

NEW FICTION APRIL 2018

Allende, Isabel

In the Midst of Winter

Richard Bowmaster a 60 year old human rights scholar hits the car of Evelyn Ortega a young, undocumented immigrant from Guatemala in the middle of a snowstorm in Brooklyn. What at first seems just a small inconvenience takes an unforeseen and far more serious turn when Evelyn turns up at the professor's house seeking help. At a loss, the professor asks his tenant Lucia Maraz a 62 year old lecturer from Chile for her advice. These three very different people are brought together in a mesmerizing story that moves from present day Brooklyn to Guatemala in the recent past to 1970s Chile and Brazil, sparking the beginning of a long overdue love story between Richard and Lucia.

Arikawa, Hiro

The Travelling Cat Chronicles

Nana is on a road trip, but he is not sure where he is going. All that matters is that he can sit beside his beloved owner Satoru in the front seat of his silver van. Satoru is keen to visit three old friends from his youth, though Nana doesn't know why and Satoru won't say.

Ashcroft, Jenny

Island in the East

Singapore, 1897, twenty year old identical twins, Harriet and Mae, born from a scandalous affair, have spent their lives slighted by gossips. They've carried each other through the loneliness, believing that together they can survive anything. Until their mysterious benefactor sends them to Singapore to live with his relative, the watchful David Keeley, who will choose one of them to marry. In the tension of David's house, a distance opens up between the twins, but it is only when they meet the handsome Alex Blake that their relationship truly fractures, resulting in a life shattering betrayal with devastating consequences. Forward to 1941, Ivy, an intelligence officer with the women's naval service, is posted to wartime Singapore. Carrying her own ghosts from Blitz torn London, she arrives to the looming threat of a Japanese invasion. Nothing can prepare her for what's waiting on the island not the unexpected love, nor the strangers from her grandmother, Mae's, past, and the shocking secrets that now echo down through the generations.

Bracht, Mary Lynn

White Chrysanthemum

Korea, 1943. Hana has lived her entire life under Japanese occupation. As a haenyeo, a female diver of the sea, she enjoys an independence that few other Koreans can still claim. Until the day Hana saves her younger sister from a Japanese soldier and is herself captured and transported to Manchuria. There she is forced to become a "comfort woman" in a Japanese military brothel. but haenyeo are women of power and strength. She will find her way home. South Korea, 2011. Emi has spent more than sixty years trying to forget the sacrifice her sister made, but she must confront the past to discover peace. Seeing the healing of her children and her country, can Emi move beyond the legacy of war to find forgiveness?

Bradshaw, Rita

A Winter Love Song

Bonnie Lindsay is born into a travelling fair community in the north east in 1918, and when her mother dies just months later Bonnie's beloved father becomes everything to her. Then, at the tender age of ten years old, disaster strikes. Heartbroken, Bonnie's left at the mercy of her embittered grandmother and her lecherous step grandfather. Five years later, Cont'd...

...the events of one terrible night cause Bonnie to flee to London, where she starts to earn her living as a singer. She changes her name and cuts all links with the past. Time passes. Bonnie falls in love, but just when she dares to hope for a rosy future, World War II is declared. She does her bit for the war effort, singing for the troops and travelling to Burma to boost morale, but heartache and pain are just around the corner, and she begins to ask herself if she will ever find happiness again?

Brellend, Kay

A Sister's Bond

Series: Barratt's Sweet Factory Saga, book 1. North London, November 1913. After her mother dies, Livvie Bone knows it's down to her to support her family and protect her younger siblings from their drunken father. However life in Wood Green in 1913 is hard and full of danger, and one night she needs protection herself. When the mysterious Joe Hunter steps in to help her, Livvie can't help but be drawn to him in spite of his unsavoury reputation. Then Livvie is offered the chance to work at the Barratt's Sweet Factory. Suddenly she has a chance to better herself and to offer her family a way out. Livvie's fragile beauty hides a formidable strength of character, and it doesn't take long for the factory manager, Lucas, to notice her. He is a man of the world, a sophisticated, compelling character and he can open doors to the kind of life Livvie has only dreamed of. However time is running out, for war is approaching, sweeping everything and everyone up in its remorseless path. What will Livvie choose, And who will come back to her when the fighting ends?

