

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Coming Soon

Peter Ackroyd

The Case of Victor Frankenstein

Ackroyd remakes the classic novel *Frankenstein* into a suspense-packed thriller.

Sherman Alexie

War Dances

National Book Award winner Alexie delivers a heartbreaking, hilarious collection of stories that range from a successful writer's efforts to deal with an estranged father's death from diabetes and alcoholism to a politician's troubles when his son commits a hate crime.

Margaret Atwood

The Year of the Flood

After ecological disaster hits, trapeze dancer Ren and Toby, leader of a group called God's Gardeners, are the only survivors—except for the frightening life forms created by gene-splicing.

Stephanie Barron

The White Garden: A Novel of Virginia Woolf

Jo Bellamy travels to Sissinghurst to study its celebrated "White Garden" where her grandfather once worked. There she uncovers Virginia Woolf's mysterious and tragic connection to the garden.

William Bernhardt

Capitol Offense

Professor Dennis Thomas publicly threatens the policeman he blames for his wife's death. Later, Thomas is found unconscious in the room with the officer's dead body, and he enlists much-needed help from Attorney Ben Kincaid.

A. S. Byatt

The Children's Book

To outsiders, children's author Olive Wellwood is a charming and successful writer. At home, she patterns her characters after her children—revealing her true feelings about family members through her stories.

Philip Caputo

Crossers

After losing his wife in the 9/11 attacks, Gil Castle tries to start over. He returns to his family's Arizona ranch, but he can't escape his family's past.

Michael Connelly

Nine Dragons

A homicide call takes Harry Bosch to a liquor store in South L.A. where the owner has been killed in an apparent robbery. Bosch identifies a suspect, a local member of a Hong Kong triad. Before Harry can close in, he discovers that his daughter Maddie, who lives in Hong Kong, is missing. Could her disappearance and the case be connected?

Diana Gabaldon

An Echo in the Bone

In this seventh "Outlander" book, time traveler Claire knows how the American Revolution will end, but she is unsure how her husband Jamie will fare when he faces his illegitimate son, who serves in the British army.

Sue Grafton

U is for Undertow

In 1988, as Kinsey Millhone turns thirty-eight, she meets Michael Sutton, an unemployed college dropout. Twenty-one years earlier, a four-year-old girl disappeared. Michael believes he stumbled on her burial when he was six and wants Kinsey's help in finding the men who killed the child.

John Irving

Late Night in Twisted River

At a 1950s sawmill in New Hampshire, a 12-year-old mistakes the local constable's girlfriend for a bear and, with his father, goes on the run—for five decades.

Iris Johansen

Blood Game

Eve Duncan hunts a killer who's obsessed with blood and who has left her a goblet of it in her refrigerator.

Garrison Keillor

Pilgrims: A Novel of Lake Wobegon

Margie Krebsbach thinks a trip to Rome will put the romance back in her marriage, and she cooks up a scheme to get a group of Lake Wobegoners to the Eternal City.

Jonathan Kellerman

Evidence: An Alex Delaware Novel

Caught and then murdered in the act, the corpses of two lovers are left to rot in one of L.A.'s new mansions. Alex Delaware is called in to help identify them and find their killer.

Karen Maitland

The Owl Killers

In 1321 England, a group of women form a community for prayer and protection against the Owl Masters, a sinister regime who control their village, where neighbor denounces neighbor and sins are punishable by murder.

Peter Mayle

The Vintage Caper

A Hollywood lawyer's world-class wine collection has been stolen, and crime-fighting wine expert Sam Levitt must follow the goods to the south of France.

Orhan Pamuk

The Museum of Innocence

In 1975 Istanbul, Kemal begins a passionate affair with Fusan, his distant relative. Fusan dumps him when she discovers that he's already engaged, but it is too late for Kemal, who spends a lifetime pursuing her and creates a shrine in her honor.

