

## Coming Soon

Larry Bond

### ***Edge of War***

CIA officer Mara Duncan is sent to bomb-torn Hanoi to get scientist Josh MacArthur and a seven-year-old witness to Chinese atrocities in Vietnam out of the country safely. Even with the help of Navy SEALs, this operation gets complicated. The result will be either the most daring triumph of all time or one of the most foolish suicide raids ever attempted.

Tom Clancy

### ***Dead or Alive***

Jack Ryan, Jr. and his colleagues at "The Campus" have waged an unofficial war against terrorists who threaten western civilization. The most dangerous of these is the Emir, a sadistic killer who has eluded capture by the world's law enforcement agencies. Now The Campus is on his trail.

Patricia Cornwell

### ***Port Mortuary***

Twenty years after Kay Scarpetta enlisted in the Air Force to pay off her medical school debts, she is headed to Dover Air Force Base to be trained in virtual autopsy. When a young man's corpse is discovered, signs point to foul play and Scarpetta finds herself investigating a possible conspiracy.

Clive Cussler

### ***Crescent Dawn***

NUMA director Dirk Pitt is called upon when evildoers Ozden Aktan Celik and Ozden's sister, Maria, who are bent on Muslim domination of the Middle East, plot to blow up sacred Muslim sites like Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock and pin the blame on the CIA.

Richard Doetsch

### ***Half-Past Dawn***

District attorney Harper Keller awakens to find a stitched-up gunshot wound in his shoulder and a newspaper reporting his murder. Meanwhile, his wife and daughters have gone missing.

Fannie Flagg

### ***I Still Dream About You***

While her friends think she has the perfect life, Maggie, a former Miss Alabama, does not like how her life has turned out and has given up on her dreams—then her life takes a wild turn. As Maggie learns valuable lessons about friendship, modern life, and impossible dreams, she starts to see there's more to life than a beauty queen bio.

Maria Geraci

### ***The Boyfriend of the Month Club***

Thirty-year-old Gracie O'Bryan has dated almost every guy in Daytona, but after her worst date ever, she turns her reading group into the Boyfriend of the Month club—where she relies on true romantics like Mr. Darcy and Heathcliff.

Matt Haig

### ***The Radleys***

Peter lives in a picturesque little English village with his wife Helen and their children, Rowan and Clara. They are your average, slightly messed-up family—except that Peter and Helen are vampires who are trying to give their kids a normal life.

Stephen King

### ***Full Dark, No Stars***

This collection of four novellas all deal with the theme of retribution, including a story about a man who confesses to murdering his wife, a woman who takes a short cut, and a story about a cancer patient who makes a deal with the devil.

Andrew Klavan

### ***Identity Man***

Small-time criminal John Shannon commits petty crimes out of boredom. When a job spins out of control and a man gets killed, Shannon goes on the run until he's given a new face and a new life, courtesy of the mysterious "identity man."

Dean Koontz

### ***Odd is on Our Side***

It's Halloween in Pico Mundo, California, and Odd Thomas senses something truly wicked in the autumn air.

While Odd can see spirits of the restless dead, he can't get to the truth. Odd and his gun-wielding girlfriend Stormy want to find out what is stirring the spirits.



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Graham Moore  
***The Sherlockian***

In present day, literary researcher and Sherlock Holmes enthusiast Harold White is shocked when the scholar who recently discovered Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's missing diary is found murdered. In 1890s London, Conan Doyle hunts a serial killer to prove his superiority to his famous character. The diary chronicles Doyle's hunt for the killer. Now it is Harold who must take up the search— both for the killer, and for the invaluable missing diary.

Walter Mosley  
***The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey***

Ninety-one-year-old Ptolemy Grey begins to sink into a lonely dementia after his grand-nephew is killed. When he meets kindly 17-year-old Robyn at the funeral, she challenges him to interact more with the world around him. After taking an experimental drug that will shorten his life but restore his memory and vigor, a clear-minded Ptolemy is spurred to action.

Cynthia Ozick  
***Foreign Bodies***

Traveling from New York to Paris to Hollywood, Bea Nightingale is a newly liberated divorcee who inadvertently wreaks havoc on the very people she tries to help.

James Patterson  
***Cross Fire***

Detective Alex Cross and Bree must put their wedding plans on hold when Alex is called to the scene of the assassination of a dirty congressman and an underhanded lobbyist.

David Poyer  
***Ghosting***

Dr. Jack Scales, a prominent neurosurgeon, buys himself a sailing yacht for a planned family cruise to Bermuda. A lightning storm nearly destroys the boat and a stranger adrift on a raft leads his family into danger against a terrifying gang of smugglers. This family vacation will truly test the bonds of blood.

