

# BETWEEN THE COVERS

## Coming Soon

David Baldacci

### **The Escape**

This third novel featuring Army Special Agent John Puller has him taking on the nation's most problematic cases.

Rita Mae Brown

### **Let Sleeping Dogs Lie**

The discovery of human remains in an equine graveyard makes for a tough and touchy case involving three families and their prize thoroughbreds. The "Sister" Jane Arnold Foxhunting mystery is a series perfect for readers who like gentility with a wicked little twist.

Lincoln Child & Douglas Preston

### **Blue Labyrinth**

Aloysius Pendergast may have often wished his worst enemy dead, but it's big trouble when the man's corpse appears on Pendergast's doorstep, a bit of turquoise in his stomach the only clue to his death. Soon Pendergast is tracking a killer bent on righting a very old wrong.

Michael Connelly

### **The Burning Room**

How do you solve a murder when the victim has just died of complications sustained by a stray bullet fired nine years previously? That's what Detective Harry Bosch and his new partner, rookie detective Lucia Soto, want to know.

Patricia Cornwell

### **Flesh and Blood**

Dr. Kay Scarpetta goes after the Copperhead, a serial sniper who kills seemingly random victims with a single deadly shot delivered at such a distance that there's really no crime scene, only odd bits of copper left behind as a memento. What does Kay's techie-brilliant niece, Lucy, have to do with it?

Robert Crais

### **The Promise**

When a woman goes missing, Elvis Cole is asked to find her and discovers that she's a defense contractor staffer being blackmailed into supplying explosives for the bad guy. LAPD officer Scott James and his trusty patrol dog, Maggie, enter the case when they stumble upon a building full of explosives and get assaulted for their troubles.

Maria Dueñas

### **The Heart Has Its Reasons**

Blanca Perea is a college professor in Madrid who seems to have it all until her husband of twenty years suddenly leaves her for another woman. Devastated, Blanca leaves Madrid for San Francisco, where she becomes entrenched in the history of an enigmatic Spanish writer who died decades earlier. The more Blanca discovers about this man, the more she is enthralled by the ill-fated loves, half-truths, and silent ambitions that haunted his life

Janet Evanovich & Lee Goldberg

### **The Job**

FBI Agent Kate O'Hare despises conman Nicolas Fox, but unfortunately for her, in order to catch some really big fish, her bosses have paired her with Fox—for the third time.

Charles Finch

### **The Laws of Murder**

In 1876, after serving in Parliament for six years, Charles Lenox gives up his seat and returns to his true love, forming a detective agency in London. After a slow start, an important case comes his way, though, sadly, it's to investigate the murder of a Scotland Yard friend.

Stephen King

### **Revival**

Rev. Charles Jacobs arrives in young Jamie Morton's small New England town with his alluring wife and wows the community. When tragedy strikes Jamie's family, Jacobs lashes out violently at God and is banished. Years later, in his mid-thirties Jamie is living the nomadic lifestyle of bar-band rock and roll while fleeing from his family's horrific loss. Addicted to heroin, stranded, desperate he meets Charles Jacobs again, with profound consequences for both men. Their bond becomes a pact beyond even the Devil's devising, and Jamie discovers that "revival" has many meanings.

Alexander McCall Smith

### **The Handsome Man's Deluxe Café:**

#### **No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency**

Mma Ramotswe's next case: bucking up partner Grace Makutsi, who is overwhelmed by business demands and a lightning strike when she decides to try something different and opens The Handsome Man's Deluxe Café.

David Nicholls

**Us**

Douglas Petersen's wife of nearly three decades announces that she wants a divorce—just as they're about to take son Albie on a big trip to Europe. Undeterred, Douglas schemes to use the trip as a means of saving his marriage.

James Patterson

**Hope to Die**

When Detective Alex Cross's entire family is abducted, he must bow to a madman's demands in order to save them.

Susan Elizabeth Phillips

**Heroes Are My Weakness**

A down-on-her-luck actress finds herself trapped on a snow-swept island off the coast of Maine with a reclusive author famous for his bone-chilling horror novels. What's more, she's been afraid of him since childhood. But maybe he's changed?

