

Coming Soon

Laura Benedict

Calling Mr. Lonely Hearts

Years after destroying the life of a young priest with their lies, three best friends since childhood—Alice, Roxanne, and Del—find their lives unraveling at the hands of a mysterious figure who is seeking revenge on behalf of their long-ago victim.

Steve Berry

The Charlemagne Pursuit

Cotton Malone always thought his father died when his submarine sank in the North Atlantic. Now he sets out to discover the truth, by following clues from a manuscript found in Charlemagne's tomb.

Clive Cussler

Arctic Drift

A silvery and sinister mineral dating back to the search for the Northwest Passage is the only link NUMA director Dirk Pitt sees among a series of unsettling events.

Jeffrey Deaver

The Bodies Left Behind

Arriving at a deserted lake house to investigate an aborted call to police, Deputy Anna McCafferty walks into the middle of a heinous crime and is forced to flee, along with the daughter of the murdered couple, into the surrounding forest to escape the perpetrators.

James Doss

Snake Dreams

Ute rancher and part-time tribal investigator Charlie Moon's plans for marital bliss with FBI Special Agent Lila Mae McTeague are put on hold thanks to Charlie's cantankerous aunt, her sixteen-year-old niece, and their visions of a brutally murdered woman.

Dorothy Garlock

Leaving Whiskey Bend

When a friend is assaulted in their Colorado town, a young schoolteacher and a spinster set out in an open wagon to find a safer life—an endeavor that pits them against violent natural elements and their friend's assailant.

Julie Garwood

Fire and Ice

Journalist Sophie Rose, daughter of notorious, high-profile thief Bobby Rose, leaves her job at a major Chicago newspaper for a small local paper. When Sophie stumbles into the middle of a bizarre story, she follows the trail of the mystery north to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, accompanied by bodyguard Jack Prescott, a sexy FBI agent.

Lisa Genova

Still Alice

Fifty-year-old Alice Howland is a Harvard professor with a thriving career and a newly-emptied nest. Suddenly, after just months of everyday forgetfulness, Alice finds herself dealing with early onset Alzheimer's disease.

James Grippando

Born to Run

Intrepid Miami attorney Jack Swytek is asked by his father for help representing him and investigating the suspicious hunting death of the vice-president.

Tatiana Hardie

The Rose Labyrinth

Shocking predictions for the modern world made by an astrologer in the court of Queen Elizabeth I leave documentary producer Lucy King racing throughout England, France, and New York to decipher clues leading to a fated lost treasure.

Tami Hoag

Deeper Than the Dead

A California town is rocked to its core when two boys and a girl stumble upon a murder victim. Special Agent Tony Mendez begins a search for the psychopathic serial killer and enlists the aid of the children's teacher, Anne Navarre.

Kay Hooper

Blood Sins

As they investigate a series of brutal murders, Noah Bishop's Special Crimes Unit takes on the Church of the Everlasting Sin and its charismatic leader, Reverend Adam Deacon, a puppet master insulated by loyal minions ready to guard him with their lives.



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P. D. James

The Private Patient

Investigative journalist Rhoda Gradwyn visits a private clinic in Dorset for the removal of a disfiguring facial scar, but she never leaves alive. Adam Dalglish and his team investigate the murder, only to discover a second death.

Judith A. Jance

Cruel Intent

When her contractor's unfaithful wife is murdered, former TV anchorwoman Ali Reynolds sets out to prove the husband's innocence in spite of skepticism on the part of Ali's detective boyfriend—a situation that strains their relationship and catches the attention of the real killer.

Iris Johansen

The Treasure

After being rescued from slavery by an assassin named Kadar, Selene joins him when he is forced to leave the safety of their 12th-century Scotland home.

Jane Kamensky & Jill Lepore

Blindspot: By A Gentleman in Exile & A Lady in Disguise

A fallen woman in Revolutionary America disguises herself as a boy in order to apprentice with wild Scottish painter Stewart Jameson.

Dean Koontz

Your Heart Belongs To Me

One year after the heart transplant that saved him from certain death, Ryan Perry discovers that he is being stalked by a woman who bears a striking resemblance to the donor of his heart.

Wally Lamb

The Hour I First Believed

Married high school teachers Caelum and Maureen Quirk move to Caelum's family's farm in Connecticut after surviving the Columbine school shootings. There, they discover five generations of Quirk family history, from the Civil War era to Caelum's own troubled childhood.

