

The Book Rack Newsletter

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Thanksgiving and Christmas)*

Trivia for October 2022

What was the first novel ever written?

Read on and find the answer later in the newsletter.

**NOTE: The Book Rack will close at 4:00 PM on
October 31 – Halloween**

**Why? You might ask. Because you don't visit
the store after 4:00 on Halloween! And, it will
enable our staff to get their "little monsters"
ready to forage the neighborhoods for
nutritious snacks to energize them when the
adults are ready to rest!**

\$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 October 1, 2020).

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

The October 2022 winner #1 is:

Bob & Doria Schneider

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 **October 31, 2022** to claim your prize:

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

October 2022 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

Month Celebrations

- Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Cookie Month
- National Diabetes Month
- National Pizza Month

- Weekly Events
- Week 1 Get Organized Week
- Week 1 Customer Service Week
- Week 2 Fire Prevention Week
- Week 2 Pet Peeve Week

Holidays

1 – International Coffee Day

International Frugal Fun Day (aka Book Reading Day)

2 - Jonathan Turner Book Signing (Rescheduled from 9/18) (11 – 1:00)

4 – National Golf Day

5 – World Teacher Day
7 – World Smile Day (First Friday of October)
10 – Columbus Day
Indigenous People Day
11 – It's My Party Day
13 – Dr. Burl Randolph, Jr. Book Signing (11-1:00)
16 – Daniel Drake Book Signing (11-1:00)
17 – Wear Something Gaudy Day
27 – Black Cat Day
28 – Frankenstein Friday – Last Friday in October
30 - Ed Epperly Book Signing 12-3:00
31 – Halloween- The Book Rack will close at 4:00 PM

October's Featured Local Authors

**Jonathan Turner, Burl Randolph, Jr,
Daniel Drake and Ed Epperly**

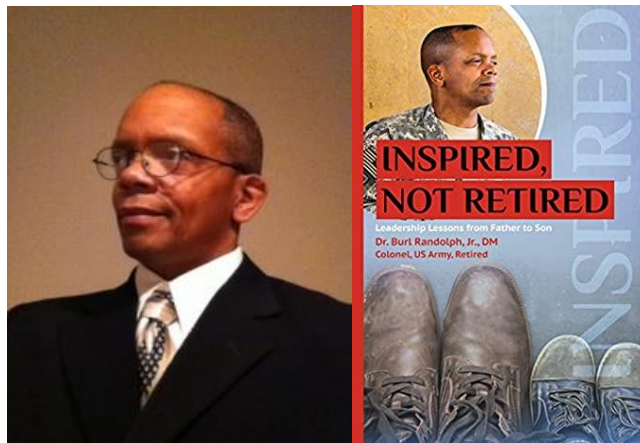
**Jonathan Turner will be at The Book Rack October 2,
11-1:00, introducing visitors to his new QC travel guide,
"100 Things to Do in the Quad Cities Before You Die."**



The Quad Cities is a unique metropolitan area along the mighty Mississippi River, growing in both size and nationwide reputation. This region of 400,000-plus people has all the friendliness, affordability, and short, headache-free commutes of many small towns, but also a staggering variety and quality of things to do. 100 Things to Do in the Quad Cities is an invaluable source to help you track down some of the top places, events, and organizations that make the area pulse and thrive. Take a tour of the creative, intoxicating QC Ale Trail including Bent River and Front Street breweries. Taste some terrifically varied restaurants like Me & Billy, Tantra, and Food Affair Bistro or enjoy live entertainment at The Music Guild or the Adler Theatre. Abounding museums and art galleries like the Figge and Putnam make the QC

a genuinely special, entertaining place. Veteran local journalist Jonathan Turner is your knowledgeable, friendly guide to all that is great about the QC and how to make the most of your visit--whether you're here for a busy, rich weekend, or a satisfying lifetime. You'll want to check all 100 things off your list and then come back around the River Bend for more! Jonathan Turner has been a digital reporter at WHBF-TV in Rock Island, Ill., since September 2021. He's been a full-time journalist since 1995, in the Quad Cities. He's especially passionate about covering arts and culture.

**Meet the Author Book Signing
at The Book Rack
October 13, 11-1:00 for
Dr. Burl Randolph, Jr., Author
“Inspired, Not Retired: *Leadership
Lessons from Father to Son*”**

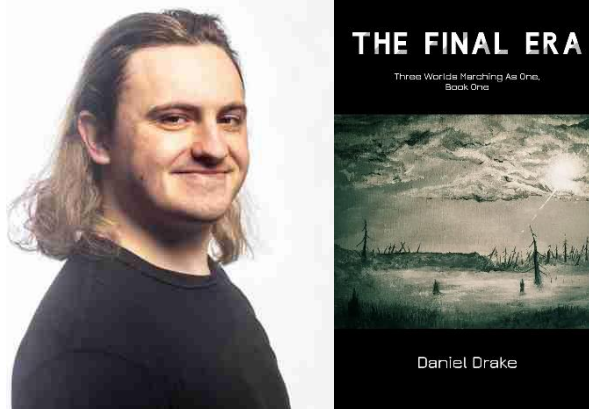


Dr. Randolph is also the co-author of
Can God Trust You with Trouble?

Dr. Burl is a three-time combat veteran
in Iraq with 32 years of Army service.

He is the President and Chief
Consultant of MyWingman, LLC, a Business Leadership and
Management Consulting company serving the Quad Cities,
“Helping Leaders Design Legacies That Last ©2015”.

