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A Final Reminder:

Order Early: To avoid delays, place orders for pre-publication and other titles as soon as possible. Order before November 10, if possible. This will greatly increase your chances of receiving the titles you want before the holiday arrives.

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It's the Holiday Season!

That means **The Book Rack** Gift Certificates are

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plan to use the gift. We'll take it from there. Or, you can add the credit to their account, if they have one, or set one up in their name. Just make sure they know about the account!

Trivia for November 2021

Why did 70-year-old Miguel Ramirez sue writer Ernest Hemingway?

Read on and find the answer later in the newsletter.

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\$25 Gift Certificate Winners!

We try to give away four (4) \$25.00 Gift Certificates to The Book Rack account holders each month. (It's harder than you think!)

The names are selected from all our registered customers who have registered or had a trade, Request List addition or purchase in the past 2-years (Since November 1, 2019).

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 November 2021 winner #1 is:

Sharon Clark

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 November 31, 2021 to claim your prize:

A \$25 gift certificate from The Book Rack!

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Books We Need

**Bonus of 10% extra credit for these books
when brought in on/before November 30**

Any Manga or Graphic Novels (Children's and Adult)

The Babysitter's Club (original novels)

Kristin Hannah

Dune series - Frank Herbert

Colleen Hoover

Stephen King & any other **Horror** (besides Dean Koontz)

Sarah J. Maas

New Age & Wicca (Crystals, Tarot, Chakra, Zodiac, Astrology)

Sweet Valley Twins/High

November 2021 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

Month:

Child Safety Protection Month

National Adoption Awareness Month

National Caregivers Appreciation Month

National Diabetes Awareness Month

National Epilepsy Month

National Novel Writing Month

Native American Heritage Month

Week 3 Game and Puzzle Week – A great week to try one of our new White Mountain puzzles

October 31 – Local Author David Doris will be at The Book Rack 11-1:00

November 1 – National Authors' Day

1 - The Day of the Dead

6 – Book Lovers Day

7 - Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m.

9 - Young Readers Day - second Tuesday of month

11 – Veteran's Day

16 - International Tolerance Day

20 - National Adoption Day - Saturday before Thanksgiving

20 - Universal Children's Day

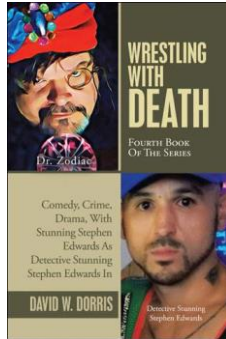
25 - Thanksgiving - Eat, drink, and be thankful – The Book Rack will be closed

26 – Black Friday - The Book Rack will be open as usual 10-6:00

28 - Advent Begins

28 - Chanukah begins

Featured Author David Dorris



David will be at [The Book Rack](#), Sunday, October 31, 11-1:00. Stop by and visit David and check out his growing list of published books. Set in the Quad Cities (with scenes at [The Book Rack](#)), you may well recognize some places referenced in the books. That make reading a little extra enjoyable.



Book Reviews

Review by Claudia:

Jubilee, by Margaret Walker, is a 1966 novel



based on Walker's maternal great-grandmother's story, told to her by her grandmother. The story begins in the antebellum years when Sis' Hetta, perhaps 29 years of age, dies in childbirth – the sixteenth child she has delivered, all single births. The girl child, Vyry, is the light skinned bastard child of the plantation master John Morris Dutton. Near the time of Vyry's birth, another daughter is born to Dutton and his wife, Big Missy. Little Miss Lillian and Vyry would play together until Big Missy could no longer stand hearing how much the two girls resembled one another, and Vyry was banished from the Big House. As the story moves through the Civil War years and to promises of Reconstruction, the deaths and illness of the plantation owners, Vyry's relationships, and choices she must make to protect those she loves to make a better life for them all, open one's eyes to an abhorrent part of America's history. Back Cover: "Weaving her own family's oral history with thirty years of research, Margaret Walker's novel brings the everyday experiences of slaves to light. *Jubilee* churns with the hunger, the hymns, the struggles, and the very breath of American history." Highly Recommended.

Book Reviews by Bob

Voyagers by Ben Bova (1981) Sci Fi



Stoner knew. The fiery object hurtling toward the Earth was an alien spacecraft. But the world might never know. He was trapped in an iron cordon of secrecy, for the discovery had shattered the world power balance, setting off a brutal struggle for supremacy that raged from the sacred halls of the Vatican to the corridors of the Kremlin and the Pentagon. The forces of fear and treachery would use any weapon at their command, from mind war to sabotage, to keep the world in darkness.

Aided by a brilliant Soviet linguist and a lovely young student, Stoner planned a desperate mission, a wild, heart-stopping gamble to preserve the legacy of the star voyager for all mankind.

This is the first of the Voyager Trilogy by Bova. It's a classic Sci Fi trilogy I'd put on par with The Foundation and Dune trilogies. I give the individual books and the trilogy A-ratings and highly recommend them. You don't have to be Sci Fi fans to enjoy any of these three. They are great adventure literature.

The Fifth Victim: The Cherokee Pointe Series, Book 1 by Beverly Barton (2018) – Romantic Suspense



Some things shouldn't be seen....

Cherokee Pointe, Tennessee. Deep in the Smoky Mountains, the victim lies, sacrificed on a makeshift altar - the gruesome work of a killer who has evaded the authorities in state after state. FBI agent Dallas Sloan knows the scene all too well - just as he knows the killings won't stop until there are four more bodies.

Some warnings won't be heeded....

Genny Madoc's "sixth sense" has brought many of Cherokee Pointe's residents to her isolated log cabin, looking for help. But now it's Genny who needs help from the disturbing visions she sees - images that are getting stronger and more violent day by day.

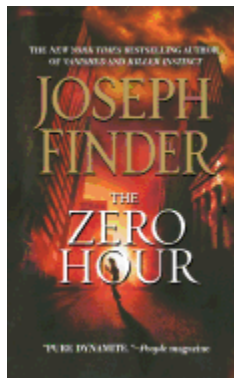
Some fears can't be stopped....

Thrown together by necessity, drawn to each other by desire, Dallas and Genny must band together, searching the darkest heart of a town's hidden secrets before a twisted killer can complete a sinister plan that will make one

of them the fifth victim.

A bit too much character development at the beginning. It became tedious. I give it a B-. The law enforcement people were lost much of the time and the women we're mostly weak.

