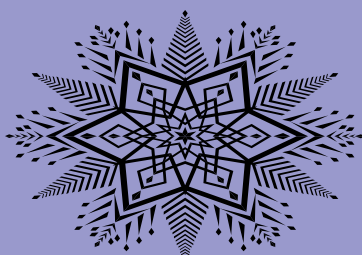


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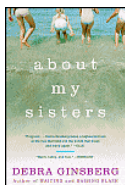
### General Nonfiction



#### **7 Things Your Teenager Won't Tell You : And How to Talk About Them Anyway**

Jennifer Marshall Lippincott and Robin M. Deutsch

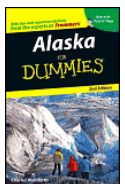
Every teenager keeps secrets. If you're like most parents, you worry about what your kids don't tell you. In this guide to keeping pace-and peace-with teens, authors Jenifer Lippincott and Robin Deutsch offer a deceptively simple plan for talking to your kids that's based on a simple set of rules: Teens need to stay safe, show respect, and keep in touch.



#### **About My Sisters**

Debra Ginsberg

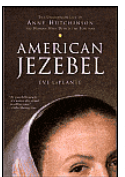
In *About My Sisters*, Debra Ginsberg examines the mysterious, fascinating relationship between sisters as seen through the special bond she shares with her own three sisters, Maya, Lavander, and Deja.



#### **Alaska for Dummies**

Charles Wohlforth

From Arctic glaciers to Mount McKinley and Denali National Park, Alaska's unspoiled beauty is a dream come true for outdoor adventurers and nature lovers alike. Plan your ideal Alaskan holiday with this handy guide - and have a wild time.

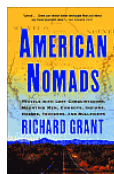


#### **American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans**

Eve LaPlante

LaPlante, an 11th-generation grand-

daughter of Hutchinson, provides a fast-paced and elegant account of Hutchinson's life and work, including the reasons that Hutchinson's teachings threatened the fabric of Puritan theology. After she moved to the colonies with her husband, William Hutchinson, she began to teach that men and women could attain salvation not through performing religious works but through this inward grace. The Puritans, who emphasized that the covenant of works was the only guarantee of salvation, charged her with antinomianism (an attack against the law of God) and with violating God's commands that a woman should not teach.



#### **American Nomads: Travels with Lost Conquistadors, Mountain Men, Cowboys, Indians, Hoboes, Truckers, and Bullriders**

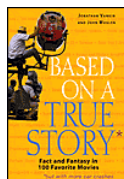
Richard Grant

Fascinated by the land of endless horizons, sunshine, and the open road, Richard Grant spent fifteen years wandering throughout the United States, never spending more than three weeks in one place and getting to know America's nomads, truckers, tramps, rodeo cowboys, tie-dyed concert followers, flea market traders, retirees who live year round in their RVs, and the murderous Freight Train Riders of America (FTRA).

#### **The Backsmart Fitness Plan**

Adam Weiss

A complete, full-body fitness program specifically designed to strengthen and protect the back.



#### **Based on a True Story: Fact and Fantasy in 100 Favorite Movies**

Jonathan Vankin

Exposing the real stories behind 100 hit reality-based movies, this captivating resource offers interesting facts about some of the most well-respected and much-loved films.

# Nonfiction



## Beadwork Creates Earrings

Jean Campbell

Using a variety of popular beads, a pot-pourri of beading methods such as basic stringing, edging variations, netting, peyote stitch, right-angle weave, and wirework, and clear illustrations, this how-to shows beginners and those with more advanced skills how to simply and quickly create an assortment of drop, hoop, and chandelier earrings.



## Before We Get Started

Brett Lott

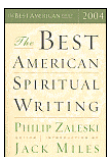
Lott's fourth book, the novel Jewel (1991), was eight years old and out of print when Oprah chose it for her book club, thus radically altering his modest existence. Lott now looks back on his long struggle to get published in a stealthily affecting memoir. Writing with equal measures of humility and authority, Lott, who declares himself a "follower of Christ," passionately elucidates his belief in literature as a profound undertaking that induces one to pay keen attention to life, seek meaning, and practice compassion.



## Best American Crime Writing 2004

Otto Penzler, ed.

Penzler and Cook's annual compendium of crime journalism showcases 20 essays on some notorious cases, as well as some major criminal justice and political issues, by well-known writers such as Scott Turow and James Ellroy and public figures such as Robert F. Kennedy Jr.



## Best American Spiritual Writing 2004

Philip Zaleski, ed.

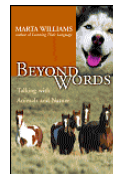
The latest addition to the esteemed Best American series is a collection of the best spiritual writing of the year, introduced by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jack Miles and including both prose and poetry. Series editor Philip Zaleski has chosen the volume's pieces with an eye to spirituality's many guises, from its

impact on personal relationships and the environment to politics, creativity, and literature. Christian, Muslim, Jewish, secular, and pan-Hindu perspectives are all represented in these pieces, which have been selected from both mainstream and more specialized periodicals.

## The Best Time To Do Everything

Michael Kaplan

The Best Time to Do Everything is really just that—a guide to the best time to do everything in life. From buying shoes to cleaning a murder scene, each entry is built around the well-informed advice of an expert in that particular field: Donald Trump on the best time to haggle, Johnny Ramone on the best time to learn to play guitar, Bill Maher on the best time for a political conversation, the Car Talk guys on the best time to repair your car. Not all of the advice comes from celebrities, but all of it does come from people who know their stuff.



## Beyond Words: Talking With Animals and Nature

Marta Williams

Animals and nature can act as teachers and guides, send warnings of impending danger, or simply make life more joyous. More profoundly, intuitive bonds with the natural world can cause life-altering changes and spiritual redirection. Beyond Words explains what people experience when they connect intuitively with animals and nature. In her first book, Learning Their Language, Marta Williams taught readers how to make this connection; here she explores how life changes when they do.



## Bicycling Magazine's Complete Guide to Bicycle Maintenance and Repair : For Road and Mountain Bikes

Todd Downs

This revised, updated, expanded fifth edition is indispensable—with all the latest models, parts, and repair techniques, and terrific money-saving tips to keep any ride in tip-top shape.

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### **Bird Songs of the Mesozoic: A Day Hiker's Guide to the Nearby Wild**

David Brendan Hopes

For David Brendan Hopes, day hikes provide the perfect occasion for both refuge and contemplation. Encounters with wild animals, rare plants, or simply the perfect moment of weather and view are opportunities to reflect on the sublime synchronicity of human and natural life.



### **Body Language**

Susan Quilliam

First impressions do count and the body is the best tool for making a good and accurate initial impression. Knowing how to read body language reveals crucial mental attitudes and emotional tactics. Body Language is a practical guide to using the body to achieve greater professional and social success. Using jargon-free text and color illustration, the book explains how to quickly and correctly read a wide variety of body signals, how to express yourself better, how to respond more sensitively and how to improve relationships.



### **Borderlines: A Memoir**

Caroline Kraus

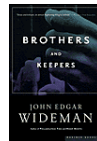
When Caroline Kraus leaves behind her sheltered, upper-middle class life in St. Louis for San Francisco following the death of her mother, she is searching for clarity and a fresh perspective to help her escape her mother's ghost. Instead, in a dreamlike city of beatnik bookstores and coffee houses, she meets Jane. Bewitching and free-spirited, Jane offers Kraus the warmth, intuitive understanding, and female companionship she craves, and soon the two women are inseparable. But gradually, Kraus discovers that the very intensity that made the friendship so intoxicating to begin with, has evolved into a dangerous, symbiotic stranglehold. And as Jane's pathological lies and subtle manipulations blossom into emotional blackmail, financial ruin, disturbing promiscuity, and, ultimately, physical abuse, their bond grows ever more twisted and addictive—and Kraus must fight to regain her self-respect, her autonomy, and her very grasp on sanity.



### **Breaking the Code: Two Teens Reveal the Secrets to Better Parent-Child Communication**

Lara Fox

Most parents know that what a teen says isn't always what he or she means. But few understand that what a parent says and what a teen hears are also two very different things. Here, two sixteen-year-olds present typical dialogues between parents and teens—and then translate them.



### **Brothers and Keepers: A Memoir**

John Edgar Wideman

A haunting portrait of lives arriving at different destinies, Brothers and Keepers is John Edgar Wideman's seminal memoir about two brothers - one an award-winning novelist, the other a fugitive wanted for robbery and murder. Wideman recalls the capture of his younger brother, Robby, details the subsequent trials that resulted in a sentence of life in prison, and provides vivid views of the American prison system.

### **Budget Travel Through Space and Time: Poems**

Albert Goldbarth

Goldbarth has produced another brashly original, mind-blowing collection of poems. Though it's not for the faint-hearted, open-minded readers will hop on Goldbarth's mental train and travel through awe--inspiring, and sometimes stupefying, leaps of association, encountering pharaohs, Victorians, da Vinci, even Paul Revere. With the overarching concept of movement through time and space, Goldbarth takes on sex, birth, divorce, and death, revealing myriad ways one can travel, whether within the body's territory, beyond the body, or even "out of one's mind."



### **California Cottage Style**

Scot Zimmerman

This magnificent tribute brilliantly showcases the variety of styles that belong to this tradition. Splendid photographs, taken by a prominent architectural photographer, present Pioneer, Queen Anne,

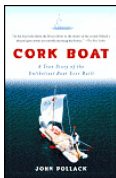
Spanish Colonial Revival, Craftsman, and English and Tudor revival homes. See exactly what makes cottages different from other houses and how to make the most of their beauty.



## **Cards That Pop Up, Flip and Slide**

Michael Jacobs

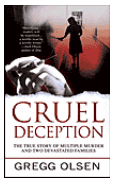
This creative guide will teach readers how to craft one-of-a-kind cards with moving parts such as pop-ups, sliders, and flaps.



## **Cork Boat: A True Story of the Unlikeliest Boat Ever Built**

John Pollack

In the late 1990s John Pollack was working as a Washington speechwriter when, frustrated by the cynicism and hypocrisy on Capitol Hill, he quit his job to pursue a boyhood dream: to build a boat made entirely of wine corks and take it on an epic journey.



## **Cruel Deception**

Gregg Olsen

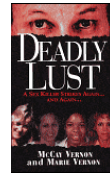
In and out of hospitals since birth, angelic nine-month-old Morgan Reid finally succumbed to what appeared to be Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Morgan's Texas-born mother Tanya, a nurse and devoted wife, pulled up stakes with her grieving husband Jim, and moved on. It was the best way to put the past behind them. Until their son Michael, a boy who by all accounts was terrified of his mother, began showing signs of the same affliction that stole the life of his baby sister..



## **The Cruise of the Snark**

Jack London

In 1906 Jack London decided to set out on a grand adventure of his own: a seven year, round-the world cruise aboard the Snark, a 43-foot ketch custom built for the voyage. This book tells the story of the building of the Snark and of the voyage itself, undertaken with his wife Charmian and a small crew.



## **Deadly Lust**

McCay Vernon

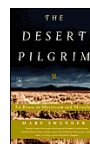
A brutal sex and murder spree beset St. Augustine, Florida, from the late 1980s through the mid-1990s, ending with the apprehension of William Darrell Lindsey, who had traveled the South, raping and killing young women with gusto. He confessed to seven murders but is believed to be responsible for several more. Forensic psychologist McCay Vernon and journalist Marie Vernon tell Lindsey's story in stark detail and, by introducing the victims and their families before turning to Lindsey, allow it to creep up on readers like the serial killer's existence crept up on authorities.



## **Decorative Painting and Faux Finishes**

Sharon Ross and Elise Kinkaid

Decorative Painting & Faux Finishes shows how to turn an ordinary room into a modern work of art. Paint is the hottest design trend today. Exciting color photographs display the ways to use the magic of paint to create drama, texture, detail, and illusion around the house whether doing-it-yourself or working with a contractor. Easy step-by-step instructions walk homeowners through the process, from mixing paints and glazes to applying the techniques for sponging, ragging, stippling, color washing, splattering, combing, stenciling, marbling, and wood graining.

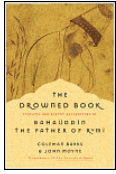


## **The Desert Pilgrim: En Route to Mysticism and Miracles**

Mary Swander

In this exquisite memoir, critically acclaimed writer Mary Swander recounts her extraordinary trek from suffering to emotional, physical, and spiritual recovery. After a car accident left her almost completely paralyzed and in chronic pain with no medical cure in sight, Swander—a lapsed Catholic, without any family to speak of—headed for New Mexico in search of the alternative medicine that the region is known for.

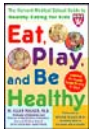
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### **The Drowned Book: The Ecstatic and Earthy Reflections of Bahauddin, the Father of Rumi**

Bahauddin

Bahauddin, Rumi's father, was not only a major force in the development of Islamic spirituality, but also a deeply influential force in his son's life. In this, the first ever substantial English version of a wonderful but virtually unknown book, Bahauddin proves to be a daring, spiritual genius. His voice comes through the delightful, passionate craft of Coleman Barks, who transforms the Persian translations of John Moyne into fresh spiritual literature.



### **Eat, Play, and Be Healthy**

W. Allan Walker

Eat, Play, and Be Healthy shows you how to feed your children to ensure that their young bodies and minds enjoy full and healthy growth at every stage of development.



### **Educating Alice: Adventures of a Curious Woman**

Alice Steinbach

This funny and tender book combines three of Alice Steinbach's greatest passions: learning, traveling, and writing. After chronicling her European journey of self-discovery in *Without Reservations*, this Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the *Baltimore Sun* quit her job and left home again. This time she roamed the world, taking lessons and courses in such things as French cooking in Paris, Border collie training in Scotland, traditional Japanese arts in Kyoto, and architecture and art in Havana.



### **Everyday Lessons: Understanding the Events, Interactions and Attitudes That Make Up Your Life**

John F. Dull, Margaret Ann Hollies, Catherine Poole, James H. Schrenker

The Universal Truths have always existed and now they are taught in a way you can easily garner the valuable knowledge they have to give. Understanding each truth will allow you to better cope with the

events, relationships, and attitudes that make up your individual life in the form of Everyday Lessons.



### **The Fifth Book of Peace**

Maxine Hong Kingston

A long time ago in China, there existed three Books of Peace that proved so threatening to the reigning powers that they had them burned. Many years later Maxine Hong Kingston wrote a fourth Book of Peace, but it too was burned -- in the catastrophic Oakland-Berkeley Hills fire of 1991, a fire that coincided with the death of her father. Now in this visionary and redemptive work, Kingston completes her interrupted labor, weaving fiction and memoir into a luminous meditation on war and peace, devastation and renewal.



### **First Impressions: What You Don't Know about how Others See You**

Ann Demarais, Valerie White

What kind of first impression do you make? A first impression is the most important impression you'll ever make—and you get only one chance to make it. Business deals can be made or broken, first dates become second dates or not, friendships are created or fail to form; everything hinges on that all-important initial encounter. Ann Demarais, Ph.D., and Valerie White, Ph.D., consultants to many Fortune 100 companies as well as creators of First Impressions, Inc., a New York-based dating and consulting firm, offer you the keys to putting your best self forward in any new situation, whether you want to strike up a conversation at a party or are meeting a blind date or a new business client.

### **The Food Lover's Guide to Seattle**

Katy Calcott

Good food guides should make you nostalgic the way that Katy Calcott's *The Food Lover's Guide to Seattle* does. Her savory tour of eateries reminds you once again of the abundant diversity of this delightful city. Whether your preference is for ethnic foods or all-American fare; fish or fowl; butcher shops or cheese makers; whether

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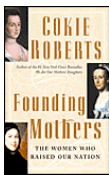
you're a vegan, a vegetarian, or an avid meat eater, The Food Lover's Guide to Seattle offers second helpings.



### **Forty Years on the Frontier: As Seen in the Journals and Reminiscences of Granville Stuart, Gold-Miner, Trader, Merchant, Rancher and Politician**

Granville Stuart

Released in 1925, Granville's story recounts his years as a prospector, cattleman, and, later, vigilante. His narratives offer a first-person account of the settling of the West and its conversion from the open range to thriving communities.



### **Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation**

Cokie Roberts

The well-researched text draws primarily from the extant letters of the mothers, wives, and daughters of the Founding Fathers. Some, like Mercy Otis Warren, wrote pamphlets to promote the revolution; others, like Deborah Sampson, fought alongside the men; still others were spies, like Peggy Shippen, wife of Benedict Arnold. Martha Washington makes an appearance, and so does the ever-industrious and articulate Abigail Adams.



### **God Wants You to Roll**

John Phillips III

John Phillips III takes readers inside the "Miracle Cars" scam begun in 1994 by dead-end security guards Robert "Buddha" Gomez and James Nichols. The boys conned thousands of customers from Los Angeles to New York-mostly devout churchgoers-into buying bargain-priced cars from the estate of Gomez's deceased millionaire father. The cars cost just a few thousand dollars apiece-Dad's dying gift to his fellow Bible believers. Yet, there was no dead millionaire father. There were no cars. And there is still no trace of \$8.7 million of the \$21 million stolen by the now-convicted Gomez and Nichols.



### **Golden Mountain: Beyond the American Dream**

Irene Kai

In Golden Mountain, Irene Kai tells a deeply personal story of how she overcame cultural bias and a difficult mother to move from China to America and become an independent woman.



### **Hand Made Modern: Mid-Century Inspired Projects For Your Home**

Todd Oldham

Designer Todd Oldham offers a cheerful array of projects to decorate your home - from test tube gardens to daybed libraries, color copy wallpaper to faux-fur blankets, for the ultimate Handmade Modern results.



### **He's Just Not That Into You: Your Daily Wake-up Call (Abridged Paperback)**

Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo

Now in bite-size mantras, the abridged empathetic wit and wisdom of the number one New York Times bestseller He's Just Not That Into You will recharge and inspire your dating outlook one wake-up call at a time.



### **High Tide: The Truth About Our Climate Crisis**

Mark Lynas

In this book, author Mark Lynas reveals the first evidence - collected over three years of traveling to far-flung corners of the globe - of how global warming is hitting people's lives, not in the future, but in our world today. And in the process, Lynas gives us a stark warning about the even worse dangers that lie ahead if nothing is done.



### **How to Get a Date Worth Keeping: Be Dating in Six Months or Your Money Back**

Henry Cloud

Geared for the reported 3.5 million evangelical Christian singles in America, this

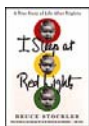
guide by Cloud-author of the bestselling Boundaries series of relationship books-offers sound advice on the dating game. Some of his tenets may take Christian readers by surprise: he asserts, for example, that there's no one Mr. or Ms. Right for each person, and that people should stop waiting around for a dream individual to sweep them off their feet. ("God guides and provides," Cloud states, "but he also requires us to do our part.") He also asserts that dating is not just a precursor to marriage, disagreeing with those Christians who refuse to date unless they glimpse a tiered wedding cake at the end of the rainbow.

## **Informal English: Puncture Ladies, Egg Harbors, Mississippi Marbles, and Other Curious Words and Phrases of North America**



Jeffrey Kacirk

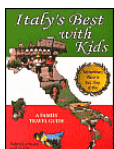
Gleaned from antiquated dictionaries, dialect glossaries, studies of folklore, nautical lexicons, historical writings, letters, novels, and miscellaneous sources, Informal English offers a treasure trove of linguistic oddities that will not only entertain but also shed light on America's colloquial past.



## **I Sleep at Red Lights: A True Story of Life After Triplets**

Bruce Stockler

From The Moment Stockler and His Wife Roni Learn they have hit the fertility jackpot, their lives are turned upside down. The day the babies are born is the first jolt in a physical and emotional roller-coaster ride. And every day following continues to reveal one unpredictable turn after another. When the triplets start to walk they quickly learn to exploit their newfound freedom at every possible turn and prove that parenting multiples is not for the faint of heart.



## **Italy's Best with Kids: Extraordinary Places to Sleep, Eat and Play**

Debra Levinson



## **Job Hopper: The Checkered Career of a Down-Market Dilettante**

Ayun Halliday

If it's true that the average worker will hold an average of seven jobs over the course of a lifetime, Ayun Halliday is anything but average. In this uproarious collection of essays, Halliday displays a work ethic all employers can admire: wearing a leg brace to work after calling in "sick," quitting the same day she starts by claiming her step-brother had been in a bike accident, and faking "vocal nodes" to avoid telemarketing calls. Along the way, she befriends colleagues and bosses who ignore her falling asleep, stealing food and clothing, and feigning skills she does not possess.



