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BEST SELLERS



Mackenzie, Sarah, Friends Like Us New York, NY: Hachette Book Group, Inc. [c2021] [CO-F PS 3613.A27273 F75 2021]

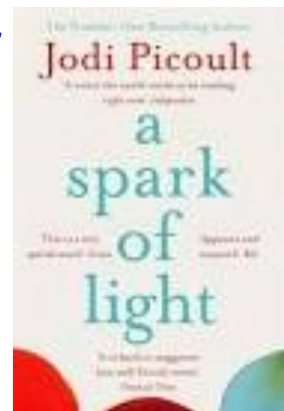
Bree Robinson is perfectly content with her safe, quiet life—she’d much rather leave rocking the boat to her bold best friend, Jill Kelly. But after a cancer scare turns out to be a false alarm, Bree Robinson decides it's time to swim outside her comfort zone. Together with her best friend, Jill, she forms an anti-bucket list - starting with a steamy fling. Only it turns out that her one-night stand is also the handsome architect renovating her house.

In the spirit of her new start on life, Bree agrees to a friends-with-benefits relationship with the charming, handsome Chance. And soon she’s diving headfirst into more adventures: adopting a dog, dreaming about buying the local inn... and even falling in love. But Chance’s stay in Cranberry Cove is temporary—his job designing skyscrapers back in the city awaits. Can Bree and Chance build a new life together— or will she just be left with memories of the summer of a lifetime?

Picoult, Jodi, A Spark of Light London: Hodder & Stoughton Ltd, [c2018] [CO-F PS 3566.I372 S67 2018]

A lone gunman takes the women and doctors at a controversial abortion clinic hostage. Nobody has ended up there by choice. As the tense negotiation for their release unfolds, hour by crucial hour back in time through the day that brought the hostages and their captor to this moment, every certainty is questioned, every judgment thrown into sharp relief.

Because matters of life and death look very different when you, or the ones you love, are staring down the barrel of a gun...



Powerful, thought—provoking and deeply involving, Jodi Picoult’s new novel is told in reverse, propelling the reader through intertwining characters and uncovering motives in this unflinching exploration of what makes a life.

Barclay, James, Noonshade: Chronicles of the Raven Great Britain: Gollancz, [c2012] [CO-F PR 6`02.A76 2012]

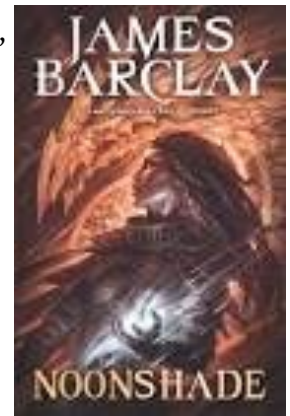
SECRETS ARE ALWAYS A GAMBLE

Chronicles of the Raven: Two

AN ANCIENT EVIL HAS BEEN BANISHED - NOW THE PRICE MUST BE PAID ...

Balaia is torn by war, and now suffering the consequences of an apocalyptic spell too. The Dawnthief - designed to destroy the world, but cast in desperation to save it - has ripped a hole in the sky ...

... which becomes a pathway to a dragon dimension, through which unfriendly eyes are already turning to Balaia. But with war already sweeping the land, there are no armies to send against the dragons. Only a band of tiny, but legendary, mercenaries: The Raven.



Nicholas, J.T., Re-coil London: Titan Books, [c2020] [CO-F PS 3614.I3377 R43 2020]

The Expanse meets Altered Carbon in this breakneck science fiction thriller where immortality is theoretically achievable, yet identity, gender and selfhood are very much in jeopardy...

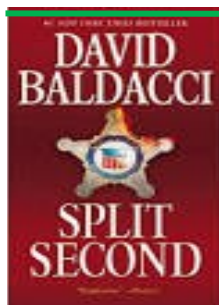
Carter Langston is murdered whilst salvaging a derelict vessel--a major inconvenience as he's downloaded into a brand-new body on the space station where he backed up, several weeks' journey away. But events quickly slip out of control when an assassin breaks into the medbay and tries to finish the job.

Death no longer holds sway over a humanity that has spread across the solar system: consciousness can be placed in a new body, or coil, straight after death, giving people the potential for immortality. Yet Carter's backups--supposedly secure--have been damaged, his crew are missing, and everything points back to the derelict that should have been a simple salvage mission.

With enemies in hot pursuit, Carter tracks down his last crewmate--re-coiled after death into a body she cannot stand--to delve deeper into a mystery that threatens humanity and identity as they have come to know it.

Blackham, Robert S., J.R.R. Tolkien Inspiring Lives Gloucestershire: The History Press, c2019 [CO PR 885 .B53 2019]

This first entry of a series covers the fascinating and enigmatic world of J.R.R. Tolkien, examining his place in literary history, his books and his iconic characters. The reader can explore facts and trivia from Tolkien's life and works, including his early life in southern Africa and Birmingham, Tolkien on the silver screen, his role in the two world wars and his friendship with C.S. Lewis, as well as the places that inspired his fictional world of Middle-earth. Both light-hearted and highly informative, this book offers an insight for new and old Tolkien fans into one of the great writers of the twentieth century.



Baldacci, David Split Second New York, NY: Grand Central Publishing, [c2003] [CO-F PS 3552.A446 S65 2003]

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.

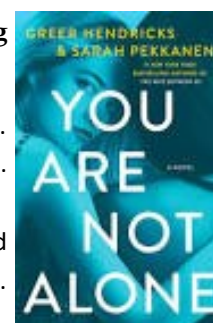
Sean King knows how the younger agent feels. Eight years earlier, the hard-charging Secret Service agent allowed his attention to be diverted for a split second. And the candidate he was protecting was gunned down before his eyes. Now Michelle and Sean are about to see their destinies converge.

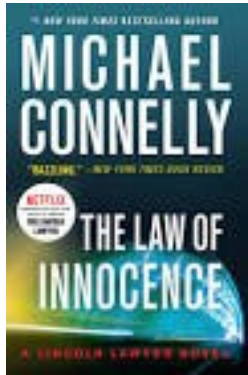
Drawn into a maze of lies, secrets, and deadly coincidences, the two discredited agents uncover a shocking truth: that the separate acts of violence that shattered their lives were really a long time in the making—and are a long way from over.

Hendrick, Greer You are not Alone: A Novel New York, NY: St. Martin's Publishing Group, [c2020] [CO-F PS 3608.E5297 Y68 2020]

Shay Miller wants to find love, but it eludes her. She wants to be fulfilled, but her job is a dead end. She wants to belong, but her life is increasingly lonely.

Until Shay meets the Moore sisters. Cassandra and Jane live a life of glamorous perfection, and always get what they desire. When they invite Shay into their circle, everything seems to get better. Shay would die for them to like her. She may have to.





Connelly, Michael *The Law of Innocence: A Lincoln Lawyer Novel* New York, NY: Hachette Book Group, [c2020] [CO-F PS 3553.O51165 L39 2020]

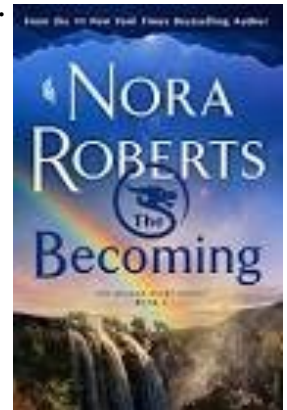
Defense attorney Mickey Haller is pulled over by police, who find the body of a client in the trunk of his Lincoln. Haller is charged with murder and can't make the exorbitant \$5 million bail slapped on him by a vindictive judge.

Mickey elects to defend himself and must strategize and build his defense from his jail cell in the Twin Towers Correctional Center in downtown Los Angeles, all the while looking over his shoulder--as an officer of the court he is an instant target.

Mickey knows he's been framed. Now, with the help of his trusted team, he has to figure out who has plotted to destroy his life and why. Then he has to go before a judge and jury and prove his innocence.

Roberts, Nora, *Becoming: The Dragon Heart Legacy Book 2* New York, NY: St. Martin's Publishing Group, [c2021] [CO-F PS 3568.O243 B45 2021]

The world of magick and the world of man have long been estranged from one another. But some can walk between the two—including Breen Siobhan Kelly. She has just returned to Talamh, with her friend, Marco, who's dazzled and disoriented by this realm—a place filled with dragons and faeries and mermaids (but no WiFi, to his chagrin). In Talamh, Breen is not the ordinary young schoolteacher he knew her as. Here she is learning to embrace the powers of her true identity. Marco is welcomed kindly by her people—and by Keegan, leader of the Fey. Keegan has trained Breen as a warrior, and his yearning for her has grown along with his admiration of her strength and skills.



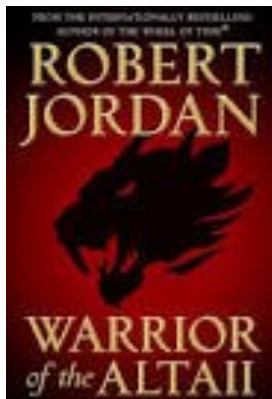
But one member of Breen's bloodline is not there to embrace her. Her grandfather, the outcast god Odran, plots to destroy Talamh—and now all must unite to defeat his dark forces. There will be losses and sorrows, betrayal and bloodshed. But through it, Breen Siobhan Kelly will take the next step on the journey to becoming all that she was born to be.

Yahagi, Toshihiko, *The Wrong Goodbye: An Eiji Futamura Investigation* London: MacLehose Press, [c2021] [CO-FI PL 865.A477 R6613 2021]

After the frozen corpse of immigrant barman Tran Binh Long washes up in midsummer near Yokosuka U.S. Navy Base, Futamura meets a strange customer from Tran's bar. Vietnam vet pilot Billy Lou Bonney talks Futamura into hauling three suitcases of "goods" to Yokota US Air Base late at night and flies off leaving a dead woman behind.

Thereby implicated in a murder suspect's escape and relieved from active duty, Futamura takes on hack work for the beautiful concert violinist Aileen Hsu, a "boat people" orphan whose Japanese adoption mother has mysteriously gone missing. And now a phone call from a bestselling *yakuza* author, a one-time black marketeer in Saigon, hints at inside information on "former Vietcong mole" Tran and his "old sidekick" Billy Lou, both of whom crossed a triad tycoon who is buying up huge tracts of Mekong Delta marshland for a massive development scheme.

As the loose strands flashbacks to Vietnam and a web of official lies and dark transnational complicities close in around him, can Futamura untie the hidden history that has left a string of victims in its wake and save his own skin?



Jordan, Robert, *Warrior of the Altai* New York, NY: A Tor Book, [c2019] [CO-F PS 3560.O7617 W37 2019]

Draw near and listen, or else time is at an end.

The watering holes of the Plain are drying up, the fearsome fanghorn grow more numerous, and bad omens abound. Wulfgar, a leader of the Altaii people, must contend with twin queens, warlords, prophets and magic in hopes of protecting his people and securing their future. Elspeth, a visitor from another world, holds the answers, but first Wulfgar must learn to ask the right questions.

But what if the knowledge that saves the Altaii will also destroy them?

"Jordan has come to dominate the world Tolkien began to reveal." —*The New York Times*

Explore Robert Jordan's epic fantasy masterpiece, and enter the realm of *The Wheel of Time*®

Steel, Danielle, *Fine Things* London: Sphere [c1987] [CO-F PS 3569.T33828 F5 1987]

Enjoying a highly successful career, he was moving too fast to realize that he had everything—except what he wanted most...

Sent to San Francisco to open a department store in California, Bernie Fine realizes the hollowness of his personal life. Despite his success, he grows increasingly disenchanted with his existence—until five-years-old Jane O'Reilly gets lost in store.

Through Jane, Bernie meets her mother Liz, who finally offers him the possibility of love. But the rare happiness they find together is disrupted by tragedy, Bernie must face the terrible price we sometimes have to pay for loving...

An epic and romantic tale from one of the best-loved writers of all time. Perfect for fans of Penny Vincenzi, Lucinda Riley and Maeve Binchy



Sparks, Nicholas, *Every Breath* London: Sphere, [c2023] [CO-F PS 3569.P363 E94 2023]

In the romantic tradition of *The Notebook* and *Nights in Rodanthe*, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Nicholas Sparks returns with a story about a chance encounter that becomes a touchstone for two vastly different individuals -- transcending decades, continents, and the bittersweet workings of fate.

Hope Anderson is at a crossroads. At thirty-six, she's been dating her boyfriend, an orthopedic surgeon, for six years. With no wedding plans in sight, and her father recently diagnosed with ALS, she decides to use a week at her family's cottage in Sunset Beach, North Carolina, to make some difficult decisions.

Tru Wallshas been summoned across an ocean from where he was born and raised in Zimbabwe by a letter from a man claiming to be his father. In journeying to Sunset Beach, Tru hopes to unravel the mystery surrounding his mother's life, but the letter will lead him in an unexpected direction.

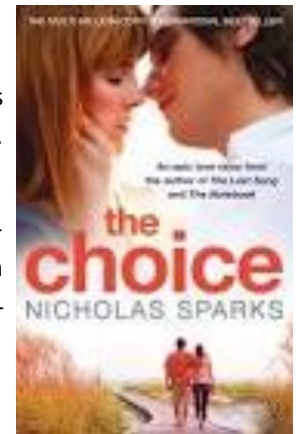
When these two strangers' paths cross, their chance encounter sets in motion a heartbreaking story — one that will transcend decades, continents and the workings of fate.

Sparks, Nicholas, The Choice London: Sphere, [c2023] [CO-F PS 3569.P363 2023]

Travis Parker has it all: a good job, great friends, a dream home in North Carolina. And in this dedicated pursuit of the good life, Travis has absolutely no interest in a woman ruining it all. That is, until Gabby Holland moves in next door.

Despite his extra neighbourly efforts, the alluring redhead simply will not warm to him, rebuffing his every attempt. But Travis is strangely compelled to get closer to her, leading them both down a road where they will face tough decisions, shocking revelations and heart-wrenching consequences.

How far would you go to keep the promise of love alive?



Ludlum, Robert, The Bourne Ultimatum London: Orion Books Ltd., [2007] [CO-F PS 3562.U26 B685 2007]

Two men are summoned by telegram to a small-town funfair. There they witness a bizarre killing. Carlos the Jackal, Jason Bourne's long-time antagonist, is back.

Forced out of an idyllic retirement, Bourne must leave his wife and children to face his enemy — and confront the secret society to Medusa, a relic of war, now seeking ultimate power in peacetime.

