

The Book Rack Newsletter

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Trivia for August 2022

Whose autobiography is entitled "The Wheel of Fortune"?

(Are you sure???)

Read on and find the answer later in the newsletter.

"What kind of books do you take?"

Written by Nicole Steinbaugh

This is one of the most frequent questions we receive, and the answer is not a short or simple one. But for the curious, here is a quick guide to trading your books at The Book Rack.

Don't trade: Dirty, smelly, or damaged books, or those that have been stored improperly (in trash bags, garbage cans, or areas with a lot of heat and moisture, to name just a few). Remember: *it's okay to recycle books!* For more details on this, check out our January 2022 newsletter.

Do trade: Clean books that have been stored on shelves, in stacks, or in boxes in your home.

Don't trade: Most things that aren't books: Board games, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, etc.

Do trade: Tarot cards or oracle decks; kits that include books, like astronomy kits

Don't trade: Encyclopedias, textbooks, Reader's Digest condensed editions, or magazines, including cooking magazines.

Do trade: Sheet music books, especially for guitar and piano

Don't trade: Books that have been written in or highlighted extensively, blank journals

Do trade: Unused coloring books

Don't trade: Kids' books missing stickers or other components

Do trade: Popular children's books like Pete the Cat, Llama Llama, Paw Patrol, and any kids' books that still have their magnets, puzzle pieces, stickers, etc.

Don't trade: Hardcover without dust jackets, General Fiction or Mystery hardcovers that are older than five years and not in popular demand. If you have several in a set in very good condition, we would consider them.

Do trade: Hardcover Young Adult, Children's, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Horror, Large Print

Don't trade: Your Health/Fitness, Politics, Sports, or Travel books from 1983

Do trade: Your nice History, New Age, or Military History books from the same era

Don't trade: Audiobook cassettes

Do trade: Audiobook CDs or MP3 CDs

This is by no means a comprehensive list. If you're unsure about what you have, go ahead and bring them in!

\$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 or had a trade, Request List addition or purchase in the past 2-years (Since August 1, 2020).

All a winner must do is read the newsletter and find your name listed below, then call or 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 2022 winner #1 is:

Abby Cozzolino

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, 2022 to claim your prize:

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

August 2022 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

Month:

**Admit You're Happy Month
Family Fun Month
International Pirate Month
National Catfish Month
National Eye Exam Month
National Golf Month
Peach Month
Romance Awareness Month
Water Quality Month**

Weekly Events:

International Clown Week - always August 1-7

Week 1 National Simplify your Life Week

Week 2 National Smile Week

Week 3 Friendship Week

Week 4 Be Kind to Humankind Week

August 4 - National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

U.S. Coast Guard Day

August 7 - Friendship Day - First Sunday in August

International Forgiveness Day - First Sunday in August

Sisters Day - First Sunday in August

August 9 - Book Lover's Day

August 11 - Son and Daughter Day

August 12 - Annual Perseid Meteor Shower - Peak Night

August 15 - Relaxation Day - now this one's for me

August 21 - Senior Citizen's Day

August 26 - Women's Equality Day

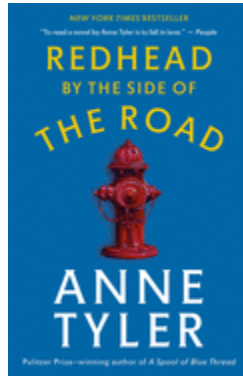
August 26 - International Dog Day

August 28 - National Red Wine Day

Book Reviews

Reviews by Claudia:

Redhead by the Side of the Road by Anne Tyler(2021)



is a look into the quiet, highly routine life of Micah Mortimer, the owner and sole employee of his Kia-centered TECH HERMIT business and male friend of Cassia Slade. Micah lives by himself in the basement of an apartment building where he moonlights as the superintendent. His regimented life is upended when Cass is faced with eviction from her apartment and a teenage boy appears at his door claiming to be his son. As a person who has difficulty understanding and connecting to others on a personal, emotional level, Micah is thrown for a loop. The publisher states, “***Redhead by the Side of the Road*** is a sparkling novel about second chances, misperception, and the sometimes-elusive power of human connection.” Easy, quick read that ends on a hopeful note.

Miss Benson’s Beetle (2020) is by Rachel Joyce, the author of ***The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry***.



The synopsis on the book back reads, “It is 1950. London is still reeling from World War II, and Margery Benson, a school teacher and spinster, is trying to get through life, surviving on scraps. One day, she reaches her breaking point, abandoning her job and small existence to set out on an expedition to the other side of the world in search of her childhood obsession: an insect that may or may not exist – the golden beetle of New Caledonia. When she advertises for an assistant to accompany her, the woman she ends up with is the last person she

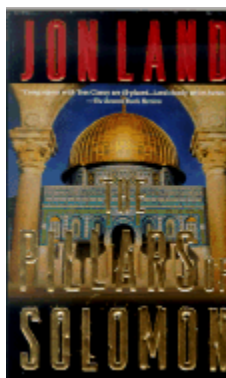
had in mind. Fun-loving Enid Pretty, in her tight-fitting pink suit and pom-pom sandals, seems to attract trouble wherever she goes. But together these two British women find themselves drawn into a cross-ocean adventure that exceeds all expectations and delivers something neither of them expected to find: the transformative power of friendship.” I could not have said it better. I liked the book very much and find that I like the characters even more in hindsight. Recommended.

