

# The Book Rack Newsletter

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

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**March 27- April 7, 2020 The Book Rack will be closed in accordance with Governor Reynold's March 26 proclamation.**

**TheBookRackQC.com**

**is open 24/7. Make good use of it to get your books.**

**As soon as we reopen, we will be thrilled to accept your books in trade. We have vacant shelves just crying out for new books.**

**Our home confinement is a great time to sort through those books you've accumulated and see which ones you can let go. Bring them in when we reopen for normal business. Please!!**

**In addition... once we reopen and throughout the month of April you will receive not 25% of the cover price in store credit, not 30%, but 35% of the cover price in store credit for paperback books we accept for trade!!**

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*Normal Store Hours: 10:00 - 6:00 Daily (except New Year's Day,  
Easter Sunday, July 4, Thanksgiving and Christmas)*

<http://www.thebookrackqc.com/>

[BookRackQC@Gmail.com](mailto:BookRackQC@Gmail.com)

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If you need a book and can't find it on our site, please try:

<https://www.ChrisLandsSearch.com>

This will search hundreds of other independent bookstores around the world to help you.

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## Trivia for April

**What was the name of the she-ape that rescued the infant Tarzan and raised him to be Lord of the Apes?**

Read on and find the answer later in the newsletter.

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## COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

**While the store is closed we continue to man the phone 10-4:00 Mon – Sat and 12-4:00 Sunday for phone orders.**

**Once we are allowed to reopen**, if you are concerned about getting out, let us help you. Shop for your books on our web site

(<https://www.thebookrackqc.com/>). We've seen a very welcome surge in customers near and far using it. You can shop and order from there or call

or email us your list. Tell us if you want them mailed or will pick them up. We'll pull the books, ring up the order and have them mailed or ready for pick up by the next day. We'll let you know when they are ready.

If you can come into the store to shop, we'll make every effort to insure you have a safe environment. We have always done this beyond normal standards, but we'll further enhance those efforts. We'll frequently clean the counters, door handles and bathroom and have hand cleaner and wipes for your use. You'll know who you are dealing with and how carefully we are being.

We'll reopen when we may. It will depend on the city and state leadership and our staff health and welfare. If we're allowed to reopen and our staff feels safe coming in, we'll be here. In any event we expect to continue to offer books through our web site and shipping at very reasonable cost, or free for orders of used books \$25.00, or more.

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## Our April 2020

### \$25 Gift Certificate Winners!

We try to give away four (4) \$25.00 Gift Certificates to [The Book Rack](#) account holders each month. (It's harder than you think!)

The names are selected from all our registered customers who have registered and/or had a trade or purchase since 1 April, 2018.

All a winner must 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 April 2020 winner #1 is:

Sharon Clark

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 **June 1, 2020** to claim your prize:

A \$25 gift certificate from **The Book Rack!**

## April 2020 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

### Month:

- National Humor Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- National Poetry Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month

### Weekly Celebrations:

- Week 1 Library Week

April 1 – April Fool’s Day

2 – Children’s Book Day

3 – National Walk to Work Day – I just hope we can all go to work!

4 – School Librarian Day (Elizabeth’s Day at **The Book Rack**)

5 – Palm Sunday

8 – Passover begins at sundown

10 – Golfer’s Day – YES! Please!

11 – Joan Mauch, Local Author at **The Book Rack** 11-1:00

**12 – Easter Sunday – The Book Rack will be Closed**

18 – Local Author Matt Parbs at **The Book Rack** 11-1:00

18 - Husband’s Appreciation Day - third Saturday in April

22 – Earth Day

23 – Ramadan begins at sundown

28 – Great Poetry Reading Day

**The April 2020 winner #2 is:**

**Melissa Soldat**

# What are you going to do with that COVID-19 Check from THE US Government!

Is that nice, or what! OK, they're giving us our kid's money not the politicians', but you're not going to refuse it, are you?

So, invest a bit in yourself and get 20% savings on books. Buy a \$100.00 **Book Rack** gift certificate for \$80.00 and use it whenever you want to! How great is that? Or a \$50.00 for \$40.00, or a \$1200 for only \$960.00! (I know, that's a lot of books when you buy them from **The Book Rack**, but just saying...) The gift certificates never expire. However, since we're talking a payment from the US Government, the gift certificate much be paid in US currency, checks or cards. Sorry, no Yuans, Euros, Pesos, Rupees or other such alien

currencies.



