

# NEW FICTION OCTOBER 2018

Andersson, Lena

Acts of Infidelity

When Ester Nilsson meets the actor Olof Sten, she falls madly in love. Olof makes no secret of being married, but he and Ester nevertheless start to meet regularly and begin to conduct a strange dance of courtship. Olof insists he doesn't plan to leave his wife, but he doesn't object to this new situation either it's far too much fun. Ester, on the other hand, is convinced that things might change. However their relationship continues over repeated summers of distance, and winters of heated meetings in bars, she is forced to realize the truth: Ester Nilsson has become a mistress.

Andrews, Mary Kay

The High Tide Club

Eccentric heiress Josephine Warrick is a notorious recluse reigning over a crumbling pink mansion on a private island, she is rarely seen but often whispered about. So when Brooke Trappnell, a struggling young lawyer, is summoned to the island, she has no idea what's in store. While she listens to Josephine recount a story of old friendship, dark secrets, and a mysterious murder, it becomes clear that Brooke is there for two reasons: to help protect Josephine's beloved island, and to make amends with her old friends, the skinny dipping, secret keeping girls of the The High Tide Club. To fulfil a dying woman's last wish, Brooke must track down the descendants of Josephine's closest friends and bring them together for a reunion of women who've never actually met. However in doing so, Brooke uncovers a scandal that could make someone rich beyond their wildest dreams or cause them to be in the crosshairs of a murderer.

Backman, Fredrik

Us Against You

Series: Beartown, book 2. After everything that the citizens of Beartown have gone through, they are struck yet another blow when they hear that their beloved local hockey team will soon be disbanded. What makes it worse is the obvious satisfaction that all the former Beartown players, who now play for a rival team in Hed, take in that fact. Amidst the mounting tension between the two rivals, a surprising newcomer is handpicked to be Beartown's new hockey coach. Soon a new team starts to take shape around Amat, the fastest player you'll ever see; Benji, the intense lone wolf; and Vidar, a born to be bad troublemaker. However bringing this team together proves to be a challenge as old bonds are broken, new ones are formed, and the enmity with Hed grows more and more acute. While the big match approaches, the not so innocent pranks and incidents between the communities pile up and their mutual contempt grows deeper. By the time the last game is finally played, a resident of Beartown will be dead, and the people of both towns will be forced to wonder if, after all they've been through, the game they love can ever return to something simple and innocent.

Bailey, Sarah

Into the Night

Series: Gemma Woodstock, book 2. Troubled and brilliant, Detective Sergeant Gemma Woodstock finds herself lost and alone after a recent move to Melbourne, broken hearted by the decisions she's had to make. Her new workplace is a minefield and the partner she has been assigned is uncommunicative and often hostile. When a homeless man is murdered and Gemma is put on the case, she can't help feeling a connection with the victim and the lonely and isolated life he led despite being in the middle of a bustling city. Then a movie star is killed in bizarre circumstances on the set of a major film shoot, and Gemma and her partner Detective Sergeant Nick Fleet have to put aside their differences to unravel the mysteries surrounding Cont'd...

... the actor's life and death. Who could commit such a brazen crime and who stands to profit from it? Far too many people, and none of them can be trusted.

**Baldacci, David**

**Hell's Corner**

Series: The Camel Club, book 5. John Carr, aka Oliver Stone once the most skilled assassin his country ever had stands in Lafayette Park in front of the White House, perhaps for the last time. The president has personally requested that Stone serve his country again on a high risk, covert mission. Though he's fought for decades to leave his past career behind, Stone has no choice but to say yes. Then Stone's mission changes drastically before it even begins. It's the night of a state dinner honouring the British prime minister. While he watches the prime minister's motorcade leave the White House that evening, a bomb is detonated in Lafayette Park, an apparent terrorist attack against both leaders. It's in the chaotic aftermath that Stone takes on a new, more urgent assignment: find those responsible for the bombing. British MI6 agent Mary Chapman becomes Stone's partner in the search for the unknown attackers. However their opponents are elusive, capable, and increasingly lethal; worst of all, it seems that the park bombing may just have been the opening salvo in their plan. With nowhere else to turn, Stone enlists the help of the only people he knows he can trust: the Camel Club. Yet that may be a big mistake. In the shadowy worlds of politics and intelligence, there is no one you can really trust. Nothing is really what it seems to be, and Hell's Corner truly lives up to its name. This may be Oliver Stone's and the Camel Club's last stand.

