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Trivia for March 2023

What famous author had several butterflies named after him?

Read on and find the answer later in the newsletter.

February Featured Authors

\$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 March 1, 2021).

All a winner must do is read the newsletter and find your name listed

below, then call or come in and claim your reward. No purchase is required, and you don't have to register separately from your initial account registration.

The March 2023 winner #1 is:

Michelle Vergara

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, 2023** to claim your prize:

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

March 2023 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

March Monthly Celebrations

Irish American Heritage Month

National Nutrition Month

National Women's History Month

Red Cross Month

2023 March Daily Holidays, Special and Wacky Days:

March 1 - Peace Corps Day

- World Compliment Day

March 3 - Caregiver Appreciation Day

- I Want You to be Happy Day

- National Anthem Day

- World Day of Prayer – First Friday of the month

March 9 - Get Over It Day

March 11 - Genealogy Day – second Saturday in March

- Worship of Tools Day – guys, you can relate

March 12 - Daylight Savings begins at 2:a.m.

- Oscar Night

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

March 15 - Ides of March

March 17 - Saint Patrick's Day

March 20 - Earth Day

- Extraterrestrial Abductions Day

March 21 - World Poetry Day

March 22 – **Local Author Nyilah Sulaimana will be at The Book Rack 4-6:00 PM**
- As Young As You Feel Day

March 25 - International Waffle Day

March 26 - Live Long and Prosper Day 🙌

March 29 - National Mom and Pop Business Owners

Featured Local Author

Local Author Nyilah Sulaimana will be at The Book Rack 4 – 6:00 PM, March 22.



Nyilah Sulaimana was born in Davenport Iowa. She received her Liberal Arts Degree from Kirkwood Community College and is currently furthering her education, studying at Grand Canyon University.

Nyilah grew up in a household with three older siblings but has a total of nine siblings. “There was never a dull moment” she said.

Her mother, Valerie Bibbs, is a jazz concert promoter, and health information technician, and her father Bk Davis is a singer/pianist and writer.

Nyilah grew up surrounded by creativity. “I think it was the inevitable that I have a deep love for creating”. In elementary school Nyilah’s teachers took notice to her creative nature and encouraged her to continue to explore what she loved.

“I remember at reading time I would always choose to sit near the window, where I would look out into nature and create my own stories”. Her favorite books as a child were picture books with no words, she loved to create the stories herself. Not only did she love to create stories, but she loved to express the stories with her voice.

Nyilah continues to utilize the same substantial imagination and creative nature that she displayed throughout her younger years. “My favorite playground as a child and better

than any toy has always been my imagination. It's something you never grow out of, that's the best part. Creating stories and visualizing pictures/scenarios always kept me entertained."

"I have always had a strong love and connection with children, I always believed as a child that I would always be a child at heart and never lose that inner curiosity and excitement for life when I grew up, and that has definitely been true."

In 2013 Nyilah gave birth to her one and only son, Mason. In 2018, her son told her he wasn't having very good dreams. That is when the idea of Mason and Milo A Journey Through the Stars was conceived. "Mason wasn't having good dreams so I immediately wrote him a lullaby called "sweet dreams", after noticing such a positive reaction by him in response to the song, I decided to expand on the ideas within the song and write this children's book."

She now has the pleasure and joy of encouraging and developing the creative nature in her son Mason, while sharing the same gift with other children through her children's books.

Mason And Milo

"A Journey Through The Stars"



A STEM learning experience! Can you imagine visiting an ice cream shop on Uranus, riding a train on Mercury, or becoming a giant on Jupiter? Want to try ice skating on Pluto?

Mason and his favorite teddy bear, Milo, travel through the solar system, learning cool facts about each planet along the way! This unique bedtime experience follows the night-time adventures of a young boy who wishes for happier dreams.

This story—along with the accompanying lullaby and audiobook performance by 8-year-old Mason—encourages prayer and peaceful dreams while helping build confidence in young children (perfect for 4-8-year-olds). Inspire creativity, imagination, and inspiration with a sweet bedtime story and beautiful illustrations full of color all throughout the book.

Kids learn fun facts about planets and space as they enjoy the story of Mason and Milo exploring the solar system. Educational flash cards related to the book are included.

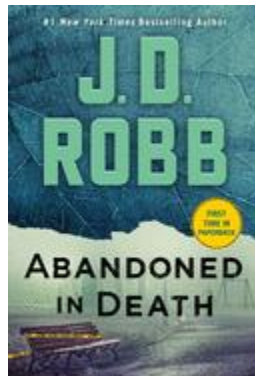
Includes

- Hardcover book with dust jacket
- “Sweet Dreams” Lullaby
- Audio experience
- “Magical” Sleeping Eye Mask
- Matte Finished Mason and Milo storage box with magnetic flap
- Bookmark
- Stickers
- Educational Flash Cards

Book Reviews

Review by Claudia:

Abandoned in Death by J.D. Robb(2012) - Mystery



Lieutenant Eve Dallas is immersed in another series of murders, this time young women – all with similar builds and features – who display very recent piercings and a tattoo, and are dressed in clothing and makeup from decades past. A sign with “BAD MOMMY” written in crayon is with each body that is found in a location frequented by children. In this 54th book of the *in Death* series, characters continue to form a cohesive and mostly believable workforce and group of friends. While the descriptions of the latter’s home building can pull one away from the murder investigation, I’d argue that life is like that. Regardless, I tend to think of J.D. Robb books as escapist reading to relieve my mind (mental floss) between more cerebral books. If you’ve never read these futuristic murder mysteries, I recommend starting at the first of the series with *Naked in Death*. If you like it, there are currently 54 more books in the series to read.... the 56th book is set to be published in February 2023.

The March 2023 winner #2 is:

Jessica Fujiwara

Reviews by Bob

Lady, Go Die by Max Allan Collins & Mickey Spillane (2012) - Mystery



A never-before-published chapter in Mickey Spillane's classic series of hard-boiled crime, featuring tough-guy PI Mike Hammer

When Mike Hammer and his secretary-turned-lover, Velda, go on vacation to a Long Island beach town, Hammer becomes embroiled in the mystery of a missing New York party girl who lives nearby. When the woman turns up naked--and dead--astride the statue of a horse in the town square, Hammer feels compelled to investigate . . . Shuttling back and forth between Long Island and the city, Hammer finds himself going toe-to-toe with illegal gamblers, corrupt small-town cops, mobsters, and other shady characters who threaten to tear him down.

