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What's New at The Book Rack?

This **Holiday Season**, the global publishing industry expects disruption in shipping and shortages in labor and manufacturing supplies for books and printed matter. Publishers continue to express concern over printing delays and their ability to obtain secondary print runs. As with last year's holiday season, UPS, FedEx, and other transportation companies anticipate increased volume and delays in their delivery schedules.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

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

Manga or Graphic Novels

Star Wars

Forgotten Realms

Gaming Books - Dungeons & Dragons, etc

Trivia for October 2021

Under what name did Oscar Wilde live out the last three years of his life, in France?

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 October 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 October 2021 winner #1 is:

Kathleen Sandry

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, 2021 to claim your prize:
A \$25 gift certificate from The Book Rack!**

October 2021 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

Month:

- **Adopt a Shelter Dog Month**
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
- **Clergy Appreciation Month**
- **Cookie Month**
- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
- **International Drum Month**
- **National Diabetes Month**
- **Sarcastic Month**

October 4

National Golf Day

National Frappe Day

October 5

Do Something Nice Day

World Teacher's Day

October 6

Mad Hatter Day

National Kale Day - first Wednesday of October

Physician Assistant Day

National Angel Food Cake Day

October 11

It's My Party Day

October 12

Cookbook Launch Day

Old Farmer's Day

Moment of Frustration Day

October 13

Emergency Nurses Day- second Wednesday of month

International Skeptics Day

Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day - Second Wednesday of month

October 14

Be Bald and Free Day

National Day

October 24

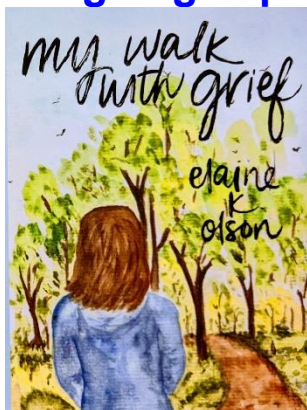
Local Author Elaine Olson will be at The Book Rack 11-1:00 for a Book Signing Event

Mother-In-Law Day - fourth Sunday in October
United Nations Day
October 29
Frankenstein Friday
October 31
Halloween

Featured Authors for October

Elaine Olson

Will be at The Book Rack October 24 Greeting visitors and signing copies of her book.



A SYNOPSIS OF THE MEMOIR: MY WALK WITH GRIEF

My Walk With Grief is a spiritual memoir about my 10-year search for identity and love after living as a pastor's wife for 30 years, eventually marrying an agnostic.

This memoir is my story. When Mark died, part of me died too. For thirty years, I lived in his shadow as a pastor's wife. Unimpeded as a widow, I searched obsessively for identity and love. This journey pulled me into soul struggles, grief, world travel, disastrous dating, dog drama, spiritual surprises, and eventually, I married an agnostic who, to my surprise, embodied God's Grace.

The week my husband died exposed the internal conflict between my public role as a pastor's wife and my personal needs as a spouse. In the following ten years, I set out on a circuitous journey to rediscover myself, God, and new love as a middle-aged woman.

I wrote the memoir to uncover meaning for myself. I wrote it for others so I might not waste a good suffering. Although the book includes reflections on the week of Mark's death, it is mostly about the struggle to find me again the years that followed.

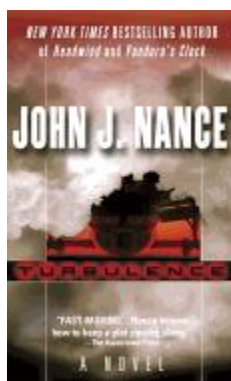
In my work as a psychotherapist, my brand was “some things in life are too hard to do alone.” This statement is also true for the journey of grief. This writing uses my own story to reflect on the four steps I experienced in my own path toward a new life. These are 1) The Loss; 2) Survival; 3) Finding a new identity; and 4) Now what? I long for the stories of my journey to be helpful to others in theirs. Through this journey, I sought God and spiritual meaning.

I want the memoir to inspire people who know significant loss and encourage them to grieve deeply, to live fully, rediscover love, and the wideness of God's grace.

Book Reviews

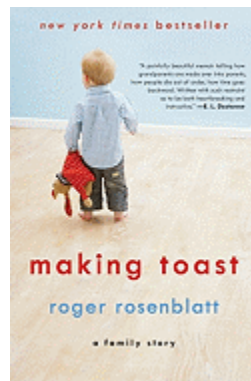
Review by Claudia:

***Turbulence*, by John J. Nance**, was published in 2002.



While the story is set in the days after Congress has provided financial support to airlines in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, the story line could be pulled from today's headlines: Air Rage. The U.S. Government struggles to respond to what may be an opportunist manipulation of disgruntled passengers by terrorists, as the flight crew and passengers in route to South Africa are unaware that they are in the crosshairs. Miscommunications, misunderstandings, bad choices and worse behavior converge in a thriller that I found hard to put down. Nance's experience as a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve and creds as an aviation editor for Good Morning America result in a gut-punch of plausibility when things spiral out of control. Highly Recommended.

***Making Toast*, by Roger Rosenblatt**, is a memoir.



Rosenblatt and his wife move in with their son-in-law and small grandchildren when their 38-year-old daughter, Amy, dies of an asymptomatic heart condition. The book reads as a series of short essays that describe Amy's talents and personality, grandparents performing parental roles, spouse and siblings dealing with grief in their unique ways, and grandchildren coping with the fact that their mother is gone. From a brother keeping Amy's last voicemail on his phone just to hear her laugh, a "Word of the Day" each morning for the children to consider, the Boppo (grandson's name for Rosenblatt) National Anthem, and, of course, making toast, the memoir is a view into a private world of healing and growth after bereavement. Recommended.

When Day Breaks by Maya Banks (2014) Romantic Suspense



The Kelly Group International (KGI): A super-elite, top secret, family-run business. Qualifications: High intelligence, rock-hard body, military background. Mission: Hostage/kidnap victim recovery. Intelligence gathering. Handling jobs the U.S. government can't...

Eden is said to be one of the most beautiful women in the world. Her face has graced countless magazines and her body has sold millions of dollars of clothing. But her fame and beauty has earned her more than she ever

imagined. Evil is stalking her, determined to extinguish the ethereal beauty forever.

Swanson or "Swanny" as his teammates call him is always up for the next mission. He came back from Afghanistan wounded and scarred. Hardly the kind of man who even belongs in the same room with Eden. And yet there's something about the quiet beauty that stirs his blood and makes him dream of the impossible. Because Beauty loving the Beast only happens in fairy tales and KGI doesn't deal in fairy tales. Ever.