**Bolton, Ginger**

**Survival of the Fritters**

Series: Deputy Donut, book 1. If Emily has learned anything from her past as a 911 operator, it's to stay calm during stressful situations. However that's a tall order when one of her regulars, Georgia Treeter, goes missing. Georgia never skips morning cappuccinos with her knitting circle. Her pals fear the worst especially Lois, a close friend who recently moved to town. As evening creeps in, Emily and the ladies search for Georgia at home. They find her murdered among a scattering of stale donuts. Disturbingly, Georgia's demise coincides with the five year anniversary of her son's murder, a case Emily's late detective husband failed to solve before his own sudden death. With Lois hiding secrets and an innocent man's life at stake, Emily's forced to revisit painful memories on her quest for answers. Though someone's alibi is full of holes, only a sprinkling of clues have been left behind. If Emily can't trace them back to a killer in time, her donut shop will end up permanently closed for business.

**Bolton, Sharon**

**The Craftsman**

Florence Lovelady's career was made when she convicted coffin maker Larry Glassbrook of a series of child murders 30 years ago. Like something from our worst nightmares the victims were buried...ALIVE. Larry confessed to the crimes; it was an open and shut case. However now he's dead, the events from the past start to repeat themselves. Did she get it wrong all those years ago? Or is there something much darker at play?

**Byrski, Liz**

**A Month of Sundays**

For over ten years, Ros, Adele, Judy and Simone have been in an online book club, but they have never met face to face. Until now. Determined to enjoy her imminent retirement, Adele invites her fellow bibliophiles to help her house sit in the Blue Mountains. It's a tantalising opportunity to spend a month walking in the fresh air, napping by the fire and, of course, reading and talking about books. However these aren't just any books: each member has been asked Cont'd...

... to choose a book which will teach the others more about her. With each woman facing a crossroads in her life, it turns out there's a lot for them to learn, not just about their fellow book clubbers, but also about themselves.

**Cadwallader, Robyn**

**Book of Colours**

London, 1321: in a small shop in Paternoster Row, three people are drawn together around the creation of a magnificent book, an illuminated manuscript of prayers, a book of hours. Even though the commission seems to answer the aspirations of each one of them, their own desires and ambitions threaten its completion. While each struggles to see the book come into being, it will change everything they have understood about their place in the world. In many ways, this is a story about power it is also a novel about the place of women in the roiling and turbulent world of the early fourteenth century; what power they have, how they wield it, and just how temporary and conditional it is.

**Candlish, Louise**

**Our House**

There's nothing unusual about a new family moving in at 91 Trinity Avenue. Except it's her house and she didn't sell it. When Fiona Lawson comes home to find strangers moving into her house, she's sure there's been a mistake. She and her estranged husband, Bram, have a modern co-parenting arrangement: bird's nest custody, where each parent spends a few nights a week with their two sons at the prized family home to maintain stability for their children. However the system built to protect their family ends up putting them in terrible jeopardy. In a domino effect of crimes and misdemeanours, the nest comes tumbling down. Now Bram has disappeared and so have Fiona's children. While events spiral well beyond her control, Fiona will discover just how many lies her husband was weaving and how little they truly knew each other. However Bram's not the only one with things to hide, and some secrets are best kept to oneself, safe as houses.

**Castles, Belinda**

**Bluebottle**

On a sweltering day in a cliff top beach shack, Jack and Lou Bright grow suspicious about the behaviour of their charismatic, unpredictable father, Charlie. A girl they know has disappeared, and as the day unfolds, Jack's eruptions of panic, Lou's sultry rebellions and their little sister Phoebe's attention seeking push the family towards revelation. Twenty years later, the Bright children have remained close to the cliff edges, russet sand and moody ocean of their childhood. Behind the beautiful surfaces of their daily lives lies the difficult landscape of their past. Always threatening to break through and then, one night in late summer, they return to the house on the cliff.

**Clark, Mary Higgins**

**I've Got My Eyes On You**

When a terrible crime shocks a New Jersey community, all signs point to one suspect. However if he's innocent as he claims, it means the murderer is still out there. After throwing a party when her parents were away, 18 year old Kerry Dowling is discovered lifeless at the bottom of the family pool. The police immediately question Kerry's boyfriend, who despite proclaiming his love for her was seen arguing with Kerry that night. While neighbours and classmates grieve the loss of their friend, Kerry's 28 year old sister Aline, a guidance counsellor, searches for answers. She'll do anything to help the Detective Mike Wilson learn what really happened the night Kerry was killed. Was someone watching Kerry the night of the murder? For Aline, the truth could be deadly.