Robert B. Parker

The Professional: A Spenser Novel

Lawyer Elizabeth Shaw discovers that several of her rich married girlfriends have a mutual secret—they've all had an affair with Gary Eisenhower. Elizabeth turns to Spenser for help when the women begin to die, one by one.

Ruth Rendell

Monster in the Box

Ever since his first year on the force, Inspector Wexford has suspected Eric Targo of murder but could never prove it. As Wexford investigates a new case, he looks back to the beginning of his career when he first encountered the man he still believes to be a psychopath.

Anne Rice

Angel Time: The Songs of the Seraphim

A contract killer is visited by an angel who gives him a chance to redeem himself. The killer is sent back in time to dark and dangerous 13th-century England where he must survive—or perish.

John Sandford

Rough Country

Virgil Flowers investigates a string of murders at a resort frequented by women of a certain persuasion.

John Saul

House of Reckoning

Painter Sarah Crane begins visiting Bettina Phillips, who lives in a house once owned by a warden of a prison for the criminally insane. Soon Sarah's paintings include scenes that mysteriously recreate the prisoners' crimes.

Anita Shreve

A Change in Altitude

Newlywed Geraldine finds her life up-ended when she moves to Kenya with her husband. An accident atop Mt. Kenya during a climbing expedition makes things worse.

Danielle Steel

Southern Lights

When Manhattan District Attorney Alexa Hamilton's daughter Savannah starts receiving threatening letters, Alexa ships her down South where Savannah instead must now deal with Alexa's ex-husband's snooty family.

Dacre Stoker & Ian Holt

Dracula: The Un-Dead

In London in 1912, a quarter of a century after Count Dracula supposedly crumbled into dust, Vampire-hunter Van Helsing's protégé Dr. Seward is now a morphine addict, and Quincey, the son of Stoker's hero Jonathan, has become involved in a troubled theatre production of Dracula.

John Twelve Hawks

The Golden City

Gabriel, a Traveler, is close to finding his father but now must consider his brother as an enemy in this conclusion to Hawk's "Fourth Realm" trilogy.

Jeannette Walls

Half Broke Horses: A True Life Novel

For the first 10 years of her life, Lily Casey Smith lived in a dirt dugout in west Texas. Lily becomes a teacher at age 15 in a remote frontier town she travels to alone on a 28-day ride. Her survival depends upon her plucky resilience.

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SUSPENSE

Pursuit

Karen Robards

Jessica Ford is with the First Lady when their car is run off the road. Jessica's been hurt but she's the only survivor. When her memory starts coming back, she realizes that she might be an eye witness to murder. Is the Agent assigned to the case someone she can trust or is he only pretending to care while waiting for his chance to finish her off?

Great characters keep a fast pace moving through a light-weight plot. But if you're looking for something with high entertainment value, you've just found it.

Blood and Ice

Robert Masello

On assignment in Antarctica at a scientific research station, travel writer Michael Wilde makes an unbelievable discovery while on a dive—a man and a woman, chained together, perfectly preserved in glacial ice.

Told in alternating chapters of the couple's story in the 1850s and the present day. Slowly builds suspense that is hard to put down. The paranormal/horror element of the story blends into the action so well; you'll believe every word of it.

The Scarecrow

Michael Connelly

As part of his final crime beat before being laid off from the LA Times, Jack McEvoy investigates the murder of a young woman found dead in a car trunk. When he finds similarities between this crime and another murder in Las Vegas, Jack calls an old friend, FBI Special Agent Rachel Walling. Together they uncover a link to an Internet security company that apparently has someone using private online data to select his victims

*This novel continues the story of journalist Jack McEvoy from Connelly's book *The Poet*. A fast-paced ride that never stops.*

MYSTERY

Grave Goods

Ariana Franklin

Adelia is summoned by King Henry II to investigate two skeletons found at Glastonbury Abbey. Henry wants Adelia to prove they're King Arthur and Queen Guinevere so the Welsh no longer talk about Arthur coming back to free them. Intrigued but wary, Adelia agrees to find out what she can but the truth is nearly the death of her.