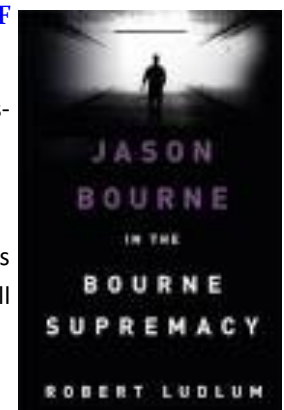
Bourne's plan is simple: to use himself as bait to lure the cunning Jackal into a deadly trap—a trap from which only one of them will escape.

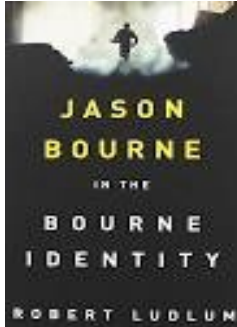
Ludlum, Robert, The Bourne Supremacy London: Orion Books Ltd., [2004] [CO-F PS 3562.U26 B69 2004]

Terror is sweeping the globe. A world leader has been brutally murdered by a legendary assassin. But was Jason Bourne really the killer?

Who is using Bourne's name? Who is paying him? And who will be his next target?

Bourne must take back his identity and utilize all his skills as he is plunged into dangerous world once more. Survival is not enough. Bourne has to stop the imposter—or the world will pay a devastating price.





Ludlum, Robert, The Bourne Identity London: Orion Books Ltd., [2004] [CO-F PS 3562.U26 B67 2004]

Jason Bourne is back in the new major motion picture. Now go back to where it all began for Bourne.

He was found floating in the sea, nearly dead. A Man with no past. Implanted beneath his skin is a frame of microfilm. And on the film is a number which leads to a Zurich bank account in the name of Jason Bourne holding four million dollars.

Suddenly Bourne is the target of assassins, and at the heart of a deadly puzzle. He's fighting for survival as he tries to uncover the layers of his buried past. No one can help him—except one woman. And both of their lives are in danger.

Sparks, Nicholas, The Best of Me London: Sphere, [c2023] [CO-F PS 3569.P363 B48 2023]

They were teenage sweethearts from opposite sides of the tracks—with a passion that would change their lives for ever. But life would force them apart.

Years later, the lines between past and present are about to slip . . . Called back to their hometown for the funeral of the mentor who gave them shelter when they needed it most, they are faced with each other once again.

Can true love ever rewrite the past?



Bowden, Oliver, Assassin's Creed forsaken New York: Penguin Books, [c2012] [CO-F PS 3557.O359268 A9361 2012]

"I am an expert swordsman. And I am skilled in the business of death. I take no pleasure in my skill. Simply, I am good at it."

1735, London. Haytham Kenway has been taught to use a sword from the age he was able to hold one. When his family's house is attacked—his father murdered and his sister taken by armed men—Haytham defends his home the only way he can: he kills.

With his family destroyed, he is taken in by a mysterious tutor who trains him to become a deadly killer. Consumed by his thirst for revenge, Haytham begins a quest for retribution, trusting no one and questioning everything he has ever known.

Conspiracy and betrayal surround him as he is drawn into the centuries-old battle between the Assassins and the Templars.



O'Flanagan, Sheila, *If you were me* London: Headline Publishing Group, [c2015] [CO-F PR 6115.F53 I4 2015]

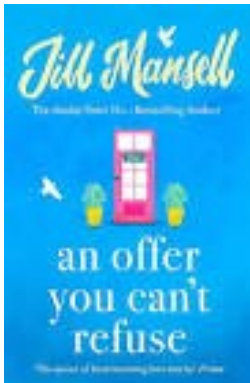


On a sultry summer evening in Seville, anything can happen...

Carlotta O'Keefe is happily engaged, and the wedding plans are coming together. She's clear about her future path, both personally and in her busy career. Maybe Chris doesn't make her heart race every time she sees him, but you can't have that feeling for ever. Can you?

Then, on a trip to Seville, Carlotta runs into Luke Evans. Luke broke her heart so long ago she'd almost convinced herself she'd forgotten him. Now, he's not that boy any more, but an attractive and intriguing man. And he can explain everything that happened way back when.

Suddenly Carlotta's not so sure of anything any more. Except that what she decides now will shape the rest of her life...



Mansell, Jill, *An offer you can't refuse* London: Headline Publishing Group, [c2008] [CO-F PR 6063.A395 O34 2008]

Ten years ago, Lola Malone was offered £10,000 - and what seventeen-year-old wouldn't be happy with that?

There was just one catch. The person doing the offering was her boyfriend Dougie's mother, and it was on condition that Lola broke up with her beloved son. Lola was outraged. Nothing could tear her and Dougie apart . . . but then she discovered a terrible secret. Suddenly, she had no choice but to take the money and run.

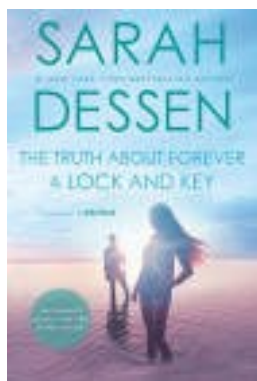
Now a twist of fate has brought Lola and Dougie together again, and her feelings for him are as strong as ever. But she broke Dougie's heart, and he's about to discover that she was paid to do it. She can't tell him the truth - so can she get him back? Well, Lola likes to think she's hard to resist. But this man might be the first to do just that . . .

Mina, Denise, *Still Midnight* London: Orion Books, [c2014] [CO-F PR 6063.I457 2014]



The quiet of a Glaswegian suburbs is shattered with a brutal and baffling attack. Armed men invade a family home, shouting for a man nobody's heard of. A shot is fired, and they escape with a hostage—and a demand for two million pounds.

It's a high-profile case that could make DS Alex Morrow's career—if only she gets the chance. Aggressive, ambitious and desperately trying to conceal the skeletons in her closet, she's doing herself no favours. As Morrow delves deeper into the case, she realizes she's not the only one with something to hide, and in her search to uncover one family's secrets, she must protect her own . . .



Dessen, Sarah, The Truth about forever & Lock and Key New York: Penguin Books, [c2022] [CO-F PZ 7.D455 Tru 2022]

It's easy to become jaded when things don't go your way. But sometimes the things you expect the least are the things you need the most. Sometimes a big, daunting change is what you need to move past what's been and embrace what's going to be.

Whether that's saying goodbye to old friends or saying hello to new friends, found family, and loves, embracing change will help you forget your past.

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Sarah Dessen, here are two books about exploring emotions, forgiving those who have wronged you, and learning to be better than you ever thought you could be.

Riordan, Rick, The Kane Chronicles: The Serpent's Shadow UK: Puffin Books, [c2018] [CO-F PZ 7.R4829 Se 2018]

My Brother Carter and I would like to apologize straight away for the inconvenience. The earthquakes, rebellions, riots, floods, and of course, the giant snake of chaos, Apophis, who swallowed the sun. I'm afraid most of that was our fault.

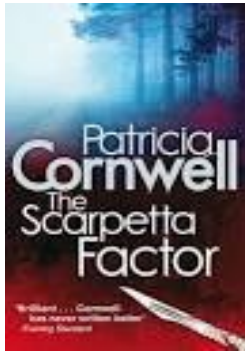
Now we must do what no magician has ever done; defeat Apophis. Our only hope is an ancient spell—but the magic has been lost for millennia. We either find the serpent's shadow or face death in the depths of the Underworld. It all ends here. Let's go.



Johansen, Iris, Smoke Screen New York, NY: Hachette Book Group, [c2019] [CO-F PS 3560.O275 S66 2019]

A journalist shows up on Eve Duncan's doorstep with a plea for help. Jill Cassidy has just come from a small African village with a heart wrenching story: half the villagers -- many of them children -- have been killed in a horrific attack by guerilla soldiers, the bodies burned beyond recognition. Now, the families desperately need Eve's help to get closure and begin to heal.

But when Eve arrives in the remote jungle, she begins to suspect that Jill's plea may have been a cover story for a deeper, more sinister plot. Isolated and unsure who she can trust, Eve finds herself stranded in an unstable country where violence threatens to break out again at any moment and with only her own instincts to rely on if she hopes to get home to her family alive . . .



Cornwell, Patricia, The Scarpetta Factor London: Sphere, [c2010] [CO-F PS 3553.O6985 S27 2010]

Dr Kay Scarpetta is in New York City', working for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. But in no time at all, she is witness to a string of dramatic and unsettling events. She is asked live on the air about the sensational case of Hannah Starr, who has vanished and is presumed dead. Moments later during the same broadcast, she receives a startling call-in from a former psychiatric patient .

Soon the apparent threat on Scarpetta's life finds her embroiled in a deadly plot that includes a famous actor accused of an unthinkable sex crime and the disappearance of a beautiful millionairess with her niece Lucy seems to have shared a secret past....

Slaughter, Karin, Fallen London: Arrow Books, [c2012] [CO-F PS 3569.L275 F37 2012]

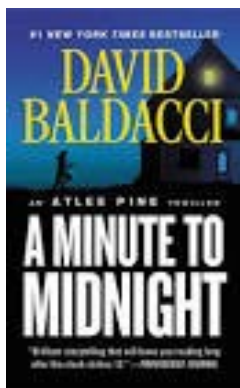
Special Agent Faith Mitchell return home to a nightmare. Her baby daughter Emma has been locked outside, and there's a trail of blood to the front door.

Without waiting for back-up, Faith enters the house.

Inside a man lies dead in a pool of blood. Most worrying of all, her mother is missing.

When Atlanta police arrive, Faith has some difficult questions to answer. But she has some desperate questions of her own. What were the killers searching for? And where is her mother?

Suspended from duty, Faith turns to her work partner, Will Trent. Together he and Sara Linton must piece together the fragments of a brutal and complicated case, and catch a vicious murderer with only one thing on his mind. To keep on killing until the truth is finally revealed.



Baldacci, David, A Minute to Midnight New York, NY: Grand Central Publishing, [c2019] [CO-F PS 3552.A446 M56 2019]

FBI Agent Atlee Pine's life was never the same after her twin sister Mercy was kidnapped -- and likely killed -- thirty years ago. After a lifetime of torturous uncertainty, Atlee's unresolved anger finally gets the better of her on the job, and she finds she has to deal with the demons of her past if she wants to remain with the FBI.

Atlee and her assistant Carol Blum head back to Atlee's rural hometown in Georgia to see what they can uncover about the traumatic night Mercy was taken and Pine was almost killed. But soon after Atlee begins her investigation, a local woman is found ritualistically murdered, her face covered with a wedding veil -- and the first killing is quickly followed by a second bizarre murder.

Atlee is determined to continue her search for answers, but now she must also set her sights on finding a potential serial killer before another victim is claimed. But in a small town full of secrets -- some of which could answer the questions that have plagued Atlee her entire life -- and digging deeper into the past could be more dangerous than she realizes . . .



Sparks, Nicholas, Message in a bottle London: Sphere, [c2023] [CO-F PS 3569.P363 M147 2023]

In a moment of desolation on a windswept beach, Garrett bottles his words of undying love for a lost woman, and throws them to the sea.

"My dearest Catherine, I miss you my darling, as I always do, but today is particularly hard because the ocean has been singing to me, and the song is that of our life together. . ."

But the bottle is picked up by Theresa, a mother with a shattered past, who feels unaccountably drawn to this lonely man. Who are this couple? What is their story? Beginning a search that will take her to a sunlit coastal town and an unexpected confrontation, it is a tale that resonates with everlasting love and the enduring promise of redemption.

Sparks, Nicholas, The Return London: Sphere, [c2020] [CO-F PS 3569.P363 R48 2020]

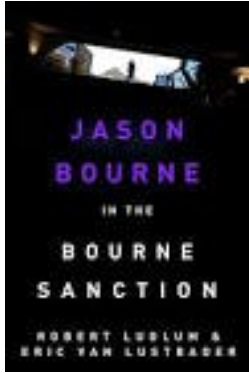
Trevor Benson never intended to move back to New Bern, North Carolina. But when a mortar blast outside the hospital where he worked sent him home from Afghanistan with devastating injuries, the dilapidated cabin he'd inherited from his grandfather seemed as good a place to regroup as any.

Tending to his grandfather's beloved beehives, Trevor isn't prepared to fall in love with a local . . . yet, from their very first encounter, Trevor feels a connection with deputy sheriff Natalie Masterson that he can't ignore. But even as she seems to reciprocate his feelings, she remains frustratingly distant, making Trevor wonder what she's hiding.

Further complicating his stay in New Bern is the presence of a sullen teenage girl, Callie, who lives in the trailer park down the road. Trevor hopes Callie can shed light on the mysterious circumstances of his grandfather's death, but she offers few clues—until a crisis triggers a race to uncover the true nature of Callie's past, one more intertwined with the elderly man's passing than Trevor could ever have imagined.

In his quest to unravel Natalie and Callie's secrets, Trevor will learn the true meaning of love and forgiveness . . . and that in life, to move forward, we must often return to the place where it all began.





Ludlum, Robert, The Bourne Sanction London: The Orion Publishing Group Ltd., [c2008] [CO-F PS 3562.U752 R65 2008]

Jason Bourne can't outrun his past. Or Escape his future.

A man is forever caught between two identities. He is university professor David Webb— and lethal super-spy Jason Bourne. Lately he seems to have found some normality. But David is still haunted by the splintered nightmares of his former life as Jason Bourne.

Soon he finds himself embroiled in an operation to hunt down a terrorist organization planning a major attack. He is plunged into the deadliest and most tangled assignment of his double life, and the murky underworld he's been trying to escape

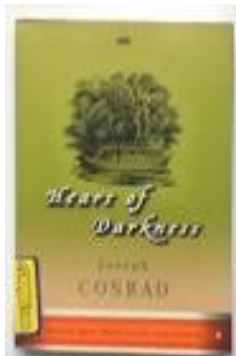
His own side is trying to take him down, while an assassin as brilliant and damaged as he is gets closer by the minute...

Mansell, Jill, Take a chance on me London: Headline Publishing Group, [c2010] [CO-F PR 6063.A395 T35 2010]

Cleo Quinn doesn't have a great track record when it comes to men, but now Will's come along she's optimistic. Handsome, attentive and an absolute gentleman when it comes to her questionable cooking skills, he could be her Mr Right. Things are definitely looking up for Cleo... apart from one small problem with a rather large ego. Johnny LaVenture, sculptor extraordinaire and her childhood adversary, is back in Channing's Hill and tormenting Cleo as if he'd never been away.

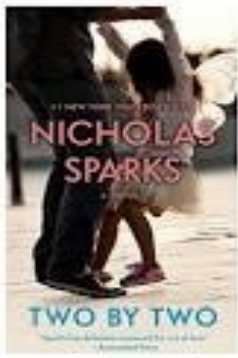


But life never goes to plan, does it? Johnny isn't the only one stirring up trouble and, for Cleo's family and friends, all kinds of sparks are starting to fly. If you think you can put the past behind you, think again...



