

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Coming Soon

Sherman Alexie

Blasphemy

Be sure to pick up this collection of new and selected short stories from a bold and irreverent observer of life among Native Americans in the Pacific Northwest.

Arnaldur Indridason

Outrage: An Icelandic Thriller

Detective Erlunder takes a leave puts his female assistant, Elinborg, in charge. Elinborg is thrust into the world of violent crime when a serial rapist is on the loose, and she must catch the criminal before he strikes again.

M. C. Beaton

Hiss and Hers

Agatha has fallen in love (again!) with local gardener, George Marston, but sadly, soon discovers that he has been murdered. If Agatha can't have George, at least she'll have the satisfaction of finding out who would have reasons to kill the man.

Richard Castle

Frozen Heat

In the fourth book in the Nikki Heat series, Nikki finds an unidentified woman stabbed to death and stuffed inside a suitcase left on a Manhattan street and is in for an even bigger shock when this new homicide connects to the unsolved murder of her own mother.

Michael Chabon

Telegraph Avenue

Longtime band mates Archy and Nat still preside over Brokeland Records, a used-record emporium in a Berkley-esque Californian town. All's well until a former NFL quarterback, one of the country's richest African Americans, decides to build his megastore on nearby Telegraph Avenue.

Michael Connelly

The Black Box

Harry Bosch links the bullet from a recent crime to a file from 1992, the killing of a young female photojournalist during the L.A. riots that was never solved. Now that it seems that her death was not random violence, Bosch searches for the one piece of evidence that will pull the case together.

Felix Francis

Dick Francis's Bloodline

When TV presenter Mark Shillingford calls a race in which his sister, Clare, a successful jockey, comes in second when she could have won, he believes that the race was fixed. Hours later, Clare jumps to her death from the balcony of a hotel and everyone assumes suicide. A skeptical Mark decides to search for answers.

Ken Follett

Winter of the World

Ken Follett follows up his bestselling novel *Fall of Giants* with a page-turning sequel about the heroism and honor of World War II, and the dawn of the atomic age.

Jamie Freveletti

Robert Ludlum's The Janus Reprisal

After a WHO conference is attacked by terrorists, Army microbiologist Lt. Jon Smith must identify and stop the culprits before they can unleash biological warfare on the world.

Joanne Harris

Peaches for Father Francis

Vianne Rocher returns to the beautiful French village where eight years ago she opened a chocolate shop and learned the meaning of home. There, she finds her old nemesis, who desperately needs her help.

Carolyn G. Hart

What the Cat Saw

Get in on the ground floor with this first in a new series by the author of the Death on Demand mystery series and winner of the Agatha, the Anthony and Macavity awards.

Mark Helprin

In Sunlight and In Shadow

Harry Copeland is a WWII vet who has returned home to run the family business. In a magical encounter on the Staten Island ferry, a young singer and heiress, Catherine Thomas Hale, meets and falls for Harry, but she is already engaged. Harry and Catherine romance one another against a bustling postwar New York City, but will their clandestine affair threaten more than just Harry's livelihood?

Susan Isaacs

Goldberg Variations

Don't miss another novel of family dysfunction by the sassy, smart, and wickedly witty bestselling author Isaacs.

Stephen King

Black House

As a young boy, Jack Sawyer traveled to a parallel universe called the Territories to save his mother but has no recollection of his adventures there. 20 years later, Jack is a retired L.A. homicide detective living in Wisconsin. When a series of gruesome murders occur near his home, Jack finds that he is drawn back to his own secret past.

Dennis Lehane

Live By Night

The youngest son of an upright Boston police sergeant, Joe Coughlin, opts for the dark side, where he is slowly working his way to the top of organized crime. Unfortunately, he is also setting himself up for betrayal and revenge.

Henning Mankell

Shadow Girls

Tea-Bag, a young Nigerian girl, left a refugee camp in Spain for the promise of a new life in Sweden. Tania made a dangerous journey to escape the horrors of human trafficking. Leila has come with her family from Iran. These young women are determined to overcome the hardships to take control of their own lives when they meet celebrated poet Jesper Humlin, who himself is looking for inspiration.

