

The Book Rack Newsletter

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Trivia for February

What was the popular author Louis L'Amour's real name?

For the answer, see below

Our February

\$25 Gift Certificate Winners!

We try to give away four (4) \$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.

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 February 2019 winner #1 is:

Cara Ausmus

See the other 3 winning names elsewhere in the newsletter, below. Find your name and just call or stop at the store on or before February 28 to claim your prize: a \$25 gift certificate from **The Book Rack!**

Books We Need

If you have any of the following and are willing to part with them, please bring them in for store credit. We have other readers who would appreciate reading them.

General Fiction: David Baldacci, Lee Child, Harlan Coben, Clive Cussler, Kristin Hannah, Elin Hilderband, Liane Moriarty, Jojo Moyes, Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child, Lisa Scottoline, Daniel Silva, Brad Taylor, Brad Thor, Ruth Ware,

Horror: Stephen King, Clive Barker, Anne Rice

Paranormal Romance: Christine Feehan, Laurell K. Hamilton, Sherrilyn Kenyon, Lynsay Sands, Shelly Laurenston, Kerrlyn Sparks, JR Ward

Graphic Novels Any

Mystery: CJ Box, Linda Castillo, Louise Penny, Laura Child, Tess Gerritsen, Sue Grafton, Joann Fluke, Victoria Laurie, Jeff Lindsay: Dexter Series, JD Robb, Randy Wayne White

Science Fiction: Jim Butcher, Robert Jordan, Terry Pratchett, Ursula Le Guin

February Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

American Heart Month

Black History Month

Creative Romance Month

February 2 – Groundhog Day

3 – Superbowl Sunday – **The Book Rack will be open!**

5 – Chinese New Year

12 – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

14 – Valentine's Day

17 – Random Acts of Kindness Day

18 – President's Day

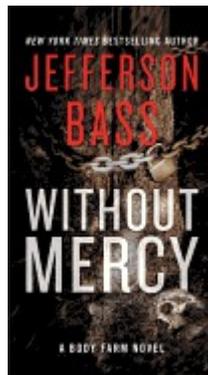
22 – George Washington's Birthday

24 – Oscar Night

26 – Tell a Fairy Tale Day

Book Reviews

Without Mercy by Jefferson Bass (2016)



In the most suspenseful installment of the Body Farm series to date, forensic anthropologist Dr. Bill Brockton investigates a bizarre murder--and confronts a deadly enemy he thought he'd put behind bars for good

Forensic anthropologist Bill Brockton has spent twenty-five years solving brutal murders--but none so horrific and merciless as his latest case: A ravaged set of skeletal remains is found scattered in the woods of nearby Cook County. They are all that is left of a victim who had been chained, hand and foot, to a tree on a remote mountainside. The bones tell Brockton and his longtime graduate assistant, Miranda, that the victim was a young male under the age of thirty. As they dig deeper to establish his identity, they uncover warning signs that long-simmering hatred is about to explode into violence, engulfing the region in chaos.

But the shocking case is only the beginning of Brockton's trials. In the middle of the troubling investigation, the unthinkable happens. The most frightening and deadliest criminal Brockton has ever foiled--the sadistic serial killer Nick Satterfield--escapes from prison, bent on wreaking vengeance. And he's had nearly twenty years to plan.

Simply killing Brockton isn't enough. Satterfield wants to make his nemesis suffer first, by destroying everything Brockton holds dear: his son, daughter-in-law, and grandsons, and even Miranda, who's now on the verge of completing her Ph.D. and launching a forensic career of her own.

Barraged by dangers striking from all directions, haunted by the ghosts of old

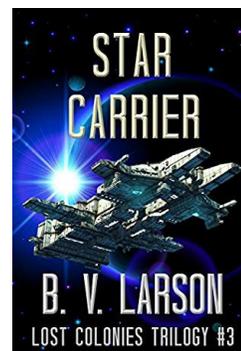
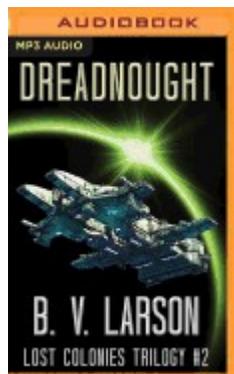
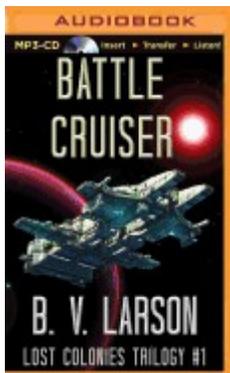
cases, and desperate to save those he loves, Brockton finds himself slipping closer to the abyss. Pushed to the edge, he is forced to question the two pillars that have guided his life and his entire career--the justice system and the quality of mercy. Can the two truly coexist?

