

The Book Rack Newsletter

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Thanksgiving and Christmas)*

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What's New at The Book Rack?

1. **Masks again required in the store.** With the sharp increase in the Covid-19 Delta Virus infections in our area, we determined it is essential we ask customers to wear masks. This is for your protection and ours. We have several staff who fall into the high-risk categories, even though we have ALL been fully vaccinated. We have a stock of disposable masks available and if you don't have one, we'll offer you one to use and take with you. Please be understanding and patient with this precaution.
2. We have received another big addition to our "New Age" section and are working diligently to get them sorted, categorized and onto our shelves. Some are truly "collectible" and are being added to our Amazon listings. As they are added to Amazon, they also enter our inventory posted on-line. As a loyal customer of The Book Rack, unlike the "common folk" on Amazon, you can apply your store credit to cut the listed price

by as much as 50%, when purchased through TheBookRackQC.Com. Among the inventory are many books by/about Edgar Cayce, also books on Reincarnation, Angels, Psychic Phenomena and other such topics. This is a rare opportunity. Come in while the selection is greatest and bring some of your collection to trade and help us continually refresh the section. The “New Age” section is in the far back corner (SW). Take the main aisle to the Sci Fi aisle, turn left and just before to walk into the Military History shelves, look to your right and there they are!

It's that time of year, already! Time to cast your vote for the Locals Love Us Quad Cities Best Book Store! (Hint; The Book Rack) Just go to <https://localsloveus.com/quad-cities/winner/80576/>

Then click on “Vote for Us”. That's it!

Thank you!

Trivia for September 2021

Who was the Lone Ranger's Great Grand-Nephew?

Read on and find the answer later in the newsletter.

\$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 September 1, 2019 this month).

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 September 2021 winner #1 is:

Christine Zimmerman

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 **September 30, 2021** to claim your prize:

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

September 2021 Holidays and Events at The Book Rack:

Month:

Better Breakfast Month
Happy Cat Month
Hispanic Heritage Month
Honey Month
Little League Month
National Courtesy Month
National Mushroom Month
Self-Improvement Month
National Sewing Month

September 2 - VJ Day

4 – International Bacon Day

6 – Labor Day – The Book Rack will be OPEN

6 – Read a Book Day – Which is one reason we need to be open this day

8 – International Literacy Day

11 – 9/11 Remembrance Day

12 – Grandparents Day

15 – Yom Kippur begins at sunset

17 – Local Author, Patty Joy, book signing 2-4 PM

17 - Citizenship Day

19 – Mike McCarty & John Brassard, Jr. book signing 1-4 PM

21 – International Peace Day

22 – Autumn Equinox

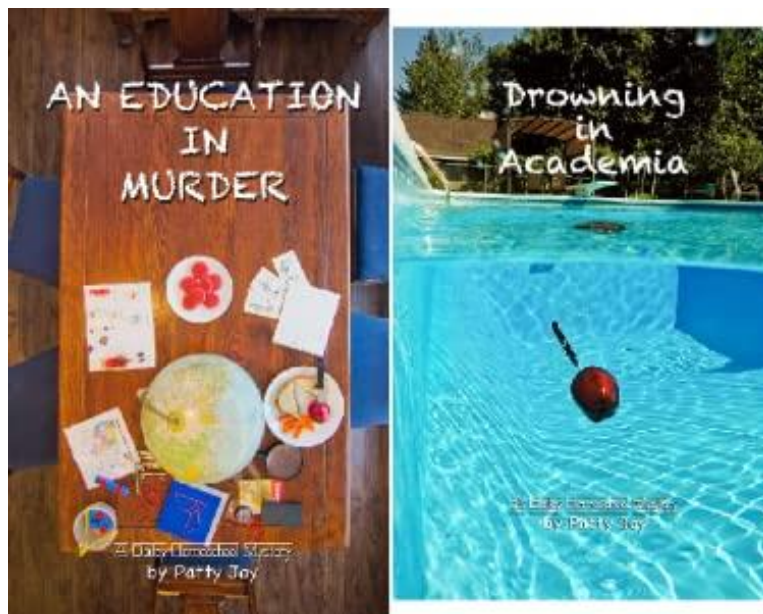
24 – Native American Day

28 – National Good Neighbor Day

Featured Authors for September

Patty Joy

Will be at The Book Rack, Friday, September 17, 2-4 PM, signing copies of her books and visiting with all. Please stop in and visit Patty



An Education in Murder (A Bailey Homeschool Mystery) 2019

While homeschooling her five children in her small town, Rainbow Bailey spends her days knee deep in lesson plans, laundry, and science projects. Between helping run her husband's sandwich shop and preparing for the town fundraiser, Rainbow's plate is full.

One night off, she discovers a body wrapped in plastic and tossed into a dumpster, turning her whole world upside down. Charlottesville's new chief of police, fresh from the big city, is struggling to adjust to small-town life. With no good clues to follow, he sets his eyes on Rainbow as the prime suspect.

Will Rainbow and her kids, with their unending curiosity and thirst for answers, be able

to convince Chief Flint that she had nothing to do with poor Harmless Harvey's death, and catch the killer before he or she kills again?

