ADULT FICTION

LB 13710  SUNLIT WEAPON: A MAISIE DOBBS NOVEL  
WINSPEAR, JACQUELINE, 1955-
October 1942. Attacks on British planes that cause a pilot's death lead female pilot Jo Hardy to seek help from investigator Maisie Dobbs, who suspects a connection to the arrival of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Some violence. 2022.

LB 14107  ALL HER LITTLE SECRETS  
MORRIS, WANDA M.
Ellice Littlejohn has everything going for her. But when she walks into the office of her boss--who also happens to be her lover--and finds him dead from a gunshot to the head, she worries her secrets will come to light. Instead, she is promoted and discovers shady dealings. Unrated. 2021.

LB 13927  ROBERT B. PARKER'S REVENGE TOUR  
LUPICA, MIKE
PI Sunny Randall’s landlord and former client, novelist Melanie Joan Hall, calls in a favor Sunny owes her. Melanie’s being threatened and blackmailed. As Sunny investigates Melanie’s stalker, she finds out that Melanie’s past is as fictional as her books. Meanwhile, Sunny’s ex-cop dad, Phil, is being threatened by a shady lawyer. Unrated. 2022. Related names: Parker, Robert B., 1932-2010.

LB 13931  INVESTIGATOR  
SANDFORD, JOHN
Letty Davenport--adopted daughter of Lucas Davenport--is restless and bored in the desk job she has working for US Senator Christopher Colles. He offers her the chance to investigate the theft of crude oil with a partner from the Department of Homeland Security. Letty and her partner, John Kaiser, soon encounter murder. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

LB 13932  DUKE GONE ROGUE  
CARLYLE, CHRISTY
Will Hart, the Duke of Ashmore, is everything his father was not: scrupulously honest, forbidding, and apparently joyless. As a duke, he's a catch, but as a grumpy stick-in-the-mud, no lady knows quite how to catch his eye. When his sisters concoct a plan for him to visit a run-down family property in Cornwall, he reluctantly agrees, hoping it will be a chance for him to rediscover the carefree man he once was. Madeline Ravenwood believes she can do anything she puts her mind to, including running the gardening business she inherited from her father and being a founding
member of the Royal Visit Committee. Hard at work preparing for Princess Beatrice's visit to judge their annual flower show, the appearance of a stern, handsome duke is a distraction Maddie doesn't need. Tasked by the committee to convince the duke to repair his ramshackle manor house in time for the royal visit, he agrees, if she will join him as he explores Cornwall. Spending their days, and nights, together, Will's love for Maddie becomes too strong to ignore. But Maddie knows how different their worlds are and when the burdens of his title reappear, can Will convince her that she's the woman he's been waiting for?"--Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13933**  **DARK NIGHT IN BIG ROCK: THE JENSEN BRAND**  
**JOHNSON, WILLIAM W.**
Smoke Jensen is mighty proud of his son Louis for finishing law school. But he can't help being a little disappointed that Louis isn't returning to the Sugarloaf Ranch. Instead, he's setting up his own law practice in nearby Big Rock—a career choice that turns out to be every bit as dangerous as fending off cattle rustlers. The boy's first case lands him smack in the middle of a heated dispute between two riled-up ranchers over water rights. If Louis can't settle them down, the whole thing could blow up into a bloody range war. Then a scheming con man shows up in town to stir up trouble—and ends up dead. Now Louis has to defend his sister's boyfriend on murder charges. What's worse, the real killer is still out there. And he's ready to slaughter again... Unrated. 2022. Related names: Johnstone, J.A., author.

**LB 13936**  **THREE DEBTS PAID**  
**PERRY, ANNE**
"A serial killer is on the loose, and may have a hidden connection to young barrister Daniel Pitt's university days, in this intricately woven mystery from New York Times bestselling author Anne Perry. A serial killer is roaming the streets of London, and Daniel Pitt's university chum Ian, now a member of the police, is leading the search. The murders are keeping his mind occupied, but when Ian learns that their old professor, Nicholas Wolford, has been charged with plagiarism, he takes the time to personally ask Daniel to defend their beloved teacher. For help catching who Londoners are now calling the "Rainy Day Slasher," Ian also enlists Daniel's good friend Miriam fford Croft, now back from school and a fully qualified pathologist. As the murders continue, Miriam can't help but notice inexplicable links that have been overlooked by Daniel and Ian. In their concern to defend their former professor, are the two university friends blind to a far worse crime that has been committed?"—Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.
Texas Ranger Lieutenant Luke Caldwell is leading a detachment of Rangers when they are ambushed by an outlaw gang. After a hard-fought battle, the Rangers defeat the gang, but at the price of several dead and wounded. Among the most severely hurt is Luke, who is sent home by the company surgeon to recuperate. Luke is nearly completely recovered when word comes that his sister's husband, Hank Brundage, the town marshal of Sonora and Luke's former riding partner in the Rangers, has been murdered. Luke's sister was beaten, raped, and left for dead by the same men who murdered her husband. Despite still being on medical leave, Luke heads for Sonora, determined to find the men responsible and bring them to justice. Unrated. 2022.

"As the older sibling to identical twins Violet and Lily, Cami Porter was always the odd sister out. The divide grew even wider when their parents split up--while the twins stayed in Cape Sanctuary with their free-spirited mother, Rosemary, fourteen-year-old Cami moved to LA with her attorney father. Nearly twenty years later, when Cami gets the terrible news that Lily has drowned saving a child’s life, her mother begs her to return home to help untangle the complicated estate issues her sister left behind. Navigating their own strained relationship, Cami readjusts to the family and community she hasn’t known for decades, including the neighbor who stands in the way of her late sister’s dream, while Violet grieves the loss of her twin and struggles to figure out who she is now, without her other half, as the little girl Lily saved pulls her back into the orbit of the man she once loved." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

Cutthroat literary agent Nora Stephens agrees to go to Sunshine Falls, North Carolina, when her sister Libby begs her to accompany her on vacation. Surprisingly, Nora keeps bumping into Charlie Lastra, a bookish, brooding editor from back in the city. It would be a meet-cute, if not for the fact that they’ve met many times and it’s never been cute. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

When Ava Laine's dying treasure-hunter father entrusts to her his mission to find a missing Faberge egg, she has no idea how high the stakes will climb--or how her allegiances will be tested. Join the hunt in this lavish, dual-time narrative that plunges you into the 1917 Russian Revolution, the

**LB 13930 PARIS BOOKSELLER MAHER, KERRI**
When bookish young American Sylvia Beach opens Shakespeare and Company on a quiet street in Paris in 1919, she has no idea that she and her new bookstore will change the course of literature itself. She forges friendships with many of the most important writers of the era. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13935 HEIGHTS CANDLISH, LOUISE**
"The Heights is a tall, slender apartment building among warehouses in London. Its roof terrace is so discreet, you wouldn't know it existed if you weren't standing at the window of the flat directly opposite. But you are. And that's when you see a man up there--a man you'd recognize anywhere. He may be older now, but it's definitely him. But that can't be because he's been dead for over two years. You know this for a fact. Because you're the one who killed him."-- Publisher's description. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13940 LIKE A SISTER GARRETT, KELLYE, 1978-**
Lena Scott understands that everyone believes her half sister, reality TV star Desiree Pierce, died of an overdose. But she can’t believe that of the sister she hasn’t seen in years--especially in a location she always refused to go to. Lena is determined to uncover the truth, even if that means exposing dark family secrets. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13943 STRENGTH IN THE STORM BLOUNT, LAUREL**
After the murder of both her parents, Emma Hochstedler returns to the small community of Johns Mill, hoping to resume her quiet existence. Reclaiming her place proves harder than expected--especially now that a movie is being made about her family's loss. But then, an old friend offers her a lifeline that gives her new purpose. Amish builder Samuel Christner is the biggest--and the strongest--man in town. In fact, the gentle giant has only one weakness--Emma. Even though she broke his heart, he won't let his childhood sweetheart face her troubles alone. He hires Emma as a nurse for his elderly aunt...and finds himself falling for her all over again. But while romance blooms, storm clouds gather. And when darkness falls, it will take all Sam's strength--and all their love--to see them through. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13944 KILLING IN GOLD COTTON, RALPH W.**
"An all-new Western adventure featuring Arizona Ranger Sam Burrack, from bestselling author Ralph Cotton. Back on the trail of the infamous Arizona
Cowboy Gang, Ranger Burrack rides with Cherokee lawman Dan'l Thorn into Mexico, where the Cowboys have stolen $200,000 in gold by blowing up the safe of a bank in Ciudad Esplanade. The lawmen are there to locate and arrest a pair of twin outlaws by the name of Smith who are hiding out in Mexico, but they get sidetracked hunting for the stolen loot. They figure it should be easy; trouble is they aren't the only ones on the gold's trail. A competing gang has stolen the loot from the Cowboys, a beautiful lady detective will stop at nothing to earn the reward for recovering the booty, and the Smith brothers have their own connection to the missing gold—and they're rumored to be cannibals! Along with their sidekick, on-again off-again Cowboy Roman Lee Ellison, Sam and Dan'l traverse the high desert dodging bullets and hoping to survive long enough to find the gold that has already cost so many lives..."--Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13945 BOOKSELLER'S PROMISE**  WISEMAN, BETH, 1962-
"In the first novel of Beth Wiseman's new Amish Bookstore series, a rare, old book may hold answers to a present-day romance."-- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13947 MEMORY QUILT**  WORTH, LENORA
"Running a historic Inn on beautiful Shadow Lake is a satisfying life for the Amish King sisters. Until love stirs a longing for more... When Abigail King stumbles upon a man lying on the beach near her family inn, her every instinct says to help the stranger. With his memory gone, "Jonah" is reluctant to contact the authorities, so Abigail offers him shelter, despite her sisters' reservations. As she nurses him back to health, Abigail helps him recover his lost past, creating a quilt from images of the shattered fragments he recalls. But with every square Abigail adds, she wonders if she is falling for a man who can never truly be hers . . . Jonah feels at home at The Shadow Lake Inn with the lovely Abigail, at peace with the Amish lifestyle she lives. But as the pieces of his past are sewn together, the mystery only deepens—until he knows the only way forward is to turn himself in to the police, to finally discover the truth of who he really is. For the one thing worse than not knowing his past, is not knowing what the future holds for him and Abigail"--Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13955 GROUNDS FOR MURDER**  LUSH, TARA
When her best but most difficult employee switches sides days before a state barista championship, coffee-shop owner Lana Lewis investigates jilted lovers, a shrimp-boat captain, and a mafia-connected surfer to prove her innocence of a rival's murder. Unrated. 2022.
LB 13942  LAST DANCE ON THE STARLIGHT PIER  BIRD, SARAH
Set during the Great Depression, Sarah Bird's Last Dance on the Starlight Pier is a novel about one woman-and a nation-struggling to be reborn from the ashes. July 3. 1932. Shivering and in shock, Evie Grace Devlin watches the Starlite Palace burn into the sea and wonders how she became a person who would cause a man to kill himself. She'd come to Galveston to escape a dark past in vaudeville and become a good person, a nurse. When that dream is cruelly thwarted, Evie is swept into the alien world of dance marathons. All that she has been denied—a family, a purpose, even love—waits for her there in the place she dreads most: the spotlight. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13946  NIGHT, NEON: TALES OF MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE  OATES, JOYCE CAROL, 1938-
Presents nine tales of psyches pushed to their limits by the expectations of everyday life—from a woman who gets lost on her drive home to her plush suburban home and ends up breaking into a stranger's house, to a first-person account of a cloned 1940s magazine pinup girl being sold at auction and embodying America's ideals of beauty and womanhood. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13948  BOOK OF COLD CASES  ST. JAMES, SIMONE
Forty years after notorious murders in Claire Lake, Oregon, Shea Collins--proprietor of a true crime website—meets Beth Greer, who was acquitted of the murders. Shea interviews Beth, but through their meetings grows increasingly uneasy. Shea wonders what secrets Beth and others are hiding. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13949  NORA GOES OFF SCRIPT  MONAGHAN, ANNABEL
"Nora Hamilton knows the formula for love better than anyone. As a romance channel screenwriter, it’s her job. But when her too-good-to-work husband leaves her and their two kids, Nora turns her marriage’s collapse into cash and writes the best script of her life. No one is more surprised than her when it’s picked up for the big screen and set to film on location at her 100-year-old-home. When former Sexiest Man Alive, Leo Vance, is cast as her ne’er do well husband Nora’s life will never be the same. The morning after shooting wraps and the crew leaves, Nora finds Leo on her porch with a half-empty bottle of tequila and a proposition. He’ll pay a thousand dollars a day to stay for a week. The extra seven grand would give Nora breathing room, but it’s the need in his eyes that makes her say yes. Seven days: it’s the blink of an eye or an eternity depending on how you look at it. Enough time to fall in love. Enough time to break your