Bill Pronzini  
***The Hidden***

The Coastline Killer is committing random acts of violence in northern California, so why does a troubled young couple opt to vacation at an isolated cabin there?

Anne Rice  
***Of Love and Evil***

The fiery angel Malchiah compels former assassin Toby O'Dare to continue atoning for his sins by sending him back to Michelangelo's Rome, where he must solve a heinous poisoning and track down a marauding spirit.

J. D. Robb  
***Indulgence in Death***

Lt. Eve Dallas of the New York Police and Security Department returns home from a long overdue vacation to a string of bizarre murders. Eve, assisted by her trustworthy sidekicks, Det. Delia Peabody and husband Roarke, uncovers a wicked game that grows increasingly macabre.

Anita Shreve  
***Rescue***

When Peter Webster, a rookie paramedic, pulls the beautiful, enigmatic Sheila Arsenault from her totaled car, a lifelong tangle of love and wreckage begins.

John Talton  
***South Phoenix Rules***

When a New York professor is murdered in Phoenix, historian-turned-deputy David Mapstone takes it personally.

William Tapply  
***The Nomination***

Massachusetts judge and Vietnam War hero Thomas Larrigan is a family man with a perfect judicial record. When he's nominated to the Supreme Court, Larrigan hires a Marine buddy-turned-hit man to make sure his sordid past is never brought to light.

Brad Thor  
***The Athena Project***

In a remote corner of North Carolina's Fort Bragg, a new approach to combating terrorism has just been born. "The Athena Project" is an elite team of female warriors—top-level athletes who are deployed to some of the world's most exciting and dangerous international assignments.

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## Another Vampire Romance—No

**Blood Oath**, the first novel in a planned series by Christopher Farnsworth, combines action and adventure with vampires. A special 140-year-old blood oath keeps Nathaniel Cade sworn to protect the President. When rookie agent Zach Barrows is assigned to partner with Cade, they are thrown into an adventure like no other. Through their investigation they uncover a plot to overthrow the U.S. government using Frankenstein-like creatures.

—Jamie L. Mason

## Prequel to a Smashing Series

In Cassandra Clare's **Mortal Instruments** series (**City of Bone**, **City of Glass**, and **City of Ashes**) readers are introduced to the world of Shadowhunters, descendants of angels charged with protecting humans from the demons of the Downworld. In **Clockwork Angel**, the first book in the **Infernal Devices** prequel series, readers are transported back in time to Victorian London and into the dangerous world of Tessa Gray and the Shadowhunters.

Following the death of her aunt, Tessa Gray leaves her home in New York to find her brother in London. Instead of being greeted by Nathaniel, she is kidnapped by warlocks known as the Dark Sisters. From them Tessa learns that she herself is a Downworlder with a rare and sought-after ability. Tessa is able to escape the demons before she is forced to marry their leader, a mysterious figure known only as the Magister. Alone and hunted, Tessa finds refuge with the Shadowhunters. The search for Tessa's brother reveals secrets about Tessa's past and leads them to uncover a sinister plot to destroy the Shadowhunters.

Fans of the **Mortal Instruments** series will not want to miss this dark and exciting prequel.

—Megan Alabaugh

## The Crossing Places

Ruth Galloway is a professor of archaeology in King's Lynn in northern Norfolk, England. Nearly 40, she lives alone at the edge of the sea by the Saltmarsh with her two cats, and she likes her lifestyle. When human bones are found, Ruth is consulted by the local police, who are investigating a missing child. Ruth is drawn into the police investigation in a big way. **The Crossing Places** by Elly Griffiths is a moody, dark and delightful first mystery. The brooding Saltmarsh is a lonely, harsh place and the perfect setting for this book. The second book in this series, **The Janus Stone**, is scheduled to be released in the U.S. in January 2011.

—Ann Jackson

## Freedom

On a quiet street in St. Paul, Minnesota stands the Berglunds' home, and if you venture inside you'll meet a typical American family. There's Walter, father and environmental lawyer; Patty, stay-at-home mom and ideal neighbor; Jessica, dutiful daughter; and Joey, twelve-going-on-thirty. You'll spend the next twenty-plus years with them watching them grow, change, and keep up in a complicated world, all the while cognizant of one family trait: They're good people and they're always trying to do the right thing—trying not to abandon their beliefs, their dreams, or each other. It isn't easy.

