

# The Book Rack Newsletter

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## Trivia for August

“The temperature hit ninety degrees the day she arrived” was the opening line of one of the best-selling novels ever. What was it?

For the answer see below!

## Teachers

During the month of August as you prepare for the start of school and need to refresh your classroom library, come to **The Book Rack!** Buy 10 early reader books and get an additional 5 FREE! No limit, but the lowest priced books are the free ones, of course. Isn't that how it always is?? But, at **The Book Rack** we have our **Teachers Credit Account**. Many of our very generous customers have donated some of their store credit for teachers to use toward buying books for your classrooms. Instead of having to pay our full (but low) price, you can apply some of the donated store credit to reduce your cost even more. Just tell us the books are for your classroom.

# **NEW Additions to Our Inventory**

**A couple weeks ago we acquired @ 2500 books from an estate.**

**They cut across most genre, but were heavy in SciFi, Graphics, Writing Books, History, Science, Military History, Faith & Values (including Islam) and others. It will take quite a while to get them sorted and added to our inventory listing.**

**A VERY small sample of these books include:**

**Plato, The Collected Dialogues - Hamilton & Cairns**

**The Odd Quantum by Sam Treiman**

**Beyond the God Particle by Leon Lederman & Christopher Hill**

**Maimonides by Abraham Joshua Heschel**

**Tell Me Stories, A Look at Real and Artificial Memory by Roger C Shank**

**The Road to Reality, A Complete Guide to the Laws of the Universe by Roger Penrose**

**1938, Hitler's Gamble by Giles MacDonogh**

**Mars, The Mysterious Landscapes of the Red Planet by William Hartmann**

**What If's? of American History, Eminent Historians Imagine What Might Have Been by Robert Cowley**

**Being and Time by Martin Heidegger**

**Uranium, War, Energy, and the Rock that Shaped the World by Tom Zoellner**

**This Is Your Brain on Music, The Science of a Human Obsession by Daniel J Levitin**

**To the Outer Planets and Beyond, Voyager's Grand Tour by Henry Dethloff and Ronald Schorn**

**The Dark History of the Vikings by Martin J Dougherty**

**Some will be displayed in a special section up front while others will be incorporated into their natural genre in the store or on-line. Don't let these books get away, if they fall into your interest area. Some won't be added to our shelves simply because we don't have enough room. However, we're planning to include them in our on-line listing where you can**

see them and request them for purchase, still being able to use your credit, of course.

Did you know that we have some books in our on-line inventory listed in the \$100.00 to \$900.00 range and you can apply your credit toward  $\frac{1}{2}$  the purchase. Now, I realize you're probably not going to be interested in a \$900.00 book, but we also have many others at more modest prices that may interest you and your credit is still applicable.

## **\$25 Gift Certificate Winners!**

In January 2018 we began giving away two \$25.00 Gift Certificates to **The Book Rack** account holders each month. The names are selected from all our registered customers who have registered and/or had a trade or purchase since 1 January 2017. I download a listing of all our registered customers to a spreadsheet. Then select all who meet the drawing eligibility. Finally, using a random number generator identify the winners using their line number. For August there were 4739 eligible customers.

All a winner has to do is read the newsletter and find your name listed below, then come in and claim your reward. No purchase is required and you don't have to register separately from your initial account registration.

**The August 2018 winners are:**

**Stephanie Fox**

**Cathy Miller**

**Congratulations!**

**Just call or stop at the store on or before September 30 to claim your prize: a \$25 gift certificate from **The Book Rack**.**

# August Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

Admit You're Happy Month  
Romance Awareness Month

National Golf Month

3 – International Beer Day

4 – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

5 – International Forgiveness Day

9 – **Book Lovers Day**

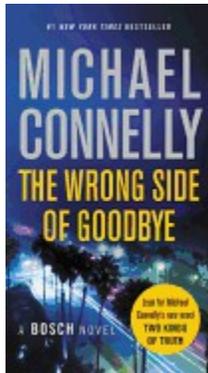
15 – Relaxation Day

21 – Senior Citizen's Day

26 – Women's Equality Day

## Book Reviews

The Wrong Side of Goodbye by Michael Connelly (2016)



Detective Harry Bosch must track down someone who may never have existed.

Harry Bosch is California's newest private investigator. He doesn't advertise, he doesn't have an office, and he's picky about who he works for, but it doesn't matter. His chops from thirty years with the LAPD speak for themselves.

