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A Novel

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 #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Nora Roberts introduces an unforgettable thief in an unputdownable new novel...

Summary

Greed. Desire. Obsession. Revenge . . . It’s all in a night’s work.

Harry Booth started stealing at nine to keep a roof over his ailing mother’s head, slipping into luxurious, empty homes at night to find items he could trade for precious cash. When his mother finally succumbed to cancer, he left Chicago—but kept up his nightwork, developing into a master thief with a code of honor and an expertise in not attracting attention?or getting attached.

Until he meets Miranda Emerson, and the powerful bond between them upends all his rules. But along the way, Booth has made some dangerous associations, including the ruthless Carter LaPorte, who sees Booth as a tool he controls for his own profit. Knowing LaPorte will leverage any personal connection, Booth abandons Miranda for her own safety—cruelly, with no explanation—and disappears.

But the bond between Miranda and Booth is too strong, pulling them inexorably back together. Now Booth must face LaPorte, to truly free himself and Miranda once and for all.

Contributor Bio

NORA ROBERTS is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of more than 230 novels, including *Nightwork*, *The Becoming*, *Legacy*, *The Awakening*, *Hideaway*, The Chronicles of The One trilogy, and many more. She is also the author of the bestselling In Death series written under the pen name J. D. Robb. There are more than 500 million copies of her books in print.

Quotes

"A master class in the slow burn, blending heartrending emotion and thrills to deeply satisfying effect...This is a treat." —*Publishers Weekly*

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The Last Word

A Novel

Katy Birchall

***The Hating Game* meets *Beach Read* in this enemies-to-lovers romcom about a young journalist who puts her career (and her heart) on the line when her former work nemesis is hired in her newsroom.**

Summary

Harper Jenkins is at the top of her game. A brilliant, determined journalist with a well-known knack for getting tight-lipped Hollywood stars to open up, Harper loves her job as Celebrity Editor at a newspaper's glossy weekend magazine and has the best contacts in the business.

But when her awful boss hires talented reporter Ryan to be the new Features Editor, Harper is furious. Because the two have met before: a decade ago, they were interns at the same publication, where they fell into a whirlwind romance...until Ryan betrayed Harper, and they never spoke again.

Thrown together in a busy newsroom, their dynamic is a disaster from the start. They can't agree on anything and bicker constantly—Ryan can't bear how chaotic and messy Harper is; Harper finds Ryan's condescending nature infuriating. They clash over who's writing what article, and fight over who's going to which event.

Yet as they're forced to spend more and more time together, Harper realizes she may have misjudged Ryan and can't help but feel a spark growing between them. Long buried feelings start to resurface and, when they're thrown together on a romantic press trip abroad, their chemistry comes to a head.

But all is fair in love and magazines, and with the news that layoffs across the department are imminent, Harper is left to wonder: who will get the last word?

Contributor Bio

KATY BIRCHALL is the author of *The Wedding Season* and *The Secret Bridesmaid*, as well as numerous books for young readers. A former editor for *Country Life* magazine, she studied English literature and linguistics at the University of Manchester and currently lives in London.

Quotes

Praise for *The Last Word*:

"Ryan and Harper's chemistry is undeniable and their constant competitions are exhilarating. Fans of the enemies-to-lovers trope should check this out." --*Publishers Weekly*

"Full of the fun and flash of fast-paced journalism, Katy Birchall's latest is a swoony, sharp romance of hearts and headlines. We have only glowing words for *The Last Word*." --Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka, authors of *Do I Know You?*

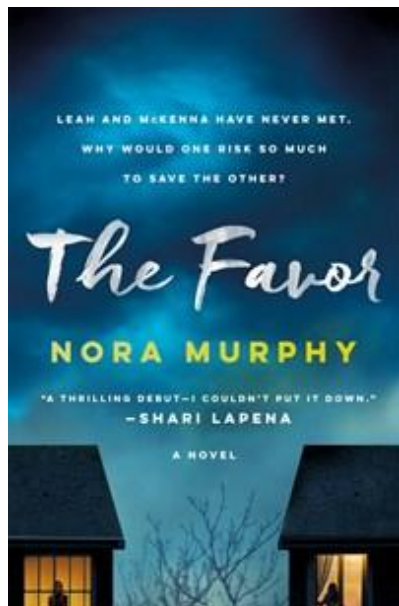
Praise for Katy Birchall:

"A pure delight." --*BookPage* (starred review)

"An utterly charming story about what to do when life hands you Something Blue: turn it into Something New." --Julia Whelan, author of *My Oxford Year*

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The Favor

A Novel

Nora Murphy

A gripping debut domestic suspense novel, *The Favor* explores with compassion and depth what can happen when women pushed to the limit take matters into their own hands.

Summary

Leaving would be dangerous. Staying could be worse.

Leah and McKenna have never met, though they have parallel lives.

They don't—ever—find themselves in the same train carriage or meet accidentally at the gym or the coffee shop.

They don't—ever—discuss their problems and find common ground.

They don't—ever—acknowledge to each other that although their lives have all the trappings of success, wealth and happiness, they are, in fact, trapped.

Leah understands that what's inside a home can be far more dangerous than what's outside. So when she notices someone else who may be starting down the same path she's on, she pays attention. She watches over McKenna from afar. Until one night she sees more than she bargained for. Leah knows she can't save herself, but perhaps she can save McKenna.

Leah and McKenna have never met. But they will.

Contributor Bio

NORA MURPHY (she/her) attended law school in Washington, D.C., then worked as a judicial law clerk before transitioning to private practice. During law school, she participated in two clinics through which she represented and studied the issues facing survivors of intimate partner violence. A practicing attorney, Nora writes as much as she can, usually long before the sunrise or on her phone for brief moments when the inspiration strikes. Nora resides in Maryland with her husband, young son, and five rescue pets. When she's not working, writing, or chasing her toddler, Nora can be found contemplating her next ice cream run or reading. *The Favor* was her first novel.

Quotes

Praise for *The Favor*:

One of Goodread's "Hot Mysteries and Thrillers of Summer"

One of *Booklist*'s "Top 10 Debut Mysteries and Thrillers: 2022"

One of We Are Bookish's "May's Most-Anticipated Books"

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"This debut novel packs quite a wallop. Many readers will detect a similarity here to what happened to a certain girl on a train, but might that connection be its own kind of red herring in a novel full of dizzying switchbacks? An audacious and completely successful thriller."—*Booklist* (Starred)

"An unnerving feminist retake on *Strangers on a Train* . . . Strikes an unsettling chord from the beginning and never lets go."—*Kirkus Reviews* (Starred)

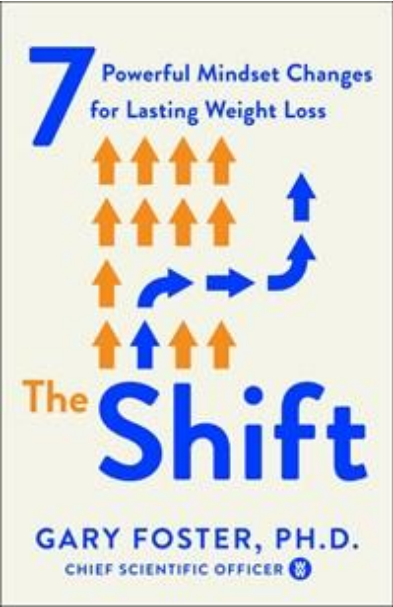
"A dark, unnerving domestic thriller about the consequences of fighting back when relationships go wrong."—*Parade*, "Books We Love"

"A thrilling debut—I couldn't put it down!"—Shari Lapena, #1 internationally bestselling author of *Not a Happy Family* and *The Couple Next Door*

"Taut, compelling and deliciously dark, I tore through *The Favor*."—B.A. Paris, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Therapist*

"A brilliant, gripping, dark and superbly written debut. I was transfixed by Leah and McKenna and the deftly woven plot that connects them. Nora Murphy is one to watch."
—Gilly Macmillan, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Long Weekend*

"Nora Murphy's *The Favor* is a tense and gripping read about the tacit sisterhood between two unlikely vigilantes. At once strangers and soulmates, these women reflect one another—each trapped in a dark and spiraling descent behind the closed door of a seemingly lovely home. With echoes of *Big Little Lies* and *Strangers on a Train*, Nora Murphy's *The Favor* is impossible to put down."—Mary Dixie Carter, author of *The Photographer*



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The Shift

7 Powerful Mindset Changes for Lasting Weight Loss

Gary Foster, PhD
 From the newly-rebranded WW, *The Shift* is not about points, or what to eat or not eat. It's about building new thinking habits, proven through science, to help readers lose weight.

Summary

Can you lose weight before you value your body? Are big goals needed to achieve big results? Do you deserve to go it alone because you got yourself into this? Is it possible for a weight loss journey to avoid setbacks? Must gratitude and happiness wait until you've succeeded at your wellness goal?

No. To all of it.

Dr. Foster's 7 Mindset Shifts show you how—and why—to treat yourself in a way that feels better *and* primes you for likelier success. His argument and the techniques in each chapter, built on years of research and breakthroughs in cognitive behavioral therapy and positive psychology, can lead to results on the scale—but, more important, in your own thinking. *The Shift* flips old-fashioned weight-loss theory on its head. It's evidence-based motivation—and it really works!

The 7 Mindset Shifts include learning to enhance the traits you like best about yourself, leaning into your strengths, appreciating the power of small steps, finding your people, and truly relaxing into happiness and gratitude. "Diet thinking" isn't habit-forming; mindset thinking is. And muscular yet kind mental habits, like the ones found in *The Shift*, are key to permanent, positive change.

Contributor Bio

GARY FOSTER, Ph.D., the Chief Scientific Officer at WW, is a psychologist, obesity researcher, and behavior expert who teaches at the Perelman School of Medicine. He has authored over 250 publications and three academic books on weight, and has received many honors including the Atkinson Stern Award for Distinguished Public Service from The Obesity Society.

Quotes

"Foster has distilled the complexity of behavioral science into practical, easy-to-understand and bite-sized action steps for a healthier and happier life."—Robert Kushner, M.D., author of *Six Factors to Fit*

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An Electra McDonnell Novel

Ashley Weaver

The second in the Electra McDonnell series from Edgar-nominated author Ashley Weaver, *The Key to Deceit*, is a delightful World War II mystery filled with spies, murder, romance, and wit.

Summary

London, 1940. After years of stealing from the rich and giving to the poor—well, to themselves, anyway—Ellie McDonnell and her family have turned over a new leaf as they help the government's war effort. It's true that the straight-laced Major Ramsey didn't give them much choice, but still, Ellie must admit she doesn't miss breaking and entering as much as she might have thought. What she does miss is the challenge of unlocking an impossible code and the adrenaline rush that comes from being somewhere she shouldn't.

So when Major Ramsey turns up unannounced with another job, she can't say no. A woman's body has been found floating in the Thames, with a bracelet locked onto her wrist, and a cameo locket attached to it. It's clear this woman was involved in espionage, but whose side was she on? Who was she reporting to? And who wanted her dead?

Contributor Bio

ASHLEY WEAVER (she/her) is the technical services coordinator at the Allen Parish Libraries in Oberlin, Louisiana. Weaver has worked in libraries since she was fourteen; she was a page and then a clerk before obtaining her MLIS from Louisiana State University. She is the author of the Amory Ames series and the Electra McDonnell series.

Quotes

One of *New York Post's* "Best New Books to Read"

"[A] fast-paced plot . . . Ellie is wonderfully resourceful and divinely funny. Let's hope this expertise-and-romance-filled series continues for a very long time."—*Booklist* (starred)

"Excellent . . . Weaver does a sensational job of evoking 1940 London and populates the story with endearing characters . . . Readers will hope to see a lot more of Ellie." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred)

"Competing romances, slippery spies, and the horrors of the Blitz combine in an exciting mystery/adventure."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"As this is only the second in her series, Weaver opens the door to garnering many fans as she develops her characters and possible romances travel between Ellie and the major or Felix. It's easy to get wrapped up in Weaver's storytelling skills as she carefully unfolds her story."—*New York Journal of Books*

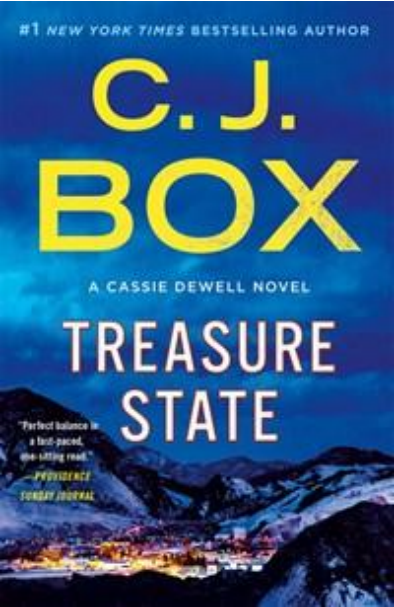
"The mysteries, danger, and emotional hills and valleys that are life in wartime will keep readers rapt."—*First Clue*

Praise for *A Peculiar Combination*:

"A thorny relationship between Ellie and Ramsey, a cast of colorful characters, a brisk pace, and an ironic message about the identity of true patriots enthrall. Readers will look forward to the next mission for the smart, feisty Ellie and her circle."—*Publishers Weekly* (Starred)

"Exciting . . . Brave Ellie and her aristocratic love should appeal to fans of Susan Elisa MacNeal and Tessa Arlen."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"This is a well-constructed historical spy story with plenty of romance, intriguing period details, and fascinating insights into the nitty gritty of safecracking."—*Booklist*



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Treasure State
A Cassie Dewell Novel

C.J. Box
"The best [Cassie Dewell novel] yet." —Booklist (starred review)

Summary

Private Investigator Cassie Dewell’s business is thriving, and her latest case puts her on the hunt for a slippery con man who’s disappeared somewhere in the “treasure state”. A wealthy Florida widow has accused him of absconding with her fortune, and wants Cassie to find him and get it back. The trail takes Cassie to Anaconda, Montana, a quirky former copper mining town that’s the perfect place to reinvent yourself. As the case develops, Cassie begins to wonder if her client is telling her everything.

On top of that, Cassie is also working what's easily one of her strangest assignments ever. A poem that promises buried treasure to one lucky adventurer has led to a cutthroat competition and five deaths among treasure-hunters. But Cassie’s client doesn’t want the treasure. Instead, he claims to be the one who hid the gold and wrote the poem. And he’s hired Cassie to try to find him. Between the two cases, Cassie has her hands full.

In Montana, a killer view can mean more than just the scenery, and Cassie knows much darker things hide behind the picturesque landscape of Big Sky Country. *Treasure State*, C. J. Box's highly anticipated follow-up to *The Bitterroots*, is full of more twists and turns than the switchbacks through the Anaconda Range.

Contributor Bio

C. J. BOX is the author of 30 novels, including the Joe Pickett and Cassie Dewell series, and a story collection; his books have won awards including the Edgar, Anthony, and Barry, and have been translated into 27 languages. A Wyoming native, Box has worked as a small-town newspaper reporter and editor. He lives with his wife on their Wyoming ranch. He’s an executive producer of both ABC TV’s *Big Sky*, based on his Cody Hoyt/Cassie Dewell novels, and the Joe Pickett series for *Spectrum Originals*.

Quotes

Praise for *Treasure State* and #1 *New York Times* Bestselling Author C. J. Box

"Excellent. . . Box has rarely been better in his plotting. . . The story culminates with one of Box’s most satisfying payoffs." —Publishers Weekly (starred review)

"[A] fast-paced mystery that pits betrayal, anger, and hate against hope and longing as it examines the lasting effect of a community used and abandoned after making a fortune for the titans of the copper mining industry." —Library Journal

"If Box isn’t already on your list, put him there."—USA Today



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Seven Rules for Breaking Hearts

A Novel

Kristyn J. Miller

In this sparkling debut rom-com, a perpetually single podcaster has to break all of her own dating rules.

Summary

Margo Anderson is sworn off commitment. Alongside her best friend Jo, she runs a viral podcast laying down the ground rules for hooking up without catching feelings. So when Jo takes up a sponsor's offer to host an all-expenses-paid wedding on Catalina Island, they have the whole internet to answer to.

In a scramble for content to appease their disappointed listeners, Margo cooks up a social experiment: break all her own dating rules, just to prove to everyone that it's a bad idea. All she needs now is someone to break them with, and thanks to the wedding, she's found the best man for the job. Declan Walsh is about as smug and annoying as he was in high school, though he's maybe a bit easier on the eyes than Margo remembered. More importantly, there is no chance she'd ever catch feelings for him.

The more time they spend together through cake tastings and photoshoots, the more Declan sees past all the filters. As the wedding looms ever closer, the careful façade Margo wears for social media starts to chip away. There's just one problem: she's not sure anyone's going to like what they find underneath.

Contributor Bio

KRISTYN J. MILLER is an author and freelance editor with a background in marketing and museum work. She grew up in Southern California, where she spent summers escaping to Catalina Island, but these days she lives in Maine. She has a B.A. in literature from University of Redlands and is working on her M.A. in history and museum studies at University of New Hampshire. *Seven Rules for Breaking Hearts* is her debut novel.