If he cannot reconcile these principles, which will Brockton choose in his ultimate moment of truth?

A harrowing, thoughtful, and provocative tale that explores what happens when one honorable, rational man is tested beyond all measure, *Without Mercy* is a powerful exploration that raises uneasy questions about justice and revenge, compassion and principle, the desire to kill and the will to survive.

I tried to read this book while on vacation in Minnesota. After getting to page 145 of 333 I gave up. I couldn't read it and stay awake. There was so little suspense and pace it kept putting me to sleep. The authors – Jon Jefferson & Bill Bass – filled the 145 pages with way too much gallows humor, academic office chit-chat, anthropological history and simple filler. I give it a C- and can't recommend it. Sorry!!

Lost Colonies Trilogy: Battle Cruiser, Dreadnaught & Star Carrier by B.V. Larson



One starship will either save Earth or destroy her.

A century ago our star erupted, destroying Earth's wormhole network and closing off trade with her colonized planets. After being out of contact with the younger worlds for so many years, Humanity is shocked when a huge ship appears at the edge of the Solar System. Our outdated navy investigates, both curious and fearful.

What they learn from the massive vessel rocks the planet. The lost colonies have survived—but the reunion isn't going to be a happy one. Our descendants are vastly superior in the art of warfare. Worse, there are other beings undreamed of beyond the human frontier: strange, unfathomable...alien.

Battle Cruiser Defiant, the first capital ship to darken Earth's skies, is tasked with exploring new passages to the younger planets. Old Earth must reunite with her

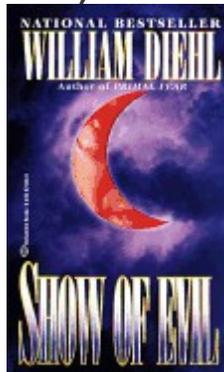
children...but can humanity survive the inevitable conflicts? Captain William Sparhawk, determined to follow a path of honor and truthfulness, dares to rise to the challenge.

Claudia & I listened to this trilogy while traveling and enjoyed it more than we anticipated. Captain Sparhawk and his crew evolved in the 3 books, faced daunting challenges and prevailed against the odds. The space battles were exciting and complex. We give it a B and recommend this trilogy, even if Science Fiction isn't your normal fare.

The February 2019 winner #2 is:

Helen & Richard Hilbrant

Show of Evil by William Diehl (1995)



It begins with a shocking, unsolved murder. In a small town in southern Illinois, the butchered body of Linda Balfour -- with a cryptic code printed in blood on the back of her head -- forges a gruesome link to the brutal murder of Bishop Rushman, the beloved Chicago clergyman who had been dismembered years before by the angelic-looking altar boy, Aaron Stampler. The same Aaron Stampler whom defense attorney Martin Vail saved from the electric chair.... Now Vail is Chicago's chief prosecutor, facing the nightmare of his life. If Stampler has been locked away in a high-security institution for the past ten years, how could he have killed Linda Balfour? Then another altar boy turns up dead with a similar inscription in blood on the back of his head. If Aaron Stampler isn't committing these killings, who is? Martin Vail's career -- maybe even his life -- hangs on the answer....

William Diehl - The day after his 50th birthday he began his first novel, Sharky's Machine, which was made into a movie directed by and starring Burt Reynolds. Diehl later completed eight more novels, including Primal Fear, which became a movie by the

same name starring Richard Gere and Edward Norton. He died in 2006. His books fall into the thriller genre and I can attest to them being true thrillers. Show of Evil is the second of 3 Martin Vail novels and both the story and the protagonist are first rate. I put him on par with John Grisham, David Morrell, & Harold Coyle. I give this book and A-. Not read Diehl? Best get a jump on it. His books are increasingly hard to find.

