

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Coming Soon

Nancy Atherton

Aunt Dimity and the Wishing Well

Australian Jack MacBride arrives in the English village of Finch to help settle his late uncle's affairs, and Lori volunteers to help Jack clear out his uncle's overgrown garden. There, they discover a wishing well and are surprised when the wish Lori makes comes true. Villagers turn out in droves to make their own wishes but soon learn that one person's dream is another person's worst nightmare. With Aunt Dimity's otherworldly help, Lori discovers that the truth is even more amazing than a magical well.

M.C. Beaton

Death of a Policeman

Local police stations all over the Scottish Highlands are threatened with closure, presenting the perfect opportunity for Detective Chief Inspector Blair, who wants nothing more than a reason to fire Sergeant Hamish Macbeth. Blair asks Cyril Sessions, a keen young police officer, to visit the town of Lochdubh to monitor Macbeth's daily habits. When Cyril is found dead, Hamish becomes the prime suspect.

Alex Berenson

The Counterfeit Agent

A station chief dies shortly after the CIA receives a warning from a disillusioned Iranian Revolutionary Guard commander. The next warning, about a radioactive package on its way from Dubai to the United States, is taken a bit more seriously.

Maeve Binchy

Chestnut Street

Just around the corner from St. Jarlath's Crescent (from ***Minding Frankie***) is Chestnut Street, where neighbors come and go. Behind closed doors are very different people with different life circumstances, occupations, and sensibilities.

C.J. Box

Stone Cold: A Joe Pickett Novel

Joe Pickett, game warden and trouble-shooter for the governor, is asked to uncover the truth about a mysterious man living in a massive ranch in the remote Black Hills of Wyoming. Rumors swirl about how the man acquired his wealth. Joe gets more than he bargained for when he discovers that there are two other men on that same property—one who is a stone cold killer and the other who is even more dangerous.

Barbara Taylor Bradford

Cavendon Hall

Cavendon Hall is home to two families, the aristocratic Inghams, and the Swanns who serve them. Charles Ingham, the sixth Earl of Mowbray, lives there with his wife Felicity and their six children. Walter Swann is valet to the earl, and his wife Alice is in charge of the family's wardrobe. For centuries, these two clans have lived side-by-side, beneath the backdrop of the imposing Yorkshire manor, but as World War II looms, no one will ever be the same again.

Tom Clancy

Command Authority

There's a new strong man in Russia, but his rise to power is based on a dark secret hidden decades in the past, and the solution to that mystery lies with a most unexpected source, President Jack Ryan.

Clive Cussler

The Bootlegger

Seventh in the Detective Isaac Bell series, this volume opens in 1920. Prohibition has bred bootlegging, and when Isaac's boss is nearly killed chasing down a rum-running vessel, Isaac goes after the perpetrators. When a witness is killed in a manner reminiscent of the Russian secret police, Isaac realizes that his troubles have just gone global.

Emma Donoghue

Frog Music

It's 1876, and the city of San Francisco is swept by smallpox and wrenching heat, when Jenny Bonnet is shot to death through the window of a railroad saloon. Compelled to find answers, her friend Blanche Beunon, a French burlesque dancer, interviews everyone from the stuck-up wealthy to the desperately poor in her search for the killer.

Diana Gabaldon

Written in My Own Heart's Blood

The 'Outlander' series continues Claire and Jamie's story through Revolutionary Philadelphia and onto the battlefields. Jamie makes a dramatic return to Claire's side, a new army sweeps the city, and romance and violence brew in this saga filled with betrayal and redemption, death and danger, and the perilous waves of a family's loves and loyalties.

Lisa Gardner

Fear Nothing

When a Boston woman is found murdered in her own bed, her room contains a bottle of champagne and a single red rose as the killer's calling cards—the same items that were left at a previous crime scene where Detective D. D. Warren was attacked and injured. Unable to recall a single detail from the night she may have seen the killer, and though not officially back on the job, D. D. goes back on the hunt to take down the killer.