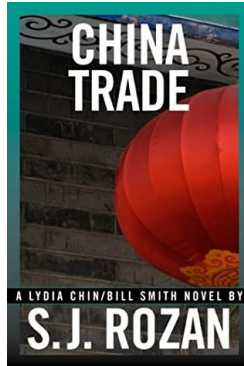
Artifacts: A Faye Longchamp Mystery, Book 1 by Mary Anna Evans (2017)



Faye Longchamp has lost nearly everything except for her quick mind and a grim determination to hang onto her ancestral home, Joyeuse, a moldering plantation hidden along the Florida coast. No one knows how Faye's great-great-grandmother Cally, a newly freed slave barely out of her teens, came to own Joyeuse in the aftermath of the Civil War. No one knows how her descendants hung onto it through Reconstruction, world wars, the Depression, and Jim Crow, but Faye has inherited the island plantation--and the family tenacity. When the property taxes rise beyond her means, she sets out to save Joyeuse by digging for artifacts on her property and the surrounding National Wildlife Refuge and selling them on the black market. A tiny bit of that dead glory would pay a year's taxes. A big valuable chunk of the past would save her home forever. But instead of potsherds and arrowheads, she uncovers a woman's shattered skull, a Jackie Kennedy-style earring nestled against its bony cheek. Faye is torn. If she reports the forty-year-old murder, she'll reveal her illegal livelihood, thus risking jail and the loss of Joyeuse. She doesn't intend to let that happen,

so she probes into the dead woman's history, unaware that the past is rushing up on her like a hurricane across deceptively calm Gulf waters...

China Trade: The Lydia Chin/Bill Smith Series, Book 1 By: S. J. Rozan (1994)



Asian-American private investigator Lydia Chin knows New York City's Chinatown, its people, and its ways as no outsider ever could. So when the Chinatown Museum is robbed of a set of rare export porcelains, Lydia is hired to recover them quietly - a task that quickly proves more difficult than it at first appears. Maneuvering gently around the local gangs who control the streets of Chinatown, Lydia tackles an investigation that takes her - and her sometimes partner Bill Smith - far beyond the borders of Chinatown into the equally cryptic world of art and collecting, and upstart outer-borough gangs trying to gain a toe hold in the closed world of Chinatown.

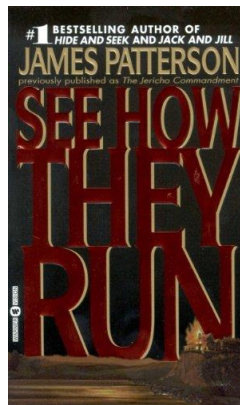
The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka (1915) – Classic



"When Gregor Samsa woke up one morning from unsettling dreams, he found himself changed in his bed into a monstrous vermin."

With this startling, bizarre, yet surprisingly funny first sentence, Kafka begins his masterpiece, *The Metamorphosis*. It is the story of a young man who, transformed overnight into a giant beetlelike insect, becomes an object of disgrace to his family, an outsider in his own home, a quintessentially alienated man. A harrowing--though absurdly comic--meditation on human feelings of inadequacy, guilt, and isolation, *The Metamorphosis* has taken its place as one of the most widely read and influential works of twentieth-century fiction.

See How They Run by James Patterson (1979) – Thriller



Outside New York City, the palatial home of Dr. David Strauss's parents is attacked by gunmen during a glittering party. As he watches helplessly, his wife is murdered. In Los Angeles, Strauss's brother is killed during the Academy Award ceremonies. In Manhattan, his past sweetheart, Alix Rothchild, is running for her life.

Dr. David Strauss is soon obsessed with finding the explosive secret behind the murders of his family members. His dangerous odyssey takes him across Europe, and finally to the Olympics, where one of the most shattering surprises in suspense fiction will take place.

An early Patterson, originally entitled *The Jericho Commandment*, is staged 7-years after the Black September Palestinian terrorist massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics. Patterson weaves a plausible retaliatory action. While online reviews treat the book harshly, I enjoyed it. I Give it a B. It was a quick read and had plenty of action to keep me fully engaged.

The October 2021 winner #2 is:

Linda Dickerson

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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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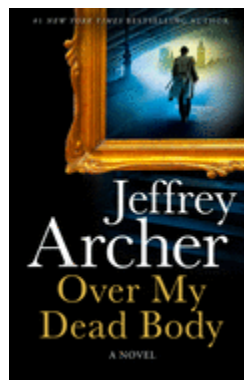
Hardcover and Trade Paperback

V.C. Andrews – Out of the Rain – 28.00 – General



After escaping the trauma of the Umbrella Lady's home, thirteen-year-old Saffron Faith Anders is determined to find the father who abandoned her all those years ago. But when she finds him in a nearby town, Saffron is shocked to discover that he has married a woman he clearly had been involved with before her mother's death. Worse, her father insists Saffron pretend to be his niece so he can continue to con his new wife's family. Desperate for her father's love, she goes along with the farce, but it soon becomes clear that perhaps it is better to face the world alone than trapped in a toxic and potentially dangerous family.

Jeffrey Archer – Over My Dead Body – 28.99 – Mystery



An unputdownable story of murder, revenge and betrayal from international number one bestseller Jeffrey Archer.

THE CLOCK IS TICKING IN THIS ROLLERCOASTER RIDE OF A THRILLER...

In London, the Metropolitan Police have set up a new Unsolved Murders Unit - a cold case squad - to catch the criminals nobody else can. Four victims. Four cases. All killers poised to strike again.

In Geneva, millionaire art collector Miles Faulkner - convicted of forgery and theft - was pronounced dead two months ago. So why is his unscrupulous lawyer still representing a dead client? And who is the mysterious man his widow is planning to marry?

On board luxury cruise liner the Alden, a wealthy clientele have signed up for the opulence and glamour of a trans-Atlantic voyage. But the battle for power at the heart of a wealthy dynasty is about to turn to murder.

And at the heart of all three investigations lies **Detective Chief Inspector William Warwick**, rising star of the department.

