

## Coming Soon

This year *Between the Covers* celebrates turning 20 Years Old. Thanks for reading!

Robert Baer

### ***Blow the House Down***

The first novel from a former real CIA operative creates a realistic, riveting, terrifying, alternate history of what happened on 9/11—starring Max Waller, a CIA operative who doesn't play by the rules and ends up getting pulled into a series of events leading up to the attacks.

C. J. Box

### ***In Plain Sight***

Honest, upright and hardworking Wyoming Game and Fish warden Joe Pickett and his family become the target of John Wayne Keeley, a misguided, conscienceless killer, in this sixth Joe Pickett mystery.

Dale Brown

### ***Edge of Battle***

When U.S. Border Patrol agents are massacred, the National Security Agency launches "Operation Rampart," a program that uses robots and nanotechnology to protect the border from Mexico.

Lee Child

### ***The Hard Way***

When a ransom request goes sour, it's Jack Reacher to the rescue.

Jeffrey Deaver

### ***The Cold Moon***

Lincoln Rhyme is back with Amelia Sachs, who must track down a serial killer obsessed with clocks.

Janet Evanovich

### ***Twelve Sharp***

Bounty hunter Stephanie Plum's typically chaotic life is thrown into greater turmoil by the appearance of a mysterious female stalker with a close connection to Ranger.

Joseph Finder

### ***Killer Instinct***

Sales exec Jason's career is just moseying along until he arranges for the company to hire Kurt, a former Special Forces agent who looks like a good prospect for the company softball team. Suddenly, everything's coming up roses for Jason, who's dangerously slow, to catch on to the reason for his success.

Dorothea Benton Frank

### ***Full of Grace***

Though Grace has managed to shed the name Maria Graziella, she's still a good Catholic girl puzzling over whether she can marry live-in boyfriend Michael, a scientist/doctor who just might be an atheist.

Jane Green

### ***Life Swap***

To Vicky Townsley, the successful and single features editor at London's Poise! Magazine, Amber Winslow's settled life as a Connecticut wife and mom looks like paradise, and vice versa. When the magazine runs a contest, the two trade places and get a taste of how the other half lives.

Emily Griffin

### ***Baby Proof***

Having agreed from the start of their relationship that they did not want children, Claudia and Ben find their previously idyllic marriage tested when Ben realizes that he wants to be a father after all.

W. E. B Griffin

### ***Saboteurs***

The Battle of the Atlantic is at its peak. Packs of German U-boats are hunting down and sinking U.S. supply ships, and ships are being burned at their moorings in U.S. ports. Is it an accident or is it sabotage?

Linda Howard

### ***Cover of Night***

The owner of a struggling B&B in a picturesque Idaho town, Cate Nightingale, a young widow and mother, is forced to turn for help to her mysterious handyman, Calvin Harris, when a trio of vicious thugs threatens her and the entire town, demanding the possessions of a guest who vanished days before.



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Iris Johansen

### ***Killer Dreams***

Sophie Dunston, a sleep therapist who specializes in night terrors, and her ten-year-old son are threatened by a shadowy figure, a killer who's the stuff of nightmares.

Marian Keyes

### ***Anybody Out There?***

The lovable Walsh family is back with Anna at center stage when she suffers serious injuries in a Manhattan taxi accident and must recuperate at home with her parents in Dublin. But Anna is worried when, her husband, Aidan, back in New York, does not return her emails and when a healthy Anna returns to Manhattan, life takes some shocking turns.

Tabitha King & Michael McDowell

### ***Candles Burning***

In the wake of gruesome murder, young Calliope "Calley" Dakin and her mother flee to Pensacola Beach where, in a house that is identical to that of Calley's late great-grandmother's, a woman waits for Calley, who is no ordinary little girl.

Elizabeth Lowell

### ***The Wrong Hostage***

Joe Faroe left his job as a kidnap specialist but returns to the business when a federal judge's son falls into the wrong hands.

Debbie Macomber

### ***Susannah's Garden***

Feeling that something is missing from her life, 50-year-old Susannah Nelson returns to her childhood home and to the garden she has always loved, and discovers that some paths were meant to be taken and others were meant to be buried forever.

Mimi Hare & Clare Naylor

### ***The First Assistant***

From *The Second Assistant*, Lizzie gets a promotion.

Carolyn Parkhurst

### ***Lost and Found***

Parkhurst here devises a global scavenger hunt as reality TV show, with seven competing pairs of contestants. Among them are a teenager with a secret and her mom, who just wants to be friends again.

Douglas Preston

### ***The Book of the Dead***

In a sequel to *Dance of Death*, psychotic killer Diogenes faces down his incarcerated FBI agent brother, while the Museum of Natural History reopens a long-closed tomb exhibit, a decision that coincides with a series of murders and sparks rumors about an ancient curse.

Kathy Reichs

### ***Break No Bones***

When students at the archaeological field school where Temperance Brennan is teaching unearth remains that are rather more recent than they had expected, she has to get involved—even if it does mean that her estranged husband gets shot.

Philip Roth

### ***Everyman***

His sons hostile, his marriages all failed, and his body slowing down, Roth's new protagonist finds as he stumbles into middle age that he doesn't much like the man he has become.

Danielle Steel

### ***Coming Out***

A successful wife and mother, Olympia Crawford Rubinstein finds her life unraveling when her twin daughters, who are just finishing high school, are invited to attend New York's most exclusive coming-out ball, an event that brings chaos, new choices, calamity, and transformation into her world.

John Updike

### ***Terrorist***

Eighteen-year-old Ahmad, the son of an Irish-American mother and long-gone Egyptian father, is contemptuous of the self-indulgent society surrounding him in suburban New Prospect, New Jersey, and devoted to the teachings of Islam, becomes drawn into an insidious terrorist plot.

