

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Coming Soon

Lisa Black

Defensive Wounds

Cleveland forensic scientist Theresa MacLean is called to New York, where criminal defense attorneys attending a convention at the Ritz-Carlton are meeting with unpleasant deaths.

Alan Bradley

I Am Half-Sick of Shadows

Nearly broke, Colonel de Luce is forced to rent out his beloved crumbling estate, Buckshaw, to a film company that plans to make a movie over the Christmas holidays. When someone strangles the movie star with a length of film-strip and a blizzard locks everyone in, young Flavia de Luce must uncover the murderer.

Jackie Collins

Goddess of Vengeance

Lucky Santangelo owns the wildly successful casino-hotel complex The Keys, and billionaire businessman Armand Jordan wants it even if it's not for sale.

John Connolly

The Infernals

The demon Mrs. Abernathy is ready to kill poor Samuel Johnson after he helps prevent the invasion of Earth by evil forces. Now, Sam is on the run with Boswell, his devoted dachshund. When the two get yanked through a portal, they find themselves in one dark and dangerous place.

Kimberly Cutter

The Maid: A Novel of Joan of Arc

In the 1400s, as the Hundred Years' War marches on, a French peasant girl sees a light, hears a voice, and mounts a horse to lead thousands of her countrymen against the English.

Anne Enright

The Forgotten Waltz

Snow falls on Terenure, outside of Dublin, as Gina Moynihan recalls Seán Valley, the love of her life, and their afternoons of languid bliss that seemed to stretch forever. Now, she awaits the arrival of Seán's delicate 12-year-old daughter, Evie.

Carolly Erickson

The Favored Queen

Erickson tells the story of Jane Seymour, third wife to Henry VIII, who married him somewhat reluctantly, just days after Anne Boleyn's beheading and who died giving birth to the male heir he so desperately wanted.

Jeffrey Eugenides

The Marriage Plot

Madeleine Hanna, an English major in the early 1980s, reads Austen while everyone else studies Derrida. When she finally decides to take a semiotics class, she meets the wild and irresistible loner Leonard Morten, who teaches her about more than signs and symbols. Meanwhile, Mitchell Grammaticus, a voice from her past, comes back to demand that they spend their lives together.

Marisa de los Santos

Falling Together

Pen, Will, and Cat became friends in college but inevitably have gone their separate ways. Now, new single-mom Pen gets a frantic e-mail plea from Will, begging her to come to a class reunion. From there, the three take a journey that will change them forever.

John Grisham

The Litigators

Criminals, lawyers, and judges. Oh my! This new legal thriller from John Grisham is one you'll want to wait in line for.

Alice Hoffman

The Dovekeepers

The Romans' siege of Masada in 70 C.E., during which all but a handful of the 900 Jewish defenders were slaughtered is told through the voices of four women: Yael, daughter of an assassin; Revka, determined to protect her grandsons; the warrior Aziza; and her mother, a woman of mysterious powers.

Jeffrey Lindsay

Double Dexter

Blood splatter analyst by day, avenging angel by night, Dexter Morgan is everyone's favorite serial killer. Here the character who prompted Showtime's top-rated show discovers that a criminal out there is copying him.



David Lodge

A Man of Parts

As H. G. lies dying, he recalls tender moments with the wives he's married and women he's bedded, including Rebecca West.

Neil McMahon

L.A. Mental

For psychologist Tom Crandall, L.A. is going mental. Meanwhile, Tom's brother, Nick, is blackmailing his family members, including their other brother, Paul, who's financing a film by shadowy company Parallax. Tom investigates and discovers that there's more to Parallax than just moviemaking.

Alexander McCall Smith

The Forgotten Affairs of Youth

Jane, an Australian philosopher on sabbatical in Edinburgh, asks her friend Isabel to help track down her biological father, once a student in Edinburgh. Isabel is glad to help, even though she's juggling concern for her young son and her perennial fiancé, Jamie.

