

NEW FICTION WINTER 2018

Baldacci, David

The Fallen

Series: Amos Decker, book 4. Something sinister is going on in Baronville. The rust belt town has seen four bizarre murders in the space of two weeks. Cryptic clues left at the scenes obscure bible verses, odd symbols have the police stumped. Amos Decker and his FBI colleague Alex Jamison are in Baronville visiting Alex's sister and her family. It's a bleak place: a former mill and mining town with a crumbling economy and rampant opioid addiction. Decker has only been there a few hours when he stumbles on a horrific double murder scene. Then the next killing hits sickeningly close to home. With the lives of people he cares about suddenly hanging in the balance, Decker begins to realize that the recent string of deaths may be only one small piece of a much larger scheme with consequences that will reach far beyond Baronville. Decker, with his singular talents, may be the only one who can crack this bizarre case. Only this time when one mistake could cost him everything Decker finds that his previously infallible memory may not be so trustworthy after all.

Bryndza, Robert

Dark Water

Series: Detective Erika Foster, book 3. When Detective Erika Foster receives a tip off that key evidence for a major narcotics case was stashed in a disused quarry on the outskirts of London, she orders for it to be searched. From the thick sludge the drugs are recovered, but so is the skeleton of a young child. The remains are quickly identified as eleven year old Jessica Collins, the missing girl who made headline news when she vanished twenty six years ago. As Erika tries to piece together new evidence with the old, she discovers a family harbouring secrets, a detective plagued by her failure to find Jessica, and the mysterious death of a man living by the quarry.

Callen, Alissa

The Red Dirt Road

After losing a patient, Dr Fliss Knight returns to small town Woodlea and buys a rundown farm, her confidence and city career in tatters. She intends to live a solitary life and hopes that the slow country pace will help her heal. Pickup rider Hewitt Sinclair is no stranger to how hairy things can get in a rodeo arena. When he can't save the life of his twin brother, he hangs up his spurs. Determined to provide for his brother's widow and young family, he gives himself no time to grieve. But when a motorbike accident proves he needs to also look out for himself, he accepts an old friend's invitation to stay at an isolated property while his body heals. When Fliss meets the cowboy living in the bluestone stables across the garden, all her hopes for a quiet and peaceful life fade. Despite his reserve, Hewitt is impossible to ignore. While they work together to care for an abandoned dog and her puppies they find themselves drawn to each other. But as a family secret threatens every truth Fliss has ever known, and the heavy spring rain continues to fall, both Fliss and Hewitt must face their deepest fears. Will love be enough to guarantee happiness or will the past refuse to relinquish its dark hold?

Carlin, Laura

The Wicked Cometh

Down the murky alleyways of London, acts of unspeakable wickedness are taking place and the city's vulnerable poor are disappearing from the streets. Out of these shadows comes Hester White, a bright young woman who is desperate to escape the slums by any means possible. When Hester is thrust into the world of the aristocratic Brock family, she leaps at the chance to improve her station in life under the tutelage of the fiercely intelligent and mysterious Rebekah Brock. However whispers from her past slowly begin to poison her new life and both she and Rebekah are lured into the most sinister of investigations, dragging them into the blackest heart of a city where something more depraved than either of them could ever imagine is lurking.

Carter, Chris

Gallery of the Dead

Series: Robert Hunter, book 9. Thirty seven years in the force, and if I was allowed to choose just one thing to erase from my mind, what's inside that room would be it.' That's what a LAPD Lieutenant tells Detectives Hunter and Garcia of the Ultra Violent Crimes Unit as they arrive at one of the most shocking crime scenes they have ever attended. In a completely unexpected turn of events, the detectives find themselves joining forces with the FBI to track down a serial killer whose hunting ground sees no borders; a psychopath who loves what he does because to him murder is much more than just killing it's an art form.

Cussler, Clive

The Rising Sea

Series: NUMA Files, book 15. An alarming rise in the world's sea levels much larger than could be accounted for by glacier melt sends Kurt Austin, Joe Zavala, and the rest of the NUMA scientific team rocketing around the globe in search of answers. What they find at the bottom of the East China Sea, however, is even worse than they imagined: a diabolical plan to upset the Pacific balance of power and in the process displace as many as a billion people. A rare alloy unlike anything else on earth, a pair of five hundred year old Japanese talismans, an assassin so violent even the Yakuza has disowned him, an audacious technological breakthrough that will become a very personal nightmare for Kurt Austin from the shark filled waters of Asia to the high tech streets of Tokyo to a forbidden secret island, the NUMA team must risk everything to head off the coming catastrophe.

