Jake won't allow Lauren near it. "No, if you see this, there is no unseeing it."

KILLER LAWYER: Attorney by day, assassin by night. Jake Wolfe is a young lawyer who leads a secret life.

Trained by the CIA, he now wants peace and quiet, practicing law and living on a boat with his war dog. But when his city is shocked by a serial killer and he's framed for the murder of a friend, Jake must race against time to find the killer before he strikes again.

Buckle up for a wild ride as Jake Wolfe and his exceptionally intelligent dog, Cody, rush into action in these page-turning vigilante justice thrillers in Mark Nolan's bestselling series that has earned thousands of 5-star ratings on Amazon and Goodreads.

Where the Forest Meets the Stars

Author: Glendy Vanderah

An Amazon Charts, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Post* bestseller, and a Goodreads Choice Award finalist.

In this gorgeously stunning debut, a mysterious child teaches two strangers how to love and trust again.

After the loss of her mother and her own battle with breast cancer, Joanna Teale returns to her graduate research on nesting birds in rural Illinois, determined to prove that her recent hardships have not broken her. She throws herself into her work from dusk to dawn, until her solitary routine is disrupted by the appearance of a mysterious child who shows up at her cabin barefoot and covered in bruises.

The girl calls herself Ursa, and she claims to have been sent from the stars to witness five miracles. With concerns about the child's home situation, Jo reluctantly agrees to let her stay—just until she learns more about Ursa's past.

Jo enlists the help of her reclusive neighbor, Gabriel Nash, to solve the mystery of the charming child. But the more time they spend together, the more questions they have. How does a young girl not only read but understand Shakespeare? Why do good things keep happening in her presence? And why aren't Jo and Gabe checking the missing children's website anymore?

Though the three have formed an incredible bond, they know difficult choices must be made. As the summer nears an end and Ursa gets closer to her fifth miracle, her dangerous past closes in. When it finally catches up to them, all of their painful secrets will be forced into the open, and their fates will be left to the stars.

American Dirt (Oprah's Book Club): A Novel

Author: Jeanine Cummins

#1 *New York Times* Bestseller
OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK

"Extraordinary."
—Stephen King

"This book is not simply the great American novel; it's the great novel of *las Americas*. It's the great world novel! This is the international story of our times. Masterful."
—Sandra Cisneros

También de este lado hay sueños. On this side, too, there are dreams.

Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable.

Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with a few books he would like to buy—two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming. And, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the *jefe* of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same.

Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Instantly transformed into migrants, Lydia and Luca ride *la bestia*—trains that make their way north toward the United States, which is the only place Javier's reach doesn't extend. As they join the countless people trying to reach *el norte*, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?

American Dirt will leave readers utterly changed. It is a literary achievement filled with poignancy, drama, and humanity on every page. It is one of the most important books for our times.

Already being hailed as "a *Grapes of Wrath* for our times" and "a new American classic," Jeanine Cummins's *American Dirt* is a rare exploration into the inner hearts of people willing to sacrifice everything for a glimmer of hope.

One Last Child (Tallman's Valley Detectives Book 1)

Author: Anni Taylor

Winner of an AudioFile Earphones Award for audio narration.

Five long-missing children are about to be RETURNED.

It was summer in the mountains when five small children vanished from their nursery school picnic. The heat was stifling that day, the tinkle of an ice-cream van in the air....

Three-and-a-half years later, in the dead of winter, the children are returned to their families... one by one.

All except for Ivy - the granddaughter of homicide detective Kate Wakeland. The other four children say Ivy is dead.

Speculation grows that the mysterious abductor is enacting a cruel revenge plot due to a murderer that Kate put in jail years before.

Kate isn't sure what to believe. But one thing is certain - she's about to begin the battle of her life. When the children were first stolen, she was prevented from investigating the case.

But now, Kate will be relentless in uncovering the identity of the abductor and discovering what happened to Ivy.

Book 1: ONE LAST CHILD
Book 2: THE LULLABY MAN
Book 3: THE SILENT TOWN

Questions and answers on the TALLMAN'S VALLEY DETECTIVES series:

Is each book a standalone?: Absolutely! Each book has a complete ending and can be read as a standalone. But if you intend reading the series, it's best to read them in sequence. There will be spoilers if the books are read out of order. Each book has a small cliffhanger at the end that is not a part of the main story. There is an overarching background storyline running through all the books.

Will the detective be the same each time?: The current series will all feature Senior Detective Kate Wakeland as the main character, right to the end of Books 1, 2 & 3.

The Push: A Novel

Author: Ashley Audrain

A GOOD MORNING AMERICA BOOK CLUB PICK

"An intense psychological drama that will be embraced by serious book clubs and fans of Lionel Shriver's *We Need to Talk about Kevin*."
—Kristin Hannah, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

"A poetic, propulsive read that set my nerves jangling."
—Lisa Jewell, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Then She Was Gone*

A tense, page-turning psychological drama about the making and breaking of a family—and a woman whose experience of motherhood is nothing at all what she hoped for—and everything she feared

Blythe Connor is determined that she will be the warm, comforting mother to her new baby Violet that she herself never had.

But in the thick of motherhood's exhausting early days, Blythe becomes convinced that something is wrong with her daughter—she doesn't behave like most children do.

Or is it all in Blythe's head? Her husband, Fox, says she's imagining things. The more Fox dismisses her fears, the more Blythe begins to question her own sanity, and the more we begin to question what Blythe is telling us about her life as well.

Then their son Sam is born—and with him, Blythe has the blissful connection she'd always imagined with her child. Even Violet seems to love her little brother. But when life as they know it is changed in an instant, the devastating fall-out forces Blythe to face the truth.

The Push is a tour de force you will read in a sitting, an utterly immersive novel that will challenge everything you think you know about motherhood, about what we owe our children, and what it feels like when women are not believed.

Allure of the Vampire King: A paranormal romance (Blood Fire Saga Book 1)

Author: Bella Klaus

He Broke My Heart... Now He's Returned For My Blood.

I'm no one—just a magic-less woman who fled the supernatural world after being dumped and humiliated by the most powerful vampire in Britain.

He made me a laughing stock, a cautionary tale. I had no choice but to leave.

That was a long time ago. I got over the betrayal. Now, I'm on the mend.

But when an assassin tracks me down to London, claiming that a deadly power thrums beneath my veins, only one person is strong enough to save my hide:

Valentine Sargon—the Vampire King who stole my virginity and broke my heart.

He'll help, but only if I move into a safe house. With him.

Valentine is as handsome as the devil, silver-tongued and seductive as sin. I don't trust him or the way he hungers for my blood. But I've run out of choices and can't refuse.

He's going to protect me from the assassins, but who's going to protect me from him?

If you like enemies-to-lovers paranormal romances with adventure, conflict, and steam, you'll love Allure of the Vampire King.

The Guest List: A Novel

Author: Lucy Foley

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THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

ONE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BEST THRILLERS OF 2020

"I loved this book. It gave me the same waves of happiness I get from curling up with a classic Christie...The alternating points of view keep you guessing, and guessing wrong." — Alex Michaelides, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Silent Patient*

"Evok[es] the great Agatha Christie classics...Pay close attention to seemingly throwaway details about the characters' pasts. They are all clues." -- *New York Times Book Review*

A wedding celebration turns dark and deadly in this deliciously wicked and atmospheric thriller reminiscent of Agatha Christie from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Hunting Party*.

The bride – The plus one – The best man – The wedding planner – The bridesmaid – The body

On an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate two people joining their lives together as one. The groom: handsome and charming, a rising television star. The bride: smart and ambitious, a magazine publisher. It's a wedding for a magazine, or for a celebrity: the designer dress, the remote location, the luxe party favors, the boutique whiskey. The cell phone service may be spotty and the waves may be rough, but every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly executed.

But perfection is for plans, and people are all too human. As the champagne is popped and the festivities begin, resentments and petty jealousies begin to mingle with the reminiscences and well wishes. The groomsmen begin the drinking game from their school days. The bridesmaid not-so-accidentally ruins her dress. The bride's oldest (male) friend gives an uncomfortably caring toast.

And then someone turns up dead. Who didn't wish the happy couple well? And perhaps more important, why?

Stillhouse Lake

Author: Rachel Caine

An Amazon Charts and USA Today bestseller.

Gina Royal is the definition of average—a shy Midwestern housewife with a happy marriage and two adorable children. But when a car accident reveals her husband's secret life as a serial killer, she must remake herself as Gwen Proctor—the ultimate warrior mom.

With her ex now in prison, Gwen has finally found refuge in a new home on remote Stillhouse Lake. Though still the target of stalkers and Internet trolls who think she had something to do with her husband's crimes, Gwen dares to think her kids can finally grow up in peace.

But just when she's starting to feel at ease in her new identity, a body turns up in the lake—and threatening letters start arriving from an all-too-familiar address. Gwen Proctor must keep friends close and enemies at bay to avoid being exposed—or watch her kids fall victim to a killer who takes pleasure in tormenting her. One thing is certain: she's learned how to fight evil. And she'll never stop.

A Time for Mercy (Jake Brigance Book 3)

Author: John Grisham

Jake Brigance is back! The hero of *A Time to Kill*, one of the most popular novels of our time, returns in a courtroom drama that *The New York Times* says is "riveting" and "suspenseful."

Clanton, Mississippi. 1990. Jake Brigance finds himself embroiled in a deeply divisive trial when the court appoints him attorney for Drew Gamble, a timid sixteen-year-old boy accused of murdering a local deputy. Many in Clanton want a swift trial and the death penalty, but Brigance digs in and discovers that there

is more to the story than meets the eye. Jake's fierce commitment to saving Drew from the gas chamber puts his career, his financial security, and the safety of his family on the line.

In what may be the most personal and accomplished legal thriller of John Grisham's storied career, we deepen our acquaintance with the iconic Southern town of Clanton and the vivid cast of characters that so many readers know and cherish. The result is a richly rewarding novel that is both timely and timeless, full of wit, drama, and—most of all—heart.

Bursting with all the courthouse scheming, small-town intrigue, and stunning plot twists that have become the hallmarks of the master of the legal thriller, *A Time for Mercy* is John Grisham's most powerful courtroom drama yet.

There is a time to kill and a time for justice. Now comes *A Time for Mercy*.

Broken (Deep Ops Book 3)

Author: Rebecca Zanetti

An Amazon Best of the Year Selection

Dangerous: Former Navy SEAL Clarence Wolfe's unit was taken out with a land mine. Injured and devastated, he hasn't been quite right since. Worse, the tragedy was no accident. All Wolfe wants now is to take down the man responsible. In the meantime, he's good with being the muscle for the Deep Ops team—and leading a steamy no-strings-attached personal life. Until one intriguing woman changes everything . . .

Determined: Reporter Dana Mulberry is on a mission to avenge the death of a fellow journalist. She's finally hot on a trail—right to a sex club—where she runs into . . . Wolfe? It seems both their leads have led to the same spot. To keep from blowing their covers, they'll have to at least pretend to have a little fun. Trouble is, they genuinely like each other. And that's way too risky for Wolfe, especially when, to his surprise, Dana agrees . . .

Complicated: Drawn to each other in ways they can't understand, Wolfe and Dana keep it professional—until they're shot at one night. And when their adventures land them both at the heart of corruption in D.C.—and at odds in their missions—they'll have to dig deeper than ever to succeed in their quests—and with each other . . .

Praise for *Hidden*

"Sexy, sizzling, packed with action and danger—a real page turner."

—New York Times bestselling author Kat Martin

"Explodes with action, spice and humor."

—Publishers Weekly

"Fans of J. D. Robb and Karen Robards will love Zanetti's series start."