Patty Joy, born and raised in Illinois, comes from a long line of educators. Third generation Lutheran school teacher, she detoured into the world of homeschooling. Spare time activities include swimming, reading, and exploring new places- all fodder for her novels.

Drowning in Academia (A Bailey Homeschool Mystery) 2021

Rainbow Bailey's best friend, Jill Jensen, needed help. Her son's ex-girlfriend, a senior student at the local college, wished to use Jill's backyard pool for a science experiment. For safety precautions, Jill insisted Rainbow and her older boys supervised Lydia when she was doing her experiments. Standing by as lifeguards as she tested a new type of scuba gear, Skylar and Hunter dove into trial-and-error world of testing scientific theory. The project was swimming along, until one morning, they discovered Lydia floating in the pool without them. Rainbow hoped it was an accident, but the boys insist it was murder, ultimately placing a target on their friend and their family. Meanwhile Rainbow, who is used to rubbing people the wrong way, develops an enemy of her own. Every step turns out to be in the wrong direction. Or is it? Will the Bailey family complete their research in time to free their friend and catch a killer before the competition ends and the suspects scatter across the county?

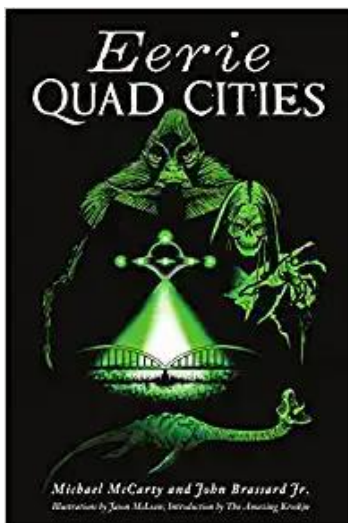


Patty Joy is the eclectic writer of Bailey Homeschool Mysteries, adventures, Middle school novels, epic love stories, and other mysteries. Born and raised in Illinois, she comes from a long line of educators. Third generation Lutheran school teacher, she detoured into the world of homeschooling. Spare time activities include swimming, reading, and exploring new places- all fodder for her novels.

Her first series, Bailey Homeschool Mysteries, is based on her life as a homeschool teacher, as a chance to showcase the good, the bad, and the beautiful aspects of educating the children at home. Love wraps around the everyday fun, crazy, and busier than the last, as the family grows. Certainly an adventure.

Her other interests are intertwined in her books, referencing Tae Kwon Do and Boy Scouts among others. Believing variety is the spice of life, she writes in various styles. Cozy mysteries top the list, but adventures of any kind are her focus.

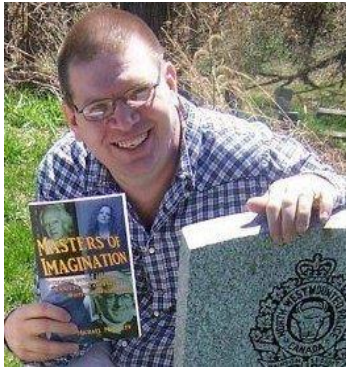
Mike McCarty and John Brassard, Jr.



Mike & John will be at The Book Rack Sunday, September 19, 1-4:00 PM with copies of their new book, *Eerie Quad Cities*.

Make a point to stop by, visit with these 2 well known Quad Cities authors and pick up a signed copy of their book.

Like the mighty Mississippi River that cleaves the Quad Cities, the region's history can trap the unwary in some unexpected eddies. Peer through the fog of the past to catch a glimpse of the Tinsmith Ghost of Rock Island or the river serpent with a price on its head. Get the back story on the Banshee of Brady Street, read the 1869 report on a Bigfoot sighting near East Davenport and run the numbers on local UFO activity. From phantom footsteps in the Renwick Mansion to a mausoleum heist in Chippiannock Cemetery, Michael McCarty and John Brassard Jr. trace a path through the shadowy heritage of the Quad Cities.



Michael McCarty has been a professional writer since 1983 and the author of over forty books of fiction and nonfiction, as well as hundreds of articles, short stories and poems. He is a Five-Time Bram Stoker Finalist and winner of the David R. Collins' Literary Achievement Award from the Midwest Writing Center.

He is the author of such books as DARK CITIES: DARK TALES, DARK DUETS: MUSICAL MAYHEM, A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FIENDS, I KISSED A GHOUL and LOST GIRL OF THE LAKE (with Joe McKinney).

John Brassard, Jr.



I am an author and historian with over fourteen years experience in reading, writing, and researching various topics.

I am the author of two books, 'Scott County Cemeteries,' and 'Murder and Mayhem in Scott County, Iowa.'

Since 2016, my work has also appeared in several publications, including the Iowa History Journal, Quad City Times, The Line-Up, and the Catholic Messenger. I have been named a contributing writer to the North Scott Press, a newspaper for rural Scott County, Iowa, and write a monthly history column for the DeWitt Observer called 'Brassard's Attic'.

