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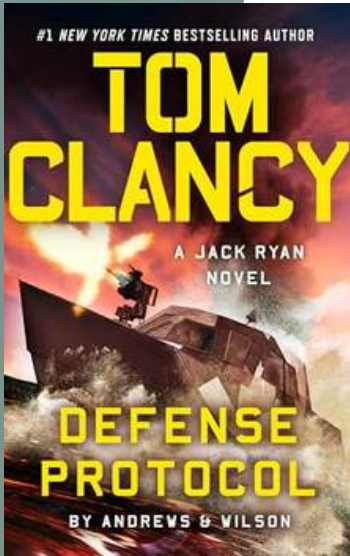


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TOM CLANCY DEFENSE PROTOCOL: JACK RYAN NOVEL

Brian Andrews & Jeffrey Wilson

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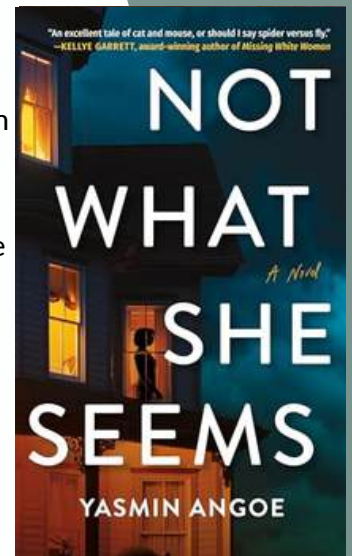
The stakes are sky-high when a minor misstatement from President Jack Ryan threatens the safety of Taiwan in this #1 New York Times Bestselling series. Every word a president utters is weighted and examined, but none more so than when he is talking about Taiwan. That's why it's shocking that President Jack Ryan seems to imply that the US has no appetite for a war to protect Taiwan from the communist Chinese on the mainland. President Ryan is determined to protect the independence of the island nation, but he is determined that one slip of the tongue should not cost thousands of young soldiers, sailors and Marines their lives.

NOT WHAT SHE SEEMS: A NOVEL

Yasmin Angoe

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After years of self exile, Jacinda "Jac" Brodie is back in Brook Haven, South Carolina. But the small cliffside town no longer feels like home. Jac hasn't been there since the beloved chief of police fell to his death-and all the whispers said she was to blame. That chief was Jac's father. Racked with guilt, Jac left town with no plans to return. But when her granddad lands in the hospital, she rushes back to her family, bracing herself to confront the past. Brooke Haven feels different now. Wealthy newcomer Faye Arden has transformed the notorious Moor Manor into a quaint country inn. Jac's convinced something sinister lurks beneath Faye's perfect exterior, yet the whole town fawns over their charismatic new benefactor. And when Jac discovers one of her granddad's prized possessions in Faye's office, she knows she has to be right. But as Jac continues to dig, she stumbles upon dangerous truths that hit too close to home.

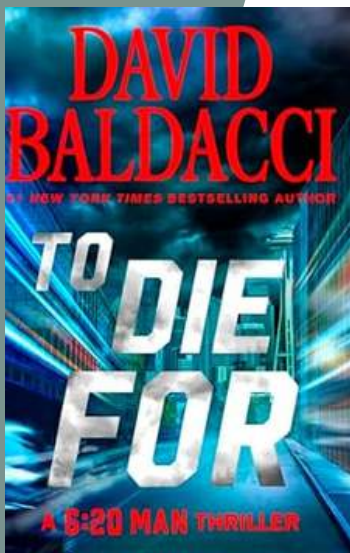


TO DIE FOR: A 6:20 MAN THRILLER

David Baldacci

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Travis Devine has become a pro at adapting to any situation to accomplish the mission set in front of him. Whether it's a high-powered corporate setting or small-town community, Devine will become the man for the job. His time as an Army Ranger and on the financial battlefields of Wall Street gave him the skills he needed, and he's put them to good use. But this time it's not his skills that send him to Seattle to aid the FBI in escorting orphaned, twelve-year-old Betsy Odom to a meeting with her uncle, who's under investigation for RICO charges. Instead, he's hoping to lie low and keep off the radar of an enemy that he evaded on a train in Switzerland and who has been after him ever since—the girl on the train. But as Devine gets to know Betsy, questions begin to arise around the death of her parents. Betsy is adamant that they had never used drugs, but the police in the small rural town where they died insist the Odoms died of an overdose. Devine starts digging for answers, and what he finds points to a conspiracy bigger than he could've ever imagined. The question is, how do Betsy, her uncle, and various government agencies all fit into it.





REMEMBER WHEN: A RAVENSWOOD NOVEL

Mary Balogh

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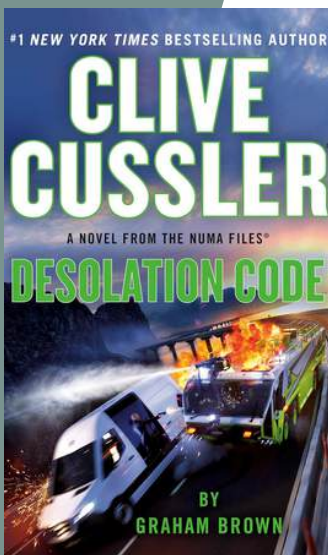
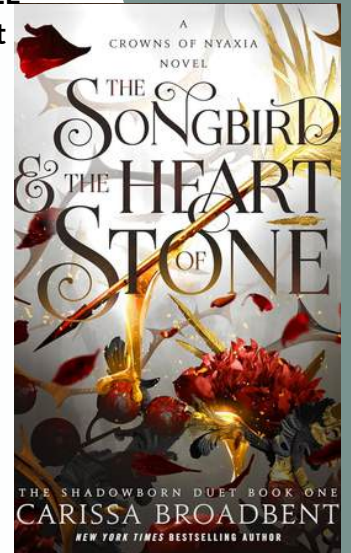
The Dowager Countess of Stratton, Clarissa Ware, née Greenfield, has just presented her younger daughter to the ton, and the rest of her life belongs only to herself. She returns to Ravenswood, intending to spend the summer alone there. But the summer has other plans for her. Born a gentleman, Matthew Taylor has chosen to spend his life as the village carpenter. Growing up, he and Clarissa were close—dangerously so, considering his family’s modest fortune. As a young man, he never would have been a suitable match for the daughter of a wealthy Greenfield, Clarissa married Caleb Ware, the Earl of Stratton, so Matthew married another though he was widowed soon after. Now everything is different—Clarissa has already lived the life expected of her by society. And Matthew is as attractive and intriguing as he was when they were young. What will happen at the end of the summer?

THE SONGBIRD AND THE HEART OF STONE: A CROWNS OF NYAXIA NOVEL

Carissa Broadbent

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Mische lost everything when she was forcibly turned into a vampire—her home, her humanity and most devastating of all, the love of the sun god to whom she had devoted her life. Now, sentenced to death for murdering the vampire prince who turned her, redemption feels impossible. But when Mische is saved by Asar, the bastard prince of the House of Shadow with a past as brutal as his scars, she’s forced into a mission worse than execution: a journey to the underworld to resurrect the god of death himself. Yet, Mische’s punishment may be the key to her salvation. In a secret meeting, her sun god commands her to help Asar in his mission, only to betray him..by killing the god of death. Mische and Asar must travel the treacherous path to the underworld facing trials, beasts, and the vengeful ghosts of their pasts. Yet, most dangerous of all is the alluring call of the darkness—and her forbidden attraction to Asar, a burgeoning bond that risks invoking the wrath of gods.



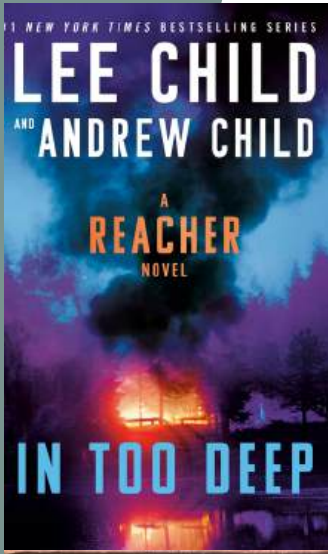
CLIVE CUSSLER DESOLATION CODE

Graham Brown

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When Kurt Austin and Joe Zavala investigate a mass stranding of aquatic life in the Indian Ocean, they accidentally uncover a much deeper mystery. A strange figure soon steals NUMA’s findings, forcing a high-speed chase—someone really didn’t want them examining those dead whales. But who, and why? A cryptic text through the NUMA satellite network makes things still stranger: these odd phrases and numbers look like NUMA codes. But who could be tantalizing the crew with such specific knowledge of their tech? Are they being helped by an old friend, or lured into a trap by a traitor who knows a little too much about NUMA’s inner workings? Kurt, Joe, and even Max, the agency’s supercomputer, will have to investigate like never before as they decrypt data, infiltrate a cult of cloned men, and prepare for a battle on two very different planes: one physical; one digital. The aquatic stranding was just the beginning of a sinister plan concocted by a mind more brilliant than any they’ve ever faced—the mind of a machine.





IN TOO DEEP: A JACK REACHER NOVEL

Lee Child & Andrew Child

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The gripping new Jack Reacher thriller #1 New York Times bestselling authors Lee Child and Andrew Child.

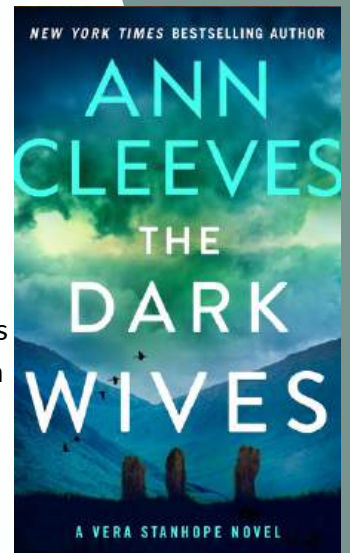
Reacher wakes up, alone, in the dark, handcuffed to a bed in a makeshift hospital room. His few possessions are gone. He has a no memory of getting there. The last things he can recall is the car he had hitched a ride in getting run off the road. The driver was killed. The people who staged the attack assume Reacher was the driver's accomplice and patch up his wounds as they plan to make him talk. A plan that will backfire spectacularly.

THE DARK WIVES

Ann Cleeves

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A local myth. A deadly threat. A man's body is found in the early morning light by a local dog walker on the common outside Rosebank, a care home for troubled teens. The victim is Josh, a staff member who was due to work the previous night but never showed up for his shift. DI Vera Stanhope is called out to investigate. Her only clue is the disappearance of one of the home's residents, fourteen year-old Chole Spence. Vera can't bring herself to believe that a teenager could be responsible for the murder, but even she can't dismiss the possibility. Vera, Joe, and a new team member Rosie are soon embroiled in the case. But when a second body, connected to Josh, is found near the Three Dark Wives standing stones in the wilds of the Northumberland countryside, superstition and folklore collide with fact. Vera knows she has to find Chole to get to the truth, but it seems that the dark secrets in their community may be far more dangerous than she could have ever believed possible.



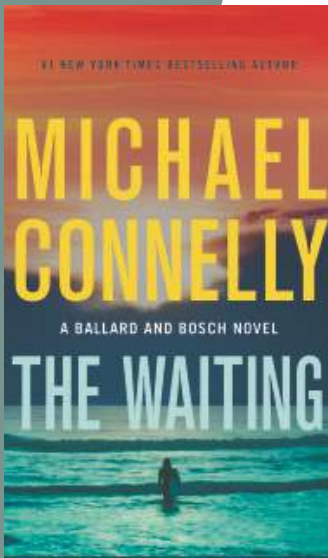
THINGS DON'T BREAK ON THEIR OWN: A NOVEL

Sarah Easter Collins

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A heart-wrenching mystery about sisters, lovers, and a dinner party gone wrong. 25 years ago, a young girl left home to walk to school. Her younger sister soon followed. But one of them arrived, and one of them didn't. Her sister's disappearance has defined Willa's life. Everyone thinks her sister is dead, but Willa knows she isn't. Because there are some things that only sisters know about each other--and some bonds only sisters can break. Willa sees fragments of her sister everywhere--the way that woman on the train turns her head, the gait of that woman in Paris. If there's the slightest resemblance, Willa drops everything, and everyone, and tries to see if it is her. When Willa is invited to a dinner party thrown by her first love, she has no reason to expect it will be anything other than an ordinary evening. Both of them have moved on, ancient history. But nothing about Willa's life has been ordinary since the day her sister disappeared, and that's not about to change tonight.





