

# The Book Rack Newsletter

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## Trivia for March 2021

What famous novel provided the basic story line for  
Francis Ford Coppola's 1979 Vietnam War film epic  
Apocalypse Now?

Read on and find the answer later in the newsletter.

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## Our March 2021

### \$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 or purchase in the past 2-years (Since March 1,  
2019 this month).

All a winner must 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 March 2021 winner #1 is:

Leslie Mitchell

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 March 31, 2021 to claim your prize:

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

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## March 2021 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

### Month:

- Irish American Month
- National Craft Month
- National Peanut Month
- National Women's History Month
- Red Cross Month
- Social Workers Month

March 1 – National Compliment Day – Say something especially complimentary to people you interact with today

5 – World Day of Prayer

12 – Girl Scout Day

14 – National Pi Day - Why today? Because today is 3.14, the value of Pi.

15 – Ides of March

17 – Saint Patrick's Day

18 – Absolutely Incredible Kids Day – Bring your incredible kid to **The Book Rack** for an incredible book

20 – Spring Equinox Day/First day of Spring

21 – World Poetry Day – We have a very good selection including several wonderful local poets.

28 – Palm Sunday – **The Book Rack** will be **Open**

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## Book Reviews

Variable Star by Robert E. Heinlein & Spider Robinson (2006) Hard Sci  
Fi



When Joel Johnston first met Jinny Hamilton, it seemed like a dream come true. And when she finally agreed to marry him, he felt like the luckiest man in the universe.

There was just one small problem. He was broke. His only goal in life was to become a composer, and he knew it would take years before he was earning enough to support a family.

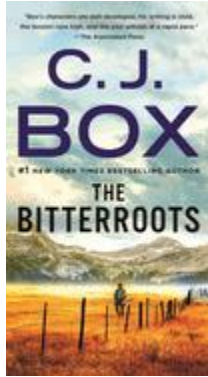
But Jinny wasn't willing to wait. And when Joel asked her what they were going to do for money, she gave him a most unexpected answer. She told him that her name wasn't really Jinny Hamilton---it was Jinny Conrad, and she was the granddaughter of Richard Conrad, the wealthiest man in the solar system.

And now that she was sure that Joel loved her for herself, not for her wealth, she revealed her family's plans for him---he would be groomed for a place in the vast Conrad empire and sire a dynasty to carry on the family business. Most men would have jumped at the opportunity. But Joel Johnston wasn't most men. To Jinny's surprise, and even his own, he turned down her generous offer and then set off on the mother of all benders. And woke up on a colony ship heading out into space, torn between regret over his rash decision and his determination to forget Jinny and make a life for himself among the stars.

He was on his way to succeeding when his plans--and the plans of billions of others--were shattered by a cosmic cataclysm so devastating it would take all of humanity's strength and ingenuity just to survive.

Written by Robinson from notes by Heinlein it's a great read for hard science fiction fans. Very visionary look into the distant future. If you like Asimov, Larry Niven, Joe Halderman or John Scalzi, you've probably already read lots of Heinlein. But if you've not read Variable Star, do!

## **The Bitterroots by C.J. Box (2019) Mystery**



*The ties that bind can burn you.*

Former sheriff's investigator Cassie Dewell is trying to start her life over as in private practice. She's her own boss and answers to no one, and that's just the way she likes it after the past few tumultuous years. All that certainty changes when an old friend calls in a favor: she wants Cassie to help exonerate a man accused of assaulting a young woman from an influential family.

Against her own better judgment, Cassie agrees. But out by the Bitterroot Mountains of Montana, twisted family loyalty runs as deep as the ties to the land, and there's always something more to the story. The Kleinsassers have ruled this part of Montana for decades, and the Iron Cross Ranch is their stronghold. They want to see Blake Kleinsasser, the black sheep of the family, put away forever for the assault. As Cassie attempts to uncover the truth, she must fight against a family whose roots are tangled and deadly--as well as the ghosts of her own past that threaten to bring her down.

With *The Bitterroots*, master storyteller C. J. Box delivers another searing novel of loyalty, lies, and lethal retribution.

Another A-rated book by C.J. Box. He's one of the best authors alive. If you love a good mystery/suspense/thriller pick up one of his books (if you can find one)! You will not be disappointed.