## **Job Hunting Tips for People with Hot and Not-So-Hot Backgrounds: 101 Smart Tips That Can Change Your Life**

Ron Krannich

Finding a job is difficult enough, but for people who have not-so-hot backgrounds, finding a good job is especially difficult. Focusing on red flag behavior and job-hunting mistakes, this unique book presents tips that could well become a road map for changing one's life.

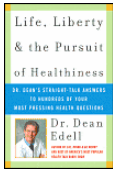


## **Last of the Donkey Pilgrims**

Kevin O'Hara

Kevin O'Hara was a man who was at the crossroads of life. Newly married to a beautiful woman, Kevin found himself full of rage and pain. A former soldier, he had seen the horrors of war and was unable to let those sorrows go and his pain threatened to destroy not only his own happiness but any chance of a happy life with his wife. If he couldn't fix what was broken in his own heart, he'd be lost. In desperation Kevin traveled to Ireland, the land of his people, to seek some sort of balm for his pain. It was there, amid the impossibly green fields, open skies, and glad hearts of his friends and relatives, that Kevin began to see the possibilities of joy again.

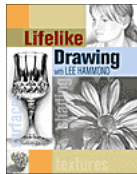
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### **Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Healthiness**

Dean Edell

Containing quizzes, symptom checklists, web links, and recommended reading lists, this invaluable guide will help you take charge of your own health save time and money, and alleviate anxiety over health issues today.



### **Lifelike Drawing with Lee Hamond**

Lee Hamond

You can draw anything—flowers, people, animals, even water and glass—with this expansive, in-depth "Drawing Bible," by veteran artist and instructor Lee Hammond. Learn to draw realistically the easy way using reference photos with Lee's simple techniques and clear step-by-step instruction.



### **Man Eating Bugs: The Art and Science of Eating Insects**

Peter Menzel

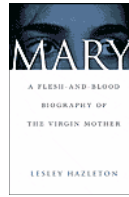
The team behind the critically acclaimed anthropological photo essays "Material World" and "Women in the Material World" presents a book that discusses insects as food for people. Recipes included.



### **Mao's Last Dancer**

Li Cunxin

The life of a poverty-stricken 11-year-old Chinese boy was changed forever when he was selected to attend the dance academy of Madame Mao in Beijing. One of a few youngsters chosen, based upon a suitable physique, he did not even know the meaning of the word ballet. Yet a decade later, Li Cunxin would begin his rise to international fame as a ballet star. Li endured seven years of often harsh training as well as academics grounded in Chairman Mao's Communist philosophy, gradually adapting to the regimen and setting the goal of becoming the best dancer possible.



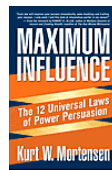
### **Mary: A Flesh-and-Blood Biography of the Virgin Mother**

Lesley Hazleton

Beginning with a vision of a dark-skinned girl barely out of adolescence when she gives birth, Lesley Hazleton draws a fierce and inspiring portrait from Mary's myriad identities: peasant villager, wise woman and healer, activist, mother, teacher, and yes, virgin, though in a sense we have long forgotten. We see how she becomes pregnant, how she raises her son to inspire and to lead, and how she survives the worst any mother can experience - the excruciating death of her child. Above all, as Jesus is buried and resurrected, we gain new insight into the depth of Mary's wisdom as she transforms grief into action, and disaster into renewal.

### **Masonry and Concrete Step-by-Step (Better Homes and Gardens Series)**

Illustrated techniques to install, repair, replace, maintain, and improve patios, drives, steps, walkways, walls, and more. Clever ideas will inspire capable masons, while novices appreciate the easy-to-follow project format.



### **Maximum Influence: The 12 Universal Laws of Power Persuasion**

Kurt W. Mortensen

Do you realize how much your professional success, your personal relationships, your leadership potential, and your income depend on your ability to persuade, influence, and motivate other people? Whatever you want to achieve, Maximum Influence will help make it happen.

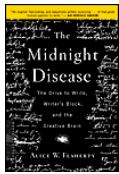


### **Mayada, Daughter of Iraq: One Woman's Survival Under Saddam Hussein**

Jean Sasson

A member of one of the most distinguished and honored families in Iraq, Mayada grew up surrounded by wealth and royalty. But when Saddam Hussein's regime took power, she was thrown into cell 52 in the infamous Baladiyat prison with seventeen other nameless, faceless

women from all walks of life. To ease their suffering, these "shadow women" passed each day by sharing their life stories.



## **The Midnight Disease: The Drive to Write, Writer's Block, and the Creative Brain**

Alice W. Flaherty

Neurologist Flaherty explains the psychological and neuroscientific knowledge about the process of writing for a lay audience. She discusses the temporal lobe's role in "abnormal hypergraphia," an increased desire to write. She then explores psychological and neurological explanations for writer's block.

## **The Moosewood Restaurant Kitchen Garden: Creative Gardening for the Adventurous Cook**

David Hirsch

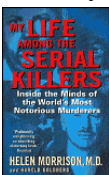
Now anyone can enjoy the freshness and goodness of nature's bounty with this charming and practical guide to the planting, harvesting, and use of more than 35 herbs and 30 different vegetables. Includes over 50 recipes and culinary tips from a long-time member of the Moosewood Collective.



## **Mrs. Fixit Pantry Power**

Terri McGraw

Offers hundreds of ways to use everyday household products and tools to repair, clean and maintain a home. Information is presented in three sections: 1) alternative uses for everyday products; 2) better uses for everyday tools; 3) creative ways to repurpose items. Shows how to salvage broken or outdated furnishings with style.



## **My Life Among the Serial Killers: Inside the Minds of the World's Most Notorious Murderers**

Helen Morrison

In her role as consultant to a variety of law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, forensic psychiatrist Morrison has interviewed and studied such notables as John Wayne Gacy, Ed Gein, and Wayne Williams, along with many other, less well

known but equally horrific serial killers. Morrison provides startling insights into what factors breed serial killers, and she avoids the broad generalizations that make other books of the topic seem slick and superficial.



## **Name All the Animals: A Memoir**

Alison Smith

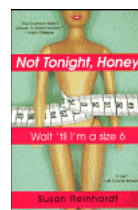
A luminous, true story, Name All the Animals is an unparalleled account of grief and secret love: the tale of a family clinging to the memory of a lost child, and of a young woman struggling to define herself in the wake of his loss.



## **New Cottage Style**

Better Homes & Gardens Staff

Decorating ideas to achieve a cottage look that's clean, simple, and light. New and remodeled homes that incorporate cottage style via architectural features and easy decorating choices. Secrets to creating harmony and simplicity with paint, furniture, fabrics, and accessories. Examples for projects in the country, the woods, suburbia, and oceanfront locations.



## **Not Tonight, Honey: Wait till I'm a Size 6**

Susan Reinhardt

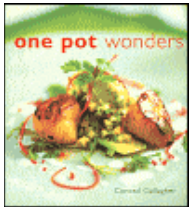
Like an edgier, naughtier, southern-bred Erma Bombeck, award-winning columnist Susan Reinhardt has made diehard fans of fellow writers and newspaper readers across the country with her wickedly skewed reports from the trenches of American family life.



## **Off the Map: A Journey Through the Amazonian Wild**

John Harrison

This true-life adventure-travel story follows John Harrison and his wife Heather deep into an unexplored region of the Amazon rainforests in the Guiana Highlands that border Brazil. With just a canoe and a shotgun, the newlyweds followed the most remote tributary of the Amazon River without any means of contacting civilization. .



## One Pot Wonders

Conrad Gallagher

Simple dishes, readily available ingredients, and a wealth of enticing recipes that involve only one pan: what could be better?

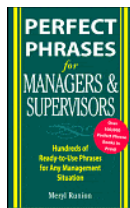
Whether it's a wok, griddle, frying pan, saucepan, braising pan, roasting pan, or casserole, Conrad Gallagher delights in easy ways to give unashamedly modern and sublime starters, sensational main courses and delicious desserts.



## Orphans Preferred: The Twisted Truth and Lasting Legend of the Pony Express

Christopher Corbett

*Orphans Preferred* is both a revisionist history of this magnificent and ill-fated adventure and an entertaining look at the often larger-than-life individuals who created and perpetuated the myth of "the Pony," as it is known along the Pony Express trail that runs from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California.



## Perfect Phrases for Managers and Supervisors: Hundreds of Ready-to-Use Phrases for Any Management Situation

Meryl Runion

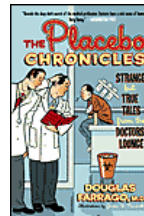
The latest addition to the bestselling Perfect Phrases series, Perfect Phrases for Managers and Supervisors is an indispensable tool for novice to mid-level managers and frontline supervisors. Corporate communications guru Meryl Runion coaches readers in the six fundamentals of effective delivery, including "Be Short, Specific, Targeted," and "Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say, and Don't Be Mean When You Say It."

## A Place to Land: Lost and Found in an Unlikely Place

Martha Manning

Searching for a way to reconnect with the outside world after recovering from a long depression, Martha Manning decides one Christmas to participate in a local shelter's Secret Santa program. And that is how she meets Raina, a young, black, single mother with three small children. During their

first exchanges, Martha is painfully aware of her "lily-whiteness." But the common bond of motherhood paves the way to a fondness that leads to comfort and trust. Becoming part of each other's lives demands that they face their own misconceptions and assumptions based on class, race, and religion.



## The Placebo Chronicles: Strange but True Tales from the Doctors' Lounge

Douglas Farrago

Submitted by actual physicians, these are the stories they tell each other at cocktail parties and in doctors' lounges, trading sidesplitting and truly unusual tales of their most embarrassing medical moments, the grossest things they've ever seen in medicine, their favorite Munchausen patients, and much more, including "The X-Ray Files"-mind-boggling anecdotes and images of the oddest foreign objects doctors have removed from patients. Not for the faint of heart, the humor in *The Placebo Chronicles* is brutally funny-just what the doctor ordered to guard against the ill effects of an M.D.'s worst enemies: the Medical Axis of Evil, a.k.a. drug companies, HMOs, and malpractice insurers.



## Please Don't Kill the Freshman: A Memoir

Zoe Trope

In Trope's memoir of her sophomore year, the teenage author recounts her struggles with society and her own identity, falls in love with a girl who becomes a boy and describes publishing this book.



## Pop It, Stir It, Fix It, Serve It: Can-Do Cooking

Laura Karr

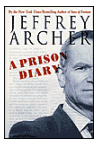
In *Pop It, Stir It, Fix It, Serve It*, Laura Karr continues her worry-free, time-saving approach to delicious home cooking with the ease and convenience of canned ingredients. If you've ever wondered what to do with all those cans and jars in your pantry, let Laura show you how to prepare tasty, nutritious meals in a snap.



### **The President's House**

Margaret Truman

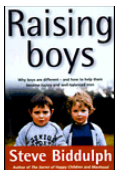
As Margaret Truman knows from first-hand experience, living in the White House can be exhilarating and maddening, alarming and exhausting—but it is certainly never dull. Part private residence, part goldfish bowl, and part national shrine, the White House is both the most important address in America and the most intensely scrutinized. In this splendid blend of the personal and historic, Margaret Truman offers an unforgettable tour of “the president’s house” across the span of two centuries.



### **A Prison Diary**

Jeffrey Archer

On July 19, 2001, following a conviction for perjury, international bestselling author Jeffrey Archer was sentenced to four years in prison. Prisoner FF8282, as Archer is now known, spent the first three weeks in the notorious HMP Belmarsh, a high-security prison in South London, home to murderers, terrorists and some of Britain's most violent criminals. For twenty-two days, Archer was locked in a cell with a murderer and a drug baron. He decided to use that time to write an hour-by-hour diary, detailing the worst three weeks of his life.



### **Raising Boys: Why Boys Are Different and How to Help Them Become Happy and Well-Balanced Men**

Steve Biddulph

In "Raising Boys", Australia's best-known family therapist and parenting author looks at the most crucial issues that happen in the male's lifetime, from birth to manhood, and offers instruction on the warm, firm guidance that boys need in order to become happy, well-balanced men.



### **The Red Hat Society's Laugh Lines: Stories of Inspiration and Hattitude**

Sue Ellen Cooper

Life begins at 50! And the women of the Red Hat Society are proud of it. In The Red Hat Society®'s Laugh Lines, Sue Ellen

Cooper and the women of the RHS celebrate the life experiences that have made them who they are today. Over the years, they've accumulated well-earned laugh lines and cry lines from wonderfully funny, incredibly moving stories that will warm listeners' hearts and touch their souls.

### **Sally Fretwell's Make the Ordinary Extraordinary**

Sally Fretwell

This book puts into words those dreams we have about our ideal home. Filled with photos that will give the builder, buyer, and a person remodeling ways to make your home exactly what you want. The reference section is helpful for those looking for added resources, and the book covers lighting, driveways, entrances, archways, window location, flooring, kitchens and more.



### **Saying What's Real: Seven Keys to Better Communication and Relationship Success**

Susan Campbell

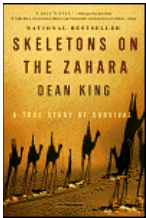
Whether with friends, lovers, neighbors, family members, or business associates, the bedrock of healthy relationships is always the same: honest, clear communication. Drawing on her years of experience as a relationship coach and a teamwork consultant to Fortune 500 companies, Susan Campbell shows readers how to drastically improve the quality of their everyday interactions by relying on a simple, straightforward approach to communication and letting go of their need to control the outcome.



### **Shelf Life: Romance, Mystery, Drama, and Other Page-Turning Adventures from a Year in a Bookstore**

Suzanne Shea

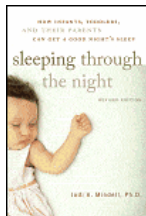
Shea works at a book store in Springfield Massachusetts, but really she is a novelist, and her memoir shows it as she describes the customers, their requests and reactions, and her thoughts on it all. Interspersed are her impressions of other bookstores where she visited on her tour, and memories of earlier bookstores and libraries.



## **Skeletons On the Zahara: A True Story of Survival**

Dean King

In 1815, twelve American sailors washed up on the shore of North Africa. Captured and sold into slavery, they were then dragged along on an insane journey through the bone-dry heart of the Sahara—a region no Westerners had ever explored. Rain was expected once every six years and it was so hot that cadavers naturally mummified. Along the way the Americans would encounter everything that could possibly test them: barbarism, murder, starvation, death, dehydration, and hostile tribes that roamed the desert on armies of camels.



## **Sleeping Through the Night: How Infants, Toddlers, and Their Parents Can Get a Good Night's Sleep**

Jodi A. Mindell

In *Sleeping Through the Night*, child psychologist Jodi Mindell provides an easy-to-read, practical book offering a proven method to teach your baby or toddler to fall asleep on his own and stay asleep until morning. The book covers everything from how much sleep children need at different developmental stages to solutions to everyday problems such as sleeping away from home or teaching your baby to sleep if you're breastfeeding.

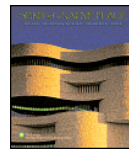


## **So Many Enemies, So Little Time: An American Woman in All The Wrong Places**

Elinor Burkett

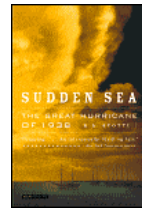
Moving to Kyrgyzstan shortly before September 11, journalist Burkett and her husband decided to stay in this predominantly Muslim country despite some very valid initial misgivings. Not only did she opt to remain in Central Asia but she also used the opportunity to travel throughout the region, seeking out both adventure and information in an era of great uncertainty. Burkett's subsequent travelogue is a fascinating first-person account detailing the vagaries of life in a decidedly non-American—and some-

times anti-American—setting.



## **Spirit of a Native Place: Building the National Museum of the American Indian**

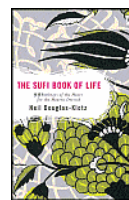
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## **Sudden Sea: The Great Hurricane of 1938**

R.A. Scotti

The Great Hurricane of 1938 raged like the mid-ocean inferno of Sebastian Junger's book, but it battered the Atlantic Coast, savaging New York and New England with unprecedented force. In *Sudden Sea*, Providence journalist and storm-watcher R. A. Scotti follows the trail of a meteorological disaster that affected an entire generation.



## **The Sufi Book of Life**

Neil Douglas-Klotz

Part meditation book, part oracle, and part collection of Sufi lore, poetry, and stories, *The Sufi Book of Life* offers a fresh interpretation of the fundamental spiritual practice found in all ancient and modern Sufi schools—the meditations on the 99 Qualities of Unity. Unlike most books on Sufism, which are primarily collections of translated Sufi texts, this accessible guide is a handbook that explains how to apply Sufi principles to modern life.



## **Sun After Dark: Flights into the Foreign**

Pico Iyer

Pico Iyer invites us to accompany him on an array of exotic explorations, from L.A. and Yemen to Haiti and Ethiopia, from a Bolivian prison to a hidden monastery in Tibet. Throughout his travels, the familiar thrill of adventure is haunted by the unsettling questions that arise for Iyer everywhere he goes: How do we reconcile suffering with the sunlight often found around it? How does the foreign instruct the traveler, precisely by discomfiting him? And how does travel take us more deeply into reality, both within us and without?



## **Take Your RV to Europe: The Low-Cost Route to Long Term Touring**

Adelle Milavsky

Veteran RVers Adelle and Ron Milavsky prove that shipping your own RV is the cheapest way to do the Continent in style. Learn how to prepare your RV for European roads and campgrounds, how to ship it and store it for future trips.



## **The Tao of Dreaming: A Holistic Approach to Dreams, Health, and Healing**

Rosemary Guiley

An expert in Western dream interpretation joins a doctor of Oriental medicine to help readers delve into their dreams-and emerge with the gifts of health, personal growth, change, and problem solving. In this unique book, the principles of Taoism-a holistic treatment of body-mind-spirit, the balance of yin and yang, and the five basic elements-serve as a backdrop for dream exploration and interpretation.



## **A Treehouse of Your Own: A Step-by-Step Guide to Building an Amazing Treetop Retreat**

John Harris

This beautifully illustrated volume guides readers through all stages of planning and constructing a treehouse. They'll find plans for several different treehouse styles, from a simple but attractive rustic shelter to an arboreal dwelling featuring modern creature comforts with electricity and cooking facilities.



## **An Unfinished Life: John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963**

Robert Dallek

An Unfinished Life is the first major, single-volume life of John F. Kennedy to be written by a historian in nearly four decades. Drawing upon previously unavailable material and never-before-opened archives to tell Kennedy's story.



## **The Urban Picnic**

John Burns

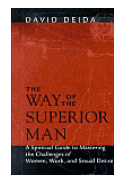
John Burns, seasoned writer and foodie extraordinaire, with the help of Elisabeth Caton, recipe wrangler, are on a mission to show city dwellers everywhere how they too can enjoy picnics, without leaving their own neighborhoods. Jam packed with over 100 illustrations, over 200 recipes, as well as a strange picnic accounts from the 19th and 20th centuries, The Urban Picnic is a must-have for modern gourmands and kitchen newcomers alike.



## **Veggie Food: From Veggies on the Side to the Main Event**

Kay Scarlett

Long relegated to supporting roles on the dinner plate, veggies are finally headlining the show. Here they star in almost 200 delectable recipes - each accompanied by a photograph - covering every cooking style and occasion, from starters, salads, main dishes, and even vegetable juices to picnic food, casseroles, curries, and baked goods.



## **The Way of the Superior Man**

David Deida

In The Way of the Superior Man, David Deida explores the most important issues in men's lives-from career and family to women and intimacy to love and spirituality-to offer a practical guidebook for living a masculine life of integrity, authenticity, and freedom.

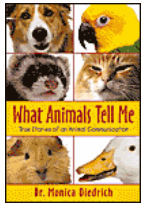


## **The Weight of It: A Story of Two Sisters**

Amy Wilensky

As young girls, a year apart in age, Alison and Amy Wilensky were almost indistinguishable. And they were inseparable: growing up in a comfortable Boston suburb, they were never far from each other's side, wearing matching dresses, playing the same games, eating the same food. But Alison began gaining weight in elementary school and by the time she was six-

teen was morbidly obese. The sisters remained close, but over the years the daily indignities and affronts endured by Alison took their toll, reshaping her identity indelibly and affecting the sisters' relationship in unanticipated ways.



