

Coming Soon

Nevada Barr

Winter Study

While visiting a remote Lake Superior island to observe wolf behavior, ranger Anna Pigeon and an esteemed scientific group discover DNA evidence which indicates the existence of a deadly giant wolf hybrid.

Gerri Brightwell

The Dark Lantern

The dark secrets of two women turn a family upside down, in an atmospheric tale of mistaken identity, dangerous deception, and mystery, set against the backdrop of Victorian England.

Andrew Britton

The Invisible

Recently retired CIA operative Ryan Kealey heads back into action when the President asks him to help resolve the hijacking of a busload of Americans in Pakistan.

Ken Bruen

Cross

While his apprentice lies in a coma, Galway detective Jack Taylor investigates a case involving the crucifixion-style slaying of a boy in Galway—in a case that brings him face to face with old ghosts and leads to a second killing.

Jennifer Chiaverini

The Winding Ways Quilt

When newcomers join the quilting circle of Elm Creek, Pennsylvania, they discover the stories of the original members' lives.

Mary Higgins Clark

Where Are You Now?

Driven by a need to solve the ten-year-old mystery of her older brother's disappearance, lawyer Carolyn MacKenzie launches an investigation into a community of people who choose to disappear, embarking on a quest that endangers her own life.

Harlan Coben

Hold Tight

Worrying about their sixteen-year-old son, Adam, after a friend commits suicide, Tia and Mike Baye install a monitor on their son's computer and are surprised to learn that the suicide victim's mother believes Adam may have been involved.

Joy Fielding

Charley's Web

Struggling to gain credibility in the face of her disapproving family and other critics, controversial columnist Charley Webb finds her world crumbling when she writes a story of a young woman on death row who might be innocent, an act that places the lives of Charley's children at risk.

Joanna Fluke

Carrot Cake Murder

Murder comes to town when, during her business partner's family reunion, a long-lost uncle is found dead with two slices of Hannah's infamous carrot cake next to his body—a discovery that soon becomes a recipe for disaster.

Heather Graham

The Death Dealer

When a killer obsessed by Edgar Allan Poe's macabre tales selects his victims from members of a literary society, author Genevieve O'Brien enlists the aid of investigator Joe Connolly to help stop the murders.

Alice Hoffman

The Third Angel

The stories of three women are tied together in this retrospective. In 1999, Maddy, a New York attorney, goes to London after an affair with her sister Allie's fiancé, Paul. In 1966 London, Paul's future mother Frieda falls for an up-and-coming songwriter. And, in 1952, Maddy and Allie's future mother, Lucy is a bookish 12-year-old who sails from New York to London for a wedding and becomes an innocent catalyst to a devastating event involving a love triangle.



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Joshilyn Jackson

The Girl Who Stopped Swimming

Artist Laurel, her computer-geek husband, David, and their teenaged daughter, Shelby, lead a charmed life in a gated community in Southern Georgia. When a girl accidentally drowns in their swimming pool, Laurel's perfect life begins to crack apart.

Jonathan Kellerman

Compulsion

Baffled by a serial killer who uses disguises to claim his victims, LAPD Detective Milo Sturgis teams up with criminal psychologist Alex Delaware to track down one of the most ingenious and ruthless monsters they have ever faced, following a trail of death that leads back more than a decade.

Sophie Kinsella

Remember Me?

When Lexi wakes up from a coma, she's not the scattered, 25-year-old sales rep she remembers but an assured 28-year-old married to a millionaire—and reputedly she's the boss from hell with a secret lover.

Lisa Kleypas

Blue-Eyed Devil

Hardy Cates is back, ready to sweep bruised but rebellious heiress Haven Travis off her feet.

Laura Lippman

Another Thing to Fall

P.I. Tess Monaghan is trying to track down a killer, but it's hard to tell who the murderer is because her suspects are all actors making a film in Baltimore.

James Patterson

Sundays at Tiffany's

Years after spending a lonely childhood at the side of a make-believe best friend named Michael, Jane, who grew-up in the theatre, encounters a real-life, flesh-and-blood Michael who is exactly like the Michael of her childhood imagination.

Jodi Picoult

Change of Heart

When her life is shattered by an act of violence, June Nealson must make a pivotal choice that involves her twelve-year-old daughter and a criminal who is seeking salvation.

Kris Radish

Searching for Paradise in Parker, PA

Viewing a trip to Costa Rica as an opportunity to revitalize her marriage, Addy Lipton's plans are foiled when her husband puts his back out on the morning of their departure. Addy decides that it is time for her to make big changes and choices in her life, and draws the women of Parker, Pennsylvania, into her crusade to revive her dreams.

