



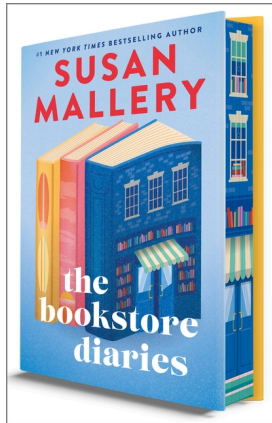
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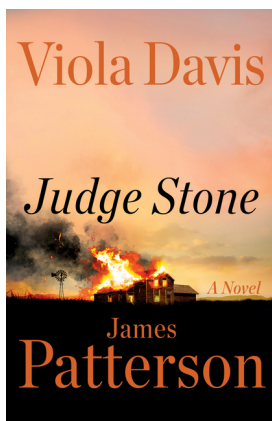
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The Bookstore Diaries (Deluxe Limited Edition)

by Susan Mallery

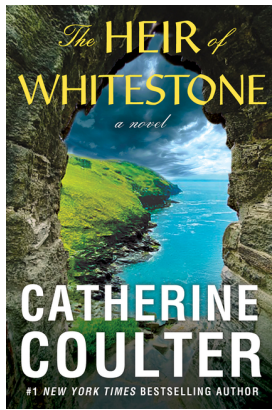
This summer, the town's juiciest secrets are revealed in New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery's joyful and sparkling new novel. Jax has a slight issue with control--as in, she needs it. Always. Too bad she has power only over the Painted Lady Bookstore, the Victorian mansion turned bookshop she inherited. No one else listens to a word she says. Her ex gets engaged for questionable reasons. Her beloved sister, Ryleigh, wants to move away to find a husband. And the handsome contractor Jax has chosen to convince Ryleigh to stay is only interested in Jax. Still, she's living the bookworm dream--until an unhappy accident erases the names from the bookshop lockboxes where the town keeps their diaries. Which means the only way to find a diary's owner is...to read it. As secrets spill and scandals surface, life at the Painted Lady Bookstore gets a lot more colorful and chaotic. But for a woman who's always had to take charge, Jax will see that losing control--especially with the right wrong guy--can set you free. Don't miss these other great reads from Susan Mallery: *Otherwise Engaged* *Beach Vibes* *The Boardwalk Bookshop* *Once Upon a Holidate* *One Big Happy Family*



Judge Stone

by James Patterson

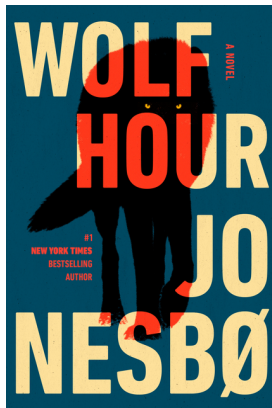
Academy Award winning actress Viola Davis and the world's #1 bestselling author James Patterson's Judge Stone delivers first-class courtroom drama, small-town excitement, and strong characters all wrapped in a moral dilemma. Tense, readable, and relevant. (Kirkus Reviews, starred review) Talk about a power combo ... With Davis's razor-sharp emotional insight and Patterson's mastery of rocket-fuel pacing, this is the dream team to deliver an up-all-night read that will keep the group chat buzzing. --Oprah Daily Wonderfully satisfying ... This legal thriller from a] superstar duo ... demands attention from its opening pages and never lets go. --Booklist, starred review All rise... for Judge Stone. The most respected citizen in Union Springs, Alabama (population 3,314), is Judge Mary Stone. She holds two responsibilities sacred: running her family farm and presiding over her courtroom. It's there she draws the most controversial case in the history of the South. Criminally, it's open-and-shut. Ethically, there is no middle ground. Essentially, it's a choice between life and death. No judge can satisfy everyone. It would be dangerous to try. But Judge Stone is willing to fight to bring justice to the people and place she loves.



The Heir of Whitestone

by Catherine Coulter

A brilliant young innovator with a mysterious past and a boldly sharp-witted Lady uncover deadly secrets in #1 New York Times bestselling author Catherine Coulter's thrilling, new Victorian-era romantic mystery filled with daring escapes, exciting twists, witty humor, and characters you won't soon forget. When Alex Ivanov was 12, someone tried to kill him. Now, 11 years later, they still want him dead. England, 1842. Queen Victoria reigns, Buckingham Palace is overrun with rats, and the streets of London are filled with intrigue. Alex Ivanov is a brilliant young innovator, designing cutting-edge train engines. But Alex has a secret--he isn't really Alex Ivanov. As a boy, he was pulled from the Thames, presumed drowned, with no memory of who he was. Rescued and raised by the formidable Ryder Sherbrooke, Alex has built a new life, but his past is catching up with him. Lady Camilla Rohman has problems of her own. Trapped by a scheming stepmother and a family determined to see her married off, she is as clever as she is desperate. When fate throws her into Alex's path, their connection is undeniable. But as their whirlwind romance turns into marriage, danger follows. On their honeymoon, a series of deadly attacks make one thing clear--someone wants Alex dead. As they race to uncover the truth, old enemies and long-buried secrets come to light, leading them to a shocking revelation that will change everything...



