

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Coming Soon

Sarah Addison Allen

Girl Who Chased the Moon

After her mother's death, Emily goes to live with her grandfather in Mullaby, North Carolina. There, the wallpaper's flowers appear to change into stripes and the dead leave notes to their loved ones.

C. J. Box

Below Zero

When Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett receives a voicemail from his foster daughter, he can't believe his ears—the girl was murdered earlier in this series, in the book *Winterkill*.

Michael Baden

Skeleton Justice

World-famous pathologist Dr. Jake Rosen and top trial attorney Manny Manfreda team up to track a thief known as the "Vampire," a criminal who stalks his victims to extract a vial of blood.

Anita Brookner

Strangers

Paul Sturgis travels to Venice to avoid spending the holidays with his only living relative. Once there, Paul is unexpectedly drawn to a lovely woman who is in the middle of a divorce, and he finds that life alone might not suit him after all.

Michael Connelly

The Scarecrow

Newspaperman Jack McEvoy has been downsized, but first he plans to write a Page-One story about a 16-year-old drug dealer whose murder confession doesn't add up.

John Connolly

The Lovers

When Charlie Parker loses his P. I. license, he takes advantage of his early retirement to inquire into the supposed suicide of his father—a search that will lead Parker to question his own history.

Catherine Coulter

Knockout

Autumn Backman is a seven year old with special powers. After witnessing some of her family members engage in suspicious activities, Autumn uses her telepathic abilities to contact famous FBI agent Dillon Savich for help.

Jeffrey Deaver

Roadside Crosses

Kathryn Dance races to stop a troubled teenager who is planting roadside crosses—a behavior that hints at violence to come.

Meg Gardiner

The Memory Collector

Forensic psychologist Jo Beckett is asked to perform a psychological autopsy on an amnesiac, whose snippets of memory include one about a deadly biological agent set to destroy the city of San Francisco.

Jane Green

Dune Road

A single mother working for an eccentric novelist in a Connecticut beach town discovers that her employer has a deep, dark secret.

Sara Gruen

Ape House

A group of bonobo apes are kidnapped from a language laboratory. When the apes mysteriously reappear on a reality TV show, they are thrust into the limelight and irrevocably change the lives of the people around them.

John Hart

The Last Child

13-year-old Johnny searches for Alyssa, his missing twin sister. In the process, he discovers his town's dark history.

James Huston

Marine One

When the President is killed during a severe thunderstorm while aboard Marine One, the government accuses the helicopter's manufacturer of murder. Mike Nolan, a trial attorney in civilian life and a Marine Corps reserve helicopter pilot himself, is hired to defend the company and must find out what really caused the crash.

David Ignatius

The Increment

An Iranian scientist who has shared secrets with the CIA needs to flee, so agent Harry Pappas calls in a unique British spy team called the Increment to assist in the scientist's escape.

Dean Koontz

The Other Side of the Woods

Everyone loves Cubby Greenwich's new novel except for Shearman Waxx, a famously nasty and reclusive book reviewer. When Cubby attempts to meet with the critic, Waxx irrationally becomes bent on destroying Cubby and everything he loves.

Sally Koslow

The Late Lamented Molly Marx

A young wife and mother, Molly Marx was found dead along the bank of the Hudson River. Now from her vantage point in the "Duration," she observes the friends and family she left behind, relives her past and learns the fates of those she cherished most.

Elinor Lipman

The Family Man

All's well with Henry, a quietly successful if isolated man. An unexpected call from his long-ago ex-wife puts him back in touch with his twenty-something stepdaughter, Thalia, who promptly moves in with Henry and disrupts his life.

Eric Lustbader

Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Deception

After Bourne is nearly killed in Indonesia, he fakes his death to take on a new identity and a mission to find out who tried to assassinate him. In the process, Bourne begins to question who he really is and what he would become if he no longer carried the Bourne identity.

Isla Morley

Come Sunday

Born in South Africa and now living in Hawaii, Abbe Deighton accepts her role as a minister's wife—until the death of her young daughter upends her entire life.

James Patterson

Swimsuit

Syd, a beautiful supermodel, disappears during a photo shoot in Hawaii. Her parents travel to Hawaii to investigate for themselves, never imagining what horrors their trip to paradise will hold.

Iain Pears

Stone's Fall

Financier Stone plummets from the window of his London home in 1909. This story takes readers backward to 1890s Paris and 1860s Venice to find out what caused Stone to fall.

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Cemetery Dance

A couple is attacked in their apartment on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Security tapes confirm that their assailant was their strange neighbor, a man who reportedly died and was buried weeks earlier. A team of investigators find themselves infiltrating a voodoo cult from which no outsider has ever survived.

Laurie Viera Rigler

Rude Awakenings of a Jane Austen Addict

Jane Mansfield is whisked out of Regency England and plunked into contemporary life in Los Angeles.

John Sandford

Wicked Prey

Not only have the Republicans come to St. Paul, but a wheelchair-bound thief with an axe to grind is planning to wreak revenge on agent Lucas Davenport.

Danielle Steel

Matters of the Heart

Hope Dunne rarely pays attention to men, other than those she photographs. While photographing Irish writer Finn O'Neill, she finds herself falling for him, only to discover that he is not who she expected.

Brad Thor

The Apostle

Homeland Security operative Scot Harvath must locate the daughter of a politically connected family who has been kidnapped in the terrorist hinterlands of Afghanistan.