Deaver, Jeffery

The Cutting Edge

Series: Lincoln Rhyme, book 14. In the early hours of a quiet, weekend morning in Manhattan's Diamond District, a brutal triple murder shocks the city. Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs quickly take the case. Curiously, the killer has left behind a half million dollars' worth of gems at the murder scene, a jewellery store on 47th street. As more crimes follow, it becomes clear that the killer's target is not gems, but engaged couples themselves. The Promisor vows to take the lives of men and women during their most precious moment's midway through the purchase of an engagement ring, after a meeting with a wedding planner, trying on the perfect gown for a day that will never come. The Promisor arrives silently, armed with knife or gun, and a time of bliss is transformed, in an instant, to one of horror. Soon the Promisor makes a dangerous mistake: leaving behind an innocent witness, Vimal Lahori, a talented young diamond cutter, who can help Rhyme and Sachs blow the lid off the case. They must track down Vimal before the killer can correct his fatal error. Then disaster strikes, threatening to tear apart the very fabric of the city and providing the perfect cover for the killer to slip through the cracks.

Ellis, Karen

A Map of the Dark

Series: Agent Elsa Myers, book 1. Even as her father lies dying in a hospital north of New York City, FBI Agent Elsa Myers can't ignore a call for help. A teenage girl has disappeared from Forest Hills, Queens, and during the critical first hours of the case, a series of false leads obscures the fact that she did not go willingly. While the hours tick by, the hunt for the girl deepens into a search for a man who may have been killing for years. Elsa's carefully compartmentalized world begins to collapse around her. She can find missing people, but she knows too well how it feels to be lost. Everything she has buried; her fraught relationship with her sister and niece herself destructive past her mother's death, threatens to resurface, with devastating consequences. Can our most painful childhood secrets be forgotten? Or will they always find their way back into our adult lives?

Ellis, Kate

The Mechanical Devil

Series: Wesley Peterson, book 22. When archaeologist Neil Watson unearths a long buried mechanical figure in a Dartmoor field, he is determined to discover the truth behind the bizarre find. Soon, however, the sleepy village becomes the focus of press attention for another reason when two people with no apparent connection to each other are found shot dead in nearby Manor Field, seemingly victims of an execution style double murder. DI Wesley Peterson is called in to investigate, but the two murders aren't his only problem. The daughter of a local MP has gone missing and the pressure is on to find her, especially when it's revealed that she has a connection to one of the murder victims. While Wesley's own life is thrown into turmoil when a woman he helped on a previous investigation finds herself subjected to a campaign of terror. Is there a link between the double murder and the accidental death of a young history student in Manor Field twenty years ago? And just what is the true identity of the Mechanical Devil?

Fforde, Katie

A Country Escape

Fran has always wanted to be a farmer and now it looks as if her childhood dream is about to come true. She has just moved in to a beautiful but very run down farm in the Cotswolds, currently owned by an old aunt who has told Fran that if she manages to turn the place around in a year, the farm will be hers. However Fran knows nothing about farming. She might even be afraid of cows. She's going to need a lot of help from her best friend Issi, and also from her wealthy and very eligible neighbour who might just have his own reasons for being so supportive. Is it the farm he is interested in? Or Fran herself?

Forrest, Bella

The Gender Game

Series: Gender Game, book 1. A toxic river divides nineteen year old Violet Bates's world by gender. Women rule the East in Matrus. Men rule the West in Patrus. Ever since the disappearance of her beloved younger brother, Violet's life has been consumed by an anger she struggles to control. Already a prisoner to her own nation, now she has been sentenced to death for her crimes. But one decision could save her life. To enter the kingdom of Patrus, where men rule and women submit. Everything about the patriarchy is dangerous for a rebellious girl like Violet. She cannot break the rules if she wishes to stay alive. But abiding by rules has never been her strong suit, and when she is thrust into more danger than she could have ever predicted, Violet is forced to sacrifice many things in the forbidden kingdom, including forbidden love.

Gardner, Lisa

Look for Me

Series: D. D. Warren, book 9. The home of a family of five is now a crime scene: four of them savagely murdered, one a sixteen year old girl missing. Was she lucky to have escaped? Or is her absence evidence of something sinister? Detective D. D. Warren is on the case but so is survivor turned avenger Flora Dane. Seeking different types of justice, they must make sense of the clues left behind by a young woman who, whether as victim or suspect, is silently pleading, look for me.