The Zero Hour by Joseph Finder (2011) – Thriller



FBI Special Agent and counterterrorism expert Sarah Cahill doesn't know the man she's tracking. But the so-called "Prince of Darkness" knows her intimately. So, when Sarah is summoned to Wall Street to investigate, little does she know that "she's" the one under surveillance... until the terrorist infiltrates himself into the deepest, most desperate corners of her life.

Soon Sarah is plunged into a deep labyrinth of intrigue and catastrophe as she races to uncover a diabolically clever conspiracy...before time runs out...and the clock strikes "THE ZERO HOUR."

A very engaging read that I give a B+. Sarah Cahill is a likable, sharp CIA agent facing up to the world's worst terrorist. The contest between the two is an international chess game of moves and countermoves leading up to an exciting climax. Plenty of action for thriller lovers. If you like David Baldacci, Andrew Gross, John Lescroart or Michael Connelly, you will like Joseph Finder.

Dead Eye, Grey Man #4 by Mark Greaney (2018) – Thriller



Ex-CIA master assassin Court Gentry gets hit with a blast from the past in the fourth Gray Man novel from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Mark Greaney.

Court Gentry has always prided himself on his ability to disappear at will, to fly below the radar and exist in the shadows--to survive as the near-mythical Gray Man. But when he takes revenge upon a former employer who betrayed him, he exposes himself to something he's never had to face before: a killer who is just like him.

Code-named Dead Eye, Russell Whitlock is a graduate of the same ultra-secret Autonomous Asset Program that trained and once controlled Gentry. But now, Whitlock is a free agent who has been directed to terminate his fellow student of death. He knows how his target thinks, how he moves, and how he kills. And he knows the best way to do the job is to make Gentry run for his life--right up until the moment Dead Eye finally ends it...

Loaded with action this is a thrill ride from beginning to end. I give it a B+. If you haven't read Greaney, but do love thrillers, climb on his fan train. He's a very good young writer who will be with us for decades to come so you will always be able to look forward to his next book. If you like Kyle Mills, Gregg Andrew Hurwitz, Brad Taylor or Mike Maden grab yourself a Greaney book for your next favorite author.

Fair Warning by Michael Connelly (2020) – Crime Thriller



Jack McEvoy, the journalist who never backs down, tracks a serial killer who has been operating completely under the radar--until now.

Veteran reporter Jack McEvoy has taken down killers before, but when a woman he had a one-night stand with is murdered in a particularly brutal way, McEvoy realizes he might be facing a criminal mind unlike any he's ever encountered. Jack investigates--against the warnings of the police and his own editor--and makes a shocking discovery that connects the crime to other mysterious deaths across the country. Undetected by law enforcement, a vicious killer has been hunting women, using genetic data to select and stalk his targets. Uncovering the murkiest corners of the dark web, Jack races to find and protect the last source who can lead him to his quarry. But the killer has already chosen his next target, and he's ready to strike. Terrifying and unputdownable, *Fair Warning* shows once again why "Michael Connelly has earned his place in the pantheon of great crime fiction writers"

I've mainly read Connelly's Bosch series (and binged on the series). My initial Jack McAvoy book was very good and I'll be reading the other two - [The Poet](#) (1996) and 2. [The Scarecrow](#) (2009). The thought processes the characters go through to piece together enough of the pieces of the case to catch the criminal is fascinating to me. I give Fair Warning an A. If you've not read Connelly (why not?) but like John Sandford, David Baldacci or Kathy Reichs, don't wait to read Connelly.

The November 2021 winner #2 is:

Amber Aden

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Did You Know?

Writers who died before reaching 40

- Robert Burns died of rheumatic heart disease at 36
- Charlotte Bronte died at 39 from tuberculosis. Her sisters Emily (30) and Anne (29) also died of the same disease.
 - Stephen Crane died at 28 of tuberculosis.
 - Dylan Thomas drank himself to death at 39.

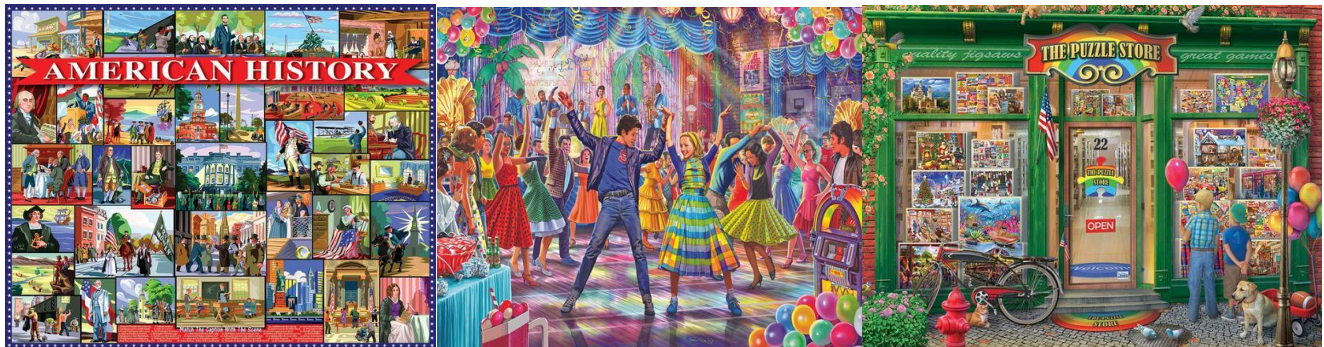
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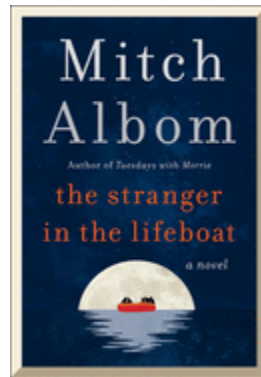
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Hardcover and Trade Paperback

Mitch Albom – The Stranger in the Lifeboat – 23.99 – Religious Fiction



What would happen if we called on God for help and God actually appeared? In Mitch Albom's profound new novel of hope and faith, a group of shipwrecked passengers pull a strange man from the sea. He claims to be "the Lord." And he says he can only save them if they all believe in him.

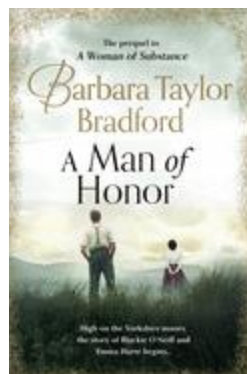
Adrift in a raft after a deadly ship explosion, nine people struggle for survival at sea. Three days pass. Short on water, food and hope, they spot a man floating in the waves. They pull him in.