## Featured Authors:

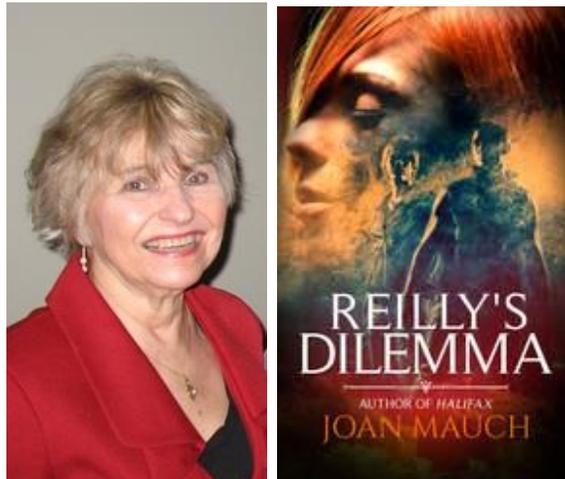
Before introducing our April Featured Authors, I'd like to suggest this stay-at-home time is a particularly good opportunity to explore our fine cadre of local authors and 100+ locally authored books. You'll find books that will thrill, inform, scare, titillate, delight, make you laugh and cry or some combination. There are books to recommend to your book club, read with your children or grandchildren or gift to a favored friend or relative. But mostly, books for you to enjoy. Invest your

“confinement” time wisely. Try a few and you’ll not be disappointed. Just go to:

[TheBookRackQC.com/Categories](http://TheBookRackQC.com/Categories) and find Local Authors and explore. Or, just [click here](#). Enjoy the journey!

**NOTE: The following events are subject to change due to the coronavirus disruptions.**

**Local Author Joan Mauch** plans to be at [The Book Rack](#) on April 11, 11-1:00 to visit with her fans and sign copies of her new book, “Reilly’s Dilemma.”



A chainsaw artist. A money manager. A Native American. Set in the Pacific Northwest, when their worlds intersect, one is betrayed, another rejected—and all of their lives are at risk.

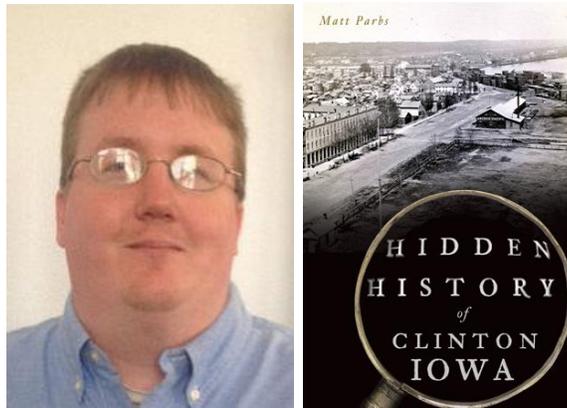
Reilly Caruthers, a budding investment manager has moved to Washington State to be close to her new love interest, chainsaw artist Gabe Prescott and his little girl, Maddie. All is going well and Gabe is planning to pop the question when Reilly discovers a client laundering money through her investment management firm. Her efforts to drop them are met with threats on her life. She concludes that she has no choice but to disappear, so she heads north, thinking she might slip into Canada from Port Angeles. Her car breaks down in the Olympic National Forest in the middle of the night, and she is discovered by Isaiah Dawson, a member of the Makah Indian Tribe. That's when things get even more complicated.

Joan has been a frequent and very popular visitor at The Book Rack We've offered her books in our Local author section since her first book, Halifax. Stop

in an visit a friend or make a new friend, and be sure to pick up a copy of Reilly's Dilemma.

Joan's other titles include LEON'S WALL, which was released June 30,2017. UNMASKING MISS JANE is the 2nd edition of THE MANGLED SPOON published in 2014. Her debut novel, HALIFAX, was originally published in 2013. Her fourth and fifth novels, THE WATERKEEPER'S DAUGHTER and ESCAPE FROM AMBERGRIS CAYE were published in 2014 and 2016.

