

# The Book Rack Newsletter

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**"I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity."  
- - Dwight D. Eisenhower**

## Trivia for June 2022

**What famous American writer created the  
Cisco Kid?**

Read on and find the answer later in the newsletter.

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## **\$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 June 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 June 2022 winner #1 is:**

**Ryan Murray**

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, 2022** to claim your prize:

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

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## **June 2022 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:**

### **Month:**

**Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month  
Effective Communications Month  
Fight the Filthy Fly Month  
Great Outdoors Month  
Rose Month**

### **Weekly Events:**

**National Gardening Week - First full week of month  
National Flag Week - the Week of Flag Day on June 14**

### **Day:**

**3 – World Bicycle Day  
4 – Hug Your Cat Day  
5 – World Environment Day  
5 – Local Author Patty Joy will be at The Book Rack Signing copies of her newest book,  
6 – D-Day  
6 – National Yo-Yo Day  
9 – Donald Duck Day  
10 – Herb and Spices Day  
14 – Flag Day**

17 – Take a Road Trip Day  
19 – Father’s Day  
20 – National Bald Eagle Day  
21 – Summer Solstice  
25 – National Catfish Day  
26 – Forgiveness Day

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## Local Author: David Dorris

Fairmont Branch  
Davenport Public Library  
June 6  
6:30 – 7:30 PM

Join author David Dorris for a book talk and signing on Monday, June 6th. Dorris will talk about how he started writing and his method of writing with the research, as well as the advantage of writing a series ...

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## Book Reviews

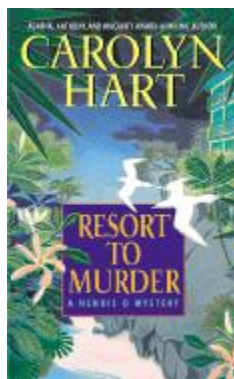
### Reviews by Claudia:

***Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone*** by Diana Gabaldon is the latest (2021) installment of *The Outlander* series. After 20 years apart, it’s 1779 and Jamie and Claire, Brianna and Roger and their children are together on Fraser’s Ridge in North Carolina. The Ridge is currently safe, but war rages beyond and Jamie’s tenants are split between loyalist and rebel leanings. Brianna and Roger have their own concerns having hopefully fled the real dangers they faced in the 20<sup>th</sup> century for the uncertainty and risks of the 1700s. Roger works toward ordination; Jamie’s son, William Ransom continues to find his place and identity after discovery that his true father is Jamie; Lord John Grey has problems and reconciliations of his own; and Lord John’s brother Hal, the Duke of Pardloe, is struggling with the apparent death of his son while sheltering his daughter-in-law and grandchild. Characters we know and love, or love to hate, do not disappoint, and new characters who enter the Frasers’ lives are well-developed and believable. And over all, the threat of the Revolutionary War reaching Fraser’s Ridge is not far away. This is not my favorite of the series, but it was comforting to be with the Fraser and MacKenzie folks again, and so nice to “hear” (in Caitriona Balfe’s voice) Claire’s comments. Recommended.

**Kindred** by Octavia Butler is another time travel story, but one that is closer to home and much more recent. It's 1976 and Dana is celebrating her birthday with her husband in their new California home. Dana suffers a dizzy spell and suddenly finds herself on a pre-Civil War Maryland plantation, where the owner's son, Rufus, is drowning. Thus begins a series of travels between the present and the past, each dictated by life-threatening danger to Rufus, who - it turns out - is one of Dana's ancestors. Octavia Butler explores racism, sexism, and white supremacy in the life of a 1970s black woman writer married to a white man and in her experiences with antebellum slavery. Octavia Butler's other science fiction may also be of interest to you. Highly recommended.

## Reviews by Bob

### Resort to Murder by Carolyn Hart – Mystery – 2001



In this highly entertaining puzzle (after 1999's *Death on the River Walk*), 70-ish sleuth Henrietta O'Dwyer Collins (aka Henrie O) is in a somber, reflective mode, as befits her age and her life experiences. Recovering from pneumonia, Henrie O isn't sure she feels up to the task of dealing with the emotional maelstrom stewing around the Bermuda wedding of her son-in-law, Lloyd Drake, and beautiful Connor Bailey, a wealthy widow. A granddaughter, unhappy about her father's marriage, is bent on making mischief, while the bride-to-be can't seem to stop herself from attracting the attentions of any male within eyeshot. Lloyd doesn't cope well with his fianc e's penchant for flirtation, and Connor's lawyer, Steve Jennings, appears to have more than Connor's financial interests at heart. The hotel where the party has gathered witnessed tragedy the year before, when Roddy Worrell, the manager's husband, plunged to his death from a tower. According to rumor, Roddy had been infatuated with Connor, who spurned his

advances. When a ghost is sighted at the tower, word spreads that Roddy has come back to haunt Connor. The subsequent death of a hotel employee who knew more than he should about the apparition puts Henrie O on the murder scent once again. This series has a deeper and darker emotional texture than Hart's more lively and lighthearted Death on Demand series, but her fans will enjoy the complex plot, local color and vivid characters.

I believe this is my first Carolyn Hart book and I did enjoy it. I give it a B+. Very well plotted with many twists and turns leading to an unexpected heroes and villain.

### **In the Hour Before Midnight by Jack Higgins – Suspense Thriller – 1969**

When Sean Burke Saved me from that hell-hole of an Egyptian prison, I only knew I was damned glad to be out. I did not know that he was about to involve me in one of the world's dirtiest and deadliest intrigues. All he told me was we were going on a rescue mission into Sicily. The daughter of an unsavory millionaire had been kidnapped by a notorious local bandit – which seemed reasonable enough. Kidnapping was, after all, one of Sicily's oldest industries. Sicily. I had not told Sean Burke about my Sicilian Grandfather. Head of the Crime Syndicate. I decided it was safer to keep it a secret. So, there I was. Stacey Wyatt, piano player, soldier of fortune, escaped prisoner, on his way to a second chance at life. Or was it death?

