

The Book Rack Newsletter

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Trivia for May

**What American novel was the first to sell
over one million copies?**

For the answer, see below

Our May

\$25 Gift Certificate Winners!

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

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

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

The May 2019 winner #1 is:

Katie & Duaine Hass

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 May 31 to claim your prize:

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

Did you know:

Approximately 79% of the world population has brown eyes, which makes it the most popular human eye color.

Approximately 8%-10% of the world has blue eyes.

About 5% of the world has hazel eyes.

About 5% of the world has amber eyes.

Only about 2% of the world has green eyes.

Grey, Red/Violet & Heterochromia (where a person exhibits two different eye colors) each have less than 1%.

So... why do 75% of the books I read have a major character with **GREEN** eyes?? At least it seems that frequent!

**May Holidays and Events at
The Book Rack:**

Month:

- Date Your Mate Month
- Foster Care Month
- National Blood Pressure Month
- National Hamburger Month
- National Photograph Month
- National Recommitment Month

Weekly Celebrations:

- Nurse's Week - first full week of month
- Wildflower Week - week two
- National Bike Week - third week

- National Police Week - third week of month
- Emergency Medical Services Week - fourth week of month

May 2 - Brothers and Sisters Day is a day to cherish your siblings.

3 – International Tuba Day

3 – World Press Freedom Day

4 – Local Author David Dorris Book Signing – 11-1:00

4 – Kentucky Derby Day – First Saturday in May

7 – National Teachers Day

9 – Lost Sock Memorial Day - recognizes your drawer full of unmatched socks

12 – Mother's Day - Don't Forget the gift certificate from [The Book Rack](#) for Mom!

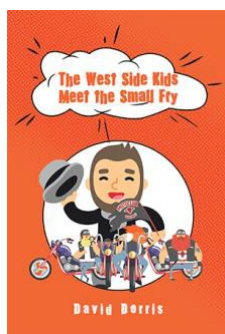
18 – Armed Forces Day

25 – International Jazz Day

27 – Memorial Day – [The Book Rack](#) will be OPEN

Featured Author: David W. Dorris

Local Author David Dorris retired after working thirty-five years at Ralston Purina. David got a two-year degree from Scott Community College in 1992 for General Studies. He was a newsletter editor for The Dad's Club, his church and The Junior Chamber of Commerce over the years. He coached Dad's club Softball for thirty years. He always taught the kids that played for him that life is like a sport, which encouraged him to write his other three books, "Life Is Too Short", "Life Is Too Short: Choices In Life" and "Life Is Too Short: Life Is What We Make It". David would joke around once in a while about writing a short story about a Dwarf going around robbing and killing people. He was caught by the police and this Dwarf was sentenced to the electric chair by a judge. David was going to call this short story, Small Fry. A friend of his suggested he write a book about Small Fry. After thinking about it, David came up with a more detailed version of Small Fry.



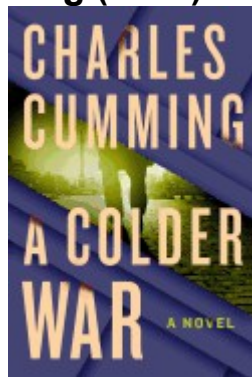
The West Side Kids, Meet the Small Fry

There is Danger, Excitement, Adventure, in The Westside Kids Meet The Small Fry. This is the story of Rex Tarillo, a chemistry instructor at the University of Davenport. The West Side Kids Motorcycle Gang are in one of his classes, and due to chemicals getting mixed up, Rex becomes a dwarf. There is Hannibal, the gang's leader, who, through his communication, destroys the English language with misspelled and misused words. Then there is Scooter, who has a passion to work with chemicals and is Hannibal's lifelong friend. T. J. Columbo appears on the scene as a police officer and Hannibal's uncle. Margret Mason is Rex Tarillo's girlfriend, who goes on a crime spree with Rex and helps him rob and shrink people with Rex's chemicals, putting terror in Davenport, Iowa. The West Side Kids team up with Hannibal's uncle Columbo to try to stop and catch the small fry. Read and find out what the little fellows' plans are to do something big in The West Side Kids Meet the Small Fry.

David will be at The Book Rack 11-1:00, May 4. Make a point of coming in and visit David. If you can't make in May 4, his books are available on The Book Rack's Local Author shelves.