Jane Green

Tempting Fate

Gabby and Elliott have been happily married for eighteen years and have two teenage daughters. At forty-three-years-old, Gabby is starting to feel like she's lost her youth but then she meets Matt, a younger, handsome guy, at the bar who makes her feel beautiful. Gabby thinks there's no harm in continuing a long-distance friendship with him, but as she steps ever deeper into the allure of attraction, things turn perilous. One wrong move could cost her everything—and teach her what really matters most.

James Grippando

Black Horizon

Three summers after the biggest man-made environmental disaster in history, millions of gallons of oil are again spewing from a hole in the ocean floor. Conveniently, Jack Swytek is honeymooning with his new wife, Andie, in the lower Keys. When Andie, a CIA agent, is called back to work early, Jack heads to Key West to see what he can do to help.

Alice Hoffman

The Museum of Extraordinary Things

Coralie Sardie, who performs as a mermaid at her father's Coney Island Museum of Extraordinary Things, encounters Eddie Cohen one night as he photographs trees shining with moonlight along the Hudson. A Russian immigrant, Eddie dreams of more than remaining in a Lower East Side Orthodox community as an apprentice tailor. As his romance with Coralie unfolds, Eddie captures images of the horrific Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire.

Jennifer McMahon

Winter People

In West Hall, Vermont, in 1908, Sara Harrison Shea was found dead in the field behind her house, months after the tragic death of her daughter, Gertie. In present day, 19-year-old Ruthie lives off the grid in Sara's old farmhouse with her mother, Alice, and her sister, Fawn. When Alice vanishes without a trace one night, Ruthie discovers a copy of Sara Harrison Shea's diary beneath the floorboards in her mother's room. As Ruthie is drawn deeper into the mystery, she realizes that she's not the only person who's looking for someone.

Anna Quindlen

Still Life with Bread Crumbs

Rebecca Winter was once a photographer whose work made her an unlikely heroine for many women. Now that her career is in its descent, Rebecca finds her bank balance shaky and she flees the city for the middle of nowhere. There she discovers, in a tree stand with a roofer named Jim Bates, that what she sees through a camera lens is not all there is to life.

Andy Weir

The Martian

Mark Watney has just become the first man to walk on Mars. After a vicious dust storm forces his crew to leave him behind, Mark is preparing to die there.

Randy Wayne White

Bone Deep

When a stone fetish disappears from a Crow Indian tribe, Doc Ford finds himself in Florida's infamous Bone Valley, investigating the ruthless owners of a multi-billion-dollar strip-mining phosphate firm.

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GENTLE READS

It Happened at the Fair

Deanne Gist

At his father's insistence, Cullen McNamara leaves his family's North Carolina cotton farm and travels to the 1893 Chicago World's Fair to advertise his new invention, an automatic sprinkler system. The noise inside the exhibit hall makes it impossible for Cullen, who is losing his hearing, to communicate with potential buyers. He meets Della Wentworth, a teacher of the deaf, and hires her to teach him lip-reading. Sparks fly and soon the two have trouble keeping their minds on lessons. Cullen is torn between his family obligations, a girl back home, dreams to be an inventor, and his newly discovered attraction to Della.

The "White City" comes alive in what is a perfect combination of historical fiction and gentle romance. This work of Christian fiction entertains and educates. Added bonuses are the inclusion of pictures and drawings of the actual Fair buildings.

My One Square Inch of Alaska

Sharon Gwyn Short

High school senior Donna Lane wants to escape from small town Groverton, Ohio. Her goal is to become a fashion designer, so Donna is saving money by sneaking tips at her grandma's diner and secretly modeling for her art teacher. Donna's younger brother Will, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia, received a square inch of Alaska by entering a cereal contest. Will desperately wishes to see his property, and Donna wants to make his wish come true. So brother and sister head to Alaska with Trusty, a dog Will rescued from an abusive owner.

This bittersweet story of love and determination is a quick read that will warm your heart.

TEEN FICTION

In the Shadow of the Blackbirds

Cat Winters

During the height of the 1918 Spanish Influenza pandemic, sixteen-year old Mary Shelley Black is sent to San Diego to live with her aunt. Despite the ever present fear of the flu and war, Mary Shelley is eager to reunite with her childhood friend, Stephen. When she learns that Stephen's brother has made a name for himself among Spiritualist by claiming to photograph the spirits of the dead, she is determined to prove him a fraud. Her plans are derailed when she herself is visited by an unsettled spirit.