Soon one of Southern California's biggest moguls comes calling. The reclusive billionaire is nearing the end of his life and is haunted by one regret. When he was young, he had a relationship with a Mexican girl, his great love. But soon after becoming pregnant, she disappeared. Did she have the baby? And if so, what happened to it?

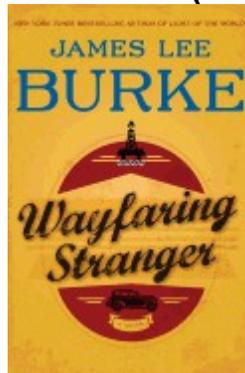
Desperate to know whether he has an heir, the dying magnate hires Bosch, the only person he can trust. With such a vast fortune at stake, Harry realizes that his mission could be risky not only for himself but for the one he's seeking. But as he begins to uncover the haunting story--and finds uncanny links to his own past--he knows he cannot rest until he finds the truth.

At the same time, unable to leave cop work behind completely, he volunteers as an investigator for a tiny cash-strapped police department and finds himself tracking a serial rapist who is one of the most baffling and dangerous foes he has ever faced.

Swift, unpredictable, and thrilling, *The Wrong Side of Goodbye* shows that Michael Connelly "continues to amaze with his consistent skill and sizzle" (*Cleveland Plain Dealer*).

After Not reading Connelly for several years I've now read 2 of his books in the last couple months. This one I picked up at the Prague, Czech Republic airport while Claudia & I waited for our long flight home. I had another book that just didn't seem likely to meet the need for a long, boring flight. I have no regrets! Connelly came through in a big way and the 12-hour trip seemed more like 5. I was engrossed the whole way. A great read and another A rating.

### **Wayfaring Stranger by James Lee Burke (2014)**



"WAYFARING STRANGER begins in West Texas in 1934. At age sixteen, Weldon Holland encounters Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker traveling with their accomplices after having just pulled off one of their notorious armed robberies. Weldon is smitten by Bonnie, but because of Clyde and Bonnie's duplicity and the disrespect they show his grandfather, Weldon ends up putting a bullet through the rear window of Clyde's stolen automobile. The story then jumps to 1944 and the Ardennes Forest and the Battle of the Bulge, where Second Lieutenant Weldon Holland saves his sergeant, Hershel Pine, from death by suffocation when he is buried alive in his foxhole under the treads of a Waffen SS Tiger tank. Weldon and Hershel survive the executions of the wounded by the SS and escape on a freight train deep into Nazi Germany. There, they stumble into an extermination camp deserted by the SS, and discover among

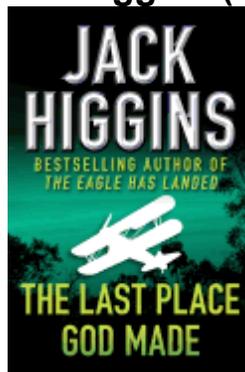
the stacked bodies a young woman named Rosita Lowenstein, who is not only a remarkable woman but a relative of Rosa Luxemburg (known as "Red Rosa," whose mother's name was Lowenstein). Eventually, Weldon will make her his bride, and the three friends will return to Texas to seek their fortunes. But when Weldon, Hershel, and Rosita form a pipeline corporation, they enter the domain of jackals known as the oil business. They meet Roy Wiseheart--one of the wealthiest men in Texas and a former Marine aviator haunted with guilt for deserting his squadron leader over the South Pacific--and Roy's wife Clara, a vicious anti-semitic who is determined to make Weldon and Rosita's life a nightmare"- It will be the frontier justice upheld by Weldon's grandfather, Texas lawman Hackberry Holland, and the legendary antics of Bonnie and Clyde that shape Weldon's plans for saving his family from the evil forces that lurk in peacetime America and threaten to destroy them all"--

### **Review Quotes:**

"Burke seems to get better and better with every book. During the last few years in particular, he has opened up a larger canvas to paint brilliant allegorical plots - involving good and evil, money and power, Christianity and morality - and in some ways he has lifted the work above the level of crime fiction in a way that is more obvious to readers. . . . [*Wayfaring Stranger*] is one of the most hopeful and ambitious books he's ever written, a sprawling historical epic full of courage and loyalty and optimism and good-heartedness that reads like an ode to the American Dream."--Benjamin Percy "Poets & Writers "

I listened to this book while traveling and enjoyed it very much. Not the crime fiction I've previously liked from Burke, but I give it a B+.