Book Reviews

Review by Claudia:

Migrations by Charlotte McConaghy is a wonder. Literature (Action and Adventure) 2020



The novel is imagined in the not-too-distant future when most of earth's wild animals are extinct. Few fish and birds remain. Franny Stone Lynch, the protagonist and narrator, bands three Arctic terns, then sets herself on a journey to track them from the Arctic Circle to Greenland. After rejection by several captains, she finds Ennis Malone, captain of the fishing boat, Saghani, who agrees when Franny assures him that her terns will lead him to fish. Told in a series of flashbacks, we learn more of Franny's background, and why she, like migrating Arctic terns, cannot stay in a single location. Descriptions of stark, cold landscapes; life aboard the fishing boat; each crew member; her husband; and her family in Australia and Ireland, effectively immerse us in Franny's world. Julia Fine, author of *What Should Be Wild*, says, "Charlotte McConaghy weaves parallel stories of a woman and a world on the brink of devastation, but never without hope." This is one of the few books I want to read again, and soon. Highly recommended.

The Attorney by Steve Martini (2000) Thriller

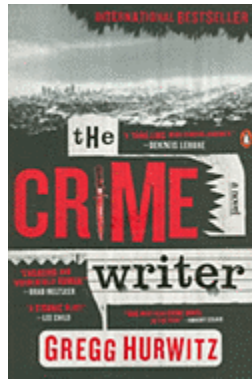


Defense attorney and sleuth Paul Madriani is back, and on his most challenging case in this riveting new legal thriller by the author of "The Judge" and "Undue Influence". A drug-addicted mother goes up against her

daughter's newly rich grandfather in a contentious custody case that leads to criminal accusations -- and ultimately murder.

Steve Martini is one of the best legal thriller writers today. *The Attorney* has all the suspense, trial machinations and physical threats you could want and it's all done exceptionally well. If you like Brad Meltzer, Scott Turow or Philip Margolin, you have to read Steve Martini. I give it an A-.

The Crime Writer by Gregg Hurwitz (2008) Thriller



Drew Danner, an L.A.-based crime novelist, awakens in a hospital bed with a scar on his head, blood under his nails, and a cop by his side. Accused of murdering his ex-fiancee, Drew has no memory of the crime but reconstructs the story the only way he knows how--as a novel. As he searches the dark corridors of his life and the city he loves, another young woman is similarly murdered and Drew must confront the very real possibility of his own guilt. A thrilling piece of contemporary L.A. noir.

Gregg Hurwitz is best known for his Orphan X series, and for good reasons. His stand-alone novels, such as *The Crime Writer* deserve much credit as well. This is a well-developed story with characters you can like and hate squared off against each other and an ending you won't see coming. I give it an A-. Nick Petrie, Mark Greaney and Lee Child are similar authors.

The Man Who Smiled by Henning Mankell (2007) Mystery / Police Procedural

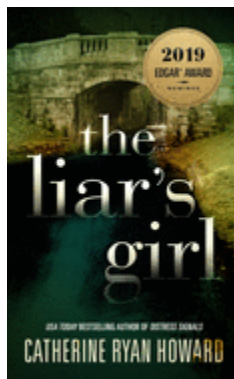


From the dean of Scandinavian noir, comes the fourth riveting installment in the internationally bestselling and universally acclaimed Kurt Wallander series.

After killing a man in the line of duty, Kurt Wallander resolves to quit the Ystad police. However, a bizarre case gets under his skin.

A lawyer driving home at night stops to investigate an effigy sitting in a chair in the middle of the highway. The lawyer is hit over the head and dies. Within a week the lawyer's son is also killed. These deeply puzzling mysteries compel Wallander to remain on the force. The prime suspect is a powerful corporate mogul with a gleaming smile that Wallander believes hides the evil glee of a killer. Joined by Ann-Britt Høglund, Wallander begins to uncover the truth, but the same merciless individuals responsible for the murders are now closing in on him.

The Liar's Girl by Catherine Ryan Howard (2019) Mystery



Will Hurley was an attractive, charming, and impressive student at Dublin's

elite St. John's College--and Ireland's most prolific serial killer. He stalked and drowned his five young victims in the muddy waters of the Grand Canal, and is currently serving a life sentence in the city's Central Psychiatric Hospital. Alison Smith's world imploded when Liz, her best friend, became the victim of the Canal Killer--and then her boyfriend Will confessed. Alison fled to the Netherlands and, in ten years, has never once looked back. When a young woman's body is found in the Grand Canal, Garda detectives visit Will to see if he can assist them in solving what looks like a copycat killing. Instead, Will tells them he has something new to confess--but there's only one person he's prepared to confess it to. Reluctantly Alison is pulled back into the past she's worked so hard to leave behind, only to discover that, until now, Will has left out the worst part of all.

The September 2021 winner #2 is: Tom Bullock

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Did You Know?

