

The Book Rack Newsletter

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Trivia for September

What did famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright reply when an important client called to complain that water on the roof of his newly completed house was leaking onto a dinner guest?

For the answer read on ...

Our September

\$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 September 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 September 2019 winner #1 is:

Nicole Bourke

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 October 1 to claim your prize:

A \$25 gift certificate from The Book Rack!

Did You Know: Author's Modus Operandi

Noel Coward said he started every day by checking the obituary column in The Times to make sure he was still alive, and then got down to work.

September Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

**Month: Self Improvement Month
Hispanic Heritage Month
National Courtesy Month
National Self Improvement Month**

Day:

September 2 – Labor Day

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

8 – Grandparents Day

11 – 911 Remembrance Day

13 – Friday the Thirteenth!!! Beware.

15 – National Women's Friendship Day

16 – American Legion Day

17 – Constitution Day & Citizenship Day

22 – Hobbit Day

23 – Autumn Equinox Day – Fall Begins

28 – Michael McLaughlin & Mike McCarty will be meeting fans and signing their books 2-5:00 at The Book Rack

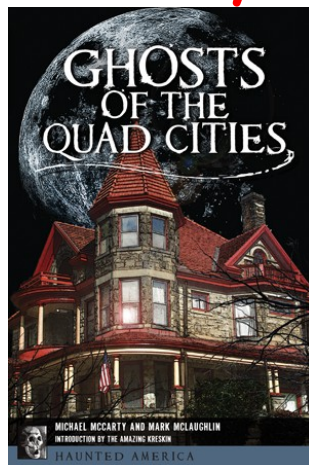
28 – National Good Neighbor Day

Featured Authors

Mike McCarty & Michael McLaughlin
will be meeting fans and signing their books
Saturday, September 28, 2-5:00 at **The Book Rack**



These well respected QCA writers are
Co-Authors of:
"Ghosts of the Quad Cities"
from History Press



Divided by state lines and the Mississippi River, the Quad Cities share a common haunted heritage. If anything, the seam that runs through the region is especially rife with spirits, from the Black Angel of Moline's Riverside Cemetery to the spectral Confederate POWs of Arsenal Island. Of course, the city centers have their own illustrious supernatural residents—the Hanging Ghost occupies Davenport's City Hall, while the Phantom Washwoman wanders Bettendorf's Central Avenue. At Igor's Bistro in Rock Island, every day is Halloween. Michael McCarty and Mark McLaughlin hunt down the haunted lore of this vibrant midwestern community.

MICHAEL McCARTY has been a professional writer since 1983 and is the author of more than thirty-five books of fiction and nonfiction. His short stories and interviews have appeared in a wide variety of magazines and anthologies, including *Fangoria*, *Cemetery Dance*, *Starlog*, *Filmfax*, *On Writing Horror: A Handbook* by the Horror Writers Association, *Midnight Premiere*, and *In Laymon's Terms*. McCarty is a former staff writer for *Science Fiction Weekly*, the official website of the Sci-Fi Channel.

McCarty's first solo novel, a vampire satire called *Liquid Diet*, was later republished as an ebook in *Liquid Diet & Midnight Snack: 2 Vampire Satires*. He is the author of *I Kissed a Ghoul*, *Laughing in the Dark*, and *A Hell of a Job*, and *A Little Help from My Fiends*. He is also the co-author of *Night of the Scream Queen* with Linnea Quigley, and *Lost Girl of the Lake* with Joe McKinney. In nonfiction, he wrote *Modern Mythmakers*, a collection of interviews with Ray Bradbury, Dean Koontz, John Saul, Elvira, William F. Nolan, the cast and crew of *Night Of The Living Dead*, and more. He also co-wrote *Conversations with Kreskin* with *The Amazing Kreskin*. In 2009, he was named as finalist, along with collaborator Mark McLaughlin, in two different Bram Stoker Award categories: Best First Novel of 2008 for *Monster Behind the Wheel* and Best Poetry Collection of 2008 for *Attack of the Two-headed Poetry Monster*. McCarty received the 2008 David R. Collins' Literary Achievement Award from the Midwest Writing Center. In 2005, he was a Bram Stoker finalist in the nonfiction category for *More Giants of the Genre*.