Book Reviews

A Colder War by Charles Cumming (2014)



A top-ranking Iranian military official is blown up while trying to defect to the West. An investigative journalist is arrested and imprisoned for writing an article critical of the Turkish government. An Iranian nuclear scientist is assassinated on the streets of Tehran. These three incidents, seemingly unrelated, have one crucial link. Each of the three had been recently recruited by Western intelligence, before being removed or killed. Then Paul Wallinger, MI6's most

senior agent in Turkey, dies in a puzzling plane crash. Fearing the worst, MI6 bypasses the usual protocol and brings disgraced agent Tom Kell in from the cold to investigate. Kell soon discovers what Wallinger had already begun to suspect--that there's a mole somewhere in the Western intelligence, a traitor who has been systematically sabotaging scores of joint intelligence operations in the Middle East.

Loved the book! A really good spy thriller. Lots of spy craft "stuff." If you like John Le Carre', Len Deighton, Morris West, Eric Ambler, Frederick or similar authors, you will also thoroughly enjoy A Colder War! I give it an A.

Vector by James Abel (2017)



Joe Rush takes on a new terror, spawned in the Amazon rain forest, that threatens to bring the world to its knees in James Abel's latest bio-thriller, now in paperback.

While studying new forms of malaria at an Amazon gold rush, Joe Rush's best friend and partner, Eddie Nakamura, disappears. Learning that many of the sick miners have also vanished, Rush begins a search for Eddie that takes him into the heart of darkness--where while battling for his life, he discovers a secret that may change the world.

Thousands of miles away, sick people are starting to flood into U.S. hospitals. When the White House admits that it has received terrorist threats, cities across the Northeast begin to shut down. Rush and his team must journey from one of the most remote spots on Earth to one of the busiest, as the clock ticks toward a kind of annihilation not thought possible. They have even less time than they think to solve the mystery, for the danger--as bad as it is--is about to get even worse.

A medical thriller that seems plausible. My first James Abel book was worth the wait. I give it a B+. If you like Preston & Child, Clive Cussler and Ben Coes you

will likely enjoy Abel. This is his 4th Joe Rush novel, so you have more you can get at The Book Rack.

Flash and Bones by Kathy Reichs (2011)



Just as 200,000 fans are pouring into town for Race Week, a body is found in a barrel of asphalt next to the Charlotte Motor Speedway. The next day, a NASCAR crew member comes to Temperance Brennan's office at the Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner to share a devastating story. Twelve years earlier, Wayne Gamble's sister, Cindi, then a high school senior and aspiring racer, disappeared along with her boyfriend, Cale Lovette. Lovette kept company with a group of right-wing extremists known as the Patriot Posse. Could the body be Cindi's? Or Cale's?

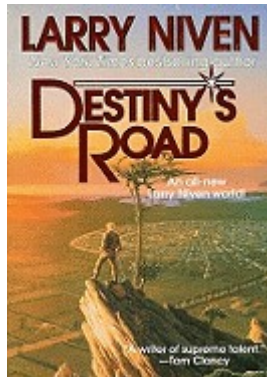
At the time of their disappearance, the FBI joined the investigation, only to terminate it weeks later. Was there a cover-up? As Tempe juggles multiple theories, the discovery of a strange, deadly substance in the barrel alongside the body throws everything into question. Then an employee of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention goes missing during Race Week. Tempe can't overlook the coincidence. Was this man using his lab chemicals for murder? Or is the explanation even more sinister? What other secrets lurk behind the festive veneer of Race Week?

A suspenseful, yet fun read. Reichs incorporates just the right amount of humor, while maintaining the suspense. I give it a B+. Not read her yet? If you like Tess Gerritsen, Jeffrey Deaver, Karen Slaughter or Iris Johansen you'll love Reichs.

The May 2019 winner #2 is:

Marilyn & Steven Pieart

Destiny's Road by Larry Niven (1997)



Destiny is a human colony world seeded by a single slowboat from Earth, the Argos, which arrived in the Apollo star system approximately three-hundred years before the story opens.

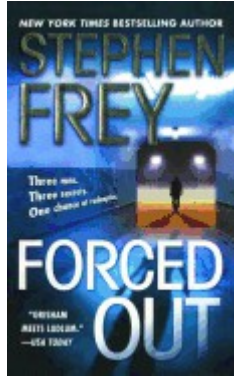
The story follows the life of Jemmy Bloocher, a resident of Spiral Town in his journey through life and along the Road. Wide and smooth, the Road was seared by the fusion drive of the powered landing craft, Cavorite. The Cavorite deserted the original interstellar colonists, stranding them without hope of contacting Earth. Now, descendants of those pioneers have many questions about the Road, but no settler who has gone down it has ever returned. As a young man, Jemmy Bloocher accidentally kills a merchant and must flee, and he resolves to find all the answers to the enigmas of his world. Through one semi-reclusive society after another, all compellingly detailed, a traveling Jemmy makes his way. In each he tries to adapt to local customs, even to the point of getting married to fit in a new home.

