

# The Book Rack Newsletter

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A very sincere "Thank You!" to all who answered  
our plea for trade-ins from the January  
Newsletter!

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## Trivia for February 2023

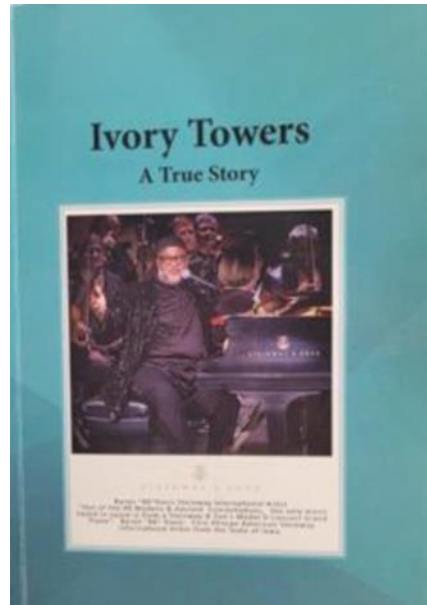
What famous author wrote the short story *Dry  
September* in 1931 and the novel *Light in August* in  
1932?

Read on and find the answer later in the newsletter.

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# February Featured Authors

## BYRON (B.K.) DAVIS



This book is about the journey/adventures of a young composer who came from humble beginnings and climbed to the top. Along the way, he battles dragons guarding mountains of gold; some of these dragons are the fogs of schizophrenia, alcohol, drugs, sex, philosophical, intellectual and religious conflicts. Being guided by the universe, he travels the globe and relates his unbelievable experiences with the world. He will join us at The Book Rack, February 6, 12-2:00 and would love to meet and visit with you all!

**The Ivory Towers A True Story** Byron “BK” Davis Steinway International Artist: A MUST READ !



Steinway Artist BK Davis has been composing and performing music for 40 years. Born in Davenport, Iowa, home of 20th century jazz great Bix Beiderbecke, Davis was raised in a musical household. His father, Bishop Ezekiel Davis, conscripted him as a teen to serve as musical director for the seven churches he oversaw, while his mother, Rose Davis, an accomplished vocalist, attended to his vocal and instrumental training. The jazz pianist/singer plays more than a dozen instruments, including piano, guitar, organ and drums in idioms spanning Jazz, R&B, gospel, soul, and pop. He has written theme music and jingles for the Boy Scouts of America and an Indianapolis 500 race, and has directed choirs throughout the Midwest and West Coast. Davis has played or toured with artists including B.B. King, Billy Preston, Gerald Albright, Michael "Patches" Stewart and the late soul legend, Johnnie Taylor. He co-wrote original music with rock and roll legend Little Richard, as well as McFadden and Whitehead.

Byron (B.K.) Davis has been a Steinway Artist since 2012.

Byron "BK" Davis & the Invisible Secret Band play the Redstone Room on February 5, admission to the 3 p.m. concert is \$15, and more information and reservations are available by calling (563)326-

1333 and visiting [CommonChordQC.org](http://CommonChordQC.org).

## **Authoress Isis Covington**

**Will be at [The Book Rack](#) February 19,  
Noon – 2:00.**



After participating in a poem contest in elementary school and taking 2nd place, 10-year-old Isis Covington continued on with her love of writing by keeping her short stories and poems in a spiral notebook she kept close to her wherever she went.

Born and partially raised in Davenport, Iowa she also grew up in several different cities and states including Charlotte, NC where she remained well after her high school graduation. Marrying shortly after turning 18 years old, she continued to write leisurely but her main focus was being a wife and starting a family.

Currently residing in Davenport, Iowa with her husband, three children, four stepchildren and a dog she stays plenty of busy with carpooling her children and their friends to sports activities and etc. Isis is also an entrepreneur and has her hands in quite a few ventures. She gives back to her community by giving to the needy and organizing giveaways in her free time.

Owning a house cleaning service and maintaining her home life, Isis still finds time to do what she enjoys...reading and writing.

After self-publishing her first novel, Isis has moved on to working on more stories for her followers.

You can follow the rising star on her social media pages to stay connected with her journey!

Authoress Isis' newest release is

## **She's Got Options**



Myah Chanel Graham was finally free of her narcissistic and abusive baby daddy- and has been enjoying her newfound independence. Myah was over being the submissive loyal baby mama- she had been unobtainable for far too long and dedicated to a man that didn't deserve her loyalty.

Using the newfound freedom she had away from Curtis, her 8-month-old daughter's dad, Myah could concentrate solely on her and her baby girl.

Ignoring her parents' pleas on finishing her equivalency degree, Myah turned to what Curtis had started before he was sent away. Stripping was the only way she knew how to make fast money-keeping up the high maintenance lifestyle that she had grown accustomed to.

Yet her dancing had turned her into the latest and hottest social media influencer in the region, something she never saw coming.

With a well-known celebrity manager backing her career, Myah was

going places that she'd only seen on reality TV shows- sold out events, first class flights, shopping excursions and dining at the finest restaurants. She was getting her bag.

While balancing being a single mom and focusing on her rising career, Myah stirred away from the dating scene. She refused to fall victim to another man who could potentially hurt her like her daughter's father did.

With her crazy baby daddy incarcerated and the fact that she was fastidious on who she invited into her bed, Myah decided to stay temporarily celibate.

Even though Myah swore off love, her feelings towards her longtime friend and godfather of her daughter, Tremaine Scott were real.

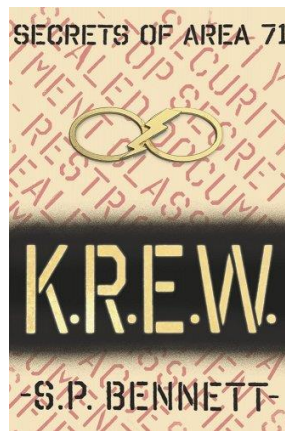
Tremaine aka Main was a drug dealer turned businessman with a variety of establishments and ties into the community. The charismatic Main wants Myah to retire her six-inch stilettos and let him take care of her- offering Myah everything under the sun.

But Main has his own reservations. He was Curtis' old running buddy- and also the god father of their daughter. He took his roles seriously- vowing to never cross the lines with Myah.

With Main being off limits and Curtis still confessing his love for her, Myah can't seem to catch a break. However, one thing is for certain, she had options. And she could no longer afford to put anyone's feelings before her own any longer.

Will Myah throw all caution to the wind for an old flame or will she stand strong and continue her rise to success and independence?