THE WAITING: A BALLARD AND BOSCH NOVEL

Michael Connelly

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LAPD Detective Renee Ballard tracks a terrifying serial rapist whose trail has gone cold, with the help of the newest volunteer to the Open-Unsolved Unit: Patrol Officer Maddie Bosch, Harry's daughter. Renee Ballard and the LAPD's Open-Unsolved Unit get a hot shot DNA connection between a recently arrested man and a serial rapist and a murderer who went quiet 20 years ago. The arrested man is only 23, so the genetic link must be familial. It is his father who was the Pillowcase Rapist, responsible for a 5 year reign of terror in the city of angels. But when Ballard and her team move in on their suspect, they encounter a baffling web of secrets and legal hurdles. Meanwhile, Ballard's badge, gun, and ID are stolen-a theft she can't report without giving her enemies in the department the ammunition they need to end her career as a detective.

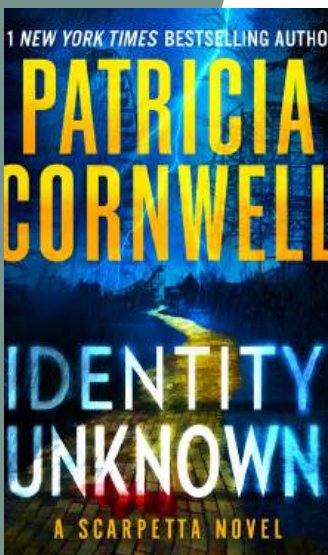
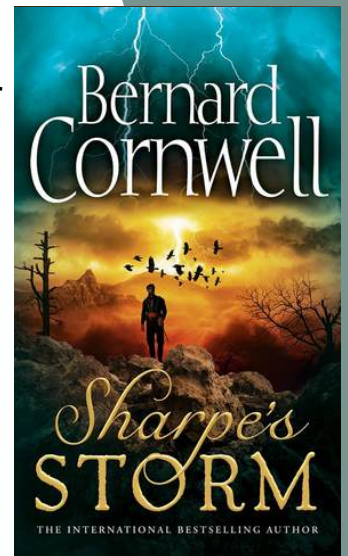
SHARPE'S STORM

Bernard Cornwell

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The gripping new novel from internationally bestselling master of historical fiction Bernard Cornwell.

War against Napoleon rages across Europe. As Britain prepares to invade France for the first time, the formidable Richard Sharpe and his men brace themselves for a cold, hard winter. Before them, across flooded rivers and fortified bridges, lies the fiercest French army they have ever encountered. There is only one way forward for Wellington's army, and it will be bloody... Major Sharpe may be in for his toughest winter yet.



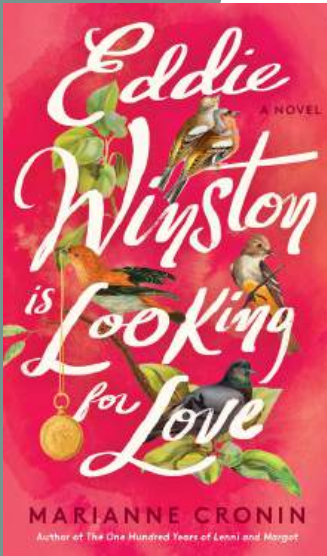
IDENTITY UNKNOWN: A SCARPETTA NOVEL

Graham Brown

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Autopsies can reveal the secrets of the dead. And this victim is sending Scarpetta a message... Summoned to an unnerving, abandoned theme park to retrieve a body, Dr Kay Scarpetta is devastated to learn that the victim is a man she once loved. While teaching in Rome during the early days of her career, Scarpetta had an intense love affair with her Sal Giordano that led to a lifelong friendship. The murder scene is bizarre, with a crop circle of petals around the body, and Giordano's skin is straggly red. Scarpetta's niece Lucy believes he was dropped from an unidentified flying craft. Scarpetta knows an autopsy can reveal the dead's secrets, but she is shocked to find her friend seems to have deliberately left her a clue. As the investigators are torn between suspicions of otherworldly forces, and of Giordano himself, Scarpetta detects an explanation closer to home that, in her mind, is far more evil...





EDDIE WINSTON IS LOOKING FOR LOVE: A NOVEL

Marianne Cronin

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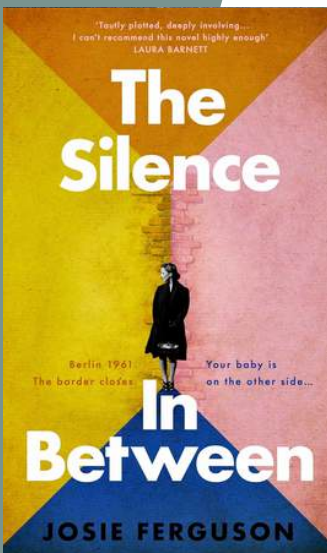
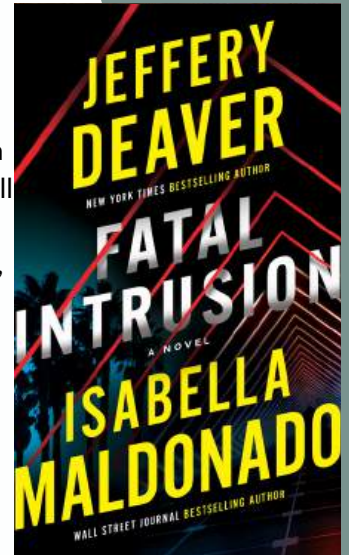
Eddie Winston is 90 years old. He has lived and he has loved, but he has never been kissed. A true gentleman and incurable romantic, Eddie spends his days volunteering at a charity shop, where he sorts through the donations of the living and the dead, preserving letters and tokens of love along the way. And it is here that he meets Bella, a troubled young woman who, at 24 years old, has just lost the love of her life. When Bella learns that Eddie is yet to have his first kiss, she resolves to help Eddie Winston finally find love, sparking an adventure that will take them to unexpected places and, they hope, bring Eddie Winston to the moment he has waited for all his life. A tale of friendship and kindness that reminds us that those we love are never forgotten and it is never too late to try again.

FATAL INTRUSION: A NOVEL

Jeffery Deaver

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As a wave of murders grips Southern California, an unlikely pair must untangle the mysterious patterns of an elusive killer. Carmen Sanchez is a tough Homeland Security agent who plays by the rules. But when her sister is attacked, revealing a connection to a series of murders across Southern California, she realizes a conventional investigation will not be enough to stop the ruthless perpetrator. With nowhere else to turn, Sanchez enlists the aid of Professor Jake Heron, a brilliant and quirky private security expert who, unlike Sanchez, believes rules are merely suggestions. The two have a troubled past, but he owes her a favor and she's cashing in. They team up to catch the assailant, who, mystifyingly, has no discernible emotive and fits no classic criminal profile. All they have to go on is a distinctive tattoo and a singular obsession that gives this chillingly efficient tactician his nickname: Spider. Over the next 72 hours, Sanchez and Heron find themselves in the midst of a lethal chess match with the killer as they race to stop the carnage. As the victims mount, so do the risks. Because this spider's web of intrigue is more sinister-and goes far deeper-than anyone could possibly anticipate.



THE SILENCE IN BETWEEN

Josie Ferguson

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Lisette is in hospital with her baby boy. The doctors tell her to go home and get some rest, that he'll be fine. When she awakes, everything has changed. Because overnight, on 13 August 1961, the border between East and West Berlin has closed, slicing the city-and the world-in two. Lisette is trapped in the east, while her newborn baby is unreachable in the west. With the streets in chaos and armed guards ordered to shoot anyone who tries to cross, her situation is desperate. Lisette's teenage daughter, Elly, has always struggled to understand the distance between herself and her mother. Both have lived for music, but while Elly hears notes surrounding every person she meets, for her mother-once a talented pianist-the music has gone silent. Perhaps Elly can do something to bridge the gap between them. What begins as the flicker of an idea turns into a daring plan to escape East Berlin, find her baby brother, and bring him home...





VILEST THINGS: A NOVEL

Chloe Gong

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Calla Tuoleimi has succeeded in the impossible. Despite the odds, she has won San-Er's bloody games and eliminated King Kasa, her tyrant uncle and the former ruler of Talin. She now serves as royal advisor to Kasa's adopted son, August Shenzhi, who has risen to the throne. Only Calla knows it isn't really August. Anton Makusa is still furious about Calla's betrayal in the final round of the games. In an impossible feat, he took over August's body to survive and has no intention of giving up this newfound power. But when his first love, the beautiful, explosive Otta Avia, awakens from a years long coma and reveals a secret that threatens the monarchy's authority over Talin, chaos erupts. As tensions come to a boiling point, Calla and Anton must set their conflicts aside and head to the kingdom's far reaches to prevent anarchy...

THE BLUE HOUR: A NOVEL

Paula Hawkins

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The spellbinding new novel from the internationally bestselling author of *The Girl on the Train*. An isolated Scottish Island, accessible to the mainland only twelve hours a day. A famous (some might say infamous) artist whose notoriously unfaithful husband disappeared after visiting her twenty years ago. A present-day discover that intimately connects three people and unveils a web of secrets and lies. A masterful and propulsive novel that asks searing questions of ambition, power, gender and perception.



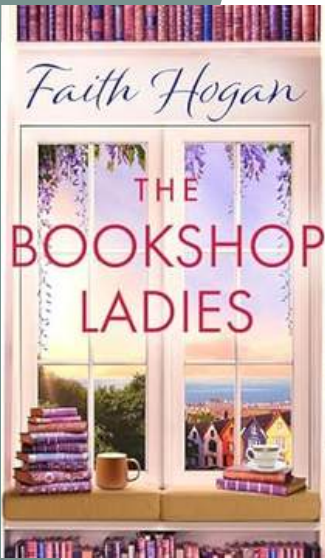
BAD LIAR: A NOVEL

Tami Hoag

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Small town labels are hard to shake. Hometown hero. Fallen angel. Can anyone ever escape their past? A murder victim dumped at the dead end of a lonely country road, face and hands obliterated by a shotgun blast, is not the way sheriff's detective Nick Fourcade wants to start his week. His only lead takes him to the family of a hometown hero suddenly gone missing. Marc Mercier left his home for a weekend hunting trip and hasn't been seen since. Meanwhile, sheriff's detective Annie Broussard begins her first day back on the job after suffering a brutal attack by taking on the case of B'Lynn Fontenot, a mother desperate to find her grown son, a recovering drug addict. Robbie Fontenot has been missing for eight days, but the local police have no interest in the case, telling B'Lynn that an adult has the right to disappear, and a missing addict is no big surprise. But B'Lynn swears her son was turning his life around. Sympathetic to a mother's anguish, Annie agrees to help B'Lynn, knowing she's about to start a turf war with the city police. As Annie searches for Robbie Fontenot and Nick investigates the disappearance of Marc Mercier, it quickly becomes apparent that nothing is as it seems in the lives of either man. And it's still not clear whether either of them – or neither – might be the unidentified murder victim. .





THE BOOKSHOP LADIES

Faith Hogan

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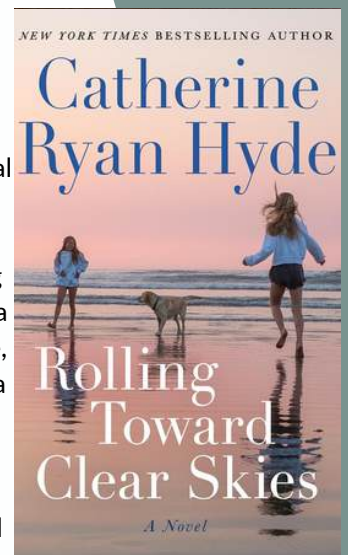
Joy Blackwood has no idea why her French art dealer husband has left a valuable painting to a woman called Robyn Tessier in Ballycove, a small town on the west coast of Ireland, but she is determined to find out. She arrives in Ballycove to find that Robyn runs a rather chaotic and unprofitable bookshop. She is shy, suffering from unrequited love for dashing Cathal, and badly in need of advice on how to make the bookshop successful. As Joy gets drawn into the dramas of everyday life in the town, she finds it more and more difficult to confess why she really came, let alone find the truth about the painting she brought with her. When she does finally summon up the courage, it sets the cat amongst the pigeons in the close-knit, friendly community she has come to love.

