

# BETWEEN THE COVERS

## Coming Soon

David Baldacci

### ***Hell's Corner***

England's prime minister is visiting the U.S. when a bomb explodes. MI-5 agent Mary Chapman is sent overseas to help with the investigation.

William Peter Blatty

### ***Crazy***

In 1940s New York, wild-boy Joey El Bueno meets and befriends the mysterious Jane Bent. Where did she come from? And can she really levitate?

Ted Bell

### ***Warlord: An Alex Hawke Novel***

Gentleman spy, Alex Hawke, needs a break from work after his beloved is killed in a botched mission. Unfortunately, someone begins targeting the Royal Family. Prince Charles asks for Hawke's help, and Hawke simply cannot refuse.

Simon Beaufort

### ***The Blood Stained Throne***

Geoffrey Mappestone and a fellow knight are shipwrecked with a crazed and potentially murderous crew.

Stephen J. Cannell

### ***The Prostitute's Ball***

Along with his new partner, Detective Shane Scully answers a disturbance call at a Hollywood mansion. Two people have been murdered and a security camera has caught the killer on film, but only one of the bullet casings is an actual match.

Michael Connelly

### ***The Reversal***

Defense Attorney Mickey Haller is named prosecutor in the retrial of Jason Jessup, a man incarcerated for the grisly murder of a child. While DNA evidence seems likely to exonerate Jessup, Haller is convinced that Jessup truly was the culprit, and asks Harry Bosch for help in getting his man.



Catherine Coulter

### ***The Valcourt Heiress***

Garron of Kersey returns to Wareham Castle to claim his title as Baron, but he's shocked to find his home very nearly destroyed by the Black Demon. Garron works hard, along with his enigmatic maid, Merry, to restore the castle, but danger still lurks. Who is the Black Demon and what was he looking for?

Nicholas Evans

### ***The Brave***

Tom Bedford was raised in Hollywood by his movie-star mom, but tragedy forced them to leave town. Now Tom, who lives like a hermit, is estranged from his own son a soldier in Iraq—until he learns his son is accused of murder.

Julia Franck

### ***The Blindness of the Heart***

After surviving the horrors of World War II, a German woman named Helene abandons her son in a railway station in 1945. This is an account of Helene's life until that fateful moment.

Newt Gingrich & William R. Forstchen

### ***Valley Forge: George Washington and the Crucible of Victory***

In the winter of 1776, at Valley Forge, food and morale are both running at an all-time low. Baron von Steuben arrives to help whip the army into shape.

John Grisham

### ***The Confession***

Filled with intriguing twists and turns, Grisham's latest legal thriller tells the story of an innocent man just days from execution, who can only be saved by a guilty man.

Iris Johansen

### ***Chasing the Night***

CIA agent Catherine Ling's two-year-old was kidnapped eight years ago in an act of revenge. Now, Ling enlists the help of forensic sculptor Eve Duncan to track the child, but there's a villain out there waiting to corner them.

Jon Katz

### ***Rose in a Storm***

One cold midwinter night, a Border collie named Rose, and Sam, her owner and farmer, struggle into the snow to do their work. When a threatening storm approaches can Rose's resolve, resourcefulness and courage help Sam save the farm?

Ismail Kadare

***The Accident***

A cab crashes into a barrier on the autobahn one rainy morning in Vienna, killing the passengers who were about to share a kiss. What unfolds is the story of a mysterious affair.

Lisa Kleypas

***Christmas Eve at Friday Harbor***

When Friday Harbor's local radio station broadcasts "Dear Santa" letters, everyone knows that the little girl asking for a mother is Halle Nolan, whose own mom died a few years ago. Unfortunately for Halle's dad, the town matchmakers are ready to help fill her request.

Dennis Lehane

***Moonlight Mile***

Rescued by Patrick Kenzie and Angela Gennaro after she disappeared as a four-year-old, Amanda was dumped right back into an unhappy home. Now a teenager, Amanda goes missing once again in this sequel to *Gone, Baby, Gone*.