Lady Go Die! is Mickey Spillane's lost 1940s Mike Hammer novel, written between *I, the Jury* and *My Gun Is Quick*. Completed by Spillane's friend and literary executor Max Allan Collins, this uncovered gem of hard-boiled crime fiction is finally making its way into print almost 70 years after its inception.

Max Allan Collins is the Quad Cities area's best known and loved author. I like his style of writing, similar to mystery writers of the 40s and 50s with tough and tough-talking private detectives and hard-nosed police. In this book Mike Hammer is everything you'd expect. I was a bit disappointed in the abrupt ending, but still a very good, quick read. I give it an A-.

Fairy Tale by Stephen King (2020) - Fantasy



Legendary storyteller Stephen King goes into the deepest well of his imagination in this spellbinding novel about a seventeen-year-old boy who inherits the keys to a parallel world where good and evil are at war, and the stakes could not be higher--for that world or ours.

Charlie Reade looks like a regular high school kid, great at baseball and football, a decent student. But he carries a heavy load. His mom was killed in a hit-and-run accident when he was seven, and grief drove his dad to drink. Charlie learned how to take care of himself--and his dad. When Charlie is seventeen, he meets a dog named Radar and her aging master, Howard Bowditch, a recluse in a big house at the top of a big hill, with a locked shed in the backyard. Sometimes strange sounds emerge from it.

Charlie starts doing jobs for Mr. Bowditch and loses his heart to Radar. Then, when Bowditch dies, he leaves Charlie a cassette tape telling a story no one would believe. What Bowditch knows, and has kept secret all his long life, is that inside the shed is a portal to another world.

King's storytelling in "*Fairy Tale*" soars. This is a magnificent and terrifying tale in which good is pitted against overwhelming evil, and a heroic boy--and his dog--must lead the battle.

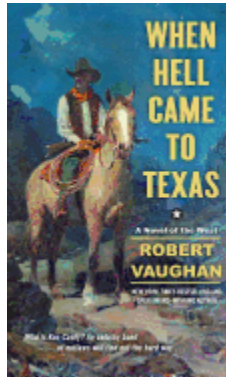
Early in the Pandemic, King asked himself: "What could you write that would make you happy?"

"As if my imagination had been waiting for the question to be asked, I saw a vast deserted city--deserted but alive. I saw the empty streets, the haunted buildings, a gargoyle head lying overturned in the street. I saw smashed statues (of what I didn't know, but I eventually found out). I saw a huge, sprawling palace with glass towers so high their tips pierced the clouds. Those images released the story I wanted to tell."

I'm not a big Horror fan and don't read a lot of King's books, but this one caught my attention and I loved it! It's everything a dark fantasy should be and the characters are exceptionally well developed right along with the story. Too often character development dominates the early part of the book and can drag, but

here they go hand-in-hand and a steady pace keeping you fully engaged. I give it an A+ and highly recommend it to you.

When Hell Came to Texas by Robert Vaughan(2015) - Western



A classic, action-packed western novel surrounding the arrival of a stranger in a small Texas town after the Civil War--and the trouble that follows him.

DEVIL IN DISGUISE?

In the days after the Civil War, a solitary rider traveled the open frontier--but he wasn't alone, for Death seemed to travel with him. Or maybe it was the Devil himself who gave him the lethal pistol shot that earned him the name "Death's Acolyte." And when the stranger with the scarred face, who calls himself Ken Casey, rode into the peaceful Texas town of Wardell, maybe peace--for his own ravaged soul--was all he wanted. But in Wardell, all hell is about to break loose.

OR SAVIOR ON HORSEBACK?

Awaiting a train shipment of gold, Angus Pugh and his army of outlaws, including notorious gunslinger Luke Draco, take the town hostage and kill a few innocent citizens as a lesson to any comers. Donning priestly vestments, Ken Casey, ordained man of the cloth, steps from the shadows to conduct the victims' funeral rites--and that's just his first revelation. For Casey can destroy souls as easily as he saves them, and earthly justice is delivered in gun smoke and blood.

Robert Vaughan has made multiple appearances on the *New York Times* and *USA TODAY* bestseller lists. He has won numerous awards, including the SPUR award for best Novel of the West for *Survival*. Vaughan was inducted into Writers' Hall of Fame and received the Readwest President's Award for Excellence in Western Fiction. A decorated and retired army officer with three tours in Vietnam, Vaughan lives on the beach in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

An exciting, expansive and very readable epic of the West, this is a highly enjoyable read for any fan of westerns. There are not a lot of current western writers compared to other genre. He's still writing and his book count is up to around 200 books – a wealth of enjoyment just waiting for you. I give the book an A.

Dragon Weather by Lawrence Watt-Evans (1999) – Fantasy



ARLIAN HAD NEVER LEFT HIS HOME VILLAGE on the Smoking Mountain. The stony ground, jagged peaks, and black glass were all he had ever known of life, and though he dreamed of travel and adventure, he knew deep in his heart that he would probably never leave.

Until the dragon weather came. Incredible heat, oppressive humidity, dark and angry clouds . . . and dragons. Dragons with no feelings, no sympathy, no use for humans; dragons who destroyed his entire village and everyone in it.

Everyone, that is, except Arlian.

Orphaned and alone, Arlian the child is captured by looters and sold as a mining slave. Seven years later Arlian the man escapes, fueled by years of hatred for the dragons, bandits, and slavers who took his youth away -- and by a personal vow to exact retribution from those who wronged him.

As Arlian makes his way through life, he is obsessed with the concept of justice, and that obsession informs every task, every decision. Even Black, the man he befriends and grows to love as a brother, has little influence over Arlian's obsession. His entire life has one purpose, and one purpose only: to mete out justice.

But can one righteous man change the entire world for the better? Or is he doomed by his own actions to become as unjust as those he seeks to destroy?

"A thoroughly absorbing tale. His writing is clean of the purple prose that mars so much fantasy, and the book poses many provocative ethical questions about the similarity between the righteous man and the unjust. This novel showcases the understated excellence readers have come to expect from this durable and (too often) underrated author".

-- Publishers Weekly

My first experience with Watt-Evans was extremely entertaining. Arlian is a terrific protagonist, whose growth from an enslaved 12-year-old to a heroic figure is fun to follow. It is a book hard to put down and a bit sad to finish and put on a shelf. Fortunately, there are 2 more in the Obsidian Series. I'm looking

forward to getting them and see what happens. I give it an A and solid recommendation for anyone who likes sword play, adventure, and, of course, dragons, though dragons actually play small roles in this volume.

