

# The Book Rack Newsletter

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Thanksgiving and Christmas)*

## HAPPY New Year 2023!!



Starting our 16<sup>th</sup> Year of The Book Rack  
Newsletter!!

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## Trivia for January 2023

**What famous character in English literature made his debut in “Beeton’s Christmas Annual” in 1887?**

**Read on and find the answer later in the newsletter.**

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## **Books and/or Authors We Need**

**Please help us restock our shelves and find books other customers want to read. This is a partial list of our greatest needs:**

**Dakota Cassidy**

**Heather Webber**

**Michelle Rowen**

**Any horror (even Koontz)**

**Any version of The Bible**

**Any sci-fi/fantasy**

**Any true crime**

**Historical Fiction:**

**Last Kingdom series - Cornwell**

**Outlander series - Gabaldon**

**Poldark series - Winston Graham**

**Madeline Miller**

**Amor Towles**

**Mystery:**

**C.J. Box**

**Joanne Fluke**

**Gillian Flynn**

**Craig Johnson**

**William Kent Krueger**

**Murder, She Wrote books - Fletcher**

**Louise Penny**

**Sci-Fi/Fantasy:**

**Science Fiction & Fantasy in general**

**RPG(Role Playing Game) books, D&D, Fantasy Choose Your Own Adventure**

**Neil Gaiman**

**Frank Herbert (Dune series)**

**Robert Jordan (Wheel of Time)**

**George R.R. Martin**

**Terry Pratchett**

**Andrzej Sapkowski (The Witcher series)**

**JRR Tolkien**

**Forgotten Realms series**

**Star Wars series**

**Warhammer series**

**Young Adult & Childrens:**

**The Babysitter's Club (novels & graphic novels)**

**Fear Street**

**Goosebumps**

**Magic Tree House**

**I Spy & Look and Find**

**Nancy Drew**

**Leigh Bardugo**

**Cassandra Clare**

**I Survived- Tarshis**

**Sarah J. Maas - any**

**Shatter Me Series - Mafi**

**Kerri Maniscalco**

**Christopher Paolini**

**Scholastic Graphix and other children's comics**

**Sweet Valley High/Twins**

**Vampire Diaries - Smith**

**Warriors series - Hunter**

**Wings of Fire series - Tui Sutherland**

**True Crime:**

**Anything except James Patterson**

**Especially interested in:**

**I'll Be Gone in the Dark - Michelle McNamara**

**M. W. Phelps**

**Ann Rule**

**ANY Urban Fiction**

# \$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 January 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 January 2023 winner #1 is:

Debra Estrada

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 **January 31, 2023** to claim your prize:

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

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## January 2023 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

### January Monthly Celebrations

- National Bath Safety Month
- National Blood Donor Month
- National Braille Literacy Month
- Hot Tea Month
- National Oatmeal Month
- National Soup Month

January 1 - **The Book Rack is Closed!**  
- National Hangover Day

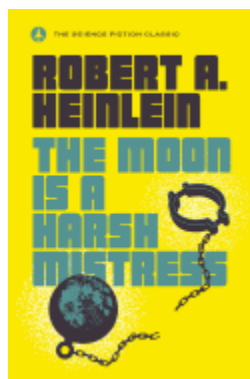
- New Year's Day
- January 3 - Fruitcake Toss Day
- January 5 - National Bird Day
- January 6 - Cuddle Up Day
- January 10 - Peculiar People Day
- January 12 - National Hot Tea Day
- January 13 - Blame Someone Else Day – first Friday the 13th of the year.
  - Friday the 13th
  - January 16 - Appreciate a Dragon Day
  - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday – celebrated on the third Monday
- January 17 - Ditch New Year's Resolutions Day
- January 18 - Winnie the Pooh Day – the Birthday of Winnie's author A.A. Milne
- January 21 - National Hugging Day
- January 23 - National Pie Day
- January 24 - Compliment Day
- January 26 - Spouse's Day
- January 27 - Chocolate Cake Day
  - National Kazoo Day
- January 29 - National Puzzle Day

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## Book Reviews

### Reviews by Claudia:

*The Moon is a Harsh Mistress* (1966) by Robert Heinlein is a science fiction classic.



With recent news of a Google employee put on leave because of his claims of computer sentience, this 1996 novel is as relevant now as it was when first published. *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*, was serialized in the magazine *Worlds of If* in 1965 and published as a complete work in 1966. In 1967, it won the Hugo Award and was nominated for the Nebula Award in 1966. A Prometheus Award

Hall of Fame novel, it is one of the top ten novels published before 1990, according to the Locus Poll Awards. When Technician Mannie Garcia O'Kelly-Davis arrives to fix the supercomputer that oversees the lunar penal colony (Loonies – the prisoners and outcasts sent to colonize the moon and their descendants) he discovers the computer has become self-aware. Initially, Mannie and Mike (Mannie's nickname for the computer) explore humor, but as the discontent of the Loonies builds, the story becomes (as Goodreads states) "one of revolution, of the rebellion of a former penal colony on the Moon against its masters on the Earth. It is a tale of a culture whose family structures are based on the presence of two men for every woman, leading to novel forms of marriage and family. It is the story of the disparate people, a computer technician, a vigorous young female agitator, and an elderly academic who become the movement's leaders, and of Mike, the supercomputer whose sentience is known only to the revolt's inner circle, who for reasons of his own is committed to the revolution's ultimate success." Really interesting read. Highly recommended.

**Borkmann's Point: An Inspector Van Veeteren Mystery** by Håkan Nesser is translated from the original Swedish.



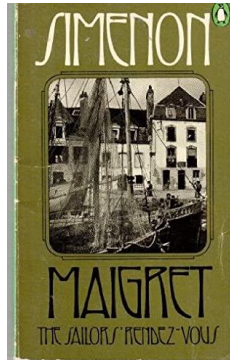
In this American debut novel, protagonist Chief Inspector Van Veeteren assists the local police in a small town with the investigation of two recent ax murders. When another body is discovered and a colleague, a young female detective, disappears without a trace, Van Veeteren is under increased pressure to quickly find the killer, prevent another murder, and hopefully locate his colleague – unharmed. Interesting character studies and plot points. If you enjoy Scandinavian authors and mysteries, this may be for you. Recommended.

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

**Abby Cozzolinno**

## Reviews by Bob

### **The Sailors' Rendezvous, An Inspector Maigret Mystery by Georges Simenon(1978)**



It was indeed a photo, a picture of a woman. But the face was completely hidden, scribbled all over in red ink. Someone had tried to obliterate the head, someone very angry. The pen had bitten into the paper. There were so many criss-crossed lines that not a single square millimetre had been left visible. On the other hand, below the head, the torso had not been touched. A pair of large breasts. A light-coloured silk dress, very tight and very low cut.