**Dead Man's Mistress: A McKenzie Novel (Twin Cities P.I. Mac McKenzie Novels, 16) by David Housewright (2019) Mystery**



An investigation of missing property takes a darker turn near Lake Superior in *Dead Man's Mistress*, the next mystery in David Housewright's award-winning McKenzie series.

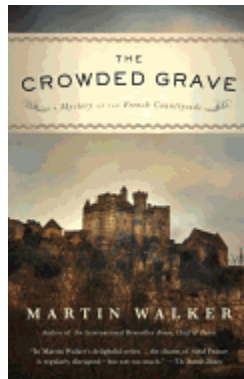
Louise Wykoff is arguably the most recognizable woman living in Minnesota, known for her presence in over one hundred paintings by the late and brilliant Randolph McNinnis. Louise, known better as "That Wykoff Woman," was just a young apprentice when her intimate representation and the fact of the McNinnis's marriage caused rumors to fly--and Louise to hide away for decades.

All of McNinnis's paintings are in museums or known private collections, until Louise confesses to having three more that no one has ever heard of--and now they've been stolen. Rushmore McKenzie, an occasional unlicensed private investigator, agrees to look into the theft. As he investigates, following clues that appear far too straightforward, he finds himself on the wrong side of the bars wondering if the trail might be deeper and darker than he's been led to believe. Hours away from St. Paul, deep in the nature of Grand Marais, the truth seems murkier--and deadlier--than usual.

Just stumbled onto this book in the Pequot Lakes, Mn. library sale section and picked it up on a whim. A few mornings later, after finishing a couple other books I'd brought along for vacation reading, I grabbed it and started reading. Finishing it that evening I told Claudia, "That was a very good book!" Now I'm telling you: "This is a very good book," and based on my single book experience I would conclude that David Housewright is a very good mystery author. The book will hold even greater pleasure for those familiar with the North Shore of Lake Superior and the small cities and towns along its shore. Many small businesses and interesting places are mentioned and some are described in some detail. I checked a few to see if they are real

and they were. I won't promise they all are, but the ones I did make this region one I'd like to visit soon. I give the book an A and Housewright a recommendation for you to read. He'll probably be hard to find in our area, but I will keep my eyes open when I'm in the area up north and try to find some more to bring back to The Book Rack!

### **The Crowded Grave: A Mystery of the French Countryside (Bruno, Chief of Police #4) by Martin Walker (2013) Mystery**



It's spring in the idyllic village of St. Denis, and for Chief of Police Bruno Courrèges that means lamb stews, bottles of his beloved Pomerol, morning walks with his hound, Gigi, and a new string of regional crimes and international capers. When a local archaeological team searching for Neanderthal remains turns up a corpse with a watch on its wrist and a bullet in its head, it's up to Bruno to solve the case. But the task will not be easy, not with a meddlesome new magistrate, a series of attacks by animal rights activists on local foie gras producers, and a summit between France and Spain approaching--not to mention two beautiful, brilliant women vying for Bruno's affections.

Do you like mysteries set in exotic locations, with lots of local cuisine, romance and excitement? Well, who doesn't? And I have an author you just must read: Martin Walker checks all the boxes. Set in the Périgord region of France, where fine wines are produced as well as the best foie gras, the Chief of Police navigates a maze of political hurdles and personalities to track down a terrorist cell. A very well-done mystery. I give it an A-. Find a Martin Walker mystery and curl up for a most enjoyable mystery.

MARTIN WALKER is senior director of the Global Business Policy Council, a private think tank for CEOs of major corporations, based in Washington, D.C. He is also editor in chief emeritus and an international affairs columnist at United Press International. He has written 14 Bruno books, plus 4 for Kindle only and 4 other stand-alone novels.

**Overwatch (Logan West Thrillers #1) by Matthew Betley (2013) Thriller**



Former Marine Force Reconnaissance officer Logan West emerges from a blackout after drinking away the worries of his ruined marriage and PTSD, an all-too-familiar scene for the recovering alcoholic. But he wakes to more than a killer hangover: a professional mercenary has been sent to capture him. After an embattled showdown, Logan impulsively answers the dead man's ringing phone, triggering a hasty rescue of Logan's estranged wife and a global race against the clock to track down an unknown organization searching for an Iraqi flag central to a planned attack in the Middle East—one that will draw the US into a major conflict with Iran. Logan and John Quick, Logan's former platoon sergeant who has also been targeted by these shadowy mercenaries, are contracted as "consultants" to assist the FBI as part of a special task force led by Logan's close friend. From the plains of the Midwest, to the Alamo and mansions in northern Mexico, to the war-torn Al-Anbar province, the battles build in scale and scope and pit an international team against mercenaries and former Special Forces operators employed by the world's largest private security contractor, whose owner has a shadowy personal vendetta of his own. Meanwhile, Logan is battling his own demons, unable to shake the trauma of the ambush that his Force Recon unit suffered at an insurgent torture compound in Fallujah in 2004.

