

Coming Soon

Paul Auster

Invisible

In 1967, Columbia undergrad Adam Walker gets caught up in a love triangle with a mysterious Frenchman and his girlfriend, leading to one awful moment of violence that reverberates four decades later.

David Baldacci

True Blue

Fresh out of jail, hot-headed ex-cop Mace Perry is trying to figure out who framed her while also investigating the murder of a female lawyer at a high-profile Washington firm.

Mary Balogh

A Matter of Class

Reginald Mason is wealthy and refined, but he is not a gentleman by title. His opportunity for social advancement arises in the form of recently-disgraced Lady Annabelle Ashton, Daughter of the Earl of Havercroft, a neighbor and enemy of the Mason family.

Maggie Barbieri

Final Exam

College professor Alison Bergeron dreads stepping in for an absent dorm director. In order to ditch this unwanted assignment, she asks her boyfriend, Detective Bobby Crawford, to help her find the missing man.

Steve Berry

The Paris Vendetta

After being awakened by a burglar, Cotton Malone soon finds himself on the run with the intruder as the two are pursued by a shadowy organization that is hiding a dangerous Napoleon-Era secret.

Stephen Coonts

The Disciple

Iran is weeks away from having operational nuclear weapons and is planning a brutal holy war. CIA agents Tommy Carmellini and Jake Grafton receive vital information from a group of Iranian dissidents and begin a world-saving race against time.

Michael Crichton

Pirate Latitudes

Seeking fortune in gold, danger, and adventure, English Captain Charles Hunter and his crew of ruffians sail from colonial Jamaica to infiltrate a Spanish-controlled island, in this 17th-century swashbuckling tale.

Clive Cussler & Justin Scott

The Wrecker

In 1907, detective Isaac Bell investigates the mastermind who is terrorizing the American West, destroying trains and railroad facilities around the country and leaving a trail of murdered accomplices in his wake.

Jude Deveraux

Days of Gold

After a failed attempt to reclaim Edilean Talbot's family gold, Angus McTern is accused of kidnapping and theft. Now a fugitive, Angus flees 1766 Scotland with Edilean, and the two find refuge in the growing American colonies.

Newt Gingrich & William R. Forstchen

To Try Men's Souls

The battle for Trenton and one of the darkest periods in American history is told through Washington's agonized thoughts, as he and his unhappy men cross the Delaware in 1776.

Gail Godwin

Unfinished Desires

Sparking enthusiasm for a play about the founding of their North Carolina mountains Catholic girls' school, a charismatic ninth grader and her recently orphaned best friend set in motion a series of events that have decades-long ramifications.

W. E. B. Griffin

The Honor of Spies

Assigned to help a German lieutenant colonel escape from a Mississippi POW detention center, World War II OSS officer Cletus Frade learns of the man's role in a conspiracy to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

Steve Hamilton

The Lock Artist

Orphaned and mute after an accident, Michael discovers he can open locks—a talent that launches his entrance into the criminal world.



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J. A. Jance
Trial by Fire

Taking a media relations position with the Yavapai County Police Department, former television journalist Ali Reynolds investigates a subdivision fire and the identity of an injured amnesiac woman in a case that unleashes family drama and a remorseless killer.

Stephen King
Under the Dome

When a small town in Maine is suddenly surrounded by an invisible forcefield, the people inside must fight to survive. Lines of loyalty are drawn between a local drug lord who wants to control the town and those who want to solve the riddle of the dome.

Dean Koontz
Breathless

After isolating himself in the Colorado Rockies, Grady Adams discovers a pair of animals he's never before seen, and as a result, he soon becomes the target of a deadly government agency.

Emma McLaughlin & Nicola Kraus
Nanny Returns

This *Nanny Diaries*' sequel finds Nan returning to New York after ten years abroad. Back home, she happens upon a drunk 16-year-old Grayer X, who convinces Nan to re-enter the field of child care for the elite.

