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KPL Fiction Spotlight April 2016

Piece of Mind

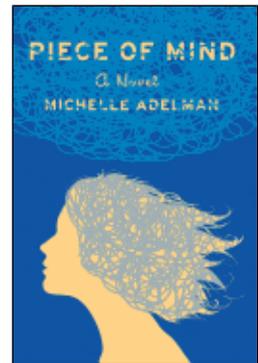
by Michelle Adelman

Published 2016 by W. W. Norton & Company

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780393245707

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Jacket Notes:



At twenty-seven, Lucy knows everything about coffee, comic books, and Gus (the polar bear at the Central Park Zoo), and she possesses a rare gift for drawing. But since she suffered a traumatic brain injury at the age of three, she has had trouble relating to most people. She is also uncommonly messy, woefully disorganized, and incapable of holding down a regular job. When unexpected circumstances force her out of the comfortable and protective Jewish home where she was raised and into a cramped studio apartment in New York City with her college-age younger brother, she must adapt to an entirely different life one with no safety net. Over the course of a challenging summer, Lucy is forced to discover that she has more strengths than she herself knew."

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Publishers Weekly 12/07/2015

Adelman's debut novel is a moving story of grief, resilience, and self-actualization. Since suffering a traumatic brain injury at the age of three, Lucy has felt misunderstood by her peers. She prefers to spend time with animals, drawing them with unusual skill and empathy. At 27, Lucy feels like she is simply existing rather than living: she resides with her father in her suburban childhood home outside Manhattan and has fallen into a complacent routine. But when her father dies unexpectedly, Lucy is forced to leave a familiar life behind and move into her younger brother's studio apartment in New York City, where she is thrown into a series of unfamiliar circumstances that lead her to discover her strength. As Lucy becomes more self-aware, she begins to better understand those around her, most poignantly her brother, whom she previously imagined to be perfect. Adelman fully inhabits Lucy's voice, and the resulting tale is as realistic as it is uplifting. "(Feb.)" Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Ex

by Alafair Burke
Published 2016 by Harper

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062390486

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Jacket Notes:



Twenty years ago she ruined his life.

Now she has the chance to save it.

Olivia Randall is one of New York City's best criminal defense lawyers. When she hears that her former fiancé, Jack Harris, has been arrested for a triple homicide and that one of the victims was connected to his wife's murder three years earlier, there is no doubt in her mind as to his innocence. The only question is, who would go to such great lengths to frame him and why?

For Olivia, representing Jack is a way to make up for past regrets and absolve herself of guilt from a tragic decision, a secret she has held for twenty years. But as the evidence against him mounts, she is forced to confront her doubts. The man she knew could not have done this. But what if she never really knew him?"

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Publishers Weekly 10/26/2015

Near the start of bestseller Burke's gripping standalone, New York City DA Olivia Randall receives a desperate phone call from the school-age daughter of her ex-fiance, Jack Harris, whose wife, Molly, was killed in a mass shooting three years earlier at Manhattan's Penn Station. Jack has now been implicated in a triple murder, one of the victims was partly responsible for Molly's death, and his only defense is his flimsy claim that at the time he had an assignation with a mysterious woman he first saw drinking champagne and reading a book on a Hudson River pier. As Olivia sets out to clear his name, she begins to wonder whether Jack is not the devoted, kind, and decent man she remembers. Internally conflicted but outwardly brash, Olivia makes an appealingly bold protagonist, and while the final twist may disappoint some readers, Burke ("If I Were You" keeps the suspense high throughout, prying open mysteries of relationships and perception. Agent: Philip Spitzer, Philip Spitzer Literary Agency. (Jan.) Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

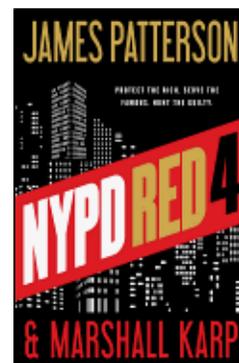
NYPD Red 4

by James Patterson
Published 2016 by Little Brown and Company

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316407069

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Jacket Notes:



An audacious jewel heist. A murdered actress. A killer case for NYPD Red.

In a city where crime never sleeps, NYPD Red is the elite task force called in only when a case involves the rich, famous, and connected. Detective Zach Jordan and his partner, Kylie MacDonald--the woman who broke his heart at the police academy--are the best of the best, brilliant and tireless investigators who will stop at nothing to catch a criminal, even if it means antagonizing the same high-flying citizens they're supposed to be helping.

When a glitzy movie premiere is the scene of a shocking murder and high-stakes robbery, NYPD Red gets the call. Traversing the city's highs and lows, from celebrity penthouses to the depths of Manhattan's criminal underworld, Zach and Kylie have to find a cold-blooded killer--before he strikes again.

NYPD Red 4 is the next sensational thriller by James Patterson, the #1 bestselling crime writer of all time.

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Girl's Guide to Moving on

by Debbie Macomber

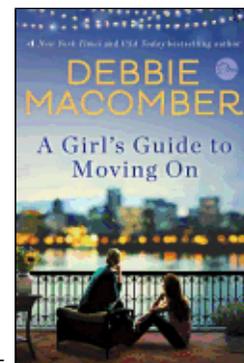
Published 2016 by Ballantine Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780553391923

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Jacket Notes:

In this powerful and uplifting novel from #1 "New York Times" bestselling author Debbie Macomber, a mother and her daughter-in-law bravely leave their troubled marriages and face the challenge of starting over. Leaning on each other, Nichole and Leanne discover that their inner strength and capacity for love are greater than they ever imagined.