Christopher Rice

Blind Fall

John Houck blows his military career by nearly getting his captain killed, then discovers on a conciliatory visit that he really has been killed and teams with the captain's lover, Alex, to catch the murderer.

Mary Doria Russell

Dreamers of the Day

Post-World War I, a spinsterish Ohio schoolteacher uses a small inheritance to journey to the Middle East—where she gets herself tangled up with T.E. Lawrence.

Randy Wayne White

Black Widow

Doc Ford reluctantly agrees to deal with the blackmailer who videotaped his goddaughter's out-of-control bachelorette party.

Stephen White

Dead Time

In this sequel to *Dry Ice*, psychologist Alan Gregory is struggling to keep his marriage afloat when his ex-wife shows up, desperate to locate the surrogate mother of her not-yet-born child.

Meg Wolitzer

The Ten-Year Nap

Four friends who have given up their careers for motherhood get antsy when they encounter an accomplished working mother of three who seems to have it all.

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Blue Heaven

C. J. Box's first stand-alone thriller separate from his Joe Pickett series is ***Blue Heaven***. At a campground in northern Idaho, two children witness a gruesome murder. As they escape into the woods, they are chased by the killers, a group of dirty ex-cops, who want to stop the kids from reporting what they saw. Rancher Jess Rawlins becomes their only hope for survival since the same ex-cops are now helping the local sheriff in the hunt for the children. This page-turner builds in suspense as Jess has only 48 hours to get help for these children. The reader will be left breathless by the end of the story!

—Donna Zmrazek

Taking the Guru for a Ride

Otto Ringling knows he should be content. He adores his wife and children, he lives in a lovely house in a swank suburb of New York, and his job as a publisher of books about food is both challenging and a perfect complement to his passion for food. Yet there is something nagging at him, something he feels is missing.

This feeling looms larger when his parents are killed in a car accident in North Dakota. Otto and his hippie sister, a psychic who refuses to fly, plan a cross-country driving trip together in order to settle their parents' estate. When Otto stops to pick up his sister, he is talked into taking his sister's guru instead, a cherubic man in a red robe. Otto balks, and then succumbs, thinking that he could at least eat at some good restaurants while showing the guru the true America. Instead, in Roland Merullo's novel ***Breakfast with Buddha***, the guru shows Otto how to really live.

Funny, tender and moving, ***Breakfast with Buddha*** is one enlightening trip.

—Dori Olivos

A Howling Good Mystery

A harsh winter has settled on the isolated 19th-century town of Dove River, Canada. Mrs. Ross, a Scottish farm wife, stumbles into fur trapper Laurent Jamment's cabin and finds him brutally murdered. Reporting the crime, she begins an investigation which alters the peaceful community and brings back long suppressed memories.

Representatives are called in from The Company, a local fur trading enterprise, and they immediately suspect Francis, Mrs. Ross' moody and difficult son, who has mysteriously disappeared after the murder. They also suspect Parker, a fur trapper and Native American guide who has come to visit Jamment. Unknown to her husband and to the authorities, Mrs. Ross and Parker decide to follow the tracks leading from Jamment's cabin, setting off through the Canadian wilderness to seek the truth.

Stef Penney's debut novel ***The Tenderness of Wolves*** tells a page-turning story, weaving together historical mystery, adventure, and love into a poignant tale as stark and as beautiful as the winter landscape.

—Dori Olivos

A Book Club Murder

Young adult author, Kate Morgenroth's latest novel, ***They Did It with Love***, is for adults. Sofie and her husband have moved from Manhattan to a cozy Connecticut neighborhood. Sofie, an avid mystery reader, joins the local mystery book club. When one of the women from the club is found dead of an apparent suicide, both the police and the neighbors suspect murder. Sofie puts her amateur detective skills to work and soon discovers that many people including her own husband are hiding dangerous secrets. Fans who like to solve the mystery along with the amateur sleuth will surely enjoy this delightful mystery.

—Donna Zmrazek

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FICTION

Away

Amy Bloom

Twenty-two-year-old Lillian Leyb escapes to America following the murders of her husband and parents. Lillian, who was also separated from her young daughter, Sophie, comes to New York City where she learns English and becomes the mistress to Reuben and Meyer Burstein, a father and son who run a Yiddish theatre. She remains with the men until hearing word that Sophie is alive. Then, Lillian sets out, traveling west by train, boat, and by foot into the Canadian wilderness and into Alaska, headed toward the Bering Strait in hopes of reuniting with her daughter in Siberia.