Jo-Ann Mapson

***Solomon's Oak***

Three people meet under Solomon's oak tree—the young, widowed Glory, who hosts weddings in the chapel her husband built under the tree's ancient boughs; a homeless teenager named Juniper; and a former police officer still suffering after an on-the-job injury who wants to photograph all of California's big trees.

Steve Martin

***An Object of Beauty***

Young, lovely and ambitious, Lacey Yeager began her career working at Sotheby's and has been keep climbing all of the social and career ladders put before her since. Now she's ready to take the NYC art world by storm, charming men and women, old and young, rich and even richer, with her magnetic charisma and liveliness.

Armistead Maupin

***Mary Ann in Autumn***

Nearly 60 years old, Mary Ann Singleton finds herself returning to San Francisco, the city she once abandoned for the glamorous life in New York.

Alexander McCall Smith

***The Charming Quirks of Others***

Old friends of Isabel Dalhousie are searching for the perfect candidate to fill the headmaster position at their alma mater. After receiving an anonymous letter alleging that one of the applicants has a very serious skeleton in the closet, they ask Isabel for her help in investigating.

Kate Morton

***The Distant Hours***

Edie Burchill's mother spent the war years at Millderhurst Castle under the care of the eccentric Blythe family. Fifty years later, she is invited to the decaying castle and begins to unravel her mother's past. Other secrets are also hidden in Millderhurst Castle, and Edie is about to learn more than she expected.

Marcia Muller

***Coming Back***

After a gunshot to the head left her almost totally paralyzed, Sharon McCone struggles to recover, but understands that it may not be possible to return to her old life. When Sharon's friend from physical therapy goes missing, Sharon must ask for help from those closest to find the truth behind the disappearance. This job proves to be her most dangerous and critical case yet.

Cynthia Ozick

***Foreign Bodies***

A divorced schoolteacher reluctantly travels to Paris to retrieve a wayward nephew in this retelling of Henry James's *The Ambassadors*.

Bill Pronzini

***The Hidden***

The Coastline Killer is committing random acts of violence along California's northern coast, so why would a troubled young couple opt to spend the holidays at an isolated cabin near the water?

Andrew Vachss

***The Weight***

When career-thief Sugar is accused of rape, he can't offer an alibi—at the time, he and his partners were robbing a jewelry store. After completing his sentence for the first crime, Sugar goes to collect his share of the jewelry store loot, but instead, he discovers there are some complications.

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## FICTION

### ***The Informers***

Juan Gabriel Vasquez

When Gabriel Santoro publishes a book about Jewish refugees to Colombia during the 1930s, his father's angry reaction shocks him. After his father, a well-known university professor, becomes ill and dies in a car accident, Gabriel digs deeper into the past, uncovering facts that will destroy his father's reputation.

*Questions of the sins of the past, silence vs. truth-telling, and the effects of war and exile dominate this beautifully written novel.*

### ***Things that Keep Us Here***

Carla Buckley

An Ohio family attempts to survive the pandemic H1N5 virus in their once-safe suburban neighborhood as they watch the subtle breakdown of society and struggle to stay together.

*This is a beautifully written and quietly terrifying novel about the decisions one must make to protect their loved ones. Not your typical survival tale.*

### ***The Language of Secrets***

Diane Dixon

A successful family man attempts to reconnect with his estranged family, only to learn in the process that the graveyard where his parents are buried has an additional headstone—one that bears his name.

*This well-written and attention-grabbing first novel pulls you along from present to past and then back again. You gain snippets of multi-generational entanglements and their consequences, including life-changing betrayals, as Justin Fisher tries to decide just who he is. The style of writing in this fast-paced novel leaves you breathless until the very end.*

## WOMEN'S FICTION

### ***The Map of True Places***

Brunoria Barry

Zee Finch's mother committed suicide years ago, leaving a confused, teenaged Zee to mostly raise herself while her father, Finch, concentrated on his new life with his partner, Melville. Now, Zee is a respected psychiatrist and is engaged to the wonderful Michael. When one of Zee's patients kills herself, Zee sinks into a deep depression, takes a leave of absence from work, and immerses herself in the full-time care-taking of Finch, who now suffers from Parkinson's. With the help of a group of close friends, both new and old, Zee attempts to reconcile the events of the past in order to learn to live in her own present.