ROLLING TOWARD CLEAR SKIES

Catherine Ryan Hyde

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Maggie Blount, divorced mother of two and California physician, puts her private practice on hold when disaster strikes. Doctors on Wheels takes her and Alex—Maggie's professional and romantic partner—wherever they're needed. After rolling into rural Louisiana in the wake of a category five hurricane, Maggie immediately bonds with two sisters and their puppy, all orphaned by the storm. It's enough to break Maggie's heart, and she's not leaving them behind. Feeling blessed and looking forward to their new foster home in affluent Vista del Mar—a world apart from the one they've known—Jean and Rose are polite, appreciative, and humble. Frankly, polar opposite of Maggie's own self-involved teenage daughters, Willa and Gemma, who resist this intrusion by strangers into their privileged lives. Soon enough, Maggie's new blended family is in chaos. Teaching Willa and Gemma about gratitude and empathy will be hard enough. Maggie must also admit her own role in their entitled upbringing, undo the damage, and anticipate the needs of all four girls and a puppy, all amid faraway natural disasters and those closer to home.



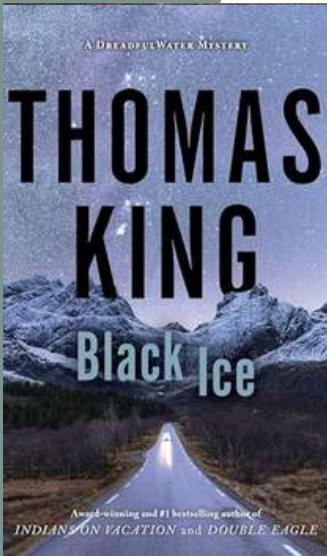
OPEN SEASON: AN ALEX DELAWARE NOVEL

Jonathan Kellerman

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Los Angeles is a city of stars, a city of strivers and wannabes. Not everyone can shine bright, but they'll burn themselves up for a glimpse of the high life. LAPD homicide lieutenant Milo Sturgis knows it all too well. The best dreamers often make the worst monsters. The body of an aspiring actress has been found—and she'd been drugged. The main suspect is a stunt double with the ego of an action star. He's more brawn than brains, it seems, with few boundaries when it comes to women. But he's offed before Milo and Alex can get to him. Worse yet, the rifle that killed him was used in a prior case . . . and another case before that. And then it's fired again and again, taking victims right under their noses. They begin to think that someone is avenging the victims of men without boundaries—but is this a slick, efficient assassin with their own corrupt code of justice, or a knight errant, one who doesn't want to be seen, but still wants to be known? Alex and Milo soon find themselves in the thick of a truly complicated and twisted case—one with no shortage of suspects or victims that takes them on a wild ride through the surreal underbelly of Los Angeles.





BLACK ICE: A DREADWATER MYSTERY

Thomas King

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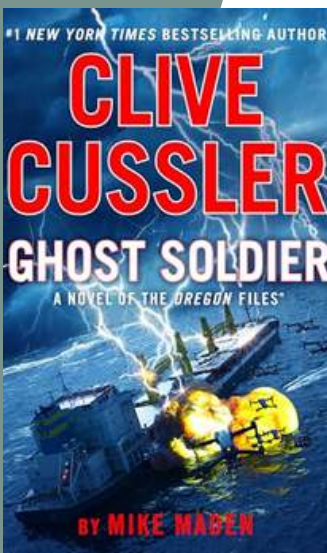
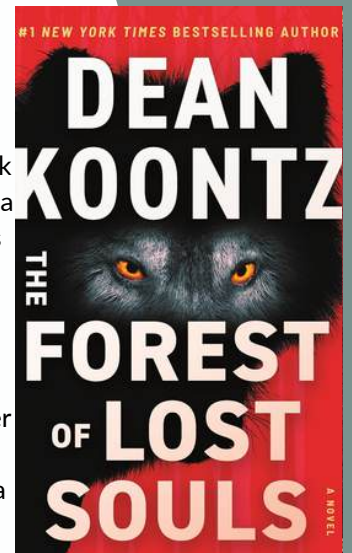
Thumps DreadfulWater has a lot on his plate. With Duke out of commission following his wife's tragic death, Thumps is appointed temporary deputy sheriff, a role that makes him doubly eager for Duke's swift recovery. First, a myopic private investigator dies while in custody. The autopsy concludes that he died of natural causes; then an assault rifle is found in the trunk of the dead man's rental car, and the mystery woman he was investigating disappears. Meanwhile, Thumps contends with a couple of horse-thieving octogenarians and a large, slobbery dog acquired in the line of duty. As the rest of Chinook comes together to cheer on golf novice Wutty Youngbeaver, who is competing in the US Open qualifying tournament up at Shadow Ranch, Claire and Ivory decamp to Alberta, leaving Thumps to contemplate the simplicity of a life lived alone. If he can't manage something as simple as a dog or a couple of cats, how can he be responsible for another human being? Two human beings? The plot thickens when ninja assassin Cisco Cruz returns to Chinook, and Thumps finds himself knee-deep in a complicated web of deceit spun by a nefarious collective known as Black Ice. His job? To sort through the lies. It's like a game of Jenga, where the blocks need to be removed carefully, one by one, or the whole structure will topple.

THE FOREST OF LOST SOULS: A NOVEL

Dean Koontz

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A fearless woman, raised in the forest, fights against a group of powerful men in a novel about good versus evil, the enduring nature of myth, and the power of love by #1 New York Times bestselling author Dean Koontz. Raised in the wilderness by her late great-uncle, Vida is a young woman with an almost preternatural affinity for nature, especially for the wolves that also call the forested mountains home. Formed by hard experience, by love and loss, and by the prophecies of a fortune teller, Vida just wants peace. If only nearby Kettleton County didn't cast such a dark shadow. It's where Jose Nochelobo, the love of Vida's life and a cherished local hero, died in a tragic accident. That's the official story, but Vida has reasons to doubt it. The truth can't be contained for long. Nor can the hungry men of power in Kettleton who want something too: that Vida, like Jose, disappear forever. One by one they come for her, prepared to do anything to see their plans through to their evil end. Vida is no less prepared for them. Vida, the forest, and its formidable wonders are waiting. She will not rest until goodness and order have been restored.



CLIVE CUSSLER GHOST SOLDIER; A NOVEL OF THE OREGON FILES

Mike Maden

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A deadly war game. An adversary as hard to find as he is to kill. Weapons so sophisticated, none have seen the like before. Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon have finally met their match in this pulse-pounding new adventure in the #1 New York Times bestselling series. When African jihadis attack a Nigerian regiment using American weapons, Cabrillo and the Oregon crew are on the case, investigating from Afghanistan to Kuala Lumpur to track a mysterious arms dealer—a genius, or perhaps a devil—known only as the Vendor. Cabrillo goes undercover to find the Vendor's base, but his adversary isn't just an arms smuggler. He's an arms maker, and Cabrillo just walked into a lethal military game alongside the most dangerous mercenaries in the world, designed to test the Vendor's cutting-edge AI arsenal. And yet, surviving an arena full of flame-throwing robots isn't even his biggest problem. The Vendor has an army of high-speed drones headed for a pivotal military site, and if the Oregon crew can't stop them from releasing a deadly neurotoxin, the entire globe will erupt in conflict.





A GREAT MARRIAGE: A NOVEL

Frances Mayes

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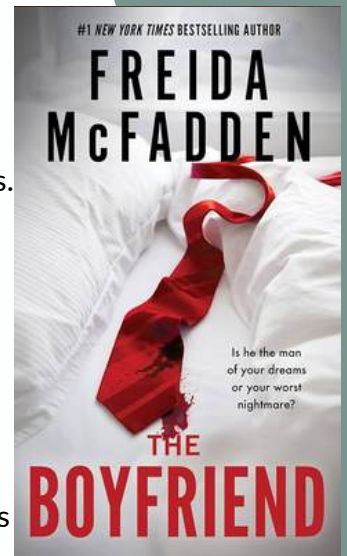
Does a great romance make a great marriage? Dara Willcox, up in New York for a weekend, meets Austin Clarke at an art gallery. If love at first sight can happen, it happens to them. These two vivid, ambitious people are on different trajectories—he's British, working temporarily in New York. She's set on law school. They don't care. They will make their lives together happen. At their engagement dinner at Dara's family home, her mother Lee sets a beautiful table and the family and close friends gather to celebrate. Rich, Dara's father, raises a toast. Suddenly, Lee spills the wine, a brilliant red stain splashing onto the tablecloth and onto Austin. Days later, Austin hears unsettling news from London that threatens to wreck his plans. When Dara learns of the problem, she abruptly cancels the wedding. She refuses to reveal the reason, not even to her parents or grandmother, disrupting their family tradition of openness. As everyone knows, Lee and Rich have a great marriage, and Charlotte, her grandmother, had a colossal one, to the late Senator Mann. Charlotte has even "written the book on marriage," as the acclaimed author of numerous non-fiction bestsellers on the topic. Chaos ensues as the romantic wedding plans unravel. Dara's failure cuts deep. She heads to California, finding solace with friends and driving the coastal highway. Austin, back in London, faces not only his culpability but a major tragedy, the consequences of which are far-reaching and life-altering. Is their once-great romance over?

THE BOYFRIEND

Freida McFadden

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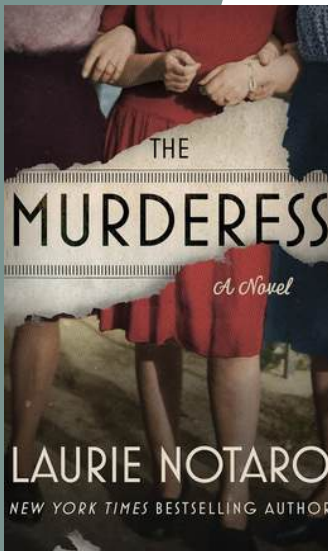
Sydney Shaw, like every single woman in New York, has terrible luck with dating. She's seen it all: men who lie in their dating profile, men who stick her with the dinner bill, and worst of all, men who can't shut up about their mothers. But finally, she hits the jackpot. Her new boyfriend is utterly perfect. He's charming, handsome, and works as a doctor at a local hospital. Sydney is swept off her feet. Then the brutal murder of a young woman—the latest in a string of deaths across the coast—confounds police. The primary suspect? A mystery man who dates his victims before he kills them. Sydney should feel safe. After all, she is dating the guy of her dreams. But she can't shake her own suspicions that the perfect man may not be as perfect as he seems. Because someone is watching her every move, and if she doesn't get to the truth, she'll be the killer's next victim...



THE MURDERESS: A NOVEL

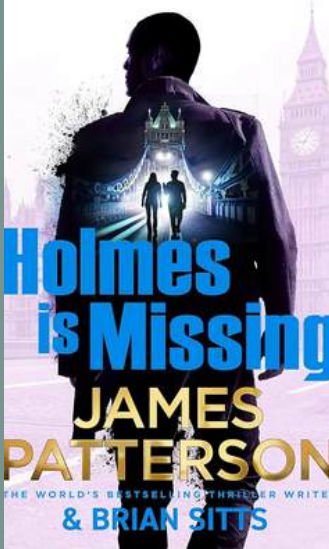
Laurie Notaro

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It's October 1931. When Winnie Ruth Judd arrives at the Los Angeles train station from Phoenix, her shipping trunks catch the attention of a suspicious porter. By the time they're pried open, revealing the dismembered bodies of two women inside, Ruth has disappeared into the crowd. The search for, and eventual apprehension of, the Trunk Murderess quickly becomes a headline-making sensation. Even the Phoenix murder house is a sideshow attraction. The one question on everyone's lips: How could a twenty-six-year-old reverend's daughter and doctor's wife—petite, pretty, well educated, and poised—commit such a heinous act on two people she'd called "my dearest friends in the world"? Everyone has their theories and judgments, but no one knows the whole truth. What unfolds in this gripping work of true-crime fiction is a collision of jealousy, drug addiction, insanity, rage, and inescapable choices. At its heart, a condemned and tragic mystery woman whose trial—and its shocking twists—will make history.