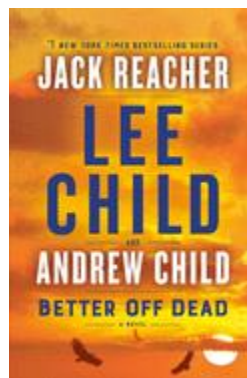
Only Warwick's genius for deductive reasoning, his fierce intelligence and his occasionally rash bravery - combined with that of ex-undercover operative Ross Hogan, reluctantly brought in from the cold - can bring the criminals to justice, and put his nemesis behind bars. **But can they catch the killers before it's too late?**

Terry Brooks – Child of Light – 28.00 – Fantasy



From the brilliant mind behind the Shannara saga comes an electrifying new fantasy series about a human girl struggling to find her place in a magical world she's never known. At nineteen, Auris Afton Grieg has led an . . . unusual life. Since the age of fifteen, she has been trapped in a sinister prison. Why? She does not know. She has no memories of her past beyond the vaguest of impressions. All she knows is that she is about to age out of the children's prison, and rumors say that the adult version is far, far worse. So she and some friends stage a desperate escape into the surrounding wastelands. And it is here that Auris's journey of discovery begins, for she is rescued by a handsome yet alien stranger. Harrow claims to be Fae--a member of a magical race that Auris had thought to be no more than legend. Odder still, he seems to think that she is one as well, although the two look nothing alike. But strangest of all, when he brings her to his wondrous homeland, she begins to suspect that he is right. Yet how could a woman who looks entirely human be a magical being herself? Told with a fresh, energetic voice, this fantasy puzzle box is Terry Brooks as you have never seen him before, as one young woman slowly unlocks truths about herself and her world--and, in doing so, begins to heal both

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



Digging graves had not been part of my plans when I woke up that morning.

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.

Dead? No, nothing is what it seems.

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.

He would know the fate of Fenton's brother.

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.

Michelle Gable – The Bookseller's Secret – 28.99



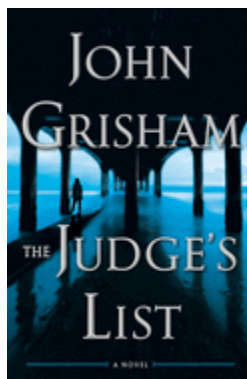
ARISTOCRAT, AUTHOR, BOOKSELLER, WWII SPY--A THRILLING NOVEL ABOUT REAL-LIFE LITERARY ICON NANCY MITFORD FROM THE *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *A PARIS APARTMENT*

In 1942, London, Nancy Mitford is worried about more than air raids and German spies. Still recovering from a devastating loss, the once sparkling Bright Young Thing is estranged from her husband, her allowance has been cut, and she's given up her writing career. On top of this, her five beautiful but infamous sisters continue making headlines with their controversial politics.

Eager for distraction and desperate for income, Nancy jumps at the chance to manage the Heywood Hill bookshop while the owner is away at war. Between the shop's brisk business and the literary salons she hosts for her eccentric friends, Nancy's life seems on the upswing. But when a mysterious French officer insists that she has a story to tell, Nancy must decide if picking up the pen again and revealing all is worth the price she might be forced to pay.

Eighty years later, Heywood Hill is abuzz with the hunt for a lost wartime manuscript written by Nancy Mitford. For one woman desperately in need of a change, the search will reveal not only a new side to Nancy, but an even more surprising link between the past and present...

John Grisham – The Judge's List – 29.95 – Thriller



In *The Whistler*, Lacy Stoltz investigated a corrupt judge who was taking millions in bribes from a crime syndicate. She put the criminals away, but only after being attacked and nearly killed. Three years later, and approaching forty, she is tired of her work for the Florida Board on Judicial Conduct and ready for a change.

Then she meets a mysterious woman who is so frightened she uses a number of aliases. Jeri Crosby's father was murdered twenty years earlier in a case that remains unsolved and that has grown stone cold. But Jeri has a suspect whom she has become obsessed with and has stalked for two decades. Along the way, she has discovered other victims.

Suspensions are easy enough, but proof seems impossible. The man is brilliant, patient, and always one step ahead of law enforcement. He is the most cunning of all serial killers. He knows forensics, police procedure, and most important: he knows the law.

He is a judge, in Florida--under Lacy's jurisdiction.

He has a list, with the names of his victims and targets, all unsuspecting people unlucky enough to have crossed his path and wronged him in some way. How can Lacy pursue him, without becoming the next name on his list?

The Judge's List is by any measure John Grisham's most surprising, chilling novel yet.

Alice Hoffman – The Book of Magic – 27.99 – Historical Fiction



Master storyteller Alice Hoffman brings us the conclusion of the Practical Magic series in a spellbinding and enchanting final Owens novel brimming with lyric beauty and vivid characters.

The Owens family has been cursed in matters of love for over three-hundred years but all of that is about to change. The novel begins in a library, the best place for a story to be conjured, when beloved aunt Jet Owens hears the death-watch beetle and knows she has only seven days to live. Jet is not the only one in danger--the curse is already at work. A frantic attempt to save a young man's life spurs three generations of the Owens women, and one long-lost brother, to use their unusual gifts to break the curse as they travel from Paris to London to the English countryside where their ancestor Maria Owens first practiced the Unnamed Art. The younger generation discovers secrets that have been hidden from them in matters of both magic and love by Sally, their fiercely protective mother. As Kylie Owens uncovers the truth about who she is and what her own dark powers are, her aunt Franny comes to understand that she is ready to sacrifice everything for her family, and Sally Owens realizes that she is willing to give up everything for love. *The Book of Magic* is a breathtaking conclusion that celebrates mothers and daughters, sisters and brothers, and anyone who has ever been in love.

Les Johnson – The Spacetime War – 16.00 – Science Fiction



A BRILLIANT BLEND OF MILITARY SCIENCE FICTION AND ARTHUR C. CLARKE-LEVEL SPECULATIVE WONDER BY A WORKING SPACE SCIENTIST!

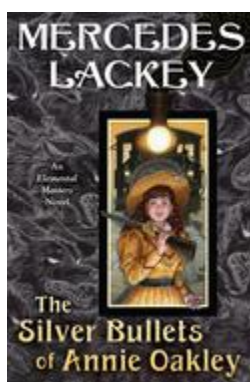
NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT

Humanity has finally made it to the stars. Colony worlds thrive and there is general peace among the settled systems. Until now. Matte black ships of an advanced design appear in colonial systems. Their drives and weapons are not extremely advanced beyond their Terran counterparts -- just superior enough to be utterly devastating. Colonies and their populations are obliterated. Once settled worlds are rendered radioactive wastelands. Earth herself lies defenseless before the marauding enemy.

DEFEND THE SKIES OF EARTH

Standing against the invasion are two of humanity's finest starship captains, Winslow Price of the British Space Navy and Anika Ahuja of the Indian Space Forces. Compatriots. Fierce competitors. Former lovers. Now they are on a quest that will plumb the scientific wells of existence itself, where the primordial knot of spacetime may be unraveling. Price and Ahuja are sworn to do whatever it takes to defend Earth and humanity from ultimate obliteration by an enemy that will not even speak its name. Even if it pushes each to the brink of life and death in battle. Even if it leads each beyond space and time--and to the edge of ultimate possibility!