Mixing thrilling, you-are-there fight scenes with high-stakes tactical

maneuvers and complex, fully-realized characters, Overwatch is up-to-the-minute and impossible to put down.

I think the publisher nailed it. This is as action-packed of a novel as I can recall reading. It will help you sleep by wearing you out! And it's not hokie. While I can't really imagine a person surviving all that is thrown Logan's way, each step is plausible. Kinda. I found it a fast read, though it's not a short book. Once you get into it in paragraph 2, you'll be racing to find out what is going to happen next. Soon you actually reach the end and gasp for breath. I give it an A. Betley now has 4 in the series. I hope they are all as energetic as the first!

**The March 2021 winner #2 is:**

**Cathy Anderson**

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## **Writers' Last Words.**

Leo Tolstoy said, "Even in the valley of the shadow of death, two and two do not make six." (Refusing to return to the Orthodox church that had once excommunicated him.)

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## **Recent and Upcoming New Releases:**

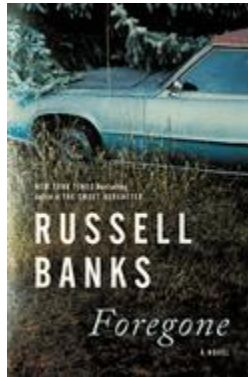
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**You can also add any of these titles to your request list. Some will come in soon and others may take a while, but many will get to you eventually.**

## **Hardcover and Trade Paperback**

**Russell Banks – Foregone – 28.99**



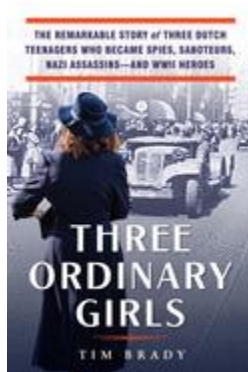
**A searing novel about memory, abandonment, and betrayal from the acclaimed and bestselling Russell Banks**

At the center of *Foregone* is famed Canadian American leftist documentary filmmaker Leonard Fife, one of sixty thousand draft evaders and deserters who fled to Canada to avoid serving in Vietnam. Fife, now in his late seventies, is dying of cancer in Montreal and has agreed to a final interview in which he is determined to bare all his secrets at last, to demythologize his mythologized life. The interview is filmed by his acolyte and ex-star student, Malcolm MacLeod, in the presence of Fife's wife and alongside Malcolm's producer, cinematographer, and sound technician, all of whom have long admired Fife but who must now absorb the meaning of his astonishing, dark confession.

Imaginatively structured around Fife's secret memories and alternating between the experiences of the characters who are filming his confession, the novel challenges our assumptions and understanding about a significant lost chapter in American history and the nature of memory itself. Russell Banks gives us a daring and resonant work about the scope of one man's mysterious life, revealed through the fragments of his recovered past.

**Anne Bishop – The Queen's Weapons – 28.00 - Fantasy**

**Tim Brady – Three Ordinary Girls: The Remarkable Story of Three Dutch Teenagers Who Became Spies, Saboteurs, Nazi Assassins and WWII Heroes – 26.00 – Nonfiction**



**The astonishing true story of three fearless female resisters during WWII whose youth and innocence belied their extraordinary daring in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands. It also made them the underground's most invaluable com-**

**modity. Recruited as teenagers, Hannie Schaft, and Dutch sisters Truus and Freddie Oversteegen fulfilled their harrowing missions as spies, saboteurs, and Nazi assassins with remarkable courage, but their stories have remained largely unknown...until now.**

May 10, 1940. The Netherlands was swarming with Third Reich troops. In seven days it's entirely occupied by Nazi Germany. Joining a small resistance cell in the Dutch city of Haarlem were three teenage girls: Hannie Schaft, and sisters Truus and Freddie Oversteegen who would soon band together to form a singular female underground squad.

