

The Book Rack Newsletter

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

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

Trivia for December 2022

What was the name of Dick and Jane's baby sister in elementary school primers of old?

Read on and find the answer later in the newsletter.

**NOTE: The Book Rack will close at 4:00 PM on
Christmas Eve, December 24
and
All day Christmas Day, December 25**

**Also, we'll close at 4:00 on New Year's Eve and
be closed all New Year's Day**

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**Beginning Black Friday and ending Christmas
Eve, **ALL Book Rack** Gift Certificates will be
discounted **20%!!**
\$20 for \$16.00**

\$54.50 will be \$43.60

\$111.11 will be \$88.89

\$5432.10 will be ONLY \$4345.68

You get the picture.

Any value is discounted 20%. What a great gift!

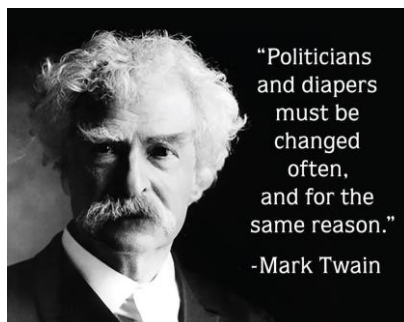
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We have added new puzzles and metal signs just in time for the holidays. They make great gifts! A few examples:

Puzzles



Signs



We will be adding more Puzzles before Christmas. They will all be new releases.

Shop early for the best selection!

\$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 December 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 December 2022 winner #1 is:

Jen Thonn

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 **December 31, 2022** to claim your prize:

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

December 2022 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

December Monthly Celebrations

Bingo Month

National Fruitcake Month

Safe Toys and Gifts Month

World Food Service Safety Month

Write a Friend Month

December Weekly Events

Human Rights Week – second week in December

Thank a Soldier Week – the week including Christmas

Holidays

2 – Local Author Tom McKay will be at The Book Rack 11-1:00

4 – Xixuan Collins, Local Author, will be at The Book Rack 2-4:00 PM

- Santa's List Day

6 – St. Nicholas Day

7 – Pearl Harbor Day

9 – Christmas Card Day

10 – Human Rights Day

11 – Mike McCarty, our best selling local author, will be at The Book Rack 1 – 3:00 PM

- International Children's Day – Second Sunday in December

12 - Gingerbread House Day

15 - Bill of Rights Day

16 - National Chocolate Covered Anything Day

18 – Local Author Lori Freudenberg will be at The Book Rack 11-1:00

- Bake Cookies Day

20 - Go Caroling Day

21 - Winter Solstice – the shortest day of the year

23 - Festivus – for the rest of us

24 – Christmas Eve - The Book Rack will close at 4:00

25 - Christmas Day (Closed)

30 - Bacon Day

31 - New Year's Eve – The Book Rack will close at 4:00

January 1, 2023 – New Year's Day – (Closed)

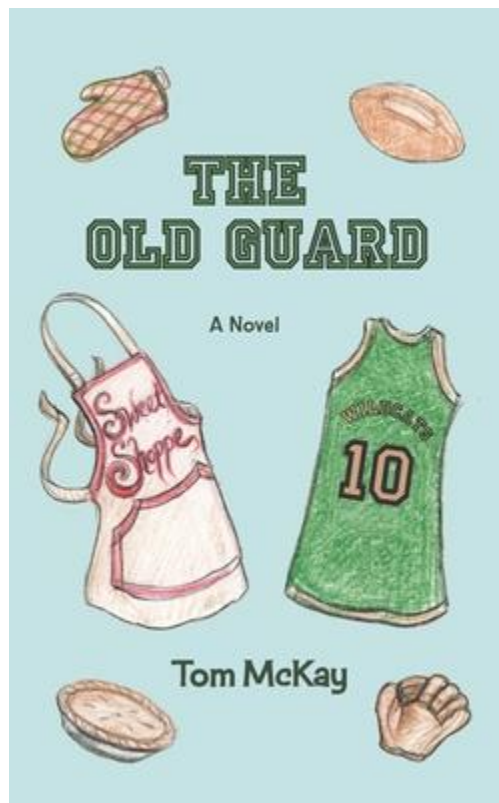
Special Notice for the Authors in the audience!!

(Our last notice!)

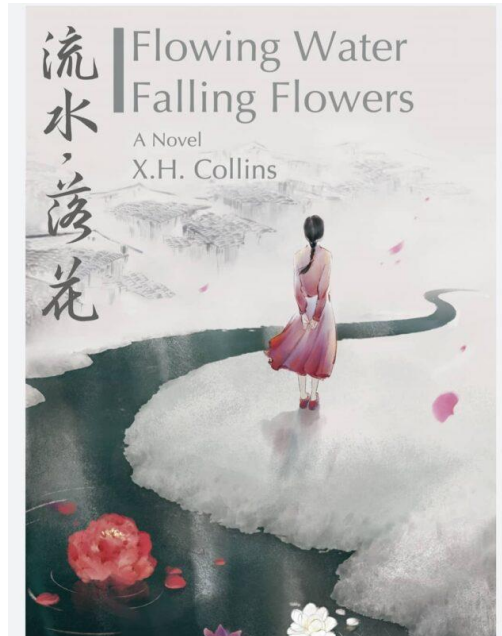
Story Unlikely - an online literary magazine run by Quad City locals - is hosting its annual short story contest - \$1,000 in cash prizes and NO entry fee! Submission period opened October 1st and runs until December 31st. Go to <https://www.storyunlikely.com/#contest> for more information.