With typically unrelenting scientific realism, Niven presents his adventurers with an alien ecology featuring lifeforms almost completely unassimilable by human metabolisms. Moreover, thanks to a fluke of biology, one trace element essential to human health—potassium—is almost entirely missing from the native life-cycle, dooming humanity to a slow mental extinction, unless they can get enough “speckles”, which contain the rare potassium.

Eventually ending up in a Prison Farm, Jemmy learns the secret of speckles, a knowledge that will eventually allow him to liberate his homeland.

Niven is a master of Science Fiction and he has created a wonderfully fascinating world in *Destiny's Road*. If you like reading about adventurers on long road trips through dangerous territories, this is a book for you. I give it an A-. Give Niven a try and you may find yourself hooked.

Forced Out by Stephen Frey (2008)



Sarasota, Florida: Forced to retire from his job as a scout for the Yankees, Jack Barrett is just getting by in a small Florida town when his daughter drags him to watch the local minor league team play. On the field, he spots a remarkable player, Mikey Clement, a kid whose amazing natural skill on the field is overshadowed by his bad attitude and solitary habits. He might have found his ticket back to the big time. But the young man has a secret that will put all of Jack's plans--and maybe even his life--in jeopardy.

Queens, NY: Johnny Bondano is the premier hit man for the Lucchesi crime family. Ruthless and coldblooded but with a strict moral code, Johnny is given instructions to find and kill a man who took the life of a crime boss's only grandson. He suspects the family isn't telling him everything about his assignment, but to question his orders is tantamount to suicide. As these three men's destinies converge, loyalties are tested and dreams collide with violent and unpredictable results. Forced out is a nonstop, tightly wrought tale of suspense by a true master of page-turning fiction.

A very good book with many twists and turns and an unexpected ending. I give it a B+. If you like Richard Reich or Joseph Finder, pick up a book by Frey. You'll be glad you did.

The May 2019 winner #3 is:

Megan Hursman

Recent and Upcoming New Releases:

Check out the prices following the title of the book. Those prices are the publisher's prices. **The Book Rack price is normally 20% lower.** When you

pick it up at the store there is no shipping cost, though we can also ship it to you. Order now by calling the store or stopping in. We do ask for prepayment on all special orders.

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

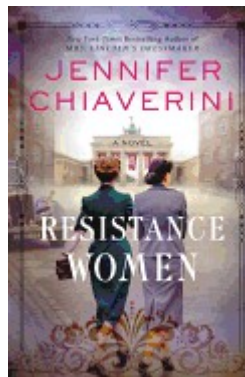
Hardcover and Trade Paperback

Fredrik Backman – Things My Son Needs to Know About the World – 24.00 - A moving collection of heartfelt, humorous essays about fatherhood providing his newborn son perspective for the future



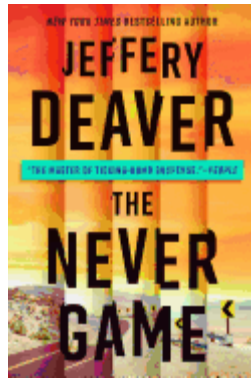
Dale Brown – The Kremlin Strike – 28.99

Jennifer Chiaverini – Resistance Women – 26.99



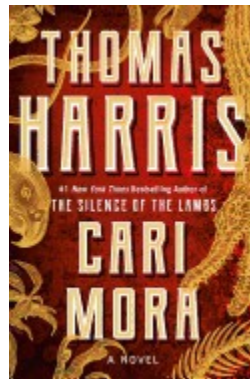
Clive Cussler – The Oracle; A Sam and Remi Fargo Adventure – 29.00

Jeffery Deaver – The Never Game – 28.00



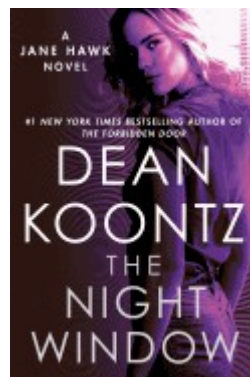
Heather Graham – The Summoning, A Krewe of Hunters Novel – 27.99