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Hardcover and Trade Paperback

Elizabeth Berg - Earth's the Right Place for Love – Coming of Age – 29.00



Nola McCollum is the most desirable girl in Arthur's class, and he is thrilled when they become friends. But Arthur wants far more than friendship. Unfortunately, Nola has a crush on the wrong Moses--Arthur's older brother, Frank, who is busy pursuing his own love interest and avoiding the boys' father, a war veteran with a drinking problem and a penchant for starting

fighters. When a sudden tragedy rocks the family's world, Arthur struggles to come to terms with his grief. In the end, it is nature that helps him to understand how to go on, beyond loss, and create a life of forgiveness and empathy. But what can he do about Nola, who seems confused about what she wants in life, and only half aware of the one who loves her most? Full of unforgettable characters and written with Elizabeth Berg's characteristic warmth, humor, and insight into people, *Earth's the Right Place for Love* is about the power of kindness, character, and family, and how love can grow when you least expect it.

Harlan Coben - I Will Find You – Thriller – 30.00



Five years ago, an innocent man began a life sentence for murdering his own son. Today he found out his son is still alive.

David Burroughs was once a devoted father to his three-year-old son Matthew, living a dream life just a short drive away from the working-class suburb where he and his wife, Cheryl, first fell in love--until one fateful night when David woke suddenly to discover Matthew had been murdered while David was asleep just down the hall.

Half a decade later, David's been wrongly accused and convicted of the murder, left to serve out his time in a maximum-security prison--a fate which, grieving and wracked with guilt, David didn't have the will to fight. The world has moved on without him. Then Cheryl's younger sister, Rachel, makes a surprise appearance during visiting hours bearing a strange photograph. It's a vacation shot of a bustling amusement park a friend shared with her, and in the background, just barely in frame, is a boy bearing an eerie resemblance to David's son. Even though it can't be, David just knows: Matthew is still alive.

David plans a harrowing escape, determined to achieve the impossible - save his son, clear his own name, and discover the real story of what happened. But with his life on the line and the FBI following his every move, can David evade capture long enough to reveal the shocking truth?

Sarah Ferguson - A Most Intriguing Lady – Mystery – 30.00



From Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, a sweeping, romantic compulsively readable historical saga about a Duke's daughter--the perfect Victorian lady--who secretly moonlights as an amateur sleuth for high society's inner circle.

Victorian London was notorious for its pickpockets. But in the country houses of the elite, gentleman burglars, art thieves and con men preyed on the rich and titled. Wealthy victims--with their pride and reputation at stake--would never go to the police. What they needed was a society insider, one of their own, a person of discretion and finely tuned powers of observation, adept at navigating intrigue.

That person was Lady Mary Montagu Douglas Scott, the youngest child of Queen Victoria's close friends the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch. Bookish, fiercely intelligent, and a keen observer, Mary has deliberately cultivated a mousey persona that allows her to remain overlooked and significantly underestimated by all. It's the perfect cover for a sleuth, a role she stumbles into when trying to assist a close friend during a house party hosted by her parents at their stately Scottish home, Drumlanrig Castle.

It is at this party where Lady Mary also meets Colonel Walter Trefusis, a distinguished and extremely handsome war veteran. Tortured by memories of combat, Walter, like Mary, lives a double life, with a desk job in Whitehall providing a front for his role in the British Intelligence Service. The two form an unlikely alliance to solve a series of audacious crimes--and indulge in a highly charged on-off romance.

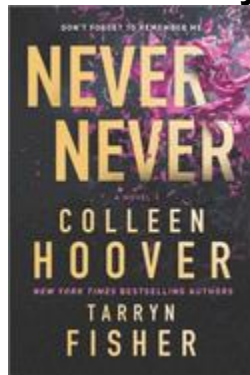
Pacy, romantic, and fun, *A Most Intriguing Lady* documents one remarkable woman's ability to be both the perfect lady, and a perfectly talented detective...and, of course, to find love too.

Neil Gaiman – Norse Mythology – Fairy Tales – 15.95



Introducing an instant classic--master storyteller Neil Gaiman presents a dazzling version of the great Norse myths. Neil Gaiman has long been inspired by ancient mythology in creating the fantastical realms of his fiction. Now he turns his attention back to the source, presenting a bravura rendition of the great northern tales. In *Norse Mythology*, Gaiman stays true to the myths in envisioning the major Norse pantheon: Odin, the highest of the high, wise, daring, and cunning; Thor, Odin's son, incredibly strong yet not the wisest of gods; and Loki--son of a giant--blood brother to Odin and a trickster and unsurpassable manipulator. Gaiman fashions these primeval stories into a novelistic arc that begins with the genesis of the legendary nine worlds and delves into the exploits of deities, dwarfs, and giants. Once, when Thor's hammer is stolen, Thor must disguise himself as a woman--difficult with his beard and huge appetite--to steal it back. More poignant is the tale in which the blood of Kvasir--the most sagacious of gods--is turned into a mead that infuses drinkers with poetry. The work culminates in Ragnarok, the twilight of the gods and rebirth of a new time and people. Through Gaiman's deft and witty prose emerge these gods with their fiercely competitive natures, their susceptibility to being duped and to duping others, and their tendency to let passion ignite their actions, making these long-ago myths breathe pungent life again.

Colleen Hoover - Never Never: A Twisty, Angsty Romance –17.99



Charlie Wynwood and Silas Nash have been best friends since they could walk. They've been in love since the age of fourteen. But as of this morning...they are complete strangers. Their first kiss, their first fight, the moment they fell in

love...every memory has vanished. Now Charlie and Silas must work together to uncover the truth about what happened to them and why.

But the more they learn about the couple they used to be...the more they question why they were ever together to begin with. Forgetting is terrifying, but remembering may be worse.

Heart-stopping and utterly captivating, the complete *Never Never* series, now available in one volume, will leave readers breathless and believing in the power of love.

The March 2023 winner #3 is: Jessica Loving

Gregg Hurwitz - The Last Orphan: An Orphan X Novel (Orphan X #8)



As a child, Evan Smoak was plucked out of a group home, raised and trained as an off-the-books assassin for the government as part of the Orphan program. When he broke with the program and went deep underground, he left with a lot of secrets in his head that the government would do anything to make sure never got out.

