

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Coming Soon

Alex Berenson

Twelve Days

The President has demanded that Iran set a deadline for dismantling its nuclear program. Iran has responded with a fierce terrorist attack. Counterfeit Agent John Wells, along with his former CIA bosses Ellis Shafer and Vinnie Duto, have 12 days to prove that the whole thing is a set-up.

Steve Berry

The Patriot Threat

Cotton Malone, once a member of Magellan Billet, an elite intelligence division within the Justice Department, is now retired. When his former boss, Stephanie Nelle, asks him to track a rogue North Korean who may have acquired some top secret Treasury Department files, Malone is vaulted into a harrowing twenty-four hour chase that begins on the water in Venice and ends in the remote highlands of Croatia.

C. J. Box

Endangered

Joe Pickett had good reason to dislike Dallas Cates even before he ran off with Joe's eighteen-year-old ward, April. Then April is found barely alive in a ditch along the highway, and the doctors aren't sure if she'll recover. Cates denies having anything to do with it, but Joe knows in his gut that Cates is responsible. What he doesn't know is the kind of danger he's about to encounter.

Robin Cook

Host

Lynn Pierce, a fourth-year medical student at Mason Dixon University, is devastated by the death of her boyfriend, Carl, who had entered the hospital for routine surgery. Convinced there's more to his death than what the authorities are willing to reveal, Lynn uses all her resources at Mason Dixon, including her reluctant lab partner, Edward, to hunt down evidence of medical error or malpractice. But when Lynn and Edward begin to receive death threats, they know they are into something bigger than either of them anticipated.

David Duchovny

Holy Cow: A Modern-Day Dairy Tale

When a cow named Elsie Bovary inadvertently learns about something awful called an industrial meat farm after sneaking out of her pasture one night, she organizes an escape with a Torah-spouting pig named Shalom, newly converted to Judaism, and a flightless turkey Tom, who wields a mean beak when communicating via iPhone. With stolen passports, they make it to Jerusalem, where they attempt to unite Israelis and Palestinians.

Jamie Freveletti

Robert Ludlum's The Geneva Strategy

It is bad news when U.S. government officials are kidnapped en masse, but what's worse—among them is computer software coding expert Nick Rendel, who manages drone programming. If Nick is forced to reveal the passwords, the drones could be turned against the United States.

Lisa Gardner

Crash & Burn

Nicky Frank survived a horrific car crash, crawling up a steep ravine and flagging down help while sobbing that she must find a little girl named Vero. The police are stymied until Nicky's husband advises them not to believe what she says because she sustained a brain injury before the accident. But can he be believed? And why has Nicky had more than one near-lethal accident lately?

Nick Hornby

Funny Girl

Set in 1960's London, this book follows the adventures of the intrepid young Sophie Straw as she navigates her transformation from provincial ingénue to television starlet amid a constellation of delightful characters.

J. A. Jance

Cold Betrayal

Taser-carrying nun, Sister Anselm, rushes to the bedside of a young pregnant woman at a hospital. The girl, hit by a car on a deserted Arizona highway, had been running away from The Family, a polygamous cult with no patience for those who try to leave its ranks. Sister Anselm asks her friend, former TV journalist Ali Reynolds, for help, and the two race against the clock to uncover the secrets that The Family has hidden for so long—before someone comes back to bury them forever.

Laurie R. King

Dreaming Spies

Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes once spent three weeks in Japan. As the couple arrives home one day in 1925, they find a stone they last saw in the Tokyo garden of Japan's future emperor. Apparently, there's more work to be done, with a small, dark-haired woman figuring amid all the danger.

Andrew Pyper

The Damned

Danny Orchard nearly died in the fire that killed his twin sister, and she won't let him forget it. A little terror in life, she's become a real psychopath in death, haunting him for 20 years and now targeting his new wife and stepson. To protect them, Danny must make one huge sacrifice. Is he ready?

J. D. Robb

Obsession in Death

In the 40th book in the series starring NYPSP lieutenant Eve Dallas, Eve must contend with an admirer who thinks that they have a special relationship. He sees her as extraordinary, and he's going to prove it to her by killing in her honor, like those bloody trophies cats bring home.