Mary McGarry Morris

Light from a Distant Star

With her father's business in trouble and her mother now working, 13-year-old Nellie is the determined caretaker of her little brother. The adults she does encounter, like the stripper who rents an apartment at the back of the house, upend her life further. When a moment of violence lands Nellie in court as a witness, no one believes the awful truth she's trying to relay.

Helen Oyemami

Mr. Fox

Fairy-tale romances traditionally end with a wedding and don't often get complicated. When the celebrated writer Mr. Fox can't stop himself from killing off the heroines of his novels, Mary, his muse, comes to life and transforms him from author into subject—and his story begins to unfold very differently as a result.

James Patterson & Richard DiLallo

The Christmas Wedding

Gaby Summerhill is planning to get married on Christmas, and her children, who haven't celebrated the holidays together since their father's death five years previously, will have to wait until the big day to find out who the lucky guy is.

Kitty Pilgrim

The Explorer's Code

When oceanographer Cordelia Stapleton receives a posthumous award for her great-great-grandfather, a famed polar explorer, she also discovers that she is heir to a missing land deed which is being sought by a bunch of underground criminals. Along with rich and dashing archaeologist John Sinclair, she travels from Monaco to London, Paris, Ephesus, and Norway's Arctic isles to track down the deed.

Michael Savage

Abuse of Power

Forced into freelance work after a radical watchdog group's smear campaign, former prominent war correspondent Jack Hatfield ignores FBI warnings to stay away when he stumbles on a large-scale terrorist plot. Instead, he partners with a seductive Yemeni intelligence agent and a veteran Green Beret.

Haywood Smith

Wife-in-Law

Proper Republican Betsy and flaming liberal Kat end up best friends. Then, Betsy's husband leaves her for his secretary. Then he comes back—but falls for and marries newly widowed Kat. And you thought your family was dysfunctional?

Nicholas Sparks

The Best of Me

High school sweethearts who are from opposite sides of the tracks each go their own way after graduation. Decades later, they meet again for a funeral of their beloved mentor. But will they rekindle their romance as well?

Lily Tuck

I Married You for Happiness

As this novel opens, a woman sits holding the hand of her husband, who has died unexpectedly. She reflects on their tender and tumultuous life together, starting with their unlikely meeting in Paris as artist and mathematician.

Lisa Tucker

The Winters in Bloom

David and Kyra Winter are a successful suburban couple with a five-year-old son, Michael, who they overprotect. When the boy is abducted from under their noses, David and Kyra must confront their pasts. Only by arming themselves with the bitter truth do they have any hope of finding Michael.



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CLASSIC LITERATURE

O Pioneers

Willa Cather

John Bergson, a Swedish immigrant, leaves the homestead to daughter, Alexandra, with the understanding that she would take care of her three brothers. After many years of hard work Alexandra and her family are prosperous farmers. Emil, the youngest college-educated brother, falls in love with Marie, an unhappily married neighbor. Tragically both are shot and killed by Marie's husband. This is first title in the Prairie Trilogy which is followed by **The Song of the Lark** in 1915 and **My Antonia** in 1918.

Having experienced life on the frontier firsthand, Willa Cather portrays a realistic picture of loneliness and struggle.

TEEN FICTION

Ten Miles Past Normal

Frances O'Roark Dowell & John Abbott

When Janie was little, living on a farm seemed like a great idea. Now farm life is ruining her teen life. Desperate to be known for something other than "Farm Girl," Janie joins a band and becomes friends with a guy named Monster. When a school project leads Janie and her friend Sarah to a local civil rights activist and founder of a Freedom School, Janie learns that normal may be overrated.

This charming coming-of-age story is full of lively, quirky characters. Janie's journey is full of hilarious highs, embarrassing lows, and powerful personal accounts of the Civil Rights Movement. This is a fun, quick read.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Being Polite to Hitler

Robert Dew Foreman

When Agnes Scofield's daughter-in-law said that the residents of Agnes's small Ohio town would be "polite to Hitler," Agnes starts thinking about the way she lives her life. Following all the rules, both stated and unstated, has left her with an unsatisfying life. Agnes makes some remarkable changes and tips her life in the direction of more enjoyment and fulfillment, much to the surprise of her adult children and much younger lover.