## What Animals Tell Me: True Stories of an Animal Communicator

Monica Diedrich

Dr. Monica Diedrich's gift of psychic communication allows her entrance into the rich inner world of animals.

Receiving their thoughts in the form of mental images, feelings, and sometimes words, she can converse with dogs, cats, birds, horses, etc. and give voice to their unheard wishes, concerns, needs, and fears.

## Where the Money Is: True Tales from the Bank Robbery Capital of the World

William J. Rehder, Gordon Dillow

This collection of essays centering on memorable bank robbers tracked-and in most cases captured-by retired FBI agent Rehder reads like fiction. Rehder was the bank robbery coordinator for the bureau's LA field office, and his expertise shines in this fascinating book. He shares many tricks of two trades, showing how bank robbers operate and how law enforcement tracks and, if lucky, captures them.



## Who Let the Dogs In

Molly Ivins

Who Let the Dogs In? takes us through two decades of political life, from Ronald Reagan, through Big George and Bill Clinton, to our current top dog, known to Ivins readers simply as Dubya. But those are just a few of the political animals who are honored and skewered for our amusement. Ivins also writes hilariously, perceptively, and at times witheringly of John Ashcroft, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, H. Ross Perot, Tom DeLay, Ann Richards, Al Gore, Jimmy Carter, and the current governor of Texas, who is known as Rick "Goodhair" Perry.



## The Yankees vs. Red Sox: Reader

Mike Robbins, ed.

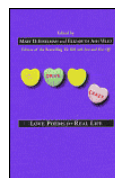
The Yankees vs. Red Sox Reader collects the finest writing on what is surely the pinnacle of contentious athletic competition. With over thirty entries, the finest names in sports journalism are all here - from Peter Gammons and Bob Ryan to Jim Caple; from Roger Angell and Red Smith to David Halberstam.



## Yoga for Healthy Knees: What You Need to Know for Pain Prevention and Rehabilitation

Sandy Blaine

The book features 17 unique yoga poses tuned specifically to knee health and a complete index and covers knee problems such as hyperextension and tightness, features an extensive section on the best yoga poses for knee pain prevention and rehabilitation, and outlines a daily knee maintenance plan. Blaine explains how to incorporate use of simple props like blankets and towels, and shares safety guidelines that encourage readers to establish good habits, making healthy knees a part of everyday life.



## You Drive Me Crazy: Love Poems for Real Life

Mary D. Esselman, Elizabeth Ash Velez

Editors Esselman and Velez showcase the phases of love, a subject that has long inspired, redeemed, frustrated, and obsessed us. Readers will be delighted to encounter classic poems by Shakespeare and Donne as well as down-to-earth works by today's talented poets, including Dorianne Laux and Mark Doty. Divided into sections such as "ecstasy," "stability," and "misery," each grouping of poems is introduced by clever editorial commentary that never takes itself too seriously.

## Classic Fiction

## Adult Fiction

\* indicates book is a best seller

## Alaska Fiction



### A Hole in the Heart

Christopher Marquis

A Hole in the Heart is the story of what happens when Bean arrives—after accepting a last-minute elementary school teaching job—in a fishing town of 2,500 people on Alaska's southern coast. Love and marriage follow in short order, surprising Bean, who feels that her husband is not only the best thing to happen to her, but the only good thing. Then Mick vanishes climbing up Mt. McKinley and Bean is thrown back on herself and into the company of Mick's mother—an arthritic woman in her seventies with a penchant for stealing.

## Classic Fiction



### The Death of Ivan Ilyich and Master and Man

Leo Tolstoy

This new edition brings together the very best of Tolstoy's great short stories, The Death of Ivan Ilyich and the lesser-known Master and Man. Both describe the subjective experience of death meticulously and uncompromisingly. A malignant tumor, in the one; in the other, a snowstorm - inevitable death faces the successful bureaucrat, the rich landowner, and the peasant, and each traces his own spiritual path in extremity.



### The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (Hitchhiker's Guide Series #1)

Douglas Adams

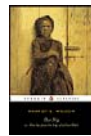
The story of a British earthling plucked from his planet, and his subsequent adventures elsewhere in the universe. Don't leave Earth without this hilarious international bestseller about the

end of the world and the happy-go-lucky days that follow...about the worst Thursday that ever happened and why the Universe is a lot safer if you bring a towel.

### Love's Labor Lost

William Shakespeare

Love's Labor's Lost, one of Shakespeare's earliest works, features, in addition to a general discussion of Shakespeare's life, world and theater: a new stage history, an extensive note on sources Shakespeare used, and dramatic criticism from past and present. Known as a "feast of language," this is one of the bard's earliest comedies, in which four bachelors who have dedicated themselves to chastity and scholarly pursuits soon encounter the women of their dreams.



### Our Nig; or, Sketches from the Life of a Free Black

Harriet E. Wilson

Our Nig, the first novel by an African American woman, transports the reader of the African experience in America to the North—the Promised Land—freedom. The time: circa 1859; the place: Boston, or its environs.



### The Tell-Tale Heart and Other Writings

Edgar Allan Poe

Edgar Allan Poe remains the unsurpassed master of works of mystery and madness in this outstanding collection of Poe's prose and poetry are sixteen of his finest tales, including "The Tell-Tale Heart", "The Murders in the Rue Morgue", "The Fall of the House of Usher," "The Pit and the Pendulum," "William Wilson," "The Black Cat," "The Cask of Amontillado," and "Eleonora". Here too is a major selection of what Poe characterized as the passion of his life, his poems - "The Raven," "Annabel Lee," "Ulalume," "Lenore," "The Bells," and more, plus his glorious prose poem "Silence - A Fable" and only full-length novel, The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym.

## General Fiction



### **There Eyes Were Watching God**

Zola Neale Hurston

Initially published in 1937, this novel about a proud, independent black woman's quest for identity, a journey that takes her through three marriages and back to her roots, has been one of the most widely read and highly acclaimed novels in the canon of African-American literature.



### **Vintage Hammett**

Dashiell Hammett

Vintage Hammett features episodes from Red Harvest, The Maltese Falcon, The Dain Curse, The Glass Key, and The Thin Man; and stories featuring the Continental Op, including "The House in Turk Street," "The Girl with the Silver Eyes," and "Fly Paper." It also includes the story "Nightshade," which has not been available in over fifty years.

## **General Fiction**



### **Accident of Birth**

Heather Neff

Reba Freeman has loved two men in her life. Her current husband, Carl, has supported her through their twenty-year marriage and given her all the material wealth a suburban wife could hope for. Reba is comfortable, if not necessarily content, in her life with Carl and their blossoming teenage daughter, Marisa, until she learns that her first love and first husband, Joseph Thomas, has been detained by the World Court of Human Rights.



### **Adventures of an Ice Princess**

Liz Maverick

Clarissa Schneckberg wasn't ready to leave her Silicon Valley job, get dumped by her boyfriend, or move back in with her parents. She's officially pathetic. And her prospects are dim. But just when her life seems to be heading south, Clarissa decides to head really south-to Antarctica, to be exact. After all, the male-to-female ratio

at the South Pole is something like four-to-one. With her friends, Delilah and Kate, she's ready to make the trek and sign up for some equal-opportunity jobs...even though none of them has yet to live through a winter without fuzzy slippers.



### **Aloft**

Change-Rae Lee

At 59, Jerry Battle is coasting through life. His favorite pastime is flying his small plane high above Long Island. Aloft, he can escape from the troubles that plague his family, neighbors, and loved ones on the ground. But he can't stay in the air forever. Only months before his 60th birthday, a culmination of family crises finally pull Jerry down from his emotionally distant course.



### **An Almost Perfect Moment**

Binnie Kirshenbaum

Valentine is an unremarkable teenager except for two things: she is a dead ringer for the Virgin Mary as she appeared to Bernadette at Lourdes, and her very being, through some inexplicable conspiracy of fate, seems to shatter the dreams and hopes of people around her.

### **American Girls About Town**

Jennifer Weiner et al

American gals are taking liberties-and pursuing happiness on their own terms-in this star-studded story collection featuring the nation's red-hot women writers. Jennifer Weiner (In Her Shoes) learns "The Truth About Nigel"-and the trouble with falling for an incognito Hollywood actor. Lauren Weisberger (The Devil Wears Prada) sends a single New Yorker on a backpacking trip halfway around the world-where she sees her love life back home with new eyes-in "The Bamboo Confessions." A harried mom with a hit novel crosses the pond in "My Great Brit Book Tour" by Adriana Trigiani (Lucia, Lucia), and turns a crumbling talk show appearance into a sweet success.



### **As Cool As I Am**

Pete Fromm

As a teenager pretty much left to raise

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herself, Lucy Diamond is a narrator with a radiant yet guarded heart. As she races at breakneck pace toward womanhood, everything is at stake for her, producing an urgency and dread that she holds at bay with humor and grace. But while Lucy charges ahead, her mother's youth is fading. Simultaneously embracing and resisting their similarities, Fromm reveals both women's emotional vulnerabilities and their deep mutual need. Conveyed through dialogue that is both laugh-aloud-funny and true, Lucy stands out in contemporary literature for her large heart and inimitable grit.



### At the Scent of Water

Linda Nichols

A gifted heart surgeon encounters a deadly cascade of events and searches for healing.

A powerful contemporary novel from this acclaimed, bestselling author (*If I Gained the World*) that reveals God's power to fix broken lives.



### Babes in Captivity

Pamela Redmond Satran

They met six years ago in a mom's group.

Deirdre, Juliette, Anne, and Lisa are each living *The Dream* in the suburbs outside of New York City: beautiful wedding, big house, picture perfect family. What more could a woman want? Plenty, though none of them has ever admitted it.



### Babyface

Fiona Gibson

When Nina met Jonathan through the personals, she thought he seemed nice enough.

Little did she know that her quest for companionship would lead to an unplanned pregnancy, a new living situation, a fork in her career path and gossipy new-mommy groups. Trapped in their London home with diapers and homemade baby food, Nina craves a little glamour, the odd afternoon out and — dare she think it? — maybe even a sexy dress. When her fashion editor friend needs a baby to fill in for a photo shoot, little Ben's career as a model is launched, and Nina has a nice excuse to get out more.



### Babyji

Abha Dawesar

*Babyji* is the story of Anamika Sharma, a spirited student growing up in Delhi. At school she is an ace at quantum physics. At home she sneaks off to her parents' scooter garage to read the *Kamasutra*. Before long she has seduced an elegant older divorcée and the family servant, and has caught the eye of a classmate coveted by all the boys. With the world of adulthood dancing before her, Anamika confronts questions that would test someone twice her age.

### Bandit Queen Boogie

Sparkle Hayter

Meet Blackie and Chloe, two best friends who decide, over tequila shots at the campus bar, to spend the summer after graduation backpacking through Europe. Blackie wants to go a little crazy - drink, smoke, flirt, meet men, have a romance or two. Chloe wants to nurse her broken heart and bury her nose in a book. One is dark and boisterous, the other blond and quiet. Together, they are an irresistible combination to men...married men, to be exact. The girls upgrade their accommodations from hostels to hotels when they let the men who've been wrecking their trip finance their fun. Accepting these cheaters' invitations to their hotel suites, Blackie and Chloe beat them at their own game and make off with cash and whatever valuables are at hand while the men sleep it off.

### The Best Awful



Carrie Fisher

Carrie Fisher's *The Best Awful* returns Postcards from the Edge fans to the often hilarious, occasionally tragic, but always captivating world of Suzanne Vale, a bi-polar, celebrity talk show host with a six-year old daughter, a gay ex-husband, an aging starlet mother, and an unbreakable will to survive.

### Bite

C.J. Tosh

As a celebrity journalist, it's Sam Leighton's job to get the juicy scoop on Hollywood's top celebs. But

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when rumors fly that she's cozied up too close to a certain other Oscar-winning Australian hunk, she finds herself looking for a new job -- and a new life. Enter Tom Sanders, one of her closest friends and the lifestyle editor at a business magazine. To talk her off the ledge, he invites her out for drinks, and over dirty martinis they fantasize about the magazine they'd start if only they could. It would be smart. It would be sexy. It would be all about the ways you can have fun in the world. That's when it dawns on Sam: Maybe they could. Sam and Tom take the message of their new magazine -- it's called Bite -- to heart.



### **A Blessed Event**

Jean Reynolds Page

Best friends since childhood, Joanne and Darla are now embroiled in a predicament worthy of Solomon's wisdom. Perennial bad girl Joanne has agreed to carry a baby for infertile homebody Darla. The baby's father is Darla's husband, Cal. After a perplexing visit by Joanne, Darla wonders about everyone's role in these unorthodox circumstances, especially after Joanne, four months pregnant, drives her car into Darla's bedroom. The accident leaves Joanne severely brain damaged and in a coma; however, the baby survives. Now Darla must battle Joanne's estranged parents, first for Joanne's life, then for custody of the baby.



### **The Canal House**

Mark Lee

Lee is an experienced foreign correspondent (who is currently also a vice-president at PEN Center USA), and his knowledge of the perils and challenges of that life comes across most powerfully in this somber and elegiac debut novel. It is the story of the life and death of war correspondent Daniel McFarland, who after a brush with death in Uganda develops a new sense of mission and responsibility toward those whose wracked lives he is covering.

### **Children Playing Before a Statue of Hercules: An Anthology of Outstanding Stories**

David Sedaris (Editor)

From the #1 bestselling author of *Me Talk Pretty One Day* and *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* comes a collection of the short stories David Sedaris loves most. Containing the work of both contemporary and classic writers, *Children Playing Before a Statue of Hercules*, edited and introduced by Sedaris, gives his legions of fans a glimpse at the writing he finds inspiring - and helps them discover the truth about loneliness, hope, love, betrayal, and certain, but not all, monkeys.



### **Chinese Letter (Eastern European Literature Series)**

Svetislav Basara

Ordered by two mysterious, intimidating men to "write a statement of about 100 pages," the narrator of *Chinese Letter* - who's not even sure of his name, but calls himself Fritz - faithfully records the twisted experiences of his daily life: his absurd conversations with his mother, his visits to a friend who works in the hospital's morgue, and his sister's tumultuous marriage to the butcher's son, to name a few. The first of Basara's works to be published in English, *Chinese Letter* is not only wildly funny, but is also one of the most inventive works of contemporary European literature.

### **Church Folk**

Michelle Andrea Bowen

Set in the South during the 1960s, *Church Folk* tells the hilarious story of a young pastor and his wife who try to hold their congregation together despite its members' foibles.

### **The Dead Father's Guide to Sex & Marriage**

John Scott Shepherd

Shepherd's second novel is the tale of a man's disillusionment with his father after his sudden death. Joe Way Jr., an assistant district attorney who is being groomed by his father for Congress, is shocked when he discovers his father in a hotel room with his mistress. The next day Joe wakes to learn that his father died of a heart attack, and he is left to sort out his now-conflicted feelings for the father he once adored.

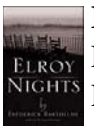
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### Dress Rehearsal

Jennifer O'Connell

This romantic caper by is fueled almost entirely by heroine Lauren Gallagher's mistaken ideas about love. Lauren, who owns a business specializing in delectable wedding cakes, thinks she can predict-based solely on the couple's cake selection-whether a marriage will fly or not. Her cake theory causes trouble when an ex-boyfriend, Neil, walks into her boutique with a cake order that makes Lauren suspect she shouldn't have let him get away all those years ago. Further complicating matters is a new man, Charlie, who claims neither cake nor wedding is in the picture for him.



### Elroy Nights

Frederick Barthelme

Elroy Nights is a modestly successful and comfortably married artist and professor, fifty-something, who is caught between the mid-life crisis of his forties and the "eagerly anticipated sublime decay" of his sixties. Elroy and his wife, Clare, perhaps too comfortable with each other, decide to try living separately. So Elroy leases a high-rise beach condo and begins hanging out with his twenty-something students while Clare tends the home fires. But when an unforeseen tragedy throws his, and everyone's, infirmities into high relief, he's confronted with reordering, retracking - and reimagining - a world that seems to have suddenly gone haywire.



### The Hazards of Sleeping Alone

Elise Juska

With her free-spirited daughter away at college and her "hip" ex-husband living across the country, Charlotte has grown used to being alone. For the most part, she prefers it. She relies on familiar routines: manicures, grocery shopping, game shows. But at night, no matter how hard she tries she can't stop her logical mind from running wild -- imagining burglars, strange noises, and all manner of trouble that might befall her fearless daughter. Having just graduated from Wesleyan with a pierced tongue and an arsenal of opinions, Emily has always been passionate about

her beliefs . Though Charlotte rarely understands her, she's learned to keep her doubts to herself. But when Emily and the new boyfriend arrive for a weekend visit, secrets are revealed that compel Charlotte to take a stand. Forced to examine her own life choices, she's about to learn she can't control everything.



### If Andy Warhol Had a Girlfriend

Alison Pace

Jane Laine used to know a lot about art. But that was before she started managing a prominent gallery, and long before she met "it" artist Ian Rhys-Fitzsimmons. Jane can't seem to put a finger on what exactly is so "it" about his work. In fact, as far as she can tell, he's a big fraud and his fifteen minutes of fame should be over by now. Until, traveling with this alleged genius from London to Rome and beyond, she starts to understand the connection between art and love-and the fact that in both, perspective is everything.



### The Importance of a Piece of Paper: Stories

Jimmy Santiago Baca

The rural Southwest landscape of Baca's short stories is inhabited by outsiders: drug addicts and convicts, absentee mothers and runaways. Baca's first collection of fiction paints a picture of Chicano life that is at once cruel and sweetly redemptive.

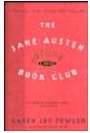


### Isabel's Daughter: A Novel

Judith Ryan Hendricks

After a childhood spent in an institution and a series of foster homes, Avery James has trained herself not to wonder about the mother who gave her up. But her safe, predictable life changes one night at a party in the home of a wealthy Santa Fe art dealer when she stumbles upon the portrait of a woman who is the mirror image of herself. Avery has found her mother, Isabel Colinas, an artist who died eight years earlier in a tragic accident. Slowly but inevitably, she is compelled to discover all she can about the woman.

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### **The Jane Austen Book Club**

Karen Joy Fowler

In California's Central Valley, five women and one man join together to discuss Jane Austen's novels. Over the six months they meet, marriages are tested, affairs begin, unsuitable arrangements become suitable, and love happens.



### **Knee-Deep in Wonder**

April Reynolds

In August of 1987, Helene Strickland travels from Washington, D.C., to a small, rural, black town in Lafayette County, Arkansas, for her Aunt Annie B's funeral and to reunite with her mother, who didn't raise her. The novel takes place in a single day but spans four generations in flashbacks in which Helene's mother, grandmother, father, Uncle Ed, and Aunt Annie B slowly unfold family secrets.



### **Let's Meet on Platform 8**

Carole Matthews

Teri Carter is irritated when a man rushing to make his train knocks her down, but her annoyance turns to interest when Jamie Duncan insists on caring for her and seeing her home. Teri is smitten and Jamie certainly seems to return her affection, so why does he act so aloof and mysterious all of the time? Teri is heartbroken when she learns that Jamie is married, and Jamie is torn between his quickly cooling marriage to Pamela and the attraction he feels for Teri.

### **Life of Pi**

Yann Martel

The peripatetic Pi Patel spends a beguiling boyhood in Pondicherry, India, as the son of a zookeeper. Growing up beside the wild beasts, Pi gathers an encyclopedic knowledge of the animal world. In his 16th year, Pi sets sail with his family and some of their menagerie to start a new life in Canada. Halfway to Midway Island, the ship sinks into the Pacific, leaving Pi stranded on a life raft with a hyena, an orangutan, an injured zebra and a 450-pound Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. After the beast dispatches the others, Pi is left to survive for 227 days with his large feline compan-

ion on the 26-foot-long raft, using all his knowledge, wits and faith to keep himself alive.

### **Lives of the Circus Animals**

Christopher Bram

In *Lives of the Circus Animals*, Bram explores contemporary New York theater, spending several days and nights with a diverse handful of men and women. The novel throws these people together in a serious comedy about love and work and make-believe. A look at theater people who are just like everyone else, only more so, it's a comic celebration of how we all strive to stay sane while living in the shadow of those two impostors, success and failure.

### **The Madness of Love**

Katherine Davies

Published in Great Britain in 2004 as *A Good Voyage*, Davies's quirky first novel is unabashedly based on Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, with perhaps a touch of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* thrown in and updated to the 21st century.