The terror of death, disease, and war are palpable in this chilling debut. Haunting photographs from the era make the horror come alive. This is a must-read for fans of historical fiction, the paranormal and spooky ghost stories!

SUSPENSE

Three Graves Full

Jamie Mason

Usually mild-mannered, widower Jason Getty has really come out of his shell in reaction to a bully—he's killed the man and buried the body behind his property. Guilt and worry have plagued Jason since, but eighteen months later, Jason is finally starting to feel like he's gotten away with the crime. When he hires a landscaping crew to plant his front yard, they unearth a body—actually two bodies—but neither is the corpse of Jason's victim. That's when things get interesting.

Very suspenseful, psychological fiction laced with coincidence and black humor. A fine debut that will leave you wanting to read the author's next offering.

READING ROOM

HISTORICAL FICTION

The Ashford Affair

Lauren Willig

In New York in 1999, Clemmie is an attorney eager to make partner. At her Grandmother Addie's ninety-ninth birthday party, Clemmie decides to research her family's history. As Clemmie delves deeper into her grandmother's past, she discovers that Addie was orphaned at age six and raised by her uncle, the Earl of Ashford, surrounded by wealth and privilege at the family estate in England. There, too, is where Addie meets and befriends Bea, her beautiful cousin. The two are inseparable and like sisters—until eventually, a man comes between them.

This family saga drifts between 1999 and the years just after WWII, whisking the reader back and forth from high society London, to a coffee plantation in Kenya and to the bustle of New York City. Hard to put down and addictive reading.

Burial Rites

Hannah Kent

Tells the story of Agnes Magnusdottir, a poor maid in 1820s rural Iceland, who is convicted of killing two men and is sentenced to the death penalty for her crimes. Before she is to face the axe, she is to move in with a farm family and atone for her sins. Based on a true story of the last woman to be executed in Iceland.

This riveting debut novel kept me up reading all night. The descriptions of the scenery are breathtaking and the characters are amazing. One I won't ever forget.

Southern Cross the Dog

Bill Cheng

Surviving the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 as a young boy, Robert Lee Chatham understands from an early age how hard life is but giving up isn't really an option either.

A heart-wrenching story with characters who gain interest by virtue of not being good or bad but something in-between.

FICTION

A Constellation of Vital Phenomena

Anthony Marra

When 8-year-old Havaa's father is taken away by Russian soldiers, neighbor and village doctor Akhmed hustles her away to the local city where he asks the sole surgeon, London-educated Sonja, to harbor her. Meanwhile, Sonja searches for her sister Natalie who has disappeared. The Chechnyan War rages around them and we discover, in flashbacks, what connects these characters together.

Beautifully written, with lyrical prose that captures the senselessness of the war and the ways that people try to survive through it.

The Love Affairs of Nathaniel P.

Adelle Waldman

In hipster Brooklyn, everyone is writing a book or trying to, and the dating scene is flirtatious and frenzied. Nate Piven is about to publish his first book, yet he doesn't quite feel that he belongs. Smart, beautiful women are now pursuing him, but though he considers himself a modern, feminist man, he finds it difficult to sustain a relationship. When he meets Hannah, a woman who is as well-read as he, he thinks that this time it may get serious. Will Nate grow up enough to make it work?

Debut author Waldman has fun skewering the Brooklyn literati in this sharply written book that makes me glad my dating days are behind me.

This is Life

Dan Rhodes

When a stranger entrusts her baby to art student Aurelie, she vows to do her best. That same week, she meets the handsome and kind Leandre, and her best friend Sylvie falls for a man based only on his picture. These events all seem connected to a controversial art exhibit by Le Machine, a performance artist who is famous for capturing the baser productions of life.

*Like the movie **Amelie**, this is a fantastical trip through the streets of Paris, revealing the wonder of all aspects of life. Funny and sad, with well-developed characters who you're rooting for.*