George, Elizabeth

The Punishment she Deserves

Series: Inspector Lynley, book 20. The cozy, bucolic town of Ludlow is stunned when one of its most revered and respected citizens Ian Druitt, the local deacon is accused of a serious crime. Then, while in police custody, Ian is found dead. Did he kill himself? Or was he murdered? When Barbara Havers is sent to Ludlow to investigate the chain of events that led to Ian's death, all the evidence points to suicide. However Barbara can't shake the feeling that she's missing something. She decides to take a closer look at the seemingly ordinary inhabitants of Ludlow mainly elderly retirees and college students and discovers that almost everyone in town has something to hide.

Gibney, Patricia

The Missing Ones

Series: Detective Lottie Parker, book 1. The hole they dug was not deep. A white flour bag encased the little body. Three small faces watched from the window, eyes black with terror. The child in the middle spoke without turning his head. "I wonder which one of us will be next." When a woman's body is discovered in a cathedral and hours later a young man is found hanging from a tree outside his home, Detective Lottie Parker is called in to lead the investigation. Both bodies have the same distinctive tattoo clumsily inscribed on their legs. It's clear the pair are connected, but how? The trail leads Lottie to St Angela's, a former children's home, with a dark connection to her own family history. Suddenly the case just got personal as Lottie begins to link the current victims to unsolved murders decades old, two teenage boys go missing. She must close in on the killer before they strike again, but in doing so is she putting her own children in terrifying danger? Lottie is about to come face to face with a twisted soul who has a very warped idea of justice.

Gilbert, Zoe

Folk

The remote island village of Neverness is a world far from our time and place. The air hangs rich with the coconut scent of gorse and the salty bite of the sea. Harsh winds scour the rocky coastline. The villagers' lives are inseparable from nature and its enchantments. Verlyn Webbe, born with a wing for an arm, unfurls his feathers in defiance of past shame; Plum is snatched by a water bull and dragged to his lair; little Crab Skerry takes his first run through the gorse maze; Madden sleepwalks through violent storms, haunted by horses and her father's wishes. While the tales of this island community interweave over the course of a generation, their earthy desires, resentments, idle gossip and painful losses create a staggeringly original world.

Goodkind, Terry

The Girl in the Moon

Series: Angela Constantine, book 1. Angela Constantine is a girl born broken. When Angela was young, before she came to realize she had a rare ability, she was a rather ordinary girl. At least, that was what everyone said but Angela is anything but ordinary. The daughter of a meth addict, she is convinced she was born a freak. Haunted by an abusive childhood, Cont'd...

...she was forced to become a woman far too soon and in the process, she became more. Angela Constantine has a secret life. Angela juggles multiple jobs to live a secluded life in a cabin in the mountains. She also lives a secret life, right under everyone's noses because her family's bloodline carries the ability to recognize killers, she adopts a solitary, violent existence in service of her own, personal mission in life. When Angela unexpectedly finds herself the prey of a group of international terrorists, she is the only one who knows the truth of what they are about to do. She might look like an unlikely hero and she might also be our only hope.

Griffiths, Elly

The Dark Angel

Series: Ruth Galloway, book 10. Dr Ruth Galloway is flattered when she receives a letter from Italian archaeologist Dr Angelo Morelli, asking for her help. He's discovered a group of bones in a tiny hilltop village near Rome but doesn't know what to make of them. Its years since Ruth has had a holiday, and even a working holiday to Italy is very welcome! So Ruth travels to Castello degli Angeli, accompanied by her daughter Kate and friend Shona. In the town she finds a baffling Roman mystery and a dark secret involving the war years and the Resistance. To her amazement she also soon finds Harry Nelson, with Cathbad in tow. However there is no time to overcome their mutual shock, the ancient bones spark a modern murder, and Ruth must discover what secrets there are in Castello degli Angeli that someone would kill to protect.

Gwynne, John

A Time of Dread

Series: Blood and bone, book 1. The Ben-Elim, a race of warrior angels, once vanquished a mighty demon horde. Now they rule the Banished lands. However their dominion is brutally enforced and their ancient enemy may not be as crushed as they thought. In the snowbound north, Drem, a trapper, finds mutilated corpses in the forests a sign of demonic black magic. In the south, Riv, a young, tempestuous soldier, discovers a deadly rift within the Ben-Elim themselves. Two individuals with two world changing secrets but where will they lead? And what role will Drem and Riv play in the Banished Land's fate? Difficult choices need to be made. In the shadows, dark forces are gathering, waiting for their time to rise.

