

The Book Rack Newsletter

It just makes sense to buy your books at The Book Rack!

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*Store Hours: 10:00 - 6:00 Daily (except New Years Day, Easter, July 4,
Thanksgiving and Christmas)*
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Trivia for November

By what pseudonym is writer Frederick Dannay Manfred
Bennington Lee better known?

Our November

\$25 Gift Certificate Winners!

In January 2018 we began giving away two \$25.00 Gift Certificates to **The Book Rack** account holders each month. This month we're giving

4!

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 October 2018 winner #1 is:

Ashley Goodwin

See the other 3 winning names 2, 3, & 4 elsewhere in the newsletter, below. Find your name and just call or stop at the store on or before October 31 to claim your prize: a \$25 gift certificate from The Book Rack.

Books we need

Harry Potter – Any/All

Stephen King – Any/All

Diana Galbadon – Any/All Outlander Novels

Sara J Maas – A Court of Thorns and Roses

Louise Penny – Any/All

Danielle Steel – A Gift of Hope: Helping the Homeless

Thomas Kinkade – A New Leaf

Michael W. Gear & Katherine O'Neal Gear – A Searing Wind

James Bowen – A Street Cat Named Bob and How He Saved My Life

Lora Leigh – Aiden's Charity

Anthony Doerr – All the Light We Cannot See

Katharine Holabird – Any/All Angelina Novels

Eoin Colfer – Artemis Fowl and the Last Guardian

Craig Johnson – Any/All Walt Longmire Mystery

That's probably enough for this month.....

If you have any of these and are willing to share them with others, please bring them in when you next visit The Book Rack.

November Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

National Novel Writing Month

National Caregivers Appreciation Month

National Diabetes Awareness Month

National Epilepsy Month

10-16 November – **Love Your Local Bookstore Celebration**: Visit **The Book Rack** and:

1. Take pictures with books you love or want to gift this holiday season
2. Post the photos on social media with the hashtag #LoveYourBookstore
3. Challenge 3-5 friends to take the Love Your Bookstore Challenge and do the same.

3 – Book Lovers Day - Book reading is a great hobby. It's an important one, too. Employers look for it on resumes. Reading is educational, informative, and relaxing. It makes us both smarter, and happier people.

6 – Election Day

9 - Chaos Never Dies Day - recognizes the turmoil in modern, everyday life.

11 – Veteran's Day

13 – Young Readers Day

17 – World Peace Day

22 – Thanksgiving Day – The Book Rack will be closed

23 – Black Friday – We'll be open 10-6:00, as usual

24 – Small Business Saturday – Celebrate at The Book Rack and visit with 5 of our wonderful Local Authors (See authors and times below)

Free Verse is an occasional feature by one of our wonderful Quad Cities area local authors. We get to enjoy writing by a variety of local talent. These articles and poems are on a wide range of topics bound to be of interest to many of our readers. Please help spread the word by forwarding the newsletter to others. Give these folks as wide an audience as possible, please.

Flirtation, from Domestic Demons

by Ellen Tsagaris

For Shirley Jackson

Once in a while it still happened, even after no one carded her anymore. A look, a smile, a door held open. Sometimes, a man would compliment her on how her hair clips matched her jacket design. Once, the same good looking younger man beamed at her in a fast food sub shop. He had it all, nice build, winning grin, twinkling eyes. She almost forgot she was married and middle aged, two of the three deadly M's, with the third being moribund.

Another time, she saw the same man in the supermarket. He spoke longer, and at the puzzled look in her eyes, told her he was a friend of her next door neighbors, Ken and Barbie.

Then, a week later, she really did see him at one of the yard parties they had, the one's she was never invited to. She hadn't ever been invited to the previous families' parties, either. That couple was named Ann and Andy. It was a theme with her, to live next to people named after dolls, with three kids, one of whom was named Emma, who often invited mutual acquaintances to their home, a outdoor parties, to which neither she nor her husband were ever invited.

So there he of the curly brown locks was again, smiling that toothy flashy Whitening Strip-white grin, and he was wearing Drum roll please . . . the collar of a Catholic Priest.

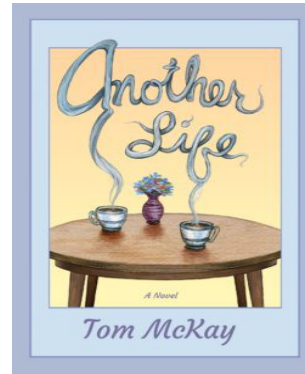
She went inside the house and found her husband, who couldn't understand why she was half laughing and half crying.