Thomas Harris – Cari Mora – 29.00



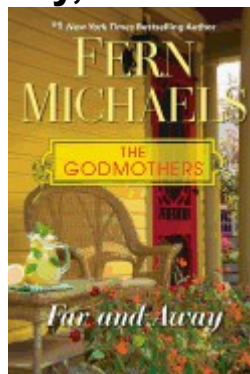
Lisa Jackson – Willing to Die – 28.95

Dean Koontz – The Night Window – 28.00



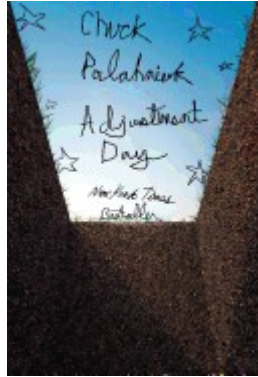
David McCullough – The Pioneers – 30.00

Fern Michaels – Far and Away, The Godmothers – 28.95



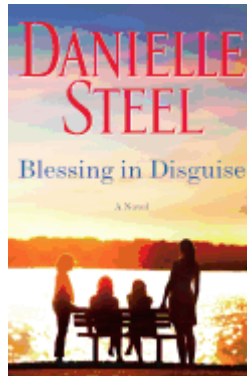
Linda Lael Miller – The Yankee Widow – 26.99

Chuck Palahniuk – Adjustment Day – 15.95 - *Adjustment Day* is an ingenious darkly comic work in which Chuck Palahniuk does what he does best: skewer the absurdities in our society.

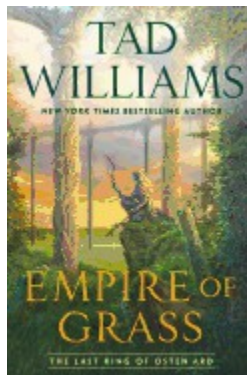


John Sanford – Neon Prey – 29.00

Danielle Steel – Blessing in Disguise – 28.99



Tad Williams – Empire of Grass, The Last King of Osten Ard – 30.00



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Answer:

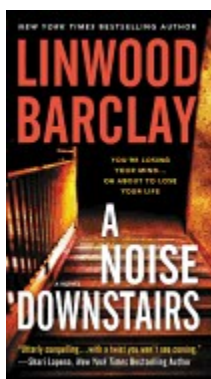
Uncle Tom's Cabin, or, Life Among the Lowly, by Harriet Beecher Stowe, which was published in 1852.

The May 2019 winner #4 is:

Kayla Schram

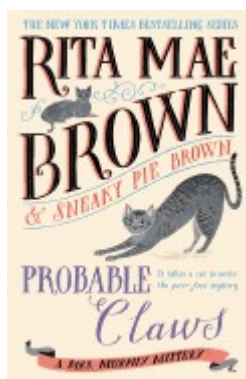
Mass Market Paperback Recent and New Releases

Lincoln Barclay – A Noise Downstairs – 9.99

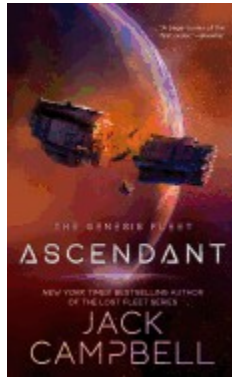


Allison Brennan – Nothing to Hide – 8.99

Rita Mae Brown – Probable Claws – 7.99

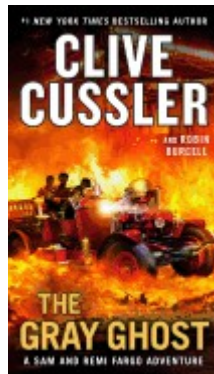


Jack Campbell – Ascendant, The Genesis Fleet – 7.99



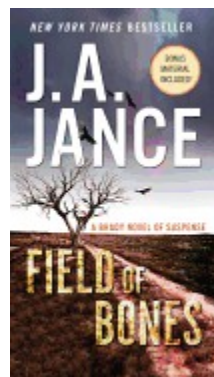
Ben Coes – Bloody Sunday – 9.99

Clive Cussler – The Gray Ghost, A Sam and Remi Fargo Adventure – 9.99



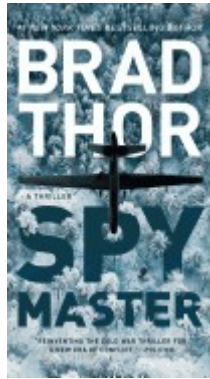
Jeffery Deaver – The Cutting Edge – 9.99

J.A. Jance – Field of Bones, A Brady Novel – 9.99



Dean Koontz – The Forbidden Door – 9.99

Brad Thor – Spymaster – 9.99



Sherryl Woods – Swan Point – 8.99

Stuart Woods – The Money Shot, A Teddy Fey Novel – 9.99