Quotes

"A fresh take on modern romance." - Lauren Blakely, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author



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The Escape Room

A Novel

Megan Goldin

In Megan Goldin's unforgettable debut, four Wall Street rising stars discover the price of ambition when an escape room challenge turns into a lethal game of revenge.

Summary

Welcome to the escape room. Your goal is simple. Get out alive.

In the lucrative world of finance, Vincent, Jules, Sylvie, and Sam are at the top of their game. They've mastered the art of the deal and celebrate their success in style—but a life of extreme luxury always comes at a cost.

Invited to participate in an escape room challenge as a team-building exercise, the ferociously competitive co-workers crowd into the elevator of a high-rise building, eager to prove themselves. But when the lights go off and the doors stay shut, it quickly becomes clear that this is no ordinary competition: they're caught in a dangerous game of survival.

Trapped in the dark, the colleagues must put aside their bitter rivalries and work together to solve cryptic clues to break free. But as the game begins to reveal the team's darkest secrets, they realize there's a price to be paid for the terrible deeds they committed in their ruthless climb up the corporate ladder. As tempers fray, and the clues turn deadly, they must solve one final chilling puzzle: which one of them will kill in order to survive?

Contributor Bio

MEGAN GOLDIN worked as a correspondent for Reuters and other media outlets where she covered war, peace, international terrorism and financial meltdowns in the Middle East and Asia. She is now based in Melbourne, Australia where she raises three sons and is a foster mum to Labrador puppies learning to be guide dogs. THE ESCAPE ROOM is her debut novel.

Quotes

"A sleek, well-crafted ride." —***New York Times Book Review***

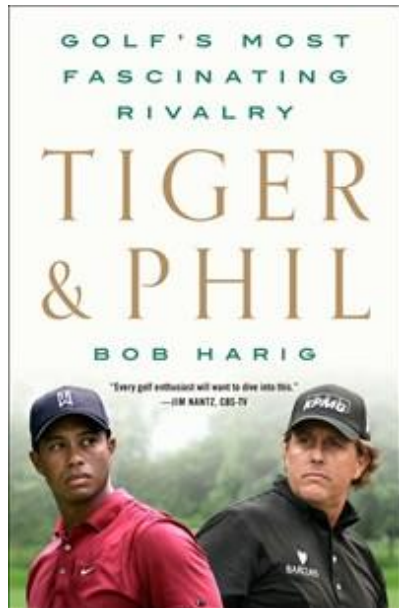
"The ultimate locked-room mystery" —***Associated Press***

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Golf's Most Fascinating Rivalry

Bob Harig

An in-depth chronicle of the decades-long rivalry that drove the success of golf's two biggest stars, Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson.

Summary

For more than two decades now there have been two golfers who have captivated, bemused, inspired, frustrated, fascinated, and entertained us, and in doing so have *demande*d our attention – Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. Even with all the ink that has been spilled on Tiger, no one has ever written about his relationship with Phil and how their careers have been inextricably intertwined. Furthermore, Mickelson is more than just an adversary. He is a fascinating hall of fame golfer on his own.

These two biggest names (and draws) in golf have, for better and for worse, been the ultimate rivals. But it is so much more complicated than that. Each player has pushed the other to be better. They have teased each other and fought. They have battled to the bitter end on the course making for some of the greatest moments in the game for the last 20 years. They have each gone through injury and health problems, legal problems, falling in and out of favor with the press. And over the course of their time together in the game they have gradually become not just rivals but friends.

In the tradition of major bestsellers such as *Arnie & Jack*, *When the Game Was Ours*, *The Rivals*, and *Brady vs. Manning*, *Tiger & Phil* is sure to appeal to a wide audience and change the way we look at these players and the game itself.

Contributor Bio

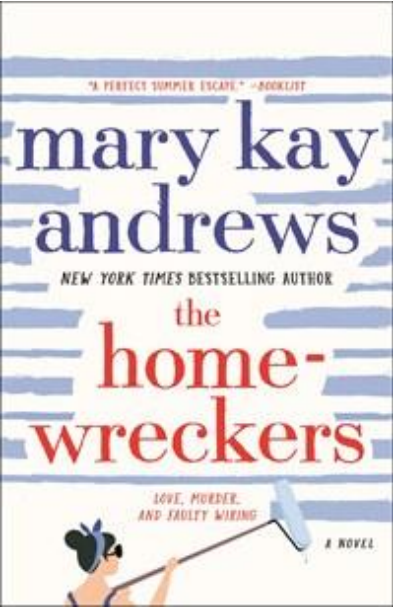
SI.com golf writer BOB HARIG, a longtime writer for ESPN and *The Tampa Bay Times*, has covered Tiger and Phil since the very beginning of each of their careers and has had dozens of one-on-one interviews with each of them. He holds degrees in journalism and history from Indiana University and is an active member of the Golf Writers Association of America (GWAA). He lives in Florida.

Quotes

"The only thing I enjoyed more than broadcasting the Tiger-Phil rivalry for over twenty years was reading all the juicy tidbits from behind the scenes by the amazing Bob Harig. Every golf enthusiast will want to dive into this." —Jim Nantz, CBS-TV

"Bob Harig was born to write this brilliant and definitive historical document on the Tiger-Phil rivalry. This is the ultimate insider's look at the real Tiger-Phil relationship, and at the high-stakes pursuit of golf immortality." —Ian O'Connor, three-time *New York Times* bestselling author of *Arnie & Jack*

"Excellent." - *The Wall Street Journal*



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The Homewreckers

A Novel

Mary Kay Andrews

Summer begins with MKA, in this delightful summer read about flipping houses, and finding true love.

Summary

Hattie Kavanaugh went to work restoring homes for Kavanaugh & Son Restorations at eighteen, married the boss's son at twenty, and became a widow at twenty-five. Now, she's passionate about her work, but that's the only passion in her life. "Never love something that can't love you back," is advice her father-in-law gives her, but Hattie doesn't follow it and falls head-over-heels for a money pit of a house. She's determined to make it work, but disaster after disaster occurs, and Hattie's dream might cost Kavanaugh & Son their livelihood. Hattie needs money, and fast.

When a slick Hollywood producer shows up in her hometown of Savannah, Georgia, she gets a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: star in a beach house renovation reality show called The Homewreckers, cast against a male lead who may be a love interest, or may be the ultimate antagonist. Soon, there's more at stake than bad pipes and dry rot: during the demolition, evidence comes to light that points to the mysterious disappearance of a young wife and mother years before.

With a burned out detective investigating the case, an arsonist on the loose, two men playing with her emotions, and layers upon layers of vintage wallpaper causing havoc, it's a question of who will flip, who will flop, and if Hattie will ever get her happily-ever-after.

Contributor Bio

MARY KAY ANDREWS is *The New York Times* bestselling author of *The Newcomer*, *Hello, Summer*, *Sunset Beach*, *The High Tide Club*, *The Beach House Cookbook*, *The Weekenders*, *Beach Town*, *Save the Date*, *Ladies' Night*, *Christmas Bliss*, *Spring Fever*, *Summer Rental*, *The Fixer Upper*, *Deep Dish*, *Blue Christmas*, *Savannah Breeze*, *Hissy Fit*, *Little Bitty Lies*, and *Savannah Blues*. A former journalist for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, she lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

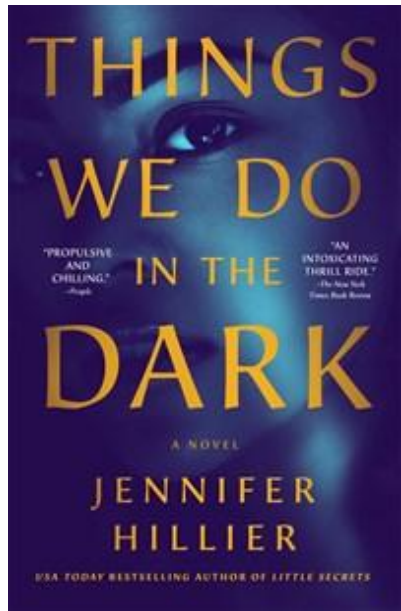
Quotes

"Mary Kay Andrews is the queen of beach reads. This one combines our love of romance, HGTV shows, and murder mysteries. What more could you want?"
—CountryLiving.com

"A perfect summer escape."—Booklist

"Andrews (*The Newcomer*) sparkles in this fast-paced tale. Andrews's fans will eat this up." —Publishers Weekly

"Oh, just bring us the beach chair and fancy umbrella drink now. We're in."—CNN.com



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A Novel

Jennifer Hillier

Jennifer Hillier's internationally bestselling breakthrough thriller-*Things We Do In The Dark*-where Paris Peralta's arrest for her celebrity husband's murder threatens to reveal her long-hidden past.

Summary

When Paris Peralta is arrested in her own bathroom—covered in blood, holding a straight razor, her celebrity husband dead in the bathtub behind her—she knows she'll be charged with murder. But as bad as this looks, it's not what worries her the most. With the unwanted media attention now surrounding her, it's only a matter of time before someone from her long hidden past recognizes her and destroys the new life she's worked so hard to build, along with any chance of a future.

Twenty-five years earlier, Ruby Reyes, known as the Ice Queen, was convicted of a similar murder in a trial that riveted Canada in the early nineties. Reyes knows who Paris really is, and when she's unexpectedly released from prison, she threatens to expose all of Paris's secrets. Left with no other choice, Paris must finally confront the dark past she escaped, once and for all.

Because the only thing worse than a murder charge are *two* murder charges.

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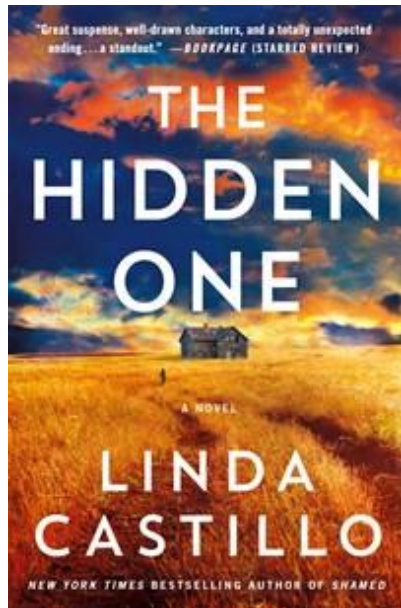
JENNIFER HILLIER was born and raised in Toronto, Canada, and lived in the Seattle area for years before returning home to Toronto, where she now lives with her family.

Quotes

"*Things We Do in the Dark* is a superb novel—expertly plotted and written, utterly authentic. Unputdownable." —Shari Lapena, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Couple Next Door* and *Not a Happy Family*

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A Novel of Suspense

Linda Castillo

The discovery of a missing Amish bishop's remains leads chief of police Kate Burkholder to unearth a chilling secret in this new thriller from bestselling author Linda Castillo.

Summary

Over a decade ago, beloved Amish bishop Ananias Stoltzfus disappeared without a trace. When skeletal remains showing evidence of foul play are unearthed, his disappearance becomes even more sinister.

The town’s elders arrive in Painters Mill to ask chief of police Kate Burkholder for help, but she quickly realizes she has a personal connection to the crime. The handsome Amish man who stands accused of the murder, Jonas Bowman, was Kate’s first love. Forced to confront a painful episode from her past, Kate travels to Pennsylvania’s Kishacoquillas Valley, where the Amish culture differs dramatically from the traditions she knows. Though Bishop Stoltzfus was highly respected, she soon hears about a dark side to this complex man. What was he hiding that resulted in his own brutal death?

Someone doesn’t want Kate asking questions. But even after being accosted and threatened in the dead of night, she refuses to back down. Is she too close to the case—and to Jonas—to see clearly? There’s a killer in the Valley who will stop at nothing to keep the past buried. Will they get to Kate before she can expose the truth? Or will the bishop’s secrets remain hidden forever?

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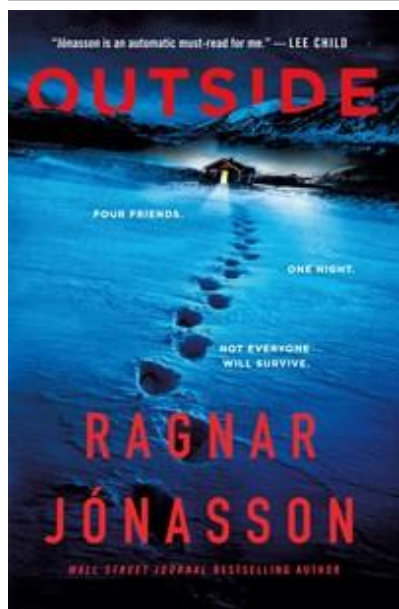
LINDA CASTILLO is the author of the bestselling Kate Burkholder series, set in the world of the Amish. The first book, *Sworn to Silence*, was adapted into a Lifetime original movie titled *An Amish Murder* starring Neve Campbell as Kate Burkholder. Castillo is the recipient of numerous industry awards including a nomination by the International Thriller Writers for Best Hardcover, the Mystery Writers of America’s Sue Grafton Memorial Award, and an appearance on the Boston Globe’s shortlist for best crime novel. In addition to writing, Castillo’s other passion is horses. She lives in Texas with her husband.

Quotes

“Great suspense, well-drawn characters and a totally unexpected ending.” –**Bookpage (starred review)**

“Captivating...memorable characters help keep the pages turning.” –**Publishers Weekly**

“Another impressive entry in this always-entertaining series.” –**Booklist**



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Ragnar Jonasson

With 3 million copies of his books sold worldwide, "world-class crime writer" Ragnar Jónasson brings us a chilling new standalone thriller (*The Sunday Times*, UK).

Summary

Four friends. One night. Not everyone will come out alive . . .

When a deadly snowstorm strikes the Icelandic highlands, four friends seek shelter in a small, abandoned hunting lodge.

It is in the middle of nowhere and there's no way of communicating with the outside world.

They are isolated, but they are not alone . . .

As the night darkens, and fears intensify, an old tragedy gradually surfaces - one that forever changed the course of their friendship.

Those dark memories could hold the key to the mystery the friends now find themselves in.

And whether they will survive until morning . . .

Contributor Bio

RAGNAR JONASSON is an international number one bestselling author who has sold over three million books in thirty-six countries worldwide. His books include the Dark Iceland series and the Hulda series. His critically acclaimed international bestseller *The Darkness* is soon to be a major TV series, and *Outside* is soon to be a feature film. He has translated fourteen of Agatha Christie's novels. Jonasson lives in Reykjavik.

Quotes

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Red, White & Royal Blue

A Novel

Casey McQuiston

The movie-tie in edition of Casey McQuiston's beloved *New York Times* bestselling novel, soon to be a major motion picture on *Prime Video* starring Nicholas Galitzine and Taylor Zakhar Perez!

Summary

What happens when America's First Son falls in love with the Prince of Wales?

When his mother became President, Alex Claremont-Diaz was promptly cast as the American equivalent of a young royal. Handsome, charismatic, genius—his image is pure millennial-marketing gold for the White House. There's only one problem: Alex has a beef with the actual prince, Henry, across the pond. And when the tabloids get hold of a photo involving an Alex-Henry altercation, U.S./British relations take a turn for the worse.

Heads of family, state, and other handlers devise a plan for damage control: staging a truce between the two rivals. What at first begins as a fake, Instagramable friendship grows deeper, and more dangerous, than either Alex or Henry could have imagined. Soon Alex finds himself hurtling into a secret romance with a surprisingly unstuffy Henry that could derail the campaign and upend two nations and begs the question: Can love save the world after all? Where do we find the courage, and the power, to be the people we are meant to be? And how can we learn to let our true colors shine through? Casey McQuiston's *Red, White & Royal Blue* proves: true love isn't always diplomatic.

Contributor Bio

CASEY MCQUISTON is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *One Last Stop*, *Red, White & Royal Blue*, and *I Kissed Shara Wheeler*, as well as a pie enthusiast. Born and raised in southern Louisiana, Casey now lives in New York City with Pepper, a poodle mix and semipro personal assistant.

Quotes

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"[An] exquisite debut... It's hard to watch [Alex] fall in love with Henry without falling in love a bit yourself — with them, and with this brilliant, wonderful book." - *The New York Times Book Review*

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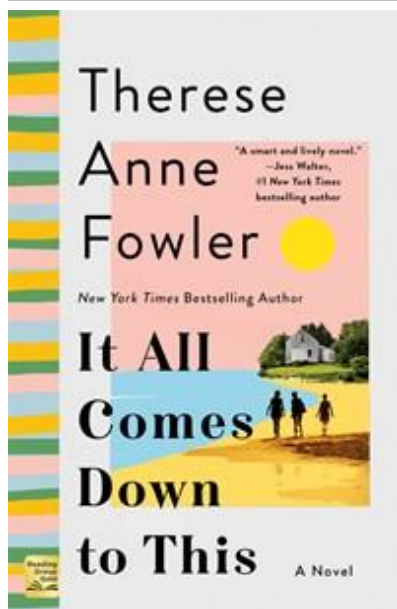
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A Novel

Therese Anne Fowler

With her keen eye for human foibles and emotional truth, humor and deep feeling, bestselling author Therese Anne Fowler delivers a stylish, insightful take on the dysfunctional family dramedy.