A fascinating story. Lillian is a remarkable and memorable character and her tale is one of survival, at times both heart-breaking and humorous. With excellent character development. The fates of all whom Lillian encounters are revealed to the reader, making for satisfying reading.

An Arsonist's Guide to Writers' Homes in New England

Brock Clarke

Sam Pulsifer, at age 18, accidentally burns down the Emily Dickinson house, killing two people as a result. Sam spends ten years imprisoned for his crime, but once he's released, he finishes college, begins a career and hides his past from his new wife. Sam's criminal past begins to catch up to him when someone starts burning down other nearby famous writers' homes. Sam becomes the prime suspect and begins his own investigation to uncover the real arsonist, discovering some truths about his family, in the process.

Brock Clarke delivers a quirky and original read. An equal parts laugh-out-loud funny and quietly serious book about the positive and negative impact of literature. Sam is a likeable character, if often a naive and simple-minded self-proclaimed "bumbler."

MYSTERY

Silence of the Grave

Amaldur Indridason

When a skeleton is found at a building site, Detective Erlendur is called in to discover the skeleton's identity and how it died. As the skeleton is slowly uncovered, a brutal story of domestic violence unfolds along with it. Meanwhile Erlendur sits at the bedside of his comatose drug-addicted daughter.

As much an introspective look at the consequences of Erlendur's abandonment of his family as a murder mystery, this is an absorbing psychological novel. The cold, austere climate of Iceland provides the perfect backdrop for the fates of the characters. Winner of the CWA Golden Dagger Award.

Down River

John Hart

Five years after he was acquitted of murder, Adam Chase returns home to North Carolina at the urging of an old friend. Now the friend is missing and family entanglements make Adam doubt his decision to return.

A complex story, filled with angst, tangled family relationships, and haunting mystery. Hart's second novel received starred reviews in Publisher's Weekly, Booklist, and Library Journal and deserves high praise.

INSPIRATIONAL FICTION

The Prayer Chest

August Gold

Joseph Hutchinson, a young widower with two small children, is about to lose his family's farm when he stumbles upon a small wooden box filled with scraps of paper and a notebook. With this family heirloom, Joseph discovers three secrets of prayer and works through hard times with a creative plan and the support of friends.

An inspirational and uplifting read with elements of romance and mystery.

ROMANCE

The Spinster Sisters

Stacey Ballis

Jodi and Jill Springold have created a successful business enterprise focusing on helping single women find true happiness and satisfaction without getting married. Now, Jill is engaged. Will this be the end of their business, “The Spinster Sisters”?

A fun, entertaining story with a happy ending for all! This would make a great beach read. Several laugh-out-loud scenes. Witty dialogue. The characters are well-developed and very likeable.

Big Girls Don't Cry

Cathie Linz

When plus-size model Leena Riley's career stalls, her finances fail and she returns to her hometown of Rock Creek, Pennsylvania to live. To make matters worse, the only job she can find is as receptionist in a veterinarian's office. Too bad the vet is Cole Flannigan—the same Cole Flannigan whom Leena punched in 6th grade for calling her fat.

*This is the sequel to **Good Girls Don't** and **Bad Girls Do**, but it can stand alone. This is a funny and sexy story that makes you feel good.*

Wife for Hire

Janet Evanovich

Hank Mallone needs a wife in order to get a bank loan to expand his organic apple business. Maggie Toone wants the time to write a book. This could be a perfect business arrangement for both of them, except Maggie didn't expect to fall in love with Hank. How will she ever be able to leave this “pretend” marriage?

A fun, entertaining paperback original that was first published in 1990. Classic Evanovich with witty dialogue, sassy characters and a happy ending for all.

THRILLER/SUSPENSE

The Ghost

Robert Harris

Hired to ghostwrite former Prime Minister Adam Lang's memoirs after the previous ghostwriter committed suicide, our narrator joins Lang, his wife, and his entourage on Martha's Vineyard in order to whip the incomplete text into order. There, he becomes enmeshed in the accusations of war crimes against Lang and finds that the memoirs hold secrets that make the previous ghostwriter's suicide suspect.

Taking aim at Britain's support for the U.S. invasion of Iraq, Harris writes a political thriller laced with satire and modern day politics. A page-turner with a twist of an ending, this is a great read.