"Thank the Lord we found you," a passenger says.

"I am the Lord," the man whispers.

So begins Mitch Albom's most beguiling and inspiring novel yet.

Barbara Taylor Bradford – A Man of Honor – 29.99 – General



The prequel to Barbara Taylor Bradford's *New York Times* bestselling and dazzling saga *A Woman of Substance*.

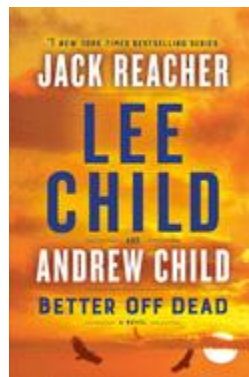
Opening five years before the start of *A Woman of Substance*, *A Man of Honor* begins with 13-year-old Blackie O'Neill facing an uncertain future in rural County Kerry. Orphaned and alone, he has just buried his sister, Bronagh, and must

leave his home to set sail for England, in search of a better life with his mother's brother in Leeds. There, he learns his trade as a navvy, amid the grand buildings and engineering triumphs of one of England's most prosperous cities, and starts to dream of greater things... And then, high on the Yorkshire moors, in the mists of a winter morning he meets a kitchen maid called Emma Harte.

In *A Man of Honor*, the true Blackie O'Neill is revealed. For the first time, readers discover his story: his tumultuous life, the obstacles facing him, the desire he has to throw off the impotence of poverty and move up in the world. Like his friend Emma, he is ambitious, driven, disciplined, and determined to make it to the top. And like Emma Harte, he is an unforgettable character for the millions who loved the book.

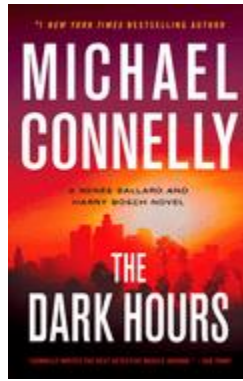
Mark Cameron – Tom Clancy Chain of Command, A Jack Ryan Novel – 29.95 - Thriller

Lee & Andrew Child – Better Off Dead – 28.99 –Thriller



"Reacher goes where he wants, when he wants. That morning he was heading west, walking under the merciless desert sun--until he comes upon a curious scene. A Jeep has crashed into the only tree for miles around. A woman is slumped over the wheel ... The woman is Michaela Fenton, an army veteran turned FBI agent trying to find her twin brother, who might be mixed up with some dangerous people. Most of them would rather die than betray their terrifying leader, who has burrowed his influence deep into the nearby border town, a backwater that has seen better days. The mysterious Dendoncker rules from the shadows, out of sight and under the radar, keeping his dealings in the dark ... Reacher is good at finding people who don't want to be found, so he offers to help, despite feeling that Fenton is keeping secrets of her own. But a life hangs in the balance. Maybe more than one. But to bring Dendoncker down will be the riskiest job of Reacher's life. Failure is not an option, because in this kind of game, the loser is always better off dead"--

Michael Connelly – The Dark Hours, A Renee Ballard and Harry Bosch Novel – 29.00 – Mystery



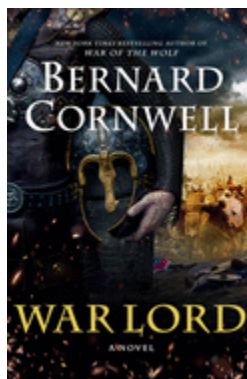
A brazen, methodical killer strikes on New Year's Eve and LAPD detective Renée Ballard and Harry Bosch must join forces to find justice for the victim in a city scarred by fear and social unrest.

There's chaos in Hollywood at the end of the New Year's Eve countdown. Working her graveyard shift, LAPD detective Renée Ballard waits out the traditional rain of lead as hundreds of revelers shoot their guns into the air. Only minutes after midnight, Ballard is called to a scene where a hardworking auto shop owner has been fatally hit by a bullet in the middle of a crowded street party.

Ballard quickly concludes that the deadly bullet could not have fallen from the sky and that it is linked to another unsolved murder--a case at one time worked by Detective Harry Bosch. At the same time, Ballard hunts a fiendish pair of serial rapists, the Midnight Men, who have been terrorizing women and leaving no trace.

Determined to solve both cases, Ballard feels like she is constantly running uphill in a police department indelibly changed by the pandemic and recent social unrest. It is a department so hampered by inertia and low morale that Ballard must go outside to the one detective she can count on: Harry Bosch. But as the two inexorable detectives work together to find out where old and new cases intersect, they must constantly look over their shoulders. The brutal predators they are tracking are ready to kill to keep their secrets hidden.

Bernard Cornwell – War Lord – 16.99 – General



The final installment in Bernard Cornwell's bestselling Saxon Tales series, chronicling the epic story of the making of England--the basis for The Last Kingdom, the hit Netflix series.

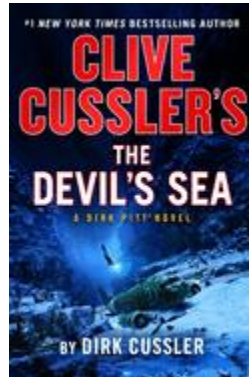
THE FINAL BATTLE AWAITS...

The epic conclusion to the globally bestselling historical series.

England is under attack. Chaos reigns. Northumbria, the last kingdom, is threatened by armies from all sides, by land and sea - and only one man stands in their way. Torn between loyalty and sworn oaths, the warrior king Lord Uhtred of Bebbanburg faces his greatest ever battle - and prepares for his ultimate fate...

Patricia Cornwell – Autopsy, A Scarpetta Novel – 28.99 – Thriller

Dirk Cussler – Clive Cussler's The Devil's Sea, A Dirk Pitt Adventure – 29.00 – General



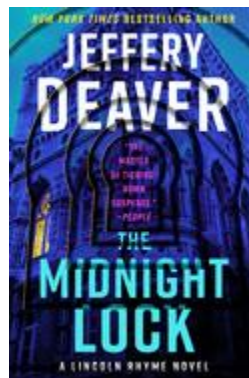
Fearless adventurer Dirk Pitt must unravel a historical mystery of epic importance in the latest novel in the beloved *New York Times* bestselling series created by the "grand master of adventure" Clive Cussler.

In 1959 Tibet, a Buddhist artifact of immense importance was seemingly lost to history in the turmoil of the Communist takeover. But when National Underwater and Marine Agency Director Dirk Pitt discovers a forgotten plane crash in the Philippine Sea over 60 years later, new clues emerge to its hidden existence.