The August 2022 winner #2 is:

Jeanette Price

Reviews by Bob

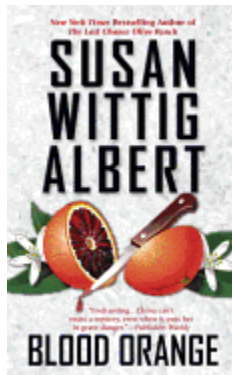
Pillars of Solomon by Jon Land – Thriller – 1999



Ben Kamal hasn't investigated a case since his last assignment with Danielle. But missing children in his native West Bank capture his interest, reminding him of his own lost children. Danielle Barnea had put her career on hold as well until a personal tragedy left her with nothing else to turn to. Her first case is the apparently random murder of a Jerusalem shopkeeper who was also one of Israel's earliest war heroes. What Ben and Danielle don't know is that their separate investigations are linked by a secret born of the blood that forged a nation - and that now has the power to topple its government and plunge the Middle East into a maelstrom of chaos and destruction. To stop history from being rewritten, Ben and Danielle must follow a dangerous path to a truth that no one wants revealed, a truth someone has already killed to keep hidden behind the Pillars of Solomon.

I give it an A! A book very worthy of your time.

Blood Orange (China Bayles Mystery #24) by Susan Wittig Albert – Mystery – 2016



It's mid-April in Pecan Springs, and China is renting her guest cottage to Kelly Kaufman, who needs a temporary place to live as she contends with a very acrimonious divorce from her husband Rich. One nasty point of dispute is her part ownership of the Comanche Creek Brewing Company, which she is refusing to sell.

At the same time, as a nurse employed by a local hospice, Kelly has discovered instances of suspicious practices. Even more disturbing, she suspects that a patient was murdered. Kelly's knowledge could be dangerous, and she wants to get guidance from China on what to do.

But on her way to China's house, Kelly is forced off the road and critically injured, putting her in a medically induced coma. Now it's up to China to determine who wanted her out of the picture. Was it her soon-to-be ex? His new lover--who happens to be the sister of China's friend Ruby? Or someone connected with the corruption at the hospice?

China owes it to her friend to uncover the truth--but she may be putting her own life at risk...

Susan Wittig Albert does an excellent job integrating her herbal knowledge into her captivating mystery plots. This is a well scripted story that kept me engrossed to the end. I give it an A- and recommend you try Albert, if you have not already done so. She has written 80+ books, so you won't run out quickly. If you like Diane Mott Davidson, Dorothy Gilman or Laura Childs, you will probably like Albert.

First Offense by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg (1995) Mystery



In *First Offense*, **Nancy Taylor Rosenberg** draws on her personal experience as a California probation officer to create a remarkable heroine in Ann Carlisle, who suddenly finds herself the target of someone who wishes to harm not only her but also her teenage son. As a probation officer, Ann knows what it means to walk a treacherously thin line between dangerous criminals who have scores to settle-and the system that seeks to punish them. As a wife, she holds closely guarded secrets about her police officer husband, who inexplicitly vanished over four years ago. And as a woman who has been sexually reawakened by a handsome, hard-driving district attorney after being alone too long, she is haunted by the specter of a mate who may suddenly reappear ... and terrified on an unknown enemy who seems to know her every move and thought.

The danger is clear to Ann from the moment a bullet hits her while she is leaving work one day. Ironically, the man who comes to her aid and saves her life is one of the first offenders she is supervising-convicted drug dealer Jimmy Sawyer. What was this smooth talking, slick moving, almost too good looking young man doing at the scene of the shooting?

No one is able to help Ann find answers, not her dynamic, career obsessed lover, or the cops who were buddies of her missing husband and who look on her as prone to shock and fantasy-especially when the evidence of an unspeakable crime she finds in Jimmy Sawyer's house disappears before she can prove it existed. Meanwhile, she is investigating a man accused of a series of brutal rapes, never suspecting his case will have a bearing on her own growing peril.

There is a lot going on in this story that don't seem to have any relationship. Rosenberg craftily brings it all together in an exciting end. I give it a B+. With a BA in English and 5 years as a photographic model, **Nancy Taylor Rosenberg** studied criminology. She served in the Dallas Police Department,

New Mexico State Police, Ventura Police Department and as an Investigative Probation Officer in Court Services for the County of Ventura where she handled major crimes. She brings a wealth of experience to her books and does so wonderfully. She compares favorably to Tony Hillerman, J.A. Jance and Scott Pratt.

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THE SPICE RACK

We received a large collection of books for our Spice Rack (Adult) section in mid-July.

