

Coming Soon

Elizabeth Adler

One of Those Malibu Nights

Mac Reilly hosts a cold case crime show called "Mac Reilly's Malibu Mysteries." When he is hired by investment mogul Ronald Perrin to find out who's following him, Mac is sent on a journey filled with international intrigue..

Linda Barnes

Lie Down with the Devil

Boston private detective Carlotta Carlyle's life becomes complicated as she investigates a secret murder indictment against her fiancé Sam Gianelli.

Barbara Taylor Bradford

Being Elizabeth

Elizabeth Deravenel has made a name for herself as the most powerful director in the history of her family's business empire. Surrounded by corporate intrigue, takeover threats, betrayal, and scandal, Elizabeth realizes she must make a choice between love and duty.

Rita Mae Brown

Hounded to Death

At the Mid-South Hound Show in Kentucky, Sister Jane Arnold finds herself in the middle of a mystery involving a theft of a valuable pooch, the suicide of a popular veterinarian and the disappearance of a wealthy pet food manufacturer.

Sandra Brown

Smoke Screen

Corruption and betrayal turn friends against each other and force criminals to become heroes in this sizzling tale of revenge, reversal, and the ultimate abuse of power.

Stella Cameron

Cypress Nights: A Bayou Novel

A renowned psychiatrist, Roche Savage, and a teacher, the widow Bleu Labeau, team up to solve the mystery when murder plagues their beloved St. Cecil's church.

Stephen L. Carter

Palace Council

Eddie Wesley, a young African American writer, comes across the corpse of a white prominent Wall Street attorney in a Harlem Park. Eddie is afraid to go to the police for fear they will suspect him. Instead, Eddie searches for the killer with the help of his girlfriend.

Robin Cook

Foreign Body

When her grandmother dies after undergoing a bargain hip replacement surgery in India, UCLA medical student Jennifer Hernandez heads to New Delhi herself in search of answers.

Robert Crais

Chasing Darkness

New evidence reveals that Lionel Byrd is guilty of several murders. P.I. Elvis Cole, who helped exonerate Byrd years earlier, is torn by guilt and plunges into his own investigation.

John Darnton

Black and White and Dead All Over

When newspaper editor Theodore S. Ratnoff is murdered, the killer could be any one of his disgruntled employees. Investigative reporter Jude Hurly and NYPD Detective Priscilla Bollingsworth team up and dig deep to uncover who the killer is before more staff members are murdered.

Tana French

The Likeness

Detective Cassie Maddox bears a striking resemblance to murdered woman Lexie Madison and agrees to pretend to be Lexie in order to find the killer. As Cassie finds herself drawn into relationships with Lexie's roommates, her biggest fear is whether or not the killer resides in the room next door.

Stephen Frey

Forced Out

Retired Yankees scout Jack Barrett discovers a promising minor-league player who he hopes will make them both rich. Unfortunately for Jack, the young athlete has a bad attitude and even worse—hidden secrets.



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Faye Kellerman

The Mercedes Coffin

When a Hollywood murder echoes the execution-style killing of one of her favorite teachers 15 years earlier, heiress Genoa Greeves convinces LAPD Lt. Peter Decker to start looking for clues.

Haven Kimmel

Iodine

Trace Pennington is a runaway living in an Indiana farmhouse completing her last year of college. Trace is haunted by her disturbing past and when she begins a relationship with the worldly Dr. Jacob Matthias, her inner life rapidly disintegrates into the surreal.

Michael Koryta

Envy the Night

Seven years after his father's supposed suicide, Frank Temple finds himself surrounded by family secrets, mob assassins, and his father's shadowy legacy as he searches for Devin Matteson, his dad's old friend-turned-traitor.

Matthew Kneale

When We Were Romans

Nine-year-old Lawrence and his little sister flee England with their mother when their lives are endangered by their estranged father. The family heads to Rome where they build a new life until trouble follows them.

Ridley Pearson

Killer View

Sheriff Walt Fleming and his team tackle treacherous elements to rescue a missing skier and are shocked by a sniper attack that leaves one of the team members dead.

Elizabeth Peters

The Laughter of Dead Kings

Art historian Vicky Bliss treks across Europe and Egypt to prove her former art-thief boyfriend isn't responsible for a huge heist in the Valley of the Kings.

Kathy Reichs

Devil Bones

A plumber discovers the remains of a murdered girl along with religious objects in the cellar of his client's house. Temperance Brennan is called to investigate, but finds that her quest to solve the crime is thwarted by vigilantes.