December's Featured Local Authors

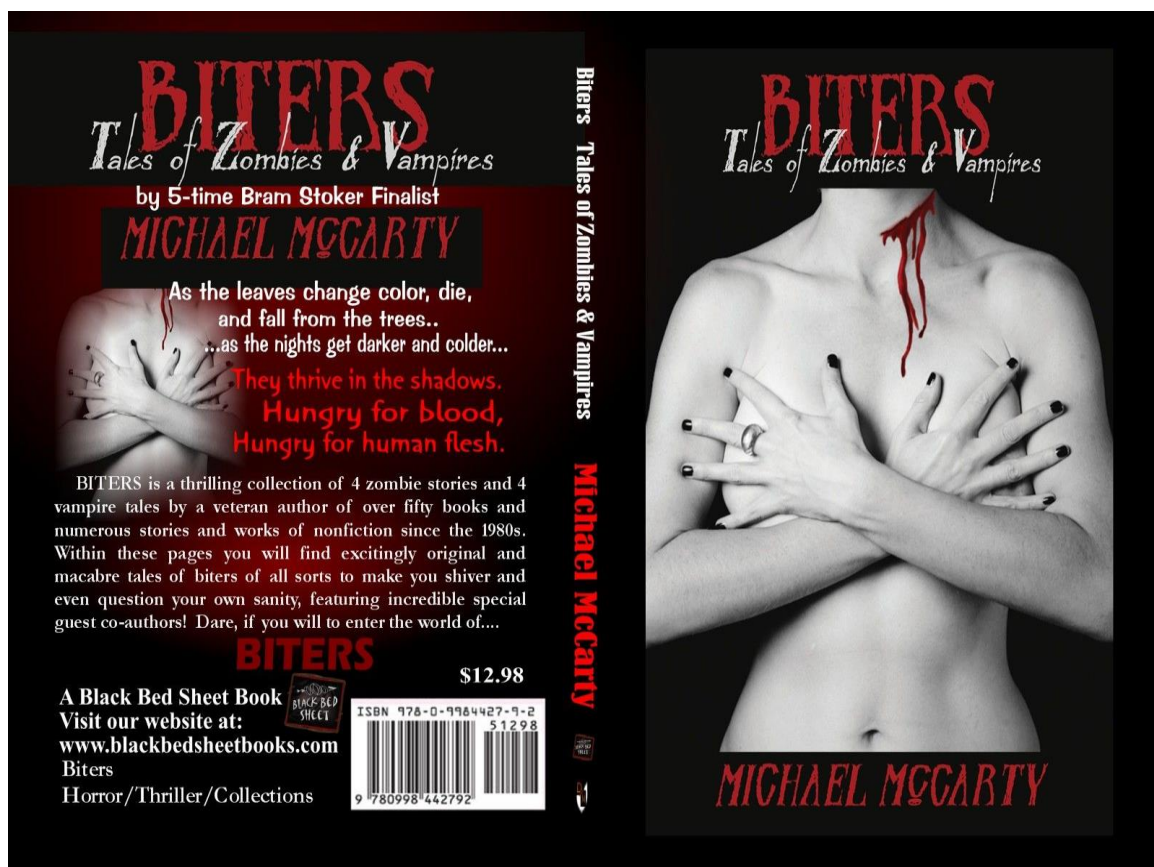
Tom McKay, Author of “The Old Guard,” “Another Life” and “West Fork,” will be at The Book Rack on December 2, 2022, 11-1:00 signing copies of his books and visiting with visitors and fans.



Xixuan Collins, Local author of “Flowing Water, Falling Flowers,” will be at The Book Rack December 4, 2-4:00 PM, with copies of her book. She looks forward to visiting will all visitors.



**Michael McCarty will be at The Book Rack
December 11, 1-3:00 for his Nightmare Before
Christmas & BITERS Book Signing. Mike is our
best-selling local author and will be
introducing his newest book, "Biters, Tales of
Zombies & Vampires."**



BITERS is a book with 4 zombie stories and 4 vampire stories including:
"To Live & Die in IA: Zombies in Iowa," a novella about a zombie apocalypse in the Quad Cities

and a previously unpublished story about Dracula's Daughter

Mike will also have copies of:

BITERS

GHOSTS OF THE QUAD CITIES

EERIE QUAD CITIES

MORE MODERN MYTHMAKERS

A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FIENDS

I KISSED A GHOUL

LOST GIRL OF THE LAKE

and some more of my rare books

DARK DUETS (1 copy)

