

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Coming Soon

Alex Berenson

The Midnight House

Members of a discredited interrogation team based in Poland are charged with improperly interrogating jihadists, begin dying one by one.

Chris Bohjalian

Secrets of Eden

Alice gets baptized and goes home to her husband, who kills her and then himself. Her minister suffers a spiritual crisis, but is Alice's death what it seems or something much more sinister?

Noah Boyd

The Bricklayer

Former FBI agent Steve Vail is asked to track down a menacing group who take lives one by one as the FBI fails to meet their demands for cash.

Tracy Chevalier

Remarkable Creatures

Mary Anning has special sight—she even spots a fossilized skeleton on the windswept coast she likes to wander—but it doesn't make her popular in her 19th-century English town.

Clare Clark

Savage Lands

In 1704, a mere 200 Frenchmen live in Louisiana, and they need wives. Among the 23 young women sent from France for this purpose, Elisabeth is surprised to find herself passionately in love with her new soldier-husband.

Jackie Collins

Poor Little Bitch Girl

Big-time attorney Denver, senatorial assistant Carolyn and New York madam Annabelle all attended high school together in Beverly Hills. They reunite when Annabelle's movie star mom is found murdered.

Robert Crais

The First Rule: A Joe Pike Novel

Frank Meyer once worked with Elvis Cole's partner Joe Pike. So when Meyer's family is wiped out, he gets help from some well-placed friends.

Barbara Delinsky

Not My Daughter

High school principal Susan Tate's daughter is pregnant, and now folks are wondering whether or not Tate should be running their school.

Richard Doetsch

The 13th Hour

Nick is accused of killing his beloved wife Julia. When he receives a watch that allows him to go back in time twelve hours, he gets a chance to re-do the past. Will this help or hurt Nick prove his innocence?

Jasper Fforde

Shades of Grey

When a disaster leaves most people color-blind, those who can still see some colors are treated as the elite.

Julie Garwood

Sizzle

Documentary filmmaker Lyra Prescott leaves her camera running, but when it captures images of a violent crime, she needs protection. It comes in the form of a hunky FBI agent.

Tim Green

False Convictions

Casey Jordan works with a charity that helps the unjustly convicted. Unfortunately, her efforts to help an indigent black man who has been tried in small-town Auburn, New York, are met with deadly resistance.

Kristin Hannah

Winter Garden

Sisters Meredith and Nina are reunited by the impending death of their father, who persuades their mother to retell the Russian fairy tale she used to lull them with as children—but to tell it in full. The girls finally learn of her true story of suffering during Russia's terrible 20th century.

Adam Haslett

Union Atlantic

Retired school teacher Charlotte Graves goes against a senior manager at Union Atlantic Bank, who's built a monstrous mansion on the land Charlotte's grandfather had donated to the town.

Jack Higgins

The Wolf at the Door

Who's murdering members of a special intelligence unit known as the Prime Minister's private army? Only Sean Dillon has a clue.

Joe Hill

Horns

Unable to recover from the brutal murder of his girlfriend and the accusations that he might be to blame, Ignatius Martin Perrish wakes up from a night of heavy drinking with horns and incredible powers that might come in handy when seeking revenge.

Beth Hoffman

Saving CeeCee Honeycutt

CeeCee Honeycutt's mother is the laughing-stock of their hometown, Willoughby, Ohio, where she is dressed for the prom everyday. CeeCee's father is never home, and her only escape is in reading. Real liberation comes only after her mother's tragic death, when her great-aunt Tootie sweeps CeeCee off to Savannah, Georgia to start fresh.

Charlie Huston

Sleepless

A plague that causes utter sleeplessness is devastating America. The cure, a new drug, becomes a hot commodity on the black market. A cop goes undercover to stop the illegal trade—only to learn that the drug company itself is responsible.

Stuart M. Kaminsky

A Whisper to the Living

While protecting a British journalist, Inspector Porfiry Petrovich Rostnikov and his team start unraveling clues in a string of murders that lead all the way to the top.

Marian Keyes

The Brightest Star in the Sky

A group of residents of a Dublin town house are watched by a wandering spirit, dead-set on making sure that at least one romance among the tenants succeeds.