Brody, Frances

Death in the Stars

Series: Kate Shackleton Mysteries, book 9. Yorkshire, 1927. Eclipse fever grips the nation, and when beloved theatre star Selina Fellini approaches trusted sleuth Kate Shackleton to accompany her to a viewing party on the grounds of Giggleswick School Chapel, Kate suspects an ulterior motive. During the eclipse, Selina's friend and co-star Billy Moffatt disappears and is later found dead in the chapel grounds. Kate can't help but dig deeper and soon learns that two other members of the theatre troupe died in similarly mysterious circumstances in the past year. With the help of Jim Sykes and Mrs Sugden, Kate sets about investigating the deaths and whether there is a murderer in the company. When Selina's elusive husband Jarrod who was injured in the war and is subject to violent mood swings comes back on the scene, Kate begins to imagine something far deadlier at play, and wonders just who will be next to pay the ultimate price for fame.

Burke, James Lee

Robicheaux

Series: David Robicheaux, book 21. Dave Robicheaux is a haunted man, between his recurrent nightmares about Vietnam, his battle with alcoholism, and the sudden loss of his beloved wife, Molly, his thoughts drift from one irreconcilable memory to the next. Images of ghosts at Spanish Lake live on the edge of his vision. During a murder investigation, Dave Robicheaux discovers he may have committed the homicide he's investigating, one which involved the death of the man who took the life of Dave's beloved wife. While he works to clear his name and make sense of the murder, Robicheaux encounters a cast of characters and a resurgence of dark social forces that threaten to destroy all of those whom he loves.

Coe, Amanda

Everything You Do is Wrong

Harmony's teenage craving for drama is answered when a body is discovered by her aunt Mel on Evensand beach but the naked, lifeless young woman turns out problematically to be alive. Unable to speak or remember where she came from, the woman is named Storm by her nurses. Surrounded by doctors, psychiatrists and policemen, Storm remains provocatively silent. Harmony is desperate to fill in the gaps in Storm's story, while the responsibility Mel feels for the woman she rescued begins to skew the course of her own settled life. Their efforts to solve the mystery clash with the efforts of rookie constable Mason, assigned to the case and determined to help this damsel he feels to be very much in distress. Will any of them be able to find out who Storm really is? What if the distress belongs to everyone but her?

Crais, Robert

The Wanted

Series: Elvis Cole and Joe Pike, book 17. Seventeen year old Tyson is a normal teenaged boy he's socially awkward, obsessed with video games, and always hungry. However his mother is worried that her sweet, nerdy son has started to change and she's just found a \$40,000 Rolex watch under his bed. Suddenly very frightened that Tyson has gotten involved in something illegal, his mother gets in touch with a private investigator named Elvis Cole and asks him to do some digging. Cole uncovers a connection between Tyson and eighteen unsolved burglaries in LA's ritziest neighbourhood, Tyson spooks and runs, and then people start dying.

Dearman, Lara

The Devil's Claw

Series: Jennifer Dorey, book 1. Following a traumatic incident in London, Jennifer Dorey has returned to her childhood home in Guernsey, taking a job as a reporter at the local newspaper. After the discovery of a drowned woman on a beach, she uncovers a pattern of similar deaths that have taken place over the past fifty years. Together with DCI Michael Gilbert, an officer on the verge of retirement, they follow a dark trail of island myths and folklore to 'Fritz', the illegitimate son of a Nazi soldier. His work, painstakingly executed, has so far gone undetected. However with his identity about to be uncovered, the killer now has Jennifer in his sights.

Evans, Natalie Meg

The Wardrobe Mistress

London 1945. A young war widow steps aboard a train in search of a new life. Clutching the key to a mysterious inheritance, Vanessa Kingcourt can no longer resist the pull of the old Farren Theatre an enchanted place seeped in memories of her actor father. Now owned by troubled former captain Alistair Redenhall, The Farren is in need of a Wardrobe Mistress and a new lease of life. With no experience and no budget for supplies, Vanessa must use her intuition to create beautiful costumes from whatever scraps of silk and thread survived the blitz. It's a seemingly impossible task, but a welcome distraction as she struggles to resist her blossoming feelings for Alistair. What Vanessa discovers could unravel family secrets sewn deep into the very fabric of the London theatre scene but will she repeat the same terrible mistakes her father made? And can she dare to love a man who will never be hers?

