

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Coming Soon

David Baldacci

King and Maxwell

Sean King and Michelle Maxwell return in the latest blockbuster thriller from *New York Times* bestselling author David Baldacci.

M.C. Beaton

Something Borrowed, Someone Dead

Widow Gloria French seemed like a do-gooder when she first moved from London to the charming Cotswold's hills, but she had a nasty habit of borrowing things and not giving them back. When she is found dead, murdered by a poisoned bottle of elderberry wine, Parish councilor Jerry Tarrant, hires private detective Agatha Raisin to track down the murderer.

Michael Brandman

Robert B. Parker's Damned If You Do

The woman on the bed was barely out of her teens. And now, alone in a seedy beachfront motel, she was dead. Paradise Police Chief Jesse Stone doesn't even know her name. When Jesse starts digging, he finds himself caught in the crosshairs of a bitter turf war between two ruthless pimps. And more blood will spill before it's over.

Jennifer Chiaverini

The Spymistress

When Virginia seceded in April 1861, Elizabeth Van Lew, who was born to slaveholding aristocracy and educated by Northern Quakers, felt compelled to defy the new Confederate regime. Pledging her loyalty to the Lincoln White House, her courage never wavered as she helped construct the Richmond Underground and orchestrated escapes.

Patricia Cornwell

Dust

When graduate student Gail Shipman is discovered on MIT's rugby field oddly draped in ivory linen and posed, physical evidence links the case to a series of uniquely weird homicides in Washington, D.C. Coincidentally, this is where Kay Scarpetta's FBI husband has been deployed to help capture a serial killer dubbed the Capital Murderer. The cases all connect but how?

Catherine Coulter

The Final Cut

Scotland Yard's new chief inspector Nicholas Drummond flies to New York when he learns that the minder of the Crown Jewels exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been found murdered and that the exhibit's centerpiece, an infamous diamond, has been stolen. Special agents Lacey Sherlock and Dillon Savich help Drummond find the thief, as Drummond must lay it all on the line for Queen and country.

Helen Fielding

Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy

Bridget Jones, the iconic character who helped sell 15 million books worldwide, inspired a major motion picture franchise, and became beloved as a chardonnay-swilling everywoman, returns in this third installment.

Elizabeth George

Just One Evil Act: An Inspector Lynley Novel

Azhar's daughter is missing, kidnapped from an Italian marketplace. The Italian police are investigating, and Scotland Yard won't get involved, until Azhar's friend Barbara Havers takes matters into her own hands—at the risk of her own career. As both Barbara and her partner Inspector Thomas Lynley soon discover, the case is far more complex than a typical kidnapping.

Elizabeth Gilbert

The Signature of All Things

View life through the eyes of Alma Whittaker, born in the Age of Enlightenment and living well into the Industrial Revolution. She bears witness to that extraordinary moment in human history when all the old assumptions about science, religion, commerce, and class explode into dangerous new ideas.

Carolyn G. Hart

Ghost Gone Wild: A Bailey Ruth Novel

Bailey Ruth, often sent to earth as an emissary from Heaven's Department of Good Intentions, is surprised to be dropped off in her old hometown of Adelaide, Oklahoma. Only Bailey's hasty intervention saves Nick Magruder from taking a bullet, but unfortunately, Bailey's been tricked by another ghost, Nick's late Aunt Delilah Delahunt Duvall, to come to the young man's rescue—and now Bailey may be trapped in Adelaide forever.

Wally Lamb

We Are Water

Annie and Orion Oh were married for more than twenty years before Annie left Orion for a woman. Now, as Annie is about to marry Viveca, their family and friends reflect back on their old lives, including life in the 1950s, a time of racial strife, and their survival of a disastrous flood.

Alexander McCall Smith

The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon

Mma Ramotswe is asked to help the proprietor of the Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon, who is having trouble with her business. The salon has suffered some unfortunate events, including a face cream that burns the skin. Is someone trying to put the salon out of business?

Terry McMillan

Who Asked You?

Trinetta leaves her two young sons with her mother, Betty Jean, and promptly disappears. With two opinionated sisters, an ill husband, and her job as a hotel maid, taking care of two lively grandsons is the last thing she thinks she needs. Meanwhile, her son Dexter is about to be paroled from prison and Quentin, the family success, can't be bothered to lend a hand. The drama unfolds through the perspectives of a rotating cast of characters.