Smart, fiercely political, devoted solely to the cause, and with nothing to lose but their own lives, Hannie, Truus, and Freddie took terrifying direct action against Nazi targets. That included sheltering fleeing Jews, political dissidents, and Dutch resistors. They sabotaged bridges and railways, and donned disguises to lead children from probable internment in concentration camps to safehouses. They covertly transported weapons and set military facilities ablaze. And they carried out the assassinations of German soldiers and traitors--on public streets and in private traps--with the courage of veteran guerilla fighters and the cunning of seasoned spies.

In telling this true story through the lens of a fearlessly unique trio of freedom fighters, Tim Brady offers a little-known perspective of the Dutch resistance during the war. Of lives under threat; of how these courageous young women became involved in the underground; and of how their dedication evolved into dangerous, life-threatening missions on behalf of Dutch patriots--regardless of the consequences.

Harrowing, emotional, and unforgettable, *Three Ordinary Girls* finally moves these three icons of resistance into the deserved forefront of world history.

**Allison Brennan – Tell No Lies – 27.99**

**Harlan Coben – Win – 29.00**



**A thrilling story that shows what happens when a dead man's secrets fall into the hands of 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.

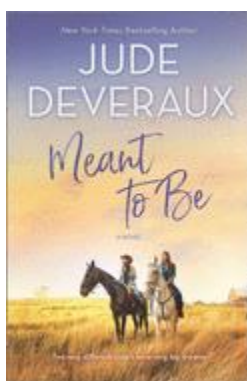
Until now. On the Upper West Side, a recluse is found murdered in his penthouse apartment, alongside two objects of note: a stolen Vermeer painting and a leather suitcase bearing the initials WHL3. For the first time in years, the authorities have a lead -- not only on Patricia's kidnapping, but also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

**Patricia Cornwell – Spin – 28.99**

**Janet Dailey – Calder Brand – 26.00 - Romance**

**Jude Deveraux – Meant to Be – 27.99 – Coming of Age**



**Two headstrong sisters are bound by tradition but long to forge their own path.**

It's 1972 and times are changing. In the small farming community of Mason, Kansas, Vera and Kelly Exton are known for their ambitions. Vera is an activist who wants to join her boyfriend in the Peace Corps. But she is doing her duty caring for her widowed mother and younger sister until Kelly is firmly established. Kelly is studying to become a veterinarian. She plans to marry her childhood sweetheart and eventually take over his father's veterinary practice.

But it's a tumultuous time and neither sister is entirely happy with the path that's been laid out for her. As each evaluates her options, everything shifts. Do you do what's right for yourself or what others want? By having the courage to follow their hearts these women will change lives for the better and the effects will be felt by the generations that follow. *Meant to Be* delivers an emotional, smart, funny and wise lesson about the importance of being true to yourself.

## **Jon Dunn – The Glitter in the Green: In Search of Hummingbirds – 30.00 – Nonfiction**



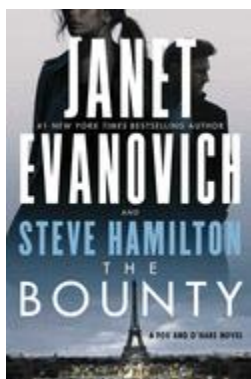
**An acclaimed natural history writer follows the trail of the remarkable hummingbird all over the world.**

Hummingbirds are a glittering, sparkling collective of over three hundred wildly variable species. For centuries, they have been revered by indigenous Americans, coveted by European collectors, and admired worldwide for their unsurpassed metallic plumage and immense character. Yet they exist on a knife-edge, fighting for survival in boreal woodlands, dripping cloud forests, and subpolar islands. They are, perhaps, the ultimate embodiment of evolution's power to carve a niche for a delicate creature in even the harshest of places.

Traveling the full length of the hummingbirds' range, from the cusp of the Arctic Circle to near-Antarctic islands, acclaimed nature writer Jon Dunn encounters birders, scientists, and storytellers in his quest to find these beguiling creatures, immersing us in the world of one of Earth's most charismatic bird families.