Hashimi, Nadia

A House without Windows

For two decades, Zeba was a loving wife, a patient mother, and a peaceful villager. However her quiet life is shattered when her husband, Kamal, is found brutally murdered with a hatchet in the courtyard of their home. Nearly catatonic with shock, Zeba is unable to account for her whereabouts at the time of his death. Her children swear their mother could not have committed such a heinous act. Kamal's family is sure she did, and demands justice. Barely escaping a vengeful mob, Zeba is arrested and jailed. While Zeba awaits trial, she meets a group of women whose own misfortunes have also led them to these bleak cells: thirty year old Nafisa, imprisoned to protect her from an honour killing; twenty five year old Latifa, who ran away from home with her teenage sister but now stays in the prison because it is safe shelter; and nineteen year old Mezghan, pregnant and unmarried, waiting for her lover's family to ask for her hand in marriage. Is Zeba a cold blooded killer, these young women wonder, or has she been imprisoned, as they have been, for breaking some social rule? For these women, the prison is both a haven and a punishment. Removed from the harsh and unforgiving world outside, they form a lively and indelible sisterhood. Into this closed world comes Yusuf, Zeba's Afghan born, American raised lawyer, whose commitment to human rights and desire to help his motherland have Cont'd...

...brought him back. With the fate of this seemingly ordinary housewife in his hands, Yusuf discovers that, like Afghanistan itself, his client may not be at all what he imagines.

Haywood, Sarah

The Cactus

For Susan Green, messy emotions don't fit into the equation of her perfectly ordered life. She has a flat that is ideal for one, a job that suits her passion for logic and an "interpersonal arrangement" that provides cultural and other, more intimate, benefits. However suddenly confronted with the loss of her mother and the news that she is about to become a mother herself, Susan's greatest fear is realized. She is losing control. When she learns that her mother's will inexplicably favours her indolent brother, Edward, Susan's already dismantled world is sent flying into a tailspin. While Susan's due date draws near and her family problems become increasingly difficult to ignore, Susan finds help and self-discovery in the most unlikely of places.

Hendricks, Greer & Pekkanen, Sarah

The Wife between Us

Series: Collector trilogy, book 2. When you read this book, you will make many assumptions. It's about a jealous wife, obsessed with her replacement. It's about a younger woman set to marry the man she loves. The first wife seems like a disaster; her replacement is the perfect woman. You will assume you know the motives, the history, the anatomy of the relationships. You will be wrong.

Hutchison, Dot

The Roses of May

Four months after the explosion at the Garden, a place where young women known as the Butterflies were kept captive, FBI agents Brandon Eddison, Victor Hanoverian, and Mercedes Ramirez are still entrenched in the aftermath, helping survivors in the process of adjusting to life on the outside. With winter coming to an end, the Butterflies have longer, warmer days of healing ahead. However for the agents, the impending thaw means one gruesome thing: a chilling guarantee that somewhere in the country, another young woman will turn up dead in a church with her throat slit and her body surrounded by flowers. Priya Sravasti's sister fell victim to the killer years ago. Now she and her mother move every few months, hoping for a new beginning but when she ends up in the madman's crosshairs, the hunt takes on new urgency. Only with Priya's help can the killer be found but will her desperate hope for closure compel her to put her very life on the line?

Kellerman, Jonathan

Night Moves

Series: Alex Delaware, book 33. LAPD homicide detective Milo Sturgis knows there are crimes he cannot solve alone. And in this case, where the scene of the murder is as baffling as it is brutal, the good doctor's insight is crucial. There's no spilled blood and no evidence of a struggle. And without hands and a face, the body can't be identified immediately. Alex and Milo must find out how and why this disfigured corpse has appeared in Chet Corvin's upscale home when the family are certain they don't know the victim. But for some unknown reason, their cooperation remains guarded. Though the grass may be greener on these privileged streets, Alex and Milo both know there's enough dirt below the surface to bury a multitude of sins even the deadliest of all.