**Matt Parbs, Local Author and Director of the Clinton, Iowa Sawmill Museum** plans to be at [The Book Rack](#) 11-1:00 on April 18. Matt's book, "The Hidden History of Clinton Iowa" was recently released by Arcadia Publishing.



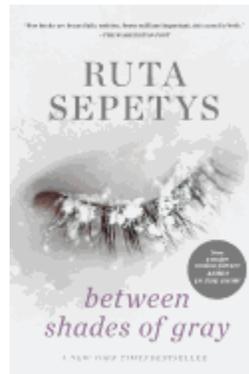
Two things people frequently say about Clinton are that it was the lumber capital of the world and home to the most millionaires per capita. While those interesting nuggets are not exactly true, there are plenty of fascinating facts about the city. Learn why Clinton could easily be known as a holiday town if not overshadowed by the meetings and parties of America's lumber kings. See what life was like guiding an acre-long log raft down the Mississippi. Enter the century-long debate on the location of the Big Tree. And find out how Clinton fed the world. Matt Parbs unearths Clinton's past from the weight of myth and details its hidden history.

Matt will be at The Book Rack April 18, 11-1:00 signing copies of his book and discussing Clinton's most interesting historical facts and fiction. Stop in and visit with Matt and pick up a copy of his book.

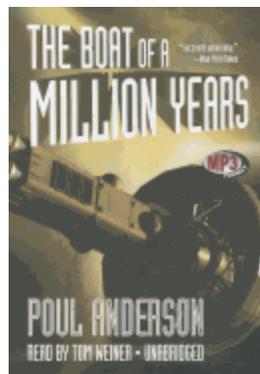
## Book Reviews

***Between Shades of Gray***, *one girl's voice breaks the silence of history*, by Ruta Sepetys, is juvenile fiction, based on the author's family. The edition notice includes this summary, "In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and her brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp, while she

fighters for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil.” The nations of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia disappeared from maps in 1941 during Stalin’s Baltic cleansing. Hundreds of thousands of people were removed from their homes, shipped to prison camps and lost their lives for no reason other than their nationality. A winner of multiple prestigious awards, this is an excellent book for older children to learn about a terrible time in history. (Reviewed by Claudia)



### **The Boat of a Million Years by Poul Anderson (1989) Science Fiction**



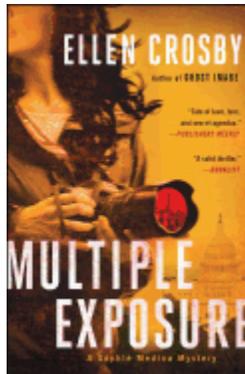
The novel follows a group of eleven human **immortals** from the ancient past to the distant future. Most of the novel follows the various immortals throughout their lives as they try to find others like themselves, avoid being killed, and remain quiet about their gift. Gradually, the immortals begin to meet across the world and form a family of sorts. After they share their secret of immortality with the rest of humanity, the ensuing years result in a human culture they no longer relate to or fit in with. Consequently, they create and crew a starship to explore new civilizations within the galaxy.

As their name implies, at a certain point Immortals stop outwardly aging, generally at about twenty-five years, though apparently among east-Asians possibly a little later. When Immortals' teeth are damaged, they regrow. Immortals receive no permanent scars and also never contract contagious illnesses, even during times of plague. They remain fertile for as long as they live and can rapidly heal broken bones or other serious wounds. Immortals can and in the course of the novel do die, as they are not capable of recovering from

injuries such as a stab to the heart or decapitation. There is also discussion about whether long-term exposure to tobacco smoke might present the possibility of lung cancer developing, though the researcher who opens the possibility admits he has no data on the matter.

This is a wonderful epic, especially if you have ever wondered about human immortality in physical form. The prospective impact the few immortals have on the mortals around them and how they survive through the ages is fascinating. I give it an A. A long book it retained my rapt attention. Poul Anderson was/is one of the best Science Fiction authors and visionaries to ever enter the genre. This is one of his masterpieces.

## **Multiple Exposure, A Sophie Medina Mystery by Ellen Crosby (2013) Mystery**



This globe-trotting mystery featuring intrepid photojournalist Sophie Medina is an "assured tale of love, loss, and secret agendas, the first in a new series, which... offers a complex portrait of our nation's capital, with its historic beauty and roiling underbelly of deceit and danger" ( *Publishers Weekly*).