MONSTER BEHIND THE WHEEL (1 Copy)

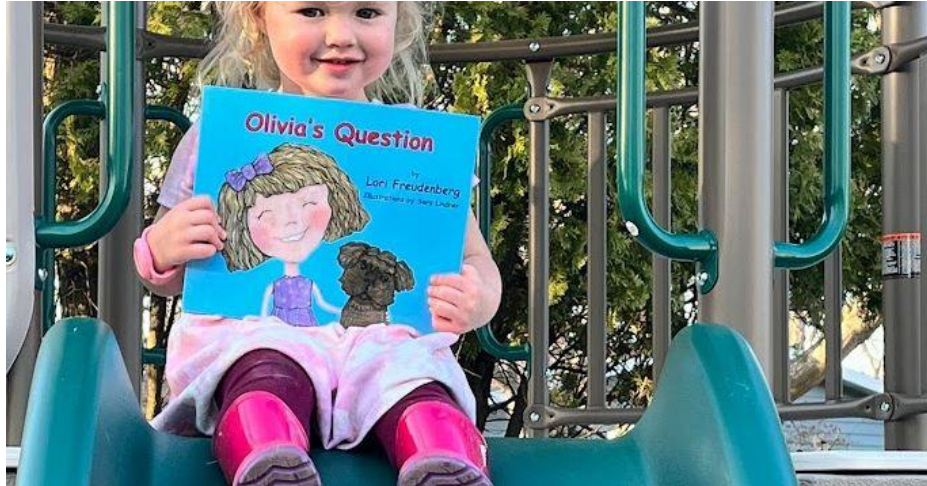
BRIDE OF THE TWO-HEADED POETRY MONSTER (1 Copy)

LIQUID DIET & MIDNIGHT SNACK (1 copy)

Contact Mike directly at darkduets@gmail.com if you want one of the single copy rarities!

Lori Freudenberg will be at The Book Rack 11-1:00 on December 18 with copies of her book

“Olivia’s Question”



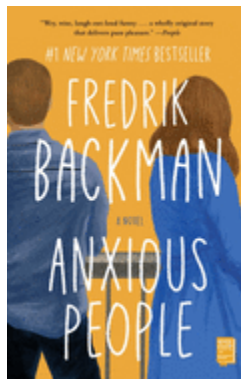
This book came to Lori in a dream, She truly considers it a Divine Download. In this dream, her then 9-month-old granddaughter, Olivia, asked her the question: "Where was I and what was I before I became me?" Then a poem just flowed - in that place between sleeping and waking. Lori got up and wrote it down and here is the result. The "lesson" of the book is that we are all one: every living creature on the earth.

This is a wonderful book for your very young children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other children you know and love.

Book Reviews

Reviews by Claudia:

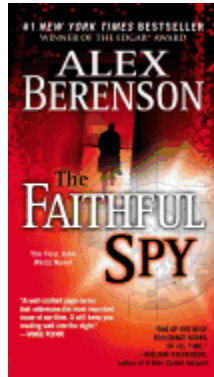
Anxious People(2021) by Fredrik Backman is a story about idiots.



And a bank robbery. And a hostage situation. And a bridge. But mostly about a group of strangers bound together in unforeseen, idiotic circumstances. Backman weaves a number of story lines together, challenging our assumptions and

surprising us as he reveals bits of the plot with information about the cast of characters. The Two Rivers Readers book club had much to discuss. Several of us read the book twice in preparation for discussion, and found the second reading even better than the first. Recommended.

The Faithful Spy (2008) by Alex Berenson is his first in the John Wells series.



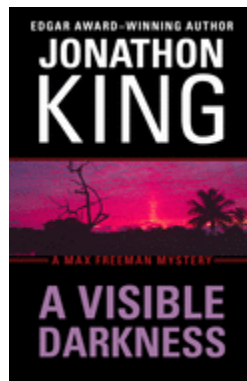
In this debut novel, all-American Montana-born John Wells is in Pakistan, a member of al Qaeda. As the book jacket read, “After a decade away from home, he despises the United States for its decadence. He hates America’s shallow, mindless culture of vice and violence. He is a devout Muslim. He is a brave warrior for Allah. He is a CIA operative. And he is coming home.” This is a gripping story set after 9/11, but before Bin Laden is found and killed. Wells is a complicated character, trying to do what is right, while both al Qaeda and the CIA question his motives and allegiance. This is an exciting story with an edge-of-your-seat finale. I picked up the second in the series (*The Ghost War*) immediately after finishing *The Faithful Spy* and liked it almost as much. Highly recommended.