When Nichole discovers that her husband, Jake, has been unfaithful, the illusion of her perfect life is indelibly shattered. While juggling her young son, a new job, and volunteer work, Nichole meets Rocco, who is the opposite of Jake in nearly every way. Though blunt-spoken and rough around the edges, Rocco proves to be a dedicated father and thoughtful friend. But just as their relationship begins to blossom, Jake wagers everything on winning Nichole back including their son Owen's happiness. Somehow, Nichole must find the courage to defy her fears and follow her heart, with far-reaching consequences for them all.

Leanne has quietly ignored her husband's cheating for decades, but is jolted into action by the echo of Nichole's all-too-familiar crisis. While volunteering as a teacher of English as a second language, Leanne meets Nikolai, a charming, talented baker from Ukraine. Resolved to avoid the heartache and complications of romantic entanglements, Leanne nonetheless finds it difficult to resist Nikolai's effusive overtures until an unexpected tragedy tests the very fabric of her commitments.

An inspiring novel of friendship, reinvention, and hope, "A Girl's Guide to Moving On" affirms the ability of every woman to forge a new path, believe in love, and fearlessly find happiness.

Advance praise for "A Girl's Guide to Moving On"

Debbie Macomber's finest novel. Betrayal and sorrow can happen in any stage of life and, in this wonderful story, her very nimble hands weave a spectacular kaleidoscope of courage, struggles, and finally joyous redemption and reinvention. Macomber totally understands the human heart. I absolutely loved it! Dorothea Benton Frank, "New York Times" bestselling author of "All the Single Ladies"

Whispers a message of love, hope, and, yes, reinvention to every woman who has ever wondered Is that all there is? I predict every diehard Macomber fan as well as legions of readers new to the Macomber magic will be cheering for Leanne and Nichole, and clamoring for more, more, more. Mary Kay Andrews, "New York Times" bestselling author of "Beach Town, Ladies Night," and "Summer Rental"

Macomber is a master at pulling heartstrings, and readers will delight in this heartwarming story of friendship, love, and second chances. Leanne, Nichole, Rocco, and Nikolai will renew your faith in love and hope. The perfect read curled up in front of the fire or on a beach, it's as satisfying as a slice of freshly baked bread wholesome, pleasantly filling, and delicious. Karen White, "New York Times" bestselling author of "Flight Patterns"

Beloved author Debbie Macomber reaches new heights in this wise and beautiful novel. It's the kind of reading experience that comes along only rarely, bearing the hallmarks of a classic. The timeless wisdom in these pages will stay with you long after the book is closed. Susan Wiggs, #1 "New York Times" bestselling author of "Starlight on Willow Lake"

Debbie dazzles! A wonderful story of friendship, forgiveness and the power of love. I devoured every page! Susan Mallery, #1 "New York Times" bestselling author of "The Friends We Keep"

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Flight of Dreams

by Ariel Lawhon

Published 2016 by Doubleday Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780385540025

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Jacket Notes:

"At every page a guilty secret bobs up; at every page Lawhon keeps us guessing. Who will bring down the Hindenburg? And how?"

"-- New York Times Book Review"

On the evening of May 3rd, 1937, ninety-seven people board the Hindenburg for its final, doomed flight to Lakehurst, New Jersey. Among them are a frightened stewardess who is not what she seems; the steadfast navigator determined to win her heart; a naive cabin boy eager to earn a permanent spot on the world's largest airship; an impetuous journalist who has been blacklisted in her native Germany; and an enigmatic American businessman with a score to settle. Over the course of three hazy, champagne-soaked days their lies, fears, agendas, and hopes for the future are revealed.

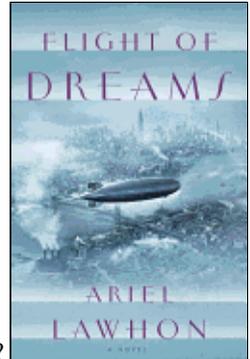
"Flight of Dreams" is a fiercely intimate portrait of the real people on board the last flight of the Hindenburg. Behind them is the gathering storm in Europe and before them is looming disaster. But for the moment they float over the Atlantic, unaware of the inexorable, tragic fate that awaits them.

Brilliantly exploring one of the most enduring mysteries of the twentieth century, "Flight of Dreams" is that rare novel with spellbinding plotting that keeps you guessing till the last page and breathtaking emotional intensity that stays with you long after."

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Publishers Weekly 12/07/2015

For her second outing, Lawhon ("The Wife, the Maid, and the Mistress" once again reimagines a front-page news event, filling in the entertaining backstory with passion, secrets, and nail-biting suspense, this time taking on the disastrous crash of the "Hindenburg" in 1937. Using the actual passenger list from the doomed airship, the author has concocted a romance between two key crew members, Max Zabel, one of the ship's navigators, and Emilie Imhoff, the first German stewardess hired for an airship. Since the definitive cause of the "Hindenburg's" demise remains a mystery, Lawhon has conceived a plausible explanation that involves an act of revenge against one of the crew members, who, in World War I, flew the airship that bombed London and killed an American passenger's brother. The tale is fleshed out with other characters, including a lively acrobatic entertainer named Joseph Spah; a journalist, Gertrud Adelt, whose press credentials were recently revoked by the Nazis for her outspokenness; and the cabin boy, Werner Franz, whose trip on the "Hindenburg" was more of a passage to adulthood than he ever could have imagined. Lawhon threads many stories together, connecting passengers and crew and bringing behind-the-scenes depth and humanity to a great 20th-century tragedy even though we all know the "Hindenburg's" fate. (Feb.) Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.