When photojournalist Sophie Medina returns to London from an overseas assignment, she discovers that her husband, Nick, a geologist and covert CIA operative, has been abducted and assumed dead. Three months later, a friend in the British government relays that Nick has been spotted in Moscow, but Sophie is allowed little joy before the news turns dark--Nick is accused as a suspect in his boss's murder and rumors circulate that he's involved in illicit Russian oil deals. With her every step closely watched, Sophie moves to Washington, DC, to be with her family and friends.

There, Sophie is drawn deeper into Nick's shadowy world. While photographing an exhibit of two never-before-seen Fabergé imperial eggs at the National Gallery of Art, Sophie is confronted by a Russian oil tycoon, implicating her husband in an international energy scheme. On the run from Nick's enemies, Sophie plays a high-stakes game of Russian roulette as she tries to determine friend from foe and prove her husband's innocence.

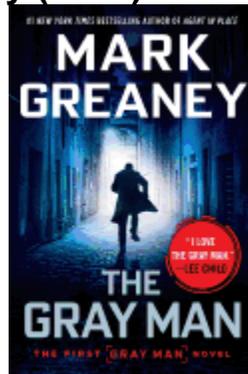
Weaving together political intrigue, art history, and international espionage, the fast-paced *Multiple Exposure* is the thrilling first novel of an exciting new series.

Ellen Crosby is a new author for me. Ellen is a freelance reporter for The Washington Post and former foreign correspondent for ABC News Radio. She has spent many years overseas in Europe and the former Soviet Union but now lives in Virginia with her husband and three sons. Her articles have appeared in The Wall Street Journal and The Christian Science Monitor. She is also the author of 10- Wine Country cozy mysteries.

"Crosby seamlessly blends fact with fiction to establish a fast-paced mystery that is as creative as it is well researched. Readers looking for a lively, alluring mystery teeming with intellectual takeaways that become instant conversation starters will enjoy *Multiple Exposure*, as well as its spirited female lead, elements of Russian art history and international conspiracy."--BookPage

I give *Multiple Exposure* a B+. It did grab me early on and kept me engaged throughout. Well done.

### **The Grey Man by Mark Greaney (2009) Thriller**



**"Hard, fast, and unflinching--exactly what a thriller should be."--Lee Child**  
To those who lurk in the shadows, he's known as the Gray Man. He is a legend in the covert realm, moving silently from job to job, accomplishing the impossible and then fading away. And he always hits his target. Always.

But there are forces more lethal than Gentry in the world. Forces like money. And power. And there are men who hold these as the only currency worth fighting for. And in their eyes, Gentry has just outlived his usefulness.

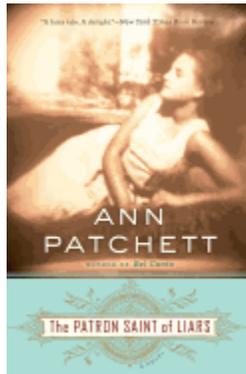
But Court Gentry is going to prove that, for him, there's no gray area between killing for a living and killing to stay alive...

"From the opening pages, the bullets fly and the bodies pile up. Through the carnage, Gentry remains an intriguing protagonist with his own moral code."--

## Booklist

This is the first Grey Man Novel, but there are now 8 with a 9<sup>th</sup> coming in 2020. He also co-authored 3 Jack Ryan books and 3 Jack Ryan, Jr titles with Tom Clancy. Greaney has earned his "bones" and your consideration, if you like Jack Ryan, Mitch Rapp, Scott Horvath, Pike Logan and other similar bad a\$\$ heroes. I give this book a B+. It's not higher simply because it's a bit over the top. Still, grab it if you can.

## The Patron Saint of Liars by Ann Patchett (1992) General Fiction



St. Elizabeth's, a home for unwed mothers in Habit, Kentucky, usually harbors its residents for only a little while. Not so Rose Clinton, a beautiful, mysterious woman who comes to the home pregnant but not unwed, and stays. She plans to give up her child, thinking she cannot be the mother it needs. But when Cecilia is born, Rose makes a place for herself and her daughter amid St. Elizabeth's extended family of nuns and an ever-changing collection of pregnant teenage girls. Rose's past won't be kept away, though, even by St. Elizabeth's; she cannot remain untouched by what she has left behind, even as she cannot change who she has become in the leaving.