Summary

Meet the Geller sisters: Beck, Claire, and Sophie, a trio of strong-minded women whose pragmatic mother, Marti, will be dying soon.

Beck, the eldest, is a freelance journalist whose marriage has long been devoid of passion, and she's recently begun to suspect that her husband, Paul, is hiding something from her. Though middle sister Claire is an accomplished pediatric cardiologist, her own heart is a mess, and her unrequited love for the wrong man is slowly destroying her. And while Sophie, the youngest, appears to have an Instagram-ready life of glamorous work and travel, her true existence is a cash-strapped house of cards that may fall at any moment.

But Marti's will surprises them with its provision that the family's summer cottage in Maine must be sold, the proceeds split equally between the three sisters. While there's a ready buyer in C.J. Reynolds, he's an ex-con with a complicated past and a tangled history with one of the women.

Choices and consequences, mistakes and misapprehensions, obligations and desires: before long, everyone in this cast of indelible characters will have to come to terms with the ways their lives have turned out differently than they expected, as well as the secrets they've been keeping from each other--and themselves.

Contributor Bio

THERESE ANNE FOWLER is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Good Neighborhood*, *A Well-Behaved Woman*, and *Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald*. Raised in the Midwest, she migrated to North Carolina in 1995. She holds a B.A. in sociology/cultural anthropology and an MFA in creative writing from North Carolina State University.

Quotes

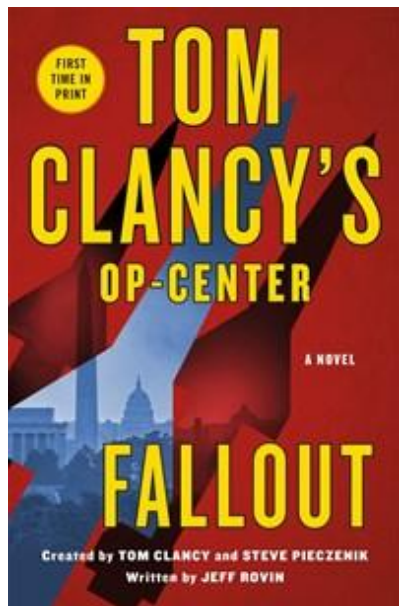
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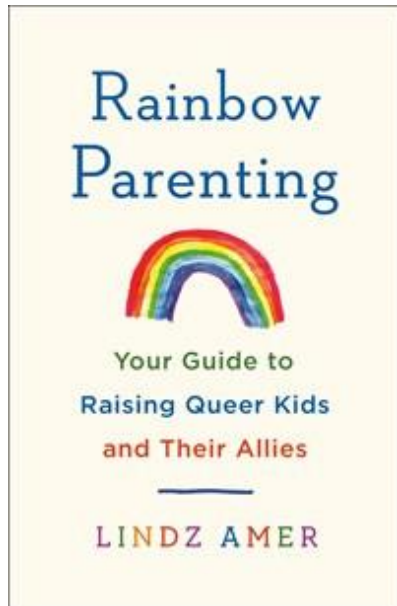
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Your Guide to Raising Queer Kids and Their Allies

Lindz Amer

An essential guide for parents and caregivers to raising queer-friendly children in a gender-affirming space.

Summary

In the face of so many injustices across society for LGBTQ+ people, it can be easy for parents of young children to feel helpless *and* hopeless. While they may not be able to address every problem across the country, there's a simple place to start: right at home.

Rainbow Parenting is an essential stepping stone for adults who want to raise and teach kids in a queer-affirming way, but might not know how. Lindz Amer, the founder of *Queer Kid Stuff*, an award-winning LGBTQ+ educational webseries for children and families, is an indispensable guide, leading readers through practical applications, important LGBTQ+ history, key lessons in intersectionality, pronouns, social justice, and more. Divided by sections that address kids' individual ages--from infancy to kindergarten--this joyful and approachable book shares a bit of hope and starts with the understanding that *anyone* can spread queer joy. By giving parents and their kids a vocabulary to express themselves, *Rainbow Parenting* ultimately aims to create more empathetic adults--and spreads a message of radical acceptance in a world where it's sometimes dangerous to just be yourself.

Contributor Bio

LINZ AMER (they/them) is the creator of *Queer Kid Stuff*—an award-winning original LGBTQ+ educational webseries for ages 3 and up—that has reached millions of families. They currently write for preschool television and also host the parenting podcast *Rainbow Parenting*, as well as *Activist, You!* for kids featuring interviews with youth activists. Their work has been featured by Good Morning America, Kidscreen, Teen Vogue, and Parents Magazine. They live in New England.

Quotes

"An incredibly thoughtful and comprehensive guide focused on awareness and action. Throughout the book, Lindz balances what we need to know and what we can do as caregivers." —Britt Hawthorne, author of *Raising Antiracist Children: A Practical Parenting Guide*



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Playing with Myself

Randy Rainbow

An intimate and light-hearted memoir by YouTube sensation and comedian Randy Rainbow that takes readers through his life--the highs, the lows, the lipstick, the pink glasses and the showtunes.

Summary

Randy Rainbow, the man who conquered YouTube with a stylish pair of pink glasses, an inexhaustible knowledge of show tunes, and the most gimlet-eyed view of American politics this side of Mark Twain finally tells all in *Playing with Myself*, a memoir sure to cause more than a few readers to begin singing one of his greatest hits like "A Spoonful of Clorox" or "Cover Your Freakin' Face."

As Randy has said, "There's so much fake news out there about me. I can't wait to set the record straight and finally give people a peek behind the green screen." And set the record straight he does. *Playing with Myself* is a first-hand account of the journey that led Randy Rainbow from his childhood as the over-imaginative, often misunderstood little boy who carried a purse in the second grade to his first job on Broadway as the host at Hooters and on to the creation of his trademark comedy character. In chapters titled "Pajama Bottoms" (a look back at the days when he wore pajama bottoms on his head to pretend he was Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*), "Yes, It's My Name! Shut Up!" (no explanation necessary...) and "Pink Glasses" (a rose-colored homage to his favorite accessory), *Playing With Myself* is a memoir that answers the question "Can an introverted musical theatre nerd with a Mac book and a dream save the world, one show tune at a time?"

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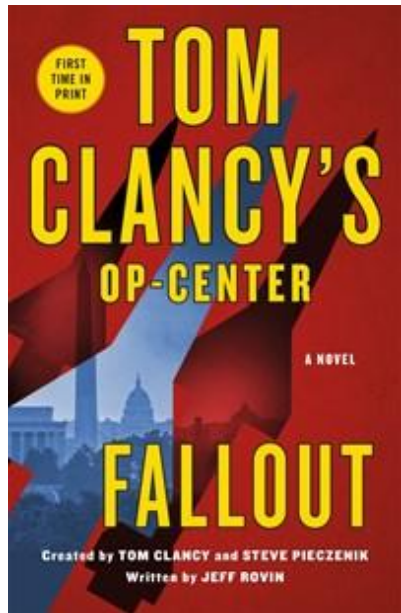
RANDY RAINBOW is a comedian, actor, singer, writer and satirist best known for his popular series of musical parodies and political spoofs, which have garnered him international acclaim. Randy tours the U.S. to sold-out shows, and his viral comedy videos receive millions of views across all social media and digital platforms. He lives in New York City.

Quotes

"Brilliant . . . as good as anyone writing lyrics today." —Stephen Sondheim

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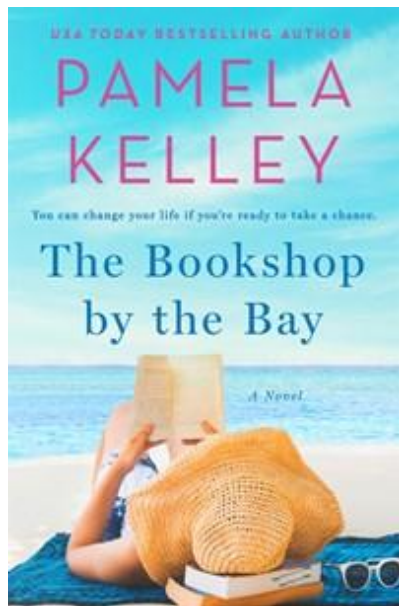
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A Novel

Pamela Kelley

A breezy, escapist beach read from powerhouse bestselling women's fiction author Pamela Kelley.

Summary

TWO LIFELONG FRIENDS.

Jess loves her work as a high-profile lawyer in Charleston. But when her husband cheats, she retreats to her childhood home on Cape Cod with her thirty-year-old daughter, Caitlin, hoping to regroup with her longtime best friend, Alison.

ONE BOOKSHOP BY THE BAY.

Alison's career has taken a hit after twenty years as an editor for the magazine Cape Cod Living. But when she learns her beloved bookstore on the Cape is looking for new ownership, a new dream starts to form.

AND THE SUMMER THAT COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING.

As the two friends reopen the bookstore, they also open themselves up to the magic of second chances.

Contributor Bio

Pamela Kelley is a USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author of women's fiction, family sagas, and suspense, such as *The Restaurant* and *The Hotel*. Readers often describe her books as feel-good reads with people you'd want as friends. She lives in a historic seaside town near Cape Cod. She has always been an avid reader of women's fiction, romance, mysteries, thrillers and cook books. There's also a good chance you might get hungry when you read her books as she is a foodie, and occasionally shares a recipe or two.

Quotes

"Four women who are each discovering a new path in life. Taking chances, supporting one another, coming to terms with disappointment. Succeeding... Grab your beach chair, umbrella and a cooler full of snacks and enjoy." -Susan Wilson, *New York Times* bestselling of *One Good Dog*

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The Blame Game

A Novel

Sandie Jones

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Reese's Book Club pick *The Other Woman*, comes a gripping new domestic suspense novel.

Summary

Games can be dangerous. But blame can be deadly.

As a psychologist specializing in domestic abuse, Naomi has found it hard to not become overly invested in her clients' lives. But after helping Jacob leave his wife, Naomi worries that she's taken things too far. Then Jacob goes missing, and her files on him vanish...

But as the police start asking questions, Naomi's dark past emerges. And as the truth comes to light, it seems that it's not just Jacob who could be in danger.

From the master of propulsive, read-in-one-night domestic suspense and the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Guilt Trip* and the Reese's Book Club pick *The Other Woman*, comes a gripping new thriller that has everyone pointing fingers but only one pointing the gun.

Contributor Bio

SANDIE JONES (she/her) has worked as a freelance journalist for more than twenty years and has written for publications including the *Sunday Times*, *Woman's Weekly*, and the *Daily Mail*. She lives in London with her husband and three children. *The Other Woman* was her debut novel and a Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick, followed by *The First Mistake*, *The Half Sister*, and *The Guilt Trip*.

Quotes

Praise for *The Other Woman*:

"One of the most twisted and entertaining plots."—Reese Witherspoon

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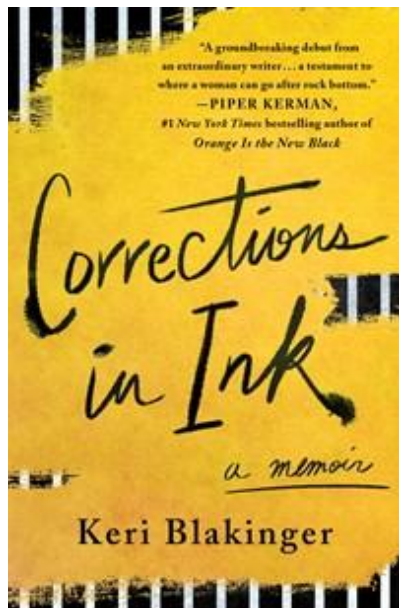
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"Explosive . . . Filled with twists and turns, the story will keep you guessing until the end."—*National Examiner*

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A Memoir

Keri Blakinger

An electric memoir about a young woman's journey—from the ice rink, to addiction and a prison sentence, to the newsroom—and how she emerged determined to expose the broken system she experienced.

Summary

Keri Blakinger always lived life at full throttle. Growing up, that meant throwing herself into competitive figure skating with an all-consuming passion. But when her career suddenly fell apart, that meant diving into self-destruction with the intensity she once saved for the ice.

For the next nine years, Keri ricocheted from one dark place to the next, all while trying to hold herself together enough to finish her degree at Cornell. Then, on a cold day during her senior year, the police caught her walking down the street with a Tupperware full of heroin.

Her arrest made the front page of the local news and landed her behind bars for nearly two years. There, in the Twilight Zone of New York's jails and prisons, Keri grappled with the wreckage of her missteps as she searched for a better path and met women from all walks of life—who were all struggling through the same upside-down world of corrections.

After she walked out of her cell, Keri became a reporter dedicated to exposing our flawed prisons as only an insider could. Written with searing intensity, unflinching honesty, and shocks of humor, *Corrections in Ink* uncovers that dark, brutal system that affects us all. Not just a story about getting out and getting off drugs, this galvanizing memoir is about the power of second chances; about who our society throws away and who we allow to reach for redemption—and how they reach for it.

Contributor Bio

KERI BLAKINGER is a reporter based in Texas, covering criminal justice for The Marshall Project. She previously worked for the *Houston Chronicle* and her writing has appeared everywhere from the BBC to VICE to *The New York Times*. She was a member of the *Chronicle's* Pulitzer-finalist team in 2018 and her 2019 coverage of women's jails for *The Washington Post* Magazine helped earn a National Magazine Award. Before becoming a reporter, she did prison time in New York.

Quotes

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Hatchet Island

A Novel

Paul Doiron

An eerie, windswept island off the coast of Maine becomes the site of a double murder and a disappearance in the next thriller from bestselling author Paul Doiron.

Summary

A call for help from a former colleague leads Maine game warden investigator Mike Bowditch and his girlfriend Stacey Stevens on a sea kayaking trip to a research station far off the coast. Stacey spent summers interning on the island, a sanctuary for endangered seabirds, and they are shocked by the atmosphere of tension they encounter when they come ashore. The biologists are being threatened and stalked by a mysterious boatman who they suspect is trespassing on the refuge late at night. And now the sanctuary's enigmatic founder, whose mind has been slowly unraveling, has gone missing.

Camped on an islet for the night, Mike and Stacey waken to the sound of a gunshot. When they return to the refuge at dawn, their darkest fears are confirmed: two of the three researchers have been brutally murdered and the third has disappeared, along with the island skiff. Mike's quest to find the missing man leads to a nearby island owned by a world-renowned photographer and his equally brilliant wife. The inhabitants of this private kingdom quickly close ranks, and Mike increasingly comes to believe that someone in the village knows more about the killings than they dare admit.

With no one to trust and miles from shore, Mike Bowditch must stop a ruthless murderer determined to make sure a terrifying secret never sees the light of day.

Contributor Bio

A native of Maine, bestselling author **PAUL DOIRON** attended Yale University, where he graduated with a degree in English. *The Poacher's Son*, the first book in the Mike Bowditch series, won the Barry award, the Strand award for best first novel, and has been nominated for the Edgar, Anthony, and Macavity awards in the same category. He is a Registered Maine Guide specializing in fly fishing and lives on a trout stream in coastal Maine with his wife, Kristen Lindquist.

Quotes

"Doiron [delivers] brilliant characterizations, relentless action and suspense, and an intricately plotted narrative. The perfect vacation read." **–Booklist (starred)**

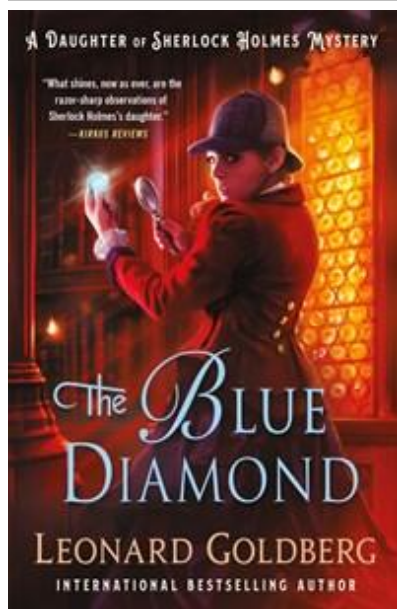
"Exceptional...Doiron is writing at the top of his game." **–Publishers Weekly (starred)**

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"Worth the wait." **–Kirkus Reviews**

"Doiron paints a complex portrait of coastal Maine...Fans of C.J. Box's Joe Pickett mysteries, which also star an indomitable game warden, will particularly enjoy this gripping tale." **--Bookpage**

"Exquisitely plotted." **–Shelf Awareness**



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The Blue Diamond

A Daughter of Sherlock Holmes Mystery

Leonard Goldberg

The fate of the allied forces lies in the hands of Joanna and the Watsons in the latest Daughter of Sherlock Holmes mystery from *USA Today* bestselling author Leonard Goldberg.

Summary

During a critical stage in World War One, the Governor-General of South Africa journeys to London for a meeting of The Imperial War Conference. Days prior to the conference, the Governor-General is scheduled to have an audience at Buckingham Palace at which time a most precious blue diamond will be presented to King Edward as a symbolic gesture of the colonies' resolute and never-ending allegiance to England.