—Booklist

Autumn's Rage (Autumn Trent Series Book 4)

Author: Mary Stone

Revenge has no deadline...and endless rage.

Dr. Autumn Trent returns to Virginia after successfully assisting the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit yet again. Part of her heart remains in Florida with her long-lost sister whose trail has evaporated, but she moves forward to focus on her work as a forensic and criminal psychologist.

Intent on doing just that, she heads to Virginia State Hospital, where the prodigy of *The Preacher* awaits her return. Justin Black becomes the least of her worries when a new case practically falls in Autumn's lap.

Murder has its grip on the mental institution, and all signs point toward one suspect. Even though the case appears to solve itself, Autumn thinks the team is being led astray. Uncovering the truth is only half of Autumn's battle. She must first catch the killer before the killer catches her.

***Autumn's Rage*, the fourth book in Mary Stone's Autumn Trent Series, is a topsy-turvy ride through twisted criminal minds that will take your breath away.**

Scroll up to grab your copy today!

When the Lights Go Out: A Novel

Author: Mary Kubica

“A twisty, captivating, edge-of-your-seat read.” —Megan Miranda, bestselling author of *All the Missing Girls*

“Creepy and oh so clever!” —Alice Feeney, bestselling author of *Sometimes I Lie*

A woman is forced to question her own identity in this riveting and emotionally charged thriller by the blockbuster bestselling author of *The Good Girl*, Mary Kubica

Jessie Sloane is on the path to rebuilding her life after years of caring for her ailing mother. She rents a new apartment and applies for college. But when the college informs her that her social security number has raised a red flag, Jessie discovers a shocking detail that causes her to doubt everything she's ever known.

Finding herself suddenly at the center of a bizarre mystery, Jessie tumbles down a rabbit hole, which is only exacerbated by grief and a relentless lack of sleep. As days pass and the insomnia worsens, it plays with Jessie's mind. Her judgment is blurred, her thoughts are hampered by fatigue. Jessie begins to see things until she can no longer tell the difference between what's real and what she's only imagined.

Meanwhile, twenty years earlier and two hundred and fifty miles away, another woman's split-second decision may hold the key to Jessie's secret past. Has Jessie's whole life been a lie or have her delusions gotten the best of her?

Don't miss Mary Kubica's smart and chilling new novel, *Local Woman Missing!*

Nothing to Lose: A Jack Reacher Novel

Author: Lee Child

Two lonely towns in Colorado: Hope and Despair. Between them, twelve miles of empty road. Jack Reacher never turns back. It's not in his nature. All he wants is a cup of coffee. What he gets is big trouble. So in Lee Child's electrifying new novel, Reacher—a man with no fear, no illusions, and nothing to lose—goes to war against a town that not only wants him gone, it wants him dead.

It wasn't the welcome Reacher expected. He was just passing through, minding his own business. But within minutes of his arrival a deputy is in the hospital and Reacher is back in Hope, setting up a base of operations against Despair, where a huge, seething walled-off industrial site does something nobody is supposed to see . . . where a small plane takes off every night and returns seven hours later . . . where a garrison of well-trained and well-armed military cops—the kind of soldiers Reacher once commanded—waits and watches . . . where above all two young men have disappeared and two frightened young women wait and hope for their return.

Joining forces with a beautiful cop who runs Hope with a cool hand, Reacher goes up against Despair—against the deputies who try to break him and the rich man who tries to scare him—and starts to crack open the secrets, starts to expose the terrifying connection to a distant war that's killing Americans by the thousand.

Now, between a town and the man who owns it, between Reacher and his conscience, something has to give. And Reacher never gives an inch.

In the Heart of the Fire (Nameless Book 1)

Author: Dean Koontz

A bloodthirsty sheriff is terrorizing a small Texas town where justice has been buried with his victims. Until Nameless arrives—a vigilante whose past is a mystery and whose future is written in blood.

Anyone who crosses Sheriff Russell Soakes is dead, missing, or warned. One of them is a single mother trying to protect her children but bracing herself for the worst. Nameless fears the outcome. He's seen it in his visions. Now it's time to teach the depraved Soakes a lesson in fear. But in turning predators into prey, will Nameless unearth a few secrets of his own?

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Dean Koontz comes In the Heart of the Fire, part of Nameless, a riveting collection of short stories about a vigilante nomad, stripped of his memories and commissioned to kill. Follow him in each story, which can be read or listened to in a single sitting.

Before She Disappeared: A Novel

Author: Lisa Gardner

THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Lisa Gardner, a propulsive thriller featuring an ordinary woman who will stop at nothing to find the

missing people that the rest of the world has forgotten

Frankie Elkin is an average middle-aged woman, a recovering alcoholic with more regrets than belongings. But she spends her life doing what no one else will--searching for missing people the world has stopped looking for. When the police have given up, when the public no longer remembers, when the media has never paid attention, Frankie starts looking.

A new case brings her to Mattapan, a Boston neighborhood with a rough reputation. She is searching for Angelique Badeau, a Haitian teenager who vanished from her high school months earlier. Resistance from the Boston PD and the victim's wary family tells Frankie she's on her own--and she soon learns she's asking questions someone doesn't want answered. But Frankie will stop at nothing to discover the truth, even if it means the next person to go missing could be her.

The Last Sister (Columbia River Book 1)

Author: Kendra Elliot

An Amazon Charts and *Wall Street Journal* bestseller.

Three sisters' secrets collide in a shocking novel of suspense by the bestselling author of the *Mercy Kilpatrick* series.

Twenty years ago Emily Mills's father was murdered, and she found his body hanging in the backyard. Her younger sister, Madison, claims she was asleep in her room. Her older sister, Tara, claims she was out with friends. The tragedy drove their mother to suicide and Tara to leave town forever. The killer was caught. The case closed.

Ever since, Emily and Madison have tried to forget what happened that night—until an eerily similar murder brings it all back. It also brings FBI special agent Zander Wells to the Oregon logging town. As eager as he is to solve the brutal double slaying, he is just as intrigued with the mystery of Emily's and her sisters' past.

When more blood is shed, Zander suspects there's a secret buried in this town no one wants unearthed. Is it something Emily and Madison don't know? Or aren't telling? And Tara? Maybe Emily can't bear to find her. Because when Tara disappeared, she took a secret of her own with her.

Key Witness (The Security Experts)

Author: Christy Barritt

After witnessing an armed robbery, a woman in danger needs a bodyguard's protection in this suspenseful romance from *USA TODAY* bestselling author Christy Barritt, part of *The Security Experts* series.

When Elle Philips witnesses an armed robbery while standing in line at the bank, she sets into motion a deadly game of cat and mouse. Mark Denton, a security contractor and former Navy SEAL, also witnesses the robbery, and is hired by Elle's father to keep his daughter safe following the incident. And while Denton's desire to protect Elle goes beyond professional bounds, he cannot let personal feelings cloud his judgment—judgment he'll have to rely on when the robbers' true motives are revealed...and Elle becomes a target in the ultimate plot of revenge.

Experience more action-packed mystery and suspense in the rest of *The Security Experts* series by Christy Barritt:

Key Witness

Lifeline

High-Stakes Holiday Reunion

From Love Inspired Suspense: Courage. Danger. Faith.

Last Day

Author: Luanne Rice

From celebrated *New York Times* bestselling author Luanne Rice comes a riveting story of a seaside community shaken by a violent crime and a tragic loss.

Years ago, Beth Lathrop and her sister Kate suffered what they thought would be the worst tragedy of their lives the night both the famous painting *Moonlight* and their mother were taken. The detective assigned to the case, Conor Reid, swore to protect the sisters from then on.

Beth moved on, throwing herself fully into the art world, running the family gallery, and raising a beautiful daughter with her husband Pete. Kate, instead, retreated into herself and took to the skies as a pilot, always on the run. When Beth is found strangled in her home, and *Moonlight* goes missing again, Detective Reid can't help but feel a sense of déjà vu.

Reid immediately suspects Beth's husband, whose affair is a poorly kept secret. He has an airtight alibi—but he also has a motive, and the evidence seems to point to him. Kate and Reid, along with the sisters' closest childhood friends, struggle to make sense of Beth's death, but they only find more questions: Who else would have wanted Beth dead? What's the significance of *Moonlight*?

Twenty years ago, Reid vowed to protect Beth and Kate—and he's failed. Now solving the case is turning into an obsession . . .

A Bittersweet Surprise (A Starlight Cove Novel)

Author: Cynthia Ellingsen

A mysterious, heartwarming tale of small-town intrigue, family secrets, and the possibility of new love from the Amazon Charts bestselling author of *The Lighthouse Keeper*.

Emma Laurent has always preferred helping others to asking for help. But now, she's the one in need. Her stepmother is selling her late father's candy shop, her grandmother's assisted-living facility has become a financial burden, and the anniversary of her fiancé's death is quickly approaching.

Rather than face her problems, Emma does what she does best—finds someone else to help by offering a mother and son with nowhere to go somewhere to stay. So when a couple visiting Starlight Cove suddenly offers to pay \$20,000 for the old painting that has hung on the candy shop's wall since Emma was a child, it seems like fate has stepped in to help Emma in return—but the more she thinks about it, the more suspicious the offer seems.

Determined to uncover why the couple is so interested in the painting, Emma begins to investigate, unknowingly wading into a sea of old family secrets. At the same time, a new flirtation has her feeling guilty and confused. As Emma uncovers more about the past, can she find the courage she needs to save the candy shop and give herself permission to open her heart to love again?

The Best of Friends

Author: Lucinda Berry

An unthinkable tragedy forever changes a group of teens and turns family against family in this edge-of-your-seat thriller that begs to be read in one sitting.

Best friends Lindsey, Kendra, and Dani endure every parent's nightmare when a tragic accident befalls their teenage boys, leaving one dead, another in a coma, and a third too traumatized to speak.

Reeling from the worst night of their lives, the three mothers plunge into a desperate investigation of the bizarre incident. How could something so horrible happen in their wealthy Southern California suburb?

They soon discover that the accident was just the beginning, and troubling discoveries lead to chilling questions: Do they really know their children? Do they even know each other? As more secrets surface, a fog of doubt and suspicion threatens to poison their families, their friendships, and the whole community.

With the illusion of happiness and safety long gone, these women must now confront the hazards of heartbreak, the consequences of jealousy, and the dangers of living double lives.

The Other Couple: A psychological thriller

Author: Cathryn Grant

They planned a dream vacation. They got a trip to hell.

Maggie and Brad are on vacation at Lake Tahoe when they meet another couple, Skye and Joe. The four hit it off so well that Maggie invites their new friends to share her beautiful lakeside rental.

What she doesn't realize is Skye and Joe aren't just some random couple. They have been watching Maggie and Brad, have chosen them carefully....

And now, when they discover that Maggie has a secret which could destroy her marriage, they start turning the screws, pushing their own sinister agenda. But have they chosen their victim wisely? Or does Maggie also have a dark side?

As the pressure builds, what should have been a dream vacation begins to look more like the inner circle of hell. Before it's over all four will be changed forever – and at least one of them will be dead...

A stunning psychological thriller, perfect for fans of K. L. Slater, Teresa Driscoll, and Andrew Hart.