Daniel Drake will be at The Book Rack October 16, 11 – 1:00 introducing his new novel, “The Final Era (Three Worlds Marching as One, Book #1)”

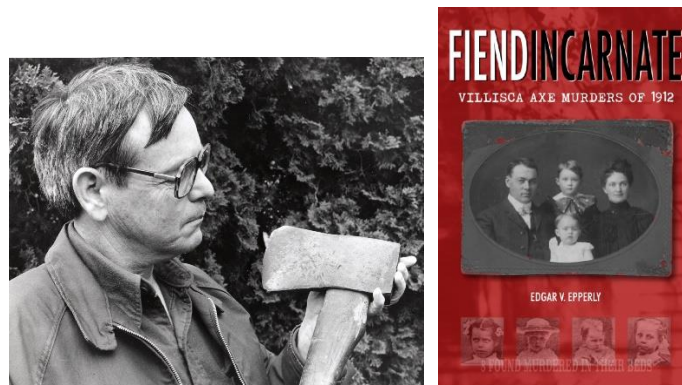


David Renninger is flying high. He just proposed to the girl of his dreams and got his dream job. Nothing is going wrong... until the world started screaming.

After a solar storm on December 21st, 2012, David's world descends. All around him he sees that people are dying in great numbers, insanity is running rampant, and the madness infects his personal life, harming everything he has built towards.

What is causing all of this? Who is behind the world collapsing before his eyes? Can David persevere?

Ed Epperly will be at The Book Rack October 30, 12:00 – 3:30 PM signing and visiting with customers about his book “Fiend Incarnate: Villisca Iowa Axe Murders of 1912”



Sometime during the dark early morning of June 10, 1912, a person or persons unknown bludgeoned to death Josiah B. Moore, his wife Sara, their children Herman, Katherine, Boyd and

Paul, and two overnight guests, Lena and Ina Stillinger. The sensational crime led to nearly ten years of investigations and trials. The small southwest Iowa town of Villisca split over the guilt or innocence of a local businessman and State Senator. A traveling minister from England with a history of window peeping was charged and tried. Investigators and reporters across the country speculated that the brutal crime was the work of an early serial killer. Similar crimes had been committed in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Ellsworth, Kansas; and Monmouth, Illinois.

Dr. Epperly spent over 60 years interviewing eyewitnesses and key figures in the Villisca murder case in addition to examining historical records connected to the crime. He is considered the foremost authority on the sensational crime. The comprehensive 416-page historical non-fiction book is illustrated with over 190 rare images.

Book Reviews

Reviews by Claudia:

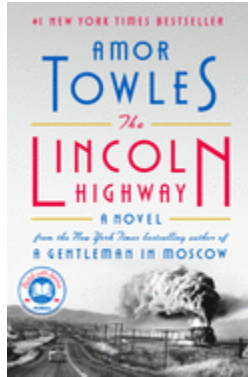
***Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke – Fantasy - 2021**



is a weird little book, and I'm one of the people who liked it. Piranesi lives in a house with countless rooms and corridors lined with thousands of individually unique statues. The ocean is confined inside this maze, with intermittent crashing waves and flooding of the hallways and rooms. He lives to explore his house, so Piranesi understands the tides and can keep himself safe in the labyrinth. He is alone but a well-dressed man called The Other visits briefly twice a week and asks Piranesi for help with research into A Great and Secret Knowledge. More than willing to help, Piranesi's explorations find evidence of yet another person in the house, which in turn raises questions about his own existence, and reveals a world outside of the house Piranesi has only ever known. Reviews range from *"Strange, unique, and enjoyable"*, *"my favorite novel of possibly the last five years"*, *"one intriguing, beautiful puzzle"*, to *"boring, tedious and over hyped"*, *"put me in a slump."* On the Goodreads site, reviewer Elle, sums it up well: *"This is a book that falls into a category I've come to describe as for A Certain Kind of Reader®. Maybe that's a phrase you've heard before, but*

for me it namely means that most readers will not like it, but a segment of them will LOVE it.” What more can I say? I liked it. If you’re A Certain Kind of Reader... Recommended.

***The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles – 2021 – Literary Fiction**



is a story that spans just 10 days in June of 1954. After serving a fifteen-month sentence at a juvenile work farm, a warden drives eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson to his bank-foreclosed Nebraska family farm. With his father recently deceased, Emmett plans to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and start a new life in California, where they hope to find their long-missing mother. Instead, two friends from the work farm, who had hidden in the trunk of the warden’s car, enlist Emmett for an escapade of their own with assurances that the reward will be worth the detour to New York. The story is told from the characters’ different points of view as they travel together, separate, ride the rails with drifters, and seek out vaudevillians and aristocrats. Billy and his favorite book, *Professor Abacus Abernathé’s Compendium of Heroes, Adventurers, and Other Intrepid Travelers*, tie much of the story together. Billy carries his precious book with him, re-reading the stories and telling anyone who will listen about his heroes. What each of Abernathé’s heroes – or Towles’ characters – has inherited and how he chooses to use that inheritance is an overriding theme. I did not see the end coming, but it made sense. Recommended.