**Stephen Bennett, author of *C.R.E.W*, will be  
at The Book Rack February 22**



Steve will be at [The Book Rack](#) February 22, 2023, 12 – 2:00PM signing copies of his book (released **November 22, 2021**) and visiting with customers.

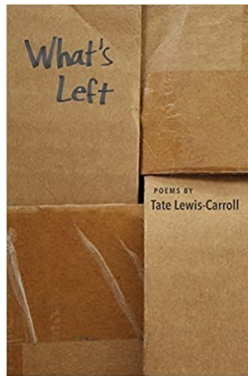
A word from the author: Greetings, a little bit about me. Born and raised in Illinois. My schooling was public school then a trade school. My working career began at twelve years old, which continued to age sixty-five. About the only interruption in my time working was four years in the Air Force. I have had a variety of jobs mainly in welding and fabrication. At the end of my days working, I managed a warehouse as well as being their mechanic. My home has always been in towns along the Mississippi River of north west Illinois. My writing started near thirty years ago. When I was between jobs. After attending a writers meeting, I put my writing away. I didn't fit in. My dad and mom moved to Arizona. I would vacation there in the winter. Dad past away so I would travel to their home to help mom. It was on their patio I started writing again, mainly short stories. Finding a local writer's group at home worked out for the best. With some help and encouragement, I finished this book and have started on others. Thank you. Stephen P. Bennett

## Poet Tate Lewis Carroll

will join us at The Book Rack February 24, 1-3:00. He'll welcome visiting with customers and discussing his poetry collection:

## What's Left





Synopsis: *What's Left* is a living record of **Tate Lewis-Carroll**'s dying father and the often estranged but sometimes idyllic relationship they shared. As urgently as the initial cancer diagnosis and death six months afterwards, this project began with startlingly raw poems written beside the father's deathbed. Yet, upon uncovering the father's wide-ranging nature photography, Lewis-Carroll is able to reexamine and finally relate to him in a way that had seemed unreachable in life. Obsessed by this act of excavation, Lewis-Carroll unpacks every eclectic box in an attempt to discover what's missing, what's sincere, and what's left after death.

"In *What's Left* **Tate Lewis-Carroll** attempts to grieve the death of their father, a father who, while sometimes loving, was often distant, already gone. By turns brutal and delicate, shocking and deft, Lewis-Carroll's poems are operations, autopsies and exorcisms, that attempt to register the transformation of a shadowy, scintillating absent presence into one that, now, suddenly, will also always be so. This is critical and intensive work, and a bold and energetic debut.

—**Michael Theune**

"**Tate Lewis-Carroll** has done a rare thing—writing about death unflinchingly but with love, with a deft touch that traces their father's body and life in their own but never exploits his pain. I was so moved by the artistry of these poems, their rendering of the specificities of loss, and I am impressed by their courage. These are awakened poems by a "noticing soul" who cannot close their eyes to the truth of life. *What's Left* is a beautiful, generous book."



–**Rachel Jamison Webster**, author of *September*

"Many poems are written about something, but the poems that move me most are those written for something, as with the poems in **Tate Lewis-Carroll**'s aptly-titled *What's Left*. What is left, the collection eloquently asks, when the beloved – in this case, the poet's father – has vanished? To read these gorgeous elegies is to be invited into the vulnerable space of a young poet's grief, and to speak back to the dead in the strange act of ventriloquism that occurs when one reads a poem. As Lewis-Carroll writes so eloquently in the "Acknowledgments" section: "And now, reader, my father belongs to you." What a generous gift this dedication is, and what a beautiful testament this collection is to the ways in which art – perhaps art alone – offers us the chance to hold onto what matters most."

–**Austin Smith**

## **\$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 February 1, 2021).**

**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 February 2023 winner #1 is:**

**Sarah Geest**

**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 February 28, 2023 to claim your prize:**  
***A \$25 gift certificate from* The Book Rack!**

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## **February 2023 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:**

### **February Monthly Celebrations**

- **American Heart Month**
- **Black History Month**
- **Creative Romance Month** (We have historical, paranormal, general, Amish, Spice Rack and more for your reading pleasure.)
- **Great American Pie Month**
- **National Weddings Month**
- **Spunky Old Broads Month**

### **February Weekly Events**

- **3rd Week International Flirting Week**

### **February Daily Holidays, Special and Wacky Days:**

**February 1 - No Politics Day**

**February 2 - Ground Hog Day**

**February 3 - The Day the Music Died – Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper died in a plane crash in 1959.**

**February 8 - Boy Scout Day – celebrates the birthday of scouting**

**February 12 - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**

**Superbowl Sunday – Superbowl 57, date varies**

**February 14 - Valentine's Day**

**Ferris Wheel Day**

**February 15 - Susan B Anthony Day**

**February 16 - Do a Grouch a Favor Day**

**February 17 - Random Acts of Kindness Day**

**19 – Authoress Isis Covington will be at The Book Rack 12 – 2:00**

**February 20 - President's Day – third Monday of month**

**February 21 - Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday**

**February 22 - Ash Wednesday**

**22 – Local Author Steve Bennett will be at The Book Rack 12 – 2:00 PM**

**George Washington's Birthday**

**Be Humble Day**

**February 24 – Bloomington Poet Tate Lewis Carroll will be at The Book Rack 1–3:00 PM**

**February 26 - Carpe Diem Day**

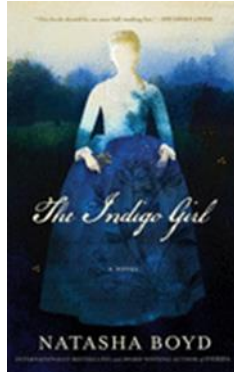
**Tell a Fairy Tale Day**

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## Book Reviews

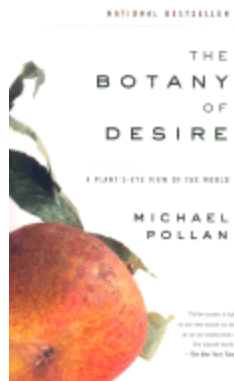
### Reviews by Claudia:

***The Indigo Girl*** by Natasha Boyd is an historical fictional account of



Eliza Lucas, a real-life South Carolina entrepreneur. In 1739, 16-year-old Eliza is left in charge of 3 plantations and the resident slaves, a frail mother, and a younger sister when her father leaves to pursue his military ambitions. When she realizes he is mortgaging the family's properties to achieve his career goals, Eliza believes she can save them from financial disaster by manufacturing indigo dye cakes – a process she observed when living in Antigua. Drawing from historical research and actual letters written by Eliza, Boyd fashions a story of a teenage girl, who against substantial odds, produces indigo dye, one of the largest exports of South Carolina. As noted in online reviews, “Although largely overlooked by historians, the accomplishments of Eliza Lucas influenced the course of US history. When she passed away in 1793, President George Washington served as a pallbearer at her funeral.” Initially, I thought this was going to be a fluff piece, but the story - especially a story based in historical fact – was an enjoyable and informative read. Recommended.

