

The Book Rack Newsletter

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Trivia for August

“Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again,” was the first line of what Daphne du Maurier novel?

For the answer read on and you're bound to stumble over it!

Our August

\$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 August 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 August 2019 winner #1 is:

Laras Reiter

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 August 31 to claim your prize:

A \$25 gift certificate from The Book Rack!

Author's Modus Operandi

Isaac Asimov

Often worked up to 18 hours per day, producing more than 50 pages of text. (He typed at a speed of 90 words per minute.) His concentration was such, he said, that you could conduct an orgy in his office and he wouldn't look up.

August Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

Month:

- Admit You're Happy Month**
- Family Fun Month**
- Romance Awareness Month**

Day:

August 2 – International Beer Day – Cheers!

3 – National Clown Day

4 – International Forgiveness Day

4 – Sisters Day

4 – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day – Forgive all who have done you wrong and give them and your sister some chocolate chip cookies!! It's

that kind of day!

9 – Book Lovers' Day - *Book Lovers Day* encourages you to find a place in the shade to relax with a good book. 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.

21 – Senior Citizens Day

26 – Women's Equality Day

Books We Need!

True Crime!

Stephen King (always)

Magic Tree House

Land of Stories

Goosebumps

Sara J Maas

Rick Riordan

Dav Pilkey

Descendants

Kids Graphic Novels

Featured Author

Crystal Joy



Crystal will be at The Book Rack 11-1:00 on August 24 to meet and greet new fans and old.

About Crystal

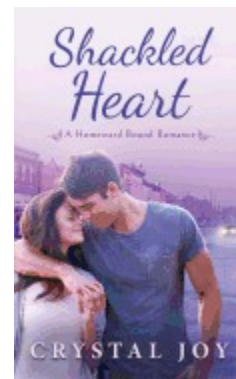
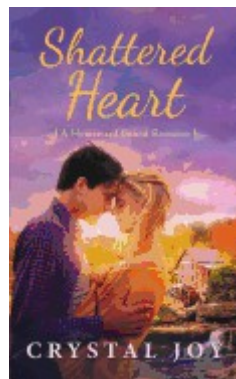
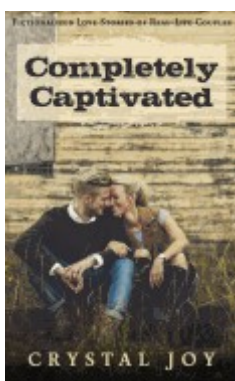
I'm a stay-at-home mom with a heart for people. I love getting to know them, writing about them, and inventing them. When I'm not hanging out with my hero and heroine in my latest romance, I enjoy watching movies with my husband, being silly with my little ones, and drinking endless amounts of coffee.

The idea for the Love Story Collections began years ago at a festival when I met a writer who wrote poems for people. As festivalgoers walked by his stand, he would ask if they wanted a poem, but not just any poem—a poem written about them. After having a brief conversation and getting to know the people, he would write a poem, and then give it to them as a keepsake. I thought it was a fantastic idea! What a great way to connect with readers by creating something special for them.

Keeping that idea in mind, I started writing true love stories for couples and posting them right here, on my website. In the last couple of years, I've met many wonderful people with such captivating stories, and I wanted to give them more than just a published story on my website. I wanted to give them something they could put on their bookshelves and read to their children and grandchildren.

I'm thrilled to have these collections in print, so that friends, family, and romance readers can enjoy these special memories forever. I hope these love stories touch your heart as much as they did mine.

Crystal's books



Shattered Heart

Amanda Meyers is a force to be reckoned with, especially when her beloved father is diagnosed with lung cancer. She's all too familiar with the heartache of losing a parent. But this time, she refuses to watch her dad suffer from the debilitating side effects of toxic medications like her mom did.

As a successful oncologist, Ethan Contos is more than capable of fighting for the lives of his patients. But when he starts falling for Amanda, he finds himself fighting a battle between two desires—pursuing the feisty daughter of an ailing patient and moving back to Greece to make amends with his parents.

When Amanda's dad urges Ethan to spend time with his daughter, Amanda and Ethan can no longer deny their chemistry. Between her dad's deadly diagnosis, an ex-boyfriend who still cares about her, and Ethan's impending move, Amanda can't handle much more. Will her heart shatter to pieces, or can Amanda find a way to have her happily-ever-after?