Wolf Hour

by Jo Nesbo

Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2016. When a small-time criminal and gun dealer is shot down in the street, all signs point to Tomas Gomez, a quiet man with a mysterious past-and deep connections to a notorious gang-who has seemingly vanished into thin air. Other murders soon follow, and it appears Gomez is only getting started. Meanwhile, Bob Oz, a down-and-out suspended police officer with a dubious past of his own, becomes fascinated by the case: he is obsessed with the notion of hunting down a serial killer who only he can understand, a killer with a story as tragic as his own. Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2022. An enigmatic Norwegian man with ties to Minneapolis - a self-described crime writer - has traveled to the United States to research the Gomez case, in the hopes of writing a book about it. But as his investigation progresses, the writer's seemingly neutral position reveals itself to be more complicated than the reader is initially led to believe-- Provided by publisher.

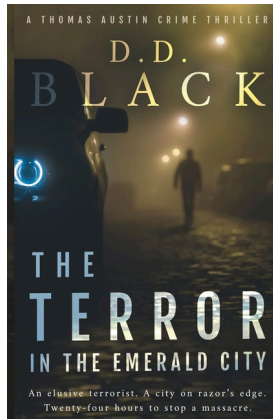


Until We Meet Again

by Roberta Kagan

Mimi, it's me. Nick, he whispered, his Nazi uniform a mockery of the boy who once promised to protect her. She stared through her tears at eyes she'd never forgotten--now belonging to the enemy. When the Nazis invade Paris, the peaceful world Mimi shares with her beloved grandmother Chloe--is shattered forever. In a single, brutal day, police tear through their neighborhood, ripping Jewish families from their homes and destroying lives built over generations. As grandmother and granddaughter face the unthinkable horrors of Nazi-occupied France, an unexpected figure from Mimi's past emerges--someone who could be salvation or destruction. Nick, the childhood friend who once held her heart, now bears the swastika armband. But beneath the Reich insignia lies a man haunted by his choices, desperate to find redemption in the

darkness. From a converted department store turned prison where Mimi is forced to sort stolen treasures to the camps where innocents face unspeakable evil, love becomes the most dangerous--and powerful--force of all. Based on true events during the Nazi occupation of Paris, this is a devastating story of impossible choices, unexpected courage, and bonds that transcend even war itself from USA Today bestselling author Roberta Kagan.



The Terror in the Emerald City

by D. D. Black

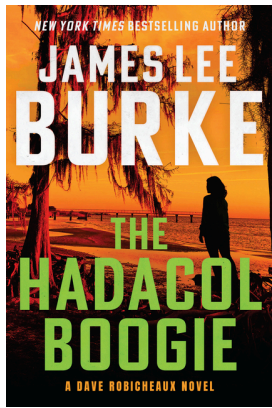
An elusive terrorist. A city on razor's edge. Twenty-four hours to stop a massacre. Former NYPD detective Thomas Austin is enjoying a rare date at a Monday Night Football game in Seattle when the evening takes a horrifying turn. A team of merciless terrorists has taken over the stadium by force, blocking cellphone signals and sealing the exits. The terrorists have a single demand: release a high-ranking Al Qaeda operative from a U.S. supermax prison. And they have a simple threat: do so in the next twenty-four hours or they will blow up the stadium, killing themselves along with tens of thousands of innocent victims. With 60,000 fans in the crosshairs, and the world watching live on TV, Austin must work with security inside the stadium to find a weak point in the terrorists' plans before the countdown ends. But the closer he gets to the attackers, the more he believes their true plan is even more sinister than anyone would believe. In the ultimate race against time, Thomas Austin will be tested in ways he never has before, and forced to answer the question: would you sacrifice someone you love to save a thousand strangers?



Her Last Breath

by Taylor Adams

From the critically acclaimed author of No Exit and The Last Word comes a story of two friends who embark on an ill-fated caving expedition--and the dark truth of what happens deep underground. After years of excuses, Tess has finally agreed to go caving with her best friend Allie. Their lives have diverged sharply since high school--Allie is a self-made travel influencer, while Tess is a shy (and claustrophobic) legal assistant struggling to pay for law school. Maybe she's a little jealous of Allie's globe-trotting life. Who wouldn't be? As Tess and Allie descend into the depths, they realize they're not alone. A stranger who claims to be a fellow caver harasses them. Confident, take-no-shit Allie insults the guy--and he retaliates. Soon, Tess is trapped inside a narrow crawl space hundreds of feet underground, fighting to stay alive. Twenty-four hours later, as a hospitalized Tess recounts her harrowing story of survival, the detective interviewing her shares new and shocking secrets about Allie's true past. Together, they begin to suspect the brutal attack wasn't so random after all. Who was Allie, really? Why did this man target them? And did Tess really leave the danger behind when she escaped the cave?