Interred with Their Bones

Jennifer Lee Carrell

On the eve of directing *Hamlet* at the Globe Theatre, Harvard Shakespeare scholar Kate Stanley's eccentric mentor Rosalind Howard gives her a mysterious box, claiming to have made a groundbreaking discovery. But before she can open it, the Globe burns to the ground and Roz is found dead—murdered precisely in the manner of Hamlet's father. Inside the box Kate finds the first piece in a Shakespearean puzzle, setting her on a deadly, high-stakes treasure hunt that takes her from Stratford-upon-Avon to the American West.

An exciting, literate thriller that entertains even if you are not familiar with Shakespeare's plays.

CLASSICS

The Good Earth

Pearl S. Buck

Follow the life of a poor farmer, Wang Lung, and his slave-wife, O-Lan, as they toil at their farm to eventually become well-respected residents of the town's “great house.” This is ultimately an epic tale of Wang Lung's love for the land, and the story of how his transition in life leads to the downfall of values in his family.

Deeply moving and compelling. Hard to put down. A true classic. Winner of both the Nobel Prize and the Pulitzer.

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Then We Came to the End

Then We Came to the End by Joshua Ferris hypes the quandaries of the employees of an advertising agency slated to close. The story launches a humorous broadcast of the corporate culture and exposes the idiosyncrasies of its sometimes disquieted workforce. The narrator clearly takes ownership of the big picture, playfully brings it to the next level and keeps his audience in the loop for a total win-win situation.

Kudos to this canny writer who raises the bar with this uber-engaging debut novel and scored as a National Book Award finalist in fiction. At the end of the day most readers will be on the same page of appreciation for this entertaining, yet poignant satire.

—Bryan McNamara

A Man Named Rhett

Rhett Butler's People by Donald McCaig was authorized by the Margaret Mitchell estate as a ***Gone with the Wind*** sequel, but McCaig's novel is actually more of a prequel and a retelling of Mitchell's famous story.

Rhett Butler is born the son of a low country rice planter, but rebels against his father and rejects the life and ideals his father and his fellow Southern countrymen hold dear, including the owning of slaves and the fight against the North in the Civil War. Rhett grows up and is party to many scandals, but it is only when Rhett meets Scarlett O'Hara that his life is turned upside down, and one of the greatest love affairs of all times is sparked.

This novel is filled with fascinating details from the Civil War era, and it also pays homage to the Southern Man—portraying gritty details of male pride and loyalty. Fall more deeply in love your favorite ***Gone with the Wind*** characters as you see them through the fresh eyes of ***Rhett Butler's People***.

—Carol O'Keefe

Cute? But Deadly!

You might be fooled into thinking ***Mouse Guard: Fall 1152*** by David Petersen is a simple story of three adorable mice who dress like knights. It's not. These are specially trained, skilled warrior mice who are dedicated to protecting the mice villages and the roads that connect them. The Guard is sent out to locate a missing rice merchant. It is less surprising for the Guard to find a predator is responsible for his death than it is for them to have found a treasonous note on the merchant's body. Protecting innocent mice against outside predator attacks while searching for the threat from within sounds hard, but nothing is too hard for The Mouse Guard!

Wonderful art work and an intricate plot will make fans out of readers who have yet to try a graphic novel. Check it out, you might like it!

—Stacey Hayman

The New Policeman

The New Policeman by Kate Thompson is a beautiful fantasy, interweaving Irish folklore and music to produce an award-winning tale. Fifteen-year-old J. J. Lyddie has grown up in Kinvara listening to Irish melodies from his family of musicians that lament the passing of time. When his mother jokes that she wants more time for her birthday, Lyddie discovers that this request may be possible through music. He comes across a flute that transports him to Tir na n'Og, a magical fairy world of eternal youth. The fairies are having a problem with the passing of time as well. Lyddie must figure out how to bridge the gap between the two worlds. Meanwhile, the village policeman keeps disappearing from the town. Could he be in the same place? ***The New Policeman*** has won several children's book awards both in the U.S. and the U.K. and is an imaginative and enjoyable read for all.

—Victoria Vogel

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The Heroines

Eileen Favorite's *The Heroines* is a fun and fast-paced original story that is sure to please book lovers.

Anne-Marie Entwistle runs a bed and breakfast that is frequented by heroines from classic literature who are whisked out from their stories. Anne-Marie's 13-year-old daughter, Penny is used to visits by characters such as Madame Bovary and Scarlett O'Hara, but she is tired of all the attention her mother lavishes on the mostly melodramatic bunch of women. When a mythical knight arrives in search of his lost love, Penny decides to sell the heroine out to the man, and ends up having an adventure of her own.