## **J.T. Ellison – Her Dark Lies – 28.99 - Thriller**

## **Janet Evanovich and Steve Hamilton – The Bounty, A Fox and O'Hare Novel – 28.00**



**FBI agent Kate O'Hare and charming con man Nick Fox race against time to uncover a buried train filled with Nazi gold in this thrilling adventure in the "romantic and gripping" (*Good Housekeeping*) Fox and O'Hare series from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Janet Evanovich.**

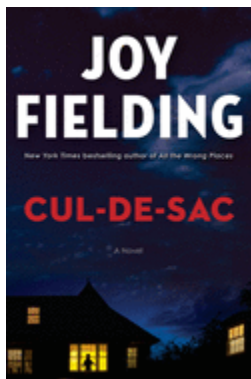
Straight as an arrow special agent Kate O'Hare and international con man Nick Fox have brought down some of the biggest criminals out there. But now they face their most dangerous foe yet--a vast, shadowy international organization known only as the Brotherhood.

Directly descended from the Vatican Bank priests who served Hitler during World War II, the Brotherhood is on a frantic search for a lost train loaded with \$30 billion in Nazi gold, untouched for over seventy-five years somewhere in the mountains of Eastern Europe.

Kate and Nick know that there is only one man who can find the fortune and bring down the Brotherhood--the same man who taught Nick everything he knows--his father, Quentin. As the stakes get higher, they must also rely on Kate's own father, Jake, who shares his daughter's grit and stubbornness. Too bad they can never agree on anything.

From a remote monastery in the Swiss Alps to the lawless desert of the Western Sahara, Kate, Nick, and the two men who made them who they are today must crisscross the world in a desperate scramble to stop their deadliest foe in the biggest adventure of their lives.

## **Joy Fielding – Cul-De-Sac, A Novel – 28.00 - Thriller**



**A shooting lays bare the secrets harboured by five families in a sleepy suburban cul-de-sac in this riveting psychological thriller from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *All the Wrong Places*.**

Someone in a quiet, unassuming cul-de-sac was shot dead in the middle of the night.

Was it Maggie, the perfectionist wife, or Craig, the husband who can't quite live up to her expectations? When Maggie witnessed a shooting and later testified against a killer set free, the couple relocated, putting new pressure on their already strained union. Maggie is constantly looking over her shoulder. She owns a gun, just in case.

Was it Nick, a doctor whose family, especially his wife, Dani, must bear the brunt of his ill temper? Nick is an avid hunter, too, and keeps a collection of handguns.

Or was it Julia, a recently widowed grandmother? Her grandson is a troublemaker, someone not above stealing from her purse. His friends are equally unsavoury. Her son buys her a gun for her protection.

And then there's Olivia and her husband, Vic, who has been laid off, forcing Olivia to become the breadwinner. Vic is resentful. And depressed. He's started drinking heavily, and has threatened to shoot himself on several occasions.

Or it could be one of the newlyweds, Aiden and Heidi, who are already on the rocks. Aiden refuses to stand up to his intrusive mother. When Heidi befriends Julia's grandson, it sets the stage for a major blow-up.

Every house owns a gun. And anyone can be the victim, or the killer.

**Heather Graham – Danger in Numbers – 27.99**

**Iris Johansen – The Bullet, An Eve Duncan Novel – 28.00**

**The March 2021 winner #3 is:**

**Michael Scannell**

**Stephen King – Later – 14.95 – Thriller**



**SOMETIMES GROWING UP  
MEANS FACING YOUR DEMONS**

The son of a struggling single mother, Jamie Conklin just wants an ordinary childhood. But Jamie is no ordinary child. Born with an unnatural ability his mom urges him to keep secret, Jamie can see what no one else can see and learn what no one else can learn. But the cost of using this ability is higher than Jamie can imagine - as he discovers when an NYPD detective draws him into the pursuit of a killer who has threatened to strike from beyond the grave.

*LATER* is Stephen King at his finest, a terrifying and touching story of innocence lost and the trials that test our sense of right and wrong. With echoes of King's classic novel *It*, *LATER* is a powerful, haunting, unforgettable exploration of what it takes to stand up to evil in all the faces it wears.

**Donna Leon – Transient Desires, A Commissario Guido Brunetti  
Mystery – 27.00**

**Nadine Matheson – The Jigsaw Man (Inspector Anjelica Henley  
Thriller – 27.99**



**A serial killer and his copycat are locked in a violent game of cat and mouse. Can DI Anjelica Henley stop them before it's too late?**

On the day she returns to active duty with the Serial Crimes Unit, Detective Inspector Anjelica Henley is called to a crime scene. Dismembered body parts from two victims have been found by the river.

The modus operandi bears a striking resemblance to Peter Olivier, the notorious Jigsaw Killer, who has spent the past two years behind bars. When he learns that someone is co-opting his grisly signature--the arrangement of victims' limbs in puzzle-piece shapes--he decides to take matters into his own hands.