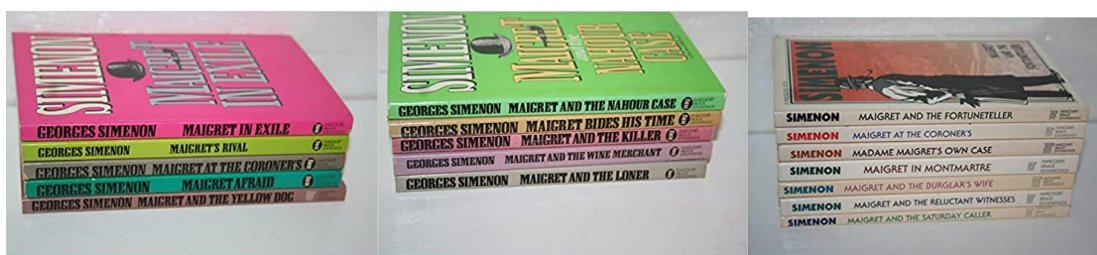
Sailors don't talk much to other men, especially not to policemen. But after Captain Fallut's body is found floating near his trawler, they all mention the Evil Eye when they speak of the Ocean's voyage. The victim is Captain Fallut. The suspect is Pierre LeClinche, the boat's young radio operator, engaged to a girl who passionately believes he is innocent.

Georges Simenon was born in Liège, Belgium. At sixteen he began work as a journalist on the Gazette de Liège. He moved to Paris in 1922 and became a prolific writer of popular fiction, working under a number of pseudonyms. In 1931 he published the first of the novels featuring Maigret, his most famous and enduring creation. He wrote 75 Maigret mysteries.

An entertaining mystery set in France. While only 127 pages, it packs in much excitement. You don't get nearly as much back story and character development as in more recent books, and not nearly as much violence. You are presented a complex puzzle and you follow the inspector as he solves it. A well-done book. If you like Raymond Chandler, Agatha Christie, Rex Stout or Ross MacDonald, you'll like Simenon. I give it a B+.

While Simenon's books may often be difficult to find, we do have several singles and small sets available on our website, such as these:





## Real Tigers (Slough House #3) by Mick Herron – Mystery (2016)



Catherine Standish knows that chance encounters never happen to spooks. She's worked in the Intelligence Service long enough to understand treachery, double-dealing and stabbing in the back.

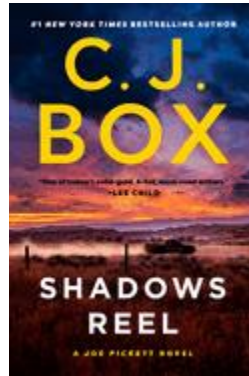
What she doesn't know is why anyone would target her: a recovering drunk pushing paper with the other lost causes in Jackson Lamb's kingdom of exiles at Slough House.

Whoever it is holding her hostage, it can't be personal. It must be about Slough House. Most likely, it is about Jackson Lamb.

And say what you like about Lamb, he'll never leave a joe in the lurch. He might even be someone you could trust with your life . . .

Have you seen the Slough House series on Apple + TV? This is one of the series of books upon which the TV Series is based. I think they did a very good job adapting the books to the TV version and the books are very good. The mystery is intriguing and the banter between the book's characters makes the books quite entertaining and unique. I give the book a B+. Pick up one of Heron's books and you'll likely be hooked.

## Shadows Reel by C.J. Box – Mystery (2022)



Wyoming Game Warden Joe Pickett and his wife, Marybeth, make separate discoveries that put the Pickett family in a pair of killers' crosshairs in this thrilling new novel in the bestselling series.

A day before the three Pickett girls come home for Thanksgiving, Joe is called out for a moose-poaching incident that turns out to be something much more sinister: a local fishing guide has been brutally tortured and murdered. At the same time, Marybeth opens an unmarked package at the library where she works and finds a photo album that belonged to an infamous Nazi official. Who left it there? And why?

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 the Fuhrer's personal photo album. Did another take this one and keep it all these years? When a close neighbor is murdered, Joe and Marybeth face new questions: Who is after the book? And how will they solve its mystery before someone hurts them...or their girls?

Meanwhile, Nate Romanowski is on the hunt for the man who stole his falcons and attacked his wife. Using a network of fellow falconers, Nate tracks the man from one city to another. Even as he grasps the true threat his quarry presents, Nate swoops in for the kill—and a stunning final showdown.

C.J. Box is simply one of the mystery writers currently at the very top of the genre. If you like Tony Hillerman, Nevada Barr or Craig Johnson, you'll love C.J. Box! I give this book an A.

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## Recent and Upcoming New Releases

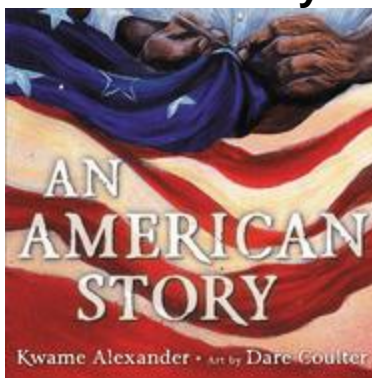
Check out the prices following the title of the book. Those prices are the publisher's prices. **The Book Rack price is normally 20% lower.** When you pick it up at the store there is no shipping cost, though we can also ship it to you. Order now by calling the store or stopping in. We do ask for prepayment on all special orders.

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

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## Hardcover and Trade Paperback

**Kwame Alexander – An American Story – Juvenile Fiction – 18.99**

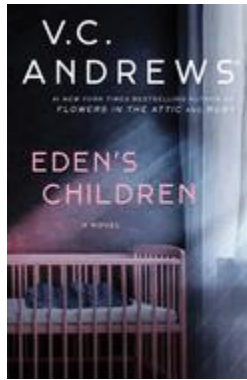


**#1 New York Times Bestselling and award-winning author of *The Undeclared*, Kwame Alexander, pens a powerful picture book that tells the story of American slavery through the voice of a teacher struggling to help her students understand its harrowing history.**

From the fireside tales in an African village, through the unspeakable passage across the Atlantic, to the backbreaking work in the fields of the South, this is a story of a people's struggle and strength, horror and hope. This is the story of American slavery, a story that needs to be told and understood by all of us. A testament to the resilience of the African American community, this book honors what has been and envisions what is to be.

With stunning mixed-media illustrations by newcomer Dare Coulter, this is a potent book for those who want to speak the truth. Perfect for family sharing, the classroom, and homeschooling.