Writers who died before reaching 40

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

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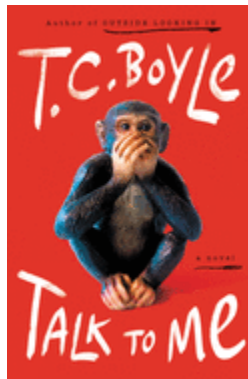
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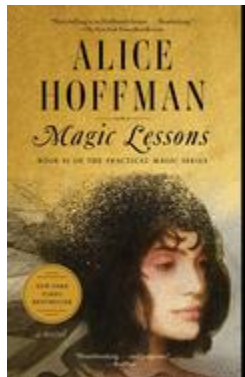
Hardcover and Trade Paperback

T.C. Boyle – Talk to Me – 27.99 – General



Vince Flynn and Kyle Mills – Enemy at the Gate, A Mitch Rapp Novel – 28.99 – Thriller

Alice Hoffman – Magic Lessons, 3, Book #1 of the Practical Magic Series – 17.00 – General



Alice Hoffman unveils the story of Maria Owens, accused of witchcraft in Salem, and matriarch of a line of the amazing Owens women and men featured in *Practical Magic* and *The Rules of Magic*.

Where does the story of the Owens bloodline begin? With Maria Owens, in the 1600s, when she's abandoned in a snowy field in rural England as a baby. Under the care of Hannah Owens, Maria learns about the "Nameless Arts." Hannah recognizes that Maria has a gift and she teaches the girl all she knows. It is here that she learns her first important lesson: Always love someone who will love you back.

When Maria is abandoned by the man who has declared his love for her, she follows him to Salem, Massachusetts. Here she invokes the curse that will haunt her family. And it's here that she learns the rules of magic and the lesson that she will carry with her for the rest of her life. Love is the only thing that matters.

Magic Lessons is a "heartbreaking and heart-healing" (*BookPage*) celebration of life and love and a showcase of Alice Hoffman's masterful storytelling.

Iris Johansen – High Stakes – 28.00 - Mystery

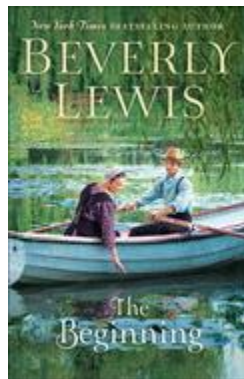
Craig Johnson – Daughter of the Morning Star, A Longmire Mystery – 28.00



When Lolo Long's niece Jaya begins receiving death threats, Tribal Police Chief Long calls on Absaroka County Sheriff Walt Longmire along with Henry Standing Bear as lethal backup. Jaya Longshot Long is the phenom of the Lame Deer Lady Stars High School basketball team and is following in the steps of her older sister, who disappeared a year previously, a victim of the scourge of missing Native Woman in Indian Country. Lolo hopes that having Longmire involved might draw some public attention to the girl's plight, but with this maneuver she also inadvertently places the good sheriff in a one-on-one with the deadliest adversary he has ever faced in both this world and the next.

Jonathan Kellerman - The Burning – 28.99 – Thriller

Beverly Lewis – The Beginning – 16.99 – General



Susie Mast's Old Order life has been shaped more by tragedy than her own choices. But when she decides to stop waiting on her childhood friend and accept another young man's invitation, she soon realizes her mistake. Will family secrets and missed opportunities dim Susie's hopes for the future? Or is what seems like the end only the beginning?

Fern Michaels – Santa Cruise – 26.00 – General

Christopher Paolini – To Sleep in a Sea of Stars – 21.99 Science Fiction



Kira Navárez dreamed of life on new worlds.

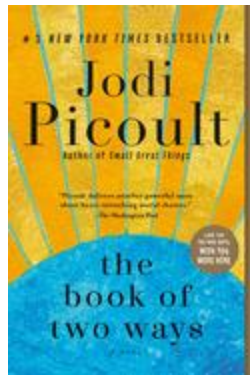
Now she's awakened a nightmare.

During a routine survey mission on an uncolonized planet, Kira finds an alien relic. At first she's delighted, but elation turns to terror when the ancient dust around her begins to *move*.

As war erupts among the stars, Kira is launched into a galaxy-spanning odyssey of discovery and transformation. First contact isn't at all what she imagined, and events push her to the very limits of what it means to be human.

While Kira faces her own horrors, Earth and its colonies stand upon the brink of annihilation. Now, Kira might be humanity's greatest and final hope . . .

Jodi Picoult – The Book of Two Ways – 17.00 – General Fiction



Everything changes in a single moment for Dawn Edelstein. She's on a plane when the flight attendant makes an announcement: Prepare for a crash landing. She braces herself as thoughts flash through her mind. The shocking thing is, the thoughts are not of her husband but of a man she last saw fifteen years ago: Wyatt Armstrong.

Dawn, miraculously, survives the crash, but so do all the doubts that have suddenly been raised. She has led a good life. Back in Boston, there is her husband, Brian, their beloved daughter, and her work as a death doula, in which she helps ease the transition between life and death for her clients.

But somewhere in Egypt is Wyatt Armstrong, who works as an archaeologist unearthing ancient burial sites, a career Dawn once studied for but was forced to abandon when life suddenly intervened. And now, when it seems that fate is offering her second chances, she is not as sure of the choice she once made.

After the crash landing, the airline ensures that the survivors are seen by a doctor, then offers transportation to wherever they want to go. The obvious destination is to fly home, but she could take another path: return to the archaeological site she left years before, reconnect with Wyatt and their unresolved history, and maybe even complete her research on *The Book of Two Ways*--the first known map of the afterlife.