Conrad, Joseph, Heart of Darkness New York: Penguin Books, [c1999] [CO PR 6005.D4 H4 1999]

A masterpiece of twentieth-century writing, Heart of Darkness exposes the tenuous fabric that holds "civilization" together and the brutal horror at the center of European colonialism. Conrad's crowning achievement recounts Marlow's physical and psychological journey deep into the heart of the Belgian Congo in search of the mysterious trader Kurtz.



Sparks, Nicholas, Two by Two New York, NY: Vision, [c2016] [CO-F PS 3569.P363 T96 2016]

At 32, Russell Green has it all: a stunning wife, a lovable six year-old daughter, a successful career as an advertising executive, and an expansive home in Charlotte. He is living the dream, and his marriage to the bewitching Vivian is at the center of it. But underneath the shiny surface of this perfect existence, fault lines are beginning to appear . . . and no one is more surprised than Russ when every aspect of the life he has taken for granted is turned upside down.

In a matter of months, Russ finds himself without a job or a wife, caring for his young daughter while struggling to adapt to a new and baffling reality. Throwing himself into the wilderness of single parenting, Russ embarks on a journey at once terrifying and rewarding -- one that will test his abilities and his emotional resources beyond anything he's ever imagined.

When a chance encounter with an old flame tempts him to take a chance on love again, he will navigate this new opportunity with trepidation and wonder. But with the loyal support of his parents, the wisdom of his older sister, Marge, and in the hard-won lessons of fatherhood, Russ will finally come to understand the true nature of unconditional love -- that it is a treasure to be bestowed, not earned.

Golden, Christie, Assassin's Creed: Heresy USA: Ubisoft Publishing, [c2016] [CO-F PS 3557.O359268 A94 2016] \

Simon Hathaway, a member of the Templar Inner Sanctum, brings a cool head and detached manner to his new role as Head of Abstergo Industry's Historical Research Division

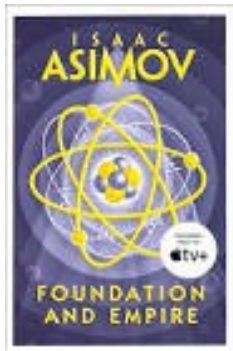
But Simon also has an insatiable curiosity, and is fascinated by the thought of experiencing history first-hand through his ancestors Gabriel Laxart, who fought alongside the legendary Joan of Arc.

When he enters the newly designed Animus for its initial project, Simon finds himself unprepared for what he discovers: how deep the conflict between the Templars and the Assassins goes, and what his ancestor is willing to do for the woman he loves. And as he slowly uncovers secrets of the past, Simon is confronted with the most dangerous truth of all:

Who is the heretic....

And who is the true believer.





Asimov, Isaac, Foundation and Empire London: Harper Voyager, [c2016] [CO-F PS 3551.S5 F596 2016]

WINNER OF THE HUGO AWARD FOR BEST ALL-TIME SERIES
The Foundation series is Isaac Asimov's iconic masterpiece. Unfolding against the backdrop of a crumbling Galactic Empire, the story of Hari Seldon's two Foundations is a lasting testament to an extraordinary imagination, one that shaped science fiction as we know it today.

The First Foundation survived two centuries of barbarism as the once-mighty Galactic Empire descended into chaos. Now it must prepare for war against the remnants of the Empire as the Imperial fleet advances on their planet, Terminus.

Hari Seldon predicted this war; he even prepared his Foundation for it. But he couldn't foresee the birth of the mutant Mule. In possession of a power which reduces fearsome opposition to devoted slaves, the Mule poses a terrible threat to Seldon's Foundation.

Ali-Afzal, Aliya, Would I lie to you? London: Heads of Zeus Ltd, [c2022] [CO-F PR 61.01.L4513 W68 2022]

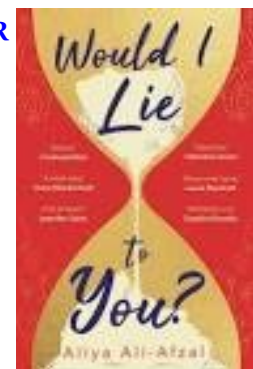
She could lose the perfect life... if she tells the truth.

At the school gates in Wimbledon Village, Faiza fits in. It took a few years and a brand new wardrobe, but now the snobbish mothers who mistook her for the nanny treat her as one of their own.

But the perfect life costs money. When her husband Tom loses his job, Faiza realises she'll have to reveal her biggest secret: she's spent her family's entire life savings.

Unless she doesn't...

It only takes a second to lie to Tom. Now Faiza has six weeks to find £75,000 or risk losing the family she has worked so hard to protect.





Sparks, Nicholas, Safe Haven London: Sphere, [c2023] [CO-F PS 3569.P363 S24 2023]

Love hurts. There is nothing as painful as heartbreak. But in order to learn to love again you must learn to trust again.

When a mysterious young woman named Katie appears in the small town of Southport, her sudden arrival raises questions about her past. Beautiful yet unassuming, Katie is determined to avoid forming personal ties until a series of events draws her into two reluctant relationships.

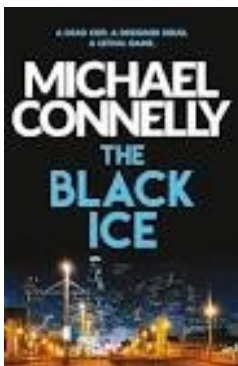
Despite her reservations, Katie slowly begins to let down her guard, putting down roots in the close-knit community. But even as Katie starts to fall in love, she struggles with the dark secret that still haunts her. . .

Mason, Debbie, Falling in Love on Willow Creek New York, NY: Forever, [c2021] [CO-F PR 9199.4.M3696 F35 2021]

Single mom-to-be Sadie Gray will do anything to find her younger brother before the law catches up with him. Even if it means returning home to the small town of Highland Falls with a baby due any moment. But when that moment comes sooner than expected, and Sadie finds herself stranded on the top of a mountain—in labor—she couldn't be more grateful for the park ranger who finds her and helps deliver her daughter safely. Soon they've formed a tight friendship, and while he may be hinting at more, Sadie isn't planning to stick around after she finds her brother.



FBI agent Chase Roberts wasn't looking for love when he agreed to go undercover as a park ranger to find an on-the-run informant. But he can't help being drawn to beautiful, warm-hearted Sadie and her sweet baby daughter. He's always longed to put down roots and start a family. But how can he hope to keep Sadie's trust when she finds out that his job is to arrest the brother she's been looking for?



Connelly, Michael, The Black Ice London: Orion Publishing Group Ltd., [c1998] [CO-F PS 3553.O51165 B54 1998]

When a body is found in a hotel room, reporters are soon all over the case: it appears to be a missing LAPD narcotics detective, apparently gone to the bad. The rumours were that he had been selling a new drug called Black Ice that had been infiltrating Los Angeles from the Mexican cartel.

The LAPD are quick to declare the death a suicide, but Harry Bosch is not so sure. There are odd mysteries and unexplained details from the crime scene which just don't add up. Fighting an attraction to the detective's widow, Bosch starts his own maverick investigation, which soon leads him over the borders and into a dangerous world of shifting identities, police politics and deadly corruption. . .



Mansell, Jill, Three Amazing Things about you London: Headline Publishing Group, [c2015] [CO-F PR 6063.A395 T48 2015]

A touching romantic novel about a young woman whose time is running out - a Sunday Times bestseller. Not to be missed by readers of Lucy Diamond and Jenny Colgan.

Jill Mansell's enchanting new novel will drive readers to seize life with both hands and make the most of every minute...

Hallie has a secret. She's in love. He's perfect for her in every way, but he's seriously out of bounds. And her friends aren't going to help her because what they do know is that Hallie doesn't have long to live. Time is running out...

Flo has a dilemma. She really likes Zander. But his scary sister won't be even faintly amused if she thinks Zander and Flo are becoming friends - let alone anything more.

Tasha has a problem. Her new boyfriend is the adventurous type. And she's afraid one of his adventures will go badly wrong.

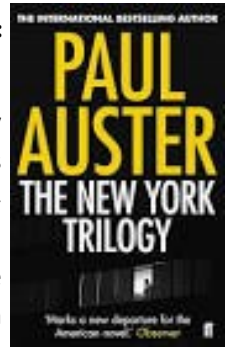
THREE AMAZING THINGS ABOUT YOU begins as Hallie goes on a journey. A donor has been found and she's about to be given new lungs. But whose?

What readers are saying about Three Amazing Things About You:

'I loved all the characters, and hated to leave their world. When a book can make you smile, cry and laugh, you know it's a winner' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

Auster, Paul, The New York Trilogy: City of Glass, Ghosts, The Locked Room London: Faber and Faber Ltd, [c2011] [CO-F PS 3551.U77 N49 2011]

The New York Trilogy is perhaps the most astonishing work by one of America's most consistently astonishing writers. The Trilogy is three cleverly interconnected novels that exploit the elements of standard detective fiction and achieve a new genre that is all the more gripping for its starkness. It is a riveting work of detective fiction worthy of Raymond Chandler, and at the same time a profound and unsettling existentialist enquiry in the tradition of Kafka or Borges. In each story the search for clues leads to remarkable coincidences in the universe as the simple act of trailing a man ultimately becomes a startling investigation of what it means to be human. The New York Trilogy is the modern novel at its finest: a truly bold and arresting work of fiction with something to transfix and astound



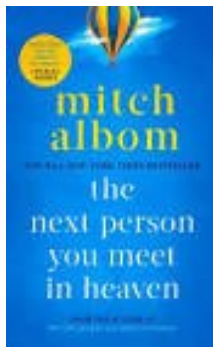
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reader.

'Marks a new departure for the American novel.' Observer

'A shatteringly clever piece of work . . . Utterly gripping, written with an acid sharpness that leaves an indelible dent in the back of the mind.' Sunday Telegraph

'The New York Trilogy established him as the only author one could compare to Samuel Beckett.' Guardian



Albom, Mitch, *The Next Person you meet in Heaven* London: Sphere, [c2019] [CO-F PS 3601.L335 A4366 2019]

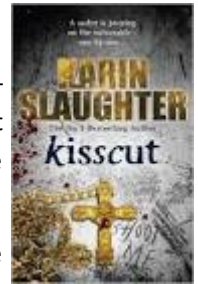
Eddie's journey to heaven taught him that every life matters. In this magical sequel, Mitch reveals Annie's story.

Injured, scarred and unable to remember why, Annie's life is forever changed by a guilt-ravaged mother who whisks her away from the world she knew. Bullied by her peers and haunted by something she cannot recall, Annie struggles to find acceptance as she grows up. When, as a young woman, she reconnects with her childhood love, she believes she has finally found happiness.

But when her wedding night ends in a horrible accident, Annie finds herself on her own heavenly journey—and an inevitable reunion with Eddie, one of the five people who will show her how her life mattered in ways she could not have imagined.

Slaughter, Karin, *Kisscut* London: Arrow Books, [c2011] [CO-F PS 3569.L275 K57 2011]

When a teenage quarrel in the small town of Heartsdale explodes into a deadly shoot-out, Sara Linton—paediatrician and medical examiner—finds herself entangled in a horrific tragedy. And what seems at first to be terrible but individual catastrophe proves to have wider implications when the autopsy reveals evidence of long-term abuse and ritualistic self-mutilation.



Sara and police chief Jeffrey Tolliver start to investigate, but the children surrounding the victim close ranks. The families turn their backs. Then a young girl is abducted, and it becomes clear that the first death is linked to an even more brutal crime. And unless Sara and Jeffrey can uncover the deadly secrets the children hide, it's going to happen again . . .

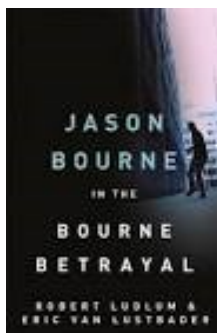


Lovering, Jane, *Home on a Yorkshire Farm* London: Boldwood Books Ltd., [c2023] [CO-F PR 6112.O796 2023]

Needing an escape, Dora swapped city living for life as a shepherdess on her grandad's Yorkshire farm. More than a decade later Dora is still there, now farming the fifty acres and caring for the one hundred rare sheep by herself. She never hears the call of the city, but instead relishes the peace and simplicity of life on the Moors.

When Dora's glamorous but quarrelsome sister Cass, her teenage nephew Thor and his handsome tutor Nat, turn up for an unexpected and unreasonably long stay, life on the farm is thrown into chaos. Cass brings with her unwelcome memories from the past, and of someone who once stole Dora's heart.

Dora takes refuge in the comforting routine of the farm, the sheep never allowing her too much time to dwell. But, as the seasons change, the snow starts to melt, and as lambs begin to fill the fields, Dora can't keep hiding in the hills. Because even though she's trying, Dora can't run away from a love that never really let her go...



Robert Ludlum, The Bourne Betrayal, London: Orion Books [c2007] [CO-F PS 3562.U752 R635 2007]

Jason Bourne has only one friend in the CIA: Martin Lindros. And he has disappeared in Africa while tracking shipments of yellow uranium. Bourne takes on the mission to rescue his friend.

With Lindros safely home, Bourne agrees to help find the terrorist who are buying the clear the nuclear material. But he soon suffers from confusing flashbacks. Is someone brainwashing him in order to throw him off the trail.

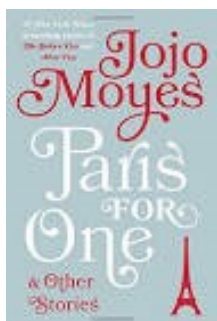
Worse still, is the man he saved really martin Lindros? Now Bourne is on his own — gathering evidence, while trying to stay one step ahead of the terrorists who are determined to destroy the USA...

Ryan, Chris, Manhunter London: Zaffre, [c2021] [CO-F PR 6o68.Y26 M38 2021]

The brand new thriller from SAS legend and 5 million copy bestselling author Chris Ryan - introducing Joe Bowman, the ex-SAS hero battling opioid addiction and his own inner demons. Following a botched operation in Afghanistan, Bowman is recruited into 'The Cell', a covert unit within the SAS working alongside the police - a unit so secretive most of the other guys in the Regiment don't even know it exists. Their mission: to tackle international organised crime that threatens British interests. In a world where the Russian government is the real mob, it is the job of the Cell to take the fight to the enemy. But when a notorious British fixer to the Kremlin goes on the run, Bowman soon finds himself drawn *into a deadly* conspiracy, and a race against time to find his target - before the Russians get to him first.