***The Botany of Desire: : A Plant's-Eye View of the World*** by Michael Pollan



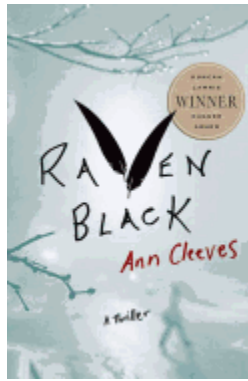
is a non-fiction book that links 4 human desires with plants: Sweetness = Apple, Beauty = Tulip, Intoxication = Marijuana, and Control = Potato. Published in 2002 some of the information is a bit outdated, but still informative. The idea for Pollan's musings as he worked in his garden and observed the bees in nearby apple blossoms, resulted in him questioning how different humans were from the bees in aiding the distribution, growth, and diversity of plants. Could it be that plants control their own destiny - and humans? This book offers historical information and insight that may be new to you... the origin and spread of the apple – including facts about the real John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed); the tulip, its origin, reach and amazing use – and crash - as currency in Holland; cannabis and the way laws aided its growth as an industry; and the potato from South American origins to Europe to genetically modified potatoes. The book is slow reading in places and at times difficult to follow Pollan's train of thought, but I found it overall intriguing and worthwhile. If you'd like to learn more about human interaction with familiar plants, I recommend the book.

**The February 2023 winner #2 is:**

**Carolyn Carstens**

### **Reviews by Bob**

**Raven Black (The first book in the “[Shetland](#)” series) by Ann Cleeves –  
Mystery (2006) Winner of the coveted 2006 Duncan Lawrie Dagger Award**



Long a celebrated crime writer in Britain, Ann Cleeves' fame went international when she won the coveted Duncan Lawrie Dagger for this amazing suspense novel, *Raven Black*. Like Colin Dexter's Inspector Morse or Peter Robinson's Inspector Banks, Cleeves' new detective, Inspector Jimmy Perez, is a very private and perceptive man whose bailiwick is a remote hamlet in the Shetland Islands. It is a cold January morning, and Shetland lies beneath a deep layer of snow. Trudging home, Fran Hunter's eye is drawn to a splash of color on the frozen ground, ravens circling above. It is the strangled body of her teenage neighbor, Catherine Ross. The locals on the quiet island stubbornly focus their gaze on one man - loner and simpleton Magnus Tait. But when detective Jimmy Perez and his colleagues from the mainland insist on opening out the investigation, a veil of suspicion and fear is thrown over the entire community. For the first time in years, Catherine's neighbors nervously lock their doors while a killer lives on in their midst.

A fine British mystery that you'll enjoy.

#### **Review Quotes:**

"A riveting read." --Val McDermid

"Chilling...enough to freeze the blood." --*Marilyn Stasio, The New York Times Book Review*

"Deserves the top crime writer's prize in the United States this year. Don't miss this standout." --*Rocky Mountain News*

I give *Raven Black* a B+. The pace is a little slower than I favor, but still a very good read.

**Blood Flag (A Paul Madriani Novel) by Steve Martini (2016) – Legal Thriller**



Defending a client accused of killing her father, attorney Paul Madriani is drawn into a treacherous conspiracy dating to World War II in this enthralling installment in the *New York Times* bestselling series.

Paul Madriani and Harry Hinds have a new client: Emma Brauer, a woman accused in the "mercy killing" of her aged father, Robert Brauer. Insisting she's innocent, Emma tells Paul about a package sent to her father shortly before he entered the hospital. Bequeathed to him by a member of his unit from World War II, the box contains a key and a slip of paper. Emma fears that this package is connected to her father's death. When Paul's young assistant Sofia is murdered, Madriani is blindsided by the realization that Emma's fears are well-grounded.

Digging into Robert's military history, Madriani discovers that other members of the Army unit Robert served with have recently died--under similarly suspicious circumstances. When he finds that the box sent to Brauer relates to a mysterious talisman that went missing at the end of the war--a feared Nazi relic known as the "Blood Flag"--Madriani and Hinds realize they are in for the fight of their lives.

With Emma's life on the line and their own safety in jeopardy, Madriani must uncover the truth before the evil of the Blood Flag is allowed to spin a new web.

Another entertaining thriller by Madriani. That said, I have enjoyed the courtroom drama in Martini's earlier Marriani books and there's precious little in this one. It's really an international thriller with a little legal stuff woven in. I give it a B.

**The Vanishing Museum on the Rue Mistral (A Procencal Mystery) by M.L. Longworth (2021)**



A breezy, charming, and perfectly escapist mystery set in the heart of sun- and wine-soaked Aix-en-Provence--where murder investigations are always put on hold for lunch and the only thing more sweeping than the story is the Mediterranean coastline.

#### Provençal Mystery Series #9

Watch the series! Murder in Provence is now on Britbox.

Something strange has happened at the unassuming Musée de Quentin-Savary in Aix-en-Provence. When the director, Monsieur Achille Formentin, walks in one beautiful April morning, he is shocked to find the whole museum emptied of its contents--only a bench, the reception desk, and a lowly fern remain.

Distressed, he calls the local police, and Aix's examining magistrate Antoine Verlaque sets out to discover the thief's identity. But it's the most baffling case Verlaque has ever encountered. Why would someone want to steal porcelain dessert plates, some old documents, and a few small paintings? Could this have something to do with the mysterious robbery of Madame de Montbarbon's apartment a few weeks earlier? And how can Verlaque possibly concentrate on the theft when he and his wife, Marine Bonnet, are going to have a baby?

#### Review Quotes:

"Full of gourmet meals, silky wines, and sumptuous homes, these cozy mysteries transport you to the south of France . . . Perfect for the gourmands or Francophiles in your life."

--*Slate*

"The Verlaque and Bonnet mysteries . . . plunge you into a languid world of epicurean pleasures and good living."

--NPR

"Beguiling . . . Longworth evokes the pleasures of France in delicious detail--great wine, delicious meals, and fine company."

--*Publishers Weekly*



"Longworth's novels . . . are mysteries for foodies, with the plot providing a table upon which the enchanting meals and accompanying wines are served."

--*Booklist*

I needed a break and this was at hand, so I read it leisurely. I had a hard time really staying focused as the pace was not quick. But it was an enjoyable read and if you like wine and good food, you may well enjoy this mystery. I give it a B.