Cody McFadyen
Abandoned

FBI agent Smoky Barrett, who heads the L. A. branch of the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, hunts a psychopath who imprisons wives for husbands who wish to be rid of them. When Smoky is abducted herself, her sadistic captor forces her to choose her freedom or death for her young FBI colleague.

James Patterson
I, Alex Cross

Alex Cross goes after the bad guy who murdered his niece and discovers an underworld fantasy club.

J.D. Robb
Kindred in Death

In 2060 New York, Lt. Eve Dallas goes after the murderer of the 16-year-old daughter of her new captain. Each time she thinks she is about to close in on the criminal, new clues lead to a different suspect.

David Robbins
Broken Jewel

In 1945, Carmen, a young Filipino woman, has spent three years in captivity in the Japanese internment camp located in the Philippines. It is there that U.S. Army 11th Airborne plans a raid behind Japanese lines to rescue the more than 2,500 American and Allied prisoners.

Al Roker
Morning Show Murders

Billy Blessing, a New York City celebrity chef on *Wake Up, America!*, has just begun filming his own reality food show. Unfortunately, he soon becomes a suspect in a murder case when his executive producer dies after eating some poisoned coq au vin from Blessing's restaurant.

James Rollins
Altar of Eden

Exotic animal smuggling following the fall of Baghdad (and its zoo) eventually leads to the discovery of a cargo of mutant animals, with both stem-cell research and dark biblical secrets implicated.

Andrew Vachss
Haiku

Once a revered sensei, Ho has renounced his role as a master, and now roams the streets in search of a way to atone. When a group of homeless men, who have all in some way lost their way, Ho finds that he once again must lead men to their right paths.

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Wherever Nina Lies

Ellie's artistic, free-spirited older sister, Nina, disappeared without a trace two years ago. When Ellie stumbles upon a drawing done by her sister in a box of junk at a thrift store, she is certain that she has found a clue that will lead her to Nina. It leads her to a party where she meets a mysterious and handsome guy who seems to genuinely understand her need to search for her sister. Together they set off on a cross-country wild goose chase of an adventure. Along the way Ellie learns about her sister, love, and eventually the shocking truth behind Nina's disappearance.

Wherever Nina Lies by Lynn Weingarten is a suspenseful and mysterious debut novel, full of heart-break, frustration, and even a bit of steamy romance.

—Megan Alabaugh

A Question of Loyalty

When his father tries to marry him off in a business deal, Jacob Rappaport, son of a wealthy Jewish merchant in New York City, flees to join the Union Army. There, his superiors, learning of his heritage, send him on a mission to kill his uncle, a Confederate loyalist and potential assassin of the President. Joining his uncle's family at Passover, he is struck by the irony of celebrating freedom while slaves are serving the meal. Another mission follows: to marry into a Jewish family suspected of being Confederate spies. His marriage to and romance with Jeannie, a smart, beautiful and mysterious woman, launches Jacob into a conflicted and harrowing journey of betrayal and self-discovery within a divided America.

In Dara Horn's page-turning novel **All Other Nights**, loyalties to love, family, faith, tradition and cause are tested. Rich in historical detail and human drama, this work explores the lives of Jewish Americans on both sides in the Civil War while shedding light on the broader moral conflict.

—Dori Olivos

A "Real" Character

Olive Kitteridge is a collection of short stories that reads like a novel—many of the same characters appear throughout the book and the same theme weaves its way through the pages. The main character, Olive Kitteridge, is a retired schoolteacher living in the quiet community of Crosby, Maine and although she's lived there her entire life she's never really fit in, and doesn't particularly care to. Her outspoken ways and changing moods make her difficult to like. Yet, her loving husband Henry remains devoted and they share a life much like most lives: filled with love, anger, disappointment, and joy. Olive's small life unfolds, one special story at a time, each consistent with the book's theme aptly stated by one of the characters: "Arrangements get made in life. Accommodations get made." Bestselling author, Elizabeth Strout, won the Pulitzer Prize for this, her latest book. Worth reading and rereading.