Plenty of cameo appearances from hot-blooded ladies and damsels in distress from literature make *The Heroines* a memorable read that is perfect for fans of Jasper Fforde's Thursday Next series or for anyone who is looking for something a bit out of the ordinary.

—Carol O'Keefe

Get On Track

Friends Juliet, Anna and Grace bond at a mom's support group, yet struggle with completely different issues. Juliet is a high-powered attorney, whose husband is a stay-at-home dad. Anna is a working single mom, while Grace is a stay-at-home mom dealing with image issues. When Chloe, a pregnant woman seeking a "mommy mentor" enters the scene, the women welcome a new friend to the circle.

Full of the ups and downs of motherhood, Whitney Gaskell delivers a funny and realistic novel about the impact of children on life and marriage. *Mommy Tracked* is full of entertaining, yet honest, characters that are completely relatable.

—Samantha Gottesman

A Tale of Star-Crossed Lovers

James Collins' debut novel, *Beginner's Greek* is a charming romantic comedy that will appeal to all readers who love a happy ending. When Holly and Peter first meet on a flight from New York to Los Angeles, it is "love at first sight" for both of them. Through a series of circumstantial twists and bad luck, they lose touch with each other after the plane lands. When they meet again years later, both are married to others. How will these two ever be together? Jane Austen fans will see the similarities between her stories and this one. Our hero and heroine face many obstacles before there can be a "happily ever after" for all.

—Donna Zmrazek

Everything Old is New Again

Kyle Kingsbury is a good-looking, wealthy, athletic teen who attends an exclusive private school. He is rude and thoughtless. All of that changes when Kyle decides to publicly humiliate the wrong victim. He pretends to invite an unattractive girl to the prom just so he can brush her off in front of his friends. When the girl shows up in his bedroom after prom, she slowly becomes more beautiful and reveals she's actually a witch. Kyle's behavior has earned him a curse that will change his appearance to match his beastly character. For the one kindness the witch witnessed, Kyle is given the gift of two years to find someone to love who will love him back. Kyle can't imagine how he's supposed to get someone to love him when he looks like a wild beast, but the real challenge is if Kyle can truly love someone else.

A good fairy tale is worth its weight in spun gold. A good retelling of a fairy tale is even better than a pair of glass slippers! *Beastly* by Alex Flinn tops them all, sort of like a calorie-free chocolate bar! Working the classic elements of *Beauty and the Beast* into current day New York City, it's the small changes that give this story new life.

—Stacey Hayman

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Pick a Pack of Thrillers

The Cleaner by Brett Battles begins a thrilling new series featuring ex-cop Jonathan Quinn who works for a shadowy organization called “The Office.” His job is to clean up the mess left after a mission goes awry. When top-level Office members are assassinated and a research biologist dies mysteriously, Quinn tracks the perpetrators to Germany.

Abduction by Mark Gimenez begins with the kidnaping of the daughter of a millionaire businessman. The seemingly run-of-the-mill ransom case takes on a new twist when FBI agents learn of dark family secrets that could change American history.

Simon Beckett’s second thriller featuring forensic anthropologist David Hunter ***Written in Bone*** is a stunner. When called in to examine a badly burned body found in a deserted hut on a small island in the Hebrides, David encounters road blocks at every turn. As the killer singles out more victims, a violent winter storm prevents help from arriving, setting up an incredible ending.

—Evelyn Janoch

Behind Every Successful Man

Recently married, Meri and Nathan move to an Eastern “college town” for Nathan’s career as a professor. They purchase a home next door to Delia Naughton, wife of legendary retired U.S. Senator Tom Naughton. Much to the dismay of Nathan, the Senator rarely visits, a situation that confuses the young couple. When Delia travels to France, Meri tends to her house and discovers Delia’s personal files detailing her life with Tom and the reasons for his absence.

The Senator’s Wife by Sue Miller examines the compromises and challenges of marriage, especially the choices that women make. With election season in high gear, this book is a good companion to the real-life political scene.

—Samantha Gottesman

Hot Historicals!

Don’t miss these sizzling paperbacks that transport you to another time!



Secrets of a Proper Lady
by Victoria Alexander

A Seduction in Scarlet
by Sara Bennett

Her Secret Fantasy
by Gaelen Foley

The Stolen Princess
by Anne Gracie

The Wicked Ways of a Duke
by Laura Lee Guhrke

One Night with You
by Sophie Jordan

The Dangers of Deceiving a Viscount
by Julia London

Heart of Fire
by Kat Martin

Knave’s Honor
by Margaret Moore

The Accidental Mistress
by Tracy Ann Warren