Alexander McCall Smith

The World According to Bertie

The colorful and eccentric denizens of Edinburgh's 44 Scotland Street are seen through the eyes of six-year-old Bertie, an Italian-speaking prodigy and saxophonist, who is hoping that his new baby brother, Ulysses, will distract his mother, Irene.

Colleen McCullough

The Independence of Miss Mary Bennet

In this sequel to *Pride and Prejudice*, the willful third Bennet sister, Mary, now in her late 30s, sets out in pursuit of adventure while her sisters worry about her at home.

Elle Newmark

The Book of Unholy Mischief

Taking a job as a chef's apprentice at the palace of the Doge, late-fifteenth-century Venice street orphan Luciano becomes increasingly suspicious about his master's shadowy past and learns about an ancient book containing a dangerous power.

James Patterson

Cross Country

Detective Alex Cross suspects he is investigating the work of a horrible new breed of killer when he encounters a murder scene of particular violence at the home of his oldest friend. Suddenly, Cross finds himself entangled in the deadly Nigerian underworld of Washington, D. C.

David Poyer

The Weapon

Struggling to obtain the plans for a new Russian nuclear warhead, Navy commander Dan Lenson and his team are betrayed and barely escape with their lives—a situation that prompts an even more dangerous attempt to steal the weapon off of an Iranian submarine.

Danielle Steel

A Good Woman

When the sinking of the Titanic kills her family, Annabelle Worthington marries badly and then finds purpose by volunteering in a field hospital during World War I.

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Hearts in Texas

At the close of the 19th century, Essie Spreckelmeyer is a woman ahead of her time. Not only has she started a velocipede (bicycle) club in the small town of Corsicana, Texas, but she's even designed award-winning bloomers better suited for ladies who dare to ride. She also is the de facto boss of her father's booming oil business, where she first butts heads with Tony Morgan. He is there to prove he can succeed on his own merits after being disinherited by his father's will but soon finds pursuing Essie on his to do list.

Deep in the Heart of Trouble is the second book by Deeanne Gist to feature Essie, after ***Courting Trouble***. You won't need to have read the first one though to enjoy this sweet and engaging heroine's exploits.

—Julie Mortensen

A Bewitching Novel

In ***The Heretic's Daughter*** by Kathleen Kent, Sarah Carrier tells the story of her mother, Martha Carrier, one of the first women to be tried and hanged as a witch in the town of Salem. Sarah also reveals her own nightmarish experiences as an accused witch, imprisoned along with her brothers when she was just nine years old.

The author, a descendant of the real Martha Carrier, delivers a fine first historical novel. Sarah's young voice adds a new perspective to a part of American history that remains endlessly fascinating. The author's portrayal of the strength and unity of the Carrier family is inspirational, and the descriptions of those who were unjustly accused will make the reader's blood boil. Ultimately, ***The Heretic's Daughter*** is a story about the bond between mother and daughter.

—Carol O'Keefe

A Good Thief, A Great Read!

Twelve-year-old Ren has lived at St. Anthony's orphanage since birth. With only one hand and no memory of how he lost his other, Ren holds little hope of being adopted until one day, stranger and con man Benjamin Nab appears and claims Ren as his kin. To Ren's dismay, Benjamin and his drunkard friend Tom work Ren into their act, selling elixirs and robbing graves to make their way through a rough 19th-century New England.

The Good Thief by Hannah Tinti is an old fashioned, charming novel filled with adventure, suspense, criminals and heroes. With a cast of lovable characters who form unlikely friendships, this is sure to become a classic. Reminiscent of a more cheerful ***Oliver Twist***, Ren and his merry band of fellows are an unforgettable bunch you'll love spending time with.

—Carol O'Keefe

The Smart One

Are we destined to live out our childhood labels? In Ellen Meister's new novel, ***The Smart One***, three adult sisters continuously battle with each other while trying to come to terms with who they are as individuals and family. The eldest Clare is "the pretty one. Joey is the youngest and "the wild one." Finally, there's middle sister Bev, "the smart one," who tries to hold them all together, yet tends to neglect herself.

Petty rivalries between them intensify into major drama when their childhood neighbor Kenny returns to sell his parents' home. He's handsome, successful and all grown up.

With lots of material for book discussion groups, ***The Smart One*** is a multilayered story and ultimately one smart read.

—Evelyn Janoch

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MYSTERY

Don't Make Me Choose Between You and My Shoes

Dixie Cash

The Domestic Equalizers, Edwina Perkins-Martin and Debbie Sue Overstreet from Salt Lick, Texas, have been invited to speak at the NAPI (National Association of Private Investigators) annual conference in New York City. There they meet would-be private investigator Celina Phillips, a librarian from Dime Box, Texas. Despite their hijinks, the three attend the conference and solve a murder mystery, too.