Shackled Heart

After losing his wife in a horrific car accident, Charlie Grimm believes that he deserves to pay for the life he stole. Haunted by his irreversible mistakes, Charlie vows he'll never fall in love again, and who could see past his criminal conviction anyway?

MacKenna Christensen strives to support all of her parolees. But when she discovers Charlie is her client, she refuses to help him. She can never erase the gruesome images of his wife's death. Yet when she sees Charlie's anguish, she realizes he's not the reckless monster she imagined.

As the disdain between Charlie and Mac turns to desire, guilt tears them apart. Is Mac willing to take a chance on a client at the risk of losing her job? Can Charlie forgive himself and open his heart to Mac, or will she become one more regret?

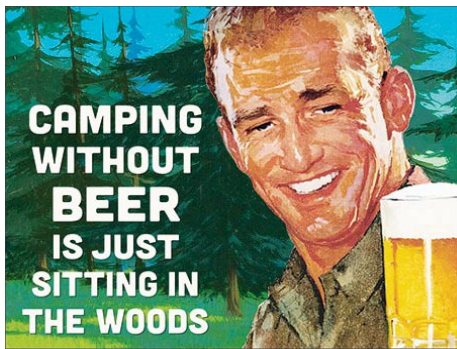
Stop in to [The Book Rack](#), August 24, 11-1:00 and meet and visit with Crystal as she signs copies of her book. Or stop in any day 10-6:00 and pick up a copy from our Local Author section.

The August 2019 winner #2 is:

Richard & Shirley Glover

New Signs added to our Inventory

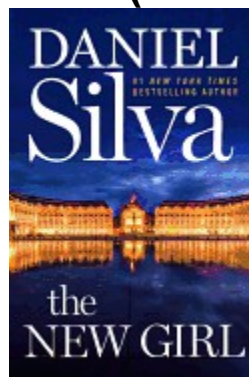
We've restocked our Tin Sign racks with some old favorites and some new offerings. A few examples of new ones:



As always, they are \$12.00 each, but you can use store credit for \$3.00 of that making your cost \$9.00

Book Reviews

The New Girl by Daniel Silva (2019)



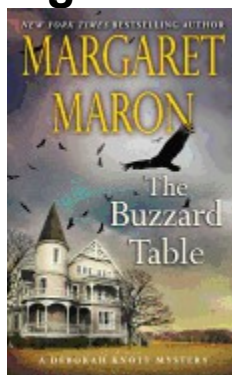
What's done cannot be undone. . . .

At an exclusive school in Switzerland, mystery surrounds the identity of the beautiful girl who arrives each morning in a motorcade fit for a head of state. She is said to be the daughter of a wealthy international businessman. In truth, her father is Khalid bin Mohammed, the crown prince of Saudi Arabia. Once celebrated for his daring reforms, he is now reviled for his role in the murder of a dissident journalist. And when his only child is brutally kidnapped, he turns to the one man he can trust to find her before it is too late.

Gabriel Allon, the legendary chief of Israeli intelligence, has spent his life fighting terrorists, including the murderous jihadists financed by Saudi Arabia. Prince Khalid has pledged to break the bond between the Kingdom and radical Islam. For that reason alone, Gabriel regards him as a valuable if flawed partner. Together they will become unlikely allies in a deadly secret war for control of the Middle East. Both men have made their share of enemies. And both have everything to lose.

If you've read The Book Rack Newsletter for long you know Silva is one of my favorite authors. I've loved his books since the first one I read and he just keeps getting better. "The New Girl" was just released late last month and I had to have it right away, expecting another great read. I was not disappointed! If anything he raised his game and gave us one of his best, if not THE best book he's written. It is placed in current times with "similar" international events to those actually happening. It cause me to often reflect, "Would the ploys he creates work in the real world? What if Daniel Silva was the head of the CIA, the British Secret Service or Israel's. WOW! OK, that's maybe over the top, but I give The New Girl an A+ and recommend you get it as soon as you can. Add it to your request list. We'll get a few hard copies in over the next year and when it comes out in paperback you'll be at the top of the list.

