

NEW FICTION NOVEMBER 2017

Anderson, R.M.

The Good Teacher

Stoney Creek is a quiet farming community where good manners, good will and fairness must be upheld at all costs. No one embodies these values more than married P & C president, Jennifer Booth. Though her only child is long graduated from Stony Creek Primary School, one teacher plus casuals, Jennifer prides herself on leading by example but when she has passionate, unexpected sex with the new principal, Brock Kelly, just before a P& C meeting, on his office desk, no one is more surprised than she. When an accident at the school looks like sabotage, then they've really got trouble on their hands. Fellow committee member Sarah Howard, gifted with a highly developed intuition, takes one look at the guilty parties and knows her children's futures are in jeopardy. Everyone always says that a child's education should not be compromised and nothing about this scandal will end well for the school, the teacher or the community. Does disaster loom for Stony Creek?

Atkins, Lucy

The Night Visitor

Professor Olivia Sweetman has worked hard to achieve the life she loves, with a high flying career as a TV presenter and historian, three children, and a talented husband. However as she stands before a crowd at the launch of her new bestseller she can barely pretend to smile. Her life has spiralled into deceit, and if the truth comes out, she'll lose everything. Only one person knows what Olivia has done. Vivian Tester is the socially awkward sixty year old housekeeper of a Sussex manor who found the Victorian diary on which Olivia's book is based. Now Olivia's unofficial research assistant, Vivian has secrets of her own. While events move between London, Sussex, and the idyllic South of France, the relationship between these two women grows more entangled and complex. Then a bizarre act of violence changes everything.

Barton, Fiona

The Child

While an old house is demolished in a gentrifying section of London, a workman discovers a tiny skeleton, buried for years. For journalist Kate Waters, it's a story that deserves attention. She cobbles together a piece for her newspaper, but at a loss for answers, she can only pose a question: Who is the Building Site Baby? Kate investigates, she unearths connections to a crime that rocked the city decades earlier: A newborn baby was stolen from the maternity ward in a local hospital and was never found. Her heartbroken parents were left devastated by the loss. However there is more to the story, and Kate is drawn house by house into the pasts of the people who once lived in this neighbourhood that has given up its greatest mystery. She soon finds herself the keeper of unexpected secrets that erupt in the lives of three women and torn between what she can and cannot tell.

Baxter, Alan

Bound

Series: Alex Caine, book 3. Alex Caine is a martial artist fighting in illegal cage matches. His powerful secret weapon is an unnatural vision that allows him to see his opponents' moves before they know their intentions themselves. An enigmatic Englishman, Patrick Welby, approaches Alex after a fight and reveals, 'I know your secret.' Welby shows Alex how to unleash a breathtaking realm of magic and power, drawing him into a mind bending adventure beyond his control. Control is something Alex values above all else. A cursed grimoire binds Alex to Uthentia, Cont'd...

...a chaotic Feygodling, who leads him towards chaos and murder, an urge Alex finds harder and harder to resist. Befriended by Silhouette, a monstrous Kin beauty, Alex sets out to recover the only things that will free him the shards of the Darak. However that powerful stone also has the potential to unleash a catastrophe which could mean the end of the world as we know it.

Billingham, Mark

Love Like Blood

Series: Tom Thorne, book 14. DI Nicola Tanner needs Tom Thorne's help. Her partner, Susan, has been brutally murdered and Tanner is convinced that it was a case of mistaken identity that she was the real target. The murderer's motive might have something to do with Tanner's recent work on a string of cold case honour killings she believes to be related. Tanner is now on compassionate leave but insists on pursuing the case off the books and knows Thorne is just the man to jump into the fire with her. He agrees but quickly finds that working in such controversial territory is dangerous in more ways than one. And when a young couple goes missing, they have a chance to investigate a case that is anything but cold.

