

BETWEEN THE COVERS

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JANUARY

Melanie Benjamin

The Swans of 5th Avenue

The story of Truman Capote and Babe Paley's friendship is a gossipy look at the crème de la crème of New York City in 1950's New York.

Alafair Burke

The Ex

Olivia Randall agrees to represent an ex-boyfriend who's been accused of murder. She at first has no doubt he's innocent, but as the growing evidence suggests otherwise, she begins to question her reasoning – what if he's not the man she thinks he is?

Katarina Bivald

The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend

Sara's travelled from Sweden to Broken Wheel, Iowa to meet her pen pal Amy, but she's too late – Amy has just died. She starts a bookstore with Amy's books, recommending titles for the residents who have opened their homes and hearts to her.

Chris Bohjalian

The Guest Room

Kristin and Richard's lives are ripped apart after Richard hosts his brother's wild bachelor party in their beautiful home. Not only is the house trashed and his conscience guilty, but two young women, hired as entertainment, are on the run after killing their Russian bodyguards.

Sunil Yapa

Your Heart is a Muscle the Size of a Fist

The lives of seven people will change during the 1999 World Trade Organization protests in Seattle, including Victor, a runaway, his estranged father, Police Chief Bishop, and a financial minister from Sri Lanka who has a crucial meeting with the President.

FEBRUARY

Ethan Canin

A Doubter's Almanac

The tale of Milo Andret, a boy born in the Michigan woods who makes his way to U.C. Berkeley, where he becomes a world famous mathematician. Outrageous and egocentric, Andret's brilliance takes a tremendous toll on his family and his work.

Joy Fielding

She's Not There

As her wedding anniversary approaches, Carole Shipley fears the calls from reporters asking about her daughter's kidnapping in Mexico on that date fifteen years ago. When the phone rings, however, it's a young woman who claims to be her daughter.

Joshilyn Jackson

The Opposite of Everyone

Paula Vauss spent her childhood on the road with her free-spirited mother Kai, until Kai ended up in prison and Paula in foster care. Now a divorce attorney in Atlanta, she receives a mysterious note from Kai and enlists the help of her ex-boyfriend to investigate.

Kristopher Jansma

Why We Came to the City

A group of inseparable friends move to New York City after college. When the recession hits in 2008, it affects their relationships and their dreams.

Yann Martel

The High Mountains of Portugal

Martel explores the nature of faith as he follows three linked characters through 20th century Portugal: a young man who discovers an artifact, a pathologist who is involved in a murder and a politician grieving the loss of his wife.

MARCH

Tracy Chevalier

At the Edge of the Orchard

James and Sadie Goodenough leave 19th century New England and settle in Ohio, planting apple orchards and raising a family. Their harsh life drives their youngest child, Robert, to flee to California where the past eventually catches up with him.

Donna Leon

The Waters of Eternal Youth

Chief Brunetti decides to investigate the 15-year-old incident of a teenage girl who either fell or was thrown into a canal late at night, though he's not sure if a crime has even been committed or if the statute of limitations has passed.

Jacquelyn Mitchard

Two if By Sea

Former police officer Frank Mercy rescues Ian after a tsunami in Brisbane that kills his wife and family. Instead of turning the child over to the authorities, he takes him home to the Midwest and soon realizes that Ian possesses a gift that threatens the solace of their new family.

Nick Seeley

Cambodia Noir

A debut thriller that travels to the Cambodian underworld as war photographer Will Keller, lost in a haze of drugs, booze and sex, is asked by a young woman to help find her sister who's disappeared. The only tool he has to find her is her diary.

Helen Simonson

The Summer Before the War

In 1914 in Rye, England, free-thinking Beatrice Nash becomes the first female teacher of Latin in the local school while the colorful residents prepare for war.

APRIL

Steve Berry

The 14th Colony

A high stakes adventure starring ex-Justice Department agent Cotton Malone, fighting for survival against a Soviet loyalist who's headed to DC to attack the United States during the presidential inauguration.

Jennifer Chiaverini

A Memoir of the Assassination of John Wilkes Booth as Told by Four Ladies

The four women who played a part in the life of assassin John Wilkes Booth tell their stories: his mother Mary Ann, sister Asia, sweetheart Lucy Lambert Hale and confidante Mary Surratt.

Kate Mosse

The Taxidermist's Daughter

Constance lives with her mysterious father in his formerly famous museum of taxidermy, now a decrepit, shuttered mansion. When a woman is found dead on ghostly St. Mark's Eve, Constance begins to uncover the secrets that lie at the heart of the house.

Lisa Scottoline

Most Wanted

When they discover that the man who is their baby donor is a brutal murderer, a couple delves deeper to uncover a terrifying truth.

Curtis Sittenfeld

Eligible

Sittenfeld reimagines *Pride and Prejudice* in modern America with Lizzy Bennett as a successful New York editor who returns home to Ohio when her father falls ill. There she meets TV star Chip Bingley's infuriating friend, neurosurgeon Fitzwilliam Darcy.