

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Coming Soon

Rhys Bowen

The Family Way

Molly Murphy Sullivan is a year into her marriage, expecting her first child, and confined to the life of a housewife. When Molly learns about a rash of baby kidnappings, Molly's new husband sends her away to spend the summer with his mother. But even in the quiet, leafy suburbs, Molly is unable to ignore these missing children. What she uncovers will lead her on a life threatening journey through all levels of society.

Jennifer Chiaverini

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker



In Washington, D.C., former slave Elizabeth Hobbs Keckley becomes the personal clothing designer and confidante of First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln.

Jim Crace

Harvest

A column of smoke rises from the edge of the village land, signaling, as custom dictates, approaching newcomers. The second smoke column comes from a blaze set in Master Kent's stables. The strangers are blamed and apprehended. But when another newcomer is spotted in the village taking notes about the land, it is his presence more than any other that will threaten the village's entire way of life.

Lisa Gardner

Touch and Go

Justin and Libby Denbe had a perfect life. When investigator Tessa Leone arrives at the crime scene in the foyer of their home, the family appears to have been abducted, with only a pile of their cell phones and electronic devices remaining. With no witnesses, no ransom demands, and no motive, Tessa must discover what or who could make a perfect little family just disappear.

Jane Green

Family Pictures

The lives of two women who live on opposite coasts are connected in ways they never could have imagined. Both are wives and mothers to children who are about to leave the nest for school. They're both in their forties and have husbands who travel more than either of them would like. They are both feeling emptiness neither had expected. But when a shocking secret is exposed, their lives are blown apart.

Sue Grafton

Kinsey and Me: Stories

The same feisty voice readers fell in love with in *A Is for Alibi* permeates the Kinsey stories in this new work, tracing Sue Grafton's own remarkable voyage and enriching the way readers see Kinsey and know Sue.

Erin Hart

The Book of Killowen

After a year away from working in the field, archaeologist Cormac Maguire and pathologist Nora Gavin are back in the bogs, investigating a ninth-century body found buried in the trunk of a car. They discover that the ancient corpse is not alone. Pinned beneath it is the body of Benedict Kavanagh, who has been missing for mere months. Cormac and Nora investigate the centuries-apart murders.

Ann Hood

The Obituary Writer

It's 1919 in San Francisco and Vivien Lowe is still searching for the lover she lost during the Great Earthquake of '06. As an obituary writer, Vivien not only helps others cope with their grief but also begins to understand the devastation of her own terrible loss.

Andrew Klavan

A Killer in the Wind

Three years ago, NYPD vice cop Dan Champion brought down a sex slavery ring, but the case broke him too. Now a small town detective, Champion believes his ghosts are behind him. He tries to rebuild his life—until the night, when called to examine the body of a murder victim, Champion becomes a haunted man, all over again.

Jayne Ann Krentz

Dream Eyes

The death of friend and mentor, Evelyn Ballinger, brings psychic counselor Gwen Frazier back to the small town of Wilby, Oregon, where two years earlier, Gwen was stalked by a killer. Gwen knows that Evelyn's death is related, but must somehow prove it.

Robert Knott

Robert B. Parker's Ironhorse

Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch, newly appointed Territorial Marshalls, find themselves traveling by train through the Indian Territories. Their first marshaling duty starts out as a simple mission to escort Mexican prisoners to the border, but when the Governor of Texas, his wife and daughters climb aboard with their bodyguards and \$500,000 in tow, their journey suddenly becomes a lot more complicated.

Ellen Meister

Farewell, Dorothy Parker

Movie critic Violet Epps has a powerful voice—since she's learned to imitate her literary hero, Dorothy Parker, the most celebrated and scathing wit of the twentieth century. Desperate to summon that kind of strength in her personal life Violet visits Parker's old haunt, the famed Algonquin Hotel of the 1920s, where she gets more than she bargained for—Dorothy's feisty spirit rematerializes—hitching a ride onto Violet's already troubled life.

