

Coming Soon

C. J. Box

Back of Beyond

A disgraced cop with a history of alcoholism, Cody Hoyt is also a bulldog investigator. When his AA sponsor turns up dead, Cody determines that the killer is one of 14 men on a weeklong expedition in Yellowstone National Park. Only problem, Cody's son is also on the trip.

Bruce Cameron

Emory's Gift

Thirteen-year-old Charlie Hall's mother dies, and as his father grieves, Charlie finds himself drifting, lost and alone through the brutal halls of junior high school. In the woods behind his house, Charlie is saved from a mountain lion by a grizzly bear, thought to be extinct in northern Idaho. This very unusual bear will change Charlie's life forever.

Jane Casey

The Burning

Maeve Kerrigan is an ambitious detective constable, eager to make her mark on the murder task force, but her male colleagues believe she is weak. The more Maeve learns about the latest victim, Rebecca Haworth, the more determined Maeve becomes to bring her murderer to justice.

Jennifer Close

Girls in White Dresses

These girls are bridesmaids who can't quite get things right. Isabella is acing her job but nevertheless loathes it, Mary adores a guy who adores only his mother, and Lauren finds herself attracted to someone who's definitely not her type.

F. G. Cottam

The Magdalena Curse

When 10-year-old Adam Hunter suddenly begins speaking in tongues, Dr. Elizabeth Bancroft diagnoses the voices as those of the dead. A decade earlier, on a special ops assignment in Bolivia, Adam's father Mark, encountered a sorceress who destroyed his men and cursed his progeny. Now, Mark has no choice but to track down the witch.

Julie Garwood

The Ideal Man

Dr. Ellie Sullivan saw an FBI agent gunned down by the Landrys, a deadly Bonnie and Clyde-like couple who always makes sure that anyone who can identify them is silenced. Now, agent Max Daniels is in charge of Ellie's well-being.

Kathleen George

Hideout

A young mother dies in a hit-and-run accident caused by brothers, Jack and Ryan Rutter. Desperate and afraid, the two flee to Sugar Lake, where they vacationed as children. As Detectives Colleen Greer and Richard Christie search for the young men, Jack and Ryan invite more trouble by taking hostages.

W.E.B Griffin

Victory and Honor

Straight from World War II, Cletus Frade is presented with equally daunting challenges in the form of political threats against the OSS and the early stirrings of the Cold War. Frade conducts a secret and morally ambiguous operation to counter the growing ambitions of Joseph Stalin.

Patti Callahan Henry

Coming Up for Air

Ellie's marriage crumbled at the same time her controlling mother died. When Ellie learns that her once ex-boyfriend, Hutch, is making a documentary about her mom's life, Ellie can't imagine who would find it interesting.

Denis Johnson

Train Dreams

Robert Grainer is a day laborer in the American West at the start of the twentieth century—an ordinary man in extraordinary times. Sidelined by the loss of his family, Grainer struggles to make sense of this changing world. As his story unfolds, readers witness his shocking personal defeats and the transformation of America in his lifetime.

William Kent Krueger

Northwest Angle

Discovering a murdered teen while stranded by a gale on the remote Lake of the Woods, detective Cork O'Connor and his daughter, Jenny, also discover a mysterious baby boy whose life is threatened by powerful adversaries.



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Laura Lippman

The Most Dangerous Thing

Best friends who grew apart as they grew up are reunited after one of them, the guy who never made good, ups and dies. Was this an isolated incident or are more lives at stake?

David Liss

The Twelfth Enchantment

In this Regency-era novel, well-bred Lucy Derrick is forced to live with her ungracious uncle after her father's death. She's saved from marriage to the local miller when an ethereal and clearly ill young man knocks on her door and demands that the marriage not take place—and then he collapses.

Carla McPherson

Dandy Gilver and the Proper Treatment of Bloodstains

Fans of Jacqueline Winspear will be enamored of Dandy Gilver, a witty, wealthy, and totally original aristocrat who puts her status to good use solving crimes. When Dandy gets a letter from a woman who thinks her husband is out to get her, she goes undercover as their maid to get the complete story.