Jack Higgins (aka Martin Fallon, James Graham, Hugh Marlowe, Harry Patterson) lived in Belfast till the age of twelve. Leaving school at fifteen, he spent three years with the Royal Horse Guards, serving on the East German border during the Cold War. His subsequent employment included occupations as diverse as circus roustabout, truck driver, clerk and, after taking an honours degree in sociology and social psychology, teacher and university lecturer. The Eagle Has Landed turned him into an international bestselling author.

In the Hour Before Midnight is a short book – 190 pages – and a quick read, grabbing your attention and refusing to let you go until you're done. I find his books a very good break from the 500+ page turners of the modern world. This book met my objective and I enjoyed it. I give it a B. Not great literature. But well worth the time and a book I can read even when tired without falling asleep.

## The Mark of the Assassin by Daniel Silva – Thriller – 1998

When a commercial airliner is blown out of the sky off the East Coast, the CIA scrambles to find the perpetrators. A body is discovered near the crash site with three bullets to the face: the calling card of a shadowy international assassin. Only agent Michael Osbourne has seen the markings before—on a woman he once loved.

Now, it's personal for Osbourne. Consumed by his dark obsession with the assassin, he's willing to risk his family, his career, and his life—to settle a score....

You may already be a fan of Daniel Silva and his Gabriel Allon series. But if you haven't read this his 2nd stand-alone title you will be richly rewarded when you do. I give it an A-.

**The June 2022 winner #2 is:**

**Becky Reed**

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## Recent and Upcoming New Releases:

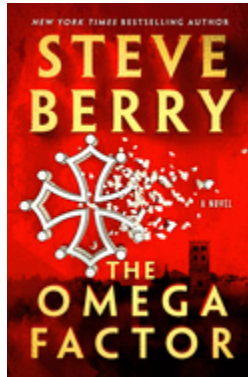
Check out the prices following the title of the book. Those prices are the publisher's prices. **The Book Rack price is normally 20% lower.** When you pick it up at the store there is no shipping cost, though we can also ship it to you. Order now by calling the store or stopping in. We do ask for prepayment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

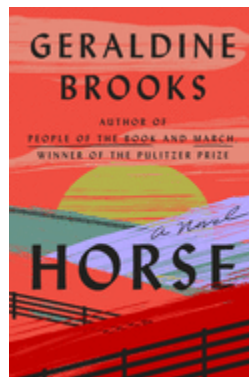
## Hardcover and Trade Paperback

**Steve Berry - The Omega Factor – Thriller – 29.00**



The Ghent Altarpiece is the most violated work of art in the world. Thirteen times it has been vandalized, dismantled, or stolen. Why? What secrets does it hold? Enter UNESCO investigator, Nicholas Lee, who works for the United Nations' Cultural Liaison and Investigative Office (CLIO). Nick's job is to protect the world's cultural artifacts-including countless lesser-known objects and national treasures. When Nick travels to Belgium for a visit with a woman from his past, he unwittingly stumbles on the trail of the twelfth panel for the Ghent Altarpiece, stolen in 1934 under cover of night and never seen since. Soon Nick is plunged into a bitter conflict, one that has been simmering for nearly two thousand years. On one side is the Maidens of Saint-Michael, les Vautours, Vultures, a secret order of nuns and the guardians of a great truth. Pitted against them is the Vatican, which has wanted for centuries to both find and possess what the nuns guard. Because of Nick the maidens have finally been exposed, their secret placed in dire jeopardy-a vulnerability that the Vatican swiftly moves to exploit utilizing an ambitious cardinal and a corrupt archbishop, both with agendas of their own. From the tranquil canals of Ghent, to the towering bastions of Carcassonne, and finally into an ancient abbey high in the French Pyrenees, Nick Lee must confront a modern-day religious crusade intent on eliminating a shocking truth from humanity's past. Success or failure-life and death-all turn on the Omega Factor

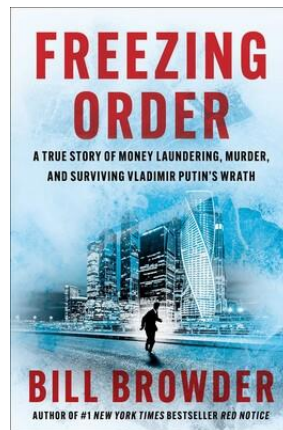
**Geraldine Brooks – Horse, A Novel – Literary Fiction – 28.00**



A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history Kentucky, 1850. Jarrett, an enslaved groom, and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. As the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name painting the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamor of any racetrack. New York City, 1954. Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for

taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a 19th equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance. Washington, DC, 2019. Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly drawn to one another through their shared interest in the horse - one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success. Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred, Lexington, who became America's greatest stud sire, *Horse* is a gripping, multi-layered reckoning with the legacy of enslavement and racism in America

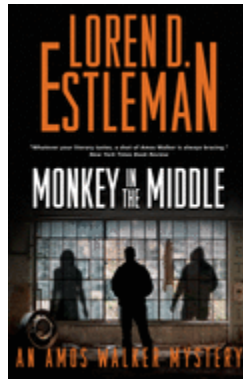
## **Bill Browder - Freezing Order: A True Story of Money Laundering, Murder, and Surviving Vladimir Putin's Wrath – Biography Political – 28.99**



**A gripping thriller chronicling how Bill Browder became Vladimir Putin's number one enemy by exposing Putin's campaign to steal and launder hundreds of billions of dollars and kill anyone who stands in his way.** When Bill Browder's young Russian lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, was beaten to death in a Moscow jail, Browder made it his life's mission to go after his killers and make sure they faced justice. The first step of that mission was to uncover who was behind the \$230 million tax refund scheme that Magnitsky was killed over. As Browder and his team tracked the money as it flowed out of Russia through the Baltics and Cyprus and on to Western Europe and the Americas, they were shocked to discover that Vladimir Putin himself was a beneficiary of the crime. As law enforcement agencies began freezing the money, Putin retaliated. He and his cronies set up honey traps, hired process servers to chase Browder through cities, murdered more of his Russian allies, and enlisted some of the top lawyers and politicians in America to bring him down. Putin will stop at nothing to protect his money. As *Freezing Order* reveals, it was Browder's campaign to expose Putin's corruption that prompted Russia's intervention in the 2016 US presidential election. At once a financial caper, an international adventure, and a passionate plea for justice, *Freezing Order* is a stirring morality tale about how one man can take on one of the most ruthless villains in the world--and win.