Meet 5 of our wonderful local authors on Small Business Saturday, November 24:

10 am to 12 noon

Tom McKay

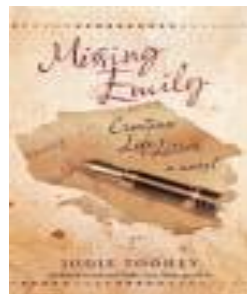
West Fork and Another Life



Tom McKay is an historian and museum consultant who lives in his hometown of Hampton, Illinois. He worked for more than two decades as Coordinator of the Office of Local History at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Tom has been writing fiction for fifteen years. His short stories have appeared in the Wapsipinicon Almanac, Vermont Ink, Downstate Story, the Wisconsin River Valley Journal, and the Out Loud Anthology series of the Midwest Writing Center in Davenport, Iowa.

Jodie Toohey

Crush and Other Love Poems for Girls, The Other Side of Crazy, Versed in Nature: Hiking Northwest Illinois and East Iowa State Parks, Melody Madson: May It Please the Court? Missing Emily: Croatian Life Letters, Taming the Twisted, Taming the Twisted 2 Reconstructing Rain

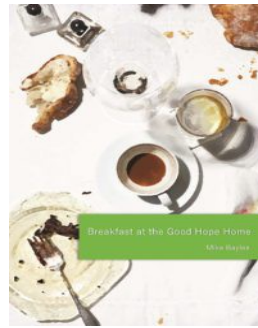


Jodie Toohey is the owner and operator of Wordsy Woman Author Services, a company that helps authors, soon-to-be authors, and want-to-be authors from pre-idea to readers with craft advice, revision and editing services, and book marketing planning services. Jodie lives with her family in Davenport, Iowa.

12 noon to 2 pm

Mike Bayles

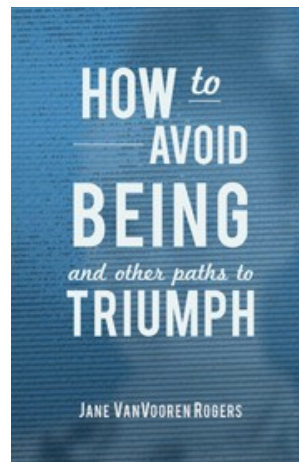
Breakfast at the Good Hope Home, and The Harbor I Seek



Mike Bayles, a lifelong, Midwest resident, writes about human connections with nature and with each other.

Jane VanVooren Rogers

How to Avoid Being and other paths to Triumph

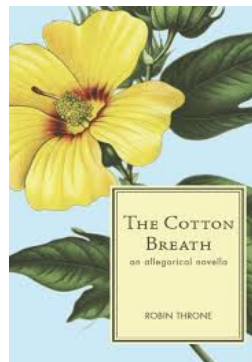


Jane VanVooren Rogers is a lifelong resident of the Quad Cities area with more

than a decade of professional writing experience. A freelance writer, professional editor, and communications specialist, Jane has edited Leslie Langtry's 'Scuse Me While I Kill This Guy, (2007, Dorchester), Tara M. Case's memoir, When Cancer Strikes: A Personal Story of Hope (2010), and Jane Reinhardt-Martin's Flax Your Way to Better Health, revised and updated edition (2011, TSA Press). She is a past guest columnist for Dispatch/Argus and is a creative writing workshop facilitator for the Midwest Writing Center and Black Hawk College's Outreach Center. Jane's poetry has been published in various literary and other publications. Her poetry received the Barbara Anderson Miller and Vazquez-Valarezo Poetry Awards (1999) from Augustana College, and the Lee Garrison Award (1995) from Western Illinois University.

2-4 pm

Robin Throne

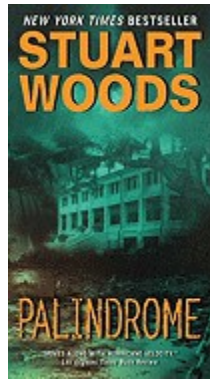


Her Kind and The Cotton Breath

Robin Throne has completed writer residencies at Wolff Cottage, the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow, and the Writer's Well. She is the recipient of the fourth David R. Collins literary achievement award from the Midwest Writing Center, the third fiction chapbook prize from Gambling the Aisle, and a literary fiction award from the Writer's Well for her debut novel, Her Kind. Her fiction and poetry have appeared in Trampset, The New Poet Journal, Tipton Poetry Journal, Split Lip Magazine, Mystic Blue Review, and Crab Fat Magazine among others. Her narrative and heuristic research continues into land and voice dispossession among indigenous cultures.