The October 2022 winner #2 is:

Jennifer Fairchild

Reviews by Bob

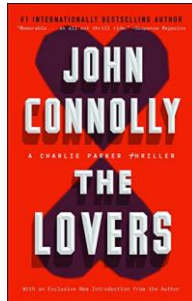
Touch by Elmore Leonard – 1987 – Mystery



Charlie Lawson, once served as Brother Juvenal in a Catholic order; now he cares for alcoholics in a Detroit hospice. Charlie/Juvenal cures those he touches through miracles manifested by the Stigmata, the wounds of Christ that appear on Charlie's body. The phenomenon lures a flashy promoter, Bill Hill, aiming to get rich by exploiting the reclusive, gentle man who is also the intended prey of rabid right-winger August Murray. Murray plans to get the healer on his side, fighting against the ecumenism of Vatican II rules, especially the ones forbidding the Mass being said in Latin. Both Hill and Murray are losers when smart, attractive Lynn Faulkner and Charlie fall in love, before the astonishing finale that makes one believe the couple will live happily ever after.

Not your typical Elmore Leonard mystery. Still, an intriguing story, written in Leonard's style and one you'll be glad you took time to read. I give it a B.

The Lovers by John Connolly – 2009 – Mystery



An “unfailingly compelling” (*New Orleans Times-Picayune*) and lyrical tale that forces Private Investigator Charlie Parker to examine his haunting past and all that he has ever believed true about his beloved parents—and himself.

Charlie Parker is a lost soul. Deprived of his private investigator's license and under scrutiny by the police, Parker takes a job in a Portland bar. But he uses his enforced retirement to begin a different kind of investigation: an examination of his own past and an inquiry into the death of his father, who took his own life

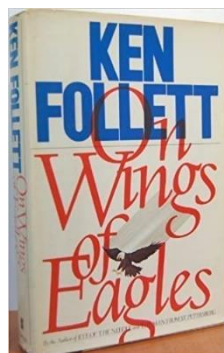
after apparently shooting dead two unarmed teenagers. It's a search that will eventually lead Parker to question all that he believed about his beloved parents, and about himself.

But there are other forces at work: a troubled young woman who is running from an unseen threat, one that has already taken the life of her boyfriend; and a journalist-turned-writer named Mickey Wallace, who is conducting an investigation of his own. And haunting the shadows, as they have done throughout Parker's life, are two figures: a man and a woman who seem driven to bring an end to Charlie Parker's existence.

Haunting, lyrical, and impossible to put down, *The Lovers* is John Connolly at his best.

A good read, but a little slow paced from my perspective. I give it a B. If you liked *Every Cloak Rolled in Blood* (Holland Family Saga, #4) (2022) by James Lee Burke and *The Investigators* by John Sandford, (2022), you'll probably like *The Lovers*.

On Wings of Eagles by Ken Follett – Nonfiction Documentary – 1983



When two of his American employees were held hostage in a heavily guarded prison fortress in Iran, one man took matters into his own hands: American businessman H. Ross Perot. His team consisted of a group of volunteers from the executive ranks of his corporation, hand-picked and trained by a retired Green Beret officer. To free the imprisoned Americans, they would face incalculable odds on a mission that only true heroes would have dared....

“A marvelous, rare, terrific read...as exciting as a novel.” —*USA Today*

I could not agree more. A wonderfully written adventure thriller, true in every sentence is gripping. When I started reading this book and was introduced to the various central characters, I had in my mind the classic Hollywood actor types. But when I looked at the pictures included, I found men (mostly) common in most every visible feature. The book reveals their remarkable characters, strengths and bonds that made the escape described possible. Better than any fiction story conceived by even the best authors. A great author with a great story gave us a remarkable book, even so after 40-years. I give it an A+. If you have an opinion about Ross Perot, set it aside and read this book and see how you feel after reading it. This is not a political story.

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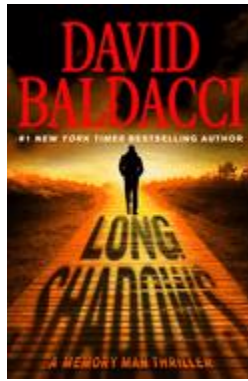
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Hardcover and Trade Paperback

David Baldacci - Long Shadows (Memory Man) – Thriller – 29.00



The "Memory Man" Amos Decker--an FBI consultant with perfect recall--delves into a bewildering double homicide in this new thriller in David Baldacci's #1 *New York Times* bestselling series.

When Amos Decker is called to South Florida to investigate a double homicide, the case appears straightforward: A federal judge and her bodyguard have been found dead, the judge's face sporting a blindfold with two eye holes crudely cut out, a clear sign that she'd made one too many enemies over her years on the bench.

What at first seems cut and dry is anything but: Not only did the judge have more enemies than Decker can count--from violent gang members, drug dealers, and smugglers to a resentful ex-husband--but the bodyguard presents additional conundrums that muddy the waters even further. Who was the real target in this vicious attack?

Meanwhile, Decker must contend with a series of unsettling changes, including a new partner--Special Agent Frederica "Freddie" White--and a devastating event that brings Decker's own tragic past back to the present . . . and forces him to reckon with his future. As potential witnesses start disappearing, Decker and White are inexorably pulled down a twisted tunnel of secrets, crimes, and scandal--at the end of which lies Decker's deadliest threat yet.

Terry Brooks - Daughter of Darkness – Fantasy – 28.99

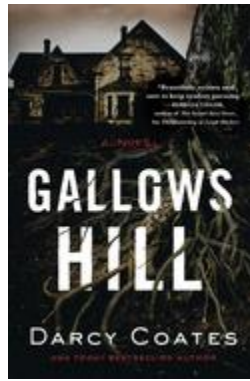


The thrilling second novel of an all-new fantasy series from the legendary author behind the Shannara saga, about a human girl adapting to her place in a magical world she's only recently discovered

It's been two years since Auris escaped from the sinister Goblin prison and learned of her heritage as one of the Fae. She is now happily partnered with her Fae lover, Harrow, and deeply bonded with her new family. All seems to be going perfectly--until, surprisingly, the Goblin attacks begin again. Someone, it seems, has not forgotten that Auris exists and seems determined to retrieve her . . . but who? And why?