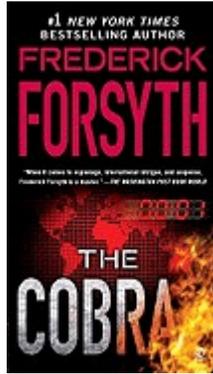
Face of Terror, The Executioner #363 by Don Pendleton (2009)



A cadre of violent bank robbers is wreaking havoc in the Midwestern states, amassing a small fortune and a large body count. Covered faces, jungle fatigues and foreign accents have everyone - from their victims to the government - thinking an Arab terror cell is to blame. But the appearance of the criminals is deceiving. While tracking them, Mack Bolan discovers he is fighting an enemy nobody wants to suspect - American soldiers. As the reign of terror escalates, Bolan realizes the group's ultimate objective is to destroy a major American city unless the federal government pays an exorbitant sum. As the deadline approaches, the Executioner decides it's payoff time, handing the traitors the ransom they deserve.

Disclaimer: Don Pendleton is now a house name used by the publishing company Gold Eagle Books. The books feature characters created by Don Pendleton most notably, Mack Bolan, The Executioner and Stony Man. Don Pendleton, the actual person/author, (December 12, 1927-October 23, 1995) was a pulp fiction and mystery writer, best known for the creation of American hero Mack Bolan. The series made the men's action-adventure genre popular in the 1960s and 70s, and got him the nickname "the father of action adventure". These may be seen as the male equivalent of the serial romance, which are mostly associated with women. If you like thrillers or westerns give any Don Pendleton book a read. You may well find you enjoy them and you'll never run out of them. There have been 456 released, so far, with countless more yet to come. I actually enjoyed Face of Terror and give it a B-. These are all short books (188 pages in this book) and can be read quickly, yet are entertaining.

The Cobra by Frederick Forsyth (2010)



What if you had carte blanche to fight evil? Nothing held back, nothing off the table. What would you do? For decades, the world has been fighting the drug cartels, and losing, their billions of dollars making them the most powerful and destructive organizations on earth. Until one man is asked to take charge. Paul Devereaux used to run Special Operations for the CIA before they retired him for being too ruthless. Now he can have anything he requires, do anything he thinks necessary. No boundaries, no rules, no questions asked. The war is on - though who the ultimate winner will be, no one can tell...

Another Forsyth thriller that scores high on my scale. A recipe for destroying the cocaine trade, but will it work? What do you think? Well... maybe or maybe not. You'll just have to take my recommendation that it's a great read, buy the book and find out for yourself. If you've read and loved Don Winslow's "Cartel", you'll love The Cobra! I give it an A and strong recommendation. What do you have to lose, other than a few bucks and hours. You'll not be disappointed.

The February 2019 winner #3 is:

Sue Robinson

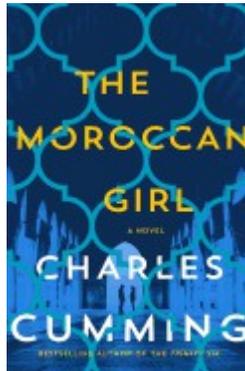
Recent and Upcoming New Releases:

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.

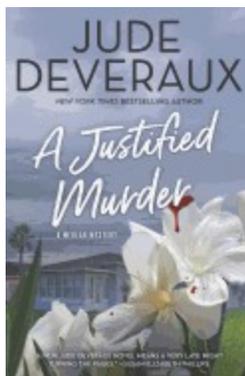
Hardcover and Trade Paperback

Charles Cumming – The Moroccan Girl – 27.99



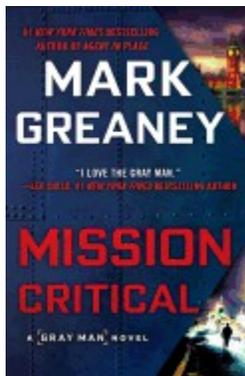
Janet Dailey – Letters from Peaceful Lake - 27.95

Jude Deveraux – A Justified Murder – 26.99



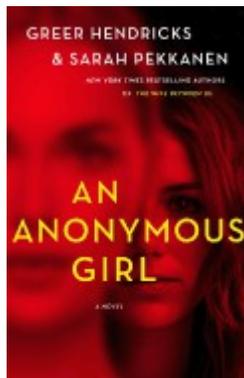
Lisa Gardner – Never Tell – 27.00

Mark Greaney – Mission Critical – 26.00



John Hart – The Hush – 16.99

Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen – An Anonymous Girl – 27.99



Conn Iggulden – The Falcon of Sparta – 25.95

Jenn Lyons – The Ruin of Kings – 24.99

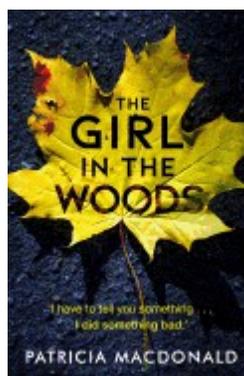


"Everything epic fantasy should be: rich, cruel, gorgeous, brilliant, enthralling and deeply, deeply satisfying. I loved it."--Lev Grossman, author of *The Magicians*

When destiny calls, there's no fighting back.

