



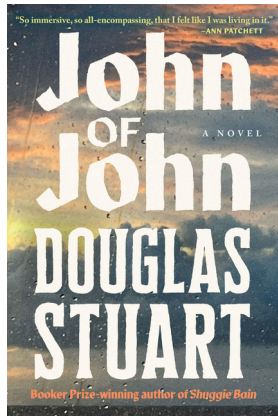
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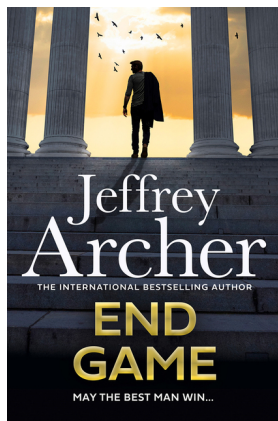
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#### *John of John*

by Douglas Stuart

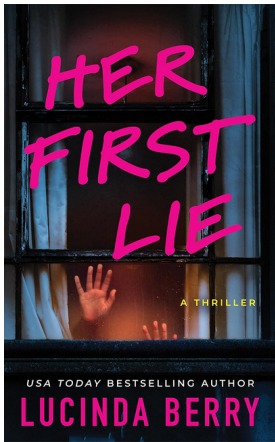
NAMED A MOST ANTICIPATED BOOK OF 2026 BY THE NEW YORK TIMES, WASHINGTON POST, LOS ANGELES TIMES, TIME, OPRAH DAILY, AND VOGUE So immersive, so all-encompassing, that I felt like I was living in it. --Ann Patchett From the Booker Prize-winning and New York Times bestselling author of Shuggie Bain and Young Mungo comes a vivid, moving novel following a young man returning to his Hebridean island home, a portrait of a father's expectations and a son's desires Out of money and with little to show for his art school education, John-Calum Macleod takes the ferry back home to the Isle of Harris in the Outer Hebrides to find that little has changed except for him. He returns to the windswept croft and the two pillars of his childhood: his father John, a sheep farmer, tweed weaver, and lay preacher in the local Presbyterian church, and his maternal grandmother Ella, a profanity-loving Glaswegian whose steady warmth helped Cal weather the sudden departure of his mother. Cal privately wonders if any lonely men might be found on the barren hillsides of home, while John is dismayed by his son's long hair, strange clothes, and seeming unwillingness to be Saved. But Cal isn't the only one in the croft house who is keeping secrets. As lambing season turns to shearing season, the threads holding together the community together become increasingly frayed, and nothing will remain as it was before. John of John is a singular novel about duty, passion, and the transformative power of the truth. It is a magnificent literary work that cements Douglas Stuart's reputation as one of our greatest novelists working today.



#### *End Game*

by Jeffrey Archer

William Warwick and Ross Hogan will return, for one last time, in a gripping and unputdownable finale.



## *Her First Lie: A Thriller*

by Lucinda Berry

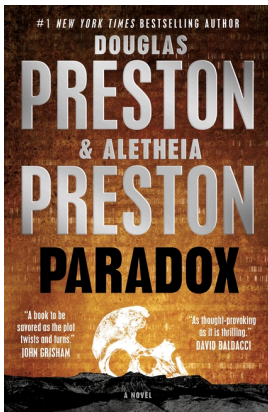
In this chilling prequel to *The Perfect Child*, USA Today bestselling author Lucinda Berry plunges readers into the dark origins of a family's secrets, where good intentions pave the road to unspeakable acts and a mother's love might be the deadliest inheritance of all. Becky Watson learned early that trust is a weapon and secrets are survival. From foster homes to abandoned backroads, she and her childhood confidant Orion have buried more than just memories. Now, as a college freshman, Becky's harboring her most dangerous secret yet: her newborn daughter, Janie. Desperation drives Becky to contact her estranged grandmother, Lillian. She swoops in like a guardian angel, but her salvation comes with a poisoned price tag. Behind Lillian's nurturing facade lurks a web of generational secrets. As buried truths claw their way to the surface, Becky faces an impossible choice: sacrifice her daughter or herself to break a twisted family legacy.



