

The Book Rack Newsletter

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

HELP!

We desperately need Horror books, especially

Stephen King and V.C. Andrews.

Also, any Manga or Graphic novels,

Agatha Christie,

Ian Fleming,

Colleen Hoover,

Taylor Jenkins Reid, and

Star Wars novels.

Bring them in to trade and receive **double**

*****credit** for them thru the entire month of***

July!

Thank you!

Trivia for July 2022

In the novel "Shoeless Joe" - upon which the 1989 hit movie Field of Dreams was based - what real life American writer was "kidnapped" by the hero, Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella?

Read on and find the answer later in the newsletter.

\$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 July 1, 2020).

All a winner must do is read the newsletter and find your name listed below, then call or come in and claim your reward. No purchase is required, and you don't have to register separately from your initial account registration.

The July 2022 winner #1 is:

Ruth Pisman

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 July 31, 2022 to claim your prize:

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

July 2022 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

Month:

Cell Phone Courtesy Month

Dog Days of Summer - July 3 - August 11

National Blueberry Month

National Grilling Month

National Ice Cream Month

National Park and Recreation Month (NOT the TV Series!)

National Picnic Month

Weekly Events:

Week 2 - Nude Recreation Week – Please be discrete.

Week 3 - Capture the Sunset Week - Third full week in July

Day:

1 – International Cherry Pit Spitting Day

4 – Independence Day (U.S.) – The Book Rack **will be CLOSED**

5 – World Environment Day

7 – Chocolate Day

- Father Daughter Take a Walk Together Day

11 - Cheer up the Lonely Day

13 - Fool's Paradise Day

14 – Flag Day

17 – Take a Road Trip Day

20 – National Bald Eagle Day

21 – Summer Solstice

23 – National Day of the Cowboy

26 – Forgiveness Day

30 - International Day of Friendship

Paperback Book Day

Your “To-Be-Read List”: How We Can Help

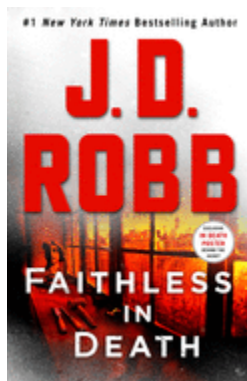
This month, we’re discussing a topic that plagues every avid reader: keeping track of your To-Be-Read list. Whether it’s avoiding buying doubles, missing a title in the middle of the series, looking for recommendations, or prioritizing a long list, we can help or suggest tools to streamline your process. We know you’re busy trying to get as much read as possible, so here’s a quick rundown for the busy:

- Have about 5 copies of *Frankenstein* on your shelf because you keep forgetting you already bought it? That's fine if you collect different editions, but mistakes do happen. Signing up for an account with us will help you keep track of what you've purchased from the store. Our system flags us at checkout if you're trying to buy an item you've previously purchased. Just remember that it uses the ISBN to let us know, so if you've already bought a paperback and we're scanning a hardcover, it will see that as a different book. If you have a hunch you may have bought it, just let us know. We can look it up manually by title.
- What if you know you want to read all of J. R. Ward, but have no clue where to start? This happens to a lot of people. For whatever reason, publishers are often not great at noting complete series order on the inside of the book as new titles are released. This can be a problem for readers who devour authors who have multiple series or series that contain 20+ books. If you're in a hurry, are having trouble finding the correct information, or know someone who doesn't use the internet, we use fantasticfiction.com to get you this information.
- We have many customers who do not have access to a computer and rely on us to keep track of what they read. During lockdown, customers frequently began asking us to get together "10 or so books by Debbie Macomber that I haven't read" or "any Love Inspired serial romance I haven't purchased". Some customers simply ask for a genre or subject, and we will gladly go on the hunt for relevant titles. If this sounds appealing to you, give us a call and see what we can do. Just give us a day or two to get the items together.
- Stuck in a reading rut? We're also happy to provide recommendations. Be prepared to answer questions, though: What *kind* of romance? Historical? Paranormal? Contemporary? Which authors/titles have you read before? If you're still not sure, we have a section in the front of the store for best-sellers that you can browse to see what other people are currently reading in your favorite genres.

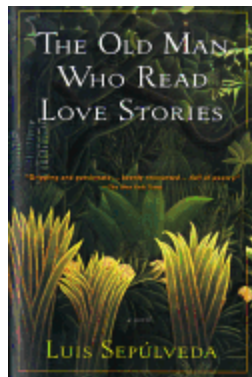
We simply love to help you find the books you want and make your reading more enjoyable. Ask us ANYTHING. We'll help you if we can!