Mercedes Lackey – The Silver Bullets of Annie Oakley – 28.00 – SF

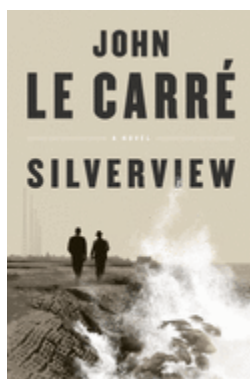


The sixteenth novel in the magical alternate history Elemental Masters series follows sharpshooter Annie Oakley as she tours Europe and discovers untapped powers.

Annie Oakley has always suspected there is something uncanny about herself, but has never been able to put a name to it. But when Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show goes on tour through Germany, Bill temporarily hires a new sharpshooter to be part of his World Wide Congress of Rough Riders: a woman named Giselle, who also happens to be an Elemental Master of Air. Alongside this new performer, Annie discovers that she and her husband, Frank, are not simply master marksman, but also magicians of rare ability.

As they travel and perform, Annie must use her newfound knowledge and rare skill to combat creatures of the night scattered across the countryside, who threaten both the performers and the locals. Annie's got her gun, and it's filled with silver bullets.

John le Carré – Silverview – 29.00 – General



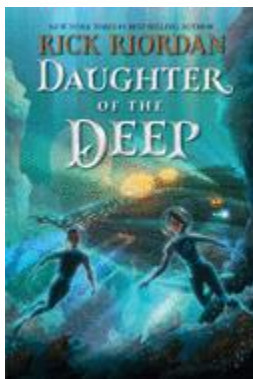
In *Silverview*, John le Carré turns his focus to the world that occupied his writing for the past sixty years--the secret world itself.

Julian Lawndesley has renounced his high-flying job in the city for a simpler life running a bookshop in a small English seaside town. But only a couple of months into his new career, Julian's evening is disrupted by a visitor. Edward, a Polish émigré living in Silverview, the big house on the edge of town, seems to know a lot about Julian's family and is rather too interested in the inner workings of his modest new enterprise.

When a letter turns up at the door of a spy chief in London warning him of a dangerous leak, the investigations lead him to this quiet town by the sea . . .

Silverview is the mesmerizing story of an encounter between innocence and experience and between public duty and private morals. In his inimitable voice John le Carré, the greatest chronicler of our age, seeks to answer the question of what we truly owe to the people we love.

Rick Riordan – Daughter of the Deep – 19.99 – Ages 9-12



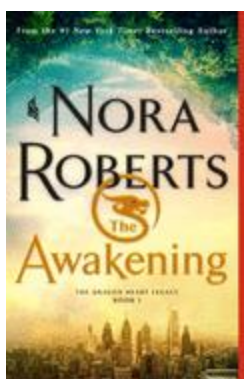
If you have ever craved a story that will leave your heart racing, your lungs gasping from the numerous twists and turns, your soul heaving from the effort of now carrying an ensemble cast, you will find all that and more in these pages.-- *New York Times* best-selling author Roshani Chokshi

Ana Dakkar is a freshman at Harding-Pencroft Academy, a five-year high school that graduates the best marine scientists, naval warriors, navigators, and underwater explorers in the world. Ana's parents died while on a scientific expedition two years ago, and the only family's she's got left is her older brother, Dev, also a student at HP. Ana's freshman year culminates with the class's weekend trial at sea, the details of which have been kept secret. She only hopes she has what it'll take to succeed. All her worries are blown out of the water when, on the bus ride to the ship, Ana and her schoolmates witness a terrible tragedy that will change the trajectory of their lives.

But wait, there's more. The professor accompanying them informs Ana that their rival school, Land Institute, and Harding-Pencroft have been fighting a cold war for a hundred and fifty years. Now that cold war has been turned up to a full broil, and the freshman are in danger of becoming fish food. In a race against deadly enemies, Ana will make amazing friends and astounding discoveries about her heritage as she puts her leadership skills to the test for the first time.

Rick Riordan's trademark humor, fast-paced action, and wide cast of characters are on full display in this undersea adventure.

Nora Roberts – Awakening, The Dragon Heart Legacy Book 1 – 17.99 – Fantasy



Nora Roberts begins a new trilogy of adventure, romance, and magick in *The Awakening*.

In the realm of Talamh, a teenage warrior named Keegan emerges from a lake holding a sword--representing both power and the terrifying responsibility to protect the Fey. In another realm known as Philadelphia, a young woman has just discovered she possesses a treasure of her own...

When Breen Kelly was a girl, her father would tell her stories of magical places. Now she's an anxious twentysomething mired in student debt and working a job she hates. But one day she stumbles upon a shocking discovery: her mother has been hiding an investment account in her name. It has been funded by her long-lost father--and it's worth nearly four million dollars.

This newfound fortune would be life-changing for anyone. But little does Breen know that when she uses some of the money to journey to Ireland, it will unlock mysteries she couldn't have imagined. Here, she will begin to understand why she kept seeing that silver-haired, elusive man, why she imagined his voice in her head saying *Come home, Breen Siobhan. It's time you came home*. Why she dreamed of dragons. And where her true destiny lies--through a portal in Galway that takes her to a land of faeries and mermaids, to a man named Keegan, and to the courage in her own heart that will guide her through a powerful, dangerous destiny...

Joann Ross – The Inheritance – 28.99 - General



When conflict photographer Jackson Swann dies, he leaves behind a conflict of his own making when his three daughters, each born to a different mother, discover that they're now responsible for the family's Oregon vineyard--and for a family they didn't ask for. After a successful career as a child TV star, Tess is, for the first time, suffering from a serious identity crisis, and grieving for the absent father she's resented all her life. Charlotte, brought up to be a proper Southern wife, gave up her own career to support her husband's political ambitions. On the worst day of her life, she discovers her beloved father has died, she has two sisters she never knew about and her husband has fallen in love with another woman. Natalie, daughter of Jack's longtime mistress, has always known about her half sisters, and has dreaded the day when Tess and Charlotte find out she's the daughter their father kept. As the sisters reluctantly gather at the vineyard, they're soon enchanted by the Swann family matriarch and namesake of Maison de Madeleine wines, whose stories of bravery in WWII France and love for a wounded American soldier will reveal the family legacy they've each inherited and change the course of all their lives

Brandon Sanderson – Rhythm of War, Book 4 of the Stormlight Archive – 20.99 – Fantasy



The Stormlight Archive saga continues in *Rhythm of War*, the eagerly awaited sequel to Brandon Sanderson's #1 *New York Times* bestselling *Oathbringer*, from an epic fantasy writer at the top of his game.

After forming a coalition of human resistance against the enemy invasion, Dalinar Kholin and his Knights Radiant have spent a year fighting a protracted, brutal war. Neither side has gained an advantage, and the threat of a betrayal by Dalinar's crafty ally Taravangian looms over every strategic move.