This enabled us to refresh our inventory with new authors and titles. If this section is one you enjoy, stop in and see what's new.

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

Rhys Bowen - Where the Sky Begins – Historical Fiction - 24.95



London, 1940. Bombs fall and Josie Banks's world crumbles around her. Her overbearing husband Stan is unreachable, called to service. Her home, a ruin of rubble and ash. Josie's beloved tearoom boss has been killed, and Josie herself is injured, with nothing left and nowhere to go. Evacuated to the English countryside, Josie ends up at the estate of the aristocratic Miss Harcourt, a reluctant host to the survivors of the Blitz. Awed as she is by the magnificent landscape, Josie sees opportunity. Josie convinces Miss Harcourt to let her open a humble tea shop, seeing it as a chance for everyone to begin again

Sandra Brown – Overkill – Thriller - 29.00



Former Super Bowl MVP quarterback Zach Bridger hasn't seen his ex-wife, Rebecca Pratt, for some time--not since their volatile marriage imploded--so he's shocked to receive a life-altering call about her. Rebecca has been placed on life support after a violent assault, and he--despite their divorce--has medical power-of-attorney. Zach is asked to make an impossible choice: keep her on life support or take her off of it. Buckling under the weight of the responsibility and the glare of public scrutiny, Zach ultimately walks away, letting Rebecca's parents have the final say. Four years later, Rebecca's attacker, Eban--the scion of a wealthy family in Atlanta--gets an early release from prison. The ludicrous miscarriage of justice reeks of favoritism, and Kate Lennon, a brilliant state prosecutor, is determined to put him back behind bars. Rebecca's parents have kept her alive all these years, but if her condition were to change--if she were to die--Eban could be retried on a new charge: murder.

It isn't lost on Zach that in order for Eban to be charged with Rebecca's murder, Zach must actually be the one to kill her. He rejects Kate's legal standpoint but can't resist their ill-timed attraction to each other. Eban, having realized the jeopardy he's in, plots to make certain that neither Zach nor Kate lives to see the death of Rebecca--and the end of his freedom.

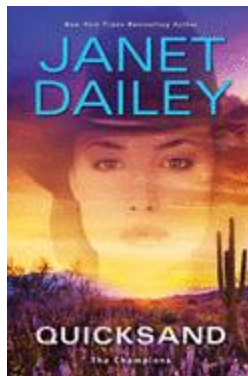
Catherine Coulter - Reckoning: An FBI Thriller (FBI Thriller #26) – 28.99



When she was twelve years old, Kirra Mandarian's parents were murdered and she barely escaped with her life. Fourteen years later Kirra is a commonwealth attorney back home in Porte Franklin, Virginia, and her goal is to find out who killed her parents and why. She assumes the identity of E.N.--Eliot Ness--and gathers proof to bring down the man she believes was behind her parents' deaths. She quickly learns that big-time criminals are very dangerous indeed and realizes she needs Dillon Savich's help. Savich brings in Special Agent Griffin Hammersmith to work with Lieutenant Jeter Thorpe, the young detective who'd saved Kirra years before.

Emma Hunt, a piano prodigy and the granddaughter of powerful crime boss Mason Lord, was only six years old when she was abducted. Then, she was saved by her adoptive father, San Francisco federal judge Ramsey Hunt. Now a 12-year-old with a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, she narrowly saves herself from a would-be kidnapper at Davies Hall in San Francisco. Worried for her safety, Emma's entire family joins her for her next performance, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.. Sherlock and officers from METRO are assigned to protect her, but things don't turn out as planned...

Janet Dailey – Quicksand – Romance – 26.00



Tess Champion knows better than to trust Brock Tolman, the rancher who once swindled her late father in a land deal. But with the Alamo Canyon Ranch in foreclosure, Tess is forced to accept Brock's offer of a partnership. Brock claims he only wants to breed the Champion bloodline into his own herd. In exchange, he offers Tess one of his own young bulls. Soon enough, Quicksand is the rising star of the rodeo circuit, which only proves Tess is better at picking bulls than she is men. Because she's way too tempted to surrender to her attraction to Brock, despite her certainty he's only out to steal her family ranch.

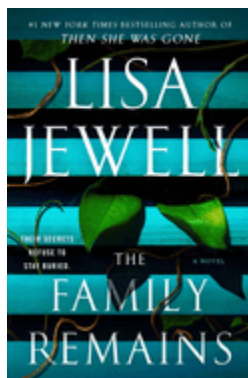
It's not until the tycoon's private plane crashes in the wilderness, stranding him with Tess, that the truth of their relationship will come out. The Champion family's future is on the line, but it's Tess's heart that will take the hit if she's fallen for the wrong man...

Tanya Huff - Into the Broken Lands – Fantasy – 28.00



Shattered by mage wars, the Broken Lands will test the bonds of family and friendship, strength and sanity. To save their people, the Heirs of Marsan have no choice but to enter, trusting their lives and the lives of everyone they protect, to someone who shouldn't exist, who can't be controlled, and who will challenge everything they believe about themselves.