Jonathan Kellerman – The Wedding Guest – 28.99

Patricia MacDonald – The Girl in the Woods – 17.95



Walter Mosley – Down the River Unto the Sea – 15.99

Brenda Novak – Unforgettable you – 26.99

Francine Rivers – The Masterpiece – 16.99

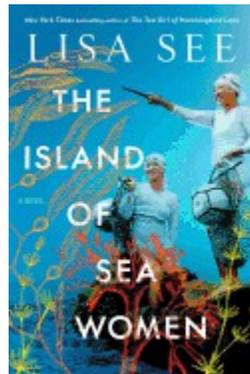


J.D. Robb – Connections in Death – 28.99

Lisa See – The Island of Sea Women – 27.00

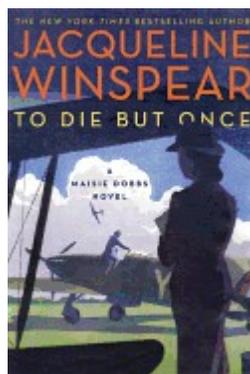
"A stupendous multigenerational family saga, See's latest also provides an enthralling cultural anthropology highlighting the soon-to-be-lost, matriarchal haenyeo phenomenon and an engrossing history of violently tumultuous twentieth-century Korea. A mesmerizing achievement. See's accomplishment, acclaim, and readership continue to rise with each book, and interest in this stellar novel will be well stoked."

--Booklist, starred review

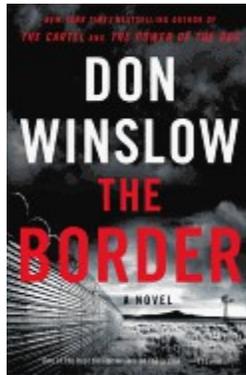


Diane Setterfield – Once Upon A River – 28.00

Jacqueline Winspear – To Die But Once – 16.99



Don Winslow – The Border – 28.99



The explosive, highly anticipated conclusion to the epic Cartel trilogy from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Force*. What do you do when there are no borders? When the lines you thought existed simply vanish? How do you plant your feet to make a stand when you no longer know what side you're on? The war has come home. For over forty years, Art Keller has been on the front lines of America's longest conflict: The War On Drugs. His obsession to defeat the world's most powerful, wealthy, and lethal kingpin--the godfather of the Sinaloa Cartel, Adan Barrera--has left him bloody and scarred, cost him people he loves, even taken a piece of his soul. Now Keller is elevated to the highest ranks of the DEA, only to find that in destroying one monster he has created thirty more that are wreaking even more chaos and suffering in his beloved Mexico. But not just there.

Trivia for February

What was the popular author Louis L'Amour's real name?

Answer:

Louis LaMoore

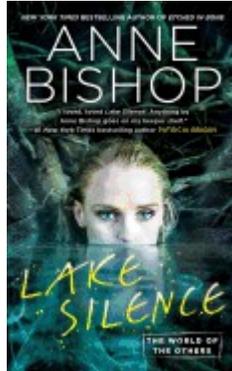
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Pat Scranton

Mass Market Paperback

M.C. Beaton – Death of an Honest Man – 7.99

Anne Bishop – Lake Silence – 7.99



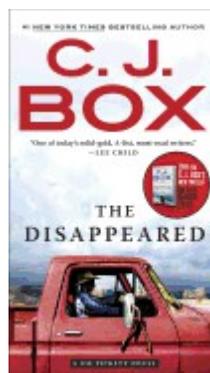
In this thrilling and suspenseful fantasy set in the world of the *New York Times* bestselling Others series, an inn owner and her shape-shifting lodger find themselves enmeshed in danger and dark secrets.

Human laws do not apply in the territory controlled by the Others--vampires, shape-shifters, and even deadlier paranormal beings. And this is a fact that humans should never, ever forget....

After her divorce, Vicki DeVine took over a rustic resort near Lake Silence, in a human town that is not human controlled. Towns such as Vicki's don't have any distance from the Others, the dominant predators who rule most of the land and all of the water throughout the world. And when a place has no boundaries, you never really know what is out there watching you.