Now, as new technological discoveries by Navani Kholin's scholars begin to change the face of the war, the enemy prepares a bold and dangerous operation. The arms race that follows will challenge the very core of the Radiant ideals, and potentially reveal the secrets of the ancient tower that was once the heart of their strength.

At the same time that Kaladin Stormblessed must come to grips with his changing role within the Knights Radiant, his Windrunners face their own problem: As more and more deadly enemy Fused awaken to wage war, no more honorspren are willing to bond with humans to increase the number of Radiants. Adolin and Shallan must lead the coalition's envoy to the honorspren stronghold of Lasting Integrity and either convince the spren to join the cause against the evil god Odium, or personally face the storm of failure.

Peter Staub – Floating Dragon – 12.00 – Horror



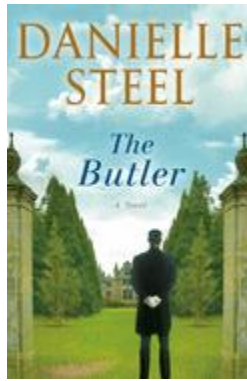
Experience the true nature of terror in this deliciously imaginative (*San Francisco Chronicle*) novel from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Peter Straub.

The quiet suburban town of Hampstead is threatened by two horrors. One is natural. The hideous unstoppable creation of man's power gone mad. The other is not natural at all. And it makes the first look like child's play...

"Unspeakable horror...has 'Bestseller' written all over it."--*Los Angeles Times*

"Straub's effects are quite spectacular...I was fairly awed by some of the more nightmarish scenes in *Floating Dragon*."--*The New York Times*

Danielle Steel – The Butler – 28.99 – General



Two different worlds and two very different lives collide in Paris in this captivating novel by Danielle Steel.

Joachim von Hartmann was born and raised in Buenos Aires by his loving German mother, inseparable from his identical twin. When Joachim moves to Paris with his mother in his late teens, his twin stays behind and enters a dark world. Meanwhile, Joachim begins training to be a butler, fascinated by the precision and intense demands, and goes on to work in some of the grandest homes in England. His brother never reappears.

Olivia White has given ten years of her life to her magazine, which failed, taking all her dreams with it. A bequest from her mother allows her a year in Paris to reinvent herself. She needs help setting up a home in a charming Parisian apartment. It is then that her path and Joachim's cross.

Joachim takes a job working for Olivia as a lark and enjoys the whimsy of a different life for a few weeks, which turn to months as the unlikely employer and employee learn they enjoy working side by side. At the same time, Joachim discovers the family history he never knew: a criminal grandfather who died in prison, the wealthy father who abandoned him, and the dangerous criminal his twin has become. While Olivia struggles to put her life back together, Joachim's comes apart.

Stripped of their old roles, they strive to discover the truth about each other and themselves, first as employer and employee, then as friends. Their paths no longer sure, they are a man and woman who reach a place where the past doesn't matter and only what they are living now is true.

Lisa Unger – The Last Girl Ghosted – 27.99 – Psychological Suspense



Think twice before you swipe.

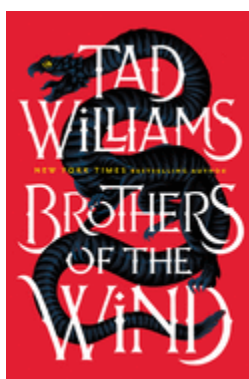
Secrets, obsession and vengeance converge in this riveting thriller about an online dating match turned deadly cat-and-mouse game, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Confessions on the 7:45*

She met him through a dating app. An intriguing picture on a screen, a date at a downtown bar. What she thought might be just a quick hookup quickly became much more. She fell for him--hard. It happens sometimes, a powerful connection with a perfect stranger takes you by surprise. Could it be love?

But then, just as things were getting real, he stood her up. Then he disappeared--profiles deleted, phone disconnected. She was ghosted.

Maybe it was her fault. She shared too much, too fast. But isn't that always what women think--that they're the ones to blame? Soon she learns there were others. Girls who thought they were in love. Girls who later went missing. She had been looking for a connection, but now she's looking for answers. Chasing a digital trail into his dark past--and hers--she finds herself on a dangerous hunt. And she's not sure whether she's the predator--or the prey.

Tad Williams – Brothers of the Wind – 28.00 – Fantasy



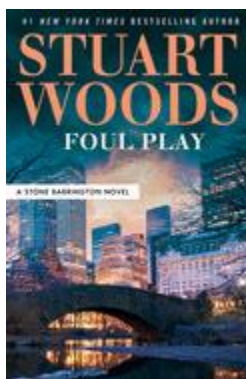
Set in the *New York Times* bestselling world of Osten Ard, this short novel continues the saga that inspired a generation of fantasists

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.

Stuart Woods – Foul Play, A Stone Barrington Novel – 28.00 – Action & Adventure



In the latest action-packed thriller from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Stuart Woods, Stone Barrington faces down a persistent rival.

Stone Barrington is nearing his New York City abode when he stumbles into trouble. As it turns out, a new client is in danger--and with both business and the safety of the city at stake, he has no choice but to get involved. When it soon becomes clear that a complicated scheme is being hatched, Stone will need to use his expertise and connections to unravel the clever plot. Though the source remains unknown, it's just a matter of time before he and Stone must each show their hands. From ritzy Manhattan high-rises to the lush serenity of the Connecticut countryside, the game of cat and mouse can end with only one victor....

Jerzy Zulawski – The Lunar Trilogy – 18.00 – SF



***Trylogia Księżycowa* (The Lunar Trilogy or The Moon Trilogy is a trilogy of science fiction novels by the Polish writer Jerzy Zulawski, written between 1901 and 1911. It has been translated into Russian, Czech, German and Hungarian, and has been reprinted several times in Poland, but never into English.**

Trylogia Księżycowa (The Lunar Trilogy or The Moon Trilogy is a trilogy of science fiction novels by the Polish writer Jerzy Zulawski, written between 1901 and 1911.

The first volume, *Na Srebrnym Globie* (On the Silver Globe, 1903) describes, in the form of a diary, the story of a marooned expedition of Earth astronauts who find themselves stranded on the Moon and found a colony. After several generations, they lose most of their knowledge and are ruled by a religious cult. The second volume, *Zwyciezca* (The Conqueror or The Victor 1910), focuses upon the colonists' anticipated Messiah, another traveler from Earth. After initial success, he fails to meet their expectations and is killed in an allegory to the death of Jesus Christ. The third volume, *Stara Ziemia* (The Old Earth, 1911) describes the visit of two Lunar colonists to 27th-century Earth.

It is one of the early works of science fiction, long recognized as an influential work that has not previously been available in English.