Kelly, Cathy

The Year that Changed Everything

Three women celebrate their birthdays, 30, 40, 50 but their milestone birthdays mark the start of a year that will change everything. Ginger isn't spending her 30th the way she would have planned. Tonight might be the first night of the rest of her life or a total disaster. Sam is finally pregnant after years of trying. When her waters break on the morning of her 40th birthday, she panics: forget labour, how is she going to be a mother? Callie is celebrating her 50th at a big party in her Dublin home. Then a knock at the door mid-party turns her perfect life upside down.

Kerr, Philip

Greeks Bearing Gifts

Series: Bernie Gunther, book 13. 1957, Munich. Bernie Gunther's latest move in a long string of varied careers sees him working for an insurance company. It makes a kind of sense: both cops and insurance companies have a vested interest in figuring out when people are lying to them, and Bernie has a lifetime of experience to call on. Sent to Athens to investigate a claim from a fellow German for a ship that has sunk, Bernie takes an instant dislike to the claimant. When he discovers the ship in question once belonged to a Greek Jew deported to Auschwitz, he is convinced the sinking was no accident but an avenging arson attack. Then the claimant is found dead, shot through both eyes. It's a win for Bernie's employers at least: no one to pay out to even if the claim is genuine but who is behind the murder, and why? Strong armed into helping the Greek police with their investigation, Bernie is once again drawn inexorably back to the dark history of the Second World War, and the deportation of the Jews of Salonika now Thessaloniki. While Europe seems ready to move on to a more united future with Germany as a partner rather than an enemy, at least one person in Greece is ready neither to forgive nor forget and, deep down, Bernie thinks they may have a point.

Laurens, Stephanie

The Designs of Lord Randolph Cavanaugh

Series: Cavanaugh, book 1. Lord Randolph Cavanaugh is loyal and devoted but only to family. To the rest of the world, he's aloof and untouchable, a respected and driven entrepreneur. However Rand yearns for more in life, and when he travels to Buckinghamshire to review a recent investment, he discovers a passionate woman who will challenge his rigid self-control. Felicia Throgmorton intends to keep her family afloat. For decades, her father was consumed by his inventions and now, months after his death, with their finances in ruins, her brother insists on continuing their father's tinkering. Felicia is desperate to hold together what's left of the estate. Then she discovers she must help persuade their latest investor that her father's follies are a risk worth taking. Rand arrives at Throgmorton Hall to discover the invention on which he's staked his reputation has exploded, the inventor is not who he expected and a fiercely intelligent woman now holds the key to his future success. However unflinching courage in the face of daunting hurdles is a trait they share, and Rand and Felicia are forced to act together against ruthless foes to protect everything they hold dear.

Leather, Stephen

The Shout

Vicky Lewis is a force to be reckoned with: not yet thirty and already crew manager in the London Fire Brigade, she's destined for great things. However when she enters a burning building to save a man's life and leaves it with catastrophic injuries, all that changes. She's shunted over to the Fire Investigation Unit, where she's forced to team up with cantankerous veteran Des Farmer, aka the Grouch. When Vicky stumbles across the Grouch's off the books investigation into the fiery deaths of a series of young, blonde women, she decides to join him in his search for the truth. Cont'd...

The answer is close perhaps too close. Vicky's already been burnt once, and now she's playing with fire

Leon, Donna

The Temptation of Forgiveness

Series: Guido Brunetti, book 27. Brunetti pursues several false and contradictory leads while growing ever more impressed by the intuition of his fellow Commissario, Claudia Griffoni, and by the endless resourcefulness and craftiness of Signorina Elettra, Patta's secretary and gate keeper. Exasperated by the petty bureaucracy that constantly bedevils him and threatens to expose Signorina Elettra, Brunetti is steadied by the embrace of his own family and by his passion for the classics. This predilection leads him to read Sophocles' Antigone, and, in its light, consider the terrible consequences to which the actions of a tender heart can lead.

McArthur, Fiona

Mothers' Day

Burra District Hospital's maternity unit is under threat and will close for births unless a new obstetrician can be found. Midwife Noni Frost needs a miracle. A single mum, Noni lives with her young son, Harley, and her Aunt Win, a free spirit and the beating heart of Burra Guest House. Noni's world is disrupted when Iain McCloud and his pregnant teenage daughter Jacinta move into the guesthouse to await the birth of her baby. There's instant chemistry between Iain and Noni, although he has no plans to stay on in town. However when Jacinta shares explosive family secrets with Noni and an unexpected crisis occurs, everyone's lives come crashing down around them. Set among the white gum trees and flowing waters of the NSW northern rivers, this is a heartfelt and dramatic story about new babies, new friends and new loves, which shows that when strong women come together in a time of crisis, they can overcome even the greatest odds.