Luanne Rice

Last Kiss

After the inexplicable murder of a charming eighteen-year-old man, his singer-songwriter mom can't make music and his girlfriend is inconsolable. A family friend rustles up his mom's old flame to look into the mystery.

Michelle Richmond

No One You Know

Twenty years after the murder of Lila, a top math student at Stanford, her sister Ellie meets the man who was accused of the crime—a chance meeting that leads to the discovery of a secret notebook, and a quest to unravel a hundred-year-old mathematical puzzle.

David Rosenfelt

Don't Tell a Soul

Timothy Wallace was cleared of suspicion after his wife was killed in a boat explosion on Long Island Sound. When another woman dies under similar circumstances, Tim once again finds his life put under a microscope by the cops and launches a personal investigation to uncover the truth.

John Sandford

Heat Lightning

Virgil Flowers, a Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigator, returns to investigate a string of murders near a veteran's memorial.

Curtis Sittenfeld

American Wife

Unassuming Alice Blackwell goes from small-town girl to First Lady.

Stuart Woods

Hot Mahogany

Barton Lance is an army intelligence officer whose memory is muddled after an act of violence. Barton needs to be watched and Stone Barrington gets the job.

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At Her Wit's End

After her father Bim dies, 29-year-old Rima, a teacher from Cleveland, travels to Santa Cruz for a visit with her estranged godmother, Addison Early. Addison's house is filled with miniatures of murder scenes—inspirations for the 'Maxwell Lane' mystery series she writes. In one of these books, Addison turned Bim into a character who murders his wife—resulting in many arguments between Rima's parents when they were alive. Rima, lonely, out of place, and looking to fill a void, sets out to solve the 'case' and to find out more about her father's past and his past relationship with Addison.

Wit's End by Karen Joy Fowler is a clever book that is almost, but not quite, a mystery. It has intricate plotting, fantastic characters and is a laugh-out-loud read about discovering family secrets. Fowler, author of **The Jane Austen Book Club**, creates a memorable sleuth in her hard-boiled Maxwell Lane, but it is her depictions of Rima, Addison, Bim and the supporting cast of Addison's obsessed fans that make this book a real winner.

—Carol O'Keefe

19th-Century Forensic Science

Anatomy of Deception, a historical medical mystery, is Lawrence Goldstone's debut fiction novel. Set in 1899 Philadelphia, the real-life historical characters of that time period are seamlessly intertwined with the lives of the fictional ones. Dr. Ephraim Carroll becomes entangled in a medical mystery involving politics, drug abuse, and medical ethics when he tries to identify the body of an unknown murder victim. Fascinating information about early medical procedures and practices are also explained in this enthralling, well-researched historical page-turner.

—Donna Zmrazek

Comfort Food

Have yourself a tall glass of iced tea or lemonade while you savor Kate Jacob's delightful new novel, **Comfort Food**. Widowed Augusta 'Gus' Simpson's flair for food has served her well over the years. Her TV cooking show has made Gus into a celebrity and provided a stable life for her two daughters. Now, when she should be making plans for her own 50th birthday party, some clouds are gathering on the horizon of her well-ordered life. Her cooking show's ratings are falling and the network forces her to take on a beautiful young chef, Carmen Vega, to spice up the show. Carmen comes to the show with plans of her own and manages to stir up a bit of malicious mischief. Gus thought she was sorely tested earlier in her life, but, if she is not careful, Carmen just might be her undoing.

—Rosemary Ward

A Tarot Card Reading

A deck of Tarot cards and the occult link the lives of two women in France together in Kate Mosse's second novel, **Sepulchre**. In 1891, during a visit to her widowed aunt's estate in the Pyrenees Mountains, Leonie Vernier discovers that her late uncle's interest in the occult may have caused his death. Leonie is determined to find out the truth. In 2007, Meredith Martin, a graduate music student, takes a break from her work to research her family ancestors. Her quest takes her to the same area in the Pyrenees. This complex yet suspenseful story will fascinate and intrigue readers as both women must battle evil forces that threaten to destroy their lives. Fans of **The Historian** by Elizabeth Kostova will devour this detailed, intense novel.

—Donna Zmrazek

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FICTION

The Spare Wife

Alex Witchel

Ponce Morris is a beautiful, wealthy widow admired and respected by the New York rich and powerful people with whom she socializes. However, her reputation is threatened when an aspiring writer attempts to publicize Ponce's affair with a married fertility doctor.

This is the author's second novel and is an entertaining look at the inner workings of New York City's high society. Several of the minor characters are shallow and annoying, but Ponce and her friends are interesting and fun.