The October 2021 winner #3 is:

Nancy Kaplan

Trivia for October 2021

Under what name did Oscar Wilde live out

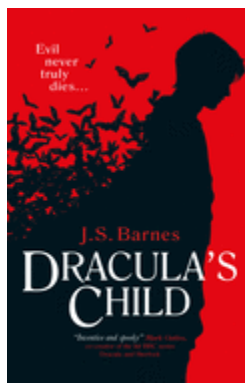
the last three years of his life, in France?

Answer

Sebastian Melmouth

Mass Market Paperback

J.S. Barnes – Dracula's Child – 8.99 – Horror



It has been some years since Jonathan and Mina Harker survived their ordeal in Transylvania and, vanquishing Count Dracula, returned to England to try and live ordinary lives.

But shadows linger long in this world of blood feud and superstition - and, the older their son Quincey gets, the deeper the shadows that lengthen at the heart of the Harkers' marriage. Jonathan has turned back to drink; Mina finds herself isolated inside the confines of her own family; Quincey himself struggles to live up to a family of such high renown. And when a gathering of old friends leads to unexpected tragedy, the very particular wounds in the heart of the Harkers' marriage are about to be exposed...

There is darkness both within the marriage and without - for new evil is arising on the Continent. A naturalist is bringing a new species of bat back to London; two English gentlemen, on their separate tours of the Continent, find a strange quixotic love for each other, and stumble into a calamity far worse than either has imagined; and the vestiges of something forgotten long ago is finally beginning to stir...

This epic tale of madness, temptation, and political scandal set in early-twentieth-century England strikes a resonant chord with today's political climate

David Bell – Somebody's Daughter – 9.99 – Thriller



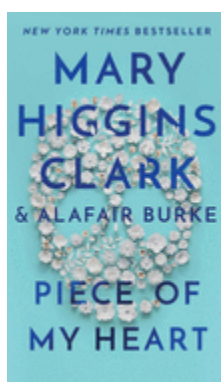
In this pulse-pounding novel of psychological suspense from the *USA Today* bestselling author of *Bring Her Home* and *Since She Went Away*, a man must save the life of a little girl who just might be his daughter....

When Michael Frazier's ex-wife, Erica, unexpectedly shows up on his doorstep, she drops a bombshell that threatens to rip his family apart: Her ten-year-old daughter is missing--and Michael is the father. Unsure whether this is the truth but unwilling to leave the girl's fate to chance, Michael has no choice but to follow the elusive trail of the child he has always wanted but never knew he had.

After Michael departs, his wife, Angela, learns shocking news about Erica and fears for the safety of both her husband and the endangered girl. When a stranger, a man who claims a connection to Erica and her missing daughter, knocks on the door, Angela is drawn out into the night--and deep into the tangled web of Michael's past....

Over the course of one night, lies that span a decade come bubbling to the surface, putting Michael, his wife, and his whole family in jeopardy. And as the window for a little girl's safe return closes, Michael will have to decide who can be trusted and who is hiding the truth..

Mary Higgins Clark – Piece of My Heart – 9.99 – Thriller



Television producer Laurie Moran must solve the kidnapping of her fiancée's nephew--just days before her wedding.

Television producer Laurie Moran and her fiancée, Alex Buckley, the former host of her investigative television show, are just days away from their mid-summer wedding, when things take a dark turn. Alex's seven-year-old nephew, Johnny, vanishes from the beach, triggering a search party. Witnesses recall Johnny playing in the water and collecting shells behind the beach shack, but no one remembers seeing him in the afternoon. As the sun sets, Johnny's skim board washes up to shore, and everyone realizes that he could be anywhere, even under the water.

A ticking clock, a sinister stalker, and a fresh romance combine in this exhilarating follow up to the bestselling *You Don't Own Me*--another riveting page-turner from the "Queen of Suspense" Mary Higgins Clark and her dazzling partner-in-crime Alafair Burke.

Christine Feehan – Lightning Game, A GhostWalker Novel – 8.99 - Romance



GhostWalker Rubin Campo's rough upbringing made him into the man he is today: strong, steadfast and wary of outsiders. When he and his brother return to their family's homestead in the Appalachian Mountains, he can immediately sense that a stranger has taken up residence in their cabin--a woman who just happens to be a GhostWalker too. Jonquille looks deceptively delicate but is clearly a fighter. She also doesn't seem to care that Rubin could kill her where she stands. She sought him out, wanting to connect on their shared interest in electrical charges. As one of the first failed GhostWalker experiments, Jonquille can produce lightning with her body--but she can't control it.

Their connection is magnetic, their abilities in sync. Rubin knows she's his match, the answer to a lifetime of pain and intense loneliness. But Jonquille came to him with hidden intentions, ones that threaten to destroy their bond before it can truly begin...

Heather Graham – Down in New Orleans – 8.99 – Romance



I didn't do it. Those are the words Ann Marcel's ex-husband, Jon, mutters the day he staggers through her front door, covered in blood. Five years after their divorce, Ann and Jon remain good friends, still living in Jon's beloved New Orleans hometown. But her relationship to both is about to take a life-changing turn. Because Jon is charged with murdering a stripper. And to save him, Ann will have to immerse herself in the darkest corners of the Big Easy, searching its erotic clubs and seamy jazz spots for clues.

To complicate matters, there's the magnetic lieutenant determined to bring Jon to justice. Ann can't seem to throw him off her trail--or out of her dreams. But despite that troubling distraction, Ann has bigger concerns. Soon, she's not only embroiled in a fight for Jon's freedom, but for her own life...

Tony Healey – The Gunfighter Series: Blood on the Prairie, A Ralph Compton Western – 7.99 – Western



Twenty years ago, Sherman Knowles was notorious as a fearsome shootist with an itchy trigger finger and a hot temper. Now he resides in peaceful Elam Hollow, his gunslinging days far behind him. He hasn't fired a weapon in over a decade and is happy for that to be the end of the matter.

Then he receives a visit from his brother's widow, asking for his help in finding his kidnapped niece, and Sherman is left with no choice but to pick up his guns once more and head out into the wilderness to rescue her before it's too late. But you cannot escape the past, and Sherman soon finds the ghosts of yesterday waiting for him on the bleak, unforgiving prairie...

Linda Howard – Kill and Tell – 9.99 – Romance



A woman trapped in the crosshairs of danger and the detective who will stop at nothing to protect her.

Still reeling from her mother's death, Karen Whitlaw is stunned when she receives a package containing a cryptic notebook from her estranged father, who she hasn't seen in decades. As she tries to make sense of this strange delivery, Karen gets a shocking phone call: her father has been murdered on the gritty streets of New Orleans. For homicide detective Marc Chastain, something about the case of a murdered homeless man just doesn't add up--especially after he meets the victim's daughter. Far from the cold woman he expected, Karen Whitlaw is warm and passionate. She is also in serious danger.