## *Elegy in Blue*

by Mark Helprin

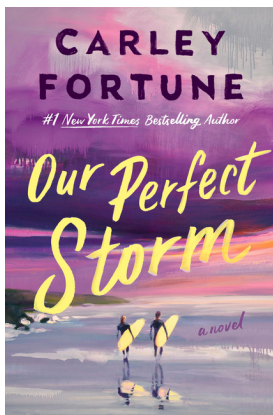
Mark Helprin, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Oceans and the Stars*, *Winter's Tale*, and *A Soldier of the Great War*, returns with an unforgettable tale of love, loss, and remembrance set in Brooklyn. High in a subsidized studio apartment, the unnamed 82-year-old narrator of *Elegy in Blue* looks out across the rooftops of Brooklyn all the way to the sea. His distinguished career on Wall Street is in ruins, his mansion in Brooklyn Heights has been burned to the ground, and most of all, his father, his son, and his wife--the stunningly beautiful and equally kind Clare--have been taken from him, one by one, over the decades, by war and an act of violence. Now his allegiance is to his ghosts. He's almost lost to memory, reflection, and a purposeful letting go of life. But when violence threatens to destroy another family, he takes drastic action in hope of restoring a portion of justice to the world. Can he fashion his life into an elegy, one that heals a broken heart and relieves the sting of death? Told in an exceptional literary voice, mixing comedy and tragedy, *Elegy in Blue* is a hymn to New York, memory, loyalty, and love.



## Paradox

by Douglas J. Preston

The new powerhouse team of Douglas Preston & Aletheia Preston are joining together to enter the world of the New York Times bestselling *Extinction*. One of the holiest relics in Christendom, inexplicably defaced... A paranoid old prospector, ritualistically murdered... A controversial exobiologist, tortured and dismembered... When a reclusive man is found dead under grisly circumstances in the Colorado wilderness, CBI Agent Frankie Cash and Eagle County Sheriff Jim Colcord, whom we met in the New York Times bestseller, *Extinction*, team up again on their most enigmatic and dangerous case yet. Their investigation uncovers a trail of bizarre killings, baffling money transfers, and a fanatical secret society. And all the while, the resurrected Neanderthals, who vanished into the Colorado mountains, seem to be biding their time for something...spectacular. A book to be savored as the plot twists and turns.--John Grisham, #1 New York Times bestselling author As thought-provoking as it is thrilling . . . Doug and Aletheia Preston have deservedly entered the realm of thriller superstardom.--David Baldacci, #1 New York Times bestselling author



## Our Perfect Storm

by Carley Fortune

Best friends have one week in paradise to fix their friendship or fall apart in this heart-stopping, utterly romantic new novel from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Every Summer After* and *One Golden Summer*.



## 26 Beauties: A Women's Murder Club Thriller

by James Patterson

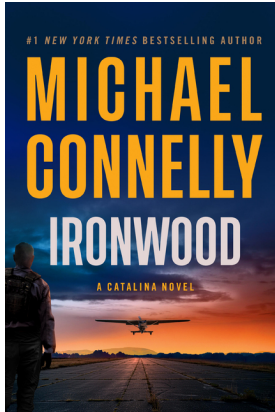
From the world's #1 bestselling author, the Women's Murder Club goes searching for 26 Beauties--young women missing in San Francisco. SFPD's Sergeant Lindsay Boxer's best friend, Claire Washburn, is named medical examiner of the year. But an uninvited guest crashes the Women's Murder Club's party: a concerned father seeking investigative reporter Cindy Thomas's help in locating his missing daughter. And she's not the only one. Lindsay's been investigating the deaths of a Jane Doe washed up on a nearby beach, and a young woman found in Golden Gate Park. What if all these cases are connected? The answers lie with the 26 Beauties on the run and in the wind.



### *The Shippers*

by Katherine Center

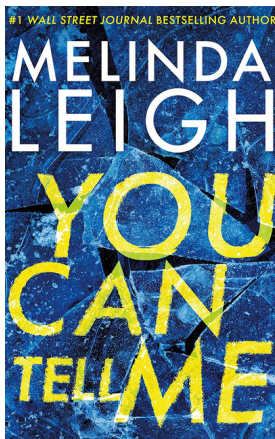
NO ONE DOES SUMMER ROMANCE LIKE KATHERINE CENTER. She wants him to help her woo someone else. Genius. Foolproof. Can't go wrong. DELUXE EDITION



### *Ironwood: A Catalina Novel*

by Michael Connelly

Sworn to protect a scenic island meant to be far from the evils of the mainland, Detective Sergeant Stilwell can feel danger closing in.



