

# The Book Rack Newsletter

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## Trivia for September

What famous novel opens with the line: "Once upon a time and a very good time it was there was a moocow coming down the road..."?

For the answer see below!

What's your favorite Book Store in the  
QCA??

If you answer **The Book Rack**, then please vote for us in the  
annual **Locals Love Us** Voting.

**Vote For**  
**The Book Rack**

<https://localsloveus.com/vote/80576/>

# **\$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 September 2018 winners are:**

**June White**

**Karly, Michelle & Rachel Evans**

**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**.**

## **September Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:**

**Hispanic Heritage Month  
National Courtesy Month**

**September**

**3 – Labor Day – The Book Rack will be OPEN**

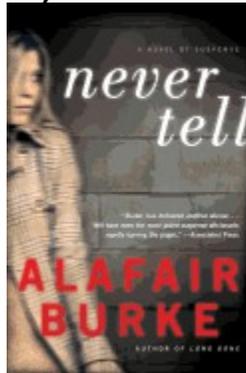
**6 – Read a Book Day - Take time out of your busy life, and relax with a good book.**

**8 – International Literacy Day - The aim is to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies."**

- 9 – Grandparents Day - day set aside to honor grandparents.
- 9 - Rosh Hashanah - the celebration of the Jewish New Year.
- 11 – 9/11 Remembrance
- 13 – Positive Thinking Day
- 16 – Wife Appreciation Day
- 17 - **Citizenship Day - celebrates being a citizen of the United States of America**
- 22 - Hobbit Day - the birthday of Frodo and Bilbo Baggins
- 28 – Native American Day

## Book Reviews

### Never Tell by Alafair Burke (2013)

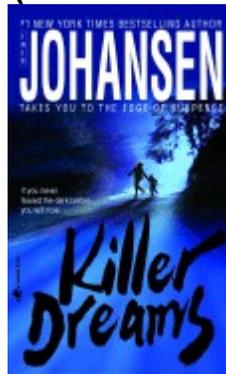


Even a perfect family has its secrets.

Sixteen-year-old Julia Whitmire appeared to have everything: a famous father, a luxurious Manhattan town house, a coveted spot at the elite Casden prep school. When she is found dead in her bathtub, a handwritten suicide note left on her bed, her parents insist that their daughter would never take her own life. But Julia's enviable world was more complicated than it seemed. The pressure to excel at Casden was enormous. Abuse of prescription drugs ran rampant among students. And a search of Julia's computer reveals that she'd been engaged in a dangerous game of cyber-bullying against an unlikely victim. NYPD detective Ellie Hatcher is convinced the case is a suicide, but she knows from personal experience that a loving family can be the last to accept the truth. As she is pressured to pursue a case she doesn't believe in, she is pulled into Julia's inner circle--an eclectic mix of precocious teenagers from Manhattan's most privileged families as well as street kids from Greenwich Village. But when the target of Julia's harassment continues to receive death threats, Ellie is forced to acknowledge that Julia may have learned the hard way that some secrets should never be told.

I don't quite know what to say about this book. I listened to the audio book and it definitely kept me interested and entertained. I'll defer to a professional reviewer to make the case. "What initially appears to be a simple story quickly becomes more intricate and compelling, making the pages fly. Highly recommended, especially for Lisa Gardner or Laura Lippman fans."-- **Stacy Alesi**, *Library Journal* I give it a B.

### **Killer Dreams by Iris Johansen (**



a knock-out suspense thriller that pits a mother and son against a killer who's the stuff of nightmares.

If you close your eyes, he'll get you. Sophie Dunston knows all too well how dreams can kill. As one of the nation's top sleep therapists, she specializes in the life-threatening night terrors that her ten-year-old son, Michael, suffers from. But she is also an expert in another kind of terror-the kind that can turn a dream life into a living nightmare in the blink of an eye.

Someone is watching. He's a shadowy figure from out of her darkest fears and he hasn't forgotten her. In one shocking moment of violence, he'd shattered Sophie's world forever and left her with only one thing to live for: her son. But the nightmare isn't over for Sophie Dunston. It's just begun. He's been waiting. Sophie was supposed to die the first time around, but fate intervened. This time he'll make sure that not even a miracle will save her.