## **Loren D. Estleman - Monkey in the Middle: An Amos Walker Mystery ( Amos Walker Novels #30 )**





The monkey in the middle is the one who "hears no evil."

Private eye Amos Walker doesn't have that luxury. Hearing the truth, on the other hand, is a lot less common, even from people who need his help.

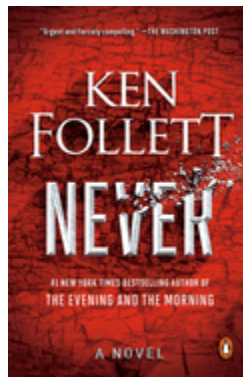
It's summer in Detroit and Walker's just received word that his ex-wife has passed away. He can use a distraction, which arrives in the form of a young, would-be investigative journalist who has gotten in way over his head. He needs Walker's protection, but is suspiciously vague about why and from whom. And he's not the only one playing their cards way too close to their chest, including:

- A bestselling author who claims to be retired, but who knows a good story when he hears one.
- A fugitive whistleblower who skipped out on a \$100,000 bond.
- A headline-hungry defense attorney who spends as much time before the TV cameras as in court.
- A career assassin with whom Walker has a long, ugly history.

Not to mention any number of covert government agencies pursuing their own agendas, possibly in opposition to each other.

Walker just wants answers, but what he finds is a dead body--and enough trouble to put him on ice for good, unless he can discover what everyone's *not* telling him.

## **Ken Follett – Never – Political Thriller – 20.00**



Every catastrophe begins with a little problem that doesn't get fixed." So says Pauline Green, president of the United States, in Follett's nerve-racking drama of international tension.

A shrinking oasis in the Sahara Desert; a stolen US Army drone; an uninhabited Japanese island; and one country's secret stash of deadly chemical poisons: all these play roles in a relentlessly escalating crisis.

Struggling to prevent the outbreak of world war are a young woman intelligence officer; a spy working undercover with jihadists; a brilliant Chinese spymaster; and Pauline herself, beleaguered by a populist rival for the next president election.

*Never* is an extraordinary novel, full of heroines and villains, false prophets and elite warriors, jaded politicians and opportunistic revolutionaries. It brims with cautionary wisdom for our times, and delivers a visceral, heart-pounding read that transports readers to the brink of the unimaginable.

## **Kim Harrison - Trouble with the Cursed ( Hollows ) – Paranormal**

## Fantasy – 28.00



Rachel Morgan, witch-born demon, has one unspoken rule: take chances, but pay for them yourself. With it, she has turned enemies into allies, found her place with her demon kin, and stepped up as the subrosa of Cincinnati--responsible for keeping the paranormal community at peace and in line.

Life is . . . good? Even better, her best friend, Ivy Tamwood, is returning home. Nothing's simple, though, and Ivy's not coming alone. The vampires' ruling council insists she escort one of the long undead, hell-bent on proving that Rachel killed Cincy's master vampire to take over the city. Which, of course, Rachel totally did not do. She only *transformed* her a little.

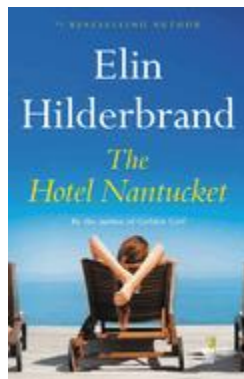
With Rachel's friends distracted by their own lives and problems, she reaches out to a new ally for help--the demon Hodin. But this trickster has his own agenda. In the end, the only way for Rachel to save herself and the city may be to forge a new understanding with her estranged demon teacher, Al. There's just one problem: Al would sell his own soul to be rid of her. . . .

## Kristin Higgins - Out of the Clear Blue Sky – Romance – 27.00



Lillie Silva knew life as an empty nester would be hard after her only child left for college, but when her husband abruptly dumps her for another woman just as her son leaves, her world comes crashing down. Besides the fact that this announcement is a complete surprise (to say the least), what shocks Lillie most is that she isn't heartbroken. She's furious. Lillie has loved her life on Cape Cod, but as a mother, wife, and nurse-midwife, she's used to caring for other people--not taking care of herself. Now, alone for the first time in her life ... she finds an unexpected ally in her ... sister, with whom she's had a tense relationship all these years. And [a] ... babysitter in, of all people, Ben Hollowell, the driver in a car accident that nearly killed Lillie twenty years ago. And then there's Ophelia, her ex-husband's oddly lost niece

## Elin Hilderbrand - The Hotel Nantucket – Family Life Fiction – 29.00



Fresh off a bad breakup with a longtime boyfriend, Nantucket sweetheart Lizbet Keaton is desperately seeking a second act. When she's named the new general manager of the Hotel Nantucket, a once Gilded Age gem turned abandoned eyesore, she hopes that her local expertise and charismatic staff can win the favor of their new London billionaire owner, Xavier Darling, as well as that of Shelly Carpenter, the wildly popular Instagram tastemaker who can help put them back on the map. And while the Hotel Nantucket appears to be a blissful paradise, complete with a celebrity chef-run restaurant and an idyllic wellness center, there's a lot of drama behind closed doors. The staff (and guests) have complicated pasts, and the hotel can't seem to overcome the bad reputation it earned in 1922 when a tragic fire killed nineteen-year-old chambermaid Grace Hadley. With Grace gleefully haunting the halls, a staff harboring all kinds of secrets, and Lizbet's own romantic uncertainty, is the Hotel Nantucket destined for success or doom?

Filled with the emotional depth and multiple points of view that characterize Hilderbrand's novels (*The Blue Bistro*, *Golden Girl*) as well as an added dash of Roaring Twenties history, *The Hotel Nantucket* offers something for everyone in this compelling summer drama.

