

# BETWEEN THE COVERS

## Coming Soon

Jeff Abbott

### ***Downfall***

When a beautiful woman in a San Francisco bar asks former CIA agent Sam Capra to help her, he says yes. Soon, he's trying to protect them from the police and a secret group of successful men and women who seem to have made a pact with the devil.

Mary Kay Andrews

### ***Ladies' Night***

Hot new media star Grace Stanton wreaks revenge on her cheating husband by depositing his sports car into the swimming pool, and loses everything—McMansion, bank account, and access to her lifestyle blog. At her court-mandated therapy sessions, Grace makes fast friends with three other women. They soon decide to dump the therapist and meet regularly for "Ladies' Night" at a funky beachside bar.

James Lee Burke

### ***Light of the World***

Vicious serial killer Asa Surrette has escaped from a prison transport van and is coming after the person who wrote scathing articles about other crimes Surrette may have committed. Unfortunately, that person is New Orleans detective Dave Robicheaux's daughter, Alafair.

Catherine Coulter

### ***Bombshell***

FBI Special Agent Griffin Hammersmith is recruited by Dillon Savich to join his unit. On his way to D.C., Hammersmith is sidetracked when his sister, Delsey, is found unconscious and covered with someone else's blood after a wild party. Meanwhile, Savich and Lacey Sherlock have their hands full when a young man is found murdered and frozen at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial.

Barbara Delinsky

### ***Sweet Salt Air***

When travel writer Nicole heads back to the island house where her family always summered, she invites estranged childhood friend and food blogger Charlotte. Nicole hopes to rekindle their friendship and that Charlotte might help with the book Nicole is planning about the island's cuisine—but both women harbor secrets that could wreck their friendship forever.

Paul Doiron

### ***Massacre Pond***

Game Warden Mike Bowditch is handed a controversial case when five moose are found senselessly slaughtered on the property of animal rights activist Elizabeth Moore, who's been buying up timberland to create a new national park—and costing some locals their jobs. Things only get worse when Moore's daughter dies in a suspicious automobile accident.

Matthew Dunn

### ***Slingshot: A Spycatcher Novel***

The CIA learns that an important document has been stolen from the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR), and sends special agent Will Cochrane to discover what happened. Cochrane learns that the SVR traitor is working for a former German Stasi officer who once made a dangerous and very secret deal with a bunch of Russian and U.S. generals.

Dorothea Benton Frank

### ***The Last Original Wife***

Leslie Anne Greene Carter is the only first wife among her husband's friends, all of whom have moved on to perky second marriages. She's proud of her secure situation until, when out golfing with the crowd, she falls into a manhole and no one notices she's missing. Afterwards, Leslie Anne is determined to channel her inner sexy goddess and take South Carolina's white-sand beaches by storm.

Elin Hilderbrand

### ***Beautiful Day***

At a wedding on Nantucket uniting the Carmichael and Graham families, plans are proceeding according to very specific instructions left by the bride's late mother. Husband and wife should end up very happy, but everyone around them is coming apart at the seams.

Beth Hoffman

### ***Looking for Me***

Teddi Overman saw the elegance under the battered chair she pulled from a Kentucky ditch and turned her new-found interest into a business restoring antiques. When she uncovers hints that her long-lost brother might still be alive, however, it's her heart that needs restoration.

Lars Kepler

***The Fire Witness***

Flora Hansen has spent her life pretending to commune with the dead but suddenly begins having real visions of murder at a home for delinquent girls. Though one inmate has escaped, leaving behind a bloody hammer, Flora sees the murder weapon as a stone—and police detective Joona Linna believes her.

Lisa Lutz

***The Last Word***

Fired from the family firm for breaching client confidentiality, Isabel (Izzy) Spellman retaliates by staging a hostile takeover. Her parents go on strike, and her sister Rae returns with ulterior motives. In truth, it is a charge of embezzlement from filthy-rich Mr. Slayter that might just put Izzy and her business over the edge.

Sophie McKenzie

***Close My Eyes***

Geniver Loxley has been mourning her stillborn daughter Beth for eight years, turning her back on her writing for a mind-numbing teaching job and enduring her husband's demands that they try another round of in vitro fertilization. When a woman knocks on her door to tell her that Beth was born healthy and was stolen away, her husband seems oddly reluctant to follow up. What is he hiding?