This is a quick and fun read and part of the Domestic Equalizer series. All books in this series can be read independently.

Killing Bridezilla

Laura Levine

Jaine Austen is hired by an old high school classmate to rewrite her wedding ceremony based on a modern-day Shakespearean Romeo and Juliet theme. Unfortunately, the bride-to-be is killed before she gets to say those vows.

This is the seventh book in the series featuring Jaine Austen. A fun, light and entertaining read with several laugh-out-loud scenes. Her cat, Prozac, is a hoot! Look forward to more in this series.

The Fault Tree

Louise Ure

A robbery gone bad results in murder and a speedy getaway. Cadence Moran is witness to the getaway but the criminals don't realize that Cadence is blind.

High praise goes out to this second novel by Ure. Original and suspenseful, with a vivid depiction of the hot Tuscon, Arizona summer.

NONFICTION

The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World

Eric Weiner

Self-described grump and NPR correspondent Eric Weiner travels the world searching for the happiest place on earth. His search takes him to Switzerland, Bhutan, Holland, and Thailand (to name a few) to find what makes the people in these countries tick on the happiness meter.

For a grump, Weiner has a dry, entertaining sense of humor. Reading this book will make you happy.

HUMOR

Swine Not?: A Novel Pig Tale

Jimmy Buffett

Pastry chef Ellie McBride, her children and family pets, including pot-bellied pig Rumpy, move from life on a small farm in Tennessee to life in a Manhattan hotel and restaurant where Ellie is employed. Rumpy must be kept hidden away due to the "no exotic pets" rule at the hotel. As the family adjusts to life in their new environment, Rumpy is bored and seeks out new adventures including a hunt for her twin brother.

*The story is told through the eyes of Rumpy and one of the children. Reminiscent of **Charlotte's Web** by E. B. White, children of all ages would enjoy reading or hearing the story.*

TEEN FICTION

The Luxe

Anna Godbersen

The funeral of Elizabeth Holland is all anyone in Victorian-era Manhattan can talk about. Beautiful and young, she was soon to be married to the rich and dapper Henry Schoonmaker, who was soon to inherit his father's fortune. Rumors abound. Was it her sister, the wild and brazen Diana Holland, or could it be her best friend, the scheming Penelope Hayes? Everyone coveted this charming young lady, but no one knew of her real desires.

Intriguing, scandalous and enticing, this novel reads like Cecily Von Ziegesar's "Gossip Girl" series set in 1899. Readers are treated to an interesting picture of the Victorian era.

FICTION

The Wednesday Sister

Meg Waite Clayton

Five different women who share a love of literature and the Miss America Pageant form a writers' group that meets every Wednesday.

This is a wonderful, heartwarming story about the power of friendship. The reader is immediately drawn into the lives of the characters and will support them through their illnesses, failures and successes. The author also gives the reader a close up look at the turbulent 1960s and 1970s. Several laugh-out-loud scenes.

Things I Want My Daughters to Know

Elizabeth Noble

As a final legacy, Barbara Forbes left letters for each of her four daughters to open after her death. Three of the letters are filled with love and encouragement. The letter for her fourth daughter is similar, except it reveals a long-kept secret that comes as a thunderbolt. Barbara's secret has the power to break the sisters' close bonds, but it also holds the strength for them to heal.

This novel will appeal to readers who enjoy exploring the complex relationships among women. It is a thoroughly satisfying and emotional story tinged with the bitter as well as the sweet.

Don't You Forget About Me

Jancee Dunn

At 38, Lillian Curtis is a successful TV producer in New York City and content with her life. Until, that is, her husband asks for a divorce and Lilly ends up living back at her parents' home in New Jersey. Her old bedroom is a time warp back to the '80s, and she becomes obsessed about reuniting with an old flame at her upcoming 20th class reunion. Lilly learns that reliving your "glory days" isn't all it's cracked up to be and finally comes to terms with her life as an adult.

Funny, poignant, and life-affirming. A great story for those of us who remember the '80s fondly. Dunn has a knack for twisting your emotions.

HISTORICAL READS

The Map Thief

Heather Terrell

Attorney and antiques hunter, Mara Coyne is hired to help locate a centuries-old map stolen from a dig in remote China. Could it really be true that the Chinese were world explorers centuries before the Portuguese?

This is the second in a series featuring Mara Coyne. An intriguing mix of fact and fiction filled with historical details.