McTiernan, Dervla

The Ruin

Galway 1993: Young Garda Cormac Reilly is called to a scene he will never forget. Two silent, neglected children fifteen year old Maude and five year old Jack are waiting for him at a crumbling country house. Upstairs, their mother lies dead. Twenty years later, a body surfaces in the icy black waters of the River Corrib. At first it looks like an open and shut case, but then doubt is cast on the investigation's findings and the integrity of the police. Cormac is thrown back into the cold case that has haunted him his entire career. What links the two deaths, two decades apart? While he navigates his way through police politics and the ghosts of the past, Detective Reilly uncovers shocking secrets and finds himself questioning who among his colleagues he can trust. What really did happen in that house where he first met Maude and Jack? And who will protect you when the authorities can't or won't?

Magro, Mandy

A Country Mile

When Sophie Copinni's love life turns sour, a trip to her hometown in Far North Queensland is the perfect time for her to take stock of her future. There, two weeks before she turns thirty, she finds a bucket list from her teenage years. Most of the challenges are fun, although one thing on the list scares the hell out of her: she is to reveal a long held family secret the very reason she ran away eight years ago. A road trip home is Dylan Stone's chance to escape the shady operations he has uncovered at the Sydney tattoo parlour he runs. Surrounded by the landscape and loved ones he's missed so fiercely, Dylan starts to think that maybe it's time to make his homecoming permanent. However there is still the unresolved matter of Sophie the woman who broke his heart and skipped town so long ago. Dylan and Sophie try to keep their distance but they can't Cont'd...

...deny the intense chemistry between them. But if Sophie tackles the scariest challenge on her list, will it push Dylan away forever? And will her family ever be the same again?

Mansell, Jill

This Could Change Everything

On the one hand, if Essie hadn't written that letter, the one that only her best friend was meant to see, then she'd still be living like an actual proper grown up, tucked up with Paul in his picture perfect cottage, maybe even planning their wedding. On the other hand (if her true feelings hadn't accidentally taken the internet by storm that is), she wouldn't have moved into the attic flat on the square. She would never have met Conor. Or got to know Lucas. And she wouldn't have found herself falling in love with someone she really, really shouldn't fall in love with.

Masterton, Graham

The Coven

Series: *Beatrice Scarlet*, book 2. They say the girls were witches but Beatrice Scarlet, the apothecary's daughter, is sure they were innocent victims. London, 1758: Beatrice Scarlet, the apothecary's daughter, has found a position at St Mary Magdalene's Refuge for fallen women. The charity is supported by a wealthy merchant who offers the most promising girls steady work in his factory. However when seven girls go missing, Beatrice is uneasy. There would be benefactor claims they were a coven of witches, beholden only to Satan and his demonic misdeeds. However Beatrice is convinced something much darker than witchcraft is at play.

May, Peter

I'll Keep You Safe

Niamh and Ruairidh Macfarlane co-own the Hebridean Company Ranish Tweed. On a business trip to Paris to promote their luxury brand, Niamh learns of Ruairidh's affair, and then looks on as he and his lover are killed by a car bomb. She returns home to Lewis, bereft. Niamh begins to look back on her life with Ruairidh, desperate to identify anyone who may have held a grudge against him. The French police, meanwhile, have ruled out terrorism, and ruled in murder and sent Detective Sylvie Braque to shadow their prime suspect: Niamh. While one woman works back through her memories, and the other moves forward with her investigation, the two draw ever closer to a deadly enemy with their own, murderous, designs.

Moyes, Jojo

Still Me

Series: *Me before you*, book 3. Lou Clark knows too many things, She knows how many miles lie between her new home in New York and her new boyfriend Sam in London. She knows her employer is a good man and she knows his wife is keeping a secret from him. What Lou doesn't know is she's about to meet someone who's going to turn her whole life upside down because Josh will remind her so much of a man she used to know that it'll hurt. Lou won't know what to do next, but she knows that whatever she chooses is going to change everything.

Nayeri, Dina

Refuge

An Iranian girl escapes to America as a child, but her father stays behind. Over twenty years, as she transforms from confused immigrant to overachieving Westerner to sophisticated European transplant, daughter and father know each other only from their visits: four crucial visits over two decades, each in a different international city. The longer they are apart, the more their lives diverge, but also the more each comes to need the other's wisdom and, ultimately, rescue. Meanwhile, refugees of all nationalities are flowing into Europe under troubling conditions. Wanting to help, but also looking for a lost sense of home, our grown up transplant Cont'd...