Courtney, Joanna

### The Conquerors

Series: Queens of Conquest, book 3. William of Normandy is a rough man, but what more can you expect of an illegitimate son trying to muscle his way into a dukedom? After a violent start to their courtship, Mathilda of Flanders discovers William to be a man of unexpected sensitivity, driven by two goals: to prove himself by becoming a great ruler and to build a warm and secure family. Mathilda has grown up safe in the love of her powerful parents, her rough and tumble brothers and, above all, her younger sister and closest confidante, Judith. Now, though, they must separate. Judith marries the glamorous Earl Torr and departs for life in England and Mathilda heads to Normandy with William. When William's cousin King Edward of England weakens, his eyes are cast across the narrow sea to the glittering throne he promised Mathilda as a young bride. Mathilda supports him keenly in his challenge, longing to live close to her sister once more. However as reward for his support for William, Torr wants more than William is prepared to cede and there will be no alliance. The two sisters find themselves not only on either side of a sea but of a bitter battle, and the events of 1066 bring great personal loss, as well as victory, to the Conqueror's Queen.

Cox, Josephine

### A Woman's Fortune

Torn away from their beloved home, the journey for the Carter family has just begun. In the middle of the night, Evie is torn away from her beloved home and close knit community, as her family run away to the south. Her father's luck has finally run out but, what should mark a hopeful new beginning, is just the start of young Evie's troubles. With the weight of her family's future on her shoulders, Evie has no one to turn to. Her mother, worn down by life, runs off with a new man, and with her grandmother's sight failing, it's left to Evie to earn their keep and run the house. Holding her family together is only made harder when tragedy strikes at its heart. A lost letter from home means that Evie's only hope of a happy ending has been dashed, but she's determined to make a new future for herself and find her own fortune in life.

D' Hage, Adrian

### The Russian Affair

Russian President Petrov is determined to restore his country's dominance on the world stage at any price. In order to develop deadlier nuclear weapons, he recruits Ilana Rabinovich, a beautiful but lethal scientist, to infiltrate the Mossad and steal their research. What no one expects is for the Israelis to then assign her an even more dangerous mission of their own: to penetrate the US nuclear facilities in the deserts of Los Alamos. If the information falls into the wrong hands the results could be devastating. Especially as in the Hindu Kush, ISIS soldiers are also plotting to acquire nuclear weapons. It's up to CIA agent Curtis O'Connor to stop them before it's too late. From Russia's secret nuclear city of Sarov, across the myriad canals of St Petersburg, to an assault on an ancient castle more impenetrable than Colditz, the chase is on. However with a corrupt Russian general, a femme fatale double agent and a very unpredictable US president waiting in the wings, is it only a matter of time until a war begins?

Deighton, Len

### Winter

Peter and Pauli Winter are two very different brothers born into a time when the horrors of war engulf and extinguish the Germany that is. Yet for all their differences, the destinies of the two brothers are forever bound to the madness that lies ahead. From their sheltered childhood through their violent coming of age in the Great War from the chaos of 1920 Berlin to the spreading power of Hitler the brothers are wrenched apart by conflicting ideals and ambitions. Now mortal enemies, they are trapped in a holocaust that threatens to tear them and the world to pieces.

Delinsky, Barbara

## Before and Again

Mackenzie Cooper took her eyes off the road for just a moment but the resulting collision was enough to rob her not only of her beloved daughter but ultimately of her marriage, family, and friends and thanks to the nonstop media coverage, even her privacy. Now she lives in Vermont under the name Maggie Reid, in a small house with her cats and dog. She's thankful for the new friends she's made though she can't risk telling them too much. While she takes satisfaction in working as a makeup artist at the luxurious local spa, helping clients hide the visible outward signs of their weariness, illnesses, and injuries. Covering up scars is a skill she has mastered. Her only goal is to stay under the radar and make it through her remaining probation. However she isn't the only one in this peaceful town with secrets. When a friend's teenage son is thrust into the national spotlight, accused of hacking a powerful man's Twitter account, Maggie is torn between pulling away and protecting herself or stepping into the glare to be at their side. While the stunning truth behind their case is slowly revealed, Maggie's own carefully constructed story begins to unravel as well. She knows all too well that what we need from each other in this difficult world is comfort. However to provide it, sometimes we need to travel far outside our comfort zones.