### **The Last Place God Made by Jack Higgins (1971)**



**An action-packed adventure set in the unforgiving and uncharted Amazon.**

Neil Mallory thought life was interesting as a bush pilot, flying mail and supplies around the Amazon rain forest. Then, after a bad crash, his life was saved by Capt. Sam Hannah, who all but hijacked him as a junior partner in what could

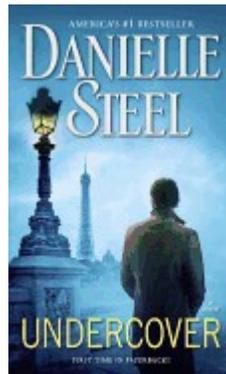
barely be called a business. Only then did life get *really* interesting.

Flying to and from the darkest corners of the savage jungle, the motley pair thinks they've seen everything . . . until they discover a field covered with the bodies of dead missionaries riddled with the arrows of the dreaded Huna tribe. The Huna, who have no love for encroaching "civilization," are not to be trifled with. But as luck would have it, Mallory and Hannah soon find themselves drawn into the search for two missing nuns not accounted for among the victims of the massacre.

The ensuing hunt will pit them against the Huna, the dangers of the Amazon, and even each other in a bloody fight for survival more brutal and unrelenting than either could have imagined--even in their nightmares.

Vintage Higgins. Excitement from the first page to the last, crisply written with characters to love and hate. I give it a solid B and will always recommend Higgins to all readers of fiction.

### **Undercover by Danielle Steel (2015)**



Publisher Marketing:

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**

Marshall Everett has traveled a twisting, perilous road from the jungles of South America to the streets of Paris. As an undercover DEA agent, Marshall penetrated a powerful cartel and became the trusted right-hand man of a ruthless drug lord. The price he paid was devastating, costing him everything--and everyone--he loved. Back in the U.S., on temporary assignment to the Secret Service, on the presidential detail, Marshall performs an act of heroism that changes his course forever.

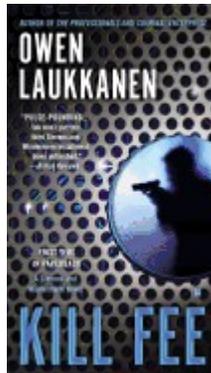
Ariana Gregory has her whole future ahead of her, with an exciting life in Manhattan and a coveted job at an online fashion magazine. But when her father, recently widowed, is appointed U.S. ambassador to Argentina, she reluctantly agrees to accompany him to Buenos Aires. Then an unthinkable act of violence shatters her world.

Nearly a year later, Ariana arrives in Paris, on a fragile road to recovery. There, as she strives to bury painful memories forever, she crosses paths with Marshall Everett. But dangerous forces watch her every move, and Ariana and Marshall will once more have to fight for their survival.

In this breathtaking and psychologically penetrating novel, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Danielle Steel explores the consequences of trauma and the perseverance of the human spirit. In *Marshall and Ariana* she has created two unforgettable characters confronting extraordinary challenges--who no longer need to face them alone.

Once again, Danielle Steel has given me a thriller I enjoyed and can highly recommend. It's not the high energy of many current thrillers nor is it racy or excessively violent. It's just a well written, interesting novel with principal characters you can really like and cheer for. I give it a B+.

### **Kill Fee by Owen Laukkanen (2014)**

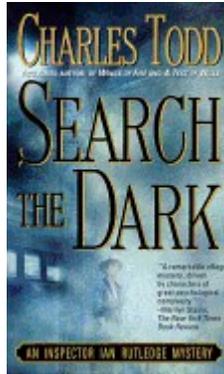


The billionaire picked a heck of a way to die. On a beautiful Saturday in downtown Saint Paul, Minnesota, state investigator Kirk Stevens and his occasional colleague FBI special agent Carla Windermere witness the assassination of one of the state's wealthiest men. The shooter is a young man, utterly unremarkable--except in his eyes. There is something very wrong in his eyes. And it's only the beginning. The events of that sunny springtime day will lead Stevens and Windermere across the country, down countless blind alleys, and finally to a very flourishing twenty-first-century enterprise: a high-tech murder-for-hire social media website. But just who has the dead-eyed shooter targeted next. and who's choosing his victims? That's where things get complicated--;Provided by publisher.

Kill Fee is Laukkanen's 3<sup>rd</sup> book and, as good as his earlier books were, this is, in my opinion, his best. A very interesting premise well developed and presented. Stevens and Windermere make a great team. I give it an A-.