**LB 13950**    **SOULS OF LOST LAKE**    **WRIGHT, JAIME JO**
"Wren Blythe enjoys life in the Northwoods, but when a girl goes missing, her search leads to a shocking discovery shrouded in the lore of the murderess Eva Coons. Decades earlier, the real Eva struggles with the mystery of her past—all clues point to murder. Both will find that, to save the innocent, they must face an insidious evil"-- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13951**    **MAGNIFICENT LIVES OF MARJORIE POST: A NOVEL**    **PATAKI, ALLISON**
Marjorie Post glued cereal boxes in her father’s barn as a young girl. No one could have predicted that C. W. Post’s Cereal Company would grow into the General Foods empire, with Marjorie as its heiress and leading lady. Not content to stay in her prescribed roles of high-society wife, mother, and hostess, Marjorie dared to demand more. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13952**    **ONCE UPON A WARDROBE**    **HENRY, PATTI CALLAHAN**
England, 1950. Megs Devonshire is a scholarship student at Oxford studying physics. Her young brother, George, often bedridden with a weak heart, has become obsessed with a new book called The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. He begs Megs to find out where Narnia came from. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13953**    **TUSCAN HOLIDAY**    **CHAMBERLIN, HOLLY, 1962-**
When Elizabeth Caldwell planned a trip to Florence with her daughter, Marina, she secretly hoped for a warm, fuzzy bonding experience worthy of a Lifetime movie. But Marina -- twenty-one, newly graduated, and close to her mom in many ways -- has always been more the PBS type: dependable, practical, and completely in control. Elizabeth knows Marina wants to avoid the kind of stupid mistake that left Elizabeth a single mother at twenty-two, and she's bitten her tongue as Marina settles for a wealthy fiance who gives her everything she thinks she wants. After all, Elizabeth -- unable to bring herself to fully commit to the man she has dated for years -- is hardly an expert in romance. Still, a lot can happen on vacation, especially in Tuscany, where every scent borne on the warm breeze inspires delight, and every view makes the heart soar. There, on streets once walked by Dante and Michaelangelo, Marina is blindsided by a gorgeous Italian named Luca who shows her how gloriously unpredictable passion can be. And Elizabeth finally lets go of the role that has defined her for so long to embrace her
own uncertain future... Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13954   CIRCUS OF WONDERS**  MACNEAL, ELIZABETH
When Jasper Jupiter’s Circus of Wonders comes to a poor coastal town in 1860s England, the life of one young girl changes forever. Sold to the ringmaster as a "leopard girl" because of the birthmarks that cover her body, Nell is utterly devastated, but she grows close to the other performers. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13956   HOW TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**  SULLIVAN, SOPHIE, 1976-
Enemies-to-lovers meets HGTV in this frothy, effervescent romantic comedy from Sophie Sullivan, author of Ten Rules for Faking It. Interior Design School? Check. Cute house to fix up? Check. Sexy, grumpy neighbor who is going to get in the way of your plans? Check. Unfortunately. Grace Travis has it all figured out. In between finishing school and working a million odd jobs, she'll get her degree and her dream job. Most importantly, she'll have a place to belong, something her harsh mother could never make. When an opportunity to fix up--and live in--a little house on the beach comes along, Grace is all in. Until her biggest roadblock moves in next door. Noah Jansen knows how to make a deal. As a real estate developer, he knows when he's found something special. Something he could even call home. Provided he can expand by taking over the house next door--the house with the combative and beautiful woman living in it. With the rules for being neighborly going out the window, Grace and Noah are in an all-out feud. But sometimes, your nemesis can show you that home is always where the heart is." --Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13957   LAST WHITE ROSE: A NOVEL OF ELIZABETH OF YORK**  WEIR, ALISON, 1951-
"New York Times bestselling author Alison Weir explores the life of Henry VIII's mother, Elizabeth, the first queen of the Tudor dynasty, in this stunning historical novel. Elizabeth of York is the oldest daughter of King Edward IV. Flame-haired, beautiful, and sweet-natured, she is adored by her family; yet her life is suddenly disrupted when her beloved father dies in the prime of life. Her uncle, the notorious Richard III, takes advantage of King Edward's death to grab the throne and imprison Elizabeth's two younger brothers, the rightful royal heirs. Forever afterwards known as the princes in the tower, the boys are never seen again. On the heels of this tragedy, Elizabeth is subjected to Richard's overtures to make her his wife, further legitimizing his claim to the throne. King Richard has murdered her brothers, yet she is obliged to accept his proposal. As if in a fairy tale,
Elizabeth is saved by Henry Tudor, who challenges Richard and kills him in the legendary Battle of Bosworth Field. In recognition of his victory, Henry becomes king and asks Elizabeth to be his wife, the first queen of the Tudor line. The marriage is happy and fruitful, not only uniting the warring houses of Lancaster and York—the red and white roses—but resulting in four surviving children, one of whom, Henry VIII, will rule the country for the next thirty-six years. As in her popular Six Tudor Queens series, Alison Weir captures the personality of one of Britain's most important monarchs, conveying Elizabeth of York's dramatic life in a novel that is all the richer because of its firm basis in history" --Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13961 ENDLESS MERCY**  PETERSON, TRACIE

"In 1891, when Madysen Powell's supposedly dead father shows up, her gift for forgiveness is tested and she's left searching for answers. Daniel Beaufort arrives in Nome, longing to start fresh after the gold rush leaves him with only empty pockets, and finds employment at the Powell dairy. Will deceptions from the past tear apart their hopes for a better future?"--Provided by publisher. 2021. Related names: Woodhouse, Kimberley, 1973-

**LB 13963 RECOVERY AGENT: A GABRIELA ROSE NOVEL**  EVANOVICH, JANET

Recovery agent Gabriela Rose is used to working for bamboozled billionaires. But her latest job is to help save her family. She’s headed to the jungles of Peru in pursuit of the Ring of Solomon and the lost treasure of Lima. Her main problem is that the man with the map is her ex-husband, Rafer. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

**LB 13965 DEVIL'S HAND: A THRILLER**  CARR, JACK (JOINT PSEUDONYM)

Former Navy SEAL James Reece is entrusted with a top-secret CIA mission, twenty years in the making. A new, young, and popular president has taken office in the US, but he has a secret. Meanwhile, a PhD student has gained access to a bioweapon thought to be classified. Unrated. 2021.

**LB 13966 TRIPLE CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE MURDER**  FLUKE, JOANNE, 1943-

The mayor of Lake Eden, Minnesota, has been murdered, and Hannah Swensen’s sister is the primary suspect. To save her sister, Hannah must find time between the rush of Easter orders at The Cookie Jar and spring into investigation mode. Includes recipes. Unrated. 2021.
LB 13967  CARAMEL PECAN ROLL MURDER
FLUKE, JOANNE, 1943-
"In this scrumptious cozy mystery from New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Joanne Fluke, baker Hannah Swensen is tempted by a high profile tournament in Lake Eden that quickly turns deadly ... Embracing a sweet escape from her usual routine at The Cookie Jar, Hannah gets asked for her help in baking pastries at the local inn for a flashy fishing competition with big prizes and even bigger names. But the fun stops when she spots a runaway boat on the water and, on board, the lifeless body of the event’s renowned celebrity spokesperson ... Famed TV show host Sonny Bowman wasn’t humble about his ability to reel in winning catches, and no one knew that better than his tragically overworked sidekick, Joey. Did Joey finally take bloody revenge on his pompous boss--or was Sonny killed by a jealous contestant? With goodies to bake and a mess of fresh challenges mixed into her personal life, it’s either sink or swim as Hannah joins forces with her sister, Andrea, to catch a clever culprit before another unsuspecting victim goes belly up ... Features Over a Dozen Cookie and Dessert Recipes from The Cookie Jar!" -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13968  JANE DARROWFIELD AND THE MADWOMAN NEXT DOOR
ROSS, BARBARA, 1953-
When her new neighbor Megan, who has been having blackouts, hearing voices and feeling like someone’s following her, vanishes into thin air, Jane Darrowfield and the police look into the ambitious young lawyer's past where some things should stay. Unrated. 2020.