Blanchard, Tania

The Girl From Munich

Growing up in Hitler's Germany, Charlotte von Klein has big dreams for the future. Charlotte is excitedly making plans for a sumptuous wedding to her childhood sweetheart Heinrich while working for the Luftwaffe, proudly giving her all for the Fatherland. However in 1943, the tide of the war is turning against Germany, and Lotte's life of privilege and comfort is collapsing around her. While Hitler's Reich abandons Germany and the country falls to the Allied forces, Lotte flees from the unfolding chaos to the country with the darkly attractive Erich Drescher, her Luftwaffe superior. Amid the danger, pain and heartbreak of a country turning on itself, Lotte must forge a new life for herself. While the country struggles to find its future, shadows of the past come rushing back and Lotte finds herself questioning everything she has fought for in love, duty and freedom.

Bley, Mikaela

Lycke

Series: Ellen Tamm, book 1. On a cold and stormy Friday in May, a young girl disappears without a trace from outside Stockholm's Royal Tennis Hall. The missing girl is Lycke, and assigned to report on her story is TV4's hot headed crime reporter Ellen Tamm. The police begin their search and Ellen starts her own investigation, delving into Lycke's life: her family, the nanny, the kids who taunted her at school. While Ellen is drawn deeper into a tangle of secrets, lies, and betrayals and frustrated by the odd behaviour of Lycke's family, as well as corrupt police, her upstart new boss, and the disturbing threats being made against her she becomes more and more possessed by the task she has been given, tortured by the echoes of her own past, of the darkness that haunts her. Will she find Lycke before it is too late for either of them?

Bolton, Sharon

Dead Woman Walking

Just before dawn in the hills near the Scottish border, thirteen passengers on a hot air balloon flight witness a brutal murder. Within the next hour, all but one of them will be dead. Alone, scared and trusting no one, she flees for her life, running to the one place she feels safe. However she's seen the killer's face, and he's seen hers and he won't rest until he's eliminated the last witness to his crime.

Cassidy, Yvonne

I'm Right Here

Cassie's life is falling apart. She's lost her grandfather, her mother has appeared on national TV talking about her own abusive childhood, and now her father has just moved out of their Brooklyn brownstone. So when she starts to hear the voice of E.L., a young slave girl living on a plantation in South Carolina one hundred and fifty years before Cassie was born, she feels like she's losing her mind and nobody except E.L. is listening to her. While Cassie gets drawn into E.L.'s world, the lines between her life and E.L.'s become more blurred and her obsession with helping E.L. escape begins to take over her life. However what will happen to Cassie if E.L.'s future is already written?

Cussler, Clive

The Romanov Ransom

Series: Fargo Adventure, book 9. In 1918, a ransom of enormous size was paid to free the Romanovs from the Bolsheviks, but, as history knows, the Romanovs died anyway. The ransom: during World War II, the Nazis stole it from the Russians and after that it vanished, until now. When a modern day kidnapping captures the attention of husband and wife team Sam and Remi Fargo, the couple soon learn that these long lost riches may be back in play, held in trust by the descendants of a Nazi guerrilla faction called the Werewolves. It is their mission to establish the Fourth Reich, and their time is coming soon. While the Fargos follow the trail across Europe, Northern Africa, and South America, they know only one thing. This quest is greater than anything they have ever done. It is their chance to make someone answer for unspeakable crimes, and to prevent them from happening again.

Dolan-Leach, Caite

Dead Letters

Ava Antipova has her reasons for running away: a failing family vineyard, a romantic betrayal, a mercurial sister, an absent father, a mother slipping into dementia. In Paris, Ava renounces her terribly practical undergraduate degree, acquires a French boyfriend and a taste for much better wine, and erases her past. Two years later, she must return to upstate New York. Her twin sister, Zelda, is dead. Even in a family of alcoholics, Zelda Antipova was the wild one, notorious for her mind games and destructive behavior. Stuck tending the vineyard and the girls' increasingly unstable mother, Zelda was allegedly burned alive when she passed out in the barn with a lit cigarette. However Ava finds the official explanation a little too neat. A little too Zelda. Then she receives a cryptic message from her sister. Just as Ava suspected, Zelda's playing one of her games. In fact, she's outdone herself, leaving a series of clues about her disappearance. With the police stuck on a red herring, Ava follows the trail laid just for her, thinking like her sister, keeping her secrets, immersing herself in Zelda's drama and her outlandish circle of friends and lovers. Along the way, Zelda forces her twin to confront their twisted history and the boy who broke Ava's heart but why? Is Zelda trying to punish Ava for leaving, or to teach her a lesson? Or is she simply trying to write her own ending?