The December 2022 winner #2 is:

Graham Eberhardt

Reviews by Bob

A Visible Darkness by Jonathon King (2003)



Max Freeman is seeking refuge from the familiar demons of his former life as a Philadelphia police officer in his secluded shack deep in the Everglades. But his self-imposed isolation is interrupted when he receives a desperate call from his best friend, attorney Billy Manchester. There has been a recent string of homicides - all elderly women, all from a poor neighborhood, and all with sizeable and recently sold-off insurance policies. The police investigation is going nowhere, and Billy suspects something sinister may be at work. So, to help his friend, Max must reluctantly pry where he's not wanted, and act like the cop he's trying to forget he was. To discover an unseen killer, Max will confront not only the dangers of a forgotten Florida cityscape, but also the unexpected and dark corners of his own past.

King hasn't written a ton of books, but his Max Freeman series has 7 titles with Visible Darkness being #2. If all are as well done as this one, you'll have a nice list of mysteries to look forward to reading. I give it a B+. A good, fairly quick read that will capture and hold your interest.

The Sins of the Fathers by Lawrence Block (1976)

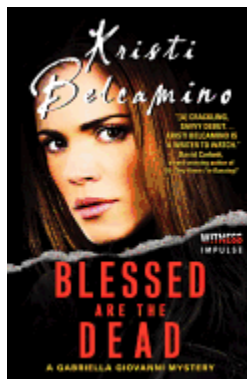


The hooker was young, pretty...and dead, butchered in a Greenwich Village apartment. The prime suspect, a minister's son, was also dead, the victim of a jailhouse suicide. The case is closed, as far as the NYPD is concerned. Now the

murdered prostitute's father wants it opened again--that's where Matthew Scudder comes in. But this assignment carries the unmistakable stench of sleaze and perversion, luring Scudder into a sordid world of phony religion and murderous lust where children must die for their parents' most unspeakable sins.

My list of really good mystery authors grows by the month. Block is a Mystery Writers of America Grand Master, a four-time winner of the Edgar Allan Poe and Shamus Awards, as well as a recipient of prizes in France, Germany, and Japan. This is a great read. I give it an A- and recommend you add Lawrence Sanders to your authors list, if you have not already read him. He is compared to Donald E. Westlake, Ross MacDonal and Ed McBain, among others.

Blessed are the Dead, A Gabriella Giovanni Mystery by Kristi Belcamino (2014)



San Francisco Bay Area newspaper reporter Gabriella Giovanni spends her days on the crime beat, flitting in and out of other people's nightmares, yet walking away unscathed. When a little girl disappears on the way to the school bus stop, her quest for justice and a front-page story leads her to a convicted kidnapper, Jack Dean Johnson, who reels her in with promises to reveal his exploits as a serial killer. But Gabriella's passion for her job quickly spirals into obsession when she begins to suspect the kidnapper may have ties to her own dark past: her sister's murder.

Risking her life, her job, and everything she holds dear, Gabriella embarks on a quest to find answers and stop a deranged murderer before he strikes again.

USA TODAY bestseller, Agatha, Anthony, Barry, and Macavity Award Finalist

Kristi Belcamino writes dark mysteries about fierce women seeking justice. Belcamino is a crime fiction writer, cops beat reporter, and Italian mama who also bakes a tasty biscotti

* Blessed are the Dead, was a finalist for the 2015 Anthony Award for Best First Mystery Novel and finalist for the 2015 Macavity Award for Best First Novel.

I picked this book up somewhere and set it aside to read at some point. That point arrived and now I can safely say I've joined the Kristi Belcamino "fan club."

The book is very well researched and written. The characters are straight forward and interesting. Even when it reached the common point where the protagonist something that makes me want to scream, "**What are you doing?**", I thought it with some affection and understanding, giving the circumstances in the story. You know the scenario – a psychopath in a dark building with a hostage and the main character decides to go in with no back-up to make the rescue, without calling the police first. I still give it an A. Belcamino is a writer to try and you'll keep reading her. Fortunately she is a quick writer and has produced 30+ books in the past 8-years to keep you engaged.

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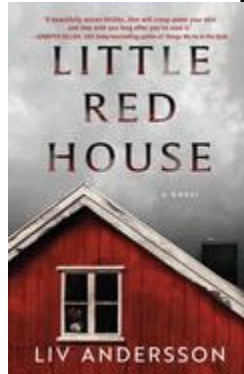
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Hardcover and Trade Paperback

LIV Andersson - Little Red House – Psychological Thriller – 28.99



Twenty years isn't enough to erase the sins of the past--but the future is even more.

In 1997, Eve Foster's daughter, Kelsey, runs away to New Mexico and vanishes without a trace. Eve is convinced that she's the victim of a serial killer who's been hunting women in the region--but Kelsey's body is never found.

Years later, Eve dies, leaving everything to her adopted twin daughters. The majority of the wealthy estate in Vermont goes to Lisa, the "good daughter," while Connie inherits only a small stipend and a property in New Mexico. Connie, often the target of Eve's cruelty, suspects this was another of her mother's vindictive games.

Connie arrives in New Mexico to find a small, dilapidated red house in the desert, and the home's mysterious caretaker, Jet Montgomery, living in a shack on the property. She learns there's been a string of women murdered in the area--murders that no one will talk about.