Elizabeth Kostova

The Swan Thieves

When renowned painter Robert Oliver attacks a canvas in the National Gallery of Art, his psychiatrist, Andrew Marlowe, becomes desperate to understand why and sets out on a journey from American museums to the coast of Normandy.

Tamar Myers

Butter Safe than Sorry

Mennonite innkeeper Magdalena Yoder witnesses a bank robbery by Amish impersonators.

T. Jefferson Parker

Iron River

The Iron River is the stream of weapons constantly crossing the California-Mexico border, facilitating the nasty drug cartel wars. Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy Charlie Hood is shocked by the violence the river brings and tries to do something about it.

James Patterson

Worst Case

Wealthy New York children are being kidnapped by a psychopath who asks if they understand the price others pay for their lavish lifestyle. A badly considered answer means death.

Douglas Preston

Impact

When it's discovered that an ancient gun on one of Mars' moons has shot at Earth, Wyman Ford and a team of scientists must figure out how to destroy the alien doomsday weapon in the next sixty hours, before another shot is fired. The only problem is that none of them are carrying a weapon.

Spencer Quinn

Thereby Hangs a Tail: A Chet and Bernie Mystery

Quinn follows up his smashing debut, *Dog on It*, with the further adventures of canine detective Chet.

Ian Rankin

Doors Open

Frustrated that so many paintings stay hidden in corporate boardrooms, safes and private apartments, three art-loving friends decide to "liberate" several paintings from the National Gallery in the hopes of obtaining something that money can't buy.

Adriana Trigiani

Encore, Valentine

Valentine Roncalli is back, fighting with her brother for creative control of the Angelini Shoe Company. When she rediscovers an old family shoe design, secrets start to spill.

Anne Tyler

Noah's Compass

At age 60, Liam Pennywell is fired from teaching at a private boys' school in Baltimore, a job below his academic training. When Liam is attacked in his apartment and loses his memory of the experience, the search to recover those lost hours leads him to reexamine his disappointing life.

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FICTION

Await Your Reply

Dan Chaon

This novel follows three people: Miles is obsessed with finding his schizophrenic genius twin brother who has been missing for decades; Lucy is a young woman who leaves her small Ohio town with her history teacher, hoping for new opportunities; and Ryan, a young man who, after discovering who his real father is, moves with him to Michigan where he joins him in the business of identity theft.

Opening with a chilling scene, Ryan and his father driving to the hospital with Ryan's severed hand in-tow, Chaon's novel never ceases to surprise, frighten and mesmerize the reader. Deals with themes of identity, family and place.

That Old Cape Magic

Richard Russo

Through the course of two weddings, Jack Griffin tries to make sense of his failing marriage, his career, and his life while reflecting on the impact his parents' lives, marital strife, and love of Cape Cod has had on his past and present circumstances.

A look at family relationships that probably every reader could relate to in some way. At times sad and introspective but other times hilariously funny. Lovers of Cape Cod will enjoy the references to various locales and the beauty of the area.

Mathilda Savitch

Victor Lovato

Thirteen-year-old Mathilda attempts to deal with the unexpected death of her older sister, the beautiful and popular Helene, and vows to get to the bottom of what really happened. Meanwhile, Mathilda desperately tries to get the attention of her grief-stricken parents.

A funny and heartbreaking first novel of coming of age and grief. Mathilda's true-to-life voice will mesmerize readers.

NONFICTION

The Daily Coyote: A Story of Love, Survival, and Trust in the Wilds of Wyoming

Shreve Stockton

Photographer and native New Yorker Shreve Stockton falls in love with Wyoming, a cowboy, and a coyote named Charlie in this remarkable memoir. She shares her trials as Charlie challenges her role as the "alpha" of their family pack that includes her tomcat Eli.

Beautiful photography paired with realistic commentary makes for an interesting telling of the author's experiences. The author's ongoing adventures with Charlie and others can be found on her blog at www.dailycoyote.net.

Homer's Odyssey: A Fearless Feline Tale, or How I Learned about Love and Life with a Blind Wonder Cat

Gwen Cooper

Gwen Cooper adopts a blind kitten, a fearless, feisty cat. While at first she believes she is taking care of him, she learns that he's also helping to take care of her.