Lisa Jewell - The Family Remains – Thriller – 28.00



Early one morning on the shore of the Thames, DCI Samuel Owusu is called to the scene of a gruesome discovery. When Owusu sends the evidence for examination, he learns the bones are connected to a cold case that left three people dead on the kitchen floor in a Chelsea mansion thirty years ago.

Rachel Rimmer has also received a shock--news that her husband, Michael, has been found dead in the cellar of his house in France. All signs point to an intruder, and the French police need her to come urgently to answer questions about Michael and his past that she very much doesn't want to answer.

After fleeing London thirty years ago in the wake of a horrific tragedy, Lucy Lamb is finally coming home. While she settles in with her children and is just about to purchase their first-ever house, her brother takes off to find the boy from their shared past whose memory haunts their present.

As they all race to discover answers to these convoluted mysteries, they will come to find that they're connected in ways they could have never imagined.

In this masterful standalone sequel to her haunting *New York Times* bestseller, *The Family Upstairs*, Lisa Jewell proves she is writing at the height of her powers with another jaw-dropping, intricate, and affecting novel about the lengths we will go to protect the ones we love and uncover the truth.

William Kent Krueger - Fox Creek (Cork O'Connor Mystery #19) – 28.00



The ancient Ojibwe healer Henry Meloux has had a vision of his death. As he walks the Northwoods in solitude, he tries to prepare himself peacefully for the end of his long life. But peace is destined to elude him as hunters fill the woods seeking a woman named Dolores Morriseau, a stranger who had come to the healer for shelter and the gift of his wisdom.

Meloux guides this stranger and his great niece, Cork O'Connor's wife, to safety deep into the Boundary Waters, his home for more than a century. On the last journey he may ever take into this beloved land, Meloux must do his best to outwit the deadly mercenaries who follow.

Meanwhile, in Aurora, Cork works feverishly to identify the hunters and the reason for their relentless pursuit, but he has little to go on. Desperate, Cork begins tracking the killers but his own skills as a hunter are severely tested by nightfall and a late season snowstorm. He knows only too well that with each passing hour time is running out. But his fiercest enemy in this deadly game of cat and mouse may well be his own deep self-doubt about his ability to save those he loves.

Lauren Owen - Small Angels – Horror – 28.99



The woods are stirring again. . . .

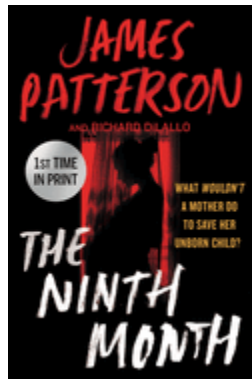
Lucia and her sisters grew up on the edge of Mockbeggar Woods. They knew it well--its danger, but also its beauty. As a lonely teenager, Kate was drawn to these sisters, who were unlike anyone she'd ever met. But when they brought her into the woods, something dark was awakened, and Kate has never been able to escape the terrible truth of what happened there.

Chloe has been planning her dream wedding for months. She has the dress, the flowers, and the perfect venue: Small Angels, a charming old church set alongside dense, green woods in the village that her fiancé, Sam, and his sister, Kate, grew up in. But days before the ceremony, Chloe starts to learn of unsettling stories about Small Angels and Mockbeggar Woods. And worse, she begins to see, smell, and hear things that couldn't possibly be real.

Now, Kate is returning home for the first time in years--for Sam and Chloe's wedding. But the woods are stirring again, and Kate must reconnect with Lucia, her first love, to protect Chloe, the village, and herself. An unforgettable novel about the memories that hold us back and those that show us the way forward, this is storytelling at its most magical.

Enter Small Angels, if you dare.

James Patterson – The Ninth Month – Thriller – 32.00



Emily Atkinson leads a complicated life in New York City. She's a successful marketing executive who lives in a luxury apartment and enjoys a glamorous existence until she lands in the hospital with a double diagnosis: she parties too much--and she's pregnant. Her nurse and new best friend, Betsey, helps Emily rediscover how much she loves morning runs in the park and quiet nights at home. But as a series of women in her wealthy social circles go missing, Emily's pregnancy becomes decidedly high-risk.

Leslye Penelope - The Monsters We Defy – Fantasy – 17.99



In the summer of 1925, along Washington, DC's "Black Broadway", a malevolent entity has begun preying on Negro residents. Twenty-three-year-old Clara Johnson is determined to discover what's going on in her community. Using her natural ability to talk with spirits, she begins to investigate, but a powerful spirit tasks her with a difficult quest: steal an ancient, magical ring from the finger of a wealthy socialite. When Clara meets Israel Lee, a supernaturally enhanced jazz musician also vying for the ring, the two decide to work together. They put together an unlikely team including a former circus freak, a pickpocketing Pullman Porter, and an aging vaudeville actor to pull off an impossible heist. But a dangerous spirit interferes at every turn and conflict in the spirit world is leaking out into the human world. With different agendas, even if Clara and Israel pull off the heist, only one of them can truly win