HOLMES IS MISSING: A HOLMES, MARGARET AND POE MYSTERY

James Patterson & Brian Sitts

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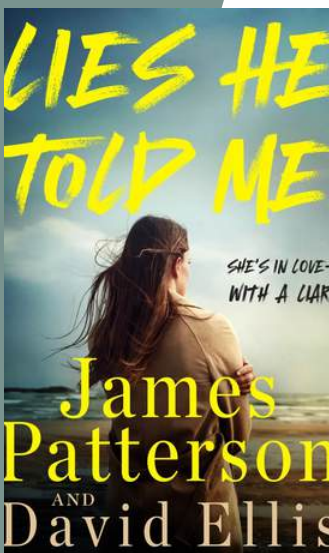
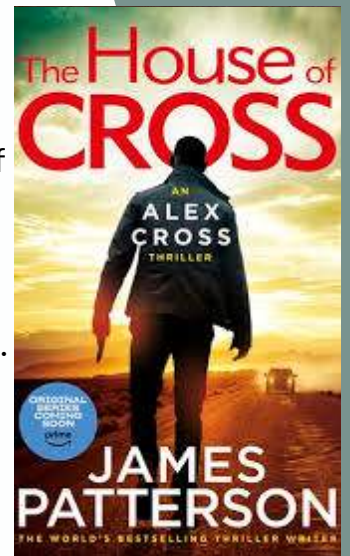
It's their toughest case yet. And their best detective is missing. Holmes, Margaret and Poe run the private detective agency that solves the crimes no one else can. Or they did – until Holmes said he wanted to leave the business and fell off the radar. In New York City, they are called to investigate the abduction of six newborns from a private hospital. Without Holmes, they try to investigate this terrible crime. They hear word of more missing babies in London, and Margaret follows the trail across the pond. But they need Holmes. To solve the crime of the century, first they must save their friend.

THE HOUSE OF CROSS: AN ALEX CROSS THRILLER

James Patterson

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The thirty-second instalment in James Patterson's globally bestselling Alex Cross series. It's time to put the guns down, Detective Cross. Even if you knew the way out of this place, we would catch you. A serial killer is taking out America's finest legal minds, and Alex Cross is called to investigate their brutal murders. But during a dangerous mission to track down the killer, his wife, Bree, and best friend, John Sampson, go missing. To save the people he loves most, Cross has only three goals: Number one: Find Bree and John. Number two: Escape. Number three: Survive. If he fails, there will be no one left in the House of Cross.



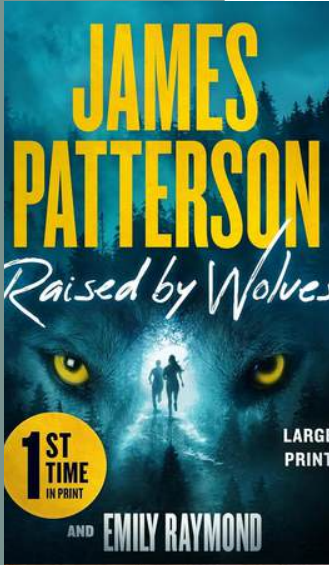
LIES HE TOLD ME

James Patterson & David Ellis

Fiction | Hotlist

She's in love—with a liar. An attorney and mother of two discovers her husband's secret life—and it might cost them all their lives. Everyone in Hemingway Grove, Illinois, knows David and Marcie Bowers. David owns the local pub. Marcie is a former big-city lawyer who practices family law. When David jumps into Cotton River to save a drowning stranger, he's celebrated as a hero. His muscled physique, shaved head, and piercing blue eyes are broadcast on every news outlet. For most people, newfound fame is a lifeline. For David Bowers, it's a death sentence. For Marcie Bowers, it's a test. A wife knows the difference between a loving husband and father and a cold-blooded assassin. Right?





RAISED BY WOLVES

James Patterson & Emily Raymond

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Two children dressed in rags are discovered ransacking a grocery store on the edge of town.

They bare their teeth. They growl. They claim to have been raised by wolves.

Where did these children come from? Who are their parents?

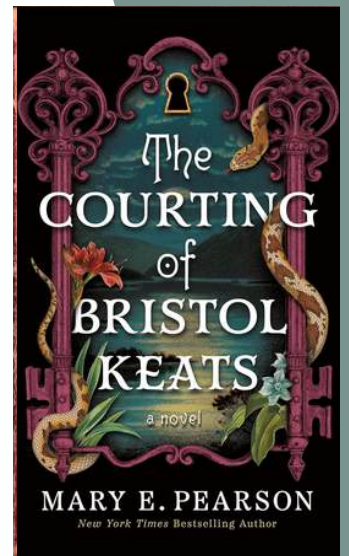
And can they learn to live when they have only ever been taught to survive?

THE COURTING OF BRISTOL KEATS: A NOVEL

Mary E. Pearson

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After losing both their parents, Bristol Keats and her sisters struggle to stay afloat in their small, quiet town of Bowskeep. When Bristol begins to receive letters from an “aunt” she’s never heard of who promises she can help, she reluctantly agrees to meet—and discovers that everything she thought she knew about her family is a lie. Even her father might still be alive, not killed but kidnapped by terrifying creatures to a whole other realm—the one he is from. Desperate to save her father and find the truth, Bristol journeys to a land of gods and fae and monsters. Pulled into a dangerous world of magic and intrigue, she makes a deadly bargain with the fae king, Tyghan. But what she doesn't know is that he's the one who drove her parents to live a life on the run. And he is just as determined as she is to find her father—dead or alive.

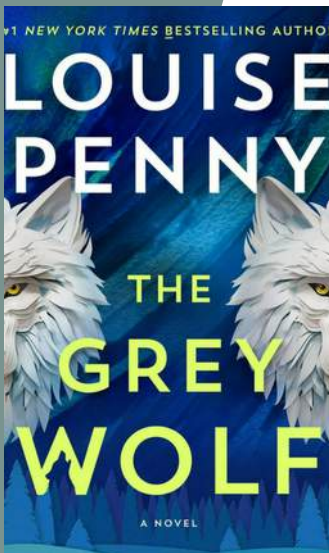


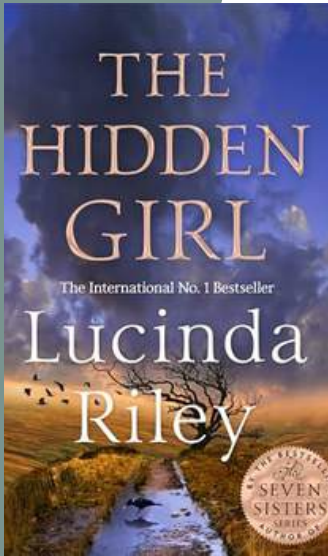
THE GREY WOLF: A NOVEL

Louise Penny

Fiction | Hotlist

Relentless phone calls interrupt the peace of a warm August morning in Three Pines. Though the tiny Québec village is impossible to find on any map, someone has managed to track down Armand Gamache, head of homicide at the Sûreté, as he sits with his wife in their back garden. Reine-Marie watches with increasing unease as her husband refuses to pick up, though he clearly knows who is on the other end. When he finally answers, his rage shatters the calm of their quiet Sunday morning. That's only the first in a sequence of strange events that begin THE GREY WOLF, the nineteenth novel in Louise Penny's #1 New York Times-bestselling series. A missing coat, an intruder alarm, a note for Gamache reading "this might interest you", a puzzling scrap of paper with a mysterious list—and then a murder. All propel Chief Inspector Gamache and his team toward a terrible realization. Something much more sinister than any one murder or any one case is fast approaching. Armand Gamache, Jean-Guy Beauvoir, his son-in-law and second in command, and Inspector Isabelle Lacoste can only trust each other, as old friends begin to act like enemies, and long-time enemies appear to be friends. Determined to track down the threat before it becomes a reality, their pursuit takes them across Québec and across borders. Their hunt grows increasingly desperate, even frantic, as the enormity of the creature they're chasing becomes clear. If they fail the devastating consequences would reach into the largest of cities and the smallest of villages. Including Three Pines.





THE HIDDEN GIRL

Lucinda Riley & Harry Whittaker

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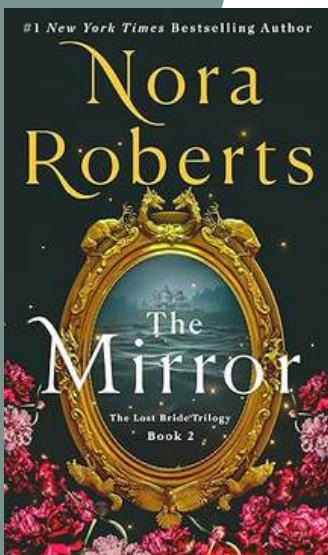
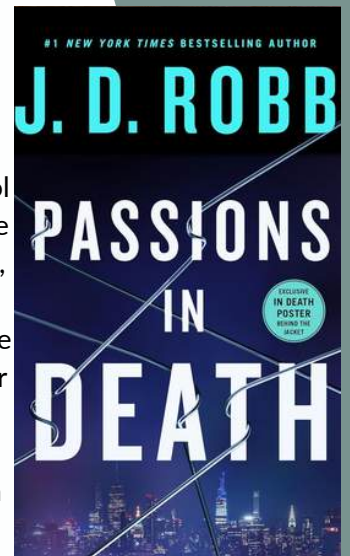
Sweeping across two generations, from the ghettos of Europe during the Second World War to the enclaves of New York's Fifth Avenue, *The Hidden Girl* traces the life of Leah Thompson, who rises from humble beginnings in rural Yorkshire to take the modelling world by storm. But her fateful association with the Delancey family dominates her life. The secrets they hide from one another start to explode into nightmares of thwarted ambition, forbidden love, revenge and murder . . . culminating in a fatal, forgotten prophecy from the past. This title was previously published as *Hidden Beauty* by Lucinda Edmonds, and has been rewritten and reimagined by her son, Harry Whittaker, for Lucinda Riley fans the world over.

PASSIONS IN DEATH: AN EVE DALLAS NOVEL

J.D. Robb

Fiction | Hotlist

On a hot August night, Lt. Eve Dallas and her husband, Roarke, speed through the streets of Manhattan to the Down and Dirty club, where a joyful, boisterous pre-wedding girls' night out has turned into a murder scene. One of the brides lies in a pool of blood, garroted in a private room where she was preparing a surprise for her fiancée—two scrimped and saved-for tickets to Hawaii. Despite the dozens of people present, useful witnesses are hard to come by. It all brings back some bad memories for Eve. In her uniform days, she'd suffered an assault in the very same room—but she'd been able to fight back and survive. She'd gotten justice. And now she needs to provide some for poor young Erin. Eve knows that the level of violence and the apparent premeditation involved suggest a volatile mix of hidden, heated passion and ice-cold calculation. This is a crime that can be countered only by hard detective work and relentless dedication—and Eve will not stop until she finds the killer who destroyed this couple's dreams before the honeymoon even began...



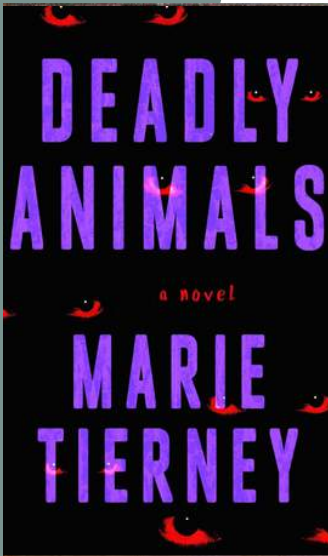
THE MIRROR: THE LOST BRIDE TRILOGY, BOOK 2

Nora Roberts

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When Sonya MacTavish inherits the huge Victorian mansion on the coast of Maine, she has no idea that the house is haunted. The footsteps she hears at night, the doors slamming, the music playing, are not figments of her imagination. In her dreams she sees glimpses of the past. In the present she finds portraits of brides. And when she has visions of an antique mirror, she is drawn to it, sensing it holds dark family secrets. Then one night the mirror appears and Sonya glides through this looking glass, into the past—and sees a bride murdered on her wedding day, the circle of gold torn from her finger. It is a scene that will play out again and again—a centuries-old curse that must be broken—and a puzzle she must solve if there is any hope of breaking the curse.