MARK McLAUGHLIN is the Bram Stoker Award-winning author of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and more. Many of his books fit within the literary tradition of H.P. Lovecraft, Robert W. Chambers, and Robert Bloch. McLaughlin's fiction, nonfiction, and poetry have appeared in more than 1,000 magazines,

newspapers, websites, and anthologies, including Dark Fusions: Where Monsters Lurk!, Galaxy, Living Dead 2, Writer's Digest, Cemetery Dance, Midnight Premiere, Dark Arts, and two volumes of Year's Best Horror Stories (DAW Books).

McLaughlin's latest paperback releases are the novel, APOCALYPSE AMERICA! (with Michael McCarty) and the story collections, Empress of the Living Dead: 25 Tales Of Horror & The Bizarre; The House of the Ocelot & More Lovecraftian Nightmares (with Michael Sheehan, Jr.); Horrors & Abominations: 24 Tales of the Cthulhu Mythos (with Michael Sheehan, Jr.); and Dracula Transformed & Other Bloodthirsty Tales (with Michael McCarty). McLaughlin is the coauthor, with Rain Graves and David Niall Wilson, of The Gossamer Eye, which won the 2002 Bram Stoker Award for Poetry.

McLaughlin's most recent digital works are the Lovecraftian Kindle novelettes, Pyramid of the Shoggoths and The Idol In The Hedge Maze (both co-written with Michael Sheehan, Jr.). Other Kindle releases by McLaughlin and Sheehan include the fiction collections, Stainless Steel Sarcophagus, The Testament of Cthulhu, The Creature In the Waxworks, The Relic in the Egyptian Gallery, Shoggoth Apocalypse, The Blasphemy in the Canopic Jar, The Horror in the Water Tower, and The Abominations of Nephren-Ka.

The September 2019 Winner #2 is:

Jason Humphreys

Books and Authors We'd Like for Our Customers

These are all on our Request List. Single titles have multiple requests. Authors and series also have multiple customers requesting one or more of their titles. If you have any of these and are willing to part with them, please bring them in to share.

Where the Crawdads Sing

Joanne Demaio

Older Faith & Values Non-Fiction

Craig Johnson (Longmire)

Darynda Jones

Captain Underpants

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI

Jana DeLeon (Miss Fortune Mysteries)

Diana Gabaldon (Outlander)

Diana Chamberlain

Don Winslow

Emmet Fox (Faith & Values)

Gerry Bartlett (Vampire)

Gertrude Chandler Warner (Boxcar Children)

Ilona Andrews

Harry Potter

J.R. Ward

Jason Reynolds

Jeff Kinney (Wimpy Kid)

Joe Hill

John L. Moore (History)

Kristin Hannah

Leslie Meier (A Lucy Stone Mystery)

Lisa Wingate (Before We Were Yours: A Novel)

Louise Penny

Margaret Atwood

Mark Sullivan (Beneath a Scarlet Sky)

MaryJanice Davidson

Michelle Obama (Becoming)

Neil Gaiman

P. C. Cast, Kristin Cast

P. N. Elrod

Paul Tremblay

Richelle Mead

Rick Riordan

Ruth Ware

Santa Montefiore

Sarah J. Maas

Sherrilyn Kenyon

Stephen King

Tommy Orange

Tracie Peterson

Victoria Aveyard

William Kent Krueger

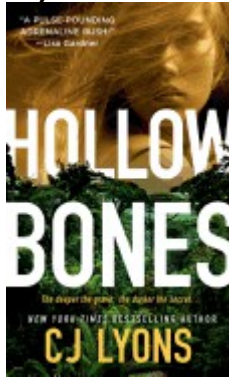
Du liest aus German?

We've just added a few German language novels to our Foreign Language section. If you are interested in them, go online (<https://www.thebookrackqc.com/>), call or stop in to reserve or "claim" the ones you'd like.

Joy Fielding – Im Koma
– Ich will Ihren Mann
- Nur Der Tod Kann Dich Retten
Stephanie Meyer – Seelen
Cecelia Ahern – P.S. Ich liebe Dich
Andrea Kane – Dunkel ziffer
Marya Hornbacher – Du hast nicht gesagt, ich lieb dich
J. Lynn – wait for you
Karen Rose - Todesschrei

Book Reviews

Hollow Bones by CJ Lyons (2013)

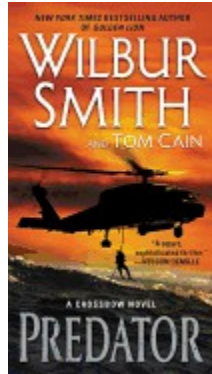


From the ancient mysteries of a Mayan temple to the sinister secrets of modern medicine, FBI agent Caitlyn Tierney uncovers crimes that have been buried far too long and far too deep...