**V.C. Andrews - Eden's Children (Eden #1) – Thriller – 28.00**



**Mother doesn't always know best in this atmospheric and twisty novel from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Flowers in the Attic* series and *Landry* series--now popular *Lifetime* movies.**

When former teacher Paula Eden adopts Faith and Trevor, she is astounded by their natural intelligence and decides to homeschool them to nurture their brilliance. But as the years go on, Faith and Trevor itch for more independence. When Faith sets her sights on a handsome young man visiting from out of town, Paula grows increasingly desperate to preserve her small family and her plans for the children to carry on her legacy. Luckily, she has a cohort in loyal Trevor, who will do anything to please his mother, even at the risk of hurting his sister and potentially changing their lives forever.

## **Allison Brennan - Don't Open the Door (Regan Merritt #2) – Thriller – 28.99**



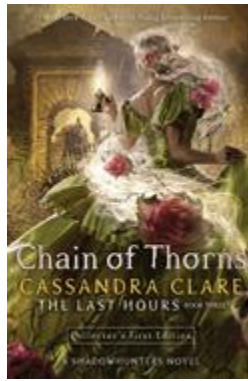
**A family torn apart. A botched investigation. She'll stop at nothing to get answers.**

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.

## **Cassandra Clare - Chain of Thorns (Last Hours #3) – Young Adult – 24.99**



**James and Cordelia must save London--and their marriage--in this thrilling and highly anticipated conclusion to the Last Hours series from the #1 *New York Times* and *USA TODAY* bestselling author Cassandra Clare. *Chain of Thorns* is a Shadowhunters novel.**

**All first edition hardcovers will include full-color reverse jacket art, ten black-and-white interior illustrations, and a bonus short story!**

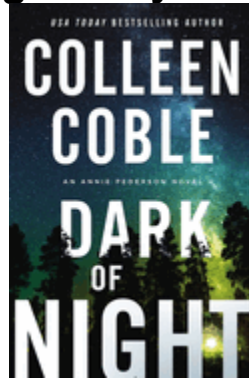
Cordelia Carstairs has lost everything that matters to her. In only a few short weeks, she has seen her father murdered, her plans to become *parabatai* with her best friend, Lucie, destroyed, and her marriage to James Herondale crumble before her eyes. Even worse, she is now bound to an ancient demon, Lilith, stripping her of her power as a Shadowhunter.

After fleeing to Paris with Matthew Fairchild, Cordelia hopes to forget her sorrows in the city's glittering nightlife. But reality intrudes when shocking news comes from home: Tatiana Blackthorn has escaped the Adamant Citadel, and London is under new threat by the Prince of Hell, Belial.

Cordelia returns to a London riven by chaos and dissent. The long-kept secret that Belial is James and Lucie's grandfather has been revealed by an unexpected enemy, and the Herondales find themselves under suspicion of dealings with demons. Cordelia longs to protect James but is torn between a love for James she has long believed hopeless, and the possibility of a new life with Matthew. Nor can her friends help--ripped apart by their own secrets, they seem destined to face what is coming alone.

For time is short, and Belial's plan is about to crash into the Shadowhunters of London like a deadly wave, one that will separate Cordelia, Lucie, and the Merry Thieves from help of any kind. Left alone in a shadowy London, they must face Belial's deadly army. If Cordelia and her friends are going to save their city--and their families--they will have to muster their courage, swallow their pride, and trust one another again. For if they fail, they may lose everything--even their souls.

## **Colleen Coble – Dark of Night – Mystery – 18.99**



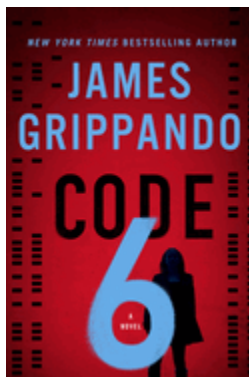
**The law is about justice--not grace. But perhaps ranger Annie Pederson can find a way to have both.**

As if the last few months haven't been hard enough--complete with threats on her life and the return of her first love, Jon--Annie has to figure out whether or not to believe a woman who claims to be her sister, Sarah, who was abducted twenty-four years ago at age five. Annie's eight-year-old daughter, Kylie, has plenty of questions about what's going on in her mother's life--but there are some stories Annie doesn't want uncovered.

As Annie grapples with how to heal the gulf between her and her would-be sister and make room in her daughter's life for Jon, she's professionally distracted by the case of yet another missing hiker in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. A woman named Michelle Fraser has now been abducted, and though the woman's estranged husband is at the top of their suspect list, Annie and her colleagues will need to dig deeper to determine whether these recent mysteries are truly as unrelated as they seem.

In this second novel of bestselling author Colleen Coble's latest romantic-suspense series, Annie and Jon must fight for the future--and the family--that could once more be theirs.

## James Grippando – Code 6 – Crime Thriller – 27.99

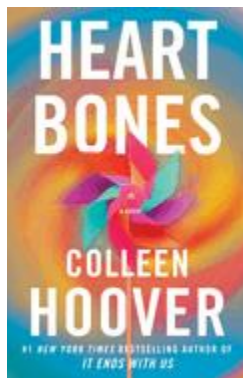


Aspiring playwright, Kate Gamble, is struggling to launch a script she's been secretly researching her entire life, mostly at the family dinner table. Her father is Christian Gamble, CEO of Buck Technologies, a private data integration company whose clients include the CIA and virtually every counter-terrorism organization in the Western World. Kate's father adores her, and a play about the dark side of Big Data would be the ultimate betrayal in his eyes. But Kate is compelled to tell this story--not only as an artist exploring the personal information catastrophe that affects us all, but as a daughter trying to understand her mother's apparent loss of purpose, made even more disturbing by the suicide note she left behind: *I did it for Kate*.

Then Patrick Battle comes back into her life, changing everything she has ever thought about her play, her father, and her mother's tragic death. Patrick is a childhood friend, but he is now Buck's golden boy with security clearance to the company's most sensitive projects. When Buck comes under investigation by the Justice Department and Patrick suddenly goes missing, Kate doesn't know who to trust. A phone call confirms her worst nightmare: Patrick has been kidnapped, and the ransom demand is "Code 6"--the most secret and potentially dangerous technology her father's company has ever developed.

Kate's fight to bring Patrick home safely reveals a conspiracy and cover up that may implicate one of the most powerful executives in the tech industry, while the development of Kate's play unleashes family secrets and the demons behind her mother's cryptic final note. The two paths converge in explosive fashion, leading to a shocking and terrifying discovery that puts Kate and Patrick in the crosshairs of forces who will stop at nothing to control Code 6.