The Buzzard Table by Margaret Maron (2013)



Judge Deborah Knott and her husband, Sheriff's Deputy Dwight Bryant, are back home in Colleton County amid family and old friends. But the winter winds have blown in several new faces as well. Lt. Sigrid Harald and her mother, Anne, a well-known photographer, are down from New York to visit Mrs. Lattimore, Anne's dying mother. When the group gathers for dinner at Mrs. Lattimore's Victorian home, they meet the enigmatic Martin Crawford, an ornithologist researching a book on Southern vultures. He's also Mrs. Lattimore's long-lost nephew. With her health in decline, Mrs. Lattimore wants to make amends with her family—a desire Deborah can understand, as she, too, works to strengthen her relationship with her young stepson, Cal.

Anne is charmed by her mysterious cousin, but she cannot shake the feeling that there is something familiar about Martin . . . something he doesn't want her or anyone else to discover. When a string of suspicious murders sets Colleton County on edge, Deborah, Dwight, and Sigrid once again work together to catch a killer, uncovering long-buried family secrets along the way.

"As always, Maron skillfully layers an absorbing plot with the doings of Deborah's large extended family and the domestic details of their semirural lifestyle. In addition, the contrast between Deborah, who is warm and caring, and Sigrid, who is reserved and cerebral, gives Maron's tale added depth."-- **Booklist**

"Maron...adroitly melds ugly American (open) government secrets with classic whodunit intrigue and stirs the pot by itemizing domestic travails that will touch readers' hearts."-- **Kirkus Reviews**

I give it a B+. While it's part of her signature style, I thought the relationship aspect was overdone. If that's a feature you like, it would get an A.

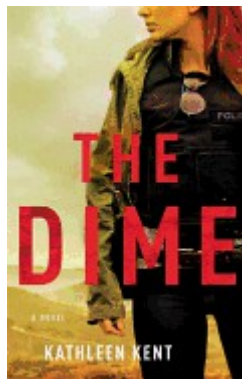
Even by Andrew Grant (2009)



In his debut novel, Andrew Grant introduces a twenty-first century James Bond in this new action-adventure series set on the gritty streets of New York. Walking to his New York City hotel late one night, Royal Navy intelligence operative David Trevelyan notices a huddled shape in the entrance of an alley. A homeless man has been murdered. As he steps forward, a cop car arrives, and Trevelyan suddenly realizes he's been set up. When the NYPD hands the problem to the FBI, the British consulate tells him he's on his own. With no idea who's a friend and who's a foe, he penetrates deep into a huge international conspiracy. The price of failure will be death, and the reward for success will be redemption, both for himself and for the huddled corpse in the alley. The motivation will be his cherished, life-long belief: You don't get mad, you get even.

I liked this book, but it made me wonder...It seems to me the more recent decades have brought more emphasis on creative and horrific means of torture and death, and less on creative story lines. Is my assessment accurate? Regardless, Trevelyan is a good character. I saw similarities with Reacher in his go it alone approach and crisp, brief manner of speech. I give it a B+ (After writing this I discovered Andrew Grant is the younger brother of bestselling thriller writer Lee Child!)

The Dime by Kathleen Kent (2019)



Brooklyn's toughest female detective takes on Dallas--and neither is ready for the fight.

Dallas, Texas is not for the faint of heart. Good thing for Betty Rhyzyk she's from a family of take-no-prisoners Brooklyn police detectives. But her Big Apple wisdom will only get her so far when she relocates to The Big D, where Mexican drug cartels and cult leaders, deadbeat skills and society wives all battle for sunbaked turf.

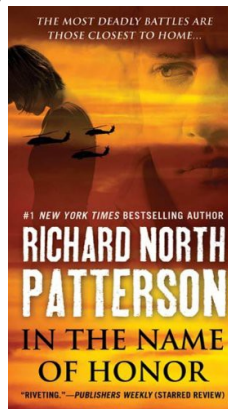
Betty is as tough as the best of them, but she's deeply shaken when her first investigation goes sideways. Battling a group of unruly subordinates, a persistent stalker, a formidable criminal organization, and a disappointed

girlfriend, the unbreakable Detective Betty Rhyzyk may be reaching her limit. Combining the colorful pyrotechnics of *Breaking Bad* with the best of the gritty crime genre, *THE DIME* is Kathleen Kent's brilliant mystery debut and the launch of a sensational new series.

A Mystery Writers of America Nominee for The Edgar Award for Best Novel.