Ruth Rendell

**The Girl Next Door**

A tin box containing the skeletal remains of a male and a female hand is uncovered near an earthen tunnel where decades before a group of London children played during World War II. Now aging adults, they come together to offer up their memories to help in the investigation.

Kimberly Lawson Roby

**A Christmas Prayer**

For Alexis Fletcher the holidays have been anything but joyous since the death of her mother, who truly entered into the spirit of things. Now that Alexis is about to marry, a surprise event has her humming carols again.

Marilynne Robinson

**Lila**

Before she stepped out of the rain and into a small church in Gilead, Iowa, Lila was once a young girl saved by a drifter named Doll, with whom she shared a strong sisterly bond, as they wandered from town to town, engaging in small-time crime. Lila eventually marries Minister John Ames and while comforted by John's gentleness, she's disturbed by his judgment of her past companions.

Lisa Scottoline

**Betrayed: A Rosato & Associates Novel**

Judy Carrier, lawyer at the all-female legal team of Rosato & Associates, finds herself at a crossroads in her life and is pondering the future of her personal and professional lives when she must rush to the side of an aunt diagnosed with breast cancer. Meanwhile, the death of undocumented worker Emelia Juarez, a friend who had been helping the aunt through chemo, seems decidedly suspicious. Judy begins to investigate, taking a path that leads her into an underground world far more dangerous than she ever imagined.

Jane Smiley

**Some Luck**

From the 1920s to the 1950s, Iowa farmers Rosanna and Walter Langdon have aimed to pass on their values to their five intriguing children: brilliant Frank; animal-loving Joe, who'll inherit the farm; sweet Lillian, who enters an enchanted marriage; iconoclast Henry; and Claire, who is specially loved by her father. As the children grow up and some depart for America's coasts, readers are treated to a taste of mid-century America.

Lalita Tademy

**Citizens Creek**

Born into slavery in 1810 and sold to a Creek Indian chief before he turns ten, Cow Tom becomes a translator for his Creek master and is even hired out to U.S. military generals, using his gift for learning language to earn the money he needs to eventually buy his way to freedom.

Colm Tóibín

**Nora Webster**

Nora Webster is left a widow at 40, with four sons in her care and little money to support them. She's desperate to retain her independence in a meddling community that would suck her back in and so grief-stricken that she barely registers how much her sons need her. But gradually she returns to singing, which she had abandoned years before, and finds herself.

Donna VanLiere

**The Christmas Light**

This Christmas story features five small-town characters brought together for a surprisingly different holiday. Jennifer and Ryan both struggle with single parenthood, teenage Kaylee has just had her life upended, and happily married Stephen and Lily look forward to starting a family.

# Rocky River Public Library

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## FICTION

### **Astonish Me**

Maggie Shipstead

Joan is a young ballet dancer in New York City who falls hard for Arslan Rusakov, the dancer she helps defect from Russia in 1974, but she is quickly tossed aside by him because of her lack of true talent. As Arslan moves on to bigger fame and other women, a heartbroken Joan gives up on dancing for good, settling instead for motherhood and marriage, wedding her reliable, high school best friend Jacob, who has always adored her. Joan can never truly escape though, and years later, she is thrust back into the world of professional ballet when her son Harry is discovered to have major talent.

*A powerful, compelling and fascinating novel about ballet, beauty, desire, regret and love.*

### **The Bear**

Claire Cameron

After a bear attacks their campsite in rural Ontario's Algonquin Park, five-year-old Anna must help her two-year-old brother survive in the wilderness alone.

*Absolutely mesmerizing writing. Telling the story through the perspective of a child heightens the suspense. You will read it in one sitting!*

### **Lexicon**

Max Barry

Emily is living on the street when she's recruited by a mysterious agency and trained to be a "poet," an expert in the use of words as coercion. Meanwhile Wil is captured by two men who tell him that he has survived a catastrophe that wiped out an entire town by being immune to the "bareword," a particularly potent tool of persuasion. As their stories converge, identities are in flux and violence escalates.