Book Reviews

Palindrome by Stuart Woods (1991)



After divorcing her physically abusive NFL superstar husband, photographer Liz Barwick accepts an assignment on an idyllic, family-owned island and begins a romance while her ex-husband plots murderous revenge, leaving a string of bodies in his wake. We listened to this book while traveling and the miles melted away. It was quite entertaining, as you would expect from Woods. I give it a B . Don't yet read Stuart Woods?? Why not!

The October 2018 winner #2 is:

Jeff Stewart

Dual in the Dark; Blood on the Stars Book 1 by Jay Allan (2016)

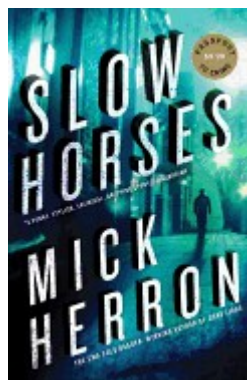


A Gripping New Adventure by the Author of the Bestselling Crimson Worlds and Far Stars series... The Confederation has fought three wars against the forces of the totalitarian Union. Three generations of its warriors have gone off to war, held the line against the larger, more powerful enemy. Now the fourth conflict is imminent, and the Confederation's navy is on alert, positioned behind the frontier, waiting for the attack it knows is coming. The battleship Dauntless has spent the past ten months patrolling the border, deployed far forward of the main fleet, a forlorn hope, an advance guard positioned to give the warning of invasion. But no attack has come. Her crew is exhausted, and the aging

battleship needs maintenance. With the fleet mobilized and the forward bases overloaded beyond capacity, she is sent clear across the Confederation, to a planet along the quiet and peaceful far frontier. Her crew is looking forward to a rest, and Dauntless herself is scheduled for a long-overdue maintenance session. But the quiet frontier isn't what it seems...and when a distress call is received from one of the mining colonies on the edge of Confederation space, it falls to Captain Tyler Barron to take Dauntless forward, to find out what is happening, and to put a stop to it. Barron and his crew have their ship-and each other-but they can expect no other help. Suspicion is strong that Union deceit is at play, that the attack is some sort of diversion, intended to draw Confederation forces from the disputed border. The orders are clear. No ships will be transferred from the prospective battle line. Stopping whatever is happening on the rim is Barron's responsibility, and his alone. Barron is the grandson of the Confederation's great hero, the father of the modern navy. His family name has always carried privilege with it, and crushing responsibility. And now he must prove that he has inherited more from his famous grandfather than name and privilege. He must face the enemy, and win the victory...before the Confederation is caught between two enemies and destroyed.

Gripping is an understatement. It mesmerized me. I listened to the audio book and the reader, Luke Daniels, did a superb job. I had no idea how it would end. Which captain would prevail in the dramatic one-on-one face-off of 2 mighty space battleships. You'll come to respect the people on each ship and mourn those lost. I'd rank it up with some of the best war stories from contemporary times. I give it an A. If you like military stories give this book a go, even if you don't normally read SciFi. You won't be disappointed.

Slow Horses (Slough House #1) by Mick Herron (2010)



Slough House is a dumping ground for British intelligence agents who've screwed up a case - say by leaving a secret file on a train, or blowing a surveillance. River Carter, one such "slow horse," is bitter about his failure and about his tedious assignment transcribing cell phone conversations. When a

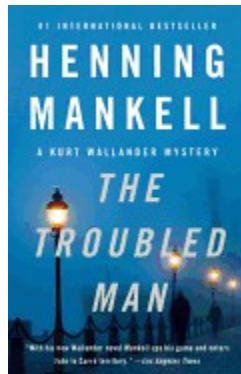
young man is abducted and his kidnappers threaten to broadcast his beheading live on the Internet, River sees an opportunity to redeem himself. But is the victim who he first appears to be? And what is the kidnapper's connection with a disgraced journalist? As the clock ticks on the execution, River find that everyone has his own agenda.

Slow Horses started slowly, but picked up pace and interest as it went along. Since it's the first book in the series, and Herron's first, developing the principle characters does take time, which is well spent so long and it pays off for the reader in the end. This one did. The kidnapping is almost background noise at times to the main theme. If you've read Jussi Adler-Olsen's Department Q books, Slough House has some similarities in a British sort of way. I give it a B. If you like the Department Q series, give Slow Horses a shot and time to grab you. You'll find yourself enjoying a new series.

The October 2018 winner #3 is:

Betsey Shewell

The Troubled Man, A Kurt Wallander Novel by Henning Mankell (2011)



A retired navy officer has vanished in a forest near Stockholm. Kurt Wallander is prepared to stay out of the relatively straightforward investigation--which is, after all, another detective's responsibility--but the missing man is his daughter's father-in-law.