A very good mystery/police procedural. Betty Rhyzyk is a tough, likable cop character. I give it a B+. Looking for a new author? Kathleen Kent may be one in your future.

In the Name of Honor by Richard North Patterson (2010)



Home from Iraq, a lieutenant kills his commanding officer - was it self-defense or premeditated murder? An enthralling novel of suspense about the high cost of war and secrets

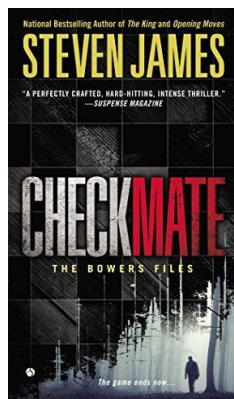
The McCarrans and the Gallaghers, two military families, have been close for decades, ever since Anthony McCarran - now one of the army's most distinguished generals - became best friends with Jack Gallagher, a fellow West Pointer who was later killed in Vietnam. Now a new generation of soldiers faces combat, and Lt. Brian McCarran, the general's son, has returned from a harrowing tour in Iraq. Traumatized by wartime experiences he will not reveal, Brian depends on his lifelong friendship with Kate Gallagher, Jack's daughter, who is married to Brian's commanding officer in Iraq, Capt. Joe D'Abruzzo. But since coming home, D'Abruzzo also seems changed by the experiences he and Brian shared - he's become secretive and remote.

Tragedy strikes when Brian shoots and kills D'Abruzzo on their army post in Virginia. Brian pleads self-defense, claiming that D'Abruzzo, a black-belt martial artist, came to his quarters, accused him of interfering with his marriage, and attacked him. Kate supports Brian and says that her husband had become violent and abusive. But Brian and Kate have secrets of their own, and now

Capt. Paul Terry, one of the army's most accomplished young lawyers, will defend Brian in a high-profile court-martial. Terry's co-counsel is Meg McCarran, Brian's sister, a brilliant and beautiful attorney who insists on leaving her practice in San Francisco to help save her brother. Before the case is over, Terry will become deeply entwined with Meg and the McCarrans - and learn that families, like war, can break the sturdiest of souls.

A very, very good courtroom drama. Some such books can get boring at times, but this one did not. It grabs you and doesn't let you go until the very end. I give it an A! Get it! Read it! And you'll want more.

Checkmate, The Bowers File – Steven James (2014)



In *Checkmate*, critically acclaimed novelist Steven James offers a climactic chapter in his bestselling series, the Bowers Files.

When a clandestine FBI facility is attacked, Special Agent Patrick Bowers is drawn into the vicious, ruthless story that a killer from his past is bent on telling the world.

Clues lead to long-forgotten secrets buried deep beneath Uptown Charlotte, North Carolina. Now Bowers is caught up in trying to stop one of the deadliest attacks ever planned on American soil.

Smart, tense, and full of mind-bending twists and turns, *Checkmate* explodes onto the scene, bringing this cycle of the Bowers Files to an unforgettable conclusion.

Lots of excitement all over Eastern US. I give it a B. Just too many implausible actions and events for me to be drawn fully into it. It read fast, but part was (maybe) just getting it done and part was the story. Not a bad book, but not a real “dinger.”

The August 2019 winner #3 is:

Linda Kalen

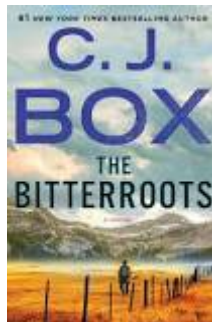
Recent and Upcoming New Releases:

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.

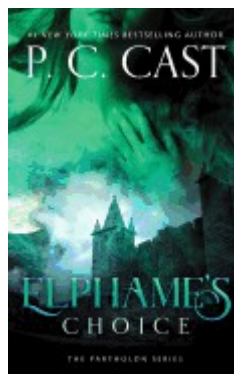
Hardcover and Trade Paperback

C.J. Box – The Bitterroots – 27.99

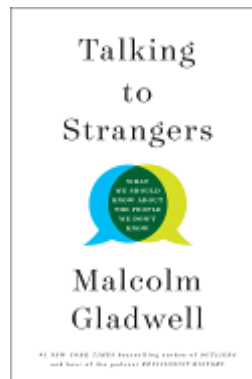


Sandra Brown – Outfox – 27.00

P.C. Cast – Elphame's Choice, Partolon Series, Book 4 – 19.99



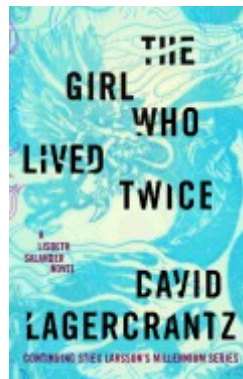
Malcolm Gladwell – Talking to Strangers – 30.00