It's the kind of case that chills Caitlyn to the bone. Missing person. College student. Beloved daughter of a world leader in biotechnology. She was last seen on a spring break cruise. No witnesses. No motives. Just one possible lead - reports of a stranger who may have lured the young archeology major off the ship and into the jungles of Guatemala. When Caitlyn follows her hunch into the jungle - with the FBI's Jake Carver by her side - the trail takes a surprising turn

into the very heart of darkness.

Predator: A Crossbow Novel (Hector Cross #3) By Wilbur Smith (2016)



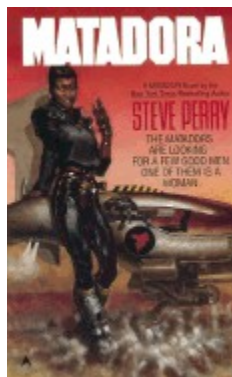
Former operative Major Hector Cross must face off against a pair of lethal enemies and prevent an international catastrophe in this gripping contemporary adventure-thriller from the legendary worldwide bestselling author of *Desert God* and *Golden Lion*.

One of the most formidable fighters in the world, ex-SAS warrior and former private security consultant Major Hector Cross has survived explosive tangles with depraved enemies--warlords, pirates, and arms dealers--from the Middle East to the heart of Africa. Now, Cross must take the law into his own hands once again to stop a vengeful old enemy who has resurfaced--and hunt down a deadly new nemesis in pursuit of global domination.

Perfect for fans of Clive Cussler, Ted Bell, and Vince Flynn.

Hector Cross is one of the best characters in today's thrillers, right up there with Mitch Rapp & Jack Ryan. Tough, talented and tireless with a team of expert fighters to call on when needed. This offering is an A in my book. A fun read that grabs you with an iron grip and holds you to the end. Not read a Crossbow novel by Smith? Get one if you enjoy thrillers.

Matadora by Steve Perry (1986)



On some worlds, the name of Khadaji is a prayer for resistance fighters... Khadaji... master warrior, martyr, legend. The one-man resistance to the Confed on Greaves. Known as "The Man Who Never Missed," he only let himself be taken when he'd done what he'd set out to do. With his death, Khadaji became the inspiration and idol of students of martial arts everywhere.

Matador Villa... the training center for the best fighters in the galaxy, disciples of the great Khadaji. A rigorous program of political tactics and psychological warfare, physical discipline and martial force. A mysterious school on the planet Renault... its ultimate motives unknown.

Dirisha Zuri... a dangerous drifter, a dark-skinned beauty, Khadaji's colleague. A *ronin*, whose expertise in body control and knowledge of the fighting arts drew the attention of Matador Villa. The school wanted her talents... and the galaxy desperately needed her deadly skills. **Matadora**. The legend of The Man Who Never Missed becomes the incredible mission of a single woman... The Matadora.

I reviewed the 1st book in the Matadora series, The Man Who Never Missed and gave it a high review. That was a few years ago. While on vacation I picked up another Steve Perry Science Fiction book, Matadora and found it was a sequel. The series now has 9 titles in it and I'm embarking on a quest to read them all. Not one right after the other, but read one every now and then until I catch up, kind of like I do Lee Child, Daniel Silva, Louise Penny and a few other favorite authors. I give this book an B+. It's a short book (210 pages) so it doesn't take long, but has enough excitement to be a real page-turner.

A Time to Die by Tom Wood (2016)



The sixth novel in the thriller series featuring the enigmatic assassin Victor. IT'S NOT HOW LONG YOU'LL LIVE....

Now that professional assassin Victor is indentured to British Intelligence, he is tasked with eliminating the worst of the worst. One such man is Milan Rados, a former Serbian paramilitary commander wanted for war crimes and now head of an organized criminal network in Belgrade. He has escaped justice once

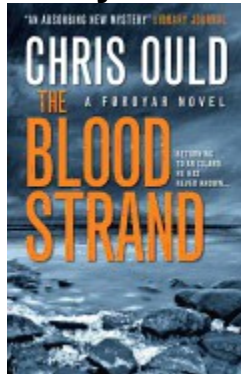
already, so it's Victor's job to take the justice to him.

IT'S HOW SOON THEY'LL DIE.

Victor might be the best in the business, but with powerful friends and an entire crew to protect him, Rados is a hard man to corner and even harder to kill. To get close to his target, Victor will need more than his deadly skills. An unlikely ally can provide him with the edge he seeks, but there's a price on Victor's head--and a killer who won't quit knows just how to find him....