Jo-Ann Mapson

Finding Casey

Glory is finally pregnant at 41 in the Santa Fe home she shares with husband, Joseph and their adopted daughter, Juniper. Juniper, on college break and in love for the very first time, is still haunted by the memory of her sister Casey, who disappeared eight years earlier—long before Juniper ever met Glory and Joseph. When Juniper visits a nearby pueblo, she finds herself right back in a past she thought she'd buried.

Ian McEwan

Sweet Tooth

Beautiful and smart, Cambridge student Serena Frome is an ideal recruit for MI5. Serena's first mission, "Operation Sweet Tooth," is to help find and fund writers whose politics align with those of her employers. A compulsive reader of novels, Serena is the perfect person to infiltrate literary circles, where she meets Tom Healy. Soon, however, she finds herself in love with the man. But how long can she conceal her undercover life from him?

Kate Morton

The Secret Keeper

During a party at the family farm in the English countryside, sixteen-year-old Laurel Nicolson hides in her childhood tree house when she sees her mother speaking with a stranger. Before the afternoon is over, Laurel will witness a crime that will challenge everything she knows about her family in this spellbinding mix of mystery, murder, and enduring love.

Jo Nesbo

Phantom

Deeply troubled, former police officer Harry Hole returns to Oslo when Oleg, a boy he helped raise, is arrested for murder. Harry knows but now must prove that Oleg is not a killer.

Spenser Quinn

A Fistful of Collars

Chet the dog and his private detective caregiver Bernie have another excellent adventure in this, the fifth in a bestselling mystery series, where they investigate a movie star with a shady past.

Stella Rimington

The Geneva Trap

A U.S. Navy's satellite plummets into the Indian Ocean and panic spreads through the British and American intelligence services. When a Russian officer comes forward with information, he will only speak to Liz Carlyle. Who is he, and how is he connected to Liz? Liz and her team search for answers and must race against time to stop the Cold War from heating up.

Michael Robotham

Say You're Sorry

During the worst blizzard in decades, a husband and wife are brutally killed in their London home. Who killed the couple and how are their murders connected to the disappearance of a teenaged girl who once lived in the same home?

Patrick Taylor

An Irish Country Wedding

Love is in the air in the Ulster village of Ballybucklebo, where Dr. Fingal Flahertie O'Reilly has proposed to the darling of his youth, Kitty O'Hallorhan. There's a wedding to be planned, but first O'Reilly and his young colleague, Barry Laverty, must deal with a round of eccentric patients.

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FICTION

The Odds

Stewart O'Nan

In the final days of their failing marriage, financially troubled

Clevelanders Art and Marion Fowler board a bus to Niagara Falls to spend Valentine's Day at a casino in the hopes of turning what's left of their savings and advances on their credit cards into a big windfall. Meanwhile, Art, who along with Marion has been unfaithful in the marriage, has secret plans on this "second honeymoon" to rekindle their romance.

O'Nan realistically portrays a marriage and the needs, wants, desires, emotions and failures of the two people in it as they consider life spent together and the idea of life spent apart. Set against the backdrop of a touristy Niagara Falls, this slim novel will convince readers that these two flawed characters deserve to beat the odds.

The Night Circus

Erin Morgenstern

Unwittingly entered in a contest when they were both just children, illusionists Celia and Marco are bound by magic to use their talents against one another. As they do battle amidst the fantastical black and white tents of "Le Cirque des Reves," the two unexpectedly fall in love—and the circus, its performers, and all who enter its tents are forever changed.

This atmospheric page-turner is magical realism at its finest. Be prepared for this love story, with its slow-building suspense and unforgettable descriptions of magic sprung to life, to cast its spell on you.



MYSTERY

Three Times Lucky

Sheila Turnage

Sixth grader Moses "Mo" LoBeau lives in the small town of Tupelo Landing, N.C., ever since she washed ashore in a hurricane eleven years ago. Mo dreams of the day she'll find her "upstream mother," even while she is being raised by two people she thinks of as family—the Colonel, the local café owner with his own secretive past, and Miss Lana, the café's hostess. When a lawman comes to town, Mo and her best friend, Dale Earnhardt Johnson III, start a detective agency to help the police solve a local murder—a quest that gets personal when the Colonel goes missing and Miss Lana is kidnapped.

With its Southern small-town setting, cast of quirky characters and quick pacing, this children's book is truly a perfect choice for readers of all ages who are looking for a captivating, adventure-filled and laugh-out-loud read.