What readers are saying about *The Other Couple*:

"I really love a good psychological thriller and **this book definitely hits the mark!** Cathryn's writing is spot on and **had me hooked**. The chapters jump between different characters POVs, which works really well. It helped give a clearer understanding of where everyone's heads were at - which let me tell you, were never where you thought!" -Netgalley

"Wow, what a book! My mind is completely blown, I did not see the story going the way it did, and I especially did not see the ending!" -Goodreads

"I **absolutely loved** how suspenseful the story was at times. It was nearly impossible to tell what would happen next... **the ending COMPLETELY shocked me...**" -Netgalley

"I love books in which you jump right into a big ol' pot of dysfunction and simmer for a while, and **boy does Catheryn Grant deliver**. The Other Couple is equal parts drama and thriller, with a slow but gratifying beginning and a **banger of an ending**." -Goodreads

"It's very well-written, the characters are psychologically scary, and the story is **gripping and thoroughly entertaining**. Just read it yourself - you won't regret it!" -Dawn's Book Reviews

"...one of the **absolute best endings to a book** I've read recently." -Free Kick Fiction Reviews

"The most **riveting** and all encompassing story I have read in a long time, couldn't put it down. Characters are well developed and **story is thrilling**, I never guessed what twists it was going to take." -Netgalley

"The story is **beyond gripping**, right from the prologue. I didn't want to put this book down. ... a **fabulous thriller** and I'm a little sad it's finished." -As Read by Danielle

"**Wow...** just Wow!! I picked this book up and read it in a day, one sitting in fact I literally **didn't want to put it down**." -Netgalley

The Ideal Man (Buchanan / Renard / MacKenna Book 9)

Author: Julie Garwood

A woman's life and love are compromised in this pulse-pounding thriller from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Julie Garwood.

Dr. Ellie Sullivan has witnessed the shooting of an FBI agent in pursuit of a ruthless modern-day Bonnie and Clyde known as the Landrys. The only person to see the shooter's face, Ellie is suddenly thrust into the center of a criminal investigation spearheaded by the no-nonsense, by-the-book, and tantalizingly handsome agent Max Daniels.

With the Landrys captured, she'll be called to testify. But the Landrys have been caught before, and each time the witnesses are scared into silence—or disappear. Now Max vows to be Ellie's shadow, promising never to leave her side until the trial. But that could be dangerous for both of them, and it isn't long before the sparks—and the bullets—fly.

Split Second (King & Maxwell Series Book 1)

Author: David Baldacci

Two Secret Service agents sworn to guard their protectees lost them in a single moment . . . and in this #1 *New York Times* bestseller, they're about to learn that the violence has just begun.

Michelle Maxwell has just wrecked her promising career at the Secret Service. Against her instincts, she let a presidential candidate out of her sight for the briefest moment and the man whose safety was her responsibility vanished into thin air.

■ Sean King knows how the younger agent feels. Eight years earlier, the hard-charging Secret Service agent allowed his attention to be diverted for a split second. And the candidate he was protecting was gunned down before his eyes. Now Michelle and Sean are about to see their destinies converge.

Drawn into a maze of lies, secrets, and deadly coincidences, the two discredited agents uncover a shocking truth: that the separate acts of violence that shattered their lives were really a long time in the making—and are a long way from over.

The Moonlight Child

Author: Karen McQuestion

"I cannot recommend this book highly enough! It's a definite must read." - Reader Review *****

A gripping and emotional novel that will leave you wondering about the neighbors next door...

On a cold January night, Sharon Lemke heads outside to see a lunar eclipse when she notices something odd at the house behind her backyard. Through her neighbor's kitchen window, she sees what appears to be a little girl washing dishes late at night. But the Fleming family doesn't have a child that age, and even if they did, why would she be doing housework at this late hour?

It would be easy for Sharon to just let this go, but when eighteen-year-old Niki, a former foster child, comes to live with Sharon, she notices suspicious activity at the Flemings' house as well. When calling social services doesn't result in swift action, the two decide to investigate on their own.

Daylight (An Atlee Pine Thriller Book 3)

Author: David Baldacci

FBI Agent Atlee Pine's search for her sister Mercy clashes with military investigator John Puller's high-stakes case, leading them both deep into a global conspiracy -- from which neither of them will escape unscathed.

For many long years, Atlee Pine was tormented by uncertainty after her twin sister, Mercy, was abducted at the age of six and never seen again. Now, just as Atlee is pressured to end her investigation into Mercy's disappearance, she finally gets her most promising breakthrough yet: the identity of her sister's kidnapper, Ito Vincenzo.

With time running out, Atlee and her assistant Carol Blum race to Vincenzo's last known location in Trenton, New Jersey -- and unknowingly stumble straight into John Puller's case, blowing his arrest during a drug ring investigation involving a military installation.

Stunningly, Pine and Puller's joint investigation uncovers a connection between Vincenzo's family and a breathtaking scheme that strikes at the very heart of global democracy. Peeling back the layers of deceit, lies and cover-ups, Atlee finally discovers the truth about what happened to Mercy. And that truth will shock Pine to her very core.

A Brush with Shadows (A Lady Darby Mystery Book 6)

Author: Anna Lee Huber

Sebastian Gage returns home to battle the ghosts of his past and prevent them from destroying his future with Kiera in the latest exciting installment in this national bestselling series.

July 1831. It's been fifteen years since Sebastian Gage has set foot in Langstone Manor. Though he has shared little with his wife, Lady Kiera Darby, about his past, she knows that he planned never to return to the place of so many unhappy childhood memories. But when an urgent letter from his grandfather reaches them in Dublin, Ireland, and begs Gage to visit, Kiera convinces him to go.

All is not well at Langstone Manor. Gage's grandfather, the Viscount Tavistock, is gravely ill, and Gage's cousin Alfred has suddenly vanished. He wandered out into the moors and never returned. The Viscount is convinced someone or something other than the natural hazards of the moors is to blame for Alfred's disappearance. And when Alfred's brother Rory goes missing, Kiera and Gage must concede he may be right. Now, they must face the ghosts of Gage's past, discover the truth behind the local superstitions, and see beyond the tricks being played by their very own eyes to expose what has happened to Gage's family before the moors claim yet another victim...

Chosen People

Author: Robert Whitlow

From the streets of Atlanta to the alleys of Jerusalem, *Chosen People* is an international legal drama where hidden motives thrive, the risk of death is real, and the search for truth has many faces.

During a terrorist attack near the Western Wall in Jerusalem, a courageous mother sacrifices her life to save her four-year-old daughter, leaving behind a grieving husband and a motherless child.

Hana Abboud, a Christian Arab Israeli lawyer trained at Hebrew University, typically uses her language skills to represent international clients for an Atlanta law firm. When her boss is contacted by Jakob Brodsky, a young Jewish lawyer pursuing a lawsuit on behalf of the woman's family under the US Anti-Terrorism laws, he calls on Hana's expertise to take point on the case. After careful prayer, she joins forces with Jakob, and they quickly realize the need to bring in a third member for their team, an Arab investigator named Daud Hasan, based in Israel.

As the case evolves, this team of investigators will uncover truths that will forever change their understanding of justice, heritage, and what it means to be chosen for a greater purpose.

- First of the Chosen People novels (*Chosen People, Promised Land*)
- Christian fiction set in the USA and in Israel
- Full-length novel (over 120,000 words)

An Unwanted Guest: A Novel

Author: Shari Lapena

AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

The twisty new thriller from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Couple Next Door* and *A Stranger in the House*

A weekend retreat at a cozy mountain lodge is supposed to be the perfect getaway . . . but when the storm hits, no one is getting away

It's winter in the Catskills and Mitchell's Inn, nestled deep in the woods, is the perfect setting for a relaxing--maybe even romantic--weekend away. It boasts spacious old rooms with huge woodburning fireplaces, a well-stocked wine cellar, and opportunities for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or just curling up with a good murder mystery.

So when the weather takes a turn for the worse, and a blizzard cuts off the electricity--and all contact with the outside world--the guests settle in and try to make the best of it.

Soon, though, one of the guests turns up dead--it *looks* like an accident. But when a second guest dies, they start to panic.

Within the snowed-in paradise, something--or someone--is picking off the guests one by one. And there's nothing they can do but hunker down and hope they can survive the storm--and one another.

The Girl in Cabin 13 (Emma Griffin FBI Mystery Book 1)

Author: A.J. Rivers

Knock...Knock...

When Emma finds a dead body on her porch with her name written on the dead man's hand she uncovers a sinister clue to the mystery that has haunted her since childhood.

FBI agent Emma Griffin is sent undercover to the small sleepy town of Feathered Nest to uncover the truth behind the strings of disappearances that has left the town terrified.

To Emma there is nothing that can lay buried forever. Even though her own childhood has been plagued by deaths and disappearances.

Her mother's death, her father's disappearance, and her boyfriend's disappearance. The only cases that she hasn't solved.

Her obsession with finding out the truth behind her past was what led her to join the FBI.

Now, she must face what may be her biggest case. In Cabin 13 there lies an uneasy feeling. The feeling of her movements being watched.

When a knock on her door revealed a body on her porch and her name written on a piece of paper in the dead man's hand. Suddenly her worlds collide.

With the past still haunting her, Emma must fight past her own demons to stop the body count from rising.

The woods have secrets. And this idyllic town has dark and murderous ones.

Either she reveals them or risk them claiming her too.

In Feathered Nest, nothing is what it seems.

The Girl in Cabin 13 is about to find out that the dead may have secrets of their own.

The Girl in Cabin 13 is the first book in the Emma Griffin Mystery series, it can be read as a standalone.

See Her Die (Bree Taggart Book 2)

Author: Melinda Leigh

Sheriff Bree Taggart is both hunter and hunted in #1 Amazon Charts and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author Melinda Leigh's blood-freezing thriller of murder, rage, and revenge.

New sheriff Bree Taggart is called to a shooting in a campground shuttered for the winter. But she arrives to find a perplexing crime. There is no shooter, no victim, and no blood. No one but Bree believes the sole witness, Alyssa, a homeless teenager who insists she saw her friend shot.

Bree calls in former deputy Matt Flynn and his K-9 to track the killer and search for Alyssa's friend. They discover the battered corpse of a missing university student under the ice in Grey Lake—but it's not the victim they were looking for.

When two more students go missing and additional bodies turn up, Bree must find the link between the victims. She knows only one thing for certain: the murders are fueled by rage. When Alyssa disappears, Bree must race against time to find her before her witness becomes another victim.

The Final Hour (Dublin Nights Book 5)

Author: Brittney Sahin

An Irish billionaire hero. And a woman that's no damsel in distress. This pulse-pounding romantic suspense will leave you breathless . . .

Sean McGregor, the handsome and protective Irishman, was once the king of one-night-stands, but when a beautiful and courageous Italian comes into his life, everything changes. He only wants her - the one woman he can't have.

Emilia Calibrisi can't afford to believe in fairy tales, not when so much of her life has ended in tragedy and heartache. The last thing she has time for is falling in love, especially with Sean McGregor.

Trapped by loyalty and family tradition, rules and promises are in place to keep Sean and Emilia apart. But slowly, Emilia falls victim to Sean's charms. His incredible strength. Those big blue eyes and sinful accent.

Their insatiable need for each other has them playing with fire and blurring the lines by which they are bound. And when the sins of her father come to light and secrets are revealed, Emilia and Sean don't know whom to trust.

Is their happiness attainable, or will Emilia once again choose duty over love?

The Final Hour is a full-length **standalone** romance novel with no cliffhanger and a happily-ever-after!

Layla

Author: Colleen Hoover

A *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* bestseller.

From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Colleen Hoover comes a novel that explores life after tragedy and the enduring spirit of love.

When Leeds meets Layla, he's convinced he'll spend the rest of his life with her—until an unexpected attack leaves Layla fighting for her life. After weeks in the hospital, Layla recovers physically, but the emotional and mental scarring has altered the woman Leeds fell in love with. In order to put their relationship back on track, Leeds whisks Layla away to the bed-and-breakfast where they first met. Once they arrive, Layla's behavior takes a bizarre turn. And that's just one of many inexplicable occurrences.

