

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Coming Soon

Alan Bradley

A Red Herring Without Mustard

Flavia de Luce returns for her third outing, where she demonstrates her extensive knowledge of poisons while trying to save a gypsy who has been accused of child abduction.

Sarah Braunstein

The Sweet Relief of Missing Children

In New York City, a girl named Leonora disappears. Years earlier, in upstate New York, a boy named Paul finally ditches his irresponsible mother. How do these two stories connect?

Mary Jane Clark

To Have and To Kill

Piper Donovan is a would-be actress who returns home to lend a hand in the family bakery. When a friend of the bride whose wedding cake Piper is decorating turns up dead, Piper teams up with a good-looking FBI agent, to figure out who's trying to make this bride and groom say, "I don't."

Jennifer Chiaverini

The Union Quilters: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel

At the start of the Civil War, the men of Water's Ford, Pennsylvania, rise up to fight for the Union, and the women of Elm Creek Valley's quilting bee are given some new responsibilities of their own.

Robert Crais

The Sentry

Joe Pike lends his hand to Dru Rayne and her uncle, two Katrina refugees who need help. Unfortunately, however, these two are not what they seem. A vengeful and murderous force from their past is catching up to them—and only Pike and his partner Elvis Cole stand in the way.

Kim Edwards

The Lake of Dreams

Home from Japan, conflicted about her father's death, and still attracted to her first love, local glass artist Lucy Jarrett discovers a collection of heirlooms that gives her a shattering new understanding of her family history.

David Ellis

Breach of Trust

Devastated by the death of his wife and daughter, Jason Kolarich is a broken man, ready to avenge the murder of one of his informants—an act that lands him on the wrong side of the FBI.

Siobhan Fallon

You Know When the Men Are Gone

At Fort Hood, Texas, a group of women await the return of their husbands from war.

Katie Fforde

Love Letters

Laura volunteers to help organize a literary festival, only to find that the planning committee asked for her help thinking she was a friend of hermit-like author Dermot Flynn. When she is sent to Ireland in order to get him to the event, it turns out he's really crabby—but really cute, too.

Stephen Hunter

Dead Zero: A Bob Lee Swagger Novel

Bob Lee, Marine Corps Master Sniper, swaggers back in for another adventure. This time he goes after an AWOL staff sergeant who is somewhere in the Afghan desert, provoking both the FBI and the Taliban.

Greg Iles

Unwritten Laws

Prosecutor Penn Cage is a wreck when his father, Dr. Tom Cage, is accused of murdering his former nurse. It turns out that his dad and the nurse had more than a working relationship, unbeknownst to Penn, which further complicates the case.

Michael Koryta

The Cypress House

Arlen Wagner sees a trace of smoke in peoples' eyes when they are about to die. On a train one hot Florida night, he sees death's telltale sign and tries to warn his fellow passengers. Only young Paul Brickhill believes him, and the two abandon the train and head south where they are stranded at The Cypress House—an isolated Gulf Coast boarding house where more trouble awaits.

Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child

Gideon's Sword

This first in a planned twelve book series follows the unusual investigator Gideon Crew, and has already been optioned for movie production.

John Lescroart

The Border Lands

After Ro Curtlee, scion of a wealthy and unscrupulous San Francisco family, is convicted of rape and murder, those associated with his conviction find their lives and careers sidelined. Lead on the case, homicide detective Abe Glitsky finds himself working in the payroll office. When Ro is released from prison, the prosecution's star witness is killed in a fire. Abe investigates this unhappy coincidence.

Brad Meltzer

The Inner Circle

When government archivist Benjamin January shows his secret crush, Clementine Kaye, the vault where the President reviews covert documents, they discover a dictionary that once belonged to George Washington hidden in a desk chair. This inevitably leads to questions—and eventually murder.