Dorries, Nadine

The Mothers of Lovely Lane

Series: Lovely Lane, book 3. Noleen Delaney is one of an army of night cleaners at St Angelus Hospital. Son Bryan has a good job as one of the hospital's porters' boys, but Finn has done something unheard of and passed his Eleven Plus exam. How on earth will they pay for his books, his grammar school uniform and shoes? Bronia Ryan has battled depression since her husband died. Even in that poor neighbourhood her house is a byword for chaotic squalor. Now one son is in prison and the youngest, Lorcan, wants no part of a life of crime, but how can he ever escape? Or protect his mother from her vicious eldest son? As usual, St Angelus is at the heart of things.

Drewe, Robert

Whipbird

A weekend in late November, 2014 in Kungadgee Victoria Australia. At Hugh and Christine Cleary's new vineyard, Whipbird, six generations of the Cleary family are coming together from far and wide to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the arrival of their ancestor Conor Cleary from Ireland. Hugh has been meticulously planning the event for months a chance to proudly showcase Whipbird, to the extended clan. Some of these family members know each other; some don't. As the wine flows, it promises to be an eventful couple of days.

Duffy, Stella

The Hidden Room

Life is good for Laurie and Martha. They have three great kids, a much loved home in the countryside, and after years of struggle, Laurie's career as an architect is taking off at last. Everything's perfect. Except, it isn't. Someone is about to walk into their happy family and tear it apart. Laurie has been hiding from him for years. The question is, now that he's found her, can she keep her family safe? Just how far will she go to protect them?

Dunnakey, Sarah

The Companion

Billy Shaw lives in a palace. Potter's Pleasure Palace, the best entertainment venue in Yorkshire, complete with dancing and swing boats and picnickers and a roller skating rink.

Jasper Harper lives in the big house above the valley, with his eccentric mother Edie and Uncle Charles, brother and sister authors who have come from London to write in the seclusion of the moors. When it is arranged for Billy to become Jasper's companion, Billy arrives to find a wild, peculiar boy in a curiously haphazard household where nothing that's meant is said and the air is thick with secrets. Later, when Charles and Edie are found dead, it is ruled a double suicide, but fictions have become tangled up in facts and it's left to Anna Sallis, almost a century later, to unravel the knots and piece together the truth.

Farreras, RafaelNadal

The Last Son's Secret

In the hot, dusty square of a small village in Puglia, there are two memorials: one to those killed in the First World War, and one to those lost in the Second World War. On the first, every single member of the Palmisano family is listed, and on the second all the names are members of the Covertini family. In total, 44 men, all dead. In this sweeping and heartbreaking tale of the fate of a tiny hilltop village, Vitantonio and Giovanna are born moments apart just as the First World War ends, and just as their two fathers are killed on the front. Growing up among the olive groves of southern Italy, war seems far away until clouds begin to gather on the horizon as the Second World War looms.

Fiorato, Marina

Crimson & Bone

London, 1853. Annie Stride has nothing left to live for she is a penniless prostitute, newly evicted from her home and pregnant. On the night she plans to cast herself from Waterloo Bridge into the icy waters of the Thames, her life is saved by Francis Maybrick Gill, a talented pre-Raphaelite painter and her world is changed forever. Francis takes Annie as his artist's muse, elevating her from fallen woman to society's darling. With her otherworldly beauty now the toast of London, her dark past is left far behind. However Annie's lavish new life is not all it seems and there are some who won't let her forget where she came from.