*Set amidst an atmospheric Salem and the surrounding New England areas, this quick read has a bit of everything—suspense, romance, an exploration of personal relationships, magic realism, and the grieving process. Fans of Jodi Picoult and Alice Hoffman will devour this and should also pick up Barry's first novel, *The Lace Reader*.*

### ***Stay***

Allie Larken

Savannah (Van) was maid of honor at her best friend Janie's wedding. Janie married Peter, someone Van has secretly been in love with since college. Brokenhearted Van orders a German shepherd puppy off of the Internet sight unseen while drowning her sorrow in vodka and watching a Rin Tin Tin television marathon. Van ends up with a 100 lb. Slovakian police dog—technically stills a puppy. Van takes puppy "Joe" to local vet Alex and a new relationship will flourish between Van and Alex as long as Peter stays out of the picture.

*This first novel by Larken is an enjoyable and touching read about love—a cute story that is perfect for anyone, not just dog-lovers.*

# READING ROOM

## MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

### **Mind Scrambler**

Chris Grabenstein

Sea Haven, New Jersey cops Danny Boyle and John Ceepak are in Atlantic City on business when Danny meets Katie, an old flame who is working as a nanny for Richard Rock, a magician whose act is headlining there. When Katie is murdered backstage during a performance, Boyle and Ceepak help the locals investigate, uncovering some dark secrets held by the performers.

*Witty dialogue and actions offset the seriousness of the crimes. Danny Boyle is funny enough to do stand-up comedy and often translates people's responses for his straight-arrow, Iraqi war vet partner. This is fifth in the John Ceepak mystery series, but is a great read on its own.*

### **Fever Dream**

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Twelve years after his wife was killed by a lion while armed, Special Agent Pendergast discovers that his wife was murdered. Teaming up with Vincent D'Agosta, Agent Pendergast will not stop until he finds his wife's killer and has his revenge.

*This novel, with its fast pace and interesting plot feels like a never-ending roller-coaster ride. Special Agent Pendergast steals the show.*

## TEEN FICTION

### **Wintergirls**

Laurie Halse Anderson

Being 18 is tough enough—school, fitting in, parents—but Lia must also contend with her (former) best friend being found alone in a hotel room, dead. All of this while trying to convince everyone she is recovering from anorexia (she's not) and no longer cutting herself (she is).

*Anderson, award-winning author of young adult fiction, has again tackled a difficult topic in her latest book. Lia's voice is believable and lyrical, and her story is heartbreaking but not without hope.*

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### **Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet**

Jamie Ford

Henry Lee, a Chinese American 12-year-old, is friendless at his mostly-white school in 1942, when he meets and falls for Keiko Okabe, a Japanese American girl who he is separated from when her family is sent to live in an internment camp. Forty years later, Henry is a new widower who is inspired to search for a special memento of his and Keiko's, when the belongings of many formerly imprisoned Japanese American families are unearthed from the basement of Seattle's Panama Hotel.

*Told in chapters alternating between the 1940s and 1980s, this is a heartwarming novel about fathers and sons, family traditions, first loves, and the Asian American experience, set against the backdrop of an important and often-overlooked part of American history.*

### **The Surrendered**

Chang-Rae Lee

June, a troubled orphan, lost her family during the Korean War. Her life changes forever after she meets an isolated, grieving American GI and a lonely, traumatized missionary's wife.

*This heartbreaking, engrossing, and beautifully-written novel will stay with you long after you finish reading it.*

### **Blue Orchard**

Jackson Taylor

As a young girl Verna Krone is forced to quit school to help support her family. She is raped by her employer, becomes pregnant, and undergoes an abortion that almost takes her life. Soon after the abortion Verna becomes pregnant again and gives birth to a son. Verna leaves her son to become a nurse. She finds a lucrative job assisting Dr. Crampton, a prominent African American doctor, who performs illegal but fairly safe abortions. This arrangement works well until both are arrested and placed on trial.

*This fascinating novel is based upon true events in the author's grandmother's life. Dr. Crampton and Verna made front-page news in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in the early 1950s.*