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## Recent and Upcoming New Releases

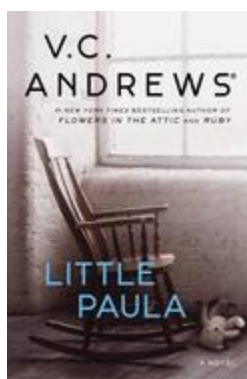
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**You can also add any of these titles to your request list.** Some will come in soon and others may take a while, but many will get to you eventually.

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## Hardcover and Trade Paperback

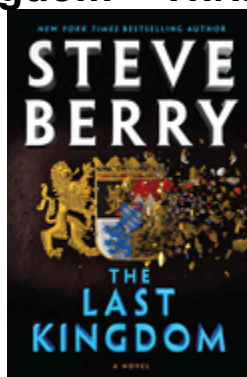
V.C. Andrews - Little Paula (Eden #2) – Thriller – 28.00



**Nothing can come between a mother and her child in this haunting sequel to *Eden's Children* from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Flowers in the Attic* and *Landry* series--now popular *Lifetime* movie events.**

Faith Eden's brief foray into motherhood is marked by tragedy. Distraught that her baby was ripped away from her, she is determined to get little Paula back from the wealthy family who adopted her. Her brother, Trevor, is also anxious to get the baby back and will do anything necessary to do so. But when the dark truth comes to light, this twisted family will stop at nothing to keep outsiders out and secrets in--no matter the cost.

## **Steve Berry - The Last Kingdom – Thriller – 29.00**



King Ludwig II of Bavaria was an enigmatic figure who was deposed in 1886, mysteriously drowning three days later. Eccentric to the point of madness, history tells us that in the years before he died Ludwig engaged in a worldwide search for a new kingdom, one separate, apart, and in lieu of Bavaria. A place he could retreat into and rule as he wished. But a question remains: did he succeed?

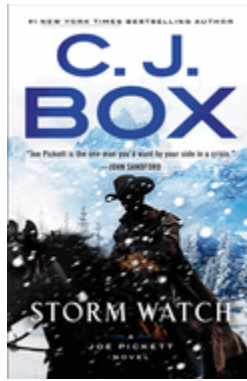
Enter Cotton Malone. After many months, Malone's protégé, Luke Daniels, has managed to infiltrate a renegade group intent on winning Bavarian independence from Germany. Daniels has also managed to gain the trust of the prince of Bavaria, a frustrated second son intent on eliminating his brother, the duke, and restoring the Wittelsbach monarchy, only now with him as king. Everything hinges on a 19th century deed which proves that Ludwig's long-rumored search bore fruit--legal title to lands that Germany, China, and the United States all now want, only for vastly different reasons.

In a race across Bavaria for clues hidden in Ludwig's three fairytale castles--Neuschwanstein, Linderhof and Herrenchiemsee--Malone and Daniels battle an ever-growing list of deadly adversaries, all intent on finding the last kingdom.

**The February 2023 winner #3 is:**

**Lonna Bostic**

## **C.J. Box - Storm Watch (Joe Pickett Novel) – Mystery – 29.00**



When a prominent University of Wyoming professor goes missing, authorities are stumped. That is, until Joe Pickett makes two surprising discoveries while hunting down a wounded elk on his district as an epic spring storm descends upon him. First, he finds the professor's vehicle parked on a remote mountainside. Then Joe finds the professor's frozen and mutilated body. When he attempts to learn more, his investigation is obstructed by federal agents, extremists, and Governor Colter Allen. Nate Romanowski is rebuilding his falconry company--and financing this through crypto mining with the assistance of Geronimo Jones. He's then approached by a shadowy group of local militant activists that is gaining in power and influence, and demanding that Wyoming join other western states and secede from the union--by force, if necessary. They ask Nate to throw in with them, but he's wary. Should he trust them, or is he being set up? As a storm of peril gathers around them, Joe and Nate confront it in different ways--and maybe, for the first time, on opposite sides.

## **\*\*Janet Evanovich - The Recovery Agent (A Gabriela Rose Novel #1) – Mystery – 17.99**



Lost something? Gabriela Rose knows how to get it back. As a recovery agent, she's hired to seek lost treasures, stolen heirlooms, or missing assets of any kind. She's reliable, cool under pressure, and well trained in weapons of all types. But Gabriela's latest job isn't for some bamboozled billionaire, it's for her own family, whose home is going to be wiped off the map if they can't come up with a lot of money fast.

Inspired by an old family legend, Gabriela sets off for the jungles of Peru in pursuit of the Ring of Solomon and the lost treasure of Lima. But this particular job comes with a huge problem attached to it--Gabriela's ex-husband, Rafer. It's Rafer who has the map that possibly points the way to the treasure, and he's not about to let Gabriela find it without him.

Rafer is as relaxed as Gabriela is driven, and he has a lifetime's experience getting under his ex-wife's skin. But when they aren't bickering about old times the two make a formidable team, and it's going to take a team to defeat the vicious drug lord who has also been searching for the fabled ring. A drug lord who doesn't mind leaving a large body count behind him to get it.

## **Gregg Hurwitz – The Last Orphan: An Orphan X Novel (Orphan X #8) – Crime Thriller - 28.99**



As a child, Evan Smoak was plucked out of a group home, raised and trained as an off-the-books assassin for the government as part of the Orphan program. When he broke with the program and went deep underground, he left with a lot of secrets in his head that the government would do anything to make sure never got out.

When he remade himself as The Nowhere Man, dedicated to helping the most desperate in their times of trouble, Evan found himself slowly back on the government's radar. Having eliminated most of the Orphans in the program, the government will stop at nothing to eliminate the threat they see in Evan. But Orphan X has always been several steps ahead of his pursuers. Until he makes one little mistake...

Now the President has him in her control and offers Evan a deal - eliminate a rich, powerful man she says is too dangerous to live and, in turn, she'll let Evan survive. But when Evan left the Program he swore to only use his skills against those who really deserve it. Now he has to decide what's more important - his principles or his life.

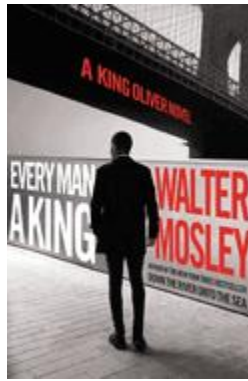
## **Iris Johansen & Roy Johansen - More Than Meets the Eye (Kendra Michaels) – 29.00**



After scoring a plea deal in a high-profile murder trial, serial killer James Michael Barrett leads a grim parade of law enforcement officers to the body of his last victim. At the alleged burial site, the officers swing their shovels down and are met with a strange metallic sound they weren't expecting. In a blink, a terrific explosion rocks the woods, killing Barrett and most of the officers instantly.