DEADLY ANIMALS: A NOVEL

Marie Tierney

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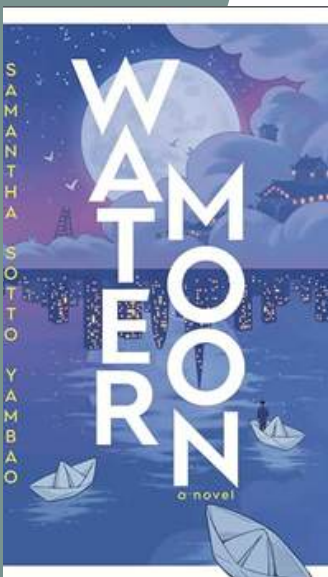
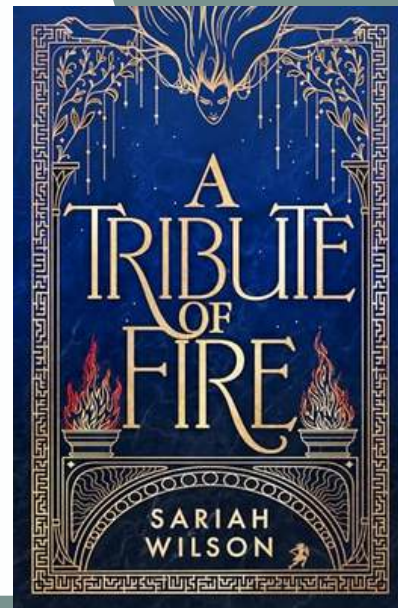
Finding a dead body is not normal. But Ava is not a normal teenager. In this chilling debut mystery, only the obsessive spirit of youth can save a sleepy town from the savagery within. Fourteen-year-old Ava Bonney is unlike other children. She has an obsessive interest in the rate at which dead animals decompose. The motorway she lives by regularly offers up roadkill, and in the dead of night, Ava likes nothing more than to pull her latest discovery into her roadside den and record her findings. One night, she stumbles across the body of her classmate Mickey Grant, and fearing that her secret ritual could be revealed, she makes an anonymous call to the police. When Detective Seth Delahaye is given the case, Ava won't step back—not when teenagers in her sleepy South Birmingham town are going missing. How hard can it be to track a killer?

A TRIBUTE OF FIRE

Sariah Wilson

Fiction | Hotlist

Lia is the princess of Locris, a dying desert nation cursed centuries ago by an earth goddess—one still worshipped by the thriving and adversarial nation of Ilion. Every year, Ilion offers the goddess a two Locrian maidens forced to compete in a life-and-death race to reach her temple. In a millennium, no maiden has made it out of Ilion alive. This year, Lia is one of the hunted. An education in battle gives her a fighting chance, but the challenges are greater than she feared: Lia's beloved but untrained sister Quynh has been put in the path of danger. The winding streets of Ilion itself have been transformed into a labyrinthine maze of countless choices and dead ends. And if the risks weren't significant enough, Lia is reluctantly drawn to the commandingly attractive Jason, an Ilionian sailor she loathes to trust and desires like no man before. The tribute game is on. It's up to Lia to lift the goddess's curse, restore Locris to its former glory, and change the fate of every young woman destined to follow in her path.



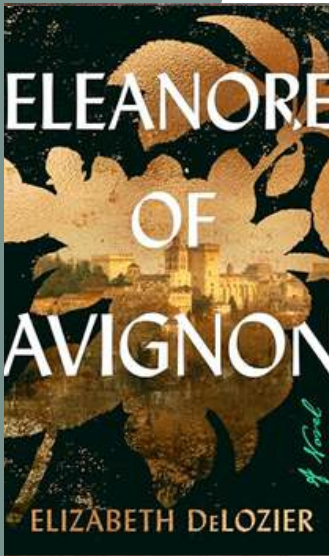
WATER MOON: A NOVEL

Samantha Sotto Yambao

Fiction | Hotlist

On a backstreet in Tokyo lies a pawnshop, but not everyone can find it. Most will see a cozy ramen restaurant. And only the chosen ones—those who are lost—will find a place to pawn their life choices and deepest regrets. Hana Ishikawa wakes on her first morning as the pawnshop's new owner to find it ransacked, the shop's most precious acquisition stolen, and her father missing. And then into the shop stumbles a charming stranger, quite unlike its other customers, for he offers help instead of seeking it. Together, they must journey through a mystical world to find Hana's father and the stolen choice—by way of rain puddles, rides on paper cranes, the bridge between midnight and morning, and a night market in the clouds. But as they get closer to the truth, Hana must reveal a secret of her own—and risk making a choice that she will never be able to take back.





ELEANORE OF AVIGNON: A NOVEL
Elizabeth DeLozier

Fiction | Second Choice

Provence, 1347. Eleanore (Elea) Blanchet is a midwife and budding herbalist with remarkable skills. But as she knows all too well from her late mother's fate, she must be careful to stay within her station. So, she quietly accepts her role tending to the pregnant women in her home city of Avignon; spending time with her father and beloved twin sister, Margot; and escaping to the surrounding woods to forage for herbs when she can. At the very least, she is determined to preserve the little freedom she does have by staying unwed—unlike Margot, who is about to marry a man with painful connections to their mother's death. Then, in a chance encounter, Elea meets Guy de Chauliac, "Guigo," the enigmatic personal physician to the powerful Pope Clement, who, against all odds, agrees to take her on as his apprentice. Under his tutelage, a whole new world opens to Elea—a world of status, wealth, and fascinating medical cases—but just as she starts to settle into her new position, the much-feared plague hits Europe, making Elea and Guigo's work more urgent than ever. And as if that weren't enough, the disgraced Queen Joanna of Naples arrives in Avignon to stand trial for her husband's murder—and she is pregnant and in need of a midwife, a role only Elea can fill. As the Black Death spreads like wildfire, leaving half the city dead in its wake—and as the queen's childbirth approaches—Elea finds herself battling what seems to be an unwinnable war.

A VERY BAD THING

J.T. Ellison

Fiction | Second Choice

A great writer knows when to deliver a juicy plot twist. But for one author, the biggest twist of all is her own murder. With twenty hit titles, and a highly anticipated movie tie-in, celebrated novelist Columbia Jones is at the top of her game. Fans around the world adore her. But on the final night of her latest book tour, one face in the crowd makes the author collapse. And by the next morning, she's lying dead in a pool of blood. Columbia's death shocks the world and leaves Darian, her daughter and publicist, reeling. The police have nothing to go on—at first. But then details emerge, pointing to the author's illicit past. Turns out many people had motive to kill Columbia. And with a hungry reporter and frustrated cop on the trail, her secrets won't stay buried long. But how many lives will they shatter as the truth comes out?



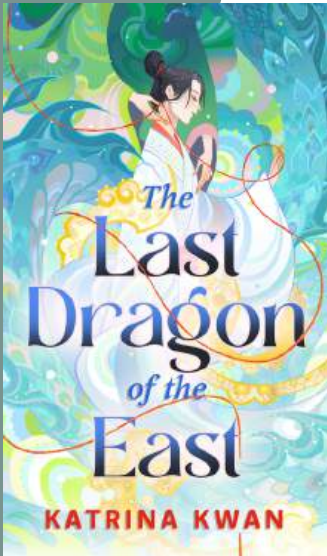
LIGHTNING IN HER HANDS

Raquel Vasquez Gilliland

Fiction | Second Choice

Teal Flores is desperate for two things—control over her gift of weather, and a date to her ex's wedding. The first isn't possible until she finds her long-lost mother, but the second has a very handsome last-ditch solution: Carter Velasquez. Carter needs Teal too. His chance at receiving an inheritance is dependent on him being married by age thirty (blame his traditional Cuban grandmother), so who better to pose as his wife than Teal? But fake marriage and cohabitation prove tricky when mutual attraction charges the atmosphere—quite literally for Teal, whose volatile emotions cause lightning strikes. Together, Teal and Carter embark on a quest to find her mother and the answers she's searching for. But along the way, they'll discover something even better: a love that can weather any storm.





THE LAST DRAGON OF THE EAST

Katrina Kwan

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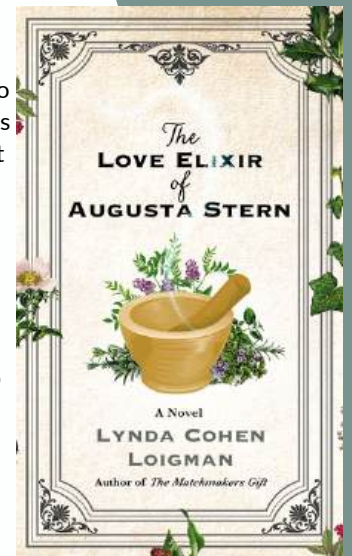
At the spry young age of twenty-five, Sai has led a quiet life, keeping the family teahouse up and running—even if that means ignoring the past-due notices—and taking care of his ailing mother. But he has a not-so-secret gift that he's parlayed into a side career: he was born with the ability see the red threads of fate between soulmates, which lends itself nicely to matchmaking. Sai has thus far been content not to follow his own thread, the only one he's ever seen that's gray and fraying. But Sai's ordinary existence is about to be turned upside-down by a pair of shining dragon scales. When his mother's doctor sells them to him, claiming them as a miracle cure, Sai is pretty sure he's being scammed. When the medicine actually works—and the terrifying, ruthless emperor catches wind—Sai is thrust into the search for a dragon long thought extinct that will lead him into the throes of a brewing war and deep into foreign lands, facing down challenges both magical and mortal on an unexpected adventure. And for the very first time, as his own thread of fate begins to move, he may be able to solve the mystery of his Fated One on the other end of the line.

THE LOVE ELIXIR OF AUGUSTA STERN: A NOVEL

Lynda Cohen Loigman

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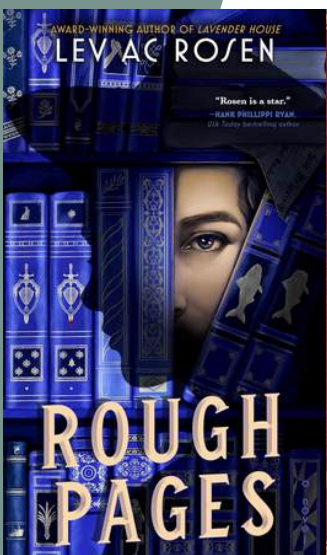
On the cusp of turning eighty, newly retired pharmacist Augusta Stern is adrift. When she relocates to Rallentando Springs—an active senior community in southern Florida—she unexpectedly crosses paths with Irving Rivkin, the delivery boy from her father's old pharmacy—and the man who broke her heart sixty years earlier. As a teenager growing up in 1920's Brooklyn, Augusta's role model was her father, Solomon Stern, the trusted owner of the local pharmacy and the neighborhood expert on every ailment. But when Augusta's mother dies and Great Aunt Esther moves in, Augusta can't help but be drawn to Esther's curious methods. As a healer herself, Esther offers Solomon's customers her own advice—unconventional remedies ranging from homemade chicken soup to a mysterious array of powders and potions. As Augusta prepares for pharmacy college, she is torn between loyalty to her father and fascination with her great aunt, all while navigating a budding but complicated relationship with Irving. Desperate for clarity, she impulsively uses Esther's most potent elixir with disastrous consequences. Disillusioned and alone, Augusta vows to reject Esther's enchantments forever. Sixty years later, confronted with Irving, Augusta is still haunted by the mistakes of her past. What happened all those years ago and how did her plan go so spectacularly wrong? Did Irving ever truly love her or was he simply playing a part? And can Augusta reclaim the magic of her youth before it's too late?