Moyes, Jojo, Paris for one & other stories, New York, NY: Viking [c2016] [CO-F PR 6113.O94 2016]



From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Me Before You*, *After You*, and *Still Me*, *Paris for One and Other Stories* is an irresistibly romantic collection filled with humor and heart.

"A vicarious jolt of Parisian romance. . . Delightful." —People Magazine

"An old-fashioned, feel-good love story. . . It's as if Moyes has booked a vacation and is taking us along. To Paris. Amour!" —USA Today

"Dreamy escapism, a book you can curl up with and easily finish over a weekend, with or without a glass of wine." —Miami Herald

Nell is twenty-six and has never been to Paris. She's never even been on a romantic weekend away—to anywhere—before. Traveling abroad isn't really her thing. But when Nell's boyfriend fails to show up for their mini-vacation, she has the opportunity to prove everyone—including herself—wrong. Alone in Paris, Nell finds a version of herself she never knew existed: independent and intrepid. Could this turn out to be the most adventurous weekend of her life? Funny, charming, and irresistible, *Paris for One* is quintessential Jojo Moyes—as are the other stories that round out the collection.



Johansen, Iris, *The Bullet* New York, NY: Grand Central Publishing, [c2021] [CO-F PS 3560.O275 B85 2021]

Eve Duncan and Joe Quinn must protect the life of a brilliant scientist so that she can live long enough to bring her discovery to the world, in this fast-paced thriller from #1 New York Times bestselling author Iris Johansen.

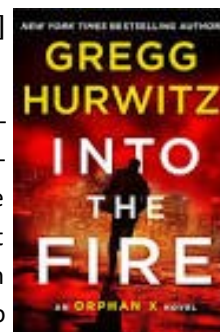
Diane Connors is a dedicated doctor with the world's biggest secret, a discovery that could have shocking global ramifications. But while conducting private research trials, word has gotten out.

The wrong people have heard the news and now want to hide Diane's achievement for their own ends.

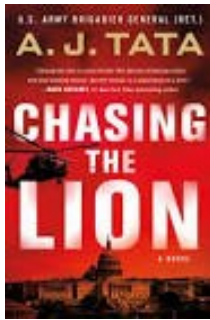
With nowhere else to turn, Diane herself on the doorstep of the last man she wants to ask for help: her ex-husband, Joe Quinn. Joe has remarried, and he and his wife, Eve Duncan, seem blissfully happy in their quiet, rural life until they are faced with the challenge of risking it all — even their marriage itself — for the greater good.

Now Eve is trapped in a web of murder and deceit as powerful enemies rush to cover up the truth, determined that Diane's discovery goes with her to the grave —even if Eve and Joe get buried with her.

Huwitz, Gregg, *Into the Fire* New York, NY: St. Martin's Publishing Group, [c2020] [CO-F PS 3558.U695 I58 2020]



The New York Times bestselling Orphan X returns—facing his own uncertain future and undertaking one last mission. Taken from a group home at age twelve, Evan Smoak was trained as an off-the-books government Orphan X. After breaking with the Program, he reinvented himself as The Nowhere Man, a figure shrouded in shadows who helps the truly desperate. But the government didn't let go of him easily, sending their best to hunt him down and eliminate him. All of them failed. With his deadliest enemies behind him, Evan is facing a new challenge—what is he going to do now that no one is after him? Max Merriweather is at the end of his rope. Separated from the woman he loves and barely scraping by, Max is a disappointment to everyone in his life. Then his very successful cousin Grant is brutally murdered. Two months before, Grant left Max an envelope with instructions to take it to a reporter if anything happened to him. Now the reporter is missing and Max's apartment is ransacked. A man at the end of his rope, he calls The Nowhere Man. With mixed feelings, Evan takes on this mission, easily finding the men who are after Max and executing a plan to keep him safe. But it isn't as obvious as it seems—and Evan finds himself enmeshed in one of the most challenging missions of his life, one that he can't survive on his own. With the help of Joey Morales, a genius-level hacker and the last Orphan recruited into the Program, and the brilliant, off-the-books gunsmith, Tommy Stojack, Orphan X once more heads...Into the Fire.



Tata, A.J., Chasing the Lion: A Novel New York, NY: St. Martin's Publishing Group, [c2021] [CO-F PS 3608.O1775 H43 2021]

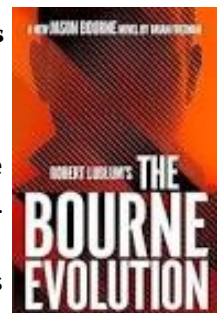
From A. J. Tata, "Chasing the Lion is a taut thriller that delivers blistering action and mind-blowing tension. Garrett Sinclair is a powerhouse of a hero, and Chasing the Lion is exactly the type of smart and propulsive tale that will keep readers turning pages and anxiously awaiting future installments." (Mark Greaney, number-one New York Times best-selling author)

As a child, Dariush Parizad survived Iran's Islamic uprising, becoming a symbol of the revolution. Named The Lion of Tabas by the ayatollah himself, Parizad rose through his nation's military to become a lethal soldier and brilliant tactical commander. Now a general, he leads Quds Force, an extremist terrorist organization targeting America and its western allies.

The United States has just uncovered a biochemical weapon, Demon Rain, developed by Parizad's group. A psychoactive viral agent, it attacks a person's nervous system and renders them susceptible to mind control. Parizad plans to unleash Demon Rain within Washington D.C. on Inauguration Day during the swearing in of the country's first female president to spread fear and chaos, turning civilians into weapons.

Assigned to stop the terrorist strike are Army Lieutenant General Garrett Sinclair and his Joint Special Operations Command team. Across the Middle East, Europe, and the US, Sinclair pursues Parizad only to discover a deeper conspiracy - involving a disturbing revelation that his wife may not have died from cancer but was murdered as part of a plot against the president-elect. Separated from his teammates and unsure of who he can trust, Sinclair is on a mission not only to save his country, but to avenge his family against Parizad with extreme prejudice....

Freeman, Brian, Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Evolution New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, [c2020] [CO-F PS 3606.R4454 B63 2020]

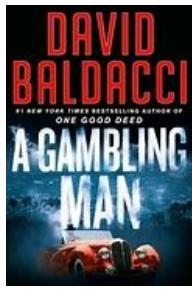


America's most enduring hero, Jason Bourne, returns in a propulsive, fresh story for the Bourne canon that tests old skills--and uncovers new ones.

After the death of his lover in a mass shooting, secret agent Jason Bourne is convinced that there is more to her murder than it seems. Worse, he believes that Treadstone--the agency that made him who he is, that trained him--is behind the killing. Bourne goes rogue, leaving Treadstone behind and taking on a new mission to infiltrate and expose an anarchist group, Medusa.

But when a congresswoman is assassinated in New York, Bourne is framed for the crime, and he finds himself alone and on the run, hunted by both Treadstone and the tech cabal that had hired him. In his quest to stay one step ahead of his enemies, Bourne teams up with a journalist, Abbey Laurent, to figure out who was behind the frame-up, and to learn as much as he can about the ever-growing threat of the mysterious Medusa group.

As more and more enemies begin to hunt Bourne, it's a race against the clock to discover who led him into a trap...and what their next move may be.



Baldacci, David, A Gambling Man New York, NY: Grand Central Publishing, [c2021]
[CO-F PS 3552.A446 G36 2021]

loysius Archer, the straight-talking World War II veteran fresh out of prison, returns in this riveting new thriller from #1 New York Times bestselling author David Baldacci.

The 1950s are on the horizon, and Archer is in dire need of a fresh start after a nearly fatal detour in Poca City. So Archer hops on a bus and begins the long journey out west to California, where rumor has it there is money to be made if you're hard-working, lucky, criminal—or all three.

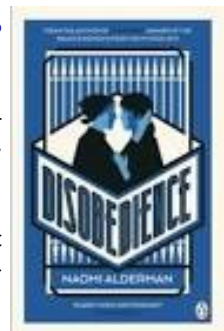
Along the way, Archer stops in Reno, where a stroke of fortune delivers him a wad of cash and an eye-popping blood-red 1939 Delahaye convertible—plus a companion for the final leg of the journey, an aspiring actress named Liberty Callahan who is planning to try her luck in Hollywood. But when the two arrive in Bay Town, California, Archer quickly discovers that the hordes of people who flocked there seeking fame and fortune landed in a false paradise that instead caters to their worst addictions and fears.

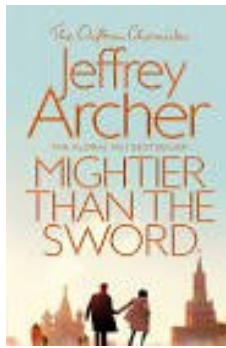
Archer's first stop is a P.I. office where he is hoping to apprentice with a legendary private eye and former FBI agent named Willie Dash. He lands the job, and immediately finds himself in the thick of a potential scandal: a blackmail case involving a wealthy well-connected politician running for mayor that soon spins into something even more sinister. As bodies begin falling, Archer and Dash must infiltrate the world of brothels, gambling dens, drug operations, and long-hidden secrets, descending into the rotten bones of a corrupt town that is selling itself as the promised land—but might actually be the road to perdition, and Archer's into final resting place.

Alderman, Naomi, Disobedience UK: Penguin Books, [c2018] [CO-F PR 6101.L43 D56 2018]

Ronit has left London and transformed her life. In Hew York, she's become a wise-cracking, self-sufficient financial analyst. She's the one who decides for herself where to live, what to do, who to sleep with. But now she has to go home...

When Ronit's father — a respected Rabbi — dies, she's called back to the world of her childhood. She thought she'd left the Orthodox Jewish suburb of Hendon, north London, far behind. But when she meets up with her childhood girlfriend Esti, she's set on a collision course with the tight-knit community she rejected long ago.





Archer, Jeffrey, Mightier than the Sword: The Clifton Chronicles Vol. 5 London: Pan Books, [c2015] [CO-F PR 6051.R285 M54 2015]

Fast-paced and intriguing, *Mightier than the Sword* is the fifth novel in Jeffrey Archer's bestselling Clifton Chronicles. Moving towards the end of the 1960s, the Cliftons and the Barringtons come up against sworn enemies and new foes . . .

Following the explosion of an IRA bomb on board the Barrington's flagship MV Buckingham, Emma Clifton must deal with the repercussions on her family's shipping business. Meanwhile her old adversary, Lady Virginia Fenwick, plots her downfall.

Bestselling novelist Harry is on a mission to free a fellow author imprisoned in Siberia, even if it costs him everything.

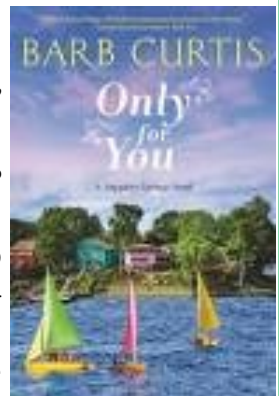
Giles, his brother-in-law, a minister of the Crown, faces his own problems when a diplomatic disaster risks his bid for higher office.

With its devastating twists and turns, Archer's spellbinding the Clifton Chronicles continues to enthrall readers. Continue the bestselling series with *Cometh the Hour* and *This Was a Man*.

Curtis, Barb, Only for You: A Sapphire Springs Novel New York, NY: Forever, [c2021] [CO-F PR 9199.3.C82585 O22 2021]

Will a fake relationship between two friends lead to true love?

After having his heart broken on national television, Tim Fraser knows only one way to stop the gossip about his love life—a new girlfriend. The problem is, he's done with romance forever. A fake relationship with his friend and Sapphire Spring's sweetest baker, Emily Holland, seems the perfect solution to getting rid of his newfound fame, but their fleeting fauxmance is stirring up the kinds of feelings Tim has sworn off for good.



Emily has secretly lusted after Tim for years, but pretending her feelings are all for show never factored into her fantasy. Still, her decades-long crush makes it impossible to say no to Tim's proposal. But with each date, the lines between pretend and reality blur, giving Tim and Emily a tantalizing taste of life outside the friend zone . . . if they can find the courage to give real love a chance.



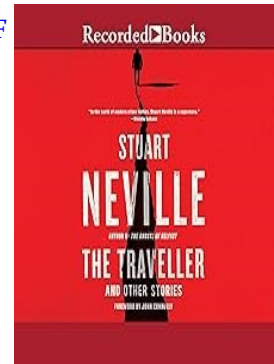
Neville, Stuart, *The Traveller and other stories* London: Zaffre, [c2020] [CO-F PR 6114. E943 A6 2020]

A darkly glittering collection of Northern Irish noir by Stuart Neville, Los Angeles Times Book Prize-winning author.

Since his debut novel, the modern classic *The Ghosts of Belfast*, was published a decade ago, Stuart Neville has published eight other critically acclaimed novels and achieved international recognition as one of crime fictions great living writers.

Now for the first time Neville offers listeners a collection of his short fiction - 12 chilling stories that traverse and blend the genres of noir, horror, and speculative fiction and which bring the history and lore of Neville's native Northern Ireland to glittering life. The collection concludes with the long-awaited novella *The Traveller*, the companion piece to *The Ghosts of Belfast* and *Collusion*.

Complete with a foreword from Irish crime fiction legend John Connolly, this volume is the perfect indulgence for fans of ghost stories and noir and is a must-have for devotees of Neville's prize-winning Belfast novels.

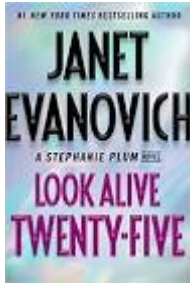


Grisham, John, *Sparring Partners* London: Hodder & Stoughton Ltd, [c2022] [CO-F PS 3557.R5355 S68 2022]

"Homecoming" takes us back to Ford County, the fictional setting of many of John Grisham's unforgettable stories. Jake Brigance is back, but he's not in the courtroom. He's called upon to help an old friend, Mack Stafford, a former lawyer in Clanton, who three years earlier became a local legend when he stole money from his clients, divorced his wife, filed for bankruptcy, and left his family in the middle of the night, never to be heard from again—until now. Now Mack is back, and he's leaning on his old pals, Jake and Harry Rex, to help him return. His homecoming does not go as planned.

In "Strawberry Moon," we meet Cody Wallace, a young death row inmate only three hours away from execution. His lawyers can't save him, the courts slam the door, and the governor says no to a last-minute request for clemency. As the clock winds down, Cody has one final request.

