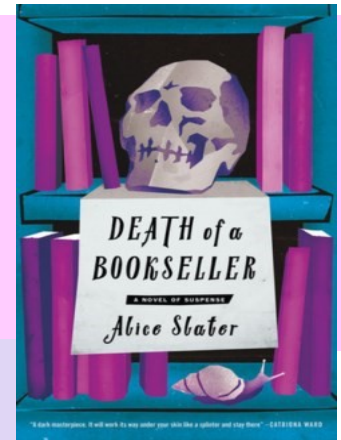


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Adegoke, Yomi – THE LIST

Ola Olajide, a celebrated journalist at Womxxxn magazine, is set to marry the love of her life in one month's time. Young, beautiful, and successful—she and her fiancé Michael are considered the “couple goals” of their social network and seem to have it all. That is, until one morning when they both wake up to the same message: “Oh my god, have you seen The List?”

Adeleke, Remi, CHAMELEON

Nigerian-born and New York-raised Kali Kent and the top-secret Black Box program—perfect for fans of Jack Carr, Mark Greaney, and Brad Taylor. When a mysterious former South African commando, Lucas Van Groot, begins taking wealthy hostages all over the world, it appears at first to be a typical ransom gambit..

Adelman, Melissa, WHAT THE NEIGHBORS SAW

When Alexis and her husband Sam buy a neglected Cape Cod house in an exclusive DC suburb, they are ecstatic. Sam is on the cusp of making partner at his law firm, Alexis is pregnant with their second child, and their glamorous neighbors welcome the couple with open arms. Things are looking up, and Alexis believes she can finally leave her troubled past behind. But the neighborhood's picture-perfect image is shattered when their neighbor Teddy—a handsome, successful father of three—is found dead on the steep banks of the Potomac River.

Alam, Nigar, UNDER THE TAMARIND TREE

1964. *Karachi, Pakistan.* Rozeena is running out of time. She'll lose her home—her parents' safe haven since fleeing India and the terrors of Partition—if her medical career doesn't take off soon. 2019. Rozeena receives a call from a voice she never thought she'd hear again. What begins as an ask to look after a friend's teenaged granddaughter struggling with her own demons grows into an unconventional friendship—

Amidon, Stephen – LOCUST LANE

On the surface, Emerson, Massachusetts, is just like any other affluent New England suburb. But when a young woman is found dead in the nicest part of town, the powerful neighbors close ranks to keep their families safe. In this searing novel, Eden Perry's death kicks off an investigation into the three teenagers who were partying with her that night,

Arceneaux, Danielle – GLORY BE

The first in a vivid and charming crime series set in the Louisiana bayou, introducing the hilariously uncensored amateur sleuth Glory Broussard. Perfect for fans of Richard Osman's Thursday Murder Club.

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New Authors 2023

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Armstrong, Jess – THE CURSE OF PENRYTH HALL

An atmospheric gothic mystery that beautifully brings the ancient Cornish countryside to life,

Ashe, Lucy – THE DANCE OF THE DOLLS

identical twin sisters Olivia and Clara Marionetta, rehearsing for the ballet *Coppélia* at the recently opened Sadler's Wells Theatre in 1933 London. *Coppélia* is the story of a young man who falls in love with a life-sized doll that comes to life and dances for

Bartz, Julia – THE WRITING RETREAT

Alex has all but given up on her dreams of becoming a published author when she receives a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: attend an exclusive, month-long writing retreat at the estate of feminist horror writer Roza Vallo. Even the knowledge that Wren, her former best friend and current rival, is attending doesn't dampen her excitement.

But when the attendees arrive, Roza drops a bombshell—they must all complete an entire novel from scratch during the next month, and the author of the best one will receive a life-changing seven-figure publishing deal.

Bennett, Michael - BETTER THE BLOOD

features Hana Westerman, a tenacious Māori detective who is pulled into the hunt for New Zealand's first serial killer when it emerges that her heritage and knowledge may be the only way to end a series of seemingly unrelated murders.

Bernard, C B—SMALL ANIMALS CAUGHT IN TRAPS

In Oregon, Lewis Yaw is a fishing guide. With daughter, Gray face frivals.

Berry, I S - THE PEACOCK AND THE SPARROW

During the Arab Spring, an American spy's final mission goes dangerously awry in this eerily realistic and sophisticated espionage debut from a former CIA officer Shane Collins, a world-weary CIA spy, is ready to come in from the cold. Stationed in Bahrain off the coast of Saudi Arabia for his final tour, he has little use for his mission—uncovering Iranian support for the insurgency against the monarchy.

Bewley, Sarah – BURNING EDEN

It's 1998. Wildfires are sweeping through North Florida, burning even the peat in the drought-stricken swamps. Sheriff Jim Shepard has his deputies covering the county, watching for fires and trying to limit the threats to residents. When a Pentecostal preacher disappears during the night from his home, Jim takes the case himself.

Borgos, Bruce – THE BITTER PAST

Porter Beck is the sheriff in the high desert of Nevada, north of Las Vegas. Born and raised there, he left to join the Army, where he worked in Intelligence, deep in the shadows in far off places. Now he's back home, doing the same lawman's job his father once did, before his father started to develop dementia. All is relatively quiet in this corner of the world, until an old, retired FBI

agent is found killed. He was brutally tortured before he was killed and clues at the scene point to a mystery dating back to the early days of the nuclear age. If that wasn't strange enough, a current FBI agent shows up to help Beck's investigation.

Bose, Disha - DIRTY LAUNDRY

Ciara Dunphy has it all—a loving husband, well-behaved children, and a beautiful home. Her circle of friends in their small Irish village go to her for tips about mothering, style, and influencer success—a picture-perfect life is easy money on Instagram. But behind the filters, reality is less polished.

Boudreaux, Chad – SCAVENGER HUNT (PB & K)

Blake Hudson just wants to serve his country well as a lawyer for the United States Justice Department—but when an unknown threat begins plotting his downfall, he must find who is setting him up before it costs him his life.

Burdess, Abigail – MOTHER'S DAY

"A twisted, gruesome and diabolically funny exploration of motherhood that I lapped up like a feral cat. Dark, weird and brilliant, Mother's Day will haunt you - particularly Marlene, a jaw-dropping creation, the mother of malign mothers.

Burt, Anne – THE DIG

Antonia King has a complicated relationship with the past. She and her brother were found amid the rubble of a bombed-out apartment in Sarajevo and taken in by a family of contractors in Thebes, Minnesota. Eager to escape the constraints of her adopted town, Antonia embarks on a high-powered legal career. But it isn't long before her brother's mysterious disappearance pulls her back home.

Cerra, K L – SUCH PRETTY FLOWERS

"Get it out of me."

It was the last message Holly received from her brother, Dane, before he was found cleaved open in the lavish Savannah townhouse of his girlfriend, Maura.

Chern, Lina – PLAY THE FOOL

A cynical tarot card reader seeks to uncover the truth about her friend's mysterious death in this delightfully clever whodunit, "a delicious blend of suspense and madcap humor For Katie True, a keen gut and quick wit are just tools of the trade. Mysterious, worldly, and comfortable in her own skin, Marley takes a job at the mall where Katie peddles Russian tchotchkes.

Chua, Amy - THE GOLDEN GATE

In Berkeley, California, in 1944, Homicide Detective Al Sullivan has just left the swanky Claremont Hotel after a drink in the bar when a presidential candidate is assassinated in one of the rooms upstairs. A rich industrialist with enemies among the anarchist factions on the far left, Walter Wilkinson could have been targeted by any number of groups. AZ, DP & LJ

Cochran, Rachel – THE GULF

In Parson, Texas, a small town ravaged by a devastating hurricane and the Vietnam War, twenty-nine-year-old Lou is diligently renovating a decaying old mansion for Miss Kate, the elderly neighbor who has always been like a mother to her. Mourning her brother's death in Vietnam, Lou dreams of enjoying a more peaceful future in Parson.