Taylor Jenkins Reid - Carrie Soto Is Back – Women's Fiction – 28.00



"In this powerful novel about the cost of ambition and success, a legendary athlete attempts a comeback at an age when the world considers her past her prime—from the New York Times bestselling author of *Malibu Rising*. Carolina Soto is undeniably fierce. She is determined to be the best professional tennis player the world has ever seen. And by the time she retires from the game in 1989 at the age of thirty-one, she is just that: the best. She has shattered every record and claimed twenty Slam titles. And if you ask Carrie, she is entitled to every one of those victories. After all, her dad—a former champion tennis player himself—has trained her for this since the age of two, always emphasizing, "We don't stop for one second until you are the best." Which is why it is infuriating when Nicki Chan arrives on the scene six years later and ties Carrie with twenty Slams. Just like that, Carrie's championship record is slipping through her hands. And she can't let that happen. So at thirty-seven years old, Carrie Soto is coming out of retirement to defend her title. Even if the sports media says she's too old to be playing professionally. Even if her injured athlete's body doesn't move as fast as it once did. Even if it means trusting her father to coach her again after he betrayed her all those years ago. And even if the fans don't want the cold, heartless "Battle Axe" Carrie back. In spite of it all: Carrie. Is. Back. She will return for one final season to prove to the world that she is the all-time champion. Because if you know your destiny is to be the best, isn't it your right to keep fighting for it?"—

Alastair Reynolds - Eversion – Science Fiction – 17.99



From the master of the space opera comes a dark, mind-bending adventure spread across time and space, where Doctor Silas Coade is tasked with keeping his crew safe as they adventure across the galaxy in search of a mysterious artifact.

In the 1800s, a sailing ship crashes off the coast of Norway. In the 1900s, a Zepellin explores an icy canyon in Antarctica. In the far future, a spaceship sets out for an alien artifact. Each excursion goes horribly wrong. And on every journey, Dr. Silas Coade is the physician, but only Silas seems to realize that these events keep repeating themselves. And it's up to him to figure out why and how. And how to stop it all from happening again.

Karen Slaughter - Girl, Forgotten – Mystery – 28.99



From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Pieces of Her*, comes an electrifying thriller featuring newly minted US Marshal Andrea Oliver as she investigates a cold case with links to her father's past.

A small town hides a big secret...

Who killed Emily Vaughn?

A girl with a secret...

Longbill Beach, 1982. Emily Vaughn gets ready for the prom. For an athlete, who is smart, pretty and well-liked, this night should be the highlight of her high school career. But Emily has a secret. And by the end of the evening, that secret will be silenced forever.

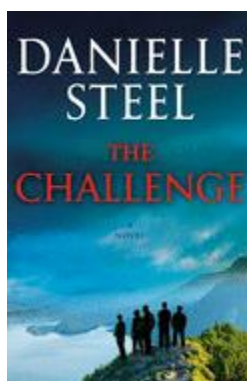
An unsolved murder...

Forty years later, Emily's murder remains a mystery. Her tight-knit group of friends closed ranks; her respected, wealthy family retreated inwards; the small town moved on from her grisly attack. But all that's about to change.

One final chance to uncover a killer...

US Marshal Andrea Oliver arrives in Longbill Beach on her first assignment: to protect a judge receiving death threats. But, in reality, Andrea is there to find justice for Emily. The killer is still out there--and Andrea must discover the truth before she gets silenced, too...

Danielle Steel - The Challenge - Romance – 28.99



Fishtail, Montana, is home to Anne and Pitt Pollock, local royalty, high school sweethearts, and owners of the successful Pollock ranch. The sprawling foothills of the Beartooth Mountains surround the town, overlooking the Pollocks' property and the nearby ranch belonging to Bill and Pattie Brown. The two couples have known each other since childhood. Their sons Peter Pollock and Matt Brown are also the best of friends. When they and two other local kids meet Juliet Marshall, new to town after her parents' bitter divorce, the five of them are soon inseparable, spending their summer days swimming, horseback riding, hiking, and fishing.

But one August afternoon, their latest adventure takes a dangerous turn--and quickly escalates into a battle for survival--when they find themselves trapped on Granite Peak. Fear reverberates through the town as their parents grow ever more desperate to hear word that their children have been found. They must place their own trials aside amid a massive search-and-rescue operation. As they come to lean on one another for support, a media frenzy ensues, heightening tensions and testing some already fragile relationships.

In the aftermath of this one fateful event, devastating secrets are revealed, new love appears on the horizon, and families are forced to reconsider what they once held dear. In *The Challenge*, Danielle Steel deftly weaves a story that is a portrait of courage and a striking tale of the bonds of love and family.

Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman - Dragons of Deceit: Dragon Lance Destinies: Volume 1 - Fantasy – 28.99



Destina Rosethorn--as her name implies--believes herself to be a favored child of destiny. But when her father dies in the War of the Lance, she watches her carefully constructed world come crashing down. She loses not only her beloved father but also the legacy he has left her: the family lands and castle. To save her father, she hatches a bold plan--to go back in time and prevent his death.