But that's what makes these characters believable and memorable in Jonathan Franzen's best-selling new novel **Freedom**. Confronted with a stream of bad situations and hard decisions, these individuals draw on their freedom of choice, freedom of time, and freedom of spirit to change their paths and create the lives they want. Not only do they strive for real happiness, they find it.

—Chris Nowak

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## MYSTERY

### ***The Long Quiche Goodbye***

Just as Charlotte Bessette thinks everything is going perfectly at the grand opening of her small-town cheese shop, Fromagerie Bessette, a scream is heard and a victim is found outside, stabbed with one of her olive-wood handled cheese knives. When her grand-mere is accused of the crime, Charlotte begins her own investigation.

*First in a series of Cheese Shop mysteries set in Ohio's Amish country. Full of quirky characters and lots of yummy cheese recipes. The plot keeps you guessing and the author expertly sets up the next book in the series.*

### ***A Stranger in the Family***

Robert Barnard

Kit searches for his past when his mother tells him, on her deathbed, that he was adopted. He soon learns that he was a victim of child abduction when he was three years old and finds he's not as welcome with his birth family as he thought he would be.

*This cozy British mystery has well-drawn characters, surprising situations, and complicated relationships.*

## DEBUT NOVEL

### ***Secret Daughter***

Shilpi Somaya Gowda

Kavita gives her baby girl Usha (Asha) to an orphanage. Girls are considered a drain on their families because they do not perform manual labor and dowries must be provided. Asha's adoptive parents are both doctors. Her dad, Krishnan, was born in India and educated in the United States. Her mom, Somer, is from California. Eventually Asha makes a connection with her birth parents after winning a journalism award granting her the opportunity to work for a newspaper in Mumbai.

*This is the story of Asha's life in America and her birth parents' life in India and includes many details of daily life in the slums of Mumbai. This first novel is both a sad and happy story.*

## HEART-WARMERS

### ***A Dog's Purpose***

Bruce Cameron

Through reincarnation, stray dog Toby becomes golden retriever Bailey who becomes German shepherd Ellie who finally becomes black Labrador Buddy. The lessons learned in each life are remembered. The true purpose of this dog's life is not fully understood until the end when he is reunited with a previous owner.

*This is a heartwarming read about courage and the relationships between humans and animals.*

### ***The Walk***

Richard Paul Evans

Alan Christoffersen's young wife, McKale, is left paralyzed after falling off her horse. Alan leaves his successful advertising business in the hands of his partner, Kyle, while he cares for her. After McKale dies, Alan realizes that he has been betrayed by Kyle. Alan decides to leave it all behind and starts walking all the way to Key West, Florida, encountering helpful and some violent people along the way.

*This is the first of five installments following Alan Christoffersen's hike to Florida. This quick read hints of better things to come.*

## TEEN FICTION

### ***The Grimm Legacy***

Polly Shulman

Elizabeth Rew has a new job at a unique library. The library lends objects, not books. One of the library's prized collections is the Grimm Collection, which contains powerful magical items from the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm. When magical items begin to disappear, everyone is a suspect and Elizabeth and her fellow pages embark on a dangerous and magical quest to catch a thief.

*Fans of magic, fairy tales, and libraries will love this charming adventure story. This unique take on a modern day fairy tale is complete with a wicked stepmother and wicked witch. Witty humor and light romance will surely please readers of all ages.*

## FICTION

### ***The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake***

Aimee Bender

When nine-year-old Rose Edelstein discovers she has the superhuman ability to taste the emotions of others in the things they cook, she must figure out how to live with the hidden things she finds out about her own family.

*A very original story that kept me captivated until the end. Rose is a likable character and you hope she will keep her family together and find a use for her unusual talent.*

### ***Kings of the Earth***

Jon Clinch

The three Proctor brothers are dairy farmers who live in squalor in a single-bedroom ramshackle farmhouse in upstate New York. When elderly Vernon Proctor dies, his brother Creed is put on trial for murder.

*This novel is atmospheric, compelling, and suspenseful.*

### ***The Imperfectionists***

Tom Rachman

This novel tells the story of an English language newspaper in Rome through the eyes of a diverse group of employees and one "reader." In between these individual stories are glimpses of the mysterious founding of the newspaper.

*Rachman's first novel is a fascinating look at a newspaper business and an insightful examination of human nature. Funny and poignant.*

## THRILLER/SUSPENSE

### ***They're Watching***

Greg Hurwitz

On the verge of a big break, screenwriter Patrick Davis gets fired after allegedly punching the film's star. Now teaching film classes at the local college and thinking things can't get worse, he learns that someone has invaded his home and has been secretly videotaping him and his wife. To get them to stop, Patrick must follow their instructions without question, even when it means breaking the law.