Before Connie can get to the truth, her mother's sadistic mind games come creeping back from the grave--and now the danger becomes all too real. With a serial killer on the loose and a trove of deadly secrets coming to the surface, Connie is in a desperate race to save herself and what little is left of her shattered family.

Robin Cook – Night Shift – Medical Thriller – 29.00



In this exhilarating medical mystery-thriller by Robin Cook, fan favorites Jack and Laurie are lured into the dark underbelly of hospital dangers when an internist is murdered.

Colleagues turned spouses Dr. Laurie Montgomery and Dr. Jack Stapleton already have their plates full with crazy work schedules and family pressures. The last thing they need is a murder. When Laurie's longtime friend, by all accounts healthy Dr. Sue Passero, dies mysteriously in the hospital parking garage, an autopsy is required, which falls squarely under Laurie's purview as newly appointed chief medical examiner. So when Laurie asks Jack to take special care with the case, he can hardly refuse.

With his curiosity sparked by the mystery around Sue's death, the indefatigable Jack, compelled to resolve the case at hand, sets out to investigate on-site at Manhattan Memorial Hospital, even though it means blatantly defying the Office of Chief Medical Examiner's rules. What started out as an inquiry into Sue's tragic passing soon turns into a deadly and dangerous chess game between Jack and the clever and deranged killer, who might just administer another lethal blow

if Jack isn't careful.

Marc Cameron - Tom Clancy Red Winter (Jack Ryan Novels) – Thriller – 29.95



In this previously untold adventure, a young Jack Ryan goes behind the Iron Curtain to seek the truth about a potential Soviet defector in the most shocking entry in Tom Clancy's #1 *New York Times* bestselling series.

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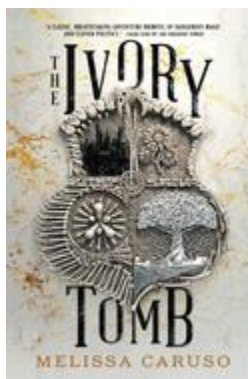
A top secret F117 aircraft crashes into the Nevada desert. The Nighthawk is the most advanced fighting machine in the world and the Soviets will do anything to get their hands on its secrets.

In East Berlin, a mysterious figure contacts the CIA with an incredible offer--invaluable details of his government's espionage plans in return for asylum.

It's an offer they can't pass up...if it's genuine, but the risks are too great to blindly stumble into a deal. With the East German secret police closing in, someone will have to go to behind the Berlin Wall to investigate the potential defector. It's a job Deputy Director James Greer can only trust to one man--Jack Ryan.

Ryan is a former Marine and a brilliant CIA analyst who's been the architect of some of the CIA's biggest coups but this time he's in enemy territory with a professional assassin on his tail. Can he get the right answers before the Cold War turns into a Red Winter?

Melissa Caruso - The Ivory Tomb (Rooks and Ruin #3) – Fantasy – 17.99



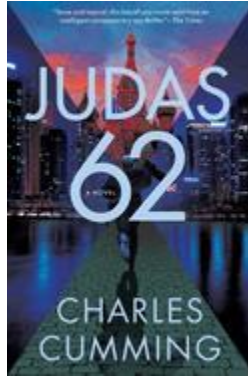
The Rooks and Ruin series concludes with this epic fantasy bursting with intrigue and ambition, questioned loyalties, and broken magic as Ryx fights to defeat the demons and save everything she loves.

The Dark Days have returned. The Demon of Carnage mercilessly cuts through villagers and armies. The Demon of Corruption rots the land. The Serene Empire and the Witch Lords race towards war. And in the middle of it all stands Rxyander, the Warden of Gloamingard.

Burdened by conflicting loyalties and guilt, Ryx searches desperately for a way to defeat the demons before the world she loves is completely destroyed. To find answers, she'll have to return to where it all started...the black tower at the heart of Gloamingard.

By blood the Door was opened and only by blood will the Dark Days end.

Charles Cummings – Judas 62 – Thriller – 27.95



After a lifetime working with BOX 88, the transatlantic counterintelligence agency so covert that not even the CIA knows of its existence, master spy Lachlan Kite has made plenty of enemies. And now, as the director of the outfit's operations in the UK, one of those past enemies has him in their sights...

1993: Student Lachlan Kite is sent to post-Soviet Russia, a spy in the guise of a language teacher. Embedded in the town of Voronezh, Kite's mission is to extract a chemical weapons scientist before the man's groundbreaking research falls into the wrong hands and shuttle him across the border to freedom in Ukraine. But Kite's mission soon goes wrong and he is left stranded in a hostile city with a former KGB officer on his trail.

2020: Thirty years after that dangerous mission, Kite discovers that its outcome put his name on the notorious "JUDAS" list--a record of enemies of Russia who have been targeted for assassination. Kite's fight for survival takes him to Dubai, a city crawling with international intelligence officers, where he enters into a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with the Russian secret state.

Luke Dumas - A History of Fear - Horror – 27.99



The Devil is in Scotland.