When he remade himself as The Nowhere Man, dedicated to helping the most desperate in their times of trouble, Evan found himself slowly back on the government's radar. Having eliminated most of the Orphans in the program, the government will stop at nothing to eliminate the threat they see in Evan. But Orphan X has always been several steps ahead of his pursuers. Until he makes one little mistake...

Now the President has him in her control and offers Evan a deal - eliminate a rich, powerful man she says is too dangerous to live and, in turn, she'll let Evan survive. But when Evan left the Program he swore to only use his skills against those who really deserve it. Now he has to decide what's more important - his principles or his life.

Victor Lavelle – Lone Women – Horror – 27.00



Adelaide Henry carries an enormous steamer trunk with her wherever she goes. It's locked at all times. Because when the trunk opens, people around Adelaide start to disappear.

The year is 1915, and Adelaide is in trouble. Her secret sin killed her parents, forcing her to flee California in a hellfire rush and make her way to Montana as a homesteader. Dragging the trunk with her at every stop, she will become one of the "lone women" taking advantage of the government's offer of free land for those who can tame it--except that Adelaide isn't alone. And the secret she's tried so desperately to lock away might be the only thing that will help her survive the harsh territory.

Crafted by a modern master of magical suspense, *Lone Women* blends shimmering prose, an unforgettable cast of adventurers who find horror and sisterhood in a brutal landscape, and a portrait of early-twentieth-century America like you've never seen. And at its heart is the gripping story of a woman desperate to bury her past--or redeem it.

Susan Mallery - The Sister Effect (Original) – Romance – 28.99



Finley McGowan is determined that the niece she's raising will always feel loved and wanted. Unlike how she felt after her mom left to pursue a dream of stardom, and when the grandfather who was left to raise them abandoned her and her sister, Sloane, when they needed him most. Finley reacted to her chaotic childhood by walking the straight and narrow--nose down, work hard, follow the rules.

Sloane went the other way.

Now Sloane is back, as beautiful and as damaged as ever...and she wants a relationship with her daughter. She says she's changed, but Finley's heart has been burned once too often for her to trust easily. But is her reluctance to forgive really about Sloane or worry over losing what she loves the most? With the help of a man who knows all too well how messy families can be, Finley will learn there's joy in surrendering and peace in letting go.

Joyce Carol Oates - 48 Clues Into the Disappearance of My Sister – Mystery – 26.95

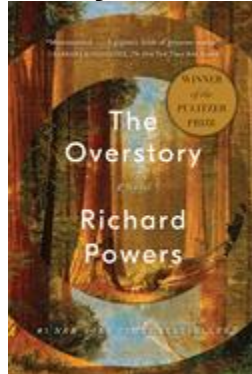


Marguerite, a beautiful woman, has disappeared from her small town in Upstate New York. But is foul play involved? Or did she merely take an opportunity to get away for fun, or finally make the decision to leave behind her claustrophobic life of limited opportunities?

Her younger sister Gigi wonders if the flimsy silk Dior dress, so casually abandoned on the floor, is a clue to Marguerite's having seemingly vanished. The police examine the footprints made by her Ferragamo boots leaving the house, ending abruptly, and puzzle over how that can help lead to her. Gigi, not so pretty as her sister, slowly reveals her hatred for the perfect, much-loved, Marguerite.

Bit by bit, like ripping the petals off a flower blossom, revelations about both sisters are uncovered. Subtly, but with the unbearable suspense at which Joyce Carol Oates excels, clues mount up to bring to light the fate of the missing beauty.

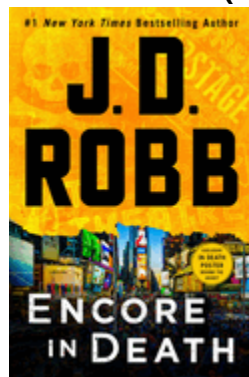
Richard Powers - The Overstory – Literary Fiction – 18.95



Pulitzer Prize Winner

An Air Force loadmaster in the Vietnam War is shot out of the sky, then saved by falling into a banyan. An artist inherits a hundred years of photographic portraits, all of the same doomed American chestnut. A hard-partying undergraduate in the late 1980s electrocutes herself, dies, and is sent back into life by creatures of air and light. A hearing- and speech-impaired scientist discovers that trees are communicating with one another. These four, and five other strangers—each summoned in different ways by trees—are brought together in a last and violent stand to save the continent's few remaining acres of virgin forest. In his twelfth novel, National Book Award winner Richard Powers delivers a sweeping, impassioned novel of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of—and paean to—the natural world. From the roots to the crown and back to the seeds, *The Overstory* unfolds in concentric rings of interlocking fables that range from antebellum New York to the late twentieth-century Timber Wars of the Pacific Northwest and beyond, exploring the essential conflict on this planet: the one taking place between humans and nonhumans. There is a world alongside ours—vast, slow, interconnected, resourceful, magnificently inventive, and almost invisible to us. This is the story of a handful of people who learn how to see that world and who are drawn up into its unfolding catastrophe. *The Overstory* is a book for all readers who despair of humanity's self-imposed separation from the rest of creation and who hope for the transformative, regenerating possibility of a homecoming. If the trees of this earth could speak, what would they tell us? Listen. There's something you need to hear.

J.D. Robb - Encore in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel (In Death #56) – Mystery – 29.99



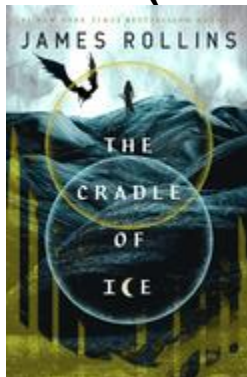
The homicide cop with a passion for justice returns in the captivating crime thriller series by the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author.

It was a glittering event full of A-listers, hosted by Eliza Lane and Brant Fitzhugh, a celebrity couple who'd conquered both Hollywood and Broadway. And now Eve Dallas has made her entrance—but not as a guest. After raising a toast, Fitzhugh fell to the floor and died, with physical symptoms pointing to cyanide, and the police have crashed the party.

From all accounts, he wasn't the kind of star who made enemies. Everyone loved him—even his ex-wife. And since the champagne cocktail that killed him was originally intended for Eliza, it's possible she was the real target, with a recently fired assistant, a bitter rival, and an obsessed fan in the picture. With so many attendees, staff, and servers, Eve has her work cut out

determining who committed murder in the middle of the crowd--and what was their motivation. As one who's not fond of the spotlight herself, she dreads the media circus surrounding a case like this. All she wants is to figure out who's truly innocent, and who's only acting that way...