Melissa Marr

***The Arrivals***

When Chloe blows five years of sobriety by wandering into a bar, she wakes up in "The Wasteland," a strange kingdom full of monsters and other humans like her, who have been mysteriously brought there to keep the peace. Along with folks like Jack and Kitty, brother and sister from the Wild West; Edgar, a Prohibition rumrunner and Kitty's former lover; and a hippie named Francis, Chloe tries to figure out how to get home.

Nicholas Mennuti with David Guggenheim

***Weaponized***

Kyle West agrees to trade passports with a shady fellow American because he's paranoid after having crossed his old boss, a billionaire government contractor. Unfortunately, West's new identity makes things even worse.

Luanne Rice

***The Lemon Orchard***

House-sitting for her aunt and uncle in Malibu, with only her dog for company, Julia seeks solitude to quietly mourn her daughter's death. There, she befriends Roberto, who tends a nearby lemon orchard and who has sorrows of his own. Can these two help one another heal?

James Rollins

***The Eye of God: A Sigma Force Novel***

A U.S. military research satellite sent to study dark energy has crashed somewhere along the border between China and Mongolia. What's scarier is that its last projected image was a view of America's East Coast in utter, flaming ruin. Commander Gray Pierce and Sigma Force join with two Vatican scholars to uncover a secret, tied to the fall of the Roman Empire, which goes to the heart of Christianity.

Daniel Silva

***The English Girl***

Art-restorer and master spy Gabriel Allon is drawn into international intrigue when a beautiful young woman vanishes from Corsica. No one was concerned at first since she was considered fast, but now a certain prime minister's career suddenly looks less than secure.

Nancy Thayer

***Island Girls***

When Rory Randall dies, his three daughters from three different marriages are set to inherit his Nantucket mansion—but only if they can live there peaceably for a summer. Distrustful TV show host Arden, not-in-this-world academic Meg, and IT specialist Jenny have never been close, but perhaps the promise of money will unite them.

Lauren Weisberger

***Revenge Wears Prada: The Devil Returns***

Readers everywhere cheered when Andrea "Andy" Sachs turned her back on *Runway* magazine's claws-and-all high priestess, Miranda Priestly. Now, Andy is getting married and she and Emily, another of Miranda's victims, have set up their own high-fashion bridal magazine, *Plunge*. No doubt Miranda will find a way to make their lives miserable once again.

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## HISTORICAL FICTION

### **Sutton**

J. R. Moehringer

Upon his release from prison after a 17-year stint, Willie Sutton looks back on his life as he leads a reporter and a photographer around New York City. Born in the Irishtown section of Brooklyn, he soon finds a way out through crime and bank robbery. All the while, though, he is searching for his one true love, Bess.

*Sutton, an actual historical figure, makes an interesting character in Moehringer's hands; he's whip-smart, reads philosophy and politics, and yearns for a life out of poverty.*

### **The Giving Quilt**

Jennifer Chiaverini

The week after Thanksgiving is Quiltsgiving for the Elm Creek campers. Their purpose this year is to make quilts to give to Project Linus, a charity that provides quilts and blankets to sick children. The six women attending the week-long session share their own stories of challenges, joys, and sorrows.

*Number 20 in the "Elm Creek Quilts" series is another heartwarming but bittersweet story.*

### **Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker**

Jennifer Chiaverini

Former slave Elizabeth Keckley bought freedom for herself and her son. A talented seamstress, she becomes the dressmaker for Mrs. Jefferson Davis. However when the South secedes, Elizabeth stays in Washington D.C. She begins to work and they become close friends. After the president is assassinated, Elizabeth leaves her successful business in Washington to stay with Mrs. Lincoln in Illinois.

*An in-depth look at life in the White House during the Lincoln years. Historical fiction at its best.*

## TEEN FICTION

### **I Hunt Killers**

Barry Liga

Jasper "Jazz" Dent is the charming, handsome son of the country's most notorious serial killer. With Dear Old Dad, everyday was take your son to work day. Billy Dent is behind bars, but suspicion falls on Jazz when a body is found in a field. Jazz is sure it's a serial killer, but the police won't listen. Jazz races against the clock to find the real killer.