The flawless blue diamond, with its magnificent luster, weighs nearly 3000 carats which renders it one of the world's largest and most valuable gems. On the Governor-General's arrival, he is ensconced at the fashionable Windsor Hotel under the tightest security, with his entire entourage and formidable security team occupying the entire penthouse floor. All entrances and exits are locked down and closely guarded, and no one is allowed entrance after 6 PM.

Despite the extreme precautions, the famous diamond is stolen from the Governor-General's suite in the middle of the night, with no clues left behind. With Scotland Yard baffled, Joanna and the Watsons are called in to investigate the theft and it becomes clear that the crime is not simply the work of a master thief, but one that could greatly aid the Germans and turn the tide of war in their favor. Time is of the essence and the blue diamond must be recovered before it begins its travels which could cause irreparable damage to the allied war plans.

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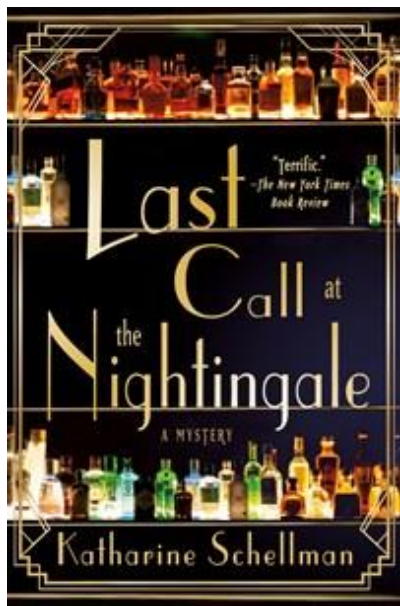
LEONARD GOLDBERG is the *USA Today* bestselling author of the Joanna Blalock medical thrillers. His novels have been translated into a dozen languages and were selections of the Book of the Month Club, French and Czech book clubs, and The Mystery Guild. They were featured as *People's* "Page-Turner of the Week" and at the International Book Fair. After a long career affiliated with the UCLA Medical Center as a Clinical Professor of Medicine, he now lives on an island off the coast of Charleston, SC.

Quotes

"With *The Blue Diamond*, author Goldberg amply demonstrates once again just how compelling a figure Joanna Holmes has become. Simply put, this series is one of the best continuations of the Sherlock mythos that one could hope for." - *Mystery Scene*

"A testament to the power of deductive reasoning...Goldberg brings his characters vibrantly to life." - *The Post and Courier*

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Last Call at the Nightingale

A Mystery

Katharine Schellman

First in a captivating Jazz age mystery series from author Katharine Schellman, *Last Call at the Nightingale* beckons readers into a darkly glamorous speakeasy where music, liquor, and secrets flow.

Summary

New York, 1924. Vivian Kelly's days are filled with drudgery, from the tenement lodging she shares with her sister to the dress shop where she sews for hours every day.

But at night, she escapes to The Nightingale, an underground dance hall where illegal liquor flows and the band plays the Charleston with reckless excitement. With a bartender willing to slip her a free glass of champagne and friends who know the owner, Vivian can lose herself in the music. No one asks where she came from or how much money she has. No one bats an eye if she flirts with men or women as long as she can keep up on the dance floor. At The Nightingale, Vivian forgets the dangers of Prohibition-era New York and finds a place that feels like home.

But then she discovers a body behind the club, and those dangers come knocking.

Caught in a police raid at the Nightingale, Vivian discovers that the dead man wasn't the nameless bootlegger he first appeared. With too many people assuming she knows more about the crime than she does, Vivian finds herself caught between the dangers of the New York's underground and the world of the city's wealthy and careless, where money can hide any sin and the lives of the poor are considered disposable...including Vivian's own.

Contributor Bio

KATHARINE SCHELLMAN (she/her) is a former actor, one-time political consultant, and current writer. Her debut mystery, *The Body in the Garden*, was a Suspense Magazine Best Book of 2020 and led to her being named one of BookPage's 20 Women to Watch. A graduate of the College of William & Mary, Katharine currently lives and writes in the mountains of Virginia in the company of her family and the many houseplants she keeps accidentally murdering.

Quotes

A Publishers Weekly Mystery/Thriller Summer Reads 2022 Pick

One of Goodreads' 2022 "Spring's Most Anticipated New Mysteries"

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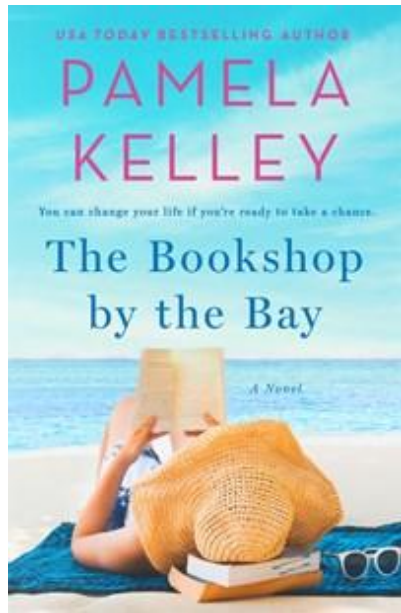
A GO Magazine "Slide Into Spring and Summer with these Fabulously Gay Reads"

"Excellent . . . Vivian proves to be a most imaginative sleuth. Readers will eagerly await her return."—*Publishers Weekly* (Starred)

"The well-developed supporting cast is diverse in race gender, and sexuality, and the suspense will keep readers guessing until the end."—BookPage (Starred)

"A compelling, atmospheric series debut. Schellman expertly creates a strong sense of pace, introducing a nightclub as a world where people of different races, classes, and sexual orientations can come together."—*Library Journal*

"A Jazz Age murder thrusts a good-time girl into the uncomfortable role of secret shamus . . . A colorful period crime yarn with a heroine with rooting for."—*Kirkus Reviews*



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A Novel

Pamela Kelley

A breezy, escapist beach read from powerhouse bestselling women’s fiction author Pamela Kelley.

Summary

Two lifelong friends. One bookshop by the beach. And the summer that could change everything.

Jess loves her work as a high-profile lawyer in the respectable and austere city of Charleston. But when she finds her husband, Parker, has been cheating on her with his assistant, she retreats, with her thirty year-old daughter Caitlin for support, to her childhood home on Cape Cod, in Chatham. Caitlin has always been bright but directionless, looking for her passion but keeps coming up blank. And Jess needs to regroup with the help of good food and wine, the company of her best friend, Allison, and come up with a plan for the future.

Allison’s career has hit a low. After twenty years as an editor for the Chatham magazine, circulation is dwindling and though her boss and long-time friend, Jim, does everything to keep her, she has no choice but to take a step back. With a career on hiatus and her main relationship being with Chris, her ex-husband who is still a good friend, Allison is at a pivotal point in life. Her daughter Julia opened her own artisanal jewelry shop a year prior, and she has the kind of day-to-day fulfillment Allison yearns for.

When Allison stops into her beloved local bookstore one day and learns that the owner wants to sell, a long-held dream turns into a reality, thanks to Jess. Allison and Jess set a plan in motion and what was once a place that held warm childhood memories is now theirs to run. As the two friends, along with the help of their daughters, reopen the doors of the cherished bookstore and adjacent coffee shop to the community, they also open themselves up to the possibility of romance, the bonds of mothers and daughters, and the magic of second chances.

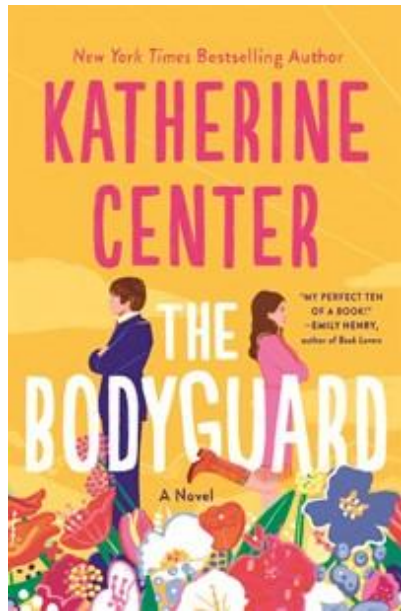
Contributor Bio

PAMELA KELLEY is a USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author of women's fiction, family sagas, and suspense. Readers describe her books as feel-good reads with people you'd want as friends. She lives in a historic seaside town near Cape Cod. She has always been an avid reader of women's fiction, romance, mysteries, thrillers and cook books. There's also a chance you might get hungry when you read her books as she occasionally shares a recipe or two.

Quotes

"Four women who are each discovering a new path in life. Taking chances, supporting one another, coming to terms with disappointment. Succeeding... Grab your beach chair, umbrella and a cooler full of snacks and enjoy." -Susan Wilson, *New York Times* bestselling of *One Good Dog*

"Pamela Kelley has crafted a wonderful multi-generational story about mothers, daughters, and friendship set in a quaint seaside town on Cape Cod. If you love talk of bookstores, delicious food and coffee shops, this one is for you!" —Rachel Hanna, author of the *South Carolina Sunsets* series



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The Bodyguard

A Novel

Katherine Center

The Bodyguard is the feel-good, heartwarminglly romantic, deliciously witty binge-read of the summer!

Summary

She's got his back.

Hannah Brooks looks more like a kindergarten teacher than somebody who could kill you with a wine bottle opener. Or a ballpoint pen. Or a dinner napkin. But the truth is, she's an Executive Protection Agent (aka "bodyguard"), and she just got hired to protect superstar actor Jack Stapleton from his middle-aged, corgi-breeding stalker.

He's got her heart.

Jack Stapleton's a household name—captured by paparazzi on beaches the world over, famous for, among other things, rising out of the waves in all manner of clingy board shorts and glistening like a Roman deity. But a few years back, in the wake of a family tragedy, he dropped from the public eye and went off the grid.

They've got a secret.

When Jack's mom gets sick, he comes home to the family's Texas ranch to help out. Only one catch: He doesn't want his family to know about his stalker. Or the bodyguard thing. And so Hannah—against her will *and* her better judgment—finds herself pretending to be Jack's girlfriend as a cover. Even though her ex, like a jerk, says no one will believe it.

What could possibly go wrong???

Hannah hardly believes it, herself. But the more time she spends with Jack, the more real it all starts to seem. And there lies the heartbreak. Because it's easy for Hannah to protect Jack. But protecting her own, long-neglected heart? That's the hardest thing she's ever done.

Contributor Bio

KATHERINE CENTER is the *New York Times* bestselling author of over a half dozen novels, including *What You Wish For*, *Things You Save in a Fire*, and *How to Walk Away*. Katherine has been compared to Nora Ephron and Jane Austen. The *Dallas Morning News* calls her stories, "satisfying in the most soul-nourishing way." Katherine recently gave a TEDx talk on how stories teach empathy. Her work has appeared in *USA Today*, *InStyle*, *Redbook*, *People*, *The Atlantic*, *Real Simple*, and more. She lives in Houston with her husband and two kids.

Quotes

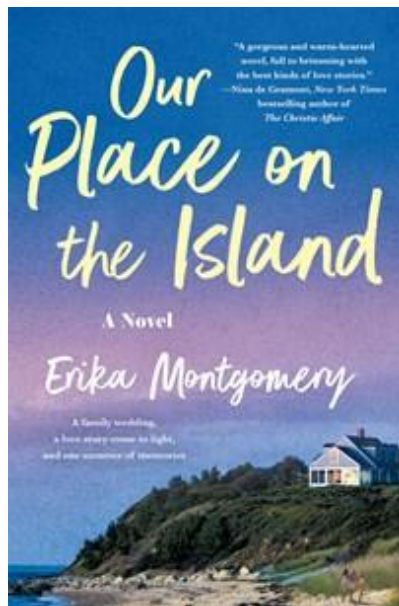
Praise for *What You Wish For*:

"This charming, often lighthearted novel touches on serious issues and celebrates the power of joy to trump fear and despair." — *People*

"[A] fast-paced tale steeped with whimsical plot points. This is one for the beach bag." — *Publishers Weekly*

"A timely, uplifting read about finding joy in the midst of tragedy, filled with quirky characters and comforting warmth." — *Kirkus* (starred review)

"Katherine Center excels at writing gentle, beautifully crafted romances." — *PopSugar*



Our Place on the Island

A Novel

Erika Montgomery

A richly-woven and escapist summer read from the author who knows how to deliver “the perfect read for summer” (Karen White).

Summary

For decades, the Campbell women have reunited at the family’s rambling seaside cottage known as Beech House to celebrate life’s many occasions. But this year, they will be called back to Martha’s Vineyard for a celebration of a different sort: their beloved matriarch Cora is getting remarried. And all the town gossips are calling him the one who got away, years ago...

For renowned chef Mickey Campbell, this wedding isn’t just a welcome excuse to return to the place she first learned to cook at her grandmother’s side. It’s also a chance to regroup while she figures out a way to tell her smoldering head chef boyfriend that she’s mismanaged their restaurant into the red.

Mickey’s mother, Hedy, is still mourning the passing of her adored father three years earlier, and she isn’t sure she’s ready to welcome a new man into the fold—and she’s not certain her own thorny relationship with her mother will weather the storm of her upcoming marriage.

But everyone knows a woman’s heart holds more than meets the eye. For Cora, drawing her daughter and granddaughter back to Beech House isn’t just about a ceremony, but a chance to reveal a history she has kept close to her heart for decades. As the days leading up to the wedding unfold, secrets of Cora’s past come to light-- a secret that will cause three generations of Campbell women to question marriage, motherhood, and ultimately learn to savor the delicious joy of following your own heart.

Told in dual timelines on the sumptuous beaches of Martha's Vineyard, OUR PLACE ON THE ISLAND is the sparkling, romantic read of the season.

Contributor Bio

A card-carrying cinephile and native New Englander, novelist Erika Montgomery lives with her family in the Mid-Atlantic where she teaches creative writing and watches an unspeakable amount of old movies.

Quotes

“A Summer To Remember is an unforgettable tale of love, loss and finding your place that glitters as brightly as the golden age of Hollywood.” —Kristy Woodson Harvey, New York Times bestselling author

"Superlative...evokes both the Golden Age of Hollywood and modern day Cape Cod {and} nostalgia for the glamour of Hollywood." —*Midwest Book Review*

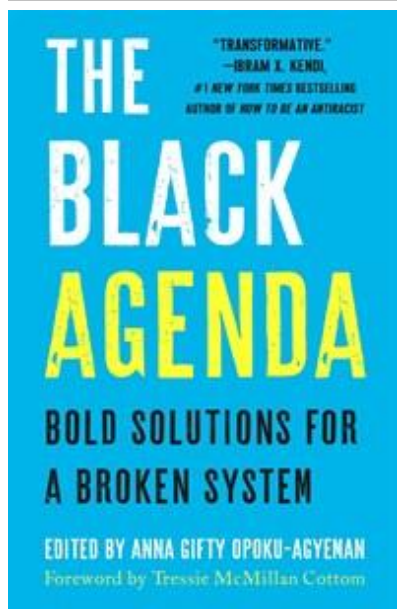
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The Black Agenda

Bold Solutions for a Broken System

Anna Gifty Opoku-Agyeman, Tressie McMillan Cottom

The first book of its kind, a collection bringing together leading Black scholars and experts for a policy-oriented approach to the fight for racial justice in America.

Summary

Edited by Anna Gifty Opoku-Agyeman, *The Black Agenda* is a bold and urgent move towards social justice through a profound collection of essays featuring Black scholars and experts across economics, education, health, climate, and technology. It speaks to the question "What's next for America?" on the subjects of policy-making, mental health, artificial intelligence, climate movement, the future of work, the LGBTQ community, the criminal legal system, and much more.

Essayists including Dr. Sandy Darity, Dr. Hedwig Lee, Mary Heglar, and Janelle Jones present groundbreaking ideas ranging from Black maternal and infant health to reparations to AI bias to inclusive economic policy, with the potential to uplift and heal not only Black America, but the entire country.

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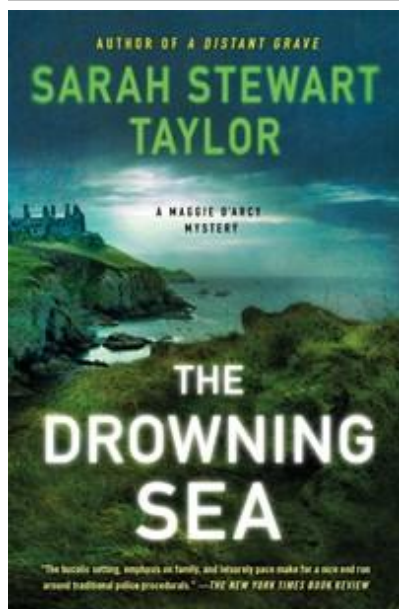
ANNA GIFTY OPOKU-AGYEMAN is a researcher, writer, and activist whose work has been featured in *Teen Vogue*, *The New York Times*, NPR, *Fortune*, Marketplace, and *The Guardian*. She is the co-founder of The Sadie Collective, the only nonprofit organization addressing the lack of Black women in economics and related fields. In 2020, she became the youngest recipient of the CEDAW Women's Rights Award by the UN Convention.