Comey, James – CENTRAL PARK WEST

When a years-long case against a powerful mobster finally cracks and an unimpeachable witness takes the stand, federal prosecutor Nora Carleton is looking forward to putting the defendant away for good. The mobster, though, has other plans. As the witness's testimony concludes, a note is passed to the prosecution offering up information into the assassination of a disgraced former New York governor, murdered in his penthouse apartment just days before.

Croft, Rachel Koller – STONE COLD FOX

Like any enterprising woman, Bea knows what she's worth and is determined to get all she deserves—it just so happens that what she deserves is to marry rich. Filthy rich. After years of forced instruction by her mother in the art of swindling men, a now-solo Bea wants nothing more than to close and lock the door on their sordid partnership.

Cruz, Michelle – EVEN WHEN YOU LIE

Reagan Reyes hunts other people's secrets. A former intelligence officer, she's currently the in-house investigator for pricey criminal defense attorney, Cade McCarrick...and she's his lover, despite the law firm's rules forbidding romantic relationships between partners and staff. But their love—including their agreement never to lie to each other—is the only authenticity they have in a world of subterfuge and betrayal.

Cuti, Vanessa - THE TIP LINE

Eager to get married, thirty-year-old Virginia Carey lands a job as an operator at a police tip line, where she thinks finding a husband will be easy. There's Charlie Ford, a surprisingly sweet homicide detective, and charming police chief Declan "Deck" Brady. But just as Virginia's plans begin to fall into place and she can almost picture a ring on her finger, she answers a call from Verona—a mysterious woman who provides a tip about four bodies on a remote local beach

Davidson, Orlando – BASELINE ROAD

Southern California, May 1970. In the turmoil following Nixon's Cambodia invasion and the Kent State killings, a young economics professor is killed in a campus bombing. Authorities conclude she was an unintended victim and arrest a known radical. Case closed. Nearly two years have passed when an old hippie says, "The Claremont bombings, the FBI pigs got it all wrong," to Jimmy Sommes, a San Bernardino County homicide investigator

DeStafano, Ren – HOW I'LL KILL YOU

Sissy has an...interesting family. Always the careful one, always the cautious one, she has handled the cleanup while her serial killer sisters have carved a path of carnage across the U.S. Now, as they

arrive in the Arizona heat, Sissy must step up and embrace the family pastime of making a man fall in love and then murdering him.

Dixon, Jo – THE HOUSE OF NOW AND THEN (Tasmania)

After a humiliating public scandal, Olivia is hiding from the press in a remote Tasmanian house when an unknown man knocks on her door, seeking Pippa, a woman who once lived there. His father, Jeremy, has died, leaving behind a letter for this mysterious woman.

Dong, Maria – LIAR, DREAMER, THIEF

Katrina Kim may be broke, the black sheep of her family, and slightly unhinged, but she isn't a stalker. Her obsession with her co-worker, Kurt, is just one of many coping mechanisms—like her constant shape and number rituals, or the way scenes from her favorite children's book bleed into her vision whenever she feels anxious or stressed..

Douaihy, Margot – SCORCHED GRACE (A Sister Holiday Mystery)

Sister Holiday, a chain-smoking, heavily tattooed, queer nun, puts her amateur sleuthing skills to the test in this "unique and confident" debut crime novel (Gillian Flynn)..

Garner, Katie – THE NIGHT IT ENDED

From the outside, criminal psychiatrist, Dr. Madeline Pine's life appears picture-perfect—she has a beautiful family, a successful mental health practice and a growing reputation as an expert in female violence. But when she's called to help investigate a mysterious death at a boarding school for troubled girls, Madeline hesitates.

Hackett, Nicole – THE PERFECT ONES

Two days after arriving in Iceland for a promotional trip, Instagram influencer Alabama Wood goes missing. With no leads, the Icelandic police start their investigation by focusing on the two influencers seemingly closest to Alabama on the trip: Celeste Reed, Alabama's best friend of ten years, and Hollie Goodwin, fitness guru

Haven, Josh – FAKE MONEY, BLUE SMOKE

A skilled counterfeiter hires a crew of career criminals to steal an artwork from a speeding train. When former platoon sergeant Matt Kubelsky is paroled from Ray Brook Federal Correctional Institute in upstate New York, he's surprised to find his ex-girlfriend waiting for him out in the parking lot..

Hay, Alex – THE HOUSEKEEPERS

Set in 1905 London, where Mrs. King works as the housekeeper for a grand Mayfair mansion owned by the de Vries. After Wilhelm de Vries dies, Miss de Vries summons Mrs. King to discuss plans for a grand costume ball, shockingly scheduled a mere six months after her father's funeral..

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Heath, Rebecca – THE SUMMER PARTY

Summer, 2000. In the tranquil town of Queen's Point in southern Australia, the Whitlam family marks the end of every season with a lavish party in their cliff-top mansion. Here, clutching her first glass of real champagne, the summer breeze intoxicating on her skin, sixteen-year-old Lucy Ross is kissed for the very first time. And then, in the shadows of the rose garden, she sees something she shouldn't.

Hendricks, T R – THE INSTRUCTOR

Derek Harrington, retired Marine Force Recon and SERE instructor, is barely scraping by teaching the basics of wilderness survival. His fledgling bushcraft school is on the cusp of going out of business and expenses are piling up fast. His only true mission these days? To get his ailing father into a full care facility and to support his ex-wife and their son. When one of his students presents him with an opportunity too good to be true—\$20,000 to instruct a private group for 30 days in upstate New York—Derek reluctantly takes the job,

Herchenroether, Sara – THE NIGHT FLOWERS

In 1983, deep in New Mexico's Gila National Forest, the bodies of a young woman and two children were found. Who were they? How did they get there? Thirty years later, two women find themselves drawn to the cold case.

Herrera, Jennifer - THE HUNTER

After reckless behavior costs NYPD detective Leigh O'Donnell her job and her marriage, she returns with her four-year-old daughter to her beautiful hometown of Copper Falls, Ohio. Leigh had stayed away for more than a decade—even though her brother and a trio of loving uncles still call it home—because, while the town may seem idyllic, something rotten lies at its core..

Jain, Vibhuti – OUR BEST INTENTIONS

Babur "Bobby" Singh, Indian immigrant, single parent, and owner of a fledgling rideshare business, remains ever hopeful about ascending the ladder of American success. He lives in an affluent suburb of New York with his introverted teenage daughter Angie. During summer break, Angie is walking home after swimming at the high school pool when she finds Henry McCleary, a white classmate from a wealthy family, stabbed and bleeding on the football field.

Jaworowski, Ken – SMALL TOWN SINS

set in Locksburg, Pennsylvania, a former coal and steel town with little to offer its remaining 5000 residents. Kate and Andy were heroin addicts until the day Kate discovered she was pregnant. Their daughter Angie was born with Down syndrome and a heart murmur. Other than Angie's health problems, they were a happy family, Andy working several jobs to support them so Kate could stay home with Angie, who gradually became weaker. One day Andy returns home to find a note: Angie had died in her sleep and Kate deliberately overdosed.

Jennett, Meagan – YOU KNOW HER

Two hours before he vanished, Mark Dixon stole a glass of wine. That's what bartender Sophie Braam told the cops when they questioned her about the customer whose mutilated body was just found. What she didn't tell them is that she's the one who killed him..

Johnson, Catherine Devore – THE PANACEA PROJECT

A timely exploration of bodily autonomy set in a classic medical thriller Calla Hammond has always been a loner—a product of the foster system and avoided by others because of a skin condition. When doctors discover her immune system holds the key to curing cancer, she struggles to advance lifesaving research in a world that sees her only as a means to an end..