Feeling distant from Layla, Leeds soon finds solace in Willow—another guest of the B&B with whom he forms a connection through their shared concerns. As his curiosity for Willow grows, his decision to help her find answers puts him in direct conflict with Layla's well-being. Leeds soon realizes he has to make a choice because he can't help both of them. But if he makes the wrong choice, it could be detrimental for *all* of them.

The Scorpion's Tail (Nora Kelly Book 2)

Author: Douglas Preston

From #1 bestselling authors Preston & Child comes a thrilling novel following archaeologist Nora Kelly and FBI Agent Corrie Swanson as they work together to solve a twisted crime that reaches far beyond any of their worst fears.

Following the acclaimed debut of *Old Bones*, this second "happily anticipated" new thriller in Preston & Child's series features Nora Kelly, archaeologist at the Santa Fe Archeological Institute, and rookie FBI Agent Corrie Swanson, as they team up to solve a mystery that quickly escalates into nightmare (*Booklist*).

A mummified corpse, over half a century old, is found in the cellar of an abandoned building in a remote New Mexico ghost town. Corrie is assigned what seems to her a throwaway case: to ID the body and determine cause of death. She brings archaeologist Nora Kelly to excavate the body and lend her expertise to the investigation, and together they uncover something unexpected and shocking: the deceased apparently died in agony, in a fetal position, skin coming off in sheets, with a rictus of horror frozen on his face.

Hidden on the corpse lies a 16th century Spanish gold cross of immense value.

When they at last identify the body -- and the bizarre cause of death -- Corrie and Nora open a door into a terrifying, secret world of ancient treasure and modern obsession: a world centered on arguably the most defining, frightening, and transformative moment in American history.

Running with the Pack (Wolfsbane Book 3)

Author: Lola Glass

Never run from your mate.

So there's a name for what I am.

Ruby Wolf.

And apparently, the rules don't really apply to us.

For one, we come in pairs. The other half of mine is a douche named Ezra, and he's convinced that walking around naked is all it will take to talk me into choosing him. If we don't mate, I'll die. Period. End of story.

But I won't betray Roman like that, so I'm dying slowly and painfully.

Until he goes and signs up for the trials that can make him like me.

The trials no one has survived in more than a hundred years.

Things are pretty much a mess, but that's not new. I've survived worse.

And if I don't, well, the last few months of happiness were worth everything and more.

If you love books by **Leia Stone**, **Jaymin Eve**, or **Everly Frost**, you'll devour **RUNNING WITH THE PACK**.

*This new adult paranormal romance is recommended for mature readers.

Prodigal Son: An Orphan X Novel

Author: Gregg Hurwitz

Forced into retirement, Evan Smoak gets an urgent request for help from someone he didn't even suspect existed—in *Prodigal Son*, the next *New York Times* bestselling Orphan X book from Gregg Hurwitz.

As a boy, Evan Smoak was pulled out of a foster home and trained in an off-the-books operation known as the Orphan Program. He was a government assassin, perhaps the best, known to a few insiders as Orphan X. He eventually broke with the Program and adopted a new name—The Nowhere Man—and a new mission, helping the most desperate in their times of trouble. But the highest power in the country has made him a tempting offer—in exchange for an unofficial pardon, he must stop his clandestine activities as The Nowhere Man. Now Evan has to do the one thing he's least equipped to do—live a normal life.

But then he gets a call for help from the one person he never expected. A woman claiming to have given him up for adoption, a woman he never knew—his mother. Her unlikely request: help Andrew Duran—a man whose life has gone off the rails, who was in the wrong place at the wrong time, bringing him to the deadly attention of very powerful figures. Now a brutal brother & sister assassination team are after him and with no one to turn to, and no safe place to hide, Evan is Duran's only option. But when the hidden cabal catches on to what Evan is doing, everything he's fought for is on the line—including his own life.

The Art of Inheriting Secrets: A Novel

Author: Barbara O'Neal

When Olivia Shaw's mother dies, the sophisticated food editor is astonished to learn she's inherited a centuries-old English estate—and a title to go with it. Raw with grief and reeling from the knowledge that her reserved mother hid something so momentous, Olivia leaves San Francisco and crosses the pond to unravel the mystery of a lifetime.

One glance at the breathtaking Rosemere Priory and Olivia understands why the manor, magnificent even in disrepair, was the subject of her mother's exquisite paintings. What she doesn't understand is why her mother never mentioned it to her. As Olivia begins digging into her mother's past, she discovers that the peeling wallpaper, debris-laden halls, and ceiling-high Elizabethan windows covered in lush green vines hide unimaginable secrets.

Although personal problems and her life back home beckon, Olivia finds herself falling for the charming English village and its residents. But before she can decide what Rosemere's and her own future hold, Olivia must first untangle the secrets of her past.

Turning Point

Author: Jeffery Deaver

International bestselling author Jeffery Deaver delivers surprise after alarming surprise in an ingenious story about a serial killer, a detective, and a twisting duel of wits.

A serial killer is trolling a midwestern suburb. His tools: a hammer, a screwdriver, floral wire, a kitchen knife and, to complete his errand, a Russian nesting doll left behind as a calling card. From one grisly crime scene to the next, Detective Ernest Neville and his Russian Doll Killer task force follow. With few leads and his career on the line, Neville is driven to desperate measures to get to the core of this diabolical puzzle. Layer by layer, he's getting closer to the final piece. Yet the only thing that's certain in this game is the unexpected, and as citizens are targeted by one of the most reprehensible characters the idyllic town has ever seen, Neville can only wonder if his efforts will end in disaster—for himself, for his family and for the people he's sworn to protect.

Every Last Secret

Author: A. R. Torre

Welcome to the neighborhood. Watch your husband, watch your friends, and watch your back.

Cat Winthorpe has worked hard to get what she has: a gorgeous home; social standing; and William, her successful, handsome husband. Then a friendly new couple moves into the estate next door. While cautious, a good neighbor like Cat greets them with open arms and warm hospitality.

Neena Ryder isn't a fellow lady of leisure. A life coach with off-the-rack dresses, personal issues, and a husband who hasn't delivered, she's anxious to move up in the world. This beautiful new town is a step in the right direction. It's also making Neena aware of what she doesn't have. Namely, William. When Neena's infatuation escalates into obsession, it's just a matter of eliminating a few obstacles to get the life she wants. The life next door.

As Neena's secret fixation grows, so does her friendship with Cat. But beneath their cordial interactions is a wealth of temptations, secrets, and toxic jealousy. For both women, the desire for a perfect life can turn perfectly dangerous.

Faithless in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel

Author: J. D. Robb

In the new Eve Dallas police thriller from #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author J. D. Robb, what looked like a lover's quarrel turned fatal has larger—and more terrifying—motives behind it...

The scene in the West Village studio appears to be classic crime-of-passion: two wineglasses by the bed, music playing, and a young sculptor named Ariel Byrd with the back of her head bashed in. But when Dallas tracks down the wealthy Upper East Side woman who called 911, the details don't add up. Gwen Huffman is wealthy, elegant, comforted by her handsome fiancé as she sheds tears over the trauma of finding the body—but why did it take an hour to report it? And why is she lying about little things?

As Eve and her team look into Gwen, her past, and the people around her, they find that the lies are about more than murder. As with sculpture, they need to chip away at the layers of deception to find the shape within—and soon they're getting the FBI involved in a case that involves a sinister, fanatical group and a stunning criminal conspiracy.

The Perfect Father: the most gripping and twisty thriller you'll read in 2020

Author: Charlotte Duckworth

"The perfect read. Surprising and original" LESLEY KARA

"Masterful . . . a great twist" HARRIET TYCE

"Doctor Foster meets *Gone Girl*" BP WALTER

THE PERFECT HUSBAND . . .

After a difficult pregnancy, Esther is grateful that her husband Robin offers to put his career on hold so that she can return to the job she loves.

But Esther finds leaving her daughter Riley behind more challenging than she'd thought. And soon the new imbalance in her relationship with Robin brings old tensions to the surface.

OR A PERFECT LIE?

Then one day Esther arrives home from work to find Robin and Riley are missing. As the police investigate their disappearance, it becomes clear that nothing about this modern-day family is what it seems...

Is Robin the perfect father everyone thinks he is? Or was it all a perfect lie?

"A real thriller of a ride with a twist I did NOT see coming" NIKKI SMITH

"An emotional and intelligently written thriller" ELISABETH CARPENTER

"Had me hooked from the first page" RUTH HEALD

"Realistic, gripping, emotional and distinctive" NICOLA MOSTYN

"Unpredictable, tense and engrossing" REBECCA FLEET

"I love Charlotte's dark, messy takes on modern relationships" CLAIRE MCGOWAN

"Fresh, thrilling and packed with unstoppable tension" LAUREN NORTH

READERS ARE LOVING *THE PERFECT FATHER*

"Deceit, ambition, suspense and betrayal: this book has it all" *****

"Gripping and nuanced" *****

"Totally twisty, dramatic and addictive" *****

"The best thriller I have read this year" *****

Made of Steel

Author: Ivy Smoak

Summer fell in love with the boy next door when she was six-years-old. The only thing she knew for sure was that she was going to marry him. Just as soon as she could convince him that she didn't have cooties. But tragedy tore her away from him before they ever got a chance at their happily ever after. And the worst part? He forgot all about her.

Ten years after Summer lost everything, she's given a fresh start in the witness protection program. The only rule: don't speak to anyone from her past. A rule that's hard to follow when she finds out that the boy next door is living right down the hall. Unlike him, she never forgot. But she knows that the future she once dreamed of is no longer an option. And if she reveals her identity, she could get them both killed.

Miles fell in love with the girl next door when he was eight-years-old. When she disappeared in the foster care system, it felt like a piece of him was missing. So when she shows up in his life again with a different color hair and a new name? It doesn't fool him. And this time he'll do whatever it takes to keep her.

BY INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR IVY SMOAK

★★★★★ "Give me more ASAP!!!"

★★★★★ "Emotional, deep and mysterious."

★★★★★ "OMG!!! Five stars plus!!!"

★★★★★ "I couldn't put this book down!"

★★★★★ "One of the most gripping, heart wrenching books I've read."

★★★★★ "Consuming from start to finish."

★★★★★ "The best book I have read so far in 2018."

★★★★★ "A must read!!!"

★★★★★ "I started this book at 10 pm and stayed up till 5 am to finish it."

★★★★★ "A definite must-read so jump in and enjoy the ride!"

★★★★★ "An intriguing, compulsively readable start to an exciting new series." - Kirkus Reviews

Unspeakable Things

Author: Jess Lourey

Inspired by a terrifying true story from the author's hometown, a heart-pounding novel of suspense about a small Minnesota community where nothing is as quiet—or as safe—as it seems.

Cassie McDowell's life in 1980s Minnesota seems perfectly wholesome. She lives on a farm, loves school, and has a crush on the nicest boy in class. Yes, there are her parents' strange parties and their parade of deviant guests, but she's grown accustomed to them.

All that changes when someone comes hunting in Lilydale.

One by one, local boys go missing. One by one, they return changed—violent, moody, and withdrawn. What happened to them becomes the stuff of shocking rumors. The accusations of who's responsible grow just as wild, and dangerous town secrets start to surface. Then Cassie's own sister undergoes the dark change. If she is to survive, Cassie must find her way in an adult world where every sin is justified, and only the truth is unforgivable.

Lying Next to Me

Author: Gregg Olsen

No matter what you see, no matter what you've heard, assume nothing.

Adam and Sophie Warner and their three-year-old daughter are vacationing in Washington State's Hood Canal for Memorial Day weekend. It's the perfect getaway to unplug—and to calm an uneasy marriage. But on Adam's first day out on the water, he sees Sophie abducted by a stranger. A hundred yards from shore, Adam can't save her. And Sophie disappears.