A string of mysterious accidents shakes Karen to her core and forces her into the protective embrace of the charming detective she vowed to resist. Together they must unravel a disturbing web of politics, power, and murder--and face a killer who will stop at nothing to get his hands on her father's secrets.

J.A. Jance – Missing and Endangered – 9.99 – Thriller



Cochise County Sheriff Joanna Brady's professional and personal lives collide when her college-age daughter is involved in a missing persons case.

When Jennifer Brady returns to Northern Arizona University for her sophomore year, she quickly becomes a big sister to her new roommate, Beth Rankin, a brilliant yet sheltered sixteen-year-old freshman. For a homeschooled Beth, college is her first taste of both freedom and unfettered access to the internet, and Jenny is concerned that she's too naïve and rebellious for her own good.

Her worries are well-founded because one day Beth vanishes, prompting Jenny to alert campus authorities, local police, and her mom, Sheriff Joanna Brady--who calls in a favor. Beth is found, but Jenny's concern has unwittingly put her in the crosshairs of a criminal bent on revenge.

With Christmas vacation approaching, and Beth at war with her parents, Jenny invites Beth to the shelter of the Brady home. While Joanna is sympathetic, she's caught up in a sensitive case--an officer-involved shooting that has placed the lives of two young children in jeopardy--leaving her stretched thin to help a fragile young woman recently gone missing and endangered.

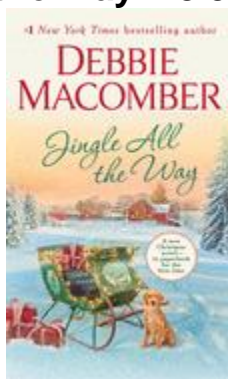
Mercedes Lackey – Jolene, An Elemental Masters Novel – 8.99 – Fantasy

Lora Leigh – Her Renegade Cowboy – 9.99 - Romance

The October 2021 winner #4 is:

Constance King

Debbie Macomber – Jingle All the Way – 8.99 – Romance



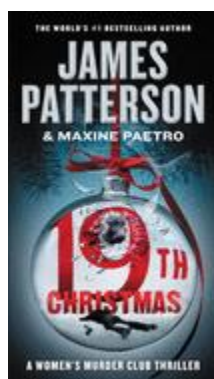
Love can transform even the best-laid plans in this heartfelt Christmas novel from the queen of Christmas stories, Debbie Macomber.

Trapped in the middle of five siblings, Everly Lancaster always had big dreams. Now a top real-estate executive, Everly finds her work is her life, leaving no space for anything (or anyone) else. Sensing her stress, Everly's boss insists she take December off. At first, a month away seems crazy--how will the company survive without her? But Everly's mother convinces her otherwise. She deserves a vacation--plus, when she returns, she'll have no excuse to skip family Christmas like she did last year.

But after her vengeful assistant books a guided cruise in the Amazon instead of the luxury beach vacation she expected, Everly is horrified to realize that she's about to spend the next two weeks trapped--with no Wi-Fi!--in the rain forest. Not even Asher Adams, the ship's charming naturalist, can convince Everly that the trip will be unforgettable. Slowly but surely, she realizes he is right: the sights are spectacular. And with each passing day, Everly's relationship with Asher deepens, forcing her to take a long, hard look at her priorities.

Everly and Asher begin to see magic in the possibility of a life together. But as the cruise nears its end, and Everly's family Christmas approaches, both must decide if love is worth the risk. A merry surprise may be in store in Debbie Macomber's newest holiday delight.

James Patterson, The 19th Christmas, A Women's Murder Club Thriller – 10.99 – Mystery



In this #1 *New York Times* bestseller, the Women's Murder Club gets ready for a quiet Christmas--until a mysterious killer decides to terrorize the city. As the holidays approach, Detective Lindsay Boxer and her friends in the Women's Murder Club have much to celebrate. Crime is down. The medical examiner's office is quiet. Even the courts are showing some Christmas spirit. And the news cycle is so slow that journalist Cindy Thomas is on assignment to tell a story about the true meaning of the season for San Francisco. Then a fearsome criminal known only as "Loman" seizes control of the headlines. Solving crimes never happens on schedule, but as this criminal mastermind unleashes credible threats by the hour, the month of December is upended for the Women's Murder Club. Avoiding tragedy is the only holiday miracle they seek.

Julia Quinn – *Brigerton: It's in His Kiss, Hyacinth's Story* – 9.99 – Romance



Meet Our Hero . . .

Gareth St. Clair is in a bind. His father, who detests him, is determined to beggar the St. Clair estates and ruin his inheritance. Gareth's sole bequest is an old family diary, which may or may not contain the secrets of his past . . . and the key to his future. The problem is--it's written in Italian, of which Gareth speaks not a word.

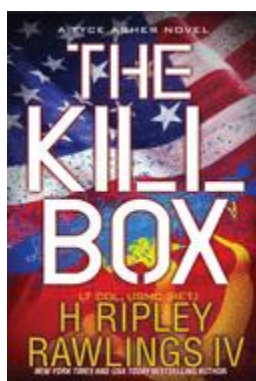
Meet Our Heroine . . .

All the ton agreed: there was no one quite like Hyacinth Bridgerton. She's fiendishly smart, devilishly outspoken, and according to Gareth, probably best in small doses. But there's something about her--something charming and vexing--that grabs him and won't quite let go . . .

Meet Poor Mr. Mozart . . .

Or don't. But rest assured, he's spinning in his grave when Gareth and Hyacinth cross paths at the annual--and annually discordant--Smythe-Smith musicale. To Hyacinth, Gareth's every word seems a dare, and she offers to translate his diary, even though her Italian is slightly less than perfect. But as they delve into the mysterious text, they discover that the answers they seek lie not in the diary, but in each other . . . and that there is nothing as simple--or as complicated--as a single, perfect kiss.

H. Ripley Rawlings IV – *The Kill Box* – 8.99 – Thriller



In the rip-roaring tradition of Red Dawn and The Dirty Dozen, this action-packed thriller from Lt. Col. "Rip" Ripley takes all-American patriotism to an explosive new level, as lone wolf patriot and Marine Corp officer Tyce Asher assembles a ragtag team of long-haul truckers and citizen-soldiers to save America from Russian invaders...

The United States has been invaded. The Russians have seized control. Now US Marine hero Tyce Asher has one final mission--to make America free again--in this explosive series from Lt. Col. Hunter "Rip" Ripley Rawlings IV...