Fletcher, John

Land of Golden Wattle

1826, Van Diemen's Land: When her father dies in a duel, 17 year old Emma Tregellas is left with limited funds and at the mercy of her odious guardian. Faced with the prospect of being forced into marriage with a man she detests, she enlists the help of her true love, Ephraim Dark, who assists her to escape to faraway Van Diemen's Land. Here she seeks sanctuary with her wealthy uncle Barnsley Tregellas. 1982, Tasmania: The union of Bec Hampton and Jonathan, heir to the fabulously wealthy Penrose estate, brought promise of reconciliation to two warring sides of the same family: a dynasty that had its foundations laid by Emma Tregellas and Ephraim Dark nearly a hundred years earlier. Defying opposition from Jonathan's formidable grandmother, Bec had gained control of Derwent, the agricultural empire that the family had built from the early days of white settlement. Now 85, Bec's dearest wish is that her granddaughter Tamara should inherit the property but Giles, her dissolute son, has other ideas. Will Bec and Tamara succeed in defeating Giles's plans or will control of Derwent pass irrevocably out of the family? This majestic historical drama spans seven generations of an often divided Australian family. With them we experience many of the traumatic events of Australia's history: the early days of white settlement, the gold rush, the cataclysm of two world wars and the great depression.

Fox, Tom

The Seventh Commandment

For Winter Nights Chaos is about to descend on the Eternal City. The River Tiber will run with blood. A darkness will consume the sun and that is just the beginning. An ancient stone bearing seven predictions is unearthed in a dig. Then, when gunshots are fired by the river, Akkadian language specialist Angelina Calla and Vatican expert Ben Verdyx are stunned to realise they are the targets. The tablet connects them: they are the only people in Rome who can decipher it but can these prophecies be real? Why does someone want Ben and Angelina dead? Now they must put aside their differences to unravel the terrifying truth before their time runs out.

Gerritsen, Tess

I Know a Secret

Series: Jane Rizzoli and Maura Isles, book 12. In a house decorated with horror movie posters, a young woman's body is found. She lies on her bed, two bloodied objects clutched in her palm. Detective Jane Rizzoli and Forensic Pathologist Maura Isles are called to the murder scene, but even faced with this gruesome sight they are unable to identify the immediate cause of death. Their investigation leads them to a high profile murder case that was seemingly solved years before. However when another body is found in horrific circumstances, the link between the two victims is clear. Was the wrong person sent to prison? Is the real killer out there right now, picking off new targets? One woman knows the killer is coming for her next. She's the only one who can help Rizzoli and Isles catch him but she has a secret that she has to keep.

Granger, Ann

Rooted in Evil

Series: Campbell and Carter, book 5. When the body of a man, with his brains blown out, is found in a Cotswold wood it looks like suicide. However looks can be deceptive and it doesn't take long for the police to identify that there's more to the case than meets the eye. People's stories don't add up and when Superintendent Ian Carter and Inspector Jess Campbell start probing it becomes clear that the dead man had ruffled more than a few feathers in this close knit community. Cont'd..

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His stepsister had been bailing him out of his financial troubles much against her husband's wishes but, with his money worries still mounting, the victim had become a desperate man. While Jess and Ian dig deeper and deeper into the case, a cover up is exposed and bitter resentment rises to the surface to reveal a killer.

Hewitt, Kate

Now and Then Friends

Series: Hartley by the sea, Book 2. After her father left, Rachel had to dedicate her life to managing her household: her two younger sisters, her disabled mother, and her three year old nephew. When Rachel's not struggling to look after all of them, she makes her living cleaning the houses of wealthy families, including the West's, where a surprise now awaits her. A lifetime of drifting in other people's currents has finally left Claire high and dry. First it was her parents, then the popular crowd in school, and finally her fiancé. Now she's returned to Hartley by the Sea to recover. However running into Rachel brings back memories of past mistakes, and Claire wonders if she now has the courage to make them right. Soon Claire's brother, Andrew, asks Rachel to keep an eye on Claire, which is the last thing either woman wants. While their lives threaten to fall apart, both Claire and Rachel begin to realize what they need most is a friend. The kind of friend they once were to each other, and perhaps can be again.