But Pitt and his compatriot Al Giordino have larger worries when they are ordered to recover a failed hypersonic missile from Luzon Strait. Only someone else is after it, too...a rogue Chinese military team that makes their own earth-shattering discovery, hijacking a ship capable of stirring the waters of the deep into a veritable Devil's Sea.

From the cold dark depths of the Pacific Ocean to the dizzying heights of the Himalaya Mountains, only Dirk Pitt and his children, Summer and Dirk Jr., can unravel the mysteries that will preserve a religion, save a nation...and save the world from war.

Jeffery Deaver – The Midnight Lock, A Lincoln Rhyme Novel – 28.00 – Thriller



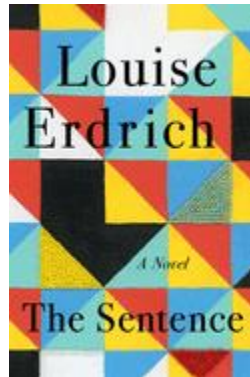
A woman awakes in the morning to find that someone has picked her apartment's supposedly impregnable door lock and rearranged personal items, even sitting beside her while she slept. The intrusion, the police learn, is a message to the entire city of carnage to come. Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs are brought in to investigate and soon learn that the sociopathic intruder, who calls himself the Locksmith," can break through any lock or security system ever devised. With more victims on the horizon, Rhyme, Sachs and their stable of associates must follow the evidence to the man's lair... and discover his true mission.

Their hunt is interrupted when an internal investigation in the police force uncovers what seems to be a crucial mistake in one of Rhyme's previous cases. He's fired as a consultant for the NYPD and must risk jail if he investigates the Locksmith case in secret.

The Midnight Lock is a roller-coaster read that takes place over just a few days' time, features surprise after surprise and

offers a fascinating look at the esoteric world of lockpicking.

Louise Erdrich – The Sentence – 28.99 – General



In this stunning and timely novel, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich creates a wickedly funny ghost story, a tale of passion, of a complex marriage, and of a woman's relentless errors.

Louise Erdrich's latest novel, *The Sentence*, asks what we owe to the living, the dead, to the reader and to the book. A small independent bookstore in Minneapolis is haunted from November 2019 to November 2020 by the store's most annoying customer. Flora dies on All Souls' Day, but she simply won't leave the store. Toookie, who has landed a job selling books after years of incarceration that she survived by reading with murderous attention, must solve the mystery of this haunting while at the same time trying to understand all that occurs in Minneapolis during a year of grief, astonishment, isolation, and furious reckoning.

The Sentence begins on All Souls' Day 2019 and ends on All Souls' Day 2020. Its mystery and proliferating ghost stories during this one year propel a narrative as rich, emotional, and profound as anything Louise Erdrich has written.

Janet Evanovich – Game On, Tempting Twenty-Eight, A Stephanie Plum Novel – 28.99 – Thriller



Stephanie Plum returns to hunt down a new kind of criminal operating out of Trenton in the 28th book in the wildly popular series by #1 New York Times bestselling author Janet Evanovich.

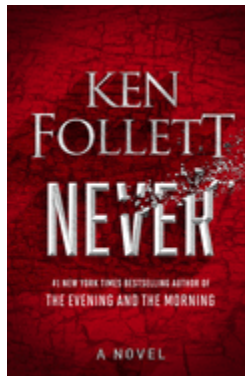
When Stephanie Plum is woken up in the middle of the night by the sound of footsteps in her apartment, she wishes she didn't keep her gun in the cookie jar in her kitchen. And when she finds out the intruder is fellow apprehension agent Diesel, six feet of hard muscle and bad attitude who she hasn't seen in more than two years, she still thinks the gun might come in handy.

Turns out Diesel and Stephanie are on the trail of the same fugitive: Oswald Wednesday, an international computer hacker as brilliant as he is ruthless. Stephanie may not be the most technologically savvy sleuth, but she more than makes up for that with her dogged determination, her understanding of human nature, and her willingness to do just

about anything to bring a fugitive to justice. Unsure if Diesel is her partner or her competition in this case, she'll need to watch her back every step of the way as she sets the stage to draw Wednesday out from behind his computer and into the real world.

Christine Feehan – Dark Tarot, A Carpathian Novel – 28.00 – Romance

Ken Follett – Never – 36.00 – Thriller



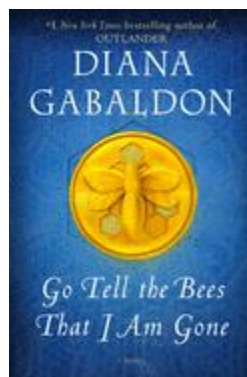
Every catastrophe begins with a little problem that doesn't get fixed." So says Pauline Green, president of the United States, in Follett's nerve-racking drama of international tension.

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

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

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

Diana Gabaldon – Go Tell the Bees That I am Gone, An Outlander Novel – 36.00 – Fantasy



Diana Gabaldon returns with the newest novel in the epic Outlander series.

The past may seem the safest place to be . . . but it is the most dangerous time to be alive. . . .

Jamie Fraser and Claire Randall were torn apart by the Jacobite Rising in 1746, and it took them twenty years to find each other again. Now the American Revolution threatens to do the same.

It is 1779 and Claire and Jamie are at last reunited with their daughter, Brianna, her husband, Roger, and their children on Fraser's Ridge. Having the family together is a dream the Frasers had thought impossible.

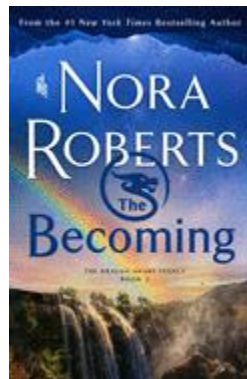
Yet even in the North Carolina backcountry, the effects of war are being felt. Tensions in the Colonies are great and local feelings run hot enough to boil Hell's teakettle. Jamie knows loyalties among his tenants are split and it won't be long until the war is on his doorstep.

Brianna and Roger have their own worry: that the dangers that provoked their escape from the twentieth century might catch up to them. Sometimes they question whether risking the perils of the 1700s--among them disease, starvation, and an impending war--was indeed the safer choice for their family.

Not so far away, young William Ransom is still coming to terms with the discovery of his true father's identity--and thus his own--and Lord John Grey has reconciliations to make, and dangers to meet . . . on his son's behalf, and his own.