## **Iris Johansen – A Face to Die For – 28.00 – Thriller**



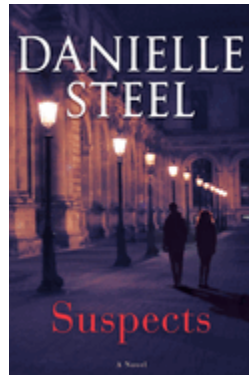
Archaeologist Riley Smith has been obsessed with Helen of Troy since she was a small girl, trailing her professor father all over the world in search of the tomb of the world's most beautiful woman. Professor Smith put his life on the line to prove that, instead of a myth, Helen had been a living, breathing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

## Danielle Steel – Suspects – Thriller – 28.99



**A dedicated CIA agent becomes an unexpected ally to a woman haunted by the kidnapping of her family.**

Theodora Morgan is fashion royalty. Founder of a wildly popular online shopping service, she is one of the most successful businesswomen in the world, although she prefers to keep a low profile, especially over the last months. It was a year ago when the unthinkable struck her family, and her husband, industry mogul Matthieu Pasquier, and their son were kidnapped and held for ransom--a nightmare that ended in tragedy.

The case has gone cold, despite evidence linking the crime to Matthieu's Russian competitors. Theo has reluctantly gone back to work running her company. On the flight to a launch party for one of her highly anticipated pop-up shops in New York City, she crosses paths with high-society networker Pierre de Vaumont. Theo politely invites him to her event--unaware that Pierre has been flagged by the CIA.

Senior supervising CIA operative Mike Andrews investigates Pierre's suspicious Russian contacts and clears him to enter the country, but when he realizes that Theodora Morgan is on the same flight, he becomes concerned for her safety. Posing as a lawyer, Mike begins a covert mission--starting with Theo's opening party. When Mike and Theo meet, their connection is instant, but Theo is completely unaware of Mike's true objective or identity... or that the life she is rebuilding is in grave danger.

**The June 2022 winner #3 is:**

**Earl Bishop**

**Trivia for June 2022**

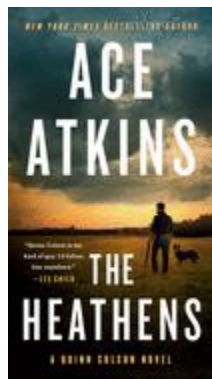
**What famous American writer created the Cisco Kid?**

**Answer:**

# O'Henry, in his short story - The Caballero's Way.

## Mass Market Paperback

**Ace Atkins - The Heathens ( Quinn Colson Novel ) – 9.99 – Thriller**



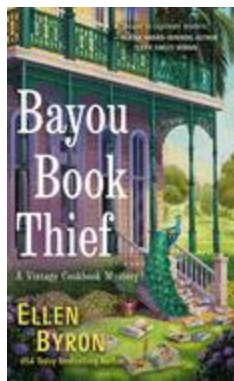
**Sheriff Quinn Colson and his former deputy Lillie Virgil find themselves on opposite sides of a case for the first time after a woman is found dead and three delinquent teens go on the run.**

Before he was an Army Ranger who came home to become Tibbehah County Sheriff and take down a corrupt system, Quinn Colson was a kid who got into trouble--a lot of it. So when juvenile delinquent TJ Byrd insists that she doesn't know who killed her mother--an unreliable addict who has disappeared--Quinn's inclined to believe her. But no one else does--not the town, not the sheriff in a neighboring county, not her mother's older boyfriend, and certainly not Quinn's friend and former deputy, U.S. Marshal Lillie Virgil.

The Byrd family has always been trouble, and sixteen-year-old TJ is known for petty theft, fighting, and general hellraising. She's also no fool, and when she senses she's about to take the fall for her mother's murder, TJ, her boyfriend, her best friend, and her nine-year-old brother go on the run. As Lillie Virgil tracks the kids across a trail of burglaries, stolen cars and even a kidnapping, intent on bringing TJ to justice, Quinn sets out to find the truth back in Tibbehah. Someone has gone to a lot of violent trouble to make TJ and her friends the logical target of the investigation. It's easy, and who cares about a bunch of lawless kids?

As the bloody evidence against TJ piles up, Quinn knows someone truly evil is at work here--and that puts TJ and her friends in more danger than they can imagine.

**Ellen Byron - Bayou Book Thief ( A Vintage Cookbook Mystery ) – 8.99**



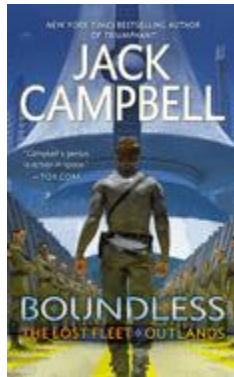
Twenty-eight-year-old widow Ricki James leaves Los Angeles to start a new life in New Orleans after her showboating actor husband perishes doing a stupid internet stunt. The Big Easy is where she was born and adopted by the NICU nurse who cared for her after Ricki's teen mother disappeared from the hospital.

Ricki's dream comes true when she joins the quirky staff of Bon Vee Culinary House Museum, the spectacular former Garden District home of late bon vivant Genevieve "Vee" Charbonnet, the city's legendary restaurateur. Ricki is excited about turning her avocation - collecting vintage cookbooks - into a vocation by launching the museum's gift shop, Miss Vee's Vintage Cookbooks and Kitchenware. Then she discovers that a box of donated vintage cookbooks contains the body of a cantankerous Bon Vee employee who was fired after being exposed as a book thief.

The skills Ricki has developed ferreting out hidden vintage treasures come in handy for investigations. But both her business and Bon Vee could wind up as deadstock when Ricki's past as curator of a billionaire's first edition collection comes back to haunt her.

Will Miss Vee's Vintage Cookbooks and Kitchenware be a success ... or a recipe for disaster?