Fallon, Jane

Faking Friends

Amy thought she knew everything there was to know about her best friend Melissa. Then again, Amy also thought she was on the verge of the wedding of her dreams to her long distance fiancé. until she pays a surprise trip home to London. Jack is out, but it's clear another woman has been making herself at home in their flat. There's something about her stuff that feels Cont'd...

...oddly familiar and then it hits Amy. The Other Woman is Melissa. Amy has lost her home, her fiancé and her best friend in one disastrous weekend but instead of falling apart, she's determined to get her own back. Piecing her life back together won't be half as fun as dismantling theirs, after all.

Falvey, Patricia

The Girls of Ennismore

Ireland, 1900, two girls meet. They are from vastly different worlds, but will be united in friendship through loves, losses and wars. It's the early years of the twentieth century, and Victoria Bell and Rosie Killeen are best friends. Growing up in rural Ireland's County Mayo, their friendship is forged against the glorious backdrop of Ennismore House. However, Victoria, born of the aristocracy, and Rosie, daughter of a local farmer, both find that the disparity of their class and the simmering social tension in Ireland will push their friendship to the brink.

Fforde, Katie

A Secret Garden

Lorna and her friend Philly work together in the grounds of a beautiful manor house in the Cotswolds. But even though they are surrounded by family and friends, the door to true love remains resolutely closed. Could their discovery of a secret garden mean this is about to change?

Fox, Candice

Redemption Point

Series: Crimson Lake, book 2. When former police detective Ted Conkaffey was wrongly accused of abducting thirteen year old Claire Bingley, he hoped the Queensland rainforest town of Crimson Lake would be a good place to disappear but nowhere is safe from Claire's devastated father. Dale Bingley has a brutal revenge plan all worked out and if Ted doesn't help find the real abductor, he'll be its first casualty. Meanwhile, in a dark roadside hovel called the Barking Frog Inn, the bodies of two young bartenders lie on the beer sodden floor. It's Detective Inspector Pip Sweeney's first homicide investigation complicated by the arrival of private detective Amanda Pharrell to 'assist' on the case. Amanda's conviction for murder a decade ago has left her with some odd behavioural traits, top to toe tats and a keen eye for killers. For Ted and Amanda, the hunt for the truth will draw them into a violent dance with evil. Redemption is certainly on the cards but it may well cost them their lives.

Frear, Caz

Sweet Little Lies

Series: Heartbreaker Bay, book 1. I thought I knew that in 1998, Maryanne Doyle disappeared and Dad knew something about it? Maryanne Doyle was never seen again. What I actually did know was in 1998, Dad lied about knowing Maryanne Doyle. Alice Lapaine has been found strangled near Dad's pub. Dad was in the local area for both Maryanne Doyle's disappearance and Alice Lapaine's murder that was a fact and the connection? Trust cuts both ways and what do you do when it's gone?

Furnivall, Kate

The Betrayal

Paris, 1938. Twin sisters are divided by fierce loyalties and by a terrible secret. The drums of war are beating and France is poised, ready to fall. One sister is an aviatrix, the other is a socialite and they both have something to prove and something to hide.

Hanks, Tom

Uncommon Type

A gentle Eastern European immigrant arrives in New York City after his family and his life have been torn apart by his country's civil war. A man who loves to bowl rolls a perfect game and then another and then another and then many more in a row until he winds up ESPN's newest celebrity, and he must decide if the combination of perfection and celebrity has ruined the thing he loves. An eccentric billionaire and his faithful executive assistant venture into America looking for acquisitions and discover a down and out motel, romance, and a bit of real life.