The detonation is only the beginning of a shocking case for FBI consultant Kendra Michaels--a string of heinous murders in the style of the very-dead Barrett mysteriously continue, and it becomes clear that he may not have been working alone. As the crimes accelerate, Kendra reluctantly accepts help from college student Tricia Walton, the only survivor of Barrett's attacks. But the killer has a terrifying plan that Kendra and her team are only beginning to understand.

## **Walter Mosley - Every Man a King: A King Oliver Novel – Mystery – 28.00**



**In this highly anticipated sequel to the Edgar award winner *Down the River Unto the Sea*, Joe King Oliver is entangled in a dangerous case when he's asked to investigate whether a white nationalist is being unjustly set up.**

When friend of the family and multi-billionaire Roger Ferris comes to Joe with an assignment, he's got no choice but to accept, even if the case is a tough one to stomach. White nationalist Alfred Xavier Quiller has been accused of murder and the sale of sensitive information to the Russians. Ferris has reason to believe Quiller's been set up and he needs King to see if the charges hold.

This linear assignment becomes a winding quest to uncover the extent of Quiller's dealings, to understand Ferris' skin in the game, and to get to the bottom of who is working for whom. Even with the help of bodyguard and mercenary Oliya Ruez--no regular girl Friday--the machine King's up against proves relentless and unsparing. As King gets closer to exposing the truth, he and his loved ones barrel towards grave danger.

Mosley once again proves himself a "master of craft and narrative" (*National Book Foundation*) in this carefully plotted mystery that is at once a classic caper, a family saga and an examination of fealty, pride and how deep debt can go.

**Jojo Moyes – Someone Else's Shoes – Mystery – 29.00**



**Who are you when you are forced to walk in someone else's shoes?**

Nisha Cantor lives the globetrotting life of the seriously wealthy, until her husband announces a divorce and cuts her off. Nisha is determined to hang onto her glamorous life. But in the meantime, she must scramble to cope--she doesn't even have the shoes she was, until a moment ago, standing in.

That's because Sam Kemp - in the bleakest point of her life - has accidentally taken Nisha's gym bag. But Sam hardly has time to worry about a lost gym bag--she's struggling to keep herself and her family afloat. When she tries on Nisha's six-inch high Christian Louboutin red crocodile shoes, the resulting jolt of confidence that makes her realize something must change--and that thing is herself.

Full of Jojo Moyes' signature humor, brilliant storytelling, and warmth, *Someone Else's Shoes* is a story about how just one little thing can suddenly change everything.

**James Patterson - 3 Days to Live – Mystery/Thriller 29.99**



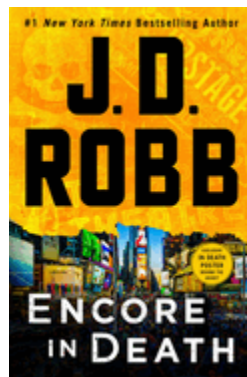
**The people closest to you can be your most dangerous enemies in this heart-pounding collection of 3 brand-new thrillers from the master of suspense.**

**3 Days to Live:** A CIA-agent bride is on her European honeymoon when she and her husband are poisoned--leaving her seventy-two hours to take revenge (with Duane Swierczynski).

**Women and Children First:** When a deal goes bad on a tech executive in Washington, DC, he turns an order to kill his family into a chance to relive his military glory days (with Bill Schweigart).

**The Housekeepers:** A Los Angeles doctor trusts her two housekeepers, but when she's murdered in a botched attempt to steal drugs, the pair of grifters vie to control their former employer's estate--facing off against the Russian mob (with Julie Margaret Hogben).

## **J.D. Robb - Encore in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel (In Death #56) – Mystery – 29.99**

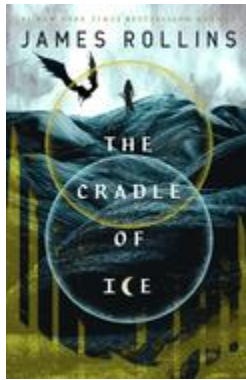


It was a glittering event full of A-listers, hosted by Eliza Lane and Brant Fitzhugh, a celebrity couple who'd conquered both Hollywood and Broadway. And now Eve Dallas has made her entrance--but not as a guest. After raising a toast, Fitzhugh fell to the floor and died, with physical symptoms pointing to cyanide, and the police have crashed the party.

From all accounts, he wasn't the kind of star who made enemies. Everyone loved him--even his ex-wife. And since the champagne cocktail that killed him was originally intended for Eliza, it's possible she was the real target, with a recently fired assistant, a bitter rival, and an obsessed fan in the picture. With so many attendees, staff, and servers, Eve has her work cut out determining who committed murder in the middle of the crowd--and what was their motivation. As one who's not fond of the spotlight herself, she dreads the media circus surrounding a case like this. All she wants is to figure out who's truly innocent, and who's only acting that way...

Kate Thompson -

## **James Rollins - The Cradle of Ice (Moonfall #2) – Epic Fantasy – 29.99**



The second book in the *New York Times* bestselling Moonfall series from thriller-master James Rollins, *The Cradle of Ice* is a page-turning tale of action, adventure, betrayal, ambition, and the struggle for survival in a harsh world that hangs by a thread.

To stop the coming apocalypse, a fellowship was formed.

A soldier, a thief, a lost prince, and a young girl bonded by fate and looming disaster.

Each step along this path has changed the party, forging deep alliances and greater enmities. All the while, hostile forces have hunted them, fearing what they might unleash. Armies wage war around them.

For each step has come with a cost--in blood, in loss, in heartbreak.

Now, they must split, traveling into a vast region of ice and to a sprawling capital of the world they've only known in stories. Time is running out and only the truth will save us all.

## Lucy Snyder - Sister, Maiden, Monster – Horror – 17.99



*Sister, Maiden, Monster* is a visceral story set in the aftermath of our planet's disastrous transformation and told through the eyes of three women trying to survive the nightmare, from Bram Stoker Award-winning author Lucy A. Snyder.

A virus tears across the globe, transforming its victims in nightmarish ways. As the world collapses, dark forces pull a small group of women together.

**Erin**, once quiet and closeted, acquires an appetite for a woman and her brain. Why does forbidden fruit taste so good?

**Savannah**, a professional BDSM switch, discovers a new turn-on: committing brutal murders for her eldritch masters.

**Mareva**, plagued with chronic tumors, is too horrified to acknowledge her divine role in the coming apocalypse, and as her growths multiply, so too does her desperation.