LB 13959  HOMEWRECKERS
ANDREWS, MARY KAY, 1954-
When a slick Hollywood producer shows up in Hattie Kavanaugh’s hometown of Savannah, Georgia, she gets a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: star in a beach house renovation reality show called The Homewreckers, cast against a male lead who may be a love interest, or may be the ultimate antagonist. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

LB 13960  HEART'S CHARGE
WITEMEYER, KAREN
"On a mission to deliver a baby to a nearby foundling home, Mark Wallace and Jonah Brooks encounter two women who capture their attention. And when a handful of urchin children from the area go missing, a pair of horsemen are exactly what the women need. As they work together to find the children, will these two couples find love as well?"-- Provided by publisher. Some violence. 2021.
**LB 13962  RESERVOIR  DUCHOVNY, DAVID**

"The Reservoir follows an unexceptional man in an exceptional time. We see our present-day pandemic world and New York City through the eyes of a former Wall Street veteran, Ridley, as he, in his enforced quarantined solitude, looks back upon his life. He examines his wins, his failures, the gnawing questions—his career, his divorce, his estranged daughter—and wonders what it all means and who he really is. Sitting and brooding night after night, gazing out his huge picture window high above the Central Park Reservoir, Ridley spots a flashing light in an apartment across the park as if a lonely quarantined person is signaling him in Morse code. His determination to find out who this mystery woman is, this fellow quarantine damsel in distress trapped in her own Fifth Avenue tower, leads him on an epic quest that will ultimately tempt him with either delusional madness or the fulfillment of his own mythic fate. Is he a dying man going mad or an everyman metamorphosing into a hero? Or both? We accompany Ridley as he leaves the safety of his apartment window to save the Fifth Avenue femme fatale and descends into a dangerous, increasingly surreal world of global conspiracies, madness, and sickness of this viral time; beyond that, into the enduring mysteries of love and fatherhood; and deeper still, into the bedrock mystery of life itself. As Ridley's actions grow more and more uncharacteristic, he realizes the key to all the mysteries of now, and even all of history, seem to lie deep beneath the freezing waters of the reservoir. The Reservoir is a twisted rom-com for our distanced time, when the merest touch could kill and conspiracy theories propagate like viruses—a contemporary union of Death in Venice, Rear Window, and The Plague"—Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13964  JUST HAVEN'T MET YOU YET  COUSENS, SOPHIE**

Hopeless romantic and lifestyle reporter Laura’s business trip to the Channel Islands isn’t off to a great start. After an embarrassing encounter with the most attractive man she’s ever seen in real life, she arrives at her hotel and realizes she’s grabbed the wrong suitcase from the airport. Some descriptions of sex. 2021.

**LB 13970  SISTERS OF NIGHT AND FOG  ROBUCK, ERIKA**

"A heart-stopping new novel, based on the extraordinary true stories of an American socialite and a British secret agent whose stunning acts of courage collide in the darkest hours of WWII, from the bestselling author of The Invisible Woman. Two women, two countries. Nothing in common but a call to resist. 1940. In a world newly burning with war, and in spite of her American family’s wishes, Virginia decides to stay in occupied France with her French husband. She's sure that if they keep their heads down they'll
make it through. But as the call to resist the enemy grows around her, Virginia must decide if she's willing to risk everything to help those in need. Nineteen-year-old Violette is a crack shot with an unquenchable spirit of adventure, and she's desperate to fight the Nazis however she can. When her mother sends her to find an exiled soldier, Violette meets the man who will change her life. Then tragedy strikes, and Britain's clandestine war organization—the Special Operations Executive—learns of Violette's dual citizenship and adept firearm handling and starts to recruit her. But Violette is no stranger to loss and must decide whether the cost of defiance is too great a price to pay. Set across the European theater of WWII, Sisters of Night and Fog tells the story of two women whose clandestine deeds come to a staggering halt when they are brought together at Ravensbrück concentration camp. A striking reminder of how deeply we are all connected, which forces us to ask, "Could I have done what they did?"


**LB 13971**  **SELFLESS ACT OF BREATHING: A NOVEL**  
BOLA, JOUJOU, 1986-  
Michael Kabongo is a British-Congolese teacher living in London when one day he suffers a devastating loss, and his life is thrown into a tailspin. As he struggles to find a way forward, Michael spontaneously decides to go to America and become someone new, living the life of his dreams—until his money runs out. Unrated. 2021.

**LB 13972**  **LAST THING HE TOLD ME**  
DAVE, LAURA  
Before he disappears, Hannah’s husband of one year, Owen, smuggles a note to her, asking her to protect his sixteen-year-old daughter, Bailey, who refuses to have anything to do with Hannah. They soon realize that Owen is not who he says he is and Bailey holds the key. Unrated. Bestseller. 2021.

**LB 13974**  **HANDBOOK FOR HOMICIDE**  
BARRETT, LORNA  
Bookshop owner Tricia Miles was not expecting to return from vacation to a Navy veteran found dead behind her store, nor was she expecting her assistant manager Pixie to be wrongfully accused of the murder. Armed with a single clue, Tricia must investigate before Pixie is sunk. Unrated. 2020.

**LB 13977**  **CLIVE CUSSLER'S DARK VECTOR: A NOVEL FROM THE NUMA FILES**  
BROWN, GRAHAM, 1969-  
"Kurt Austin must find a vanished ship and stave off a global catastrophe in the latest novel in the #1 New York Times-bestselling series created by the
"grand master of adventure" Clive Cussler. A freighter carrying top-secret computers of unparalleled capability disappears in the Western Pacific. While searching for a lost treasure that once belonged to the famous Chinese pirate queen, Ching Shih, Kurt Austin and Joe Zavala are redirected to look for the missing vessel. Discovering that the sinking of the ship is just part of an intricate web of deception, they find themselves in the middle of a cyber-war between rival groups of hackers, both of whom want to control the flow of data around the world. With no allies except a group of pirates who operate under their own crude laws, Kurt and Joe must rescue a colleague held hostage--while keeping the computers out of Russian or Chinese hands and the world’s digital information safe from the hackers." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022. Variant title: Dark vector. Related names: Cussler, Clive, creator.

LB 13980 LETTER FROM BRIARTON PARK: A NOVEL
   LADD, SARAH E.
"In Regency England, one letter will alter a young woman's fate when it summons her to Briarton Park—an ancient place that holds the secrets of her past and the keys to her future"-- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13982 DARLING DAHLIAS AND THE RED HOT POKER
   ALBERT, SUSAN WITTIG
"It's Labor Day weekend, 1935, and members of the Darling Dahlias—the garden club in little Darling, Alabama—are trying to keep their cool at the end of a sizzling summer. This isn't easy, though, since there's a firebug on the loose in Darling. He—or she!—strikes without apparent rhyme or reason, and things have gotten to the point where nobody feels safe. What's more, a dangerous hurricane is poised to hurl itself in Darling's direction, while a hurricane of a different sort is making a whirlwind campaign stop: the much-loved—much-hated senator from Louisiana, Huey P. Long, whom President Roosevelt calls the 'most dangerous man in America'"--Publisher marketing. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13985 RETURN OF THE PHARAOH: FROM THE REMINISCENCES OF JOHN H. WATSON, M.D.
   MEYER, NICHOLAS, 1945-
"In Nicholas Meyer's The Return of the Pharaoh, Sherlock Holmes returns in an adventure that takes him to Egypt in search of a missing nobleman, a previously undiscovered pharaoh's tomb, and a conspiracy that threatens his very life. With his international bestseller, The Seven Per Cent Solution, Nicholas Meyer brought to light a previously unpublished case of Sherlock Holmes that reinvigorated the world's interest in the first consulting
detective. Now, many years later, Meyer is given exclusive access to Dr. Watson's unpublished journal, wherein he details a previously unknown case. In 1910, Dr. John Watson travels to Egypt with his wife Juliet. Her tuberculosis has returned and her doctor recommends a stay at a sanitarium in a dry climate. But while his wife undergoes treatment, Dr. Watson bumps into an old friend—Sherlock Holmes, in disguise and on a case. An English Duke with a penchant for Egyptology has disappeared, leading to enquiries from his wife and the Home Office. Holmes has discovered that the missing duke has indeed vanished from his lavish rooms in Cairo and that he was on the trail of a previous undiscovered and unopened tomb. And that he's only the latest Egyptologist to die or disappear under odd circumstances. With the help of Howard Carter, Holmes and Watson are on the trail of something much bigger, more important, and more sinister than an errant lord"-- Provided by publisher. 2022.