"A lovely, evocative tale about a beautiful mother, her abandoned daughter, the love-struck men who are devoted to them both-- and the living saint who watches over them all. Maybe *the Patron Saint of Liars* really *is* a sign from God." --Carolyn See

My 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Patchett novel is, again, a joy to read. She's just a great story teller. I give it and A-. Not read her? Pick up any of her books and be prepared for a compelling read. Ann Hoffman, Anne Lamott and Richard Russo are similar authors.

The April 2020 winner #3 is:

Neil Christiansen

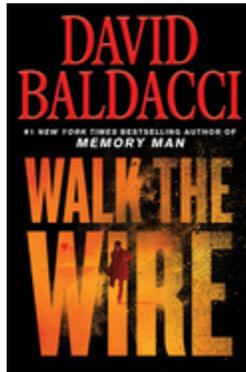
## Recent and Upcoming New Releases:

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 many will get to you eventually.

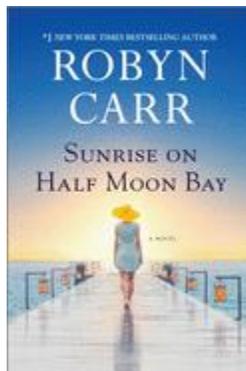
## Hardcover and Trade Paperback

David Baldacci – Walk the Wire – 29.99 – Thriller



Marc Cameron – Stone Cross, An Arliss Cutter Novel – 26.00 – Thriller

Robyn Carr – Sunrise on Half Moon Bay – 16.99



**John Grisham – Camino Winds – 28.95 – Espionage/Thriller**

**Matt Hilton – Rough Justice, A Grey and Villere Thriller – 28.99**



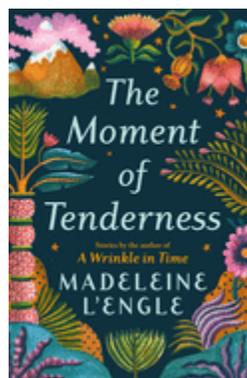
**Kay Hooper – Hidden Salem, A Bishop/Special Crimes Unit Novel – 27.00 - Espionage/Thriller**

**Sue Monk Kidd – The Book of Longings – 28.00 – Literary Fiction**



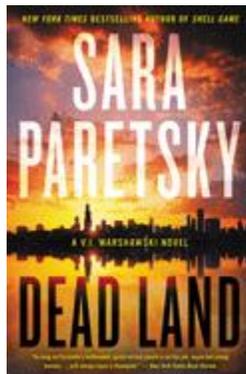
**Dean Koontz – Devoted – 28.99 – Suspense**

**Madeleine L'Engle – The Moment of Tenderness, A Short Story Collection – 27.00**



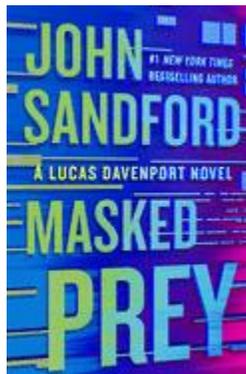
**Fern Michaels – Fearless – 26.00 – Romantic Suspense**

**Sara Paretsky – Dead Land, A V.I. Warshawski Novel – 28.99 – Mystery**



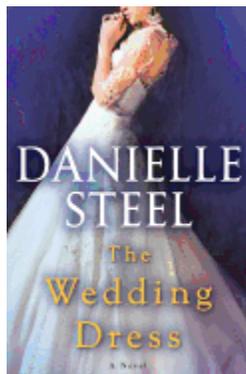
**Anne Perry – One Fatal Flaw, A Daniel Pitt Novel – 28.00 - Mystery**

**John Sandford – Masked Prey – 29.00 – Mystery**



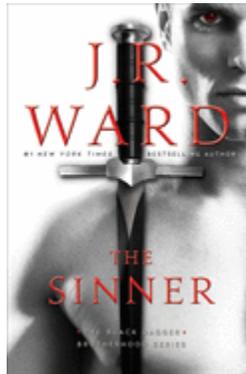
**Wilbur Smith – Call of the Raven – 28.99 – General Fiction**