Lisa Unger

Die For You

Isabel's picture-perfect husband disappears, but when everyone at his office dies, Isabel learns that her husband was living under an assumed name. Who was he, really?

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FICTION

The School of Essential Ingredients

Erica Bauermeister

When Lillian was a little girl, she coaxed her mother out of the blues with the delicious meals she prepared for her. Now Lillian is a successful chef and offers cooking classes one Monday night each month. She senses exactly what each student needs to master in cooking and life.

Readers who enjoy books about cooking and food will savor this first novel. Even if those topics don't appeal, readers should not pass up this story. It is filled with a gentle wisdom concerning the many life lessons we all must experience.

The Elegance of the Hedgehog

Muriel Barbery

Middle-aged Rene works as a concierge in a wealthy apartment building in Paris. Rene is from a poor family, but she is self-educated; she loves literature and philosophy, hiding her passion from the residents. Meanwhile, 12-year-old resident Paloma, sick of life's absurdities, is planning suicide when she turns 13. The arrival of a new tenant brings them together and allows them to share their true selves.

In alternating chapters, Rene and Paloma share their sometimes funny, often heartbreaking stories and discourse on topics ranging from politics to Kant to Anna Karenina. Their friendship at the end brings the novel to a moving conclusion.



MYSTERY

The Chocolate Snowman Murders

JoAnna Carl

Lee Woodyard is treasurer of the annual WinterFest in Warner Pier. Unfortunately the juror for the art show must cancel. Lee provides transportation from the airport for the replacement judge, drunkard Fletcher Mendenhall, who makes a pass at her. The next morning Fletcher is found dead in his motel room, and Lee and her husband become prime suspects in the murder investigation.

This 8th entry in the Chocoholic Mysteries series is a light, quick read. The included chocolate trivia is a delicious bonus feature.

Oscar Wilde and a Game Called Murder

Gyles Brandreth

While hosting a dinner party, Oscar Wilde suggests that his guests write down the names of persons they would murder if given the chance. When those named begin to end up dead, Oscar, whose wife Constance could end up as a potential murder victim, must race against the clock to separate those who truly mean harm from those who merely played his game for fun.

This second Oscar Wilde mystery is a terrific addition to a witty and memorable series. The characters of Oscar Wilde, Arthur Conan Doyle and Bram Stoker come to life in this multilayered and complex mystery. Readers will want to visit Oscar's very stylish and eclectic version of Victorian England.

FANTASY

Chalice

Robin McKinley

Mirasol, a beekeeper, is called to be the new Chalice of Willowlands when the Master and Chalice are killed in a fire. As the Chalice, she must bind the land and the people to the new Master who has become an elemental priest of Fire and may no longer be fully human.

A charming, mystical tale that is very satisfying. Perfect reading for fans of fairy tales and strong heroines.

READING ROOM

YOUNG ADULT

What I Saw and How I Lied

Judy Blundell

It's 1947, and with her stepfather, Joe, home from the war, sixteen-year-old Evie thinks her life will return to normal. When Joe relocates their family to Florida, though, things change. There, Evie becomes smitten with a handsome ex-GI who holds some secret over Joe, and she finds herself caught in a web of secrets and lies that will change her family forever.

2008 Winner of the National Book Award for Young Adult Literature. Crime noir meets historical fiction in this atmospheric coming-of-age story. A memorable novel filled with slick writing, convincing characters and edge-of-your-seat suspense.

HUMOROUS FICTION

Nose Down, Eyes Up

Merrill Markoe



Gil is a 47-year-old who acts like he's a twenty-something who can't commit to his girlfriend or a full-time job. Living day to day as houseguest to the rich couple whose Los Angeles houses he renovates, Gil's constant companions are his collection of stray canines, especially his dog Jimmy. When Jimmy starts teaching neighborhood dogs his most effective manipulating routines, Gil finds that he can understand what Jimmy is saying. But can an old dog teach his human new tricks?

A laugh-out-loud read. This book about relationships, dogs, and the male experience contains adult situations. Hilarious and touching, this is a must-read for dog lovers.

ROMANCE

Smart Girls Think Twice

Cathie Linz

When college professor and sociologist Emma Riley returns to her hometown in Pennsylvania to do demographic research for a grant, she meets her match in Jake, a sexy bartender who won't answer her questions. Her two sisters are both getting married, and when her crazy mother invites Jake to be Emma's escort the fun begins!

Earlier books in this series by Linz feature the other sisters' stories. Each can stand alone, but all are cute, funny, feel-good romances that will have you laughing out loud.

SUSPENSE

The Dirty Secrets Club

Meg Gardiner

Dr. Jo Beckett, a forensic psychiatrist, has been recruited to perform a psychological autopsy on the suspected suicide of city prosecutor Callie Harding, the latest in a string of high profile murder-suicides. Jo learns that Harding belonged to a shadowy group called The Dirty Secrets Club, a club whose remaining members are being systematically driven to their deaths.

This first in a planned series featuring Dr. Jo Beckett is fast-paced and intricately plotted.

The Last Embrace

Denise Hamilton

Lily Kessler's dead fiancé's actress sister, Kitty Hayden, has disappeared. Mrs. Croggan, Lily's once future mother-in-law, asks for Lily's help in locating her daughter. Lily travels to Los Angeles and soon learns that Kitty has been murdered, her body dumped in front of the infamous Hollywood sign. Against the advice of local police, Lily becomes involved in the investigation of Kitty's murder and the murders of other promising actresses.

This romantic crime drama is a page-turner to the very end and has a few surprises in the plot along the way.