LB 13976 BOARDWALK BOOKSHOP MALLERY, SUSAN
"When fate brings three strangers to a charming space for lease on the California coast, the Boardwalk Bookshop is born. Part bookstore, part gift shop, part bakery, it's a dream come true for Bree, Mikki and Ashley. But while their business is thriving, their personal lives are... not. Bree, wounded by brilliant but cold parents and her late husband's ultimate betrayal, has sworn to protect her heart at all costs. Even from Ashley's brother, a writer and adventurer who has inspired millions. He's the first man to see past Bree's barricades to her true self, which terrifies her. Mikki has this divorce thing all figured out--somehow, she's stayed friends with her ex and her in-laws... until a new man changes how everyone looks at her, and how she sees herself. Meanwhile, Ashley discovers that the love of her life never intends to marry. Can she live without being a wife if it means she can have everything else she's ever wanted? At sunset every Friday on the beach in front of the Boardwalk Bookshop, the three friends share a champagne toast. As their bond grows closer, they challenge one another to become the best versions of themselves in this heartachingly beautiful story of friendship, sisterhood and the transformative power of love." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13978 LATECOMER KORELITZ, JEAN HANFF, 1961-
"The Latecomer follows the story of the wealthy, New York City-based Oppenheimer family, from the first meeting of parents Salo and Johanna, under tragic circumstances, to their triplets born during the early days of IVF. As children, the three siblings--Harrison, Lewyn, and Sally--feel no strong familial bond and cannot wait to go their separate ways, even as
their father becomes more distanced and their mother more desperate. When the triplets leave for college, Johanna, faced with being truly alone, makes the decision to have a fourth child. What role will the "latecomer" play in this fractured family? A complex novel that builds slowly and deliberately, The Latecomer touches on the topics of grief and guilt, generational trauma, privilege and race, traditions and religion, and family dynamics. It is a profound and witty family story from an accomplished author, known for the depth of her character studies, expertly woven storylines, and plot twists." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13979  LIFE WITHOUT CHILDREN: STORIES**
DOYLE, RODDY, 1958-
"Love and marriage. Children and family. Death and grief. Life touches everyone the same. But living under lockdown, it changes us alone. In these ten beautifully moving short stories written mostly over the last year, Booker Prize winner Roddy Doyle paints a collective portrait of our strange times. A man abroad wanders the stag-and-hen-strewn streets of Newcastle, as news of the virus at home asks him to question his next move. An exhausted nurse struggles to let go, having lost a much-loved patient in isolation. A middle-aged son, barred from his mother’s funeral, wakes to an oncoming hangover of regret. Told with Doyle’s signature warmth, wit, and extraordinary eye for the richness that underpins the quiet of our lives, Life Without Children cuts to the heart of how we are all navigating loss, loneliness, and the shifting of history underneath our feet." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13981  GIRL IN THE PAINTING**  COOPER, TEA
"Ranging from the gritty reality of the Australian goldfields to the grand institutions of Sydney, the bucolic English countryside to the charm of Maitland Town, this compelling historical mystery in the company of an eccentric and original heroine is rich with atmosphere and detail"-- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13983  READER, I BURIED THEM AND OTHER STORIES**
"More than fifty years ago, Mystery Writers of America Grand Master Peter Lovesey published a short story in an anthology. That short story caught the eye of the great Ruth Rendell, whose praise ignited Lovesey's lifelong passion for short form crime fiction. On the occasion of his hundredth short story, Peter Lovesey has assembled this devilishly clever collection, fifteen yarns of mystery, melancholy, and mischief, inhabiting such deadly settings as a theater, a monastery, and the book publishing industry. The collection includes that first story that launched his story-writing career as well as
three new stories exclusive to this volume. In addition, Lovesey fans will delight in a personal essay by the author about the historical inspirations for his creation—and in an appearance by the irascible Bath detective Peter Diamond, who has, in the author's words, "bulldozed his way" into this collection"—Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13984 VIEW FROM CORAL COVE** CLIPSTON, AMY
"When a jilted romance novelist returns to the small beach town she once loved, she discovers not only inspiration but also a romance to call her own."—Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13993 AMISH BRIDE** LAUER, ROSALIND
For Sam Lapp, every day spent working on his family's dairy farm is a reminder of Gott's bounty and goodness. And he's found the person he wants to share that life with. Sam remembers the exact moment he stopped seeing Sadie Beiler as just his sister's best friend, and saw instead the graceful, loving woman she's become. If only he had seen it before Sadie began courting someone else... When Sadie first caught the eye of a handsome auctioneer, she felt blessed, hopeful that marriage would provide an escape from her troubled home. But as months stretched on without a proposal, Sadie discovers a worrying new side to her beau—and a growing kinship with Sam. Thoughtful, hardworking, kind to his visiting English cousins and to her, Sam shows Sadie that real love is just a stone's throw away. But when an unexpected obstacle forces a separation between them, can steadfast faith make Sadie an Amish bride at last? Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13986 6:20 MAN: A THRILLER** BALDACCI, DAVID
Every day without fail, Travis Devine puts on a cheap suit, grabs his faux-leather briefcase, and boards the 6:20 commuter train to Manhattan, where he works as an entry-level analyst at the city's most prestigious investment firm. In the mornings, he gazes out the train window at the lavish homes of the uberwealthy, dreaming about joining their ranks. In the evenings, he listens to the fiscal news on his phone, already preparing for the next grueling day in the cutthroat realm of finance. Then one morning Devine's tedious routine is shattered by an anonymous email: She is dead. Sara Ewes, Devine's coworker and former girlfriend, has been found hanging in a storage room of his office building—presumably a suicide, at least for now—prompting the NYPD to come calling on him. If that wasn't enough, before the day is out, Devine receives another ominous visit, a confrontation that threatens to dredge up grim secrets from his past in the army unless he participates in a clandestine investigation into his firm. This treacherous role will take him from the impossibly glittering lives he once saw only
through a train window, to the darkest corners of the country's economic halls of power... where something rotten lurks. And apart from this high-stakes conspiracy, there's a killer out there with their own agenda, and Devine is the bull's-eye. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

**LB 13987  LOVING LOVINA  JOHNS, PATRICIA (ROMANCE WRITER)**
"Waking in the hospital after a car accident, Lovina Yoder doesn’t remember the Amish family who claim her as their own--or the man who says he’s her fiancé. Thoughtful and handsome, Johannes Miller clearly cares for her, and Lovina longs to recall the walks and buggy rides he describes, and the plans they once made. Life in the Amish community seems full of joy, faith, and warmth. And yet, Lovina senses there is something more in her past, just beyond her grasp..." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13989  MEANT TO BE  GIFFIN, EMILY**
"The Kingsley family is American royalty, beloved for their military heroics, political service, and unmatched elegance. In 1967, after Joseph S. Kingsley, Jr. is killed in a tragic accident, his charismatic son inherits the weight of that legacy. But Joe III is a free spirit--and a little bit reckless. Despite his best intentions, he has trouble meeting the expectations of a nation, as well as those of his exacting mother, Dottie. Meanwhile, no one ever expected anything of Cate Cooper. She, too, grew up fatherless--and after her mother marries an abusive man, she is forced to fend for herself. After being discovered by a model scout at age sixteen, Cate decides that her looks may be her only ticket out of the cycle of disappointment that her mother has always inhabited. Before too long, Cate’s face is in magazines and on billboards. Yet she feels like a fraud, faking it in a world to which she’s never truly belonged. When Joe and Cate unexpectedly cross paths one afternoon, their connection is instant and intense. But can their relationship survive the glare of the spotlight and the so-called Kingsley curse? In a beautifully written novel that captures a gilded moment in American history, Emily Giffin tells the story of two people searching for belonging and identity, as well as the answer to the question: Are certain love stories meant to be?" -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

**LB 13990  CHILDREN ON THE HILL  MCMAMHON, JENNIFER, 1968-**
"1978: At her renowned treatment center in picturesque Vermont, the brilliant psychiatrist, Dr. Helen Hildreth, is acclaimed for her compassionate work with the mentally ill. But when she’s home with her cherished grandchildren, Vi and Eric, she’s just Gran--teaching them how to take care of their pets, preparing them home-cooked meals, providing them with care
and attention and love. Then one day Gran brings home a child to stay with the family--Iris--silent, hollow-eyed, skittish, and feral--does not behave like a normal girl. Still, Violet is thrilled to have a new playmate. She and Eric invite Iris to join their Monster Club, where they catalogue all kinds of monsters and dream up ways to defeat them. Before long, Iris begins to come out of her shell. She and Vi and Eric do everything together: ride their bicycles, go to the drive-in, meet at their clubhouse in secret to hunt monsters. Because, as Vi explains, monsters are everywhere. 2019: Lizzy Shelley, the host of the popular podcast Monsters Among Us, is traveling to Vermont, where a young girl has been abducted, and a monster sighting has the town in an uproar. She’s determined to hunt it down, because Lizzy knows better than anyone that monsters are real--and one of them is her very own sister." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13991 NIGHTWORK ROBERTS, NORA**

"Harry Booth started stealing at nine to keep a roof over his ailing mother’s head, slipping into luxurious, empty homes at night to find items he could trade for precious cash. When his mother finally succumbed to cancer, he left Chicago--but kept up his nightwork. Wandering from the Outer Banks to Savannah to New Orleans, he dons new identities and stays careful, observant, distant. He can’t afford to attract attention--or get attached. Still, he can’t help letting his guard down when he meets Miranda Emerson. But the powerful bond between them cannot last--because not all thieves follow Harry’s code of honor. Some pay others to take risks so they can hoard more treasures. Some are driven by a desire to own people the way they own paintings and jewels. And after Harry takes a lucrative job commissioned by Carter LaPorte, LaPorte sees a tool he can use, and decides he wants to own Harry. The man is a predator more frightening than the alligators that haunt the bayou--and when he strongarms Harry into robbing a Baltimore museum, Harry abandons Miranda--cruelly, with no explanation--and disappears. But no matter what name he uses or where he goes, LaPorte casts a shadow over Harry’s life. To truly free himself, he must face down his enemy once and for all. Only then can he hope to possess something more valuable than anything he has ever stolen..." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

**LB 13992 WEDDING CRASHER SOSA, MIA**

Crashing the wedding of complete strangers who don’t belong together, Solange agrees to be the former groom’s pretend girlfriend to make up for her interference. As they fake date for the benefit of his colleagues, they form an undeniable connection. Unrated. 2022.
**EVERY CLOAK ROLLED IN BLOOD**

**BURKE, JAMES LEE, 1936-**

"Novelist Aaron Holland Broussard is shattered when his daughter Fannie Mae dies suddenly. As he tries to honor her memory by saving two young men from a life of crime amid their opioid-ravaged community, he is drawn into a network of villainy that includes a violent former Klansman, a far-from-holy minister, a biker club posing as evangelicals, and a murderer who has been hiding in plain sight. Aaron’s only ally is state police officer Ruby Spotted Horse, a no-nonsense woman who harbors some powerful secrets in her cellar. Despite the air of mystery surrounding her, Ruby is the only one Aaron can trust. That is, until the ghost of Fannie Mae shows up, guiding her father through a tangled web of the present and past and helping him vanquish his foes from both this world and the next. Drawn from James Lee Burke’s own life experiences, Every Cloak Rolled in Blood is a devastating exploration of the nature of good and evil and a deeply moving story about the power of love and family." -- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**TOM CLANCY: ZERO HOUR**