The "Sparring Partners" are the Malloy brothers, Kirk and Rusty, two successful young lawyers who inherited a once prosperous firm when its founder, their father, was sent to prison. Kirk and Rusty loathe each other, and speak to each other only when necessary. As the firm disintegrates, the resulting fiasco falls into the lap of Diantha Bradshaw, the only person the partners trust. Can she save the Malloys, or does she take a stand for the first time in her career and try to save herself?



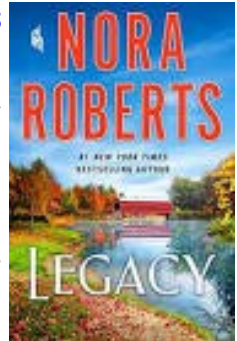
Evanovich, Janet, Look Alive Twenty-Five: A Stephanie Plum Novel New York, NY:G.P. Putnam's Sons, [c2018] [CO-F PS 3555.V2126 L66 2018]

Stephanie Plum faces the toughest puzzle of her career in the twenty-fifth entry in Janet Evanovich's #1 New York Times bestselling series.

There's nothing like a good deli and the Red River Deli in Trenton is one of the best. World famous for its pastrami, cole slaw and for its disappearing managers. Over the last month, three have vanished from the face of the earth, the only clue in each case is one shoe that's been left behind. The police are baffled. Lula is convinced that it's a case of alien abduction. Whatever it is, they'd better figure out what's going on before they lose their new manager, Ms. Stephanie Plum.

Roberts, Nora, Legacy New York: St. Martin's Press, [c2021] [CO-F PS 3568.O243 L45 2021]

#1 New York Times bestselling author Nora Roberts presents Legacy, a new novel of a mother and a daughter, of ambition and romance, and of a traumatic past reawakened by a terrifying threat...



Adrian Rizzo was seven when she met her father for the first time. That was the day he nearly killed her—before her mother, Lina, stepped in.

Soon after, Adrian was dropped off at her grandparents' house in Maryland, where she spent a long summer drinking lemonade, playing with dogs, making a new best friend—and developing the stirrings of a crush on her friend's ten-year-old brother. Lina, meanwhile, traveled the country promoting her fitness brand and turning it into a billion-dollar business. There was no point in dwelling on the past.

A decade later, Adrian has created her own line of yoga and workout videos, following in Lina's footsteps but intent on maintaining creative control. And she's just as cool-headed and ambitious as her mother. They aren't close, but they're cordial—as long as neither crosses the other.

But while Lina dismisses the death threats that Adrian starts getting as a routine part of her daughter's growing celebrity, Adrian can't help but find the vicious rhymes unsettling. Year after year, they keep arriving—the postmarks changing, but the menacing tone the same. They continue after she returns to Maryland and becomes reacquainted with Raylan, her childhood crush, all grown up and as gorgeously green-eyed as ever. Sometimes it even seems like the terrifying messages are indeed routine, like nothing will come of them. Until the murders start, and the escalation begins...



Murphy, Nora, *The Favor: A Novel* New York, NY: St. Martin's Publishing Group, [c2022] [CO-F PS 3613.U75256 F39 2022]

Leaving would be dangerous. Staying could be worse.

Leah and Mckenna have never met, though they have parallel lives.

They don't—ever—find themselves in the same train carriage or meet accidentally at the gym or the coffee shop.

They don't—ever—discuss their problems and find common ground.

They don't—ever—acknowledge to each other that although their lives have all the trappings of success, wealth, and happiness, they are, in fact, trapped.

Leah understands that what's inside at home can be far more dangerous than what's inside. So when she notices someone else who may be starting down the same path she's on, she pays attention. She watches over McKenna from afar. Until one night she sees more than she bargained for. Leah knows she can't save herself but perhaps she can save McKenna.

Leah and McKenna have never met. But they will.

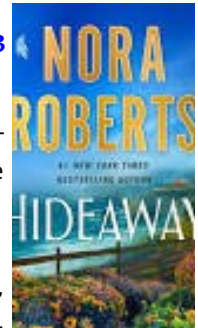
Roberts, Nora, *Hideaway* New York: St. Martin's Press [c2020] [CO-F PS 3568.O243 H53 2020]

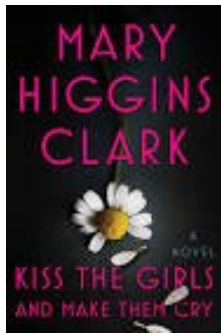
Caitlyn Sullivan, a daughter of Hollywood royalty, was already a star at ten, but still loved to play hide-and-seek with her cousins at the family home in Big Sur. It was during one of those games that she disappeared.

Some may have considered her a pampered princess, but Cate was in fact a smart, scrappy fighter, and she managed to escape her abductors. Callan Cooper was shocked to find the bloodied, exhausted girl huddled in his house—but when the teenager and his family heard her story, they provided refuge, reuniting her with her loved ones.

Cate's ordeal, though, was far from over. First came the discovery of a shocking betrayal that would send someone she'd trusted to prison. Then there were years spent away in western Ireland, peaceful and protected but with restlessness growing in her soul.

Finally, she would return to Los Angeles, gathering the courage to act again and get past the trauma that had derailed her life. What she didn't yet know that two seeds has been planted that long ago night—one of a great love, and one of a terrible vengeance.





Clark, Mary Hugging, Kiss the girls and make them cry: A Novel New York, NY: Simon 7 Schuster, [c2019] [CO-F PS 3553.L287 K57 2019]

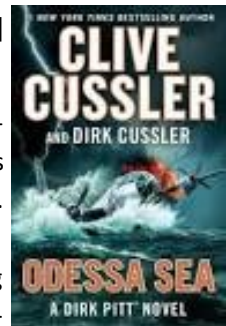
An electrifying thriller from #1 New York Times bestselling author and “Queen of Suspense” Mary Higgins Clark!

When investigative journalist Gina Kane receives an email from a “CRyan” describing her “terrible experience” while working at REL, a high-profile television news network, Gina knows she has to pursue the story. But when Ryan goes silent, Gina is shocked to discover the young woman has died tragically in a jet ski accident while on holiday.

Meanwhile, REL counsel Michael Carter finds himself in a tricky spot as several more female employees have come forward with allegations of sexual misconduct. Carter approaches the CEO, offering to persuade the victims to accept settlements in exchange for their silence. It’s a risky endeavor, but it could well make him rich.

As more allegations emerge, Carter’s attempts to keep the story from making headlines are matched only by Gina Kane’s determination to uncover the truth. Was Ryan’s death truly an accident? And when another accuser turns up dead, Gina realizes someone—or some people—will go to depraved lengths to keep the story from seeing the light.

Cussler, Clive, Odessa Sea: A Dirk Pitt Novel New York: G.P. Putnam’s Sons, [c2016] [CO-F PS 3553.U75 O34 2016]

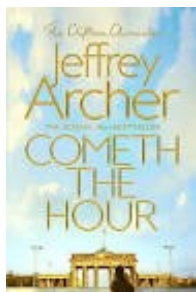


Dirk Pitt—“oceanography’s answer to Indiana Jones”^{*}—responds to a Mayday signal from a deserted ship and gets drawn towards a deadly Cold War secret in this thriller in Clive Cussler’s #1 New York Times-bestselling series.

Dirk Pitt, the director of the National Underwater and Marine Agency, is on the Black Sea, helping to locate a lost Ottoman shipwreck, when he responds to an urgent Mayday—“Under attack!”—from a nearby freighter. But when he and his colleague Al Giordino arrive, there is nobody there. Just dead bodies and a smell of sulfur in the air. As Pitt and Giordino explore, a blast from the stern scuttles the ship swiftly, almost taking them with it.

The more the two of them search for the secret of the death ship, the deeper they descend into an extraordinary series of discoveries. A desperate attempt in 1917 to preserve the wealth and power of the Romanov Empire. A Cold War bomber lost with a deadly cargo. A brilliant developer of advanced drone technology on an unknown mission. Modern-day nuclear smugglers, determined Ukrainian rebels, a beautiful anti-terrorism agent from Europol—all will combine to present Pitt with the most dangerous challenge of his career.

And not only Pitt. His two children, marine engineer Dirk and oceanographer Summer, are exploring a mysterious shipwreck of their own, when they are catapulted into his orbit. The three of them are used to perilous situations—but this time, they may have found their match.



Archer, Jeffrey, Cometh the Hour London: Pan Books, [c2016] [CO-F PR 6051.R285 C66 2016]

Thrilling and absorbing, *Cometh the Hour* is the sixth novel in international bestseller Jeffrey Archer's the Clifton Chronicles sees the Clifton and Barrington families navigate the 1970s in this epic tale of tragedy and hope.

There are devastating consequences for Harry and Emma Clifton, her brother Giles Barrington and their arch enemy Lady Virginia when a suicide note is read out in court.

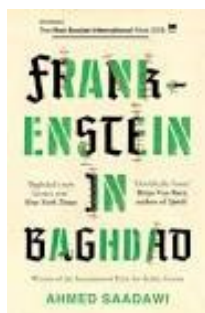
Having fallen in love, Giles must decide if he should withdraw from politics to try and rescue the woman he loves from behind the Iron Curtain.

Lady Virginia faces bankruptcy, and can see no way out of her financial problems, until she is introduced to a rich, hapless American.

Harry and Emma's son Sebastian Clifton, now the Chief Executive of Farthings Bank, falls in love with the wrong girl even as his rivals plot to overthrow him. Meanwhile, his father remains determined to free a fellow author from a gulag in Siberia, following the international success of the book they wrote together, the acclaimed *Uncle Joe*.

But then something astonishing happens that none of them could have anticipated . . .

The penultimate book in the Clifton Chronicles once again showcases Jeffrey Archer's extraordinary storytelling abilities and confirms his reputation for breathtaking twists.



Saadawi, Ahmed, London, England: Oneworld Publications, [c2018] [CO-F PJ 7962.A293 F7313 2018]

From the rubble-strewn streets of US-occupied Baghdad, the scavenger Hadi collects human body parts and stitches them together to create a corpse.

He claims he does it to force the government to recognize the parts as people and give them a proper burial.

But when the corpse goes missing, a wave of eerie murders sweeps the city, and reports stream in of a horrendous-looking flesh-eating monster that cannot be killed. At first it's the guilty he attacks, but soon it's anyone who crosses its path.

Frankenstein in Baghdad brilliantly captures the horror and black humour of a city at war



Picoult, Jodi, *Small Great Things* London: Hodder & Stoughton Ltd, [c2017] [CO-F PS 3566.I372 S63 2017]

When a newborn baby dies after a routine hospital procedure, there is no doubt about who will be held responsible: the nurse who had been banned from looking after him by his father.

What the nurse, her lawyer and the father of the child cannot know is how this death will irrevocably change all of their lives, in ways both expected and not.

Small Great Things is about prejudice and power; it is about that which divides and unites us.

It is about opening your eyes.

Nunn, Kayte, *The Only Child* London: Orion Books, [c2022] [CO-F PR 9619.4.N86 O55 2022]



1949

It is the coldest winter Orcades Island has ever known, when a pregnant sixteen-year-old arrives at Fairmile, a home for 'fallen women' run by the Catholic Church. She and her baby will disappear before the snow melts.

2013

Frankie Gray has come to the island for the summer, hoping for one last shot at reconnecting with her teenage daughter, Izzy, before starting a job as a deputy sheriff. They are staying with her mother, Diana, at The Fairmile Inn, soon to be a boutique hotel, but when an elderly nun is found dead in suspicious circumstances, and then a tiny skeleton is discovered in the grounds of the house, Frankie is desperate for answers.

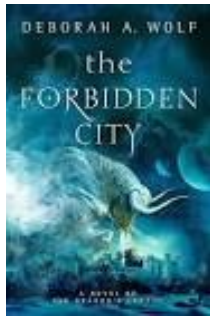


Bowden, Oliver, *Assassin's Creed: The Secret Crusade* London, England: Penguin Books, [c2011] [CO-F PR 6102.O927 A944 2011]

Niccolo Polo, father of Marco, will finally reveal the story he has kept secret all his life—the story of Altair, one of the brotherhood's most extraordinary assassins.

Altair embarks on a formidable mission—one that takes him throughout the Holy Land and shows him the true meaning of the Assassin's Creed. To demonstrate his commitment, Altair must defeat nine deadly enemies, including Templar leader, Robert de Sable.

Altair's life story is told here for the first time: a journey that will change the course of history; his ongoing battle with the Templar conspiracy; a family life that is as tragic as it is shocking; and the ultimate betrayal of an old friend.



Wolf, Deborah A., The Forbidden City London: Titan Books, [c2019] [CO-F PS 3623.O5429 2019]

Sulema Ja'Akari is an elite warrior, one of the desert people known as the Zeeranim. She is also the daughter of the Dragon King of Atualon, whose magic is the only thing that prevents the earth dragon from waking. Should the dragon end her sleep, their world will be destroyed.

The Dragon King is dying. As heir to his throne Sulema must be trained to take his place, yet the more she learns, the less she trusts the sinister agendas that surround her. Knowing that her life hangs in the balance, Sulema seeks to return to the Zeera.

Salvation may lie with her mother, Hafsa Azeina, who walks the dark and deadly pathways of the Dreaming Lands. To save her daughter, the dreamshifter will be forced to strike a pact with her greatest enemy, a huntress who would rather kill her than assist her.

Upheaval stretches far beyond Atualon--to the forbidden city of Khanbul where the emperor rules with an iron hand. An elite cadre of rebel conspirators chafes beneath his rule and plots to overthrow him.

Among them is Jian de Allyr, the half-dae prince born of a human mother and a twilight lord. If they are to challenge the emperor in his stronghold, however, Jian and his co-conspirators must secretly raise an army...

O'Flanagan, Sheila, Anyone but him London: Headline Publishing Group, [c2022] [CO-F PR 6115.F53 A59 2022]

Andie has a secret. Her friends and family don't understand why she's eternally single. And she's not planning to tell them the shocking truth.

Andie's sister Jin lives the dream life, with her perfect marriage and designer home. But there's one thing she wants that her husband can't — or maybe won't — give her.

The their widowed mother Cora comes home from a cruise with a much younger man on her arm. Andie and Jin are united in horror. What's he up to? Cora couldn't be happier, but her daughters are 100% sure that Jack will break her heart. How can they protect her?

But perhaps it's not Cora who's making a mistake. They're all about to find out . . .





Steel, Danielle, Star London: Sphere, [c2021] [CO-F PS 3569.T33828 S72 2021] For Crystal Wyatt, growing up on a ranch in Northern California, Hollywood seems a million miles away. Bold, passionate and enchantingly beautiful, she knows her destiny is waiting for her. But no one said it was going to be easy.