Louise Penny

A Trick of the Light

When Lillian Dyson is found dead in Clara Morrow's garden in Three Pines, it shatters the celebrations of Clara's solo show at the famed Musée in Montreal. Chief Inspector Gamache is called to the tiny Quebec village, where he finds the art world gathered in a world of shadow and light, where nothing is as it seems.

Anne Perry

Acceptable Loss

When the body of small-time crook Mickey Parfitt washes up with the tide, no one grieves. William Monk, commander of the River Police, is puzzled by the the murder weapon. How did this elegant scarf end up imbedded in the neck of a wharf rat who richly deserved his sordid end?

Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child

Cold Vengeance

Seeking revenge after his wife Helen is murdered, Special Agent Pendergast chases the killers from Scotland to New York City and into the bayous of Louisiana and discovers that Helen may have been a collaborator in her own death.

Kathy Reichs

Flash and Bones

After a body is found in a container of asphalt near a North Carolina speedway, a NASCAR crew member tells forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan about his sister, an aspiring race car driver who disappeared 12 years previously with her boyfriend, Cale.

Robert Rotenberg

The Guilty Plea

On the morning his divorce trial is set to begin, Terrance Wyler is found stabbed to death in the kitchen of his home. Detective Ari Greene finds Wyler's four-year-old son asleep upstairs. When Wyler's wife, Samantha, shows up at her lawyer's office with a bloody knife wrapped in a towel, the case looks like a straightforward guilty plea but instead becomes a complex murder trial, full of spite and uncertainty.

Lisa Unger

Darkness, My Old Friend

A man searching for his mother who disappeared decades earlier, a high-strung teenager, a psychic who predicts a man's death, and a disgraced former chief of police find their lives converging in ways that invoke formidable personal costs.

Madeleine Wickham

40 Love

As their children entertain themselves, four couples settle on a sunlit terrace and score off one another in veiled but clearly competitive exchanges, each couple reaching for the top spot.

Kate White

The Sixes

A college town is shaken by a mysterious death on campus. When new teacher Phoebe Hall attempts to investigate, she ends up in the clutches of a secret society, "the Sixes," that unearths secrets of Phoebe's long-buried past.

Hit the Road

After the death of her father, Amy Curry and her family are relocating from California to Connecticut. Once school is over Amy will pack up the car and head east. The problem: Amy won't drive. The solution: Roger, the son of her mom's friend. With Roger in the driver's seat and mom's emergency credit card, the pair set out on a carefully planned and perfectly boring road trip across the country. It doesn't take long for them to get off track and embark on a more exciting (and emotionally cathartic) journey. Their detour leads them to places like Yosemite and Graceland before their final destination.

Bits of Amy's journal, along with pictures, doodles, receipts, and playlists provide levity to an often serious story. ***Amy and Roger's Epic Detour*** by Morgan Matson is a perfect summer romance. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll want to pack up your car and hit the open road. Buckle up; you are in for a treat.

—Megan Alabaugh

The Mermaid Garden

The Mermaid Garden by Santa Montefiore is a beautifully written novel with one love story from the past and one love story in the present seamlessly interwoven. In Italy during 1966, poor ten-year-old Floriana Farussi meets and falls in love with wealthy teenager Dante Bonfanti. Unfortunately, tragic circumstances tear these two soul mates apart. In England during 2009, Marina and Grey Turner are struggling financially to keep their Hotel Polzanze open. They hire an Argentine painter to give lessons to their guests hoping to make their hotel more profitable. How are these two stories connected? What was the tragedy that separated Floriana and Dante? What terrible secret is Marina hiding from her family? The young painter, Rafa Santori, is the thread that weaves these two stories together. Readers will not easily forget the wonderful, complex characters in this enchanting romance!