As the story unfolds, Dawn's two possible futures unspool side by side, as do the secrets and doubts long buried with them. Dawn must confront the questions she's never truly asked: What does a life well lived look like? When we leave this earth, what do we leave behind? Do we make choices . . . or do our choices make us? And who would you be if you hadn't turned out to be the person you are right now?

Mary Roach – Fuzz, When Nature Breaks the Law – 26.95 – Science



What's to be done about a jaywalking moose? A bear caught breaking and entering? A murderous tree? Three hundred years ago, animals that broke the law would be assigned legal representation and put on trial. These days, as *New York Times* best-selling author Mary Roach discovers, the answers are best found not in jurisprudence but in science: the curious science of human-wildlife conflict, a discipline at the crossroads of human behavior and wildlife biology.

Roach tags along with animal-attack forensics investigators, human-elephant conflict specialists, bear managers, and danger tree faller blasters. Intrepid as ever, she travels from leopard-terrorized hamlets in the Indian Himalaya to St. Peter's Square in the early hours before the pope arrives for Easter Mass, when vandal gulls swoop in to destroy the elaborate floral display. She taste-tests rat bait, learns how to install a vulture effigy, and gets mugged by a macaque.

Combining little-known forensic science and conservation genetics with a motley cast of laser scarecrows, langur impersonators, and trespassing squirrels, Roach reveals as much about humanity as about nature's lawbreakers. When it comes to problem wildlife, she finds, humans are more often the problem--and the solution. Fascinating, witty, and humane, *Fuzz* offers hope for compassionate coexistence in our ever-expanding human habitat.

J.D. Robb – Forgotten in Death, An Eve Dallas Novel – 28.99 – Mystery

Nicholas Sparks – The Wish – 28.00 – Romance

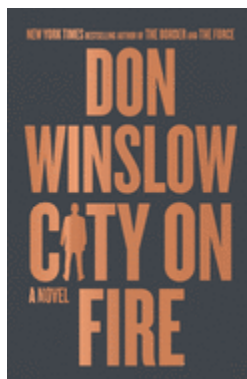


1996 was the year that changed everything for Maggie Dawes. Sent away at sixteen to live with an aunt she barely knew in Ocracoke, a remote village on North Carolina's Outer Banks, she could think only of the friends and family she left behind . . . until she met Bryce Trickett, one of the few teenagers on the island. Handsome, genuine, and newly admitted to West Point, Bryce showed her how much there was to love about the wind-swept beach town--and introduced her to photography, a passion that would define the rest of her life.

By 2019, Maggie is a renowned travel photographer. She splits her time between running a successful gallery in New York and photographing remote locations around the world. But this year she is unexpectedly grounded over Christmas, struggling to come to terms with a sobering medical diagnosis. Increasingly dependent on a young assistant, she finds herself becoming close to him.

As they count down the last days of the season together, she begins to tell him the story of another Christmas, decades earlier--and the love that set her on a course she never could have imagined

Don Winslow – City on Fire – 28.99 – Thriller



Two criminal empires together control all of New England.

Until a beautiful modern-day Helen of Troy comes between the Irish and the Italians, launching a war that will see them kill each other, destroy an alliance, and set a city on fire.

Danny Ryan yearns for a more "legit" life and a place in the sun. But as the bloody conflict stacks body on body and brother turns against brother, Danny has to rise above himself. To save the friends he loves like family and the family he has sworn to protect, he becomes a leader, a ruthless strategist, and a master of a treacherous game in which the winners live and the losers die.

From the gritty streets of Providence to the glittering screens of Hollywood to the golden casinos of Las Vegas, Danny Ryan will forge a dynasty.

Exploring the classic themes of loyalty, betrayal, and honor, *City on Fire* is a contemporary *Iliad*, a saga that spans generations--a towering achievement of storytelling genius from Don Winslow, "America's greatest living crime writer" (Jon Land, *Providence Journal*).

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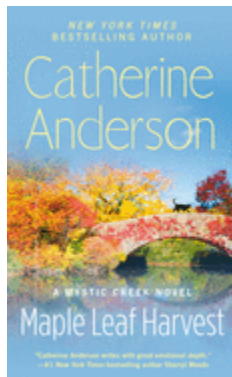
Who was the Lone Ranger's Great Grand-Nephew?

Answer

The Green Hornet. The relationship was as follows: John Reid (the Lone Ranger) had a brother named Dan Reid, who had a son named Dan Jr., who had a son named Henry Reid, who had a son named Britt Reid (the Green Hornet).

Mass Market Paperback

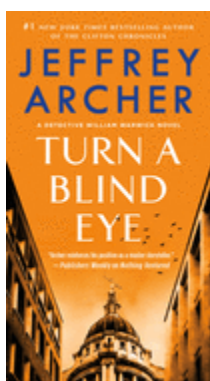
Catherine Anderson – Maple Leaf Harvest, A Mystic Creek Novel – 8.99 – Romance



Lane Driscoll has been having nightmares where she's chased by a strange man. When she has a threatening run-in with someone who looks just like the man from her dreams, she decides to leave her hometown until she figures out what's going on. Lane seeks refuge in beautiful Mystic Creek, where she gets a job working at the local perfume shop. Soon after she arrives, a handsome customer seems to think he recognizes Lane, but calls her by the wrong name. When Jonas Sterling, a local psychologist, encounters his ex-girlfriend, Veneta, in town, he can't believe his eyes. He hasn't seen her for years. Jonas is even more baffled when it turns out the woman is a total stranger to him. There's no way two people could look so similar without being related. Jonas discovers Lane was adopted at the age of three and is now twenty-six years old--the same as the woman he dated.