Singled out for her devastating looks and captivating singing voice, Crystal soon embarks on the dangerous road to stardom. Her dreams are creeping closer, but then so are those determined to stop her. And when the darkest of scandals comes out, Crystal must face the challenge of her life.

Mansell, Jill, This could change everything London: Headline Publishing Group, [c2018] [CO-F PR 6063.A395 T47 2018]



One little mistake and nothing will ever be the same again!

On the one hand, if Essie hadn't written that letter - the one that only her best friend was meant to see - then she'd still be living like an actual proper grown-up, tucked up with Paul in his picture-perfect cottage, maybe even planning their wedding...

On the other hand (if her true feelings hadn't accidentally taken the internet by storm, that is) she wouldn't have moved into the attic flat on the square. She would never have met Conor. Or got to know Lucas...

And she wouldn't have found herself falling in love with someone she really, really shouldn't fall in love with...



Galton, Della, Confetti over Bluebell Cliff London: Boldwood Books Ltd., [c2023] [CO-F PR 6107.A47 P37 2023]

Art dealer Ruby Lambert is on a mission to lose her baby weight ahead of her sister Olivia's wedding in six months' time.

To add fuel the fire, Ruby has also been 'honoured' with the unenviable task of being head bridesmaid. So determined not to let Olivia down, she signs up to a swanky new diet and fitness club, The Bluebell Booty Busters.

Uncertain of what to expect, Ruby meets Harry Small, a wealthy local businessman who joins Booty Busters, after pressure from his wife, who's worried about his health and growing waistline.

Ruby and Harry soon team up as diet buddies, supporting each other through their dieting crises. But something seems amiss at Booty Busters when they both discover that if it looks too good to be true, it probably is....

Will Ruby and Harry ever reach their targets? And will Ruby do her sister proud and be the Belle of the Ball?



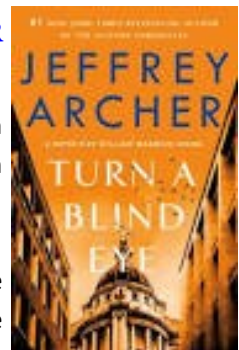
Mansell, Jill, And now you're back London: **Headline Publishing Group**, [c2021] [CO-F PR 6063.A395 N69 2021]

But it ended — and he left without even saying goodbye. Now, thirteen years on, Shay Mason is back

The old spark is still there, but Didi's determined to ignore it. As manager of a stunning Cotswolds hotel, she's happy at last, and soon to be married. Anyway, Shay isn't staying. He's made a promise to his father. He's going to keep it. And then he'll be gone.

But Shay's return stirs up long-forgotten emotions, and the scandal that led him to leave raises its head once again. It's time for buried secrets to come to light. And it seems that this was someone's intention all along . . . Tomorrow has come at last. But it isn't the future Tracy bargained for . . .

Archer, Jeffrey, New York, NY: St. Martin's Publishing Group, [c2021] [CO-F PR 6051.R285 T87 2021]

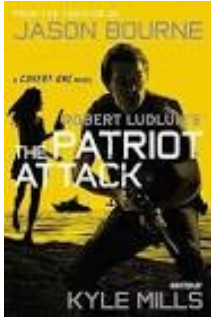


Turn a Blind Eye is the third installment in the gripping story of Detective Inspector William Warwick, by the master storyteller and #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Clifton Chronicles.

Newly promoted to Detective Inspector, William Warwick is tasked with a dangerous new line of work, to go undercover and expose crime of another kind: corruption at the heart of the Metropolitan Police Force. Along with detectives Rebecca Pankhurst and Nicky Bailey, his team is focused on following Detective Jerry Summers, a young officer whose lifestyle exceeds his income. But the investigation risks being compromised when Nicky falls for Summers.

Meanwhile, notorious drug baron Assem Rashidi goes on trial, defended by Booth Watson QC, while William's father Sir Julian and sister Grace lead the prosecution case. And William's wife Beth, now a new mother to twins, makes a surprising new friend in Christina Faulkner—the ex-wife of William's former rival, criminal financier Miles - who has not only turned over a new leaf, but also has a new-found source of income when Faulkner dies suddenly of a heart attack and she stands to be sole inheritor of his estate.

As the undercover officers start to draw the threads together, William realizes that the corruption may go deeper still, and more of his colleagues than he first thought might be willing to turn a blind eye.



Mills, Kyle, Robert Ludlum's The Patriot Attack New York: Penguin Grand Central Publishing, [c2015] [CO-F PS 3563.I42322 2015]

Robert Ludlum's bestselling Covert-One series continues with an exciting new novel by New York Times bestselling author Kyle Mills.

An attack on a Japanese warship brings Japan and China to the brink of war. Meanwhile, top Covert-One operative Colonel Jon Smith is sent on a mission to recover mysterious material from the wreckage of the Fukushima nuclear reactor.

When Smith fails to return, CIA agent Randi Russell heads off on an unsanctioned mission to find him. She quickly discovers that the missing samples may be evidence that Japan, led by hawkish military chief of staff Masao Takahashi, has been secretly developing next-generation weapon systems in preparation for a conflict with China.

If the Covert-One team can't prevent General Takahashi from provoking a war, the entire world will be dragged into a battle certain to kill tens of millions of people and leave much of planet uninhabitable for centuries.

Mantel, Hilary, The Mirror & the Light London: Fourth Estate, [c2020] [CO-F PR 6063.A438 M36 2020]

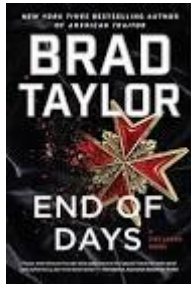


'If you cannot speak truth at a beheading, when can you speak it?'

England, May 1536. Anne Boleyn is dead, decapitated in the space of a heartbeat by a hired French executioner. As her remains are bundled into oblivion, Thomas Cromwell breakfasts with the victors. The blacksmith's son from Putney emerges from the spring's bloodbath to continue his climb to power and wealth, while his formidable master, Henry VIII, settles to short-lived happiness with his third queen, Jane Seymour.

Cromwell is a man with only his wits to rely on; he has no great family to back him, no private army. Despite rebellion at home, traitors plotting abroad and the threat of invasion testing Henry's regime to breaking point, Cromwell's robust imagination sees a new country in the mirror of the future. But can a nation, or a person, shed the past like a skin? Do the dead continually unbury themselves? What will you do, the Spanish ambassador asks Cromwell, when the king turns on you, as sooner or later he turns on everyone close to him?

With *The Mirror and the Light*, Hilary Mantel brings to a triumphant close the trilogy she began with *Wolf Hall* and *Bring Up the Bodies*. She traces the final years of Thomas Cromwell, the boy from nowhere who climbs to the heights of power, offering a defining portrait of predator and prey, of a ferocious contest between present and past, between royal will and a common man's vision: of a modern nation making itself through conflict, passion and courage.



Taylor, Brad, End of Days New York, NY: William Morrow, [c2022] [CO-F PS 3620.A9353 E53 2022]

Pike Logan must stop a deranged killer hell-bent on igniting an international conflagration in this explosive, action-packed thriller from New York Times bestselling author and former special forces officer, Brad Taylor.

When a paragliding trip over the picturesque mountains of Switzerland results in the brutal murder of the former head of Israeli intelligence, Mossad brings in terrorist hunters Aaron and Shoshana to investigate. But they'll need help to find out who was behind the attack and what they're planning next. Luckily, Aaron and Shoshana know exactly who to call.

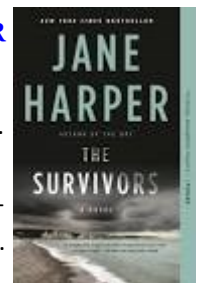
Taskforce operators Pike Logan and Jennifer Cahill have been trapped in Charleston, South Carolina during COVID-19, so when Aaron and Shoshana show up on their doorstep with Israeli passports and a new mission, they jump at the chance to assist their friends. Some suspect that Keta'ib Hezbollah, an Iranian-funded militia group operating in Iraq, might be responsible for the "accidental" deaths of key members of the American and Israeli governments. But something isn't adding up, and Pike, Jennifer, and the two Mossad operators are determined to find the real assassins before more people are cut down.

As they stumble upon the trail of a serial killer loose on the streets of Rome connected to the deaths and follow evidence leading to the exalted Knights of Malta, they must wade deep into the contentious religious and political fractures of Israel and the greater Middle East. It's a dangerous world where fanatics and legitimate organizations exist side by side, and it's up to the Taskforce to determine who is really pulling the strings. What they find could have disastrous consequences not only for them, but for the entire world...

Harper, Jane, The Survivors: A Novel New York, NY: Flatiron Books, [c2021] [CO-F PR 9619.4.H3645 2021]

Kieran Elliott's life changed forever on the day a reckless mistake led to devastating consequences.

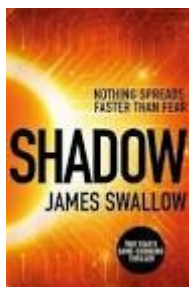
The guilt that still haunts him resurfaces during a visit with his young family to the small coastal community he once called home.



Kieran's parents are struggling in a town where fortunes are forged by the sea. Between them all is his absent brother, Finn.

When a body is discovered on the beach, long-held secrets threaten to emerge. A sunken wreck, a missing girl, and questions that have never washed away...

Stunning and Atmospheric, Jane Harper's The Survivors is another triumph by the acclaimed author of the Dry and The Lost Man.



Swallow, James, Shadow: Nothing Spreads faster than fear London: Zaffre, [c2019] [CO-F PR 6119.W335 S53 2019]

Ex-M16 officer and security specialist Marc Dane and his partner, former Special Forces sniper Lucy Keyes, are chasing ghosts, one step behind a brutal cadre of extremist killers determined to unleash a deadly virus called SHADOW.

In a race against time that spans the globe— from the neon-lit streets to Singapore to the snowy wilderness of Iceland, from the souks of the Middle East to the heart of Europe—Marc and Lucy must risk everything to stop a horrific terrorist atrocity.

On their own and outside the law, they are bound together in a desperate battle to stop the release of a contagion that will kill survival instincts and determination to fight for justice, no matter the cost.

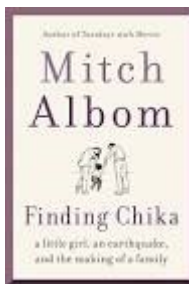
What sinister forces lie behind this lethal conspiracy? And what price must be paid in order to stop them before the shadow falls?

Keppnes, Caroline, You love me New York: Random House, [c2021] [CO-F PS 3611.E697 Y69 2021]

After years in new York, and a spell in Los Angeles, Joe Goldberg is moving to enjoy to enjoy the fresh air and simple pleasures of life in the pacific Northwest.

For the first time in a long time, he can just breathe. And at his new job at the local library, he meets Mary Kya: A fellow librarian. A mother. A friend. A woman with a life of her own. A woman he can see himself having a life with.

Joe is finally ready for a real thing. With his encouragement, Mary Kay will see that he is the one that they can have a happily ever after together. He’s going to start a family—even if it kills him.



Albom, Mitch, Finding Chika: A little girl, an earthquake, and the making of a family New York, NY: Harper Collins Publishers, [c2019] [CO HV 1061 .A43 2019]

Chika Jeune was born three days before the devastating earthquake that decimated Haiti in 2010. She spent her infancy in a landscape of extreme poverty, and when her mother died giving birth to a baby brother, Chika was brought to The Have Faith Haiti Orphanage that Albom operates in Port Au Prince.

With no children of their own, the forty-plus children who live, play, and go to school at the orphanage have become family to Mitch and his wife, Janine. Chika’s arrival makes a quick impression. Brave and self-assured, even as a three-year-old, she delights the other kids and teachers. But at age five, Chika is suddenly diagnosed with something a doctor there says, “No one in Haiti can help you with.”

Mitch and Janine bring Chika to Detroit, hopeful that American medical care can soon return her to her homeland. Instead, Chika becomes a permanent part of their household, and their lives, as they embark on a two-year, around-the-world journey to find a cure. As Chika’s boundless optimism and humor teach Mitch the joys of caring for a child, he learns that a relationship built on love, no matter what blows it takes, can never be lost.

Told in hindsight, and through illuminating conversations with Chika herself, this is Albom at his most poignant and vulnerable. Finding Chika is a celebration of a girl, her adoptive guardians, and the incredible bond they formed—a devastatingly beautiful portrait of what it means to be a family, regardless of how it is made.



MacLeod, Phoebe, An (Un) Romantic Comedy London: Boldwood Books Ltd, [c2023] [CO-F PZ 3 .M33 2023]

Poppy is a therapist. You'd think her parents would be proud, but she is the type of therapist that makes her mother cringe—Poppy helps people with their, ahem, bedroom problems.

Normally Poppy deals with her difficult family - two parents, one brother, a couple of sisters and an assortment of nieces and nephews - by keeping at least a County or two between them. But with her little sister about to get married there's no avoiding the week-long family holiday in Cornwall.

The trip was always going to be a catastrophe, but Poppy never imagined how much her family needed her professional skills... Nor did she expect to meet a sexy surfer on what was supposed to be the most unromantic holiday ever. Can a nightmare holiday lead to the love of a lifetime?

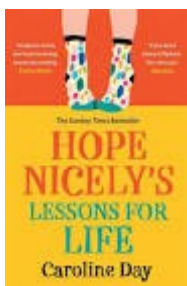
Lake, Cathy, The Country Village: Summer Fete London: Zaffre, [c2021] [CO-F PR 830.F36 L35 2021]



Emma Patrick's life is spiralling out of control. On the cusp of her 50th birthday, she realises that she's been so focused on work that she's lost any real connection to people.

When Emma's ageing father needs her help, she decides to go back home to the countryside to spend some time with him. But returning to Little Bramble after years away is filled with complications and people she'd rather avoid.

To her surprise, as Emma settles in she finds herself loving village life. When the opportunity to get involved in the running of the summer fête comes her way, soon she's embracing jam making, cake baking and bunting. And with romance brewing, Emma begins to doubt the glamorous city life that she worked so hard to build . . .



Day, Caroline, Hope Nicely's Lessons for Life London, England: Zaffre, [c2021] [CO-F PR 6101.A3 H67 2021]

My name is Hope Nicely. Why am I writing this book? That's easy. This book is going to change my life.

My boss, Karen, says a friend is a stranger you haven't met yet. I think that's right. Veronica Ptitsky and Danny Flynn are strangers, except I have met them now because they're in my writing class. But I don't want any friends, actually (only dog ones). I have my mum, Jenny Nicely, who days adopting me was the best thing she ever did, even if my thoughts bounce a bit differently to other people's.

