

The Book Rack Newsletter

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Thanksgiving and Christmas)*

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Trivia for June

To whom did Herman Melville dedicate his novel,
Moby Dick?

For the answer read on and you're bound to stumble over
it!

Our June

\$25 Gift Certificate Winners!

We try to give away four (4) \$25.00 Gift Certificates to The Book Rack
account holders each month.

The names are selected from all our registered customers who have
registered and/or had a trade or purchase since 1 January 2017.

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

The May 2019 winner #1 is:

Roberta McVay

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 June 30 to claim your prize:

A \$25 gift certificate from [The Book Rack!](#)

Books We Need

If you have any of these, please consider bringing them in for trade credit. We have other customers wanting them, if you are willing to part with them.

**Stephen King (always)
Stuart Woods
Paranormal Romance
True Crime**

June Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

Monthly Celebrations:

- Candy Month
- Dairy Month
- Fight the Filthy Fly Month
- National Gardening Week - First full week of month
- National Adopt a Cat Month
- National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month
- Rose Month

Weekly Events:

- Fishing Week, Week 1

- Email Week, Week 2
- Lightning Safety Week - Last full week of Month

Daily Celebrations:

June 5 – World Environment Day

6 – D-Day

8 – Best Friends Day

9 – Donald Duck Day

9 – National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day – I LOVE this pie! It deserves it's own day

14 – Flag Day – Fly it proudly

15 - Mike McCarty & Mark McLaughlin Book Signing 2-5 PM

16 – Father's Day

19 – Juneteenth Day – celebrates and symbolizes the end of slavery in the United States.

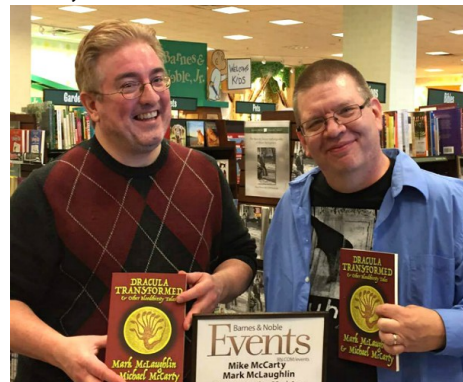
21 – Summer Solstice – Longest day of the year. Remember Winter at -30 F when you thought Summer would never arrive? Surprise – it's here!

28 – Paul Bunyan Day – I'll celebrate in Minnesota, at Paul Bunyan Land!

Featured Authors

Mark McLaughlin & Mike McCarty

Mike & Mark will be at [The Book Rack](#) June 15, 2-5:00 to meet fans and introduce their newest collaboration, APOCALYPSE AMERICA!



APOCALYPSE AMERICA!

Flesh-eating dust mites, Internet Witches, murderous robots, giant scorpions,

demonic creatures and sophisticated cannibals - these horrors and more inhabit the future ruins of the United States in **APOCALYPSE AMERICA!** by Michael McCarty and Mark McLaughlin. Following a devastating nuclear war, America is thrown into chaos. Malevolent Internet Witches use their monstrous cyber-magic to attack the country through its computers. The last hope for humanity rests with Cain, a post-apocalyptic nomad who is determined to find a legendary paradise known as Eden. Cain is joined on his trek by new friends: Galileo, a surgically enhanced rabbit with a human mind; a brilliant robot named RT-Fax; and Miranda, a downloaded Internet Witch who has discovered the joys of being human. The group is pursued on their journey by the Shadow Man, the demon Legion, and various minions of the Internet Witches. The friends travel across America in search of Eden, and learn that the country has become a dizzying patchwork of bizarre compounds, whose inhabitants are desperate, dangerous, and sometimes, not even human. Cain and his friends also learn more about why America is hovering on the brink of ruin. Before long, they have reason to believe they can repair the damage and restore the country to its former glory. Can they access the secrets of Eden and save the Earth, before all living things are destroyed?

Michael McCarty is the author of over thirty-five books of fiction and nonfiction, as well as hundreds of articles, short stories and poems. In 2009 he was named as finalist, along with collaborator Mark McLaughlin, in two different Bram Stoker Award categories: Best First Novel of 2008 for *MONSTER BEHIND THE WHEEL* (Corrosion Press/Delirium Books and Best Poetry Collection of 2008 for *ATTACK OF THE TWO-HEADED POETRY MONSTER* (Skullvines Press). He received the 2008 David R. Collins' Literary Achievement Award from the Midwest Writing Center. In 2005, he was a Bram Stoker finalist in the nonfiction category for *MORE GIANTS OF THE GENRE* (Wildside Press). McCarty was formerly a staff writer for *Science Fiction Weekly*.