**BENTLEY, DON**

When the leader of North Korea is catastrophically injured, his incapacitation inadvertently triggers a "dead-man's switch," activating an army of sleeper agents in South Korea and precipitating a struggle for succession. Jack Ryan, Jr. is in Seoul to interview a potential addition to the Campus. But his benign trip takes a deadly turn when a wave of violence perpetrated by North Korean operatives grips South Korea's capital. A mysterious voice from North Korea offers Jack a way to stop the peninsula's rush to war, but her price may be more than he can afford to pay. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

**TRACY FICK CAN’T WIN**

**PERROTTA, TOM, 1961-**

"Tracy Flick is back and, once again, the iconic protagonist of Tom Perrotta’s Election--and Reese Witherspoon’s character from the classic movie adaptation--is determined to take high school politics by storm. Tracy Flick is a hardworking assistant principal at a public high school in suburban New Jersey. Still ambitious but feeling a little stuck and underappreciated in midlife, Tracy gets a jolt of good news when the longtime principal, Jack Weede, abruptly announces his retirement, creating a rare opportunity for Tracy to ascend to the top job. Energized by the prospect of her long-overdue promotion, Tracy throws herself into her work with renewed zeal, determined to prove her worth to the students, faculty, and School Board, while also managing her personal life--a ten-year-old daughter, a needy doctor boyfriend, and a burgeoning meditation practice."
But nothing ever comes easily to Tracy Flick, no matter how diligent or qualified she happens to be. Among her many other responsibilities, Tracy is enlisted to serve on the Selection Committee for the brand-new Green Meadow High School Hall of Fame. Her male colleagues determination to honor Vito Falcone—a star quarterback of dubious character who had a brief, undistinguished career in the NFL—triggers bad memories for Tracy, and leads her to troubling reflections about the trajectory of her own life and the forces that have left her feeling thwarted and disappointed, unable to fulfill her true potential. As she broods on the past, Tracy becomes aware of storm clouds brewing in the present. Is she really a shoo-in for the principal job? Is the Superintendent plotting against her? Why is the School Board President’s wife trying so hard to be her friend? And why can’t she ever get what she deserves?” — Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13999  LITTLE  CAREY, EDWARD, 1970-
France, 18th century. Anne Marie Grosholtz, born in a small village, apprentices with a wax sculptor who takes her to Paris. She catches the attention of the king and queen, becomes embroiled in the French Revolution, and emerges as Madame Tussaud. Some violence. 2018.

LB 14002  IN THE FACE OF THE SUN: A NOVEL  BRYCE, DENNY S.
1928, Los Angeles: The newly-built Hotel Somerville, a hotspot for the city's African-American elite, embodies prosperity and dreams of equality for all. Daisy Washington, an up-and-coming journalist, chronicles behind-the-scenes Hollywood scandals in order to save her family from poverty. But even the most determined young woman can play too many secrets too far. 1968, Chicago: Frankie Saunders is fleeing across America to escape from an abusive husband. She finds refuge with her reckless, profane Aunt Daisy. But even in LA Frankie finds there is no hiding from long-held secrets—or her own surprising strength. Both women must come to grips with what they need, what they have left behind—and all that lies ahead. Unrated. 2022.

LB 14004  MYSTERIOUS BOOKSHOP PRESENTS THE BEST MYSTERY STORIES OF THE YEAR: 2021  CHILD, LEE
"Under the auspices of New York City's legendary mystery fiction specialty bookstore, The Mysterious Bookshop, and aided by Edgar Award-winning anthologist Otto Penzler, international bestseller Lee Child has selected the twenty most suspenseful, most confounding, and most mysterious short stories from the past year, collected now in one entertaining volume."—Amazon. Unrated. 2022. Variant title: At head of title : The Mysterious
LB 14015    FOREVER HIDDEN    PETERSON, TRACIE
When her grandfather's health begins to decline, Havyn is determined to keep her family together. But everyone has secrets--including John, the hired stranger who recently arrived on their farm. To help out Havyn starts singing at a local roadhouse--but dangerous eyes grow jealous as she and John grow closer. Will they realize the peril before it is too late? Unrated. 2020.

LB 14016    AMISH HOMECOMING    LAUER, ROSALIND
Essie Lapp's birthday is doubly blessed. There's a delicious meal to savor with her family, and the sweet gift of time spent with her beau, Harlan. Over two years they've forged a bond as strong and hopeful as a tree reaching for the sky. To practical-minded Essie, there's comfort in knowing exactly what her future will bring. Yet Gott has his plan, and it soon turns her family's world upside down... Essie's widowed English uncle has brought his troubled teenage daughters back to their mother's Amish community, convinced it's the fresh start they need. Essie strives to welcome her cousins, but adapting to plain living won't be easy, even if the rewards are great. As cultures clash and hearts collide, Essie feels the first stirrings of doubt about Harlan's commitment to her. Yet as the seasons change, and the heat of summer gives way to crisp, ripe autumn, this homecoming might mean a bountiful beginning... Unrated. 2022.

LB 14014    SECRET STEALERS: A NOVEL    HEALEY, JANE (FREELANCE JOURNALIST)
When she is recruited into the Office of Strategic Services by a family friend, young widow and brilliant French teacher Anna Cavanaugh risks everything to help liberate France from the shadows of occupation and free herself from the shadows of her former life. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2021.

LB 14017    PASSING    LARSEN, NELLA
"Light-skinned Clare Kendry married a racist white man unaware of her African American heritage after deciding to 'pass' as a white woman. Clare's childhood friend, Irene Redfield, just as light-skinned, chose to remain within the African American community, and is both allured and repelled by Clare's racial masquerade. Clare's own interest in Irene turns into a homoerotic longing for the identity she abandoned and can never regain, and forces her to grapple with her decisions in a way that is both tragic and telling. First published in 1929, Passing feels just as timely as ever today."
2022.

**LB 14006  CHRISTMAS CUPCAKE MURDER**  FLUKE, JOANNE, 1943-
As December turns Lake Eden into the North Pole, the heat is on in Hannah Swensen’s kitchen to honor two Christmas promises: baking irresistible holiday cupcakes and preventing a person who attempted murder from succeeding the second time around! Includes recipes. 2020.

**LB 14007  DEADLY DELETION**  BARRETT, LORNA
Bookstore owner Tricia Miles receives two marriage proposals, but one of the candidates is soon killed in a hit-and-run attack. Later, while taking her sister’s dog out for a walk, Tricia is almost hit by the same vehicle. It turns out the murdered proposer was in the witness protection program. Unrated. 2021.

**LB 14011  COURTING CALEB**  LONG, KELLY
"When her advertisement for a groom is answered by two men, Abigail Mast, the local potter of Blackberry Falls, decides to court them both to discover which man is most suited to be her husband, hoping to make the right decision with both her head and her heart."--Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 14005  BLACK CLOUD RISING**  WRIGHT FALADE, DAVID, 1964-
"By fall of 1863, Union forces had taken control of Tidewater Virginia and established a toehold in eastern North Carolina, including along the Outer Banks. Thousands of freed slaves and runaways flooded the Union lines, but Confederate irregulars still roamed the region. In December, the newly formed African Brigade, a unit of these former slaves led by General Edward Augustus Wild—a one-armed, impassioned abolitionist—set out from Portsmouth to hunt down the rebel guerillas and extinguish the threat. From this little-known historical episode comes Black Cloud Rising, a dramatic, moving account of these soldiers—men who only weeks earlier had been enslaved, but were now Union infantrymen setting out to fight their former owners. At the heart of the narrative is Sergeant Richard Etheridge, the son of a slave and her master, raised with some privileges but constantly reminded of his place. Deeply conflicted about his past, Richard is eager to show himself to be a credit to his race. As the African Brigade conducts raids through the areas occupied by the Confederate Partisan Rangers, he and his comrades recognize that they are fighting for more than territory. Wild's mission is to prove that his troops can be trusted as soldiers in combat. And because many of the men have fled from the very
plantations in their path, each raid is also an opportunity to free loved ones left behind. For Richard, this means the possibility of reuniting with Fanny, the woman he hopes to marry one day. With powerful depictions of the bonds formed between fighting men and heartrending scenes of sacrifice and courage, Black Cloud Rising offers a compelling and nuanced portrait of enslaved men and women crossing the threshold to freedom"-- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 14008 HELL-BENDER FROM TEXAS**  MARTIN, CHUCK
When Charlie Starr, owner of the Star-in-the-Box ranch, was accused of murder and robbery, nobody was more indignant than his foreman, "Gospel" Cummings (so-called because of his addiction to the Bible --and strong whiskey!). Unrated. 2022.

**LB 14010 WOMAN OF ENDURANCE**  LLANOS-FIgüEROA, DAHLMA
"A groundbreaking historical novel from a heralded author that explores the seldom discussed Puerto Rican Atlantic Slave Trade. At a time when importing humans from Africa had been prohibited by the Spanish Crown, Pola and other slave women provide their master with babies who are immediately taken away and sold on the auction block. Her serial rapes by a number of men are routine and often provided entertainment for the master and his friends. Understandably she grows into an angry, distrustful and combative woman who lives life in survival mode at all times. After repeated attempts at escape and having been beaten almost to death, she is sent to a new plantation owner as payment of a gambling debt. Pola's life in the second plantation is much more bearable than her past experience. In this new hacienda, she is taken in by a supportive group of other enslaved black women. Within the confines of this enslaved community, she encounters a wide variety of people and situations that are new to her. Cautious and still hostile, she begins to find her way this new environment and the people in it, leading to conflicting feelings and much soul-searching. Among the people she meets is a Chachita, a young woman who becomes a surrogate daughter to her, and Simon, a man who, amazingly, takes nothing from her and offers her a hand in friendship. Her physical and emotional wounds begin to heal as she finds more freedom of movement and emotional support than she has known since captivity. Ultimately, she begins to reconcile her brutal past with a more nurturing present in which she allows herself to trust and love again"-- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.
Elizabeth, Joyce, Ron, and Ibrahim, from The Thursday Murder Club (DB 100981), are hoping for peace in their posh retirement village. But an unexpected visitor, an old friend of Elizabeth, arrives, desperate for help. Accused of stealing diamonds, he’s on the run. Then a body is found. Some violence and some strong language. 2021.