### *You Can Tell Me*

by Melinda Leigh

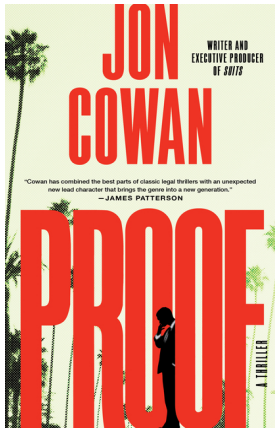
Crime writer Olivia Cruz is drawn into the dark secrets of a missing friend in a terrifying novel of suspense by #1 Wall Street Journal bestselling author Melinda Leigh. On the three-year anniversary of true crime writer Olivia Cruz's horrific kidnapping, she's scheduled to walk her podcaster friend Zoe March through the crime scene, but Zoe fails to show. Olivia knows Zoe would never stand her up--not today. Zoe's husband, who claims she never came home the night before, has reported her missing. But marital conflicts make the police suspect she has left him. Olivia thinks otherwise. The police aren't looking for Zoe, so Olivia begins her own investigation. Retracing her friend's last steps, she finds Zoe's phone and a text with one chilling word: Run. It soon becomes apparent that Zoe has been keeping secrets, and with her true crime podcast, there's no telling what she has unearthed. To find her, Olivia must dig into her friend's past. Did Zoe vanish to escape a killer, and is Olivia walking into a deadly trap?



## *First and Forever*

by Lynn Painter

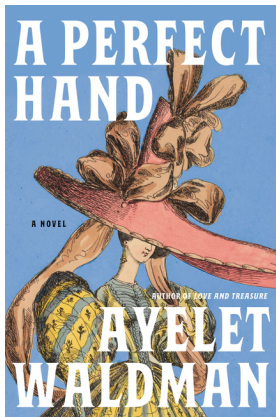
This deluxe, first-edition trade paperback of *First and Forever* will feature gorgeous stenciled edges. From #1 New York Times bestselling author Lynn Painter comes an utterly irresistible romantic comedy about a football star and his team's die-hard fan who find themselves entangled in a PR stunt that only one of them knows is fake. Duffy Distefano loves three things: her dad, the family cat, and Minneapolis Coyote football. So after she gets booed out of a game and becomes the internet's villain following an awful encounter with the team's beloved mascot, she is disgruntled, to put it mildly. Eager to clear the air, Duffy agrees to an interview on a hit morning show. She doesn't expect a co-guest to join her--especially not the Coyotes' star tight end. When MVP Connor Cunningham gets tasked with damage control to help his team out of a PR nightmare, he finds himself in a highly amusing verbal sparring match with a recently wronged fan on live TV. The interview instantly goes viral, and the public is obsessed with them. Despite his distaste for PR stunts, a strong push from the Coyotes' PR team to ride the wave results in Connor asking Duffy out. But he quickly discovers being with Duffy is much easier than he anticipated, and somehow it doesn't feel fake to him. This secret can only blow up, but all he knows is that if he messes things up with Duffy, it'll be the greatest fumble of his life. Oozing with chemistry that feels like fireworks and banter that makes you swoon, Lynn Painter delivers her signature blend of heart and humor in this love story that you won't soon forget.



## *Proof: A Thriller*

by Jon Cowan

Cowan has combined the best parts of classic legal thrillers, with an unexpected new lead character that brings the genre into a new generation. --James Patterson From a writer and executive producer of *Suits* comes a terrific legal thriller (The New York Times) about murder, cover-ups, redemption, and Los Angeles--perfect for fans of #1 bestselling authors John Grisham and Scott Turow. As a disgraced lawyer with a drinking problem that he doesn't view as a problem, Jake West is coasting on what's left of his charm and money. He used to be the kind of lawyer who could convince anyone of anything--until he decided to take on his father's biggest client and prove his dad was corrupt. Now Jake finds himself almost at rock bottom, and that's before his ex-best friend is murdered and Jake is accused of the crime. In a desperate bid to save himself, Jake must sober up and search for the real killer, whom he suspects might be hidden in one of the case files of his father's illustrious law firm. As he delves into a labyrinth of lies and corruption, Jake teams up with an eclectic group of equally broken people as they all skirt the law in order to find the proof he needs...no matter the personal or professional cost.