—Chris Nowak

Little Brother

The time is the near future, San Francisco. Marcus and his friends, computer savvy teens who have evaded their school's surveillance system to play a game, are caught up in turmoil involving a terrible terrorist attack on the city. The four are shackled and hauled away for interrogation by the DHS (Department of Home Security.)

After they are released, they know the world has changed. In the guise of keeping the city safe, the DHS is everywhere, spying on everyone. Marcus and a group of dedicated teens decide it's their duty to fight back—for personal freedom, privacy, and the Bill of Rights. Using the internet and other means available to him and his geek friends, Marcus starts a movement of rebellion that is hard to stop. **Little Brother** by Cory Doctorow is written as teen science fiction, but it paints a picture of a scenario that seems very real. Our "little brothers" may be the hope for everyone's future.

—Ann Jackson

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FICTION

The French Gardener

Santa Montefiore

Miranda and David Claybourne move to the English countryside with their children. Their 50-something gardener, Jean Paul, is able to revive not only the estate's gardens, but the Claybourne family as well. His gardening skills, as well as his ability to create magic and to love all creatures, were skills he learned as a young man from Ava Lightly, the former Mistress of the estate, and the love of his life.

A beautifully told story with wonderful characterizations and enjoyable plot lines.

Huge

James Fuerst

Twelve-year-old Eugene "Huge" Smalls is a little fellow with anger management issues, a single mom, and a promiscuous older sister, Neecie. Huge's only friends are his therapy-issued, ultra-violent stuffed frog "Trash" and his sweet grandmother who has filled Huge's mind with Sam Spade detective stories. When his grandmother asks him to investigate who vandalized the sign to her retirement home, Huge is on the case.

A delightful and funny first novel that is equal parts coming-of-age story and clever mystery. Huge's narrative is filled with colorful language and the quite descriptive musings of his overactive libido.

My Abandonment

Peter Rock

Thirteen-year-old Caroline and "Father," a war veteran, hide from society and live off the grid in shelters and caves in Forest Park, Oregon, where Caroline is home-schooled. They go mostly unnoticed until a jogger discovers Caroline, and the two are thrust back into the real world.

A haunting read based on a true story. Told in the marvelous voice of Caroline, this is an unforgettable and suspenseful read.

MYSTERY

Bury Me Deep

Megan Abbott

Nurse Marion Seeley finds work at a Phoenix medical clinic after her husband, a disgraced doctor, has left her to find work in Mexico. The lonely Marion finds a social life with her co-worker Louise, her exciting and glamorous new friend. At one of Louise's wild parties, Marion meets the charming Joe Lanigan who introduces Marion to the dark side to her new friends' lifestyle.

Megan Abbott delivers another spellbinding 1930s noir crime novel. Lyrical writing and fascinating characters. Inspired by the true crimes of murderess Winnie Ruth Judd, this book will be enjoyed by fans of the genre.

Dead Dancing Women

Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli

Mystery writer and part-time journalist Emily Kincaid moved to the remote parts of northern Michigan for solitude. But when she finds a woman's severed head in her garbage can, Emily begins to question her choice. Reluctantly, she joins forces with Deputy Dolly Wakowski, the prickly local policewoman, to investigate. When another woman turns up murdered, the unlikely duo must rely on their wits and small-town gossip to solve the crimes.

A likeable sleuth and a cast of interesting small-town characters make this a fine first in a new mystery series.

Honestly Dearest, You're Dead

Jack Fredrickson

P.I. Dek Elstrom doesn't understand why he was named executor for a woman he never met. When he finds evidence of a struggle in her home, including blood, he begins to investigate. He will find that the link to this woman is buried deeper than he thinks.

This is the second book featuring Vlodek "Dek" Elstrom, and it's easy to imagine many more with this flawed but engaging character.