Open Book Society comments, "A fast-paced, explosive novel filled with tons of gunfights, fistfights, car chases and action...any Bond, Bourne or Reacher fan will enjoy reading (a Victor series novel). I give it a B+. There are now 8 novels and 2 novella's in the series.

The Blood Strand, A Faroes Novel by Chris Ould (2017)



A short geography lesson first: The Faroe Islands is a self-governing archipelago, part of the Kingdom of Denmark. It comprises 18 rocky, volcanic islands between Iceland and Norway in the North Atlantic Ocean, connected by road tunnels, ferries, causeways and bridges.

Having left the Faroes as a child, Jan Reyna is now a British police detective, and the islands are foreign to him. But he is drawn back when his estranged father is found unconscious with a shotgun by his side and someone else's blood at the scene. Then a man's body is washed up on an isolated beach. Is Reyna's father responsible?

Looking for answers, Reyna falls in with local detective Hjalti Hentze. But as the stakes get higher and Reyna learns more about his family and the truth behind his mother's flight from the Faroes, he must decide whether to stay, or to forsake the strange, windswept islands for good.

"This one is a winner for fans of both Scandinavian and British procedurals: the exotic, little-known Faroese location lends a Scandinavian feel without the forbidding atmosphere, and Ould brilliantly plunges intuitive, straightforward

detectives Jan and Hjalti into a complicated tangle of secret motivations that fans of Henning Mankell and Elizabeth George will appreciate." - Booklist Starred Review.

I do like to read novels set in different countries and cultures. They help me understand the locations better and add more mystery to the book. They also bring perspectives to the different laws and punishments handed out in their countries. I liked the book and would compare it favorably to Ian Rankin. I give it a B and hope you'll pick up a Chris Ould novel when you can. This is his 1st novel and the first of a trilogy, so you don't have a lot to consider and they may be hard to find.

The September 2019 Winner #3 is:

Chris Bachelder

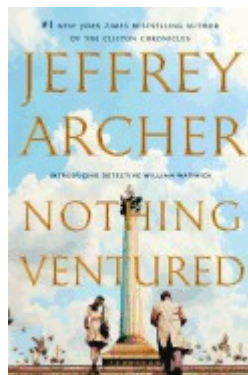
Recent and Upcoming New Releases:

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

Jeffrey Archer – Nothing Ventured – 28.99



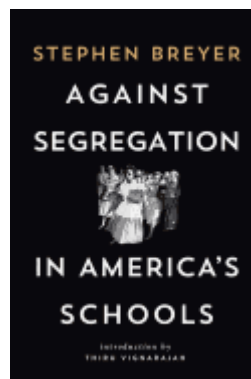
Margaret Atwood – The Testaments, A Sequel to the Handmaid's Tale – 28.95



Nevada Barr – What Rose Forgot – 28.99

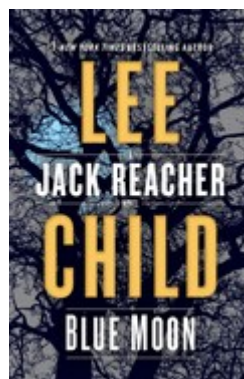
M.C. Beaton – Beating About the Bush – 26.99

Stephen Breyer – Against Segregation in America's Schools – 14.95



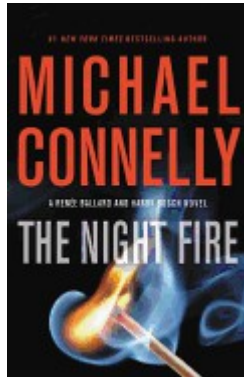
Tracy Chevalier – A Single Thread – 27.00

Lee Child – Blue Moon – 28.99



Ann Cleeves – The Long Call – 27.99

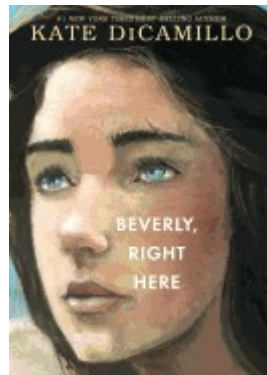
Michael Connelly – The Night Fire – 29.00