## Colleen Hoover - Heart Bones – Romance – 17.99



**Moving, passionate, and unforgettable, Colleen Hoover's novel follows two young adults from completely different backgrounds embarking on a tentative romance, unaware of what the future holds.**

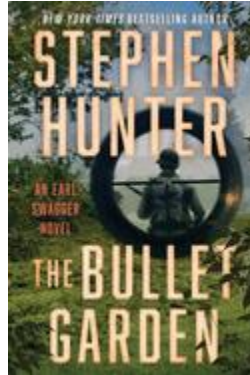
After a childhood filled with poverty and neglect, Beyah Grim finally has her hard-earned ticket out of Kentucky with a full ride to Penn State. But two months before she's finally free to change her life for the better, an unexpected death leaves her homeless and forced to spend the remainder of her summer in Texas with a father she barely knows.

Devastated and anxious for the summer to go by quickly, Beyah has no time or patience for Samson, the wealthy, brooding guy next door. Yet, the connection between them is too intense to ignore. But with their upcoming futures sending them to opposite ends of the country, the two decide to maintain only a casual summer fling. Too bad neither



has any idea that a rip current is about to drag both their hearts out to sea.

## **Stephen Hunter - The Bullet Garden: An Earl Swagger Novel (Earl Swagger #4) – Thriller – 28.99**



July, 1944: The lush, rolling hills of Normandy are dotted with a new feature--German snipers. From their vantage points, they pick off hundreds of Allied soldiers every day, bringing the D-Day invasion to its knees. It's clear that someone is tipping off these snipers with the locations of American GIs, but who? And how?

General Eisenhower demands his intelligence service to find the best shot in the Allied military to counter this deadly SS operation. Enter Pacific hero Earl Swagger, assigned this crucial and bloody mission. With crosshairs on his back, Swagger can't trust anyone as he infiltrates the shadowy corners of London and France for answers.

From "a true master at the pinnacle of his craft" (Jack Carr, author of the Terminal List series), *The Bullet Garden* is an electrifying historical thriller that is sure to become a classic.

## **Jessica Johns – Bad Cree – Horror – 27.00**



**In this gripping, horror-laced debut, a young Cree woman's dreams lead her on a perilous journey of self-discovery that ultimately forces her to confront the toll of a legacy of violence on her family, her community and the land they call home.**

**"A mystery and a horror story about grief, but one with defiant hope in its beating heart." --Paul Tremblay, author of *A Head Full of Ghosts* and *The Pallbearers Club***

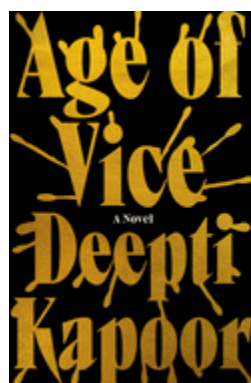
When Mackenzie wakes up with a severed crow's head in her hands, she panics. Only moments earlier she had been fending off masses of birds in a snow-covered forest. In bed, when she blinks, the head disappears.

Night after night, Mackenzie's dreams return her to a memory from before her sister Sabrina's untimely death: a weekend at the family's lakefront campsite, long obscured by a fog of guilt. But when the waking world starts closing in, too--a murder of crows stalks her every move around the city, she wakes up from a dream of drowning throwing up water, and gets threatening text messages from someone claiming to be Sabrina--Mackenzie knows this is more than she can handle alone.

Traveling north to her rural hometown in Alberta, she finds her family still steeped in the same grief that she ran away to Vancouver to escape. They welcome her back, but their shaky reunion only seems to intensify her dreams--and make them more dangerous.

What really happened that night at the lake, and what did it have to do with Sabrina's death? Only a bad Cree would put their family at risk, but what if whatever has been calling Mackenzie home was already inside?

## **Deepti Kapoor – Age of Vice – Crime Fiction – 30.00**



**This is the age of vice, where money, pleasure, and power are everything, and the family ties that bind can also kill.**

New Delhi, 3 a.m. A speeding Mercedes jumps the curb and in the blink of an eye, five people are dead. It's a rich man's car, but when the dust settles there is no rich man at all, just a shell-shocked servant who cannot explain the strange series of events that led to this crime. Nor can he foresee the dark drama that is about to unfold.

Deftly shifting through time and perspective in contemporary India, *Age of Vice* is an epic, action-packed story propelled by the seductive wealth, startling corruption, and bloodthirsty violence of the Wadia family -- loved by some, loathed by others, feared by all.

In the shadow of lavish estates, extravagant parties, predatory business deals and calculated political influence, three lives become dangerously intertwined: Ajay is the watchful servant, born into poverty, who rises through the family's ranks. Sunny is the playboy heir who dreams of outshining his father, whatever the cost. And Neda is the curious journalist caught between morality and desire. Against a sweeping plot fueled by loss, pleasure, greed, yearning, violence and revenge, will these characters' connections become a path to escape, or a trigger of further destruction?

Equal parts crime thriller and family saga, transporting readers from the dusty villages of Uttar Pradesh to the urban energy of New Delhi, *Age of Vice* is an intoxicating novel of gangsters and lovers, false friendships, forbidden romance, and the consequences of corruption. It is binge-worthy entertainment at its literary best.

## **Peter May – A Winter Grave – Mystery – 28.00**



It is the year 2051. Warnings of climate catastrophe have been ignored, and vast areas of the planet are under water, or uninhabitably hot. A quarter of the world's population has been displaced by hunger and flooding, and immigration wars are breaking out around the globe as refugees pour into neighboring countries.

By contrast, melting ice sheets have brought the Gulf Stream to a halt and northern latitudes, including Scotland, are being hit by snow and ice storms. It is against this backdrop that Addie, a young meteorologist checking a mountain top weather station, discovers the body of a man entombed in ice.

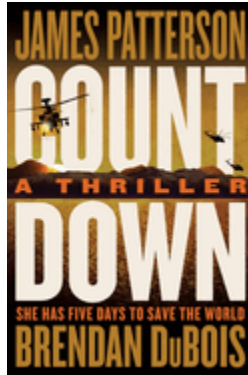
The dead man is investigative reporter, George Younger, missing for three months after vanishing during what he claimed was a hill-walking holiday. But Younger was no hill walker, and his discovery on a mountain-top near the Highland village of Kinlochleven, is inexplicable.

Cameron Brodie, a veteran Glasgow detective, volunteers to be flown north to investigate Younger's death, but he has more than a murder enquiry on his agenda. He has just been given a devastating medical prognosis by his doctor and knows the time has come to face his estranged daughter who has made her home in the remote Highland village.



Arriving during an ice storm, Brodie and pathologist Dr. Sita Roy, find themselves the sole guests at the inappropriately named International Hotel, where Younger's body has been kept refrigerated in a cake cabinet. But evidence uncovered during his autopsy places the lives of both Brodie and Roy in extreme jeopardy. As another storm closes off communications and the possibility of escape, Brodie must face up not only to the ghosts of his past, but to a killer determined to bury forever the chilling secret that George Younger's investigations had threatened to expose.