It was 1970 when thirteen-year-old runaway Kit Walker was abducted by Manny Romero, a smooth-talking, low-level criminal, who first coddled her and then groomed her into his partner-in-crime. Before long, Kit and Manny were infamous for their string of gas station robberies throughout Texas, making a name for themselves as the Texaco Twosome. Fourteen years later, Kit has scraped together a life for herself and her daughter amongst the pecan trees and muddy creeks of the town of Pecan Hollow, far from Manny. But when he shows up at her doorstep a new man, fresh out of prison, Kit's profound and twisted attachment to him compels her to let him in. Immediately, Kit is forced to reckon with the shadows of her past, and her community is sent into a tailspin. Unrated. 2022.

When someone stabs the Amazing Tattooed Woman in the back, Willowjean "Will" Parker’s former knife-throwing mentor is picked up for the crime. Will enlists the help of her boss, private detective Lillian Pentecost, to find the real killer. The two must uncover the reality behind the lies. Unrated. 2021.

In the summer of 1995, ten-year-old Joan, her mother, and her younger sister flee her father’s violence to the only place they have left: her mother’s ancestral home in Memphis. Half a century ago, Joan’s grandfather built this majestic house for her grandmother--only to be lynched, days after becoming the first Black detective in Memphis. Unrated. 2022.

Claudia is a counselor at Mercy Street, a women’s clinic. She knows her work is important, but she is stressed by the daily antiabortion protests. Her stress relief comes from visits to her pot dealer, Timmy. Another of Timmy’s customers is Anthony, who has been taking pictures of women

**LB 13692  PIRANESI  CLARKE, SUSANNA**
Piranesi’s house is no ordinary building: its rooms are infinite, its corridors endless, and an ocean is imprisoned within its walls. He shares the house with the Other, who asks Piranesi for help but hides his true intentions. Strong language. 2020.

**LB 13715  MOON WITCH, SPIDER KING  JAMES, MARLON, 1970-**
Ancient witch Sogolon gives her own account of her search for the mysterious boy from Black Leopard, Red Wolf (DB 93771). She also reflects on a century-long feud she’s had with the Aesi, chancellor to the king. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13712  MAYFAIR BOOKSHOP  KNIGHT, ELIZA**
1938: She was one of the six sparkling Mitford sisters, known for her stinging quips, stylish dress, and bright green eyes. But Nancy Mitford's seemingly sparkling life was really one of turmoil: with a perpetually unfaithful and broke husband, two Nazi sympathizer sisters, and her hopes of motherhood dashed forever. With war imminent, Nancy finds respite by taking a job at the Heywood Hill Bookshop in Mayfair, hoping to make ends meet, and discovers a new life. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13696  POSTMISTRESS OF PARIS: A NOVEL  CLAYTON, MEG WAITE**
For wealthy, beautiful Nanée, learning to fly is freedom. When German tanks roll into Paris, Nanée joins the resistance. Known as the Postmistress because she delivers information to those in hiding, Nanée uses her charms and skill to house the hunted and deliver them to safety. Unrated. 2021.

**LB 13752  MIRROR MAN  KEPLER, LARS**
In the latest installment of the Killer Instinct series, seventeen-year-old Jenny is abducted in broad daylight and taken to a dilapidated, isolated house where she is chained and caged along with several other girls. Their captor is unpredictable, and as wily as he is cruel: he foils every one of their desperate attempts to escape...and once caught they rarely survive their punishment. Five years later, Jenny is found dead in a public park, and the police are scrambling to find a lead among the scant evidence. But Detective Joona Linna realizes that this murder has an eerie connection to a death that was declared a suicide years before. Unrated. 2022. Related
names: Menzies, Alice, translator.

LB 13687    LIGHTNING ROD: A ZIG & NOLA NOVEL
             MELTZER, BRAD
When Archie Mint is killed while trying to stop a robbery in his own home, his secret criminal life comes to light. Mortician "Zig" Zigarowski discovers more secrets while preparing Mint’s body, including ties to a top secret military unit and artist Nola Brown. As he tries to follow Nola’s trail, even more sinister secrets are revealed. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

LB 13698    SENTENCE: A NOVEL     ERDRICH, LOUISE
After her release from prison, Tookie takes a job at a Minneapolis bookstore. The store is haunted by the ghost of Flora, a former customer who had a habit of claiming Native American heritage. Tookie must solve the mystery of this haunting while Minneapolis endures a year of upheaval. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 2021.

LB 13681    PERSONAL LIBRARIAN     BENEDICT, MARIE

LB 13747    OUR COUNTRY FRIENDS: A NOVEL
             SHTEYNGART, GARY, 1972-
In March 2020, a group of friends and friends-of-friends gathers in a country house in upstate New York to wait out the pandemic. Over the next few months new bonds of friendship and love will take hold, while old betrayals will emerge. Unrated. 2021.

LB 13745    SEASONAL WORK: STORIES   LIPPMAN, LAURA, 1959-
In the never-before-published "Just One More," a married couple--longing for that old romantic spark--creates a playful diversion that comes with unexpected consequences. Lippman's beloved Baltimore PI Tess Monaghan keeps a watchful eye on a criminally resourceful single father in "Seasonal Work," while her mother, Judith, realizes that the life of "The Everyday Housewife" is an excellent cover for all kinds of secrets. In "Slow Burner," a husband's secret cell phone proves to be a dicey temptation for a suspicious wife. A father's hidden past piques the curiosity of a young snoop in "The Last of Sheila-Locke Holmes." Unrated. 2022.
LB 13674   DIAMOND EYE   QUINN, KATE   Kiev, 1937.
Bookish history student Mila Pavlichenko organizes her life around her
library job and her young son--but Hitler’s invasion sends her on a different
path. Given a rifle and sent to join the fight, Mila becomes a deadly sniper--

LB 13677   CRIMINAL MISCHIEF   WOODS, STUART
After traversing the East Coast, attorney Stone Barrington is looking
forward to some down time in his Manhattan home. But when an
acquaintance alerts him to a suspicious plot, Stone can’t let it go. He’s soon

LB 13685   LOST AND FOUND IN PARIS   DOLAN, LIAN
Joan Blakely had an unconventional childhood: the daughter of a globe-
trotting supermodel and a world-famous artist. Her artist father died on
9/11, and Joan--an art historian by training--has spent more than a decade
maintaining his legacy. Life in the art world is beginning to wear on her--
and then one fateful afternoon her husband drops a bombshell: he's

LB 13746   NOTHING TO LOSE   JANCE, JUDITH A.
Twenty years after he lost his partner Susan to her husband's murderous
rage, Beau is drawn into a missing persons case when Susan's son needs
his help, becoming tangled in a web of family secrets where a killer with
nothing left to lose waits to take another life. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13663   BEASTS OF A LITTLE LAND   KIM, JUHEA
Japanese-occupied Korea, 1917. Jade is sold by her family to Miss Silver’s
courtesan school. When she befriends an orphan boy named JungHo, who
scrapes together a living begging on the streets of Seoul, they form a deep
friendship that impacts the course of the next fifty years of their lives.

LB 13753   WIFE UPSTAIRS   HAWKINS, RACHEL, 1979-
In this modern retelling of Charlotte Bronte’s Jane Eyre (DB 10886), Jane is
newly arrived in Birmingham, Alabama and working as a dog-walker in a
fancy gated community. She feels like an outsider until she meets

LB 13675   CLIVE CUSSLER’S THE DEVIL’S SEA   CUSSLER, DIRK
In 1959, a treasured Buddhist artifact was lost to history. Sixty years later,
NUMA Director Dirk Pitt discovers a forgotten plane crash in the Philippine
sea. While exploring the crash, Dirk and Al Giordino are ordered to recover a missile that others are after as well. Unrated. 2021.

**LB 13679** CLASS ACT  WOODS, STUART
An old client reaches out for help after Stone Barrington returns to New York City from Maine. A feud long thought dead has reemerged, and reputations and money are on the line. As Stone investigates, he makes a new acquaintance--who has secrets. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 2021.

**LB 13678** CLAWS FOR CONCERN: A CAT IN THE STACKS MYSTERY  JAMES, MIRANDA
Jack is bugging Charlie to be in his latest true-crime book. Charlie prefers helping an elderly man navigate the library’s genealogical database--especially when he learns that his search is about a member of Charlie’s family. But Jack is certain that the researcher was involved in a shocking homicide. 2018.

**LB 13667** ARCTIC STORM RISING: A NICK FLYNN NOVEL  BROWN, DALE, 1956-
After a CIA covert mission goes badly awry, U.S. Air Force intelligence officer Nicholas Flynn is exiled to guard a remote radar post along Alaska's Arctic frontier. This dead-end assignment is designed to put his career permanently on ice, but Flynn's not the type to fade quietly into obscurity... Unrated. 2021.

**LB 13686** LONG WEEKEND  MACMILLAN, GILLY
By the time you read this, I'll have killed one of your husbands. In an isolated retreat, deep in the Northumbria moors, three women arrive for a weekend getaway. Their husbands will be joining them in the morning. Or so they think. But when they get to Dark Fell Barn, the women find a devastating note that claims one of their husbands has been murdered. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13672** 22 SECONDS  PATTERSON, JAMES, 1947-
SFPD Sergeant Lindsay Boxer has guns on her mind. There's buzz of a last-ditch shipment of drugs and weapons crossing the Mexican border ahead of new restrictive gun laws. Before Lindsay can act, her top informant tips her to a case that hits disturbingly close to home. Former cops. Professional hits. All with the same warning scrawled on their bodies: you talk, you die. Now it's Lindsay's turn to choose. Violence and strong language. Bestseller.
The swimmers are unknown to one another except through their private routines (slow lane, medium lane, fast lane) and the solace each takes in their morning or afternoon laps. But when a crack appears at the bottom of the pool, they are cast out into an unforgiving world. 2022.