It wasn't a miracle that saved Jock Gavin, but it was pretty close. A semiretired hit man, commando, and jack-of-all-deadly-trades, he knows what Sophie is up against-and that she'll need help. But the man he's chosen for the job is as unpredictable as he is dangerous. Matt Royd is a wild card-hard, cool, merciless-and putting him into play changes the game completely. But to whose advantage?

Sophie will soon find out. She will have to trust Royd because she has no choices left. Because the bogeyman haunting her dreams is all too real and he's on the hunt again. Because the nightmare he's got planned for Sophie won't end when she wakes up screaming. It won't end. Ever.

"A fast-paced, riveting, suspenseful read, with an underlying sense of romance between the two main characters."--*State*, Columbia, SC

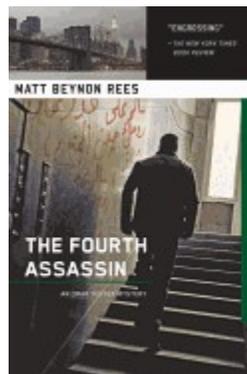
It's a B+ in my book. Johansen never disappoints. If you like thrillers by Catherine Coulters, Kay Hooper, Mariah Stewart or Heather Graham you'll like Johansen, and vice versa.

### **Witch World by Andre Norton (1963)**

Andre Norton enthralled readers for decades with thrilling tales of people challenged to the limits of their endurance in epic battles of good against evil. None are more memorable than her Witch World novels. Simon Tregarth, a man from our own world, escapes his doom through the gates to the Witch World. There he aids the witch Jaelithe's escape from the hounds of Alizon, only to find himself embroiled in a deeper war against an even deadlier foe: the Kolder.

A "Cracker Jack" of a classic Science Fiction book. A little supernatural abilities, but not a lot and a hero to admire and support. This first in a series of 10 Witch World titles I'm confident you Sci Fi lovers will enjoy this book and will be rewarded by having 9 more to sate your craving for more. And, Norton has a total of some 464 total titles in case you have to read all her books, once you've finished Witch World. I give it an A-. If you like Norton you'll probably also enjoy Mercedes Lackey, David Drake and L. Sprague de Camp.

### **The Fourth Assassin, An Omar Yussef Mystery by Matt Beynon Rees (2010)**



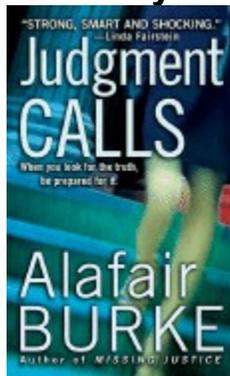
Arriving to visit his son Ala in the heavily Palestinian neighborhood of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, Omar Yussef discovers the beheaded body of one of the boy's roommates. When Ala is arrested as a suspect, Omar Yussef must investigate to prove his son's innocence, uncovering a deadly conspiracy of international

proportions.

The Jerusalem Post praises *The Fourth Assassin*, "As always, and perhaps more than ever, it is the courage and humanity of Yussef that shines as a solitary beacon through the darkness, implicitly representing the tragedy of such humanity in a world of terrible grief and violence, but also hope that it might someday prevail."

A good book with a setting and characters different from those I usually encounter. A Palestinian police officer from Bethlehem trying to solve a murder in Brooklyn, NY. I found it a little slow, but still enjoyed it as a change of pace and new territory and perspective. I give it a B.

### **Judgment Calls, a Samantha Kincaid Mystery by Alafair Burke (2004)**



An apparently simple assault case spirals into a complex web of violence and deception in this bold debut thriller. Deputy District Attorney Samantha Kincaid walks into her office in Portland's Drug and Vice Division one Monday morning to find three police officers waiting for her. A thirteen-year-old girl has been brutally attacked and left for dead on the city's outskirts. Given the lack of evidence, most lawyers would settle for an assault charge; Samantha, unnerved by the viciousness of the crime, decides to go for attempted murder. But as she prepares for the trial, she uncovers a dangerous trail leading to an earlier high-profile death penalty case, a prostitution ring of underage girls, and a possible serial killer.