...finds herself quickly entranced by a world that is at once everything she has missed and nothing that she has ever known. Will her immersion in the lives of these new refugees allow her the grace to save her father?

Reich, Christopher

The Take

Series: Simon Riske, book 1. Preferring work that allows him to stay under the radar, freelance industrial spy Simon Riske reluctantly takes a high profile job from the CIA involving a gangster's theft of millions from a visiting Saudi prince and a stolen letter containing highly sensitive information.

Robb, J.D.

Dark in Death

Series: Eve Dallas and Roarke, book 46. There's always a reason for murder but when a young actress is killed in a swift and violent attack at a cinema screening, that reason is hard to fathom even for Lieutenant Eve Dallas and her team. It's only when bestselling crime writer Blaine DeLano arrives at the precinct that the shocking truth is revealed. Someone is recreating the murder scenes from her latest series, book by book. With six more novels left in the series, Eve now knows how the killer will strike next. But why has DeLano been targeted? Could her abusive husband be involved? While fiction is transformed into bloody reality, Eve will need all her skill and experience to solve this unique case. Luckily for her, husband Roarke happens to be a fan of DeLano's work and he's more than happy to work side by side with his brilliant wife no matter how dark things become.

Seymour, Gerald

A Damned Serious Business

There is a new cold war raging and its frontline warriors are Russian hackers, gang members working freelance for the FSB, successor to the KGB. Massive thefts of personal information, electoral interference, catastrophic disruption of commercial and social services, banks, airlines, even whole countries disabled this is happening now. Nicknamed 'Boot' because of his obsession with the Duke of Wellington and the battle of Waterloo, Edwin Coker is a case officer at the Vauxhall headquarters of MI6. When a young hacker falls into his hands and reveals details of a secret meeting, Boot conceives a daring plan to strike back not with a computer virus of his own, but with a bomb that will seriously damage the Russian operation, spreading fear and distrust. Now Boot and his little team need a 'deniable' handler to deliver the explosives across the border from Estonia into Russia and bring the hacker back out. They turn to Merc, an ex-soldier fighting in Iraq, a gun for hire who knows how to get out of a tight spot, they hope. From the moment Merc sets out to cross the River Narva things do not go to plan and when the hacker's sister becomes involved, his mission turns from tough to near impossible. The scene is set for a classic story of pursuit and evasion and an epic battle for survival.

Steel, Danielle

Fall from Grace

When Sydney's husband dies, she is dealt another devastating blow. He never changed his will and she is forced to leave the beautiful home they shared. On a flight from Paris to New York, an emergency landing forces her into the arms of Paul Zeller. The pair bond over a shared love of fashion, and before long they go into business together. However Sydney's daughters are less than impressed by their mother's mysterious new acquaintance. Offered a job at Paul's High Street clothing chain, Sydney thinks her luck has turned. However when a scandal hits the company, it's Sydney in the firing line. Humiliated, publicly shamed, destitute Sydney hits rock bottom. There are only two choices: giving up or starting over. With the unwavering Cont'd...

...support of her daughters and the assistance of an unlikely business partner, Sydney discovers that her greatest adventure might still be to come.

Sullivan, Mark

Beneath a Scarlet Sky

Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. He's a normal Italian teenager obsessed with music, food, and girls but his days of innocence are numbered. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps, and falls for Anna, a beautiful widow six years his senior. In an attempt to protect him, Pino's parents force him to enlist as a German soldier a move they think will keep him out of combat. However after Pino is injured, he is recruited at the tender age of eighteen to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler's left hand in Italy, General Hans Leyers, one of the Third Reich's most mysterious and powerful commanders. Now, with the opportunity to spy for the Allies inside the German High Command, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret, his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share.