Mark McLaughlin is a Bram Stoker Award-winning author of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. His writings have appeared in more than 1,000 magazines, newspapers, websites, and anthologies, including *Galaxy*, *Living Dead 2*, *Writer's Digest*, *Cemetery Dance*, *Midnight Premiere*, *Dark Arts*, and two volumes of *Year's Best Horror Stories* (DAW Books).

Mark's latest paperback releases are the Lovecraftian story collections, *Horrors & Abominations: 24 Tales Of The Cthulhu Mythos* and *The House Of The Ocelot & More Lovecraftian Nightmares*, both coauthored by Michael Sheehan, Jr.

Other collections of Mark's fiction include *Hideous Faces*, *Beautiful Skulls*; *Best Little Witch-House In Arkham*; *Beach Blanket Zombie*; and the two-author vampire collection with Michael McCarty, *Dracula Transformed & Other Bloodthirsty Tales*. Mark and Michael McCarty have also co-written the horror novel, *Monster Behind The Wheel*.

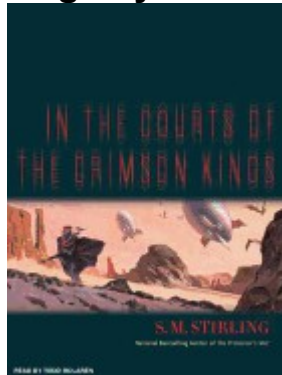
Mark's latest Kindle release is *The Arrival Of Our New Master: A Lovecraftian Armageddon*, an epic poem which tells of the return of Nyarlathotep to the modern world. Mark McLaughlin is also the coauthor, with Rain Graves and David Niall Wilson, of *The Gossamer Eye*, a paperback poetry collection that won the 2002 Bram Stoker Award for Superior Achievement

in Poetry.

For more information on Mark McLaughlin's books, visit BMovieMonster.com.

Book Reviews

In the Courts of the Crimson Kings by S.M. Stirling (2008)



In the parallel world first introduced in S. M. Stirling's "The Sky People," aliens terraformed Mars (and Venus) two hundred million years ago, seeding them with life-forms from Earth. Humans didn't suspect this until the twentieth century, but when the first probes landed on our sister worlds, and found life--intelligent life, at that--things changed with a vengeance. By the year 2000, America, Russia, and the other great powers of Earth are all contending for influence and power amid the newly-discovered inhabitants of our sister planets.

Venus is a primitive world. But on Mars, early hominids evolved civilization earlier than their earthly cousins, driven by the needs of a harsh world growing still harsher as the initial terraforming runs down. Without coal, oil, or uranium, their technology was forced into different paths, and the genetic wizardry of the Crimson Dynasty united a world for more than twenty thousand years.

Now, in a new stand-alone adventure set in this world's 2000 AD, Jeremy Wainman is an archaeologist who has achieved a lifelong dream; to travel to Mars and explore the dead cities of the Deep Beyond, searching for the secrets of the Kings Beneath the Mountain and the fallen empire they ruled.

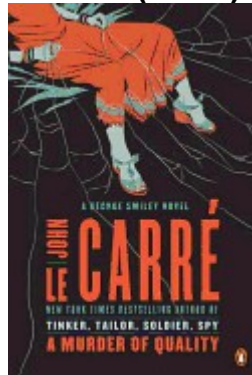
Teyud Zha-Zhalt is the Martian mercenary the Terrans hire as guide and captain of the landship Intrepid Traveller. A secret links her to the deadly intrigues of Dvor il-Adazar, the City That Is A Mountain, where the last aging descendant of the Tollamune Emperors clings to the remnants of his power...and secrets that may trace their origin to the enigmatic Ancients, the Lords of Creation who reshaped the Solar System in the time of the dinosaurs.

When these three meet, the foundations of reality will be shaken--from the lost city of Rema-Dza to the courts of the Crimson Kings.

A science Fiction novel I enjoyed a lot. Suspenseful, action filled and with

enough romance, deceit and violence to keep me fully engaged. As usual with SF and Fantasy, I marveled at the entirely new world Stirling has created for his adventure. New landscapes, new species with new customs, new “technologies” and everything you can think of or can't imagine and there for you to envision. I give it a B+ and recommend S.M. Stirling as an author for you to explore. I think you'll enjoy him, even if Sci Fi isn't your normal fare.