The Hadacol Boogie: A Dave Robicheaux Novel

by James Lee Burke

Dave Robicheaux, James Lee Burke's iconic detective, returns to investigate the death of an unidentified woman, pulling him into a vortex of corruption and violence in the Louisiana bayou. When a cloaked, disfigured man leaves a dead woman in a garbage bag on Dave Robicheaux's property, he knows his world and family are about to change. With Valerie Benoit, a detective new to the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Department who is grappling with sexist and racist harassment from their colleagues, and the volatile but fiercely loyal Cleve Purcel, Dave embarks on an investigation that brings him into the most dangerous moments of his career and threatens the lives of Valerie and his daughter Alafair. He encounters a local handyman who leaves cryptic notes and warns of the ghosts who roam the shores of the bayou and is targeted by a vicious New Orleans button man and gangsters from the north. Through brilliant prose and a quintessential cast of characters, James Lee Burke weaves a portrait of a gritty, violent Louisiana at the turn of the 20th century. Visceral, atmospheric, and wholly original, *The Hadacol Boogie* brings to life Dave Robicheaux's fierce determination to confront evil both past and present.

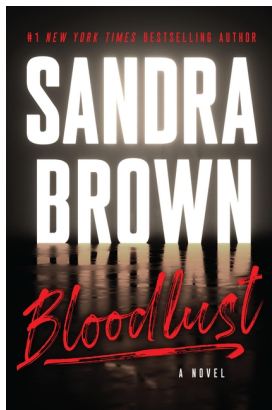
Coming Later This Month



Life: A Love Story - March 17

by Elizabeth Berg

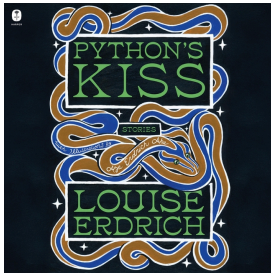
A warm, intimate novel that reminds us of the richness that can be found all throughout our lives--by the New York Times bestselling author of *The Story of Arthur Truluv* and *Open House*. Full of Elizabeth Berg's characteristic mix of warmth, humor, and poignancy, *Life: A Love Story* is a reminder that whatever your circumstances, as long as you're alive, you can keep on investing in life. The joy will inevitably follow.



Bloodlust - March 17

by Sandra Brown

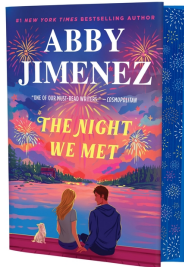
#1 New York Times bestselling author Sandra Brown delivers a new signature sexy suspense about a detective seeking justice for his murdered wife with the help of a psychotherapist ... while fighting an undeniable attraction to her.



Python's Kiss: Stories - March 24

by Louise Erdrich

From Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich, a captivating collection of short stories. It was as though I was chosen--marked out by the python's kiss for wisdom or maybe sorrow. Or perhaps, I think now, a sense of the ridiculous in extremes of experience. Also, I hoped for a long life. WRITTEN OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, Louise Erdrich's magnificent story collection features a range of characters--a tribal newsletter editor whose son tells her a story that nothing in her experience can encompass, immigrant farmers whose tenuous hold on the earth, and sanity, is challenged, and ordinary people, bird lovers, artists, grade-school teachers, and romantics. A girl decides to spend her life with a stone. A man is confronted with a folk-singing thief. A woman enters a corporately owned afterlife to seek revenge on her father. Accompanied by specially commissioned artwork by Aza Erdrich Abe--an intimate and revelatory creative collaboration between mother and daughter--these stories offer an opportunity to celebrate the wisdom and brilliant, wide-ranging imagination of one of America's most important writers.



The Night We Met (Deluxe Edition) - March 24

by Abby Jimenez

In everyone's life, there's a split-second decision that can change everything... For Larissa, it came when choosing who to ride home with after a concert. That night, she had no idea she'd met the perfect man. She and Chris are great friends, co-parenting a slightly unhinged rescue Yorkie, sharing their favorite books, and judging bread (pumpnickel for the win!). For the first time amid all her side hustles to scrape by, things finally feel easy. But she didn't choose Chris to drive her home all those months ago--she went with his best friend, and he became her boyfriend. All Chris wants is for Larissa to be happy. Standing by on the sidelines is slowly killing him, but making a move would destroy someone else. How can something that feels so right be absolutely impossible?-- Provided by publisher.



The Final Storm - March 31

by Fern Michaels

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