The Girl Who Stopped Swimming

Joshilyn Jackson

Imagine being awakened by the ghost of your daughter's best friend. Molly's ghost did just that to Laurel, a suburban wife, mother, and artist. When the ghost leads her to Molly's body floating in her backyard pool, Laurel knows instinctively that this was no accidental drowning. She turns to the only person she can trust to help her, her fearless and resolute sister, Thalia.

This is the author's third novel, and it carries just as much fierce energy as her previous two novels. She continues her theme of family relationships and explores just how strong or tenuous blood ties can be. And once more, secrets from the past come back to torment the present.

What I Was

Meg Rosoff

The narrator, looking back on his youth, recalls his time at St. Oswald's, a dreary boarding school in East Anglia, and the way his life changed when he discovers and becomes enamored of Finn, a young man who is living alone in a cottage by the sea.

Beautifully written novel about friendship, love and connection.

MYSTERY

Murder Melts in Your Mouth

Nancy Martin

Once again, it becomes Nora's responsibility to hold the family together and deal with their zany parents when her one sister moves to the Ritz to recover from a car accident and her other sister is pregnant and suffering from morning sickness. Besides that, her best friend, Lexie, seems somehow involved with the apparent suicide or maybe murder of her business partner who had been embezzling money from their friends and clients.

This is the seventh book in the series and each one gets better! The witty dialogue, combined with the unique relationships between the sisters, makes this an enjoyable, entertaining read. The characters are highly eccentric but very likeable and sympathetic. Mick and Nora make a great couple. Look forward to more in the series.

The Good Thief's Guide to Amsterdam

Chris Ewan

While writing his latest mystery in Amsterdam, thief-for-hire Charlie Howard is asked by an American to steal two small monkey figurines. Charlie does the job, only to find his new employer beaten to death. Charlie then finds himself under investigation from the local police and playing hero to a beautiful damsel in distress.

This clever mystery debut has many laugh-out-loud moments. The relationship between Charlie and his naive editor makes this a rather charming read. Charlie Howard is a fresh character that readers will want to encounter again.

Curse of the Spellmans

Lisa Lutz

Isabel 'Izzy' Spellman, a private investigator working at her family's P.I. business, seems to be finally taking her adulthood seriously, but when she becomes obsessed with investigating her new neighbor and potential next ex-boyfriend, Izzy is arrested four times as a result of her snooping and finds herself in hot water with the law. Meanwhile, little sister Rae Spellman is learning to drive and inadvertently runs over police Inspector Henry Stone, and Izzy finds herself spending even more time with the police—maybe in a good way.

This fabulous sequel is possibly better than the first in the series. With endearing and memorable characters, readers will laugh out loud and line up for the next installment.

SUSPENSE

Isabella Moon

Laura Benedict

Sheriff Bill Delaney's job just gets harder when Kate Russell comes forward with information about the unsolved case of Isabella Moon, a local child who went missing months earlier. Delaney is suspicious and doubtful when Kate admits that the girl's ghost revealed her body's whereabouts. The eventual unearthing of Isabella also digs up the many secrets that lurk beneath their small Kentucky town's exterior, and, additionally, brings to light Kate's past that she is desperate to hide.

A quick and suspenseful read. This is an emotional multi-layered story that will appeal to readers of psychological suspense and women's fiction.

Twisted

Andrea Kane

Injured on the job, ex-FBI agent Sloan Burbank is hired to search for a childhood friend who has been missing for nearly a year. She uncovers links to several other missing women and a possible connection to the Greek gods. Sloan contacts the New York FBI office to talk to the original officers on the case, reuniting her with ex-lover Derek Parker who is assigned to re-open the case.

Twisted is the perfect combination of suspense, mystery and sexual tension. The plot twists keep you on your toes and make you want to know what is coming next.

Losing You

Nicci French

Just before Christmas, Nina Landry is set to leave on a Florida vacation with her boyfriend and two children. That morning Nina learns that her 15-year-old daughter, Charlie, has planned a surprise birthday party for her, but Charlie doesn't show up. As the time to pack gets shorter, Nina realizes Charlie is missing and begins to search for her, learning Charlie had many secrets.

Another spellbinder from Nicci French--the married team of Nicci Gerrard and Sean French. Suspense just builds and builds as Nina's life unravels.