## **Jack Campbell - Boundless ( The Lost Fleet: Outlands ) – Sci Fi – 8.99**

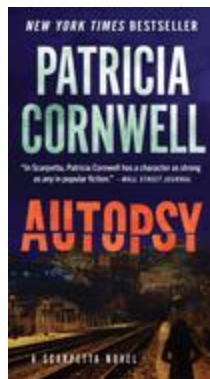


Geary believed in the Alliance. Even when he uncovered overwhelming evidence that the highest echelons of the government and fleet command were involved in secret programs and prison camps, he believed it was worth saving. And that his duty was to see that justice was served even though some factions feared that revealing the truth would cause the Alliance to crumble.

But after narrowly surviving an assassination attempt when he brings evidence of the misdeeds to the capital star system, Geary realizes that some have decided the easiest way to make the Alliance's problems disappear is to get rid of him. He finds himself ordered to undertake a perilous new assignment outside the reaches of human-occupied space while the Senate clashes over the evidence.

Geary's warships must escort a diplomatic and scientific mission across the dangerous, disintegrating remnants of the Syndicate Worlds empire. But even if he can make it to Midway Star System, the gateway to alien-controlled space, Geary will face former Syndic officials who have rebelled and regard the Alliance with deep suspicion. And that will be the easy part. . . .

## **Patricia Cornwell - Autopsy: A Scarpetta Novel ( Kay Scarpetta #25 ) – Thriller – 9.99**



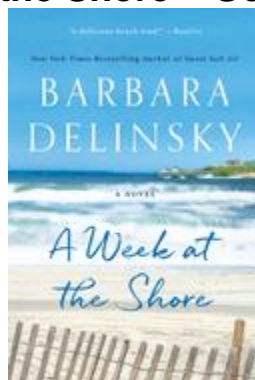
Forensic pathologist Dr. Kay Scarpetta has come almost full circle, returning to Virginia, the state where she launched her storied career, as the chief medical examiner. Finding herself the new girl in town once again after being away for many years, she's inherited both an overbearing secretary and a legacy of neglect and potential corruption.

She and her husband, Benton Wesley, now a forensic psychologist with the U.S. Secret Service, have relocated to Old Town Alexandria, where she's headquartered five miles from the Pentagon in a post-pandemic world that's been torn apart by civil and political unrest. After just weeks on the job, she's called to a scene by railroad tracks--a woman's body has been shockingly displayed, her throat cut down to the spine--and as Scarpetta begins to follow the trail, it leads unnervingly close to her own historic neighborhood.

At the same time, a catastrophe occurs in a top secret laboratory in outer space, endangering at least two scientists aboard. Appointed to the highly classified Doomsday Commission that specializes in sensitive national security cases, Scarpetta is summoned to the White House and tasked with finding out exactly what happened. But even as she remotely works the first potential crime scene in space, an apparent serial killer strikes again very close to home.

This latest novel in the groundbreaking Kay Scarpetta series captivates readers with the shocking twists, high-wire tension, and forensic detail that Patricia Cornwell is famous for, proving once again why she's the world's #1 bestselling crime writer.

## **Barbara Delinsky - A Week at the Shore – General Fiction – 9.99**



One phone call is all it takes to lure real estate photographer Mallory Aldiss back to her family Rhode Island beach home. It's been twenty years since she's been gone--running from the scandal that destroyed her parents' marriage, drove her and her two sisters apart, and crushed her relationship with her first love. But going home is fraught with emotional baggage--memories, mysteries and secrets abound.

Mal's thirteen-year-old daughter, Joy, has never been to the place where Mal's life was shaped and is desperate to go. Fatherless, she craves family and especially wants to spend time with the grandfather she barely knows. In just seven watershed days on the Rhode Island coast three women will test the bonds of sisterhood, friendship and family, and discover the role that love and memory plays in defining their lives.

## **Christine Feehan - Murder at Sunrise Lake – Romance – 8.99**





*It starts in her dreams. Hideous flashes from a nightmare only she can stop. Images of a murderer stalking the ones she cares about most...*

Stella Harrison thought she got away from the traumas of her past. Running the Sunrise Lake resort high in the Sierra Nevada mountains has brought her peace, even though she doesn't truly share her quiet life with anyone. Not even Sam, the hired handyman that notices everything and always seems to know exactly what she needs.

Stella doesn't know anything about Sam's past, but somehow over the last two years his slow, steady presence has slipped past her defenses. Still, she knows she can't tell him about her recent premonitions. So far there's been no murder. No body. No way to prove what's about to happen without destroying the life she's built for herself.

But a killer is out there. And Stella knows that this time she'll do whatever it takes to stop him.

## **David Flint & Jack Freer - The Shaman of Karres ( Witches of Karres ) – Sci Fi – 8.99**



Captain Pausert just can't catch a break!

First, he became the mortal enemy of his fiancée, his home planet, the Empire--and even the Worm World, the darkest threat to mankind in all of space. All because he helped rescue three slave children from their masters. Of course, these three young women were the universally feared witches of Karres--but how was he to know that?!

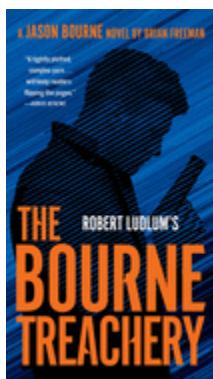
And after he defeated the Worm World (with the help of the witches, of course), the Empress herself had sent him on a secret mission to stop a nanite plague that was raging across the galaxy. But an enemy had somehow convinced the Imperial Fleet that he was actually a wanted criminal, so after a battle leaving his ship in urgent need of repairs, Pausert and the witches of Karres joined an interstellar traveling circus in order to save the galaxy.

Now Pausert and the witches of Karres roam the spaceways again, this time dealing with a slaver-culture that somehow makes slaves happy to be in servitude, and a quest for a long-lost alien pet, during which the youngest witch, the Leewit, begins to come to her full powers as a healer--and of course generates chaos in her wake.

For Pausert, it's all in a day's work. But would it be too much to ask for a vacation?