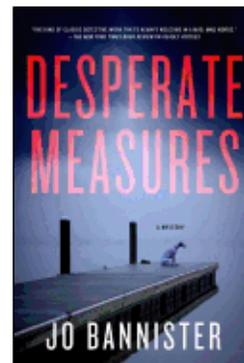
Desperate Measures: A Mystery

by Jo Bannister

Published 2015 by Minotaur Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781250075666

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Jacket Notes:

When Gabriel Ash's wife and kids were kidnapped four years ago by Somali pirates, his life spiraled out of control. He left his job working for the British government and moved to a small town where he descended into near madness. But with the help of his dog, Patience, and his friendship with young police officer Hazel Best, his focus returned. So when he discovers that his wife is still alive, Ash is once again filled with hope and fear. Hope that he has another chance to find her and their two young sons; fear that, in trying, he may bring about their deaths.

Hazel is deeply worried for Ash. But even she is unprepared for what Ash seems willing to do to secure the safety of his wife and children. In fact, nothing is as it seems and loyalty, friendship, and family bonds will be called into question. When Ash learns who was behind the events that wrecked his life and his sanity, even the resourceful Hazel might not be able to keep him from getting hurt. How much is Ash willing to sacrifice in order to bring his family home and bring justice to those responsible?

Jo Bannister's police procedurals are widely praised for outstanding plotting and suspense, and their brilliant and compelling characterization. "Desperate Measures," the third novel in the series following "Deadly Virtues" and "Perfect Sins," is an engrossing novel from "one of the undersung treasures of the mystery genre." -"The Chicago Tribune"

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Publishers Weekly 10/05/2015

In Bannister's uneven third mystery featuring former security analyst Gabriel Ash and Norbold, England, police officer Hazel Best (after 2014's "Perfect Sins"), the pair learn that Ash's wife and two sons, kidnapped by Somali pirates four years earlier, are alive. The pirates promise to release them if Ash broadcasts his own suicide. With help from his former supervisor at the Home Office, he fakes his death and goes into hiding while intelligence agencies pursue the pirates. Meanwhile, Hazel becomes suspicious of his wife's account of captivity and launches her own investigation. Bannister relies on stereotypes and clichés for the shadowy Somali pirates, and other characters lack nuance and depth. The narrative often becomes bogged down in overabundant explication. Still, damaged Ash and chipper Hazel are a compelling-enough duo to keep readers turning pages. Ash's talking dog, Patience, will delight animal lovers, and a subplot involving a homeless teen provides a heartwarming contrast to Ash's conniving wife. "Agent: Jane Gregory, Gregory & Company (U.K.). (Dec.)" Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Breakdown

by Jonathan Kellerman

Published 2016 by Ballantine Books

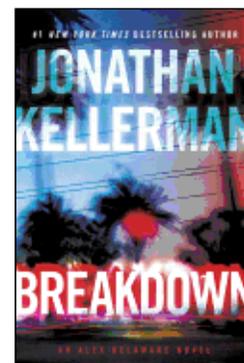
Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780345541406

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Jacket Notes:

Bestselling author Jonathan Kellerman has been universally hailed as the master of psychological suspense, and the blockbuster new thriller featuring Alex Delaware and Milo Sturgis confirms his status as today's preeminent practitioner of saber-sharp storytelling.

Psychologist Dr. Alex Delaware meets beautiful and emotionally fragile TV actress Zelda Chase when called upon to evaluate her five-year-old son, Ovid. Years later, Alex is unexpectedly reunited with Zelda when she is involuntarily committed after a bizarre psychotic episode. Shortly after Zelda's



release, an already sad situation turns tragic when she is discovered dead on the grounds of a palatial Bel Air estate. Having experienced more than enough of L.A.'s dark side to recognize the scent of evil, Alex turns to his friend LAPD Lieutenant Milo Sturgis for help in finding out who ended Zelda's broken life.

At the same time, Alex is caught up in another quest: the search for Zelda's missing son. And when other victims vanish from the same upscale neighborhood, worry turns to terror.

As Alex struggles to piece together the brief rise and steep fall of a gorgeous, talented actress, he and Milo unveil shattered dreams, the corruption of a family, and a grotesque betrayal of innocence. With each devastating revelation and damning clue, Alex's brilliant mind is challenged as never before and his determination grows to see a killer caged and the truth set free.

Praise for Jonathan Kellerman

Jonathan Kellerman's psychology skills and dark imagination are a potent literary mix. "Los Angeles Times"

""

Kellerman doesn't just write psychological thrillers he owns the genre. "Detroit Free Press""

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Saving Jason (Fourth book in the Jason Stafford Novels series)

by Michael Sears

Published 2016 by G.P. Putnam's Sons

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780399166723

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Jacket Notes:

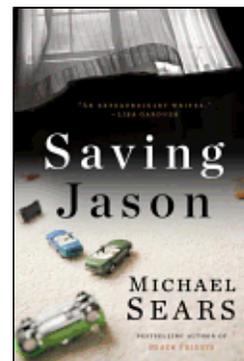
The latest Jason Stafford novel from Michael Sears, author of the highly acclaimed "Long Way Down" and "Black Fridays."