Book Reviews

Reviews by Claudia:



Faithless in Death* (Mystery – 2021)** by J.D. Robb (pseudonym for Nora Roberts), continues the story of Eve Dallas. The year is 2061, and the New York Police and Security Department's Homicide Division's lieutenant has been called to the scene of yet another murder. With Detective Delia Peabody, Dallas starts with the body of a young woman sculptor and the woman who made the 911 call reporting the death - from miles away. Things don't add up, as usual, but with the help of her gorgeous Irish husband Roarke, the e-team at Cop Central, Feeney and McNab; police psychologist Dr. Mira; on-air reporter Nadine Furst; and even Summerset, butler and pseudo-enemy, the pieces come together to solve the crime. In this 52nd installment, the FBI is enlisted to break the case involving criminal conspiracy and a cult that espouses total racial segregation, absolute female subjugation and the elimination of anyone who is non-gender-conforming in any way. I don't think I've missed an ***In Death book yet... I find them quick and easy reads (mental floss) between the heavier material in my stacks. Recommended.



***The Old Man Who Read Love Stories* (Literary Fiction – 1995)** by Luis Sepúlveda is a strange little book. From the book back: “An aging widower lives quietly in a river town in the rain-soaked Ecuadoran jungle where, increasingly, tourists and opportunists have begun to make inroads. He takes refuge in his books – paperback novels of faraway places and bittersweet love. But one day a trader pushes nature too far, setting a protective mother ocelot on a bloody rampage through the village. The old man, a hunter who once lived among the

Indians and knows the jungle better than anyone, is pressured to join the expedition that will hunt down the animal. Drawn from his peaceful life, he is forced into the middle of a raging conflict between man and nature that is resolved – temporarily – by a powerfully climatic confrontation.” Recommended.

Reviews by Bob

The Eagle Has Landed by Jack Higgins – Thriller – 1975



1943: The final desperate years of the Nazi regime ... Hitler, near hysteria, proposes the most reckless, fantastic mission of the war – kidnap Winston Churchill. If all else fails, assassinate him and bring his body back to Germany.

Hitler's team: in Great Britain, an upper-class Englishwoman. A dangerous IRA gunman capable of two errors: killing someone. Falling in love. An elite force of paratroopers hurtling into Norfolk with orders: succeed or die.

Now, begin one of the most throat-catching, pulse-quickening suspense stories ever written about World War II, a superthriller that moves with the relentless force of *The Day of the Jackal* as it rages to a bloody, shocking climax that will leave you limp.

“I regard *The Eagle Has Landed* as quite brilliant and unsurpassed by any adventure in recent years.” – Alistar MacLean, author of *Guns of Navarone*

“What Frederick Forsyth did so well in *The Day of the Jackal*, Jack Higgins does even better in *The Eagle has Landed*.” – The Associated Press

Jack Higgins is the best known of the many pseudonyms of Henry Patterson. ([Martin Fallon](#), [Harry Patterson](#), [Hugh](#)

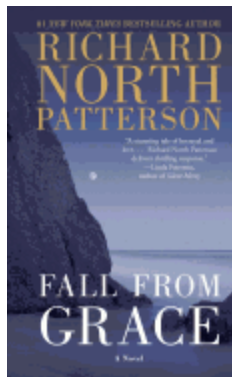
Marlowe and James Graham.) Patterson passed in April 2022, taking from us one of the best thriller authors of the late 20th and early 21st Centuries. He penned over 75 novels selling in excess of 250 million copies worldwide. I believe he will continue to win and maintain devotees for decades to come.

What is a Thriller? FYI

A thriller is a fast-paced novel full of conflict, tension, suspense, unexpected twists, and high stakes. Every single scene and element in a thriller are meant to propel the action forward, test the characters, and take the readers on a roller coaster ride that will leave them on the edge of their seats.

The Eagle Has Landed is a great thriller and checks all these characteristics. The conflicts abound from the different sides in the war to good and principled people forced by their honor to fight each other in deadly battle neither wants. The tension builds from the very beginning and reaches the climax at the end. This is a book I struggled to put down when I needed to go to bed. I give it an A. If you like a good story filled with action, twists and turns, you really should read *The Eagle Has Landed*.

Fall From Grace – Richard North Patterson – Thriller – 2015



After ten years away from home, Adam Blaine returns to Martha's Vineyard to attend the funeral of his estranged father, Ben, a famous and charismatic writer who was fond of sailboats, good wine--and women other than his wife. When Adam learns that Ben disinherited his family in favor of his mistress, he begins to wonder if his father's death--caused by an inexplicable fall from a cliff--might have been suicide or murder. Using his training as a CIA operative, Adam

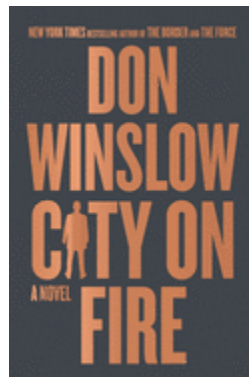
unearths some shattering revelations about the mistress's past. But even more disturbing are the family secrets that can't stay buried any longer--secrets that make Adam question everything he thought he knew about every player in this fateful game. Even himself...

" *Fall from Grace* is a stunning tale of betrayal and love--family members torn apart as the possible murder of the patriarch, whose power and prestige have dominated for decades, unravels secrets and scandals against the dramatic backdrop of the unforgiving Vineyard landscape. Richard North Patterson delivers thrilling suspense every time."

--Linda Fairstein, author of *Silent Mercy*

I am a strong supporter of Richard North Patterson and this is another of his really good stories. Give it a B+. It doesn't have quite the suspense of others, but you will thoroughly like it.