Hewitt, Kate

Rainy Day Sisters

Series: Hartley by the Sea, book 1. When Lucy Bagshaw's life in Boston falls apart, thanks to a scathing editorial written by her famous artist mother, she accepts her half sister Juliet's invitation to stay with her in a charming seaside village in northern England. Lucy is expecting quaint cottages and cream teas, but instead finds that her sister is an aloof host, the weather is wet, windy, and cold, and her new boss, Alex Kincaid, is a disapproving widower who only hired her as a favour to Juliet. Despite the invitation she offered, Juliet is startled by the way Lucy catapults into her orderly life. Juliet faces her own struggles with both her distant mother and her desire for a child; her sister's irrepressible optimism begins to take hold. With the help of quirky villagers, these hesitant rainy day sisters begin to forge a new understanding and find in each other the love of family that makes all the difference.

Hjorth Michael&Rosenfeldt, Hans

The Silent Girl

Series: Sebastian Bergman, book 4. An idyllic white, two storey, beautiful house in Sweden but inside, a family has been brutally murdered mother, father and two young children all shot in broad daylight and the killer has got away. Sebastian Bergman has been brought in to solve the crime, but with no credible suspects, he is at a dead end. Until he discovers that there was a witness to the crime. A young girl, who saw it all happen and she has disappeared. Bergman has to track the young girl down before it's too late but the killer is chasing her too and he is determined to finish what he started.

Kay, Sanjida

The Stolen Child

Zoe and Ollie Morley tried for years to have a baby and couldn't. They turned to adoption and their dreams came true when they were approved to adopt a little girl from birth. They named her Evie. Seven years later, the family has moved to Yorkshire and grown in number: a wonderful surprise in the form of baby Ben. As a working mum it's not easy for Zoe, but life is good. Cont'd...

...Then Evie begins to receive letters and gifts. The sender claims to be her birth father. He has been looking for his daughter and now he is coming to take her back.

Lagercrantz, David

The Girl who Takes an Eye for an Eye

Series: Millennium: Lisbeth Salander, the girl with the dragon tattoo, the brilliant hacker, the obstinate outsider, the volatile seeker of justice for herself and others even she has never been able to uncover the most telling facts of her traumatic childhood, the secrets that might finally, fully explain her to herself. Now, when she sees a chance to uncover them once and for all, she enlists the help of Mikael Blomkvist, the editor of the muckraking, investigative journal Millennium. She will let nothing stop her, not the Islamists she enrages by rescuing a young woman from their brutality; not the prison gang leader who passes a death sentence on her; not the deadly reach of her long lost twin sister, Camilla; and not the people who will do anything to keep buried knowledge of a sinister pseudoscientific experiment known only as The Registry. Once again, Lisbeth Salander and Mikael Blomkvist, together, are the fierce heart of a thrilling full tilt novel that takes on some of the most insidious problems facing the world at this very moment.

La Plante, Lynda

Good Friday

Series: Tennison, book 3. During 1974 and 1975 the IRA subjected London to a terrifying bombing campaign. In one day alone, they planted seven bombs at locations across central London. Some were defused some were not. Jane Tennison is now a fully fledged detective. On the way to court one morning, Jane passes through Covent Garden Underground station and is caught up in a bomb blast that leaves several people dead, and many horribly injured. Jane is a key witness, but is adamant that she can't identify the bomber. When a photograph appears in the newspapers, showing Jane assisting the injured at the scene, it puts her and her family at risk from IRA retaliation. 'Good Friday' is the eagerly awaited date of the annual formal CID dinner, due to take place at St Ermin's Hotel. Hundreds of detectives and their wives will be there. It's the perfect target. When Jane arrives for the evening, she realises that she recognises the parking attendant as the bomber from Covent Garden. Can she convince her senior officers in time, or will another bomb destroy London's entire detective force?

Leather, Stephen

Light Touch

Series: Spider Shepherd, book 14. Working undercover is all about trust getting the target to trust you and then betraying them in order to bring them to justice. What do you do when you believe an undercover cop has crossed the line and aligned herself with the international drugs smuggler she was supposed to be targeting? When a deep undercover cop stops passing on intelligence about her target, MI5 sends in Dan 'Spider' Shepherd to check that she is on the straight and narrow. Now two lives are on the line and Shepherd discovers that the real danger is closer to home than he realised. While Spider finds his loyalties being tested to the limit, an SAS killer is on a revenge mission in London and only Spider can stop him.