Except when my life does change it isn't because of my book but because something happens to my mum, Jenny Nicely, and she isn't here anymore. And a flip a pancake, I'm not very good at being on my own.



Blackburne, Livia, Feather & Flame: The Queen's Council UK: Autumn Publishing, [c2021] [CO-F PZ 7.B532235 Fe 2021]

She brought honour on the battlefield. Now comes a new kind of war...

Following the war that made her a hero, Mulan spends her days training a militia of female warriors to protect their homes and lands. But when Shang arrives in her village with an invitation to the Imperial City from the Emperor himself, her relatively peaceful life is upended. Upon her arrival at the palace, the aging Emperor decrees that, having proven herself a great leader in battle, Mulan will be his heir and take the throne. Before she can decide whether to accept the responsibility, the Emperor unexpectedly dies.

As soon as Mulan accepts the mantle of Empress, it becomes clear that not everyone is on her side. Her ministers are working against her behind the scenes, and the Huns sense a weakness in the throne. But the Queen's Council helps Mulan uncover her true destiny. With renewed strength and the wisdom of those that came before her, Mulan will own her power, save her country, and prove once again that, crown or helmet, she was always meant to lead.

The second title in a captivating series that reimagines Disney's Princesses as rulers in their own right, woven together throughout history by a mystical force known as the Queen's Council.

Picoult, Jodi, Perfect match London: Hodder & Stoughton Ltd, [c2018] [CO-F PS 3566.I372 P47 2018]

'A gut-wrenching tale of mother love . . . contains enough blind alleys and red herrings to keep even the most astute readers on their toes' *Daily Express*

As a career-driven Assistant District Attorney, Nina Frost's life is dedicated to balancing being a mother to five-year old son Nathaniel and seeking justice to keep those who commit the most unthinkable of all crimes behind bars.

But this delicate balance is upset when Nina and husband Caleb find out that Nathaniel has fallen victim to the same crime she strives to fight.

Broken and angry, Nina is determined to seek justice for her son. But as her desire for vengeance drives her to the brink, the lines between justice and crime threaten to blur forever. . .





Jonasson, Jonas, Sweet Sweet Revenge Ltd. London: HarperVia, [c2021] [CO-F PT 9877.2.O537 S84 2021]

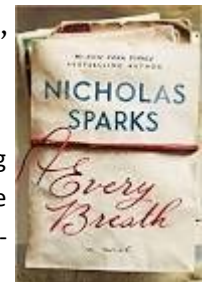
Victor Alderheim has a lot to answer for. Not only has he heartlessly tricked his young ex-wife, Jenny, out of her art gallery inheritance, but he has also abandoned his son, Kevin, to die in the middle of the Kenyan savanna.

It doesn't occur to Victor that Kevin might be rescued and adopted by a Maasai medicine man, or that he might be expected to undergo the rituals expected of all new Maasai warriors – which have him running back to Stockholm as fast as you can say circumcision without anaesthetic.

Back in Stockholm, Kevin's path crosses with Jenny's – and they have an awful lot to talk about, not least a shared desire to get even with Victor. So it's convenient when they run into a man selling revenge services, who has an ingenious idea involving Victor's cellar, a goat, some forged paintings, four large boxes of sex toys, and a kilo of flour ...

Sparks, Nicholas, Every Breath: A Novel New York, NY: Grand Central Publishing, [c2018] [CO-F PS 3569.P363 E94 2018]

In the romantic tradition of *The Notebook* and *Nights in Rodanthe*, #1 New York Times bestselling author Nicholas Sparks returns with a story about a chance encounter that becomes a touchstone for two vastly different individuals -- transcending decades, continents, and the bittersweet workings of fate.



Hope Anderson is at a crossroads. At thirty-six, she's been dating her boyfriend, an orthopedic surgeon, for six years. With no wedding plans in sight, and her father recently diagnosed with ALS, she decides to use a week at her family's cottage in Sunset Beach, North Carolina, to ready the house for sale and mull over some difficult decisions about her future.

Tru Walls has never visited North Carolina but is summoned to Sunset Beach by a letter from a man claiming to be his father. A safari guide, born and raised in Zimbabwe, Tru hopes to unravel some of the mysteries surrounding his mother's early life and recapture memories lost with her death. When the two strangers cross paths, their connection is as electric as it is unfathomable . . . but in the immersive days that follow, their feelings for each other will give way to choices that pit family duty against personal happiness in devastating ways.



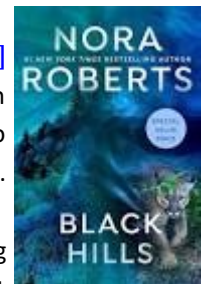
Fletcher, Charlie, The Remnant New York, NY: Orbit, [c2017] [CO-F PR 6106.L457 R46 2017]

'The Oversight is most dangerous when most reduced. There are many dead and gone who did not remember that.'

The Oversight of London has been sworn for millennia to prevent the natural and the supernatural worlds from preying on each other. Now at its lowest ebb, with its headquarters destroyed and its last members scattered far and wide, this secret society will battle for survival and face the harshest foe it has ever met: itself.

Roberts, Nora, Black Hills USA: Berkley, [c2022] [CO-F PS 3568.O243 B536 2022]

In this #1 New York Times bestseller, Nora Roberts takes readers deep into the rugged hills of South Dakota, where the shadows keep secrets, hunters stalk the land, and a friendship matures into something more....



Cooper Sullivan spent the summers of his youth on his grandparents' South Dakota ranch, sharing innocent games and stolen kisses with the neighbor girl, Lil Chance. Now, twelve years after they last walked together hand in hand, fate has brought them back to the Black Hills.

Though the memory of Coop's touch still haunts her, Lil has let nothing stop her dream of opening the Chance Wildlife Refuge, but something—or someone—has been keeping a close watch. When small pranks and acts of destruction escalate into a heartless attack on Lil's beloved cougar, memories of an unsolved murder have Coop springing to action to keep Lil safe.

Both of them know the natural dangers that lurk in the wild landscape of the Black Hills. But a killer of twisted and unnatural instincts has singled them out as prey....





Kinsella, Sophie, *The Party Crasher* New York: Dial Press, [c2021] [CO-F PR 6073.I246 P37 2021]

It's been over two years since Effie's beloved parents got divorced, destroying the image of the happy, loving childhood she thought she had. Since then, she's become estranged from her father and embarked on a feud with his hot (and much younger) girlfriend, Krista. And now, more earth-shattering news: Greenoaks, the rambling Victorian country house Effie has always called home. When Krista decides to throw a grand "House-cooling" party, Effie is originally left off the guest list—and then receives a last-minute "anti-invitation." Effie declines, but then remembers a beloved childhood treasure is still hidden in the house. Her only chance to retrieve it is to break into Greenoaks while everyone is busy celebrating. As Effie sneaks around the house, hiding under tables and peeping through trapdoors, she realizes the secrets Greenoaks holds aren't just in its dusty passageways. Watching how her family behaves when they think no one is looking, Effie begins to see them all in a new light. Then she runs into Joe—the handsome love of her life, who long ago broke her heart—and even more truths emerge.

Over the course of one blowout party, Effie realizes that she must confront her past before she'll ever be able to pave her future.

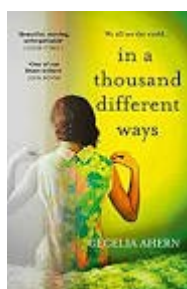
Bradford, Barbara Taylor, *A Man of Honour* London: HarperCollinsPublishers Ltd, [c2022] [CO-F PS 3552.R2147 M36 2022]



Orphaned and alone, 13-year-old Blackie O'Neill must leave County Kerry to find work and put food in his mouth. His only chance of survival lies with his mother's brother, far away in Leeds.

There, amid the noise and bustle, the mills and manufactories of the clothing industry that have made Leeds one of England's most prosperous cities, Blackie's spark of ambition becomes a flame. Working in his Uncle's business, he nurtures a dream of throwing off the impotence of poverty, of building houses and perhaps even of becoming a gentleman.

And then, high on the Yorkshire moors, in the mists of a winter morning, he meets a kitchen maid called Emma Harte. And as the Victorian world gives way to the freedom of the Edwardian age, so a young man and a servant girl seize a chance, against the odds, to build a better life...



Ahern, Cecelia, *In a thousand different ways* London: HarperCollinsPublishers Ltd, [c2023] [CO-F PR 6101.H47 W47 2023]

Alice sees the worst in people.

She also sees the best.

She sees a thousand different emotions and knows exactly what everyone around her is feeling. Every. Single. Day.

But it's the dark thought. The sadness. The rage. There are the things she can't get out of her head.

The things that overwhelm her.

The things that stop her being able to find her way instead...





Sidebottom, Harry, The Lost ten London: Zaffre, [c2019] [CO-F PR 6119.I295 L67 2019]

A Persian fortress-prison set high in the mountains, escape is impossible— and to break someone out, unthinkable. But this is exactly what Roman officer Marcus Aelius Valens must do.

Tasked with rescuing the young Prince Sasan, Valens leads a small, elite squad of soldiers across Mesopotamia and into the mountains south of the Caspian Sea.

As they journey deeper into enemy territory, the ten begin to die or disappear, one by one. And with the rescue fast becoming a suicide mission, Valens must marshal this disparate group of men—or suffer the same fate as all those who have made the journey before him...

Hannah, Sophie, Haven't they grown London: Hodder & Stoughton Ltd, [c2020] [CO-F PR 6058.A5928 H38 2020]



All Beth has to do is drive her son to his Under-14s away match, watch him play, and bring him home.

Just because she knows that her former best friend lives near the football ground, that doesn't mean she has to drive past her house and try to catch a glimpse of her. Why would Beth do that, and risk dredging up painful memories? She hasn't seen Flora Braid for twelve years.

But she can't resist. She parks outside Flora's house and watches from across the road as Flora and her children, Thomas and Emily, step out of the car. Except...

There's something terribly wrong.

Flora looks the same, only older - just as Beth would have expected. It's the children that are the problem. Twelve years ago, Thomas and Emily Braid were five and three years old. Today, they look precisely as they did then. They are still five and three. They are Thomas and Emily without a doubt - Beth hears Flora call them by their names - but they haven't changed at all. They are no taller, no older.



Alam, Rumaan, *Leave the World Behind: A Novel* New York, NY: Ecco, [c2020] [CO-F PS 3601.L3257 L43 2020]

From the bestselling author of *Rich and Pretty* comes a suspenseful and provocative novel keenly attuned to the complexities of parenthood, race, and class. *Leave the World Behind* explores how our closest bonds are reshaped—and unexpected new ones are forged—in moments of crisis.

Amanda and Clay head out to a remote corner of Long Island expecting a vacation: a quiet reprieve from life in New York City, quality time with their teenage son and daughter, and a taste of the good life in the luxurious home they've rented for the week. But a late-night knock on the door breaks the spell. Ruth and G. H. are an older couple—it's their house, and they've arrived in a panic. They bring the news that a sudden blackout has swept the city. But in this rural area—with the TV and internet now down, and no cell phone service—it's hard to know what to believe.

Should Amanda and Clay trust this couple—and vice versa? What happened back in New York? Is the vacation home, isolated from civilization, a truly safe place for their families? And are they safe from one other?

Steel, Danielle, *High Stakes: A Novel* New York: Delacorte Press, [c2022] [CO-F PS 3569.T33828 H54 2022]



Jane Addison is an ambitious young woman with big dreams of owning her own company someday. At twenty-eight, she arrives in New York to start a job at Fletcher and Benson, a prestigious talent agency. Eager to impress her new colleagues, Jane jumps right in as an assistant to Hailey West, one of the agents in the literary department.

Hailey is dedicated to the authors she represents, but her home life is chaotic and challenging. After her husband's tragic and untimely death, she was left widowed with three children to raise on her own.

Then there's Francine Rivers, the stern and accomplished head of the literary department. Also a single mom after her husband's affair with the nanny, she has overcome the resulting financial hardships, but only with unbearable sacrifice.

Compared to Hailey and Francine, drama agent Allie Moore's life seems much more carefree and uncomplicated. She relishes her success and loves working with the talented actors they represent—until a passionate relationship with one of her rising star clients threatens to derail her career.

Merriwether Jones is the CFO for the agency. She appears to have it all—beauty, success, and a perfect marriage until her husband's jealousy over her career threatens to blow everything up.

Even though she's a newcomer, Jane quickly realizes that there are damaging secrets hidden behind the doors of Fletcher and Benson. As one of the youngest employees, she has the least power, but is also the least willing to accept things as they have been for years. When she puts everything on the line to right these wrongs, the consequences will leave no one unscathed.

In this riveting novel, Danielle Steel tells the story of a group of remarkable women navigating the challenges of balancing their families, their personal lives and the high stakes of ambition at the top of their game.



Shalvis, Jill, *Simply Irresistible* London: Headline Publishing Group, [c2010] [CO-F PS 3619.H3534 S52 2010]

Maddie Moore's whole life needs a makeover. In one fell swoop, Maddie loses her boyfriend (her decision) and her job (so not her decision). But rather than drowning her sorrows in bags of potato chips, Maddie leaves L.A. to claim the inheritance left by her free-spirited mother - a ramshackle inn nestled in the little coastal town of Lucky Harbor, Washington.

Starting over won't be easy. Yet Maddie sees the potential for a new home and a new career - if only she can convince her two half-sisters to join her in the adventure. But convincing Tara and Chloe will be difficult because the inn needs a big makeover too.

The contractor Maddie hires is a tall, dark-haired hottie whose eyes - and mouth - are making it hard for her to remember that she's sworn off men. Even harder will be Maddie's struggles to overcome the past, though she's about to discover that there's no better place to call home than Lucky Harbor.

Kellerman, Jonathan, *The Burning: A Novel* New York: Ballantine Books, [c2021] [CO-F PS 3561.E3865 2021]

Things get personal for Deputy Coroner Clay Edison when a murder hits close to home in this riveting, emotional thriller from the bestselling father-son team who write "brilliant, page-turning fiction" (Stephen King).

A raging wildfire. A massive blackout. A wealthy man shot to death in his palatial hilltop home.

For Clay Edison, it's all in a day's work. As a deputy coroner, caring for the dead, he speaks for those who cannot speak for themselves. He prides himself on an unflinching commitment to the truth. Even when it gets him into trouble.

Then, while working the murder scene, Clay is horrified to discover a link to his brother, Luke. Horrified. But not surprised. Luke is fresh out of prison and struggling to stay on the straight and narrow.

And now he's gone AWOL.

The race is on for Clay to find him before anyone else can. Confronted with Luke's legacy of violence, Clay is forced to reckon with his own suspicions, resentments, and loyalties. Is his brother a killer? Or could he be the victim in all of this, too?