Jason Stafford used to be a hot Wall Street trader, went too far, and paid for it in prison. Now a financial investigator, he's been asked to look into rumors of a hostile takeover of his firm, but he has no idea it will turn his whole life upside down. Suddenly embroiled in a grand jury investigation of Mob-related activities on Wall Street, and threatened by some very serious men, he is thrust into witness protection with his young autistic son. And then his son disappears. Has he been kidnapped, or worse? With no choice but to act, Stafford has no choice but to come out of hiding and risk everything to save his son, his firm, his pregnant girlfriend and himself."

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Publishers Weekly 12/07/2015

Sears's exciting fourth novel featuring disgraced Wall Street trader Jason Stafford (after 2015's "Long Way Down" finds Stafford, now a financial fraud investigator, sneaking onto a Long Island farm that might be the nexus of some shady stock trades. In the book's best sequence, he narrowly outruns the farm's security staff and a herd of cranky bison. But after a colleague is killed, Stafford is swept up into a federal investigation and is forced to go into the witness protection program along with his autistic seven-year-old son, also named Jason but known as the Kid, and a pair of bodyguards in New Mexico, where they are hunted by mobsters. The high point of this rather too-lengthy section is Stafford's heroic efforts to locate his runaway son in the wilderness. Back in New York City, he executes a clever ploy to extricate himself from both the feds and the mob. Stafford is a flawed protagonist who is resourceful and touchingly vulnerable. Agent: Judith Weber, Sobol Weber Associates. (Feb.) Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.



Brotherhood in Death

by J D Robb

Published 2016 by Berkley Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780399170898

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Jacket Notes:

The new novel featuring homicide detective Eve Dallas from the #1 "New York Times" bestselling author of "Devoted in Death."

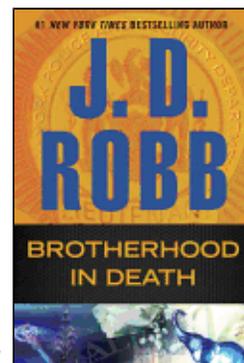
"Sometimes brotherhood can be another word for conspiracy. . . ."

Dennis Mira just had two unpleasant surprises. First he learned that his cousin Edward was secretly meeting with a real estate agent about their late grandfather's magnificent West Village brownstone, despite the promise they both made to keep it in the family. Then, when he went to the house to confront Edward about it, he got a blunt object to the back of the head.

Luckily Dennis is married to Charlotte Mira, the NYPSD's top profiler and a good friend of Lieutenant Eve Dallas. When the two arrive on the scene, he explains that the last thing he saw was Edward in a chair, bruised and bloody. When he came to, his cousin was gone. With the mess cleaned up and the security disks removed, there's nothing left behind but a few traces for forensics to analyze.

As a former lawyer, judge, and senator, Edward Mira mingled with the elite and crossed paths with criminals, making enemies on a regular basis. Like so many politicians, he also made some very close friends behind closed and locked doors. But a badge and a billionaire husband can get you into places others can't go, and Eve intends to shine some light on the dirty deals and dark motives behind the disappearance of a powerful man, the family discord over a multimillion-dollar piece of real estate . . . and a new case that no one saw coming."

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Wolves

(Tenth book in the John Wells Novel series)

by Alex Berenson

Published 2016 by G.P. Putnam's Sons

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780399176142

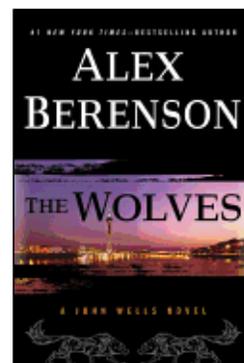
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Jacket Notes:

The latest thriller from the "New York Times" bestselling author of "Twelve Days," Alex Berenson.

John Wells has just barely managed to stop an operation designed to drive the United States and Iran into war, but the instigator himself disappeared behind an impenetrable war of security. Now it's time for him to pay, and Wells has made it his personal mission. There are plenty of crosscurrents at work, though. The White House doesn't want anybody stirring the pot; his old CIA bosses have their own agendas; other countries are starting to sniff around, sensing something unusual. It is when Russia and China enter the mix, however, that the whole affair is set to combust. With alarming speed, Wells is once again on his own . . . and the wolves are closing in."

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Publishers Weekly 12/07/2015

Edgar-winner Berenson's exhilarating 10th spy thriller featuring ex-CIA agent John Wells wraps up a trilogy within the series that started with 2014's "The Counterfeit Agent." With the tacit approval of the U.S. president, Wells sets out to kill American billionaire Aaron Duberman, who almost tricked the U.S. into invading Iran in 2015's "Twelve Days." Duberman, a casino magnate with vast holdings in Macao, is now hiding out in his mansion high atop Hong Kong's Victoria Peak. Wells, deeply undercover and using the latest in surveillance technology as well as gut-level tradecraft, spends weeks trying to find a crack in Duberman's security armor. It finally comes when the Chinese and the Russians both become intrigued by the prospect of exploiting Duberman's vulnerability. Typically unflappable in tight situations, Wells uncharacteristically freezes up at one point. Yet when the call of duty summons, Wells rises to the occasion; his emotions may be mixed, but he still puts on a great show for readers. "Author tour. Agent: Heather Schroder, ICM. (Feb.)" Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Morning Star (Third book in the Red Rising Trilogy series)

by Pierce Brown

Published 2016 by Del Rey Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780345539847

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Jacket Notes:

"Red Rising" thrilled readers and announced the presence of a talented new author. "Golden Son" changed the game and took the story of Darrow to the next level. Now comes the exhilarating conclusion to the Red Rising Trilogy: "Morning Star."