Grayson Hale, the most infamous murderer in Scotland, is better known by a different name: the Devil's Advocate. The twenty-five-year-old American grad student rose to instant notoriety when he confessed to the slaughter of his classmate Liam Stewart, claiming the Devil made him do it.

When Hale is found hanged in his prison cell, officers uncover a handwritten manuscript that promises to answer the question that's haunted the nation for years: was Hale a lunatic, or had he been telling the truth all along?

Unnervingly, Hale doesn't fit the bill of a killer. The first-person narrative that centers this novel reveals an acerbic young atheist, newly enrolled at the University of Edinburgh to carry on the legacy of his recently deceased father. In need of cash, he takes a job ghostwriting a mysterious book for a dark stranger, but has misgivings when the project begins to reawaken his satanophobia, a rare condition that causes him to live in terror that the Devil is after him. As he struggles to disentangle fact from fear, Grayson's world is turned upside-down after events force him to confront his growing suspicion that he's working for the one he has feared all this time--and that the book is only the beginning of their partnership.

A History of Fear is a propulsive foray into the darkness of the human psyche, marrying dread-inducing atmosphere and heart-palpitating storytelling.

Karen Kingsbury - A Thousand Tomorrows – Christian Romance – 17.99



Cody Gunner has no use for real love. Abandoned as a child by the person he needed the most, he swears he will never allow himself to love again. Ali Daniels denies love as well. Carrying a terrible secret, she lives life to the fullest, taking risks and refusing relationships. When Cody and Ali meet, their first instincts are to hide behind their emotional walls, seemingly doomed to repeat the patterns they have established for the rest of their lives. But their attraction is too strong, and soon they're doomed in another way, for neither can avoid falling in love, regardless of the consequences. Only after three years--a thousand tomorrows later--do they realize at what cost their relationship comes. In the end, they must decide if love is worth the ultimate price.

Peter Kirsanow - W. E. B. Griffin the Devil's Weapons (Men at War) – Thriller – 29.00



Dick Canidy and the agents of the OSS scour war torn Poland looking for a rocket scientist who holds the secrets to the Nazis most dangerous weapon in this new entry in W.E.B. Griffin's *New York Times* bestselling Men at War series.

April 1940. By terms of the Soviet Nazi Nonaggression pact, the two dictatorships divided the helpless nation of Poland. Now, the Russians are rounding up enemies of the state in their occupation zone, but one essential target slips away. Dr. Sebastian Kapsky had spent years working with Walter Riedel and Werner von Braun in the early days of rocket science, but as a man with a conscience he refused to continue when he saw the perversion of their work by the Nazis. That makes him the most knowledgeable person about German superweapons outside of Germany.

The Germans want him. The Soviets are desperate to grab him, but Wild Bill Donovan knows there's only one man who can find him in the middle of a war zone and get him out--Dick Canidy.

Michael Moorcock - The Citadel of Forgotten Myths (Elric Saga) – Fantasy – 28.99



Elric along with his companion Moonglum return, in this prequel set within the early days of Elric's wanderings, in order to investigate the history of Melniboné and its dragons, known as the Phroon, in this exciting new addition to the Elric Saga from World Fantasy Lifetime Achievement Award winner Michael Moorcock. Elric is the estranged emperor of the Melnibonéan empire, struggling with his nature while desperately striving to move forward with his dying empire alongside the constant thirst of his soul-sucking sword, Stormbringer. Elric is on the hunt for the great Citadel of Forgotten Myths while traveling through the remnants of his empire with his tragic best friend Moonglum, as Elric seeks the answers to the nature of the phroon of The Young Kingdoms. Taking place between the first and second book in the Elric Saga, *The Citadel of Forgotten Myths* is perfect for longtime fans and those new to this epic fantasy series.

Trivia for December 2022

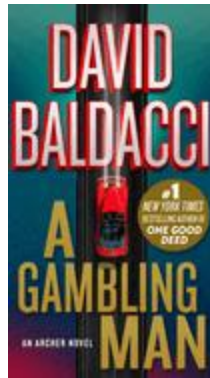
What was the name of Dick and Jane's baby sister in elementary school primers of old?

Answer:

Sally

Mass Market Paperback

David Baldacci – A Gambling Man, An Archer Novel – Thriller – 9.99



Aloysius Archer, the straight-talking World War II veteran fresh out of prison, returns in this riveting #1 *New York Times* bestselling thriller from David Baldacci.

The 1950s are on the horizon, and Archer is in dire need of a fresh start after a nearly fatal detour in Poca City. So Archer hops on a bus and begins the long journey out west to California, where rumor has it there is money to be made if you're hard-working, lucky, criminal--or all three.

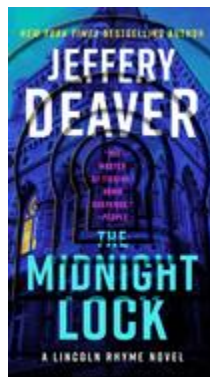
Along the way, Archer stops in Reno, where a stroke of fortune delivers him a wad of cash and an eye-popping blood-red 1939 Delahaye convertible--plus a companion for the final leg of the journey, an aspiring actress named Liberty Callahan who is planning to try her luck in Hollywood. But when the two arrive in Bay Town, California, Archer quickly discovers that the hordes of people who flocked there seeking fame and fortune landed in a false paradise that instead caters to their worst addictions and fears.