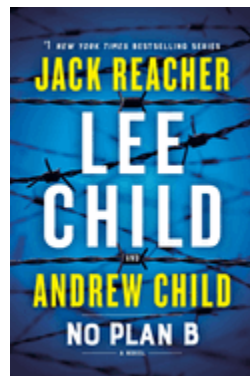
As Auris begins to dig deeper into the mystery, old friends and new enemies appear, and she starts to realize that her still-shrouded past must contain the answers she needs. But even Auris does not suspect how far down the rabbit hole she is about to go, until Harrow is taken and an impossible ransom demand is issued. With two new companions at her side, Auris must attempt to unlock the remaining secrets of her past. For if she cannot, she will never see Harrow alive again.

Darcy Coates - Gallows Hill – Horror – 15.99



The Hull family has owned the Gallows Hill Winery for generations, living and working on the beautiful grounds where they grow their famous grapes. However, there's something at play on the property, and the locals whisper that the site of the old prison yard, located on what is now winery property, is cursed. Margot, daughter of the winery owners, has not seen her childhood home in years, but when Margot's parents die unexpectedly, she inherits the house, the winery, and all of her family's secrets. Now that she's alone on the sprawling, dilapidated property, she begins to believe the curse is more than real... and that she may be the next victim of the house that never rests.

Lee Child & Andrew Child - No Plan B: A Jack Reacher Novel – Thriller – 28.99



"No Plan B is not to be missed. A perfectly plotted, fast-paced thriller, with bigger twists than ever before. It's no wonder Jack Reacher is everyone's favorite rebel hero."--Karin Slaughter

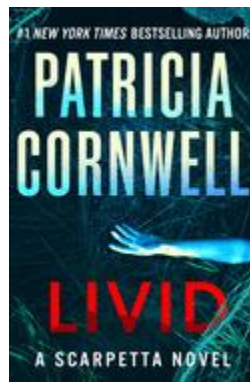
In Gerrardsville, Colorado, a woman dies under the wheels of a moving bus. The death is ruled a suicide. But Jack Reacher saw what really happened: A man in a gray hoodie and jeans, moving stealthily, pushed the victim to her demise--before swiftly grabbing the dead woman's purse and strolling away.

When another homicide is ruled an accident, Reacher knows this is no coincidence. With a killer on the loose, Reacher has no time to waste to track down those responsible.

But Reacher is unaware that these crimes are part of something much larger and more far-reaching: an arsonist out for revenge, a foster kid on the run, a cabal of powerful people involved in a secret conspiracy with many moving parts. There is no room for error, but they make a grave one. They don't consider Reacher a threat. *"There's too much at stake to start running from shadows."* But Reacher isn't a shadow. He is flesh and blood. And relentless when it comes to making things right.

For when the threat is Reacher, there is *No Plan B*.

Patricia Cornwell - Livid: A Scarpetta Novel (Kay Scarpetta #26) – Thriller - 29.00

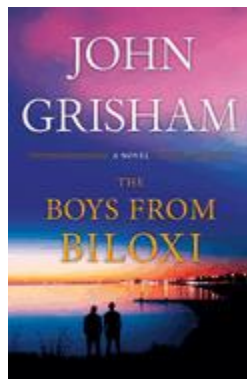


In this thrilling installment of the #1 bestselling series, chief medical examiner Dr. Kay Scarpetta finds herself a reluctant star witness in a sensational televised murder trial causing chaos in Old Town Alexandria with the threat of violent protests.

Chief medical examiner Kay Scarpetta is the reluctant star witness in a sensational murder trial when she receives shocking news. The judge's sister has been found dead. At first glance, it appears to be a home invasion, but then why was nothing stolen, and why is the garden strewn with dead plants and insects?

Although there is no apparent cause of death, Scarpetta recognizes telltale signs of the unthinkable, and she knows the worst is yet to come. The forensic pathologist finds herself pitted against a powerful force that returns her to the past, and her time to catch the killer is running out . . .

John Grisham - The Boys from Biloxi: A Legal Thriller – 29.95



#1 New York Times bestselling author John Grisham returns to Mississippi in his most gripping legal thriller yet, the riveting story of two sons of immigrant families who grow up as friends, but ultimately find themselves on opposite sides of the law. Grisham's trademark twists and turns will keep you tearing through the pages until the stunning conclusion.

For most of the last hundred years, Biloxi was known for its beaches, resorts, and seafood industry. But it had a darker side. It was also notorious for corruption and vice, everything from gambling, prostitution, bootleg liquor, and drugs to contract killings. The vice was controlled by small cabal of mobsters, many of them rumored to be members of the Dixie Mafia.

Keith Rudy and Hugh Malco grew up in Biloxi in the sixties and were childhood friends, as well as Little League all-stars. But as teenagers, their lives took them in different directions. Keith's father became a legendary prosecutor, determined to "clean up the Coast." Hugh's father became the "Boss" of Biloxi's criminal underground. Keith went to law school and followed in his father's footsteps. Hugh preferred the nightlife and worked in his father's clubs. The two families were headed for a showdown, one that would happen in a courtroom.

Life itself hangs in the balance in *The Boys from Biloxi*, a sweeping saga rich with history and with a large cast of unforgettable characters.