Sepulchre

Kate Mosse

The lives of two women are linked together by a deck of Tarot cards and the occult. One is from the 1890s, while the other is from the present day. Both must battle evil forces that threaten to destroy their lives.

Slow-paced, complex, yet a compelling read. Well-researched and detailed, the information on composer Claude Debussy is fascinating. The two female protagonists are smart and interesting.

THRILLERS

The Deceived

Brett Battles

Jonathan Quinn gets rid of bodies that have to disappear. When Quinn is called to L.A. to remove a body from a shipping container, he finds he knows the man, retired CIA agent Steven Markoff, who once saved his life. Now, Quinn has to do more than clean. He has to find Markoff's girlfriend Jenny, and find out why Markoff was shipped halfway across the world.

*Nonstop action makes this a real page-turner. Battles is an author to watch. **The Deceived** is even better than the author's first book.*

Angel's Tip

Alafair Burke

NYPD Detective Ellie Hatcher's first homicide case seems clear cut until she learns that her former mentor was looking into three similar cold cases before his death. Could the killer now be focusing on her?

Second in the Ellie Hatcher series, but can stand alone. Hard to put down and will keep you guessing until the end.

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A New Beginning

In Susan Wiggs's latest novel, *Just Breathe*, cartoonist Sarah Moon has left her life marriage in Chicago when she discovers her husband having an affair. Returning to her home town in northern California to rebuild her life, she discovers that she is pregnant with twins. Will she be able to manage on her own as a single parent? Fortunately for her, she has family and friends to rely on, especially Will Bonner, whom she knew in high school, a single parent himself with a teenage daughter. Wiggs once again has created a beautiful, tender and heartwarming story with believable, sympathetic characters. Readers may need a tissue or two by the end of the story as they cheer for Sarah and Will to find happiness together.

—Donna Zmrazek

A Question of Identity

Trying to piece her life back together after a devastating murder investigation, Irish Detective Cassie Maddox receives an urgent phone call asking her to rush to a murder scene. In a bizarre twist, the victim not only looks just like her, but is identified as Lexie Madison, a name that Cassie had used on her first undercover assignment.

Against her better judgment, she is convinced to go undercover to impersonate the victim, living in a house with Lexie's four best friends, students at Trinity College in Dublin. These friends are oddly close-knit and Cassie begins to enjoy the security of their close friendship. Wavering between looking for the murderer and delving into Lexie's mysterious past, Cassie comes close to losing herself.

Like her bestselling novel *In the Woods*, Tana French's sequel *The Likeness* is a brooding psychological drama with fascinating characters and page turning tension.

—Dori Olivos

This Lady is Unstoppable

Recovering from the house fire that nearly took her life, Lady Julia Grey is relaxing with two of her brothers in Italy when they are summoned home for the holidays. Returning to the March family estate, Julia is surprised by the presence of Nicholas Brisbane. Still a private inquiry agent, he's been granted a title and a small estate for assisting the Crown in an undisclosed matter. Considering that their last meeting included a romantic kiss, Julia is more surprised to find Brisbane is engaged and she too is staying at the Abbey. When a local clergyman is killed and Julia's cousin confesses, she and Brisbane are set to find the truth of the matter by Lord March. Will they find the truth of their relationship as well?

Silent in the Sanctuary is the second Lady Julia Grey Mystery by Deanna Raybourn. These Victorian era mysteries are intriguing thanks to the clever detective work, as much as the unconventional March family characters. The family accepts independent, capable women, roaming Gypsies, and alternative lifestyles without batting an eye. The attraction between Brisbane and Julia is slowly unfolding, making the next story even more anxiously anticipated.

—Stacey Hayman

The Effective Detective is Back!

Teddy Ruzak from *The Highly Effective Detective* is back in his second mystery by Richard Yancey. In *The Effective Detective Goes to the Dogs*, Teddy no longer can work as a professional PI and must close his office because he has failed his Tennessee PI licensing exam two times. When he finds a homeless man beaten to death, Teddy starts an "unofficial investigation" to find out why the man was killed. As he digs for the truth, he befriends a dog from the animal shelter and gains a possible girlfriend but he finds his own life in danger when he is attacked. This entertaining, fun mystery will make Teddy an endearing, lovable hero for all.