TEEN FICTION

The White Darkness

Geraldine McCaughrean

When her Uncle Victor takes 14-year-old Sym on an unexpected trip to Antarctica, she is at first thrilled to be finally experiencing her dreams. She soon realizes her Uncle has his own dangerous agenda when he steals her away with a couple of Norwegian filmmakers into the Antarctic wilderness to find a portal into a world within the Earth—the mythical Symmes' Hole. Sym realizes that no one is as they seem and she must cope with abandonment in a most strange and unforgiving landscape.

This teen novel won the 2008 Printz Award for excellence in young adult literature. The writing is superb. The descriptions of the Antarctic landscape are stunning and crystal clear. The reader will feel the chill to the bone. This survival story will astound readers of all ages.

NONFICTION

The Greatest Presidential Stories Never Told: 100 Tales from History to Astonish, Bewilder & Stupefy

Rick Beyer

This collection of presidential trivia treats readers to events, habits, personality traits and demands of many of our past chief executives.

This is an entertaining and timely tome of little-known historical and political factoids. Much of the information included in this slight book was not common knowledge during these particular presidents' terms of office, an unlikely scenario in today's political climate.

ROMANCE

Deep Dish

Mary Kay Andrews

When Gina Foxton's cooking show is cancelled from PBS, she is determined to get a show on the Cooking Channel. The competition is fierce and she ends up being pitted against another chef on a reality show cook-off. That chef just happens to be her nemesis, Tate Moody, who hosts a show called "Vittles" with the motto "kill it and grill it."

Cute, clean, funny, and full of Southern charm--you won't want to put it down. Mary Kay Andrews best story yet!

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Escape

Escape is the chronicle of Carolyn, who at age eighteen, became the fourth wife to Merrill Jessop, a stranger 32 years her senior. Polygamy was an expected part of Carolyn's life. She was raised in the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS), a splinter group of the Mormon Church. In 2003, after fifteen years of marriage, giving birth to eight children and suffering verbal, emotional and physical abuse at the hands of her husband and sister wives, Carolyn fled with her children in the middle of the night. Her struggle did not end that night. Child custody battles ensued, adjustment to life outside of the FLDS was difficult, and Carolyn struggled financially to provide the necessities of life.

Escape by Carolyn Jessop is the incredible story of an amazing woman who was willing to take necessary steps to safeguard herself and her children, risking eternal consequences according to the FLDS.

—Emma Dittmar

A Real Treasure

Even though she holds a journalism degree from Columbia, Simone Glass can't find a job as a reporter. Desperate, she applies to an L.A. paper only to find that it has folded before she can begin. Simone refuses to go back home and agrees to work for a scandal sheet called "The Asteroid."

On her first night she learns to wear gloves as she picks through the garbage of daytime soap star Emerald Deegan. She finds a shoe which ends up belonging to a murdered former star. When Emerald becomes the next victim, Simone uses her undercover tabloid sources to track down the killer.

Laugh-out-loud situations and a huge cast of crazy characters make **Trashed** by Alison Gaylin a fun mystery that will appeal to fans of Harley Jane Kozak or Claire Matturro.

—Evelyn Janoch

Red Cat

Red Cat by Peter Spiegelman is soaked with the flavors of Manhattan and transports readers to the gritty streets of the city. John March, Manhattan P. I. and Wall Street flunky, has a new client—his brother David. David is in big trouble and is receiving hostile messages from Wren, a woman he's been having a torrid affair with. Wren threatens to blow the whistle on the affair and David's career and lifestyle are on the line. When a dead body turns up in the East River, John is pretty sure it's the mysterious Wren. Could David be the killer? Full of twists and turns, **Red Cat** is an intelligent, albeit gritty mystery, perfect for fans of Linda Barnes' tough-talking P. I. Carlotta Carlyle.

Red Cat is the third John March book. Each book is just as good as the previous one. Start with his first, **Black Maps**, and get to know the loner John March.

—Ann Jackson

The Perfect Pajama Party

John Dodge doesn't like to stay in one place for very long. When he arrives in Lamb's Corner, South Carolina, he buys Scrivener's pen shop, intending to make a profit and flip the business.

Dodge is smitten when he meets perpetually pajama-clad Julia Darrow, a widow who is as mysterious as she is attractive. Julia owns Cocoon, a shop that sells high-end bedding. Too bad Dodge will soon be on the move. Or does his heart have a different plan?

If you are looking for some sweet satisfying Southern hospitality this summer, set aside some time to spend with **The Pajama Girls of Lambert Square** by Rosina Lippi. This is a delightful, humorous and sexy romance, filled with charm and gossip and memorable characters. Readers will want to move right in and get cozy.