Johnson, Russell W. – THE MOONSHINE MESSIAH

As if being a woman sheriff in the West Virginia coal fields wasn't tough enough, Mary Beth Cain's life is complicated by the fact that the local hillbilly crime syndicate is run by her mother, Mamie. It's an association that, along with Mary Beth's head-busting ways, has her staring down a corruption

Kelley, Rebecca – NO ONE KNOWS US HERE

Rosemary Rbourne is already struggling to pay the bills when her recently orphaned half sister, Wendy, shows up at her door. Rosemary will try anything to provide for the traumatized teenager—including offering her services as a high-end escort. Leo Glass is the billionaire CEO of a revolutionary social app.

Kipness Elise Hart – LIGHTS OUT

A fast-paced thriller that follows a sports reporter's journey off the court...and into a world of murder and deception. Former Olympic athlete and sports reporter Kate Green isn't sure how much more tumultuous her life can get. She's been put on temporary leave from her job, then NBA superstar Kurt Robbins is killed and the prime suspect in his murder is none other than his wife...and Kate's best friend..

Labovich, D – THE SALVADOR DALI FORMULA

A shocking mystery about a journalist who reveals Salvador Dali's formula about the secret abilities of the human mind and an anthropologist obsessed with revealing that secret. Only he knows the secret, and only she knows how to discover it.

Lumsden, Katie – THE SECRETS OF HARTWOOD HALL

It's 1852 and Margaret Lennox, a young widow, attempts to escape the shadows of her past by taking a position as governess to an only child, Louis, at an isolated country house in the west of England. Margaret starts to feel that something isn't right.

MacMillan, Cyndi – A CRUEL LIGHT

A young girl had been brutally slain. Memories were beginning to fade, but during the renovation of the old parsonage, the murder rears its ugly head again when workers discover a time-ravaged portrait of the young victim. Conservator Annora Garde is hired by the local police to clean the painting and expose what lies buried in it.

Maxwell, Jessa – THE GOLDEN SPOON

Every summer for the past ten years, six awe-struck bakers have descended on the grounds of Grafton, the leafy and imposing Vermont estate that is not only the filming site for “Bake Week” but also the childhood home of the show’s famous host, celebrated baker Betsy Martin. The author of numerous best-selling cookbooks and hailed as “America’s Grandmother,”

Maxwell, R S _ THROUGH A DARKENING GLASS

1940. Literature student Ruth Gladstone evacuates Cambridge University for Martynsborough, a tiny English village with a shadowy history. For Ruth, retreating to a forgotten corner of the country is more than a safety maneuver; it’s an opportunity to end an undesirable engagement and begin writing

McCarten, Anthony – GOING ZERO -

TWO HOURS TO VANISH. Ten Americans have been carefully selected to Beta test a ground-breaking piece of spyware. Pioneered by tech-wunderkind Cy Baxter in collaboration with the CIA, FUSION can track anyone on earth. But does it work? Each participant is given two hours to ‘Go Zero’ – to go off-grid and disappear – and then thirty days to elude the highly sophisticated Capture Teams sent to find them.

McKanna, Rebecca DON’T FORGET THE GIRL

We never remember the dead girls. We never forget the killers. Twelve years ago, 18-year-old University of Iowa freshman Abby Hartmann disappeared. Now, Jon Allan Blue, the serial killer suspected of her murder, is about to be executed. Abby’s best friends, Bree and Chelsea, watch as Abby’s memory is unearthed and overshadowed by Blue and his flashier crimes..

Medina, Nick -SISTERS OF THE LOST NATION

A young Native girl’s hunt for answers about the women mysteriously disappearing from her tribe’s reservation leads her to delve into the myths and stories of her people, all while being haunted herself, Anna Horn is always looking over her shoulder. For the bullies who torment her, for the entitled visitors at the reservation’s casino, disembodied entity that stalks her every step—an ancient tribal myth come-to-life,.

Miller, Mary Ann – BONES UNDER THE ICE

Jhonnι Laurent is the first female sheriff of Field’ s Crossing, Indiana— and now she has her first murder case two days after a blizzard hits Field’ s Crossing, Indiana, Sheriff Jhonnι Laurent discovers the frozen body of a high school senior under a fifteen-foot pile of snow and ice. Murder is rare in farm country, and this death marks the beginning of Jhonnι’ s first homicide case. Perfect for fans of C. J. Box

Mitchell, Hannah – EXCAVATIONS

Sae is waiting with two clingy toddlers for her husband to come home from work when she learns of a horrific disaster, the collapse of a massive skyscraper where Jae is an engineer. Minutes, then hours, and then days pass. Speculations of North Korean terrorism and structural instability circulate as possible causes of the Tower’s collapse.

Mukerji, Ritu – MURDER BY DEGREES

Philadelphia, 1875: It is the start of term at Woman’s Medical College of Pennsylvania. Dr. Lydia Weston, professor and anatomist, is immersed in teaching her students in the lecture hall and hospital. When the body of a patient, Anna Ward, is dredged out of the Schuylkill River, the young chambermaid’s death is deemed a suicide. But Lydia is suspicious and she is soon brought into the police investigation..

O’Brien, J D – ZIG ZAG

Capri Dall has a foolproof plan to knock over the marijuana dispensary where she works. But when her boyfriend botches the heist, the two of them end up in a stolen car with a trunkful of rare high-end weed and an unhinged security guard on their trail. Harry Robatore is a burned out rhinestone cowboy barely scraping by as a bail bondsman. Agreeing to help out an old pal, and settle his bar tab, he sets out to track down the lovers on the run.

Oates, Nathan – A FLAW IN THE DESIGN

Gil is living a quiet life as a creative writing professor in a Vermont town, when he receives some shocking news: His sister and her husband have been killed in a car accident, and their only son is coming to live with him and his family. Gil and his wife are apprehensive about taking in seventeen-year-old Matthew. Yes, he has just lost both his parents, but they haven’t seen him in seven years—and the last time the families were together, Matthew lured their young daughter into a terrifying, life-threatening situation..

Osborne, Cayce – I KNOW WHAT YOU DID

Petal Woznewski is content with her quiet, introverted life in New York City: she has her junk food, her movies, and her on-again, off-again boyfriend Gus. That peace is shattered when her name appears on the dedication page of an anonymously written thriller with a cryptic note: “I know what you did, Petal Woznewski. And now everyone else will, too.”

Parlato, Terri – ALL THE DARK PLACES

Snow falls softly outside Molly Bradley’s home on a frigid January night. Inside, half a dozen close friends are gathered to celebrate the fortieth birthday of Molly’s psychologist husband, Jay. Candlelight gleams against dark wood, wine flows, and the house rings with laughter. Everybody loves Jay, Molly most of all. Yet next morning, Molly discovers Jay dead on the floor of his office, his throat brutally slashed..

Patience, Martin – THE DARKER THE NIGHT

A referendum on Scottish independence is only days away, and the campaign has been expertly orchestrated by First Minister Susan Ward. All signs point to victory for the nationalists. But when senior civil servant John Millar is shot in a Glasgow alley on a furiously rain-soaked night, his death triggers a chain of catastrophic events. An incriminating phone number and video are found in his possession.

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Last two pages of 2023 debuts

Payne, Jonathan – CITIZEN ORLOV

set in an unnamed country somewhere in the mountains of central Europe at the end of the Great War. Citizen Orlov is a fishmonger, working at his friend Citizen Vanev's booth in the market place. Vanev has been trying to convince Orlov for years to join the People's Front to rebel against government oppression. The good-hearted Orlov has no skills as a spy, but does his bumbling best to do the right thing in this absurdly comic debut spy thriller.

Rao, Nilima A DISAPPEARANCE IN FIJI

1914, Fiji: Akal Singh, 25, would rather be anywhere but this tropical paradise—or, as he calls it, “this godforsaken island.” After a promising start to his police career in Hong Kong, Akal has been sent to Fiji as punishment for a humiliating professional mistake. Lonely and grumpy, Akal plods through his work and dreams of getting back to Hong Kong or his native India..