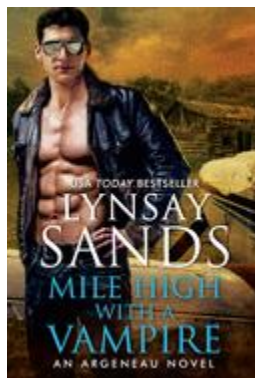
THE CITIES HAVE FALLEN.

America is under new management. Russian forces have occupied both coasts. They are taking our weapons, pillaging our resources, and destroying our nation. Those who resist are swiftly punished. Those who revolt are savagely killed...

THE HEARTLAND FIGHTS BACK.

Marine Corps officer Tyce Asher is a lone wolf patriot who will never surrender. He's assembled a ragtag team of long-haul truckers and citizen soldiers willing to die for their freedoms. Their network has learned that the invaders are planning to seize cargo that will bring America to its knees--and a sadistic Russian has marked Asher for death. There is only one way to stop them: Asher and his team must meet the enemy face-to-face--and enter the *Kill Box* . . .

Lynsay Sands – Mile High with a Vampire, An Argeneau Novel – 9.99 – Romance



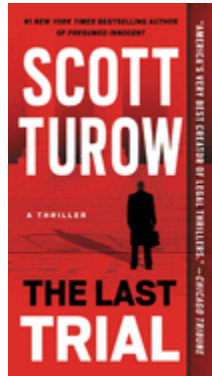
In the latest Argeneau novel from *New York Times* bestselling author Lynsay Sands, an immortal and her mortal pilot are on the run from hungry vampires...and discover they're life mates along the way.

Jet Lassiter likes being a pilot for Argeneau Inc. Perks included travelling to exotic locations and meeting interesting people, even if they are the blood-sucking kind. He's living the good life, until his plane goes down in the mountains and four of his passengers are gravely injured. They need blood to heal... and Jet is the only source.

Quinn Peters never wanted to be immortal. Once a renowned heart surgeon, she was turned against her will and now she has to drink blood to survive. Before she can ask how her "life" can get any worse, she's in a plane crash. One of the few survivors, Quinn is desperate to get the mortal pilot to safety before her fellow immortals succumb to their blood lust and drain Jet dry.

But hungry vampires are the least of their worries--the crash wasn't an accident, and someone is trying to kill Quinn. Will she and Jet find their happily ever after as life mates, or will her assassin find her first?

Scott Turow – The Last Trial – 9.99 – Thriller



Two formidable men collide in this first-class legal thriller and *New York Times* bestseller about a celebrated criminal defense lawyer and the prosecution of his lifelong friend -- a doctor accused of murder (David Baldacci).

At eighty-five years old, Alejandro Sandy Stern, a brilliant defense lawyer with his health failing but spirit intact, is on the brink of retirement. But when his old friend Dr. Kiril Pafko, a former Nobel Prize winner in Medicine, is faced with charges of insider trading, fraud, and murder, his entire life's work is put in jeopardy, and Stern decides to take on one last trial.

In a case that will be the defining coda to both men's accomplished lives, Stern probes beneath the surface of his friend's dazzling veneer as a distinguished cancer researcher. As the trial progresses, he will question everything he thought he knew about his friend. Despite Pafko's many failings, is he innocent of the terrible charges laid against him? How far will Stern go to save his friend, and -- no matter the trial's outcome -- will he ever know the truth?

Stern's duty to defend his client and his belief in the power of the judicial system both face a final, terrible test in the courtroom, where the evidence and reality are sometimes worlds apart.

Full of the deep insights into the spaces where the fragility of human nature and the justice system collide, Scott Turow's *The Last Trial* is a masterful legal thriller that unfolds in page-turning suspense -- and questions how we measure a life.

Karen White – The Christmas Spirit of Tradd Street – 8.99 – General



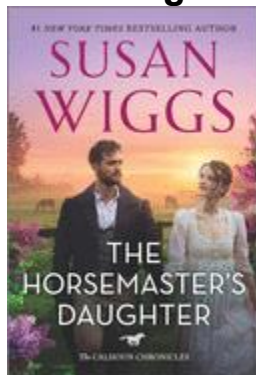
The Christmas spirit is overtaking Tradd Street with a vengeance in this festive new novel in the *New York Times* bestselling series by Karen White.

Melanie Trenholm should be anticipating Christmas with nothing but joy--after all, it's only the second Christmas she and her husband, Jack, will celebrate with their twin toddlers. But the ongoing excavation of the centuries-old cistern in the garden of her historic Tradd Street home has been a huge millstone, both financially and aesthetically. Local students are thrilled by the possibility of unearthing more Colonial-era artifacts at the cistern, but Melanie is concerned by the ghosts connected to it that have suddenly invaded her life and her house--and at least one of them is definitely not filled with holiday cheer....

And these relics aren't the only precious artifacts for which people are searching. A past adversary is convinced there is

a long-lost Revolutionary War treasure buried somewhere on the property Melanie inherited--untold riches rumored to have been brought over from France by the Marquis de Lafayette himself and intended to help the Colonial war effort. It's a treasure literally fit for a king, and there have been whispers throughout history that many have already killed--and died--for it. And now someone will stop at nothing to possess it--even if it means destroying everything Melanie and Jack hold dear.

Susan Wiggs – The Horsemaster's Daughter – 9.99 – Romance



An unbroken horse, a broken man, an estate that needs her...

Virginia, 1854

Once a privileged son of the South, Hunter Calhoun now stands a widower shadowed by the scandal of his wife's death. Burying himself in his business breeding Thoroughbred racehorses, he's left his family to crumble and his young children to mourn alone. But when a poor investment threatens to bankrupt him, Hunter is forced to seek help by other means...

Eliza Flyte is a horse whisperer like no other. Removed from the world of wealth and social privilege, she grew up on an isolated island off the coast of Virginia and learned the secrets of gentling horses. When the wounded and grieving Hunter shows up unexpectedly at her doorstep, with a crazed and wild stallion in tow, she must brave Virginia society in order to heal them both.

As two worlds collide, Hunter and Eliza can no longer fight their attraction for each other. But it just might take a miracle for these two mismatched lovers to find their happily-ever-after.

Stuart Woods – Hush-Hush, A Stone Barrington Novel – 9.99 – Adventure



Stone Barrington faces down a rival with cutting-edge tactics in this heart-racing thriller from the #1 New York Times bestselling author.

Stone Barrington is settling in for some downtime in New York City when an anonymous enemy makes himself known. This nameless foe's threats hit close to home, and before Stone can retaliate, the fearsome messages turn into very real consequences.

With the help of old friends--and a lovely new tech-savvy acquaintance--Stone sets out to unravel the fatal agenda. But as the web of adversaries expands, Stone realizes that no place is safe, and he'll have to flush out the mastermind before he and those closest to him are silenced for good....