## **James Patterson & Brendan DuBois - Countdown, A Thriller – 29.00**



**5 days to save the world, 4 days to save her family, 3 hours to find the world's most dangerous double-agent. James Patterson's biggest ticking time bomb of a thriller is the ultimate test for a young CIA agent who's been handed an impossible mission.**

Agent Amy Cornwall excels at working from the shadows--until a botched field operation reveals dark dealings between her bosses and an informant. And a hidden plot by a terrorist genius that could kill thousands of Americans. Among them: her husband and daughter.

She has to go dark. The Division wants to erase her. And they know every detail about her identity, her history, and her family.

Agent Cornwall's countdown has begun.

## **Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child - The Cabinet of Dr. Leng (Agent Pendergast) – Thriller – 30.00**



**The tremendous new thriller in Preston & Child's #1 bestselling series features FBI Special Agent Pendergast and Constance Greene in their most extraordinary circumstances yet.**

### **AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY**

Astoundingly, Constance has found a way back to the place of her origins, New York City in the late 1800s, leaping at the chance, although it means leaving the present forever.

### **A DESPERATE OPPORTUNITY**

Constance sets off on a quest to prevent the events that lead to the deaths of her sister and brother. But along the road to redemption, Manhattan's most infamous serial killer, Dr. Enoch Leng, lies in wait, ready to strike at the slightest provocation.

#### **UNIMAGINABLE ODDS**

Meanwhile, in contemporary New York, Pendergast feverishly searches for a way to reunite with Constance--but will he discover a way back to her before it's too late?

## **Jill Shalvis - The Backup Plan (Sunrise Cove #3) – Romance – 16.99**



When Alice receives a call about an unexpected windfall, she's stunned to learn the gift is a falling-apart-at-the-seams old Wild West B&B she once considered home--and she's inherited it along with two strangers. Except they weren't always strangers. Once upon a time, they were friends. One is her ex-BFF Lauren. The other is Knox, the only guy to ever break her heart, all while never even knowing she existed.

It turns out their lives are unknowingly entangled because they once separately helped the same woman without expecting anything in return. Years later, Alice, Lauren, and Knox are broken in their own way, with their own history--and secrets--causing them to start out on the wrong foot with each other. But according to the will, they must renovate and be partners in the inn for one year or else lose their inheritance.

Stuck together, they make a list of rules to keep the peace--rules that end up doing the opposite, but by some miracle they find what they didn't even know they were looking for--acceptance, true friendship, and in a case (or two!), true love.

## **Benjamin Stevenson – Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone – Mystery – 30.00**



***Knives Out* and *Clue* meet Agatha Christie and *The Thursday Murder Club* in this "utterly original" (Jane Harper), "not to be missed" (Karin Slaughter), fiendishly clever blend of classic and modern murder mystery.**

Everyone in my family has killed someone. Some of us, the high achievers, have killed more than once. I'm not trying to be dramatic, but it is the truth. Some of us are good, others are bad, and some just unfortunate.

I'm Ernest Cunningham. Call me Ern or Ernie. I wish I'd killed whoever decided our family reunion should be at a ski resort, but it's a little more complicated than that.

Have I killed someone? Yes. I have.

Who was it?

Let's get started.

EVERYONE IN MY FAMILY HAS KILLED SOMEONE

*My brother*

*My stepsister*

*My wife*

*My father*

*My mother*

*My sister-in-law*

*My uncle*

*My stepfather*

*My aunt*

*Me*

## Brad Taylor - The Devil's Ransom: A Pike Logan Novel (Pike Logan #17) – Thriller – 32.00



**In the latest explosive thriller from *New York Times* bestselling author and former special forces officer Brad Taylor, Pike Logan races to stop an insidious attack orchestrated by a man who knows America's most treasured secrets.**

Conducting a routine cover development trip to Tajikistan, Pike and Jennifer learn that Afghanistan has fallen, and there's a man on the run. One that has done more for the United States in Afghanistan than anyone else. Pulled in to extract him, Pike collides headlong into a broader mystery: His covert company, along with every other entity in the Taskforce, has been hit with a ransomware attack, and there's some connection between the Taliban and the hack. Given the order to track down the perpetrators, he has no idea that the problem set is much, much larger and more dangerous than a simple attack on his organization. That hack was just a test-run, and the real one is coming soon, engendered by a former NSA specialist in the U.S. government.

A man who wants to return to the bipolar world of the Cold War, the turncoat has cloaked his attack behind hackers from Serbia and Russia, and if successful, his target will alter the balance of power on the global stage. So far, the specialist has remained one step ahead of the Taskforce, but he has just made one massive mistake: hitting Pike Logan.

## Trivia for January 2023

**What famous character in English literature made his debut in "Beeton's Christmas Annual" in 1887?**

## Answer:

**Sherlock Holmes. His first published exploit was “A Study in Scarlet”, for which Arthur Conan Doyle was paid 25 British Pounds.**

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## Mass Market Paperback

**Mary Balogh - Remember Love: Devlin's Story (A Ravenswood Novel) – Historical Romance – 8.99**



**The beloved queen of Regency romance is back with a brand-new story perfect for fans of *Bridgerton*.**

*The handsome and charismatic Earl of Stratton, Caleb Ware, has been exposed to the ton for his clandestine affairs--by his own son. As a child, Devlin Ware thought his family stood for all that was right and good in the world. They were kind, gracious, and shared the beauty of Ravenswood, their grand country estate, by hosting lavish parties for the entire countryside. But at twenty-two, he discovered his whole world was an elaborate illusion, and when Devlin publicly called his family to account for it, he was exiled as a traitor.*

*So be it. He enlisted in the fight against Napoleon and didn't look back for six years. But now his father is dead, the Ware family is broken, and as the heir he is being called home. It's only when Gwyneth Rhys--the woman he loved and then lost after his family banished him--holds out her hand to help him that he is able make the difficult journey and try to piece together his fractured family.*

*It is Gwyneth's loyalty, patience, and love that he needs. But is Devlin's war-hardened heart even capable of offering her love in return?*

**M.C. Beaton - Death of a Green-Eyed Monster (Hamish Macbeth Mystery #34) – 8.99**



**Sergeant Hamish Macbeth-- Scotland's most quick-witted but unambitious policeman-- is back and may have finally met the woman of his dreams in this new mystery in M.C. Beaton's beloved, *New York Times* bestselling series.**

Hamish's new constable, Dorothy McIver, may be the most beautiful woman he's ever seen. Completely bewitched by her sparkling blue eyes, Hamish spends the summer traveling with her up and down Sutherland until finally, he can take it no longer. He gets down on one knee beside the Land Rover and begs her to marry him--and to his amazement and delight, she says yes.