—Donna Zmrazek

Welcome Back, Davenport

Lucas Davenport is back on the case—literally working the first murder case he was assigned to in 1985. New evidence emerges when a construction crew discovers the bodies of two sisters wrapped in plastic. Though no longer actively involved in such cases, Davenport's connections, recollections and trademark hunches come into play as he hunts for a killer who got away.

Readers are taken back in time to the original crime, encountering Davenport as he is just developing his skills. As he partners with Del Capslock, learning the basics of detective work, the decades old murder case unfolds for the reader. Now, retracing those steps, he feels responsible for the events set in motion by not getting the right guy the first time.

Fans of John Sandford's Prey novels have had many adventures with Lucas Davenport through the years. ***Buried Prey*** harkens back to the fast-paced intelligent story-telling that got the series started.

—Camille Nice

Secrets & Lies

In 2002, amidst the sexual abuse scandal in the Archdiocese of Boston, Father Arthur Breen is told to abandon his post pending further investigation. A troubled young woman that he befriended has accused him of abusing her son. Father Breen is devastated; isolated and lonely, he mysteriously refuses to defend himself. Art's half-sister Sheila returns home to support and defend her brother, reconstructing the events leading up to the accusation while uncovering the past of her Irish-Catholic working class family.

In ***Faith***, Jennifer Haigh creates a beautifully written, suspenseful family drama. She allows the humanity of the characters to shine through and reflects on the poison of silence and the redemption of love.

—Dori Olivos

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HISTORICAL FICTION

The Bride's House

Sandra Dallas
Three generations of women eventually live in the same gorgeous Victorian home in Georgetown, Colorado. Charlie Dumas wants to marry 17-year-old runaway Nealie Bent, but she falls in love with handsome Will Spaulding. Will disappears when Nealie becomes pregnant. Nealie marries Charlie, moves into the "Bride's House," and dies shortly after giving birth to Pearl. As the years go by, Charlie finds fault with Pearl's boyfriends until Frank Curry proves himself worthy. Their daughter, Susan, starts the cycle all over again by being unmarried and pregnant.

A sweeping family saga with long-kept secrets revealed in each generation.

Revolution

Jennifer Donnelly
Seventeen-year-old Andi is deeply depressed and grieving the death of her little brother. When she finds herself close to expulsion from her private NYC high school, her father forces her to travel to Paris with him. There, she discovers the diary of Alex, a young woman who cared for the son of Louis XVII during the French Revolution, and Virgil, a hip-hop master who takes her under his wing.

Donnelly's latest is a feast for the reader - it's emotionally gripping, Andi's voice drips with teen sarcasm while being smart and insightful and the story of the French Revolution is fascinating.

ROMANCE/WOMEN'S FICTION

The Silver Boat

Luanne Rice
When Dar McCarthy was twelve, her father left his wife and daughters behind on Martha's Vineyard, while he sailed to Ireland. He called them once to say he arrived on Ireland's shore and then was never heard from again. He was on a quest to find an ancestral land grant deeded to his family centuries ago. The original document would allow the McCarthy's to keep their Martha's Vineyard home. When their mother passes away, Dar convinces her now middle-aged sisters to travel to Ireland in search of their missing father.

Another lovely and beautiful story by Rice. The McCarthy sisters are bound together by love and shared loss, but they also have their individual heartache to deal with.

Swept Off Her Feet

Hester Browne
Evie Nicholson thinks Scottish men are handsome and sexy. Her sister Alice is engaged to just such a dreamy Scotsman, Fraser Graham. Alice asks Evie to take a holiday from the antiques shop where she works in Chelsea and travel to Scotland to evaluate antiques at a castle that belongs to a friend of Fraser's. Evie finds that not all Scotsmen are as charming as Fraser. Robert McAndrew, heir to the castle, is handsome but also cranky and elusive. Evie has only a few days to price the antiques and possibly bring a smile to Robert's face.

Readers will fall in love with the characters, especially Evie. This story is great fun with not just one happy romance, but two.