HISTORICAL FICTION

The Devlin Diary

Christi Phillips

A vicious killer stalks the court of Charles II in 1672 London, inscribing his victims' bodies with mysterious markings. In present day Cambridge, England, a Trinity College history professor is found dead with the page of a 17th century diary in his hand. His death appears to be an accident, but the college's newest Fellow Claire Donovan and historian Andrew Kent suspect otherwise. The dead professor's last research subject was Hannah Devlin, a physician to the king's mistress and the keeper of a diary that holds the key to a series of unsolved murders in 1670s London. Claire and Andrew follow the clues Hannah left behind, unearthing secrets from the library archives.

Fans of Lauren Willig will love Christi Phillips and eagerly await the upcoming third book in this series.

Bound

Sally Gunning

Seven-year-old Alice becomes an indentured servant upon her arrival to the United States and is treated well until, at age 14, she is gifted to her master's daughter, Nabby, and abused and raped by Nabby's husband. Alice escapes to Cape Cod, where she receives assistance by the generous widow Liddy Berry. Soon, Alice realizes that she is pregnant—and her troubles truly begin.

*A suspenseful and spellbinding story of strength set in a historically rich, pre-Revolutionary America. This novel revisits characters from Gunning's novel **The Widow's War** but can be easily enjoyed on its own.*

Emily's Ghost

Denise Giardina

When the curate William Weightman comes to work with Patrick Brontë in the poor village of Haworth, each of the talented Brontë daughters, especially headstrong Emily, is taken with the handsome and available young man. He, in turn, is amazed by these very unusual, bright, and unconventional women.

Though presented as a story of the Brontë sisters, this is really Emily's story. This atmospheric and compelling story is a must read for Brontë fans.

WOMEN'S FICTION

Last Light Over Carolina

Mary Alice Monroe

After 33 years of marriage, Bud and Carolina Morrison have drifted apart. Bud's existence centers on shrimping and his boat, the "Miss Carolina." One stormy day Bud's deckhand doesn't show up and Bud takes the boat out alone. Bud is severely injured with no help in sight. Carolina spends the day reminiscing about their marriage, feeling something terrible has happened.

An interesting technique. The book describes one day in the life of Bud and Carolina.

A Piggly Wiggly Wedding

Rob Dalby

After finding each other again after fifty years, Second Creek's mayor Hale "Mr. Choppy" Dunbar and wealthy widow "Gaylie Girl" Lyons are about to be married. Gaylie's adult children have major concerns about their mother's upcoming marriage and her move to Mississippi from Chicago. The Nitwits (wealthy widows with social standing and influence) of Second Creek assist in winning over the children and planning the wedding.

Quirky characters and a cute story combine to make this a quick and satisfying read.

SUSPENSE

Sworn to Silence

Linda Castillo

Kate Burkholder, the young Chief of Police in rural Painters Mill, Ohio, left the Amish community years ago because of a terrible secret. When a serial killer starts butchering both Amish and 'English' young women in her jurisdiction, Kate can't help but think these murders are linked to her past. Is her judgment too clouded to track the killer, and is she too proud to ask for help?

This highly suspenseful and bloody read will keep you glued to your seat until the very last page. Details of the Amish way of life are fascinating.

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Changed Forever

John Busby was a police officer in the small town of Falmouth, Massachusetts. On the evening of August 31, 1979, he was driving to work when a car pulled up beside him and he was shot in the face. His lower jaw was blown away but John survived. His teeth and tongue were also severely affected, but doctors were optimistic they could eventually repair most of the damage. In the meantime, it was clear that someone wanted John dead, and the family was given police protection around the clock, but how long could that go on?

Alternating chapters by John and his youngest child, his daughter Cylin, tell how their world went from normal to unrecognizable in one evening. It's fascinating to read their parallel stories and to see the difference in perceptions. ***The Year We Disappeared*** by Cylin Busby and John Busby is a true story of family that you won't soon forget.