Vicki was hoping to find a new career and a new life. But when her lodger, Aggie Crowe--one of the shape-shifting Others--discovers a murdered man, Vicki finds trouble instead. The detectives want to pin the death on her, despite the evidence that nothing human could have killed the victim. As Vicki and her friends search for answers, ancient forces are roused by the disturbance in their domain. They have rules that must not be broken--and all the destructive powers of nature at their command.

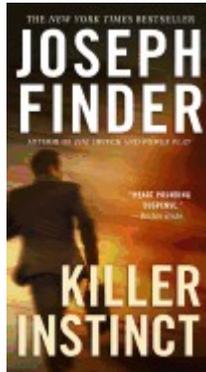
C.J. Box – The Disappeared – 9.99



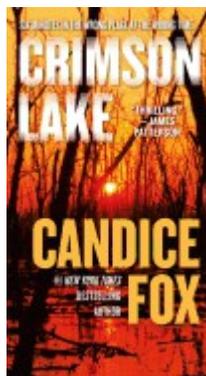
Patricia Briggs – Burn Bright – 7.99

Catherine Coulter – Paradox – 16.00

Joseph Finder – Killer Instinct – 9.99



Candice Fox – Crimson Lake – 9.99



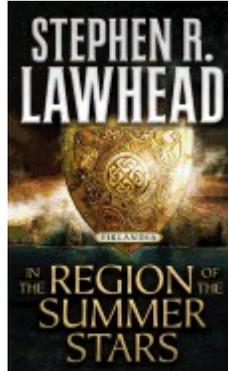
Six minutes in the wrong place at the wrong time--that's all it took to ruin Sydney detective Ted Conkaffey's life. Accused but not convicted of a brutal abduction, Ted is now a free man--and public enemy number one. Maintaining his innocence, he flees north to keep a low profile amidst the steamy, croc-infested wetlands of Crimson Lake.

There, Ted's lawyer introduces him to eccentric private investigator Amanda Pharrell, herself a convicted murderer. Not entirely convinced Amanda is a cold-blooded killer, Ted agrees to help with her investigation, a case full of deception and obsession, while secretly digging into her troubled past. The residents of Crimson Lake are watching the pair's every move . . . and the town offers no place to hide.

Heather Graham – A Dangerous Game – 8.99

William W. Johnstone – The Jackals – 7.99

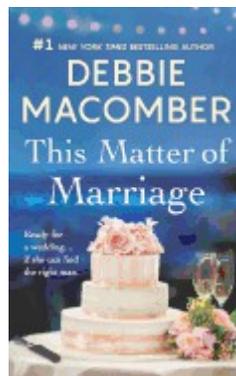
Stephen R. Lawhead – In the Region of the Summer Stars – 8.99



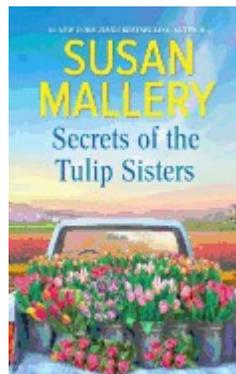
In the Region of the Summer Stars is the first in the Eirlandia Celtic fantasy series from Stephen R. Lawhead, the critically-acclaimed author of the Pendragon Cycle.

John Lutz – The Havana Game – 9.99

Debbie Macomber – This Matter of Marriage – 7.99



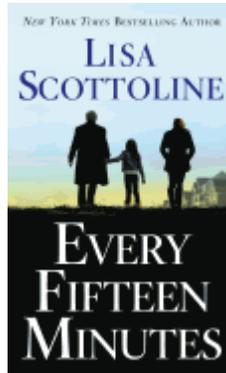
Susan Mallery – Secrets of the Tulip Sisters – 8.99



Karen Robards – The Ultimatum – 7.99

Sharon Sala – Dark Water Rising – 7.99

Lisa Scottoline – Every Fifteen Minutes – 8.99



"In a nail-biting stand-alone with two heart-pounding climaxes and several pulse-racing twists, Scottoline grabs her readers by the jugular and won't let go." --*Library Journal* (starred review)

"Scottoline's breezy, irreverent style prevails and her gift for intimacy - for drawing the reader close to sociopath and victim - makes *Every Fifteen Minutes* as teasingly irresistible as any of this versatile author's creations." --*The Washington Post*

Richard Wheeler – Rendezvous – 7.99

Sherryl Woods – Lilac Lane – 8.99