First, she has to secure the Device of Time Journeying, last known to be in the possession of the spirited kender Tasslehoff Burrfoot. But to change time, she'll need another magical artifact--the most powerful and dangerous artifact ever created. Destina's quest takes her from the dwarven kingdom of Thorbardin to the town of Solace and beyond, setting in motion a chain of disastrous events that threaten to divert the course of the River of Time, alter the past, and forever change the future.

Stuart Woods - Black Dog (Stone Barrington Novel) – Thriller – 29.00



After returning home from a treacherous adventure, Stone Barrington is all too happy to settle back down in his New York City abode. But when he's introduced to a glamorous socialite with a staggering inheritance, Stone realizes his days are about to be anything but quiet. As it turns out, Stone's intriguing new companion has some surprisingly

familiar ties and other far more sinister ones--including a nefarious enemy who gets too close for comfort. When it becomes clear that this miscreant will stop at nothing to get what he wants, and will endanger all whom Stone holds dear, Stone must step in to protect his friends and prevent a dangerous madman from wreaking havoc across the city

The August 2022 winner #3 is:

Jane Roesslein

Trivia for August 2022

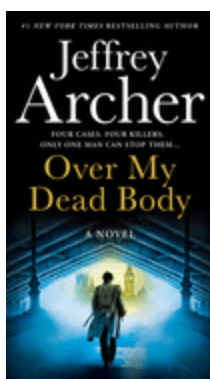
Whose autobiography is entitled "The Wheel of Fortune"?

Answer:

The answer is NOT Vanna White, who was only eight years old when the book was published in 1965. Its author was French singer Edith Piaf.

Mass Market Paperback

**Jeffrey Archer - Over My Dead Body (William Warwick Novels) –
Mystery – 9.99**



THE CLOCK IS TICKING IN THIS ROLLERCOASTER RIDE OF A THRILLER...

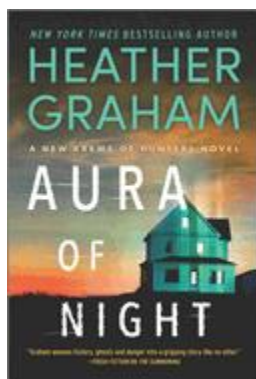
In London, the Metropolitan Police set up a new Unsolved Murders Unit - a cold case squad - to catch the criminals nobody else can.

In Geneva, millionaire art collector Miles Faulkner - convicted of forgery and theft - was pronounced dead two months ago. So why is his unscrupulous lawyer still representing a dead client?

On a luxury liner en route to New York, the battle for power within a wealthy dynasty is about to turn to murder. And at the heart of all three investigations are **Detective Chief Inspector William Warwick**, rising star of the Met, and ex-undercover operative **Ross Hogan**, brought in from the cold.

But can they catch the killers before it's too late?

Heather Graham - Aura of Night (Krewes of Hunters #37) – Mystery – 9.99

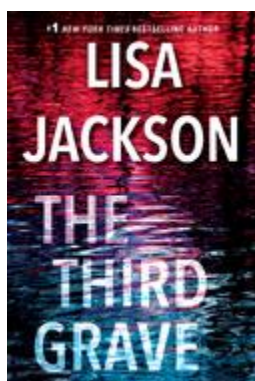


True evil never dies. It only waits in the dark.

All book editor Megan Law wants is to bury the memory of her brutal kidnapping and move on with her life. So when her publisher asks her to spin her hellish experience into the next bestseller, Megan agrees only because it might help keep other women safe. Then a mysterious, gruesome package arrives in the mail--a reminder that the nightmare isn't over just yet.

FBI investigator Ragnar Johnson is running out of time. He knows in his gut there's more to the recent Embracer killings, and he needs Megan's help. Even with their rocky past behind them, working together now isn't going to be easy. But when things take a deadly turn, Megan and Ragnar discover a deep connection that they'll have to use, because something is trying to tear them apart...forever.

Lisa Jackson – The Third Grave – Thriller – 9.99



The old Beaumont mansion is a rotting shell of its once-grand self, especially after a disastrous hurricane sweeps through Georgia. The storm does more than dislodge shutters and shingles. It leads to a grisly find in the cellar. Three graves. But only two skeletons...

For Nikki, the discovery is a gift, the perfect subject for her next crime book--though Reed has made her promise not to keep involving herself in dangerous police business. But despite the increasing tension between them, Nikki can't stay away from this story. Rumors are widespread that the burial site is the resting place of the Duval sisters--three young girls who went to the movies with their older brother, Owen, twenty years ago, and never returned. Forensics confirms that the remains belong to Holly and Poppy Duval. But where is the youngest sister, Rose?

Owen Duval was, and remains, the prime suspect, alibi or no. But as Nikki and Reed delve deep into the mystery, fractures in the case begin to show. There is more to the sisters' disappearance than anyone ever guessed. Far from an isolated act, those deaths were just the beginning. And there will be no rest, and no relenting, until the killer has buried the twisted truth along with his victims...