ROUGH PAGES

Lev AC Rosen

Fiction | Second Choice



Private Detective Evander "Andy" Mills has been drawn back to the Lavender House estate for a missing person case. Pat, the family butler, has been volunteering for a book service, one that specializes in mailing queer books to a carefully guarded list of subscribers. With bookseller Howard Salzberger gone suspiciously missing along with his address book, everyone on that list, including some of Andy's closest friends, is now in danger. A search of Howard's bookstore reveals that someone wanted to stop him and his co-owner, Dorothea Lamb, from sending out their next book. The evidence points not just to the Feds, but to the Mafia, who would be happy to use the subscriber list for blackmail. Andy has to maneuver through both the government and the criminal world, all while dealing with a nosy reporter who remembers him from his days as a police detective and wants to know why he's no longer a cop. With his own secrets closing in on him, can Andy find the list before all the lives on it are at risk?

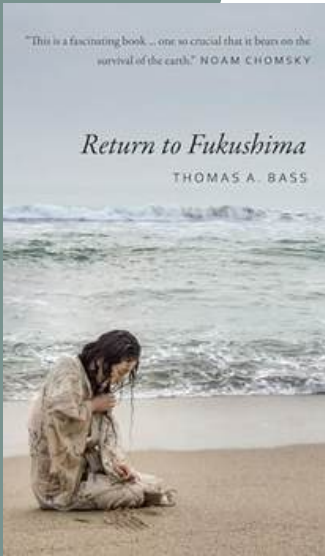




RETURN TO FUKUSHIMA

Thomas A. Bass

Hotlist | Non-Fiction



Return to Fukushima captures the aftermath of the 2011 nuclear disaster in Fukushima, chronicling the resilience of displaced communities navigating life amidst radioactivity. Fukushima is an ongoing nuclear disaster. The four reactors that melted down and exploded in 2011 are still deadly, even to the robots that get burned up trying to explore them. Over a hundred thousand people remain displaced, their homes frozen in time, eerie ghost towns where slippers sit undisturbed at doorsteps and tables are set for absent guests. Wild animals have moved into the houses. Vines overgrow buildings surrendering to entropy. Visiting these places, we stare at the vacant world remaining after we have ended our brief tenure as overloads of the Anthropocene. The world is dotted with nuclear exclusion zones. Atolls blown to smithereens. Tests sites in Mojave Desert. Disasters at Soviet bomb-making factories. The red forest around Chernobyl. These zones are growing in number and melding one into another. What if our future demands what we learn how to live in nuclear exclusion zones? Learn how to master the risks and develop resistant crops and other survival skills? Nowhere is this future more evident than in Fukushima, where the Japanese government is pushing people to resettle in towns that are supposedly decontaminated. These attempts have largely failed. But what has not failed are the grassroots efforts at reviving Fukushima. This is propelled by ingenuity of local farmers and entrepreneurs, citizen scientists, artists, and immigrants from around the world who are intrigued by starting new lives in the red zone.

SELF HELP: THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Gabrielle Bernstein

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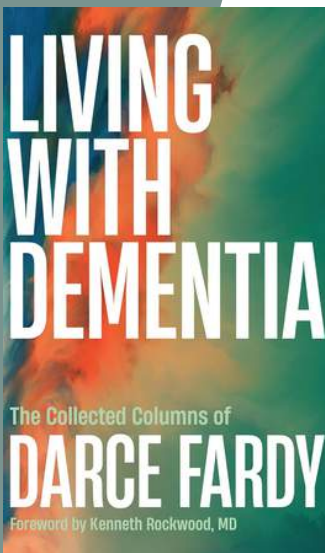
Are you ready to unlock the greatest resource of your life? Gabby Bernstein has written the ultimate self-help guide, offering a revolutionary practice to radically shift your core beliefs and connect you to an infallible inner guidance system: the energy of Self within you. In this groundbreaking book, Gabby demystifies the power of Internal Family Systems (IFS) Therapy, taking its life-changing teachings out of the therapist's office and into your everyday life. You'll discover how extreme patterns like addiction, rage, pleasing, or constant self-judgment often develop as ways to suppress old feelings of inadequacy, shame, or fear. Once you bring these patterns into the light and care for them, healing happens swiftly. True to her gift, Gabby has translated the principles of IFS into a relatable, step-by-step practice. Sharing her signature wisdom, her calm presence, and her own lived experience, she guides you through a simple 4-step process to help you compassionately care for yourself, resolve inner conflicts, and transform your self perception. As you learn to approach your own behaviors, thoughts, and beliefs with curiosity, love, and understanding, you'll start to see yourself through the lens of self-compassion, clearing space for miraculous shifts. Self Help is the culmination of Gabby Bernstein's extensive experience as a motivational speaker, spiritual leader, and best-selling author. Her unique approach, rooted in love, compassion, and authenticity, has resonated with millions of readers worldwide. In these pages, Gabby empowers you to become your own inner healer. This is your chance to change your life.



LIVING WITH DEMENTIA: THE COLLECTED COLUMNS OF DARCE FARDY

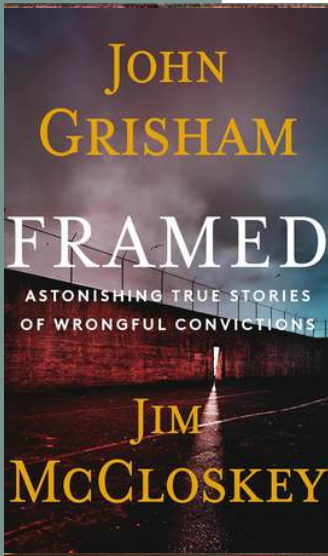
Darce Fardy

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In 2013 Darce Fardy was diagnosed with dementia. He was eighty-one years old. Fardy did not let the diagnosis get him down. Not only did he accept the situation and the likely consequences; he practically embraced them. As a former journalist, it was natural for him to document his experience. Over the next six years, almost seventy of his columns were published in the *Halifax Chronicle Herald*, serving as a window on his deteriorating condition. But the columns revealed something else: the extent to which dementia touched other people's lives. Everyone seemed to have a story about a loved one who was dealing with some form of dementia—and readers were grateful for his insights. Fardy kept writing until early 2020, when his ability to piece together a five hundred word essay was finally out of reach. He died two years later. Here, Fardy's columns have been compiled into a poignant and illuminating collection that serves to both honour him and destigmatize the disease. Published in cooperation with the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia, *Living with Dementia* features forty black-and-white photos, a foreword and several columns by prominent Halifax geriatrician Dr. Kenneth Rockwood, and practical guidance from the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia.





FRAMED: ASTONISHING TRUE STOREIS OF WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS

John Grisham & Jim McCloskey

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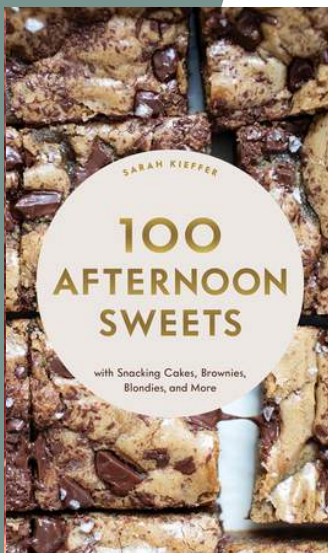
John Grisham is known worldwide for his bestselling novels, but it's his real-life passion for justice that led to his work with Jim McCloskey of Centurion Ministries, the first organization dedicated to exonerating innocent people who have been wrongly convicted. Together they offer an inside look at the many injustices in our criminal justice system. A fundamental principle of our legal system is a presumption of innocence, but once someone has been found guilty, there is very little room to prove doubt. These ten true stories shed light on Americans who were innocent but found guilty and forced to sacrifice friends, families, and decades of their lives to prison while the guilty parties remained free. In each of the stories, John Grisham and Jim McCloskey recount the dramatic hard-fought battles for exoneration. They take a close look at what leads to wrongful convictions in the first place and the racism, misconduct, flawed testimony, and corruption in the court system that can make them so hard to reverse. Impeccably researched and told with page-turning suspense as only John Grisham can deliver, Framed is the story of winning freedom when the battle already seems lost and the deck is stacked against you.

THE MEDITERRANEAN DISH: SIMPLY DINNER: 125 EASY MEDITERRANEAN DIET INSPIRED RECIPES TO EAT WELL AND LIVE JOYFULLY

Suzy Karadsheh

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Mediterranean diet-friendly dinners that are tastier, healthier, and easier than ever with 130 fresh and hearty sheet pan, one-pot, and mezze mix-and-match meals from the bestselling author of The Mediterranean Dish. In The Mediterranean Simply Dinner, Suzy shares 130 recipes for nutritious Mediterranean diet-inspired meals that are not only delicious but so easy to get on the table. Each chapter focuses on a different save-the-day technique, like the magic of one pot cooking (White Chicken Chili with Chermoula), efficient sheet pan suppers (Za'atar-Baked Halibut with Potatoes and Artichoke Hearts) and fast and lean grilling (Shawarma-Spiced Flap Steak). Skillet meals, supper salads, and mix-and-match mezze abound, along with a section devoted to protein add-ons in case you just want to add some quick skillet shrimp to a Barley and Red Bean Salad with Hazelnuts and call it a day. Along with her "keep the love, ditch the labor" recipes, you will find practical ideas, meal planning, storage tips, and no-fuss shortcuts. And true to her joyful, relaxed Mediterranean approach, Suzy shows you how to build flavor the Mediterranean way so that you can turn even the humblest of ingredients into what she calls a "flavor party." Both new fans and devoted ones will turn to this versatile cookbook, with more than 120 photos, again and again as they cook up Suzy's delightfully fresh, approachable, and bold-flavored meals.



100 AFTERNOON SWEETS WITH SNACKING CAKES, BROWNIES, BLONDIES, AND MORE

Sarah Kieffer

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From Sarah Kieffer, the beloved baker behind 100 Cookies, 100 Morning Treats, and the popular Vanilla Bean Blog, here are 100 recipes for the most craveable p.m. pick-me-ups. Sarah Kieffer's pan-banging cookie technique became a viral sensation, leading to her bestselling debut cookbook, 100 Cookies. In 2023, her 100 Morning Treats was named a Best Cookbook of the Year by Epicurious, along with landing on a slew of Best Cookbook lists from Bon Appetit, Forbes, and more. Now, it's time for a new volume dedicated to the joy of afternoon indulgence! From one-bowl snacking cakes to bigger baking projects, here are 100 afternoon treats to help you push past the midday slump.





MY MEXICAN KITCHEN: 100 RECIPES RICH WITH TRADITION, FLAVOR, AND SPIRE

Eva Longoria

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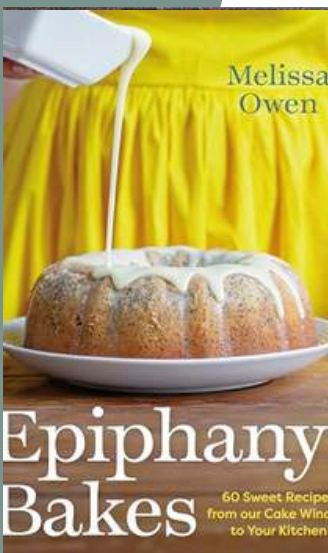
A celebration of Mexican ingredients and traditions—plus 100 favorite recipes—from Eva Longoria. While hosting *Searching for Mexico* on CNN, Eva Longoria reconnected with her Mexican roots and tasted iconic Mexican dishes like meat-stuffed Chiles en Nogada draped in a creamy walnut sauce and the Yucatán classic Pollo Asado, made with an aromatic garlic-citrus-achiote paste. In *My Mexican Kitchen*, she embraces the techniques and flavors she discovered and brings them home to her Southern California kitchen. From dishes based on long-headed Aztec traditions like Chicken Enchiladas with Salsa Verde to her Tia Elsa's Pork and Red Chile Tamales and Conchas that remind her of Mexico City, each recipe offers a delicious tribute to Mexican food and flavors. In addition to recipes for Enfrijoladas, White Pozole, Shrimp Aguachile, Cheesy Tacos de Fideo with Chorizo, and Butternut Squash with Coconut Oil and Cayenne, Eva dives into the backstory of many key Mexican ingredients from vanilla to agave. Alongside recipes that are masa-based like gorditas and sopas, she writes about the history of maiz and masa, nixtamalization, and the commercialization of corn, and she speaks to tequila production and traditions prior to showcasing not one but three recipes for margaritas. Eva's genuine love for cooking and culinary-related history along with her pride for her heritage shine on every page of this beautiful, meaningful, and delectable cookbook.