As the body count rises, DI Anjelica Henley is faced with an unspeakable new threat. Can she apprehend the copycat killer before Olivier finds a way to get to him first? Or will she herself become the next victim?

## **Carlene O'Connor – Murder in an Irish Bookshop – 26.00 – Mystery**



**The grand opening of a new bookstore in Kilbane becomes the closing chapter of an author's life--and a whodunit that tests even Garda Siobhán O'Sullivan's deductive reasoning...**

**A mélange of clues from classic mysteries plus plenty of Irish charm produce an enjoyable read. -- *Kirkus Reviews***

**Join a bestselling author and travel to County Cork in Ireland to solve a bookish mystery full of twists in a cozy whodunit perfect for fans of Sheila Connolly, Kate Carlisle, and Laura Childs!**

Between training the new town garda and trying to set a wedding date with her fiancé, Macdara Flannery, Siobhán O'Sullivan is feeling a bit overwhelmed. She's looking forward to visiting the new bookshop and curling up with an exciting novel--only to discover the shelves contain nothing but Literature with a capital L. The owner not only refuses to stock romances, mysteries, and science fiction, but won't even let customers enter his store unless they can quote James Joyce or Sean Hennessey.

Despite the owner deliberately limiting his clientele, he's hosting a reading and autographing event featuring up and coming Irish writers who will be taking up residency in Kilbane for a month. Among them is indie author Deirdre Walsh, who spends more time complaining about the unfairness of the publishing industry and megastar bestsellers instead of her own creative works, causing a heated debate among the writers. She seems to have a particular distaste for the novels of Nessa Lamb.

Then Deirdre's body is found the next day in the back of the store--with pages torn from Nessa's books stuffed in her mouth.

Now, Siobhán must uncover which of Kilbane's literary guests took Deirdre's criticisms so personally they'd engage in foul play . . .

## **James Patterson & Maxine Paetro – 21th Birthday, The New Women's Murder Club Novel – 29.00**

## **Sarah Penner - The Lost Apothecary – 27.99 – Literary Fiction**



***A forgotten history. A secret network of women. A legacy of poison and revenge. Welcome to The Lost Apothecary...***

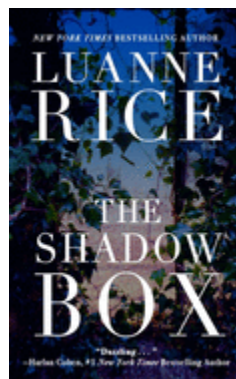
Hidden in the depths of eighteenth-century London, a secret apothecary shop caters to an unusual kind of clientele. Women across the city whisper of a mysterious figure named Nella who sells well-disguised poisons to use against the oppressive men in their lives. But the apothecary's fate is jeopardized when her newest patron, a precocious twelve-year-old, makes a fatal mistake, sparking a string of consequences that echo through the centuries.

Meanwhile in present-day London, aspiring historian Caroline Parcewell spends her tenth wedding anniversary alone, running from her own demons. When she stumbles upon a clue to the unsolved apothecary murders that haunted London two hundred years ago, her life collides with the apothecary's in a stunning twist of fate--and not everyone will survive.

With crackling suspense, unforgettable characters and searing insight, *The Lost Apothecary* is a subversive and intoxicating debut novel of secrets, vengeance and the remarkable ways women can save each other despite the barrier of time.

**Steve Pressfield – A Man at Arms – 27.95 – Historical Fiction**

**Luanne Rice – The Shadow Box – 24.95 – Thriller**



**James Rollins – Kingdom of Bones – 28.99**

**Charles Todd – A Fatal Lie, An Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery – 28.99**

**Trivia for March 2021**

**What famous novel provided the basic story line for**

**Francis Ford Coppola's 1979 Vietnam War film epic  
*Apocalypse Now?***

**Answer**

***The Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad, published in  
1902 and set in Africa.**

**Mass Market Paperback**

**Kevin Anderson & Doug Beason – Kill Zone, A High-Tech Thriller  
– 9.99**



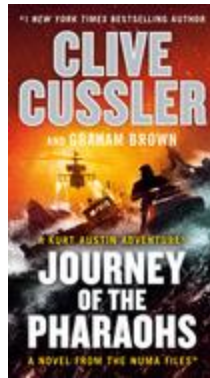
Deep within a mountain in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a Cold War-era nuclear weapons storage facility is being used to covertly receive more than 100,000 tons of nuclear waste stored across the US. Only Department of Energy employee, Adonia, and a few others including a war hero, a senator, and an environmental activist, are allowed access to perform a high-level security review of the facilities. But Hydra Mountain was never meant to securely hold this much hazardous waste, and it has the potential to explode, taking with it all of Albuquerque and spreading radioactivity across the nation.