Cleaning Nabokov's House

Leslie Daniels
After losing her children in a custody battle, Barb Barrett is broken and broke. Using inheritance money, she buys the former house of author Vladimir Nabokov and works answering mail for the local dairy. Her journey to self-discovery begins with the finding of a possible Nabokov manuscript in the house and leads to self-employment (a cathouse for the women of her town) and a new relationship.

Daniel's first novel is a non-traditional romance that's funny, engaging, and a bit off the wall. With a smart, perceptive, and saucy heroine, this novel is a fast read.

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FICTION

The Free World

David Bezmozgis
When the Soviet Union opens up emigration to Russian Jews, diehard Communist Samuil Krasnansky and his wife reluctantly join his children and their families when they choose to immigrate to America. They are waylaid, however, for six months in Italy, and must adapt to living with other Jewish refugees and with each other.

A fascinating family drama about emigration, religion, politics, freedom and longing.

The Peach Keeper

Sara Addison Allen
Thirty-year-old Willa's family once owned the Blue Ridge Madam, the grand hotel in her small Southern hometown of Walls of Water, North Carolina. Now, Willa owns a sporting goods store and should consider herself lucky to have been invited by her high school nemesis, Paxton Osgood, to the hotel's grand reopening. A renovation means digging, however, and when long-hidden secrets come to light, Willa and Paxton might actually join forces to keep them out of sight.

A perfect blend of family loyalty, a chance at new romance, and magic realism make this one yet another charmer by Sarah Addison Allen.

Georgia Bottoms

Mark Childress
To outward appearances, Georgia Bottoms is a sweet Southern gal who attends weekly church services, throws a mean annual brunch, and takes care of her aging mother and alcoholic brother. Behind the scenes, Georgia has secrets galore—including a well-organized weekly schedule of nightly visits from other women's husbands, who with their gifts of cash, help Georgia pay the bills.

The sassy and smart character of Georgia, a little bit of steamy romance, and hidden secrets are just a few reasons to pick this one up. Childress has delivered a funny and poignant portrait of Southern living that is filled with realistic yet flawed characters.

MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

Heads You Lose

Lisa Lutz and David Hayward
With the toss of a coin, Lacey discovers a dead body in the yard that she shares with her pot-growing brother. Their criminal activity leads them to dispose of the headless body rather than call the police. Hilarity and further murders ensue as Lacey sets out to solve the crime.

Bestselling author Lutz teams up with her ex-boyfriend to write this quirky new murder mystery. Told in alternating chapters, complete with footnotes, asides, and notes between the authors, the story itself is far-fetched and at times bizarre, but highly enjoyable nonetheless. Fans of Lutz's Spellman Files series will not be disappointed.

The Priest

Gerard O'Donovan
Inspector Mike Mulcahy is forced to leave Spain when his drug squad is disassembled and return home to Dublin; Mike is temporarily put to work alongside a sex crimes team. The job becomes more permanent after an attack leaves a young girl brutalized. Soon, more victims are discovered, and the newspapers begin sensationalizing the story of "The Priest," a maniac who brands his victims with metal crosses. Dubliners pray that this "priest" will soon be brought to justice.

A hard-boiled riveting mystery filled with nonstop suspense. This debut will leave the reader eagerly awaiting a second installment.

The Neighbors are Watching

Debra Ginsberg
Suburban residents show their true colors when a pregnant girl arrives in their cul-de-sac. From the outside it looks like the neighbors keep to themselves, but they are always watching each other. Lies and secrets abound while the neighborhood is threatened by wildfires and a murder.

With excellent characterizations, this well-written domestic drama makes for thought-provoking reading.

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Who Doesn't Love a Fighter?

In ***Gone with a Handsomer Man*** by Michael Lee West, Teeny Templeton is a big-hearted Southern gal with a never-say-die attitude and poor impulse control. On their own, these are all excellent qualities, but sometimes they work together to create real trouble for Teeny. For example, when she came home unexpectedly and found her fiancé Bing playing naked badminton with two women she'd never seen before, Teeny's first impulse was to climb a peach tree and throw ripe fruit. Her good aim costs her an assault charge and a trip to the police station. Teeny's mug shot is barely developed before she becomes the prime suspect in Bing's murder. Enter Cooper O'Malley, a good looking lawyer, as well as Teeny's first, and perhaps only true, love. With quirky companions, a fast-paced plot, plenty of humorous moments, and a little bit of romance, this book will be The One you love this summer—a great choice for fans of Mary Kay Andrews and Jennifer Cruise.