Michael Palmer

A Heartbeat Away

On the night of the State of the Union address, President Max Hilliard expects to give the speech of his career. But when a highly contagious virus is released into the Capitol building, virologist Griffin Rhodes, currently in solitary confinement in a maximum security federal prison, is the only person who can help—and time is running out.

Jefferson Parker

The Border Lands

ATF agent Sean Ozburn is working undercover to help upend the Baja Cartel when he suddenly cuts off communication—except for some unusual digital videos he sends his wife. Has Sean's investigations taken him to the other side? Charlie Hood must find out.

James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge

Now You See Her

Good looks, a good-looking husband, a sumptuous Key West lifestyle, and a baby on the way—Jeanine would seem to have it all until she digs up a terrible secret and must run for her life.

Kimberly Lawson Roby

Love, Honor, and Betray

The Reverend Curtis Brown wants to take in his illegitimate toddler daughter when her mother dies. Needless to say, his wife is none too thrilled.

Alison Pearson

I Think I Love You

In mid-1970s Wales, Petra and her best friend Sharon enter The Ultimate David Cassidy Quiz, hoping to meet Cassidy himself, but are met with a disappointing silence. In late 1990s London, Petra finds an old letter hidden in her mother's closet announcing that she really had won. Now, the two travel to Las Vegas, with the hopes of finally meeting their hero.

Susan Phillips

Call Me Irresistible

Teddy, the nine-year-old from *Fancy Pants* and handsome college grad from *Lady Be Good* is back and is about to marry First Daughter Lucy, but her best friend, Meg, thinks he is all wrong for her. Now, with the wedding in jeopardy, Meg faces down a very angry, but still irresistible, Teddy.

J.D. Robb

Treachery in Death

Detective Eve Dallas and her new partner Peabody face trouble when a neighborhood grocer is killed by three stoners out for kicks and snacks. Meanwhile, it appears that two fellow cops have blood on their hands.

Brad Taylor

One Rough Man

A washed-up operator on the Taskforce, an extralegal entity created by the U.S. government, Pike Logan is on the trail of two rogues who pose a far greater risk to humankind than wayward governments. This debut novel should appeal to fans of Vince Flynn.

Lauren Willig

The Orchid Affair

Lauren Grey is thrilled to be part of the Selwick Spy School—until she finds out that her first assignment is to serve as governess to the children of Andre Jaouen, the assistant to Napoleon Bonaparte's minister of police. Things turn exciting when she starts noticing suspicious activity in the house.

Stuart Woods

Strategic Moves

Stone Barrington is pleased when he brings a new client to his law firm—until he realizes that this particular client makes Bernie Madoff look like a pussycat.

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FICTION

A Visit From the Goon Squad

Jennifer Egan

Life in the San Francisco punk scene during the 1970s and beyond is explored in a series of interconnected stories in the voices of Bennie Salazar, an aging former punk rocker and record executive, and Sasha, the young troubled woman who works for him.

More than just a book about rock and roll, this novel explores love, life, death, and the problems in between. Excellent writing and character development.

The Nobodies Album

Carolyn Parkhurst

When her estranged rock star son is arrested for murdering his girlfriend, best-selling author Octavia Frost travels to San Francisco to try to reenter his life. Interspersed with this story are a collection of book endings and revised endings that she has decided will be the subject of her new book. But can she—or should she—revise the endings?

This novel is part murder mystery, part exploration of the repercussions of grief and loss on a mother and son. Beautifully written.

Backseat Saints

Joshilyn Jackson

Ro Grandee is embroiled in a dangerously abusive relationship from which she has finally decided to escape with the help of the mother who mysteriously abandoned her as a child.

This engrossing and emotional story is utterly captivating until the end. Ro is an original, multilayered character and her story takes many twists and turns that keep you on the edge of your seat.

SUSPENSE/THRILLER

Innocent

Scott Turow

Rusty Sabich, now an appellate court judge, is again on trial following the suspicious death of his wife 20 years after his original acquittal of murdering a fellow prosecutor.