City on Fire – Don Winslow – Thriller – 2022



Two criminal empires together control all of New England.

Until a beautiful woman comes between the Irish and the Italians, launching a war that will see them kill each other, destroy an alliance, and set a city on fire.

Danny Ryan yearns for a more "legit" life and a place in the sun. But as the bloody conflict stacks body on body and brother turns against brother, Danny has to rise above himself. To save the friends he loves like family and the family he has sworn to protect, he becomes a leader, a ruthless strategist, and a master of a treacherous game in which the winners live and the losers die.

From the gritty streets of Providence to the glittering screens of Hollywood to the golden casinos of Las Vegas, two rival crime families ignite a war that will leave only one standing. The winner will forge a dynasty.

Exploring the classic themes of loyalty, betrayal, and honor, City on Fire is a contemporary masterpiece in the tradition of The Godfather, Casino, and Goodfellas--a thrilling saga from Don Winslow, "America's greatest living crime writer" (Jon Land, Providence Journal).

As a longtime Winslow fan, I always grab a copy of each new book he writes, knowing it will be great. City on Fire didn't disappoint. I give it an A. Get it and read it, when you can.

The July 2022 winner #2 is:

Kendra McAlpine

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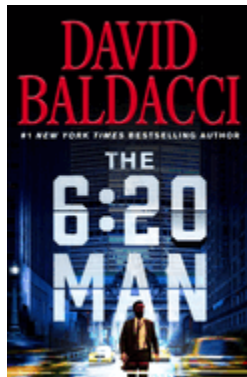
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You can also add any of these titles to your request list. Some will come in soon and others may take a while, but many will get to you eventually.

Hardcover and Trade Paperback

David Baldacci - The 6:20 Man: A Thriller – 29.99



Every day without fail, Travis Devine puts on a cheap suit, grabs his faux-leather briefcase, and boards the 6:20 commuter train to Manhattan, where he works as an entry-level analyst at the city's most prestigious investment firm. In the mornings, he gazes out the train window at the lavish homes of the uberwealthy, dreaming about joining their ranks. In the evenings, he listens to the fiscal news on his phone, already preparing for the next grueling day in the cut-throat realm of finance. Then one morning Devine's tedious routine is shattered by an anonymous email: She is dead. Sara Ewes, Devine's coworker and former girlfriend, has been found hanging in a storage room of his office building--presumably a suicide, at least for now--prompting the NYPD to come calling on him. If that wasn't enough, before the day is out, Devine receives another ominous visit, a confrontation that threatens to dredge up grim secrets from his past in the army unless he participates in a clandestine investigation into his firm. This treacherous role will take him from the impossibly glittering lives he once saw only through a train window, to the darkest corners of the country's economic halls of power . . . where something rotten lurks. And apart from this high-stakes conspiracy, there's a killer out there with their own agenda, and Devine is the bull's-eye.

David Bell – The Finalists – 27.00 – Thriller



On a beautiful spring day, six college students with nothing in common besides a desperate inability to pay for school gather to compete for the prestigious Hyde Fellowship.

Milo--The front-runner

Natalia--The brain

James--The rule follower

Sydney--The athlete

Duffy--The cowboy

Emily--The social justice warrior

The six of them must surrender their devices when they enter Hyde House, an aging Victorian structure that sits in a secluded part of campus.

Once inside, the doors lock behind them. The students are not allowed to leave until they spend eight hours with a college administrator who will do almost anything to keep the school afloat, and Nicholas Hyde, the privileged and notoriously irresponsible heir to the Hyde family fortune. If the students leave before time is up, they'll be immediately disqualified.

But when one of the six finalists drops dead, the other students fear they're being picked off one by one. With a violent protest raging outside, and no way to escape, the survivors viciously turn on each other.

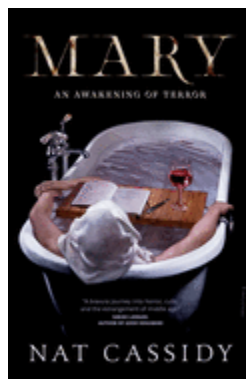
The Finalists is a chilling and profound look at the lengths both students and colleges will go to survive in a resource-starved academic world.

Lois McMaster Bujold - The Assassins of Thasalon – 48.00 – Fantasy



An unholy attack upon his brother-in-law General Arisaydia pitches sorcerer Learned Penric and his Temple demon Desdemona headlong into the snake-pit of Cedonian imperial politics. But they will not travel alone. The mission from his god brings Penric some of his strangest new allies yet, and the return of some of his most valued old ones. This novel-length story takes place two years after the events of "The Physicians of Vilnoc."