O'Flanagan, Sheila, *Be Together* London: **Headline Publishing Group**, [c2012] [CO-F PR 615.F53 .B48 2012]

Sheridan Gray has discovered a secret. Sharing it would get her career back on track. But it would also hurt those she loves...

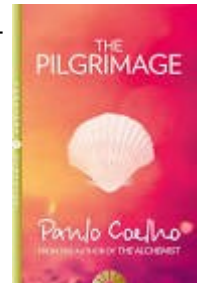
An unputdownable novel from the bestselling author of *THE MISSING WIFE* and *WHAT EDEN DID NEXT*. Perfect for fans of Marian Keyes and Cathy Kelly.

When Sheridan loses her job as a journalist at Dublin's biggest newspaper, she's determined to come back fighting. Forced to take a position in a small country town, this seems impossible... until she discovers that the closer she gets to a certain handsome man in the town, the tougher it is to expose their secrets.

When it comes to love or success, will Sheridan go with her heart or her head?

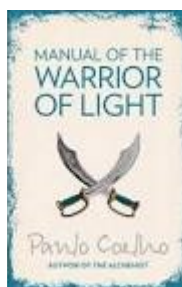
Coelho, Paulo, *The Pilgrimage* London, United Kingdom: **HarperCollins Publishers India**, [c1995] [CO-F BF 1999 .C67413 1995]

The *Pilgrimage* by Paulo Coelho is a parable from 1987 that delves into self-exploration and finding one's true path. The story begins in 1986, when the author fails his initiation into the order *Regnus Agnus Mundi* (RAM). He is informed that in order to get accepted into RAM, he must embark upon a spiritual journey along the Way of St. James in search of a sword, which symbolically will mark his acceptance into the order.



The author sets off on this quest alongside another RAM member who is known as Petrus. He learns that the objective of this quest is to learn the simplicity of life and the nature of truth. Petrus guides him the entire way, showing him meditation techniques and delving into philosophy and Western mystical thought. The meditation exercises he teaches him include the RAM Breathing Exercise, Blue Sphere Exercise, Cruelty Exercise and many more. On this legendary road across Spain, the author learns that sometimes the most extraordinary, can be found in the simplest of things.

The *Pilgrimage* has been translated to thirty eight languages all over the world and was originally titled 'O Diário de Um Mago', meaning *Diary of A Mage*. It was published by Harper in 2006 and is available in paperback.



Coelho, Paulo, *Manual of the Warrior of Light* London, United Kingdom: **HarperThorsons**, [c2002] [CO-F BJ 1595 .C66613 2002]

The warrior of light is a believer. Because he believes in miracles, miracles begin to happen.

You do not need to be perfect. You do not need infinite wisdom. You do not need endless patient or humility. You do not have to be a saint.

You only have to want to live a life that's full and true. To rise up, to greet your own unique destiny.

In this jewel of a book, Paulo Coelho invites us to embrace the warrior of light latent in us all—and in doing so, to realize our wildest dreams.



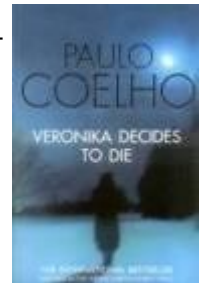
Coelho, Paulo, *The Valkyries: An Encounter with Angels* London, United Kingdom: HarperCollins Publishers India, [c1995] [CO-F BF 1999 .C673713 1995]

The Valkyries are a force to be reckoned with— warrior women who roam the Mojave desert on motorbikes, leather-clad despite the heat. But they are also spiritual beings and it is to them that Paulo Coelho is led in the search for his own guardian angel.

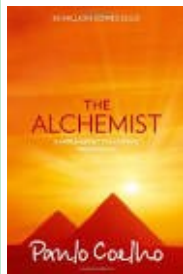
For forty days and nights Paulo and his wife travel with the Valkyries, battling against fear and self-doubt and working to conquer the dark weight of the past pressing on Paulo’s shoulders. But will he end up destroying the things he loves most in the world?

Coelho, Paulo, *Veronika decides to die* London, United Kingdom: HarperCollins Publishers India, [c1998] [CO-F PQ 9698.13.O353 1998]

Veronika seems to have everything she could wish for. She is young and pretty, has plenty of attractive boyfriends, goes dancing, has a steady job, a loving family, Yet Veronika is not happy; something is lacking in her life. On the morning on November 11th, 1997, she decides to die. She takes an overdose of sleeping pills, only to wake up some time later in Villette, the local hospital. There she is told that although she is alive, now her heart is damaged and she has only a few days to live...



This story follows Veronika through these intense days as her experiences lead her to question all her ideas about life. Soon she comes to realize that every second of existence is a choice we all make between living and dying. This is a moving and uplifting song to life, one that reminds us that every moment of our lives is special and precious.



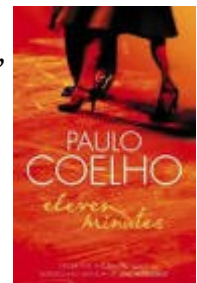
Coelho, Paulo, *The Alchemist: A Fable about Following your dream* London, United Kingdom: HarperCollinsPublishers, [c1993] [CO-F PQ 9698.13.O3546 A43 1993]

It is a story of a shepherd boy from the Spanish province of Andalusia who dreams of travelling the world in search of a treasure as desirable as any ever found. From his home he journeys to the exotic markets of North Africa and then into the Egyptians desert, where a fateful encounter with the alchemist awaits him...

It is an unforgettable story about the essential wisdom of listening to our heart and, above all, following our dreams.

Coelho, Paulo, *Eleven Minutes* London, United Kingdom: HarperCollinsPublishers, [c2003] [CO-F PQ 9698.13.O3546 O59 2003]

So says Maria, a young Brazilian girls convinced from an early age that she will never find true love. A chance meeting in Rio takes her to Geneva, but the glittering life she hoped for was a fantasy. The reality—selling herself to survive—is a dehumanizing grind that pushes her further away from real life, towards a fascination with pure physical pleasure.



But when her emotional barriers are tested by a handsome young painter, she must choose between the dark path she is on and risking everything to find her ‘inner light’. Can she move beyond the meeting of bodies to a meeting of minds or even souls—to a place where sec itself is sacred?



Johansen, Iris, Vendetta: A Novel New York, NY: St. Martin's Publishing Group, [c2018] [CO-F PS 3560.O275 V46 2018]

With his dying breath, Carl Venable, head of the CIA task force on terrorism and Jude Brandon's final link to terrorist ringleader Max Huber, gives Brandon a mandate: to keep his daughter, Rachel, safe at any cost. But Rachel Venable has a shocking, twisted past of her own, one that comes rushing back after her medical clinic in Guyana is attacked by Huber—the same man who murdered her father and kept her imprisoned for months.

Now, along with agent Catherin Ling, Rachel's longtime ally and fierce protector, Brandon is determined to keep Rachel out of danger. As he and Rachel race against the clock to bring Huber down before he can orchestrate a disaster that will lay waste to half the country, they also fight a growing attraction to each other—one that could prove just as dangerous as Huber himself...

Please, Maddie, Sisters Behaving Badly: Because being good is boring! London: Boldwood Books Ltd, [c2021] [CO-F PR 6115.F53 .P54 2021]

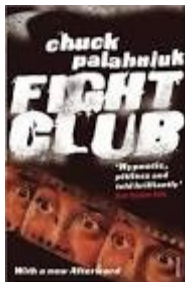
Sisters Kitty and Jenny haven't spoken since a very disappointing Carvery lunch. Kitty, sixty-two, thinks Jenny is turning grey. Jenny, sixty-six, thinks Kitty needs to grow up!

So when both sisters inherit a farmhouse in rural France, it gives them the perfect chance to heal the rift between them. Except the farmhouse is a wreck, the garden is terrorized by a flock of chickens, not to mention a donkey with a serious flatulence problem!



Kitty is determined to enjoy herself, especially when she meets gorgeous French builder, Leo. Ooh la – la! And Jenny finds the fully stocked wine cellar helps enormously with missing horrible husband Paul – hic!

And as the two sisters begin to repair their fragile friendship, they discover that being bad is actually very good for the soul.



Palahniuk, Chuck, Fight Club London: Vintage, [c2006] [CO-F PS 3566.A4554 F54 2006]

Every weekend, in basements and parking lots across the country, young men with good white-collar jobs and absent fathers take off their shoes and shirts and fight each other barehanded for as long as they have to. Then they go back to those jobs with blackened eyes and loosened teeth and the sense that they can handle anything. Fight Club is the invention of Tyler Durden, projectionist, waiter and dark, anarchic genius. And it's only the beginning of his plans for revenge on a world where cancer support groups have the corner on human warmth.



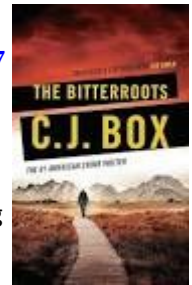
Green, Jane, Summer Secrets New York, NY: St. Martin's Griffin, [c2015] [CO-F PR 6057.R3443 S86 2015]

When a shocking family secret is revealed, twenty-something journalist Cat Coombs finds herself falling into a dark spiral. Wild, glamorous nights out in London and raging hangovers the next day become her norm, leading to a terrible mistake one night while visiting family in America, on the island of Nantucket. It's a mistake for which she can't forgive herself. When she returns home, she confronts the unavoidable reality of her life and knows it's time to grow up. But she doesn't know if she'll ever be able to earn the forgiveness of the people she hurt.

As the years pass, Cat grows into her forties, a struggling single mother, coping with a new-found sobriety and determined to finally make amends. Traveling back to her past, to the family she left behind on Nantucket all those years ago, she may be able to earn their forgiveness, but in doing so she may risk losing the very people she loves the most.

Box, C.J., The Bitterroots London: Head of Zeus Ltd, [c2019] [CO-F PS 3552.087658 B47 2019]

Former police officer Cassie Dewell is trying to start over with her own private investigation firm. Guilty about not seeing her son and exhausted by the nights on stakeout, Cassie is nonetheless managing... until an old friend calls in a favor: she wants Cassie to help exonerate a man accused of assaulting a young girl from an influential family.



Against her own better judgment, Cassie agrees. But out in the Big Sky Country of Montana, twisted family loyalty runs as deep as the ties to the land, and there's always something more to the story. As Cassie attempts to uncover the



Sparks, Nicholas, Message in a bottle London: Sphere, [c2023] [CO-F PS 3569.P363 M47 2023C2]

In a moment of desolation on a windswept beach, Garrett bottles his words of undying love for a lost woman, and throws them to the sea.

"My dearest Catherine, I miss you my darling, as I always do, but today is particularly hard because the ocean has been singing to me, and the song is that of our life together. . ."

But the bottle is picked up by Theresa, a mother with a shattered past, who feels unaccountably drawn to this lonely man. Who are this couple? What is their story? Beginning a search that will take her to a sunlit coastal town and an unexpected confrontation, it is a tale that resonates with everlasting love and the enduring promise of redemption.



Golden, Arthur, *Memoirs of a Geisha* London: Vintage, [c2005] [CO-F PS 3557.035926 M45 2005]

This story is a rare and utterly engaging experience. It tells the extraordinary story of a geisha - summing up a quarter century from 1929 to the post-war years of Japan's dramatic history, and opening a window into a half-hidden world of eroticism and enchantment, exploitation and degradation.

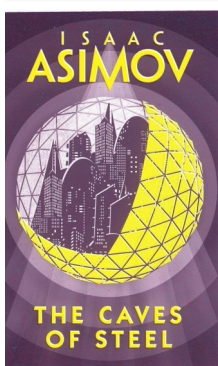
A young peasant girl is sold as servant and apprentice to a renowned geisha house. She tells her story many years later from the Waldorf Astoria in New York. Her memoirs conjure up the perfection and the ugliness of life behind rice-paper screens, where young girls learn the arts of geisha - dancing and singing, how to wind the kimono, how to walk and pour tea, and how to beguile the land's most powerful men.

Bowden, Oliver *Assassin's Creed Unity* New York: Penguin Books Ltd., [c2014] [CO-F PR 102.0927 A946 2014]

"I have been beaten, deceived and betrayed. They murdered my father—and I will have my revenge at whatever cost!"

1789: The magnificent city of Paris sees the dawn of the French Revolution. The cobblestone streets run red with blood as the people rise against the oppressive aristocracy. But revolutionary justice comes at a high price...

At a time when the divide between the rich and the poor is at its most extreme, and a nation is tearing itself apart, a young man and woman fight to avenge all they have lost. the story. As Cassie attempts to uncover the truth, she must fight against the ghosts of her own past that threaten to pull her back under.



Asimov, Isaac, *The Caves of Steel* London: HarperVoyager [c2018] [CO P 3551.55 C38 2018]

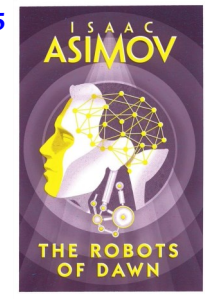
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In the vast, domed cities of Earth, artificial intelligence is strictly controlled; in the distant Outer Worlds, colonists and robots live side by side.

Asimov, Isaac, The Robots of Dawn London: HarperVoyager, [c2018] [CO-F PS 3551.s5 R63 2018]

The Robots of

On Aurora, the first and greatest of the Spacer planets, Elijah Baley and R. Daneel Olivaw investigate yet another seemingly impossible crime this time, a roboticide.



Patterson, James, Roses are Red London: Headline Publishing Group, c2000 [CO-F PS 3566.A882 R67 2000]

A series of meticulously planned bank robberies ends in murder, and detective Alex Cross must pit his wits against the bizarre and sadistic mastermind behind the crimes.

Although torn between dedication to his job and commitment to his family, Cross cannot ignore the case, despite the risks he knows will come with hunting down a killer - and the heartbreaking cost.

James Patterson's bestseller takes us from deep inside the crazy world of a psychopath's masquerade right to the heart of fiction's most brilliant detective. Alex Cross is back in an explosive tale where mind games lead to violence and the slightest mistake will be punished with death.

Ahern, Cecelia, In a Thousand Different Ways London: HarperCollins Publishers Ltd., c2023 [CO-F PR 6101.H47 W47 2023]

Finding your way is never a simple journey...

Alice sees the worst in people.

She also sees the best.

She sees a thousand different emotions and knows exactly what everyone around her is feeling.

Every. Single. Day.

But it's the dark thoughts.

The sadness. The rage.

These are the things she can't get out of her head. The things that overwhelm her.

Where will the journey to find herself begin?