SPEND WITH PENNIES EVERYDAY COMFORT: FAMILY DINNER RECIPES FROM FRESH TO COZY

Holly Nilsson

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Bring easy, home-cooked comfort to your table every night of the week with over 120 "recipes for real life" from the creator of the beloved food blog *Spend with Pennies*. For over a decade, Holly Nilsson's website *Spend with Pennies* has been a go-to source for tried-and-true family recipes. In her debut cookbook, Holly shares deliciously comforting dinner recipes from fresh to cozy—as well as a few favorite desserts to end the meal on a sweet note. Whether you're looking for a quick weeknight meal, trying to figure out how to use that pound of ground beef in the freezer, or seeking a dish worthy of a dinner party, *Everyday Comfort* is here for you. These are recipes made for real life, designed to meet you where you are in the kitchen. With chapters like *Weeknight Quick Fixes*, *Slow Down Sunday Suppers*, and *When All You Have Is Chicken*, you'll never be left wondering what's for dinner. *Spend with Pennies* fans will find 25 favorite recipes from the blog, such as *Baked Chicken Spaghetti* and *The Best Ever Meatloaf*, presented alongside over 90 brand-new recipes to put into the weekly rotation. From new twists on classic dishes to skillet suppers, sheet pan dinners, and cozy casseroles, there's something for everyone. Holly's warm, encouraging tone makes cooking dinner feel not just achievable but enjoyable, and her clear, simple instructions and accessible ingredient lists make shopping and prep a breeze. Not up for making that from-scratch sauce or spending hours in the kitchen? That's okay. The recipes are adaptable and forgiving, with handy tips for substitutions, storage, and make-ahead options. Above all, these are recipes you can turn to when you're uninspired and getting dinner on the table feels like a chore. Reclaim dinnertime and celebrate the love and comfort of a family meal.



EPIPHANY BAKES: 60 SWEET RECIPES FROM OUR CAKE WINDOW TO YOUR KITCHEN

Melissa Owen

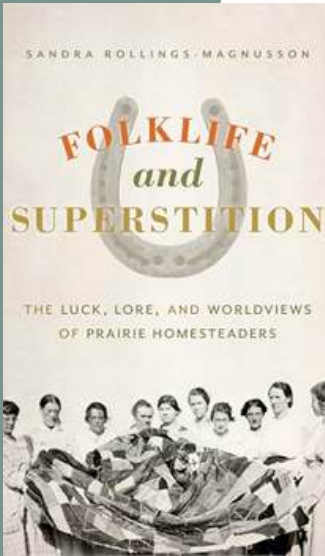
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Tucked into Nelson, BC's leafy Uphill neighbourhood, Epiphany Cakes has been supplying sweet teeth, restaurants, and cafés across the Kootenays for almost twenty years. Now the bakery's founder, Melissa Owen, shares 60 of her favourite dessert recipes with home cooks. *Epiphany Bakes* offers ample vegan and gluten free options, and lots to satisfy everyone from lemon lovers to chocoholics to those who like a little salt in their sweet, with ingredients that call on Melissa's Middle Eastern heritage and ones that are Kootenay through and through. Try your hand at *Simple Lemon Bars*, *Vegan Brownies with Smoked Sea Salt*, *Ube Cheesecake Bars*, *Backcountry Cookies*, *Vanilla Funfetti Cupcakes*, *Tahini Caramel Sandwich Cookies*, *Strawberry Frangipane Tarts*, *Chocolate Halva Cake*, and many more. Complemented by lush photography and stories of the friends, customers, and loyal staff who have made the bakery what is, you'll find chapters on brownies and bars, cookies, tarts, and cakes (from simple to super-fancy), as well as building block doughs and icings, and a step-by-step guide to some seriously pro-level cake decorating. You might even find yourself having a kitchen epiphany of your own.





FOLKLIFE AND SUPERSTITION: THE LUCK, LORE, AND WORLDVIEWS OF PRAIRIE HOMESTEADERS



Sandra Rollings-Magnusson

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The homesteading era on the Canadian Prairies (1867–1914) was a dynamic period of history, when hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children, migrating primarily from northwestern and eastern Europe, descended nascent provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. Some were lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership, while others were fleeing war, famine, and persecution. Homesteaders have been studied and written about extensively, often within the context of “settling” the Canadian West and the displacement of Indigenous populations. These narratives, while crucial to our understanding of Canada’s national identity and colonial past, tend to obscure the personal stories, beliefs, and mindsets of those individuals who came to this part of the world and made a life there. Drawing on a treasure trove of archival sources, historian Sandra Rollings-Magnusson presents a vivid and deeply personal collection of Prairie folklife, revealing stories full of humour, superstition, fear, and hope. She gives insight into homesteaders’ daily lives, including instances of water-witching, signs of good and bad luck, neighbourly practical jokes, and popular pastimes. Through adaptation, hardship, homesickness, and a sense of adventure, they built communities with others from different backgrounds, creating a unique culture that blended the old with the new.

BARK!: THE SCIENCE OF HELPING YOUR ANXIOUS, FEARFUL, OR REACTIVE DOG

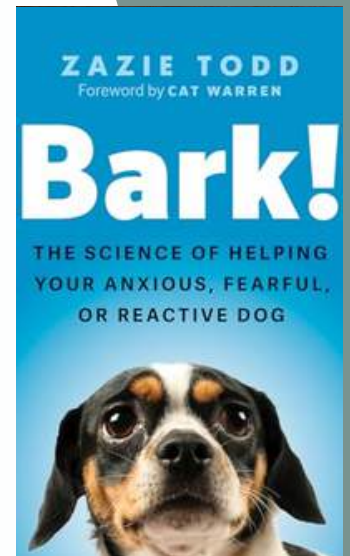
Zazie Todd

DOG

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The must-have guide to addressing anxious, fearful, or reactive behaviours in your dog through positive reinforcement, from certified dog trainer and animal behaviourist Zazie Todd. Is your dog showing signs of fear, anxiety, or reactivity, such as biting, food guarding, shyness, or aggressive barking? You’re not alone. Close to 75% of dogs struggle with fear-based behaviours, and require our support and understanding to feel safe and secure. In *Bark!*, Zazie Todd provides solutions for these behaviours. Decoding the latest canine science, she shows readers how to address the root cause of your dog’s fears, with expert advice and practical tips on:

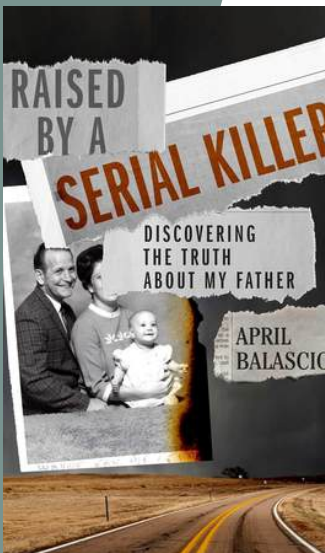
- How to tackle common canine fears, such as loud noises, the vet, separation anxiety, and other dogs.
- How to manage a dog’s natural fear responses through positive reinforcement.
- How to keep your dog, yourself, and others safe when they are fearful or reactive.
- How to create safe havens for your dog, and make yourself a secure base for them no matter where they are. Compassionate, practical, and rooted in science, *Bark!* helps dog owners understand the many factors that might be causing fear within your dog, and how you can help them lead a safe and happy life.



RAISED BY A SERIAL KILLER: DISCOVERING THE TRUTH ABOUT MY FATHER

April Balascio

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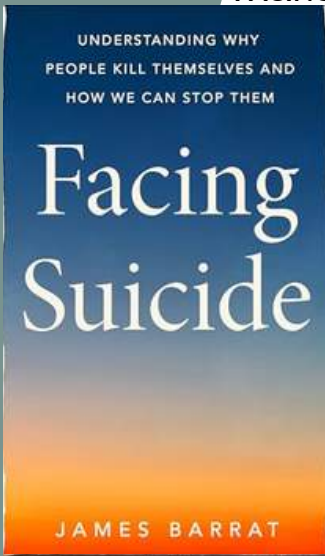


The untold story behind the hit true crime podcast *The Clearing*, this unforgettable memoir traces one daughter’s moving quest to understand her larger-than-life childhood as she searches for the truth about her father, the serial killer Edward Wayne Edwards. One evening in 2009, April Balascio was searching online, as she had been every night, for unsolved murders in the towns her family had lived growing up, when she stumbled across the latest investigations into the “Sweetheart Murders” cold case. All at once, the buried memories of her father’s dark history were awakened, and she knew she had to take action. She picked up the phone to call a detective and the rest is infamous true crime history. In her unflinching memoir, Balascio bravely reveals an astonishing tale of a lifetime of manipulation, unexplained upheavals, and silent fear. Some part of her had always known what her father was capable of, but the full truth of how she came to these revelations is as riveting as it is quietly terrifying. Through searing storytelling, dedicated research, and intimate insight, *Raised by a Serial Killer* is a gripping, courageous memoir unlike any other.





FACING SUICIDE: UNDERSTANDING WHY PEOPLE KILL THEMSELVES AND HOW WE CAN



James Barrat

STOP THEM

Second Choice | Non-Fiction

A deep dive into a national catastrophe that examines how and why suicide happens so that we can prevent it. Suicide in America has become a public health crisis. Now this insightful book sheds much needed light on the many risk factors that combine to drive suicide forward so that we can try to identify and stop them. On average about 45,000 people in America die by suicide each year, a death toll higher than car accidents or homicides. For every person who dies there were are about 10 ten unsuccessful attempts. And every day some 15 million Americans endure suicidal persistent, agonizing thoughts about taking their lives. Profiling suicide survivors, their families, and experts in the field, Barrat begins to assemble a fuller portrait of suicide, examining such risk factors as genetics, means, mental health, and history. He specifically looks at the long-term affects of racial trauma, bullying, financial stress, and even reveals that the suicidal brain has a characteristic signature. Perhaps most important, Barrat finds that 100% of the people he interviews who attempted suicide are happy they got help and are alive today. Their message is one of hope and possibility. We may never be able to stop all suicide attempts, but with better understanding, we can stop many more.

POWER METAL: THE RACE FOR THE RESOURCES THAT WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE

Vince Beiser

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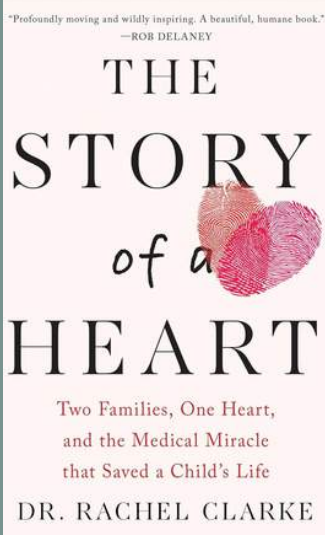
An Australian millionaire's plan to mine the ocean floor. Nigerian garbage pickers risking their lives to salvage e-waste. A Bill Gates-backed entrepreneur harnessing AI to find metals in the Arctic. These people and millions more are part of the intensifying competition to find and extract the minerals essential for two crucial technologies: the internet and renewable energy. In *Power Metal*, Vince Beiser explores the Achilles' heel of "green power" and digital technology – that manufacturing computers, cell phones, electric cars, and other technologies demand skyrocketing amounts of lithium, copper, cobalt, and other materials. Around the world, businesses and governments are scrambling for new places and new ways to get those metals, at enormous cost to people and the planet. Beiser crisscrossed the world to talk to the people involved and report on the damage this race is inflicting, the ways it could get worse, and how we can minimize the damage. *Power Metal* is a compelling glimpse into this disturbing yet potentially promising new world.