Heath, Jack

Hangman

A boy vanishes on his way home from school. His frantic mother receives a ransom call: pay or else. It's only hours before the deadline, and the police have no leads. Enter Timothy Blake, an FBI consultant with a knack for solving impossible cases but whose expertise comes at a price. Every time he saves a life, he takes one, trying to satisfy an urge he fears he can only control for so long and this time Blake may have met his match. The kidnapper is more cunning and ruthless than any he's faced before and he's been assigned a new partner within the Bureau: a woman linked to the past he's so desperate to forget because he has a secret, one so dark he will do anything to keep it hidden.

Hickson, Joanna

Red Rose White Rose

In fifteenth century England the Neville family rules the north with an iron fist. Ralph Neville, Earl of Westmorland, a giant of a man and a staunch Lancastrian, cunningly consolidates power by negotiating brilliant marriages for his children. The last betrothal he arranges before he dies is between his youngest daughter, nine year old Cicely, and his ward Richard, the thirteen year old Duke of York, England's richest heir. Told through the eyes of Cicely and her half-brother Cuthbert, Red Rose, White Rose is the story of one of the most powerful women in England during one of its most turbulent periods. Born of Lancaster and married to York, the willowy and wayward Cicely treads a hazardous path through love, loss and imprisonment and between the violent factions of Lancaster and York, as the Wars of the Roses tear England's ruling families apart.

Hill, Loretta

The Secret Vineyard

Grace Middleton knew that her ex-husband Jake was a lying, cheating, wife-abandoning bastard. What she didn't know until his untimely death was that he was also the owner of a secret vineyard in the heart of the Margaret River Wine Region. And, much to the chagrin of his new wife, he's left the property to Grace's three young sons. With the intention of putting it up for sale, Grace takes the boys to view Gum Leaf Grove. And immediately finds herself both embroiled in mysteries from Jake's past and the accidental target of the resident 'ghost'. Nowadays Grace believes in love even less than she believes in ghosts. So no one is more surprised than her when she finds herself caught between two very different men with secrets of their own.

Hunter, Cara

Close to Home

DI Adam Fawley, book 1. She was certain it was Daisy in the flower costume. When eight year old Daisy Mason vanishes from her family's Oxford home during a costume party, Detective Inspector Adam Fawley knows that nine times out of ten, the offender is someone close to home. And Daisy's family is certainly strange her mother is obsessed with keeping up appearances, while her father is cold and defensive under questioning. And then there's Daisy's little brother, so withdrawn and uncommunicative. DI Fawley works against the clock to find any trace Cont'd

of the little girl, but it's as if she disappeared into thin air no one saw anything; no one knows anything. But everyone has an opinion, and everyone, it seems, has a secret to conceal.

Hussain, Nadiya

The Secret Lives of the Amir Sisters

The four Amir Sisters – Fatima, Farah, Bubblee and Mae, are the only young Muslims in the quaint English village of Wyvernage. On the outside, despite not quite fitting in with their neighbours, the Amirs are happy. But on the inside, each sister is secretly struggling. Fatima is trying to find out who she really is and after fifteen attempts, finally pass her driving test. Farah is happy being a wife but longs to be a mother. Bubblee is determined to be an artist in London, away from family tradition, and Mae is coping with burgeoning YouTube stardom. Yet when family tragedy strikes, it brings the Amir sisters closer together and forces them to learn more about life, love, faith and each other than they ever thought possible.

Jackson, Corrie

The Perfect Victim

Series: Sophie Kent, book 2. Charlie and Emily Swift are the Instagram perfect couple: gorgeous, successful and in love. But then Charlie is named as the prime suspect in a gruesome murder and Emily's world falls apart. Desperate for answers, she turns to Charlie's troubled best friend, London Herald journalist, Sophie Kent. Sophie knows police have the wrong man - she trusts Charlie with her life. Then Charlie flees. Sophie puts her reputation on the line to clear his name. But as she's drawn deeper into Charlie and Emily's unravelling marriage, she realises that there is nothing perfect about the Swifts. As she begins to question Charlie's innocence, something happens that blows the investigation and their friendship apart. Now Sophie isn't just fighting for justice, she's fighting for her life.