Lotz, Sarah

The White Road

Desperate to attract subscribers to his fledgling website, 'Journey to the Dark Side', ex-adrenalin junkie and slacker Simon Newman hires someone to guide him through the notorious Cwm Pot caves, so that he can film the journey and put it on the internet. With a tragic history, Cwm Pot has been off limits for decades, and unfortunately for Simon, the guide he's hired is as unpredictable and dangerous as the watery caverns that lurk beneath the earth. After a brutal struggle Cont'd...

...for survival, Simon barely escapes with his life, but predictably, the gruesome footage he managed to collect down in the earth's bowels goes viral. Ignoring the warning signs of mental trauma, and eager to capitalize on his new internet fame, Simon latches onto another escapade that has that magic click bait mix of danger and death a trip to Everest. However up above 8000 feet, in the infamous Death Zone, he'll need more than his dubious morals and wits to guide him, especially when he uncovers the truth behind a decade old tragedy a truth that means he might not be coming back alive. A truth that will change him and anyone who views the footage he captures forever.

McDermid, Val

Insidious Intent

Series: Tony Hill and Carol Jordan, book 10. A quiet night on a country road. The stillness shattered by a car engulfed in flames, and a burned body discovered in the driver's seat. While the investigation unfolds, DCI Carol Jordan and psychological profiler Tony Hill quickly realise that this is more than just a tragic accident. So begins the hunt for a truly terrifying killer, someone who believes he is invisible, untraceable and untouchable. While other victims are found to have met the same terrible fate, and with more women at risk, Tony and Carol are drawn into a dark and twisted web of fear and revenge that will force them to question their own ideas of justice.

Moorcroft, Sue

Just For the Holidays

In theory, nothing could be better than a summer spent basking in the French sun. That is, until you add in three teenagers, two love interests, one divorcing couple, and a very unexpected pregnancy. Admittedly, this isn't exactly the relaxing holiday Leah Beaumont was hoping for but it's the one she's got. With her sister Michele's family falling apart at the seams, it's up to Leah to pick up the pieces and try to hold them all together. But with a handsome helicopter pilot staying next door, Leah can't help but think she might have a few distractions of her own to deal with.

Nash, Charlotte

The Paris Wedding

Ten years ago, Rachael West chose not to move to Sydney with high school sweetheart Matthew. Instead she stayed on the family wheat farm, caring for her seriously ill mother and letting go of her dreams. Now, Matthew is marrying someone else. Rachael is invited to the wedding, a lavish affair in Paris, courtesy of the flamboyant family of Matthew's fiancée a once in a lifetime celebration at someone else's expense in Europe's most romantic city. She is utterly unprepared for what the week brings. Friendships will be upended, secrets will be revealed and on the eve of the wedding, Rachael is faced with an impossible dilemma: should she give up on the promise of love, or destroy another woman's life for a chance at happiness?

Neuvel, Sylvain

Waking Gods

Series: Themis Files, book 2. An unknown vessel, not of this world, materializes in London. A colossal figure towering over the city, it makes no move. Is this a peaceful first contact or the prelude to an invasion? Every child has nightmares but the only thing scarier than little Eva Reyes' dreams apocalyptic visions of death and destruction is the habit they have of coming true. Scientist Dr Rose Franklin has no memory of the last few years. The strangers she works with say she died, and was brought back to life. The question is not just how but why? Kara Resnik and Vincent Couture fell in love during war, and have found peace since. They are the thin line of defence against what is coming but they do not know they have been living a lie. Cont'd...

...A man who claims to have the answers has his own agenda. There are things he cannot say and others he won't.