In a nearby cabin is another couple, Kristen and Connor Moss. Unfortunately, beyond what they've heard in the news, they're in the dark when it comes to Sophie's disappearance. For Adam, at least there's comfort in knowing that Mason County detective Lee Husemann is an old friend of his. She'll do everything she can to help. She must.

But as Adam's paranoia about his missing wife escalates, Lee puts together the pieces of a puzzle. The lives of the two couples are converging in unpredictable ways, and the picture is unsettling. Lee suspects that not everyone is telling the truth about what they know—or they have yet to reveal all the lies they've hidden from the strangers they married.

The Eighth Sister: A Thriller (Charles Jenkins Book 1)

Author: Robert Dugoni

An Amazon Charts, *Washington Post*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestseller.

A pulse-pounding thriller of espionage, spy games, and treachery by the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Tracy Crosswhite Series.

Former CIA case officer Charles Jenkins is a man at a crossroads: in his early sixties, he has a family, a new baby on the way, and a security consulting business on the brink of bankruptcy. Then his former bureau chief shows up at his house with a risky new assignment: travel undercover to Moscow and locate a Russian agent believed to be killing members of a clandestine US spy cell known as the seven sisters.

Desperate for money, Jenkins agrees to the mission and heads to the Russian capital. But when he finds the mastermind agent behind the assassinations—the so-called eighth sister—she is not who or what he was led to believe. Then again, neither is anyone else in this deadly game of cat and mouse.

Pursued by a dogged Russian intelligence officer, Jenkins executes a daring escape across the Black Sea, only to find himself abandoned by the agency he serves. With his family and freedom at risk, Jenkins is in the fight of his life—against his own country.

Murder Board (Boston Crime Thriller Book 1)

Author: Brian Shea

On the tough streets of Boston, justice requires a detective who isn't afraid to break the rules.

"Brian Shea is the real deal. A veteran detective turned thriller author...It truly doesn't get any better..."—Steve Konkoly, USA Today Bestselling Author of the *Ryan Decker Series*

Imagine THE DEPARTED meets HARRY BOSCH.

The crime sent shockwaves through the entire city.

But for Boston homicide detective Michael Kelly, the case hits particularly close to home.

Kelly was born and raised only a few blocks from where the girl's body was found. He still has friends living in the old neighborhood.

Some are cops.

Others run the Irish mob.

And when Kelly's investigation uncovers a shocking conspiracy, he realizes that he'll need to use all of his unique connections to solve the case.

Because Kelly is determined to bring the killer to justice.

Whatever the cost...

The first novel in the most suspenseful crime series to hit bookstores in years. Written by a former detective, *Murder Board* is perfect for fans of Michael Connolly's *Harry Bosch*, David Baldacci's *John Puller*, and James Patterson's *Alex Cross*.

"...a superbly written and suspenseful thriller..." —T.R. Ragan, NYT Bestselling Author

"With his background as a cop, Brian Shea adds a dose of realism to his writing few authors can match...." —Jeff Carson, Author of the Bestselling *David Wolf Series*

Dark Throne: A Mafia Arranged Marriage Romance (Russo Royals)

Author: Shanna Handel

A fully standalone Enemies to Lovers Romance novel

I want him. And I hate him.

I've known him my whole life.
He's the boy who loved to torment me,
pulling the ends of my braids.

When I cross his family...our deadly rivals,
He does worse than that.
Leaving me burning with shame.

My obedience is demanded to make amends,
My marriage to my enemy, arranged.
He's no Romeo.

I loathe him.

And yet...
When he bends me to his will...
with his harsh ways...

I find myself wanting more.

I want to be his queen.
To sit on his dark throne.
The man I now call, husband.

Winter World (The Long Winter Trilogy Book 1)

Author: A.G. Riddle

***A new ice age...
and a shocking discovery...
will change humanity forever.***

From the Amazon Charts and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author with over FOUR MILLION COPIES sold worldwide comes an epic novel with an unforgettable twist.

**** Longlisted for the Wilbur Smith Award for best published novel. ****

In the near future, a new ice age has begun.

Humanity stands on the brink of extinction.

Desperate for answers, scientists send probes into the solar system to take readings. Near Mars, they identify a mysterious object moving toward the Sun. Is it the cause of the ice age? Or could it be humanity's only hope of survival?

With time running out, NASA launches a mission to make contact. But the object isn't what anyone thought. In the dark of space, alone, the team makes a discovery that will change the course of human history—and possibly end it.

Filled with real science and fascinating details, *Winter World* is that unique blend of fact and fiction that could completely change how you see our planet—and humanity's future. For those intrepid souls starting this bestselling trilogy, be warned: you may well be up late into the night turning the pages.

Praise for A.G. Riddle

"...reads like a superior collaboration between Dan Brown and Michael Crichton."

—*The Guardian* on *Pandemic*

"I finished the book fast because I just couldn't wait..."

—*WIRED* GeekDad on *Departure*

"This is apocalyptic sci-fi at its best."

—Daily Mail on *The Solar War*

An Extended Look at *Winter World*

Each month, Earth grows colder.

Snow falls in summer. Glaciers trample cities across North America, Europe, and Asia. The new ice age shows no signs of stopping.

Chaos erupts.

Around the world, people abandon their homes and flock to regions where they can survive. Nations prepare to go to war for the world's last habitable zones.

Scientists search the cause of the new ice age. They send probes into the solar system to collect readings. Near Mars, a probe finds a mysterious object, drifting toward the Sun. Is it responsible for the new ice age? Or is it merely an observer? Or neither? Could it be a relic from a long-extinct civilization? One thing is certain: investigating the object is humanity's best hope of survival.

As the ice age claims more lives and the world slides into anarchy, an international consortium launches a mission into space to make contact. But the first contact mission doesn't go as planned. What the crew discovers out there is beyond anyone's imagination.

Two members of the first contact mission may hold the keys to humanity's salvation.

Dr. Emma Matthews is the commander aboard the International Space Station. For months, she has watched the world below freeze and civilization unravel. The headlines tell only half of the story. The messages from her sister tell the rest, of a world witnessing mass migrations, fighting for survival, struggling to provide a future for their children. When a catastrophe strikes the ISS, Emma faces her own fight for survival.

Dr. James Sinclair is one of the greatest scientists alive. A mind before his time. Years ago, he invented something with the potential to change the world—an invention that would upset the balance of power in the world forever. Fearing that change, his enemies sent him to prison for a crime he didn't commit. But with humanity's future at stake, NASA asks him to join the first contact mission. His expertise is vital to the mission's success—and to saving Emma. With the clock ticking down to humanity's final days on Earth, James makes a decision that will change his life forever and may determine the fate of the entire human race.

Available in Kindle eBook, Audible audiobook, print, and Kindle Unlimited.

The Lost Girls of Devon

Author: Barbara O'Neal

One of *Travel + Leisure's* most anticipated books of summer 2020.

From the *Washington Post* and Amazon Charts bestselling author of *When We Believed in Mermaids* comes a story of four generations of women grappling with family betrayals and long-buried secrets.

It's been years since Zoe Fairchild has been to the small Devon village of her birth, but the wounds she suffered there still ache. When she learns that her old friend and grandmother's caretaker has gone missing, Zoe and her fifteen-year-old daughter return to England to help.

Zoe dreads seeing her estranged mother, who left when Zoe was seven to travel the world. As the four generations of women reunite, the emotional pain of the past is awakened. And to complicate matters further, Zoe must also confront the ex-boyfriend she betrayed many years before.

Anxieties spike when tragedy befalls another woman in the village. As the mystery turns more sinister, new grief melds with old betrayal. Now the four Fairchild women will be tested in ways they couldn't imagine as they contend with dangers within and without, desperate to heal themselves and their relationships with each other.

Shifter Wars: Supernatural Battle (Werewolf Dens Book 1)

Author: Kelly St. Clare

When Mum died, I inherited a lot more than a pack of lies.

I landed a \$410,000 debt.
Discovered her previous surname.
And her real place of birth.

Desperate to uncover the truth, I drive to a tiny dot on the map called Deception Valley.

Coincidental name? *Nope.*

There, I find her secret family—because she had one of those too.

How many lies are we at? Honestly, I've lost count, but local gossip captures my attention. Apparently, Mum's other family play laser tag every Wednesday. Not even joking. *Laser tag.*

What the hell is this place?

In hindsight, the massive guy with honey irises was my first major clue. Unusual eyes for a human, right?
Perfect eyes for a werewolf.

But sexy supernaturals, thongs, and mounting financial strain aside, Mum's past is buried somewhere in this valley, and I need to dig up the truth or find a way to live with her lies.

What do you do when neither option will leave you unscathed?

If you can't get enough of books by Ilona Andrews, K.F. Breene, Patricia Briggs, or anything paranormal romance, then step inside *The Dens* and get ready to play for your life.

Throne of Power: An Arranged Marriage Mafia Romance (Throne Duet Book 1)

Author: Rina Kent

When powers clash...

In the mafia world, women don't reign.
I'm the exception of that rule.
I didn't choose this life, it chose me.
I have a legacy to protect, a power to snatch, and no one will stop me.
If an arranged marriage is what it'll take to lead, then so be it.
What I don't count on is that my chosen husband is a ghost from my past.
Kyle Hunter.
He was once my guard, my protector. Now, he's after my kingdom.
The road to the throne is paved with thorns, blood, and casualties.
To win, I'll risk it all.
My heart included.

This book is part of a duet and is not standalone.

The Law of Innocence (Mickey Haller Book 6)

Author: Michael Connelly

Lincoln Lawyer Mickey Haller is back on the job in this heart-stopping thriller from a renowned #1 *New York Times* bestselling author.

“One of the finest legal thrillers of the last decade” —Associated Press

On the night he celebrates a big win, defense attorney Mickey Haller is pulled over by police, who find the body of a former client in the trunk of his Lincoln. Haller is immediately charged with murder but can't post the exorbitant \$5 million bail slapped on him by a vindictive judge.

Mickey elects to represent himself and is forced to mount his defense from his jail cell in the Twin Towers Correctional Center in downtown Los Angeles. All the while he needs to look over his shoulder—as an officer of the court he is an instant target, and he makes few friends when he reveals a corruption plot within the jail.

But the bigger plot is the one against him. Haller knows he's been framed, whether by a new enemy or an old one. As his trusted team, including his half-brother, Harry Bosch, investigates, Haller must use all his skills in the courtroom to counter the damning evidence against him.

Even if he can obtain a not-guilty verdict, Mickey understands that it won't be enough. In order to be truly exonerated, he must find out who really committed the murder and why. That is the law of innocence.

In his highest stakes case yet, the Lincoln Lawyer fights for his life and proves again why he is “a worthy colleague of Atticus Finch . . . in the front of the pack in the legal thriller game” (*Los Angeles Times*).

A *CBS The Doctors* Book Club Pick
A *People* Book of the Week Selection

Murder in an Irish Pub (An Irish Village Mystery Book 4)

Author: Carlene O'Connor

The luck of the Irish runs out for a professional poker player in this mystery set in County Cork that will “will leave cozy readers well satisfied” (*Publishers Weekly*).

A poker tournament in the small village of Kilbane in County Cork is drawing players from across the country, but none more famous than Eamon Foley. A tinker out of Dublin, he's called the Octopus for playing like he has eight hands under the table. But when Foley is found at the end of a rope, swinging from the rafters of Rory Mack's pub, it's time for the *garda* to take matters into their own hands.

Detective Sargent Macdara Flannery would lay odds it's a simple suicide—after all, there's a note and the room was locked. But officer Siobhán O'Sullivan suspects foul play, as does Foley's very pregnant widow. Soon it's up to Siobhán to call a killer's bluff, but if she doesn't play her cards right, she may be the next one taken out of the game.