Meanwhile, the Revolutionary War creeps ever closer to Fraser's Ridge. And with the family finally together, Jamie and Claire have more at stake than ever before.

Nora Roberts – The Becoming, The Dragon Heart Legacy, Book 2 – 28.99 – Fantasy



A new epic of love and war among gods and humans, from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Awakening*.

The world of magick and the world of man have long been estranged from one another. But some can walk between the two--including Breen Siobhan Kelly. She has just returned to Talamh, with her friend, Marco, who's dazzled and disoriented by this realm--a place filled with dragons and faeries and mermaids (but no WiFi, to his chagrin). In Talamh, Breen is not the ordinary young schoolteacher he knew her as. Here she is learning to embrace the powers of her true identity. Marco is welcomed kindly by her people--and by Keegan, leader of the Fey. Keegan has trained Breen as a warrior, and his yearning for her has grown along with his admiration of her strength and skills.

But one member of Breen's bloodline is not there to embrace her. Her grandfather, the outcast god Odran, plots to destroy Talamh--and now all must unite to defeat his dark forces. There will be losses and sorrows, betrayal and bloodshed. But through it, Breen Siobhan Kelly will take the next step on the journey to becoming all that she was born to be.

Constance Sayers – The Ladies of the Secret Circus – Horror – 16.99



Paris, 1925: To enter the Secret Circus is to enter a world of wonder--a world where women weave illusions of magnificent beasts, carousels take you back in time, and trapeze artists float across the sky. Bound to her family's circus, it's the only world Cecile Cabot knows until she meets a charismatic young painter and embarks on a passionate affair that could cost her everything. Virginia, 2004: Lara Barnes is on top of the world, but when her fiancée disappears on their wedding day every plan she has for the future comes crashing down. Desperate, Lara's search for answers unexpectedly lead to her great-grandmother's journals. Swept into a story of a dark circus and ill-fated love, secrets about Lara's family history come to light and reveal a curse that has been claiming payment from the women in her family for generations. A curse that might be tied to her fiancée's mysterious fate

Danielle Steel – Flying Angels – 28.99 – General



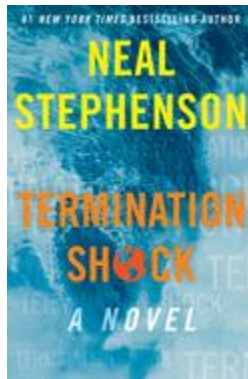
World War II brings together six remarkable young flight nurses, who face the challenges of war and its many heartbreaks and victories as unsung heroes, in this inspiring novel from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Danielle Steel.

Audrey Parker's life changes forever when Pearl Harbor is attacked on December 7, 1941. Her brother, a talented young Navy pilot, had been stationed there, poised to fulfill their late father's distinguished legacy. Fresh out of nursing school with a passion and a born gift for helping others, both Audrey and her friend Lizzie suddenly find their nation on the brink of war. Driven to do whatever they can to serve, they enlist in the Army and embark on a new adventure as flight nurses.

Risking their lives on perilous missions, they join the elite Medical Air Evacuation Transport Squadron and fly into enemy territory almost daily to rescue wounded soldiers from the battlefield. Audrey and Lizzie make enormous sacrifices to save lives alongside an extraordinary group of nurses: Alex, who longs to make a difference in the world; Louise, a bright mind who faced racial prejudice growing up in the South; Pru, a selfless leader with a heart of gold; and Emma, whose confidence and grit push her to put everything on the line for her patients.

Even knowing they will not achieve any rank and will receive little pay for their efforts, the "Flying Angels" will give their all in the fight for freedom. They serve as bravely and tirelessly as the men they rescue on the front lines, in daring airlifts, and are eternally bound by their loyalty to one another. Danielle Steel presents a sweeping, stunning tribute to these incredibly courageous women, inspiring symbols of bravery and valor.

Neal Stephenson – Termination Shock – 35.00 – Thriller

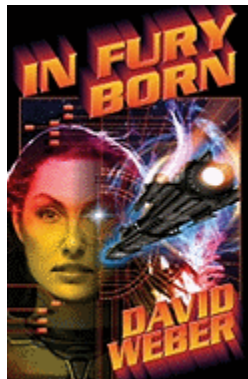


Neal Stephenson's sweeping, prescient new novel transports readers to a near-future world in which the greenhouse effect has inexorably resulted in a whirling-dervish troposphere of superstorms, rising sea levels, global flooding, merciless heat waves, and virulent, deadly pandemics.

One man - visionary billionaire restaurant chain magnate T. R. Schmidt, Ph.D. - has a Big Idea for reversing global warming, a master plan perhaps best described as "elemental." But will it work? And just as important, what are the consequences for the planet and all of humanity should it be applied?

Ranging from the Texas heartland to the Dutch royal palace in the Hague, from the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas to the sunbaked Chihuahuan Desert, *Termination Shock* brings together a disparate group of characters from different cultures and continents who grapple with the real-life repercussions of global warming. Ultimately, it asks the question: Might the cure be worse than the disease?

David Weber – In Fury Born – 16.00 – Sci Fi



Imperial Intelligence couldn't find them, the Imperial Fleet couldn't catch them, and local defenses couldn't stop them. It seemed the planet-wrecking pirates were invincible. But they made a big mistake when they raided ex-commando leader Alicia DeVries' quiet home work, tortured and murdered her family, and then left her for dead. Alicia decided to turn pirate herself, and stole a cutting-edge AI ship from the Empire to start her vendetta. Her fellow veterans think she's gone crazy, the Imperial Fleet has shoot-on-sight orders. And of course the pirates want her dead, too. But Alicia DeVries has two allies nobody knows about, allies as implacable as she is: a self-aware computer, and a creature from the mists of Old Earth's most ancient legends. And this trio of furies won't rest until vengeance is served.

In Fury Born is a greatly expanded new version of David Weber's popular novel *Path of the Fury*, which has gone through six large printings in its original mass market edition. David Weber has added considerable new material, revealing the earlier life of Alicia DeVries before she embarked on her mission of vengeance, and illuminating the universe of the original story.

Karen White – The Attic on Queen Street – 27.00 – General



Return to the house on Tradd Street one last time in this hauntingly spectacular finale to the bestselling series featuring psychic medium Melanie Trenholm.