James Rollins - The Cradle of Ice (Moonfall #2) – Fantasy – 29.99



To stop the coming apocalypse, a fellowship was formed.

A soldier, a thief, a lost prince, and a young girl bonded by fate and looming disaster.

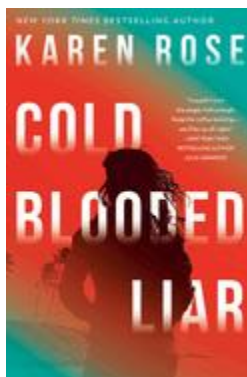
Each step along this path has changed the party, forging deep alliances and greater enmities. All the while, hostile forces have hunted them, fearing what they might unleash. Armies wage war around them.

For each step has come with a cost--in blood, in loss, in heartbreak.

Now, they must split, traveling into a vast region of ice and to a sprawling capital of the world they've only known in stories.

Time is running out and only the truth will save us all.

Karen Rose - Cold-Blooded Liar (The San Diego Case Files) – Mystery – 28.00

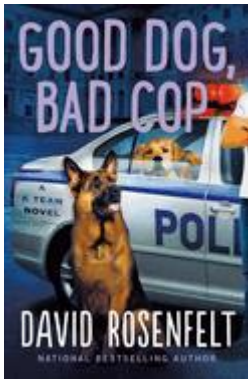


Sam Reeves is a kindhearted psychologist who treats court-ordered clients. After one of his patients--a pathological liar--starts revealing plausible new details from a long-unsolved serial murder case, he's compelled to report anonymously to the SDPD tip line, though his attempts to respect patient confidentiality land him facedown and cuffed by the aggressive (and cute) Detective McKittrick.

San Diego homicide detective Kit McKittrick loves the water. She lives on a boat, and when she's not solving crimes with the SDPD, she's assisting her foster sister with her charter fishing business or playing with her poodle. But there's nothing that intrigues Kit more than a cold case, so when an anonymous caller leads her on the path of a wanted killer, she's determined to end the decade-long manhunt.

Sam is soon released but goes home with both a newfound distaste for the SDPD and a resolve--not unlike Kit's--to uncover the truth. Kit and Sam repeatedly butt heads in their separate investigations but are forced to work together to find one of the deadliest serial killers the city has faced in years.

David Rosenfelt - Good Dog, Bad Cop: A K Team Novel (K Team Novels #4) – Mystery – 27.99



For the K Team, playing "good dog", "bad cop" is all fun and games... until there's a body on the scene, in the next K Team Novel by bestselling author David Rosenfelt.

The K Team enjoys investigating cold cases for the Paterson Police Department. Corey Douglas, his K-9 partner Simon Garfunkel, Laurie Collins, and Marcus Clark even get to choose which cases they'd like to pursue. When Corey sees the latest list of possibilities, there's no question which one to look into next.

Corey's former mentor, Jimmy Dietrich, had his whole identity wrapped up in being a cop. When Jimmy retired three years ago, his marriage quickly deteriorated and he tried--and failed--to get back on the force. Jimmy was left to try to adjust to life as a civilian.

Not long after, two bodies were pulled from the Passaic River. A local woman, Susan Avery, and Jimmy Dietrich. With no true evidence available, the deaths went unsolved and the case declared cold. This didn't stop the whispers: an affair gone wrong... a murder-suicide committed by Jimmy.

Corey never believed it. With this case, the K Team has the opportunity to find the real murderer, and clear Jimmy's name.

Bestselling author David Rosenfelt returns in *Good Dog, Bad Cop*, where there's little to go on, but that won't stop Paterson, New Jersey's favorite private investigators from sniffing out the truth.

Lisa Scottolini – Loyalty – Historical Fiction – 28.00



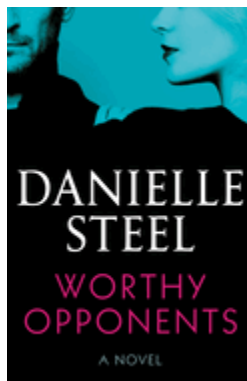
Loyalty can save a soul--or destroy one.

Franco Fiorvanti is a handsome lemon grower toiling on the estate of a baron. He dreams of owning his own grove, but the rigid class system of Sicily thwarts his ambition. Determined to secure a better future, Franco will do anything to prove his loyalty to the baron. But when the baron asks him to kidnap a little boy named Dante, Franco makes a decision that will change his life--and even the history of Sicily--forever.

Gaetano Catalano is an idealistic young lawyer whose devotion to justice is tantamount to a calling. He's a member of the *Beati Paoli*, a real-life secret society of aristocrats who investigate crime in Palermo, a city riddled with graft. Gaetano sets out to find the boy and punish the kidnapper, but his mission leads him to a darker place than he had ever imagined.

Meanwhile, Mafalda Pancari is a new mother rejoicing at the birth of her daughter, Lucia, when disaster strikes. And Alfredo D'Antonio is a reclusive goatherd under constant threat of being discovered as a Jew. How the lives of these unforgettable characters collide makes *Loyalty* an epic tale of good versus evil, as the story twists and turns to its monumental showdown. Readers will be transported to the dramatic and ruggedly beautiful island of Sicily, the jewel of the Mediterranean, where lush lemon groves and mouth-watering cuisine contrast with a turbulent history of colonization and corruption. Scottolini brings her decades of thriller writing to historical fiction, creating in *Loyalty* a singular novel that no reader will be able to put down.

Danielle Steel - Worthy Opponents – Romance - 28.99



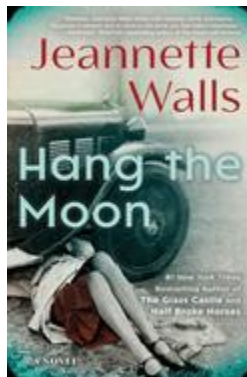
Spencer Brooke always knew she was destined to be CEO of her grandfather's business--the most respected and luxurious department store in New York City. Brooke's has been at the center of every happy memory she has, but it hasn't been an easy journey. Seven years after her father's death, her life is very different from the days when she walked through the store with her grandfather as a young girl. She may be the owner of Brooke's, but she's also now a divorced single mother of twin boys. And with the ever-evolving landscape of the fashion industry comes new challenges for Spencer and the legacy she's inherited.

Mike Weston is known for making enormous profits by transforming small businesses into bigger, more successful ones. With his marriage at a breaking point and his children grown up, investing is where he thrives--where he can build something greater. And Brooke's feels like the perfect opportunity. Yet the firm's beautiful and savvy CEO turns down the offer before they even meet.