Inspired by her Bram Stoker Award-winning story "Magdala Amygdala," Lucy A. Snyder delivers a cosmic tale about the planet's disastrous transformation ... and what we become after.



## Kate Thompson - The Little Wartime Library – Historical Fiction – 16.99



"London, 1944: Clara Button is no ordinary librarian. While war ravages the city above her, Clara has risked everything she holds dear to turn the Bethnal Green tube station into the country's only underground library. Down here, a secret community thrives with thousands of bunk beds, a nursery, a café, and a theater-offering shelter, solace, and escape from the bombs that fall upon their city. Along with her glamorous best friend and assistant Ruby Munroe, Clara ensures the library is the beating heart of life underground. But as the war drags on, the women's determination to remain strong in the face of adversity is tested to the limits when it may come at the price of keeping those closest to them alive"--

## Greta Thunberg - The Climate Book: The Facts and the Solutions – Nonfiction/Current Events – 30.00



**We still have time to change the world. From Greta Thunberg, the world's leading climate activist, comes the essential handbook for making it happen.**

You might think it's an impossible task: secure a safe future for life on Earth, at a scale and speed never seen, against all the odds. There is hope - but only if we listen to the science before it's too late.

In *The Climate Book*, Greta Thunberg has gathered the wisdom of over one hundred experts - geophysicists, oceanographers and meteorologists; engineers, economists and mathematicians; historians, philosophers and indigenous leaders - to equip us all with the knowledge we need to combat climate disaster. Alongside them, she shares her own stories of demonstrating and uncovering greenwashing around the world, revealing how much we have been kept in the dark. This is one of our biggest challenges, she shows, but also our greatest source of hope. Once we are given the full picture, how can we not act? And if a schoolchild's strike could ignite a global protest, what could we do collectively if we tried?

We are alive at the most decisive time in the history of humanity. Together, we can do the seemingly impossible. But it has to be us, and it has to be now.

## Trivia for February 2023

What famous author wrote the short story *Dry*

## September in 1931 and the novel *Light in August* in 1932?

**Answer**  
**William Faulkner**

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### Mass Market Paperback

**Anne Bishop - Crowbones (World of the Others) – Fantasy – 9.99**

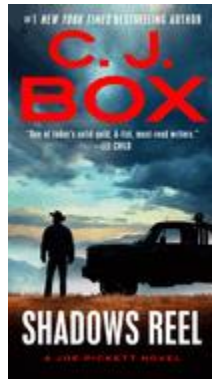


**In this engrossing and gripping, an inn owner and her friends must find a killer--before it's too late....**  
*Crowbones will gitcha if you don't watch out!*

Deep in the territory controlled by the Others--shape-shifters, vampires, and even deadlier paranormal beings--Vicki DeVine has made a new life for herself running The Jumble, a rustic resort. When she decides to host a gathering of friends and guests for Trickster Night, at first everything is going well between the humans and the Others. But then someone arrives dressed as Crowbones, the Crowgard bogeyman. When the impostor is killed along with a shape-shifting Crow, and the deaths are clearly connected, everyone fears that the real Crowbones may have come to The Jumble--and that could mean serious trouble.

To "encourage" humans to help them find some answers, the Elders and Elementals close all the roads, locking in suspects and victims alike. Now Vicki, human police chief Grimshaw, vampire lawyer Ilya Sanguinati, and the rest of their friends have to figure out who is manipulating events designed to pit humans against Others--and who may have put Vicki DeVine in the crosshairs of a powerful hunter.

**C.J. Box - Shadows Reel (Joe Pickett Novel)**



**Wyoming Game Warden Joe Pickett's job has many times put his wife and daughters in harm's way. Now the tables turn as his wife discovers something that puts the Pickett family in a killer's crosshairs in this thrilling new novel in the bestselling series.**

A day before the three Pickett girls come home for Thanksgiving, Marybeth Pickett finds an unmarked package at the front door of the library where she works. When she opens the package she finds a photo album that belonged to an infamous Nazi official. Who left it there? And why did they leave it with her?

She learns that during World War II several Wyoming soldiers were in the group that fought to Hitler's Eagles Nest retreat in the Alps--and one of them took Hitler's personal photo album. Did another take this one and keep it all these years? When she finds the name of a deceased local man who was likely in the unit, Joe visits the man's son--only to find him brutally tortured and murdered. Someone is after the photo album--but why? And when a close neighbor is murdered, Joe and Marybeth face a new question: How will they figure out the book's mystery before someone hurts them...or their girls?

Meanwhile, Nate Romanowski is on the hunt for a younger and more ruthless version of himself--the man who stole Nate's falcons and attacked his wife. Using a network of fellow falconers, Nate tracks the man from one city to another, learning that his target is an agitator and a financier of anarchists. Even as he grasps the true threat his quarry presents, Nate swoops in for the kill--and a stunning final showdown.

## **Allison Brennan - Don't Open the Door (Regan Merritt #2) – Thriller – 9.99**



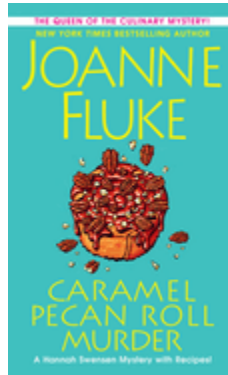
**A family torn apart. A botched investigation. She'll stop at nothing to get answers.**

US Marshal Regan Merritt never bought the FBI's theory that her ten-year-old son's murder was tied to her job. Yet as leads went cold, she'd had to walk away from the marshals, the case *and* her now ex-husband, Grant, who blamed her for Chase's death.

After Regan receives a chilling voice mail from her former boss, Tommy, claiming new information about Chase's murder, she can no longer stay away from her pain-filled past. Especially when Tommy's murdered before she can return his call.

Now more than ever, Regan's determined to find the truth, but the more she digs, the more evidence points to Grant as the killer's true target. But Grant isn't talking. As she tries to pin down her ex, Regan discovers something much bigger and far more sinister is at play--and she's running out of people she can trust.

## Joanne Fluke - Caramel Pecan Roll Murder: A Delicious Culinary Cozy Mystery (Hannah Swensen Mystery) – 9.99



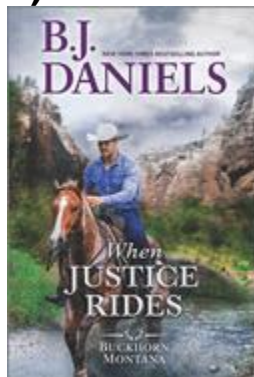
Embracing a sweet escape from her usual routine at The Cookie Jar, Hannah gets asked for her help in baking pastries at the local inn for a flashy fishing competition with big prizes and even bigger names. But the fun stops when she spots a runaway boat on the water and, on board, the lifeless body of the event's renowned celebrity spokesperson... Famed TV show host Sonny Bowman wasn't humble about his ability to reel in winning catches, and no one knew that better than his tragically overworked sidekick, Joey. Did Joey finally take bloody revenge on his pompous boss--or was Sonny killed by a jealous contestant?