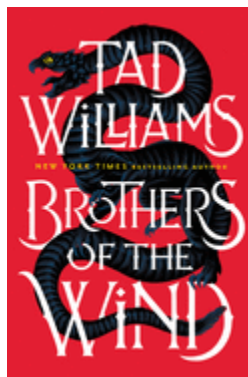
After the devastating events of the past few months, the last thing Melanie Trenholm wants is to think about the future. Why, when her husband, Jack, has asked for a separation--a separation that might have been her fault? Nevertheless, with twin toddlers, a stepdaughter leaving for college soon, a real estate career to resume and a historic home that is *still* being restored, Melanie doesn't have much time to wonder where it all went wrong--but that doesn't stop her from trying to win her husband back.

Their relationship issues are pushed aside, however, when longtime nemesis, Marc Longo, comes to them with a proposition: allow their Tradd Street house to be used as the filming location for the movie adaptation of Marc's bestselling book, and he will help Jack re-establish his stalled writing career. Despite Melanie's hesitation, Jack jumps at the chance. But Melanie's doubts soon prove to be well founded when she uncovers ulterior reasons for Marc wanting to be back in their house--reasons that include a hidden gem so brilliant that legend links it to the most infamous jewel of all, the Hope Diamond.

But Melanie has an unexpected ally in protecting the house and its inhabitants--the ghost of a Civil War era girl warns her of increasing threats to her family. But she's not the only spirit who is haunting Melanie. A malevolent ghost seems determined to stop Melanie from investigating the decades-old murder of a friend's sister, and this spirit will stop at nothing to protect its secrets--even from beyond the grave.

Melanie and Jack must work together to find the answers before evil spirits of past and present destroy everything they love.

Tad Williams – Brothers of the Wind – 28.00 – Fantasy



Pride often goes before a fall, but sometimes that prideful fall is so catastrophic that it changes history itself.

Among the immortal Sithi of Osten Ard, none are more beloved and admired than the two sons of the ruling family, steady Hakatri and his proud and fiery younger brother Ineluki -- Ineluki, who will one day become the undead Storm King. The younger brother makes a bold, terrible oath that he will destroy deadly Hidohebhi, a terrifying monster, but

instead drags his brother with him into a disaster that threatens not just their family but all the Sithi -- and perhaps all of humankind as well.

Set a thousand years before the events of Williams's *The Dragonbone Chair*, the tale of Ineluki's tragic boast and what it brings is told by Pamon Kes, Hakatri's faithful servant. Kes is not one of the Sithi but a member of the enslaved Changeling race, and his loyalty has never before been tested. Now he must face the terrible black dragon at his master's side, then see his own life changed forever in a mere instant by Ineluki's rash, selfish promise.

The November 2021 winner #3 is:

Michael Fitzsimmons

Trivia for November 2021

Why did 70-year-old Miguel Ramirez sue writer Ernest Hemingway?

Answer

The Cuban fisherman claimed Hemingway stole his story, the Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Old Man and The Sea*. The suit was thrown out.

Mass Market Paperback

Ace Atkins – Robert Parker's *Someone to Watch Over Me*, A Spenser Novel – 9.99 – Mystery

Linwood Barclay – *Find You First* – 9.99 – Thriller



Tech millionaire Miles Cookson has more money than he can ever spend, and everything he could dream of--except time. He has recently been diagnosed with a terminal illness, and there is a fifty percent chance that it can be passed on to the next generation. For Miles, this means taking a long hard look at his past . . .

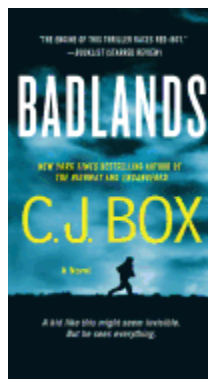
Two decades ago, a young, struggling Miles was a sperm donor. Somewhere out there, he has kids--nine of them. And they might be about to inherit both the good *and* the bad from him--maybe his fortune, or maybe something much worse.

As Miles begins to search for the children he's never known, aspiring film documentarian Chloe Swanson embarks on a quest to find her biological father, armed with the knowledge that twenty-two years ago, her mother used a New York sperm bank to become pregnant.

When Miles and Chloe eventually connect, their excitement at finding each other is overshadowed by a series of mysterious and terrifying events. One by one, Miles's other potential heirs are vanishing--every trace of them wiped, like they never existed at all.

Who is the vicious killer--another heir methodically erasing rivals? Or is something even *more* sinister going on? It's a deadly race against time . . .

C.J. Box – Badlands, A Cassie Dewell Novel – 9.99 – Mystery



the town of Grimstad used to be a place people came from but were never headed to. Now it's the oil capital of North Dakota. With oil comes money, with money comes drugs, and with drugs come the dirtiest criminals Grimstad's new deputy sheriff Cassie Dewell has ever encountered. . .

Twelve-year-old Kyle Westergaard dreams of getting out of Grimstad and leading a better life. Even though Kyle has been written off as a "slow" kid, he has dreams deeper than anyone can imagine. One day, while delivering newspapers, he witnesses a car accident and takes a mysterious bundle from the scene. Suddenly he's in possession of a lot of money--and packets of white powder--and Kyle can't help but wonder whether his luck has changed...for better or for worse.

"Suspenseful--you can't put it down."--Library Journal

When the temperature drops to 30 below and a gang war heats up, it's up to Cassie to help restore law and order. But is she in over her head? As she is propelled on a collision course with a murderous enemy, she finds that the key to it all might come in the most unlikely form: a boy on a bike named Kyle. He keeps showing up where he doesn't belong. And he seems to know something that Cassie does not about what lies beneath the surface of this small and troubled town...

... Jim Butcher – Battle Ground, A Novel of The Dresden Files – 9.99 – Fantasy



THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET SERIOUS FOR HARRY DRESDEN, CHICAGO'S ONLY PROFESSIONAL WIZARD, in the next entry in the #1 *New York Times* bestselling Dresden Files.

Harry has faced terrible odds before. He has a long history of fighting enemies above his weight class. The Red Court of vampires. The fallen angels of the Order of the Blackened Denarius. The Outsiders.

But this time it's different. A being more powerful and dangerous on an order of magnitude beyond what the world has seen in a millennium is coming. And she's bringing an army. The Last Titan has declared war on the city of Chicago, and has come to subjugate humanity, obliterating any who stand in her way.

Harry's mission is simple but impossible: Save the city by killing a Titan. And the attempt will change Harry's life, Chicago, and the mortal world forever

Marc Cameron – Tom Clancy Shadow of the Dragon, A Jack Ryan Novel – 9.99 – Thriller

The November 2021 winner #4 is:

Joyce Mallory

Robyn Carr – A Virgin River Christmas – 9.99 – Romance



Last Christmas Marcie Sullivan said a final goodbye to her husband, Bobby. This Christmas she's come to Virgin River to find the man who saved his life and gave her three more years to love him.