Feist, Raymond

## King of Ashes

Series: The Firemane Saga, book 1. The world of Garn once boasted five great kingdoms, until the King of Ithrace was defeated and every member of his family executed by Lodavico, the ruthless King of Sandura, a man with ambitions to rule the world. Ithrace's ruling family were the legendary Firemanes, and represented a great danger to the other kings. Now four great kingdoms remain, on the brink of war. However rumour has it that the newborn son of the last king of Ithrace survived, carried off during battle and sequestered by the Quelli Nacosti, a secret society whose members are trained to infiltrate and spy upon the rich and powerful throughout Garn. Terrified that this may be true, and that the child will grow to maturity with bloody revenge in his heart, the four kings have placed a huge bounty on the child's head. In the small village of Oncon, Declan is apprenticed to a master blacksmith, learning the secrets of producing the mythical king's steel. Oncon is situated in the Covenant, a neutral region lying between two warring kingdoms. Since the Covenant was declared, the region has existed in peace, until violence explodes as slavers descend upon the village to capture young men to press as soldiers for Sandura. Declan must escape, to take his priceless knowledge to Baron Daylon Dumarch, ruler of Marquensas, perhaps the only man who can defeat Lodavico of Sandura, who has now allied himself with the fanatical Church of the One, which is marching across the continent, imposing its extreme form of religion upon the population and burning unbelievers as they go. Meanwhile, on the island of Coaltachin, the secret domain of the Quelli Nacosti, three friends are being schooled in the deadly arts of espionage and assassination: Donte, son of one of the most powerful masters of the order; Hava, a serious girl with fighting abilities that can set any opponent on their back; and Hatu, a strange, conflicted lad in whom fury and calm war constantly, whose hair is a bright and fiery shade of red.

Fraser, Caro

## Summer of Love

The dark days of the war are over, but the family secrets they held are only just dawning. In the hot summer of 1949, a group of family and friends gather at Harry Denholm's country house in Kent. Meg and Dan Ranscombe, emerging from a scandal of their own making; Dan's godmother, Sonia; and her two young girls, Laura and Avril, only one of whom is Sonia's biological daughter. Amongst the heat, memories, and infatuations, a secret is revealed to Meg's son, Max, and soon a terrible tragedy unfolds that will have consequences for them all. Afterwards, Avril, Laura and Max must come of age in a society still reeling from the war, haunted by the choices Cont'd...

...of that fateful summer. Cold, entitled Avril will go to any lengths to take what is hers. Beautiful, naive Laura finds refuge and love in the London jazz clubs, but Max, with wealth and unrequited love, has the capacity to undo it all.

Hampson, Amanda

### The Yellow Villa

Mia and Ben, an Australian couple in their early thirties, have relinquished one dream and embraced another, selling their Sydney flat and purchasing an old yellow house in the picturesque village of Cordes-sur-Ciel in South West France. They soon meet sophisticated neighbours Dominic and Susannah, a British couple in their sixties who welcome them warmly but whose own relationship is in crisis. Mia and Ben are immediately star struck and impressed by their lavish hospitality. However, things with Dominic and Susannah are not what they first seem. Gradually secrets begin to surface, revealing details of a scandal Dominic and Susannah had hoped to leave behind in London. Reeling from these revelations, Mia and Ben no longer trust their own instincts and the peaceful idyll of their French life begins to unravel. Can Dominic and Susannah escape each other, and can Ben and Mia they find their way back to each other and the dream they shared?

Hardt, Helen

### Lily and the Duke

Series: Sex and the Season, book 1. Wiltshire, England. Lady Lily Jameson is thrilled to attend a house party given by the Daniel Farnsworth, the Duke of Lybrook, but not because he's the most eligible bachelor in the peerage. Her only interest is his famous art collection, which reputedly includes a painting by her favorite artist, Jan Vermeer. Daniel, duke only by virtue of the untimely deaths of his father and older brother, wants nothing to do with his new duties. He'd rather continue his rakish ways. When he finds the lovely Lily sneaking around the property in search of his art collection, sparks fly. Despite her father's wishes, Lily has no intention of marrying. She wants to travel the world to gain real life inspiration for her painting and writing. What could be better worldly experience than a passionate affair with the notorious Duke of Lybrook? However circumstances may change the game and the players and danger lurks, as well.

Hart, Pamela

### The Desert Nurse

It's 1911, and 21 year old Evelyn Northey desperately wants to become a doctor. Her father forbids it, withholding the inheritance that would allow her to attend university. At the outbreak of World War I, Evelyn disobeys her father, enlisting as an army nurse bound for Egypt and the disastrous Gallipoli campaign. Under the blazing desert sun, Evelyn develops feelings for polio survivor Dr William Brent, who believes his disability makes him unfit to marry. For Evelyn, still pursuing her goal of studying medicine, a man has no place in her future. For two such self reliant people, relying on someone else for happiness may be the hardest challenge of all.