—Carol O'Keefe

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A Symbiotic Love Relationship

Bestselling young adult author, Stephanie Meyer, has written her first novel for adults called *The Host*. An alien species has taken over human bodies on Earth by erasing their personalities in this science fiction novel that is not only a page-turner thriller but also a romantic love story. Melanie Stryder does not want to surrender her mind when she becomes the body host for the alien known as Wanderer. She struggles to survive by overwhelming Wanderer with her memories and feelings. This causes Wanderer to try to reconnect to Melanie's former life, but how can both survive in one body without destroying one or the other? Will they be able to coexist? This powerful, thought-provoking novel will stay with the reader long after the last page is read.

—Donna Zmrazek

The Ex-Debutante Shines

Carlisle Wainwright Cushing has it all—a successful career as a divorce attorney, a loving fiancé and a fabulous life in Boston. She's hiding a major secret, though. No one in Boston, including her lawyer fiancé, knows that Carlisle is actually a wealthy ex-debutante who fled her Texas hometown after a love affair went sour. Carlisle is called back to Texas to represent her high maintenance mother in her latest divorce trauma. To make matters worse, her opposing counsel is the man who caused her to leave town. The icing on the cake? Her mother decides only Carlisle can revive the family's debutante ball—the very same event that made her a laughingstock of the town.

Carlisle is bogged down with family drama, but still manages to keep a sense of humor through it all and proves to the entire town that she is not the same girl who left Texas years ago. With *The Ex-Debutante*, author Linda Francis Lee delivers a fine dose of Texas society life with smart humor and quirky characters.

—Samantha Gottesman

Obedience

If you enjoy a book that keeps you guessing right up to the final page, Will Lavender's debut thriller *Obedience* will knock your socks off.

Students in Professor Leonard Williams' Logic and Reasoning class are given an unusual assignment. To complete the class, they must prevent a murder from happening six weeks in the future. As the mysterious Williams feeds the class more clues, three students become deeply involved in preventing the murder. Each clue they investigate leaves them wondering if the people they encounter are genuine or just part of a role-playing game.

Reminiscent of Stephen King's *The Shining*, *Obedience* will keep you reading well into the night.

—Evelyn Janoch

Murder and Revenge in Pluto

Evelina Harp grows up listening to her grandfather Mooshum's stories of the past, stories of her mother's Ojibwe family and of the white off-reservation town of Pluto, North Dakota, where they live. Mooshum's tales include the brutal murder of a farming family and the rescue of a baby, the sole survivor, by a group of Ojibwe men, including Mooshum. With revenge on their minds, the white townsfolk lynch three of the rescuers, setting into motion repercussions that connect their descendents through generations to come, through marriage and crime, friendship and insanity.

Multiple voices narrate *The Plague of Doves* by Louise Erdrich, and each voice weaves another strand in her poetic tapestry. Layers are peeled back from the past and present, urging the reader forward to reveal the heart of the characters in this moving, complex novel.

—Dori Olivos

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A Charming Lady

Victorian England might not seem like the most likely atmosphere to produce a strong, independent woman, but get ready for a great surprise in the form of Lady Emily Ashton. In her latest adventure she is put in the position of having to help her dear friend Ivy. Ivy's husband Robert has been charged with the murder of his political mentor Lord Fortescue and no one will believe in his innocence. Emily and her companions travel to Prague, encountering anarchists and artists, and back to England in pursuit of the truth.

A Fatal Waltz by Tasha Alexander is a satisfying blend of historical fiction and mystery, with a little romantic flirtation to boot. Once you've read one of these stories, you'll have to read them all!

—Stacey Hayman

Another Letter to Paula

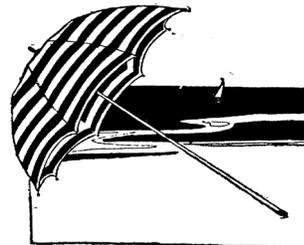
When her daughter Paula died in 1992, Isabel Allende wrote a bestselling memoir about her own life and her daughter's illness. **The Sum of Our Days** begins where that memoir ended, as a letter to Paula chronicling the lives of their extended family since her death.

And what lives they are! Allende opens up to the reader completely, revealing their family's insecurities and faults. There are drug addictions, marriages, divorces, betrayals, psychologists and sexual realizations. Allende believes in the Latin American version of the family, extolling the benefits of living closely. At various points, she shares her beautiful California hillside with friends, children, ex-wives and their new lovers and even Paula's husband and his new family.

Ultimately, this memoir is like a heart-to-heart conversation with a friend. With humor, deep love and insight, her voice shines through as she shares the pain and joy of daily life among her clan.

—Dori Olivos

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