Colleen Hoover - It Starts with Us (It Ends with Us #2) – Contemporary Romance - 17.99



Before *It Ends with Us*, it started with Atlas. Colleen Hoover tells fan favorite Atlas's side of the story and shares what comes next in this long-anticipated sequel to the "glorious and touching" (*USA TODAY*) #1 *New York Times* bestseller *It Ends with Us*.

Lily and her ex-husband, Ryle, have just settled into a civil coparenting rhythm when she suddenly bumps into her first love, Atlas, again. After nearly two years separated, she is elated that for once, time is on their side, and she immediately says yes when Atlas asks her on a date.

But her excitement is quickly hampered by the knowledge that, though they are no longer married, Ryle is still very much a part of her life--and Atlas Corrigan is the one man he will hate being in his ex-wife and daughter's life.

Switching between the perspectives of Lily and Atlas, *It Starts with Us* picks up right where the epilogue for the "gripping, pulse-pounding" (Sarah Pekkanen, author of *Perfect Neighbors*) bestselling phenomenon *It Ends with Us* left off. Revealing more about Atlas's past and following Lily as she embraces a second chance at true love while navigating a jealous ex-husband, it proves that "no one delivers an emotional read like Colleen Hoover" (Anna Todd, *New York Times* bestselling author).

John Irving – The Last Chairlift – Literary Fiction – 38.00



John Irving, one of the world's greatest novelists, returns with his first novel in seven years--a ghost story, a love story, and a lifetime of sexual politics.

In Aspen, Colorado, in 1941, Rachel Brewster is a slalom skier at the National Downhill and Slalom Championships. Little Ray, as she is called, finishes nowhere near the podium, but she manages to get pregnant. Back home, in New England, Little Ray becomes a ski instructor.

Her son, Adam, grows up in a family that defies conventions and evades questions concerning the eventful past. Years later, looking for answers, Adam will go to Aspen. In the Hotel Jerome, where he was conceived, Adam will meet some ghosts; in *The Last Chairlift*, they aren't the first or the last ghosts he sees.

John Irving has written some of the most acclaimed books of our time--among them, *The World According to Garp* and *The Cider House Rules*. A visionary voice on the subject of sexual tolerance, Irving is a bard of alternative families. In *The Last Chairlift*, readers will once more be in his thrall.

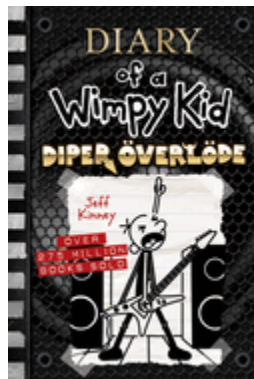
Barbara Kingsolver - Demon Copperhead – Literary Fiction – 32.50



Demon Copperhead is set in the mountains of southern Appalachia. It's the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. In a plot that never pauses for breath, relayed in his own unsparing voice, he braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of cities.

Many generations ago, Charles Dickens wrote *David Copperfield* from his experience as a survivor of institutional poverty and its damages to children in his society. Those problems have yet to be solved in ours. Dickens is not a prerequisite for readers of this novel, but he provided its inspiration. In transposing a Victorian epic novel to the contemporary American South, Barbara Kingsolver enlists Dickens' anger and compassion, and above all, his faith in the transformative powers of a good story. *Demon Copperhead* speaks for a new generation of lost boys, and all those born into beautiful, cursed places they can't imagine leaving behind.

Jeff Kinney - Diper Överlöde (Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book 17) – Childrens - 14.99



In *Diper Överlöde*, book 17 of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series from #1 international bestselling author Jeff Kinney, Greg Heffley is finding out that the road to fame and glory comes with some hard knocks.

When he decides to tag along with his brother Rodrick's band, Löded Diper, Greg doesn't realize what he's getting into. But he soon learns that late nights, unpaid gigs, fighting between band members, and money troubles are all part of the rock 'n' roll lifestyle.

Can Greg help Löded Diper become the legends they think they are? Or will too much time with Rodrick's band be a diper överlöde?

Cormac McCarthy - The Passenger – Literary Fiction – 30.00



1980, PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI: It is three in the morning when Bobby Western zips the jacket of his wet suit and plunges from the Coast Guard tender into darkness. His dive light illuminates the sunken jet, nine bodies still buckled in their seats, hair floating, eyes devoid of speculation. Missing from the crash site are the pilot's flight bag, the plane's black box, and the tenth passenger. But how? A collateral witness to machinations that can only bring him harm, Western is shadowed in body and spirit--by men with badges; by the ghost of his father, inventor of the bomb that melted glass and flesh in Hiroshima; and by his sister, the love and ruin of his soul.

Traversing the American South, from the garrulous barrooms of New Orleans to an abandoned oil rig off the Florida coast, *The Passenger* is a breathtaking novel of morality and science, the legacy of sin, and the madness that is human consciousness.

Celeste Ng - Our Missing Hearts – Literary Fiction – 29.00



"As lyrical as it is chilling, as astonishing as it is empathic, *Our Missing Hearts* arguably achieves literary perfection." -- *Booklist* (starred review)

From the number one bestselling author of *Little Fires Everywhere*, a deeply suspenseful and heartrending novel about the unbreakable love between a mother and child in a society consumed by fear

Twelve-year-old Bird Gardner lives a quiet existence with his loving but broken father, a former linguist who now shelves books in a university library. Bird knows to not ask too many questions, stand out too much, or stray too far. For a decade, their lives have been governed by laws written to preserve "American culture" in the wake of years of economic instability and violence. To keep the peace and restore prosperity, the authorities are now allowed to relocate children of dissidents, especially those of Asian origin, and libraries have been forced to remove books seen as unpatriotic--including the work of Bird's mother, Margaret, a Chinese American poet who left the family when he was nine years old.