Heaberlin, Julia

### Paper Ghosts

An obsessive young woman has been waiting half her life since she was twelve years old for this moment. She has planned. Researched. Trained. Imagined every scenario. Now she is almost certain the man who kidnapped and murdered her sister sits in the passenger seat beside her. Carl Louis Feldman is a documentary photographer who may or may not have dementia and may or may not be a serial killer. The young woman claims to be his long lost daughter. He doesn't believe her. He claims no memory of murdering girls across Texas, in a string of places where he shot eerie pictures. She doesn't believe him. Determined to find the truth, she lures him out of a halfway house and proposes a dangerous idea: a ten day road trip, just the two of them, Cont'd...

...to examine cold cases linked to his haunting photographs. Is he a liar or a broken old man? Is he a pathological con artist? Or is she?

Hore, Rachel

### Last Letter Home

On holiday with friends, young historian Briony Andrews becomes fascinated with a wartime story of a ruined villa in the hills behind Naples. There is a family connection: her grandfather had been a British soldier during the Italian campaign of 1943 in that very area. Handed a bundle of letters that were found after the war, Briony sets off to trace the fate of their sender, Sarah Bailey. In 1939, Sarah returns with her mother and sister from India, in mourning, to take up residence in the Norfolk village of Westbury. There she forms a firm friendship with Paul Hartmann, a young German who has found sanctuary in the local manor house, Westbury Hall. With the outbreak of war, conflicts of loyalty in Westbury deepen. When, 70 years later, Briony begins to uncover Sarah and Paul's story, she encounters resentments and secrets still tightly guarded. What happened long ago in the villa in the shadow of Vesuvius, she suspects, still has the power to give terrible pain

Housewright, David

### Like to Die

Series: Mac McKenzie, book 15. Once a police detective in St. Paul, Minnesota, Rushmore McKenzie has become an unlikely millionaire and an occasional unlicensed private investigator, doing favours for friends. The favour, this time, is for a friend of a friend Erin Peterson, a local business person and owner of a growing food company called Salsa Girl. Someone seems to have a beef with her: the outside locks on her factory having been systematically filled with superglue. However for some reason, Erin doesn't want to report this harassment to the police. As a favour to his poker buddy and hockey teammate Ian, McKenzie agrees to stop by and chat with Erin. At first Erin denies there's anything going on and then, when the harassment escalates and threatens her business, she also asks for McKenzie's help. The further McKenzie digs into the situation, the more complicated and deadly it becomes. Somewhere, in the middle of it all, is Erin, playing all sides against the middle, leading McKenzie to wonder if you ever really know who your friends are.

Kent, Tony

### Killer Intent

When an attempted assassination sparks a chain reaction of explosive events across London, Britain's elite security forces seem powerless to stop the chaos threatening to overwhelm the government. While the dark and deadly conspiracy unfolds, three strangers find their fates entwined: Joe Dempsey, a deadly military intelligence officer; Sarah Truman, a CNN reporter determined to get her headline; and Michael Devlin, a Belfast born criminal barrister with a secret past. While the circle of those they can trust grows ever smaller, Dempsey, Devlin and Truman are forced to work in the shadows, caught in a life or death race against the clock, before the terrible plot can consume them all.

Koontz, Dean

### The Crooked Staircase

Series: Jane Hawk, book 3. Jane Hawk knows she may be living on borrowed time. However as long as she's breathing, she'll never cease her one woman war against the terrifying conspiracy that threatens the freedom and free will of millions. Battling the strange epidemic of murder suicides that claimed Jane's husband, and is escalating across the country, has made the rogue FBI agent a wanted fugitive, relentlessly hunted not only by the government but by the secret cabal behind the plot. Deploying every resource their malign nexus of power Cont'd...

...and technology commands, Jane's enemies are determined to see her dead or make her wish she was. Jane's ruthless pursuers can't stop her from drawing a bead on her prey: a cunning man with connections in high places, a twisted soul of unspeakable depths with an army of professional killers on call. Propelled by her righteous fury and implacable insistence on justice, Jane will make her way from southern California to the snow swept slopes of Lake Tahoe to confront head on the lethal forces arrayed against her. However nothing can prepare her for the chilling truth that awaits when she descends the crooked staircase to the dark and dreadful place where her long nightmare was born.