A Murder of Quality by John le Carre' (1992)



John le Carre's classic novels deftly navigate readers through the intricate shadow worlds of international espionage with unsurpassed skill and knowledge, and have earned him -- and his hero, British secret Service Agent George Smiley -- unprecedented worldwide acclaim.

George Smiley was simply doing a favor for Miss Ailsa Brimley, and old friend and editor of a small newspaper. Miss Brimley had received a letter from a worried reader: "I'm not mad. And I know my husband is trying to kill me." But the letter had arrived too late: it's scribe, the wife of an assistant master at the distinguished Carne School, was already dead.

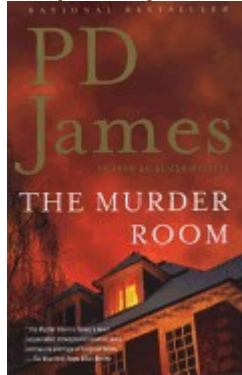
So George Smiley went to Carne to listen, ask questions, and think. And to uncover, layer by layer, the complex network of skeletons and hatreds that comprised that little English institution.

When I have thought of George Smiley he has always been a British spy. While he still is in this book, he is essentially filling the role of a consultant to a police detective searching for a murderer. Employing his considerable analytic skills, he slowly and deliberately guides the investigation to conclusion. It's a fairly short book (160 pages), so if you've not yet read le Carre' this may be a very good book to start with to see if you like him. I do and give it a B+. If you like William Golding, Dashiell Hammett or Eric Ambler you may well like le Carre'.

The June 2019 winner #2 is:

Beth A Johnson

The Murder Room by P.D. James (2003)



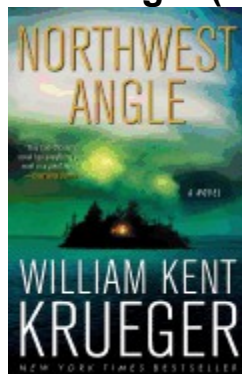
Murders present meet murders past in this P.D. James's harrowing, thought-provoking thriller.

Commander Adam Dalgliesh is already acquainted with the Dupayne--a museum dedicated to the interwar years, with a room celebrating the most notorious murders of that time--when he is called to investigate the killing of one of the family trustees. He soon discovers that the victim was seeking to close the museum against the wishes of the fellow trustees and the Dupayne's devoted staff. Everyone, it seems, has something to gain from the crime. When it becomes clear that the murderer has been inspired by the real-life crimes from the murder room--and is preparing to kill again--Dalgliesh knows that to solve this case he has to get into the mind of a ruthless killer.

Strangely, I've not previously read any of James' books. At least I don't recall any. I'm delighted I ended that drought. The Murder Room was very engaging, capturing me early and keeping me hooked until the end.

If you like Ruth Rendell, Colin Dexter or Margaret Atwood and have not read James, you really should give her a shot. You will find her to be an excellent writer. I give her an A-.

Northwest Angle by William Kent Krueger (2011)



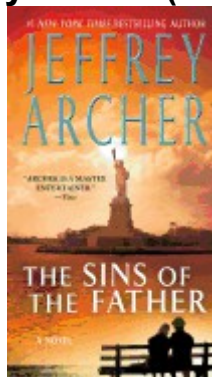
With his family caught in the cross-hairs of a group of brutal killers, detective Cork O'Connor must solve the murder of a young girl in William Kent Krueger's latest unforgettable *New York Times* bestseller.

During a houseboat vacation on the remote Lake of the Woods, a violent gale sweeps through unexpectedly, stranding Cork and his daughter, Jenny, on a devastated island where the wind has ushered in a force far darker and more deadly than any storm.

Amid the wreckage, Cork and Jenny discover the body of a teenage girl. She wasn't killed by the storm, however; she'd been bound and tortured before she died. Nearby, underneath a tangle of branches, they also find a baby boy, hungry and dehydrated, but still very much alive. Powerful forces intent on securing the child pursue them to the isolated Northwest Angle, where it's impossible to tell who among the residents is in league with the devil, but Cork understands that to save his family he must solve the puzzle of this mysterious child whom death follows like a shadow. Part thriller, part mystery and part exploration of the malleability of the human heart.