After initial shock at the idea she could have a twin, something clicks inside Lane--and now she needs to locate her missing sister. A romance blossoms as Jonas agrees to help her. But when the man from Lane's nightmares shows up in her dreams again, Jonas and Lane realize Veneta may be in grave danger, and their search for Lane's sister turns into a heart-pounding race.

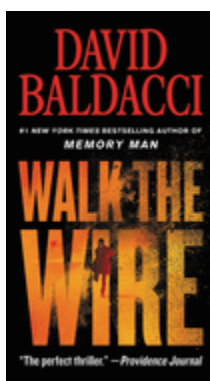
Jeffrey Archer – Turn a Blind Eye, A Detective William Warwick Novel – 9.99 – General



Newly promoted to Detective Inspector, William Warwick is tasked with a dangerous new line of work, to go undercover and expose crime of another kind: corruption at the heart of the Metropolitan Police Force. Along with detectives Rebecca Pankhurst and Nicky Bailey, his team is focused on following Detective Jerry Summers, a young officer whose lifestyle exceeds his income. But the investigation risks being compromised when Nicky falls for Summers. Meanwhile, notorious drug baron Assem Rashidi goes on trial, defended by Booth Watson QC, while William's father Sir Julian and sister Grace lead the prosecution case. And William's wife Beth, now a new mother to twins, makes a surprising new friend in Christina Faulkner--the ex-wife of William's former rival, criminal financier Miles - who has not only turned over a new leaf, but also has a new-found source of income when Faulkner dies suddenly of a heart attack and she stands to be sole inheritor of his estate.

As the undercover officers start to draw the threads together, William realizes that the corruption may go deeper still, and more of his colleagues than he first thought might be willing to turn a blind eye.

David Baldacci – Walk the Wire, A Memory Man Novel – 9.99 – Thriller



Amos Decker --the FBI consultant with a perfect memory -- returns to solve a gruesome murder in a booming North Dakota oil town in the newest thriller in David Baldacci's #1 *New York Times* bestselling Memory Man series.

When Amos Decker and his FBI colleague Alex Jamison are called to London, North Dakota, they instantly sense that the thriving fracking town is ripe for trouble. The promise of a second gold rush has attracted an onslaught of newcomers all hoping for a windfall, and the community is growing faster than houses can be built. The sudden boom has also brought a slew of problems with it, including drugs, property crimes, prostitution--and now murder.

Decker and Jamison are ordered to investigate the death of a young woman named Irene Cramer, whose body was expertly autopsied and then dumped in the open--which is only the beginning of the oddities surrounding the case. As Decker and Jamison dig into Irene's life, they are shocked to discover that the woman who walked the streets by night as a prostitute was a teacher for a local religious sect by day--a sect operating on land once owned by a mysterious government facility that looms over the entire community.

London is a town replete with ruthless business owners, shady government officials, and religious outsiders, all determined to keep their secrets from coming out. When other murders occur, Decker will need all of his extraordinary memory and detective skills, and the assistance of a surprising ally, to root out a killer and the forces behind Cramer's death . . . before the boom town explodes.

C.J. Cherryh – Divergence, A Foreigner Novel – 8.99 – Sci Fi



The overthrow of the atevi head of state, Tabini-aiji, and the several moves of enemies even since his restoration, have prompted major changes in the Assassins' Guild, which has since worked to root out its seditious elements--a clandestine group they call the Shadow Guild. With the Assassins now rid of internal corruption, with the birth of Tabini's second child, and with the appointment of an heir, stability seems to have returned to the atevi world. Humans and atevi share the space station in peaceful cooperation, humans and atevi share the planet as they have for centuries, and the humans' island enclave is preparing to welcome 5000 human refugees from a remote station now dismantled, and to do that in unprecedented cooperation with the atevi mainland.

In general Bren Cameron, Tabini-aiji's personal representative, returning home to the atevi capital after securing that critical agreement, was ready to take a well-earned rest--until Tabini's grandmother claimed his services on a train trip to the smallest, most remote and least significant of the provinces, snowy Hasjuran--a move concerning which Tabini-aiji gave Bren a private instruction: protect her. Advise her.

Advise her--perhaps. As for protection, she has a trainload of high-level Guild. But since the aiji-dowager has also invited a dangerously independent young warlord, Machigi, and a young man who *may* be the heir to Ajuri, a key northern province--the natural question is *why* the dowager is taking this ill-assorted pair to Hasjuran and what on this earth she may be up to.

With a Shadow Guild attack on the train station, it has become clear that others have questions, too. Hasjuran, on its mountain height, overlooks the Marid, a district that is part of the atevi nation only in name--a district in which Machigi is one major player, and where the Shadow Guild retains a major stronghold.