STORY OF A HEART: TWO FAMILIES, ONE HEART, AND A MEDICAL MIRACLE

Rachel Clarke

Second Choice | Non-Fiction



The first of our organs to form and the last to die, the heart is both a simple pump and the symbol of what makes us human; as long as it continues to beat, there is hope. In *The Story of a Heart*, Dr. Rachel Clarke interweaves the history of medical innovations behind transplant surgery with the story of two children—one of whom desperately needs a new heart. One summer day, nine-year-old Keira Ball was in a terrible car accident and suffered catastrophic brain injuries. As the rest of her body began to shut down, her heart continued to beat. In an act of extraordinary generosity, Keira's parents and siblings immediately agreed that she would have wanted to be an organ donor. Meanwhile nine-year-old Max Johnson had been in a hospital for nearly a year, valiantly fighting the virus that was causing his young heart to fail. When Max's parents received the call they had been hoping for, they knew it came at a terrible cost to another family—in what Clarke calls "the brutal arithmetic of transplant surgery." The act of Keira's heart resuming its rhythm inside Max's body was a medical miracle. But this was only part of the story. While waiting on the transplant list, Max had become the hopeful face of a campaign to change the UK's laws around organ donation. Following his successful surgery, Keira's mother saw the little boy beaming on the front page of the newspaper and knew it was the same boy whose parents had recently sent her an anonymous letter overflowing with gratitude for her daughter's heart. The two mothers began to exchange messages and eventually decided to meet. This is the unforgettable story of how one family's grief transformed into a lifesaving gift. Clarke relates the urgent journey of Keira's heart and explores the history of the remarkable surgery that made it possible, stretching back over a century and involving the knowledge and dedication not just of surgeons but of countless nurses and technicians, immunologists and paramedics. *The Story of a Heart* is a testament to compassion for the dying, the many ways we honor our loved ones, and the tenacity of love.

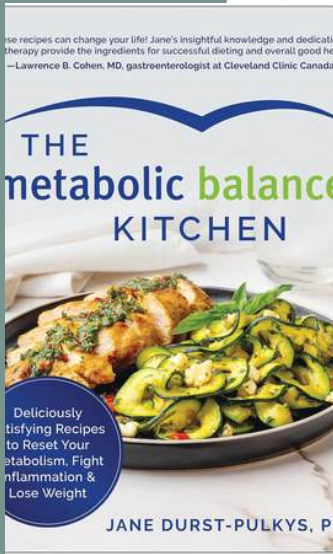




THE METABOLIC BALANCE KITCHEN: DELICIOUSLY SATISFYING RECIPES TO RESET YOUR METABOLISM, FIGHT INFLAMMATION, AND LOSE WEIGHT

Jane Durst-Pulkys

Second Choice | Non-Fiction



The secret to complete health and lasting weight loss is not counting calories or eating a bland, restrictive diet. Healthy eating can taste amazing! The Metabolic Balance Kitchen provides an effective strategy for better health through tested, delicious recipes. More than just a cookbook, it also shares a road map to reducing inflammation, increasing your metabolism, achieving your optimal weight, and living a healthier, happier life.

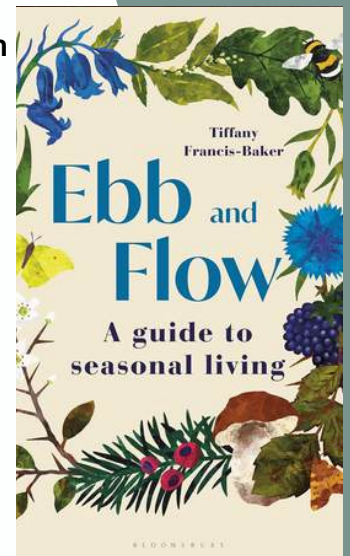
Nutritionist Jane Durst-Pulkys is the USA Ambassador for Metabolic Balance, a proven health and diet program with enthusiastic members around the globe. The simple recipes in The Metabolic Balance Kitchen are specifically designed to target visceral fat, increase metabolism, and lower insulin in the body, and these recipes are easy to customize for your needs. In addition to being delicious, they are also proven to have incredible health benefits: more energy, increased vitality, faster metabolism, decreased inflammation, lower cholesterol, and lower blood pressure. Most recipes are for single servings, and they're easy to double or quadruple to feed a couple or a whole family.

EBB AND FLOW: A GUIDE TO SEASONAL LIVING

Tiffany Francis-Baker

Second Choice | Non-Fiction

Illustrated throughout with newly commissioned sketches, prints and paintings by the author, Ebb and Flow introduces seasonal living and explains why it is increasingly vital for us to reconnect with the seasons. Tiffany Francis-Baker offers practical, science-backed advice demonstrating the mental and physical health benefits of practicing mindful, seasonal living. Following the Pagan 'Wheel of the Year' through a nature-led calendar, Francis-Baker explains the origins of seasonal Pagan and Celtic names, traditions and events. She outlines the short- and long-term benefits of leading slower lives and encourages us to enjoy closer connections with nature and healthier relationships with our own well-being. Each section begins with an introduction to the season, then details what you can grow and forage, the wildlife you can spot and which seasonal behaviours to look out for. Crafts and seasonal activities demonstrate quick ways to stay connected with the seasons, even at our busiest times, and illustrated spreads explain lunar phases, hibernation, stargazing and more. With beautiful images, inspiring words and imaginative seasonal crafts, this tactile book has something to help everyone connect with the rhythm of the year and feel more grounded with nature.



A YEAR OF CREATIVITY: 52 SMART IDEAS FOR BOOSTING CREATIVITY INNOVATION AND INSPIRATION AT WORK

Kathryn Jacob & Sue Unerman

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A YEAR OF CREATIVITY



If you want to win at work, efficiency is not enough, strategy is not enough, and analysis is not enough. We live in times of increasing complexity and ambiguity; even businesses that have themselves been major disruptors fear major new disruption themselves. In response, leaders are battening down the hatches: the more uncertain the world, the more they retreat into stale, established patterns of behaviour. This is a big mistake. The only way to secure competitive advantage is to ensure that creative thinking is driving your organization. It will enable workplace satisfaction, boost performance, and encourage new ideas throughout teams. To tackle our uncertain environment - and to win in the world of future business - we all need to get serious about creativity and the potential it can unleash. The authors of Belonging have now written A Year of Creativity, which will make creativity accessible to everyone. In 52 lessons, it explores how to be creative (either individually or in groups and teams), how to nurture creativity, and how - as a result - to redefine yourself and your career.



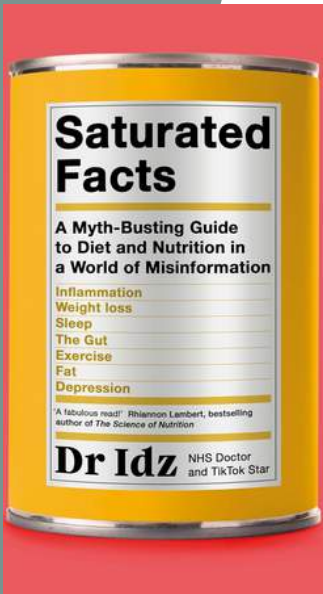


SATURATED FACTS: A MYTH-BUSTING GUIDE TO DIET AND NUTRITION IN A WORLD OF MISINFORMATION

Idrees Mughal

Second Choice | Non-Fiction

Are carbs the enemy? Am I getting enough protein? Should I worry about inflammation? Do calories count? And do any diets really work? We are constantly bombarded with advice on how to live a 'healthier' life. From the benefits of intermittent fasting and the keto diet, to the growth of veganism and the dangers of inflammation, poor-quality, dubiously sourced information on how we can live and feel better is everywhere. But where should we turn for advice we can trust? Dr Idrees Mughal (Dr Idz), an NHS doctor with a masters in nutritional research and a board certification in lifestyle medicine, has made it his mission to educate, inspire and empower the public when it comes to diet and lifestyle. His signature videos have attracted millions of followers online, and now he's collected this wealth of information in his first book, Saturated Facts – your science-backed guide to living better. Whether you're looking to lose weight, sleep better, avoid disease or just have more energy as you go about your day, Saturated Facts is the comprehensive guide you need to make smarter decisions about your health.

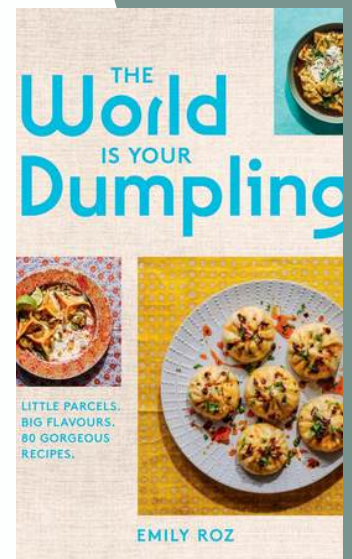


THE WORLD IS YOUR DUMPLING

Emily Roz

Second Choice | Non-Fiction

The whole world loves dumplings, whether it's a Shanghai soup dumpling, a cheese-filled pierogi, a meaty empanada, or a spinach tortellini—there's barely a food culture that doesn't celebrate some kind of dumpling in its repertoire, and for good reason! Easy to make, dumplings have been made for centuries, if not millennia, around the world. Join in on celebrating the diverse flavors and textures offered by these magical little pillows, with more than 80 simple, approachable recipes inspired from all corners of the globe. With chapters categorized by time commitment, and ranging from quick assembly dishes using ready-made dumplings to wrappers and fillings made from scratch, you'll find bite-worthy treasures like: Miso Tofu Soup with Pork & Mushroom Pillows, Chicken Dumpling Caesar Salad, Mini Jerk Chicken Dumpling Burgers, Speedy Laksa-Style Dumpling Noodle Soup, Chipotle Chicken & Corn Ball Casserole, Pan-Fried Harissa Turkey Dumpling, Open-Top Tofu & Mushroom Baskets with Tahini Chili Noodles. Whether you're looking for a quick lunch, some batch prep to fill the freezer, or a fun way to spend an evening with friends, The World Is Your Dumpling is a delicious little package—just like your favorite dumpling.

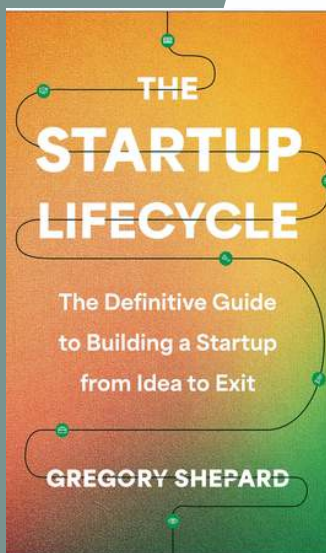


THE STARTUP LIFECYCLE: THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO BUILDING A STARTUP FROM IDEA TO EXIT

Gregory Shepard

Second Choice | Non-Fiction

Due to a range of frequent and unavoidable mistakes, only 10% of startups make it beyond 5 years. In this game-changing guide, startup veteran and serial entrepreneur Gregory Shepard combines 12 startup exits, 4 private equity awards, and decades' worth of expert insight and industry experience—including interviews with real entrepreneurs, Navy SEALs, Air Force Fighter Pilots, and more—to present you with straightforward, actionable strategies for mapping out your startup and achieving success. With helpful visuals in every chapter, Shepard expertly teaches you to use industry specific language, secure the right investments, build powerful relationships with investors, and prevent the pitfalls that cause first-time startups to fail. What's more, this field guide also includes free access to the most used startup platform for universities, putting everything you need at your fingertips including, world class easy to comprehend education, investors, grants and more. Don't just learn—build your startup with the 7-Phase Startup Lifecycle in digital form, supplementary training courses, and wisdom from more than thousands of interviews.






THE OFFICIAL BRIDGERTON COOKBOOK

Regula Ysewijn

Second Choice | Non-Fiction

The Official Bridgerton Cookbook allows you to prepare a feast worthy of Queen Charlotte herself, with dishes like Lady Featherington's towering Salmagundi salad, stacked high with persimmon and watercress, or Colin Bridgerton's Aegean Fasolada. For an intimate tête-à-tête, share a glass of mixed-citrus Vin d'Orangerie and browned-butter Artichokes for Two. If you long for something sweet, try Queen Charlotte's Pink Perfection, an oversized macaron finished with fresh raspberries and edible gold, with a side of That Ice Cream, a no-churn, bourbon-cherry treat fit for the Duke of Hastings. Packed with quotes from favorite characters, show images, and fabulously photographed recipes, this gorgeous book invites fans to the Regency banquet table that is Bridgerton, with food and drink that entertains and delights.



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