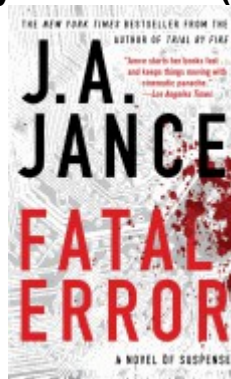
With his typical disregard for rules and regulations, Wallander is soon pursuing his own brand of dogged detective work on someone else's case. His methods are often questionable, but the results are not: he finds an extremely complex situation which may involve the secret police and ties back to Cold War espionage. Adding to Wallander's concerns are more personal troubles. Having

turned sixty, and having long neglected his health, he's become convinced that his memory is failing. As he pursues this baffling case, he must come to grips not only with the facts at hand, but also with his own troubling situation.

"At once richer in personal detail and more suspenseful than either a work of strictly mainstream fiction or a simple police novel could be. Mankell remains in the vanguard of those writers taking the crime story back to its origins in the realistic novel." --*San Francisco Chronicle*

Another great Mankell novel. The way he has developed Wallander throughout the series keeps the character fresh and the story line is vintage Mankell. Read all his books and never be disappointed. I give it an A.

Fatal Error (Ali Reynolds #6) by J.A. Jance (2011)



When an old friend is accused of murdering a cyber-sociopath who courted women over the Internet only to steal all of their money, Ali Reynolds steps in to investigate--Jance's newest mystery is another *New York Times* bestseller! Ali Reynolds begins the summer thinking her most difficult challenge will be surviving a six-week-long course as the lone forty-something female at the Arizona Police Academy--not to mention taking over the 6 a.m. shift at her family's restaurant while her parents enjoy a long overdue Caribbean cruise. However, when Brenda Riley, a colleague from Ali's old news broadcasting days in California, shows up in town with an alcohol problem and an unlikely story about a missing fiancé, Ali reluctantly agrees to help.

The man posing as Brenda's fiancé is revealed to be Richard Lowensdale, a cyber-sociopath who has left a trail of broken hearts in his virtual wake. When he is viciously murdered, the women he once victimized are considered suspects. The police soon focus their investigation on Brenda, who is already known to have broken into Richard's home and computer before vanishing without a trace. Attempting to clear her friend's name, Ali is quickly drawn into a web of online intrigue that may lead to a real-world *fatal error*.

Fast paced action greased by Ali's near limitless personal funds, energy and persuasiveness is a race against time to find Brenda. Ali is hero it's easy to like, as documented in the story. I give it a B+.

Trivia for September

By what pseudonym is writer Frederick Dannay Manfred Bennington Lee better known?

Answer:

Ellery Queen

Recent and Upcoming New Releases:

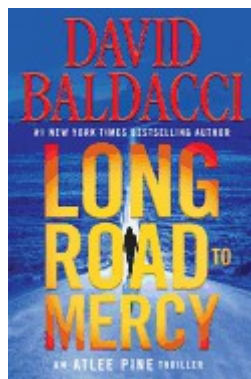
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You can also add any of these titles to your request list. Some will come in soon and others may take a while, but most will get to you eventually.

Hardcover and Trade Paperback

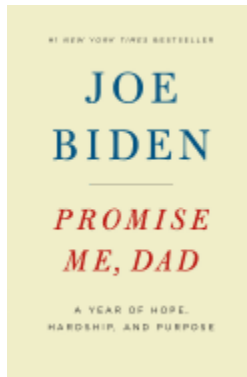
Jeffrey Archer – Heads You Win – 28.99

David Baldacci – Long Road to Mercy, An Atlee Pine Thriller – 29.00



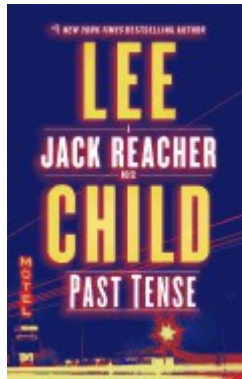
Glenn Beck – Addicted to Outrage – 28.00

Joe Biden – Promise Me Dad – 17.99



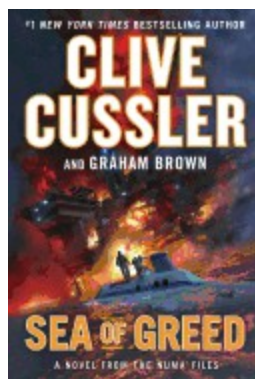
Mark Cameron – Tom Clancy; Oath of Office – 29.95