Cleverly written and suspenseful sequel that hooks you from the beginning as you watch Rusty try to find happiness in his life, but at what price?

Liar's Lullaby

Meg Gardiner

Country music superstar Tasia McFarland is bipolar and has a long history of paranoid behavior. She also happens to be the ex-wife of the President. When she is killed during an opening stunt at a concert, forensic psychiatrist Dr. Jo Beckett is hired by the SFPD to determine if Tasia committed suicide or was murdered.

Third in the fantastic Jo Beckett series, this is a fast-paced read that keeps you guessing.

Trail of Blood

Lisa Black

When a mummified man's body is found in an abandoned building being torn down, forensic investigator Theresa MacLean learns that the man was a Cleveland police detective during the 1930s investigating the famous, unsolved Kingsbury Run "Torso" murders. And now, a copycat killer is reenacting the crimes with historical accuracy.

This entry in the Theresa McLean forensic scientist series is an interesting mix of the Torso Killings of the 1930s and present day events. Clevelanders especially will appreciate Black's research and her take on the murders.

READING ROOM

ADVENTURE

Thieves of Darkness

Richard Doetsch

Still mourning his wife's death, security consultant and retired art thief Michael St. Pierre is fixed up for a blind date by his friend Father Simon. What Michael doesn't know is that Katherine "K.C." Ryan is also a thief, and not a retired one. Michael's planned rescue of Simon from a remote prison is complicated when he finds K.C. there, too. As the three flee to Istanbul, they match wits with an evil businessman Philippe Venue who also wants the fabled Vatican treasure Simon and K.C. were seeking. Now it's a race to see who finds the treasure buried deep in the Himalayas.

This is the third book in a series but it can stand alone. Ultra fast-paced and action packed.

MYSTERY

Heresy

S. J. Parris

Italian monk Giordano Bruno, who narrowly escaped the Inquisition in his country, is on a mission for one of Queen Elizabeth's henchmen to uncover religious wrong doing when several murders on the Oxford campus create a whole new diversion.

Good characterizations and historical detail make this an interesting story of the religious turmoil under Queen Elizabeth I. Things begin to really move in the last chapters with a big plot twist and solution to the whodunit.

ROMANCE

Fireworks Under Toccoa

Jeffrey Stepakoff

A chance encounter leads to a passionate love affair between upper class Lily Davis Woodward and Italian immigrant Jake Russo.

*A love story beautifully told, this book will remind readers of **The Bridges of Madison County**.*

HISTORICAL FICTION

The Invisible Bride

Julie Orringer

Andras leaves Hungary in 1937 to study architecture in Paris on scholarship. There, he falls in love with Klara, a Hungarian immigrant with a mysterious past. Both Jewish, when the war begins they are forced to return to Budapest to face the horrors of World War II.

This epic novel is a story of art, love, family and the sweep of history. Well researched and emotionally resonant, it is a wonderful, fascinating read.

PSYCHOLOGICAL FICTION

The Lovers

Vendela Vida

A mother of two grown children, Yvonne rents a vacation home in Turkey, the site of her honeymoon twenty-six years ago. Once there, however, Yvonne is uncomfortable with her aloneness and in her new role as a widow. Her solitude is broken by Ozlem, her landlord's snooping ex-wife, and Yvonne spends her hours on the beach, where she befriends a young boy. It is only when a tragic accident occurs that Yvonne is able to move past her grief and see that her isolation is self-imposed.

A spellbinding, atmospheric and suspenseful read.

I'd Know You Anywhere

Laura Lippman

In 1985, when she was fifteen, Elizabeth Benedict was one of several teenage girls abducted by Walter Bowman. But, she was the only one he didn't kill. Now married with two children and using the name "Eliza," the last thing she expects is to find out he has tracked her down and that he wants her to contact him on death row.

Wow! Another fantastic psychological suspense thriller from Laura Lippman. If you liked her previous standalone novels, you'll love this one.