Darrow would have lived in peace, but his enemies brought him war. The Gold overlords demanded his obedience, hanged his wife, and enslaved his people. But Darrow is determined to fight back. Risking everything to transform himself and breach Gold society, Darrow has battled to survive the cutthroat rivalries that breed Society's mightiest warriors, climbed the ranks, and waited patiently to unleash the revolution that will tear the hierarchy apart from within.

Finally, the time has come.

But devotion to honor and hunger for vengeance run deep on both sides. Darrow and his comrades-in-arms face powerful enemies without scruple or mercy. Among them are some Darrow once considered friends. To win, Darrow will need to inspire those shackled in darkness to break their chains, unmake the world their cruel masters have built, and claim a destiny too long denied and too glorious to surrender.

Praise for "Morning Star"

""

You could call [Pierce] Brown science fiction's best-kept secret. In "Morning Star," the trilogy's devastating and inspiring final chapter, . . . he flirts with volume, oscillating between thundering space escapes and hushed, tense parleys between rivals, where the cinematic dialogue oozes such specificity and suspense you could almost hear a pin drop between pages. His achievement is in creating an uncomfortably familiar world of flaw, fear, and promise. "Entertainment Weekly"

""

A page-turning epic filled with twists and turns . . . The conclusion to Brown's saga is simply stellar. "Booklist" (starred review)

Multilayered and seething with characters who exist in a shadow world between history and myth, much as in Frank Herbert's "Dune" . . . an ambitious and satisfying conclusion to a monumental saga. "Kirkus Reviews"

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She's Not There

by Joy Fielding

Published 2016 by Ballantine Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781101966877

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Jacket Notes:

A vanished child, a family in turmoil, and a fateful phone call that brings the torments of the past into the harrowing present . . . the "New York Times" bestselling author of "Someone Is Watching" weaves these spellbinding elements into a gripping novel of psychological suspense a must-read for fans of Laura Lippman and Mary Higgins Clark.

" I think my real name is Samantha. I think I m your daughter. "

Caroline Shipley s heart nearly stops when she hears those words from the voice on the other end of the phone. Instantly, she s thrust fifteen years into the past, to a posh resort in Baja, Mexico and the fateful night her world collapsed.

The trip is supposed to be a celebration. Caroline s husband, Hunter, convinces her to leave their two young daughters, Michelle and Samantha, alone in their hotel suite while the couple enjoys an anniversary dinner in the restaurant downstairs. But returning afterward, Caroline and Hunter make a horrifying discovery: Two-year-old Samantha has vanished without a trace.

What follows are days, weeks, and years of anguish for Caroline. She s tormented by media attention that has branded her a cold, incompetent mother, while she struggles to save her marriage. Caroline also has to deal with the demands of her needy elder daughter, Michelle, who is driven to cope in dangerous ways. Through it all, Caroline desperately clings to the hope that Samantha will someday be found only to be stung again and again by cruel reality.

Plunged back into the still-raw heartbreak of her daughter s disappearance, and the suspicions and inconsistencies surrounding a case long gone cold, Caroline doesn t know whom or what to believe. The only thing she can be sure of is that someone is fiercely determined to hide the truth of what happened to Samantha.

Praise for Joy Fielding s "Someone Is Watching"

"Someone Is Watching" gripped me from the first to the very last page. Bailey Carpenter is a heroine who s both victim and warrior woman, a fascinating sleuth who will linger with you long after you ve finished this thrilling read. Tess Gerritsen

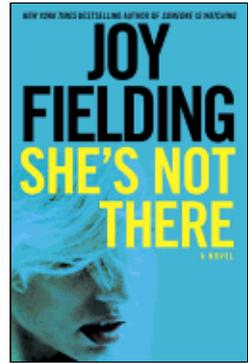
Fielding pens a spiraling tale of paranoia and suspense, as sultry as a Miami night. Jenny Milchman

An edge-of-your-seat read . . . With Fielding s patented blend of complex characters and escalating suspense, she is in top form here. Karen Robards

Engrossing . . . The characters pulsate with life. "Publishers Weekly" (starred review)

A gripping, fast-paced psychological thriller . . . Fielding s story of one woman s search for justice, understanding, and internal peace is nothing short of arresting. "Booklist "(starred review)"

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Queen of the Night

by Alexander Chee

Published 2016 by Houghton Mifflin

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780618663026

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Jacket Notes:

This book is a glorious performance . . . Enveloping, seductive. Karen Russell

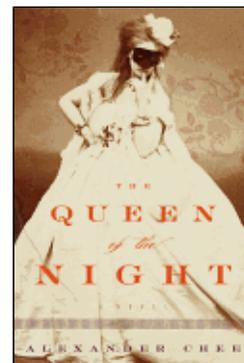
From a writer praised by Junot Diaz as the fire, in my opinion, and the light, a mesmerizing novel that follows one woman's rise from circus rider to courtesan to world-renowned diva

Lilliet Berne is a sensation of the Paris Opera, a legendary soprano with every accolade except an original role, every singer's chance at immortality. When one is finally offered to her, she realizes with alarm that the libretto is based on a hidden piece of her past. Only four could have betrayed her: one is dead, one loves her, one wants to own her. And one, she hopes, never thinks of her at all. As she mines her memories for clues, she recalls her life as an orphan who left the American frontier for Europe and was swept up into the glitzy, gritty world of Second Empire Paris. In order to survive, she transformed herself from hippodrome rider to courtesan, from empress's maid to debut singer, all the while weaving a complicated web of romance, obligation, and political intrigue. Featuring a cast of characters drawn from history, "The Queen of the Night" follows Lilliet as she moves ever closer to the truth behind the mysterious opera and the role that could secure her reputation -- or destroy her with the secrets it reveals."

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Publishers Weekly 10/26/2015

Cheer's lush and sweeping second novel uses a strikingly different setting from "Edinburgh" his accomplished debut, but shares its musical themes and boldness. In 1882 Paris, the soprano known as Lilliet Berne is a celebrated opera star with an unforgettable but vulnerable voice. When a stranger offers her the chance to originate a new opera's leading role, she discovers that the work retells her scandalous hidden history. As she attempts to discover which of four individuals from her past revealed her secrets, she recalls the circus troupe in which she first performed, her days as a servant to France's Empress Eugenie, and her time as a prostitute. Chee memorably depicts the shifting fortunes of France and historical figures including Napoleon III whose wife, Eugenie, and her rival, the Countess di Castiglione, play pivotal roles in Lilliet's story and George Sand. But opera as much as history shapes the novel, with nods to "The Magic Flute" among other works. Though the momentum flags in the book's lengthy central sections, Chee's voice, at once dreamy and dramatic, never falters; Lilliet's cycle of reinventions is a moving meditation on the transformative power of fate, art, time, and sheer survival. Agent: Jin Auh, Wylie Agency. (Feb.) Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.



Quality of Silence

by Rosamund Lupton

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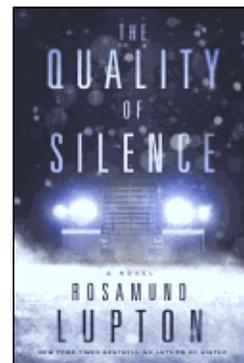
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Jacket Notes:

The gripping, moving story of a mother and daughter's quest to uncover a dark secret in the Alaskan wilderness, from the "New York Times" bestselling author of "Sister" and "Afterwards"

Thrillingly suspenseful and atmospheric, "The Quality of Silence" is the story of Yasmin, a beautiful astrophysicist, and her precocious deaf daughter, Ruby, who arrive in a remote part of Alaska to be told that Ruby's father, Matt, has been the victim of a catastrophic accident. Unable to accept his death as truth, Yasmin and Ruby set out into the hostile winter of the Alaskan tundra in search of answers. But as a storm closes in, Yasmin realizes that a very human danger may be keeping pace with them. And with no one else on the road to help, they must keep moving, alone and terrified, through an endless Alaskan night.

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Publishers Weekly 12/21/2015

Astrophysicist Yasmin Alfredson, the heroine of this heart-stopping page-turner from bestseller Lupton ("Afterwards", makes a desperate gamble to save her marriage and flies with her deaf 10-year-old daughter, Ruby, from their home in London to Alaska, where her husband, Matt, a wildlife filmmaker, has been shooting in a remote area north of the Arctic Circle. At the airport in Fairbanks, police tell a stunned Yasmin that Matt is dead, one of two dozen victims of a freakish fire that wiped out the Inuit hamlet where he was based. But in the absence of identifiable remains, she isn't buying it, and even in the face of a looming winter storm, she resolves to get herself and Ruby, whom she has managed to keep somewhat shielded from the news (despite what the girl can glean from lip reading), the almost 500 miles on a two-lane ice road to hunt for her husband. Lupton limns a starkly beautiful story at once as expansive as the aurora borealis and as intimate as a mother and daughter finally learning to truly hear each another. Agent: Felicity Blunt, Curtis Brown. (Feb.) Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Find Her

by Lisa Gardner

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Jacket Notes:

"Flora Dane is a victim."

Seven years ago, carefree college student Flora was kidnapped while on spring break. For 472 days, Flora learned just how much one person can endure.

"Flora Dane is a survivor."

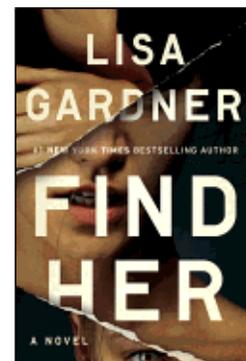
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Miraculously alive after her ordeal, Flora has spent the past five years reacquainting herself with the rhythms of normal life, working with her FBI victim advocate, Samuel Keynes. She has a mother who's never stopped loving her, a brother who is scared of the person she's become, and a bedroom wall covered with photos of other girls who've never made it home.

"Flora Dane is reckless."