Penny, Louise

Glass Houses

When a mysterious figure appears in Three Pines one cold November day, Armand Gamache and the rest of the villagers are at first curious, then wary. Through rain and sleet, the figure stands unmoving, staring ahead. From the moment its shadow falls over the village, Gamache, now Chief Superintendent of the Sûreté du Québec, suspects the creature has deep roots and a dark purpose. Yet he does nothing. What can he do? Only watch and wait and hope his mounting fears are not realized. When the figure vanishes overnight and a body is discovered, it falls to Gamache to discover if a debt has been paid or levied. Months later, on a steamy July day as the trial for the accused begins in Montréal, Chief Superintendent Gamache continues to struggle with actions he set in motion that bitter November, from which there is no going back. More than the accused is on trial. Gamache's own conscience is standing in judgment. In *Glass Houses*, her latest utterly gripping book, number one New York Times bestselling author Louise Penny shatters the conventions of the crime novel to explore what Gandhi called the court of conscience. A court that supersedes all others.

Scot, Kim

Taboo

Taboo takes place in the present day, in the rural South West of Western Australia, and tells the story of a group of Noongar people who revisit, for the first time in many decades, a taboo place: the site of a massacre that followed the assassination, by these Noongar's descendants, of a white man who had stolen a black woman. They come at the invitation of Dan Horton, the elderly owner of the farm on which the massacres unfolded. He hopes that by hosting the group he will satisfy his wife's dying wishes and cleanse some moral stain from the ground on which he and his family have lived for generations. However, the sins of the past will not be so easily expunged. We walk with the ragtag group through this taboo country and note in them glimmers of reconnection with language, lore, country. We learn alongside them how countless generations of Noongar may have lived in ideal rapport with the land. This is a novel of survival and renewal, as much as destruction; and, ultimately, of hope as much as despair.

Toyne, Simon

The Boy Who Saw

Series: Solomon Creed, book 2. Only one boy can see the darkness.

Only one man can save him from it. 'Finishing what was begun.' These are the words written in blood beside the body of an elderly tailor who has been tortured and murdered in the ancient town of Cordes. He leaves behind a cryptic message for his granddaughter and her son, Leo one that puts them in immediate danger. When the mother and child are forced to go on the run, accompanied by the enigmatic Solomon Creed, they find themselves hunted across France, on a journey that will take them into the heart of Europe's violent past. What begins as small town murder will become a race to uncover a devastating secret dating from World War II. The few men who know the truth are being killed by a powerful organization, and only one man stands in its way. Only Solomon Creed can stop the murders. Only he can save the boy.

Wingate, Lisa

Before We Were Yours

Memphis, 1939. Twelve year old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shanty boat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty. Aiken, South Carolina, present day. Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. When Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family's long hidden history, on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption.

Woodhouse, Lily

Jarulan by the River

Matthew Fenchurch, patriarch and landowner of the northern NSW property Jarulan, lives in a grand decaying folly, invaded by ghosts and the local fauna. His wife is dead, one son has fallen on a battlefield in France, and another lives in exile as a remittance man on a marae in New Zealand. His only company are the farmhands, an old family servant and a part time laundry maid with dreams above her station. When Matthew builds a memorial above the river for his brave lost son and all the boys of the district who have died fighting for King and Country his daughters and grandchildren return for the unveiling. They bring with them someone who will change life at Jarulan forever, who will fight the ghosts of the past and the claimants of the present, and ensure a dynasty, though not as anyone expected.

Woods, Tess

Beautiful Messy Love

When football star Nick Harding hobbles into the Black Salt Cafe the morning after the night before, he is served by Anna, a waitress with haunted looking eyes and no interest in footballers, famous or otherwise. Nick is instantly drawn to this exotic, intelligent girl. However a relationship between them risks shame for her conservative refugee family and backlash for Nick that could ruin his career. Meanwhile, Nick's sister, Lily, is struggling to finish her medical degree. When she meets Toby, it seems that for the first time she is following her heart, not the expectations of others. Yet what starts out as a passionate affair with a man still grieving after his wife's death slips quickly into dangerous dependency. Scarred by tragedy each in their own way, these warm, hopeful couples must overcome prejudice and heartbreak to prove just how much they will give for beautiful messy love. A gorgeous, hard hitting novel that touches on celebrity, asylum, cultural integration and family tragedy, this is a book with heart and soul.

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