A popular advice columnist for 40 years, Wendy Wise decides to meddle in her own troubled daughters' lives even though they are holding on some resentments from childhood, while her daughters discover that Wendy has been hiding more than a few problems of her own. Unrated. 2022.

Edwin St. Andrew is eighteen years old when he crosses the Atlantic by steamship, exiled from polite society following an ill-conceived diatribe at a dinner party. He enters the forest, spellbound by the beauty of the Canadian wilderness, and suddenly hears the notes of a violin echoing in an airship terminal—an experience that shocks him to his core. Two centuries later a famous writer named Olive Llewellyn is on a book tour. She's traveling all over Earth, but her home is the second moon colony, a place of white stone, spired towers, and artificial beauty. Within the text of Olive's best-selling pandemic novel lies a strange passage: a man plays his violin for change in the echoing corridor of an airship terminal as the trees of a forest rise around him. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

Reconnecting with a woman whose life he saved when they were both children, FBI agent Jack Ryder finds himself falling unexpectedly in love during a dangerous mission involving the woman’s arranged marriage to a drug kingpin. Unrated. 2021.

After Jason Bennett and his family have an encounter with carjackers with ties to a drug trafficking organization, the Bennetts are enrolled in the witness protection program. But their lives begin to fall apart as they try to adjust to life in the program, and Jason realizes he needs to take matters into his own hands. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.
LB 13743  SAFE HOUSE  WOODS, STUART
Stone Barrington is looking forward to quiet time in New York City, but is then asked to transport top-secret cargo across the Atlantic. He plans to lie low, but a dangerous foe tracks him down, intent on payback. Stone does his best to hide and protect those closest to him. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13683  MYSTERY OF MRS. CHRISTIE  BENEDICT, MARIE
Historical novel explores the mystery surrounding the disappearance of author Agatha Christie in December, 1926. Finding her empty car at the edge of a deep pond, investigators unleashed an unprecedented manhunt. Eleven days later, she reappeared, claiming amnesia and providing no explanations for her time away. Unrated. 2021.

LB 13719  WHAT THE FIREFLIES KNEW  HARRIS, KAI
A coming-of-age novel told from the perspective of an eleven-year-old over the course of a single summer, as she tries to make sense of her new life with her estranged grandfather and sister after the death of her father and disappearance of her mother. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13671  UNSINKABLE GRETA JAMES  SMITH, JENNIFER E., 1980-
After the sudden death of her mother, Greta James falls apart on stage, putting her music career in jeopardy. She reluctantly agrees to accompany her father Conrad on the Alaskan cruise her parents had booked to celebrate their fortieth anniversary. It could be their last chance to heal old wounds in the wake of shared loss. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13665  ARTIE’S COURAGE  LE MESURIER, RACHEL
Esperanza lives a charmed life. The daughter of a wealthy landowner, her family is thrilled when she attracts the attentions of the handsome and mysterious Don Raúl, opening the door to a glittering life of opulence for them all. However, a chance encounter with a charming street musician forces Esperanza to open her eyes to the cruel underworld of Mexico's mistreated working classes, and she begins to doubt everything she ever thought she wanted. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13716  NOTES ON AN EXECUTION  KUKAFKA, DANYA
Ansel Packer is scheduled to die in twelve hours. He knows what he's done, and now awaits execution, the same chilling fate he forced on those girls, years ago. But Ansel doesn't want to die - he wants to be celebrated, understood. Through a kaleidoscope of women - a mother, a sister, a homicide detective - we learn the story of Ansel's life. As the clock ticks
down, these three women sift through the choices that culminate in tragedy, exploring the rippling fissures that such destruction inevitably leaves in its wake. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 14038     WOMAN IN THE GREEN DRESS**  COOPER, TEA
London, 1918. On Armistice Day, Fleur Richards’ joy is crushed by news of her husband’s death. She finds he left her a fortune, but feels undeserving of it. In search of more suitable relatives, she travels to Australia and finds mystery. Unrated. 2020.

**LB 14041     GOOD SOON**  MITCHARD, JACQUELYN
Thea's son was just seventeen when he went to prison for the murder of his girlfriend, a crime he has no memory of committing. Three years later, he's released to a world that refuses to let him move on. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 14046     NO ONE WILL MISS HER: A NOVEL**  ROSENFIELD, KAT
Detective Ian Bird is called to a junkyard in rural Maine, where the yard is burning and town pariah Lizzie Ouellette is dead. As scandal spreads through the town, his investigations lead to a social media influencer and wife of a disgraced billionaire. Unrated. 2021. Variant title: No 1 will miss her.

**LB 14047     WHERE THEY WAIT: A NOVEL**  CARSON, SCOTT, 1982-
"Recently laid-off from his newspaper and desperate for work, war correspondent Nick Bishop takes a humbling job: writing a profile of a new mindfulness app called Clarity. It's easy money, and a chance to return to his hometown for his first visit in years. The app itself seems like a retread of old ideas--relaxing white noise and guided meditations. But then there are the "Sleep Songs." A woman's hauntingly beautiful voice sings a ballad that is anything but soothing--it's disturbing, really, more of a warning than a relaxation--but it works. Deep, refreshing sleep follows. So do nightmares. Vivid and chilling, they feature a dead woman who calls Nick by name and whispers guidance--or are they threats? And soon her voice follows him long after the song is done. As the effects of the nightmares begin to permeate his waking life, Nick makes a terrifying discovery: no one involved with Clarity has any interest in his article. Their interest is in him"– Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13701     STILL LIFE**  WINMAN, SARAH, 1964-
Tuscany, 1944. As Allied troops advance and bombs fall around deserted villages, a young English soldier, Ulysses Temper, finds himself in the wine cellar of a deserted villa. There he meets Evelyn Skinner, a middle-aged art
historian who has come to Italy to salvage paintings from the ruins. Unrated. 2021.

LB 13682    OTHER PEOPLE'S CLOTHES: A NOVEL    HENKEL, CALLA, 1988-
After the murder of her best friend, art student Zoe Beech heads to Berlin to study abroad. She befriends fellow exchange student Hailey Mader. They sublet from well-known thriller writer Beatrice Becks, and throw themselves into Berlin’s nightlife. But they soon wonder if they’re being watched. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13737    SILENCE OF THE LIBRARY    JAMES, MIRANDA
When famous novelist Electra Barnes Cartwright--creator of the beloved Veronica Thane series--makes a rare public appearance at the Athena Public Library, devotees swarm. It’s rumored that Cartwright penned series stories that remain under wraps, and one rabid fan will stop at nothing--not even murder--to get hold of them. Unrated. 2014.

LB 13709    STRANGER IN THE LIFEBOAT: A NOVEL    ALBOM, MITCH, 1958-
Adrift in a raft after a deadly ship explosion, nine people struggle for survival. Short on water, food and hope, they spot a man floating in the waves. When they pull him in, he claims to be "the Lord" and says he can only save them if they believe in him. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2021.

LB 13756    WHAT THE CAT DRAGGED IN    JAMES, MIRANDA
Charlie has always believed that his grandfather had sold his house to his longtime tenant, Martin Hale. So when Martin dies, Charlie is surprised to discover the house was not left to Martin but instead belongs to Charlie. As he and Diesel check out the house he remembers fondly from his childhood, he is pleasantly surprised that it is in better condition than expected. That is, until they find a literal skeleton in a closet. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13736    SHUCKED APART    ROSS, BARBARA, 1953-
Julia Snowden is asked for help by oyster farmer Andie Greatorex when she has a bucket of oyster seed worth $35,000 stolen. Julia begins investigating those who wish Andie harm in business and personally. When Andie turns up dead, it’s on Julia to help uncover the killer. Some violence. 2021.
LB 13739  SHOP ON ROYAL STREET  WHITE, KAREN (KAREN S.)
After a difficult detour on her road to adulthood, Nola Trenholm is looking to
begin anew in New Orleans, and what better way to start her future than
with her first house? But the historic fixer-upper she buys comes with even
more work than she anticipated, as the house's previous occupants don't
seem to be ready to depart. Although she can't communicate with ghosts
like her stepmother can, luckily Nola knows someone in New Orleans who is
able to—even if he's the last person on earth she wants anything to do with
ever again... Unrated. 2022.

LB 13673  TWELVE ANGRY LIBRARIANS: A CAT IN THE STACKS
MYSTERY  JAMES, MIRANDA
After his library-school nemesis drops dead, Charlie—who had a heated
argument with him the day before—becomes the main suspect. Charlie,
with Diesel’s feline help, must check out every clue to find the real killer or
the next book he reads will come from a prison library. 2017.

LB 13697  SHADOWS REEL: A JOE PICKETT NOVEL  BOX, C.J.
The same day that game warden Joe Pickett is called out for a moose-
poaching incident, his wife Marybeth opens an unmarked package at the
library and finds a photo album belonging to a famous Nazi official. When a
neighbor is murdered, Joe and Marybeth realize they are in danger—and so

LB 13738  SIX CATS A SLAYIN': A CAT IN THE STACKS MYSTERY
JAMES, MIRANDA
With cat Diesel’s help, Charlie welcomes five tiny felines left on his
doorstop. Meanwhile, his nosy neighbor Gerry Albritton, a real estate agent,
decides to throw a lavish holiday party—where she winds up dead. 2018.

LB 14106  AMISH BABY FINDS A HOME  CAMERON, BARBARA
"Gideon Troyer might share a farm with his twin brother, but his true
contentment comes from his toy shop. His life is full but he wouldn't mind a
partner to share it with. When his love interest, Hannah Stoltzfus, opened
her quilt shop last year just two doors down from his store, he couldn't
believe his good fortune. Now they've been dating for a while and he's just
about ready to propose, when an unexpected surprise lands on his door...
Hannah Stoltzfus looks forward to her daily morning coffee dates with
Gideon. Though she and the dependable woodworker haven't spoken of
their intentions just yet, Hannah is eager to take their relationship to the
next level. But when she finds a baby left at Gideon's store, she's curious as
to why he was left there and why the baby has a dimple just like Gideon's.
Still, she knows her feelings for Gideon are real so she's willing to help him figure out just who this baby belongs to..."--Provided by Publisher. Unrated. 2022.