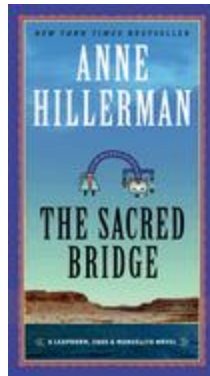
But just as the town of Lochdubh gets ready to celebrate, Hamish finds himself with a new murder on his hands. If he doesn't find the killer fast, Hamish's dream wedding could become a nightmare.

## **Sandra Brown – Smoke Screen – Thriller – 9.99**



When newswoman Britt Shelley wakes up to find herself in bed with Jay Burgess, a star detective in the Charleston PD, she remembers nothing of how she got there--or how Jay wound up dead. Handsome, hard-partying Jay was one of four heroic city officials who risked their lives five years earlier to lead others to safety from a catastrophic fire. His lifelong friend, Raley Gannon, was later assigned to investigate the blaze. But Raley never finished the inquiry because one calamitous night, his career was destroyed by scandal. Now, the newswoman whose biased reporting helped bring about Raley's downfall might be his only chance to vindicate himself and get justice for the fire's victims. But the more Raley and Britt discover about that fateful day, the more perilous the situation becomes, until they're not only chasing the truth but running for their lives.

## **Anne Hillerman - The Sacred Bridge: A Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito Novel (Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito Novel #7)**

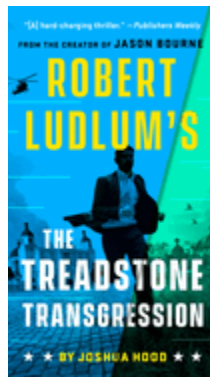


**An ancient mystery resurfaces with ramifications for the present day in this gripping chapter in the Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito series.**

Sergeant Jim Chee's vacation to beautiful Antelope Canyon and Lake Powell has a deeper purpose. He's on a quest to unravel a sacred mystery his mentor, the Legendary Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn, stumbled across decades earlier. Chee's journey takes a deadly turn when, after a prayerful visit to the sacred Rainbow Bridge, he spots a body floating in the lake. The dead man, a Navajo with a passion for the canyon's ancient rock art, lived a life filled with many secrets. Discovering why he died and who was responsible involves Chee in an investigation that puts his own life at risk. Back in Shiprock, Officer Bernadette Manuelito is driving home when she witnesses an expensive sedan purposely kill a hitchhiker. The search to find the killer leads her to uncover a dangerous chain of interconnected revelations involving a Navajo Nation cannabis enterprise.

But the evil that is unleashed jeopardizes her mother and sister Darleen, and puts Bernie in the deadliest situation of her law enforcement career.

## **Joshua Hood - Robert Ludlum's the Treadstone Transgression (A Treadstone Novel) – Thriller – 9.99**



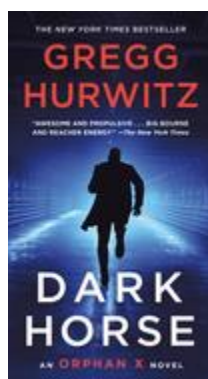
**A blown mission and a dead team leave Adam Hayes the last loose thread in a tapestry of betrayal in this latest high stakes international thriller from the world of Robert Ludlum.**

The most pressing issue on Adam Hayes' mind is planning his son's upcoming 5th birthday party. After years of operating in the world's most dangerous spots for Treadstone, he's ready to call it quits, but the feeling isn't mutual.

Levi Shaw, Treadstone's director, calls Hayes back for one more mission. "It's a walk in the park. You don't even have to go in with the strike team. I just need you to set up the safe house. You'll be home in time to pick up the birthday cake."

But nothing is ever easy where Treadstone is concerned. When the mission is blown only Hayes is left alive, and everyone, it seems, is determined to correct that oversight.

## **Gregg Hurwitz - Dark Horse: An Orphan X Novel (Orphan X #7) – Crime Thriller – 9.99**



Evan Smoak is a man with many identities and a challenging past. As Orphan X, he was a government assassin for the off-the-books Orphan Program. After he broke with the Program, he adopted a new name and a new mission--The Nowhere Man, helping the most desperate in their times of trouble. Having just survived an attack on his life and the complete devastation of his base of operations, as well as his complicated (and deepening) relationship with his neighbor Mia Hall, Evan isn't interested in taking on a new mission. But one finds him anyway.

Aragon Urrea is a kingpin of a major drug-dealing operation in South Texas. He's also the patron of the local area--supplying employment in legitimate operations, providing help to the helpless, rough justice to the downtrodden, and a future to a people normally with little hope. He's complicated--a not completely good man, who does bad things for often good reasons. However, for all his money and power, he is helpless when one of the most vicious cartels kidnaps his innocent 18-year-old daughter, spiriting her away into the armored complex that is their headquarters in Mexico. With no other way to rescue his daughter, he turns to The Nowhere Man.

Now not only must Evan figure out how to get into the impregnable fortress of a heavily armed, deeply paranoid cartel leader, but he must decide if he should help a very bad man--no matter how just the cause.

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

**Dan Salmon**

**Iris Johansen - A Face to Die for (Eve Duncan #28) – Crime Thriller – 9.99**



**Eve Duncan attempts to unearth one of history's most intriguing lost secrets in this adventure ripped from the pages of Greek mythology.**

Archaeologist Riley Smith has been obsessed with Helen of Troy since she was a small girl, trailing her professor father all over the world in search of the tomb of the world's most beautiful woman. Professor Smith put his life on the line to prove that, instead of a myth, Helen had been a living, breathing queen.

Riley seeks the help of forensic sculptor Eve Duncan, who has the unusual skills necessary to recreate the face that launched a thousand ships--revealing Helen's true appearance for the first time in history. But convincing Eve to take on the challenge will be difficult because her efforts could come at great personal risk to her and her family...



Tomb raiders have murdered Riley's father, and now she is more determined than ever to reach the burial site first, avenge his death, and enlist Eve's aid. Also, on hand to help is dashing fixer and treasure hunter Michael Cade, but could he have his own secret agenda when it comes to finding Helen?

Now both Riley and Eve are in danger and in a race across one of the most remote parts of the world. All they have is their trust in each other and their belief in a dream as they hunt for Helen.