*This disturbing mystery will force readers to think about the nature vs. nurture debate. Great character development, inner turmoil, bloody crimes, a riveting mystery, and a hint of much-needed comic relief blend to make this a dark and devilishly delightful read.*

### **Code Name Verity**

Elizabeth Wein

After the plane piloted by her best friend Maddie crashes in German occupied France, Verity is captured and made to confess the nature of her mission. Verity tells of her involvement with the British Woman's Auxiliary Air Force and the series of events that led to her capture.

*At its heart this book is about female friendship, strength and perseverance. Fans of historical fiction and spy novels will not want to miss this book.*

## SUSPENSE

### **City of Women**

David Gillham

Sigrid, 'model' wife of a soldier at the Russian front, falls in love with Egon, a mysterious Jewish man who asks her to ferry black market materials. After he disappears, she meets a young woman who is part of a network hiding Jews and decides to help by using her reputation and her black market skills.

*This first novel mixes romance with heart pounding suspense while introducing a varied cast of gripping characters.*

# READING ROOM

## MYSTERY

### **Harry Lipkin, Private Eye**

Barry Fantoni

Harry Lipkin is an 87-year-old Jewish ex-cop turned detective living in Warmheart, Florida. Harry is paid a visit from the wealthy widow, Mrs. Norma Weinberger, who hires him to look into the theft of several small, sentimental items that have gone missing from her home. Because she assumes it's an inside job, Harry must interrogate and investigate each of her staff members, one at a time.

*If you are looking for a fun, cozy mystery that will leave your sides aching with laughter, look no further. Readers will tear through this mystery that is part Agatha Christie; part Clue, in a single afternoon.*

### **City of Saints**

Andrew Hunt

When the socialite wife of a local doctor turns up dead, devout Mormon sheriff's deputy Art Oveson and his foul-mouthed partner, Roscoe Lund, set out to crack the case that outwardly appears to be open-and-shut. Realizing that things don't add up, Oveson pursues a search that uncovers Salt Lake City's dirty little secrets, and he must attempt to balance his squeaky clean lifestyle with the rule breaking required to find the murderer.

*This compelling hard-boiled mystery is based on a true story and keeps the reader guessing, and educates about the history of Salt Lake City and Mormonism along the way. Oveson is a well-drawn character whose career difficulties seem realistic.*

### **Gem of a Ghost**

Sue Ann Jaffarian

A haunted heirloom diamond ring has Emma Whitecastle searching for answers. The ring has a mind of its own and is causing its owners harm. The current owner of the ring, and daughter of a friend, Lainey, is hospitalized recovering from a suicide attempt. Emma's hunt for answers takes her to the Old Jail in Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, where she learns the history of the ring and why the spirit haunts it.

*A new love interest in the third entry in the "Ghost of Granny Apples" mystery series adds to the enjoyment.*

## FICTION

### **The Art Forger**

Barbara A. Shapiro

Claire, once an up-and-coming artist with her whole career ahead of her, is now relegated to working as a copier of famous paintings after a favor for her former boyfriend propels him into the spotlight. Now, a famous gallery owner has asked Claire for a favor which could bring her the notoriety she so badly craves but at a very high price.

*This is a first-rate debut about the world of art, artists and forgery. Flashbacks, history and secret letters keep you on the edge of your seat.*

### **How it All Began**

Penelope Lively

Seventy-seven-year-old Charlotte Rainsford was going about her business in London when she was shoved from behind, her purse stolen, and her hip broken. This occurrence reverberates through the lives of people Charlotte knows well and people she has never met. Her daughter's marriage is changed, a stranger's affair comes to light, and a retired college professor begins to engage with the world again.

*An amusing and heartfelt look at aging, at family relationships, and how chance affects our everyday lives. Charlotte's character is a clever and sharp depiction of a woman growing old with grace, strength, and verve. This book is a delight!*

### **The Light Between Oceans**

M. L. Stedman

After WWI, Tom Sherbourne accepts the position as lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, an isolated Australian island. After four years on the island, a small boat washes ashore with a dead man and a newborn. (Tom's wife Isabel had suffered two miscarriages and a stillborn.) Assuming the mother is also dead, Tom and Isabel decide to keep the child and raise her as their own. Eventually back on the mainland for Lucy's baptism, they observe a memorial for the missing husband and baby of Hannah Roennfeldt. Lucy's birthmother is alive.

*This first novel is a wonderful, heartbreaking story about grief and second chances.*