Reyes, Ana – THE HOUSE IN THE PINES

Armed with only hazy memories, a woman who long ago witnessed her friend's sudden, mysterious death, and has since spent her life trying to forget, sets out to track down answers. What she uncovers, deep in the woods, is hardly to be believed....

Robards, Kate – THE THREE DEATHS OF WILLA STANNARD

It's not that they've been all that close in the past few years, but sisters Willa and Sawyer Stannard are bonded by the ups and downs of the life they've lived with their mercurial single mother. When Willa is found dead in her apartment from an apparent suicide, Sawyer just knows it's not possible.

Robinson, Brooke – THE INTERPRETER

The story of Revelle Lee, a London translator for trials and criminal investigations. Raised by a neglectful mother, Revelle is fluent in ten languages learned during her nomadic childhood when she was often left to her own devices. Revelle has always wanted a child of her own, and is now close to adopting six-year-old Elliot who has been in and out of foster care most of his life.

Seales, Julia – A MOST AGREEABLE MURDER

Feisty, passionate Beatrice Steele has never fit the definition of a true lady, according to the strict code of conduct that reigns in Swampshire, her small English township—she is terrible at needlework, has absolutely no musical ability, and her artwork is so bad it frightens people.

Shroff, Parini – THE BANDIT QUEENS

Five years ago, Geeta lost her no-good husband. As in, she actually lost him—he walked out on her and she has no idea where he is. But in her remote village in India, rumor has it that Geeta killed him. And it's a rumor that won't die.

Siddiqi, Ayesha Manazir – THE CENTRE

story of Anisa Ellahi, who longs to translate great works of literature but instead writes subtitles for Bollywood movies in her London apartment, living on the generosity of her wealthy parents. Her boyfriend Adam has an uncanny affinity for languages and speaks several with native-speaker fluency, so she is puzzled when he is unable to remember even the simplest phrases in Urdu she tries to teach him.

Siegel, Katie – CHARLOTTE ILES IS NOT A DETECTIVE

The downside of being a famous child detective is that sooner or later, you have to grow up . . .

As a kid, Charlotte Illes' uncanny sleuthing abilities made her a minor celebrity. But in high school, she hung up her detective's hat and stashed away the signature blue landline in her “office”—aka garage—convinced that finding her adult purpose would be as easy as tracking down missing pudding cups.

Simon, Nina – MOTHER DAUGHTER MURDER NIGHT

High-powered businesswoman, Lana Rubicon has a lot to be proud of: her keen intelligence, impeccable taste, and the L.A. real estate empire she's built. But when she finds herself trapped 300 miles north of the city, convalescing in a sleepy coastal town with her adult daughter Beth and teenage granddaughter Jack, Then Jack—tiny in stature but fiercely independent—happens upon a dead body while kayaking.

Slater, Alice – DEATH OF A BOOKSELLER

Roach- bookseller, loner and true crime fanatic- is not interested in making friends. She has all the company she needs in her serial killer books, murder podcasts and her pet snail, Bleep. That is, until Laura joins the bookshop..

St. John, Anna – DOOMED BY BLOOMS

Josie Posey, a mature yet ever-feisty big city crime reporter turned crime solver, has officially retired to a small, touristy town in middle America where she and her posse of friends “unofficially” have their noses in everything..

Staltzer, Rebecca – MURDER OVER BROKEN BONDS

Anne Scott always knew that working on Wall Street wasn't for the faint of heart, but she never expected to see a senior investment banker storm out of a meeting and then turn up dead in his office a few minutes later.

Sterling, Michelle Min – CAMP ZERO

set in a near future world ravaged by climate change. In December 2049, a young woman codenamed Rose has accepted a job at Camp Zero, the brainchild of Meyer, a trailblazing American architect in a remote area of Canada..

Stewart, Polly – THE GOOD ONES The last time Nicola Bennett saw Lauren Ballard she was scraping a key along the side of a new cherry-red Chevy Silverado. That was the night before her friend mysteriously vanished from her home, leaving a bloodstained washcloth and signs of a struggle—as well as her grieving husband and young daughter—behind..

SPOTTED OWL AWARD (OREGON)

Sullivan, Justine – HE SAID HE WOULD BE LATE

Liz Bennett knows that she is one of the lucky ones. Wealthy and charming, Arno is a supportive husband to Liz and a doting father to their daughter, Emma. A rising banker at a top firm in the Boston area, he is the picture of perfection, rounding off their idyllic New England life. But when Liz sees a text on Arno's phone with a kissy-face emoji, her anxiety kicks into overdrive and she begins to worry that her luck has run out.

Taylor, Hilary – SEA DEFENCES

Rachel, a trainee vicar struggling to bond with her flock in the coastal town of Holthorpe, learns the terrifying power of the North Sea when her six-year-old daughter goes missing

Urszenyi, Steve – PERFECT SHOT

A former Army sniper must fall back on her Special Ops skills when a friend's death uncovers a global nuclear threat,

Wallace, Joanna – YOU'D LOOK BETTER AS A GHOST

I have a gift. I see people as ghosts before they die. Of course, it helps that I'm the one killing them. The night after her father's funeral, Claire meets Lucas in a bar. Lucas doesn't know it, but it's not a chance meeting.

Walsh, Colin – KALA

Set in the small town of Kinlough on the west coast of Ireland, where three friends gather for the first time in 15 years. As teenagers Joe Brennan, Kala Lanann, Helen Laughlin, Aidan Lyons, Mush Lyons, and Aoife Reynolds were inseparable. The last time they were together was the summer of 2003, the summer when Kala disappeared. Helen, now an investigative reporter struggling to pay her bills in Québec, is back for her father's wedding.

Webb, Kate - STAY BURIED

Detective Inspector Matt Lockyer has been side-lined to working cold cases, following a bad decision he made in a recent investigation in order to support a friend. Lockyer isn't too bothered though, as it gives him the chance to review some of the cases that keep him up at night and to look into his own brother's senseless killing which still remains unsolved.

Weizmann, Daniel – THE LAST SONGBIRD

A struggling songwriter and Lyft driver, Adam Zantz's life changes when he accepts a ride request in Malibu and 1970s music icon Annie Linden enters his dented VW Jetta. Bonding during that initial ride, the two quickly go off app— over the next three years, Adam becomes her exclusive driver.

Yamashita, Iris – CITY UNDER ONE ROOF

When a local teenager discovers a severed hand and foot washed up on the shore of the small town of Point Mettier, Alaska, Cara Kennedy is on the case, She has her own motives for investigating the possible murder in this isolated place, which can be accessed only by a tunnel. After a blizzard causes the tunnel to close indefinitely, Cara is stuck among the odd and suspicious residents of the town—all 205 of whom live in the same high-rise building and are as icy as the weather.

Marc Cameron, a onetime U.S. marshal, now an author living in Alaska, has won this year's **Spotted Owl Award** for his 2023 suspense novel, *BREAKNECK*. The Spotted Owl is presented annually by the Portland, Oregon-based Friends of Mystery organization to celebrate crime fiction produced by writers in the Pacific Northwest (Alaska, British Columbia, Canada, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington). *BREAKNECK* was Cameron's fifth novel starring Anchorage's Arliss Cutter, a deputy U.S. marshal

A Friends of Mystery press release says the group considered 39 nominees for the 2024 prize. Runners-up were:

2. Dana Stabenow for *NOT THE ONES DEAD*
3. Dana Haynes for *THE SAINT OF THIEVES*
4. Sam Wiebe for *SUNSET AND JERICHO*
5. Jon Talton for *THE NURSE MURDERS*
6. James Bryne for *DEADLOCK*
7. Haris Orkin for *LICENSE TO DIE*
8. Frank Zafiro for *HOPE DIES LAST*
- 9 (tie). Orlando Davidson for *BASELINE ROAD* and J.A. Jance for *COLLATERAL DAMAGE*

Cameron's victory was announced during the March 28 meeting of Friends of Mystery. The Spotted Owl Award was established in 1995

TELEVISION NEWS

In Reference to Murder reports that "Netflix is teaming up with Norwegian crime writer Jo Nesbø, whose Harry Hole crime novels have sold tens of millions of copies worldwide, for a new 'Next on Nordic' noir series, *Harry Hole* (working title). The project is based on Nesbø's novel, *THE DEVIL'S STAR*, about the series' titular detective, with Nesbø also writing the script. The story is set in the heat of a sweltering Oslo summer, when a young woman is found murdered in her flat— with one of her fingers cut off and a tiny red star-shaped diamond placed under her eyelid. An off-the-rails alcoholic barely holding on to his job, Detective Harry Hole is assigned to the case with Tom Waaler, a hated colleague whom Harry believes is responsible for the murder of his partner. When another woman is reported missing five days later, and her severed finger turns up adorned with a red star-shaped diamond ring, Harry fears a serial killer is at work." The book *THE DEVIL'S STAR* debuted in English in 2005.