## **Brian Freeman - Robert Ludlum's the Bourne Treachery – Thriller – 9.99**





**The world's most ruthlessly efficient assassin, Jason Bourne, has carved a bloody swathe through all his opponents but now he's facing the one force he can't defeat--his own past--in the latest thrilling entry in Robert Ludlum's *New York Times* bestselling series.**

Three years ago, Jason Bourne embarked on a mission in Estonia with his partner and lover, a fiery Treadstone agent code-named Nova. Their job was to rescue a Russian double agent who'd been smuggled out of St. Petersburg in the midst of an FSB manhunt.

They failed. The Russian died at the hands of a shadowy assassin known only by the nickname Lennon.

Now everything has changed for Bourne. Nova is gone, killed in a mass shooting in Las Vegas. Bourne is a lone operative, working in the shadows for Treadstone, when he's called in for a new mission in London--to prevent another assassination masterminded by Lennon.

But nothing about this mission is what it seems. As Bourne engages in a cat-and-mouse game with Lennon across the British countryside, he discovers that everything he thought he knew about the past was a lie. And with the body count rising, he comes to an inevitable conclusion: Some secrets should stay buried.

**Heather Graham - Sound of Darkness (Original) ( Krewes of Hunters #36 ) – Romance - 9.99**



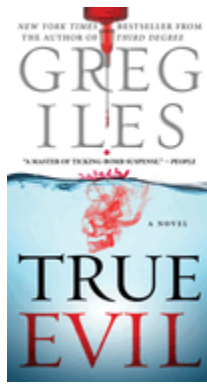
**The cries of the dead are deafening**

Women are being taken in Virginia, and FBI agent Mark Gallagher is determined to put a stop to it. Certain he's closing in on the killer known as The Embracer, Mark is less than thrilled when he's partnered with rookie agent Colleen Law, worried she's a liability when there's so much at stake.

But like everyone in the Krewes of Hunters, Colleen has talents that extend beyond the usual investigative toolbox. She can hear the voices of the victims in her head, and they're telling her she and Mark are near to uncovering the truth.

When Mark's prime suspect takes a liking to Colleen, he's surprisingly protective of his new partner, even as he admits her connection to the victims is key. But tense interrogations turn dangerously personal when someone close to Colleen goes missing, luring the agents deep into the shadows of wooded rural Virginia, where nobody can hear them scream.

**Greg Iles - True Evil – Thriller – 9.99**



Dr. Chris Shepard has never seen his new patient before. But the attractive young woman with the scarred face knows him all too well. An FBI agent working undercover, Alex Morse has come to Dr. Shepard's office in Natchez, Mississippi, to unmask a killer. A local divorce attorney has a cluster of clients whose spouses have all died under mysterious circumstances. Agent Morse's own brother-in-law was one of those clients, and now her beloved sister is dead. Then comes Morse's bombshell: Dr. Shepard's own beautiful wife consulted this lawyer one week ago, a visit Shepard knew nothing about. Will he help Alex Morse catch a killer? Or is he the next one to fall victim to a deadly trap of sex, lies, and murder?

Brimming with the masterful suspense and intense psychological drama *True Evil* is an unnerving tale of evil lurking beneath the veneer of idyllic suburban life.

### **Sabrina Jeffries - A Duke for Diana: A Witty and Entertaining Historical Regency Romance ( Designing Debutantes ) – Romance – 8.99**



Self-made civil engineer Geoffrey Brookhouse has unexpectedly inherited the dukedom of Greenwood. But he has a secret that could ruin his family. Hoping to save his timid sister from that fate, he seeks to marry her off to a respectable, protective gentleman. With the London Season imminent, Geoffrey hires Elegant Occasions to orchestrate her debut. Yet Lady Diana Harper, spirited fashion expert, proves more than he bargained for. Suddenly, Geoffrey's sister is emerging from her shell, and he is beleaguered with social invitations and gossip! Worse, Diana is attempting to transform him into a presentable duke--when all he really wants is to make her his own . . .

Diana doesn't know what to make of the handsome, disheveled duke. The man bristles at the very idea that his fashion faux pas might spoil his sister's chances. Yet Geoffrey's stubbornness simply inspires Diana to ruffle his feathers--by setting him on a course of self-improvement. Although there's something endearing, even irresistible about his flaws, can a man who hates the ton tolerate a woman who makes her living catering to them? Little does either know that they have more in common than they suspect--and that two can create a society all their own . . .

### **William W. Johnstone & J.A. Johnstone - When the Shooting Starts ( Smoke Jensen Novel of the West ) – 8.99**



For Smoke and Sally Jensen, the Sugarloaf Ranch is a glorious stretch of untamed land near the Colorado-Kansas border, the perfect place to stake their claim, raise some cattle, and start a new family. But when a man claiming to be an army colonel arrives in Big Rock--with a well-armed militia--the Jensens' dream becomes a living nightmare. Colonel Lamar Talbot claims there's a war looming with the Cheyenne Indians. And only he can save them from a bloody massacre--by launching a bloody counterattack. Smoke and Sally aren't sure they trust him. They suspect the colonel and his men are nothing more than brutal vigilantes with a hidden agenda of their own. But the Cheyenne war parties are a very real threat. The tribe's charismatic leader, Black Drum, is launching raids on local ranches, farms, and the railroads, too. Every day, the violence gets worse and the war moves closer--until it reaches the Sugarloaf Ranch. That's when Sally gets attacked. That's when Smoke grabs his guns. That's when the shooting starts--and the final battle begins.

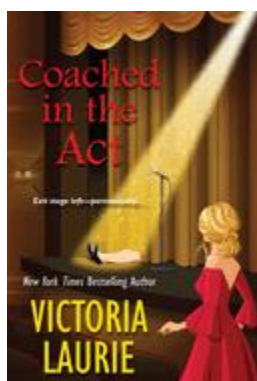
## **Stephen King - The Eyes of the Dragon – Fantasy – 9.99**



*Once, in a kingdom called Delain, there was a king with two sons...*

Thus begins one of the most unique tales that master storyteller Stephen King has ever written--a sprawling fantasy of dark magic and the struggle for absolute power that utterly transforms the destinies of two brothers born into royalty. Through this enthralling masterpiece of mythical adventure, intrigue, and terror, you will thrill to this unforgettable narrative filled with relentless, wicked enchantment, and the most terrible of secrets...