Law, Catherine

The First Dance

To find what she has lost, she must go back to the beginning. 1924, The First World War is over and eleven year old Alexa is growing up on the idyllic Cornish coast with her best friend Harvey. She soon discovers there are secrets at the heart of her family that have been hidden for years. 1931, Alexa flees Cornwall for the intoxicating city of Venice. However her new glamorous life is not what she hoped for and, with dark shadows closing in on her, Alexa will question everything she thought she wanted.

McAllister, Gillian

Anything you do Say

It's the end of the night. You're walking home on your own. Then you hear the sound every woman dreads. Footsteps. Behind you. Getting faster. You're sure it's him the man from the bar who wouldn't leave you alone. You make a snap decision. You turn. You push. Your pursuer tumbles down the steps. He lies motionless, face down on the floor. Now what? Call 999. Wait for the police to arrive. For judgement, for justice, whatever that may be. You just hope your husband, family and friends, everyone you love, will stand by you. Or do your run? Stay silent. You didn't mean to do it. You were scared, you panicked, and no one saw. No one will ever know. If you leave now. If you keep quiet. For ever. Which will it be?

McGinnis, Kerry

The Heartwood Hotel

In the abandoned railhead town of Tewinga, now almost a ghost town, Lyn and Adam Portman struggle to keep the Heartwood Hotel afloat. Lyn loves her husband and longs to be a mother. However she's kept busy caring for her elderly father, her community, and Max, the young worker who reminds her of the brother she's lost and dearly misses. When he fails to return from a day trip, Lyn's concern deepens as the length of his absence grows, the more so with rumours of criminal activity at a nearby station. Meanwhile, a chance meeting uncovers a family bombshell that leaves Lyn reeling. The community must pull together as never before, proving that sometimes the smallest towns have the biggest hearts and hide the darkest secrets.

Maine, Sarah

Beyond the Wild River

Scotland, 1893, Nineteen year old Evelyn Ballantyre, the daughter of a wealthy landowner, has rarely strayed from her family's estate in the Scottish Borders. She was once close to her philanthropist father, but his silence over what really happened on the day a poacher was shot on estate land has come between them. An invitation to accompany her father to Canada is a chance for Evelyn to escape her limited existence. Once there, on the wild and turbulent Nipigon River, she is shocked to discover that their guide is James Douglas, Ballantyre's former stable hand, and once her friend. He disappeared the night of the murder, charged with the shooting. Evelyn never believed that James was guilty and her father's role in the killing has always been mysterious. What does he have to hide? In the wild landscape of a new world, far from the Cont'd...

...constraints of polite society, the secrets and lies surrounding that night are finally stripped away, with dramatic consequences.

Mills, Jennifer

Dyschronia

One morning, the residents of a small coastal town somewhere in Australia wake to discover the sea has disappeared. One among them has been plagued by troubling visions of this cataclysm for years. Is she a prophet? Does she have a disorder that skews her perception of time? Or is she a gifted and compulsive liar?

Nesbo, Jo

MacBeth

Series: Hogarth Shakespeare, book 1. Duncan, chief of police, is idealistic and visionary, a dream to the towns people but a nightmare for criminals. The drug trade is ruled by two drug lords, one of whom a master of manipulation named Hecate has connections with the highest in power, and plans to use them to get his way. Hecate's plot hinges on steadily, insidiously manipulating Inspector Macbeth: the head of SWAT and a man already susceptible to violent and paranoid tendencies

O'Flanagan, Sheila

The Hideaway

When a shocking news report shatters Juno Ryan's world, she suddenly finds herself without the man she loves and with no way of getting the answers she needs. Juno flees to the enchanting Villa Naranja in Spain. The blue skies and orange groves along with Pep, the local winemaker's handsome son begin to soothe her broken heart. However just when she begins to feel whole again, another bombshell drops. Juno might have run away from her secrets, but the past isn't finished with her.

Oksanen, Sofi

Norma

When Anita Naakka jumps in front of an oncoming train, her daughter, Norma, is left alone with the secret they have spent their lives hiding: Norma has supernatural hair, sensitive to the slightest changes in her mood and the moods of those around her moving of its own accord, corkscrewing when danger is near. It is her hair that alerts her, while she talks with a strange man at her mother's funeral, that her mother may not have taken her own life. Setting out to reconstruct Anita's final months sifting through puzzling cell phone records, bank statements, video files Norma begins to realize that her mother knew more about her hair's powers than she let on: a sinister truth beyond Norma's imagining.