*A tautly written story of psychological suspense that you won't be able to put down.*

## Damaged

Alex Kava

A large fishing cooler filled with body parts is found off the Florida coast by a Coast Guard rescue swimmer, and the Navy is investigating a mysterious illness infecting disabled Iraqi veterans. When the disease is traced to contaminated body parts used in surgical repairs, FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell is assigned to the case as a Category 5 hurricane is approaching the area.

*Maggie O'Dell is the female equivalent of Lee Child's Jack Reacher character. A quick and entertaining read with a premise that could actually be all too true.*

## WOMEN'S FICTION

### ***Velva Jean Learns to Drive***

Jennifer Niven

Although Velva Jean Hart loses her mother at a very young age and her family is subsequently abandoned by her father and raised by her older sister, she remains true to her life's ambitions to become a country music performer at the Grand Ole Opry and tries not to lose sight of that as she experiences life in a changing rural North Carolina mountain town.

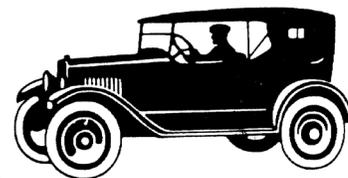
*Richly drawn characters combined with a great coming-of-age story make for a wonderful novel. You'll root for Velva Jean the whole way hoping that she'll reach her dream.*

### ***Heart of the Matter***

Emily Giffin

Six-year-old Charlie is badly burned on his face and hand at a friend's house while roasting s'mores. His surgeon, Nick Russo, and his single mom, Valerie, become very close, threatening Nick and Tessa's marriage as Charlie endures multiple surgeries.

*Both sides of the story are told in alternating chapters by Valerie and Tessa—a budding romance versus a crumbling marriage.*



## Wherefore Art Thou?

When their Aunt Rose dies, twins Julie and Janice Jacobs inherit everything, but not equally. Janice gets the estate, and Julie gets a key for a safe deposit box that belonged to her dead mother in Siena, Italy. Soon Julie learns that her birth name was Guilietta Tolomei and that she has a namesake ancestor who lived in Siena in 1340. Inside the safe deposit box are five versions of the play *Romeo and Juliet*—all previous to Shakespeare's version. As Julie travels throughout the town, she determines that her parents had been researching information about a family curse passed down through the generations, and the only way it can be broken is for a Guilietta Tolomei to marry a Romeo Marescotti. Could it be possible that her ancestor was the original Juliet? And, where will she ever find a Romeo?

First novel *Juliet* by Anne Fortier is a fascinating story of history, family honor, and fate that will captivate your imagination as well as your heart.

—Evelyn Janoch

## A Graceful Life

*Settled in the Wild: Notes from the Edge of Town* by Susan Hand Shetterly is a fine example of some of our very best contemporary nature writing. Forty years ago, Shetterly and her family moved from a busy city life to a 60-acre woodlot near the coast of Maine. She felt as if they had stepped into a Robert Frost poem. Her life was expanded by hungry porcupines munching on her weeping willow tree, coyotes stalking their prey through her property, a town trying to go on when a fisherman is missing at sea. Shetterly examines the meaning and importance of place, neighborhood, and home in our lives and how we are connected to everything wild. As fall turns to winter, readers will enjoy settling into their armchairs with this reminder of the wildness just outside the door.

—Rosemary Ward

## Private Life

At the core of Jane Smiley's latest novel, *Private Life*, is Margaret Mayfield, born in small-town Missouri in the 1870s. Tragedy strikes and Margaret's mother is left alone with three daughters, whom she hopes to marry off. Finding Margaret a match is tough until 1905, when at 27, she marries Captain Andrew Jackson Jefferson Early, a naval officer, astronomer, and rumored genius. They move to California where life with Andrew's 'genius' becomes unbearable when he insists Margaret spend several hours a day typing his work—including letters to editors and Einstein, and later, books for (self) publication. Divorcing Andrew is not an option, and like an observer in her own life, Margaret feels helpless to act—a plight made more painful when compared to Dora, her unmarried sister-in-law who travels the world as a newspaper reporter. When Smiley's novel ends, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Margaret has just learned that her friends are prisoners at a Japanese internment camp. Readers will want to see this quiet heroine finally act.

*Private Life* is domestic fiction at its finest and is a compelling read that takes a smart and sly look at the history of our country, a place where among other things, many have stayed unhappily married.