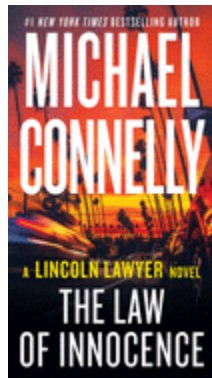
Fellow marine Ian Buchanan dragged Bobby's shattered body onto a medical transport in Fallujah four years ago, then

disappeared as soon as their unit arrived stateside. Since then, Marcie's letters to Ian have gone unanswered.

Marcie tracks Ian to the tiny mountain town of Virgin River and finds a man as wounded emotionally as Bobby was physically. But she is not easily scared off. As Marcie pushes her way into his rugged and reclusive life, she discovers a sweet but damaged soul beneath a rough exterior.

Ian doesn't know what to make of the determined young widow who forces him to look into the painful past and, what's worse, the uncertain future. But it is, after all, a season of miracles and maybe, just maybe, it's time to banish the ghosts and open his heart.

Michael Connelly – The Law of Innocence, A Lincoln Lawyer Novel – 9.99 – Mystery



On the night he celebrates a big win, defense attorney Mickey Haller is pulled over by police, who find the body of a former client in the trunk of his Lincoln. Haller is immediately charged with murder but can't post the exorbitant \$5 million bail slapped on him by a vindictive judge.

Mickey elects to represent himself and is forced to mount his defense from his jail cell in the Twin Towers Correctional Center in downtown Los Angeles. All the while he needs to look over his shoulder--as an officer of the court he is an instant target, and he makes few friends when he reveals a corruption plot within the jail.

But the bigger plot is the one against him. Haller knows he's been framed, whether by a new enemy or an old one. As his trusted team, including his half-brother, Harry Bosch, investigates, Haller must use all his skills in the courtroom to counter the damning evidence against him.

Even if he can obtain a not-guilty verdict, Mickey understands that it won't be enough. In order to be truly exonerated, he must find out who really committed the murder and why. That is the law of innocence.

Ralph Cotton – Bad River – 7.99 – Western



Arizona Ranger Sam Burrack is back--and hot on the trail of the worst desperados in two countries

Following a tip from a prisoner in Yuma Penitentiary, Ranger Sam Burrack is riding to the Mexican Valley to hunt down the Cowboy Gang, notorious bandits who have topped the Most Wanted list for the past year. The crooks have fled to

Río Malo and settled in under the protection of corrupt town officials. Now, with new recruits including the infamous Russian assassin Kura Stabitz, they're robbing banks and trains on both sides of the border.

"I will tell you where they are," Escalante had said, "only because I know that Stabitz will kill you and bleed you like a dying pig!" Burrack knows it won't be easy. He won't find the gunmen just waiting to be arrested in Bad River. But with patience--and a little luck--he will find them nearby, maybe in the limestone mountains, maybe in the caves above the old Quaker mission. He'll smoke them out like rats if he has to. That was the job, and a ranger always gets the job done...

Janet Evanovich – Fortune and Glory – 9.99 – Mystery



When Stephanie's beloved Grandma Mazur's new husband died on their wedding night, the only thing he left her was a beat-up old easy chair...and the keys to a life-changing fortune.

But as Stephanie and Grandma Mazur search for Jimmy Rosolli's treasure, they discover that they're not the only ones on the hunt. Two dangerous enemies from the past stand in their way--along with a new adversary who's even more formidable: Gabriela Rose, a dark-eyed beauty from Little Havana with a taste for designer clothes. She's also a soldier of fortune, a gourmet cook, an expert in firearms and mixed martial arts--and someone who's about to give Stephanie a real run for her money.

Stephanie may be in over her head, but she's got two things that Gabriela doesn't: an unbreakable bond with her family and a stubborn streak that will never let her quit.

She'll need both to survive because this search for "fortune and glory" will turn into a desperate race against time with more on the line than ever before. Because even as she searches for the treasure and fights to protect her Grandma Mazur, her own deepest feelings will be tested--as Stephanie could finally be forced to choose between Joe Morelli and Ranger.

Iris Johansen – Blink of an Eye – 9.99 – Mystery



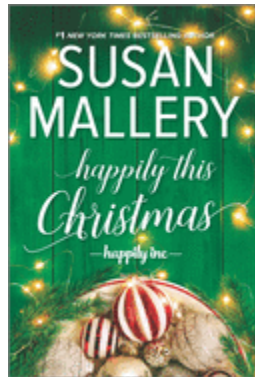
Delilah Winter is one of the hottest pop stars on the planet, so how in the world was she kidnapped right in the middle of a show at the famous Hollywood Bowl? If anyone can figure it out, it's Dr. Kendra Michaels, who works with local and federal authorities on only the most impossible cases. Blind for the first twenty years of her life until a revolutionary surgical procedure allowed her to regain her sight, Kendra uses her powers of observation--honed during her years in

the dark--to detect what other investigators don't. She agrees to lead the race to rescue the young singer before time runs out.

Joined by Jessie Mercado, the singer's former bodyguard and a military hero, Kendra closes in on the hideout location but not before casualties mount up. Desperate for leads, Kendra must set aside her personal feelings when agent-for-hire Adam Lynch also volunteers his special skills to aid in the search.

But as the abductor's true purpose becomes clear, the trio uncover a plot they never could have imagined--leading to a showdown they won't soon forget.

Susan Mallery – Happily this Christmas, Happily Inc. – 9.99 – Romance



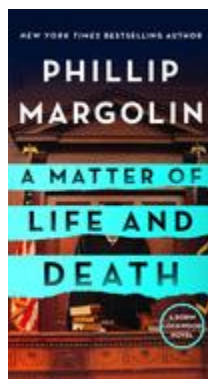
There's no place like Happily Inc for the holidays...

Wynn Beauchene has a thriving business, a great kid and a mildly embarrassing crush on the guy next door--local cop Garrick McCabe. She's a strong, independent woman who can't help dreaming what-if about a man she barely knows. Until he needs her help...

Garrick's pregnant daughter will be home for Christmas, and his house needs a woman's touch. Garrick and his little girl were tight once and he's hoping a small-town Christmas will bring her back to him. But thawing his daughter's frosty attitude will take more than a few twinkle lights. Maybe sharing the holiday with Wynn and her son will remind her of the joy of family.