Denise Mina

Gods and Beasts

A lone robber bursts into a busy Glasgow post office with an AK-47. An elderly man wordlessly assists the gunman filling bags with cash, and bows to the robber before he is killed by him. The alarm system had been disabled before the robbery but no employees can be linked to the gunman. As Alex Morrow searches for the killer, she discovers a hidden, sinister political network that will go deeper than she could ever have imagined.

Marcia Muller

The Bughouse Affair

In this first of a new series of lighthearted historical mysteries set in 1890s San Francisco, former Pinkerton operative Sabina Carpenter and her detective partner, ex-Secret Service agent John Quincannon, undertake what initially appear to be two unrelated investigations.

James Patterson & Mark Sullivan

Private Berlin

Chris Schneider, an agent from "Private," the world's most respected investigation firm, has disappeared while taking a secretive personal leave. The Private team investigates his disappearance, and they begin to suspect that someone very dangerous and very depraved is responsible for Chris's disappearance. And he's just gotten started.

Thomas Perry

The Boyfriend

Retired homicide detective, Jack Till, now works as a private investigator. When the parents of a recently murdered young girl ask for help, he discovers that she was a high-class prostitute, one of several young female escorts killed in different cities in the same manner. When Till is finally able to catch up with the killer, he finds that the man he's after is far more dangerous and volatile than he ever could have imagined.

Tracie Peterson

The Icecutter's Daughter

A family promise and a lack of lady-like qualities have kept Merrill Krause single. When a chance at love appears, can it overcome the challenges?

Jodi Picoult

The Storyteller

Everyone loves retired teacher and Little League coach Josef Weber, including Sage Singer, who befriends him after they start talking at the bakery where she works. She's horrified when he asks her to kill him, but when she learns why he thinks he deserves to die, she's inclined to agree.

Christopher Reich

The Prince of Risk

Robert "Bobby" Astor is a rising New York hedge fund manager on the cusp of making his biggest, most daring killing yet. Everything changes when his father, the chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, is killed in an attack on the White House grounds while delivering a terrifying secret to the President. Now, on the brink of ruin, Bobby stumbles onto a sophisticated foreign conspiracy that threatens to wipe out the U.S. financial system.

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SHORT STORIES

Shout Her Lovely Name

Natalie Serber

This collection begins with a story that is framed by the inner monologue of a mother who is both shocked and in grief over her daughter's anorexia. The remaining stories largely focus on the relationship between Ruby and her daughter Nora, from Ruby's unplanned pregnancy and the desertion of the baby's father, to Nora's childhood and adolescence.

This is an insightful and moving story collection with no easy answers.

HISTORICAL FICTION

In The Shadow of the Banyan

Vaddey Ratner

Raami and her family are driven from their compound in Phnom Penh by Khmer Rouge soldiers at the beginning of the Cambodian revolutionary movement.

Written in beautiful, poetic language, this heartbreaking story about the separation and loss of family during revolutionary war is one you'll remember.

The Second Empress

Michelle Moran

Although not sanctioned by the pope, Napoleon divorces Josephine and demands the hand of 18-year-old princess Marie-Louise of Austria in marriage. He needs an heir. What follows is a narration of the last six years of Napoleon's empire by Marie-Louise, Napoleon's sister Pauline, and Pauline's Haitian chamberlain, Paul. The wedding, the celebrations, the birth of Napoleon's son, Napoleon's exiles, and Napoleon's death are all included.

Although this story contains some historical inaccuracies according to some reviewers, this novel of Napoleon's court is an interesting read.

FICTION

Home

Toni Morrison

After Korean War veteran Frank Money returns to the U.S., he struggles with the effects of the war abroad and the racism at home. When he gets a call to hurry to his hometown in Georgia to rescue his dying sister, he has a chance to review his life and to make choices that will save himself and his sister.

Morrison's beautiful writing captures Frank's emotional journey and his ultimate redemption.