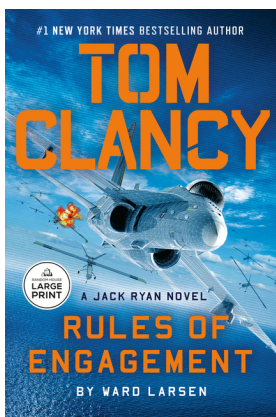


## *A Perfect Hand*

by Ayelet Waldman

A richly drawn, captivating, and endlessly amusing novel of love and subterfuge between a lady's maid and her clandestine lover, set in the country estates of nineteenth-century England. Ayelet Waldman's clever, fast-paced historical romp turned out to be not only great fun but also surprisingly stirring. This book is a pleasure. --Meg Wolitzer, New York Times bestselling author of *The Female Persuasion*

Miss Alice Locky, daughter of a tenant farmer, has by dint of hard work, innate intelligence, and a cunning ability to predict the moods of her betters, raised herself to the lofty status of lady's maid at Alderwick Park. Though her mother has advised Alice to work only until marriage, Alice has thus far resisted the temptations of matrimony among the neighboring widowers and pig farmers, more content to enjoy the fruits of her labor--or at least the portion of it her father will share after it is paid to him. Alice spends her days arranging Lady Jemima Alderwick's blond hair into the latest French styles, chignons and plaits, laundering her lady's surprisingly malodorous petticoats and drawers, and carefully sewing all manner of fripperies, ribbons, lace, and silk flowers, to her lady's bonnets and gowns. But when a visiting servant, a valet named Charlie Wells, catches her eye, Alice begins to understand the constraints of her position. In a ploy to spend time with the object of her affection, Alice attempts to arrange a romance between Lady Jemima Alderwick and Charlie's employer, one Baronet Sir Nigel Wynstowe. If only they would fall in love--then Alice and Charlie might live together as man and wife. Challenged by Lady Jemima's love for another and Sir Wynstowe's eccentric personality, Alice must use all of her cunning to bring about this unlikely romantic union. Will this low-born servant successfully manipulate the hearts of these lords and ladies? Will Charlie and Alice ever improve their stations? Or, as the beginning of women's suffrage begins to percolate in the drawing rooms and salons of London, will Alice discover a different sort of path for herself? A deliciously funny, gorgeously detailed, utterly enthralling novel, *A Perfect Hand* is a glorious novel of class, gender, and England on the cusp of enormous change.



## *Tom Clancy Rules of Engagement*

by Ward Larsen

Coordinated terrorist attacks around the world challenge President Jack Ryan in the latest shocking entry in this #1 New York Times bestselling series. The western world is stunned when coordinated terrorist attacks blaze up around the globe. While President Jack Ryan works from the Oval Office to organize international response to this threat, John Clark and the Campus team follow a lead to the malignant presence who has orchestrated this strike. But the deeper they dig, the higher the threat level becomes. This isn't just a series of atrocities, it's a designed battle plan that could lead to the destruction of Jack Ryan's presidency.



## *The Last Mandarin*

by Louise Penny

A gripping thriller about family and power co-written by Louise Penny, #1 bestselling author of the Gamache novels, and Mellissa Fung, an award-winning journalist. A mother and a daughter race against time in this all-too-real thriller that reaches from Tiananmen Square all the way to the White House. Alice Li, a first-generation Chinese American and former food blogger, has long lived in the shadow of her mother, Vivien Li-- a Tiananmen Square dissident turned world-renowned human rights activist and passionate advocate for a free and democratic China. When security and fire alarms go off simultaneously all around the world, setting off a panic, the signal is traced back to China. As world leaders scramble to respond, Vivien and Alice are called to the White House in hopes Madame Li can interpret the Chinese intentions. But why involve Alice? If China isn't behind the attack, Vivien warns, someone even more dangerous is pulling the strings. Mother and daughter must join together to overcome their estrangement if they have any hope of preventing global catastrophe. From DC to Ohio to Hong Kong, they work to prevent the next attack, along the way decoding an ancient legend and uncovering a secret language invented by women, for women. The Last Mandarin is an electrifying study of absolute power and voracious greed, political terror and personal conviction. But it is also an intimate examination of choice, of sacrifice, of memory and myths, both cultural and personal. It is the story of a mother and daughter, as well as a compelling international thriller about the precarious balance of power across the world, and within a family. And what happens when both break down. In a world ruled by power, even family can be a weapon.