Homer (aka "Homer-bear") is my new hero! He catches flies out of the air, wards off intruders, and, in general, is one amazing animal.

ROMANCE

Rude Awakenings of a Jane Austen Addict

Laura Rigler

After a bad fall from her horse, Jane Mansfield, a gentleman's daughter from 19th-century Regency England, wakes up in 2009 in the body of Courtney Stone, a thirty-something single gal who lives a complicated, modern life in Los Angeles. Jane feels at home surrounded by Courtney's Jane Austen novels but can't manage cell phones, horseless carriages (cars), and iPods, not to mention Courtney's confusing love life.

*This humorous and light romantic comedy is a delightful and quick read. For more fun, pick up the companion, parallel story, **Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict**.*

READING ROOM

MYSTERY

Bad Things Happen

Harry Dolan

A mysterious and solitary man, David Loogan accepts a job as an editor for a college town mystery magazine called Gray Streets and becomes friends with publisher Tom Kristoll. When Tom asks for David's help burying the body of a home intruder he accidentally killed, David views it as just another one of Tom's "mystery stories" but ends up in a complicated mess of crimes where it's hard to separate fact from fiction.

This is a witty and very sophisticated work of noir fiction. Read and enjoy all the twists and turns. Just when you think you know what's going on, Dolan adds another twist.

The Crack in the Lens

Steve Hockensmith

Using the deductive methods of Sherlock Holmes, Otto "Big Red" Amlingmeyer and Gustav, "Old Red," travel to San Marcos, Texas to solve the murder of Old Red's fiancée, ex-prostitute Gertrude Eichelberger, who was murdered five years earlier. The brothers discover that Gertrude was the first victim of a serial killer who is imitating the crimes of Jack the Ripper. In solving the mystery, Otto and Gustav steal horses, are jailed, almost lynched, and barely escape a horrific fire.

The action-packed fourth entry in the "Holmes on the Range" mysteries series is a treat to read.

Jump

Tim Maleeny

When Ed Lowry, a much despised landlord, falls from his twenty-story high-rise, all his disgruntled tenants are suspected of murder, including the drug-dealing brothers Lowry's been blackmailing and the pretty women who run a soft-core porn webcam down the hall. Recently widowed, retired cop Sam McGowan also lives in the building, and when he starts to investigate his landlord's suspicious suicide, he learns more about his neighbors than he ever wanted to know.

Slick writing, plenty of action, and a group of motley characters give readers plenty to like in this fast-paced mystery. Clever, funny, and suspenseful. Great escape reading.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Cleopatra's Daughter

Michelle Moran

After Cleopatra and Marc Antony commit suicide, their orphaned children, twins Selene and Alexander and young Ptolemy, are taken to Rome. Ptolemy dies en route. Selene and Alexander end up at the house of Octavia, who is sister of their father's conqueror, Octavian Caesar. The children grow to adulthood in the new environment but are never sure about their safety or their future.

The third entry in the "Ancient Egypt Series" by Michelle Moran offers lots of history, lots of action, and a little romance.

Homeland

Barbara Hambly

Written as letters between friends, **Homeland** is a story of two women divided by the Civil War. Susannah lives in Tennessee, but secretly supports the Union. Her dear friend, Cora, lives in Maine, but her own husband has crossed from the north to serve in the Confederate army. The two women exchange their personal horror stories of the war, and through their correspondence, take comfort in what they can control, including their friendship and a shared love of reading and art.

*A well-researched and fascinating novel of American history. Fans of Charles Frazier's **Cold Mountain** and Geraldine Brook's **March** will enjoy this uplifting, heart-warming read.*

The German Woman

Paul Griner

Exiled from Britain during World War I because of her marriage to a German surgeon, Kate Zweig returns to London during the Second World War to work as a nurse. There, she meets and falls in love with Claus Murphy, an exiled American with German roots who works as a propaganda filmmaker and as a spy, feeding false information to the Germans. Soon Claus begins to question his allegiances to country and to Kate.

A complex and fascinating novel of love, loyalty, patriotism, and the horrors of war.