Quotes

"An ode to Black experts and their solutions to contemporary issues in the U.S. Consider it #RequiredReading."
—*Ms. Magazine*

"An expansive set of essays highlighting the range and force of Black leadership....An inclusive, edifying, often fiery assembly of voices articulating the way forward for Black America—and America in general." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Invigorating...policymakers will want to take note." —*Publishers Weekly*



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The Drowning Sea

A Maggie D'arcy Mystery

Sarah Stewart Taylor

"A lyrical prose style that is a joy to read." —Associated Press

Summary

For the first time in her adult life, former Long Island homicide detective Maggie D'arcy is unemployed. No cases to focus on, no leads to investigate, just a whole summer on a remote West Cork peninsula with her teenage daughter Lilly and her boyfriend, Conor, and his son. The plan is to prepare Lilly for a move to Ireland. But their calm vacation takes a dangerous turn when human remains wash up below the steep cliffs of Ross Head.

When construction worker Lukas Adamik disappeared months ago, everyone assumed he had gone home to Poland. Now that his body has been found, the guards, including Maggie's friends Roly Byrne and Katya Grzeskiewicz, seem to think he threw himself from the cliffs. But as Maggie gets to know the residents of the nearby village and learns about the history of the peninsula and its abandoned Anglo Irish manor house, once home to a famous Irish painter who died under mysterious circumstances, she starts to think there's something else going on. Something deadly. And when Lilly starts dating one of the dead man's friends, Maggie grows worried about her daughter being so close to another investigation and about what the investigation will uncover.

Old secrets, hidden relationships, crime, and village politics are woven throughout this small seaside community, and as the summer progresses, Maggie is pulled deeper into the web of lies, further from those she loves, and closer to the truth.

Contributor Bio

SARAH STEWART TAYLOR is the author of the Sweeney St. George series and the Maggie D'arcy mysteries. She grew up on Long Island and was educated at Middlebury College and Trinity College, Dublin. A former journalist and teacher, she writes and lives with her family on a farm in Vermont where they raise sheep and grow blueberries. Sarah spends as much time in Ireland as she can and loves to explore new corners of the island. You can visit her online at www.SarahStewartTaylor.com.

Quotes

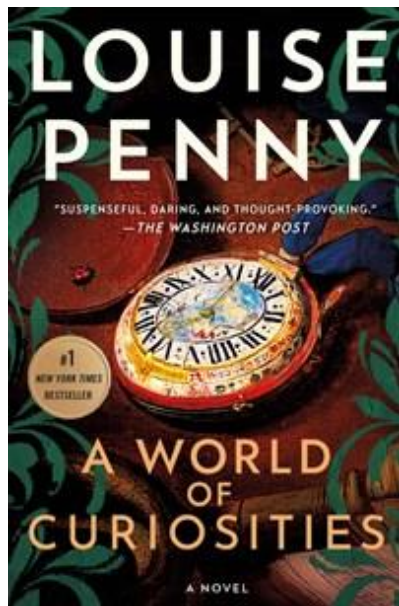
Praise for *The Drowning Sea*

"Readers will be looking forward to more from this heartfelt series." —*Publisher's Weekly*

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A World of Curiosities

A Novel

Louise Penny

Chief Inspector Armand Gamache returns in the eighteenth book in #1 *New York Times* bestseller Louise Penny's beloved series.

Summary

It's spring and Three Pines is reemerging after the harsh winter. But not everything buried should come alive again. Not everything lying dormant should reemerge.

But something has.

As the villagers prepare for a special celebration, Armand Gamache and Jean-Guy Beauvoir find themselves increasingly worried. A young man and woman have reappeared in the Sûreté du Québec investigators' lives after many years. The two were young children when their troubled mother was murdered, leaving them damaged, shattered. Now they've arrived in the village of Three Pines.

But to what end?

Gamache and Beauvoir's memories of that tragic case, the one that first brought them together, come rushing back. Did their mother's murder hurt them beyond repair? Have those terrible wounds, buried for decades, festered and are now about to erupt?

As Chief Inspector Gamache works to uncover answers, his alarm grows when a letter written by a long dead stone mason is discovered. In it the man describes his terror when bricking up an attic room somewhere in the village. Every word of the 160-year-old letter is filled with dread. When the room is found, the villagers decide to open it up.

As the bricks are removed, Gamache, Beauvoir and the villagers discover a world of curiosities. But the head of homicide soon realizes there's more in that room than meets the eye. There are puzzles within puzzles, and hidden messages warning of mayhem and revenge.

In unsealing that room, an old enemy is released into their world. Into their lives. And into the very heart of Armand Gamache's home.

Contributor Bio

LOUISE PENNY is the author of the #1 *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Globe and Mail* bestselling series of Chief Inspector Armand Gamache novels, and coauthor with Hillary Rodham Clinton of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling thriller *State of Terror*. She has won numerous awards, including a CWA Dagger and the Agatha Award (seven times), and was a finalist for the Edgar Award for Best Novel. In 2017, she received the Order of Canada for her contributions to Canadian culture. Louise lives in a small village south of Montréal.

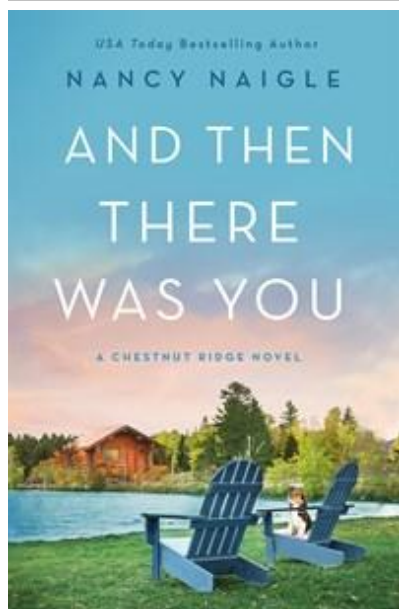
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And Then There Was You

A Chestnut Ridge Novel

Nancy Naigle

A heartwarming love story by *USA Today* bestselling author Nancy Naigle.

Summary

Reeling after falling prey to a Romeo con-artist who just waltzed away with the better part of her belongings, Natalie Maynard works closely with the detective assigned to her case, only the few leads have led nowhere.

Detective Randy Fellowes can't promise Natalie restitution, but he's determined to find the culprit and serve up justice. Married to his work, he's caught off guard when Natalie has his thoughts wandering to more than the case.

Natalie soon seeks refuge in the one thing she still owns — an old fishing cabin in the mountains of Chestnut Ridge. She quickly falls in love with the town and the eccentric people who are teaching her so much about the area and its heritage.

Through these people, and the determination of Detective Fellowes, she rediscovers her courage, self, and a reason to risk love again, in the coziness of sweater weather in the mountains of Virginia.

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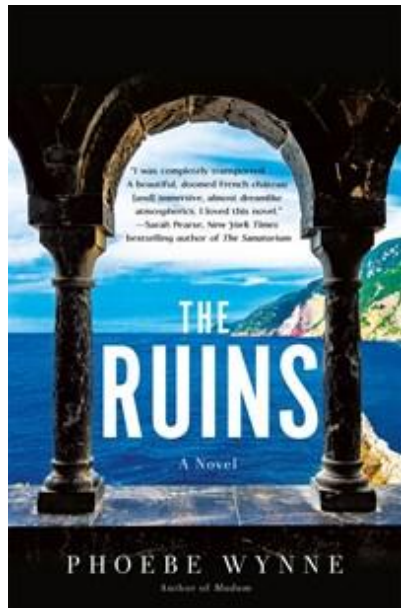
USA Today bestselling author NANCY NAIGLE whips up small-town love stories with a whole lot of heart. Several of Nancy's novels have been made into Hallmark movies, and most recently *The Shell Collector* was adapted as the first Fox original movie to stream on Fox Nation. A native of Virginia Beach, Nancy now calls the Blue Ridge Mountains home.

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A Novel

Phoebe Wynne

A suspenseful, contemporary Gothic coming-of-age tale with shades of Patricia Highsmith and *Atonement*, pitched against the sun-soaked backdrop of the French Riviera.

Summary

The most dazzling summer casts the darkest shadows...

Welcome to the Château des Sètes, a jewel of the Côte d’Azur, where long summer days bring ease, glamour, and decadence to the holidaymakers who can afford it.

Ruby Ashby adores her parents’ house in France, but this August, everything feels different. Unexpected guests have descended upon the château—friends of her parents, and their daughters—and they are keen to enjoy the hot, extravagant summer holiday to its fullest potential. But despite languid days spent poolside and long nights spent drinking, a simmering tension grows between the adults, and the sanctuary that Ruby once cherished soon starts to feel like a gilded cage.

Over two decades later, the Château des Sètes is for sale, its days of splendor and luxury long gone, leaving behind a terrible history and an ugly legacy. A young widow has returned to France, wanting to purchase the estate despite her memories of what transpired that fateful summer. But there is another person who is equally haunted by the château, and who also seeks to reclaim it. Who will set the house and its ghosts free—and who will become yet another of its victims? With riveting psychological complexity, *The Ruins* captures the tangled legacy of abuse, the glittering allure of the Mediterranean, and the dark shadows that wait beneath the surface of both.

Contributor Bio

PHOEBE WYNNE is the author of *Madam* and *The Ruins*. She worked in education for nearly a decade and taught Classics in the UK and English Language and Literature in Paris. She is British and French, and currently splits her time between France and England.

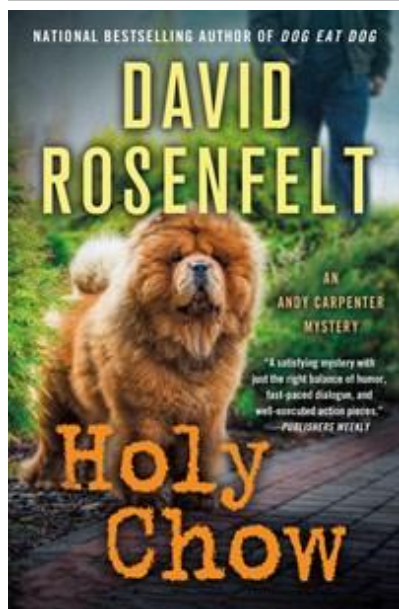
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An Andy Carpenter Mystery

David Rosenfelt

"You can read *Holy Chow* for the mystery, for the snappy writing, for the engaging characters. The main thing is to read it!" —New York Journal of Books

Summary

Retired lawyer Andy Carpenter's calling has always been running the Tara Foundation. The dog rescue organization places hundreds of dogs in new homes every year. It's added up to so many dogs and new owners that Andy can't even do the math. But there's one dog—and one owner—Andy will always remember.

About a year ago, Rachel Morehouse came to the foundation looking for a companion. In her sixties and recently widowed, Rachel wanted a senior dog that also needed someone. Andy took a liking to her, Rachel took a liking to Lion, an older Chow Chow, and the rest is history.

That is, until Rachel calls Andy begging for a favor: *If Rachel dies, will Andy take care of Lion if her stepson cannot?* Andy agrees, no questions asked, and promptly forgets about it... until he receives a call from Rachel's estate to attend her will reading. Which is where he meets Rachel's stepson, Tony, who is promptly arrested for his stepmother's murder. And he wants Andy to prove his innocence.

Andy has continued to learn more about the woman he so greatly admired and the businesses she ran, and holy chow, was this woman impressive. The person who killed her deserves to be held accountable, and if Tony is to be believed, they're still out there. And that possibility is too much for Andy to remain on the sidelines.

Contributor Bio

DAVID ROSENFELT is the Edgar-nominated and Shamus Award-winning author of more than twenty Andy Carpenter novels, most recently *Holy Chow*; nine stand-alone thrillers; two non-fiction titles; and three K Team novels, a new series featuring some of the characters from the Andy Carpenter series. After years of living in California, he and his wife moved to Maine with twenty-five of the four thousand dogs they have rescued.

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A Novel

Jodie Slaughter

A sizzling romance where a winning lottery ticket is meant to be a new start but instead becomes a second chance at love.

Summary

Miriam Butler's life is going nowhere in the slowest, most excruciating way possible. Stuck in the same barely-paying job she's had since she was sixteen and spending every night sleeping in the spare twin bed in her mother's house, her existence might be hilarious if it wasn't so bleak. One trip to her favorite corner store upends everything when she finds herself the winner of a Mega Millions Lottery Jackpot. Unfortunately, not even life-altering roses come without their painful thorns. Hers just so happen to be in the form of an estranged husband who has the right to claim his share of *her* money.

It's been eight years since Leo Vaughn has had a conversation with his wife. When she calls out of the blue, practically begging him to come back to Greenbelt, the last thing he expects her to tell him when he gets there is that she's come into a whole heap of money. She offers him a life-changing proposition of his own. Take a lump sum, finally sign the divorce papers, and be done with her for good. Only, a forever without her is the last thing Leo wants. So he gives a proposition of his own. One that won't cost her nearly as many millions, but will buy him the time to do the one thing he's been hungry to do since he left—win her back.

Contributor Bio

JODIE SLAUGHTER is the author of *Bet on It* and *Play to Win*. She is a twenty-something romance author who spends most of her days hunched over a laptop making fictional characters kiss. She loves love, so she writes romance novels full of heart, passion, and heat. When she isn't putting steamy scenes or declarations of devotion on the page she can normally be found being generally hilarious on twitter, dreaming about brisket, or consuming way too much television. She lives in Kentucky.

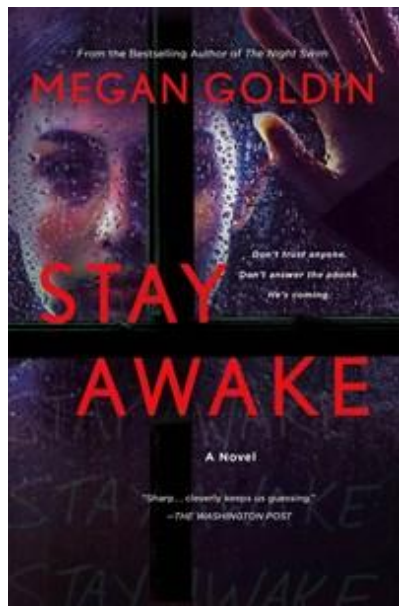
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A Novel

Megan Goldin

A murder she doesn't remember committing. A killer she doesn't remember meeting. Megan Goldin's *Stay Awake* is an electrifying novel that proves memory can be deadly.

Summary

Liv Reese wakes up in the back of a taxi with no idea where she is or how she got there. When she's dropped off at the door of her brownstone, a stranger answers—a stranger who claims to live in her apartment. She reaches for her phone to call for help, only to discover it's missing. In its place is a bloodstained knife. Her hands are covered in scribbled messages, like graffiti on her skin: STAY AWAKE.

Two years ago, Liv was thriving as a successful writer for a trendy magazine. Now, she's lost and disoriented in a New York City that looks nothing like what she remembers. Catching a glimpse of the local news, she's horrified to see reports of a crime scene where the victim's blood has been used to scrawl a message across a window, similar to the message that's inked on her hands. What did she do last night? And why does she remember nothing from the past two years? Liv finds herself on the run for a crime she doesn't remember committing. But there's someone who does know exactly what she did, and they'll do anything to make her forget—permanently.

A complex thriller that unfolds at a breakneck speed, *Stay Awake* will keep you up all night.

Contributor Bio

MEGAN GOLDIN worked as a correspondent for Reuters and other media outlets where she covered war, peace, international terrorism and financial meltdowns in the Middle East and Asia. She is now based in Melbourne, Australia where she raises three sons and is a foster mum to Labrador puppies learning to be guide dogs. She is the author of *The Escape Room* and *The Night Swim*.

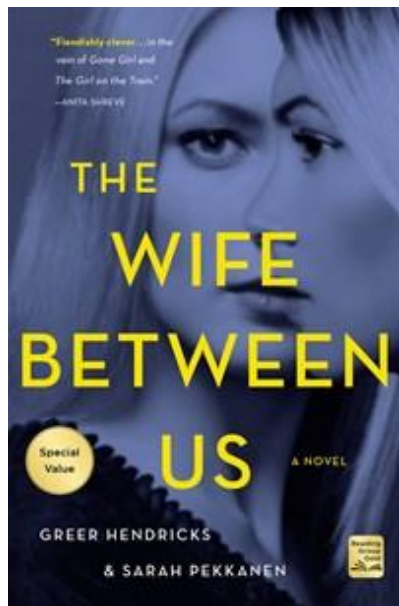
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The Wife Between Us

A Novel

Greer Hendricks, Sarah Pekkanen

A novel of suspense that explores the complexities of marriage and the dangerous truths we ignore in the name of love.

Summary

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Contributor Bio

GREER HENDRICKS spent over two decades as an editor. Her writing has been published in *The New York Times* and *Publishers Weekly*. *The Wife Between Us* is her first novel.

SARAH PEKKANEN is the internationally and *USA Today* bestselling author of seven previous novels. A former investigative journalist and feature writer, her work has been published in *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and many others.