Nat Cassidy - Mary: An Awakening of Terror - 21.99 – Horror



Mary is a quiet, middle-aged woman doing her best to blend into the background. Unremarkable. Invisible. Unknown even to herself. But lately, things have been changing inside Mary. Along with the hot flashes and body aches, she can't look in a mirror without passing out, and the voices in her head have been urging her to do unspeakable things. Fired from her job in New York, she moves back to her hometown, hoping to reconnect with her past and inner self. Instead, visions of terrifying, mutilated specters overwhelm her with increasing regularity and she begins auto-writing strange thoughts and phrases. Mary discovers that these experiences are echoes of an infamous serial killer. Then the killings begin again. Mary's definitely going to find herself"--

P.C. Cast – Into the Mist – 24.99 - Thriller (Dystopian)



As men fall to the mist, the age of womankind begins to rise.

The world as we know it ends when an attack on the U.S. unleashes bombs that deliver fire and biological destruction. Along with sonic detonations and devastating earthquakes, the bombs have also brought the green mist. If breathed in, it is deadly to all men--but alters the body chemistry of many women, imbuing them with superhuman abilities. A group of high school teachers heading home from a conference experiences firsthand the strength of these new powers. Mercury Rhodes is the Warrior, possessing heightened physical powers. Stella Carver is the Seer, with a sixth sense about the future. Imani Andrews is the Watcher, with a rare connection to the earth. Karen Gay is the Priestess, demonstrating a special connection with Spirits. And Gemma Jenkins is the Healer, a sixteen-year-old student who joins the group after losing her parents.

As they cross the Pacific Northwest, trying to find a safe place to ride out the apocalypse, the women soon learn they can't trust anyone, and with fresh danger around every corner, it will take all their powers to save themselves--and possibly the world.

With timely commentary on power and community, *Into the Mist* delivers a thrilling and fantastical future that is equal parts a feminist commentary and an amazing, witty adventure filled with wine and women- as only P.C. Cast's brilliant storytelling can bring to life.

Janet Evanovich - Game on: Tempting Twenty-Eight (Stephanie Plum) – 28.99 – Mystery



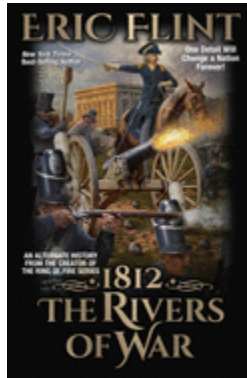
Stephanie Plum returns to hunt down a new kind of criminal operating out of Trenton in the 28th book in the wildly popular series by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Janet Evanovich.

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 who she hasn't seen in more than two years, she still thinks the gun might come in handy.

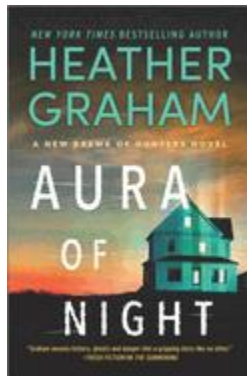
Turns out Diesel and Stephanie are on the trail of the same fugitive: Oswald Wednesday, an international computer hacker as brilliant as he is ruthless. Stephanie may not be the most technologically savvy sleuth, but she more than makes up for that with her dogged determination, her understanding of 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 in this case, she'll need to watch her back every step of the way as she sets the stage to draw Wednesday out from behind his computer and into the real world.

Eric Flint – 1812: The Rivers of War – 16.00 – Sci Fi



"In this alternate history of the American frontier and the Jacksonian era, a small change takes place in the Battle of the Horseshoe Bend during the War of 1812. What results is a cascade of new developments that becomes an avalanche. In our world, Ensign Sam Houston, just turned 21, led the charge on the creek barricade in that battle and almost died from a terrible wound that took him a year to recover from. In this world, his wound is minor, so he is able to continue fighting the British-and develop his close relationship with Andrew Jackson much sooner. Along with a radical Scots-Irish immigrant in the U.S. army, Patrick Driscoll-one of "the Men of '98"-Houston organizes a defense of the U.S. Capitol that prevents the British from destroying it and makes him a national hero. He and Driscoll then play a central role in the defense of New Orleans under Jackson's command. They change the course of that battle in ways that will, over time, transform the relationship between the United States, the Indian tribes of the south, and the slaves brought over from Africa.

Heather Graham - Aura of Night (Original) (Krewes of Hunters #37) – 8.99 - Romantic Suspense



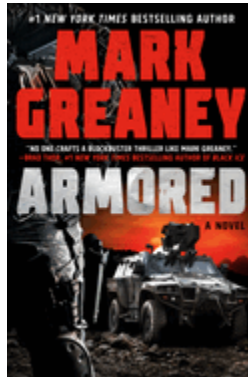
True evil never dies. It only waits in the dark.

All book editor Megan Law wants is to bury the memory of her brutal kidnapping and move on with her life. So when her publisher asks her to spin her hellish experience into the next bestseller, Megan agrees only because it might help

keep other women safe. Then a mysterious, gruesome package arrives in the mail--a reminder that the nightmare isn't over just yet.

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

Mark Greaney – Armored – 28.00 - Thriller



Joshua Duffy is a Close Protection Agent--a professional bodyguard--and he's one of the world's elite operatives. That is, he was until his last mission in Lebanon. Against all odds, Josh got his primary out alive, but the cost was high. Josh lost his lower left leg.