If you like C J Box, Steve Martini, Karin Slaughter, or Steve Hamilton I think you'll really like Laukkanen.

### **Search the Dark by Charles Todd (1999)**



A dead woman and two missing children bring Inspector Rutledge to the lovely Dorset town of Singleton Magna, where the truth lies buried with the dead. A tormented veteran whose family died in an enemy bombing is the chief suspect. Dubious, Rutledge presses on to find the real killer. And when another body is found in the rich Dorset earth, his quest reaches into the secret lives of villagers and Londoners whose privileged positions and private passions give them every reason to thwart him. Someone is protecting a murderer. And two children are out there, somewhere, in the dark....

This is an English mystery but the author is American and the writing style is more American than British. Set in the aftermath of WW I and as timely as today's headlines regarding the affect of war on those who fought, Ian Rutledge, a veteran himself, sensitively investigates a brutal murder that on the surface seems easily closed, but somethings just don't fit right. Very well written, I give it a B+ and offer it to those who haven't read Todd as a good option to pick-up.

## **Trivia for August**

**“The temperature hit ninety degrees the day she arrived”  
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**Answer:**

***The Valley of the Dolls* by Jacqueline Susann**

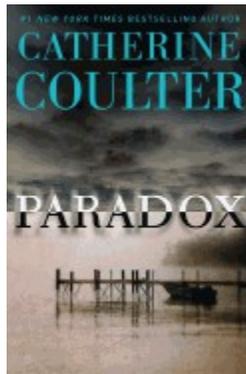
## Recent and Upcoming New Releases:

Check out the prices following the title of the book. Those prices are the publisher's prices. **The Book Rack price is normally 20% lower.** When you pick it up at the store there is no shipping cost, though we can also ship it to you. Order now by calling the store or stopping in. We do ask for prepayment on all special orders.

**You can also add any of these titles to your request list.** Some will come in soon and others may take a while, but most will get to you eventually.

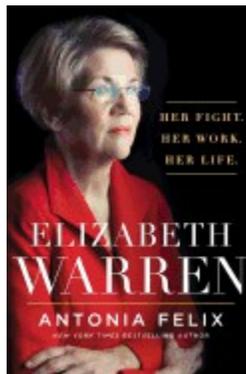
## Hardcover and Trade Paperback

Catherine Coulter – Paradox; An FBI Thriller – 27.99



JP Delaney – Believe Me – 29.00 (paper)

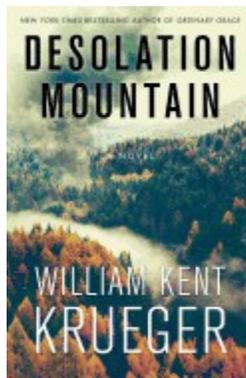
Antonia Felix – Elizabeth Warren – 25.99



Laura Griffin – Desperate Girls – 25.00

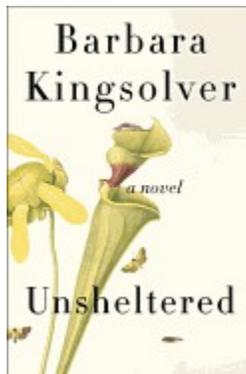
Laurell K Hamilton – Serpentine; An Anita Blake Novel – 28.00

William Kent Krueger – Desolation Mountain – 26.00

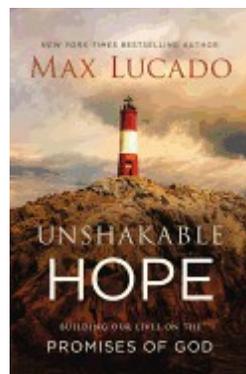


**Jan Karon – To Be Where You Are, A Mitford Novel – 16.00**

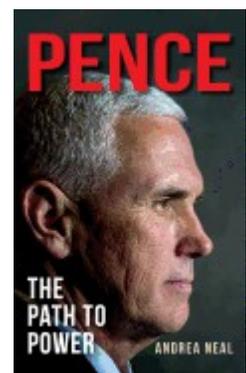
**Barbara Kingsolver – Unsheltered – 29.99** - a timely novel that interweaves past and present to explore the human capacity for resiliency and compassion in times of great upheaval.