With goodies to bake and a mess of fresh challenges mixed into her personal life, it's either sink or swim as Hannah joins forces with her sister, Andrea, to catch a clever culprit before another unsuspecting victim goes belly up...

**"Delicious-sounding recipes...A final twist will have Fluke's many fans eagerly awaiting the next installment." --Book-list**

**Features Over a Dozen Cookie and Dessert Recipes from The Cookie Jar!**

## B.J. Daniels - When Justice Rides (Original) (Buckhorn, Montana Novel #6) – Romance – 9.99



Deputy Jaxson Gray has found the fresh start he needed in small-town Montana. In Luna Declan, he finds something he didn't even know he craved. Wary of getting too close, he backs away, only to become enmeshed in a local investigation that brings his past and present crashing together. Because whoever killed town matriarch Vi Mullen knows about an older crime that implicated Jaxson.

Luna has heard the rumors swirling around Jaxson, but there's a connection between them that makes her determined to clear his name. As the local hairdresser and a trained investigator, Luna knows a lot about her neighbors. But as she and Jaxson get closer to the truth, they realize that someone has secrets they're willing to kill--again and again--to protect...

## Janet Evanovich - Game on: Tempting Twenty-Eight (Stephanie Plum #28) – Mystery – 9.99



**Stephanie Plum returns to hunt down a new kind of criminal operating out of Trenton in the twenty-eighth book in the wildly popular series by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Janet Evanovich.**

When Stephanie Plum is woken up in the middle of the night by the sound of footsteps in her apartment, she wishes she didn't keep her gun in the cookie jar in her kitchen. And when she finds out the intruder is fellow apprehension agent Diesel, six feet of hard muscle and bad attitude whom she hasn't seen in more than two years, she still thinks the gun might come in handy.

Turns out Diesel and Stephanie are on the trail of the same fugitive: Oswald Wednesday, an international computer hacker as brilliant as he is ruthless. Stephanie may not be the most technologically savvy sleuth, but she more than makes up for that with her dogged determination, her understanding of human nature, and her willingness to do just about anything to bring a fugitive to justice. Unsure if Diesel is her partner or her competition, she'll need to watch her back every step of the way as she works to draw Wednesday out from behind his computer and into the real world

## **Christine Feehan - Recovery Road (Torpedo Ink) – Romance – 8.99**



Kir "Master" Vasiliev doesn't care whether he lives or dies. He's a burnt-out shell with no one and nothing but his club.

Whatever Torpedo Ink needs, Master will put himself in harm's way time after time. If he doesn't make it back, he's certain everyone will move on just fine. Investment banker Ambrielle Moore knows her own mind, and she's not willing to settle for anyone. So when a second-rate gangster and his thugs try to coerce her into marriage--and giving up all of her family's money--she's having none of it. Until they turn to cold-blooded murder. Grieving and enraged, Ambrie is ready to go scorched earth on her captors when Master shows up anticipating a damsel in distress. But Ambrie is nothing like he expected, and everything he never knew he desired

## **Tess Gerritsen - Rizzoli & Isles: Listen to Me – Thriller – 9.99**



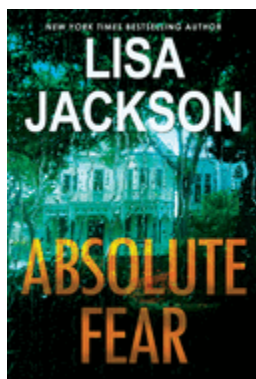
*Mothers know best . . . But who will listen?*

Boston homicide detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles are newly plagued by what seems like a completely senseless murder. Sofia Suarez, a widow and nurse who was universally liked by her neighbors, lies bludgeoned to death in her own home. But anything can happen behind closed doors, and Sofia seemed to have plenty of secrets in her last days, making covert phone calls to traceless burner phones. When Jane finally makes a connection between Sofia and the victim of a hit-and-run from months earlier, the case only grows more blurry. What exactly was Sofia involved in? One thing is clear: The killer will do anything it takes to keep their secret safe.

Meanwhile, Angela Rizzoli hasn't had a decent night's sleep in all the years since her daughter became a homicide detective. Maybe the apple didn't fall too far from the tree: Nothing in Angela's neighborhood gets by her--not the gossip about a runaway teenager down the block and definitely not the strange neighbors who have just moved in across the street. Angela's sure there's no such thing as coincidence in her sleepy suburb. If only Jane would listen--instead she writes off Angela's concerns as the result of an overactive imagination. But Angela's convinced there's a real wolf in her vicinity, and her cries might now fall on deaf ears.

With so much happening on the Sofia case, Jane and Maura already struggle to see the forest for the trees, but will they lose sight of something sinister happening much closer to home?

## **Lisa Jackson - Absolute Fear (Bentz/Montoya Novel) – Mystery – 7.99**



### **EVERY SERIAL KILLER . . .**

A serial killer is stalking the streets of New Orleans. The victims are killed in a ritual fashion, a series of numbers tattooed into their bodies. There are no clues, no connections except one: a crumbling old asylum that was once the scene of unspeakable madness--and is now the calling card of a new kind of fear.

### **IS SEARCHING FOR . . .**

Eve Renner knows Our Lady of Virtues Hospital well. As the daughter of one of its doctors, she spent her childhood exploring its secrets chambers, hidden rooms, and forbidden passageways. Now, somewhere in the decaying asylum lies the key to a betrayal from the past whose echoes are being felt with a vengeance--a crime beyond imagining that seems to lead to Eve herself.

### **THE PERFECT VICTIM . . .**

As each new body is found and forgotten, memories surface, and Eve must race to put together a deadly puzzle, one terrifying piece at a time. A killer is watching, planning, luring her back to the ruins of Our Lady and the shocking truths hidden there.

For the sins of the past must be revealed, and the price paid--in blood . . .

**The February 2023 winner #4 is:**

**Erin Gapinski**

**Jonathan Kellerman - City of the Dead: An Alex Delaware Novel – Mystery - 9.99**



Los Angeles is a city of sunlight, celebrity, and possibility. The L.A. often experienced by Homicide Lt. Detective Milo Sturgis and psychologist Alex Delaware, is a city of the dead.