I give this book a B. It's well written and has a very interesting backdrop with The Lake of the Woods. Cork is solid protagonist you can't help but like. I do enjoy Krueger's books. If you like outdoorsy mysteries, get this one and learn more about Northern Minnesota and Lake of the Woods. It's a good companion for John Sanford's books set in Minnesota. If you like J.A. Jance or C.J. Box give him a try.

The Sins of the Father by Jeffrey Archer (2012)



The Second book in the Clifton Chronicles series.

Only days before Britain declares war on Germany, Harry Clifton, hoping to escape the consequences of long-buried family secrets recently revealed, and

forced to admit that his wish to marry Emma Barrington will never be fulfilled, has joined the Merchant Navy. But his ship is sunk in the Atlantic by a German U-boat, drowning almost the entire crew. An American cruise liner, the SS Kansas Star, rescues a handful of sailors, among them Harry and the third officer, an American named Tom Bradshaw. When Bradshaw dies in the night, Harry seizes on the chance to escape his tangled past and assumes his identity.

But on landing in America, he quickly learns the risks of such a scheme, when he discovers what is awaiting Bradshaw in New York. Without any way of proving his true identity, Harry Clifton is now chained to a past that might be far worse than the one he had hoped to escape.

Jeffrey Archer is a wonderful author and this book does nothing to diminish his claim. I give it a B+.

"One of the top ten storytellers in the world." --"Los Angeles Times"

"There isn't a better storyteller alive." --Larry King""

"Archer plots with skill, and keeps you turning the pages." --"The Boston Globe"

The June 2019 winner #3 is:

Jaren Schoustra

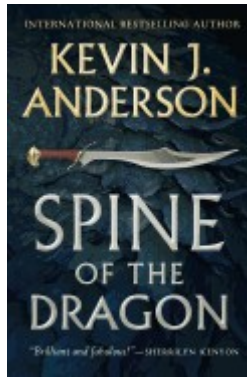
Recent and Upcoming New Releases:

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 most will get to you eventually.

Hardcover and Trade Paperback

Kevin J. Anderson – Spine of the Dragon – 26.99



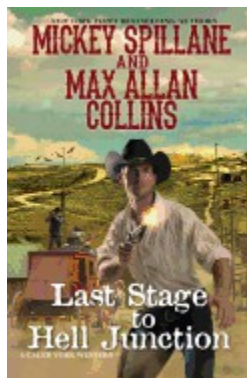
Terry Brooks – The Fall of Shannara, The Stiehl Assassin – 28.00

Sandra Brown – Outfox – 27.00

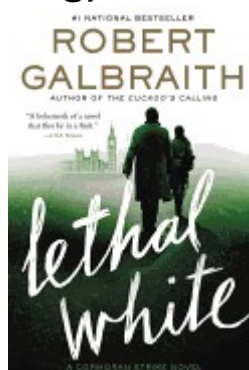


Robyn Carr – The House on Olive Street – 16.99

Max Allan Collins & Mickey Spillane – Last Stage to Hell Junction – 25.00

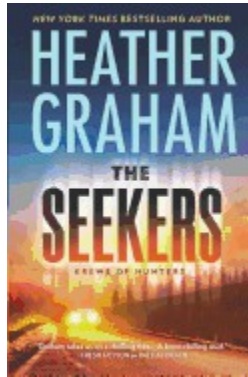


Robert Galbraith (J.K. Rowling) – Lethal White – 19.99



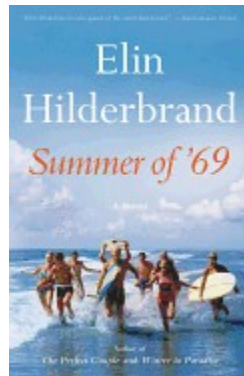
Elizabeth Gilbert – City of Girls – 28.00

Heather Graham – The Seekers – 27.99



Jane Green – The Friends We Keep – 26.00

Elin Hilderbrand – Summer of '69 – 28.00



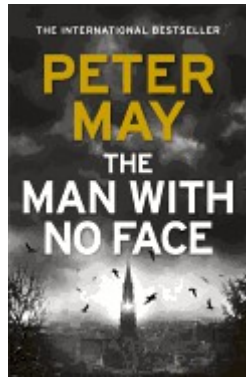
Iris Johansen – Smoke Screen – 28.00

Stephen King – The Outsider – 15.99



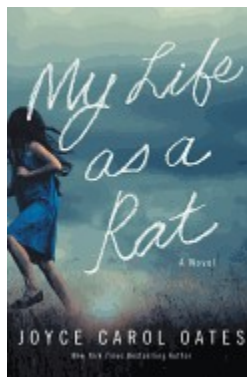
Susan Mallery – The Summer of Sunshine and Margot – 26.99