Wolf Roulette: Supernatural Battle (Werewolf Dens Book 3)

Author: Kelly St. Clare

Deception Valley is living up to its name.

Exiled from my tribe.
Living with a pack who hates me.
In bed with a werewolf I can't ignore.

Things were simple when I just had to win the game. Yet now, even winning means I'll end up the loser. *Big time.*

The mysteries surrounding my mother might be solved, but I'm haunted by her lies and sorry end. As if walking in her footsteps, I feel a breath away from sharing her fate.

Because Grids must be played. I must decide which side I'll play *from*. And that choice grows more difficult by the second.

Would you win the game if it meant losing the man you love?

If you can't get enough of books by C.N. Crawford, Jennifer L. Armentrout, and Leia Stone, or just anything paranormal romance, then step inside this supernatural game and prepare to give everything you have to win.

This book contains sexual scenes, language, and violence.

The Sentinel: A Jack Reacher Novel

Author: Lee Child

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Jack Reacher is back! The “utterly addictive” (*The New York Times*) series continues as acclaimed author Lee Child teams up with his brother, Andrew Child, fellow thriller writer extraordinaire.

“One of the many great things about Jack Reacher is that he’s larger than life while remaining relatable and believable. *The Sentinel* shows that two Childs are even better than one.”—James Patterson

As always, Reacher has no particular place to go, and all the time in the world to get there. One morning he ends up in a town near Pleasantville, Tennessee.

But there’s nothing pleasant about the place.

In broad daylight Reacher spots a hapless soul walking into an ambush. “It was four against one” . . . so Reacher intervenes, with his own trademark brand of conflict resolution.

The man he saves is Rusty Rutherford, an unassuming IT manager, recently fired after a cyberattack locked up the town’s data, records, information . . . and secrets. Rutherford wants to stay put, look innocent, and clear his name.

Reacher is intrigued. There’s more to the story. The bad guys who jumped Rutherford are part of something serious and deadly, involving a conspiracy, a cover-up, and murder—all centered on a mousy little guy in a coffee-stained shirt who has no idea what he’s up against.

Rule one: if you don’t know the trouble you’re in, keep Reacher by your side.

Bone Canyon (Eve Ronin Book 2)

Author: Lee Goldberg

A cold case heats up, revealing a deadly conspiracy in a twisty thriller by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lee Goldberg.

A catastrophic wildfire scorches the Santa Monica Mountains, exposing the charred remains of a woman who disappeared years ago. The investigation is assigned to Eve Ronin, the youngest homicide detective in the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, a position that forces her to prove herself again and again. This time, though, she has much more to prove.

Bones don’t lie, and these have a horrific story to tell. Eve tirelessly digs into the past, unearthing dark secrets that reveal nothing about the case is as it seems. With almost no one she can trust, her relentless pursuit of justice for the forgotten dead could put Eve’s own life in peril.

The Visitors: A gripping psychological thriller with a nerve-shredding climax

Author: Miranda Rijks

She offered them a place to stay. They wanted so much more.

Hannah’s life is almost perfect. She’s a full-time mother to two young children and married to successful cardiologist Daniel.

The only thing missing is a project of her own. So she has poured heart and soul into converting their stone barn into a beautiful holiday rental.

Things take a dark turn when visitors Mike and Nadia come to stay. They are noisy, dirty and disrespectful. Hannah is incensed by their behaviour, worried they may wreck her lovingly restored barn.

But she gradually realises that property damage is the least of her worries. Nadia and Mike aren’t here just for a holiday - they have a deeper, darker purpose, one that threatens to destroy Hannah’s entire life.

Spiralling into a nightmare that grows worse with each passing day, Hannah has to find the courage to fight back. But Mike and Nadia are clever and ruthless and they know something that Hannah doesn’t - a shocking secret from the past...

The Visitors – the stunning psychological thriller from the best-selling author of *Roses are Red* and *The Arrangement*.

What readers are saying about *The Visitors*:

"**Brilliantly written** with believable characters... Finished this last night and still can't stop thinking about it. Truly **exceptional book** that deserves everything it receives. BUY IT! Don't even think about it. This has slipped in as a last minute **Book of the Year** candidate." -Netgalley

"This book was brilliantly unpredictable, and I loved trying to work out where the story was going, and being wrong every time." -Goodreads

"A cat and mouse, **white knuckle**, grab you and never let go thriller!! Another great book by a wonderful author!! This book is **not to be missed!!**" -Netgalley

"**Gripping from the beginning** - never lets you down!!! HIGHLY recommend." -Goodreads

"...a very fast paced, **edge of your seat book**, I absolutely loved it!" -Netgalley

"**Brilliantly written**... A **very clever, inventive** plot- a true knicker gripper! -Nicki's Book Blog

"...blends **addictive plot** with superbly crafted and highly disturbing characters." -Netgalley

"This book is so **well written** and the story **so addictive** and enjoyable. This book is **proper escapism** - one of the best kinds of psychological thriller." -Atomic Books 1976

"**WOW** aptly describes this mystery/suspense novel. Loved every single page, and the ending just **blew me away**. It was truly riveting, and I can't say that about many books. You will be on the edge of your seat. I know I was. A **ten star read** for sure!" -Netgalley

"This book is **pure unadulterated entertainment** and I **literally couldn't put it down** – I read and read and read until I had finished!" -Read and Rated

Holly Lin: Books 1-3

Author: Robert Swartwood

The first three thrillers in the best-selling Holly Lin series: *No Shelter*, *The Devil You Know*, *Hollow Point*.

"Excellent—memorable and something I'll read more than once." —Roxane Gay, *New York Times* bestselling author of *An Untamed State* on *No Shelter*

NO SHELTER

Holly Lin is living two lives. To her friends and family, she's a pleasant, hardworking nanny. To her boss and colleagues, she's one of the best non-sanctioned government assassins in the world.

But when a recent mission goes wrong causing one of her team members to die, Holly realizes she might no longer be cut out for the work — except the mission, as it turns out, is only half over, and to complete it will take her halfway across the world and bring her face to face with a ghost from her past.

Things are about to get personal. And as Holly Lin's enemies are about to find out, she is not a nanny they want to piss off.

THE DEVIL YOU KNOW

Javier Diaz is dead. Holly Lin knows this because she killed Javier and his men. Now, to protect her family, Holly must travel to Mexico to take out Javier's father before he learns about the death of his son.

It should be a simple mission, but nothing is ever simple for Holly Lin. The plan is to take out everybody in the Diaz compound — until she encounters a woman and two children hiding inside.

Suddenly, the night is only beginning. And by the end, Holly will come face to face with a new kind of evil — one that she will have no choice but to defeat.

HOLLOW POINT

Holly Lin has a new life. A new identity. It's been almost a year since she walked away from being a non-sanctioned government assassin. She now lives in a small Texan town, spending her nights as a bartender, her days shelving books at the local library.

But it all changes one night when she's approached by a woman covered in blood — a woman holding a baby. Within minutes, the baby has been placed in Holly's arms and the woman is dead, killed by two men.

Soon Holly Lin will learn a hard truth: the world she walked away from hasn't forgotten her. And it will do whatever it takes to get her back.

Photographing the Dead (Nameless Book 2)

Author: Dean Koontz

A self-styled artist is getting away with murder in Death Valley. If all goes well, so will Nameless. In part two of the *Nameless* series, the relentless avenger is haunted by nightmares of the past and visions of what's to come.

Palmer Oxenwald's hunting ground is the Mojave wasteland. His victims are random tourists and hikers. His trophies are cherished photographs of the damage he's done. His greatest threat is Nameless. Two men with one thing in common: memories of the dead. For a psychopath like Palmer, they're a clear rush in black and white. For Nameless, they're visions of violence buried and erased. But for how long?

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Dean Koontz comes Photographing the Dead, part of Nameless, a riveting collection of short stories about a vigilante nomad, stripped of his memories and commissioned to kill. Follow him in each story, which can be read or listened to in a single sitting.

The Silence (Columbia River Book 2)

Author: Kendra Elliot

A *Wall Street Journal* bestseller.

A dead conspiracy theorist. A mass murderer. Two cases collide for Callahan and McLane in a pulse-pounding thriller by *Wall Street Journal* and Amazon Charts bestselling author Kendra Elliot.

A man is savagely murdered outside Portland, and Detective Mason Callahan finds blood-spatter evidence that tells a troubling story. Files reveal the murder victim, Reuben Braswell, was a radical conspiracist. In his home, investigators find pages of diatribes against law enforcement as well as ties to Mason's fiancée, FBI special agent Ava McLane. The victim was her informant—and had strong reasons to be paranoid.

To Ava, Braswell's rants were those of a wearying and harmless man...until they collide with her investigation into the murders of police officers and finding the connection becomes urgent. Meanwhile, Braswell's brother and Ava's twin sister both disappear, and disturbing acts of sabotage target Ava's personal life.

For Mason and Ava, the brutal crimes and escalating mysteries create a perfect storm for a terrorist conspiracy that becomes dangerously personal—one that has yet to claim its last victim.

Captive of the Vampire King (Blood Fire Saga Book 2)

Author: Bella Klaus

How do you break up with a Vampire King? You don't.

Something is off about Valentine, and I don't mean his missing heart.

He's keeping me captive in a haunted house, complete with a ferocious beast to make sure I can never escape.

There's a hunger stirring in him. It's deep and dark and preternatural. He's awakening something in me I must resist because if I fail, everything is lost.

Captive of the Vampire King is book two of the Blood Fire Saga.

Sin & Chocolate (Demigods of San Francisco Book 1)

Author: K.F. Breene

Some people are ordained for greatness...

Those people usually have a lot of drama in their life. Drama I happily do without. I live in a forgotten corner of nowhere for a reason: there is safety in anonymity. I have enough problems just trying to get by.

But when Kieran, a sinfully sexy demigod at the pinnacle of power, crashes into my life, suddenly my whole world is turned upside down.

He's harboring a deadly secret, one that could destroy all he holds dear. He thinks I'm the key to his salvation, and he wants me to help him claim vengeance.

He also wants me with a passion that burns my body from the inside out.

To ignore him is impossible, but to give in to my desires, even for a night, would thrust me into danger I might not survive.

Can I resist the temptation?

Brutal Prince: An Enemies To Lovers Mafia Romance (Brutal Birthright Book 1)

Author: Sophie Lark

#1 Bestseller Romantic Suspense

#18 in the Kindle Store

He's No Prince Charming...

Callum Griffin is the heir to the Irish Mafia. He's ruthless, arrogant, and he wants to kill me.

We got off on the wrong foot when I set a (very small) fire in his house.

Our families believe a marriage pact is the only thing that will prevent all-out warfare.

I think I might need to murder him while he sleeps.

This would all be a lot easier if Callum wasn't so damned good-looking.

But I've got a lockbox around my heart. Because even if I'm forced to marry him...

I could never love a brutal prince.

"Brutal Prince" is the explosive first act in the epic "Brutal Birthright" series. It's a stand-alone Dark Mafia Romance, complete with HEA and no cliffhangers. It contains blazing hot bedroom scenes for mature readers only!!!

The Lark Notes:

Aida is my spirit animal. She's wild, passionate, and outrageous. Callum is the only man who can tame her. These two start out trying to rip each other apart. Soon they can only rip each other's clothes off. I love this story because it launches the saga of the Griffins and the Gallos, and because it has so much humor and heart mixed in with the danger and adventure. – Sophie

A Crafter Knits a Clue (A Handcrafted Mystery Book 1)

Author: Holly Quinn

For fans of Betty Hechtman and Maggie Sefton, the latest craft frenzy is this charming cozy mystery series debut starring amateur sleuth Sammy Kane

Sammy Kane just moved back to her hometown to run a craft store. But when the owner of a nearby yarn shop is murdered, Sammy will needle little help finding the killer.