Gerald Seymour

The Outsider

M15 officer Winnie Monks has never forgotten the death of her team's young agent at the hands of a former Russian Army Major. Now, ten years later, she learns that the Major is traveling to a villa on the Spanish holiday destination Costa del Sol, and she asks permission to send in a surveillance unit. They set up camp in what seems to be an empty villa near the Major's, but it turns out the villa isn't deserted. The owners have invited a young British couple to house sit while they are away. Jonno and Posie, a new couple, think they are embarking on a romantic, carefree break in the sun, but when the Secret Service team arrives, everything changes.

Yrsa Sigurdardottir

Someone to Watch Over Me

An assisted living facility at a secure psychiatric unit has gone up in flames causing five deaths, and Jakob, a young man with Down Syndrome who lived at the facility, has been accused of the crime. Thora is hired to prove that he didn't do it—and to find out who did.

Anne Tyler

A Spool of Blue Thread

Gathered on the porch with her children, grandchild, and faithful dog, Abby Whitshank once more relates how she fell in love with Red on a glorious "yellow-and-green afternoon" in July 1959. As the family considers how best to take care of Abby and Red and how to dispose of the house that Red's father built, stories and secrets are revealed along the way.

Lisa Unger

Crazy Love You

Even when Priss was the one real friend Ian had in childhood, protecting him from bullies and his dark family secrets, he felt something frightening in her presence. Now, they've both escaped their small upstate town for the big city, and Ian is a successful graphic artist, tired of Priss's obsessiveness and their late-night sex, booze, and drugs. He'd like to make some time with lovely Megan, but will Priss let him?

Allison Weir

The Marriage Game: A Novel of Queen Elizabeth I

In Tudor England, Queen Elizabeth is happy to encourage suitors and just as happy not to commit. At the same time, her flirtation with Lord Robert Dudley, her married Master of Horse, has courtiers suspecting that she is not the Virgin Queen after all.

Lethal Beauty

Lis Wiehl

Lawyer Mia Quinn thinks she's about to win a seemingly open and shut case, but a key witness goes missing, and when it looks like the killer could walk free, the victim's mother takes matters into her own hands. Meanwhile, Charlie Carlson, a Seattle homicide detective, is investigating the murder of a man he cannot seem to identify. Then a church pianist is senselessly gunned down before parishioners. All three cases seem unrelated, but are they really? Mia and Charlie race to find the answer.

Joakim Zander

The Swimmer

Abandoned by her father, a CIA agent determined to maintain his cover at all costs, Klara Walldén has been raised on a distant archipelago in the Baltic Sea. Now, as an EU Parliament aide in Brussels, Klara has seen something she shouldn't have, and she's on the run for her life—with her father back in action, trying finally to do right by protecting her.

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HISTORICAL FICTION

The Daring Ladies of Lowell

Kate Alcott

Alice Barrow left her family's farm seeking money and freedom. She finds a job as one of the cotton mill girls in Lowell, Massachusetts. The work is long and hard, dealing with unsafe equipment and an unhealthy environment. Alice is not afraid to report the problems with the mill and becomes an intermediary for the workers and the owner, Hiram Fiske. She falls in love with Sam Fiske, the owner's son. When co-worker and friend, Lovey Cornell, is found hanged, Methodist minister Ephraim K. Avery is put on trial for her murder.

An interesting slice of history. Lowell, Massachusetts, once a great industrial center of America, was the site of Boott Cotton Mills that closed in 1955 after 120 years of operation. The trial of Methodist minister Ephraim K. Avery for the murder of Sarah M. Cornell is the basis for the trial in the novel.

The Untold

Courtney Collins

This is a fictionalized account of Jessie Hickman, a real-life livestock wrangler in the mountains of Australia. This debut novel tells the remarkable story of Jessie from the perspective of the child she buried: her neglected childhood, her circus days, and finally her outlaw days following the murder of her abusive husband, Fitz.

The unique story of Jessie completely draws you in with suspense building as she tries to escape all the people looking to capture her. Wonderful descriptions of the landscape and a bit of a love story make it all the better!