A woman doctor respected by a trailblazing King is just part of what makes this entertaining original story so interesting to read. This might be the third in the series but can read on its own if you don't mind missing out the previous good storylines.

Cream Puff Murder

JoAnne Fluke

Hannah Swensen and her sister join Heavenly Bodies health club when Hannah needs to go on a diet to fit into a Regency dress for her mother's book launch party. Early one morning, Hannah discovers the body of the club's disreputable fitness trainer floating in the Jacuzzi. Hannah quickly becomes involved in solving the murder.

The 11th entry in the series again offers wonderful recipes along with a cute story.

GRAPHIC NOVEL

Stitches

David Small

David Small's father was an x-ray technician and overdosed his little boy with so much radiation that David actually got cancer. Unfortunately, cancer was not David's biggest obstacle in life.

What an amazing spirit. This man grew up in such a harsh and unloving environment, but can still create such beautiful art.

READING ROOM

FICTION

Brooklyn

Colm Toibin

Eilis Lacey, a young girl from Enniscorthy Ireland, is forced to leave for Brooklyn when there are no prospects for her at home. The journey is horrible and her homesickness grim, but life becomes easier for her once she begins a bookkeeping course and meets Tony, an Italian-American young man. When a death forces her return to Ireland, she is torn between her desire to stay home and her commitment to her new life.

Beautifully but simply written, this novel allows us to really enter the mind of Eilis and her day-to-day life and feelings.

The Actor and the Housewife

Shannon Hale

Becky, a mother of four and devout Mormon, is in L.A. to sell her screenplay when she meets heartthrob actor, Englishman Felix Callahan. Despite their many differences and obstacles, the two believe that they are soul-mates and destined to become best friends. Unfortunately for them, their spouses and Becky's church community might see things a bit differently. Can married people have close friendships with members of the opposite sex?

This novel has a fairytale premise but is more than a light bit of fluff. Hale has delivered a thoughtful read where her characters' morals are challenged. Thoughtful, very funny and compulsively readable.

WOMEN'S FICTION

The Wildwater Walking Club

Claire Cook

After 18 years on the job, Nora Kelly takes a buyout with Balancing Act Shoes. Using her employee discount one last time, she purchases all of the shoes in her size from the corporate store. Nora decides to get into better shape by walking and soon has two neighbors joining her. The ladies become fast friends and decide to splurge on a trip leaving troubling issues behind for a few days.

A quick read. Strong female characters.

Emma's Table

Philip Galanes

When famous interior designer and socialite Emma Sutton swindles a Japanese businessman out of a prized table at a New York City auction with the help of her assistant Benjamin, she has no idea how this event and these people will change the course of her somewhat self-involved life.

This light and funny read keeps you interested and cheering for Emma as she tries to climb out of her own self-absorption.

ROMANCE

Smooth Talking Stranger

Laura Kleypas

Ella Varner has returned to Houston to temporarily take custody of her sister's Tara's newborn baby boy. Ella figures Luke's mom might have disappeared, but that shouldn't stop the dad from taking responsibility and she starts with choice number one, Jack Travis. He's quickly discarded as a possible father, but now he's intrigued with Ella and the fun begins.

The quick-witted banter between Ella and Jack is great and Ella's relationship with her nephew is touching. The third book featuring the Travis family, it can be read on it's own but you won't want to miss any of them.

Ransom My Heart

Meg Cabot (writing as Princess Mia Thermopolis)

The fair Finnula, confirmed tomboy, kidnaps Hugo, the Earl of Stephensgate, on his return from the Crusades and falls in love against her will. Attempts on Hugo's life cause concern for everyone—except Hugo—and Finn sets her mind to uncovering the truth. Can she?

With her usual likable characters and snappy dialogue, this book is classic Meg Cabot in a medieval setting.