There's not much call for an elite bodyguard with such an injury. So, Josh has to support his family working as a mall cop in New Jersey. For a man like Josh, this is purgatory on earth, but miracles can occur even in Paramus. A lucky run-in with an old comrade promises to get Josh back in the field for one last job. The UN is sending a peace mission into the Sierra Madre mountains in Mexico, an area so dangerous it's known as *Espinazo del Diablo*--the Devil's Spine. Only a fool would think they could broker peace between the homicidal drug cartels in the region, and only a madman would sign on to keep those fools alive.

T. Kingfisher – What Moves the Dead – 19.99 – Horror



A gripping and atmospheric retelling of Edgar Allan Poe's classic *The Fall of the House of Usher*.

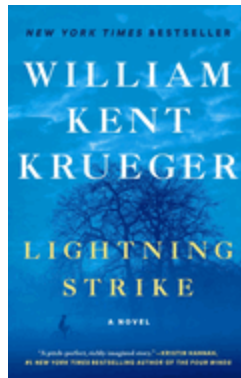
When Alex Easton, a retired soldier, receives word that their childhood friend Madeline Usher is dying, they race to the ancestral home of the Ushers in the remote countryside of Ruritania.

What they find there is a nightmare of fungal growths and possessed wildlife, surrounding a dark, pulsing lake. Madeline sleepwalks and speaks in strange voices at night, and her brother Roderick is consumed with a mysterious malady of the nerves.

Aided by a redoubtable British mycologist and a baffled American doctor, Alex must unravel the secret of the House of

Usher before it consumes them all.

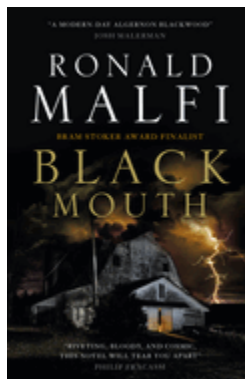
William Kent Krueger - **Lightning Strike: A Novel volume 18** (**Cork O'Connor Mystery**) – 27.99



Aurora is a small town nestled in the ancient forest alongside the shores of Minnesota's Iron Lake. In the summer of 1963, it is the whole world to twelve-year-old Cork O'Connor, its rhythms as familiar as his own heartbeat. But when Cork stumbles upon the body of a man he revered hanging from a tree in an abandoned logging camp, it is the first in a series of events that will cause him to question everything he took for granted about his hometown, his family, and himself.

Cork's father, Liam O'Connor, is Aurora's sheriff and it is his job to confirm that the man's death was the result of suicide, as all the evidence suggests. In the shadow of his father's official investigation, Cork begins to look for answers on his own. Together, father and son face the ultimate test of choosing between what their heads tell them is true and what their hearts know is right.

Ronald Malfi – **Black Mouth** – 15.95 – Horror



A group of friends return to their hometown to confront a nightmare they first stumbled on as teenagers in this mesmerising odyssey of terror.

An atmospheric, haunting page-turner from the bestselling author of *Come with Me*

For nearly two decades, Jamie Warren has been running from darkness. He's haunted by a traumatic childhood and the guilt at having disappeared from his disabled brother's life. But then a series of unusual events reunites him with his estranged brother and their childhood friends, and none of them can deny the sense of fate that has seemingly drawn them back together.

Nor can they deny the memories of that summer, so long ago - the strange magic taught to them by an even stranger man, and the terrible act that has followed them all into adulthood. In the light of new danger, they must confront their past by facing their futures, and hunting down a man who may very well be a monster.

Matt Query – Old Country – 28.00 – Horror



Based on the Reddit sensation, a horror thriller of a young couple who buys the perfect, secluded house--only to discover the terror within.

It's the house of their dreams. Former marine Harry and his wife, Sasha, have packed up their life and their golden retriever, Dash, and fled the corporate rat race to live off the land in rural Idaho. Their breathtaking new home sits on more than forty acres of meadow, aspen trees, and pine forest in the Teton Valley. Even if their friends and family think it's a strange choice for an up-and-coming pair of urban professionals, Harry and Sasha couldn't be happier about the future they're building, all by their lonesome.

That is, until their nearest neighbors, Dan and Lucy Steiner, come bearing more than housewarming gifts. Dan and Lucy warn Harry and Sasha of a malevolent spirit that lives in the valley, one that with every season will haunt them in fresh, ever-more-diabolical ways. At first, it seems like an old wives' tale. But when spring arrives, so does the first evil manifestation, challenging everything Harry and Sasha thought they knew about the world.

As each season passes, the spirit grows stronger, the land more sinister, and each encounter more dangerous. Will Harry and Sasha learn the true meaning of a forever home before it's too late?

Simon Toyne – Dark Objects – 27.99 – Mystery



Forensics expert Laughton Rees hunts an unusually clever killer who appears to be staging murder scenes just for her in this twisty new psychological thriller.

How do you catch a killer if the victim doesn't exist?

A glamorous woman is murdered in her ultra-luxurious London mansion and her husband goes missing. But according to public records, neither of them exists.

The only leads police have are several objects arranged around the woman's body, including a set of keys and a book called *How to Process a Murder* by Laughton Rees--a book that appears to have helped the killer forensically cleanse the crime scene.