### **Manhattan on the Rocks**

Janice Harayda

When twenty-five-year-old Laura Smart moves from Cleveland to Manhattan to take a job at a magazine, she hopes the world will become her oyster. Instead, Laura has to deal with the demands of her self-absorbed and quirky boss—the talk-show host turned magazine editor, Cassandra Lovelace. Laura, a Holly Golightly-type character, finds her own romantic and professional redemption in a novel that hilariously sends up the sex-and-celebrity-obsessed world of contemporary women's magazines.



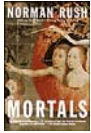
### **The Mommy Fund**

Madeleine K. Jacob

Best friends Kate Thompson and Dani Strauss are contemporary moms who are struggling to keep it all together. Kate, a devoted wife and mother of two boys, seeks answers in self-help guides, while Dani, a wise-cracking, skeptical attorney, navigating the new waters of joint custody and the single life, looks for the so-

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lution in glossy magazines. When fate drops a million dollars into Kate's hands, the girls impulsively take it on the road to get the "time to themselves" their busy lives never seem to allow.



### **Mortals**

Norman Rush

The greatly anticipated new novel by Norman Rush is his richest work yet. It is at once a political adventure, a social comedy, and a passionate triangle. It is set in the 1990s in Botswana—the African country Rush has indelibly made his own fictional territory. *Mortals* chronicles the misadventures of three ex-pat Americans: Ray Finch, a contract CIA agent, his beautiful but slightly foolish and disaffected wife, Iris, and Davis Morel, an iconoclastic black holistic physician, who is on a personal mission to “lift the yoke of Christian belief from Africa.”



### **Nature Lessons**

Lynette Brasfield

Set against a backdrop of South Africa's troubled history, natural beauty, and complex contemporary society, *Nature Lessons* is a riveting story of a forty-year-old woman, Kate Jensen, struggling to come to terms with the legacy of growing up with a mentally ill mother—including an inability to form long-term, committed relationships—and the guilt she feels as a white person who grew up during the apartheid era.

### **Naughty or Nice**

Eric Jerome Dickey

In *Naughty or Nice*, Eric Jerome Dickey explores the lives of three sisters, each with their own man problems. But this holiday season, Frankie, Livvy, and Tommie McBroom are not only getting together, but finally gettin' it together—and discovering what family, sisterhood, and love are all about.



### **Pharos: A Ghost Story**

Alice Thompson

A young woman is washed up on the shores of Jacob's Rock, a remote light-

house island off the coast of Scotland. She does not know who she is or how she got there. She has no memory. The keeper of the lighthouse and his assistant take her in and feed and clothe her. But this mysterious woman is not all that she seems, and neither is the remote and windswept island.

### **Philadelphia Fire**

John Edgar Wideman

This novel is inspired by the 1985 police bombing of a West Philadelphia row house owned by the back-to-nature, Afrocentric cult known as Move. The bombing killed eleven people and started a fire that destroyed sixty other houses. At the center of the story is Cudjoe, a writer and exile who returns to his old neighborhood after spending a decade fleeing from his past, and his search for the lone survivor of the fire - a young boy who was seen running from the flames.



### **The Pleasure of My Company**

Steve Martin

Daniel Pecan Cambridge is a young man whose life is rich and full, provided he never leaves his Santa Monica apartment. After all, outside there are 8-inch-high curbs and there's always the horrible chance he might see a gas station attendant wearing a blue hat. So, except for the occasional trip to the Rite Aid to admire the California girl Zandy and to buy earplugs because they're on sale, he stays home a lot. And a good thing too, or he would have never been falsely implicated in a murder, never almost seduced Philip, never done the impossible task of jogging around the block with Brian, never ironed his pillows, and he might never have won the Most Average American essay contest. *The Pleasure of My Company* is the chronicle of a modern-day neurotic yearning to break free.



### **The Reading Group**

Elizabeth Noble

A bestseller in the UK, *The Reading Group* is about a group of women who meet regularly to read and discuss books, and how their lives become intertwined, both with the books they read and with each other's lives.

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### Remember Me

Trezza Assopardi

The much-anticipated second novel by the Man Booker Prize finalist and national best-selling author of *The Hiding Place* is a harrowing, elegant, and vivid portrait of a lost life at last reclaimed. Winnie would say she's no trouble, content to let the days go by, bothering no one. Living on the edge of nowhere, she'd rather not recall the past and, at seventy-two, doesn't see much point in thinking too much about the future. But when her closed existence is shattered by a random act of violence, Winnie is catapulted out of her exile. Robbed of everything she owns, she embarks on a journey to track down her stolen belongings—but soon finds her search has become the rediscovery of a stolen life.



### Sacred Time

Ursula Hegi

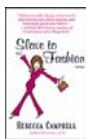
The bestselling author of *Stones from the River* delivers her most ambitious and dramatic novel yet -- the unforgettable story of an endearing, but also flawed, Italian American family. Evoking all the plenty and optimism of post-war America, *Sacred Time* spans three generations, taking us from the Bronx of the 1950s to contemporary Brooklyn.



### San Francisco Stories: Tales of the City

John Miller

Every city has its stories, but San Francisco seems to have more than most. It falls down. It burns up. It goes Beatnik in the fifties and crazy in the sixties -- but it remains elegant throughout. *San Francisco Stories* collects the most outstanding writing about the city from some of America's most distinguished authors.



### Slave to Fashion

Rebecca Campbell

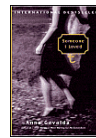
Fashion college has taught Katie Castle everything she ever needed to know: how to smoke cigarettes and drink; how to flirt with gay men and straight women; how to get into clubs without paying. Possessed of a sharp eye

and a stiletto tongue, Katie talks her way into the job of her dreams.

### Some Other Place. The Right Place

Donald Harrington

It is June. Diana Stoving's new Porsche has just broken down on the Garden State Parkway, and Diana, twenty-one, freshly graduated from Sarah Lawrence, sits in a dealer's showroom, waiting for repairs. Bored and impatient, Diana leafs through the local newspaper—and by pure chance reads the news item that will change the course of her life, that will launch her on a year's journey, a year of the strangest adventures she could ever hope to endure, suffer and enjoy. For it is this news item that leads her to meet Day Whittacker, a shy, eighteen-year-old Eagle Scout, who his high school English teacher, experimenting with 'age regression' claims is the reincarnation of a hell-raising countryman named Daniel Lyam Montross, a man who had lived a wild, romantic life and died a violent death—twenty years earlier.



### Someone I Loved

Anna Gavalda

A woman is abandoned by her husband. Shaken by the betrayal, she and her two children are taken to the most unexpected of places to heal: the country farm of her remote and diffident father-in-law. What unfolds between them is a relationship that changes both their lives - one that transforms their notion of family and encourages a better understanding of each other and the choices of the heart.

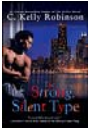


### The Stranger at the Palazzo D'Oro

Paul Theroux

From the best-selling author of *Dark Star Safari* and *Hotel Honolulu*, Paul Theroux's latest offers provocative tales of memory and desire. The sensual story of an unusual love affair leads the collection. The thrill and risk of pursuit and conquest mark the accompanying stories, which tell of the sexual awakening and rites of passage of a Boston boyhood, the ruin of a writer in Africa, and the bewitchment of a retiree in Hawaii.

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### **The Strong, Silent Type**

C. Kelly Robinson

A novel of achieving dreams against all odds as a down-and-out former NFL star and a speech therapist and single mother discover the hard bargain between healing and forgiving and the unexpected joys that come from taking risks.



### **Summer in the Land of Skin**

Jody Gehrman

Twenty-five-year-old Anna is following the long-cold trail of her father, a celebrated luthier, whose death has always haunted her. She has tracked his former business partner to a sailboat on Bellingham Bay, determined to pry from the old man the secrets of their guitar-making trade, and maybe a few answers about her father. During a single summer's worth of days, gin-soaked and colored with longing, Anna rediscovers her senses, shut down since her father's death, and finds that the only way to get free of her past is to embrace it.



### **Summer's Child**

Luanne Rice

From Luanne Rice, the celebrated author of *Beach Girls* and many other New York Times bestsellers, comes this powerful novel of a mystery, a love affair, and a bond that cannot be broken set in a seaside town where miracles are made. . . .



### **Tales of a Drama Queen**

Lee Nichols

Elle Medina must be qualified for something other than shopping and causing trouble, but when she moved to Santa Barbara after the disastrous end of her engagement, just what she's suited for isn't clear. Bartender? Private eye? Phone psychic? It seems like everything she tries ends in humiliation or legal action — or both. Her best friend is getting sick of her, her new boyfriend's a con artist and her creditors are on her trail. So why is this the happiest Elle's been in years?



### **Temporary Insanity**

Leslie Carroll

Meet Alice Finnegan: thirty-something, single and determined to take control of her own destiny ... even if she is stuck in a series of secretarial temp jobs and living with her beloved ninety-year-old grandmother — a feisty, funny, former Ziegfeld showgirl. But that's easier said than done when your job counselor can't spell "employment" correctly, your boss has you planning her daughter's wedding, your new boyfriend cares more about his career than caresses, and your dreams of stardom are dashed when a hot-shot casting director suggests you get your nose fixed — and you already have.



### **The Thin Pink Line**

Lauren Baratz-Logsted

Jane Taylor is pregnant. Only, not in the conventional sense. It all began when Jane missed her period. Whether it was the clouds in the sky or a major case of pregnancy envy (this year's concern), Jane doesn't know. She only knows that she told her best male friend, and began to believe it. Until she got her period and realized she never was. Pregnant. But that brief glimpse into the other world -- the world of smiling faces and courteous men -- was just too beautiful not to be a part of . . .and so Jane told a little white lie to her live-in boyfriend, and crossed the line. As Jane spins closer to her due date, she's got a lot of soul-searching to do -- not to mention an appointment with reality . . .



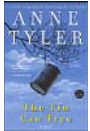
### **Three Bedrooms in Chelsea**

Liz Ireland

It's bad enough that actress/waitress Edie Amos's boyfriend leaves her for a job in Istanbul. And that she's been fired from her only acting job—as a dancing fava bean in an industrial show. But how can she possibly pay the rent on her Chelsea dream apartment? The only thing to do is find a roommate. Unfortunately, she gets two. Tall, blonde, and imposing Greta Stolenbauer is like a dominatrix without a dungeon. Her idea of exercise is smoking while watching the Yoga channel and she eats men for

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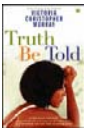
breakfast. Danielle Poitier is a pampered Texas princess determined to make a go of a writing career in New York without her daddy's money and influence. But when Edie's luck goes from bad to worse, she finds support—and friendship—in the unlikeliest of places. Now, for three girls in Chelsea, it's suddenly all about finding the job, chasing the dream, landing the guy, and paying the rent on time.



### The Tin Can Tree

Anne Tyler

In the small town of Larksville, the Pike family is hopelessly out of step with the daily rhythms of life after the tragic, accidental death of six-year-old Janie Rose. Mrs. Pike seldom speaks, blaming herself, while Mr. Pike is forced to come out of his long, comfortable silence. Then there is ten-year-old Simon, who is suddenly without a baby sister — and without understanding why she's gone. Those closest to this shattered family must learn to comfort them — and confront their own private shadows of hidden grief.



### Truth Be Told

Victoria Christopher Murray

Grace Monroe has the ideal life: a devoted husband, adoring daughters, and a booming career in politics. Newly elected on a Christian platform to the Los Angeles city council, she is determined to put her mistakes behind her and focus on her bright future. But when a secret from her husband's past is revealed, setting off a chain of attacks that threaten to rip her family apart, Grace must face a dilemma that will force her to question her life and her faith.



### Transmission

Hari Kunzru

In *Transmission*, award-winning writer Hari Kunzru takes an ultra-contemporary turn with the story of an Indian computer programmer whose luxurious fantasies about life in America are shaken when he accepts a California job offer. Lonely and naïve, Arjun spends his days as a lowly assistant virus- tester, pining away for his

free-spirited colleague Christine. Arjun gets laid off like so many of his Silicon Valley peers, and in an act of desperation to keep his job, he releases a mischievous but destructive virus around the globe that has major unintended consequences.



### The Two Sams: Ghost Stories

Glen Hirshberg

With this unique collection, acclaimed author Glen Hirshberg breathes new life into an age-old literary tradition. In the title story a husband struggles with the grief and confusion of losing two children, and forms an odd bond with the infant spectrals that visit him in the night. "Dancing Men" depicts one of the creepiest rites of passage in recent memory when a boy visits his deranged grandfather in the New Mexico desert. "Struwelpeter" introduces us to a brilliant, treacherous adolescent whose violent tendencies and reckless mischief reach a sinister pinnacle as Halloween descends on a rundown Pacific Northwest fishing village.



### Walking Home

Gloria Goldreich

For Manhattan public relations exec Rochelle Weiss, everything in life has come easily until her life is turned upside down by the news that her beloved parents are dying. Determined to care for them in their final days, Rochelle loses her job, the support of her lover, Phil, and her lifelong belief that everything will turn out okay. Finding herself alone and nearly broke, she has nowhere to go but into the depths of her own unexplored soul. But when she agrees to take over a friend's dog-walking route, Rochelle discovers the abundance of life that lies beyond the trappings of success.

### Wings of Grace



Vanessa Davis Griggs

This novel includes generations of spirituality, mystery, history, and racial conflict. A black woman, Mamie Patterson, and a white woman, Sarah Fleming, grow up together in Asheville, North Carolina, and their lives are forever intertwined.

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## A Beggar at the Gate

Thalassa Ali

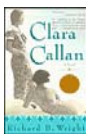
Set in nineteenth-century British India, Thalassa Ali's dazzling debut, *A Singular Hostage*, introduced us to Mariana Givens, the Englishwoman who risked everything to save a young Indian orphan from certain death. Now Ali returns to that exotic kingdom beyond the north-western frontier, where Mariana will come face-to-face with a different destiny.



## A Blade of Grass

Lewis DeSoto

*A Blade of Grass* is a graceful and stunning epic set in 1970s South Africa, on a remote farm owned by a newly married couple. The mistress of the house, Märit, is young, recently orphaned, easily intimidated, and unaccustomed to rural life. With no close neighbors or friends, Märit feels isolated in the house while her husband works in the fields all day. Märit's displacement is soon echoed in the character of Tembi, the daughter of Märit's household maid, who assumes her mother's responsibilities in the farmhouse after she is hit by a car. An encroaching civil war soon threatens the tranquility of the farm, and before long a plague of violence descends. Abandoned by the other farm workers, the care of the farm is now left to Märit and Tembi, who begin this new struggle for survival as equals, but whose unity is put to a devastating test.

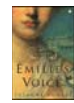


## Clara Callan

Richard B. Wright

It is the year 1934, and in a small town in Canada, Clara Callan reluctantly takes leave of her sister, Nora, who is bound for the show business world of New York. It's a time when people escape from reality through radio and the movies, when the Dionne Quints make headlines, when the growing threat of fascism in Europe is a constant worry, and the two sisters - vastly different in personality yet inextricably

linked by a shared past - try to find their place within the complex web of social expectations for young women in the 1930s.



## Emilie's Voice

Susanne Dunlap

Set against the backdrop of Paris and the court of Versailles, *Emilie's Voice* introduces a young heroine of modest upbringing who possesses a special gift: the voice of an angel. When distinguished composer Marc-Antoine Charpentier hears Emilie's voice, he offers to instruct her in the art of singing with the ultimate goal of presenting her at the court of Louis XIV. Her head filled with dreams of elegant gowns, opulent jewels, and the thrill of someday performing in the great houses of Paris, she begins her training - until a scheming noblewoman looking to unseat the king's official mistress interferes by preemptively bringing Emilie to Versailles. There, amid royal pomp and splendor, she is swept up in dangerous palatial intrigues, becoming a pawn in aristocratic power games.



## Farewell, My Queen

Chantal Thomas

It was once the job of Madame Agathe-Sidonie Laborde to read books aloud to Marie-Antoinette. Now exiled in Vienna, she looks back twenty-one years to the legendary opulence of Versailles and meticulously reconstructs July 14, 15, and 16 of 1789.



## Four Spirits

Sena Jeter Naslund

From the acclaimed author of the national bestseller *Ahab's Wife* comes an inspiring, brilliantly rendered new novel of the awakening conscience of the South and of an entire nation. *Four Spirits* is set in Sena Jeter Naslund's home city of Birmingham, Alabama, a city that in the 1960s was known as Bombingham. Naslund brings to life this tumultuous time, weaving together the lives of blacks and whites, civil rights advocates and racists, and the events of peaceful protest and violent repression, to create a tapestry of American social transformation.



## **The Girl Who Played Go**

Shan Sa

In a remote Manchurian town in the 1930s, a sixteen-year-old girl is more concerned with intimations of her own womanhood than the escalating hostilities between her countrymen and their Japanese occupiers. While still a schoolgirl in braids, she takes her first lover, a dissident student. The more she understands of adult life, however, the more disdainful she is of its deceptions, and the more she loses herself in her one true passion: the ancient game of go.



## **The Heart of Thorton Creek**

Bonnie Leon

Growing up in late 1800s Boston, Rebecca Williams was raised to be independent, adventurous, strong willed, and capable. But when she leaves the stylish streets of her beloved hometown to follow her new husband to his native Queensland, she soon discovers that the same qualities that earned her respect among her friends and family in Boston don't mix with the way of life in the arid backcountry of Australia.



## **Human Amusements**

Wayne Johnston

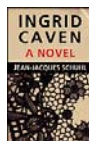
It is the late 1950s and in lower middle-class Toronto, Audrey Prendergast, whose love for her family blinds her to all else, sees the new medium of television as the only means of climbing the social ladder. And climb it the Prendergasts begin to do when Audrey launches a children's show called Rumpus Room, starring herself as Miss Mary and her young son Henry as Bee Good/Bee Bad. When the program becomes an overnight sensation, and the Prendergasts' world begins to change, much to the chagrin of Audrey's husband, Peter, family comedian and would-be novelist. Determined to keep his family anchored in reality, Peter refuses to have anything to do with Rumpus Room and throws all his energy into writing his novel and doing an almost non-stop and hilarious commentary on modern culture.



## **Ice Road**

Gillian Slovo

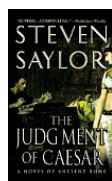
Loyalties, beliefs, love, family ties: all are tested to the limit in one of the most devastating moments of human history - the siege of Leningrad during World War II. Boris Aleksandrovich, a well-meaning bureaucrat, thinks he can negotiate between idealism and politics. His daughter learns otherwise when, as a young woman in love, she is almost crushed by her father's compromises. Watching all this unfold is Irina - wise, ironic, and marvelous. Boris had persuaded Irina, a cleaning woman in his office, to go on an ill-fated voyage to the Arctic, where she barely survives. When she returns, he feels honor bound to find her a position within his family circle. There Irina comes to understand how love for another may, in the end, be more powerful and more profound than blind loyalty to an idea.



## **Ingrid Caven**

Jean-Jacques Schuhl

A novel about the life of German cabaret singer and film actress Ingrid Caven, who was once director Rainer Werner Fassbinder's star, and his wife, muse to Yves Saint Laurent, and a protege of Pierre Berge. Consisting of memories, mixing real and invented people and events, Ingrid Caven reveals the cold heart of the European counterculture of the 1970s, an era of celebrity glitz, cocaine-fueled excess, gay bathhouses, and young idealists-turned-terrorists.

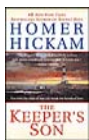


## **The Judgment of Caesar**

Steven Saylor

It is 48 B.C. For years now, the rival Roman generals Caesar and Pompey have engaged in a contest for world domination. Both now turn to Egypt, where Pompey plans a last desperate stand on the banks of the Nile, while Caesar's legendary encounter with Queen Cleopatra will spark a romance that reverberates down the centuries. But Egypt is a treacherous land, torn apart by the murderous rivalry between the goddess-queen and her brother King Ptolemy. Into this hothouse atmosphere of intrigue and deception comes Gordianus the Finder, inno-

cently seeking a cure for his wife, Bethesda, in the sacred waters of the Nile. But when his plans go awry, he finds himself engaged in an even more desperate pursuit - to prove the innocence of the son he once disowned, who stands accused of murder. The judgment of Caesar will determine the fate of Gordianus's son; the choice Caesar makes between Cleopatra and her brother Ptolemy will determine the future of Rome's empire. At the center of these two dilemmas, Gordianus becomes the unwitting fulcrum that will shift the balance of history. Witness to the death throes of the old world, he is to play a critical role in the birth of the world to come.