**Danielle Steel – The Wedding Dress – 28.99 – General Fiction**

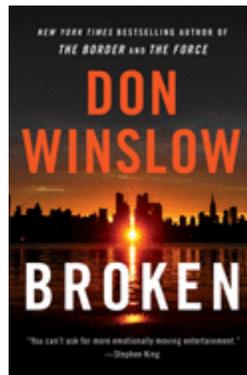


**Scott Turow – The Last Trial – 29.00 – Mystery**

**J.R. Ward – The Sinner, The Black Dagger Brotherhood Series – 28.00 – Romance**



**Don Winslow – Broken, Six Short Novels – 29.99 - Thriller**



## Trivia for April

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**Answer:**

**Kala**

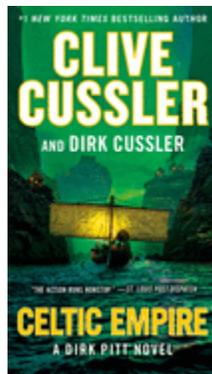
**Mass Market Paperback**

**Allison Brennan – Cut and Run – 8.99 – Thriller**

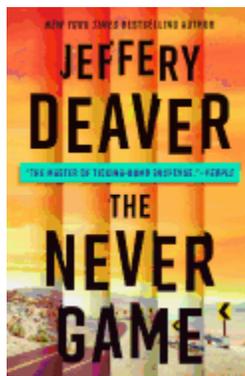


**Catherine Coulter – The Last Second – 9.99 – Espionage/Thriller**

**Clive Cussler – Celtic Empire, A Dirk Pitt Novel – 9.99 – Adventure**

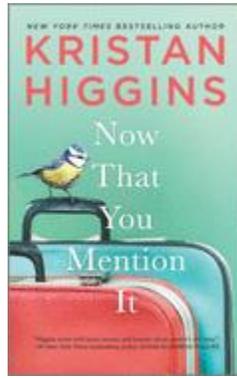


**Jeffery Deaver – The Never Game – 9.99 - Espionage/Thriller**



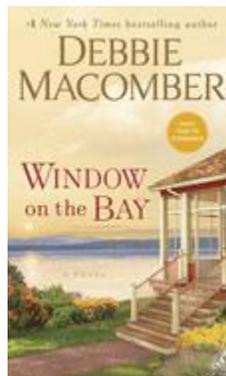
**W. Michael Gear – Pariah, Donovan, Book 3 – 8.99 – Sci Fi**

**Kristin Higgins – Now That You Mention It – 8.99 – General**



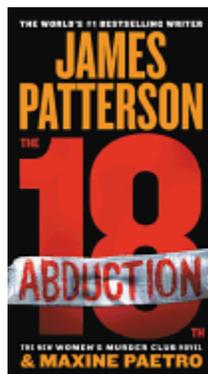
**Lisa Jackson – Envious – 8.99 – Espionage/Thriller**

**Debbie Macomber – Window on the Bay – 7.99 – Romance**



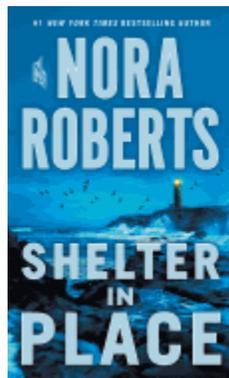
**Mike Maden – Tom Clancy’s Enemy Contact, A Jack Ryan Novel – 9.99 - Thriller**

**James Patterson – The 18<sup>th</sup> Abduction, The New Women’s Murder Club – 9.99 – Mystery**

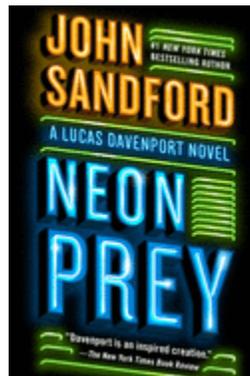


**Kathy Reichs – Death Du Jour – 9.99 - Mystery**

**Nora Roberts – Shelter in Place – 8.99 – General**



**John Sandford – Neon Prey – 9.99 – Mystery**



**Sherryl Woods – White Pine Summer – 9.99 – Romance**



**The April 2020 winner #4 is:**

**Mary Lotspeich**