

Coming Soon

Steve Berry

The Venetian Betrayal

Ex-secret agent Cotton Malone and his partner Cassiopeia Vitt scour the globe in search of the final resting place of Alexander the Great.

Geraldine Brooks

People of the Book

Rare book conservator Hanna Heath is asked by the U.N. to verify the provenance of a codex saved from a bombing in Sarajevo. When she examines the beautifully illustrated tome, she meets Muslim librarian, Karaman, and a romance blossoms.

Rita Mae Brown

The Purrfect Murder

Local architect, Tazio Chippers, is found with knife in hand, standing over the dead body of his most difficult client Carla Paulson. Tazio's friend and the town sleuth, Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen, sets out to solve what seems to everyone else an open-and-shut case.

Peter Carey

His Illegal Self

A child of sixties activists who are in hiding from the FBI, Che Selkirk has been raised by his grandmother and hasn't seen his parents since he was a toddler. That all changes when a woman comes calling one afternoon and news of Che's kidnapping hits airwaves.

J. M. Coetzee

Diary of a Bad Year

A 72-year-old writer living in Australia becomes infatuated with Anya, a beautiful young woman who lives in his apartment building. After he hires her to type his manuscript, Anya's boyfriend tries to tap into the old writer's online bank account.

Barbara Delinsky

The Secret Between Us

When teenager Grace Monroe accidentally runs down a stranger while driving home from a party, her mom insists on taking the rap.

Dianne Emley

Cut to the Quick

Detective Nan Vining of Pasadena Homicide returns to investigate a tycoon's murder.

James Grippando

Last Call

Miami criminal defense lawyer Jack Swyteck steps in to help his best friend, bar owner Theo Knight when Theo is been ambushed by an escaped prisoner.

Jack Higgins

The Killing Ground

Caspar Rashid's 13-year-old daughter is stolen from him by his Bedouin father and taken to Iraq for marriage to a Middle East terrorist. When the distraught Rashid begs Intelligence operative Sean Dillon for help, Dillon gets involved to help Rashid reunite with his daughter.

Stephen King

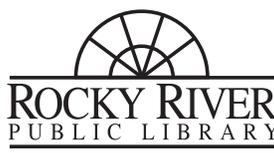
Duma Key

After being horribly injured in a construction accident and newly divorced, self-made millionaire Edgar Freemantle heads for Florida's Duma Key and starts to paint. His new freedom becomes short-lived, however, when his artwork takes on a life of its own.

Jayne Ann Krentz

Sizzle and Burn

Lonely and reluctant psychic Raine Tallentyre is targeted for recruitment into the secret Arcane Society by fellow psychic Zack Jones, an effort that is complicated by Raine's painful memories of how the organization shattered her family through an act of betrayal.



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John Lescroart

Betrayal

Did National Guardsman Evan Scholler really kill contractor Ron Nolan? And did Nolan really make a dreadful mistake that caused the death of an Iraqi family and half the men in Scholler's platoon? Assigned Scholler's appeal, attorney Dismas Hardy has to find the truth.

James McBride

Song Yet Sung

Liz Spocott, a beautiful young runaway slave living in pre-Civil War Maryland, is injured when running from a posse of slave catchers. After waking from a coma, she is able to see the future. Will Liz's new visions help her and her fellow slaves escape?

Sue Miller

The Senator's Wife

Newly married and pregnant, Meri Fowler forges a bond with her neighbor Delia Naughton, the wife of liberal Senator Tom Naughton, a notorious runaround. Delia and Meri find themselves leading strangely parallel lives, as they each navigate the contours and mysteries of marriage.

Sara Paretsky

Bleeding Kansas

Three farm families who can trace their roots back to a time of violent racial clashes in 1850s in Kaw Valley, Kansas, continue to battle it out in the American heartland of today.

Robert B. Parker

Stranger in Paradise

A thug is happy to take money to reunite teenager Amber and her father, but he draws the line at killing Amber's mother in the bargain. Now he wants Police Chief Jesse Stone to intervene.

James Patterson

7th Heaven

The Women's Murder Club gets involved when a number of homes of the wealthy go up in flames and the governor's son vanishes.

Jodi Picoult

Change of Heart

When a New Hampshire death row prisoner requests to donate his heart post-execution to the sister of his victim, a local young priest must reexamine his own views on religion, redemption and America's death penalty.

Douglas Preston

Blasphemy

Twelve scientists are sent to a remote mountain that houses a machine that holds the mysteries of the creation of the universe. What they discover must be hidden from the world at all costs. Wyman Ford, ex-monk and CIA operative, is tapped to wrest their secret, a secret that will either destroy the world—or save it.

Lisa Scottoline

Lady Killer

High school good girl Mary DiNuzio is now a successful businesswoman. When a dead body is found in an alley, Mary is plunged into a past that threatens her career, family and life, and she is forced to go on a one-woman crusade to unmask the killer.

Danielle Steel

Honor Thyself

A legend of film and stage, Carole Barber travels to Paris to work on her novel. A terrorist attack leaves Carole unconscious and hospitalized. When she awakes, she remembers nothing of her life, but with the help of family, friends, and fans, Carole is given a second chance to count her blessings, heal wounded hearts, and recapture lost love.

Luanne Rice

Light of the Moon

After her mother's dies, Susannah goes to the Camargue to see the region's beautiful white horses and track down a bit of family history—and finds something out about herself along the way.