Kelk, Lindsey

I Heart Forever

Series: I heart, book 7. The day her husband Alex picks up a backpack and goes travelling, Angela Clark promises to stay out of trouble and keep both Louboutins on the ground. So when her best friend's boyfriend confides in her, it can't hurt to help him pick out a ring at Tiffany's surely? And when her fashion magazine announces major changes, being terminally late and arguing with your boss isn't that bad, is it? Then suddenly there's another big secret Angela's got to keep and the man she loves is still thousands of miles away. As the wedding of the year looms, and Manhattan switches on its Christmas lights, Angela is going to need her friends by her side as her old life looks set to change forever.

Kendal, Claire

The Second Sister

A decade ago, Ella Brooke's older sister, Miranda, vanished without a trace. With every passing year, Ella has come to resemble more closely the sister she lost the same dark hair, the same piercing blue eyes and now she's the same age Miranda was when she disappeared. Ella has never let go of her sister. She can still feel Miranda's presence, still hear her voice. She still talks to her. What holds Ella together is her love for her sister's ten year old son and her work as a self defence expert helping victims. Ella is certain that Miranda was taken, and that one man is key to her disappearance: Jason Thorne. The tabloids report that a new link has been found connecting Miranda to this sadistic serial killer locked away in a psychiatric hospital. Ignoring warnings from the police and the disapproval of her parents, she seeks Thorne out. Ella will do whatever it takes to uncover the truth no matter how dangerous.

Koch, Emily

If I Die Before I Wake

Everyone believes Alex is in a coma, unlikely to ever wake up. As his family debate withdrawing life support, and his friends talk about how his girlfriend Bea needs to move on, he can only listen. But Alex soon begins to suspect that the accident that put him here wasn't really an accident. Even worse, the perpetrator is still out there and Alex is not the only one in danger. As he goes over a series of clues from his past, Alex must use his remaining senses to solve the mystery of who tried to kill him, and try to protect those he loves, before they decide to let him go.

Lackberg, Camilla

The Girl in the Woods

Series: Patrik Hedstrom, book 10. When a four year old girl disappears in the woods just outside Fjällbacka, the community is horror struck. Thirty years ago, a young girl went missing from the exact same spot, and was later discovered, murdered. Back then, two teenage girls were found guilty of the killing. Could it really be a coincidence that one of the girls now a world famous actress has just returned to Fjällbacka? Detective Patrik Hedström starts investigating, with his wife, bestselling crime writer Erica Falck, by his side. However as Patrik and Erica dig deeper, the truth becomes ever murkier, because it seems that everyone in the tight knit community is hiding something, and soon, the residents must confront the fact that they could be harbouring a murderer in their midst.

Meadows, Rae

I Will Send Rain

Annie Bell can't escape the dust. It's in her hair, covering the windowsills, coating the animals in the barn, in the corners of her children's dry, cracked lips. It's 1934 and the Bell farm in Mulehead, Oklahoma is struggling as the earliest storms of The Dust Bowl descend. All around them the wheat harvests are drying out and people are packing up their belongings as storms lay waste to the Great Plains. As the Bells wait for the rains to come, Annie and each member of her family are pulled in different directions. Annie's fragile young son, Fred, suffers from dust pneumonia; her headstrong daughter, Birdie, flush with first love, is choosing a dangerous path out of Mulehead; and Samuel, her husband, is plagued by disturbing dreams of rain. As Annie, desperate for an escape of her own, flirts with the affections of an unlikely admirer, she must choose who she is going to become.

Miller, Alex

The Passage of Love

Sitting in a New York park, an old man holds a book and tries to accept that his contribution to the future is over. Instead, he remembers a youthful yearning for open horizons, for Australia, a yearning he now knows inspired his life as a writer. Instinctively he picks up his pen and starts at the beginning. At twenty one years, Robert Crofts leaves his broken dreams in Far North Queensland, finally stopping in Melbourne almost destitute. It's there he begins to understand how books and writing might be the saving of him. They will be how he leaves his mark on the world. He also begins to understand how many obstacles there will be to thwart his ambition. When Robert is introduced to Lena Soren, beautiful, rich and educated, his life takes a very different path. But in the intimacy of their connection lies an unknowability that both torments and tantalises as Robert and Lena long for something that neither can provide for the other.