Archer's first stop is a P.I. office where he is hoping to apprentice with a legendary private eye and former FBI agent named Willie Dash. He lands the job, and immediately finds himself in the thick of a potential scandal: a blackmail case involving a wealthy well-connected politician running for mayor that soon spins into something even more sinister. As bodies begin falling, Archer and Dash must infiltrate the world of brothels, gambling dens, drug operations, and long-hidden secrets, descending into the rotten bones of a corrupt town that is selling itself as the promised land--but might actually be the road to perdition, and Archer's final resting place.

The December 2022 winner #3 is:

Craig Anderson

Jeffery Deaver – The Midnight Lock, A Lincoln Rhyme Novel – 9.99



A woman awakes in the morning to find that someone has picked her apartment's supposedly impregnable door lock and rearranged personal items, even sitting beside her while she slept. The intrusion, the police learn, is a message to the entire city of carnage to come. Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs are brought in to investigate and soon learn that the sociopathic intruder, who calls himself the Locksmith," can break through any lock or security system ever devised. With more victims on the horizon, Rhyme, Sachs and their stable of associates must follow the evidence to the man's lair... and discover his true mission.

Their hunt is interrupted when an internal investigation in the police force uncovers what seems to be a crucial mistake in one of Rhyme's previous cases. He's fired as a consultant for the NYPD and must risk jail if he investigates the Locksmith case in secret.

The Midnight Lock is a roller-coaster read that takes place over just a few days' time, features surprise after surprise and offers a fascinating look at the esoteric world of lockpicking.

Christine Feehan – Leopard's Scar – 8.99

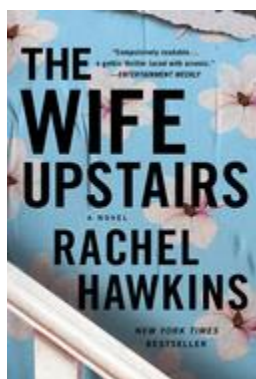


The moment Meiling sees Gedeon she knows he's a leopard shifter--just as she knows she can't trust him. Meiling doesn't take chances, life has taught her better than that. So why does she find herself rescuing this deadly, gorgeous man, when she knows she'd be better off leaving him to die?

Gedeon is used to women throwing themselves at him, not throwing his injured body over their beautiful, deceptively strong shoulders and carrying him to safety. He might be embarrassed, if he wasn't so aroused by the very thought of this feisty lotus blossom.

As they strike up a working relationship that suits them both, Gedeon starts to rely on Meiling for just about everything. But when her hidden nature rises to the surface, the connection that links them shifts into an all-consuming desire. And neither will escape unmarked. . . .

Rachel Hawkins – The Wife Upstairs – Thriller - 9.99



Meet Jane. Newly arrived to Birmingham, Alabama, Jane is a broke dog-walker in Thornfield Estates--a gated community full of McMansions, shiny SUVs, and bored housewives. The kind of place where no one will notice if Jane lifts the discarded tchotchkes and jewelry off the side tables of her well-heeled clients. Where no one will think to ask if Jane is her real name.

But her luck changes when she meets Eddie Rochester. Recently widowed, Eddie is Thornfield Estates' most mysterious resident. His wife, Bea, drowned in a boating accident with her best friend, their bodies lost to the deep. Jane can't help but see an opportunity in Eddie--not only is he rich, brooding, and handsome, he could also offer her the kind of protection she's always yearned for.

Yet as Jane and Eddie fall for each other, Jane is increasingly haunted by the legend of Bea, an ambitious beauty with a rags-to-riches origin story, who launched a wildly successful southern lifestyle brand. How can she, plain Jane, ever measure up? And can she win Eddie's heart before her past--or his--catches up to her?

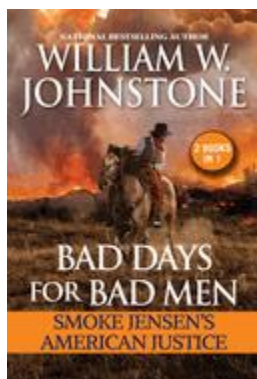
With delicious suspense, incisive wit, and a fresh, feminist sensibility, *The Wife Upstairs* flips the script on a timeless tale of

forbidden romance, ill-advised attraction, and a wife who just won't stay buried. In this vivid reimagining of one of literature's most twisted love triangles, which Mrs. Rochester will get her happy ending?

The December 2022 winner #4 is:

Diane Schissel

William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone – Bad Days for Bad Men : Smoke Jensen's American Justice - Western – 9.99



A man of the mountains, Smoke Jensen forged his steely brand of justice in the untamed, unforgiving wilderness of the American West. *Bad Days for Bad Men* presents two legendary adventures of the original Mountain Man by national bestselling authors William W. and J.A. Johnstone.