Laughton Rees is an academic who doesn't usually work live cases after the brutal murder of her mother as a teen left her traumatized and emotionally scarred. But the presence of her book at this scene draws her unwillingly into the

high-profile investigation and media circus that springs up around it. As the dark objects found beside the body lead her closer to the victim's identity, a dangerous threat to Laughton and her daughter emerges, as well as painful memories of her past related to the man she has always blamed for her mother's death: John Rees, Laughton's father, the current Metropolitan Chief Commissioner and a man she has not spoken to in twenty years.

Laughton's family was destroyed once and she built herself a new one. Now, she has to face her darkest fears and help catch a killer before this one is destroyed too.

Timothy Zahn –The Icarus Plot – 25.00 - Sci Fi



There wasn't much money to be made as a Trailblazer, searching out new worlds for possible development. Still, it was safer than the bounty hunter career that had cost Gregory Roarke his left arm six years ago. And thanks to his Kadolian partner Selene's ultrasensitive sense of smell, they occasionally discovered a medically promising seed or spore they could sell under the table. It was a quiet life, uneventful and mostly legal.

Until Roarke was approached by two men with a proposal: track down a mysterious woman named Tera and, through her, locate a secret project called Icarus.

The challenge was intriguing. The unlimited budget was tempting. But Roarke had a more personal reason to accept the job. The chance for long-delayed payback.

The July 2022 winner #3 is:

Amanda Skocz

Trivia for July 2022

In the novel "Shoeless Joe" - upon which the 1989 hit movie Field of Dreams was based - what real life American writer was "kidnapped" by the hero, Iowa farmer Ray

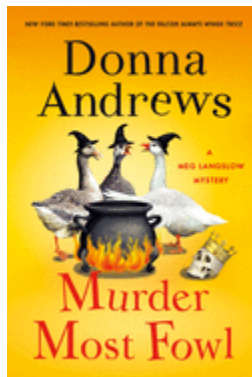
Kinsella?

Answer:

The reclusive J.D. Salinger. Because Salinger threatened to sue, he was replaced in the film by a fictitious writer named Terence Mann, who was portrayed by James Earl Jones.

Mass Market Paperback

Donna Andrews - Murder Most Fowl (Meg Langslow Mysteries #29) - Mystery – 8.99



Meg Langslow's in for a busy summer. Her husband is directing a production of *Macbeth*, and most of the cast and crew are occupying spare bedrooms in their house. She also has to keep an eye on Camp Birnam, where a group of medieval reenactors are commemorating the real-life Macbeth by setting up what they fondly believe is an authentic medieval Scottish military camp.

And then there's Damien Goodwin, a filmmaker who has been hanging around, trying to document the production. When Goodwin hosts a showing of some of the footage he's taken, he manages to embarrass or offend just about everyone. The next morning Meg isn't exactly surprised to find that someone has murdered him.

But who? Some people's motives were obvious from the footage: the couple whose affair was revealed . . . the bombastic leader of the reenactors, who could be facing years in prison if the evidence from the video helps convict him of sheep stealing . . . the actress who's desperately trying to downplay a health issue that could cost her the role of her life. Other motives are only hinted at--did the filmmaker have other footage that would reveal why one of the actors is behaving so furtively?

Unfortunately, whoever murdered Goodwin also destroyed all the electronic devices on which his video was stored. So Caerphilly's chief of police--and Meg--must rediscover the same secrets the filmmaker did if they want to catch a killer.

Lara Bazalon – A Good Mother – 9.99 – Crime Thriller



Two young mothers, one shocking murder and a court case that puts them both on trial.

When a soldier is found stabbed through the heart at a US Army base, there is no doubt that his wife, Luz, is to blame. But was it an act of self-defense? An attempt to save her infant daughter? Or the cold-blooded murder of an innocent man?

Abby, an ambitious public defender and a new mother herself, is determined to keep Luz out of prison and with her daughter. But when the surprises stack up and shocking new evidence emerges, the task proves far more difficult than she imagined, and may require a terrible personal sacrifice.

As the trial hurtles toward an outcome no one expects, Abby, Luz and a captivated jury are forced to answer the question that will decide everything--what does it mean to be a good mother?

Laura Bradford - A Perilous Pal (A Friend for Hire Mystery) – 8.99



Entrepreneur Emma Westlake's new business is booming until her latest client is arrested for murder.

Emma Westlake, proprietor of A Friend for Hire, finds a heart-wrenching email from a prospective client in her inbox. The email is from Kim Felder, a woman struggling with empty-nest syndrome and an out of left field divorce. Determined to help get Kim in a better headspace, Emma suggests she draft a bucket list of things she has always wanted to do in life but has put off in favor of taking care of everyone else.

Together, they fill that list with fun baking classes, traveling, and dancing in the middle of the street for no reason. Kim also adds in some hilarious items about getting even with her ex. But all laughter ends when Kim's ex winds up dead via one of the ideas Kim proposed. Now, Kim is Deputy Jack Riordan's lone suspect in a murder Emma knows she did not commit. Emma will have to put her budding relationship with the deputy on the line to corner a cunning killer.