As the season works its magic on these wounded souls, Wynn realizes it's time to stop punishing herself for a painful secret, while Garrick remains haunted by the ghosts of past mistakes. Will he allow Wynn to open the only gift she truly wants--his heart?

Phillip Margolin – A Matter of Life and Death, A Robin Lockwood Novel – 9.99 – Mystery



Joe Lattimore, homeless and trying desperately to provide for his young family, agrees to fight in a no-holds-barred illegal bout, only to have his opponent die. Lattimore now finds himself at the mercy of the fight's organizers who

blackmail him into burglarizing a house. However, when he breaks in, he finds a murdered woman on the floor and the police have received an anonymous tip naming him the murderer.

Robin Lockwood, an increasingly prominent young attorney and former MMA fighter, agrees to take on his defense.

But the case is seemingly airtight--the murdered woman's husband, Judge Anthony Carasco, has an alibi and

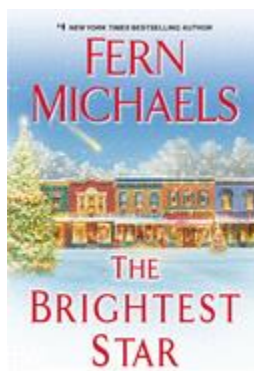
Lattimore's fingerprints are discovered at the scene. But everything about the case is too easy, too pat, and Lockwood is convinced that her client has been framed. The only problem is that she has no way of proving it and since this is a death case, if she fails then another innocent will die.

Leslie Meier – Christmas Card Murder – 8.99 – Mystery



Death of a Christmas card crafter: "Slay bells ring when the body of Arborville High School's beloved art teacher (and annual Christmas card designer), Karma Karling, is discovered on the first day of the Holiday Craft Fair. Now, Pamela Paterson and the Knit and Nibble crew must swap swatching for sleuthing in order to put a Christmas killer on ice"--

Fern Michaels – The Brightest Star, A Heartwarming Christmas Novel – 9.99 – Romance



Christmas is more than just a celebration for Lauren Montgomery. For generations, it's been her family's livelihood. Their Christmas shop, Razzle Dazzle Décor, has seen seasonal fads come and go, but there's one trend they can't escape. Online superstores are swallowing their sales, and this Christmas season will need to be their best ever if the store is to stay in business.

To help keep the shop afloat, Lauren also has a sideline, writing biographies for business figures. She's thrilled when her literary agent contacts her with a new proposal and quickly agrees to the terms--before learning that the subject will be none other than the CEO of Globalgoods.com, the online retailer that has spelled doom for hundreds of small businesses just like Razzle Dazzle Décor. Despite her misgivings, Lauren travels to Seattle to confer with the mogul, and is caught off guard by his son, John Jr. Handsome, intelligent, and deeply kind, he's perfect--apart from the fact that he'll soon be CEO of the company threatening everything Lauren loves.

As her deadline, and Christmas, draw closer, Lauren knows that there's more than her family's shop at stake. Her heart is, too. But there's no better time than the holidays to make a secret wish on the brightest star you see--and let the

season's magic take hold...

Julia Quinn – Bridgerton: On the Way to the Wedding, Gregory's Story – 9.99 – Romance



Unlike most men of his acquaintance, Gregory Bridgerton believes in true love. And he is convinced that when he finds the woman of his dreams, he will know in an instant that she is the one. And that is exactly what happened. Except ...

She wasn't the one. In fact, the ravishing Miss Hermione Watson is in love with another. But her best friend, the ever-practical Lady Lucinda Abernathy, wants to save Hermione from a disastrous alliance, so she offers to help Gregory win her over. But in the process, Lucy falls in love. With Gregory! Except ...

Lucy is engaged. And her uncle is not inclined to let her back out of the betrothal, even once Gregory comes to his senses and realizes that it is Lucy, with her sharp wit and sunny smile, who makes his heart sing. And now, on the way to the wedding, Gregory must risk everything to ensure that when it comes time to kiss the bride, he is the only man standing at the altar ...

Paige Shelton – Cold Wind, A Mystery – 7.99



Beth Rivers is still in Alaska. The unidentified man who kidnapped her in her home of St. Louis hasn't been found yet, so she's not ready to go back.

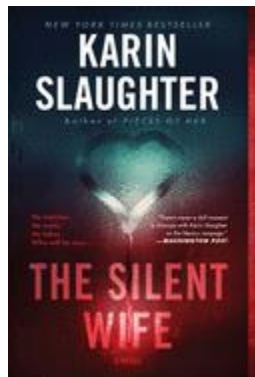
But as October comes to a close, Benedict is feeling more and more like her new home. Beth has been working on herself: She's managed to get back to writing, and she's enjoying these beautiful months between summer and winter in Alaska.

Then, everything in Benedict changes after a mudslide exposes a world that had been hidden for years. Two mud-covered, silent girls appear, and a secret trapper's house is found in the woods. The biggest surprise, though, is a dead and frozen woman's body in the trapper's shed. No one knows who she is, but the man who runs the mercantile, Randy, seems to be in the middle of all the mysteries.

Unable to escape her journalistic roots, Beth is determined to answer the questions that keep arising: Are the

mysterious girls and the frozen body connected? Can Randy possibly be involved? And--most importantly--can she solve this mystery before the cold wind sweeping over the town and the townspeople descends for good?

Karen Slaughter – The Silent Wife – 9.99 – Thriller



He watches. He waits. He takes. Who will be next . . .

Investigating the killing of a prisoner during a riot inside a state penitentiary, GBI investigator Will Trent is confronted with disturbing information. One of the inmates claims that he is innocent of a brutal attack for which he has always been the prime suspect. The man insists that he was framed by a corrupt law enforcement team led by Jeffrey Tolliver and that the real culprit is still out there--a serial killer who has systematically been preying on women across the state for years. If Will reopens the investigation and implicates the dead police officer with a hero's reputation of wrongdoing, the opportunistic convict is willing to provide the information GBI needs about the riot murder.

Only days ago, another young woman was viciously murdered in a state park in northern Georgia. Is it a fluke, or could there be a serial killer on the loose?

As Will Trent digs into both crimes it becomes clear that he must solve the cold case in order to find the answer. Yet nearly a decade has passed--time for memories to fade, witnesses to vanish, evidence to disappear, and lies to become truth. But Will can't crack either mystery without the help of the one person he doesn't want involved: his girlfriend and Jeffrey Tolliver's widow, medical examiner Sara Linton.

When the past and present begin to collide, Will realizes that everything he values is at stake . . .