Bird has grown up disavowing his mother and her poems; he doesn't know her work or what happened to her, and he knows he shouldn't wonder. But when he receives a mysterious letter containing only a cryptic drawing, he is pulled into a quest to find her. His journey will take him back to the many folktales she poured into his head as a child, through the ranks of an underground network of librarians, into the lives of the children who have been taken, and finally to New York City, where a new act of defiance may be the beginning of much-needed change.

Our Missing Hearts is an old story made new, of the ways supposedly civilized communities can ignore the most searing injustice. It's a story about the power--and limitations--of art to create change, the lessons and legacies we pass on to our children, and how any of us can survive a broken world with our hearts intact.

Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Kinney Boylan - Mad Honey – Literary Fiction – 29.99



A soul-stirring novel about what we choose to keep from our past and what we choose to leave behind, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wish You Were Here* and the bestselling author of *She's Not There*

Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. Her picture-perfect life--living in Boston, married to a brilliant cardiothoracic surgeon, raising their beautiful son, Asher--was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. She never imagined that she would end up back in her sleepy New Hampshire hometown, living in the house she grew up in and taking over her father's beekeeping business.

Lily Campanello is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate to Adams, New Hampshire, for her final year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start.

And for just a short while, these new beginnings are exactly what Olivia and Lily need. Their paths cross when Asher falls for the new girl in school, and Lily can't help but fall for him, too. With Ash, she feels happy for the first time. Yet at times, she wonders if she can trust him completely. . . .

Then one day, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and Asher is being questioned by the police. Olivia is adamant that her son is innocent. But she would be lying if she didn't acknowledge the flashes of his father's temper in Ash, and as the case against him unfolds, she realizes he's hidden more than he's shared with her.

Mad Honey is a riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become ourselves.

Ian Rankin - A Heart Full of Headstones: An Inspector Rebus Novel – 28.00

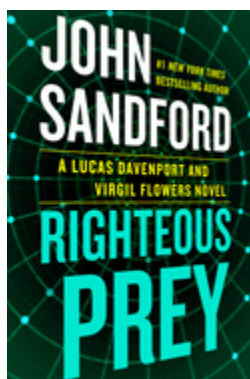


John Rebus stands accused: on trial for a crime that could put him behind bars for the rest of his life. It's not the first time the legendary detective has taken the law into his own hands, though it might be the last.

But what drove a good man to cross the line?

Detective Inspector Siobhan Clarke may well find out. Clarke is tasked with the city's most explosive case in years, an infamous cop, at the center of decades of misconduct, has gone missing. Finding him will expose not only her superiors, but her mentor John Rebus. And Rebus himself may not have her own interests at heart, as the repayment of a past debt places him in the crosshairs of both crime lords and his police brethren. One way or another, a reckoning is coming - and John Rebus may be hearing the call for last orders...

John Sandford - Righteous Prey (Prey Novel) – Thriller – 29.95



Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers are up against a powerful vigilante group with an eye on vengeance in this stunning new novel from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author.

"We're going to murder people who need to be murdered."

So begins a press release from a mysterious group known only as "The Five," shortly after a vicious predator is murdered in San Francisco. The Five is made up of vigilante killers who are very bored...and very rich. They target the worst of society--rapists, murderers, and thieves--and then use their unlimited resources to offset the damage done by those who they've killed, donating untraceable Bitcoin to charities and victims via the dark net. The Five soon become popular figures in the media ...though their motives may not be entirely pure.

After The Five strike again in the Twin Cities, Virgil Flowers and Lucas Davenport are sent in to investigate. And they soon have their hands full--the killings are smart and carefully choreographed, and with no apparent direct connection to the victims, the killers are virtually untraceable. But if anyone can destroy this group, it will be the dynamic team of Davenport and Flowers.

Danielle Steel - The High Notes – Romance – 28.99



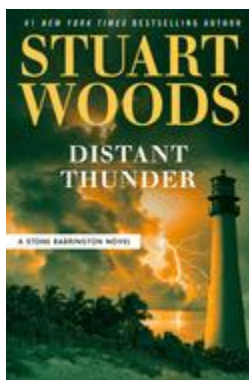
A young woman with an unforgettable voice fights for the freedom to pursue her dreams.

Iris Cooper has been singing ever since she can remember, hitting the high notes like no one else. When she is twelve, her father convinces the owner of a bar in Lake City, Texas, to let her perform, and she stuns the audience. In the ensuing years, never staying anywhere for long, father and daughter move from one dusty town to the next, her passion for music growing every time she takes the mike in another roadhouse.

But it is not an easy life for Iris with her father in charge and using her income to pay for gambling, women, and booze. When she starts to tour at age eighteen, she takes on a real manager. Yet he exploits her too, and the singers and musicians she tours with are really the only family she has. It is they who give Iris the courage to finally fly free, leave the tour, and follow her dreams.

After years of enduring the hardships of the road, exploitation, and abuse to do what she loves, Iris's big chance comes as her talent soars. But at the top at last, Iris still has to fight every step of the way. In *The High Notes*, Danielle Steel delivers an inspiring story about finding the strength to stand up for yourself and your dreams, no matter what it takes.

Stuart Woods - Distant Thunder (Stone Barrington Novel) – Thriller – 29.00



Stone Barrington finds himself in hot water in this exhilarating adventure from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author.