Gilded Age

Claire McMillan

Beautiful Eleanor Hart returns to Cleveland disgraced after a stint in rehab and an ugly divorce from her very wealthy New York husband. Mixing with upscale friends from her youth, Ellie longs to maintain her old lifestyle and as such, needs to land another man with money. As one potential prospect after another are paraded past Ellie by her socialite friends, who judge her for drinking even as they hand her glasses of champagne, Ellie makes one mistake after another—eventually resulting in her falling from society's grace.

*This reimagined version of **The House of Mirth** by Edith Wharton is a fascinating look at class, and gender. Local readers will be thrilled by all of the descriptions of Cleveland and will not want to put this novel down. Equal parts funny and tragic.*

Gold

Chris Cleave

The story of two very different women vying for the top spot in the sport of sprint cycling; Zoe, single and completely obsessed with victory, will do anything to win, while Kate sees there is more to life than just riding a bike, including raising her critically ill child.

This is engrossing, character-driven fiction that reads about as fast as the sport of sprint cycling itself. You will be waiting to see how it ends.

READING ROOM

NONFICTION

Turn Right at Machu Pichu

Mark Adams

Adams, a magazine editor and armchair traveler, follows in the footsteps of Hiram Bingham, the American who "discovered" the ancient city of the Inca Empire in the early 20th century. He, along with a grizzled guide and a host of Peruvian locals, treks up and down, over and through the mountains and jungles of Peru in search of Bingham, his motives and his discoveries. Along the way he makes his own discoveries: about himself, the Peruvian people and the mysteries of a "lost" city.

This travelogue is a funny and fascinating trip through history, archeology and astronomy.

MYSTERY

Dying In the Wool

Frances Brody

Amateur sleuth, Kate Shackleton, is contacted by Tabitha Braithwaite, a friend and WWI VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachment), and asked to find Tabitha's missing father, mill owner Joshua Braithwaite, in time for her wedding. He's been missing for over five years after a suicide attempt. Former police officer Jim Sykes helps Kate unravel the secrets surrounding his disappearance.

This first in the 1920s-era Kate Shackleton mystery series is a fun, cozy mystery.

Death on Tour

Janice Hemrick

Jocelyn Shore and her cousin Kyla are on a Worldpal package tour of Egypt when a fellow traveler, Millie Owens, is found murdered at the base of a pyramid. While on tour several people mistakenly assume that the women are sisters from Utah. Later a merchant is found dead and Jocelyn is attacked. All of these events are connected in some way, and Jocelyn is determined to unravel the mystery.

The first entry in the Jocelyn Shore novel series is a quick fun read with plenty of information on many historic sites in Egypt.

THRILLER/SUSPENSE

Into the Darkest Corner

Elizabeth Haynes

Catherine Bailey feels like she hit the jackpot when she meets gorgeous Lee Brightman working the door of a bar while she is out on the town. It's only after their relationship becomes involved and she discovers how controlling and abusive he is that she realizes the danger she is really in.

While at times graphic and extremely violent, this novel is also completely compelling reading—a thriller of the first degree.

Heartbroken

Lisa Unger

Kate wants to be a better mother than her own—the cold and bitter Birdie Heart Burke. As their annual family vacation approaches, Kate's father, brother, husband and son all find reasons not to go to meet up with Birdie at Heart Island, Birdie's family's island retreat. Meanwhile, Emily, a young waitress, has just made another horrible decision in the name of love. These women don't know it yet, but their lives are about to collide—and their strength and bonds will be tested.

Fans of psychological dramas will enjoy this character-driven novel about the bonds that exist between even the most estranged mothers and daughters. More of an emotional family saga than a thriller, this novel has slow-building, smoldering suspense elements that will keep you turning its pages.

TEEN FICTION

Okay for Now

Gary Schmidt

Life isn't easy for Doug Swietek. His dad is abusive, his brother is a bully, and most people in his new town look at him like he is a thug. At the local library, he finds a friend in Lil Spicer and discovers the art collection of Audubon—two things that change his life.

A nuanced and multi-layered coming of age story packed with amazing characters, humor, heartbreak and triumph.