## *The Things We Never Say*

by Elizabeth Strout

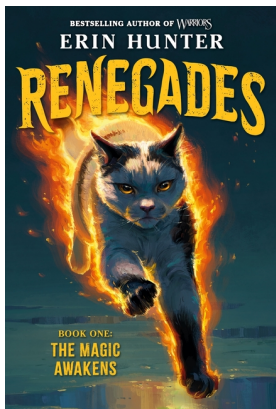
Artie Dam is a man with a secret. He goes about his days teaching American history to high schoolers, correcting their casual ignorance, and lending a kind word to those who need it most. He spends his free time sailing the beautiful Massachusetts Bay, or with his adult son and his wife of more than three decades - and as Artie does these things, he plans the event that will forever change the world he inhabits. But when a startling accident awakens a new perspective in Artie, and he realizes that life has its own secret it's been keeping from him - along with a lot more to say on the weighty matters of fate and freedom in his home and his country - he charts another course full of grief, hilarity, and heart, to a place where the end marks the beginning. Elizabeth Strout, as we have come to expect, delivers a profound exploration of the human condition - one that brims with deep compassion for each and every one of her characters. With exquisite prose and gentle intimacy, Artie Dam takes one man's fears and loneliness and makes them universal. And in the same breath, captures the mysterious love that sustains and holds us through it all-- Provided by publisher.



## *Five-Star Summer*

by Sarah Morgan

A joyful, sun-soaked story of friendship, love, and new beginnings, from USA TODAY bestselling author Sarah Morgan--perfect for fans of Jenny Colgan, Jill Shalvis, and seaside escapes. Running a five-star Cornish hotel should have been Evie Hamilton's dream job. But restoring it to its former glory is going to take a miracle. All Evie has is grit, and a hoard of unruly staff who love to speculate about her love life. She needs back-up, and fast. Enter Abby Jones. Parachuted in by the hotel's umbrella company for the summer, Abby thinks Evie could be the best friend she never had. But Abby has her own agenda for being in Cornwall. If her real motives are uncovered, their friendship is going to melt away faster than an ice cream in the summer sun. Yet Abby's arrival starts a chain reaction. With the help of a charming chef and a gruff pub owner, they begin to embrace their true selves and the bonds that unite them. But it's not just the hotel's five-star reputation that needs rebuilding - Evie and Abby will also have to brave tearing down their lives in order to reshape their futures...Perfect for readers who love: Feel-good women's fiction Sun-soaked seaside settings Stories of friendship, love, and new beginnings Published in the UK as Brave New Summer



## *Renegades #1: The Magic Awakens*

by Erin Hunter

The launch of a brand-new series from blockbuster Warriors author Erin Hunter about two orphaned cat sisters who discover a secret world of magical creatures . . . and the humans who are out to control them. The first printing of the paperback features gorgeous sprayed edges Willow and Luna have been on their own since they were kittens. After their mother's death, they settled into a scrappy life in the heart of the city. But when a mysterious fire rips through their makeshift shelter, they're left searching for a new home. Luna is immediately drawn in by the strange, secretive animals they meet in the park--animals they can somehow talk to . . . and who unlock her ability to perform magic. Willow is less sure about these so-called attuned animals and has no interest in joining their world--or their fight against the human witches who seek to bind the animals to them. As Luna and Willow come to realize their own unique magic, they find themselves at odds, separated by destiny, with the fate of the whole city in their paws.



## *The Sweet Spot*

by Elaine Vickers

Twelve-year-old Trip dreams of winning the Little League championship, but when his dad is unexpectedly deployed, he navigates changes at home and on the field with uncertainty.