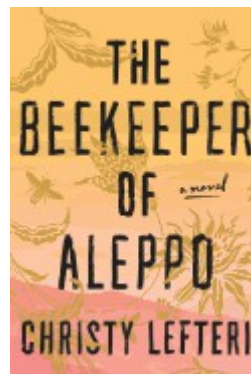
Kristan Higgins – Life and Other Inconveniences – 16.00

Tami Hoag – The Boy – 16.00

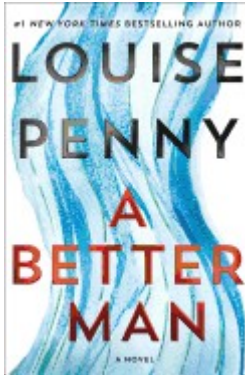
David Lagercrantz – The Girl Who Lived Twice, A Lisbeth Salander Novel – 27.95



Christy Lefteri - The Beekeeper of Aleppo – 27.00



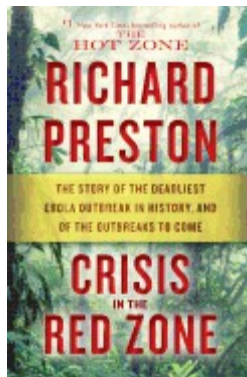
Louise Penny – A Better Man, A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel – 28.99



Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child – Old Bones – 28.00

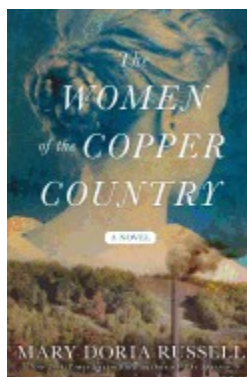
Richard Preston – Crisis in the Red Zone – 28.00

The 2013-2014 Ebola epidemic was the deadliest ever--but the outbreaks continue. Now comes a gripping account of the doctors and scientists fighting to protect us, an urgent wake-up call about the future of emerging viruses--from the #1 bestselling author of *The Hot Zone*, now a National Geographic original miniseries.



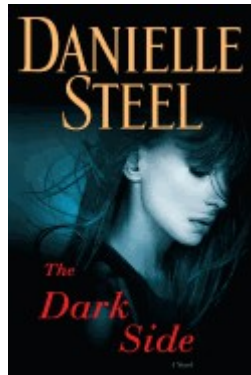
Nora Roberts – The Pagan Stone, Book 3 of the Sign of Seven Trilogy – 17.00

Mary Doria Russell – The Women of the Copper Country – 27.00

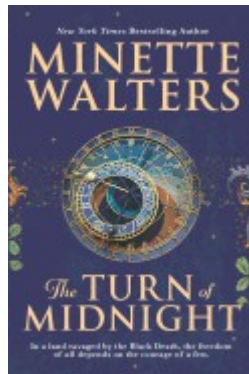


Karen Slaughter – The Last Widow – 27.99

Danielle Steel – The Dark Side – 28.99



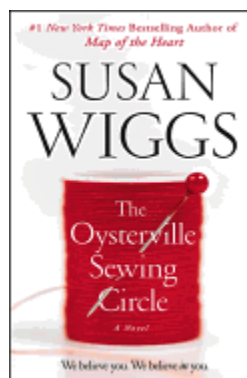
Minette Walters – The Turn of Midnight – 27.99



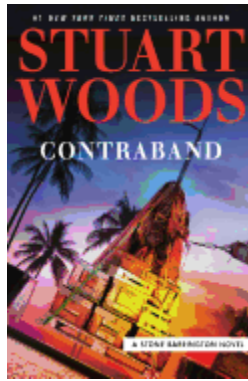
J.R. Ward – Blood Truth, The Black Dagger Legacy – 28.00

Brent Weeks – The Burning White – 30.00

Susan Wiggs – The Oysterville Sewing Circle – 26.99



Stuart Woods – Contraband, A Stone Barrington Novel – 28.00



Trivia for August

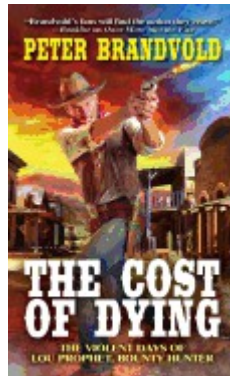
“Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again,” was the first line of what Daphne du Maurier novel?