Spencer has no interest in outside investors meddling in her family business; her grandfather never saw the need for them, and neither does she. She refuses to be tempted by Mike's offer, despite her big dreams of expanding the store. But when bad luck strikes, suddenly she is backed into a corner.

In *Worthy Opponents*, Danielle Steel crafts a thrilling story about a powerful woman--and her equally formidable opponent.

Jeanette Walls - Hang the Moon – Historical Fiction – 28.00



Most folk thought Sallie Kincaid was a nobody who'd amount to nothing. Sallie had other plans.

Sallie Kincaid is the daughter of the biggest man in a small town, the charismatic Duke Kincaid. Born at the turn of the 20th century into a life of comfort and privilege, Sallie remembers little about her mother who died in a violent argument with the Duke. By the time she is just eight years old, the Duke has remarried and had a son, Eddie. While Sallie is her father's daughter, sharp-witted and resourceful, Eddie is his mother's son, timid and cerebral. When Sallie tries to teach young Eddie to be more like their father, her daredevil coaching leads to an accident, and Sallie is cast out.

Nine years later, she returns, determined to reclaim her place in the family. That's a lot more complicated than Sallie expected, and she enters a world of conflict and lawlessness. Sallie confronts the secrets and scandals that hide in the shadows of the Big House, navigates the factions in the family and town, and finally comes into her own as a bold, sometimes reckless bootlegger.

You will fall in love with Sallie Kincaid, a feisty and fearless, terrified and damaged young woman who refuses to be corralled.

Catriona Ward – Sundial – Horror – 19.99



"DO NOT MISS THIS BOOK. Authentically terrifying." --**Stephen King**
A LibraryReads Top 10 Pick - A GoodReads Choice Award Finalist for Best Horror - Starred review from Publishers Weekly!

Sharp as a snakebite, *Sundial* is a gripping novel about the secrets we bury from the ones we love most, from Catriona Ward, the author of *The Last House on Needless Street*.

Rob has spent her life running from Sundial, the family's ranch deep in the Mojave Desert, and her childhood memories.

But she's worried about her daughter, Callie, who collects animal bones and whispers to imaginary friends. It reminds her of a darkness that runs in her family, and Rob knows it's time to return.

Callie is terrified of her mother. Rob digs holes in the backyard late at night, and tells disturbing stories about growing up on the ranch. Soon Callie begins to fear that only one of them will leave Sundial alive...

Jacqueline Winspear - The White Lady – Mystery – 30.00



This heart-stopping novel, set in Post WWII Britain in 1947, follows the coming of age and maturity of former wartime operative Elinor White--veteran of two wars, trained killer, protective of her anonymity--when she is drawn back into the world of menace she has been desperate to leave behind.

A reluctant ex-spy with demons of her own, Elinor finds herself facing down one of the most dangerous organized crime gangs in London, ultimately exposing corruption from Scotland Yard to the highest levels of government.

The private, quiet "Miss White" as Elinor is known, lives in a village in rural Kent, England, and to her fellow villagers seems something of an enigma. Well she might, as Elinor occupies a "grace and favor" property, a rare privilege offered to faithful servants of the Crown for services to the nation. But the residents of Shacklehurst have no way of knowing how dangerous Elinor's war work had been, or that their mysterious neighbor is haunted by her past.

It will take Susie, the child of a young farmworker, Jim Mackie and his wife, Rose, to break through Miss White's icy demeanor--but Jim has something in common with Elinor. He, too, is desperate to escape his past. When the powerful Mackie crime family demands a return of their prodigal son for an important job, Elinor assumes the task of protecting her neighbors, especially the bright-eyed Susie. Yet in her quest to uncover the truth behind the family's pursuit of Jim, Elinor unwittingly sets out on a treacherous path--yet it is one that leads to her freedom.

Trivia for March 2023

What famous author had several butterflies named after him?

Answer:

Lolita Author Vladimir Nabokov, who was also a lepidopterist, a person who studies or collects butterflies and moths.

Mass Market Paperback

Ivy Alexandra - Desperate Acts (Pike, Wisconsin) – Romance – 9.99



Pike, Wisconsin is a small town with more secrets than residents, and as a woman searches for the truth about a long-ago night, a killer prepares to silence her forever. New York Times bestselling author Alexandra Ivy's immersive new romantic thriller is a must-read for fans of Lisa Jackson, Beverly Barton, and Mary Burton...

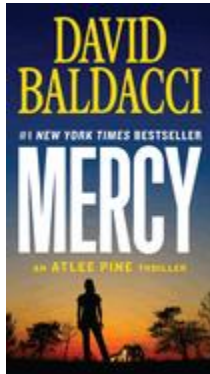
Teenager Lia Porter shouldn't have been anywhere near the railroad bridge that night. Sneaking home after a party in the fields outside Pike, Wisconsin, she glimpsed a woman in a leather jacket, running in terror. Lia puts the incident from her mind--until a body is found near the same spot fifteen years later, wearing the same jacket. The police rule it a suicide. Lia knows different. The woman she saw was trying to save her own life, not end it. But whatever she was fleeing from found her first . . .

The stranger who arrives at Lia's store shares her suspicions. Hollywood stunt driver Kaden Vaughn has come home to Wisconsin to learn the truth about what happened to his brother's fiancée years ago. The leather jacket, the timing--he believes

the dead woman is Vanna, and that Lia may be the only person who can help. Together they retrace Vanna's steps, but the more they dig, the darker the secrets become.

The killer is still out there, stalking the streets of Pike again, willing to do whatever is necessary to keep the truth locked in mystery. One by one, all those who know something about that night must be silenced, until there is no one left to tell . . .

David Baldacci – Mercy (Atlee Pine Thriller #4) - Thriller – 9.99



FBI Agent Atlee Pine's harrowing search for her long-lost sister Mercy reaches a boiling point in this breakneck thriller from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author David Baldacci.

For her entire life, FBI agent Atlee Pine has been searching for her twin sister, Mercy, who was abducted at the age of six and never seen again. Mercy's disappearance left behind a damaged family that later shattered beyond repair when Atlee's parents inexplicably abandoned her.

Now, after a perilous investigation that nearly proved fatal, Atlee has finally discovered not only the reason behind her parents' abandonment and Mercy's kidnapping, but also the most promising breakthrough yet: proof that Mercy survived her abduction and then escaped her captors many years ago.