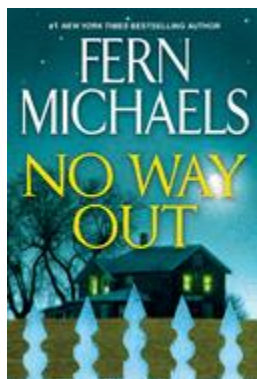
## **Victoria Laurie - Coached in the ACT ( A Cat & Gilley Life Coach Mystery ) – 8.99**



**New York Times bestselling author Victoria Laurie delights with the third installment in her Life Coach Mystery Series featuring former marketing-executive-turned Hamptons life coach divorcée Cat Cooper and her BFF, Gilley, as they delve into the exclusive personal lives of the rich and infamous.**

Wild rumors are swirling in the Hamptons over "Twelve Angry Men," a ruthlessly revealing one-woman show written and performed by Yelena Galanis. The well-known socialite dated her way through some of the East End's most eligible bachelors, and now she's sparing few details spilling their humiliating secrets. It's a mean-spirited spectacle that urges Cat to make a beeline for the theater exit during the first act--only to later discover that Yelena was found stabbed to death during intermission. Believing eleven other barely anonymous men had reasons to kill the thespian for playing a cruel game of kiss and tell, Cat teams up with her sidekick, Gilley, to track down Yelena's list of rejected lovers and identify the vengeful culprit stalking around the seaside community, lingering frighteningly close to home...

## **Fern Michaels - No Way Out: A Gripping Novel of Suspense – 9.99**



Ellie Bowman barely remembers the incident that put her into a coma. When she awoke, filled with unease, all she knew for certain was that her boyfriend, Rick, was missing. She knew she needed to get away from her old life and recover in safety. With the proceeds of a video game she helped develop, Ellie starts over in rural Missouri, working from her cottage and trusting no one.

Yet even in this quiet small town, it's impossible to completely isolate herself. Especially when a curious eight-year-old boy, smitten with Ellie's pup, stops by every day to talk to him over the fence. Little by little, Ellie is being drawn back into the world through the neighbors and community around her, realizing that everyone has their own fears and obstacles to contend with.

But when Ellie hears that Rick has resurfaced, her nightmares return, and with them, small snippets of memory. No one has heard from Rick since before the incident, so why now? Ellie wants to move forward with her life, but first she must find the courage to look into her past, no matter what she finds there . . .

## **L.E Modesitt - Isolate: A Novel in the Grand Illusion ( Grand Illusion #1 ) - Fantasy – 11.00**

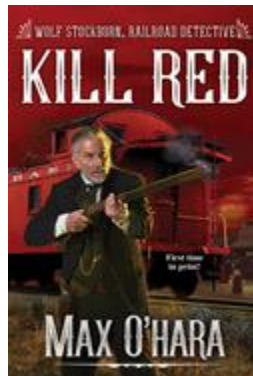


Industrialization. Social unrest. Underground movements. Government corruption and surveillance. Something is about to give.

Steffan Dekkard is an isolate, one of the small percentage of people who are immune to the projections of empaths. As an isolate, he has been trained as a security specialist and he and his security partner Avraal Ysella, a highly trained empath are employed by Axel Obreduur, a senior Craft Minister and the de facto political strategist of his party. When a respected Landor Councilor dies of "heart failure" at a social event, because of his political friendship with Obreduur, Dekkard and Ysella find that not only is their employer a target, but so are they, in a covert and deadly struggle for control of the government and economy.

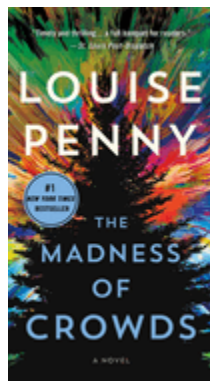
Steffan is about to understand that everything he believed is an illusion.

## **Max O'Hara - Kill Red ( Wolf Stockburn, Railroad Detective ) – Western – 8.99**



Riding the rails across America's uncivilized and unpredictable western frontier requires true grit. For Wolf Stockburn, Railroad Detective, it takes a keen eye, quick draw, and dead aim to protect passengers from the most dangerous outlaws in the west--or avenge them ... Red Miller is more than a thief and a killer. He robs banks and trains not just for the money, but to spit in the eye of every badge-toting lawman who dares enforce law and order. He surrounds himself with only the deadliest of desperadoes--and takes a perverse pleasure in deadly bloodshed. Five of those people have banded together. They have all lost something to Red's murderous rampage. There is no place in America or Mexico where the bandit and his gang can hide from their vengeance. And they're led by Wolf Stockburn, Wells Fargo detective and a dead shot who knows that sometimes justice comes only from the barrels of smoking guns

## **Louise Penny - The Madness of Crowds ( Chief Inspector Gamache Novel #17 ) – Mystery – 9.99**



*You're a coward.*

Time and again, as the New Year approaches, that charge is leveled against Armand Gamache.

It starts innocently enough.

While the residents of the Québec village of Three Pines take advantage of the deep snow to ski and toboggan, to drink hot chocolate in the bistro and share meals together, the Chief Inspector finds his holiday with his family interrupted by a simple request.

He's asked to provide security for what promises to be a non-event. A visiting Professor of Statistics will be giving a lecture at the nearby university.

While he is perplexed as to why the head of homicide for the Sûreté du Québec would be assigned this task, it sounds easy enough. That is until Gamache starts looking into Professor Abigail Robinson and discovers an agenda so repulsive he begs the university to cancel the lecture.

They refuse, citing academic freedom, and accuse Gamache of censorship and intellectual cowardice. Before long, Professor Robinson's views start seeping into conversations. Spreading and infecting. So that truth and fact, reality and delusion are so confused it's near impossible to tell them apart.

Discussions become debates, debates become arguments, which turn into fights. As sides are declared, a madness takes hold.

Abigail Robinson promises that, if they follow her, *ça va bien aller*. All will be well. But not, Gamache and his team know, for everyone.