Euphoria

Lily King

English anthropologist Andrew Bankson is living with and studying a New Guinea tribe when he meets another set of anthropologists, Nell Stone and her new husband, Fen. Nell is famous for her controversial study of childhood sexual behavior in the Solomon Islands and Fen is a fascinating, magnetic Australian. Quickly Andrew, lonely and isolated, is swept into their lives as he helps them locate a tribe to study nearby.

Based on the love triangle between Margaret Mead and her second and third husbands, this fascinating and intelligent novel sweeps you along into the romance and intellectual debate among these young, curious minds while exploring the controversy of colonialism and the study of other cultures.

MYSTERY

The Truth about the Harry Quebert Affair

Joel Dicker

As author Marcus Goldman sets out to write his second masterpiece, he gets a mean case of writer's block. He returns to the small New Hampshire town to ask for help and inspiration from his former college professor and personal hero, the prize-winning writer, Harry Quebert. Harry has his own problem—she's been charged with murder after the discovery of a decades-old corpse on his property. Could Harry have killed his one-time, underage lover Nola Kellergan? Marcus doesn't think so, and he sets out to write the truth.

This English translation of a national bestseller is a compulsively readable mystery. Chock full of red herrings and jaw dropping reveals, this book within a book is worth the read, despite some incredible plot lines. Read it before it is made into a film by director Ron Howard.

READING ROOM

SUSPENSE

North of Boston

Elizabeth Elo

Pirio Kasparov and a friend are in a boating accident. She survives, but the friend's body is not recovered. In the aftermath, Pirio strongly suspects that the accident was intentional and sets out to find the truth.

Engaging characters and setting and a plot that involves lots of twists and turns make this debut suspense thriller extremely exciting.

One Kick

Chelsea Cain

Kick Lannigan was abducted when she was just five years old. Her abductor renamed her and forced her into child pornography but also taught her how to fire weapons, pick locks and make bombs. When Kick was freed from that life at the age of 10, she could no longer pretend to be a normal girl. Now, 21, Kick is approached by a man named John Bishop to help track down other missing kids. The work is not pretty. But, for Kick, the scariest place is hidden deep within the confines of her memory—and her new line of work is about to disturb the calm she's worked so hard to achieve over the last decade.

Suspenseful reading and superb character development are in store for readers of this first in a new series by Cain. Though not for the squeamish, this book is nearly impossible to put down.

FICTION

Three Bargains

Tania Malik

After poor, underprivileged Madan is forced to make a deal with his father's boss Avtaar Singh to save his sister, he is taken under Avtaar's wing and treated like his own son. When Madan angers Avtaar and is cast out, he must survive on his own and decide where his loyalties lie.

An interesting cast of characters and a foreign locale make this tale come to life. Madan's "rags to riches" story is well told, and readers are invested in its outcome.

Landline

Rainbow Rowell

Georgie McCool's marriage has been in trouble for a while, but she doesn't get her wakeup call until her husband Neal takes the kids to his mom's house for Christmas—without Georgie. She and her writing partner have finally gotten the big TV break they have been working for and that means long hours of work, even on Christmas. Confused and alone, Georgie heads to her own childhood home, where she discovers a way to talk to Neal in the past. It sounds crazy, but it may just be the key to saving her marriage.

Despite the unusual element of magic, this latest novel by Rainbow Rowell is grimly realistic. Georgie struggles with family issues, marriage troubles, and a failure to balance her career and her relationships. This is more than just a story about a marriage on the rocks. Moving, with a touch of humor, this book may leave readers wondering "what if...?"

ADVENTURE

Alias Hook

Lisa Jensen

Son of a wealthy family in the 17th century, James Hookbridge is a rake whose lust for adventure turns him to a life on the seas as a privateer. After being disowned by his family, Hookbridge does wrong by his lover Prosepina, a voodoo princess who curses him to an immortal life in the Neverland, where he becomes "Hook" and remains perpetually at the mercy of his arch-enemy, the sadistic child-king Peter Pan. Everything changes for Hook, though, with the arrival of Stella Parrish from World War II-era England, who has somehow found a way to Neverland to escape the horrors of war.

A magical read that turns the classic Peter Pan story on its head. Here, Hook is a tragic character trapped in constant battle with a Pan whose quest for perpetual childhood has turned him into a vengeful brat. This for-adult-readers-only book is perfect for fans of fairy tales, adventure stories, and tales of redemption.