Sara Paretsky

Critical Mass

V.I. Warshawski's closest friend, Viennese-born Lotty Herschel, lost most of her family in the Holocaust before escaping to London in 1939 with a childhood friend, Kitty. When Kitty's daughter's life is in danger, she calls Lotty, who summons V.I. to help. The daughter's troubles are just the tip of an iceberg of lies and secrets, whose origins go back to the competition among America, Germany, Japan and England to develop the first atomic bomb. And Warshawski finds that old secrets are the most fiercely protected.

Robert B. Parker and Helen Brann

Silent Night: A Spenser Holiday Novel

It's December in Boston, and Spenser is busy planning the menu for Christmas dinner when he's asked for help from a young homeless boy named Slide. Slide has found hope in "Street Business," a homeless support group whose future is being threatened by a dangerous drug kingpin.

James Patterson

Gone: A Michael Bennett Novel

Manuel Perrine, a charismatic and ruthless crime lord, slaughters rivals as effortlessly as he wears his trademark white linen suit. Detective Michael Bennett once put Perrine behind bars, but now free, Perrine has sworn to kill Bennett and everyone dear to him. Perrine begins to commit an escalating series of assassinations across the country, until the FBI asks Detective Bennett to stop the madman.

Richard North Patterson

Loss of Innocence

It's the summer of 1968 and America is in a state of turbulence, but the future looks bright for soon to be married, 22-year-old Whitney Dane, summering on Martha's Vineyard. Educated at Wheaton, she is everything her all-powerful father, Charles Dane, wants her to be. Everything changes with the arrival of underprivileged Benjamin Blaine. Now, Whitney's future looks less than picture perfect.

Anne Perry

Blind Justice: A William Monk Novel

Hester Monk, wife of Thames River Police Commander William Monk, questions the finances of a London church whose members' charitable gifts appear to have ended up in the pocket of charismatic preacher Abel Taft. When Taft, who is clearly guilty, is accused of extortion, newly appointed judge and friend of the Monks, Oliver Rathbone presides over his trial. At the last second, the defense's witness undermines the charges and endangers Rathbone's reputation. Hester and William Monk must help their distinguished friend.

Lisa Scottoline

Accused: A Rosato and Associates Novel

The all-female law firm of Rosato & Associates face their most challenging and dangerous case ever—beginning with an astonishing request from a thirteen-year-old prospective client, Allegra, who believes the wrong man has been imprisoned for her sister's murder.

Stuart Woods

Doing Hard Time

Trouble finds Stone Barrington when a case that had seemingly been resolved returns in full force, with lethal results. This deadly situation makes for strange bedfellows and Stone finds himself teamed with the least likely ally—a gentleman of unique abilities, who can fly below the radar and above the law.

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GENTLE READS

The Daughter's Walk

Jane Kirkpatrick

In 1896, Norwegian-American Helga Estby and her 19-year-old daughter Clara accept a wager from the fashion industry to walk from Spokane, Washington to New York City within seven months in an effort to earn \$10,000, money they desperately need to save their family farm. When they return, based on secrets she learned on the trip, Clara makes an important decision that changes her life forever.

This gentle and inspirational read is based on a true story and teaches lessons about forgiveness, acceptance and God's greater plan.

The Icecutter's Daughter

Tracie Peterson

At age 10, Merrill promises her dying mother that she will take care of her father and brothers. She cooks, cleans, bakes, and helps with the family business. Rurik Jorgenson moves to Minnesota from Kansas to help his sick uncle with his furniture-making business. Rurik's ex-fiancée, Swea, follows him to Minnesota claiming to be pregnant with his child and thereby hoping to force him into marriage. Rurik is not the father and does not love Swea. Instead, he wants to court Merrill.

This first book in the "Land of Shining Water" series is a happily-ever-after story with an intriguing historical setting.

GRAPHIC NOVEL

Relish: My Life in the Kitchen

Lucy Knisley

The author describes, through clever words and illustrations, a lifetime of eating all kinds of wild and interesting foodstuffs.

So entertaining and has plenty of useful information to go along with the witty writing and delightful sense of humor.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Miss Dreamsville and the Collier County Women's Literary Society

Amy Hill Hearth

It's 1962 when Jackie Hart and her family move to Naples, Florida from Boston. With the local librarian's help, she organizes the Collier County Women's Literary Society. The reading club (salon) attracts misfits in the community: a divorcee, a convicted murderer, a gay man, and a black woman. They meet each week to discuss books and everything else. Jackie also becomes the anonymous voice "Miss Dreamsville" on late night radio.