—Stacey Hayman

Jackson's Back

Jackson Brodie is at loose ends. His "wife" has absconded with the millions of pounds he inherited from an elderly woman whom he assisted when she needed help in solving the mystery of what was happening to her cats. His teenage daughter from his first marriage has become somewhat unrecognizable, and he is trying to get to know the young boy he's determined is his son with Julia, another ex-lover. Oh and yes, he's recently acquired a dog. ***Started Early, Took My Dog*** by Kate Atkinson is the fourth mystery featuring Jackson Brodie, ex-cop and sometimes private investigator. In Atkinson's typical style she weaves and interweaves story lines about a decades old case surrounding the death of a prostitute, a woman in Australia seeking her identity, and a recently retired policewoman who rescues a young girl she perceives as being in danger. Jackson Brodie is definitely a flawed but "good guy" character and Atkinson is a witty, irreverent, and intelligent writer.

—Ann Jackson

Lest We Forget

Wench by Dolen Perkins-Valdez is the story of Tawawa House, a resort in the free state of Ohio where southern white men would vacation with their favorite black mistresses/personal servants in the mid-1850s. Over the summers Lizzie, Reenie, and Sweet become friends sharing life experiences of abuse, childbirth, and fear their children would be sold. When Mawu joins the threesome she talks of running away from her brutal master with the help of local free blacks and a Quaker woman and attempts to persuade the others to join her.

Even though ***Wench*** chronicles a dark time in American history and is a heart-wrenching tale to imagine, it tells an important story to remember. Tawawa House eventually became the site of Wilberforce University, the nation's oldest private black university near Xenia, Ohio.

—Emma Dittmar

If You Liked "The Hunger Games"

Sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior lives in a future society that requires her to choose among five factions that will shape her identity for the rest of her life. Her difficult decision is further complicated by the confusing and dangerous results of a standardized aptitude test. Once her choice is made, Beatrice renames herself Tris and begins the grueling and dangerous initiation process. Protecting a secret that could lead to her death if discovered, Tris soon learns that there is growing conflict among certain factions. As tension mounts Tris learns that her secret could be the key to saving those she loves.

Move over Katniss, there is a new tough girl in town! Fans of ***The Hunger Games*** will not want to miss ***Divergent*** by Veronica Roth, a suspenseful, action-packed series opener. Violence, backstabbing, and high stakes challenges are par for the course as Tris struggles to earn a spot in her faction of choice.

—Megan Alabaugh

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A Tale for the Ages

The Tiger's Wife by Téa Obreht is one of those unusual books you pick up, randomly, only to find that you've stumbled onto a rare gem. Natalia is a young physician traveling to remote orphanages to vaccinate children when she learns of her grandfather's death. As a child, she grew up having a strong bond with her grandfather, a doctor forced from his beloved career due to ethnic divides in the country. Their frequent trips to the neighborhood zoo and the secret they share later in her life sealed their special relationship despite Natalia's drifting away in young adulthood. As she travels to her grandfather's native village after his death and remembers his stories and the incredible legend of the tiger's wife, Natalia discovers much more about her grandfather than she could ever have dreamed.

Obreht's writing is lyrical and superb, the characters are richly drawn, and the mysterious weaving of the story line transports you to beautiful, though war torn, Eastern Europe. Told through magical stories and intense flashbacks, this is a story you will hold onto long after you've finished the last page.

—Maureen Stratton

Dante and Virgil's Epic Journey

Are you dying to read a thought-provoking, classic novel but you don't have much time? Consider selecting the well-crafted graphic novel, ***Dante's Divine Comedy*** as adapted by Seymour Chwast. Simply illustrated and true to the original story line, this book could be enjoyed on its own or as a way to enhance reading Dante's epic poem. A friendly caution, reading this before bedtime may result in vivid dreaming.