Patricia Cornwell – Quantum – 28.99

Clive Cussler – The Titanic Secret, An Isaac Bell Novel – 29.99

Kate DeCamillo – Beverly, Right Here – 16.99

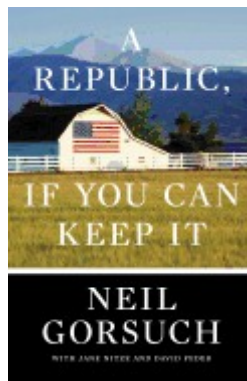


Jude Deveraux – Met Her Match – 26.99



Tess Gerritsen – The Shape of Night – 28.00

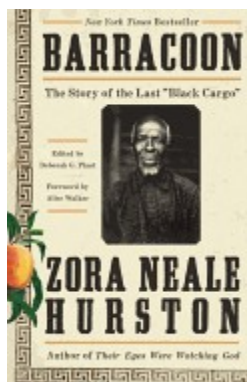
Neil Gorsuch – A Republic, If You Can Keep It – 30.00



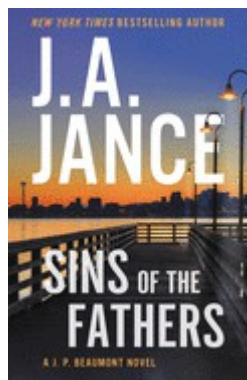
Andrew Gross – The Fifth Column – 28.99

Joshua Hood – Robert Ludlum's, The Treadstone Resurrection – 27.00

Zora Neale Hurston – Barracoon, The Story of the Last Black Cargo – 16.99



J.A. Jance – Sins of the Fathers, A J.P. Beaumont Novel – 26.99

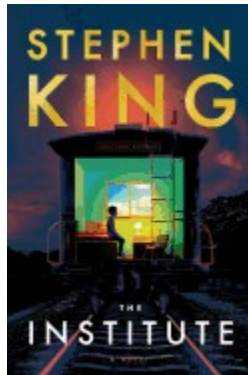


Craig Johnson – Land of Wolves, A Longmire Novel – 28.00

Sherrilyn Kenyon – At Death's Door, A Deadman's Cross Novel –

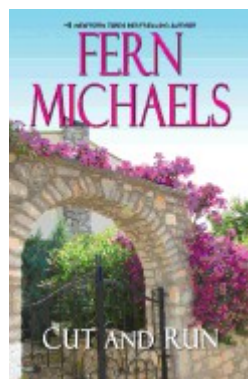
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Stephen King – The Institute – 30.00



Kat Martin – The Deception – 26.99

Fern Michaels – Cut and Run – 28.95



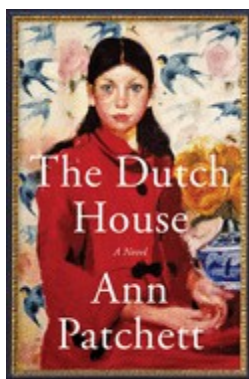
Kyle Mills – Lethal Agent , A Mitch Rapp Novel – 28.99

Erin Morgenstern – The Starless Sea – 28.95



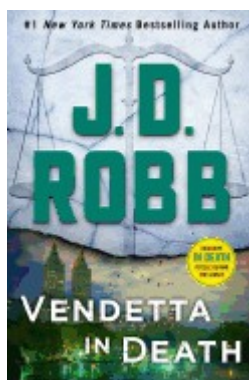
Bill O'Reilly – The United States of Trump, How the President Really Sees America – 28.00

Ann Patchett – The Dutch House – 29.99



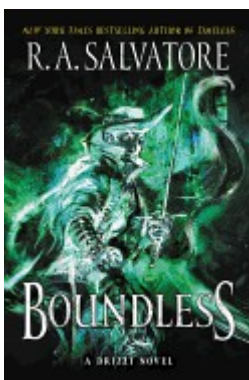
Anne Perry – Death in Focus, An Elena Standish Novel – 28.00

J.D. Robb – Vendetta in Death – 28.99



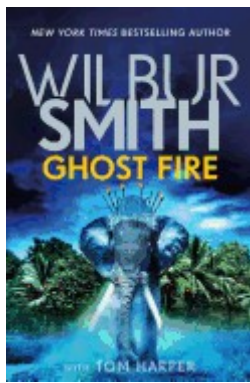
Kim Stanley Robinson – Red Moon – 16.99

R.A. Salvatore - Boundless, A Drizzt Novel – 27.99

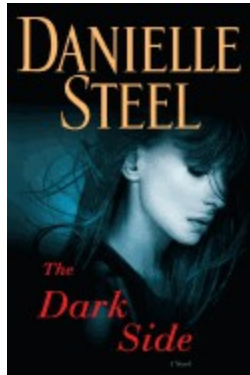


Karen Slaughter – The Last Widow – 27.99

Wilbur Smith – Ghost Fire – 28.99



Danielle Steel – The Dark Side – 31.00



Lisa Unger – The Stranger Inside – 26.99

Trivia for August

What did famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright reply when an important client called to complain that water on the roof of his newly completed house was leaking onto a dinner guest?