—Carol O'Keefe

## More Funny than Spooky

In *Wicked Appetite*, the first book of her new series, Janet Evanovich introduces us to Elizabeth "Lizzy" Tucker and brings back fan favorites Diesel, Wulf, and Carl the monkey from her Between-the-Numbers series. This motley crew is brought together thanks to the Board of Unmentionables, or BUM, to search for Seven Stones of Power. Each of the stones represents one of the seven deadly sins and BUM needs to find them before the "other side" can collect them, an event that could bring about Hell on Earth. The first stone they're racing to find is the Gluttony Stone, but can they resist the effects of the stone long enough to get the job done?

—Stacey Hayman

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## Bridging the Generation Gap

Alton's aging Uncle Lester, known as Trapp, has lost his sight due to diabetes and needs a cardturner for his bridge games. Alton needs a summer job and an excuse to put some distance between him and his best friend who is dating his ex-girlfriend. Alton's mom, thinking that this is the way to a good inheritance, insists Alton be the one to help his uncle. What starts as a forced arrangement develops into a friendship between the teen and the curmudgeon. Through Trapp, Alton meets the eccentric and attractive Toni. Together the teens uncover an old secret involving Trapp, Toni's grandmother, a milkman, President Nixon and a bridge tournament. They also learn to love bridge.

If anyone can write a teen book about bridge it's Louis Sachar. In ***The Cardturner: A Novel About a King, a Queen, and a Joker*** there is plenty of bridge talk, but the heart of the book is about the relationships between Alton and his uncle and Alton and Toni. Touching and hilarious, with a hint of magical realism, this unique book is a gem.

—Megan Alabaugh

## To Live or Not to Live...

***Insatiable*** by Meg Cabot is a wonderful addition to the ever-expanding vampire and paranormal genre. Witty and clever, this fun novel will keep the reader captivated until the very end. Meena Harper uses her ability of knowing how people are going to die to write fabulous stories for *Insatiable*, a television soap opera. Now, the producers want her to add a fictional vampire story line. However, after she meets and falls in love with the mysterious Lucien Antonescu, she comes to the realization that vampires do exist and they could take over New York City! Fans of Charlaine Harris, Kerrelyn Sparks and MaryJane Davidson will surely want to sink their teeth into this delicious treat too. Look for a sequel in 2011.

—Donna Zmrazek

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## Jack and Ma, Ma and Jack

Five-year-old Jack lives in Room, sleeps in Wardrobe and spends his days in a routine overseen by Ma. He tells us how they water Plant, wash Meltedy Spoon and then watch some TV, but not too much because Ma says it will rot their brains. Jack and Ma never leave Room, but he feels safe, secure and inseparable from his mother...until night. At night Old Nick visits and Jack must stay in Wardrobe and never, ever come out.

Soon we learn that Ma and Jack are locked away because Ma was kidnapped by Old Nick and gave birth to Jack in captivity. Fiercely protective of her son, she tries to shelter him from the knowledge of their circumstances. As Jack gets older, however, his growing curiosity drives Ma to devise an escape plan, forcing Jack to gather all his courage and leave Room for the first time. How will Jack and Ma react to the world outside? How will the world react to them?

In ***Room: a Novel***, Emma Donoghue has created an exceptional narrator in Jack, a young child who is intelligent, perceptive and funny all because of a mother's devotion and love. Riveting and imaginative, this is a book that will linger long after the last page is turned.

—Dori Olivos

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## For the Young at Heart

***Beautiful Malice*** by Rebecca James, aimed at older teens, and ***Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer*** by John Grisham, meant for younger teens, may have originally been written for a different age groups but adults will find them mysteriously good reading as well!

In ***Beautiful Malice***, Katie Boydell was a popular high school junior whose life was shattered by the brutal murder of her younger sister Rachel. Hoping for a new start, Katie begins using her mother's maiden name with her full name of Katherine and moves to a nearby city to live with her aunt. She manages to live a peaceful life until she meets the dangerously charming Alice and is pulled into Alice's unpredictable world of extreme highs and lows. Realizing how destructive Alice's friendship could become, Katherine believes she's walked away from the relationship before any lasting damage could be done. But she's wrong and it might cost her everything if she's not careful.

***Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer*** may be John Grisham's first book for young people but it's not his last, since it is the start of a series featuring Theo. Both his parents are lawyers and he's spent his whole life in or around his small town's courthouse, so it seems only natural that his friends, and even some of the adults he knows, come to him for legal advice. And then the town's biggest case of all comes along: Peter Duffy is charged with the murder of his wife but the prosecution doesn't have a very strong case. Can Theo use his knowledge of the town, and the legal system, to help prove Mr. Duffy's guilt?

—Stacey Hayman

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