Lee Child – Past Tense – 28.99



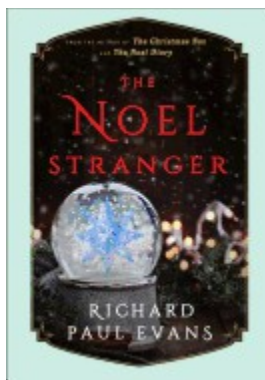
Catherine Coulter & J.T. Ellison – The Sixth Day – 16.00

Clive Cussler – Sea of Greed – 29.00

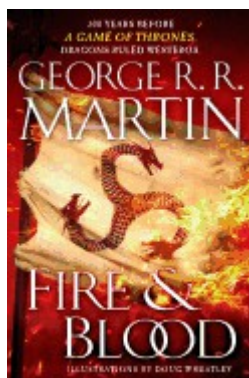


Janet Evanovich – Look Alive Twenty-Five – 28.00

Richard Paul Evans – The Noel Stranger – 19.99



George R.R. Martin – Fire & Blood, 300 Years Before A Game of Thrones, Dragons Ruled Westeros – 35.00



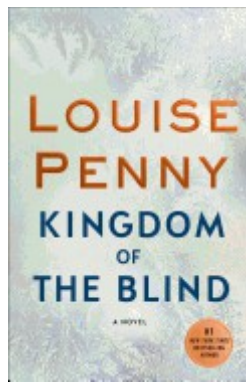
Michelle Obama – Becoming – 32.50



James Patterson – Target: Alex Cross – 29.00

James Patterson & Maxine Paetro – The 17th Suspect – 15.99

Louise Penny - Kingdom of the Blind – 28.99



Danielle Steel – Beauchamp Hall – 28.99

Adriana Trigiani – Tony's Wife – 28.99

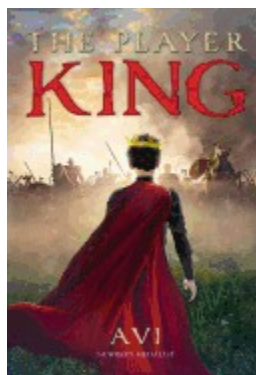


The October 2018 winner #4 is:

Kay Spittler

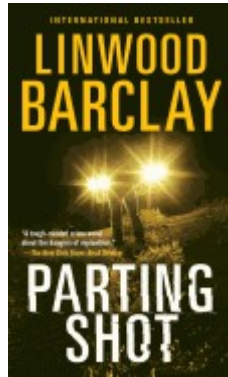
Mass Market Paperback

Avi – The Player King – 7.99



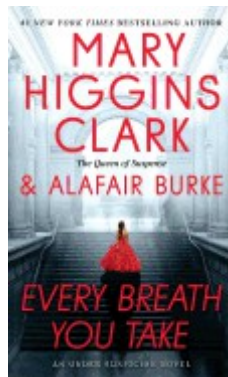
Maya Banks – Wherever You Are – 7.99

Linwood Barclay – Parting Shot – 9.99

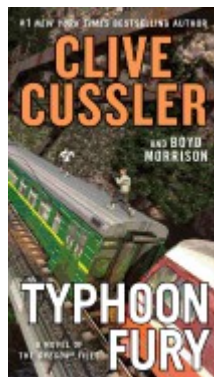


Marc Cameron – Tom Clancy, Power & Empire – 9.99

Mary Higgins Clark – Every Breath You Take – 8.99

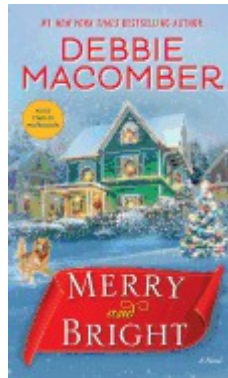


Clive Cussler – Typhoon Fury – 9.99



Christine Feehan – Leopard's Run – 7.99

Debbie Macomber – Merry and Bright – 6.99



Susan Mallery – Not Quite Over You – 8.99

Philip Margolin – The Third Victim – 9.99

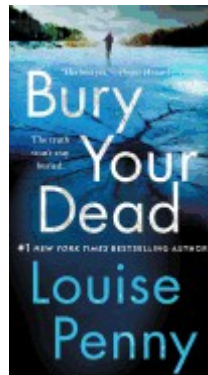
Leslie Meier – Turkey Trot Murder – 7.99



L.E. Modesitt – Magic of Recluse 1 – 9.99

James Patterson – Instinct – 9.99

Louise Penny – Bury Your Dead – 9.99



Gena Showalter – Shadow and Ice – 7.99

Scott Turow – Testimony – 9.99

F. Paul Wilson – The God Gene – 9.99