... or is she? When Boston detective D. D. Warren is called to the scene of a crime a dead man and the bound, naked woman who killed him she learns that Flora has tangled with three other suspects since her return to society. Is Flora a victim or a vigilante? And with her firsthand knowledge of criminal behavior, could she hold the key to rescuing a missing college student whose abduction has rocked Boston? When Flora herself disappears, D.D. realizes a far more sinister predator is out there. One who's determined that this time, Flora Dane will never escape. And now it is all up to D. D. Warren to "find her."

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Publishers Weekly 11/30/2015

Florence aFloraa Dane, the victim and survivor at the center of bestseller Gardner's compelling eighth novel featuring Boston Sgt. Det. D.D. Warren (after 2014's "Fear Nothing", has a flat affect and a burning compulsion to meet sexual predators five years after the FBI rescued her from a man who abducted her while she was a UMass student, imprisoning her in a coffin for 472 days. He also raped her repeatedly. One night in a bar, Flora has an encounter with a pick-up she refers to as aMr. Havenat I Seen You Around Here Beforea that leads to a fatal confrontation and to her meeting D.D., who wonders whether Flora can assist in the case of Stacey Summers, a Boston College student who has been missing for three months. As D.D.'s investigation progresses, the reader is treated to fascinating insights into the psychology of sadistic sexual predators, trauma bonding, and the effects violent crime have on victims and loved ones. "Agent: Meg Ruley, Jane Rotrosen Agency. (Feb.)" Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

I'll See You in Paris

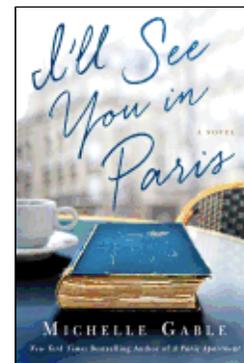
by Michelle Gable

Published 2016 by Thomas Dunne Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781250070630

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Jacket Notes:



"New York Times "Best Selling Author of "A Paris Apartment"

Three women, born generations apart.

One mysterious book that threads their lives together.

A journey of love, discovery, and truth

"I'll See You in Paris "is based on the real life of Gladys Spencer-Churchill, the Duchess of Marlborough, a woman whose life was so rich and storied it could fill several books. Nearly a century after Gladys's heyday, a young woman's quest to understand the legendary Duchess takes her from a charming hamlet in the English countryside, to a dilapidated manse kept behind barbed wire, and ultimately, to Paris, where answers will be found at last. In the end, she not only solves the riddle of the Duchess but also uncovers the missing pieces in her own life.

At once a great love story and literary mystery, "I'll See You in Paris" will entertain and delight, with an unexpected ending that will leave readers satisfied and eager for Gable's next novel."

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Seafront Tearoom

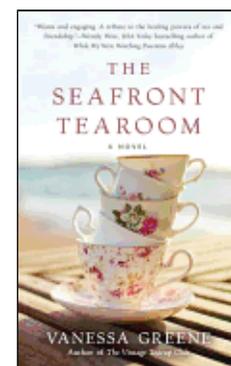
by Vanessa Greene

Published 2015 by Berkley Books

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Jacket Notes:



From the author of "The Vintage Teacup Club"

The first rule of afternoon tea: never rush. Take time to savor it. Just like friendship

The Seafront Tearoom is an insider secret in small-town Scarborough a beach-front haven with the best tea and cakes in town and journalist Charlie Harrison would love to put it on the map with a feature in her magazine. But single mom Kat Murray doesn't want to see her favorite sanctuary overrun by tourists, and begs Charlie to seek out other options. She offers her help, as a tea obsessive, and so does French au pair Seraphine Moreau, whose upbringing makes her a connoisseur of everything sweet and indulgent.

Together the three women will scour the countryside for quaint hideaways and hidden gems, sharing along the way their secrets, disappointments, and dreams and discovering that friendship, like tea, takes time to steep. But learning too that once you open your heart, the possibilities are endless.

Reading Guide Included"

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Prime Time

by Hank Phillippi Ryan

Published 2016 by Forge

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9780765384751

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Jacket Notes:

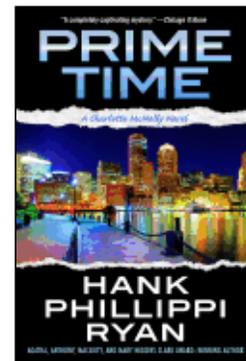
Seasoned investigative reporter Charlotte McNally knows that in the cutthroat world of television journalism, every story could be your last. There s always someone younger and prettier to take your place, always a story more sensational to drive ratings through the roof.

When Brad Foreman s widow demands to know why Charlie never answered his email, Charlie is confused. She never received his message. What did Brad, an accountant at a pharmaceutical company, want to tell her? As she searches through her computer, she finds an innocent-looking email in her junk mail folder that may turn out to be the biggest story of her career.

Is the encoded email--and the ones that follow--linked to Brad s accidental death? Charlie s investigation leads her to Brad s friend, professor Josh Gelston, who is charming and exceedingly helpful--perhaps suspiciously so.

Charlie must decide if she can trust Josh before a multimillion-dollar fraud ring with murder in its arsenal makes her the next lead story."