**Max Lucado – Unshakable Hope – 22.99**



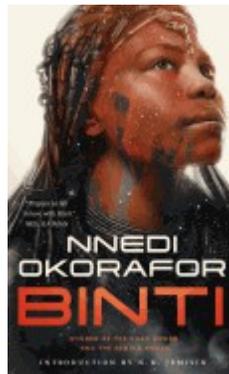
**Andrea Neal – Pence; The Path to Power – 22.00**



**Carla Neggers – Impostor's Lure – 26.99**

**Nnedi Okorafor – Binti; Binti: Home; Binti: The Night Masquerade**

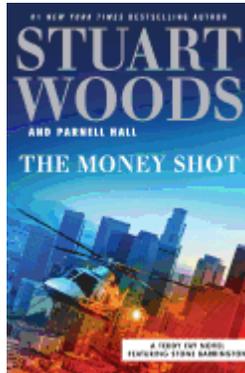
**- 15.99 each** - Her name is Binti, and she is the first of the Himba people ever to be offered a place at Oomza University, the finest institution of higher learning in the galaxy. But to accept the offer will mean giving up her place in her family to travel between the stars among strangers who do not share her ways or respect her customs. Knowledge comes at a cost, one that Binti is willing to pay, but her journey will not be easy. The world she seeks to enter has long warred with the Meduse, an alien race that has become the stuff of nightmares. Oomza University has wronged the Meduse, and Binti's stellar travel will bring her within their deadly reach. If Binti hopes to survive the legacy of a war not of her making, she will need both the gifts of her people and the wisdom enshrined within the University, itself--but first she has to make it there, alive.



**Lisa Scottoline – Feared – 27.99**

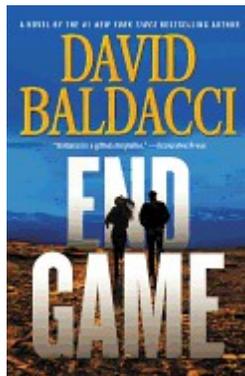


**Stuart Woods – The Money Shot – 28.00**

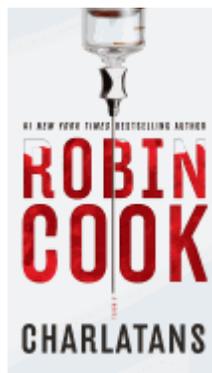


## **Mass Market Paperback**

**David Baldacci – End Game – 9.99**



**Robin Cook – Charlatans – 9.99**

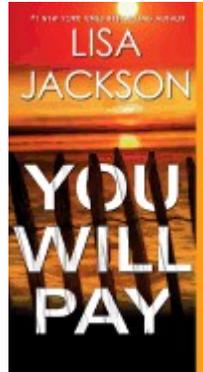


**Gillian Flynn – Gone Girl – 9.99**

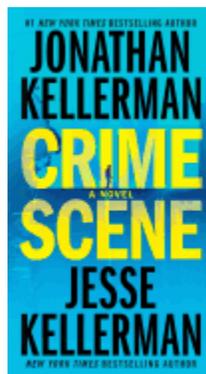




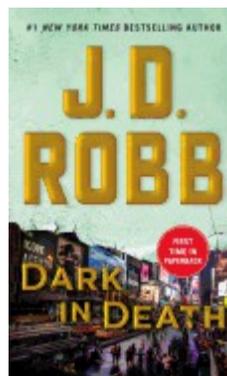
**Lisa Jackson – You Will Pay – 9.99**



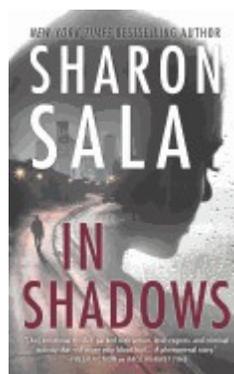
**Jonathan Kellerman – Crime Scene – 9.99**



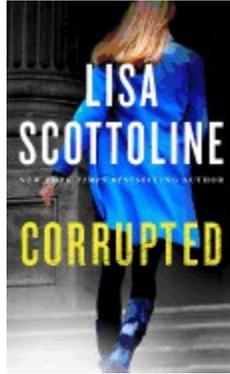
**JD Robb – Dark in Death – 8.99**



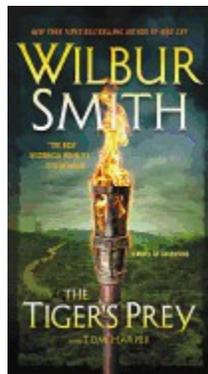
**Sharon Sala – In Shadows – 7.99**



**Lisa Scottoline – Corrupted – 8.99**



**Wilbur Smith – The Tiger's Prey – 9.99**



**Danielle Steel – Past Perfect – 8.99**