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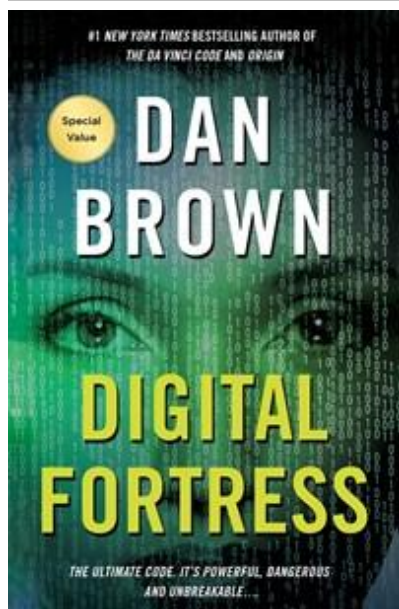
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Dan Brown

The debut cyber-thriller from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Da Vinci Code* and *Origin*, involving a potentially crippling computer code.

Summary

When the NSA's invincible code-breaking machine encounters a mysterious code it cannot break, the agency calls its head cryptographer, Susan Fletcher, a brilliant, beautiful mathematician. What she uncovers sends shock waves through the corridors of power. The NSA is being held hostage--not by guns or bombs -- but by a code so complex that if released would cripple U.S. intelligence.

Caught in an accelerating tempest of secrecy and lies, Fletcher battles to save the agency she believes in. Betrayed on all sides, she finds herself fighting not only for her country but for her life, and in the end, for the life of the man she loves.

Contributor Bio

DAN BROWN is the author of numerous #1 bestselling novels, including *Digital Fortress*, *Angels & Demons* and *The Da Vinci Code*, which has sold more than 80 million copies worldwide, making it one of the best selling novels of all time. Named one of the World's 100 Most Influential People by *TIME* magazine, he has appeared in the pages of *Newsweek*, *Forbes*, *People*, *GQ*, *The New Yorker*, and others. His novels are published in 51 languages around the world. He lives in New England with his wife.

Quotes

"*Digital Fortress* is the best and most realistic techno-thriller to reach the market in years....The story line is so good, readers will feel a chilling thrill a minute..."

—*Midwest Book Review*

"In this fast-paced, plausible tale, Brown blurs the line between good and evil enough to delight patriots and paranoids alike."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"In a crescendo of murder, infernos, and explosions, Brown's skill at hinting and concealing the twist will rivet cyber-minded readers."

—*Booklist*

"One of the most intelligent and dynamic authors in the genre."

—*Library Journal*

"A disturbing, cutting-edge techno-thriller which should galvanize everyone who sends or receives E-mail or even dreams of navigating the Web... a gripping story on the frontier of cyberspace which adroitly explores the frighteningly delicate line between defending us and controlling us."

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Our Story of The Doobie Brothers

Pat Simmons, Tom Johnston, Chris Epting

For the first time, the incredible true story of the legendary band, The Doobie Brothers, written by founding members Pat Simmons and Tom Johnston.

Summary

Only a very few rock bands have had the longevity, success, and drama of The Doobie Brothers. Born out of late 1960's NorCal, and led by Pat Simmons and Tom Johnston, they stood alongside their contemporaries The Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers, and many others as an iconic American rock band. The train was rolling along, hits were flowing like wine, and arenas were packed with fans who wanted to see them live...then Tom Johnston, the band's front man and lead guitarist, became ill and had to leave.

The Doobies' train came to a screeching halt, just as things were taking off. But Pat Simmons made sure they were far from the end and began the process of keeping the band together through most of the next decade. A soul-steeped backup singer for Steely Dan named Michael McDonald took a shot at singing some of the Doobies' songs on tour, and all of a sudden a new chapter in The Doobie Brothers' story began. The band expanded their sound and had even more hits with their new front addition. Tom recovered from his health issues, but the band had moved on. When it came time for a reunion concert in the '80s, Tom got the call and was back in the mix. Led once again by Pat and Tom, The Doobie Brothers have been touring ever since and maintain a massive fan base the world over.

Never before have Pat and Tom shared their story, in their own words. In *Long Train Runnin'* they'll change that.

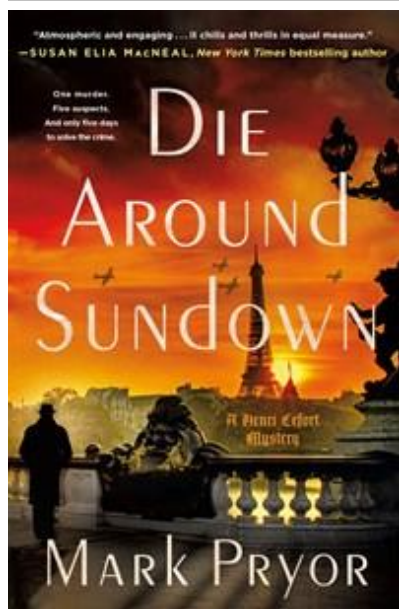
Contributor Bio

PAT SIMMONS and **TOM JOHNSTON** are founding members of The Doobie Brothers. The band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2020, won four Grammy Awards, and has sold nearly 50 million records with five Top 10 singles and 16 Top 40 hits. Their '76 album *Best of the Doobies* has sold over 12 million copies, achieving the rare Diamond Certification by the RIAA (fewer than 100 albums have accomplished this).

CHRIS EPTING is the author of many books including the music memoirs *Adrenalized* (with Phil Collen) and *Change of Seasons* (with John Oates). As a music journalist he has written extensively for the Huffington Post, Ultimate Classic Rock, and many others.

Quotes

"The Doobie Brothers' saga truly is one of the untold stories in rock." —*Rolling Stone*



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A Henri Lefort Mystery

Mark Pryor

The first entry in an exciting new mystery series set in World War II era Paris, where a detective is forced to solve a murder while protecting his own secrets.

Summary

It's the summer of 1940 in German-occupied Paris, and Detective Henri Lefort has been given five days to solve the murder of a German major that took place in the Louvre Museum -- or his own neck will be on the line. Blocked from the crime scene but given a list of suspects, Henri encounters a group of artists, including Pablo Picasso, who know more than they're willing to tell him. With the help of a police secretary, he must unravel their connections to the murdered officer and to each other.

While hunting the killer, Henri must also keep the secret of his own past under wraps as someone threatens to expose him. But when he meets a famed psychoanalyst who promises to help him, he begins to tell his story of his time in World War I -- but his biggest secret, if revealed to the wrong people, will not just end his career, but almost certainly see him hanged for a decades-old murder he didn't commit.

Over the course of the next five days, with the clock ticking to name a murderer, Henri's loyalty to his country and to his fellow Parisians is tested under the pressure of the German officers.

Contributor Bio

MARK PRYOR is a former newspaper reporter and felony prosecutor, originally from England but now living in Austin, Texas. He is the author of the Hugo Marston mystery series, set in Paris, London, and Barcelona. Mark is also the author of the psychological thrillers, *Hollow Man*, and its sequel, *Dominic*. As a prosecutor, he appeared on CBS News's 48 Hours and Discovery Channel's Discovery ID: Cold Blood.

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The Summer Girl

An Avalon Bay Novel

Elle Kennedy

Elle Kennedy's next spicy and emotional romance in the blockbuster Avalon Bay series.

Summary

College student Cassie Soul hasn't spent an entire summer in Avalon Bay in years, not since her parents divorced and her mother spitefully whisked her away to Boston. Now that her grandmother is selling the boardwalk hotel that's been in their family for five decades, Cassie returns to the quaint beach town, excited to spend time with family, ring in her twenty-first birthday...and maybe find herself a summer fling. She's ready for breathless, heart-pounding passion. And on her first night in town, she finds the perfect candidate: Tate Bartlett, Avalon Bay's fun-loving golden boy.

Tate, sailing instructor and lovable player, is no stranger to flings. In fact, he's always down for a good time. But...maybe not *this* time? The moment he meets Cassie, he knows she's not the girl you play games with, and the last thing he wants to do is risk breaking her heart. So, despite his attraction to her, he turns her down. But that awkward hiccup doesn't stop a friendship from developing between the two. Tate even helps Cassie find that fling she's so set on finding. Only it isn't long before he's wondering if he made a huge mistake. Cassie is gorgeous, hilarious, and, frankly, the coolest person he's ever met. He can't deny it anymore: he wants that fling now. Big-time. And maybe even something more.

As Cassie and Tate walk the line between friends and lovers, they're about to discover that their situation is the *least* complicated part of this equation. Because Avalon Bay is full of secrets—and their relationship might not survive when one secret in particular comes to light.

Contributor Bio

A *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author, ELLE KENNEDY grew up in the suburbs of Toronto, Ontario, and is the author of more than forty romantic suspense and contemporary romance novels, including the international bestselling *Off-Campus*, *Avalon Bay* and *Briar U* series.

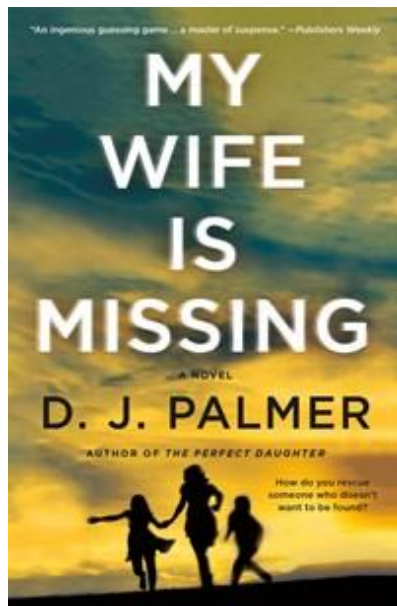
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Praise for *Good Girl Complex*

"Elle Kennedy's ability to build a college town universe that is delicious, complicated and drama-filled, is unparalleled. Cooper and Mack were fire and ice. The push and pull, banter and high stakes made it impossible to put the book down. I read it in one sitting, and you will, too." —LJ Shen, *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author

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My Wife Is Missing

A Novel

D.J. Palmer

When a woman disappears with her two children, one husband will do anything to find them—even confront the secrets of his own past—in a twisty thriller from the author of *The New Husband*.

Summary

A family vacation turns into a nightmare for Michael Hart when he discovers his wife and two children have disappeared from their New York City hotel room. Horrified, he fears they've been kidnapped. Michael's frantic search to find them takes a shocking turn when he discovers that his wife, Natalie, appears to have left quite willingly, taking their children with her. The police want to know why, and so does Michael. But there may be a reason why Natalie ran, something Michael can't tell the police—the truth about his past.

While untangling his deceptions might be the key to locating Natalie, Michael knows it could also be his undoing. Natalie thinks she has Michael all figured out and has hatched a plan to escape from him permanently. One detail, though, threatens to derail her efforts: sleep—or more accurately, the lack of it. Since the moment the shocking revelations about her husband came to light, Natalie's insomnia has worsened to the point that she now suffers from delusions.

Are her fears about Michael valid—or a symptom of her condition? With her children's lives at risk, the stakes for Natalie could not be higher. On her own, running low on energy and resources, avoiding increasingly close calls with Michael—who is on the hunt and closing in fast—Natalie needs someone to turn to for help. But who can she trust when she can't even trust herself?

Contributor Bio

D.J. PALMER is the author of numerous critically acclaimed suspense novels. He received his master's degree from Boston University and after a career in e-commerce he shifted gears to writing full time. He lives by the ocean in Massachusetts where he is working on his current novel. Besides writing, DJ enjoys yoga, songwriting, and family time with his two children and his ever faithful dog.

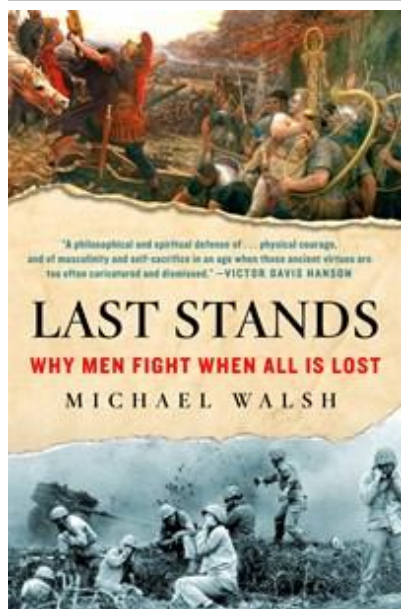
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Last Stands

Why Men Fight When All Is Lost

Michael Walsh

What are we willing to die for? Michael Walsh restores the dignity of lost concepts like honor, duty, sacrifice and patriotism for our unheroic age.

Summary

What is heroism? What are its moral components—altruism, love, self-sacrifice? Why was it once celebrated, and now often dismissed as anachronistic? In this dramatic and readable account of last stands in history—famous or otherwise—Walsh explores the stakes that led men at very different times and places to face overwhelming odds and certain death for the sake of family, home and country. In *Last Stands*, Walsh writes about battles in which a small group faced overwhelming odds, and all too often died to the last man—battles like Thermopylae, the Ronceveaux Pass, the Alamo, the siege of Malta, Little Big Horn, Stalingrad, Rorke's Drift, and the Warsaw Ghetto—explaining why they were fought, what their ultimate outcome was, and their afterlife in history, myth and culture.

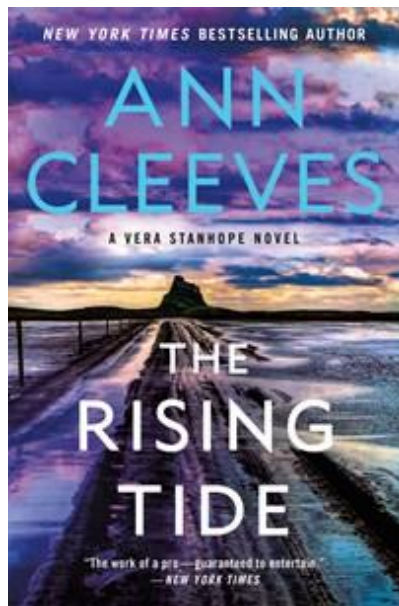
Contributor Bio

The author of sixteen books, MICHAEL WALSH was the classical music critic for *Time Magazine* and received the 2004 American Book Awards prize for fiction for his gangster novel, *And All the Saints* in 2004. His popular columns for *National Review* written under the pseudonym David Kahane were developed into the book, *Rules for Radical Conservatives*. His two last books, *The Devil's Pleasure Palace* and *The Fiery Angel*, examine the triumphs and struggles of Western Civilization throughout time.

Quotes

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A Vera Stanhope Novel

Ann Cleeves

As *NYT* bestseller Ann Cleeves's Vera Stanhope series explodes in popularity in print and on TV, this stunning tenth book explores guilt, betrayal, and the secrets people keep.

Summary

There's an ebb and flow to every murder case, as long-hidden secrets surface.

Fifty years ago, a group of teenagers spent a weekend on Holy Island, forging a bond that has lasted a lifetime. Now, they still return every five years to celebrate their friendship, and remember the friend they lost to the rising waters of the causeway at the first reunion.

Now, when one of them is found hanged, Vera is called in. Learning that the dead man had recently been fired after misconduct allegations, Vera knows she must discover what the friends are hiding, and whether the events of many years before could have led to murder then, and now . . .

But with the tide rising, secrets long-hidden are finding their way to the surface, and Vera and the team may find themselves in more danger than they could have believed possible.

The Rising Tide is the extraordinary tenth novel in the Vera Stanhope series, from the author of multiple instant *New York Times* bestsellers and the award-winning books behind the hit TV series *Vera*, *Shetland* and *The Long Call*.

Contributor Bio

ANN CLEEVES (she/her) is the multi-million copy bestselling author behind three hit television series—*Shetland*, starring Douglas Henshall, *Vera*, starring Academy Award Nominee Brenda Blethyn, and *The Long Call*, starring Ben Aldridge—all of which are watched and loved in the United States. All three are available on BritBox.

The first *Shetland* novel, *Raven Black*, won the Crime Writers' Association Gold Dagger for best crime novel, and Ann was awarded the CWA Diamond Dagger in 2017. She was awarded the OBE in 2022 for services to reading and libraries. Ann lives in the United Kingdom.

Quotes

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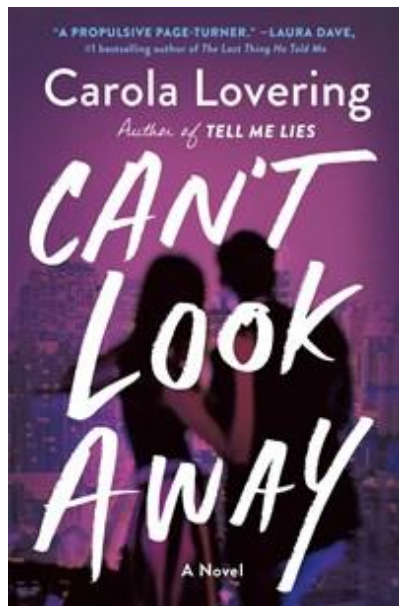
"Cleeves has a fine time constructing a clockwork murder plot... Loneliness plays both sides of the aisle here, afflicting both Vera and the murderer she hunts."—*Booklist*

"*The Darkest Evening* reminds us that the novels are richer, fuller, and more satisfying than any episode of television can be... [Cleeves] is a master of the genre and if anything has gained a step over the years."—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

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Can't Look Away

A Novel

Carola Lovering

The author of *Tell Me Lies* returns with a sexy new suspense about the kind of addictive, obsessive love that keeps you coming back--no matter how hard you try to look away.