When a heartbroken Samantha "Sammy" Kane returns to her hometown of Heartsford, WI, for her best friend Kate's funeral, she learns that Kate's much-loved craft store is in danger of perishing with its owner. Confounding all her expectations of the life she would live, Sammy moves back home with her golden retriever and takes over Community Craft. A few doors down Main Street, fellow new arrival Ingrid Wilson has just opened the Yarn Barn, a real "purl" of a shop. But when Sammy strolls over to see if Ingrid could use a little help, she finds Ingrid's dead body—with a green aluminum knitting needle lodged in her throat.

Detective Liam Nash is thrown for a loop as every single citizen of Heartsford seems to have a theory about Ingrid's murder. And nearly everyone in town seems to be a suspect. But the last time Sammy did any sleuthing was as a little moppet. And this is not fun and games. Sammy is eager to help the handsome Liam—who seems to be endlessly inventive in finding reasons to talk with her—and when Liam arrests affable woodworker Miles Danbury, Sammy puts everything on the line to help clear Miles.

As the case comes dangerously close to unraveling, Sammy must stitch the clues together. But the killer has other plans—and if Sammy's not careful, she may wind up in a perilous knot in *A Crafter Knits a Clue*, the first warm and woolly yarn of Holly Quinn's new Handcrafted mysteries.

A Stranger at the Door (A Rachel Marin Thriller Book 2)

Author: Jason Pinter

From the Amazon bestselling author of *Hide Away* comes the gripping second installment of the Rachel Marin Thriller series.

Rachel Marin is in a good place. After years of struggle, the single mother has found both a stable, loving relationship and a new purpose: putting her investigative skills to work solving crimes for the local PD. But just as the pieces of her life are finally starting to fall into place, her teenaged son's teacher is gruesomely murdered, starting a domino effect that shatters her peaceful existence.

When Rachel discovers an ominous email the teacher sent to her just before his death, she knows she must help bring his killer to justice. But soon a figure from her past reappears, threatening to expose Rachel's darkest secrets if she doesn't tread lightly. And when her son is recruited by a shadowy businessman who may be connected to the murder, Rachel knows this has just gotten very, very personal.

Someone out there is dead set on keeping this grisly cover-up good and buried, which means if Rachel's not careful, it's only a matter of time before her dream life becomes her worst nightmare.

Dark Crown: A Mafia Arranged Marriage Romance (Russo Royals)

Author: Shanna Handel

A fully standalone Arranged Marriage Dark Romance novel

I dreamed of my wedding day. Only this isn't a dream. It's a nightmare.

He's the king of the mafia.

I've been given to him as payment.

The most dangerous man in Italy.

But he's no fairy-tale king.

He's a Beast.

Powerful. Fierce. Deadly.

He demands my obedience.

Takes *all* of me.

His harsh love leaves a trail of fire on my skin.

I loathe him.

And yet...

When he puts his hands on my body,

My secrets reveal themselves.

I lose control...

Craving the man I hate...

My husband.

The Madness of Crowds: A Novel (Chief Inspector Gamache Novel Book 17)

Author: Louise Penny

Coming off her seventh #1 *New York Times* bestseller, this new book is the seventeenth in her Inspector Gamache series.

Deadly Cross (Alex Cross Book 28)

Author: James Patterson

The murder of a glamorous DC socialite becomes Alex Cross's deadliest case since *Along Came a Spider*.

Kay Willingham led a life as glamorous as it was public-she was a gorgeous Georgetown socialite, philanthropist, and the ex-wife of the vice president. So why was she parked in a Bentley convertible idling behind a DC private school, in the middle of the night, with the man who was the head of that school? Who shot them both, point blank, and why? The shocking double homicide is blazed across the internet, TV, newspapers -- and across Alex Cross's mind. Kay had been his patient once. And maybe more.

While John Sampson of DC Metro Police investigates the last movements of Christopher Randall, the educator killed along with Kay Willingham, detective Alex Cross and FBI special agent Ned Mahoney find unanswered questions from Willingham's past, before she arrived in DC and became known in DC society as someone who could make things happen. They travel to Alabama to investigate Kay's early years. There they find a world of trouble, corruption, and secrets, all of them closed to outsiders like Cross and Mahoney.

Kay had many enemies, but all of them seemed to need her alive. The harder the investigators push, the more resistance they find when they leave behind the polite law offices and doctors' quarters of the state capital. Alex Cross will need to use all his skills as a doctor, a detective, and a family man to prevent that resistance from turning lethal...again.

Carved in Ice (Made of Steel Series Book 3)

Author: Ivy Smoak

When I was little, I dreamed my life would be a fairy tale. But it just so happens that I don't need a knight in shining armor to save me anymore. I'm made of freaking steel.

It's time for answers. Time for vengeance. And time to finally unmask the notorious V. There's no going back now.

See what happens in the epic conclusion of the Made of Steel series.

BY INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR IVY SMOAK

- ★★★★★ "Now THAT was a series!"
- ★★★★★ "A thrilling conclusion to the series!!"
- ★★★★★ "5 **WOW** Stars!"
- ★★★★★ "Smoak brought her A-game and nailed it."
- ★★★★★ "Hang on to the edge of your seat for one more!"
- ★★★★★ "Fire + Ice = Strong as steel."
- ★★★★★ "Gripping from beginning to end!"
- ★★★★★ "The perfect ending to the Made of Steel trilogy."
- ★★★★★ "One of the most satisfying endings to a series I've ever read."

Big Lies in a Small Town: A Novel

Author: Diane Chamberlain

From *New York Times* bestselling author Diane Chamberlain comes a novel of chilling intrigue, a decades-old disappearance, and one woman's quest to find the truth...

"A novel about arts and secrets...grippingly told...pulls readers toward a shocking conclusion."—*People* magazine, Best New Books

North Carolina, 2018:

Morgan Christopher's life has been derailed. Taking the fall for a crime she did not commit, her dream of a career in art is put on hold—until a mysterious visitor makes her an offer that will get her released from prison immediately. Her assignment: restore an old post office mural in a sleepy southern town. Morgan knows nothing about art restoration, but desperate to be free, she accepts. What she finds under the layers of grime is a painting that tells the story of madness, violence, and a conspiracy of small town secrets.

North Carolina, 1940:

Anna Dale, an artist from New Jersey, wins a national contest to paint a mural for the post office in Edenton, North Carolina. Alone in the world and in great need of work, she accepts. But what she doesn't expect is to find herself immersed in a town where prejudices run deep, where people are hiding secrets behind closed doors, and where the price of being different might just end in murder.

What happened to Anna Dale? Are the clues hidden in the decrepit mural? Can Morgan overcome her own demons to discover what exists beneath the layers of lies?

"Chamberlain, a master storyteller, keeps readers hooked, with a story line that leavens history and social commentary with romance and mystery."—*Lexington Dispatch*

The Praying Mantis Bride (Nameless Book 3)

Author: Dean Koontz

A deadly black widow has eliminated three husbands and counting. But Nameless knows her one weakness. To bring truth and its consequences to her crimes, the vigilante must spin a web of his own in part three of the *Nameless* series.

Lucia—current last name, Rickenbah—has made a fortune by marrying rich men who tend to drop dead. But the superstitious blonde believes in more than money and murder. Nameless's job is to scare a confession out of Lucia, and as the psychological warfare escalates, even he may be in for a shock.

From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Dean Koontz comes *The Praying Mantis Bride*, part of *Nameless*, a riveting collection of short stories about a vigilante nomad, stripped of his memories and commissioned to kill. Follow him in each story, which can be read or listened to in a single sitting.

The Ordeal of Mrs. Snow: And Other Stories

Author: Patrick Quentin

This Edgar Award–winning collection from the author behind the Peter Duluth novels delivers “a dozen shock treatments for varying degrees of murder” (*Kirkus Reviews*).

Patrick Quentin, best known for the Peter Duluth puzzle mysteries, also penned outstanding detective novels from the 1930s through the 1960s under other pseudonyms, including Q. Patrick and Jonathan Stagge. Anthony Boucher wrote: “Quentin is particularly noted for the enviable polish and grace which make him one of the leading American fabricants of the murderous comedy of manners; but this surface smoothness conceals intricate and meticulous plot construction as faultless as that of Agatha Christie.”

This Edgar Award–winning short story collection introduces multiple murderers with a myriad of motives:

In the title story, which was adapted for an episode of *The Alfred Hitchcock Hour*, a wealthy woman trapped in a vault passes the hours pondering her life and her loves as time—and her oxygen supply—runs out . . .

In post–World War II Sicily, a visiting American discovers that his charity toward a young boy has ensnared him in a trap only a child could have dreamed up . . .

A cheating husband planning on killing his wife learns that even the best-laid plans can go astray—especially if your wife is a lot smarter than you . . .

A child writes down what she’s going to say in a court case, revealing the honest, innocent heart of a little girl—and the cold, calculating mind of a monster . . .

Quentin’s collection of crimes “produces a cool chill and a calculated thrill” (*Kirkus Reviews*) and includes: “The Ordeal of Mrs. Snow,” “A Boy’s Will,” “Portrait of a Murderer,” “Little Boy Lost,” “Witness for the Prosecution,” “The Pigeon-Woman,” “All the Way to the Moon,” “Mother, May I Go Out to Swim?,” “Thou Lord Seest Me,” “Mrs. Appleby’s Bear,” “Love Comes to Miss Lucy,” and “This Will Kill You.”

Without a Word (A Ghostwriter Mystery Book 7)

Author: C.A. Larmer

ONE SUMMER’S DAY... Young Phoebe awakes to find her entire family has vanished. No note. No explanation. No trace of them again.

TWENTY YEARS LATER... Ghostwriter Roxy Parker is hired to write Phoebe’s story. Phoebe wants to show how far she’s come. Roxy’s more interested in the past.

Why did a child’s family abandon her?

How could they do it without anyone noticing?

And what’s the shocking secret that triggered everything?

MEANWHILE... A woman has baked to death in a sizzling hot car. They’re calling it “suicide by sunbaking” but is that even *possible*? Roxy’s detective friend Gilda is on the case, and it soon circles back to the ghostwriter...

From the best-selling author of the AGATHA CHRISTIE BOOK CLUB comes another adventure in the fun, fast-paced Ghostwriter Mystery series. This time, Roxy’s got a cute pooch by her side and a secret so scary she’s terrified to tell her mum (let alone her ex-boyfriend Max).

The perfect whodunnit for those who love humour, contemporary characters and twists you won’t see coming.

GENRE: Cozy, crime, humour, romance, amateur sleuth, international adventure

NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR: This book contains Australian slang and a little adult language—all part of the Aussie vernacular. No offence is intended.

Spin (Captain Chase Book 2)

Author: Patricia Cornwell

Captain Calli Chase races against time to thwart a plot that leaves the fate of humanity hanging in the balance in this new thriller from international bestselling author Patricia Cornwell.

In the aftermath of a NASA rocket launch gone terribly wrong, Captain Calli Chase comes face-to-face with her missing twin sister—as well as the startling truth of who they really are. Now, a top secret program put in motion years ago has spun out of control, and only Calli can redirect its course.

Aided by cutting-edge technologies, the NASA investigator and scientist turned Space Force pilot sets out on a frantic search for the missing link between the sabotaged rocket launch and her predetermined destiny...a search that someone else seems very interested in stopping.

From NASA to the Chase family farm, to the White House to distant orbits of space, Calli plays a high-stakes game of hide-and-peek with a cunning and ruthless adversary. One wrong move will unleash cataclysmic consequences reaching far beyond the boundaries of Earth.