### **The Keeper's Son**

Homer Hickman

Haunted by inner demons, Josh Thurlow returns home to Killakeet Island to command a small Coast Guard patrol boat manned by a colorful crew of locals. Dominating the glorious beauty of the little island is the majestic Killakeet Lighthouse, kept for generations by the Thurlow family. Its presence is a continuous reminder to Josh of the mysterious loss of his baby brother at sea seventeen years before, a tragedy for which he was blamed. But Josh is convinced that his brother might still be alive and begins searching for him even after German U-boats arrive and soak the beaches with blood.



### **A Light to My Path**

Lynn Austin

Refiner's Fire book 3 ,Kitty, a house slave, always figured it was easiest to do what she'd always done--obey Missy and follow orders. But when word arrives that the Yankees are coming, Kitty is faced with a decision: will she continue to follow the bidding of her owners, or will she embrace this chance for freedom? Never allowed to have ideas of her own, Kitty is overwhelmed by the magnitude of her decision. Yet it is her hope to find the "happy ever after" ending to her life--and to follow Grady, whom she loves--that is the driving force behind her choice.



### **The Little Girls**

Elizabeth Bowen

In 1914, three eleven-year-old girls buried a box in a thicket on the coast of England, shortly before World War I sent their lives on divergent paths. Nearly fifty years later, a series of mysteriously-worded classified ads brings the women reluctantly together again. As these radically different women confront one another and their shared secrets, the hard-won complacencies of their present selves are irrevocably shattered.

### **Maisie Dobbs**

Jacqueline Winspear

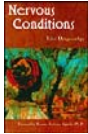
Maisie Dobbs isn't just any young housemaid. Through her own natural intelligence—and the patronage of her benevolent employers—she works her way into college at Cambridge. When World War I breaks out, Maisie goes to the front as a nurse. It is there that she learns that coincidences are meaningful and the truth elusive. After the War, Maisie sets up on her own as a private investigator. But her very first assignment, seemingly an ordinary infidelity case, soon reveals a much deeper, darker web of secrets, which will force Maisie to revisit the horrors of the Great War and the love she left behind.



### **Mirror, Mirror**

Gregory Maguire

The year is 1502, and seven-year-old Bianca de Nevada lives perched high above the rolling hills and valleys of Tuscany and Umbria at Montefiore, the farm of her beloved father, Don Vicente. But one day a noble entourage makes its way up the winding slopes to the farm -- and the world comes to Montefiore. In the presence of Cesare Borgia and his sister, the lovely and vain Lucrezia no one can claim innocence for very long. When Borgia sends Don Vicente on a years-long quest, he leaves Bianca under the care of Lucrezia. She plots a dire fate for the young girl in the woods below the farm, but in the dark forest salvation can be found as well ...



## Nervous Conditions

Tsitsi Dangarembga

Nervous Conditions is a wrenching chronicle of the coming of age of Tambu, a teenage girl in 1960s Rhodesia, and her relationship with her British-educated cousin, Nyasha. Tambu, who yearns to be free of the constraints of her rural village, thinks her dreams have come true when her wealthy uncle offers to sponsor her education. But education at his mission school comes with a price.



## One Last Look

Susanna Moore

After several wretched months at sea, Eleanor Oliphant arrives in Calcutta with her brother Henry and sister Harriet. It is 1836, and her beloved Henry has just been appointed England's new Governor-General for India. Eleanor is to be his official hostess. Despite the imported English gowns and formal soirées, India makes a mockery of Eleanor's sensibilities. Burning heat, starving people, insects as big as eggs—it is all an unreal dream, rife with tumultuous life. Harriet gives herself over to the adventure.



## Owen Glendower

John Cowper Powys

It is the year 1400, and Wales is on the brink of a bloody revolt. At a market fair on the banks of the River Dee a mad rebel priest and his beautiful companion are condemned to be burned at the stake. To their rescue rides the unlikely figure of Rhisiart, a young Oxford scholar whose fate will be entangled with that of Owen Glendower, the last true Prince of Wales—a man called, at times against his will, to fulfill the prophesied role of national redeemer.



## The Red Heart

James Alexander Thom

The Red Heart brings to vivid life the true story of a woman and her captivity with the Lenape Indians. The Slocum family, living in the Susquehanna Valley of Northeastern Pennsylvania, are the best of the white settlers, peace-

loving Quakers who are unique for their time in believing that the Indians hold the Light of God inside. It is from this good-hearted family that Frances is abducted during the Revolutionary War. As the child's terror subsides, she is slowly drawn into the sacred work and beliefs of her adoptive mother and of all the women of these Eastern tribes.



## Rite of Conquest

Judith Tarr

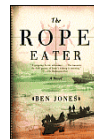
For five hundred years the Saxons ruled England, crushing the ancient powers with cold iron and the weight of Christianity. But now the old ways are rising once more. Across the Channel in Normandy, William is born - the bastard son of a duke and a magical woman of Druid descent - whom history will name the Conqueror.



## River Season

Jim Black

In a small Texas town in 1966, thirteen-year-old Jim is looking forward to a summer full of baseball, tomfoolery, and—most of all—fishing. Jim cherishes the solitude of his secluded fishing hole and is startled when he discovers a stranger named Sam, an older African American man from the other side of town, fishing in his favorite spot. Though initially troubled by the intrusion, Jim soon becomes attached to Sam, who gradually becomes a father figure to the boy. Together they form a remarkable relationship, discussing the death of Jim's alcoholic father, Sam's years playing baseball in the Negro Leagues, the racial tension in their community, and the confusion of Jim's first crush.



## The Rope Eater

Ben Jones

Brendan Kane is a dreamy, directionless young man in 1860s New England. Fired by a speech given by a traveling recruiter, he signs up for the Union cause - and experiences the full horrors of the Civil War. He deserts, drifting north to experience the draft riots in New York and, finally, to meet his fate in the form of the Narthex, a strangely shaped vessel anchored in the harbor of a whaling town. Kane signs up as a crew member

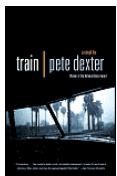
goals. While at sea, they come to learn that their goal is a mythic temperate valley, a paradise in the heart of the Arctic - a goal their captain and the Narthex's owner will stop at nothing to reach.



### **A Son of War**

Melvyn Bragg

This is the second volume of a trilogy that began with *The Soldier's Return*, about a family in a little town in Cumbria, in the northwest of England, in the years following WWII. Sam Richardson, a thoughtful working man whose life has been enlarged by his war experience in Burma, continues to find it difficult to settle back into Wigton, and eventually finds independence in taking over an old pub and bringing it back to life. This is hard on his wife, Ellen, whose dream of a more intimate home has to be given up; she has to realize, too, that her half-brother Colin, who suddenly surfaces with news of her cherished but mysterious father but is shifty and evasive, is not the kind of man Sam can tolerate.



### **Train**

Pete Dexter

Los Angeles, 1953. Lionel Walk is a young black caddy at Brookline, the oldest, most exclusive country club in the city, where he is known by the nickname "Train". Miller Packard, a sergeant with the San Diego police department, first appears on the boy's horizon as a distracted gambler, bored with ordinary risks. Train names him the "Mile-Away Man" as they walk off the first tee, and even months later, when they have become partners of a sort and are winning high-stakes matches against golf hustlers all over the country, the Mile-Away Man is a puzzle to Train, remote and intimate, impulsive and thoughtful, often all at the same time.



### **Wandering Star**

J.M.G. Le Clezio

*Wandering Star* tells two discrete stories of two young girls, one Jewish and one Palestinian, who meet once briefly by chance. Their stories are connected by substance, rather than

plot. Each is a wandering star in search of a homeland—Esther escaping the Nazi holocaust, and Nejma, who experiences the horrors of life in the camps. Yet through this novel of dark times and human suffering, affirmation shines as the characters encounter the beauty of nature and instances of human kindness and love.



### **Why Dogs Chase Cars: Tales of a Be-leaguered Boyhood**

George Singleton

A precocious Southern boy tries to come to terms with his father's odd legacy in this first novel by short-story writer Singleton (*The Half-Mammals of Dixie*; etc.), a quirky coming-of-age yarn set in the tiny town of Forty-Five, S.C., in the 1970s.



### **The Widow Ginger**

Pip Granger

Life is starting to look up in the London café where Rosie lives with her beloved Aunt Maggie and Uncle Bert. It is 1954, rationing is over, and Roger Bannister's four-minute mile is the pride of England. But the Widow Ginger couldn't care less. An ex-GI with an ice-cold stare and fresh out of military prison, the Widow has come to settle some unfinished business with Bert. The Widow's looking for his share of the profits from a wartime scam. Rosie soon learns that where there's smoke, there's fire, and it will take more than divine intervention to save the neighborhood—and Rosie's family—from the Widow's vengeance.

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#### **Anatomy of a Crossword: A Mystery with Crosswords Included**

Nero Blanc

Puzzle editor Belle Graham is on her way to Hollywood to whip up a puzzle for the pilot of a new television series. But the puzzle she creates arrives from the typesetter with the clues completely changed, followed by a death on the set. With only long-distance help from her P.I. husband Roscoe, Belle is virtually on her own in solving this one.



#### **Animal Appetite**

Susan Conant

When Holly Winter accepts her friend's challenge to write about something other than dogs, her presumed subject is the story of Hannah Duston, an early settler of Massachusetts who was captured by Native Americans, escaped, and lived to tell the tale. Soon enough, however, Holly is diverted by the much more contemporary death of one Jack Winter Andrews (no relation, as it turns out), who was purportedly poisoned in the office of his small publishing company eighteen years before - while his pet golden retriever, chained to his desk, looked on. Whether drawn by the coincidence of Andrews's middle name, or the siren call of a dog's involvement (however peripheral), Holly is compelled to find out more about the publisher's demise. Was it suicide, as the police had determined? Or murder, as his widow - and many others - insist?

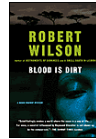


#### **The Babes in the Wood**

Ruth Rendell

With floods threatening both the town of Kingsmarkham and his own home and no end to the rain in sight, Chief Inspector Wexford already has his hands full when he learns that two local teenagers have gone missing along with their sitter, Joanna Troy. Their hysterical mother is con-

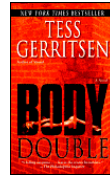
vinced that all three have drowned, and as the hours stretch into days Wexford suspects a case of kidnapping, perhaps connected with an unusual sect called the Church of the Good Gospel. But when the sitter's smashed-up car is found at the bottom of a local quarry the investigation takes on a very different hue.



#### **Blood is Dirt**

Robert Wilson

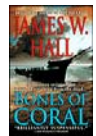
Enter into a treacherous world in West Africa, where British expatriate Bruce Medway, a clandestine "troubleshooter" and debt collector, finds himself unexpectedly immersed in toxic waste scams and mafia crime when a job for his newest client turns out to involve more than the recovery of two million dollars. But Napier, the client, isn't the worst of Bruce's problems; that falls to Selina, Napier's seductive daughter, who wants more than money—she is out for revenge. In his attempt to help Selina, Bruce delves into more danger than he bargained for.



#### **Body Double**

Tess Gerritsen

Dr. Maura Isles makes her living dealing with death. As a pathologist in a major metropolitan city, she has seen more than her share of corpses every day - many of them victims of violent murder. But never before has her blood run cold, and never has the grim expression "dead ringer" rung so terrifyingly true. Because never before has the lifeless body on the medical examiner's table been her own.



#### **Bones of Coral**

James W. Hall

Like any big-city paramedic, Shaw Chandler had probably seen a thousand suicides in Miami. But he knows a murder when he sees one--and this time it's his own father. Suddenly he's got a metal cannister marked "US NAVY" in his hands, and he's dragged back to the crazed, coral shores of Key West to explain it. There he comes face-to-face with a deranged killer--and a psychotic mastermind.

### **Bride and Groom: A Dog Lover's Mystery**

Susan Conant

The future looks promising for Holly Winter. Her regular column in Dog's Life magazine is going strong. Her successful new dog-treat cookbook - 101 Ways to Cook Liver - has canine-lovers (and her own Alaskan malamutes) panting in anticipation. And she's about to marry Steve Delaney, her handsome veterinarian (and a Best of Breed himself). More the pity that murder is spoiling the mood. The first victim is an anesthesiologist, murdered in a Cambridge hotel only a mile from Holly's home. The second victim is a friend of Holly's who published a canine version of the tarot. The third is an expert who used touch to heal traumatized animals. And the fourth was a fellow dog writer. What's more, they were all female, and each with a connection to Holly. Now, the killer has promised a next victim. Who will it be? How can she stop him from killing again?



### **Burning Garbo (Nina Zero Series)**

Robert Eversz

On the morning of her thirtieth birthday, ex-con-turned-paparaza Nina Zero scales the Malibu hillside above the estate of reclusive film star who hasn't been seen in a decade. Within the next few hours, a mysterious gunman shoots her, a deadly brushfire almost smokes her, an arson investigator accuses her, and a toothless Rottweiler adopts her as his new best friend. Accompanied by the toothless Rott, Zero goes on the hunt, compelled to prove that someone else set fire to the star's estate to keep the cops from jailing her for arson and- when charred bones are discovered in the ashes- murder. The killers are equally interested in finding her, and their desperation escalates to a bone-chilling series of violent encounters in which Nina plays hunter one moment and prey the next.

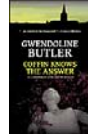


### **The Chinese Gold Murders**

Robert Van Gulik

In this, the second book in Robert van Gulik's classic mystery series of ancient China, Judge Dee must look into the murder of his prede-

cessor. His job is complicated by the simultaneous disappearance of his chief clerk and the new bride of a wealthy local ship owner. Meanwhile, a tiger is terrorizing the district, the ghost of the murdered magistrate stalks the tribunal, a prostitute has a secret message for Dee, and the body of a murdered monk is discovered to be in the wrong grave. In the end, the judge, with his deft powers of deduction, uncovers the one cause for all of these seemingly unrelated events.



### **Coffin Knows the Answer**

Gwendoline Butler

With his wife, the acclaimed actress Stella Pinero, away on a movie shoot in Scotland, Chief Commander John Coffin is at a bit of a loose end with just the cat and dog for company. But one morning, as he checks through the mail for his wife, he gets a rather unpleasant surprise: horrific pictures of badly abused children sent anonymously to Stella. Rather than worry his wife, he vows to track down the culprit and calls in a trusted colleague, DCI Phoebe Astley, to assist him in his inquiries. As they investigate Stella's stalker, another serious problem faces the detectives of the Second City of London. Several young girls have been murdered in Spinnegate with distinct and brutal similarities between the cases. Is there a serial killer on the loose? What is the connection to Stella Pinero, or is it all coincidence?



### **Dead Heat**

Caroline Carver

Georgia Parish left the small town of Nulgarra in northern Australia to pursue a promising career in publishing and vowed never to return. But when her plane crashes in a remote rainforest, Georgia finds herself back in Queensland struggling to comprehend a sinister fact - the plane she was on was sabotaged. Rescued and brought back to Nulgarra, Georgia is determined to uncover the truth. Who was the target of this attack?



### **Death in a Strange Country: A Guido Brunetti Mystery**

Donna Leon

*In Death in a Strange Country* Commissario Guido Brunetti confronts a grisly sight when the body of a young American is fished out of a fetid Venetian canal. Though all the signs point to a violent mugging, something incriminating turns up in the victim's apartment that suggests the existence of a high level conspiracy—and Brunetti becomes convinced that somebody is taking great pains to provide a ready-made solution to the crime.

### Deception

Denise Mina

Things like this don't happen to people like us. That's what Lachlan Harriot thinks as he watches his wife, Susie, led to jail in handcuffs. Yes, Susie, a psychologist, was found covered in blood near the spot where one of her clients appears to have been murdered. But Susie is not a killer, Lachlan thinks. She's my wife. She's our child's mother. Secrets lurk behind closed doors, however, a dark truth made chillingly clear as Lachlan's efforts to prove Susie's innocence uncover an entire secret history--illicit affairs, false identities, unimaginable deception--and this brilliantly acclaimed, page-turning novel speeds toward a conclusion as shocking as it is ingenious.

### Deep Pockets



Linda Barnes

Harvard Professor Wilson Chaney's position in life is hanging by a thread: his marriage, his reputation, not to mention his tenure at Harvard, are in the hands of a blackmailer: someone threatening to sell Chaney's secrets at very high prices. His enviable life could disappear into thin air should the blackmailer's evidence - proof of his affair with a young student - become public knowledge. So he hires Boston private investigator Carlotta Carlyle to track down the blackmailer and put a stop to the scheme. Digging into the case, nosing around Harvard and the possible suspects from the rest of Dr. Chaney's life, she uncovers a suspicious death as part of the backstory to Dr. Chaney's situation. Suddenly Carlotta's sixth sense is telling her the case might be more complicated - and more dangerous - than it first

seemed.

### Devil's Redhead



David Corbett

Freelance photographer and wildcat smuggler Dan Abatangelo blows into Vegas to hit the tables and taste the night life. In his path waits Shel Beaudry, a knockout redhead with a smile that says, Gentlemen, start your engines. The attraction is instant—and soon the two are living the gypsy life on the West coast, where Dan captains a distribution ring for premium Thai marijuana. His credo "no guns, no gangsters, it's only money." But the trade is changing. Eager to get out, Dan plans one last run, judges poorly, and is betrayed by an underling and caught by the DEA. To secure light time for Shel and his crew, Dan takes the fall and pleads to ten years. Now, having served the full term, he emerges from prison a man with a hardened will but an unchanged heart. Though probation guidelines forbid any contact with Shel, a convicted felon, he sets his focus on one thing: finding her.

### The Eighth Day



John Case

For Danny Cray, a struggling artist and part-time private investigator, the offer is too good to be true. A wealthy, enigmatic lawyer, Jude Belzer, would like to retain Danny for a little damage control. His client, an elusive billionaire, is the target of a vicious campaign by the Italian press that threatens to destroy his reputation. Belzer wants Danny to find out who is responsible and he will pay handsomely. Danny's only lead is the meager estate of a recently deceased professor of religious studies, a man so deeply terrified that he buried himself alive in the basement of an isolated farmhouse. Belzer swears that if Danny can get at the late professor's files, the conspiracy against his own reclusive client will unravel. But the more he probes, the more apparent it becomes that nothing is what it seems. There is something he isn't being told. Something that's not quite right. Something dark, fast, and sinister that's coming at him from behind.

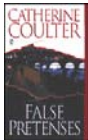
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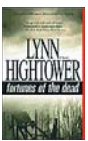
Lindy Sampson is a twenty-three-year-old New Yorker with a problem: She's too beautiful. Guys are intimidated by her. Her roommate suggests Internet dating and writes a Personal ad for Lindy, calling her "Eye Candy." The responses pour in. Suddenly, Lindy is dating four guys at once-and having the time of her life. Until she gets a terrifying note that warns: "Don't say no, Lindy. Keep going out with me. I'll mess you up if you ever say no." Which one of her admirers is a deadly freak? Lindy is now forced to say yes to everything the four men ask of her-dates, invitations to spend the night, anything. From the East Village to the Hamptons, panic and paranoia shadow her every move. Lindy suspects everyone, even the one person she thought she could trust. But Lindy Sampson doesn't know the half of it- and what she doesn't know could kill her. .



**False Pretenses**

Catherine Coulter

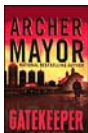
Beautiful concert pianist Elizabeth Carleton seemed to have it all. But when her fabulously wealthy husband was murdered, she stood accused--and not even her surprising acquittal in court could silence the whispers of her guilt. . . or stop the danger of a killer still at large!



**Fortunes of the Dead**

Lynn Hightower

Private investigator Lena Padget has seen far too many women and children fall through the cracks of the legal system, and she has made it her life's work to redeem as many of them as she can. She and her lover, homicide detective Joel Mendez, have just moved into their dream cottage, signifying the beginning of a committed relationship. But Lena and Joel are soon torn by the need to balance personal trust with professional commitment when they find themselves working different ends of the same case.