Protect her? Ilisidi is hellbent on settling scores with the Shadow Guild, and her reasons for this trip and this company now become clear. One human diplomat and his own bodyguard suddenly seem a very small force to defend her from what she is setting in motion.

Michael Connelly – Fair Warning – 9.99 – Mystery

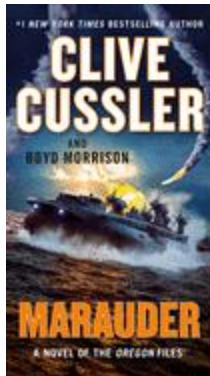


Veteran reporter Jack McEvoy has taken down killers before, but when a woman he had a one-night stand with is murdered in a particularly brutal way, McEvoy realizes he might be facing a criminal mind unlike any he's ever encountered.

Jack investigates--against the warnings of the police and his own editor--and makes a shocking discovery that connects the crime to other mysterious deaths across the country. Undetected by law enforcement, a vicious killer has been hunting women, using genetic data to select and stalk his targets. Uncovering the murkiest corners of the dark web, Jack races to find and protect the last source who can lead him to his quarry. But the killer has already chosen his next target, and he's ready to strike.

Terrifying and unputdownable, *Fair Warning* shows once again why "Michael Connelly has earned his place in the pantheon of great crime fiction writers" (*Chicago Sun-Times*).

Clive Cussler and Boyd Morrison – Marauder, A Novel of the Oregon Files – 9.99 – Action-Adventure



It's up to Juan Cabrillo and the crew of his ship, the *Oregon*, to stop a terrorist plot to release a deadly chemical weapon across the globe in the explosive new novel in Clive Cussler's #1 *New York Times* bestselling series.

While interrupting an attack on a Kuwaiti oil tanker, Juan Cabrillo and his team discover something even more dangerous: a ruthless billionaire's dying wish has allowed a paralyzing chemical to end up in the hands of a terrorist group. When an *Oregon* crew member falls victim to the poison, Juan Cabrillo will stop at nothing to find an antidote before it is too late. He and his team must connect an ancient mystery with a cunning modern enemy in order to save millions of innocent lives, including their own.

Christine Feehan – Dark Song, A Carpathian Novel – 8.99 – Romance



Stolen from her home at a young age and tormented for centuries, Elisabeta Trigovise is scared to show herself to anyone. Even though she has been rescued and is now safe within the Carpathian compound, she has lived in fear for so long she has no idea how to survive without it. She wants to answer the siren call of her lifemate--but the very thought terrifies her.

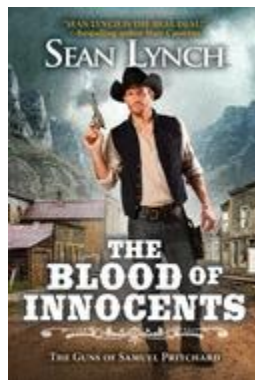
Before he found Elisabeta, Ferro Arany was an ancient warrior without emotion. Now that his senses have come alive, he knows it will take more than kind words and soft touches to convince the fractured woman that they are partners, not master and prisoner. For now, he will give her his strength until she finds hers, allowing the steady rhythm of his heart to soothe Elisabeta's fragile soul.

But even as she learns to stand on her own, the vampire who kept her captive is desperate to claim her again, threatening the song Elisabeta and Ferro are writing together.

William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone – Blood and Bullets, A Firestick Western – 8.99

William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone – The Scorching – 8.99 – Thriller

Sean Lynch – The Blood of Innocents, A Guns of Samuel Pritchard Western – 8.99



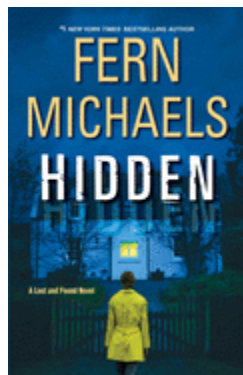
THE DEVIL CAME DOWN TO IDAHO

As both a former Confederate guerilla and Texas Ranger, and now a U.S. marshal, no one knows the dangers of the frontier and cowtowns like Marshal Samuel Pritchard. A couple of wagon trains traveling the Oregon Trail have vanished and Pritchard's got miles of bad road across hostile territory to investigate. But he must also reckon with a price on his head. Bounty hunter Captain Laird Bonner is the greatest manhunter throughout the west--and he's as ruthless as he's relentless in pursuing his prey.

Then the trail for both Pritchard and Bonner ends in an Idaho mining town named Whiskey Falls. Ruled by a man who earned his stripes in Andersonville, the town is a literal hell for everyone who lives there, slaving and dying to satiate their captor's lustful greed. To escape, Pritchard and Bonner must declare an uneasy truce and take on an army of gunmen.

This is the story of Samuel Pritchard. A frontier-town peacekeeper who left many outlaws dead in the dust . . .

Fern Michaels – Hidden, A Lost and Found Novel – 9.99 – Thriller



At first glance, few would guess that Luna and Cullen Bodman are siblings. Cullen is efficient and serious while his younger sister Luna is a free spirit. When the two launch their furniture restoration shop/café--an offshoot of the family's longtime antique business--in an up-and-coming arts center, little do they know their unique talents may be their only defense against a dangerous betrayal.