Debuts in 2024 (so far)

Adams, Jenny – A DEADLY ENDEAVOR

A serial killer is on the loose in Jazz Age Philadelphia. 1921. When Edie Shippen returns home after spending years in California recovering from Influenza, she's shocked to discover that her childhood sweetheart is engaged to her twin sister. Heartbroken and adrift, Edie vows to begin living her life as a modern woman—and to hell with anyone who gets in her way.

Baragwanath, Tom – PAPER CAGE

Lorraine Henry is generally content to keep her head down and get on with her work as a records clerk at the Master-ton police station. But when children start going missing in her small town, Lo can't help but pay attention. After all, she has Bradley, her young nephew, to worry about, and the cops don't seem to be putting much effort into finding the kids.

Barker-White, Eleanor – MY NAME WAS EDEN

When her daughter Eden came home from the hospital, Lucy was profoundly relieved. Eden had survived a drowning incident and had no apparent brain damage, no serious injuries, . Lucy welcomed having a second chance at being the good mother she should have been . Until Eden tells her that Eden isn't her name. Until she starts calling herself Eli. The name Lucy had reserved for Eden's unborn twin. Don't worry, says the doctor. Eden is completely fine, Of course I'm fine, Eden says, with that strange new smile of hers. I didn't die. I'm here.

Blake, Matthew – ANNA O

Anna O hasn't opened her eyes for four years Not since the night she was found in a deep sleep by the bodies of her best friends, suspected of a chilling double murder.

Brody, Kate – RABBIT HOLE

A twisty debut exploring the dark side of true crime fandom and the blurry lines of female friendship, Conspiracy theories from Reddit seduce a disaster-prone woman into an obsession with solving her older sister's cold-case disappearance

Chan, Vanessa – THE STORM WE MADE

British Malaya, 1930s

Discontented housewife Cecily is seduced by Japanese general Fujiwara and the glorious future he is promising for 'independent' Malaya, free from British colonialism. As she becomes further embedded as his own personal spy, she unwittingly alters the fate of her country by welcoming in a

punishing form of dictatorship under the Japanese in WWII.

Collins, Sarah-Jane – RADIANT HEAT -Aussie debut

When a catastrophic wildfire suddenly rips through a woman's hometown, she thinks she is lucky to have survived . . . until she finds a dead woman in her driveway, clutching a piece of paper with her name on it

Conway, Elly – ARGYLLE

A luxury train speeding towards Moscow and a date with destiny. A CIA plane downed in the jungles of the Golden Triangle. A Nazi hoard entombed in the remote mountains of South-West Poland. A missing treasure, the eighth wonder of the world, lost for seven decades. One Russian magnate's dream of restoring a nation to greatness has set in motion a chain of events which will take the world to the brink of chaos..

Cunningham, Avery – THE MAYOR OF MAXWELL STREET

When a rich Black debutante enlists the help of a low-level speakeasy manager to identify the head of an underground crime syndicate, the two are thrust into the dangerous world of Prohibition-era Chicago. The year is 1921, and America is burning. A fire of vice and virtue rages on every shore, and Chicago is its beating heart..

Lindstrom, Jon - HOLLYWOOD HUSTLE

Winston Greene, a has-been film star, wakes one morning to find his six-year-old granddaughter at his bedside—traumatized, unattended, and gripping onto a thumb drive. She comes bearing video proof that her mother, Win's troubled adult daughter, has been kidnapped by a murderous gang demanding all his "movie money" for her safe return. But what they don't know is...his movie money is long gone.

Mayfield, Jahmal – SMOKE KINGS

Nate Evers, a young black political activist, struggles with rage as his people are still being killed in the streets 62 years after Emmett Till. When his little cousin is murdered, Nate shuns the graffiti murals, candlelight vigils, and Twitter hashtags that are commonplace after these senseless deaths. Instead, he leads 3 grief-stricken friends on a mission of retribution,

Nguyen, K. T. – YOU KNOW WHAT YOU DID

Annie "Anh Le" Shaw grew up poor, but seems to have it all now: a dream career, a stunning home, and a devoted husband and daughter. When Annie's mother, a Vi-

etnam War refugee, dies suddenly one night, Annie's carefully curated life begins to unravel.

Pease, Amy – NORTHWOODS

Eli North is not okay. His drinking is getting worse by the day, his emotional wounds after a deployment to Afghanistan are as raw as ever, his marriage and career are over, and the only job he can hold down is with the local sheriff's department. And that's only because the sheriff is his mother—and she's overwhelmed with small town Shaky Lake's dwindling budget and the fallout from the opioid epidemic.

Plantinga, Adam – THE ASCENT

When a high security prison fails, a down-on-his luck ex-cop and the governor's daughter are going to have to team up if they're going to escape.

Prak, Michelle - THE RUSH

With a massive downpour and flash floods predicted, Quinn Durand leaves work and races for the safety of home. The first drops start to fall as she spots something strange on the familiar bush route. With no reception and nothing but an empty road for miles in either direction, she investigates and discovers it's a body..

Rooney, Paul – WIDOW'S COVE

In the echoing alleys of New Bedford, a city steeped in history and immortalized by Herman Melville's "Moby Dick", a sinister plot begins to unravel. A fire, not just any fire, but one that consumes a commercial scalloper, draws the attention of the world. But as the ashes settle, a crew member's absence ignites a spark of suspicion that quickly turns into a blazing investigation. Enter Rob Ragusa, a seasoned detective from the Boston FBI Field Office..

Sierra, Tracy – NIGHTWATCHING

Home alone with her young children during a blizzard, a mother tucks her son back into bed in the middle of the night. She hears a noise—old houses are always making some kind of noise. But this sound is disturbingly familiar: it's the tread of footsteps, unusually heavy and slow, coming up the stairs.

She sees the figure of a man appear down the hallway, shrouded in the shadows. Terrified, she quietly wakes her children and hustles them into the oldest part of the house, a tiny, secret room concealed behind a wall. There they hide as the man searches for them, trying to tempt the children out with promises and scare the mother into surrender..

Tate, Ashley – TWENTY-SEVEN MINUTES

One question has haunted the claustrophobic town of West Wilmer for the past ten years: why it took Phoebe Dean's brother and driver of the car, Grant, 27 minutes to call for help on the fateful night of the accident.

Tomlinson, Sarah – THE LAST DAYS OF THE MID-NIGHT RAMBLERS (debut)

Anke Berben is ready to tell all. A legendary model and style icon, she reveled in headline-grabbing romances with not one but three members of the hugely influential rock band the Midnight Ramblers. The band members were as famous for their backstage drama as for their music, and Anke is the only one who fully understands the tangled relationships, betrayals, and suspicions that have added to the Ramblers' enduring appeal and mystique..

Newspaper Headlines ?