This disaster situation proves all too possible when a small plane crashes at a nearby military base, setting off Hydra's lock-down and trapping Adonia and her team in the heart of the hazardous, waste-filled mountain. Now, the only direction for them to go is deeper into the mountain, through the tear gas and into a secretive area no one was ever supposed to know about.

**Brett Cogburn – This Side of Hell, A Widowmaker Jones Western  
– 8.99**

**Clive Cussler – Journey of the Pharaohs, A Novel of the NUMA  
Files – 9.99 – Action/Adventure**





**Kurt Austin and the NUMA crew risk everything to stop a cutthroat arms dealer from stealing a priceless ancient treasure in the thrilling new novel from the #1 *New York Times*-bestselling grand master of adventure.**

In 1074 B.C., vast treasures disappear from the tombs of Egyptian Pharaohs. In 1927, a daredevil American aviator vanishes on an attempted transcontinental flight. And in the present day, a fishing trawler--along with its mysterious cargo--sinks off the coast of Scotland. How are these three mysterious events connected? And, more importantly, what do they mean for Kurt Austin and his NUMA team?

As they search for answers, the NUMA squad join the agents of the British MI5 to take on a wide-reaching international conspiracy. Their common enemy is the Bloodstone Group, a conglomerate of arms dealers and thieves attempting to steal ancient relics on both sides of the Atlantic. Kurt and his team soon find themselves wrapped up in a treacherous treasure hunt as they race to find the lost Egyptian riches. . . before they fall into the wrong hands.

**Brian Freeman – Robert Ludlum’s *The Bourne Evolution* – 9.99 – Thriller**

**Tess Gerritsen and Rita Herron – *On the Edge* – 6.99 – Romance**



**Kay Hooper – *Hidden Salem*, A Bishop/Special Crimes Unit Novel – 9.99 – Thriller**

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**Rollie Finnegan is a man of few words. As a Pinkerton agent with two decades of experience under his belt, he uses his stony silence to break down suspects and squeeze out confessions. Hence the nickname Stoneface. Over the years, he's locked up plenty of killers. Now he's ready to make a killing--for himself...**

There's gold in the mountains of Idaho Territory. And the town of Boar Gulch is a golden opportunity for a tough guy like Finnegan. But when he arrives, the local saloon owner is gunned down in cold blood--and Finnegan makes a cold calculation of his own. Instead of working in a mine, he'll buy the saloon. Instead of gold, he'll mine the miners. And instead of getting dirty, he'll clean up this grimy little boomtown once and for all--with his own brand of Stoneface justice...

**Lisa Renee Jones – The Poet – 9.99 – Psychological Thriller**

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**a "richly textured and engaging" (*The Boston Globe*) tale that explores what happens when a young woman's past--a past she didn't even know she had--catches up to her just in time to threaten her future.**

*How do you recover the past when it was never yours to lose?*

Delia Hopkins has led a charmed life. Raised in rural New Hampshire by her beloved father, she now has a young daughter, a handsome fiancé, and her own search-and-rescue bloodhound, which she uses to find missing persons. But as Delia plans her wedding, she is plagued by flashbacks of a life she can't recall...until a policeman knocks on her door, revealing a secret about herself that irrevocably changes her life.

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**Seeing is believing.**

Sienna Scott grew up in the dark shadow of her mother's paranoid delusions. Now, Sienna's returned home to confront her past and the unsolved murder that altered the course of her life. In her mother's shuttered house, a fear that's always haunted Sienna rears its ugly head yet again: maybe it was she who had been the killer's target that night? And now, with it, a terrifying new realization that the killer is still out there...and intends to take care of his unfinished business once and for all.

**But appearances often lie...**

As the walls close in, the line between memory and truth begins to blur. Has Sienna's worst nightmare come true? Or is she, like her mother, losing her grip on reality? These questions take on a whole new meaning as Sienna tries to unmask a killer and finally prove that she may be her mother's look-alike, but she's not her clone. . .before it's too late.