Mitchell, Fiona

The Maid's Room

Sisters Dolly and Tala have never felt further from home. In the blistering heat of Singapore, they spend their days enabling ex-pats to have lives they could never afford for themselves. Even though she has little freedom, Dolly can just about live with her job if it means she's able to support her beloved young daughter back in the Philippines. One day, if she's lucky, Dolly may even be able to go back and see her. Tala, however, just can't keep her mouth shut about the restrictive, archaic rules maids are forced to abide by on pain of deportation. She risks everything to help her fellow maids, who have struggled to have their voices heard for far too long.

Murphy, Devin

The Boat Runner

Beginning in the summer of 1939, fourteen year old Jacob Koopman and his older brother, Edwin, enjoy lives of prosperity and quiet contentment. Many of the residents in their small Dutch town have some connection to the Koopman lightbulb factory, and the locals hold the family in high esteem. On days when they aren't playing with friends, Jacob and Edwin help their Uncle Martin on his fishing boat in the North Sea, where German ships have become a common sight. But conflict still seems unthinkable, even as the boys' father naively sends his sons to a Hitler Youth Camp in an effort to secure German business for the factory. When war breaks out, Jacob's world is thrown into chaos. The Boat Runner follows Jacob over the course of four years, through the forests of France, the stormy beaches of England, and deep within the secret missions of the German Navy, where he is confronted with the moral dilemma that will change his life and his life's mission forever.

Parkyn, Stephanie

Into the World

1791, in the midst of the French Revolution, unwed mother Marie-Louise Girardin takes one last look at her baby son before entrusting him to her friend, the revolutionary Olympe de Gouges. She must escape, and only the most daring plan will bring her both the anonymity she needs and the independence to return one day for her son. Marie-Louise disguises herself as a man and joins a voyage of exploration employed as a steward on the Recherche, one of two ships commissioned to journey to the Great Southern Ocean to find the missing explorer La Perouse. Protecting her identity throughout, Marie-Louise forms friendships among the eccentric naturalists. However tensions rise between the royalist officers and the revolutionaries, and Marie-Louise's position becomes precarious when she discovers someone on board knows the secrets of her past. When the expedition docks in Java, chaos erupts as they learn of King Louis XVI's execution and are imprisoned by the Dutch. Marie-Louise seems certain to be unmasked. Will she ever return to France and be reunited with her child?

Perry, Anne

Twenty-One Days

Series: Daniel Pitt, book 1. 1910, Sir Thomas Pitt's son, Daniel, is in the middle of his first case as a barrister when he is summoned to the Old Bailey for an important trial. Renowned biographer Russell Graves is charged with the brutal murder of his wife and Daniel must assist in his defence. When the jury finds the accused guilty, Graves insists he has been framed. He is writing a shocking exposé of a powerful figure, revealing state secrets so damning that someone might well have wanted to silence him. With the reputations of those closest to him at stake, Daniel has twenty one days to uncover the truth and ensure that an innocent man isn't sent to the gallows.

Ponicsan, Darryl

Last Flag Flying

Series: Last Detail, book 2. When middle aged veteran Meadows learns that the authorities have told him a lie about the circumstances of the death of his son, a Marine killed in Iraq, he reunites with aging companions Billy Bad Ass Buddusky and Mule Mulhall to perform a sacred task: the proper burial of his boy. So begins the journey up the Eastern seaboard, both a solemn mission and a protest against injustice, a celebration of life that is at once irreverent, funny, profane and deeply moving.

Preston & Child

City of Endless Night

Series: Pendergast, book 17. Lieutenant CDS Vincent D'Agosta knows his investigation will attract fierce media scrutiny, so he's delighted when his old acquaintance FBI Special Agent A.X.L. Pendergast is assigned to the case. However neither man is prepared for what lies ahead. A diabolical presence is haunting New York City and Grace is only the first of many victims to be murdered and decapitated. As mass hysteria sweeps the city, it will take all of Pendergast's skill and strength to unmask this most dangerous foe let alone survive to tell the tale.