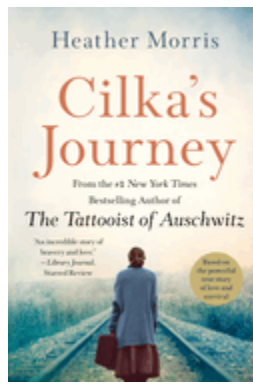
Stephen King – If It Bleeds – Thriller – 9.99



The four brilliant tales in *If It Bleeds* prove as iconic as their predecessors. In the title story, reader favorite Holly Gibney (from the Mr. Mercedes trilogy and *The Outsider*) must face her fears, and possibly another outsider--this time on her own. In "Mr. Harrigan's Phone" an intergenerational friendship has a disturbing afterlife. "The Life of Chuck" explores, beautifully, how each of us contains multitudes. And in "Rat," a struggling writer must contend with the darker side of ambition.

If these novellas show King's range, they also prove that certain themes endure. One of King's great concerns is evil, and in *If It Bleeds*, there's plenty of it. There is also evil's opposite, which in King's fiction often manifests as friendship. Holly is reminded that friendship is not only life-affirming but can be life-saving. Young Craig befriends Mr. Harrigan, and the sweetness of this late-in-life connection is its own reward.

Heather Morris - Cilka's Journey – Historical Fiction – 9.99



Her beauty saved her--and condemned her.

Cilka is just sixteen years old when she is taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp in 1942, where the commandant immediately notices how beautiful she is. Forcibly separated from the other women prisoners, Cilka learns quickly that power, even unwillingly taken, equals survival.

When the war is over and the camp is liberated, freedom is not granted to Cilka: She is charged as a collaborator for sleeping with the enemy and sent to a Siberian prison camp. But did she really have a choice? And where do the lines of morality lie for Cilka, who was sent to Auschwitz when she was still a child?

In Siberia, Cilka faces challenges both new and horribly familiar, including the unwanted attention of the guards. But when she meets a kind female doctor, Cilka is taken under her wing and begins to tend to the ill in the camp, struggling to care for them under brutal conditions.

Confronting death and terror daily, Cilka discovers a strength she never knew she had. And when she begins to tentatively form bonds and relationships in this harsh, new reality, Cilka finds that despite everything that has happened to her, there is room in her heart for love.

From child to woman, from woman to healer, Cilka's journey illuminates the resilience of the human spirit--and the will we have to survive..

Christopher Paolini - To Sleep in a Sea of Stars – Science Fiction – 10.99



**Kira Navárez dreamed of life on new worlds.
Now she's awakened a nightmare.**

During a routine survey mission on an uncolonized planet, Kira finds an alien relic. At first she's delighted, but elation turns to terror when the ancient dust around her begins to *move*.

As war erupts among the stars, Kira is launched into a galaxy-spanning odyssey of discovery and transformation. First contact isn't at all what she imagined, and events push her to the very limits of what it means to be human.

While Kira faces her own horrors, Earth and its colonies stand upon the brink of annihilation. Now, Kira might be humanity's greatest and final hope . . .

James Patterson and Shan Serafin – Three Women Disappear – Thriller – 9.99

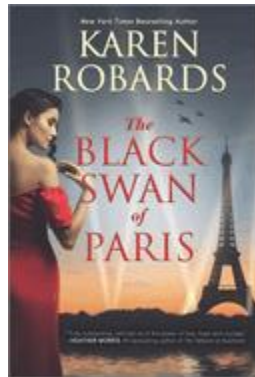


Sarah, his personal chef. Anna, his wife. Serena, his maid. All three had access to a murder victim's home. And all three women are missing.

Accountant Anthony Costello has a talent for manipulating both numbers and people, turning losses into profits, enemies into allies--and vice versa. When Costello is found murdered in his own home, three suspects had motive. All three had access to his home. And all three women are missing. Are they in the wind--or in the grave?

Eyes are on Detective Sean Walsh, whose personal connection to the case is stronger than leads to solve it. Neither the powerful bankroll behind Costello nor Walsh's vengeful superior officer can budge the investigation, yet as Walsh continues to dig, he uncovers even more reasons the women have to stay hidden--from the law, and from each other.

Karen Robards - The Black Swan of Paris – Historical Fiction – 9.99



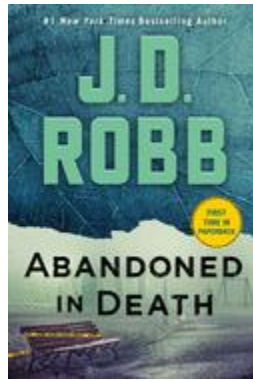
A world at war. A beautiful young star. A mission no one expected.

Paris, 1944

Celebrated singer Genevieve Dumont is both a star and a smoke screen. An unwilling darling to the Nazis, the chanteuse's position of privilege allows her to go undetected as an ally to the resistance.