SUSPENSE

Spilled Blood

Brian Freeman

The rural Spirit River towns of St. Croix and Barron couldn't be more different. Barron is home to a large biotechnology plant and is prosperous, while blue-collar St. Croix still suffers from the recent recession. When five young people die of leukemia in St. Croix, the townspeople there believe that pesticides from a plant in Barron are causing a cancer cluster and a heated rivalry develops. When his teenage daughter is accused of killing the daughter of the plant's CEO, attorney Chris Hawk travels to St. Croix to defend her. There he learns that there is much more than a feud between the two towns, and that many people are hiding secrets, including his daughter and ex-wife.

Freeman hits a home run with this stand-alone novel filled with plot twists and red herrings. You won't be able to put it down.

READING ROOM

HISTORICAL FICTION

True Sisters

Sandra Dallas

The Martin Handcart Company was the fifth handcart company to travel west to the Salt Lake Valley. On July 28, 1856 approximately 600 Mormons left Iowa City, Iowa for the 1,300 mile trip across the plains and mountains pushing poorly constructed handcarts which carried their only provisions. They started their journey late in the season and were unable to avoid blizzards. They finally arrived on November 30th. Approximately 150 people died on the way to Utah due to sickness, starvation, and the weather.

This novel describes a horrific episode in history but focuses on the friendships of four strong women in the face of extreme hardship.

The Girl in the Polka-Dot Dress

Beryl Bainbridge

Against the backdrop of a United States torn by political assassination and war, Rose, a seemingly simple young Englishwoman, travels across the country in search of Dr. Wheeler, a man who she feels rescued her as a child. Her driver and travel companion is also seeking Dr. Wheeler and is using Rose to find him, but he holds a grudge that may end in violence.

This haunting novel captures the paranoia and fear of 1960s America. Sentences linger and characters are complex. Bainbridge never finished this novel, so the conclusion is a mystery, but the journey is so unusual and beautifully written that it's worth the ride.

TEEN FICTION

Cinder

Marissa Meyer

Cinder is a cyborg mechanic living in New Beijing when she is hired by the prince to repair his robot. In accepting the job, she gets dragged into an intergalactic political scandal. She also learns the disturbing truth about her true identity and destiny.

This unique futuristic retelling of the classic Cinderella fairy tale will appeal to fans of dystopian science fiction and fairy tales alike. Secret identities, true love, an evil queen, and a deadly plague mash up with robots and cyborgs for an exciting and fun read. This is a series to watch for.

WOMEN'S FICTION/ROMANCE

Love on the Line

Deanne Gist

Stubborn and independent, Georgie Gail, a rural Texas switchboard operator in 1903, does not take kindly to taking orders from a man. When Texas Ranger Lucius Landrum goes undercover as newly hired telephone salesman Luke Palmer, Georgie's feathers are ruffled. Lucius would rather hunt down a notorious train-robbing gang and soon is forced to draw Georgie into his plan to catch the criminals. But when Lucius falls in love with the bird-watching Georgie, he runs the risk of ruining his law career. And would Georgie care for him if she learned who "Luke" really is?

This inspirational read will offer readers a little bit of everything: chaste romance, a historical setting, detailed information on birds and birding (Georgie's other love), and a little mystery too.

Overseas

Beatriz Williams

Kate Wilson is a mid-level employee in a big company on Wall Street, so when power-player Julian Laurence seeks her out after a meeting, Kate is confused. She's especially confused thanks to the undeniable, immediate connection they share. Who is Julian really? And why does Kate feel like she already knows?

Don't be fooled by the size of this book, it is a quick read. Light but with substance, readers will enjoy every page.

Beach House Memories

Mary Alice Monroe

Eighty-year-old Olivia "Lovie" Rutledge has been known as the "Turtle Lady" to the residents of the Isle of Palms her entire adult life. Every summer, she was a fierce protector of the loggerhead sea turtles and their fragile eggs. The turtles gave a focus to her life beyond the care of her two children and husband. During the summer of 1974, Lovie faced a time of personal crisis and bitterness. Almost 40 years later, Lovie reveals what happened that life-changing summer.

This emotional love story is imbued with the beauty of the South Carolina Lowcountry.