Swan, Karen

The Great Escape

Running from heartbreak, Chloe Marston leaves her old life in London for a fresh start in New York. Working at a luxury concierge company, she makes other people's lives run perfectly, even if her own has ground to a halt. However a terrible accident forces her to step into a new role, up close and personal with the company's most esteemed and powerful clients. Charismatic Joe Lincoln is one of them and his every wish is her command, so when he asks her to find him a secluded holiday home in the Greek Islands, she sets about sourcing the perfect retreat. When Tom, her ex, unexpectedly shows up in Manhattan and the stability of her new life is thrown off balance again, Chloe jumps at the chance to help Joe inspect the holiday house. Escaping to Greece will give her the time and space to decide where her future truly lies. Tom is the man she has loved for so long but he has hurt her before. Can she give him another chance? And as she draws closer to Joe, does she even want to? As magnetic as he is mysterious, there's an undeniable chemistry between them that she can't resist. Whatever her heart is telling her, she's in over her head. Another client's wife has mysteriously disappeared and serious allegations about Joe threaten more than just her happiness. Who can she trust? And will Chloe uncover the truth in time?

Todd, Charles

The Gate Keeper

Hours after his sister's wedding, a restless Ian Rutledge drives aimlessly, haunted by the past, and narrowly misses a motorcar stopped in the middle of a desolate road. Standing beside the vehicle is a woman with blood on her hands and a dead man at her feet. She swears she didn't kill Stephen Wentworth. A stranger stepped out in front of their motorcar, and without warning, fired a single shot before vanishing into the night but there is no trace of him. The shaken woman insists it all happened so quickly, she never saw the man's face. Although he is a witness after the fact, Rutledge persuades the Yard to give him the inquiry, since he's on the scene. But is he seeking justice or fleeing painful memories in London? Wentworth was well liked, yet his bitter family paint a malevolent portrait, calling him a murderer. But who did Wentworth kill? Is his death retribution? Or has his companion lied? Wolf Pit, his village, has a notorious history: in medieval times, the last wolf in England was killed there. When a second suspicious death occurs, the evidence suggests that a dangerous predator is on the loose, and that death is closer than Rutledge knows.

Trollope, Joanna

An Unsuitable Match

Rose Woodrowe has just got engaged to Tyler Masson a wonderful, sensitive man who is head over heels in love with her. The only problem? This isn't the first time for either of them, and their five grown up children have strong opinions on the matter. Like Rose's daughter, Laura, who remembers her parents' painful divorce and doesn't want to see her mother hurt again. Or the twins, Emmy and Nat, who simply don't trust the man their mother has fallen for. Then there's Tyler's children: Seth, too busy with his San Francisco sourdough bakery to get to know his father's new partner; and Mallory, the aspiring actress, who is still wrestling with the issues of her own childhood. Who to listen to? Who to please? Rose and Tyler are determined to get it right this time, but in trying to make everyone happy, can they ever be happy themselves?

Watts, Stephanie Powell

No One is Coming to Save Us

JJ Ferguson has returned home to Pinewood, North Carolina, to build his dream house and to pursue his high school sweetheart, Ava. However as he re-enters his former world, where factories are in decline and the legacy of Jim Crow is still felt, he's startled to find that the people he once knew and loved have changed just as much as he has. Ava is now married and desperate for a baby, though she can't seem to carry one to term. Her husband, Henry, has grown distant, frustrated by the demise of the furniture industry, which has outsourced to China and stripped the area of jobs. Ava's mother, Sylvia, caters to and meddles with the lives of those around her, trying to fill the void left by her absent son. While Don, Sylvia's unworthy but charming husband, just won't stop hanging around. JJ's return and his plans to build a huge mansion overlooking Pinewood and woo Ava not only unsettles their family, but stirs up the entire town. The ostentatious wealth that JJ has attained forces everyone to consider the cards they've been dealt, what more they want and deserve, and how they might go about getting it. Can they reorient their lives to align with their wishes rather than their current realities? Or are they all already resigned to the rhythms of the particular lives they lead?

Winton, Tim

The Shepherd's Hut

Jaxie dreads going home. His mum's dead. The old man bashes him without mercy, and he wishes he was an orphan but no one's ever told Jaxie Clackton to be careful what he wishes for. In one terrible moment his life is stripped to little more than what he can carry and how he can keep himself alive. There's just one person left in the world who understands him and what he still dares to hope for. However to reach her he'll have to cross the vast salt lands on a trek that only a dreamer or a fugitive would attempt.

Smith, Ali

Winter

Series: Seasonal quartet, Book 2. Winter? Bleak. Frosty wind, earth as iron, water as stone, so the old song goes. The shortest days, the longest nights. The trees are bare and shivering. The summer's leaves? Dead litter. The world shrinks; the sap sinks but winter makes things visible. If there's ice, there'll be fire. It's the season that teaches us survival. Here comes Winter.

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