Harlan Coben – Win – 9.99 – Crime Thriller



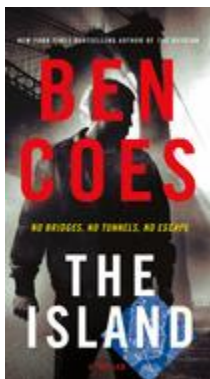
A dead man's secrets fall into the hands of a vigilante antihero--drawing him down a dangerous road.

Over twenty years ago, the heiress Patricia Lockwood was abducted during a robbery of her family's estate, then locked inside an isolated cabin for months. Patricia escaped, but so did her captors -- and the items stolen from her family were never recovered.

Until now. On the Upper West Side, a recluse is found murdered in his penthouse apartment, alongside two objects of note: a stolen Vermeer painting and a leather suitcase bearing the initials WHL3. For the first time in years, the authorities have a lead -- not only on Patricia's kidnapping, but also on another FBI cold case -- with the suitcase and painting both pointing them toward one man.

Windsor Horne Lockwood III -- or Win, as his few friends call him -- doesn't know how his suitcase and his family's stolen painting ended up with a dead man. But his interest is piqued, especially when the FBI tells him that the man who kidnapped his cousin was also behind an act of domestic terrorism -- and that the conspirators may still be at large. The two cases have baffled the FBI for decades, but Win has three things the FBI doesn't: a personal connection to the case; an ungodly fortune; and his own unique brand of justice.

Ben Coes - The Island: A Thriller (Dewey Andreas Novel #9) – 9.99 – Thriller



CIA operative Dewey Andreas is America's last line of defense when terrorists take over Manhattan, targeting the U.N. and the President .

America is about to face the deadliest terrorist attack on its soil since 9/11. Iran has been planning a revenge attack for years, with three goals in mind. Bring America to its knees. Assassinate the popular U.S. President J. P. Dellenbaugh. And neutralize their most successful agent, Dewey Andreas.

The first pre-emptive attack against Dewey Andreas fails but it worries the head of the CIA enough that he sends Dewey out of town and off the grid. But as intelligence analysts work as fast as they can to unravel the chatter on terrorist networks, Muhammed el-Shakib, head of Iran's military and intelligence agency, launches a bold strike. When the President arrives in New York to address the U.N., embedded terrorist assets blow up the bridges and tunnels that connect Manhattan to the mainland. Taking control of the island with its hidden forces, they race to the U.N. in search of Dellenbaugh and to launch an even deadlier attack that will wreak unimaginable destruction on the country itself. While a shocked country struggles to mount a counter-attack, a hopeless, outmanned and outgunned Dewey Andreas sneaks onto the island of Manhattan to fight a seemingly impossible battle.

Robin Cook – Lethal – 9.99 – Medical Thriller

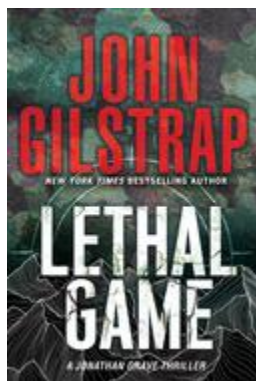


In this electrifying medical thriller, a family's exposure to a rare yet deadly virus ensnares them in a growing danger to mankind--and pulls back the curtain on a healthcare system powered by profit and greed.

Trying to find some normalcy during the Covid-19 pandemic, Brian Murphy and his family are on a summer excursion in Cape Cod when his wife, Emma, comes down with concerning flu-like symptoms. But their leisurely return home to New York City quickly becomes a race to the local hospital as she suddenly begins seizing in the car. At the ICU, she is diagnosed with eastern equine encephalitis, a rare and highly lethal mosquito-borne viral disease seemingly caught during one of their evening cookouts. Complicating the situation further, Brian and Emma's young daughter then begins to exhibit alarming physical and behavioral symptoms, too.

Emma's harrowing hospital stay turns even more fraught when Brian receives a staggering hospital bill full of outrageous charges and murky language. To add insult to injury, his health insurance company refuses to cover any of the cost, citing dubious clauses in Brian's policy. Forced to choose between the ongoing care of family and bills he can never pay, and furious at a shockingly indifferent healthcare system, Brian vows to seek justice. But to get to the bottom of the predatory practices targeting his loved ones and countless others, he must uncover the dark side of an industry that has strayed drastically from its altruistic roots--and bring down the callous executives preying on the sick and defenseless before the virus can claim even more people . . .

John Gilstrap - Lethal Game (Jonathan Grave Thriller) – 9.99



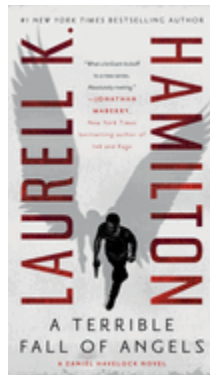
In the new thriller featuring hostage rescue expert Jonathan Grave, *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author John Gilstrap takes readers on an action-packed thrill ride from the wilds of Montana to the streets of Mexico, as a sniper attack turns wilderness hunters into the hunted and Grave's enemies stalk him with a vengeance...