**Gatekeeper**

Archer Mayor

When heroin traffickers establish a vast

and swift pipeline into Vermont, Joe Gunther's Bureau of Investigation is called in to stem the tide. But with pressure building from politicians and resentment burgeoning in the ranks of rival investigative units, Joe's team is forced to take wild risks: Sammie Martens must go deep undercover as a drug dealer; Lester Spinney must investigate a loved one; and Joe must make some agonizing choices as he works to reconcile a noble end with highly dubious means. With a "War on Drugs" in full swing within Vermont's borders for the first time, Archer Mayor's beloved sleuths will be driven to their very limits as they struggle to rid their community of a plague of epic proportions.

**Grift Sense: A Tony Valentine Novel**

James Swain

Amidst the neon and the big special ugly of Las Vegas, mild-mannered Frank Fontaine is beating the brains out of the Acropolis Casino. The house cops think the dealer, a blonde named Nola, is part of the con, but no one can prove a thing. For Tony Valentine, it's the first new scam he's seen in decades—and maybe the best.



**Hate Crime: A Novel of Suspense**

William Bernhardt

In Tulsa, Ben Kincaid has built a national reputation as a stalwart defense attorney who will fight tirelessly for his clients. In Evans-ton, Illinois, Johnny Christensen has built a national reputation as a sadistic bigot who beat and stabbed a gay man and left him to die. When Johnny's mother comes to Ben and begs him to defend her son, he has one secret reason for saying no. When unforeseen circumstances force Ben Kincaid to enter the trial, the defense attorney sees only one way to prove Johnny's innocence. But Ben's plan means luring a killer out of the wood-work—even though he may kill again. . . .



**The Havana Room**

Colin Harrison

When real estate lawyer Bill Wyeth accidentally poisons his son's highly allergic playmate, the boy's wealthy father sets out to cruelly destroy Wyeth's perfect, upper-class life. Af-

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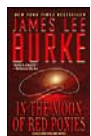
ter losing his job and family, Wyeth is shunned by Manhattan society and seeks solace in the mysterious private bar of a local steakhouse, where shady deals, bizarre shows, and other sinister operations transpire under the watchful eye of the beautiful proprietor, Allison Sparks. It is here that Wyeth enters the world of Jay Rainey, a charismatic con man who requires the services of a lawyer to pull off a real estate swindle. No sooner does Wyeth step up to the plate than corpses begin turning up on Rainey's Long Island farm, and soon a pair of lunatic hip-hop thugs are out for Rainey's and Wyeth's blood.



### **The House Sitter**

Peter Lovesey

The corpse of a beautiful woman, clad only in a bathing suit, is found on a popular Sussex beach at the end of a hot, sunny day. Apparently, she was murdered in full view of dozens of other holiday makers. Establishing the victim's identity is difficult but when it is finally learned that she was a Bath resident, Inspector Peter Diamond is called in. Diamond, the gruff individualist, must cooperate with Henrietta Mallin, the original senior investigating officer. Yet a third policeman enters the picture, a cocky young officer who is highly regarded by his superiors if not by Diamond. Several national celebrities have been targeted by a serial killer whom the police refer to as the Mariner because he leaves notes with a quotation from Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" as his signature. The powers that be attempt to forestall Diamond's efforts lest he impede the search for the Mariner.

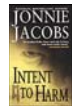


### **In the Moon of Red Ponies**

James Lee Burke

In James Lee Burke's last novel featuring Billy Bob Holland, Bitterroot, the former Texas Ranger left his home state to help a friend threatened by the most dangerous sociopath Billy Bob had ever faced. After vanquishing a truly iniquitous collection of violent individuals, Billy moved his family to west Montana and hung out a shingle for his law practice. But in *In the Moon of Red Ponies*, he discovers that jail cells have re-

volving doors and that the government he had sworn to serve may have become his enemy.



### **Intent to Harm**

Jonnie Jacobs

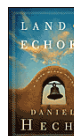
San Francisco attorney Kali O'Brien, recently off a temporary stint with the D.A.'s office, is summoned to Lake Tahoe by a potential client, who sets up a mysterious meeting in a public park. Kali is speaking with "Betty" for only a moment when shots ring out, wounding Kali and killing her would-be client. Having learned nothing about why Betty wanted to hire her, Kali makes it her business to find out what led to Betty's murder. At first the pieces do not seem to fit together, but then Kali realizes that two other murders occurred the same day Betty's niece disappeared. Kali finds the niece, who insists a certain crooked doctor is to blame. Kali proceeds on this assumption, but the reader knows that the real killer is following her every step, though the mastermind behind it all isn't revealed until the satisfyingly surprising conclusion.



### **Killer Body**

Bonnie Hearn Hill

With the disappearance of Julie Larimore, the flawlessly proportioned spokesmodel for the Killer Body weight-loss system, comes an opening that many women would die for--perhaps literally. Company founder Bobby Warren narrows the field to three finalists: glamorous and broke Princess Gabriella Paquette; has-been actress Rochelle McArthur; and curvy Tania Marie Camp, who had a very public affair with a popular newscaster. When each of them is threatened, the unlikely trio bands together to protect themselves.



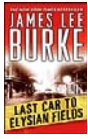
### **Land of Echoes: A Cree Black Novel**

Daniel Hecht

Parapsychologist Cree Black is called to a New Mexico school for gifted Navajo teens to investigate the mysterious symptoms of a student. Sixteen-year-old Tommy Keeday is wracked nightly with violent convulsions. Is the boy possessed by the spirit of an ancestor, as his family believes? Or is something even more sinis-

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ter going on?



### **Last Car to Elysian Fields \***

James Lee Burke

When Robicheaux, a police officer based in the somewhat quieter Louisiana town of New Iberia, learns that an old friend, Father Jimmie Dolan has been the victim of a particularly brutal assault, he returns to New Orleans to investigate, if only unofficially. Meanwhile, back in New Iberia, three local teenage girls are killed in a drunk driving accident. Robicheaux traces the source of the liquor to one of New Iberia's "daiquiri windows," places that sell mixed drinks through drive-by windows. When the owner of the drive-through operation is brutally murdered, Robicheaux immediately suspects the grief-crazed father of the dead teen driver. But his assumption is challenged when the murder weapon turns up belonging to someone else. Tying together these disparate threads is a maniacal killer named Max Coll, a deeply haunted hit man sent to New Orleans to finish the job of father Dolan.



### **The Laws of Invisible Things**

Frank Huyler

Not long into Michael Grant's first year in his new practice, a young girl in his care unexpectedly dies. Recently divorced, living in a self-imposed state of isolation, he takes the news hard: He might not have been able to change that outcome, but he didn't do all in his power to prevent it, either. So when the girl's grandfather, a local pastor, asks him to take on the girl's father as a patient, he feels he must oblige his wishes. Examining the man, Michael notices an unusual pattern - a white, serpentine spiral - on the back of the throat and in his eye. But before a diagnosis can be made, the man is dead, and soon Michael himself is experiencing symptoms of the strange illness. Believing that he has stumbled across a new disease but unable to convince his colleagues, Michael sets out to gather evidence.



### **Layer Cake**

J.J. Connolly

Our narrator's too smart to tell you his

name, but he's not afraid to tell you everything else about the "layer cake"-London's intricately arranged constellation of underworld fiefdoms. He's a drug dealer who's planning to retire on his thirtieth birthday-after one last great score-to a life as "a gentleman of leisure." Only problem is his boss, the crime kingpin "don" Jimmy Price, has other plans. He can walk away from the life for good only if he can track down a runaway daughter for Jimmy's old friend.



### **The Magyar Venus: An Archeological Mystery**

Lyn Hamilton

After the unveiling of the Magyar Venus--a head and torso of a woman carved from mammoth ivory during the Upper Paleolithic period--one of Lara's friends commits suicide. Determinedly tracing the Venus's provenance to Budapest, Lara discovers a truth that arises from the secrets of the past.



### **The Mammoth Book of Short Spy Novels**

Bill Pronzini, ed.

From award-winning editor Bill Pronzini comes The Mammoth Book of Short Spy Novels--a classic book updated for spymasters. Thirteen outstanding spy and espionage novellas, complete and unabridged, are gathered here in one terrific volume. They represent a specially chosen collection from the most accomplished writers in the field, including W. Somerset Maugham on Ashenden, his operative in World War I and Ian Fleming on 007 in the Caribbean, as well as Leslie Charteris, Erle Stanley Gardner, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and John Jakes, among others.



### **The Man with the Golden Gun**

Ian Fleming

Bond is back! 007, the world's greatest secret agent, returns in a classic adventure! James Bond is dead! Or so his employers at MI5 believe... until he attempts to assassinate his boss, M - because he's been brainwashed by the KGB! With his conditioning removed, M sends Bond on a deadly mission; to track down Francisco Scara-

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manga - "The Man with the Golden Gun"! But with a KGB agent and the usual quotient of beautiful, treacherous girls in his path, will Bond make it back?



### **Murder on the Leviathan: A Novel**

Boris Akunin

Paris, 1878: Eccentric antiquarian Lord Littleby and his ten servants are found murdered in Littleby's mansion on the rue de Grenelle, and a priceless Indian shawl is missing. Police commissioner "Papa" Gauche recovers only one piece of evidence from the crime scene: a golden key shaped like a whale. Gauche soon deduces that the key is in fact a ticket of passage for the Leviathan, a gigantic steamship soon to depart Southampton on its maiden voyage to Calcutta. The murderer must be among its passengers.

### **The Nautical Chart: A Novel of Adventure**

Arturo Perez-Reverte

Coy is a Suspended Sailor without a ship. At an auction in Barcelona, he meets a beautiful woman obsessed with the Dei Gloria, a Jesuit ship sunk by pirates in the seventeenth century. Tanger uses her considerable skills with men and her expertise with atlases and nautical maps to search for the ship's rumored lost treasure. Coy is quickly drawn into her search and finds himself falling in love as they seek their fortune together -- or do they? This masterfully plotted novel combines richness of atmosphere with the addictive romance and mystery of the sea.



### **Never Sleep With Strangers**

Heather Graham

Four years ago, while vacationing at their country estate in Scotland, Jon Stuart watched his wife plummet from the balcony to a horrific death. Although cleared of any involvement, he's endured years of public suspicion--losing friends and his good standing in the community. But this was no accident, and now he's determined to prove it was murder.



### **The Night of the Dance**

James Hime

Sissy Fletcher, the Preacher's daughter, disappeared on the night of the rodeo dance ten years ago and has been missing ever since. Until now, that is - a team drilling an oil well has made a grisly discovery in an isolated pasture. Seeing as how it's an election year, finding her killer is a bigger priority than it might usually be in sleepy Washington County, Texas, where not much ever happens anyway. And yet it's becoming clear that the town isn't quite as sleepy as it seems.



### **Out of the Deep I Cry**

Julia Spencer-Fleming

On April 1, 1930, Jonathan Ketchem's wife Jane walked from her house to the police department to ask for help in finding her husband. The men, worn out from a night of chasing bootleggers, did what they could. But no one ever saw Jonathan Ketchem again...Now decades later, someone else is missing in Miller's Kill, NY. This time it's the physician of the clinic that bears the Ketchem name. Suspicion falls on a volatile single mother with a grudge against the doctor, but Reverend Clare Fergusson isn't convinced. As Clare and Russ investigate, they discover that the doctor's disappearance is linked to a bloody trail going all the way back to the hardscrabble Prohibition era.



### **Picture Perfect**

Fern Michaels

A crazed killer, a child lost in the woods, and a drugs syndicate desperate to silence an incriminating witness. Lorrie Ryan had looked forward to taking her young nephew Davey on a camping trip. But events take a sinister turn when, on their first morning, he vanishes during a fishing expedition.



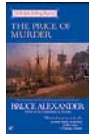
### **The Pistol Poets**

Victor Gischler

The Edgar-nominated author of Gun Monkeys is back with a thrill-a-minute suspense novel that mixes crime and academia—with

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hilarious results. Here Victor Gischler draws us into a wild and wicked world, where tenured professors are busy burying bodies, cash-up-front P.I.'s hunt for missing coeds and one desperate street-tough has to decide which he'd rather be: a live poet or a dead criminal.



### **The Price of Murder**

Bruce Alexander

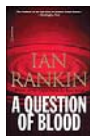
In *The Price of Murder*, Sir John and Jeremy are drawn deep into the notorious Seven Dials section of London, where they must contend with the most sordid inclinations of both the working class and the aristocracy. When the body of a young girl is pulled from the Thames, Sir John and Jeremy begin to investigate; but the girl's mother is nowhere to be found, until Jeremy's search for clues leads him to the racetrack. There he discovers just how dangerous the high-stakes battle is that he has gotten himself into - and when an acquaintance of his own suddenly disappears, just how terribly steep the odds.



### **Prime**

Poppy Z. Brite

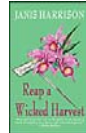
Two years after the opening of *Liquor*, New Orleans chefs Rickey and G-man are immersed in the life of their restaurant, enjoying a loyal cast of diners, and cooking great booze-laced food. All's well until a bad review in a local paper not-so-subtly hints that their "silent" backer, celebrity chef Lenny Duveteaux, has ulterior motives. When Lenny is accused of serious criminal activity by eccentric D.A. Placide Treat, Rickey and G-man realize it may be time to end their dependence on him.



### **A Question of Blood**

Ian Rankin

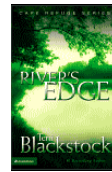
When a former soldier and recluse murders two 17-year-old students at a posh Edinburgh boarding school, Rebus immediately suspects there is more to the case than meets the eye.



### **Reap a Wicked Harvest**

Janis Harrison

Death continues to wreak havoc with Bretta Solomon's social life. Relishing a break at the Parker Greenhouse picnic, the hard-working florist and amateur sleuth is prepared for a garden of festive delights. Instead she finds herself thrust into a hothouse of malevolence as a greenhouse employee-with whom she had just shared a conversation-is found lying in a pool of blood in the midst of a lovely grounds garden.



### **River's Edge (Cape Refuge Series)**

Terri Blackstock

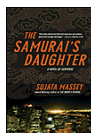
As the mayoral race heats up on the island of Cape Refuge, Jonathan realizes that he is not the frontrunner. Sam Sullivan seems to have the position locked. But when Sullivan's wife turns up murdered, things begin to shift.



### **The Roofer**

Erica Orloff

Ava O'Neil grew up within the embrace of New York City's most infamous Irish gang, The Westies. Her father was the Roofer, named for his penchant for throwing enemies from the rooftops of Hell's Kitchen tenements. Raised by her father and two members of his crew, Ava and her brother witnessed events of violence and torment, as well as moments of loyalty and dignity. When journalist Jack Casey comes looking for Ava, determined to profile her father — and to uncover the trail of a cold-case murder — Ava is equally determined to keep her family's darkest secrets hidden. But when the magazine article is published, she is shocked by the impact of seeing the life she accepted as normal committed to public scrutiny. Then Hollywood's most famous director of mob movies decides to base a film on the Roofer's life. Suddenly gangsters and thugs are interacting with Hollywood's A-list.



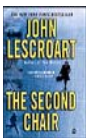
### **The Samurai's Daughter**

Sujata Massey

Antiques dealer Rei Shimura is in San

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Francisco visiting her parents and researching a personal project to trace the story of 100 years of Japanese decorative arts through her own family's history. But Rei's work is interrupted by the arrival of her long-distance boyfriend, lawyer Hugh Glendinning, who is involved in a class action lawsuit on behalf of people forced to engage in slave labor for Japanese companies during World War II." Suddenly, when one of Hugh's clients is murdered, their two projects intertwine. Before long, Rei uncovers troubling facts about her own family's actions during the war. As she starts to unravel the truth and search for a killer, the notions of family ties and loyalty take on an entirely new meaning.



### **The Second Chair \***

John Lescroart

To the outside world, it looks like Dismas Hardy is finally on top. A managing partner at his thriving, newly reorganized law firm, he's a rainmaker and fix-it guy for clients leery of taking their chances in a courtroom. But what the world sees is a mirage. For beneath the surface bravado and the lucrative deal-making, Hardy has lost his faith in the law. Now Hardy's young associate Amy Wu, suddenly rootless and grieving over the recent death of her father, brings the firm a high-profile and challenging case: Andrew Bartlett, the seventeen-year-old son of a prominent San Francisco family, has been arrested for the double slaying of his girlfriend and his English teacher.



### **Stud Rites**

Susan Conant

When the judge for a purebred dog show is slain, it's clear that many people stood to gain from the judge's demise. Dog's Life writer Holly Winter knows who has access to the murder weapon, but it is a former lover who unwittingly puts her on the trail of the killer.



### **The Summons**

Peter Lovesey

Convicted murderer John Mountjoy escape from prison, kidnaps a young girl, and demands to

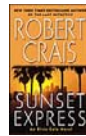
see the policeman who originally arrested him--now-retired Peter Diamond--to proclaim his innocence. Diamond agrees because he thinks Mountjoy really is innocent--and begins a race against time to solve a four-year-old mystery and set an innocent man free.



### **The Sunken Sailor**

Elizabeth Foxwell, ed.

Fourteen masters of suspense--one unpredictable mystery, featuring: Simon Brett - Jan Burke - Dorothy Cannell - Margaret Coel - Deborah Crombie - Eileen Dreyer - Carolyn Hart - Edward Marston - Francine Mathews - Sharan Newman - Alexandra Ripley - Walter Satterwait - Sarah Smith - Carolyn Wheat.



### **Sunset Express**

Robert Crais

Elvis Cole is back on his own turf in Los Angeles, and embroiled in a controversial high-profile murder case. A wealthy restaurateur is accused of murdering his wife, and his hot-shot defense attorney hires Elvis to find proof that police detective Angela Rossi fooled around with the evidence. Rossi had been cleared of an earlier charge of planting evidence to convict a counterfeiter, but her career was damaged and she's rumored to be willing to do anything to get it back on track - even if it means framing an innocent man.

### **A Table by the Window**

Lawana Blackwell

After a tumultuous childhood, Carley has fashioned an orderly life for herself in San Francisco. Unexpected news arrives of a large inheritance and a house in Tallulah, Mississippi. But Carley finds more than she bargained for in Tallulah: along with faith, self-worth, romance: a murder mystery that threatens her newfound happiness.



### **Tearjerker**

Daniel Hayes

His writerly dreams of fame and recognition having been stalled, Evan Ulmer takes matters into his own hands. He kidnaps a

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renowned editor, Robert Partnow, and cages him in a basement equipped with a TV, a treadmill, and a Porta-Potty. While Evan shares his sense of failure, Bob reveals his own unsavory secrets, and together they watch the media spin their situation into a lurid tale of abduction and infidelity.

### Thin Walls

Kris Nelscott

"I hear you help people find things". So begins the latest case for Smokey Dalton, Kris Nelscott's enigmatic African-American P.I. But when Mrs. Alice Foster comes to the door of his small apartment, she's not missing a pet, or even a loved one: She wants Smokey to find her husband's killer.



### Top of the Heap

Erle Stanley Gardner

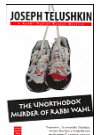
Private eye Donald Lam unravels his own client's alibi for the night a gangster's girlfriend disappeared.



### Turnabout

Jeremiah Healy

A detective is called in to find a millionaire's kidnapped grandson, but when the clues point to a culprit within the family, the investigation takes a dangerous turn.



### The Unorthodox Murder of Rabbi Wahl

Joseph Telushkin

Murder isn't unusual in LA. But when feminist Rabbi Myrna Wahl is found dead after appearing on a controversial radio talk show, together with a radical nun and female minister, radio host Rabbi Daniel Winter finds himself the prime suspect. He'll only survive if he can develop the secular talent for detection - all the harder since he seems to be falling in love with the lady cop assigned to the case.



### Voice of the Violin

Andrea Camilleri

In this latest novel, Montalbano's gruesome discovery of a lovely, naked young woman suffocated in her bed immediately sets

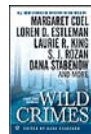
him on a search for her killer. Among the suspects are her aging husband, a famous doctor; a shy admirer, now disappeared; an antiques dealing lover from Bologna; and the victim's friend, Anna, whose charms Montalbano cannot help but appreciate. But it is a reclusive violinist who holds the key to the murder.



### Wait Until Midnight

Amanda Quick

The sins of Adam Hardesty's past have been discovered. And if he does not hunt down his blackmailer quickly, his secrets will be revealed to all. But there is an obstacle in his way: sensation novelist Caroline Fordyce. She knows that Adam's quest for justice could shatter her own reputation - and mire her family in lethal scandal. And she fears what he may find.