Answer:

Rebecca

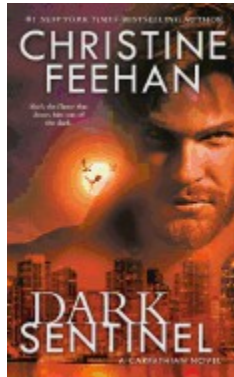
Mass Market Paperback Recent and New Releases

Peter Brandvold – The Cost of Dying, The Violent Days of Lou Prophet, Bounty Hunter – 7.99



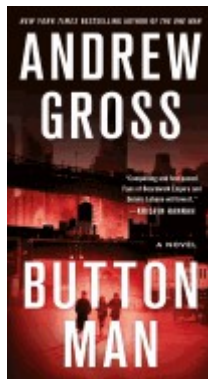
Catherine Coulter – Paradox – 9.99

Christine Feehan – Dark Sentinel – 7.99



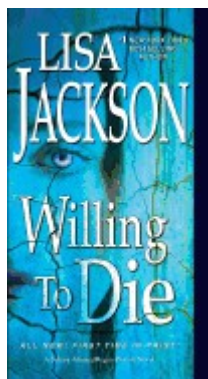
John Grisham – The Reckoning – 9.99

Andrew Gross – Button Man – 9.99



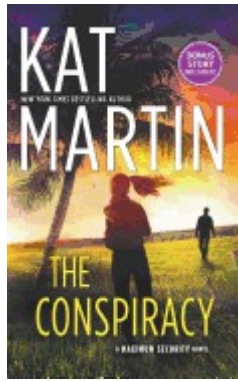
Charlaine Harris – An Easy Death, A Gunnie Rose Novel – 9.99

Lisa Jackson – Willing to Die – 9.99



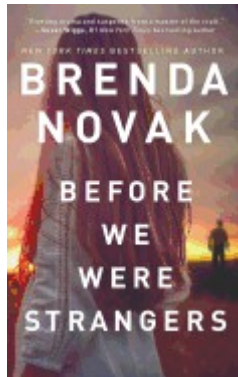
Susan Mallery – Sisters Like Us, A Mischief Bay Novel – 8.99

Kat Martin – The Conspiracy, A Maximum Security Novel – 8.99



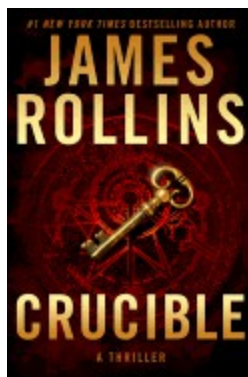
Carla Neggers – Impostor's Lure, A Sharpe & Donovan Novel – 7.99

Brenda Novak – Before We Were Strangers – 8.99



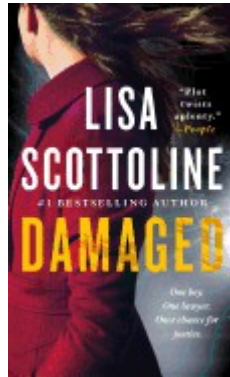
J.D. Robb – Connections in Death – 8.99

James Rollins – Crucible, A Thriller – 9.99



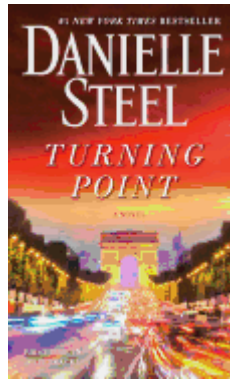
Sharon Sala – The Missing Piece – 7.99

Lisa Scottoline – Damaged – 8.99



Wendy Corsi Staub – Dead Silence – 7.99

Danielle Steel – Turning Point – 8.99



Stuart Woods – A Delicate Touch, A Stone Barrington Novel – 9.99

The August 2019 winner #4 is:

Stacey Cary