- Include your Children When Baking cookies
- Police begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
- Drunks Get Nine Months in Violin Case
- Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
- Teacher Strikes Idle Kids
- Miners Refuse to Work After Death
- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
- Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
- Two Sisters Reunited after 18 Years in Check-out Line.
- Enraged Cow Injures Farmer with Ax
- Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
- Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

What we Read in March

On Topic:

HAPPINESS FALLS by Angie Kim – 3.75 Nancy
LOCK EVERY DOOR by Riley Sager 5.0 – Penny
THE LAST TIME I LIED by Riley Sager – 5.0 – Penny
THE ONLY ONE LEFT (2023) – 4.25 - Karen

Other Reads

23-1/2 LIES (Women's Club series) by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro - 3.0- Pam
AFTER ANNA (2018) by Lisa Scottoline – 4.75 - Bobbi
BOMBAY MONSOON (2022) by James W Ziskin – 4.0 – Karen
CROSS DOWN by James Patterson and Brendan DuBois — 4.0 - Pam
CROSS MUST DIE by James Patterson and Brendan DuBois - 3.5 Pam
DARK DIVE (2024) by Andrew Mayne – 4.9 – Karen
DEATH Flight (2024) by Sarah Sultoon – 3.75 – Karen
EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES (2015) by Lisa Scottoline -5+ - Bobbi
FALLEN RANGER (Rory Yates series) by James Patterson and Andrew Bourelle –3.0- Pam
HOLMES MARPLE & POE (2024) by James Patterson and Brian Sitts – 3.5 – Karen
LIGHT IT UP by Nick Petrie, Book 3 – 4/0 - Nancy
LOOK AGAIN (2009) by Lisa Scottoline – 5.0 – Bobbi
MANNER OF DEATH by Robin Cook, 2023 – 4.0 - Nancy,
NIGHT OWL (2023) by Andrew Mayne – 4.8 – Karen
ONE PERFECT LIE (2017) by Lisa Scottoline – 4.5 – Bobbi
SECRETS NEVER DIE (2023) by Vincent Ralph - 4.95 – Bobbi
SHADOWS REEL (2022) by C J Box - 4,75 – Bobbi
THE DESERTER (Scott Brodie series) by Nelson DeMille and Alex DeMille — 5.0- Pam
THE DOG ACROSS THE LAKE (2024) by Krista Davis – 3.5 – Karen
THE EXCHANGE by John Grisham–3.5 - Pam
THE FURY by Alex Michaelides&, author of THE SILENT PATIENT and THE MAIDENS - 4.25 – Nancy
THE GOODBYE MAN by Jeffery Deaver 4.5 – Pam
THE GRAVE ABOVE THE GRAVE by Bernard Kerikk – 3.0 - Pam

THE WOMEN (2024) by Kristin Hannah – 5.0 – Karen
THOSE EMPTY EYES (2023) by Charlie Donlea – 4.0 – Penny
THREE INCH TEETH (2024) by C J Box – 4.8 - Karen
WHY SHOOT A BUTLER (2009) by Georgette Heyer – 4.25 Bobbi

The Best of the List

EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES by Lisa Scottoline—5+ – Bobbi
Dr. Eric Parrish is the Chief of the Psychiatric Unit at Havemeyer General Hospital outside of Philadelphia. Recently separated from his wife Alice, he is doing his best as a single Dad to his seven-year-old daughter Hannah. His work seems to be going better than his home life, however. His unit at the hospital has just been named number two in the country, and Eric has a devoted staff of doctors and nurses who are as caring as Eric is. But when he takes on a new patient, Eric's entire world begins to crumble. Seventeen-year-old Max has a terminally ill grandmother and is having trouble handling it. That, plus his OCD and violent thoughts about a girl he likes makes Max a high risk patient.
Max can't turn off the mental rituals he needs to perform every fifteen minutes that keep him calm. With the pressure mounting, Max just might reach the breaking point. When the girl is found murdered, Max is nowhere to be found. Worried about Max, Eric goes looking for him and puts himself in danger of being seen as a "person of interest" himself. Next, one of his own staff turns on him in a trumped up charge of sexual harassment. Is this chaos all random? Or is someone systematically trying to destroy Eric's life?

THE LAST TIME I LIED by Riley Sager – 5.0 – Penny
Fifteen years ago, summer camper Emma Davis watched sleepily as her three cabin mates snuck out of their cabin in the dead of night. The last she saw of them was Vivian closing the cabin door, hushing Emma with a finger to her lips.
Now a rising star in the NYC art scene, Emma turns her past into paintings.. They catch the attention of Francesca Harris-White, the wealthy owner of the same Camp Nightingale--and when Francesca implores Emma to return to the camp as a painting counselor, Emma sees an opportunity to find closure and move on.
Yet, it is immediately clear that all is not right at Camp Nightingale. Haunted by surfacing memories, Emma is suddenly plagued by a security camera pointed directly at her cabin, mounting mistrust from Francesca, and, most disturbing of all, cryptic clues Vivian apparently left behind about the camp's twisted origins. And as history begins to repeat itself and three girls go missing again, Emma must face threats from both man and nature in order to uncover all the buried secrets--including what really happened all those years ago.
Sager writes a brilliantly plotted and twisted character driven story, chilling, scary, and absolutely compelling, drenched with atmosphere, full of tension and suspense, and utterly gripping,

Due in May

Andrews & Wilson – TOM CLANCY ACT OF DEFIANCE

When a Russian superweapon is let loose under the waves, it's up to President Jack Ryan to find a countermove

Armstrong, Kelley – DISTURBING THE DEAD

Victorian Scotland is becoming less strange to modern-day homicide detective Mallory Atkinson.

Babitt, Debbie - THE MAN ON THE TRAIN

Manhattan Assistant District Attorney Linda Haley is awakened early one morning by two police officers at the door. She has no idea that her husband has been living a secret life during his daily commute from Scarsdale into the city..

Bailey, Robert – RICH JUSTICE

Once the flashy, successful lawyer known for his in-your-face billboards—IN AN ACCIDENT? GET RICH—Jason Rich has fallen from grace, his reputation scrubbed of its glitz and his life stripped of the people he cares about. All thanks to meth kingpin Tyson Cade. But when Cade is killed in the heart of his territory, things go from bad to worse for Jason as he is charged with his murder

Barclay, Linwood – I WILL RUIN YOU

How would you react in a life-or-death situation?

It's a question everyone asks themselves, but few have to face in real life. English teacher Richard Boyle certainly never thought he would find himself talking down a former student intent on harming others, but when Mark LeDrew shows up at Richard's school with a bomb strapped to his chest, Richard immediately jumps into action.

Barr, Lisa – THE GODDESS OF WARSAW

Los Angeles, 2005. Sienna Hayes, Hollywood's latest It Girl, has ambitions to work behind the camera. When she meets Lena Browning, the enormously mysterious and famous Golden Age movie star, Sienna sees her big break

Bennett, Michael – RETURN TO BLOOD

Two murders. Two decades apart.

One chance to get justice.

Hana Westerman has left Auckland and her career as a detective behind her. Settled in a quiet coastal town, all she wants is a fresh start..

Bowen, Sarina - THE FIVE YEAR LIE

On an ordinary Monday morning, Ariel Cafferty's phone buzzes with a disturbing text message. Something's happened. I need to see you. Meet me under the candelabra tree ASAP. The words would be jarring from anyone, but the sender is the only man she ever loved. And it's been several years since she learned he died.

Carcattera, Lorenzo - NONNA MARIA AND THE CASE OF THE LOST TREASURE (#3)

As Nonna Maria's longtime pal and sometimes colleague, Captain Murino, in charge of the local carabinieri, never wanted to see harm brought to the doorstep of everyone's favorite espresso-brewing, counsel-giving amateur sleuth. But when you live a long life, you're bound to make a few enemies.