—Stacey Hayman

Icing on the Cake

Angel Tungaraza's family moves to Rwanda from Tanzania for her husband's job. In order to help support their five grandchildren, Angel sells the lavish and colorful cakes she bakes and decorates. As Angel's business grows, she meets potential clients, an international mix of people who live in Kigali. Over tea and cake, Angel learns their often tragic stories involving the country's devastating history of genocide, AIDS and poverty. Despite these sad tales, Angel, who has suffered her own tragedies, acts as a mother to all, offering advice without judgment, acting as a matchmaker without being pushy, and doing her part to mend the motley group of broken people.

Baking Cakes in Kigali by Gaile Parkin is a tender and charming novel of family life, friendship, and history. It has all the right ingredients for a winning read.

—Carol O'Keefe

Vanished

Best known for his corporate-based thrillers featuring ordinary men caught in extraordinary circumstances, Joseph Finder's latest thriller ***Vanished*** is the first in a planned series featuring private intelligence specialist Nick Heller.

Nick's estranged brother Roger vanishes after having dinner with his wife, who is also attacked and left for dead. Brought to the case by his teen nephew Gabe, Nick learns that Roger may not be dead, as the police suspect, but possibly involved in some major corporate misdeeds. Has Roger gone the same route as their father, famous "fugitive financier" Victor Heller?

Based on a former CIA friend, Joseph Finder's new hero Nick Heller ranks right up there with readers' favorites, like Jack Reacher or Harry Bosch.

—Evelyn Janoch

A Killer Series

In Jeff Lindsay's ***Dexter by Design*** our dashing Dexter stumbles through Paris with his new bride, but things are not to his liking. There are no opportunities for Dexter to continue his very important and necessary work of removing the most depraved of his ilk (deserving serial killers). The Dark Passenger in Dexter must be held in check.

Upon returning to his home of Miami, a new killer with an artistic point-of-view begins to terrorize the city. After killing the victims, he artfully displays the body parts with additional props. Sergeant Debra is assigned to the case but is taken out of the investigation after she is stabbed. Our deserving Dexter steps in to save the day. Unfortunately for Dexter, his adversary knows all there is to know about him and plans to expose his knowledge in a big, public way. Forced into the role of finding the killer, Dexter has several unplanned adventures along the way. But never fear! Capturing this killer becomes a family affair. And speaking of family...

—Janet Sponseller

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Notes from the Dog

In ***Notes From the Dog*** by Gary Paulsen, fourteen-year-old Finn is a self-proclaimed loner and misfit. His greatest desire to spend his summer vacation reading and hanging out with his friend Matthew and his dog, Dylan, falls apart the minute he meets Johanna, the young graduate student who moves in next door. Johanna, a recent breast cancer survivor, is friendly and upbeat, and Dylan immediately loves her. Having won over the dog, she wastes no time befriending Finn and Matthew. Finn, much to his surprise, soon finds himself gardening for her, fundraising for her breast cancer awareness triathlon, attending parties and even talking to the cutest girl in school.

This latest novel from the award-winning Paulsen is truly a heartwarming story about finding friendship in unlikely places, discovering hidden talents, and meeting that special person who has the ability to change your life forever.

—Megan Alabaugh

Fear the Worst

In Linwood Barclay's thriller ***Fear the Worst***, car salesman Tim Blake learns that he may not have known his teenaged daughter Sydney as well as he thought.

The day started with Tim fixing breakfast and Sydney in a rush to get to her summer job as a receptionist at a nearby motel. They start to argue over little things and Sydney leaves in a huff. Only when she doesn't return does Tim learn that his daughter may have had a secret life. The motel's owner insists that she's never worked for him. Where was she going everyday? Tim is an average guy, but he is determined to find his daughter.

If you're a fan of Harlan Coben, Michael Connelly or Lisa Gardner, give Linwood Barclay a try.