—Donna Zmrazek

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A Royal Pain

The “pain” in *The Royal Pain* by Rhys Bowen is the Princess of Bavaria, Maria Theresa Hannelore Wilhelmina Mathilda or “Hanni.” In 1934, penniless and without servants, Lady Georgiana “Georgie” Rannoch, 34th in line to the British throne, is summoned to tea with the Queen. The Queen intends to introduce the Prince of Wales to Hanni, who would hopefully lure him away from Wallis Simpson. The Queen needs Georgie to chaperone and entertain the visiting young princess. Hanni is a handful, her mind on men, shopping and fun. Unfortunate deaths occur when Georgie and Hanni are present, and Georgie does some dangerous sleuthing at the request of the Queen.

There are lots of surprises in this second entry of the “Royal Spyness Mystery” series that will keep the reader guessing until the final pages.

—Emma Dittmar

Breaking Cover

Deep cover FBI agent Tony Wolf infiltrated a motorcycle gang, crippled one of its leaders, and stole all the gang’s assets when he learned that they were selling child porn online. He’s been hiding in a small town under an assumed name for several years, and the FBI thinks he’s dead.

One day Tony sees a white van with two young boys inside who have been in the news as missing for days and rescues them from their kidnapper. This automatic reaction breaks his cover and alerts both the FBI and motorcycle gang that he’s still alive. Suddenly Tony realizes that he has nowhere to hide.

Breaking Cover by J. D. Rhoades is pure, hard-boiled adrenaline—choked full of fast-paced, riveting action. You won’t be able to put it down.

—Evelyn Janoch

Paper Towns

Seventeen-year-old Quentin Jacobsen has been friends since childhood with his next-door neighbor, the beautiful, daring, impulsive Margo Roth Spiegelman, but lately they have grown apart. When Margo goes missing, no one knows why. Did she kill herself? Was she kidnapped? Quentin believes she left clues before her disappearance that will lead to her whereabouts. He decides to make it his mission to find Margo and sets out with his eccentric group of friends on a road trip. Along the way, Quentin discovers that you don’t always know people as well as you think you do. *Paper Towns* by John Green is a moving work of teen fiction that makes you think. With introspective characters, this mysterious tale will be enjoyed by readers of all ages.

—Victoria Vogel

Lie Down with the Devil

Lie Down with the Devil is the twelfth installment in Linda Barnes’s engaging Carlotta Carlyle series. In this latest effort, the indefatigable Carlotta has accepted a routine stake-out assignment. It would seem like a slam-dunk proposition with a ready cash reward for this popular ex-cop turned private eye cum Boston taxi driver. In point of fact, however, the client ends up dead and the police theorize that Carlotta is involved in a cover-up to protect her mob-connected fiancé, who is on the short list himself as a suspect in a related murder.

The author’s masterful handling of both the personal and professional dimensions of her lead character seems to be her key to success. The persona of Carlotta, a fast-paced but plausible story line, and the author’s obvious familiarity with Boston and its environs make for an entertaining read. If Boston is the Athens of America, then clearly Barnes must be a muse.

—Bryan McNamara

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Love Takes Wing

In *A Guide to the Birds of East Africa* by Nicholas Drayson, a group of bird-watchers meets every Tuesday to observe the beautiful and varied birds around Nairobi, Kenya. Within the group there is Mr. Malik, a widower of Indian heritage, who is head over heels in love with Rose Mbikwa, a widow from Scotland who leads the bird walks. Mr. Malik has just mustered up the courage to ask Rose to the annual Nairobi Hunt Club Ball, when the very handsome and pretentious Harry Khan, his enemy from prep school days, returns to Africa for a visit.

Within days Mr. Khan is smitten with Rose. When he announces his plan to take Rose to the Hunt Club Ball, the reserved Mr. Malik must declare his intention as well. Several members of the Club decide that a bird-watching competition will settle the matter of who will have the honor of escorting Rose. Of course, problems arise during the competition. There are stolen birding notebooks, flat tires, and gun shots, but Mr. Khan and Mr. Malik persevere in their quest.

Author Nicholas Drayson keeps readers in suspense until the final pages. He has written a midlife love story that is just as entertaining and charming as can be.

—Rosemary Ward

A Literary Life

Daphne by Justine Picardie is a fictionalized account of the life of Daphne du Maurier after she wrote her bestselling novel, *Rebecca*. In 1957, while writing a speculative biography on Branwell Bronte, she begins a correspondence with John Alexander Symington, a Bronte scholar to whom she dedicates her book. Now, in the present day, a graduate student working on her Ph.D. thesis on du Maurier and the Brontes uncovers the letters between the two and pieces together the true relationship between du Maurier and Symington. Well-researched, this fascinating story reads like one of du Maurier's gothic novels as the past and the present are interwoven.

—Donna Zmrazek

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