"[Gilstrap's] greatest strength is the ability to blend breathtaking action with deep emotion regarding the characters." --Jeffery Deaver

Hostage rescue expert Jonathan Grave and his fellow special-ops veteran, Boxers, are hunting in Montana when shots ring out, and they realize they've become the prey for assassins. In the crosshairs of unseen shooters, cut off from all communication, with the wind at a blood-freezing chill, the nightmare is just beginning. Because Jonathan and Boxers aren't the only ones under fire.

Back in Fisherman's Cove, Virginia, Jonathan's Security Solutions team is fighting for their lives too. A vicious onslaught is clearing the way for a much bigger game by eliminating anyone in the way. If Jonathan and Boxers can make it out of the wilderness alive, the real war will begin.

Laurell K. Hamilton - A Terrible Fall of Angels (A Zaniel Havelock Novel) – Sci Fi – 9.99



Angels walk among us, but so do other unearthly beings in this brand new series by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Laurell K. Hamilton.

Meet Detective Zaniel Havelock, a man with the special ability to communicate directly with angels. A former trained Angel speaker, he devoted his life to serving both the celestial beings and his fellow humans with his gift, but a terrible betrayal compelled him to leave that life behind. Now he's a cop who is still working on the side of angels. But where there are angels, there are also demons. There's no question that there's evil at work when he's called in to examine the murder scene of a college student--but is it just the evil that one human being can do to another, or is it something more? When demonic possession is a possibility, even angelic protection can only go so far. The race is on to stop a killer before he finds his next victim, as Zaniel is forced to confront his own very personal demons, and the past he never truly left behind.

The first in a new series from the author of the Anita Blake and Merry Gentry series.

Kat Martin - The Last Goodnight: A Riveting New Thriller (Blood Ties) – 8.99 – Thriller



A cold case is heating up, and with another body turning up, one woman is hot on the trail of a killer...with the help of the rancher who hired her to deliver justice.

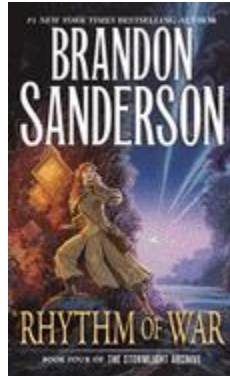
When Kade Logan said goodbye to his estranged wife eight years ago, he never thought it would be the last time he saw her alive. Now her car has been hauled out of a nearby lake and Kade is determined to track down the man who

murdered her. Enter Eleanor Bowman, a talented private investigator who's about to stir up a hornet's nest on his Colorado ranch.

With old scandals still buzzing about his late wife's many affairs and new violence erupting, Kade is faced with the discovery of another beautiful woman's body. Are the two killings linked? Who is the man who seduced, then murdered both victims? Ellie believes they are dangerously close to the truth.

From corporate Denver high-rises to posh Vail mansions, Kade and Ellie sense the killer is closing in again, and this time Ellie is the target. Kade must risk everything to save the woman he's coming to love--before she becomes the next one to die . . .

Brandon Sanderson - Rhythm of War (Stormlight Archive #4) – 10.99 – Sci Fi

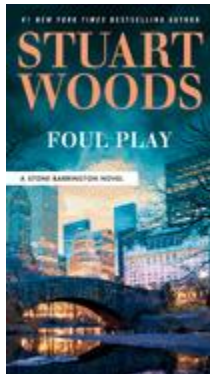


After forming a coalition of human resistance against the enemy invasion, Dalinar Kholin and his Knights Radiant have spent a year fighting a protracted, brutal war. Neither side has gained an advantage, and the threat of a betrayal by Dalinar's crafty ally Taravangian looms over every strategic move.

Now, as new technological discoveries by Navani Kholin's scholars begin to change the face of the war, the enemy prepares a bold and dangerous operation. The arms race that follows will challenge the very core of the Radiant ideals, and potentially reveal the secrets of the ancient tower that was once the heart of their strength.

At the same time that Kaladin Stormblessed must come to grips with his changing role within the Knights Radiant, his Windrunners face their own problem: As more and more deadly enemy Fused awaken to wage war, no more honorspren are willing to bond with humans to increase the number of Radiants. Adolin and Shallan must lead the coalition's envoy to the honorspren stronghold of Lasting Integrity and either convince the spren to join the cause against the evil god Odium, or personally face the storm of failure.

Stuart Woods - Foul Play (Stone Barrington Novel) – 9.99 – Thriller



Stone Barrington is nearing his New York City abode when he stumbles into trouble. As it turns out, a new client is in danger--and with both business and the safety of the city at stake, Stone has no choice but to get involved.

It's soon clear that a complicated scheme is being hatched, and the source remains enigmatic . . . but it's only a matter of time before he and Stone must each show their hands. From ritzy Manhattan high-rises to the lush serenity of the Connecticut countryside, the game of cat-and-mouse can end with only one victor.

The July 2022 winner #4 is:

Pat Wooldridge