Answer:

“Tell him to move his chair.”

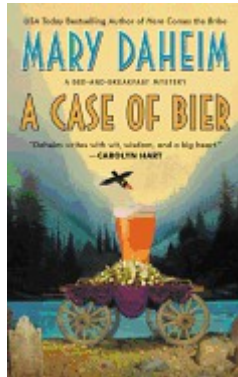
Mass Market Paperback

Robin Cook – Pandemic – 9.99



Clive Cussler – Shadow Tyrants, A Novel of the Oregon Files – 9.99

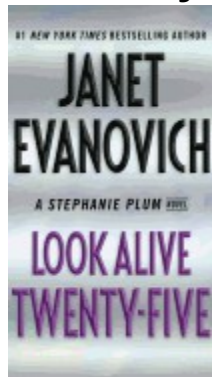
Mary Daheim – A Case of Bier, A Bed-and-Breakfast Mystery – 7.99



Jude Deveraux – As You Wish – 8.99

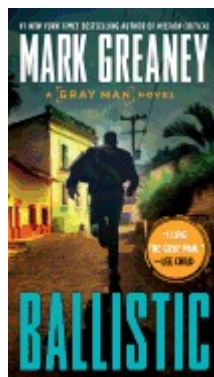
J.C. Eaton – Molded 4 Murder, A Sophie Kimball Mystery – 7.99

Janet Evanovich – Look Alive Twenty-Five, A Stephanie Plum Novel – 9.99



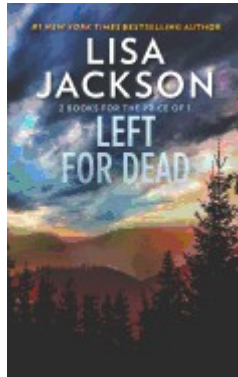
Sue Grafton – X – 9.99

Mark Greaney – Ballistic, A Grey Man Novel – 9.99



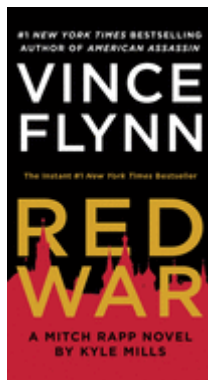
David Hagberg – Face Off, A Kirk McGarvey Novel – 9.99

Lisa Jackson – Left for Dead – 8.99



Gigi McCaffrey – Dragon Code, Anne McCaffrey's Dragonriders of Pern – 7.99

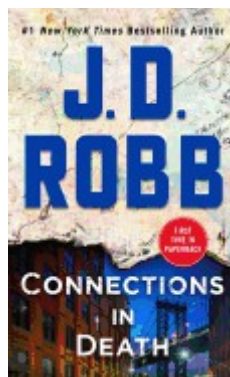
Kyle Mills – Red War, A Mitch Rapp Novel – 9.99



Rick Mofina – The Lying House – 9.99

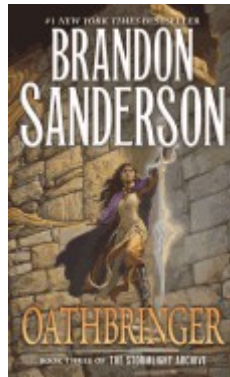
Brenda Novak – Blind Spot – 7.99

J.D. Robb – Connections in Death – 8.99



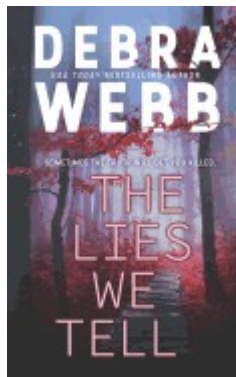
JoAnn Ross – Homeplace – 8.99

Brondon Sanderson – Oathbringer, Book Three of the Stormlight Archive – 10.99



Lisa Unger – Under My Skin – 9.99

Debra Webb - The Lies We Tell – 7.99



**The September 2019 Winner(s) #4 is/are:
Kelly & Daryl Marbury**