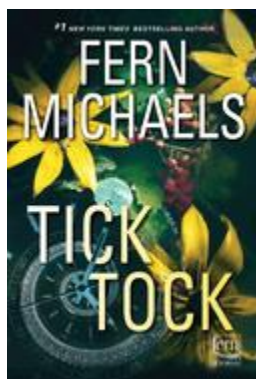
## **Stephen King - The Running Man (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition) – Sci Fi – 9.99**



**A desperate man attempts to win a reality TV game where the only objective is to stay alive in this #1 national bestseller from Stephen King, writing as Richard Bachman. "Under any name King mesmerizes the reader" (*Chicago Sun-Times*).**

Ben Richards is a desperate man. With no job, no money, no way out, and a young daughter in need of proper medical attention, he must turn to the only possibility of striking it rich in this near-future dystopian America: participating in the ultra-violent TV programming of the government-sanctioned Games Network. Ben soon finds himself selected as a contestant on the biggest and the best that the Games Network has to offer: "The Running Man," a no-holds-barred thirty-day struggle to stay alive as public enemy number one, relentlessly hunted by an elite strike force bent on killing him as quickly as possible in front of an audience all too eager to see that happen. It means a billion dollars in prize money if he can live for the next month. No one has ever survived longer than eight days. But desperation can push a person do things they never thought possible--and Ben Richards is willing to go the distance in this ultimate game of life and death...

## **Fern Michaels - Tick Tock: A Thrilling Novel of Suspense (Sisterhood) – 9.99**



**The Sisterhood: a group of women from all walks of life bound by friendship and years of adventure. Armed with vast resources, top-notch expertise, and a loyal network of allies around the globe, the Sisterhood will not rest until every wrong is made right.**



The women of the Sisterhood have developed a motto: "Whatever it takes." Regardless of how dangerous an adversary may be, or how overwhelming the odds against them seem, the group's devotion to each other and to their cause has helped them achieve the seemingly impossible.

But there's a price to pay for success. In the course of both their official careers and their top-secret missions, the Sisterhood--and their menfolk--have acquired enemies. Myra has been feeling uneasy of late, and her fears are justified when her adopted daughter, Nikki, is seriously injured. With Nikki in a coma, and Nikki's partner, Jack, convinced that the organization's online security has been breached, the women of the Sisterhood are more vulnerable than they've ever been.

On their trail is a vicious felon with scores to settle and a network of accomplices willing to do his bidding, for a price. He's set his sights on vengeance, and the attack on Nikki is just the beginning. Though frantic with worry about her daughter, Myra and her beloved Charles know it's time to summon the others and figure out how to take the fight to the enemy's door.

Because no one targets one of their own and gets away with it . . .

## **Max O'Hara - One Way to Boot Hill (Wolf Stockburn, Railroad Detective) – Western – 8.99**



**Stretching across the wild western frontier, the railroad needs guardians like Wells Fargo detective Wolf Stockburn. Known as the Wolf of the Rails, the steely Scotsman is as cold and hard as the tracks he rides--and those too foolish to fear him will soon lie dead at his feet . . .**

**THEY CAN RUN, BUT THEY CAN'T HIDE . . .**

When train robbers hit the Boot Hill Express--so called because of all the people riding it who have ended up dead--with a head full of steam, Wolf Stockburn makes quick work of them. But the gun smoke has barely cleared when a *second* gang attacks, catching Stockburn by surprise. In a hail of hot lead he falls from the train and the thieves kill two guards and make off with the cattle the train was hauling.

Now it's a matter of honor and payback as he trails the outlaws--his only clue a hoof print showing a faint star shape. Dodging a deadly bushwhacker, Stockburn, hell-on-wheels angry, teams up with a beautiful half-Comanche hellcat and follow a twisted trail of bullet-ridden corpses to a final reckoning in a Mexican ghost town--where bad men end up dead . . . on the wrong side of the tracks.

## **Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child - Bloodless (Agent Pendergast #21) – Mystery – 9.99**



**Agent Pendergast faces his most unexpected challenge yet when bloodless bodies begin to appear in Savannah, GA.**

**A fabulous heist:**

On the evening of November 24, 1971, D. B. Cooper hijacked Flight 305--Portland to Seattle--with a fake bomb, collected a ransom of \$200,000, and then parachuted from the rear of the plane, disappearing into the night...and into history.

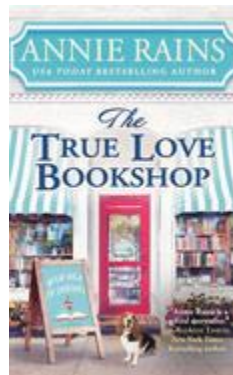
**A brutal crime steeped in legend and malevolence:**

Fifty years later, Agent Pendergast takes on a bizarre and gruesome case: in the ghost-haunted city of Savannah, Georgia, bodies are found with no blood left in their veins--sowing panic and reviving whispered tales of the infamous Savannah Vampire.

**A case like no other:**

As the mystery rises along with the body count, Pendergast and his partner, Agent Coldmoon, race to understand how--or if--these murders are connected to the only unsolved skyjacking in American history. Together, they uncover not just the answer...but an unearthly evil beyond all imagining.

## **Annie Rains - The True Love Bookshop (Somerset Lake) – Romance – 8.99**



**She's ready to start a new chapter in her life...** For Tess Lane, owning Lakeside Books is a dream come true, and it's been her lifeline over the past three years since her husband's mysterious death. She's tried to move on, but when River Harrison shows up on her doorstep, all her lingering questions come rushing back . . .

River, a former marine turned private investigator, is just as eager as Tess to find out what secrets his best friend was keeping. But spending time with Tess makes River's affection for her grow into something more, something he's not sure either of them is ready for. And when the truth Jared was hiding comes to light, will Tess and River be able to move beyond the mistakes of the past to embrace a future brighter than either of them ever imagined possible?

## **Kathy Reichs - The Bone Code: A Temperance Brennan**

## Novel (Temperance Brennan Novel #20) – Thriller – 9.99



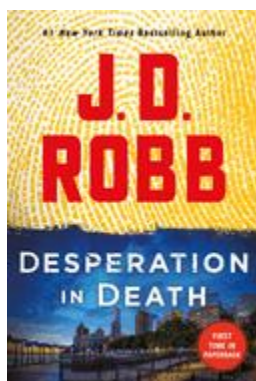
On the way to hurricane-ravaged Isle of Palms, a barrier island off the South Carolina coast, Tempe receives a call from the Charleston coroner. The storm has tossed ashore a medical waste container. Inside are two decomposed bodies wrapped in plastic and bound with electrical wire. Tempe recognizes many of the details as identical to those of an unsolved case she handled in Quebec fifteen years earlier. With a growing sense of foreboding, she travels to Montreal to gather evidence. Meanwhile, health authorities in South Carolina become increasingly alarmed as a human flesh-eating contagion spreads. So focused is Tempe on identifying the container victims that, initially, she doesn't register how their murders and the pestilence may be related. But she does recognize one unsettling fact. Someone is protecting a dark secret--and willing to do *anything* to keep it hidden.