Seamlessly moving between courtroom and criminal investigation, *Judgment Calls* reveals not only an insider's knowledge of the justice system but a fresh new voice in the world of crime writing. 'Burke is a born storyteller and has created an attractive heroine whom I look forward to meeting again.' -- Sunday Telegraph 'A terrific debut: very different from her famous father's work, but the storytelling DNA is all there. This is smart, savvy, expert - and highly recommended.' -- Lee Child

Who is Alafair Burke? A former deputy district attorney in Portland, Oregon, Alafair Burke now teaches criminal law at Hofstra Law School and lives in New York City. She is the daughter of the acclaimed crime writer James Lee Burke. I listened to this book and did enjoy it. I give it a B.

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Answer:

“A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man” by James Joyce

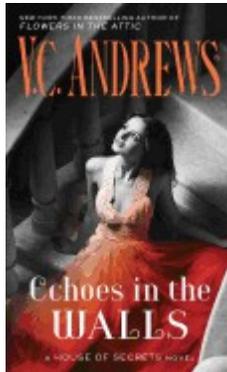
## Recent and Upcoming New Releases:

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.

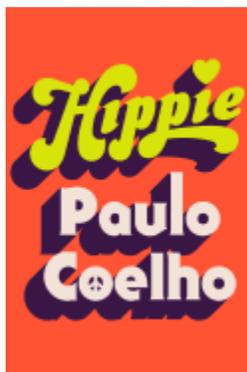
## Hardcover and Trade Paperback

VC Andrews – Echoes in the Walls – 26.99

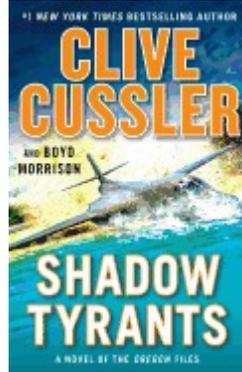


Sandra Brown – Tailspin – 27.00

Paul Coelho – Hippy – 25.95 – An autobiographical novel



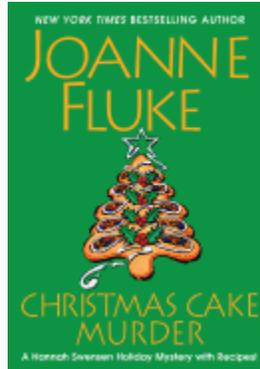
**Clive Cussler – Shadow Tyrants – 29.00**