During an intense storm in Dark Harbor, Maine, a perplexing murder lands a dead man on Stone Barrington's doorstep. As secrets swirl around this mystery man's identity, Stone quickly sets out to unravel a web of cunning misdirections and lies.

Soon enough, he is embroiled in an elaborate game of cat and mouse between the CIA and nefarious foreign forces, including a bewitching new companion who comes under his protection. But when Stone's actions draw the attention of an old enemy, one who will stop at nothing to prevent the truth from getting out, Stone realizes he may have finally met his match.

Trivia for October 2022

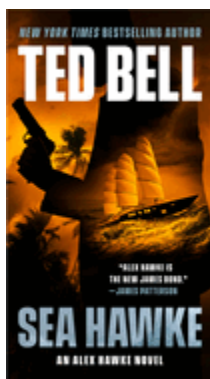
What was the first novel ever written?

Answer:

The Tale of Genji is, as far as we know, the world's first full-length novel. It was written in 1008 by Japanese noblewoman Murasaki

Mass Market Paperback

Ted Bell - Sea Hawke (An Alex Hawke Novel) – Thriller – 9.99



Alex Hawke is sailing into trouble when an around-the-world journey becomes a fight against terror in the latest exciting adventure from *New York Times* bestselling novelist Ted Bell.

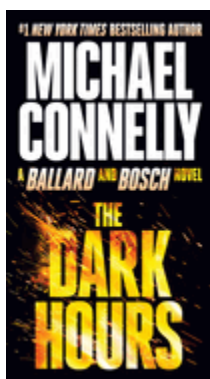
After saving the kidnapped heir to the British throne, gentleman spy and MI6 legend Alex Hawke is due for some downtime. He's got a new custom built sailing yacht and a goal: to get closer to his son Alexi during an epic cruise across the seven seas.

But fate and the chief of MI6, Lord David Trulove, have other plans.

There's an unholy alliance of nations who are plotting to attack Western democracies. The wily intelligence leader plans to use Hawke to drive a knife into the heart of this conspiracy. From an island base off Cuba to a secret jungle lair deep in the Amazon, on the land and the seas, the master spy and his crew of incorrigibles are in for the fight of their lives--the fight for freedom.

**The October 2022 winner #3 is:
Loretta Yigas & Gwen Fuerta**

Michael Connelly - The Dark Hours – Crime Fiction – 9.99



In this "masterpiece," LAPD detective Renée Ballard joins forces with Harry Bosch to find justice in a city scarred by fear and social unrest after a methodical killer strikes on New Year's Eve (*Publishers Weekly*).

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.

Steve Erickson - The God Is Not Willing: Book One of the Witness Trilogy: A Novel of the Malazan World (Witness #1) – Fantasy – 9.99



Many years have passed since three warriors brought carnage and chaos to Silver Lake.

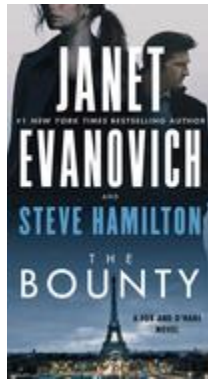
Now the tribes of the north no longer venture into the southlands. The town has recovered and yet the legacy remains.

Responding to reports of a growing unease among the tribes beyond the border, the Malazan army marches on the new god's people. They aren't quite sure what they're going to be facing.

And in those high mountains, a new war leader has risen amongst the Teblor. Scarred by the deeds of Karsa Orlong, he intends to confront his god even if he has to cut a bloody swathe through the Malazan Empire to do so.

Further north, a new threat has emerged and now it seems it is the Teblor who are running out of time. Another long-feared migration is about to begin and this time it won't just be three warriors. No, this time tens of thousands are poised to pour into the lands to the south. And in their way, a single company of Malazan marines . . .

Janet Evanovich and Steve Hamilton - The Bounty (A Fox and O'Hare Novel #7) – Mystery – 9.99



FBI agent Kate O'Hare and charming criminal Nick Fox race against time to uncover a buried train filled with Nazi gold in this thrilling adventure from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Janet Evanovich and Steve Hamilton.

Type A special agent Kate O'Hare and international criminal Nick Fox have brought down some of the biggest bad guys out there. But now they face their most dangerous foe yet--a vast, shadowy international organization known only as the Brotherhood.

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

Kate and Nick know that there is only one man who can find the fortune and bring down the Brotherhood--the same man who taught Nick everything he knows--his father, Quentin. As the stakes get higher, they must also rely on Kate's own father, Jake, who shares his daughter's grit and stubbornness.

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

Heather Graham & Jon Land - The Rising (Rising #1) – Thriller – 9.99

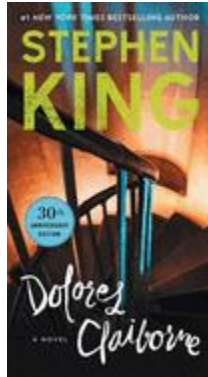


From acclaimed thriller-suspense novelists Heather Graham and Jon Land comes a story of action, mystery, and the endurance of young love in *The Rising*.

Alex Chin is a football star and Homecoming King: the classic all-American teen, raised in a loving fashion with all the opportunities his parents could give him. His tutor, Samantha Dixon, is preparing to graduate high school at the top of her class. She plans to turn her NASA internship into a career. Their world is turned upside down when a football accident lands Alex in the hospital . . . and his CT scan yields abnormal results.