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Center of the World

by Jacqueline Sheehan

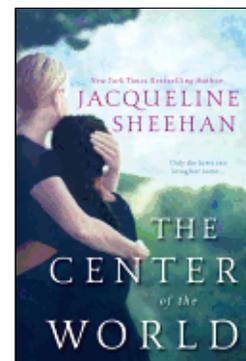
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Jacket Notes:

An epic story of war and peace, love and fear, family and friendship. Lori Nelson Spielman



"In "New York Times" bestselling author Jacqueline Sheehan's evocative and emotionally compelling novel, a mother and her adopted daughter each embark on a journey of self-discovery in the wake of a stunning revelation."

How do you keep a secret so huge that it could devastate everyone you care about? For Kate Malloy, the answer is simple: one lie at a time. That's how she has protected her daughter for more than a dozen years, shielding her from a terrible truth. Sofia, a fifteen-year-old soccer star living in New England, believes she was born in Mexico and legally adopted by Kate. But a posthumous letter from her stepfather tells Sofia a different story one of civil unrest and bloodshed, death-defying heroism and child-smuggling, harrowing sacrifice and desperate decisions.

Sofia's trust in her mother is shattered. At last Kate must do what she knows is right accompany Sofia back to Guatemala, the place where Kate found horror and heartache but also the greatest joy of her life. As mother and daughter confront the damage done by years of dangerous yet necessary deceptions, they discover how much love, hope, and happiness may still remain if they have the courage to face their past.

A searing tale of love and desperate acts set against a backdrop of surreal beauty and unspeakable cruelty. Enthralling, exhilarating. Suzanne Chazin

Page-turning storytelling . . . a deeply satisfying read. I loved this book. Randy Susan Meyers

Sheehan's writing is lively and vivid and her feel for historical detail is fine. "The New York Times"

Sheehan uses her skills as both a psychologist and a writer to create a solid, insightful story. "Kirkus Reviews"

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Publishers Weekly 12/21/2015

The latest from Sheehan (*Lost and Found*) is an emotionally charged tale that explores the mother-daughter bond, set against the backdrop of the Guatemalan Civil War and complete with beautiful prose despite the atrocities. It's 2003 and Sofia Malloy, grieving the loss of her stepfather, Martin, is unprepared for information contained in a posthumous letter she receives from him. She learns that everything she believed about her adoption is a lie and decides to confront her mother, Kate, who is forced to come clean. The story then jumps back to 1990, as Kate details her time as a grad student in Guatemala and how Sofia came into her life. Kate felt she was doing the right thing when she protected Sofia during the unrest in Santa Teresa. Feeling she has lost everything, Sofia is determined to discover the truth about her past, which will take her, along with her mother and grandfather, on a journey from Massachusetts to Guatemala. Will Kate lose the daughter she fought so hard to save? Sheehan's background in psychology is evident in the pinpoint family dynamics. Sophia's confusion and pain are palpable. Kate's regret, as well as her desire to make things right, is immediate and heartrending. Sheehan places the reader in the middle of war-torn Guatemala and expertly carries her narrative through war and peace, fear and security, and love and redemption. (Dec.) Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Death of a Nurse

by M C Beaton

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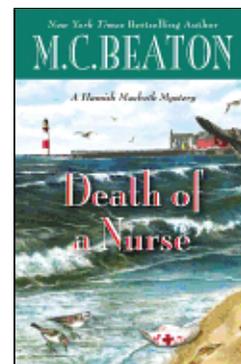
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Jacket Notes:

"M. C. Beaton's New York Times bestselling Hamish Macbeth series continues with a new mystery featuring Scotland's most quick-witted but unambitious policeman. James Harrison has recently moved to a restored hunting lodge in Sutherland with his gorgeous private nurse Gloria Dainty. When Hamish visits Mr. Harrison to welcome him to the neighborhood, the old man treats him very rudely. Gloria apologizes for her employer's behavior, and Hamish takes the plunge and invites her out for dinner. On the appointed evening, Hamish waits for Gloria at the restaurant. And waits. Gloria never shows up. Four days later, Gloria's body washes up on the beach near Braikie. Now without a date and without his former policeman Dick Fraser (who left the force to buy a bakery), Hamish must find out who killed the beautiful new resident of Sutherland, and why, before the murderer strikes again..."--

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Publishers Weekly 12/07/2015



In bestseller Beaton's by-the-numbers 32nd Hamish Macbeth mystery (after 2015's "Death of a Liar", the Lochdubh, Scotland, police sergeant meets Gloria Dainty, a beautiful private nurse, and arranges a date with her. Hamish doesn't understand why Gloria doesn't show, until he stumbles on her body at the bottom of a cliff. Det. Jimmy Anderson answers Hamish's call to the crime scene, followed almost immediately by brusque Insp. Fiona Herring, who takes charge. Hamish conducts his own investigation parallel to the official one, which focuses on elderly Percy Harrison, Gloria's patient, and Percy's housekeepers, Juris and Inga Janson. Complications run from the expected (Detective Chief Inspector Blair seeks to embarrass Hamish) to the unexpected (Col. George Halburton-Smythe tries to play detective). Hamish nimbly avoids bureaucratic pitfalls and shrewdly sniffs out deceptions as one murder leads to another, but this entry lacks the author's usual sparkle. Series fans will hope for its return in Hamish's next outing. "Agent: Barbara Lowenstein, Lowenstein Associates. (Feb.)" Copyright 2015 Publishers Weekly. Used with permission.

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