—Evelyn Janoch

A Philosophical Journey

Matthew B. Crawford, author of ***Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry into the Value of Work***, holds a PhD in political philosophy, is a fellow at the University of Virginia, and owns his own motorcycle repair shop. Although he was raised in a commune, this isn't another ***Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance***, in which Robert Pirsig motorcycles across the country in search of himself. Crawford is not on a road trip, but a philosophical journey through the value of manual labor—not assembly line work, where an employee often has little feel or care for the objects created, but rather trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, as well as car and motorcycle repair. These are the kind of jobs that can never be outsourced; jobs in which the good worker is intimately part of building or repairing an object.

Crawford explores the idea that our modern world has disconnected us from truly understanding the material world. To reconnect, he proposes that we learn to make and repair things, not to save money, but for the satisfaction of becoming the "master of one's own stuff."

—Rosemary Ward

Barely Afloat

When we meet Philomena "Pip" Ash in Nicola Keegan's novel ***Swimming***, she is an agitated infant, trying to kick her way to what she wants, even if she isn't sure what that really is. When her parents take her to her first aqua baby class, however, everything suddenly seems right. Pip finds her calling in the pool and achieves swimming greatness in her teenage years, winning 12 Olympic gold medals. Although she is an amazing athlete, Pip cannot make sense of anything else around her, including herself. ***Swimming*** is a beautifully written novel, full of introspective glances, wonderful metaphors and fascinating insight into what it takes to compete in the world of top caliber athletes.

—Maureen Stratton

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Dead But Not Gone

Londoner Lara Lington was excited to start a business with her childhood friend Natalie, but the excitement is wearing off fast. They agreed they'd start L&N Executive Recruitment with Natalie's experience and Lara's money, but Natalie's extended vacation is hurting the business. The last thing Lara has the time or energy to do is go to the funeral of a virtual stranger, but her Great Aunt Sadie was family. At 105, most of Sadie's friends are already gone, so it's the immediate family and one young woman in a flapper outfit no one but Lara can see. It's Sadie's ghost and she's come back for her missing dragonfly necklace. Lara is reluctant but Sadie is relentless and soon they're bickering their way into some unusual situations. They can't agree on how to find the necklace, Lara's clothing, her (ex-)boyfriend Josh, or Ed the American businessman Sadie has a crush on. Will this odd couple find a way to work together, or will their fight over a good looking American end everything!

Twenties Girl by Sophie Kinsella is one of my favorite books of 2009. It's hard to find books that make you laugh-out-loud, and this book delivers in spades. These quirky characters bumble around in some ridiculous scenes, but the relationships feel so real that the sentimental bits at the end are appreciated. But it's not all laughter and love, there's also a good mystery brewing around the missing necklace and some surprise plot twists for added drama.

—Stacey Hayman

Medieval Noir

Jeri Westerson's not so veiled attempt at medieval noir is an enjoyable effort. From the flawed hero to the dame in trouble, **Veil of Lies** is not your usual mystery set in medieval times. The "private eye," Crispin Guest, is a knight who was stripped of his title and lives in poverty in London. Now, instead of Sir, he is known as the Tracker and becomes embroiled in a case involving religious relics, King Richard's taxes and the Italian mob.

—Julie Mortensen

The Forgotten Garden

The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton is part mystery, part gothic intrigue and part fairy tale. In 1913, a young stowaway on an ocean liner from England is left all alone on the docks in Australia with only a suitcase and a book of fairy tales. Nell, as the young girl is called, spends most of her adult life trying to unravel her past. It is only after her death in 2005, that her granddaughter puts all the pieces together to solve the puzzle by deciphering the clues she finds in the fairy tales from Nell's book. With a mystery within a mystery, this captivating tale will be hard to put down until the very last page has been read and savored.

—Donna Zmrazek

New Holiday Books!



The Gift by Cecilia Ahern

The Quilters' Holiday
by Jennifer Chiaverini

Home in Time for Christmas
by Heather Graham

The Christmas Clock by Kat Martin

Knit the Season by Kate Jacobs

A Blue and Grey Christmas
by Joan Medlicott

The Christmas Cookie Club
by Ann Pearlman

A Christmas Promise by Anne Perry

Lakeshore Christmas by Susan Wiggs

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