When her estranged mother, Lillian de Rocheford, is captured by Nazis, Genevieve knows it won't be long before the gestapo succeeds in torturing information out of Lillian that will derail the upcoming Allied invasion. The resistance movement must silence her by any means necessary--including assassination. But Genevieve refuses to let her mother become yet one more victim of the war. Reuniting with her long-lost sister, she must navigate the perilous crosscurrents of occupied France undetected--and in time to save Lillian's life.

J.D. Robb - Abandoned in Death (In Death #54) – Mystery – 9.99



The woman's body was found in the early morning, on a bench in a New York City playground. She was clean, her hair neatly arranged, her makeup carefully applied. But other things were very wrong--like the tattoo and piercings, clearly new. The clothes, decades out of date. The fatal wound hidden beneath a ribbon around her neck. And the note: *Bad Mommy*, written in crayon as if by a child.

Eve Dallas turns to the department's top profiler, who confirms what seems obvious to Eve: They're dealing with a killer whose childhood involved some sort of trauma--a situation Eve is all too familiar with herself. Yet the clues suggest a perpetrator who'd be roughly sixty years old, and there are no records of old crimes with a similar MO. What was the trigger that apparently reopened such an old wound and sent someone over the edge?

When Eve discovers that other young women--who physically resemble the first victim--have vanished, the clock starts ticking louder. But to solve this case she will need to find her way into a hidden place of dim light and concrete, into the distant past, and into the cold depths of a shattered mind.

Gena Showalter - Ruthless: A Paranormal Romance (Immortal Enemies #2) – Romance – 9.99



Forbidden. Powerful. Ruthless.

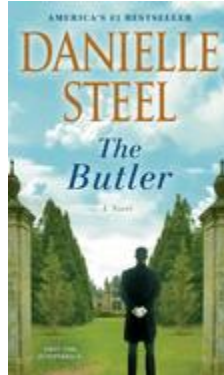
Micah the Unwilling, fae King of the Forgotten, can tame even the most violent of beasts. Forged on the battlefield, this iron-willed warrior considers his soldiers his family, and he will stop at nothing to reclaim their dispossessed land. Gearing for war with a sadistic enemy, he is disciplined and focused--until a feral beauty he encountered long ago wanders into his camp.

Viori de Aoibheall wields a terrifying ability to sing monsters to life. Having spent her childhood in a forest, raising herself and her frightening creations--the only friends she's ever known--she's ill prepared for the scarred royal and his fearsome brutality. Not to mention the ferocity of their connection and the carnality of his touch. But the real problem? Her brother is Micah's greatest foe. And though the sensual king makes her burn, she must stop him, whatever the cost.

The August 2022 winner #4 is:

Chris Holifield

Danielle Steel – The Butler – General Fiction – 8.99



Joachim von Hartmann was born and raised in Buenos Aires by his loving German mother, inseparable from his identical twin, Javier. When Joachim moves to Paris with his mother in his late teens, his twin stays behind and enters a dark world. Meanwhile, Joachim begins training to be a butler, fascinated by the precision and intense demands, and goes on to work in some of the grandest homes in England. His brother never reappears.

Olivia White has given ten years of her life to her magazine, which failed, taking all her dreams with it. A bequest from her mother allows her a year in Paris to reinvent herself. She needs help setting up a home in a charming Parisian apartment. It is then that her path and Joachim's cross.

Joachim takes a job working for Olivia as a lark and enjoys the whimsy of a different life for a few weeks, which turn to months as the unlikely employer and employee learn they enjoy working side by side. At the same time, Joachim discovers the family history he never knew: a criminal grandfather who died in prison, the wealthy father who abandoned him, and the dangerous criminal his twin has become. While Olivia struggles to put her life back together, Joachim's comes apart.

Stripped of their old roles, they strive to discover the truth about each other and themselves, first as employer and employee, then as friends. Their paths no longer sure, they are a man and woman who reach a place where the past doesn't matter and only what they are living now is true.

Jennifer Weiner - Big Summer – General Fiction – 9.99



Six years after the fight that ended their friendship, Daphne Berg is shocked when Drue Cavanaugh walks back into her life, looking as lovely and successful as ever, with a massive favor to ask. Daphne hasn't spoken one word to Drue in all this time--she doesn't even hate--follow her ex-best friend on social media--so when Drue asks if she will be her maid-of-honor at the society wedding of the summer, Daphne is rightfully speechless. Drue was always the one who had everything--except the ability to hold onto friends. Meanwhile, Daphne's no longer the same self-

effacing sidekick she was back in high school. She's built a life that she loves, including a growing career as a plus-size Instagram influencer. Letting glamorous, seductive Drue back into her life is risky, but it comes with an invitation to spend a weekend in a waterfront Cape Cod mansion. When Drue begs and pleads and dangles the prospect of cute single guys, Daphne finds herself powerless as ever to resist her friend's siren song. A sparkling novel about the complexities of female relationships, the pitfalls of living out loud and online, and the resilience of the human heart, *Big Summer* is a witty, moving story about family, friendship, and figuring out what matters most.