Purcell, Deirdre

The Christmas Voyage

It is almost Christmas on the Santa Clara cruise liner, and as the ship sets sail from Barcelona for the last time, dramas big and small are to unfold. On board is Kitty Golden, beautiful ex-model and wife of New York financier Saul Abelson, some 25 years her senior. They look the picture of cool contentment, but looks can be deceiving. Dubliner Mary Dunne is on board with no less than eight members of her boisterous Irish family, intent on celebration. For Mary, though, a long hidden past brings its own twist. While wide eyed young novelist Roxy Smith is intent on observing all in a bid to find story for that difficult second novel until she too gets caught up in the action. With handsome Captain Leifsson in firm command of the ship, if not his heart, who knows what the journey's end will bring.

Robins, Jane

White Bodies

Callie loves Tilda. She's her sister, after all and she's beautiful and successful. Tilda loves Felix. He's her husband. Successful and charismatic, he is also controlling, suspicious and, possibly, dangerous. Still, Tilda loves Felix and Callie loves Tilda, very, very much. So she's determined to save her. But the cost could destroy them all. Sometimes we love too much.

Scott, Cavan

Cry of the Innocents

Series: Sherlock Holmes. A mysterious Catholic priest arrives at 221B Baker Street, only to utter the words "il corpe" before dropping dead. Though the man's death is attributed to cholera, when news of a similar case in Bristol reaches Holmes, he becomes convinced that the priests have been poisoned. He and Watson learn that the men were on a mission from the Vatican to investigate a miracle; it is said that the body of an eighteenth century philanthropist and slave trader Edwyn Warwick has not decomposed. But should the Pope sanctify a man who made his fortune through slavery? When Warwick's body is stolen, it becomes clear that the priest's mission has attracted the attention of a deadly conspiracy.

Tamaro, Susanna

The Tiger and the Acrobat

Little Tiger is not like other tigers. Not content to spend her days alone, roaming the snow forests of Siberia hunting prey, she prefers instead to ponder the ways of the world. One day, eager to discover her own place within it, she sets out on a remarkable journey to discover the secret of life, and to meet the creatures she has heard most about: humans.

Thomson, Glenna

Stella and Margie

Stella and her mother in law, Margie, are two very different women. Stella is kind, compassionate and a little chaotic. Margie is prickly and demanding, with bitter memories of the past. When Margie needs help recovering from a major operation, she reluctantly returns to the family farm, where for decades, until Stella's arrival, she was the one in charge. However the two women gradually form an unlikely bond, as the ambitions, secrets, and tragedies that have shaped their lives are slowly uncovered.

Tiraboschi, Roberto

The Apothecary's Shop

Series: Apothecary's Daughter, book 1. In a medieval Venice undone by devastating famine and excessive, orgiastic Carnival festivities of all kinds, the protagonists of The Apothecary's Shop chase a dream of rebirth, the eternal fantasy of defeating death. The young Costanza, of the noble Grimani family, has disappeared. The family scribe, Edgardo, promises to return the girl to her family, who themselves may not be above suspicion. Doctors, apothecaries, undertakers, Eastern merchants, farmers: everyone seems to be involved in the girl's disappearance, even African slave traders. Abella, Edgardo's ambiguous ally and the only female doctor in Venice, introduces him to secrets and occult practices of medicine. Through her, Edgardo discovers Sabbatai's Apothecary, where remedies and concoctions are prepared and clues to Costanza's disappearance may lie.

Woods, Eva

How to be Happy

Annie has been sad for so long that she's forgotten how to be any other way. She's trudging miserably through every day, sheer determination keeping her going. Until she meets Polly. Polly is everything that Annie is not. She's colourful, joyful, and happy. And Polly is also facing the greatest challenge of her life: how to die well. Polly has one hundred days to help Annie find happiness. Annie's convinced it's impossible, but so is saying no to Polly. And on an unforgettable journey, Annie begins to realise that maybe, just maybe, there's still colour to be found in the world. But then it becomes clear that Polly's about to need her new friend more than ever and Annie will have to decide once and for all whether letting others in is a risk worth taking.

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