Carr, Jack – RED SKY MOURNING

With the walls closing in, Navy SEAL sniper James Reece is on a race to dismantle a conspiracy that has forced America to her knees

Claire, Ann – A CYCLIST'S GUIDE TO CRIME AND CROISSANTS

Nine months ago, Sadie Greene shocked friends and family by ditching her sensible office job in the Chicago suburbs and buying a sight-unseen French bicycling tour company..

Coben, Harlan – THINK TWICE

Three years ago, sports agent Myron Bolitar gave a eulogy at the funeral of his client, renowned basketball coach Greg Downing. Myron and Greg had history: initially as deeply personal rivals, and later as unexpected business associates. Myron made peace and moved on – until now, when two federal agents walked into his office, demanding to know where Greg Downing is.

Cohen, Julie Mae - BAD MEN,

Saffy Huntley-Oliver is an intelligent and glamorous socialite; she also happens to be a proficient serial killer.

Comey, James - WESTPORT

She's the lawyer. But now she's the one on trial. A red canoe sits abandoned on Seymour Rock, right where the Saugatuck River meets Long Island Sound. The elegantly dressed corpse of a woman lies inside...

Connolly, John – THE INSTRUMENTS OF DARKNESS Charlie Parker #21

In Maine, Colleen Clark stands accused of the worst crime a mother can commit: the abduction and possible murder of her child. Everyone—ambitious politicians in an election season, hardened police, ordinary folk—has an opinion on the case, and most believe she is guilty.

Dees, Cindy - DOUBLE TAP (Helen Warwick #2)

As an elite assassin for the CIA, Helen Warwick was trained to keep a low profile. But now that she's retired, Helen is forced to take on a very different, and very public, role—as the proud mother of a rising young politician..

Donlea, Charlie - LONG TIME GONE (May 21) Forensic Mystery

When Dr. Sloan Hastings submits her DNA to an online genealogy site for a research assignment, her goal is to better understand the treasure-trove of genetic information contained on ancestry websites. Brilliant and driven, Sloan is embarking on a fellowship in forensic pathology.

Dubral, Jack – CLIVE CUSSLER THE HEIST

1914: As America's century of dominance dawns, the country's greatest detective, Van Dorn agent Isaac Bell, is pitted against a master thief and his assassin accomplice. They're plotting to pull off the greatest heist in America's history: the theft of a billion dollars from the newly created Federal Reserve.

Finlay, Alex – IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME

For the past five years, Ryan Richardson has relived that terrible night. The car door ripping open. The crushing blow to the head. The hands yanking him from the vehicle. His girlfriend Ali's piercing scream as she is taken.

Goldis, Jaclyn – THE MAIN CHARACTER

Reclusive, mysterious author Ginevra Ex is famous for her unusual approach to crafting her big bestselling thrillers: she hires real people and conducts intensive interviews, then fictionalizes them. Her latest

(more) Due in May

main character, Rory, is thrilled when Ginevra presents her with an extravagant bonus—a lavish trip along Italy's Mediterranean coast on the famed, newly renovated Orient Express..

Goldman, Matt – STILL WATERS

Liv and Gabe Ahlstrom are estranged siblings who haven't seen each other in years, but that's about to change when they receive a rare call from their older brother's wife. "Mack is dead," she says. "He died of a seizure." Five minutes after they hang up, Liv and Gabe each receive a scheduled email from their dead brother, claiming that he was murdered..

Graham, R.L. - DEATH ON THE LUSITANIA

New York, 1915. RMS Lusitania, one of the world's most luxurious ocean liners, departs for war-torn Europe. Among those on board is Patrick Gallagher, a civil servant in Her Majesty's government tasked with escorting a British diplomat back to England.

Grisham, John – CAMINO GHOSTS

In this new thriller on Camino Island, popular bookseller Bruce Cable tells Mercer Mann an irresistible tale that might be her next novel. A giant resort developer is using its political muscle and deep pockets to claim ownership of a deserted island between Florida and Georgia. Only the last living inhabitant of the island, Lovely Jackson, stands in its way. What the developer doesn't know is that the island has a remarkable history, and locals believe it is cursed... and the past is never the past . . .

Haines, Carolyn - LIGHTS, CAMERA, BONES

Delaney Detective Agency gets a taste of the spotlight when they are called to a case on a movie set in Greenville, MS, right on the Mississippi River. Marlon Brandon, heir to a wealthy and influential political family, has brought a film crew to town to film a drama about the 1927 flood that submerged a great deal of Greenville.

Ignatius, David - PHANTOM ORBIT

The story follows Ivan Volkov, a Russian student in Beijing, who discovers an unsolved puzzle in the writings of the 17th century astronomer Johannes Kepler. The puzzle holds untold consequences for space warfare..

Iles, Gregg – SOUTHERN MAN

Fifteen years after the events of the Natchez Burning trilogy, Penn Cage is alone. Nearly all his loved ones are dead, his old allies gone, and he carries a mortal secret that separates him from the world. But Penn's exile comes to an end when a brawl at a Mississippi rap festival triggers a bloody mass shooting—one that nearly takes the life of his daughter Annie.

Jean, Emiki – THE RETURN OF ELLIE BLACK

Detective Chelsey Calhoun's life is turned upside down when she gets the call Ellie Black, a girl who disappeared years earlier, has resurfaced in the woods of Washington state—but Ellie's reappearance leaves Chelsey with more questions than answers..

Johnson, Craig - FIRST FROST (Walt Longmire #20)

Sheriff Walt Longmire has to navigate his own increasingly complicated personal life with the ever-changing and often violent underworld that encroaches on what was once referred to as the Old West. This time, he is up against a sinister plot that could hurt the people closest to him and forever change the way he sees his be-

loved Wyoming.

Katzenbach, John - JACK'S BOYS,

Known only to each other as:Alpha. Bravo. Charlie. Delta. Easy. Connected through a secure internet location, encrypted and concealed, a unique chat room they have named Jack's Special Place in homage to their ultimate model—the one killer they hold in the highest esteem:

Whitechapel, London. 1888..

King, Stephen – YOU LIKE IT DARKER

In "Danny Coughlin's Bad Dream," a brief and unprecedented psychic flash upends dozens of lives,. In "Rattlesnakes," a sequel to *Cujo*, a grieving widower travels to Florida for respite.. In "The Dreamers," a taciturn Vietnam vet answers a job ad. "The Answer Man" asks if prescience is good luck or bad

Lackberg, Camilla - THE CUCKOO

Two terrible events, without obvious connection, shake Fjällbacka to its core. A famous photographer is found brutally murdered in a show-room. Henning Bauer, the Nobel prize winner in literature, suffers from a violent act on the small island where he is writing the 10th book in his world famous series.

Lowkis, Carmella - SPITTING GOLD (debut)

Paris, 1866. When Baroness Sylvie Devereux receives a house call from Charlotte Mothe, the sister she disowned, she fears her shady past as a spirit medium has caught up with her. But with their father ill and Charlotte unable to pay his bills, Sylvie is persuaded into one last con.

MacNeal, Susan Elia - THE LAST HOPE (Maggie Hope #11)

Maggie Hope has come a long way since she was Mr. Churchill's secretary. In the face of tremendous danger, she's learned espionage, sabotage, and reconnaissance.

Marr, Elle - THE ALONE TIME

Fiona and Violet Seng were just children when their family's Cessna crash-landed in the Washington wilderness, claiming the lives of their parents. For twelve harrowing weeks, the girls fended for themselves before being rescued.

McGowan, Claire - TRUTH TRUTH LIE

Amira's less than thrilled to be spending the weekend with her husband's university friends. Two of them are hosting a joint fortieth on a private Scottish island, with vintage champagne, expensive gifts, and soaks in the wood-fired hot tub..

When they decide to play 'two truths and a lie', anonymously posting three statements about themselves into a box, years of resentment start bubbling to the surface.