Patterson, James

Murder in Paradise

This book contains three separate stories. The Lawyer Lifeguard with Doug Allyn: Defense lawyer Brian Lord survived the car bomb that killed his fiancée. Out of work and out of his mind, he takes on a lifeguard job at the beach. However there's one wave he'll never see coming.

The Doctor's Plot with Connor Hyde: Abi Brenner is the new medical examiner in the Napa Valley, a dream job in a dream location. Her fairy tale will take a terrifying turn when she uncovers a series of murders with one sinister thing in common.

The Shut In with Duane Swierczynski: A woman who has solar urticaria, an uncommon allergy to the sun, watches the outside world through a flying drone as she is confined to her studio apartment. However when her high-tech toy records a vicious murder, she's determined to track down the killer a killer who knows she's being watched.

Robards, Karen

### The Moscow Deception

Series: The Guardian, book 2. Bianca St. Ives was recently put through the wringer, but she came out the same way she always does the way her father trained her to hungry for a fight. Still navigating the fallout from a shocking revelation that's left a network of assassins' crosshairs trained on her, Bianca's ready to take fate into her own hands. It's kill or be killed, and she's got her finger flush against the trigger. While Bianca races to out maneuver her tireless pursuers, her father loops her in on a job that might just do the trick: recover King Priam's Treasure, a collection of heavily guarded, priceless artifacts stolen by the Russians during World War II, and return it to Germany. Impossible? Maybe for some, but a high risk heist is all in a day's work for Bianca St. Ives, especially when there's intel on the line intel that could finally bring down the shadowy forces seeking to bury Bianca for good. Faced with threats that circle closer with every move she makes, she knows the stakes have never been higher, but when you're already living on borrowed time, you have to hustle if you want to live to see tomorrow.

Robotham, Michael

### The other Wife

Series: Joseph O'Loughlin, book 9. Childhood sweethearts William and Mary have been married for sixty years. William is a celebrated surgeon, Mary a devoted wife. Both have a strong sense of right and wrong. This is what their son, Joe O'Loughlin, has always believed. However when Joe is summoned to the hospital with news that his father has been brutally attacked, his world is turned upside down. Who is the strange woman crying at William's bedside, covered in his blood a friend, a mistress, a fantasist or a killer? Against the advice of the police, Joe launches his own investigation. However as he learns more, he discovers sides to his father he never knew and is forcibly reminded that the truth comes at a price.

Sayers, Dorothy L.

### Whose Body

Series: Lord Peter Wimsey, book 1. Lord Peter Wimsey investigates the sudden appearance of a naked body in the bath of an architect at the same time a noted financier goes missing under strange circumstances. While the case progresses it becomes clear that the two events are linked in some way.

Shaw, Rebecca

### The Love of a Family

Myra and Graham Butler lead the kind of lives where everything is neat, tidy and predictable. That is until they're named guardians to their young nephews. Myra makes it clear she doesn't want the responsibility. After a terrible loss early in their marriage, she vowed never to open her heart again, and has turned her back on friends and family since. Now she has two children and a rabbit turning her house and her heart upside down. It will take danger, more heartbreak and a small dog for Myra and Graham to realise that, even if you don't know what you're doing, sometimes love is enough. That they're going to need help to muddle through. That, sometimes, it takes a village.

Singh, Nalini

### Ocean Light

Series: Psy-changeling Trinity, book 2. Security specialist Bowen Knight has come back from the dead. However there's a ticking time bomb in his head: a chip implanted to block telepathic interference that could fail at any moment taking his brain along with it. With no time to waste, he should be back on land helping the Human Alliance. Instead, he's at the bottom of the ocean, consumed with an enigmatic changeling. Kaia Luna may have traded in science Cont'd...

...for being a chef, but she won't hide the facts of Bo's condition from him or herself. She's suffered too much loss in her life to fall prey to the dangerous charm of a human who is a dead man walking. She also carries a devastating secret that Bo could never imagine. However when Kaia is taken by those who mean her deadly harm, all bets are off. Bo will do anything to get her back even if it means striking a devil's bargain and giving up his mind to the enemy.