BETRAYAL OF THE MT MAN

Smoke is determined to stay on the right side of the law--until he's jumped by six low-life robbers who steal his shirt and his identity. Tried for robbery and murder, Smoke's sentenced to hang in the morning. But come sunup, he's already after the desperados who've set him up. Smoke's going to hunt them down one by one. Because nobody frames the Mountain Man. Nobody who plans on staying alive, that is . . .

RAMPAGE OF THE MT MAN

Smoke takes a contract to deliver three thousand head of cattle, but a renegade Cheyenne warrior uses an early winter blizzard to attack Smoke and his outgunned cowboys. Too bad it's only the first step in a journey built to test Smoke's mettle, because some people are hunting a payday of their own--for killing Smoke Jensen. Soon the streets of Laramie will run with blood . . .

William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone – Cruel Winter of the Mountain Man – Western - 8.99



The 50th Book in the Bestselling Mountain Man Series!

A cold day in hell descends upon Texas when mountain man sharpshooter Smoke Jensen pins on a tin star to tackle a wild bunch of bloodthirsty outlaws in this gun-blazing novel from national bestselling authors William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone.

Johnstone Country. A Glorious Land.

Jonas Madigan is dying. He spent his life taming towns and upholding justice across the west with no regrets. Along the way, Madigan took the measure of good men like Smoke Jensen, who has traveled to Salt Lick, Texas to pay his respects to the lawman. But when bandits gun down the small town's current marshal--and Smoke sends the killers to Boot Hill--Madigan asks his friend to wear the badge and keep the peace until a permanent replacement is sworn in.

Turns out the bandits were members of Bishop's Mauraders, a twenty-man gang of trigger-happy thieves led by the vicious and venomous Snake Bishop--and they've set their sights on Salt Lick. They're due to arrive at the same time as a monstrous blizzard that's covering up the countryside. Now, it's up to Smoke to turn the townspeople into a posse to defend their lives and land from both mother nature and man's worst nature . . .

Peter Swanson – Eight Perfect Murders – Thriller – 9.99



Years ago, bookseller and mystery aficionado Malcolm Kershaw compiled a list of the genre's most unsolvable murders, those that are almost impossible to crack--which he titled "Eight Perfect Murders"--chosen from among the best of the best including Agatha Christie's *A. B. C. Murders*, Patricia Highsmith's *Strangers on a Train*, Ira Levin's *Deathtrap*, A. A. Milne's *The Red House Mystery*, Anthony Berkeley Cox's *Malice Aforethought*, James M. Cain's *Double Indemnity*, John D. MacDonald's *The Drowner*, and Donna Tartt's *The Secret History*.

But no one is more surprised than Mal, now the owner of the Old Devils Bookstore in Boston, when an FBI agent comes knocking on his door one snowy day in February. She's looking for information about a series of unsolved murders that look eerily similar to the killings on Mal's old list. And the FBI agent isn't the only one interested in this bookseller who spends almost every night at home reading. The killer is out there, watching his every move--a diabolical threat who knows way too much about Mal's personal history, especially the secrets he's never told anyone, even his recently deceased wife.

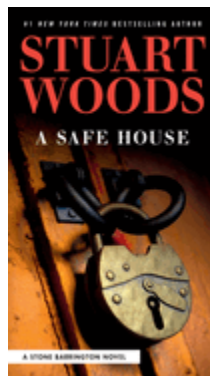
To protect himself, Mal begins looking into possible suspects . . . and sees a killer in everyone around him. But Mal doesn't count on the investigation leaving a trail of death in its wake. Suddenly, a series of shocking twists leaves more victims dead--and the noose around Mal's neck grows so tight he might never escape.

Charles West – Outlaw – Western – 7.99



When war came to the Shenandoah Valley, Matt Slaughter and his older brother, Owen, joined the Confederate army. But three years defending his homeland as a sniper has weighed heavily on Matt's conscience. With the cause lost, the brothers desert--only to find upon their arrival home that Owen's farm has fallen into the hands of swindlers. When Owen accidentally kills a Union officer, Matt takes the blame. But now--facing a sham trial and a noose--he escapes to the west, where he saves the life of another fugitive down-and-outer. Both men are a breed apart from other outlaws. Neither kills for pleasure or steals for profit. But that doesn't matter to the cold-blooded men who are going to give them hell to pay--and get the same in return....

Stuart Woods - A Safe House (Stone Barrington Novel) – Thriller – 9.99



Stone Barrington is looking forward to some quiet time in New York City, until he is asked to transport precious, top-secret cargo across the Atlantic. Taking on the challenge, Stone flies off unaware of what--or who--he is bringing with him.

But his plans to lie low are quickly spoiled when a dangerous dispatcher tracks down Stone and his tantalizing mystery guest, intent on payback--and silencing anyone who poses a threat. From the English countryside to the balmy beaches of Key West, Stone is on an international mission to hide and protect those closest to him