McPhillips, Fiona – WHEN WE WERE SILENT

Louise Manson is the newest student at Highfield Manor, Dublin's most exclusive private school. It seems nearly perfect: At first, Lou's working-class status makes her the consummate outsider, though all that changes when she is befriended by the beautiful and wealthy Shauna Power. But Lou finds out that even Shauna is caught up in Highfield's web, and her time there ends with a lifeless body sprawled at her feet..

Mukherjee, Abir – HUNTED

It's a week before the presidential elections when a bomb goes off in

an LA shopping mall.

In London, armed police storm Heathrow Airport and arrest Sajid Khan. His daughter Aliyah entered the USA with the suicide bomber, and now she's missing.

Nagendra, Harini - A NEST OF VIPERS, Harini Nagendra

When Prince Edward begins a 1921 tour of a number of Indian cities, he encounters passionate crowds demanding independence from Britain, with rioting on the streets of Bombay in November 1921

Oates, Joyce Carol – BUTCHER

In this harrowing story based on authentic historical documents, we follow the career of Dr. Silas Weir, “Father of Gyno-Psychiatry,” as he ascends from professional anonymity to national renown..

Patel, Vaishnavi – GODDESS OF THE RIVER

A mother and a son. A goddess and a prince. A curse and an oath. A river whose course will change the fate of the world. Ganga, joyful goddess of the river, serves as caretaker to the mischievous godlings who roam her banks. d.

Patterson, James and Maxine Paeto – THE 24th HOUR

Sergeant Lindsay Boxer, Medical Examiner Claire Washburn, Assistant District Attorney Yuki Castellano, and crime writer Cindy Thomas are gathered at one of San Francisco's finest restaurants to celebrate a birthday and a wedding..

Pelecanos, Georget - BUSTER: A DOG

Ray, Elka – A FRIEND INDEED

When single mom Jo Dykstra was at her lowest—jobless and penniless—her childhood friend Dana McFarlane helped her out bigtime by securing her a teaching job and thus an opportunity for a new life in the affluent Pacific Northwest town of Glebes Bay. So, when Jo gets a frantic late-night call from Dana, sobbing and desperate for help.

Reich, Christopher - MATTERHORN,

Robbie Steinhardt lives a peaceful life. A fixture of his small alpine village, he tends cattle, minds his own business, and doesn't dwell on his former life and the family and lover he left behind – back when he was Mac Dekker, CIA. But when he learns his son Will died following in his footsteps, he needs answers.

Roberts, Nora – MIND GAMES

The Foxes have driven the winding roads of Appalachia to drop off their children for a two-week stay at their grandmother's. Here, twelve-year-old Thea can run free and breathe in the smells of pine and fresh bread and Grammie's handmade candles. But as her parents head back to suburban Virginia, they have no idea they're about to cross paths with a ticking time bomb. Back in Kentucky, Thea and her grandmother Lucy both awaken from the same nightmare. And though the two have never discussed the special kind of sight they share, they know as soon as their tearful eyes meet that something terrible has happened..

Romano-Lax, Andromeda - THE DEEPEST LAKE

Rose, the mother of 20-something aspiring writer Jules, has waited three months for answers about her daughter's death. Why was she swimming alone when she feared the water? Why did she stop texting days before?

Rouda, Kaira - UNDER THE PALMS

Still clinging to the hope of succession are the sons of Richard

Kingsley, the family patriarch and CEO: John, the oldest, who's clawed his way back from a dark tragedy, and Paige's estranged husband, Ted, the golden boy..

Shenje, Kuchenga - THE LIBRARY THIEF

1896. After he brought her home from Jamaica as a baby, Florence's father had her hair hot-combed to make her look like the other girls. But as a young woman, Florence is not so easy to tame

Solvinic, Nicola - THE HUNTER'S DAUGHTER

Anna Koray escaped her father's darkness long ago. When she was a girl, her childhood memories were sealed away from her conscious mind by a controversial hypnosis treatment. She's now a decorated sheriff's lieutenant serving a rural county, conducting an ordinary life far from her father's shadow.

Sullivan, Mark – ALL THE GLIMMERING STARS

Inspired by a true story, two teens kidnapped by an African warlord find salvation through love in a powerful and healing historical novel! Anthony Opoka and Florence Okori are coming of age in Uganda in the 1990s. Outstanding students, they believe in being good humans before they are kidnapped and forced into the fanatical Lord's Resistance Army. In a legion of young recruits, no one gets closer than Anthony to powerful messianic warlord Joseph Kony and his darkest secrets..

Turton, Stuart – THE LAST MURDER AT THE END OF THE WORLD

London author Stuart Turton specializes in high-concept murder mysteries spiked with sci-fi twists and lateral thinking. His new book features a bizarre death on an isolated island with exactly 125 citizens. Well, 124. Meanwhile, the island's glitchy security system is fending off the deadly fog that's swept the rest of the planet. Everybody's pretty tense

Ware, Ruth – ONE PERFECT COUPLE

Lyla is in a bit of a rut. Her post-doctoral research has fizzled out, she's pretty sure they won't extend her contract, and things with her boyfriend, Nico, an aspiring actor, aren't going great..

Weaver, Ashley - LOCKED IN PURSUIT, (Electra McDonnell #4)

Safecracker Ellie McDonnell hasn't seen Major Ramsey – her handsome but aloof handler in the British government – since their tumultuous mission together three months before, but when she hears about a suspicious robbery in London she feels compelled to contact him..

Whishaw, Iona - LIGHTNING STRIKES THE SILENCE

A warm June afternoon in King's Cove is interrupted by an explosion. Following the sound, Lane goes to investigate. Up a steep path she discovers a secluded cabin and, hiding nearby, a young Japanese girl injured and mute, but very much alive.

White, Kate – THE LAST TIME SHE SAW HIM

As Kiki Reed heads out to a party at a friend's house in the Connecticut countryside, she's more than a little nervous. Her ex-fiancé Jamie, a great guy who just wasn't “the one,” will be attending.

GLUTEN-FREE ROCKY ROAD BROWNIES

Yield: 9 large or 12 medium squares

Ingredients:

- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, cut into pieces, plus more for pan
- 1 bag (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup packed light-brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tsp espresso powder
- 2 large eggs
- ¾ cup gluten-free flour blend
- 1 ½ cups marshmallows
- ½ cup chopped nuts

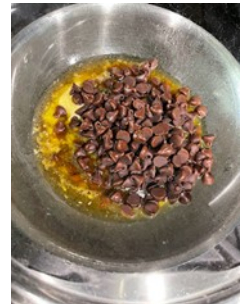
Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line an 8-inch-square baking pan with parchment paper, leaving an overhang on two sides.

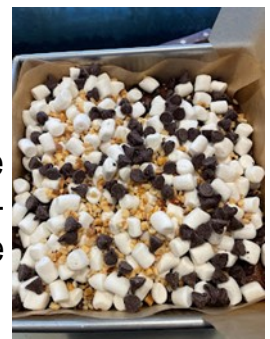


In a heatproof bowl set over (not in) a saucepan of simmering water, combine butter and 1 cup chocolate chips. Heat, stirring occasionally, just until melted, 3 to 5 minutes.

Remove mixture from heat; stir in sugars, vanilla, salt, then eggs, and finally flour and espresso powder, stirring just until combined.



Spread batter evenly in prepared pan. Bake 30 minutes. The center should not be jiggly at this point. Remove from oven, and sprinkle with most of the remaining chocolate chips (reserve some for the very top), then marshmallows, then nuts, then the rest of your chocolate chips.



Bake until chocolate is shiny and marshmallows are puffed, about 5 minutes. (My marshmallows did not puff very much. They were also firmer than my usual brand.) Cool completely in pan. Using paper overhang, lift cake onto a work surface; cut into 16 squares. These were delicious! If you want to toast the marshmallows and make them gooey right before serving, you can stick them under the broiler for a minute - but keep an eye on them!

Recipe by Libby Klein, one of twelve mystery authors on MYSTERY LOVERS' KITCHEN