**Mary Daheim – A Case of Bier – 24.99**

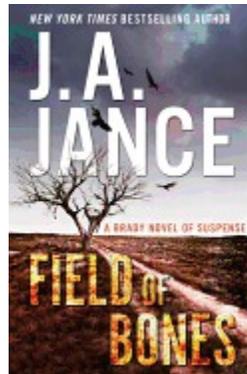
**PT Deutermann – The Iceman – 26.99**

**Joanne Fluke – Christmas Cake Murder – 20.00**



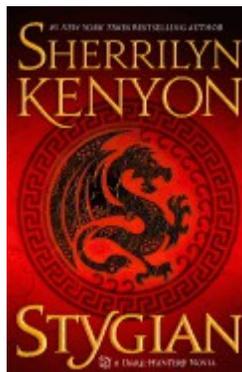
**Tana French – The Witch Elm – 28.00**

**JA Jance – Field of Bones – 27.99**



**Iris Johansen – Vendetta – 28.99**

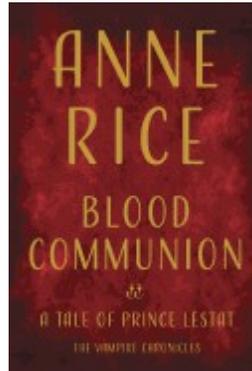
**Sherrilyn Kenyon – Stygian – 27.99**



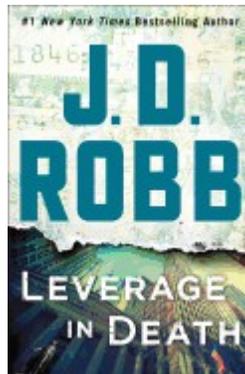
**Laurie King – Lockdown – 16.00**

**Kyle Mills – Red War, A Mitch Rapp Novel – 28.99**

**Anne Rice – Blood Communion – 27.95**

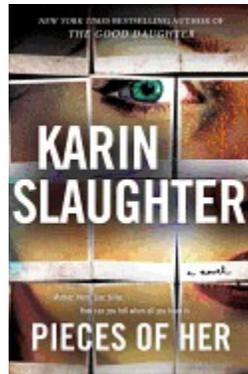


**JD Robb – Leverage in Death – 28.99**

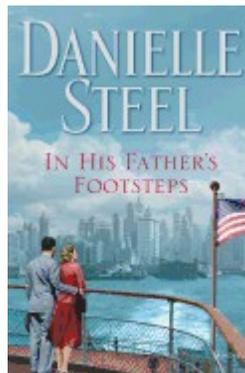


**RA Salvatore – Timeless, A Drizzt Novel – 27.99**

**Karen Slaughter – Pieces of Her – 27.99**



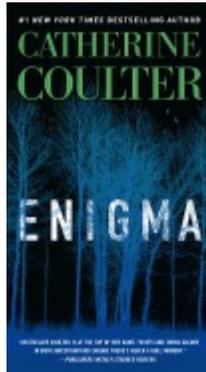
**Danielle Steel – In His Father's Footsteps – 28.99**



**Meredith Wild – The Red Ledger Reborn – 23.99/15.99**

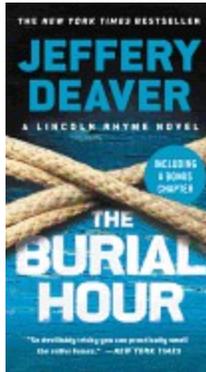
## **Mass Market Paperback**

**Catherine Coulter – Enigma – 9.99**



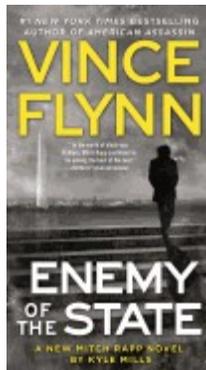
**Clive Cussler – The Romanov Ransom – 9.99**

**Jeffrey Deaver – The Burial Hour – 9.99**

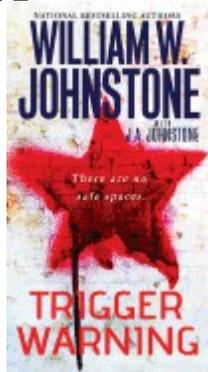


**Christine Feehan – Dark Legacy – 7.99**

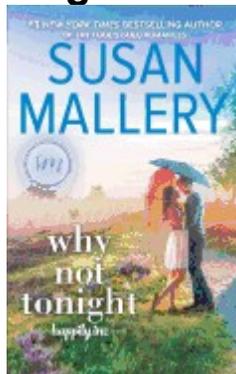
**Vince Flynn – Enemy of the State – 9.99**



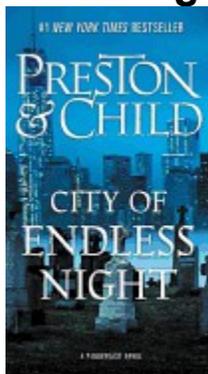
**Heather Graham – Echoes of Evil – 8.99**  
**William W. Johnstone – Trigger Warning – 9.99**



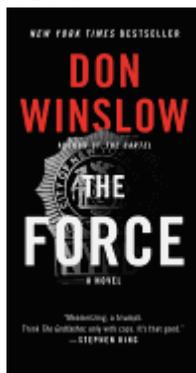
**Dean Koontz – The Crooked Staircase – 9.99**  
**Susan Mallery – Why Not Tonight – 8.99**



**Preston & Child – City of Endless Night – 9.99**



**Gena Showalter – Oh My Goth – 9.99**  
**Don Winslow – The Force – 9.99**



**Sherryl Woods – Tropical Blues – 7.99**  
**Stuart Woods – Unbound – 9.99**

