

BETWEEN THE COVERS

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SEPTEMBER

Emma Donoghue

The Wonder

In a remote 1850s Irish village, young Anna O'Donnell is fasting to prove her faith, living only on 'manna from heaven.' Is she a saint or is this some sort of hoax? Lib, an English nurse trained by Florence Nightingale, is determined to discover the truth.

Jonathan Safran Foer

Here I Am

While relatives from Israel visit a troubled family in Washington, D.C. for the bar mitzvah of one of their sons, the Middle East is devastated by an earthquake and Israel is invaded.

Thomas Mullen

Darktown

In 1948 Atlanta, the city's first black police officers seek justice for a murdered black woman – last seen in the car of a white man.

Ann Patchett

Commonwealth

At Franny Keating's christening, Bert Cousins kisses Franny's mother, shattering marriages and bonding the Cousins and Keating children. Decades later, the story is revealed in a must-read book, forcing the families to reevaluate their lives.

Amy Stewart

Lady Cop Makes Trouble

Introduced in *Girl Waits with Gun*, feisty Constance Kopp, a trailblazing female deputy sheriff during WWI era New York, is tracking down victims and trailing leads when her position is threatened by a German con man.

OCTOBER

Brit Bennett

The Mothers

High school senior Nadia Turner is mourning her mother's suicide when she starts dating the local pastor's son, former football hopeful Luke Sheppard. Nadia's surprise pregnancy and the subsequent cover up will have an impact that goes far beyond their youth.

T.C. Boyle

The Terranauts

In 1994, eight scientists called Terranauts are living in E2, a sustainable compound meant to model a possible off-Earth colony. Everyone is watching to see if this scientific experiment will fail.

Tana French

The Trespasser

Det. Antoinette Conway is eager to be part of the Murder Squad, but the constant harassment from the men is making it tough. When a young woman is murdered, she's urged to make the easy arrest, but Antoinette isn't so sure - should she trust her gut or her colleagues?

Winston Groom

El Paso

When Pancho Villa kidnaps the grandchildren of the Colonel, a cantankerous New England railroad tycoon who has an expansive ranch in Chihuahua, the Colonel heads to El Paso to find a few brave cowboys to stage a rescue.

Maria Semple

Today Will Be Different

Eleanor vows that 'today will be different.' She'll get her son organized for school, attend yoga class, stop swearing, and be a better wife. But her plans change when her son wrangles a day off school and her husband tells the office, but not Eleanor, that he's on vacation.

NOVEMBER

Michael Chabon

Moonglow

As a man lies on his death bed, his confessions to his grandson reveal a story that captures 20th century America, from the Jewish slums of Philadelphia to the invasion of Germany, a prison in New York to a Florida retirement village.

Thomas L. Friedman

Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in an Age of Accelerations

Popular nonfiction author Friedman considers how we can better cope with the wild ride that we're on, as our world changes in exciting and dangerous ways.

Alice Hoffman

Faithful

One night changes everything for Shelby Richmond as her best friend's future is destroyed in an accident and Shelby becomes the guilty survivor. In the aftermath, she must find her way to recovery and hope.

JoJo Moyes

Paris for One and Other Stories

A novella and eight stories make up this collection. The title novella features Nell, a shy 26-year-old who is stood up on a romantic weekend in Paris. Deciding to stay and enjoy herself, she proves something important to herself and others.

Sabina Murray

Valiant Gentlemen

A tale set in the early 20th century and across four continents about the lives and friendships of humanitarian and Irish patriot Roger Casement, his closest friend, Herbert Ward, and Ward's extraordinary wife, the Argentinian-American heiress Sarita Sanford.

DECEMBER

Julie Klassen

The Innkeeper of Ivy Hill

When the innkeeper of The Bell dies under mysterious circumstances, his wife Jane becomes the inn's reluctant owner and finds she has three months to pay a large loan or lose the inn, the center of the town's business and social life.

Val McDermid

Out of Bounds

In the fourth book of this riveting series, Det. Karen Pirie begins to investigate a teenager's car crash after a routine DNA test uncovers a connection to a cold case. Instead, she finds herself irresistibly drawn to a mystery that has its roots in a terrorist bombing two decades ago.

Amy Poeppel

Small Admissions

A dishy and funny debut novel about Kate, depressed after being dumped by her boyfriend, who finds a job in the admissions department of a cut-throat, prestigious Manhattan prep school.

James Rollins

The Seventh Plague

The series continues, finding Commander Grayson Pierce with a grisly murder on his hands after a British archaeologist that's been missing for two years stumbles out of the desert, partially mummified, and drops dead.

Jeanette Winterson

Christmas Days: 12 Stories

A collection of 12 magical and spooky holiday stories, whose subjects include trees with mysterious powers, a talking tinsel baby, flying dogs and a disappearing train.