Peter May – The Man with No Face – 26.99



Fern Michaels – Hot Shot – 28.95

Joyce Carol Oates – My Life as a Rat – 28.99



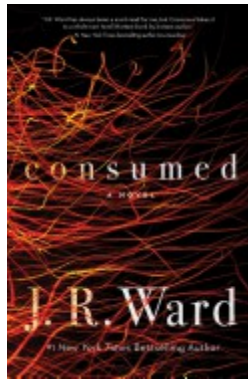
Joann Ross – Summer on Mirror Lake – 26.99

David Sedaris – Calypso – 17.99

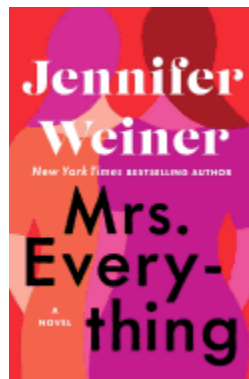


Danielle Steel – Lost and Found – 28.99

J.R. Ward – Consumed, Firefighters, Book 1 – 16.00

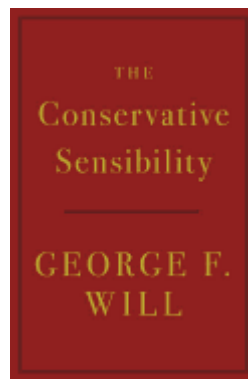


Jennifer Weiner – Mrs. Everything – 28.00



Susan Wiggs – Starlight on Willow Lake – 15.99

George Will – The Conservative Sensibility – 35.00



Stuart Woods – Skin Game – 28.00



Trivia for June

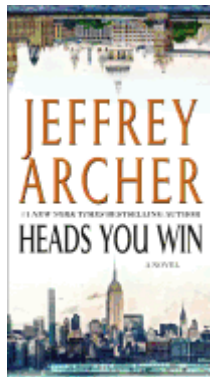
To whom did Herman Melville dedicate his novel, Moby Dick?

Answer:

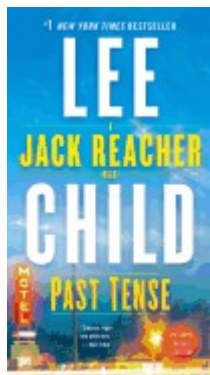
Nathaniel Hawthorne

Mass Market Paperback Recent and New Releases

Jeffrey Archer – Heads You Win – 9.99



Lee Child – Past Tense – 9.99



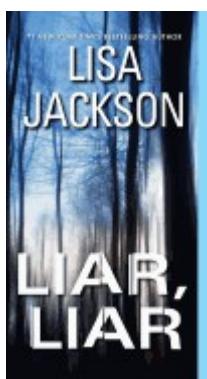
Heather Graham – The Summoning, Krewe of Hunters – 8.99

Karen Harper – Dark Storm – 7.99

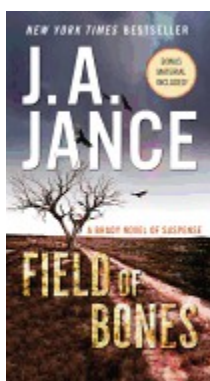


Carl Hiaasen – Razor Girl – 9.99

Lisa Jackson – Liar, Liar – 9.99

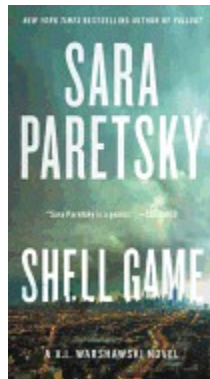


J.A. Jance – Field of Bones – 9.99

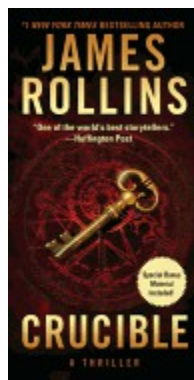


Eric Van Lustbader – Four Dominions – A Testament Novel – 9.99

Sara Paretsky – Shell Game – 9.99



James Rollins – Crucible – 9.99



R.A. Salvatore – Timeless, A Drizzt Novel – 7.99

Daniel Silva – The Other Woman – 9.99



The June 2019 winner #4 is:

Carolyn Glenn