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FICTION

Mary Modern

Camille DeAngelis

Lucy Morrigan is a biogenetic researcher living in her family's mansion with her boyfriend and her five boarders, a cult of nerdy college students. When Lucy decides she wants a child and learns she cannot, she clones her grandmother Mary. The cloned Mary enters the world in her twenty-second year, believing it to be 1929 and full of memories of the other Mary's life. Lucy's research does not go unnoticed and her lab is investigated by members of a nearby church who believe her experiments are unethical.

This first novel is fresh and original. A mix of suspense, science fiction, love story and psychological fiction, it is impossible to put down. A modern-day Frankenstein story.

Finn

Jon Clinch

One of two sons of a wealthy judge, Finn is also the father to legendary Huckleberry. A drunkard and part-time fisherman living off of the Mississippi, Finn is ostracized by his racist father because of his penchant for young black women. Fueled by his lust for money and drink and torn by his loyalties to his family, Finn sets off on a violent and murderous downward spiral, becoming even more of a tragic figure than he is depicted in Mark Twain's literature.

Though filled with brutal violence, this novel masterfully recreates a legendary character in American literature. Despite his many flaws, the despicable Finn is a sympathetic character and his story is hard to put down. A brilliant debut novel.



The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao

Junot Diaz

This family saga explores the worlds of the Dominican Republic and New Jersey through the eyes of Oscar, a fantasy loving romantic who loves to write, Lola, his tough as nails sister, and their mother, Beli, a domineering matriarch. Narrated primarily by Lola's ex-boyfriend, the novel travels backward in time to explore how the family has suffered because of fuku, a curse particular to Dominicans, and also because of Trujillo, the former Dominican dictator.

Full of Latino American slang, this novel's exuberance and lyrical writing are in contrast to the brutality that the characters encounter. Street-smart and sexy, Diaz's first novel is both original and amazing.

SUSPENSE

Last Breath

George D. Schuman

Blind psychic Sherry Moore can "view" the last 18 seconds of a dead person's memory. After several women are found strangled in a warehouse, the Feds ask Sherry for help. When media coverage of the case brings national attention to Sherry's talent, the killer focuses his energies on taunting her for information about what his victims saw before he killed them.

Second in a series featuring Sherry Moore. Fast-paced and suspenseful. The author's 20 years of experience in law enforcement adds realism to the story.

The Secret Servant

Daniel Silva

Gabriel Allon, alternately an art restorer and an ad hoc Israeli intelligence operative, finds himself entangled in the dangerous and complex challenge of rescuing the kidnapped daughter of the American ambassador to London.

This is the seventh episode for Silva's highly talented and remarkably tireless, albeit quaintly conflicted, super spy. It involves a sequence of disturbing events that could presumably be ripped from today's headlines. Engaging and thought-provoking.

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MYSTERY

Withering Heights

Dorothy Cannell

Believing that the Elizabethan mansion where she is living with her father and stepmother is haunted, Ariel, Ellie Haskell's niece, wants Ellie's help to investigate the mysterious happenings at the old house that she has nicknamed, "Withering Heights."

This is the 12th mystery in the series featuring Ellie Haskell. A light, fun and entertaining read with the Gothic atmosphere of the house add to the charm of the story line. Ellie has developed into a witty, enjoyable character and the secondary characters, although very eccentric, are likeable too.



Dead Copy

Kit Frazier

Cauley may still

be "The Obituary Babe" but that doesn't stop her from trying to get the hard news stories first. It's Cauley's willing involvement in dangerous situations that worries her boyfriend, Special Agent Tom Logan. Can Cauley find the missing teenager before anyone else dies? Can Tom and Cauley find a compromise that will accommodate both their jobs?

The characters are engaging and likable and there's plenty of action to keep the story line moving. The second in the Cauley MacKinnon series has more suspense than the first but still has all the same charm.

Unseen

Mari Jungstedt

Just before tourist season on the island of Gotland a woman is murdered, seemingly by her boyfriend. When a similar murder occurs, Detective Anders Knutas must close in on the killer before he strikes again.

A smart police procedural with a dark, brooding setting. First in a series.

ROMANCE

Special Relationship

Robyn Sisman

Tom Paxford, off to Oxford (his mom's alma mater) as a freshman, discovers that his dad may not be his biological father. He thinks that Jordan Hope, the U.S. candidate for president, may be his father and decides to fly to the U.S. to investigate.

Flashbacks to the 60s, a thinly disguised Bill Clinton character, and a nostalgic story line make this an engaging chick lit read.

Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict

Laurie Viera Rigler

In Los Angeles, very much the 21st-century gal, Courtney Stone has finally dumped her cheating fiancé, even though she might not entirely be over him. After a night of seeking solace in her favorite Jane Austen novel, Courtney awakes in 1813 England in the body of the lovely Jane Mansfield. Jane, at 30-years-old, is unmarried and in danger of remaining so. With Courtney inhabiting Jane's body and mind, however, there may be more to worry about than spinsterhood--like an insane asylum, Jane's obsessive mother, and whether or not Courtney can ever return home.

A cute and clever, very light read that is worth the short while it will take to devour. For Jane Austen lovers and fans of chick lit.

If His Kiss Is Wicked

Jo Goodman

After a brutal beating, Emma Hathaway finds herself seeking out the protective services of Mr. Restell Gardner. Emma is concerned for her nearly identical looking cousin, as well as herself, not knowing who was the intended target of the abduction. It quickly becomes apparent that there are no simple answers and there are many potential targets dependant upon discovering the truth behind Emma's abduction. Who was meant to be the victim? Why was she allowed to live? Will it be tried again?

A complex story with smart dialogue and intriguing characters. This is considered a romance, but it is really the effort to find out the who and the why of the abduction that drives this story.