### Wild Crimes

Dana Stabenow

From Edgar Award winner Dana Stabenow comes an all-new mystery anthology featuring wild men, wilder women, and the wildest crimes imaginable...



### Winter's End

John Rickards

As a violent storm rages over the small town of Winter's End, Sheriff Dale Townsend comes upon a chilling scene - a young man with knives in his hands and the body of a woman at his feet. But the enigmatic suspect refuses to answer any questions, and, bizarrely, there is no forensic evidence linking him to the crime. Knowing he can use some assistance, Sheriff Townsend calls his childhood friend Alex Rourke back to his sleepy hometown in the wooded hills of northeastern Maine. After an absence of nearly twenty years, Rourke, ex-FBI interrogator turned private eye, is an expert in navigating the twisted pathways of murderous minds. This killer is twisted indeed and very, very clever. As Rourke struggles to solve the murder, he is forced to face the ghosts of his own past and those of this sleepy town before they can overwhelm the present.

Romance



**At Her Service**

Shari Anton

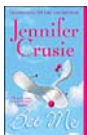
Mercenary Logan Grimm did not work for women, especially not beautiful widows. Therefore, when an agent of Lady Joanna of Lynwood tries to secure his services, Logan turns the offer down. But once he agrees to meet with Joanna, he begins to wonder if he might have been too hasty.



**A Berry Merry Christmas**

Marcia Evanick

Returning to Misty Harbor to help her aunt with her new berry jam and jelly business, Amber McAllister is suddenly swamped with orders when the ad campaign created for the shop by her late husband's business partner, Ian McNeal, succeeds only too well. Overwhelmed and totally disorganized, independent Amber reluctantly accepts Ian's help. Yet as they work together to get the business under control, their personal relationship evolves into something that Amber had never expected and Ian had only dreamed about.



**Bet Me**

Jennifer Crusie

Minerva Dobbs knows that happily-ever-after is a fairy tale, especially with a man who asked her to dinner to win a bet. Even if he is gorgeous and successful Calvin Morrisey. Cal knows commitment is impossible, especially with a woman as cranky as Min Dobbs. Even if she does wear great shoes, and keep him on his toes. When they say good-bye at the end of their evening, they cut their losses and agree never to see each other again. But Fate has other plans, and it's not long before Min and Cal meet again. Soon, they're dealing with a jealous ex-boyfriend, Krispy Kreme donuts, a determined psychologist, chaos theory, a freakishly intelligent cat, Chicken Marsala, and more risky propositions than either of them ever dreamed of. Including the biggest gam-

ble of all-true love.



**Breakfast at Stephanie's**

Sue Margolis

Playing "Winter Wonderland" for last-minute Christmas shoppers has got to be the all- in a whole new league. time low point of Stephanie Glassman's career. The aspiring jazz soloist and single mother has no singing prospects, no man in her life since her hot fling with a movie stuntman, and a social life that consists of having her two best friends over for high-calorie Sunday brunches. That is, until toddler Jake's irresistible father hurtles back into her life. Albert promises fidelity, plus married life filled with the best sex Stephanie's ever had. But there's a tantalizing new wrinkle: Frank Waterman, rising star and Stephanie's old crush, is suddenly semi-available and interested.



**Crimson Moon**

Rebecca York

Needing a fresh start, a young werewolf heads west and changes his identity. As Sam Morgan, he meets Olivia Woodlock--a woman of many secrets, whose life is in jeopardy. If he can't protect her, they'll never have a chance to explore the passion that promises to bind them together for an eternity.



**Drive Me Crazy**

Nancy Warren



**The Duel**

Barbara Metzger

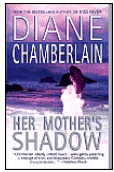
From the award-winning author of A Perfect Gentleman comes an enchanting tale about an imperfect earl and the picture-perfect woman who teaches him that love is always worth fighting for.

**Help Wanted, Desperately**

Ariel Horn

Seven months, three weeks, two days—that's exactly how long Alexa has to establish herself in an

exciting career. At twenty-one, she's determined to gallop into "the Real World with a Real Job, a Real Life, and a Real Future." The Real World, apparently, is not such a welcoming place. With employment opportunities growing increasingly fewer and more bizarre daily, should Alexa consider seeking some stability by moving in with her boyfriend Jared? Between her participation in a clinical sleep study for cash and her desperate attempts to become the voice of a cartoon cat in a last ditch effort to gain "respectful employment," Alexa hardly knows anymore. Maybe what she's really looking for is in the last place she ever thought she'd find it ...



### **Her Mother's Shadow**

Diane Chamberlain

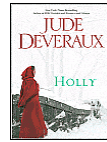
Chamberlain (Kiss River; Keeper of the Light; etc.) bridges the gap between romance and relationship novels in another tale of lost family and found love on North Carolina's Outer Banks.



### **Hideaway**

Hannah Alexander

As an E.R. doctor, Cheyenne Allison is used to handling emergencies on a daily basis -- until her own sister codes on the trauma bed. Devastated, Cheyenne retreats to an isolated farm in Hideaway, Missouri. But peace and solicitude are in short supply in this picturesque Ozarks town. A dangerous vandal has the community terrorized, and Cheyenne finds an unexpected demand for her medical skills. Mayor Austin Barlow is convinced the culprit resides with Cheyenne's charismatic neighbor across the lake, Dane Gideon, whose ranch for foster boys has given rise to previous violence. Cheyenne distrusts Austin, while Dane inspires her respect, and perhaps something more -- although she can't share the faith that sustains him as the violence turns deadly. Then Cheyenne, already pursued by a past nemesis, becomes the vandals target, and she can only hope that Hideaway will prove her sanctuary . . . and perhaps a place to call home.



### **Holly \***

Jude Deveraux

Though more than a decade has passed since Holly last locked eyes with her childhood love, the passion she felt in her young heart has never come close to extinguishing -- that is, until charming, ruggedly handsome Nick Taggart unexpectedly waltzes into her life and treats her to an unforgettable weekend of laughter and intense passion. Despite Holly's undeniable attraction to this dazzling stranger, she knows he's not marriage material. What Holly doesn't know is that Nick Taggart is actually Dr. Nicholas Taggart. Having been with more than his share of women only interested in money and pedigree, Nick decides to test Holly and conceal his more refined qualities. Will Holly be seduced by Lorrie's wealth and privilege, or will she choose the simple gift of love that Nick has offered her? The answer is unveiled on a starry Christmas night, when passion, hate, and greed collide to reveal bitter truths that will forever change the course of Holly's charmed life.



### **Hot Tamara**

Mary Castillo

Her long-time boyfriend may look perfect to her traditional Mexican-American parents but at twenty-six she wants more from life than marriage and motherhood. So in front of everyone, Tamara does the unthinkable: She turns down her boyfriend's unexpected marriage proposal and leaves home for L.A. Tamara thinks she's got the single-girl-in-the-city thing down, until she runs into Will Benavides, the former high school bad boy turned firefighter. When an unexpected opportunity lands in her lap and Tamara has to choose between the career and the man of her dreams, she wonders if maybe la familia was right after all ...



### **Honeymoon Suite**

Lynn Michaels

After her parents' vast fortune is stolen in a shady wire transfer, Dory Lambert, armed with a hard-earned M.B.A. and a savvy entrepreneurial spirit, vows to clear the

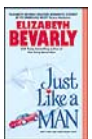
family name and recover their wealth. But just as she sets her plan in motion, Dory is thrown off-kilter by the return of her childhood crush: the chauffeur's son, Chase McKay. Can Dory charm this handsome man using her dark good looks and sharp mind, or will he fall prey-again-to Dory's gorgeous blond sister, Jill, a carefree soul whom every man desires?



### **The Hope Within**

Tracie Peterson

1886 Montana stands on the brink of statehood, and Dianne Selby finds her world turned upside down. Cole takes her and the children to Kansas to care for his dying father, but after the funeral, Cole's mother insists he stay and take over his inheritance. Unable to deal with her mother-in-law's cruel treatment, Dianne takes the children back to Montana alone. There, blizzards devastate the area, trapping a now pregnant Dianne at the ranch. Through the twists and turns of life and nature, Dianne comes to realize that the hope within—Jesus Christ—is the only hope that lasts. Book 4 of the bestselling Heirs of Montana.



### **Just Like a Man**

Elizabeth Bevarly

His imaginative nine-year-old son claims he's a spy, but for Hannah Frost, headmistress of the elite Emerson Academy, Michael Sawyer is just another wealthy single parent with a precious—and precocious—little darling. Oh, the man is certainly handsome and sexy enough to leave her both shaken and stirred—hey, nobody does it better—but a secret agent? Come on!



### **Killer Curves**

Roxanne St. Claire

When sexy NASCAR racer Beau Lansing tracks down high society debutante Celeste Bennett, it's a matter of life or death. Stunned at the secret Beau reveals, Celeste is forced to make a life-altering decision. But with her love life on the skids and her family life in a tailspin, escaping incognito into Beau's world is just what she needs -- especially if she can get answers about her past.

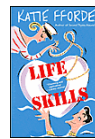
### **Kissing Your Ex**



Brooke Stevens

Maddy left New York, and her ex-husband Jack, three years ago. In Atlanta, she's developed a serious relationship with her boss Andrew—who isn't pleased when Jack tries to win her back. In fact, Andrew has suddenly decided he wants Maddy to marry him. And when Jack invites her to join him in the Caribbean, with the wedding only days away, she must weigh the present against the past—and choose her future...

### **Life Skills**



Katie Fforde

A combination of overwork and jet lag propels Julia Fairfax into becoming engaged to a golf-playing wine buff called Oscar. When she realizes that she has fonder feelings for his adorable Labrador than for Oscar himself, she is forced to confront the fact that there is something drastically wrong with her life. Ditching her fiancé and jacking in her job, she decides to revolutionize her life..

### **Lone Star Café**



Lisa Wingate

Virginia-based publishing executive Laura Draper goes to Texas to face-lift a newly acquired magazine. Reeling from the project's endless snags, a sudden breakup with her boyfriend and her widowed dad's depression, Laura is in crisis when a detour leads her to a tiny rural spot called the Crossroads, where two elderly sisters run an old-fashioned café. She is powerfully drawn to the timeless values the Crossroads represents reminders of her own abandoned dreams and her late mother's wisdom as well as to local Graham Keeton, a former military pilot shadowed by a mysterious grief. Amid barbeque cookoffs, gentle kisses and plentiful buttermilk pie, Laura finds renewal, but then a fast-track promotion opportunity beckons. Ultimately, she discovers that while she cannot have it all, she can still achieve the dreams that matter most.



### Loose Ends

Electa Rome Parks

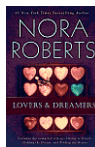
It's been five years since they trusted one another-and betrayed one another- only as friends and lovers could. Beautiful Mia, getting a second chance at love. Christian, who gave up his player card for the one woman he's not sure he can trust. And Brice, as irresistibly bad as ever. One woman can tame him-if he'd give her the chance: Kree, innocent but underestimated, and looking for the kind of passion that can change a life. When she finds it, it's going to come with a price. Sometimes, it doesn't take a lot to tear apart friends like these. All it takes is love.



### Love Overboard

Janet Evanovich

Love Overboard is a romantic tale about a handsome ship's captain; a wary wench from Jersey City; a hundred-year-old, two-masted schooner; and an entire town of shoemakers. There's some getting naked, some blueberry pie, more getting naked, and at the end ... Okay, I won't tell you about the end, but it's really good and it'll make you feel happy.



### Lovers and Dreamers

Nora Roberts

The author presents her dazzling trilogy of three women who shared a home and a childhood-but grew to fulfill their own unique destinies.



### Men of Courage II

Lori Foster

Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Wulf's career ambitions cost him the one woman he ever wanted--Liv Avery. Now he's determined to win back her love. . .even if it means risking his life. Helicopter pilot Wyatt Stone attempts to rescue his former high school sweetheart, Leah Taylor--stranded on a houseboat in the path of a tornado and vows he'll give their love another chance. . .if they make it out alive. Tornado chasers Cooper Harrison and Marty McKenna once spent an incredible night of passion taking shelter from a twister. Now a tornado has Marty in Cooper's

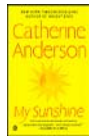
arms again. Only this time Cooper isn't about to let her go.



### Monkey Business

Sarah Mlynowski

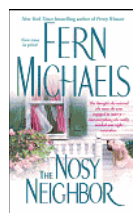
Mlynowski returns with another delightful tale about an unlikely group of friends. Kimmy, Jamie, Layla, and Russ meet in business school at the University of Connecticut. Kimmy hooks up with Jamie before classes even start and regrets the move almost instantly, especially when he begins writing her love poems in the co-ed bathroom. It's handsome Russ who catches Kimmy's eye, but Russ has a girlfriend back at home in Canada. Not that this means he's able to keep away from flirtatious Kimmy. Layla is more focused on school than the other three combined, and she's already picked out her future boyfriend from the crop of next year's applicants.



### My Sunshine

Catherine Anderson

Five years ago, Laura Townsend's life was nearly destroyed when a head injury impaired her ability to use language and forced her to abandon a brilliant career. Her vivacious spirit intact, she has found a great new job at an animal clinic-and a handsome new boss who fills her heart with longing. Now he's moving heaven and earth to convince her they belong together, but since she can't fulfill all of his needs, shouldn't she love him enough to walk away?

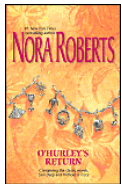


### The Nosy Neighbor

Fern Michaels

Lucy Baker walks away from her high-flying legal career when she successfully defends yet another heinous criminal. Almost a year after her life-changing decision, Lucy has never been happier. Leaving New York City for the suburbs, tending her garden and her dog, Lucy is making future plans with her fiancé, Jonathan St. Clair -- and getting acquainted with her neighbors, including the handsome, exasperating one next door, Wylie Wilson. But when FBI special agents confront Lucy with shocking revelations about her fiancé's

secret double life, everything about her husband-to-be is cast in suspicion.



### **O'Hurley's Return**

Nora Roberts

New York Times bestselling author Nora Roberts creates unforgettable families--so prepare to be captivated by the O'Hurley's, whose lives are as remarkable as their unconventional beginnings. The dazzling O'Hurley triplets and their renegade older brother have each followed a very different destiny. Now the family is reunited in this special 2-in-1 volume.

### **Once a Gentleman**

Candice Kern

Nicholas Parrish had no intentions of taking a bride, and certainly not someone like Prudence. Of course she's charming, pleasant, and a diligent employee of The Ladies' Fashionable Cabinet, the magazine Nicholas and his sister run from his home. Prudence may even be considered pretty, when you look past the mousy hair and dreadful glasses. But when she falls asleep at her desk and remains in his town house all night, her irate father demands satisfaction. And being a true gentleman, Nicholas agrees to do the proper thing.



### **A Personal Matter**

Kary Langhorne

Alayna Jackson's dream is to be a lawyer — and not even being the only African-American paralegal in a high-power, lily-white law firm will hold her down. Sure it's not the perfect job, but if it helps her reach her goal — and gets her younger sister through college at the same time, Alayna will work for the devil himself — namely Ben "Ice Man" Richards, the firm's arrogant, brilliant, insufferable, and unpredictable rising star. As long as Richards curbs his famous rudeness and treats her with respect, Alayna should be able to cope. But there's more to Ice Man than meets the eye, a fire smoldering beneath his hard, cool surface.



### **Promises to Keep**

Susan Crandall

Molly Boudreau is the pride of her father and sister, until she chucks her shining future as a pediatrician in Boston to provide a safe home for the infant son of a murdered patient. Spooked by the gangland-style killing, Molly bundles up baby Nicholas and heads for her tiny hometown of Glens Crossing, Indiana, intending to pass him off as her own. Enter Dean Coletta, recuperating wartime correspondent based for the last five years in Middle Eastern hot spots, who is trying to track down his sister's murderer and thinks Molly knows more than she is telling.



### **The Real Deal**

Lucy Monroe

The most important thing in Amanda's life is negotiating a successful merger between her company and Brant Computers, a family-held competitor. It should be a done deal: Company president Eric Brant is on board with the idea. But when Amanda arrives in Eric's office, it is his cousin Simon Brant who greets her—and Simon is anything but agreeable. He's not about to give up control of the family company or lay off loyal workers. Squaring off against the sexy, brilliant, sexy, obstinate, sexy, eccentric, not to mention sexy Simon is completely frustrating—and a total turn-on. And when he walks out on her presentation, sidetracked by another one of his brilliant ideas, Amanda is shocked...and intrigued...no, furious!...and...and...and so attracted she can barely enter data into her Palm Pilot...



### **Return to Me**

Shannon McKenna

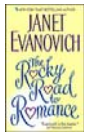


### **The Rivals**

Joan Johnston

New York Times bestselling author Joan Johnston brings to life an unforgettable love story between two strong-willed people from different worlds in her thrilling new novel featuring the Blackthornes of Bitter Creek, Texas, and

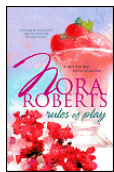
their formidable rivals, the Grayhawks of Wyoming.



### **The Rocky Road to Romance**

Janet Evanovich

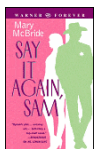
When the delightful, daffy Dog Lady of station WZZZ offered to take on the temporary job of traffic reporter, Steve Crow tried to think of reasons to turn Daisy Adams down. Perhaps he knew that sharing the close quarters of a car with her for hours would give the handsome program director no room to resist her quirky charms. He'd always favored low-slung sports cars and high-heeled women, but that was before he fell for a free spirit who caught crooks by accident, loved old people and pets, and had just too many jobs!



### **Rules of Play**

Nora Roberts

New York Times bestselling author Nora Roberts brings you two classic romantic treasures not widely available for over a decade.



### **Say It Again, Sam**

Mary McBride

Beth Simon has left a tempestuous relationship in San Francisco and is moving back to the family's Victorian summer home in Heart Lake, Michigan. Sam Mendenhall, the small town's constable, has recently recuperated from injuries suffered on a secret mission for the military and is now on a random vandalism case. When the postmistress tells him that Beth is coming back to town, he is shocked. Beth and Sam had a relationship when they were teens that had them and the whole town thinking it would end in marriage. Instead, it ended abruptly and badly, and neither Beth nor Sam has ever truly forgotten the other during the intervening 16 years. When they come face to face, it's also clear that neither has forgiven the other.

### **Some Enchanted Evening**

Christina Dodd

Pursued by the crown prince who wishes to save

her, by an English magistrate who wants to imprison her, and by revolutionaries who plan to murder her, Princess Clarice flees to Scotland where she attracts the attention of a most powerful and dangerous man. Justice is Robert MacKenzie's only desire, but the moment he sees Clarice riding into town he is overcome with emotions that have been buried for far too long. Feeling he must have her at any cost, he invites her to stay with him at his manor house and won't take no for an answer.



### **Stealing Sophie**

Sarah Gabriel

Quickly wedded and passionately bedded, Sophie is now a captive in a Highland haven of rebels and cattle thieves. Nothing in her convent upbringing prepared her for the dashing rogue who is now her husband. Held against her will, Sophie uses the only weapon at her disposal—her saintly reputation. Soon she tries to make Connor's life a living hell by creating heaven around him, gambling that the brigand will let her go just to escape her constant sweetness and womanly influence in his Highland lair. Yet he does not give in—and when his kisses and his scorching touch make her yearn for more, Sophie suspects that her own heart has already surrendered ...



### **Sweet Dreams at the Goodnight Motel**

Curtiss Ann Matlock

Leaving behind her fast-paced life, Claire ends up in her father's hometown of Valentine, Oklahoma, for a brief stay at the Goodnight Motel. But her arrival is like a pebble tossed into a pond, its ripples affecting the town's eccentric residents who like to think things just fine the way they are, thank you. Gradually the days turn into weeks, and before Claire knows it, she's discovered something she had almost forgotten existed: a place to call home.



### **Technical Hitch**

Jane Sigaloff

Wedding planner Jessica James has pulled off the wedding of her career just a week before her own, but when it comes to her big day,

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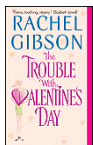
she doesn't even make it to the church on time. Her sister Sarah, meanwhile, has never been interested in the pomp and circumstance of weddings, but she does believe in marriage. When she divers nearly a year after eloping with her should mate that, legally, she isn't married at all, should it really matter? Jack Carlisle, society wild child, has finally been tamed by Emma Hunter--or at least that's what the papers say. But was it really the perfect white wedding, or has Emma simply met her checkmate? Fiona's ready to settle down, but when, on the day her brother is left standing at the altar, she falls for a nice guy--and he falls right back--she panics.