His doctor is murdered. Then, his parents. Death seems to follow him wherever he goes, and now it's after him. Alex flees. He tells Samantha not to follow, but she became involved the moment she walked through his door and found Mr. and Mrs. Chin as they lay dying in their home. She cannot abandon the young man she loves. The two race desperately to stay ahead of Alex's attackers long enough to figure out why they are hunting him in the first place. The answer lies with a secret buried deep in his past, a secret his parents died to protect. Alex always knew he was adopted, but he never knew the real reason his birth parents abandoned him. He never knew where he truly came from--until now.

Stephen King – Dolores Claiborne (30th Anniversary Edition) – 9.99



Master storyteller Stephen King presents the "powerful" (*Time*) #1 *New York Times* bestselling classic thriller about a housekeeper with a long-hidden secret from her past--one that tests her own will to survive.

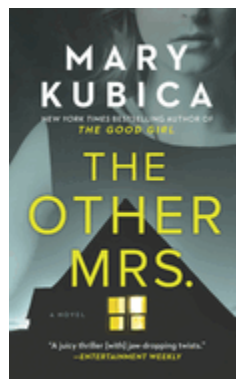
When Vera Donovan, one of the wealthiest and most ill-natured residents of Maine's Little Tall Island, dies suddenly in her home, suspicion is immediately cast on her housekeeper and caretaker, Dolores Claiborne. Dolores herself is no stranger to such mistrust, thanks to the local chatter and mysterious circumstances surrounding her abusive husband's death twenty-nine years earlier.

But if this is truly to be the day of Dolores Claiborne's reckoning, she has a few things of her own that she'd like to get off her chest...and begins to confess a spirited, intimate, and harrowing tale of the darkest secrets hidden within her hardscrabble existence, revealing above all one woman's unwavering determination to weather the storm of her life with grace and protect the one she loves, no matter what the cost...

The October 2022 winner #4 is:

Jamie Patterson

Mary Kubica - The Other Mrs. – Thriller – 9.99



She tried to run, but she can't escape the other Mrs.

Sadie and Will Foust have only just moved their family from bustling Chicago to small-town Maine when their neighbor Morgan Baines is found dead in her home. The murder rocks their tiny coastal island, but no one is more shaken than Sadie.

As the eyes of suspicion turn toward the new family in town, Sadie is drawn into the mystery of Morgan's death. But Sadie must be careful, for the more she discovers about Mrs. Baines, the more she begins to realize just how much she has to lose if the truth ever comes to light.

Brad Metzler - The Lightning Rod: A Zig & Nola Novel (Escape Artist #2) – Thriller – 9.99



What's the one secret no one knows about you?

Archie Mint has a secret. He's led a charmed life--he's got a beautiful wife, two impressive kids, and a successful military career. But when he's killed while trying to stop a robbery in his own home, his family is shattered--and then shocked when the other shoe drops. Mint's been hiding criminal secrets none of them could have imagined. While working on Mint's body before his funeral, mortician "Zig" Zigarowski discovers something he was never meant to see. That telling detail leads him to Mint's former top secret military unit and his connection to artist Nola Brown. Two years ago, Nola saved Zig's life--so he knows better than most that she's as volatile and dangerous as a bolt of lightning.

Following Nola's trail, he uncovers one of the U.S. government's most intensely guarded secrets--an undisclosed military facility that dates back to the Cold War and holds the key to something far more sinister: a hidden group willing to compromise the very safety and security of America itself.

Trouble always finds her...

She's the lightning rod.

Suzanne Palmer - The Scavenger Door (The Finder Chronicles) – Science Fiction – 9.99



From a Hugo Award-winning author comes the third book in this action-packed sci-fi caper, starring Fergus Ferguson, interstellar repo man and professional finder.

Fergus is back on Earth at last, trying to figure out how to live a normal life. However, it seems the universe has other plans for him. When his cousin sends him off to help out a friend, Fergus accidentally stumbles across a piece of an ancient alien artifact that some very powerful people seem to think means the entire solar system is in danger. And since he's the one who found it, they're certain it's also his problem to deal with.

With the help of his newfound sister, friends both old and new, and some enemies, too, Fergus needs to find the rest of the artifact and destroy the pieces before anyone can reassemble the original and open a multidimensional door between Earth and a vast, implacable, alien swarm. Problem is, the pieces could be anywhere on Earth, and he's not the only one out searching.

Danielle Steel - Flying Angels – Historical Fiction – 9.99



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.

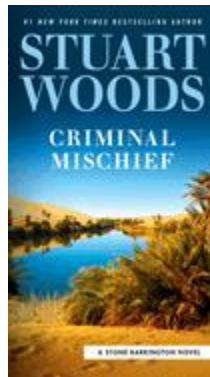
Audrey Parker's life changes forever when Pearl Harbor is attacked on December 7, 1941. Her brother, a talented young Navy pilot, had been stationed there, poised to fulfill their late father's distinguished legacy. Fresh out of nursing school with a passion and a born gift for helping others, both Audrey 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.

Stuart Woods - Criminal Mischief (Stone Barrington Novel) – 9.99



In this exhilarating thriller from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Stuart Woods, Stone Barrington goes up against an enemy on the run.

After a dangerous adventure has him traveling up and down the coast, Stone Barrington is looking forward to some down time at his Manhattan abode. But when an acquaintance alerts him to a hinky plot being hatched across the city, he finds himself eager to pursue justice.

After the mastermind behind it all proves more evasive than anyone was expecting, Stone sets out on an international chase to places he's never gone before. With the help of old friends--and alluring new ones--Stone is determined to see the pursuit through to the end, even if it means going up against a foe more unpredictable than he has ever faced...