Though Atlee is tantalizingly close to her family at last, the final leg of her long road to Mercy will be the most treacherous yet.

Mercy left at least one dead body behind before fleeing her captors years before. Atlee has no idea if her sister is still alive, and if so, how she has been surviving all this time. When the truth is finally revealed, Atlee Pine will face the greatest danger yet, and it may well cost her everything.

Don Bentley - Tom Clancy Zero Hour (Jack Ryan Jr. Novel) – Thriller – 9.99



Jack Ryan, Jr. is the one man who can prevent a second Korean War in the latest thrilling entry in the #1 *New York Times* bestselling series.

When the leader of North Korea is catastrophically injured, his incapacitation inadvertently triggers a "dead-man's switch," activating an army of sleeper agents in South Korea and precipitating a struggle for succession.

Jack Ryan, Jr. is in Seoul to interview a potential addition to the Campus. But his benign trip takes a deadly turn when a wave of violence perpetrated by North Korean operatives grips South Korea's capital. A mysterious voice from North Korea offers Jack a way to stop the peninsula's rush to war, but her price may be more than he can afford to pay.

Dale Brown - Countdown to Midnight: A Nick Flynn Novel (Nick Flynn #2) – Thriller – 10.99



Nick Flynn is back in action, and he has a new employer--a shadowy intelligence outfit whose roots go back to the very beginning of the Cold War. But his first mission for them almost becomes his last. While meeting with a high-ranking Iranian dissident in the Austrian Alps, Flynn is ambushed and nearly killed... just after learning that Iran and Russia are working together on a mysterious project--one they have codenamed MIDNIGHT.

Flynn is determined to uncover MIDNIGHT's lethal secrets. Why are Moscow and Tehran covertly retrofitting a massive oil tanker in an Iranian port? What purpose lies behind their closely guarded effort, the brainchild of Pavel Voronin--a ruthless billionaire allied with Russia's autocratic president?

Flynn and his new team plan to put an end to the nefarious project, but they're dogged at every step by Voronin's hired Raven Syndicate killers--elite veterans of Russia's special forces and intelligence services. As they track the enemy from the streets of Vienna to deep inside hostile Iran, Flynn and his crew must repeatedly risk their lives to pierce the layers of deception around this shadow war.

It's a race against time to stop Voronin from launching his terrifying new weapon against the United States--potentially killing hundreds of millions and overturning the world's balance of power forever. The odds are stacked high against Flynn and his team... but that's never stopped Nick before.

Peggy Ehrhart - Irish Knit Murder (Knit & Nibble Mystery) – 8.99



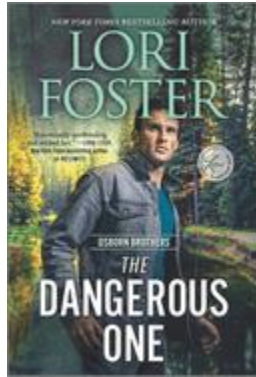
St. Patrick's Day takes an unexpected turn for crafting magazine editor Pamela Paterson and the members of her knitting club when a member of a prominent New Jersey family is found dead...

The Listers have been part of Arborville society for generations--though seventy-something Isobel Lister doesn't fit the role of upper-crust heiress. She's always been a colorful character, and her fun-loving spirit is on display at the senior center celebration as she performs some beloved Irish songs. But just minutes later, her body is found backstage.

It's hard to imagine who'd target such a harmless eccentric, but Pamela finds herself suspecting everyone. There's the Wiccan who thought St. Patrick wasn't so saintly; the woman upset about cultural appropriation who feels the commercialization of shamrocks is a sham; the two men Isobel was seeing, who could have been green with jealousy--and old friends and family who may have feared Isobel would spill their secrets. But Pamela's on the case, and that means for the killer, the jig will soon be up.

Lori Foster - The Dangerous One (Original) (Osborn Brothers #1)

– Romance – 9.99



Being alone is what he wanted... All he *needed* was her.

Hunter Osborn left his family, his friends and his job as a park ranger after uncovering a disturbing crime scene. Haunted by nightmares and harrowing memories, Hunter relocated to an isolated property near Triple Creek, Colorado, where he lives alone and keeps his interactions with people to a minimum.

Still, Hunter can spot trouble from a mile away, and when he encounters Jodi Bentley, he knows she's trouble of the most tempting kind--even more tempting when she moves into the run-down cabin next door. Jodi is tough as nails, sexy as hell--and clearly struggles with her own traumatic past. Hunter tries to keep his distance, but when Jodi's life is threatened, he can't help being drawn out of his own darkness and into hers.

Osborn Brothers

Book 1: *The Dangerous One*

Charlotte Hubbard - Family Gatherings at Promise Lodge (Promise Lodge) – Religious Fiction – 8.99



Returning to the fan-favorite world of Promise Lodge, the small-town Missouri setting for her beloved Amish inspirational romance novels, Charlotte Hubbard charms readers with this uplifting tale of a lonely widower and the new arrival who unexpectedly wins his heart. For fans of Shelley Shepard Gray and Beth Wiseman.

With two spring weddings to celebrate, friends and family are reunited at the Amish community of Promise Lodge, where nothing--and no one--can derail an unexpected new love when it's part of a glorious plan . . .

In the year since he lost his wife in a tragic accident, Lester Lehman has found healing and purpose--helping construct Dale Kraybill's new bulk store, enjoying the Kuhn sisters' hearty meals, and settling into a tiny, built-for-one lakeside house. Falling in love again is surely not on Lester's mind. Yet despite his firm "no," two available ladies have set their *kapps* on the handsome widower--in a boisterous rivalry that weaves mayhem among the wedding festivities . . .

A welcome escape comes from a fresh-faced newcomer. Marlene Fisher disarms Lester with her witty quips on his romantic predicament, while her sparkling eyes inspire surprising thoughts of a shared future. But the heartbreak that brought Marlene to Promise Lodge runs deep, and the pretty *maidel* believes she's not meant to marry. In a season of vows to love and honor, scripture holds the key to building their happiness together: love is kind, and above all . . . *patient*.