—Stacey Hayman

Presumed Guilty

Soon after moving from Chicago to Door County, Wisconsin, teacher Mark Bradley is accused of an inappropriate student relationship. Despite protests of innocence, Mark loses his job, and becomes an outcast in the community. Then, while in Florida with his wife and her student dance team, Mark takes a night walk on the beach, accidentally meeting Glory, the wild younger sister of his student accuser. The next morning Glory is found dead, and Mark is the prime suspect. Although the locals believe Mark guilty of the murder, Florida detective Cab Bolton, harboring secrets of his own, comes north to learn the truth.

Best known for his series featuring Jonathan Stride, Freeman's new stand-alone ***The Bone House*** is hard to put down. Intricate plotting and lots of red herrings will keep you guessing until the last page.

—Evelyn Janoch

Heading for Tombstone

The American West has been mined for stories as greedily as it had been for gold. No wonder: cowboys, gunslingers, and gamblers make for interesting entertainment. Doc Holliday and Wyatt Earp have been the subject of more books than one can count. In ***Doc*** by Mary Doria Russell, readers once again head west.

This novel focuses on John Henry Holliday's early life as he leaves his home for Texas, a climate better suited to his ailing lungs. Choosing to spend his time with a high-born whore, a princely priest, and the equally contradictory Earp brothers, Doc emerges as a complicated man whose appreciation for beauty and grace is undermined by his own need to make his way in a world where he finds too little of both.

Rich historical detail derived from Russell's research and fictional elements of the story blend seamlessly. The result is a heart-breaking tale nearly Shakespearean in scope, and gorgeously told.

—Camille Nice

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Listening to Your Unconscious

This is a different type of success story—it's not told on a surface level, but one level down, at the level of emotions, biases, and intuitions. And it's told through the lives of two made-up characters, Erica and Harold. You'll follow them from birth to old age and see through thousands of examples how their conscious and unconscious minds interact to make wise, or not-so-wise, choices, and how the unconscious has the most say. After following brain research for the past thirty years, David Brooks was compelled to write ***The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement*** in an attempt to synthesize the findings into this one narrative.

The book is filled with many interesting and provocative findings, such as: THE most important decision you will ever make, the one that will influence every aspect of your life in every conceivable way, is who you choose to marry. What if you are, like me, single?

—Chris Nowak

Mother Nature's Son

A woman makes a bad decision that lands her in prison and leaves her three-year-old son alone in the world in 1969. Though the state of California gives Wrecker, named for his destructive tendencies, to his Aunt Meg and Uncle Len who live in remote Humboldt county, Len is already too overwhelmed caring for his brain-damaged wife to take on a child. Instead, he enlists his neighbors, Bow Farm commune members Melody, Willow, Ruthie, and Johnnie Appleseed, to raise the boy on their ramshackle farm.

While readers may feel they've read stories like this before, ***Wrecker*** by Summer Wood pulls at your heartstrings. Ultimately, this novel is a celebration of family—whether it's one you're born into or chosen by.

—Carol O'Keefe

The President's Vampire

The United States has a secret weapon...a vampire! Over 140 years ago, Nathaniel Cade took an oath to protect and serve his country. In ***The President's Vampire*** by Christopher Farnsworth, Nathaniel Cade and his human handler, Zach Barrows, are once again called into service to rescue the United States. This time, humans are being turned into reptilian creatures and it appears that the mysterious Shadow Company is behind it all. Readers who love action-packed, conspiracy-filled thrill rides from the first page to the last will thoroughly enjoy this new novel. Move over Jack Bauer, Jason Bourne, and James Bond! Vampire Nathaniel Cade is our new super hero!

—Donna Zmrazek

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Then He Kissed Me by Christine Ridgeway

A Little Bit Sinful by Adrienne Basso

Cloudy With a Chance of Marriage by Kieran Kramer

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