This heart-pounding Captain Chase thriller from Patricia Cornwell will leave readers desperate for more.

The Searcher: A Novel

Author: Tana French

Best Book of 2020

New York Times | NPR | New York Post

"This hushed suspense tale about thwarted dreams of escape may be her best one yet . . . Its own kind of masterpiece." --Maureen Corrigan, *The Washington Post*

"A new Tana French is always cause for celebration . . . Read it once for the plot; read it again for the beauty and subtlety of French's writing." --Sarah Lyall, *The New York Times*

Cal Hooper thought a fixer-upper in a bucolic Irish village would be the perfect escape. After twenty-five years in the Chicago police force and a bruising divorce, he just wants to build a new life in a pretty spot with a good pub where nothing much happens. But when a local kid whose brother has gone missing arm-twists him into investigating, Cal uncovers layers of darkness beneath his picturesque retreat, and starts to realize that even small towns shelter dangerous secrets.

"One of the greatest crime novelists writing today" (*Vox*) weaves a masterful, atmospheric tale of suspense, asking how to tell right from wrong in a world where neither is simple, and what we stake on that decision.

Final Out (Mike Daley/Rosie Fernandez Legal Thriller Book 12)

Author: Sheldon Siegel

A ballpark. A bay. A body.

Robbie Blum was San Francisco's most prominent sports agent. His clients included players on the Giants, Warriors, and Niners. It all came crashing down when his body was found floating in San Francisco Bay after a Giants game, his skull crushed. A Louisville Slugger floating next to his body.

Though Blum was a wildly successful agent, his personal life was a disaster. Two failed marriages. Allegations of spousal abuse. Alcohol. Drugs. Gambling. Even his biggest client, Giants' slugger David Archer, had reservations about Blum's erratic behavior.

Jaylen Jenkins is a native of Oakland ("before it was woke," as he likes to say). The graduate of McClymonds High School ekes out a living and pays for his mother's drug rehab by working at fast-food restaurants, driving for Uber, and selling Giants T-shirts outside the ballpark. Jaylen also ran errands for Blum—and it was more than getting his laundry. Jenkins picked up illegal drugs for Blum from a supplier at a strip club. Blum also provided Jaylen with Giants swag to sell behind the ballpark.

On the night that he died, Blum met with Jaylen at his stand and gave money to Jaylen to deliver to Blum's drug supplier. Blum also had an autographed bat that he was going to give to his son. According to the police, Jaylen attacked Blum and killed him. Jaylen appears on a security video with a bat in hand.

In the twelfth installment of New York Times bestselling author Sheldon Siegel's iconic San Francisco series, ex-spouses and Public Defenders Mike Daley and Rosie Fernandez defend Jaylen in a high-profile case where they race from the glamorous world of professional sports to the low-rent world of strip clubs and homeless encampments in a desperate search for an elusive truth where everybody has something to hide.

An intricate plot, engaging characters, powerful suspense, and a touch of humor are Sheldon Siegel's hallmarks. In FINAL OUT, readers will discover once again why Mike Daley and Rosie Fernandez are two of the most compelling characters in contemporary crime fiction.

Split Second (Split Second Book 1)

Author: Douglas E. Richards

A stunningly original twist on time travel. Amazon's #1 novel in both the "thriller" and "science fiction" categories for over seven months.

What if you found a way to send something back in time? But not weeks, days, or even minutes back. What if you could only send something back a fraction of a second? Would this be of any use? You wouldn't have nearly enough time to right a wrong, change an event, or win a lottery.

Nathan Wexler is a brilliant physicist who thinks he's found a way to send matter a split second back into the past. But before he can even confirm his findings, he and his wife-to-be, Jenna Morrison, find themselves in a battle for their very lives. Because while time travel to an instant earlier seems useless, Jenna comes to learn that no capability in history has ever been more profound or far-reaching.

Now, as Jenna fights to defeat the powerful forces arrayed against her, nothing less than the fate of humanity hangs in the balance . . .

SPLIT SECOND is a roller-coaster ride of a thriller, one that will have readers pondering the nature of time, and of reality, long after they've read the last page.

"Richards is a worthy successor to Michael Crichton." (SF Book.com)

"Richards is an extraordinary writer," (Dean Koontz) who can, "keep you turning the pages all night long." (Douglas Preston)

Near-Future Science Fiction Thrillers by Douglas E. Richards

WIRED (Wired 1)

AMPED (Wired2)

MIND'S EYE (Nick Hall 1)

BRAINWEB(Nick Hall 2)

MIND WAR (Nick Hall 3)

SPLIT SECOND (Split Second 1)

TIME FRAME (Split Second2)

THE ENIGMA CUBE (Alien Artifact 1)

APIVOT IN TIME (Alien Artifact 2)

QUANTUM LENS

GAME CHANGER

INFINITY BORN

SEEKER

VERACITY

ORACLE

Kids Science-Fiction Thrillers (9 and up, enjoyed by kids and adults alike)

TRAPPED (Prometheus Project 1)

CAPTURED(Prometheus Project 2)

STRANDED (Prometheus Project 3)

OUT OF THIS WORLD

THE DEVIL'S SWORD

Moon Claimed: Supernatural Battle (Werewolf Dens Book 2)

Author: Kelly St. Clare

The pack of lies continues.

My mother isn't my mother.

A werewolf wants me for his one-and-only baby mama

Oh! And I'm the new leader of a tribe I joined *weeks* ago.

Messed up doesn't begin to explain it.

I'm more desperate than ever to uncover an explanation for Mum's mounting betrayals. Because this time, I'm not sure forgiveness is possible.

But the mating meets with Sascha *must* continue if I want to escape our bond for good. An entire tribe is relying on me to win a centuries-old game against freakin' shifters. And at this point, well... I have a few secrets of my own.

Keeping them is the new game.

Would you confess the truth and risk forfeiting the one person you have left?

If you can't get enough of books by Shannon Mayer, Jaymin Eve, and Laura Thalassa, or just anything paranormal romance, then enter this supernatural game and prepare to win everything... or lose it all.

This book contains sexual scenes, language, and violence.

Ready Player Two: A Novel (Ready Player One Book 2)

Author: Ernest Cline

AN UNEXPECTED QUEST. TWO WORLDS AT STAKE. ARE YOU READY?

Days after winning OASIS founder James Halliday's contest, Wade Watts makes a discovery that changes everything.

Hidden within Halliday's vaults, waiting for his heir to find it, lies a technological advancement that will once again change the world and make the OASIS a thousand times more wondrous - and addictive - than even Wade dreamed possible.

With it comes a new riddle, and a new quest: a last Easter egg from Halliday, hinting at a mysterious prize.

And an unexpected, impossibly powerful, and dangerous new rival awaits, one who'll kill millions to get what he wants.

Wade's life and the future of the OASIS are again at stake, but this time the fate of humanity also hangs in the balance.

Lovingly nostalgic and wildly original as only Ernest Cline could conceive it, *Ready Player Two* takes us on another imaginative, fun, action-packed adventure through his beloved virtual universe, and jolts us thrillingly into the future once again.

'Delving back into the universe of OASIS is a nostalgic delight... fans will love returning to Cline's virtual world.'

Press Association

'Living up to the smash hit *Ready Player One* - turned into a film by Steven Spielberg - was never going to be easy, but Ernest Cline's wry and savage sequel shows how it should be done... A wild ride. **Make this into a movie now.**' **The Times**

'Ernest Cline takes *Ready Player One*, gives it a software update, adds some more nostalgia and delivers sheer joy in *Ready Player Two*.' **Phil Williams, Times Radio**

'A stunning, futuristic thrill-ride, full of nostalgia and wonderful set-pieces. *Ready Player Two* improves on everything from its predecessor.' **Daily Express**

Praise for *Ready Player One*:

'Enchanting . . . Willy Wonka meets The Matrix.' **USA Today**

'An addictive read . . . part intergalactic scavenger hunt, part romance, and all heart.' **CNN**

'Delightful . . . the grown-up's Harry Potter.' **HuffPost**

'As one adventure leads expertly to the next, time simply evaporates.' **Entertainment Weekly**

'Gorgeously geeky, superbly entertaining, [and] spectacularly successful.' **Daily Mail**

'A smart, funny thriller that both celebrates and critiques online culture.' **San Francisco Chronicle**

'A geek fantasia, '80s culture memoir and commentary on the future of online behavior all at once.' **Austin American-Statesman**

The Wife Upstairs: A Novel

Author: Rachel Hawkins

Instant *New York Times* and *USA Today* Bestseller

"Compulsively readable...a gothic thriller laced with arsenic." —*EW*

One of the Most Anticipated Books of 2021: *CNN* • *Newsweek* • *Vulture* • *PopSugar* • *Parade* • *BuzzFeed* • *E!Online* • *TimeOut* • *Woman's Day* • *Goodreads* • *She Reads* • *Good Housekeeping* • *CrimeReads* • *Frolic* • *Hello!* • *Mystery and Suspense*

January 2021 Indie Next Pick and #1 LibraryReads Pick

A delicious twist on a Gothic classic, *The Wife Upstairs* pairs Southern charm with atmospheric domestic suspense, perfect for fans of B.A. Paris and Megan Miranda.

Meet Jane. Newly arrived to Birmingham, Alabama, Jane is a broke dog-walker in Thornfield Estates—a gated community full of McMansions, shiny SUVs, and bored housewives. The kind of place where no one will notice if Jane lifts the discarded tchotchkes and jewelry off the side tables of her well-heeled clients. Where no one will think to ask if Jane is her real name.

But her luck changes when she meets Eddie Rochester. Recently widowed, Eddie is Thornfield Estates' most mysterious resident. His wife, Bea, drowned in a boating accident with her best friend, their bodies lost to the deep. Jane can't help but see an opportunity in Eddie—not only is he rich, brooding, and handsome, he could also offer her the kind of protection she's always yearned for.

Yet as Jane and Eddie fall for each other, Jane is increasingly haunted by the legend of Bea, an ambitious beauty with a rags-to-riches origin story, who launched a wildly successful southern lifestyle brand. How can she, plain Jane, ever measure up? And can she win Eddie's heart before her past—or his—catches up to her?

With delicious suspense, incisive wit, and a fresh, feminist sensibility, *The Wife Upstairs* flips the script on a timeless tale of forbidden romance, ill-advised attraction, and a wife who just won't stay buried. In this vivid reimagining of one of literature's most twisted love triangles, which Mrs. Rochester will get her happy ending?

The Stand

Author: Stephen King

This is the way the world ends: with a nanosecond of computer error in a Defense Department laboratory and a million casual contacts that form the links in a chain letter of death.

And here is the bleak new world of the day after: a world stripped of its institutions and emptied of 99 percent of its people. A world in which a handful of panicky survivors choose sides -- or are chosen. A world in which good rides on the frail shoulders of the 108-year-old Mother Abigail -- and the worst nightmares of evil are embodied in a man with a lethal smile and unspeakable powers: Randall Flagg, the dark man.

In 1978 Stephen King published *The Stand*, the novel that is now considered to be one of his finest works. But as it was first published, *The Stand* was incomplete, since more than 150,000 words had been cut from the original manuscript.

Now Stephen King's apocalyptic vision of a world blasted by plague and embroiled in an elemental struggle between good and evil has been restored to its entirety. *The Stand: The Complete And Uncut Edition* includes more than five hundred pages of material previously deleted, along with new material that King added as he reworked the manuscript for a new generation. It gives us new characters and endows familiar ones with new depths. It has a new beginning and a new ending. What emerges is a gripping work with the scope and moral complexity of a true epic.

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