An absorbing look at the sinister uses to which genetics can be put and featuring a cascade of ever-more-shocking revelations, *The Bone Code* is "a murder mystery story that races across America at the speed of fright" (James Patterson).

## The January 2023 winner #4 is:

### Missy Spotts

## J.D. Robb – Desperation in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel (In Death #55) – 9.99



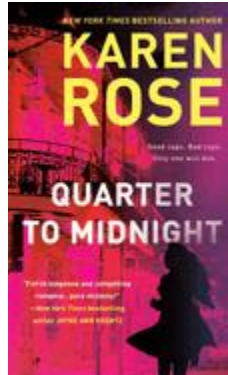
New York, 2061: The place called the Pleasure Academy is a living nightmare where abducted girls are trapped, trained for a life of abject service while their souls are slowly but surely destroyed. Dorian, a thirteen-year-old runaway who'd been imprisoned there, might never have made it out if not for her fellow inmate Mina, who'd hatched the escape plan. Mina was the more daring of the two--but they'd been equally desperate.

Unfortunately, they didn't get away fast enough. Now Dorian is injured, terrified, and wandering the streets of New York, and Mina lies dead near the waterfront while Lt. Eve Dallas looks over the scene.

Mina's expensive, elegant clothes and beauty products convince Dallas that she was being groomed, literally and figuratively, for sex trafficking--and that whoever is investing in this high-overhead operation expects windfall profits. Her billionaire husband, Roarke, may be able to help, considering his ties to the city's ultra-rich. But Roarke is also worried about the effect this

case is having on Dallas, as it brings a rage to the surface she can barely control. No matter what, she must keep her head clear--because above all, she is desperate for justice and to take down those who prey on and torment the innocent.

## **Karen Rose - Quarter to Midnight (A New Orleans Novel) - Mystery - 9.99**



*Good cops. Bad cops. Only one will win.*

After completing her tours with the Marines in Iraq, Molly Sutton knew she could take down any bad guy she met. But when a family tragedy exposes the dark side of her local police, she joined up with her former CO Burke Broussard, who left New Orleans PD to set up a private investigative service for people who couldn't find justice elsewhere.

Gabe Hebert saw the toll that working for the NOPD took on his dad and decided instead to make a name for himself as one of the best young chefs in the French Quarter. But when his father's death is ruled a suicide after a deliberately botched investigation by his former captain, Gabe knows his dad stumbled onto a truth that someone wants silenced.

Gabe goes to his father's best friend, Burke, for help. Burke assigns the toughest member of his team, Molly, to the case.

Molly can't believe she's being asked to work with the smoking hot chef whose chocolate cake is not the only thing that makes her mouth water. Sparks fly as they follow the leads Gabe's dad left them, unraveling a web of crimes, corruption, and murder that runs all the way to the top.

## **Simon Scarrow - Blackout: A Gripping Ww2 Thriller (A Berlin Wartime Thriller) – 8.99**



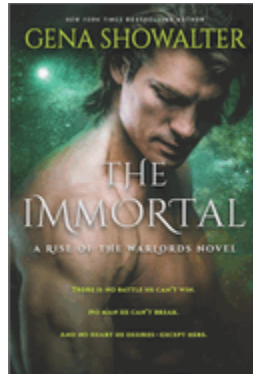
***Berlin, 1939. The city is blanketed by snow and ice. In the distance, the rumble of war grows louder. In the shadows, a serial killer rises . . .***

As the Nazis tighten their chokehold on the capital, panic and paranoia fester as blackout is rigidly enforced. Every night the city is plunged into an oppressive, suffocating darkness--pitch-perfect conditions for unspeakable acts.

When a young woman is found brutally murdered, it's up to Criminal Inspector Horst Schenke to solve the case quickly. His reputation is already on the line for his failure to join the Nazi Party. If he doesn't solve the case, the consequences could be fatal.

Schenke's worst fears are confirmed when a second victim is found. As the investigation takes him deeper into the regime's darkest corridors, Schenke realizes danger lurks behind every corner--and that the warring factions of the Reich can be as deadly as a killer stalking the streets . . .

## **Gena Showalter - The Immortal: A Paranormal Romance (Rise of the Warlords #2) – 9.99**



***The Immortal*, the second dark and sexy book in her Rise of the Warlords series, featuring a cold, merciless assassin and a stubborn harpy warrior... one fated to die by the other's hand.**

Halo Phaninon, assassin of gods, is as cold and merciless as a machine. For victory, he crosses any line. When tasked to kill twelve of mythology's fiercest monsters in twenty-four hours, Halo eagerly accepts. Except, each morning he awakens to the same day, forced to relive new horrors. Only one other person retains their memory--the beauty who threatens his iron control.

Ophelia the Flunk Out hates her disaster of a life. She's the family disappointment, a harpy warrior without a kill and powerless--or is she? Nearly every night she's doomed to repeat her own murder, but each morning she arises to spar with Halo, the ruthless warlord increasingly determined to save her...and lure her to his bed.

Halo's insatiable desire for the stubborn Ophelia drives him wild...and he only craves more. If he remains in the time loop, they stay together. But if he escapes, they lose each other forever.

## **Danielle Steel – High Stakes – Romance – 9.99**



**In this captivating novel from Danielle Steel, five successful women play for high stakes in their careers at a boutique literary and talent agency.**

Jane Addison is an ambitious young woman with big dreams of owning her own company someday. At twenty-eight,

she arrives in New York to start a job at Fletcher and Benson, a prestigious talent agency. Eager to impress her new colleagues, Jane jumps right in as an assistant to Hailey West, one of the agents in the literary department. Hailey is dedicated to the authors she represents, but her home life is chaotic and challenging. After her husband's tragic and untimely death, she was left widowed with three children to raise on her own.

Then there's Francine Rivers, the stern and accomplished head of the literary department. Also a single mom after her husband's affair with the nanny, she has overcome the resulting financial hardships, but only with unbearable sacrifice.

Compared to Hailey and Francine, drama agent Allie Moore's life seems much more carefree and uncomplicated. She relishes her success and loves working with the talented actors they represent--until a passionate relationship with one of her rising star clients threatens to derail her career.

Merriwether Jones is the CFO for the agency. She appears to have it all--beauty, success, and a perfect marriage until her husband's jealousy over her career threatens to blow everything up.

Even though she's a newcomer, Jane quickly realizes that there are damaging secrets hidden behind the doors of Fletcher and Benson. As one of the youngest employees, she has the least power, but is also the least willing to accept things as they have been for years. When she puts everything on the line to right these wrongs, the consequences will leave no one unscathed.

In this riveting novel, Danielle Steel tells the story of a group of remarkable women navigating the challenges of balancing their families, their personal lives and the high stakes of ambition at the top of their game.