*Blending fast paced action, a cerebral theme, and a sprinkling of romance and humor makes for a page-turning thriller that will linger long after you turn the last page.*

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### **Wives of Los Alamos**

Tarashea Nesbit

The scientists' wives, the collective "we," share the story of family life at Los Alamos during WWII. The work of their husbands and a few female scientists is secretive. Residents are often assigned new names. No visitors are allowed. Personal mail is censored. Fresh milk, vegetables, and meat are in short supply. When the bomb is finally dropped, the scientists and families live with its effects on the world.

*An important historical moment in time is shared along with the effects of the project on families uprooted to Los Alamos, New Mexico.*

### **Vienna Nocturne**

Vivien Shotwell

The novel is loosely based on the life of English-born soprano Anna Storage.

To further her training and career, the family moves to Italy and then later to Austria.

Anna has an affair with

Francesco Benucci and be-

comes pregnant. In order to save

face she marries violinist John Fisher who quickly becomes very abusive. That scandal

becomes public and John is banished from

Vienna by Emperor Joseph II. In the novel

Anna also has an affair with Wolfgang Mozart,

who creates the role of Susanna for her in

"The Marriage of Figaro."

*Classically trained singer/author Vivien*

*Shotwell's story will appeal to opera lovers and lovers of historical fiction.*



# READING ROOM

## MYSTERY

### **The Impersonator**

Mary Miley

Leah Randall has been on the Vaudeville stage since birth. In 1924, an orphaned Leah is 24 years old, and she's just been let go from her latest act. Now broke, Leah cannot resist impersonating heiress Jessie Carr, who went missing seven years previously, and for whom Leah is a dead ringer. Jessie's strange Uncle Oliver proposes this scheme, promising to share with her Jessie's \$10 million inheritance. As Jessie, however, Leah's life is in danger. Will she be able to pull off the switcheroo, get to the bottom of what happened to the real heiress, and stay alive long enough to collect her payday?

*A feisty heroine stars in this clever historical mystery debut that brings the 1920s and the Vaudeville scene to life between its covers.*

### **Notorious**

Allison Brennan

After thirteen years, investigative reporter Maxine "Max" Revere returns to her home town to attend the funeral of an old friend. While in high school, the deceased had been accused of murdering another friend, and although innocent, had never been able to move forward with his life. When another murder occurs that appears to be a connected to the old murder case, Max starts to investigate only to discover that someone will go to great extremes including murder to keep some town and family secrets from being revealed.

*This is the start of a new series and features investigative reporter Maxine Revere. The beginning starts out slow as the characters and plot line are introduced but the pace soon escalates into a suspenseful, thrilling page-turner. Maxine should be an interesting character to follow in future books.*



### **Catnapped!: A Dead-End Job Mystery**

Elaine Viets

Helen Hawthorne and husband Phil Sagemont are hired to find a Chartreux show kitten named Justine. As part of their divorce settlement, Justine's owners Trish and Mort share custody of the cat. Trish is certain that Mort kidnapped Justine but then Mort is found dead at home and the cat is still missing. Also, Helen and Phil's landlady Margery is a suspect in the death of her ex-husband and is in jail.

*The 13<sup>th</sup> entry in the Dead-End Job series is a quick, fun read and all of the loose ends are tied up by its end.*

## TEEN FICTION

### **We Were Liars**

E. Lockhart

The beautiful, blue-blooded Sinclair family spends the summers on their luxurious private island. The cousins have grown up together. They are best friends. They call themselves the Liars. They are untouchable—until the accident. Cadence Sinclair, the oldest, the heir, is hazy on the details, but she knows that one summer changed everything.

*This little book packs a huge emotional punch. Much darker than her previous books, Lockhart's latest offering is suspenseful and haunting.*

## WOMEN'S FICTION

### **The Divorce Papers**

Susan Rieger

Sophie Diehl is a junior criminal attorney at a prestigious law firm when she's given a divorce case by a partner. Navigating through the paperwork of the divorce uncovers her feelings about her parents' divorce and her own relationships.

*Funny and insightful, this epistolary novel is told solely through memos, personal correspondence and legal documents. This clever premise works to not only highlight the legal process and the sometimes cruelty.*