Early one morning, the two of them find themselves in a neighborhood of pretty houses, pretty cars, and pretty people. The scene they encounter is anything but. A naked young man lies dead in the street, the apparent victim of a collision with a moving van hurtling through suburbia in the darkness. But any thoughts of accidental death vanish when a blood trail leads to a nearby home.

Inside, a young woman lies butchered. The identity of the male victim and his role in the horror remain elusive, but that of the woman creates additional questions. And adding to the shock, Alex has met her while working a convoluted child custody case. Cordelia Gannett was a self-styled internet influencer who'd gotten into legal troubles by palming herself off as a psychologist. Even after promising to desist, she's found a loophole and has continued her online career, aiming to amass clicks and ads by cyber-coaching and cyber-counseling people plagued with relationship issues.

But upon closer examination, Alex and Milo discover that her own relationships are troublesome, including a tortured family history and a dubious personal past. Has that come back to haunt her in the worst way? Is the mystery man out in the street collateral damage or will he turn out to be the key to solving a grisly double homicide? As the psychologist and the detective explore L.A.'s meanest streets, they peel back layer after layer of secrets and encounter a savage, psychologically twisted, almost unthinkable motive for violence and bloodshed.

This is classic Delaware: Alex, a man Milo has come to see as irreplaceable, at his most insightful and brilliant.

**Kat Martin - The Last Mile: An Action-Packed Novel of Suspense (Blood Ties, the Logans) – Thriller – 9.99**





When Abigail Holland awakes to the sound of a nighttime intruder in her rambling Denver Victorian, she knows exactly what the black shrouded figure is after--the map she recently inherited from her grandfather. Whoever he is, the man who grapples with her, then escapes, is willing to kill for the location of a treasure King Farrell hunted for more than ten years. The Devil's Gold has claimed hundreds of lives, and it was her grandfather's obsession.

With a killer pursuing her and her own family not to be trusted, Abby decides to take up the search herself. But she'll need help to do it, and there's no one better than renowned explorer and treasure hunter Gage Logan. Despite the instant chemistry between them, Gage is reluctant. Innocent people have been hurt on his watch before. But when Abby shows him a genuine gold ingot she found with the map, his curiosity is piqued. Before long they're heading into the flash floods and brutal winds of the Superstition Mountains, straight into a passionate entanglement--and the dark heart of danger.

## **Olivia Matthews - Against the Currant (Spice Isle Bakery Mysteries #1) – 8.99**



In Olivia Matthews's *Against the Currant*, the first Spice Isle Bakery Mystery, investigating a murder was never supposed to be on the menu... Little Caribbean, Brooklyn, New York: Lyndsay Murray is opening Spice Isle Bakery with her family, and it's everything she's ever wanted. The West Indian bakery is her way to give back to the community she loves, stay connected to her Grenadian roots, and work side-by-side with her family. The only thing getting a rise out of Lyndsay is Claudio Fabrizi, a disgruntled fellow bakery owner who does not want any competition. On opening day, he comes into the bakery threatening to shut them down. Fed up, Lyndsay takes him to task in front of what seems to be the whole neighborhood. So when Claudio turns up dead a day later--murdered--Lyndsay is unfortunately the prime suspect. To get the scent of suspicion off her and her bakery, Lyndsay has to prove she's innocent--under the watchful eyes of her overprotective brother, anxious parents, and meddlesome extended family--what could go wrong?

## **James Patterson & David Ellis - The Red Book (A Billy Harney Thriller #2) – 9.99**



**Detective Billy Harney's reputation as a dirty cop may be the only thing keeping Chicago clean.**

For Detective Billy Harney, getting shot in the head, stalked by a state's attorney, and accused of murder by his fellow cops is a normal week on the job. So, when a drive-by shooting on the Chicago's west side turns political, he leads the way to a quick solve. But Harney's instincts--his father was once chief of detectives and his twin sister, Patti, is also on the force--run deep. As a population hungry for justice threatens to riot, he realizes that the three known victims are hardly the only casualties.

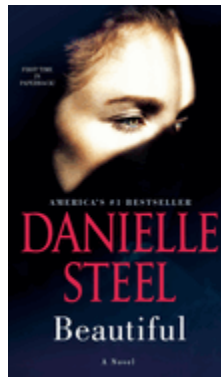
When Harney starts asking questions about who's to blame, the easy answers prove to be the wrong ones. On the flip side, the less he seems to know, the longer he can keep his clandestine investigation going . . . until Harney's quest to expose the evil that's rotting the city from the inside out takes him to the one place he vowed never to return: his own troubled past.

**Wen Spencer – Harbinger – Fantasy – 9.99**



The war against the oni heats to a flashpoint even as Tinker learns that the enemy has a dangerous new weapon, the *nactka*. What's more, the Stone Clan has sent its most famous warlords, the Harbingers, to take control of the allied war effort. Are these elves friends or foes? Tinker's newfound baby siblings are up for grabs. The babies, though, are wood sprites and aren't going to take things lying down. Team Mischief, go!

## Danielle Steel – Beautiful – Romance 9.99



**A renowned supermodel's world is torn apart in an instant, sending her on an unexpected journey of discovery.** Veronique Vincent is a star. At age twenty-two, she is one of the most sought-after models in fashion, gracing the covers of magazines and walking the runways of haute couture shows across the globe. Yet, despite being the consummate professional, Veronique wants little of the glamorous life that modeling affords her. The beloved daughter of a hardworking single mother, she has always preferred spending time at home or with her kindhearted boyfriend to attending lavish parties. When a quick getaway presents a welcome break on the heels of Paris Fashion Week, and before a *Vogue* cover shoot in Tokyo, Veronique is thrilled, eager to escape the mayhem of her busy schedule. Then, out of nowhere, a tragic explosion at Zaventem Airport in Brussels changes her life forever.

The ruthless terrorist attack has the entire world on edge. Veronique finds herself hospitalized and alone, devastated to learn that the blast has killed both of the people she loved most. She is also forced to confront the harsh reality that she has been severely injured, her famous appearance forever altered. As she plunges into seclusion, the industry that once adored her believes her to have fallen off the map. In truth, she is struggling to find herself again after losing everything, and to discover what truly matters in life. But her mother's will, accompanied by a letter Veronique never knew existed, reveals long-held secrets, introducing her to a world she hadn't even known was possible.

As Veronique forges bonds old and new, she begins to see a light beyond the darkness she has come to inhabit, finding peace in opportunities to help others, and redefining for herself what beauty is, and what it truly means to be beautiful. Danielle Steel presents a story of one woman's breathtaking perseverance in moving beyond tragedy to a life more meaningful than she could ever have imagined.