A charming, funny, quick read that also tackles some serious issues.

The Movement of Stars

Amy Brill

Twenty-four-year-old Hannah Gardner Price lives on Nantucket in the Quaker community in which she was raised. Considered a 'spinster' in 1864, Hannah disagrees that the value that a woman's fate is marriage and motherhood. Instead, this part-time librarian, who was taught to chart the skies and stars as a young girl, dreams of discovering a comet. When Hannah meets Isaac Martin, a dark-skinned whaler from the Azores Islands who also aspires beyond his expected path, she agrees to take him on as a student in navigation. But when their relationships develops into something more, Hannah's standing in the community begins to unravel.

This spellbinding novel is beautifully written and is loosely based on the true story of an early female astronomer. Readers will stay up late to finish this perfect mix of historical fiction, astronomy and romance.

READING ROOM

ROMANCE/WOMEN'S FICTION

The Runaway Princess

Hester Browne

From the countryside, transplanted into the big city of London, gardener Amy Wilde feels lucky to have such a great flat-mate and a job she loves. Meeting Leo, a good-looking guy who she can actually talk to, is like a dream come true, until she discovers he's a real-life Prince. Is shy-girl Amy really ready for that kind of pressure?

Charming characters find themselves in interesting situations. The end might seem obvious but then again, there might be a fun surprise waiting for readers.

The Emperor's Conspiracy

Michelle Diener

Miss Charlotte Raven spent her childhood disguised as a boy and working as a chimney sweep. Rescued by a kind benefactress, she is equally comfortable with companions of her posh and poor worlds. Everything changes when Charlotte steps in to help a fellow Lady in need and all her carefully maintained boundaries must be crossed. As the troubles increase, the question quickly becomes: how much damage will be done and who will survive it?

The original characters, the complex plot, the great pacing, and the open but satisfying end, all make this book so much fun to read.

TEEN FICTION

Going Vintage

Lindsey Leavitt

After discovering that her boyfriend is cheating on her with an online girlfriend, Mallory swears off both Jeremy and technology. Hurt and humiliated, Mallory longs for a simpler life. When she discovers a list written by her grandmother in 1962, she knows that she has found her inspiration. Using this list as a guide, Mallory sets out to reinvent herself and her life by going vintage.

This is a sweet and funny addition to the contemporary fiction genre. Mallory is great character who turns her betrayal and hurt into positive action. This book has plenty of humor, family dramas, and personal growth.

This is What Happy Looks Like

Jennifer E. Smith

Movie star Graham Larkin is headed for Ellie O'Neill's small town on the coast of Maine for a location shoot of his latest film. What Ellie doesn't know is that he's coming to finally meet her. In fact, she has no idea the anonymous guy she meets online by mistake is really Graham. But she's got some secrets of her own, none of which would stand up against the prying eyes of paparazzi. Can there be a Hollywood ending in store?

A smart set of characters are placed into interesting situations. When faced with difficulty, Ellie's responses and the consequences feel natural.

MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

The Strange Fate of Kitty Easton

Elizabeth Speller

It's 1924 and Captain Laurence Bartram travels to a family estate, Easton Deadall, in Wiltshire, to help his friend, architect William Bolitho restore the estate's church. There, Laurence finds unrest among the surviving members of the Easton family, especially Lydia Easton, whose 5-year-old daughter Kitty went missing thirteen years previously. When a body is discovered on the grounds of the church, Laurence learns there's much more to this mystery than meets the eye.

Though this is the second Laurence Bartram novel, it can be read independently from the first. This mystery, filled with atmospheric descriptions of rebuilding life in post-WWI England and the psychological effects of war, is perfect for fans of historical fiction and character-driven mysteries.

And She Was

Alison Gaylin

Brenna Spector is a private investigator with a rare neurological condition called Hyperthymestic Syndrome, which allows her to have perfect recall. Both a blessing and a curse, Brenna puts her talent to work to try to solve the mysterious disappearance of a woman who appears to have some connection to an old missing child case.

The first in a planned series introduces P.I. Brenna Spector. This suspenseful mystery is more about characters than heart-racing action. Readers will quickly be drawn in to Brenna's interesting world as she reaches a stunning conclusion.