### **Texas Viscount**

Shirl Henke

When a brash Texan is suddenly saddled with an English title, he's reluctant to perform his duties. That is, until he meets the beautiful young Englishwoman assigned to show him the ropes.



### **The Trouble With Valentine's Day**

Rachel Gibson

Kate Hamilton should know. Dumped by her boyfriend, stressed out by her job, she's returned to Gospel, Idaho, for some rest and small-town fun. But when her first attempted seduction of a hunky stranger is completely rejected, she wonders what else could go wrong? Well, for starters, she quickly realizes that the Mountain Momma Crafters' original poetry readings is about as good as it gets on a Friday night. Then she comes face-to-face with Rob Sutter, former ice hockey madman, owner of Sutter Sports — and the hunky stranger who told her to get lost.

### **Wedded Bliss**

Barbara Metzger

Robert Rothmore, Earl of Rockford, thinks Alissa Henning is simply delightful—exactly the kind of woman who'd make the perfect mother for his sons. But Alissa swore she'd spend the rest of her life scraping pennies together rather than wed the insufferable earl and become a glorified governess. Still, she couldn't very well let her own chil-

dren starve—and there was no doubt that Rockford would give them all a good life. So she reluctantly accepts his offer...but there's more to a good life than what's in one's pockets. And Alissa intends to find out what's in her new husband's heart.

### **The Wicked Lover**

Julia Ross

The last thing Robert Sinclair Dovenby expected was to catch an intruder disguised as a man in his bedroom. The fair lady claimed she was stealing one of his cravats for a wager, but he suspects there is far more to "George" than meets the eye.

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#### **Agyar**

Steven Brust

What if you could live for centuries, and the only price was your soul...? Agyar is a man who has paid this price. Born over a century ago, and once a frivolous young man in search of pleasure, he found instead immortality in a woman's blood-red lips. Now he roams from woman to woman, from decade to decade, and from land to land. Death does not bind him. Only one thing does - and that is a bind he has vowed to break. It has brought him to modern day Ohio and an abandoned house in a quiet college town. Here he plays his familiar role: the handsome drifter, the mysterious stranger, the sharp-tongued and heartless Lothario. But in this town are two women, one young and one as ageless as he. And one of these two women will cost him much more than his blackened soul.



#### **Alphabet of Thorn**

Patricia A. McKillip

Deep inside a palace on the edge of the world, the orphan Nepenthe pores over books in the royal library, translating their languages and learning their secrets. Now sixteen, she knows little of the outside world - except for the documents that traders and travelers bring her to interpret. Then, during the coronation of the new Queen of Raine, a young mage gives Nepenthe a book that has defied translation. Written in a language of thorns, it speaks to Nepenthe's soul - and becomes her secret obsession. And, as the words escape the brambles and reveal themselves, Nepenthe finds her destiny entwined with that of the young queen's. Sooner than she thinks, she will have to choose between the life she has led and the life she was born to lead.



#### **Backbeat: a Novel of Physics**

J. Frederick Arment

Thanks to Einstein and his colleagues, this innovative novel has the advantage of a

world teeming with virtual particles and collapsing probability waves in which orphans can reconcile their past and change the future. Juxtaposing the anarchic lives of New York runaways with the stoic world of physicists, "Backbeat" tells the story of Romey Argasti, a New York runaway who inherits a \$2 billion estate, with one stipulation. He must find a lost piece of music written by his mother, a cellist who died soon after his birth.



#### **Deathstalker Return**

Simon R. Green

Lewis Deathstalker is on the run, with an evil Empire snapping at his heels. He and his companions, the diva Jesamine Flowers, the conman Brett Random, the psychopath Rose Constantine and a reptiloid called Saturday, travel from world to world, searching for help and answers to the mysteries of the past.



#### **The Graveyard Game**

Kage Baker

You wouldn't take Lewis for an immortal cyborg: he looks like a dapper character from a Noel Coward play. And Joseph-short and stocky in his Armani suit, with a neatly trimmed black mustache and beard that give him a cheerfully villainous look-you'd never guess that his parents drew the Neolithic cave paintings in the Cvennes. But what are these two operatives of the Company doing in an amusement arcade in San Francisco in 1996? They're looking for Mendoza, fellow cyborg of Dr. Zeus Incorporated who has been banished Back Way Back. They're also trying to solve the mystery of her impossibly reappearing English mortal lover. Soon they will begin uncovering some extremely hush-hush stuff about what the Company has been doing with the cyborgs it no longer wants in the field.



#### **In the King's Service**

Katherine Kurtz

In this first book of an all-new Deryni trilogy, New York Times bestselling author Katherine Kurtz takes readers back in time--before King Kelson's bride...before King Kelson's birth... when the magical Deryni blood was sought

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by the most powerful men and women in the kingdom of Gwynedd. Back when a man named Donal ruled over all.



### Market Forces

Richard K. Morgan

The latest novel by one of science fiction's new crossover stars features Chris Faulkner, an up-and-coming commodities trader who finds that his new job entails a level of ruthlessness he is not sure he's prepared to embrace. The story is set in England in the not-too-distant future (2050, or thereabouts), but the author's England is unlike anything we have ever seen or imagined. In this rugged, cutthroat business environment, corporate rivals duke it out in duels on the open highway. Getting a promotion involves, quite literally, eliminating the competition, and our hero's particular kind of commodities trading involves betting on the outcomes of wars.



### McCade on the Run

William C. Dietz

In the distant future, bounty hunters are the law, pursuing the worst criminals in the galaxy across the stars - if the price is right. Sam McCade is the best of the best. For him, it's more than a job. It's a way of life. Because it takes a man who never plays by the rules to win the game... Now William C. Dietz brings you McCade On The Run - an Omnibus collection featuring the final two Sam McCade adventures, Alien Bounty and McCade's Bounty.



### The MEQ

Steve Cash

On May 4, 1881, the day that Zianno Zezen - Z, for short - turns twelve, his life changes forever. Amid the chaos of a tragic train wreck, he has the first inkling that he is no ordinary boy...that he is not human at all, but instead a member of a race known as the Meq. The Meq have lost all memory of their origins: they do not know why they heal with astonishing speed, or why, once they turn twelve, they stop aging, unless they meet the single other member of their race destined to join with them. Certain Meq pos-

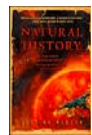
sess even more amazing powers, thanks to mysterious Stones they have carried since before the dawn of recorded history. Z's father carried such a Stone, the Stone of Dreams. Now that Stone is Z's to bear...and to protect.



### Mountain Magic

David Drake

The forces of evil, both natural and supernatural, are poised to prey on the folk of the hamlets and hollows: witches, demons, and criminals of more than one century. But first they'll have to overcome some very unusual residents of the hills and valleys. One is David Drake's unforgettable creation, Old Nathan the Wizard. He doesn't claim much for his magical powers, but they're real enough for what they are - and besides, he hasn't forgotten how to use his long flintlock rifle.



### Natural History

Justina Robson

Half-human, half-machine, Voyager Isol was as beautiful as a coiled scorpion - and just as dangerous. Her claim that she'd found a distant but habitable earthlike planet was welcome news to the rest of the Forged. But it could mean the end of what was left of the humanity who'd created and once enslaved them.



### The Nimble Man

Christopher Golden

Move over, X-Men and the League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, here comes the Menagerie -- a group of mythical beings led by sorcerer Arthur Conan Doyle that includes the mother of all vampires, an immortal shapeshifter, a ghost, a hobgoblin, and a demonic teenager! When a series of bizarre supernatural catastrophes hit the East Coast -- a rain of toads, children vomiting maggots, a blood fog, the dead rising from their graves -- the enigmatic Mr. Doyle gathers his agents posthaste in an attempt to unravel the mystery behind the apocalyptic events.

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### One King, One Soldier

Alexander C. Irvine

At the turn of the twentieth century, a baseball player named George Gibson embarks upon a mystical journey to the Congo. His mission: to shepherd a powerful relic to its home in Abyssinia. But poet-turned-grail seeker Arthur Rimbaud is after what Gibson possesses - as others before him have been for millennia. A half century later, after receiving an honorable discharge from the Korean War, twenty-year-old Lance Porter vows to put his civilian life back together - which means heading to commie-infested Berkeley to see his high school sweetheart, Ellie. But after Lance gets cold feet, he encounters instead a drunk, gay poet named Jack Spicer, who spews crazy stories about Lance being the Fisher King. It appears that the bearing of the grail has been bequeathed to young Lance, much to his shock and disbelief. Can a legacy born in the deserts of Ethiopia truly be reemerging in the bohemian bars of New York City and San Francisco? And is a vet with a lost soul really worthy of its care?



### This Scepter'd Isle

Mercedes Lackey

The FarSeers among the Sidhe of Elf-hame Avalon have seen two visions of the future. In one, an evil queen will take the throne and welcome the Inquisition in, debauching the nation and threatening even the elf strongholds throughout the land. In another, a red-haired child will grow up to take the throne and usher in a golden age of literature, music, and art. The evil Unseleighe Sidhe, who draw power from pain and misery, welcome the coming of a ruler of humans who will increase their strength, and are determined to prevent the red-haired child from coming to the throne. Unless the good Sidhe can find the child and protect her from the evils and dangers of both the human and elven worlds, she will never grow up to become Elizabeth, Queen of England in the Sixteenth Century.



### The Seadragon's Daughter

Alan F. Troop

Peter DelaSangre now enjoys a peaceful existence with his family on a private island retreat just off the coast of Miami. Then he receives an unexpected visitor named Lorrel, a member of a sea-dwelling dragon race who will force Peter to face his bloodline's secret past-revelations that may separate Peter from his family forever.



### Stable Strategies and Others

Eileen Gunn

This collection of tightly crafted, highly imaginative short stories employs surrealist, satirical, and fantastical devices to explore politics, class, and gender. From a hilarious tale about bioengineering and the stresses of climbing the corporate ladder to an evocative story of a woman who loses a sock at the laundromat and finds she's missing a bit of her soul, these science fiction stories showcase an award-winning writer's compelling vision of the universe.



### Stars: Original Stories Based on the Songs of Janis Ian

Janis Ian, ed.

Thirty original stories—each inspired by a Janis Ian song—from some of the biggest names in science fiction and fantasy, including: Tad Williams, Harry Turtledove, Orson Scott Card, Joe Haldeman, John Varley, Mercedes Lackey, Judith Tarr, Janis Ian, and others.



### The Sun Witch

Linda Winstead Jones

For 300 years, the Fyne women have called the mountain Orianan their home, inheriting the supernatural arts from their mothers—but a long-ago curse makes true love unattainable for them. When she meets the green-eyed soldier of her dreams, youngest sister Sophie discovers that she has been gifted with abundant fertility. Now, she and her lover must call on all their strengths, both earthly and supernatural, to fight the curse which promises to end their happiness.

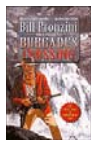


### Years Best Science Fiction: Twenty-First Annual Collection

Gardner R. Dozois, ed.

The stories in this collection imaginatively take readers far across the universe, into the very core of their beings, to the realm of the Gods, and to the moment just after now. Included are the works of masters of the form and the bright new talents of tomorrow. This book is a valuable resource in addition to serving as the single best place in the universe to find stories that stir the imagination and the heart.

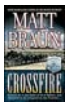
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### Burgade's Crossing

Bill Pronzini

A private detective takes on ruthless counterfeiters, legendary gamblers, and notorious assassins of the Old West in eight sparkling short stories.



### Crossfire

Matt Braun

They'd killed five men already, and stole a quarter of a million dollars in silver and gold. Now, a band of vicious thieves has drawn the best man that Wells Fargo can send: the rangy, mysterious Chicago-based Pinkerton agent named Ash Tallman. An operator who works with a pleasure-loving beauty who goes by many names and does her best work in the least amount of clothes, Tallman is heading to Red Rock, Arizona territory. In the shadow of the towering Ricon mountain range, hardcase highwaymen are plotting their next hold-up-and will hurt as many people as they can along the way. Ash and his lady, both going deep undercover, quickly find their way inside the strange, vicious outlaw band, but that's only the beginning. For while the killing goes down in Red Rock, the planning takes place in Tucson. And that's where two outgunned Pinkertons must face an evil all its own...



### The Deliverance

Richard S. Wheeler

In this newest of Richard Wheeler's Barnaby Skye chronicles, the earthy deserter from the Royal Navy, now a trapper, guide, and magnet for adventure, collects his Crow Indian wife Many Quills Woman (or "Victoria" as he calls her) and drifts south to Mexican territory. At Bent's Fort on the Mexican frontier, Skye agrees to help Standing Alone, a mysterious Cheyenne woman, locate her two children who were kidnapped by Ute Indians several years before and sold into bondage in Mexico. This impossible, dangerous, and foolhardy mission takes the three to Santa Fe and Taos and into a strange association with an eccentric Texas adventurer, Colonel Childress, who agrees to help them for reasons no one can guess.



### The First Mountain Man: Preacher's Journey

William W. Johnstone

Before he became a legend, he was a trapper peacefully plying his trade in the Rocky Mountains. But people needed a hero. And Preacher was the only one around. A wagon train of pioneers is struggling Westward toward Oregon through the howling winter—and a band of Arikara warriors are hot on their trail. Little do the Arikaras suspect that they're about to come face-to-face—and gun-to-gun—with a ferocious fight they never expected...courtesy of a wily mountain man. As Preacher struggles to bring the settlers to safety, he learns the real reason they were attacked—and begins to suspect that the secrets they've been keeping equal a worse kind of danger.



### The Hanging Judge

J.R. Roberts

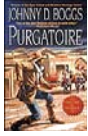
A power-mad judge and his friends are stringing up innocent men. It's up to Clint Adams to cut the ropes on these goons--and fast. Because there's a noose with his name on it.



## **The Last Mustang**

Frank Bonham

A mountain-bred mustanger gets much more than he bargained for when confronted by a case of cattle rustling.



## **Purgatoire**

Johnny D. Boggs

After a series of murders in the small town of Purgatoire, the townspeople look to a former Texas Ranger for protection-but can he put down his drink long enough to regain his reputation as The Scottish Gun?



## **Texas Vendetta**

Elmer Kelton

In this fifth volume of his Texas Rangers series, Elmer Kelton takes the young ranger Andy Pickard, once a Comanche captive called Badger Boy, into the midst of a bloody vendetta between hate-filled families. Pickard and ranger Farley Brackett, a former Confederate soldier, are assigned to deliver prisoner Jayce Landon to the sheriff of a neighboring county to stand trial for killing a man named Ned Hopper but from the outset the seemingly simple assignment gets complicated. The Landon and Hopper families are in a blood feud; the Landons are gathering to free Jayce, and the Hoppers are gathering to kill him.

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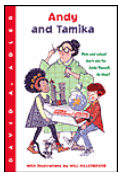
## Kids



### **Alaska Animal Babies**

Gavriel Jecan

This irresistible entry to the Paws IV series features full-color photos of baby animals, plus information about each species. Pictured in their natural habitats are a wide range of young creatures, from arctic foxes and polar bears to Dall sheep and mountain goats. In all, 24 of Alaska's wild and wonderful inhabitants are included.



### **Andy and Tamika**

David A. Adler

Andy Russell's misadventures continue when his gerbils escape once again, this time at the school carnival. Meanwhile, Andy's friend Tamika prepares to move in with the Russells temporarily, and Andy and his sister, Rachel, will try anything to find out if they are going to have a baby brother or a baby sister.



### **First Kids**

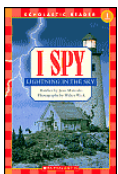
Gibbs Davis

Discusses what life is like in the White House and presents anecdotes about the children of presidents Lincoln, Grant, Theodore Roosevelt, Coolidge, Kennedy, and Clinton.

### **Freaky Green Eyes**

Joyce Carol Oates

Fifteen-year-old Frankie relates the events of the year leading up to her mother's mysterious disappearance and her own struggle to discover and accept the truth about her parents' relationship.



### **I Spy Lightning in the Sky (Scholastic Reader Level 1)**

Jean Marzollo

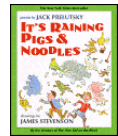
I spy a brand-new reader all about a treasure hunt! All-new, easy-to-read riddles by Jean Marzollo are paired with fun photographs culled from the bestselling I Spy Treasure Hunt to create the fifth I Spy reader in the Scholastic Reader series.



### **Iris and Walter, Lost and Found**

Elissa Haden Guest

Walter loves his grandmother's harmonica. But when he lets Iris borrow it the night before his grandmother comes to visit, something awful happens--it disappears! How will Iris break the news to Walter?



### **It's Raining Pigs & Noodles**

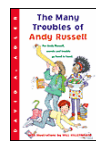
Jack Prelutsky

A collection of humorous poems such as "The Dancing Hippopotami," "You Can't Make Me Eat That," "My Father's Name is Sasquatch," and "Dear Wumbledeedumble."

### **The Last Chance Texaco**

Brent Hartinger

From the author of "Geography Club" comes a portrait of a subculture of teenagers living in a group home they call the Last Chance Texaco. The group home is the last stop before kids are shipped to the juvenile detention center. When a series of local arsons threatens to close it down for good, Lucy Pitt must expose the real criminal or risk losing her last chance for happiness.



### **The Many Troubles of Andy Russell**

David A. Adler

When some of his gerbils escape and he gets in trouble for not paying attention in class, fourth-grader Andy Russell worries about asking if a friend can move in with his family--especially when he learns that his mother is going to have another baby.



### **More Mr. and Mrs. Green**

Keith Baker

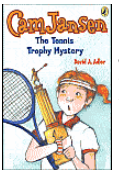
Fishing! Painting! Racing to the ice-cream truck! Will the Greens ever slow down? Join them on three action-packed alligator adventures in this delightful--and delicious--new book, the second in the Mr. and Mrs. Green easy-reader series.



## **NASCAR Daring Drivers: If You Were a NASCAR Driver**

K.C. Kelley

*In the Driver's Seat* gives readers an inside look at a day in the life of a NASCAR driver, from the pre-race preparations to the race itself, where drivers maneuver their cars at speeds of nearly 200 miles per hour. Behind every successful NASCAR driver there are dozens of people working behind the scenes to build a winning team and car.



## **The Tennis Trophy Mystery (Cam Jansen Mystery Series)**

David A. Adler

Cam and Eric's gym teacher just had his office walls painted. But Cam notices that the color of his walls isn't the only difference—his prized tennis trophy is missing! Who could have taken it? Say "click" with Cam as she begins collecting clues to this tricky tennis mystery!



## **Theodore Roosevelt: The Adventurous President**

Lisa DeMauro

Each day was an adventure for President Theodore Roosevelt. When he was a kid, he kept turtles in the bathtub and frogs under his cap. As an adult, he was a cowboy, a river explorer, and a big game hunter. Sometimes he would go on marches through deep puddles and icy rivers -- just for fun! TIME For Kids® Biographies help make a connection between the lives of past heroes and the events of today. When Teddy became president, Americans were looking ahead with excitement to the twentieth century. Teddy's spirit and dreams helped make the United States one of the greatest countries in the world.

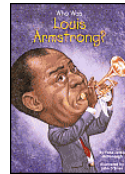


## **Who Was John F. Kennedy**

Yona Zeldis McDonough

The man who saved the lives of his PT-109 crewmen during WWII and became the 35th president fought—and won—his first battle at the age of two-and-a-half, when he was stricken with scarlet fever. Although his presidency was cut short, our nation's youngest elected leader left

an indelible mark on the American consciousness and now is profiled in our Who Was...? series. Included are 100 black-and-white illustrations as well as a timeline that guides readers through this eventful period in history. READINGLEVEL: Ages 7-11



## **Who Was Louis Armstrong**

Yona Zeldis McDonough

If not for a stint in reform school, young Louis Armstrong might never have become a musician. It was a teacher at the Colored Waifs' Home who gave him a cornet, promoted him to band leader, and saw talent in the tough kid from the even tougher New Orleans neighborhood called Storyville. But it was Louis Armstrong's own passion and genius that pushed jazz into new and exciting realms with his amazing, improvisational trumpet playing. His seventy-year life spanned a critical time in American music as well as black history.