Third in Forman Dew's Washburn, Ohio trilogy. A thought-provoking story. The author delves into the idea that anyone can change her life at any time. Good for you, Agnes Scofield!

ROMANCE

Night Road

Kristin Hannah

After years of being in foster care, Lexi Baill finally finds a home with her great aunt in Port George, Washington. On her first day of high school, she meets twins Mia and Zach Farraday and is accepted into their close-knit family. As seniors attending a graduation party, the three all get drunk, even though Zach was supposed to be the designated driver. Lexi, the least drunk of the three, decides to drive the short route home, changing their lives forever.

An absorbing novel about acceptance, love, loss, anger, and redemption that will run the whole range of your emotions.



READING ROOM

MYSTERY

The Dark Enquiry

Deanna Raybourn

Lady Julia is thrilled that Nicholas Brisbane is finally taking her seriously as a partner in his investigations, but his latest enquiry into the death of a fortune teller reveals unflattering information about her brother Belmont. Now, Julia throws herself headlong into solving the crime, putting her life in danger and landing herself in the newspaper's gossip column along the way. Will Brisbane allow her to continue tracking the killer? Or will he lock her up and make her behave like a proper woman of her time? Have you met Lady Julia?

This series gets better and better with each book. Smart crime solving, passionate romance, and a wonderfully descriptive historical backdrop are just a few reasons to pick up Deanna Raybourn's mystery novels. Lucky are newcomers to this series who'll get to fall in love with these characters for the first time!

The Complaints

Ian Rankin

Complaints Detective Malcolm Fox finds himself the target of an internal investigation after his sister's abusive boyfriend is found murdered. Is it just a coincidence that he had been asked to head an investigation of Internet porn charges against Jamie Breck, the detective in charge of the murder scene?

An intricately plotted police procedural that introduces a new detective, Malcolm Fox, who is the antithesis of John Rebus. This is sure to be an exciting new series.

Death of a Chimney Sweep

M. C. Beaton

The body of a village newcomer and apparent con man is discovered inside his chimney. The improbable Hamish Macbeth doggedly sweeps the countryside in his dutiful attempt to ascertain the killer.

Preceded by more than two dozen outings for the perennially efficacious constable, the author's totally linear technique remains the perfect foil for her glibly entertaining, yet utterly insightful, social commentary. Check them out; you may just be swept away.

FICTION

The Old Romantic

Louise Dean

Nick, a successful British attorney, is stunned by an ex-girlfriend's charge that he is a shallow person. As he frets over this accusation, his cantankerous aging parents loom into his life again. Nick has successfully ignored them for 20 years. A weekend discussion with an old friend dredges up more uncomfortable truths about himself. Will Nick be able to deal with the turmoil in his life, or will he continue to skate gracefully over its surface?

A thoughtful, humorous, and biting commentary on one man and his many unsatisfying relationships.

The Kitchen Daughter

Jael McHenry

Ginny Selvaggio is a twenty-something woman with Asperger's syndrome. A creative and amazing cook, she has the unusual ability to elicit ghosts when she uses a recipe that was handwritten by the deceased. Since her parents' accidental death, her sheltered life has been shattered. She and her sister are at odds about her future, but her ghostly visitors help show her the path to her unique future.

A touching, enlightening first novel. Ginny is a strong heroine with many choices to make about her own life.

Once Upon a Time, There Was You

Elizabeth Berg

Irene and John divorced many years ago, but they are forced to cooperate when their only child, Sadie, is abducted. John immediately flies from his home in California to Minnesota and stays with Irene during the frightening days Sadie is missing. Once the crisis is resolved, Irene and John find it difficult to go their separate ways.

The self-absorbed Irene faces heartbreak from both the past and the present and chooses to grow into the woman she was always meant to be.