Lisa Jackson - Getting Even: Two Thrilling Novels of Suspense –

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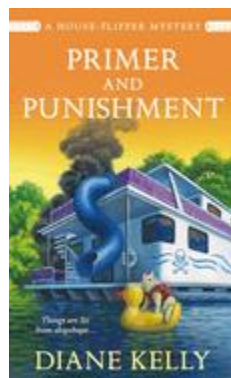


Trask McFadden is back." Those are words that Tory has been waiting to hear, half in dread, half with longing. It's been five years since Trask landed her father behind bars for horse swindling, using things she'd told him in confidence. Her father died there, but now Trask insists he has information that could help prove who was really responsible for the crime, not to mention his own brother's death. Trask needs her help. But he won't get it, not after destroying her family, her ranch, and the love they shared. Lauren Regis's ex-husband has kidnapped her children. There's nothing she won't do to get them back, including hiring Zachary Winters. The unconventional attorney has made a name for himself by locating people--especially those who don't want to be found. But he's got a darker reputation too, and there are rumors swirling about the fate of his ex-wife. How much is Lauren willing to trust him--or to lose?

The March 2023 winner #4 is:

Richard Wallerich

Diane Kelly - Primer and Punishment Mystery (House-Flipper Mystery #5) – 8.99



Whitney Whitaker has a knack for nailing down murderers . . . but this time she might just come unmoored.

Carpenter Whitney Whitaker and her cousin Buck are looking once again to rehab and resell a house, only this particular house is made of fiberglass, floats, and has been dubbed the Skinny Dipper. The old houseboat sure could use some work, but the unusual project has Whitney bubbling with excitement.

The charming and handsome Grant Hardisty lives on the cabin cruiser in the adjacent slip, but the cousins soon learn he's left a half dozen angry ex-wives in his wake and made enemies of all sorts of unsavory folks. The man is clearly caught in an increasingly dangerous current with no life preserver in sight.

Whitney and Buck are spraying primer on their houseboat when--KABOOM!--Grant's boat blows sky high with the man himself inside. Detective Collin Flynn has no shortage of suspects, but the waters become muddied when several of them confess to the crime. Is one of those who confessed truly guilty, or are they taking a dive for someone else? When anonymous threats are made against the cousins, Whitney must quickly determine who killed their neighbor at the lake, or she and Buck might

also be sunk.

Mark Lawrence - The Girl and the Moon (The Book of the Ice) – Fantasy – 9.99



A young outcast will fight against staggering odds to save her world.

On the planet Abeth, a narrow Corridor of green land is surrounded on all sides by ice plains where only the strong survive. Ice triber Yaz has completed a perilous journey and arrived at the Corridor, and it exceeds and overwhelms all of her expectations. Everything seems different but some constants remain: her old enemies are still two steps ahead, bent on her destruction. She makes her way to the Convent of Sweet Mercy, where nuns train young girls who show the old gifts, but like the Corridor itself the convent is packed with peril and opportunity. Yaz has much to learn from the nuns--if they don't decide to execute her.

The fate of everyone squeezed between the Corridor's vast walls, and ultimately the fate of those laboring to survive out on ice itself, hangs from the moon, and the battle to save the moon centers on the Ark of the Missing, buried beneath the emperor's palace. Everyone wants Yaz to be the key that will open the Ark - the one the wise have sought for generations. But sometimes wanting isn't enough.

James Patterson & J.D Barker - Death of the Black Widow – Thriller – 9.99

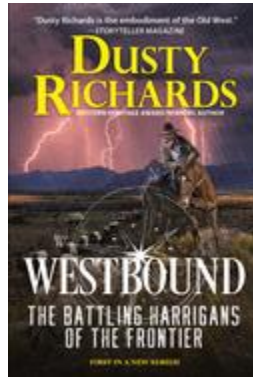


She destroys the men she loves--and escapes every time. The most dangerous killer James Patterson has ever created is also his most seductive.

On his first night with Detroit PD, Officer Walter O'Brien is called to a murder scene. A terrified twenty-year-old has bludgeoned her kidnapper with skill that shocks even O'Brien's veteran partner. The young woman is also a brilliant escape artist. Her bold flight from police custody makes the case impossible to solve--and, for Walter, even more impossible to forget.

By the time Walter's promoted to detective, his fascination with the missing, gray-eyed woman is approaching obsession. And when Walter discovers that he's not alone in his search, one truth is certain. This deadly string of secrets didn't begin in his home city--but he's going to make sure it ends there.

Dusty Richards - Westbound (The Battling Harrigans of the Frontier) – Western – 8.99

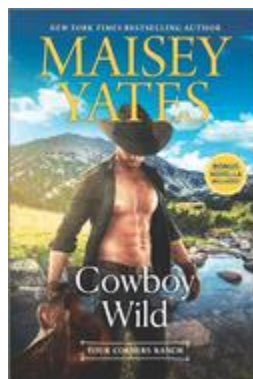


The first in a captivating new multigenerational saga chronicling the adventures of the pioneering Harrigan family as they brave crossing the American West, fighting to survive in the dangerous wilderness--and against even deadlier people--to forge a better life for themselves.

Mackworth "Mack" Harrigan's family legacy burned to the ground in the spring of 1849. The Ohio mill that brought them prosperity was now cinder and ash, and his ruthless father perished in the flames along with their fortune. If the Harrigans have a future, it lies out west in open country where they can build whatever lives they choose. Mack knows his wife Ell, and their children Kane, Meghan, and Fitch are more than capable of overcoming the challenges of their journey.

For the untamed frontier is full of seriously deadly battles. From a rough river voyage to wagon train travel across desert lands plagued by dust storms, the Harrigans encounter desperados and merciless killers who view them as little more than prey. And as Mack and his family adapt to their merciless surroundings, they realize they must enforce their own laws and dispense their own justice. . .

Maisey Yates - Cowboy Wild (Four Corners Ranch #3) – Romance – 9.99



Hunter McCloud is the wildest cowboy of all...until he meets the one woman even more untamed than him... After growing up around Hunter McCloud, Elsie Garrett considers herself immune to his particular brand of cowboy. Her brother's best friend is too big, too broad, too everything for comfort. But when relationship-shy Elsie decides it's finally time for her to get some romantic experience, Hunter suddenly might be useful after all. Maybe he, with his many casual hookups, is the perfect cowboy to teach her how to flirt? Elsie is the best horse wrangler around, but Hunter can see she doesn't know anything about men--orphaned as a child and brought up by her brothers, she's so wild she's practically feral. But Hunter has always looked out for her, and he's not about to stop now. Until Hunter realizes he's playing with fire. Elsie might not understand the chemistry slowly building between them, but he does, and it's burning stronger and hotter than anything he's ever experienced. And when Elsie decides to act on it, Hunter knows that it could threaten to consume them both.