When a murder is committed it falls to Armand Gamache, his second-in-command Jean-Guy Beauvoir, and their team to investigate the crime as well as this extraordinary popular delusion.

And the madness of crowds.

## **Amy Pershing - Murder Is No Picnic ( A Cape Cod Foodie Mystery ) – 8.99**



**When a celebrity chef is found dead, Samantha Barnes, the Cape Cod Foodie, finds her search for the world's best blueberry buckle turning into a search for a killer**

The Fourth of July is coming, and for professional food lover Samantha Barnes, it's all about the picnic. Okay, and the fireworks. And the parade. But mostly the picnic. What could be better than a DIY clambake followed by the best blueberry buckle in the world? Sam has finally found the perfect recipe in the kitchen of Clara Foster, famed cookbook author and retired restaurateur, and she's thrilled when Clara agrees to a buckle baking lesson.

But when Clara dies in a house fire blamed on carelessness in the kitchen, Sam doesn't believe it. Unfortunately, her doubts set in motion an investigation pointing to the new owner of Clara's legendary restaurant--and a cousin of Sam's



harbormaster boyfriend. So, in between researching the Cape's best lobster rolls and planning her clambake, Sam needs to find Clara's killer before the fireworks really start....

## **Daniel Silva - The Cellist ( Gabriel Allon #21 ) – Thriller – 9.99**



Viktor Orlov had a long-standing appointment with death. Once Russia's richest man, he now resides in exile in London, where he is waging a crusade against the kleptocrats who have seized control of the Kremlin. His mansion is protected by armed bodyguards. Yet somehow, on a rainy summer evening, in the midst of a global pandemic, Russia's vengeful president finally manages to cross Orlov's name off his kill list.

*Before him was the receiver from his landline telephone, a half-drunk glass of red wine, and a stack of documents....*

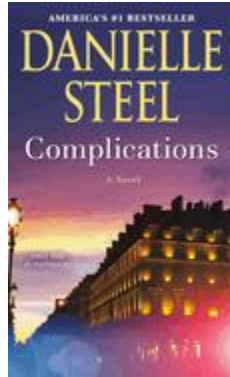
The documents are contaminated with a deadly nerve agent. The Metropolitan Police determine that they were delivered by one of Orlov's employees, a prominent investigative reporter. And when the reporter vanishes hours after the killing, MI6 concludes she is a Moscow Center assassin who penetrated the billionaire's formidable defenses. But Gabriel Allon believes his friends in British intelligence are dangerously mistaken. His search for the truth will take him to Geneva, where a private intelligence service is plotting an act of violence that will plunge an already divided America into chaos. Only Allon, with the help of a brilliant young woman employed by the world's dirtiest bank, can stop it....

## **Karen Rose Smith - Murder with Darjeeling Tea ( Daisy's Tea Garden Mystery ) – 8.99**



When Daisy Swanson arrives at Rumple's Statuary shopping for a birthday present for her beau Jonas, Wilhelm Rumple's cottage looks like something out of a fairy tale, reminding her of the Storybook Tea family event she's planning. Even the man himself--short and stumpy in overalls with bare feet--seems like a storybook character. But as a businessman, Rumple is rumored to be as cold and hard as the statues he sells. Maybe that's why, following a break-in at his cottage, Rumple is found dead in a dog run behind Four Paws Animal Shelter, bashed in the head. Now it's up to Daisy to get the residents of Willow Creek to spill the tea on a little man who may have had some big secrets, so she can find a stone-cold killer

## Danielle Steel – Complications – General Fiction – 8.99



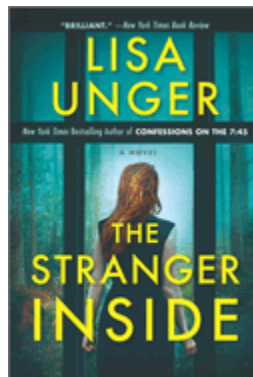
Known for its luxurious accommodations and bespoke service, the Hotel Louis XVI has been the most lauded boutique hotel in all of Paris for decades, attracting an international clientele of the rich and famous. Now, after four years of renovations and the death of its legendary and beloved manager, it is set to reopen its doors at last. An esteemed group of loyal returning guests is set to descend upon the hotel, joined by a number of new faces who have managed to secure coveted bookings in the wake of last-minute cancellations.

Awaiting them all is the Louis XVI's new manager, Olivier Bateau, an anxious man whose lack of experience leaves him unprepared. He and his level-headed assistant manager, Yvonne Philippe, both strive to continue the hotel's tradition of excellence. But they quickly realize that anything can happen at any moment, and on one cool September evening, everything does.

A successful art consultant arrives at the hotel for the first time since her brutal divorce, and is surprised to find new love--if she is willing to risk her heart again. A new guest contemplates ending his life, and saves a life instead. A couple finds their once-in-a-lifetime trip interrupted by a tragic medical emergency, leaving the idyllic future they've long waited for hanging in the balance. And one of the hotel's most high-profile guests, a French politician and assumed presidential candidate, holds a mysterious meeting in his suite that will threaten his life and legacy. Rocked by the events of this one fateful night, guests and staff alike brace themselves for the aftershock, as it quickly becomes apparent that more dramas and misfortunes are still in store.

Danielle Steel tells an unforgettable story about a famed hotel, where a few complications quickly escalate into a matter of life and death, changing the lives of everyone who passes through its doors.

## Lisa Unger - The Stranger Inside – Thriller – 9.99



### **Even good people are drawn to do evil things...**

Former journalist Rain Winter is enjoying her new life as a stay-at-home mom. But when a man acquitted of murder is killed, her investigative instincts kick in.

Soon Rain sees a pattern between a series of cold cases. Meticulous and untraceable, this killer makes sure that the guilty are punished for their crimes. Is a vigilante on the loose? As Rain's investigation deepens, she must face dark secrets in her own past and the realization that the killer may be closer than she thinks. Who is his next target? And can Rain find him before it's too late?



**The June 2022 winner #4 is:**

**Abby Britton**