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## MYSTERY

### ***Sorrow's Anthem***

Michael Koryta

Private investigator Lincoln Perry decides to avenge the death of a childhood friend who is run down by detectives from the Cleveland Police Department after being accused of arson and murder.

*Koryta is an author to watch! This second hard-boiled mystery is part Raymond Chandler and part Dennis Lehane. Highly recommend.*

### ***The Fallen***

T. Jefferson Parker

San Diego homicide detective Robbie Brownlaw hasn't been the same since he fell from a six-story window three years ago. He acquired some lie-detecting psychic abilities however, which he hopes will come in handy when he tries to find the killer of an ex-cop/turned ethics committee sergeant who uncovered corruption within the city's police department.

*An excellent stand-alone mystery. Parker is a two-time Edgar Award-winner with good reason. Plenty of action, suspense and intrigue keep this story moving. Highly recommended reading.*

### ***The Ethical Assassin***

David Liss

Seventeen-year-old Lem Altick is trying to save money for college by working as a door-to-door encyclopedia salesman in South Florida. Things get complicated when two of his potential customers are murdered mid-sale and Lem is befriended by their killer--a very ethical, mostly peaceful vegetarian trying to expose a drug ring and needs Lem's help to do it.

*A smart and very suspenseful read with Hiaasen-esque, quirky secondary characters. Fast-paced, action-packed and suspenseful to the end. Part mystery/part coming-of-age. Highly recommended.*

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### ***The Alchemist's Daughter***

Katharine McMahon

Nineteen-year-old Emilie Selden has lived in almost complete isolation with only her scientist father in their country manor in 1720s England. Her father has taught Emilie all the scientific principles that he knows in this Age of Reason in hopes that she will one day be a great scientist. When Robert Aislabie, a young and wealthy merchant, seduces Emilie and quickly arranges for their marriage in London where he lives. Emilie's father bitterly turns her out, and she starts her new life in London only to find her husband and her beloved father are not what they seemed.

*A multi-layered, complex and dark story of a young woman who finds her own strength amid heartbreak and deception. Suspense and mystery are woven into the plot as secrets are revealed that build to the shocking conclusion. Highly recommend.*

## SUSPENSE/THRILLER

### ***The Hunt Club***

John Lescroart

When the television lawyer that private investigator Wyatt Hunt is interested in dating disappears, Wyatt and his friends and associates known as the Hunt Club investigate the case and find that her disappearance is linked to the unsolved murders of a federal judge and his mistress.

*This is a stand-alone novel and separate from the author's series featuring Hardy and Glitsky. Fast-paced, with many twists and turns in the plot and a likeable protagonist. Let's hope this will be the first in another series. Highly recommend.*

### ***18 Seconds***

George D. Shulman

Blind orphan Sherry Moore helps the police catch killers by being able to "view" the last 18 seconds of a person's life stored in their short-term memory.

*A fantastic thriller with strong characters and lots of plot twists. Highly recommend.*

## ROMANCE/WOMEN'S FICTION

### ***Mademoiselle Benoir***

Christine Conrad

Tim buys a rustic farmhouse in rural France to see if he can make his living as a painter. Through letters written to and from family and friends, Tim's new life and loves are slowly revealed.

*A sweet story of family, friendship, and an unconventional love. The sense of place is strong, but doesn't overshadow the character-driven story.*

### ***The Little Lady Agency***

Hester Browne

Melissa Romney-Jones has been sacked once again. After she smartens up a bachelor friend, Melissa realizes she has a knack for organizing the lives of single men. She opens "The Little Lady Agency" and uses "Honey" as her business name. Honey exudes the confidence that Melissa lacks. Honey's most important client is a handsome, young and recently divorced American who needs her help to break into the London social scene. Melissa soon wishes that she could become Honey since Jonathan seems quite attracted to her, and Melissa is falling in love with him.

*A most welcome addition to British chick lit. This is a witty and clever romance with an extended family that is out of control and with friends who are adorable and loyal. This book will appeal to a wide audience as there are no sex scenes and the language is quite proper. Very highly recommend!*

### ***Second Honeymoon***

Joanna Trollope

Middle-aged actress Edie Boyd is severely depressed with her life since her three children have left home. Her husband, Russell, is quite pleased with this recent turn of events and is looking forward to having Edie all to himself. Without consulting Russell, Edie decides to take in a young actor as a boarder. Next, their oldest son breaks up with his live-in girlfriend and asks to come home. Before long, Edie's wish has come true and all three children have returned home.

*A touching, heartfelt, and very humorous story of empty nest syndrome. A tender and honest look at changing family roles. Edie and family are engaging characters and readers will view them with affection. As always, Trollope's writing is graceful. Highly recommend.*



## ***Hip and Hard-Boiled***

These fast and entertaining crime novels will whisk you back in time with sharp-tongued dialogue, dames in distress, gangsters, guns and fast cars!

### ***Drive***

By James Sallis

*An action-packed classic noir stunner that will capture the reader from the first sentence to its bloody end.*

### ***Dope***

By Sara Gran

*A gritty, yet completely absorbing crime novel with vivid descriptions of 1950s underbelly street life in New York City.*

### ***The Hot Kid***

By Elmore Leonard

*Snappy dialog and likeable characters that bring the 1920s and 1930s to life.*

### ***The Colorado Kid***

By Stephen King

*A fine, hard-boiled mystery that makes for a riveting read.*

### ***This Dame for Hire***

By Sandra Scoppettone

*This lighter crime novel is very atmospheric with wonderful use of the 1940s slang. First in a new series.*

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