When Luna gets a strange sense about a piece Cullen just acquired, the two find themselves uniting to solve a mystery that has far-reaching consequences--never knowing there are some who'll stop at nothing to claim what they believe is theirs. No matter what, Luna and Cullen know they can rely on each other--and this time, their lives may depend on it...

Kyle Mills – Vince Flynn’s Total Power, A Mitch Rapp Novel – 9.99



When Mitch Rapp captures ISIS's top technology expert, he reveals he was on his way to meet a man who claims to have the ability to bring down America's power grid. Rapp is determined to eliminate this shadowy figure, but the CIA's trap fails. The Agency is still trying to determine what went wrong when ISIS operatives help this cyber terrorist do what he said he could -- plunge the country into darkness. With no concept of how this unprecedented act was accomplished, the task of getting the power back on could take months. Perhaps even years. Rapp and his team embark on a desperate search for the only people who know how to repair the damage -- the ones responsible. But his operating environment is like nothing he's experienced before. Computers and communication networks are down, fuel can no longer be pumped from gas stations, water and sanitation systems are on the brink of collapse, and the supply of food is running out. Can Rapp get the lights back on before America descends irretrievably into chaos?

The September 2021 winner #4 is:

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Jeff Rovin – Tom Clancy’s Op-Center: God of War – 9.99 – Thriller



The passengers and crew on an Airbus en route to Australia suddenly begin coughing up blood and hemorrhaging violently as the plane plunges to the ground. There are no survivors.

A luxury yacht in the South Indian Sea blows up, and a lone woman escapes the contagion that has inexplicably killed everyone else on the boat.

A helicopter whose occupants have been stricken by an unknown illness crashes into a bridge in South Africa, killing motorists and pedestrians.

The world is facing a devastating bio-terror event, and a game of brinkmanship gets underway as the major powers jockey for position: China sends a naval flotilla to seek the source of the plague and find a way to weaponize it, while Russia maneuvers quietly on the sidelines to seize the deadly prize in its quest to regain an empire. Back in Washington D.C., Chase Williams and his top-secret Black Wasp special ops team must find out who is behind these deadly attacks before war is unleashed--and millions of innocent lives are lost.

Brad Taylor – American Traitor, A Pike Logan Novel – 9.99 – Thriller



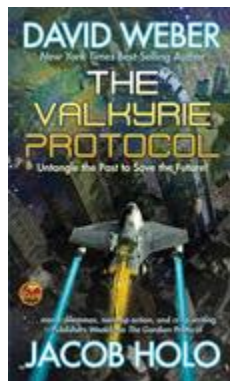
Pike Logan is on the desperate hunt for a man who is about to betray his country--and ignite a horrific new world war--in this pulse-pounding thriller from *New York Times* bestselling author and former special forces officer Brad Taylor.

Pike Logan and Jennifer Cahill are enjoying a sunny vacation down under when they get disturbing news: their friend and colleague Clifford Delmonty is in serious trouble. While working as a contractor at an Australian F-35 facility, the former Taskforce member--callsign Dunkin--saw something he shouldn't have, and now he's on the run from Chinese agents.

Pike and Jennifer soon discover that Dunkin's attackers are a dangerous link to a much larger scheme that could launch a full-on conflict between China and Taiwan. In its quest for dominance, China is determined to reclaim Taiwan--a pivotal ally the United States has sworn to protect. Pike learns that the Chinese have a devious plan to bait the island nation into all-out war by destabilizing the government and manipulating an artificial intelligence defense system.

As the threat reaches a boiling point, Pike alone realizes that what they're seeing isn't actually real. A soldier who has always been trained to fight and win, Pike must now track down and neutralize the missing man who holds the key. With the help of Jennifer, the Taskforce team, and a brave Taiwanese intelligence agent, he races to prevent a catastrophic conflict from consuming a whole region of the world.

David Weber and Jacob Holo – The Valkyrie Protocol – 8.99 – Sci Fi



TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Agent Raibert Kaminski and the crew of the Transtemporal Vehicle *Kleio* have stumbled across a temporal implosion that has claimed two whole universes, and neither Raibert nor his crew can figure out what caused this calamity, or how to stop its spread. Meanwhile, old colleagues of Raibert's from the Antiquities Rescue Trust, together with a version of Samuel Pepys transplanted from the 17th century into the 30th, have proposed an expedition into the past. The goal? To branch the timeline by preventing the Plague of Justinian, one of the worst pandemics in human history. And on a multidimensional level, governmental entity SysGov's multiverse neighbor, the xenophobic Admin, is stirring. While their ambassadors put on a friendly show, the Admin is amassing a fleet of advanced, heavily armed time machines--with SysGov firmly in the crosshairs.

In the midst of the temporal turmoil, time is running out for Raibert and his team to save the rest of the known universes from ceasing to exist. Navigating the paradoxes of time can be a killer task--especially when dogged by those who seek your destruction at every turn. But this isn't the first Time Rodeo for the crew of the *Kleio*, and they won't go down without a fight--no matter where--or *when*--the threat to the multiverse arises!