Summary

It is 2013, and twenty-three-year-old Brooklyn barista Molly Diamond has just locked eyes with Jake Danner, the front man of an up-and-coming Southern rock band. It's not long before Molly and Jake fall deeply in love, inspiring each other's writing and planning for a life together filled with creativity, passion, and adventure.

But nearly a decade later, Molly is teaching yoga and living in a posh Connecticut suburb with her young daughter and husband, Hunter—who is decidedly not Jake Danner. Molly is lonely in picture-perfect Flynn Cove—until Sabrina walks into her studio. A newcomer in town, Sabrina has her own reasons for seeking out Molly, and their blossoming friendship will set both women on a collision course of deep-rooted secrets, lies, and manipulation.

Meanwhile, a new version of Jake's hit song is on the radio, forcing Molly to confront her past and ask the ultimate questions: What happens when life turns out nothing like we thought it would, when we were young and dreaming big? Does growing up mean choosing with your head, rather than your heart? And do we ever truly get over our first love?

Contributor Bio

CAROLA LOVERING is the author of the novels *Tell Me Lies*, *Too Good to Be True*, and *Can't Look Away*. She is a graduate of Colorado College, and her work has appeared in *New York Magazine*, *W Magazine*, *National Geographic*, *Outside*, and *Yoga Journal*, among other publications. Her novel, *Tell Me Lies*, is now a television series for Hulu. She lives in Connecticut with her family.

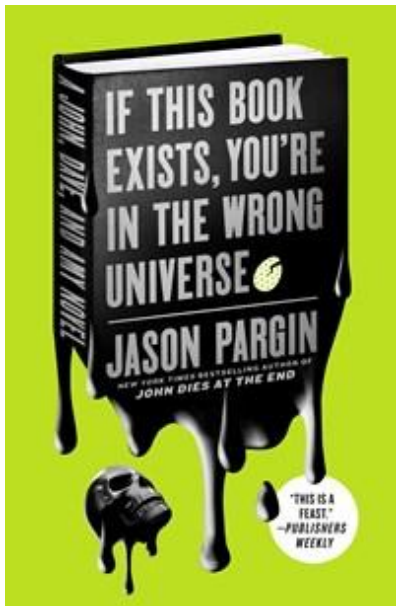
Quotes

"Lovering unspools a taut, twisty, humdinger of a plot...A slow-burning literary tease that plumbs the heights and depths of young love, creative ambitions, friendship, and betrayal." --*Kirkus*, starred review

"Thriller alert...get ready to be on the edge of your seat." --*TheSkimm*

"Lovering's nuanced characterizations and interweaving of different voices and timelines add depth to her story of obsession. Fans of Gillian Flynn and Paula Hawkins will enjoy." --*Publishers Weekly*

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A John, Dave, and Amy Novel

Jason Pargin

New York Times bestselling author Jason Pargin's hilarious and horrifying John Dies at the End series continues with *If This Book Exists, You're in the Wrong Universe*.

Summary

If the broken neon signs, shuttered storefronts, and sub-standard housing didn't tip you off, you've just wandered into the city of "Undisclosed". You don't want to be caught dead here, because odds are you just might find yourself rising from the grave. That hasn't stopped tourists from visiting to check out the unusual phenomena that hangs around our town like radioactive fallout. Interdimensional parasites feeding on human hosts, paranormal cults worshipping demonic entities, vengeful teenage sorcerers, we've got it all.

Did I mention the possessed toy? It's a plastic football-sized egg that's supposed to hatch an adorable, colorful stuffed bird when a child "feeds" it through a synchronized smartphone app. What's actually inside is an otherworldly monstrosity that's enticing impressionable wayward youth into murdering folks and depositing their body parts inside the egg as if it's a hungry piggy bank to trigger the end of the world.

That's where Dave, John, and Amy come in. They face supernatural threats so the rest of us don't have to—and sometimes even earn a couple of bucks to so do. But between the bloody ritual sacrifices and soul-crushing nightmares, our trio realizes this apocalypse is way above their pay grade.

Contributor Bio

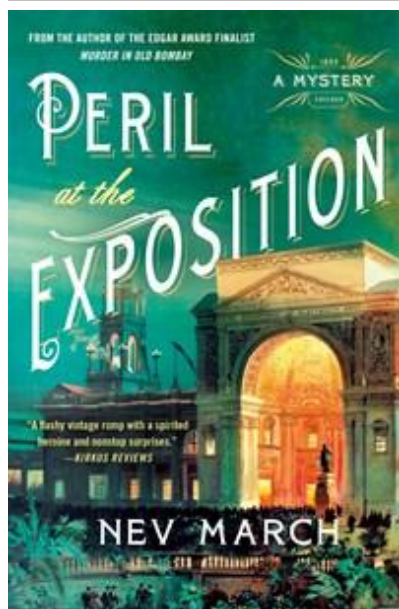
JASON PARGIN is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the John Dies at the End series as well as the award-winning Zoey Ashe novels. He previously published under the pseudonym David Wong. His essays at Cracked.com and other outlets have been enjoyed by tens of millions of readers around the world.

Quotes

"Pargin once again delights with scathing social commentary thinly disguised as an outrageous action novel...This is a feast."—*Publishers Weekly* on *If This Book Exists, You're In the Wrong Universe*

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Peril at the Exposition

A Mystery

Nev March

"A flashy vintage romp with a spirited heroine and nonstop surprises." — *Kirkus Reviews*

Summary

1893: Newlyweds Captain Jim Agnihotri and Diana Framji are settling into their new home in Boston, Massachusetts, having fled the strict social rules of British Bombay. It's a different life than what they left behind, but theirs is no ordinary marriage: Jim, now a detective at the Dupree Agency, is teaching Diana the art of deduction he's learned from his idol, Sherlock Holmes.

Everyone is talking about the preparations for the World's Fair in Chicago: the grandeur, the speculation, the trickery. Captain Jim will experience it first-hand: he's being sent to Chicago to investigate the murder of a man named Thomas Grewe. As Jim probes the underbelly of Chicago's docks, warehouses, and taverns, he discovers deep social unrest and some deadly ambitions.

When Jim goes missing, young Diana must venture to Chicago's treacherous streets to learn what happened. But who can she trust, when a single misstep could mean disaster?

Award-winning author Nev March mesmerized readers with her Edgar finalist debut, *Murder in Old Bombay*. Now, in *Peril at the Exposition*, she wields her craft against the glittering landscape of the Gilded Age with spectacular results.

Contributor Bio

NEV MARCH is the winner of the Minotaur Books/Mystery Writers of America First Crime Novel Award for her award-winning, Edgar finalist debut, *Murder in Old Bombay*. Leaving a long career in business analysis in 2015, she returned to her passion, writing fiction. She is a member of the Mystery Writers of America and the Crime Writers of Color. A Parsee Zoroastrian herself, Nev lives with her husband and sons in New Jersey.

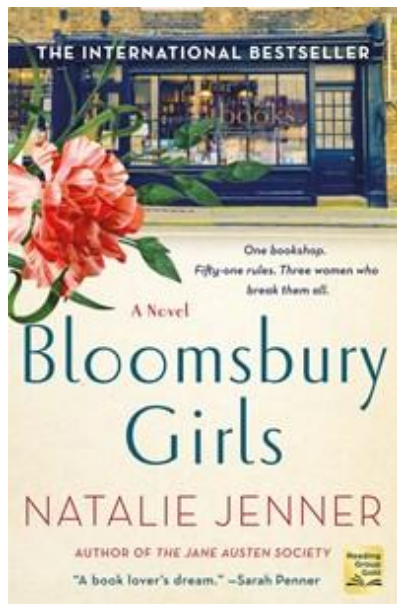
Quotes

Praise for *Peril at the Exposition*

"March's writing not only evokes the world of international intrigue, political unrest, and the threat of anarchist terrorism, it also explores the life and beliefs of a unique hero, a Parsi Zoroastrian woman from Bombay." — *Ellery Queen Magazine*

"Another enthralling tale of conspiracy, mystery, anguish, faith, and murder. . . looks like the Captain Jim and Lady Diana Agnihotri Mystery Series is here to stay." — *Khaas Baat*

"Fans of Rhys Bowen's Molly Murphy series will find plenty to like." — *Publishers Weekly*



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Bloomsbury Girls

A Novel

Natalie Jenner

The international bestselling author of *The Jane Austen Society* returns with a compelling and heartwarming story of post-war London, an old bookstore, and three women determined to change their world.

Summary

Bloomsbury Books is an old-fashioned new and rare book store that has persisted and resisted change for a hundred years, run by men and guided by the general manager's unbreakable fifty-one rules. But in 1950, the world is changing, especially the world of books and publishing, and at Bloomsbury Books, the girls in the shop have plans:

Vivien Lowry: Single since her aristocratic fiancé was killed in action during World War II, the brilliant and stylish Vivien has a long list of grievances - most of them well justified and the biggest of which is Alec McDonough, the Head of Fiction.

Grace Perkins: Married with two sons, she's been working to support her family following her husband's breakdown in the aftermath of the war. Torn between duty to her family and dreams of her own.

Evie Stone: In the first class of female students from Cambridge permitted to earn a degree, Evie was denied an academic position in favor of her less accomplished male rival. Now she's working at Bloomsbury Books while she plans to remake her own future.

As they interact with various literary figures of the time - Daphne Du Maurier, Ellen Doubleday, Sonia Blair (widow of George Orwell), Samuel Beckett, Peggy Guggenheim, and others - these three women with their complex web of relationships, goals, and dreams are all working to plot out a future that is richer and more rewarding than anything society will allow.

Contributor Bio

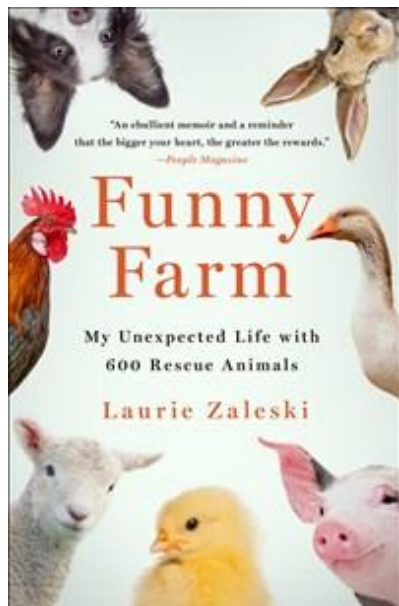
NATALIE JENNER was born in England and worked for decades in the Canadian legal industry. She founded Archetype Books in Oakville, Ontario, where she lives with her family.

Quotes

"Delightful." —*People*, Pick of the Week

"Another top-notch reading experience, using the same deft hand at creating complex, emotionally engaging characters [against] a backdrop chock-full of factual historical information." —*Booklist* (starred review)

"A timely and beautiful ode to ambition, friendship, bookshops, and the written word."
—Janet Skeslien Charles, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Paris Library*



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Funny Farm

My Unexpected Life with 600 Rescue Animals

Laurie Zaleski

Featured in *People Magazine* and on *CBS Sunday Morning*, as well as a Goodreads Most Anticipated Book of 2022, this is an inspiring and moving memoir of Laurie Zaleski's turbulent life with 600 rescue animals.

Summary

Laurie Zaleski never aspired to run an animal rescue; that was her mother Annie's dream. But from girlhood, Laurie was determined to make the dream come true. Thirty years later as a successful businesswoman, she did it, buying a 15-acre farm deep in the Pinelands of South Jersey. She was planning to relocate Annie and her caravan of ragtag rescues—horses and goats, dogs and cats, chickens and pigs—when Annie died, just two weeks before moving day. In her heartbreak, Laurie resolved to make her mother's dream her own. In 2001, she established the Funny Farm Animal Rescue outside Mays Landing, New Jersey. Today, she carries on Annie's mission to save abused and neglected animals.

Funny Farm is Laurie's story: of promises kept, dreams fulfilled, and animals lost and found. It's the story of Annie McNulty, who fled a nightmarish marriage with few skills, no money and no resources, dragging three kids behind her, and accumulating hundreds of cast-off animals on the way. And lastly, it's the story of the brave, incredible, and adorable animals that were rescued. Although there are some sad parts (as life always is), there are lots of laughs.

Contributor Bio

LAURIE ZALESKI is the owner and founder of the Funny Farm Rescue & Sanctuary, non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization located in Mays Landing, New Jersey. Laurie is also the founder, and CEO of Art-Z Graphics. She has been named a New Jersey Heartland Hero, and is listed in the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Who's Who of Professional Women publication and has received numerous awards and acknowledgments for her work to save animals and educate the public about animal abuse.

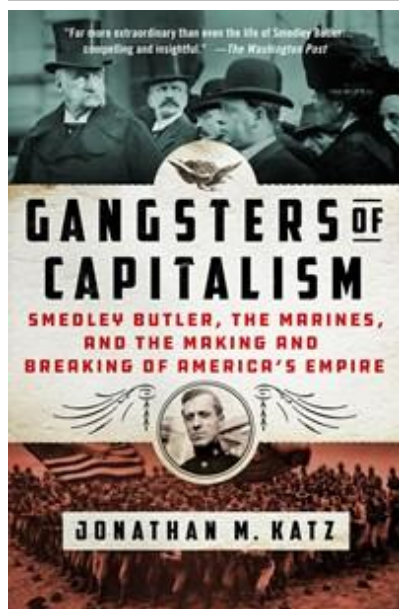
Quotes

"*Funny Farm's* story makes an enjoyable read for animal lovers and anyone interested in a true story of a generous and unconventional life." —*Associated Press*

"An ebullient memoir and a reminder that the bigger your heart, the greater the rewards." —*People Magazine*

"[A] heartwarming debut...Zaleski masterfully illustrates how one person can rise above difficult circumstances to do substantial good. Lovers of the furry and feathery will revel in this feel-good story." —*Publishers Weekly*

"The author expertly balances humor and vulnerability while sharing the details of her harrowing childhood, making the book feel like a conversation between friends...the book, both heartwarming and heartbreaking, is an enjoyable read." —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred)



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Smedley Butler, the Marines, and the Making and Breaking of America's Empire

Jonathan M. Katz

A groundbreaking journey tracing America's forgotten path to global power—and how its legacies shape our world today—told through the extraordinary life of a complicated Marine.

Summary

Smedley Butler was the most celebrated warfighter of his time. Bestselling books were written about him. Hollywood adored him. Wherever the flag went, "The Fighting Quaker" went serving in nearly every major overseas conflict from 1898 until the eve of World War II. He blazed a path for empire: helping annex the Philippines and the land for the Panama Canal, leading troops in China, and helping invade and occupy Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Mexico, and more. Yet in retirement, Butler turned into a warrior against war, imperialism, and big business, declaring: "I was a racketeer for capitalism."

Award-winning author Jonathan Myerson Katz traveled the world and pored over the letters of Butler, his fellow Marines, and his Quaker family on Philadelphia's Main Line. Tracing a path from the first wave of U.S. overseas expansionism, to the rise of fascism in the 1930s, to the crisis of democracy in our own time, *Gangsters of Capitalism* tells an urgent story about a formative era most Americans have never learned about, but that the rest of the world cannot forget.

Contributor Bio

Jonathan Myerson Katz received the James Foley/Medill Medal for Courage in Journalism for reporting from Haiti. His first book, *The Big Truck That Went By*, was shortlisted for the PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction. A former New America national fellow, his work appears in the New York Times, Foreign Policy, and elsewhere. He lives with his wife and daughter in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Quotes

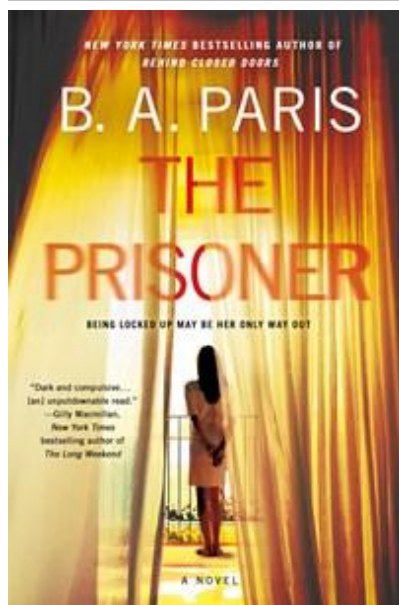
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The Prisoner

A Novel

B.A. Paris

The multimillion-copy and *New York Times* bestseller B. A. Paris will hold you captive with *The Prisoner*—a stunning new thriller about one woman wed into a family with deadly intentions.

Summary

Amelie has always been a survivor, from losing her parents as a child in Paris to making it on her own in London. As she builds a life for herself, she is swept up into a glamorous lifestyle where she married the handsome billionaire Jed Hawthorne.