Sparrow, Sarah

### A Guide for Murdered Children

We've heard it said that there is no justice in this world. What if there really was? What if the souls of murdered children were able to briefly return, inhabit adult bodies and wreak revenge on the monstrous killers who stole their lives? Such is the unthinkable mystery confronting ex-NYPD detective Willow Wylde, fresh out of rehab and finally able to find a job running a Cold Case squad in suburban Detroit. When the two rookie cops assigned to him take an obsessive interest in a decade's old disappearance of a brother and sister, Willow begins to suspect something out of the ordinary is afoot. Then he uncovers a series of church basement AA-type meetings made up of the slain innocents, a new way of looking at life, death, murder and missed opportunities is revealed to him.

Steel, Danielle

### The Good Fight

The daughter and granddaughter of prominent Manhattan lawyers, Meredith McKenzie is destined for the best of everything: top schools, elite social circles, the perfect marriage. Spending her childhood in Germany as her father prosecutes Nazi war criminals at the Nuremberg trials, Meredith soaks up the conflict between good and evil as it plays out in real time. When her family returns to the United States, she begins blazing her own trail, swimming against the tides, spurred on by her freethinking liberal grandfather, determined to become a lawyer despite her traditional, conservative father's objections. She rebels against her parents' expectations for her debutante ball and other conventions. She forges a lifelong friendship with a young German Jewish woman whose family died in the concentration camps. While her grandfather rises to the Supreme Court, Meredith enlists in the most pressing causes of her time, fighting for civil rights and an end to the Vietnam War. From the bright morning of JFK's inauguration, through the tumultuous years that follow as America hurtles toward the twin assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy, Meredith joins the vanguard of a new generation of women, breaking boundaries socially, politically, and professionally. However when the violence of the era strikes too close to home, her once tightly knit family must survive a devastating loss and rethink their own values and traditions in light of the times. Encompassing the remarkable people Meredith meets, the historic events she witnesses, and the sacrifices she must make, this is the story of a woman changing her world as she herself is changed by it.

Thomas, Julie

### The Keeper of Secrets

Series: Horowitz Family, book 1. In 1939 Berlin, 14 year old Simon Horowitz's world is stirred by his father's 1742 Guarneri del Gesu violin. When Nazis march across Europe and Simon is sent to Dachau, he finds unexpected kindness, and a chance to live. In the present day, orchestra conductor Rafael Gomez finds himself inspired by Daniel Horowitz, a 14 year old violin virtuoso who refuses to play. When Rafael learns that the boy's family once owned a precious violin believed to have been lost forever, Rafael seizes the power of history and discovers a family story like no other.

Tyler, Anne

### Clock Dance

Willa Drake can count on one hand the defining moments of her life. In 1967, she is a schoolgirl coping with her mother's sudden disappearance. In 1977, she is a college co-ed considering a marriage proposal. In 1997, she is a young widow trying to piece her life back together. While in 2017, she yearns to be a grandmother but isn't sure she ever will be. Then, one day, Willa receives a startling phone call from a stranger. Without fully understanding why, she flies across the country to Baltimore to look after a young woman she's never met, her nine year old daughter, and their dog, Airplane. This impulsive decision will lead Willa into uncharted territory surrounded by eccentric neighbours who treat each other like family, she finds solace and fulfilment in unexpected places.

Weaver, Pam

### Love Walked Right In

Series: Magna, book 2. Sometimes, home is where the heartbreak is Ruby and Jim Searle run a guest house in Worthing, but the newlyweds have had a rocky start to their marriage. Their troubles are only set to get worse when Jim starts to unravel a dark secret from his past. The guest house is in high demand and Ruby is asked to take in two German schoolboys on a cultural exchange. She agrees, but when they arrive they seem more like grown men and their activities are far from innocent. The Germans' arrival is followed by that of two Jewish refugees and Ruby does as much as she can to help these young girls in her care. The country gears up for war and Ruby throws herself into war work as a distraction from her troubles at home. The revelations from Jim's childhood deepen, with devastating consequences, and as war is declared, Ruby's life is changed forever.

Winspear, Jacqueline

### To Die but Once

Series: Maisie Dobbs, book 14. During the months following Britain's declaration of war on Germany, Maisie Dobbs investigates the disappearance of a young apprentice working on a hush hush government contract. While news of the plight of thousands of soldiers stranded on the beaches of France is gradually revealed to the general public, and the threat of invasion rises, another young man beloved by Maisie makes a terrible decision that will change his life forever. Maisie's investigation leads her from the countryside of rural Hampshire to the web of wartime opportunism exploited by one of the London underworld's most powerful men, in a case that serves as a reminder of the inextricable link between money and war. Yet when a final confrontation approaches, she must acknowledge the potential cost to her future and the risk of destroying a dream she wants very much to become reality.

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