But then, Amelie wakes up in a pitch-black room, not knowing where she is. Why has she been taken? Who are her mysterious captors? And why does she soon feel safer here, imprisoned, than she had begun to feel with her husband Jed?

In the vein of *Behind Closed Doors* and *The Therapist*, multimillion-copy bestseller B. A. Paris is back with a gripping new suspense novel.

Contributor Bio

B. A. PARIS (she/her) is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Behind Closed Doors*, *The Breakdown*, *Bring Me Back*, *The Dilemma*, and *The Therapist*. She grew up in England but has spent most of her adult life in France. She has worked both in finance and as a teacher and has five daughters. This is her sixth novel.

Quotes

Praise for *The Therapist*:

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A Novel

Jenny Ashcroft

Jenny Ashcroft's new, captivating World War II historical love story set against the raw beauty of Australia.

Summary

Rose Hamilton is in desperate need of a life change when she reads the want ad in the newspaper for a companion needed to escort a young orphaned child to Australia. There are so many reasons she should ignore the advertisement—the war, those treacherous winter seas, her family, her fiancé... but she can't help herself. Within weeks she is boarding an enormous convoy, already too attached to five-year-old Walter. Unfortunately, the cattle station home of Walter's family isn't anything like either of them were told to expect. Rose can't leave this little boy who she's grown to love until he is happy and settled, and she knows the key to this is Walter's wounded fighter pilot uncle. But how will she ever part with Walter? And what if he isn't the only reason she wants to stay?

Contributor Bio

JENNY ASHCROFT is a British author of historical fiction, including *Meet Me in Bombay*, *Beneath a Burning Sky* and *Island in the East*. She lives in East Sussex with her family and is hard at work on her next novel.

Quotes

"Jenny Ashcroft's meticulous research and beautiful writing creates an unforgettable book. I loved every page." -Karen White, *New York Times* bestselling author

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A Detective Annalisa Vega Novel

Joanna Schaffhausen

The next installment of Joanna Schaffhausen's critically acclaimed Detective Annalisa Vega series.

Summary

Chicago detective Annalisa Vega shattered her life, personally and professionally, when she turned in her ex-cop father for his role in a murder. Her family can't forgive her. Her fellow officers no longer trust her. So when detective Leo Hammond turns up dead in a bizarre murder, Annalisa thinks she has nothing to lose by investigating whatever secrets he hid behind the thin blue line.

Annalisa quickly zeroes in on someone who had good reason to want Hammond dead: a wealthy, fast-talking car salesman who'd gotten away with murder once and wasn't about to let Hammond take a second shot. Moe Bocks remains the number one suspect in his girlfriend's brutal unsolved death, and now he's got a new woman in his sights —Annalisa's best friend.

Annalisa is desperate to protect her friend and force Bocks to pay, either for Hammond's death or his earlier crime. But when no one else believes the connection, she takes increasingly risky chances to reveal the truth. Because both Hammond and Bocks had secrets to die for, and if she doesn't untangle them soon, Annalisa will be next.

Contributor Bio

JOANNA SCHAFFHAUSEN wields a mean scalpel, a skill developed in her years studying neuroscience. She has a doctorate in psychology, which reflects her long-standing interest in the brain. Previously, she worked for ABC News, writing for programs such as *World News Tonight*, *Good Morning America*, and *20/20*. She lives in the Boston area with her husband and daughter. She is also the author of *The Vanishing Season*, *No Mercy*, *All the Best Lies*, *Every Waking Hour*, and *Gone for Good*.

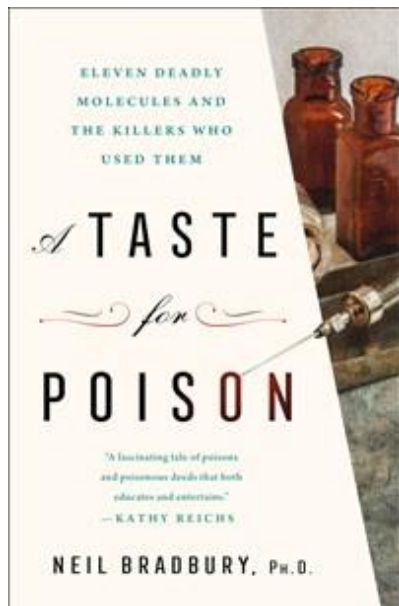
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Eleven Deadly Molecules and the Killers Who Used Them

Neil Bradbury, Ph.D.

A brilliant blend of science and crime, *A Taste For Poison* reveals how eleven notorious poisons affect the body--through the murders in which they were used.

Summary

As any reader of murder mysteries can tell you, poison is one of the most enduring—and popular—weapons of choice for a scheming murderer. It can be slipped into a drink, smeared onto the tip of an arrow or the handle of a door, even filtered through the air we breathe. But how exactly do these poisons work to break our bodies down, and what can we learn from the damage they inflict?

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Drawn from historical records and current news headlines, *A Taste for Poison* weaves together the tales of spurned lovers, shady scientists, medical professionals and political assassins to show how the precise systems of the body can be impaired to lethal effect through the use of poison. From the deadly origins of the gin & tonic cocktail to the arsenic-laced wallpaper in Napoleon's bedroom, *A Taste for Poison* leads readers on a riveting tour of the intricate, complex systems that keep us alive—or don't.

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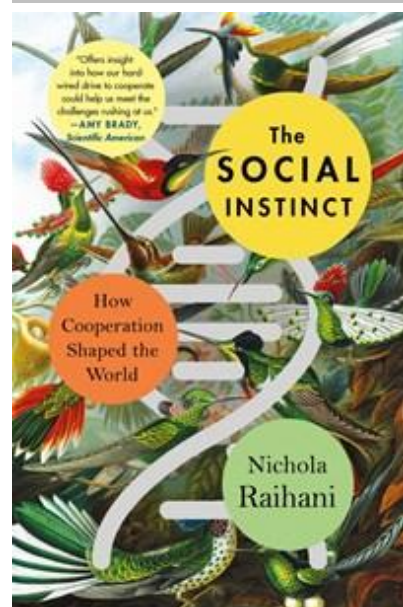
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Quotes

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The Social Instinct

How Cooperation Shaped the World

Nichola Raihani

In the tradition of Richard Dawkins's *The Selfish Gene*, a profound and engaging look at the hidden relationships underpinning human evolution, and why cooperation is key to our future survival.

Summary

Cooperation is the means by which life arose in the first place. It's how life progressed through scale and complexity, from free-floating strands of genetic material to nation states. But given what we know about evolution, cooperation is also something of a puzzle. How does cooperation begin, when on a Darwinian level, all the genes in the body care about is being passed on to the next generation? Why do meerkats care for one another's offspring? Why do babbler birds in the Kalahari form colonies in which only a single pair breeds? And how come some reef-dwelling fish punish each other for harming fish from another species?

A biologist by training, Raihani looks at where and how collaborative behavior emerges throughout the animal kingdom, and what problems it solves. She reveals that the species that exhibit cooperative behaviour most similar to our own tend not to be other apes; they are birds, insects, and fish, occupying far more distant branches of the evolutionary tree. By understanding the problems they face, and how they cooperate to solve them, we can glimpse how human cooperation first evolved. And we can also understand what it is about the way we cooperate that makes us so distinctive—and so successful.

Contributor Bio

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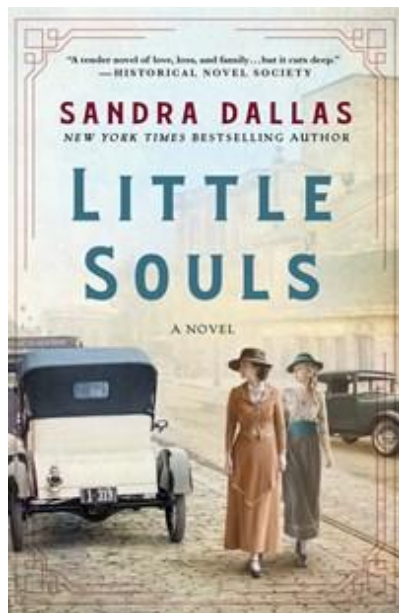
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"Nichola Raihani illuminates how cooperation has shaped such disparate phenomena as cancer, monogamy, menopause, hatred toward vegans, and people leaving dirty dishes in the office sink.... [She] offers insight into how our hardwired drive to cooperate could help us meet the challenges rushing at us."—**Amy Brady, *Scientific American***

"Raihani's rewarding analysis ranges from genetics to politics, and from the individual to the international, including the COVID-19 pandemic."—***Nature***

"Raihani employs social, economic, and biological theories to argue that living organisms have evolved through teamwork, and she discusses downsides of humans' social instinct—it can lead to conspiracy theories and confirmation bias. Colorful examples...bring things to life. This enriching survey should have broad appeal."

—***Publishers Weekly***



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Little Souls

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Sandra Dallas

A gripping tale of sisterhood, loyalty, and secrets set in Denver amid America's last deadly flu pandemic

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Colorado, 1918. World War I is raging overseas, but it's the home front battling for survival. With the Spanish Influenza rampant, Denver's schools are used as hospitals, funeral homes are closed, and nightly wagons collect corpses left in the street. Sisters Helen and Lutie have moved to Denver and when their tenant dies from the flu, the sisters are thrust into caring for the woman's daughter, Dorothy. But one day Lutie comes home from work and discovers a dead man on their kitchen floor, Helen standing above the body. She has no doubt Helen killed the man—Dorothy's father. They decide to leave the body in the street, hoping to disguise it as a victim of the flu.

Meanwhile, Lutie also worries about her fiance "over there". His mother, it turns out, harbors a secret of her own and helps the sisters as the danger deepens, from the murder investigation and the flu. Set against the backdrop of an epidemic that feels all too familiar, *Little Souls* is a compelling tale of sisterhood and of the sacrifices people make to protect those they love most.

Contributor Bio

SANDRA DALLAS, dubbed "a quintessential American voice" in *Vogue Magazine*, is the author of over a dozen novels, including *Prayers for Sale* and *Tallgrass*, many translated into a dozen languages and optioned for films. Six-time winner of the Willa Award and four-time winner of the Spur Award, Dallas was a *Business Week* reporter for 25 years covering the Rocky Mountain region, and began writing fiction in 1990. She has two daughters and lives with her husband in Denver and Georgetown, Colorado.

Quotes

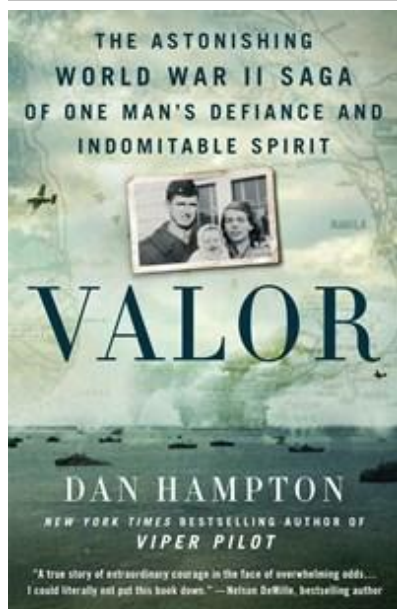
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The Astonishing World War II Saga of One Man's Defiance and Indomitable Spirit

Dan Hampton

The magnificent story of a genuine American hero who survived the fall of the Philippines and brutal captivity under the Japanese, from *New York Times* bestselling author Dan Hampton.

Summary

Lieutenant William Frederick "Bill" Harris was 25 years old when captured by Japanese forces during the Battle of Corregidor in May 1942. This son of a decorated Marine general escaped from hell on earth by swimming eight hours through a shark-infested bay; but his harrowing ordeal had just begun.

Shipwrecked on the southern coast of the Philippines, he was sheltered by a Filipino aristocrat, engaged in guerilla fighting, and eventually set off through hostile waters to China. After 29 days of misadventures and violent storms, Harris and his crew limped into a friendly fishing village in the southern Philippines. Evading and fighting for months, he was betrayed by treacherous islanders and handed over to the Japanese. Held for two years in the notorious Ofuna prisoner-of-war camp outside Yokohama, Harris was continuously starved, tortured, and beaten, but he never surrendered. Teaching himself Japanese, he eavesdropped on the guards and created secret codes to communicate with fellow prisoners. After liberation on August 30, 1945, Bill represented American Marine POWs during the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay before joining his father and flying to a home he had not seen in four years.

Through military documents, personal photos, and an unpublished memoir provided by his daughter, Harris' experiences are dramatically revealed through his own words in a riveting new look at the Pacific War.

Contributor Bio

New York Times bestselling author **DAN HAMPTON** flew 151 combat missions during both Gulf Wars, receiving four Distinguished Flying Crosses with Valor and a Purple Heart. A graduate of the elite USAF Fighter Weapons School, Dan holds several advanced degrees, including a Master of Arts from Dartmouth. Translated into a dozen languages, excerpts from Dan's books have been published in *Time Magazine*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *New York Post*, *USA Today*, *Parade*, and *Newsday*.

Quotes

"A captivating portrait of courage and determination during wartime." --**Publishers Weekly**

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Jonathan Maberry

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After years of searching, a new cave filled with Dead Sea Scrolls is found, and among them are bizarre books of actual magic. Terrorist groups and multinational corporations scramble to acquire these treasures in the hopes that magic is the true WMD of the 21st Century. But everyone who goes near those scrolls goes insane. The fabric of reality is shredding. Is this the result of ancient magic, or is it a new bioweapon that fractures the mind of anyone exposed?

Joe Ledger and Rogue Team International plunge into mortal peril as this new and deadly arms race threatens to ignite new wars throughout the Middle East.

Cave 13 pits Joe Ledger against warring factions of ideological terrorism, corporate greed, and massive international crime syndicates in what might well become a new Age of Miracles.

Contributor Bio

JONATHAN MABERRY is a New York Times bestselling, Inkpot winner, five-time Bram Stoker Award-winning author of *Relentless*, *Ink*, *Patient Zero*, *Rot & Ruin*, *Dead of Night*, the *Pine Deep Trilogy*, *The Wolfman*, *Zombie CSU*, and *They Bite*, among others. His V-Wars series has been adapted by Netflix, and his work for Marvel Comics includes *The Punisher*, *Wolverine*, *DoomWar*, *Marvel Zombie Return* and *Black Panther*. He is the editor of *Weird Tales Magazine*.

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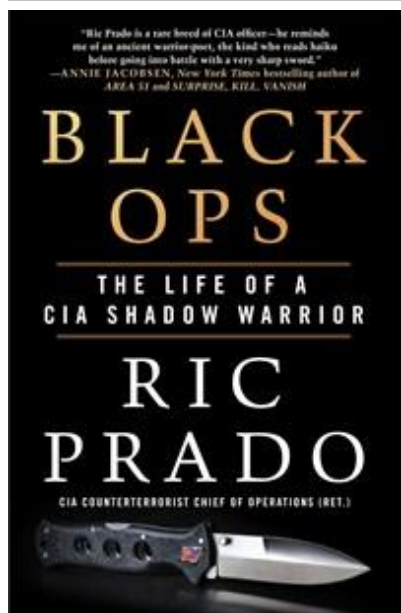
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Black Ops

The Life of a CIA Shadow Warrior

Ric Prado

A memoir by the highest-ranking covert warrior to lift the veil of secrecy and offer a glimpse into the shadow wars that America has fought since the Vietnam Era.

Summary

Enrique Prado found himself in his first firefight at age seven. The son of a middle-class Cuban family caught in the midst of the Castro Revolution, his family fled their war-torn home for the hope of a better life in America. Fifty years later, the Cuban refugee retired from the Central Intelligence Agency as the CIA equivalent of a two-star general. *Black Ops* is the story of Ric’s legendary career that spanned two eras, the Cold War and the Age of Terrorism. Operating in the shadows, Ric and his fellow CIA officers fought a little-seen and virtually unknown war to keep USA safe from those who would do it harm.

After duty stations in Central, South America, and the Philippines, *Black Ops* follows Ric into the highest echelons of the CIA’s headquarters at Langley, Virginia. In late 1995, he became Deputy Chief of Station and co-founding member of the Bin Laden Task Force. He and his team carried out covert operations and developed assets that proved pivotal in the coming War on Terror.

A harrowing memoir of life in the shadowy world of assassins, terrorists, spies and revolutionaries, *Black Ops* is a testament to the courage, creativity and dedication of the Agency’s Special Activities Group and its elite shadow warriors.

Contributor Bio

RIC PRADO has received many awards over the course of his twenty-four year career in the Central Intelligence Agency, including the CIA’s Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal (highest award given upon retirement) and the George H. W. Bush Award for Excellence in Counterterrorism, among others.

Quotes

“Ric Prado is an American original, a shadow warrior whose combat and street skills actually live up to Hollywood's spy movie fantasies.” —**Steve Coll, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Ghost Wars* and *Directorates* and winner of the Pulitzer Prize**

“Prado is a legendary CIA Operations Officer spanning almost three decades of exceptional service to his country. He achieved the CIA rank equivalent of military ‘General.’ No stay at home bureaucrat, Ric always sought out and served in harm’s way with exceptional dedication and courage.” —**Cofer Black, director, CIA Counterterrorist Center (Ret.)**