LB 14104 NIGHT SHIFT FINLAY, ALEX
Fifteen years after an attack at a Blockbuster on New Year’s Eve of 1999 leaves only one teen survivor, another similar attack happens at an ice cream store in the same town. The survivor of the Blockbuster attack, the brother of the fugitive suspect of that attack, and the FBI agent investigating team up to uncover the truth. Unrated. 2022.

LB 14105 LAST HOUSE ON NEEDLESS STREET WARD, CATRIONA
In a boarded-up house on a dead-end street at the edge of the wild Washington woods, an unspeakable secret binds a strange family together. But when a new neighbor moves in next door, something buried among the birch trees may come back to haunt them all. Unrated. 2021.

LB 13969 THINK OF ME LIARDET, FRANCES
"From the New York Times bestselling author of We Must Be Brave comes a new sweeping historical novel about one couple's journey through war, love, and loss, and how the people we love never really leave us"--Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022

LB 13994 GREENWICH PARK FAULKNER, KATHERINE
"A sophisticated female-led thriller about a woman whose life starts to unravel as a result of her friendship with an unpredictable single mother, Greenwich Park explores the terrible consequences of guilt, the complexity of female friendships, and the fallibility of the memories we cherish"--Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13995 LOST APOTHECARY PENNER, SARAH
In eighteenth-century London, Nella runs an apothecary shop selling well-disguised poisons for women to use against the oppressive men in their lives. Meanwhile in present-day London, aspiring historian Caroline stumbles upon a clue to the long-unsolved apothecary murders while dealing with the failure of her marriage. Strong language. Bestseller. 2021.

LB 13996 JANE DARROWFIELD, PROFESSIONAL BUSYBODY ROSS, BARBARA, 1953-
Jane Darrowfield is a year into her retirement, and she's already traveled and planted a garden. She's organized her photos, her recipes, and her spices. The statistics suggest she has at least a few more decades ahead of
her, so she better find something to do. After Jane helps a friend with a
sticky personal problem, word starts to spread around her bridge club-and
then around all of West Cambridge, Massachusetts—that she's the go-to girl
for situations that need discreet fixing. Soon she has her first paid
assignment—the director of a 55-and-over condo community needs her to
de-escalate hostilities among the residents. As Jane discovers after moving
in for her undercover assignment, the mature set can be as immature as
any high schoolers, and war is breaking out between cliques. It seems she
might make some progress—until one of the aging "popular kids" is
bludgeoned to death with a golf club. And though the automatic sprinklers
have washed away much of the evidence, Jane’s on course to find out

LB 14013 AMERICAN GUN MYSTERY QUEEN, ELLERY
Buck Horne has roped thousands of cattle and shot plenty of men dead in
the street but always on the backlot. He is a celluloid cowboy, and his
career is nearly kaput. Desperate for a comeback, Buck joins Wild Bill
Grant's traveling rodeo for a show in New York, hoping to land one last
movie contract. But he has scarcely mounted his horse when he falls to the
dirt with a bullet in his heart. Watching from the stands are Ellery Queen,
debonair sleuth, and his police detective father. They are New Yorkers
through and through, but to solve the rodeo killing, the Queens must learn
to talk cowboy. Unrated. 2022.

LB 14048 ONE ITALIAN SUMMER SERLE, REBECCA
When Katy’s mother Carol dies, she is left reeling. They had planned a
mother-daughter trip to Positano, Italy, and Katy decides to take the trip
alone. As she explores the Amalfi Coast, she feels her mother’s spirit. And
then Carol appears—in the flesh, healthy, and thirty years old. Strong

LB 14009 NATURE OF FRAGILE THINGS MEISSNER, SUSAN, 1961-
In 1905, a year before the earthquake that would devastate San Francisco,
Irish immigrant Sophie Whalen is so desperate to get out of a New York
tenement that she answers a mail-order bride ad and agrees to marry a
Each year nearly four million people visit Yellowstone National Park--one of the most popular of all national parks--but few know the fascinating and complex historical context in which it was established. In late July 1871, the geologist-explorer Ferdinand Hayden led a team of scientists through a narrow canyon into Yellowstone Basin, entering one of the last unmapped places in the country. The survey's discoveries led to the passage of the Yellowstone Act in 1872, which created the first national park in the world. Unrated. 2022.

New York Times bestselling author Laura Thompson returns with Heiresses, a fascinating look at the lives of heiresses throughout history and the often tragic truth beneath the gilded surface. Heiresses: surely they are among the luckiest women on earth. Are they not to be envied, with their private jets and Chanel wardrobes and endless funds? Yet all too often those gilded lives have been beset with trauma and despair. Before the 20th century a wife's inheritance was the property of her husband, making her vulnerable to kidnap, forced marriages, even confinement in an asylum. And in modern times, heiresses fell victim to fortune-hunters who squandered their millions. Heiresses tells the stories of these million dollar babies: Mary Davies, who inherited London's most valuable real estate, and was bartered from the age of twelve; Consuelo Vanderbilt, the original American "Dollar Heiress", forced into a loveless marriage; Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress who married seven times and died almost penniless; and Patty Hearst, heiress to a newspaper fortune who was arrested for terrorism. However, there are also stories of independence and achievement: Angela Burdett-Coutts, who became one of the greatest philanthropists of Victorian England; Nancy Cunard, who lived off her mother's fortune and became a pioneer of the civil rights movement; and Daisy Fellowes, elegant linchpin of interwar high society and noted fashion editor. Heiresses is about the lives of the rich, who--as F. Scott Fitzgerald said--are 'different'. But it is also a bigger story about how all women fought their way to equality, and sometimes even found autonomy and fulfillment. Unrated. 2022.
In the vein of Jon Krakauer’s Into the Wild, a riveting work of narrative nonfiction centering on the unsolved disappearance of an American backpacker in India—one of at least two dozen tourists who have met a similar fate in the remote and storied Parvati Valley. For centuries, India has enthralled westerners looking for an exotic getaway, a brief immersion in yoga and meditation, or in rare cases, a true pilgrimage to find spiritual revelation. Justin Alexander Shetler, an inveterate traveler trained in wilderness survival, was one such seeker. In his early thirties Justin Alexander Shetler, quit his job at a tech startup and set out on a global journey: across the United States by motorcycle, then down to South America, and on to the Philippines, Thailand, and Nepal, in search of authentic experiences and meaningful encounters, while also documenting his travels on Instagram. His enigmatic character and magnetic personality gained him a devoted following who lived vicariously through his adventures. But the ever restless explorer was driven to pursue ever greater challenges, and greater risks, in what had become a personal quest—his own hero's journey. In 2016, he made his way to the Parvati Valley, a remote and rugged corner of the Indian Himalayas steeped in mystical tradition yet shrouded in darkness and danger. There, he spent weeks studying under the guidance of a sadhu, an Indian holy man, living and meditating in a cave. At the end of August, accompanied by the sadhu, he set off on a 'spiritual journey' to a holy lake—a journey from which he would never return. Lost in the Valley of Death is about one man's search to find himself, in a country where for many westerners the path to spiritual enlightenment can prove fraught, even treacherous. But it is also a story about all of us and the ways, sometimes extreme, we seek fulfillment in life" — Publisher's description. Unrated. 2022.

Actor known for his supporting roles, including Paul Child in Julie & Julia, reflects on his relationship with food throughout his life. Discusses growing up in an Italian American family, food served on film sets, and dealing with a form of oral cancer. Strong language. Bestseller. 2021.

Historian discusses the events and values that have enabled the rise of various tyrannical leaders across the twentieth century, in an attempt to draw lessons that will prove useful in the early twenty-first century political
**LB 13975   BLOOD OF EMMETT TILL   TYSON, TIMOTHY B.**
Southern history scholar revisits the 1955 lynching of fourteen-year-old African American Emmett Till, from Chicago. While visiting relatives in Mississippi, Emmett's interaction with a white female shopkeeper led to his kidnapping and violent murder. Also describes the trial, funeral, and the case's impact on the civil rights movement. Violence and some strong language. 2017.

**LB 13988   MADAM: THE BIOGRAPHY OF POLLY ADLER, ICON OF THE JAZZ AGE   APPLEGATE, DEBB**
The life story of a notorious madam who played hostess to every gangster, politician, writer, sports star and Café Society swell worth knowing. Her Manhattan brothels became known as key gathering places for the culturati, celebrity elite, and underworld figures alike. Unrated. 2021.

**LB 14003   FROM THE ASHES: MY STORY OF BEING INDIGENOUS, HOMELESS, AND FINDING MY WAY   THISTLE, JESSE**
"Abandoned by his parents as a toddler, Jesse Thistle and his two brothers were cut off from all they knew when they were placed in the foster care system. Eventually placed with their paternal grandparents, the children often clashed with their tough-love attitude. Worse, the ghost of Jesse's drug-addicted father seemed to haunt the memories of every member of the family. Soon, Jesse succumbed to a self-destructive cycle of drug and alcohol addiction and petty crime, resulting in more than a decade living on and off the streets. Facing struggles many of us cannot even imagine, Jesse knew he would die unless he turned his life around. Through sheer perseverance and newfound love, he managed to find his way back into the loving embrace of his Indigenous culture and family. Now, in this heart-wrenching and triumphant memoir, Jesse Thistle honestly and fearlessly divulges his painful past, the abuse he endured, and the tragic truth about his parents. An eloquent exploration of the dangerous impact of prejudice and racism, From the Ashes is ultimately a celebration of love and "a story of courage and resilience certain to strike a chord with readers from many backgrounds" (Library Journal)"-- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2021.
Related names: Wexler, Daniella, editor.

**LB 14012   GATHERING BLOSSOMS UNDER FIRE: THE JOURNALS OF ALICE WALKER   BOYD, VALERIE**
From National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker and edited by critic and writer Valerie Boyd, comes an unprecedented
compilation of Walker's fifty years of journals drawing an intimate portrait of her development over five decades as an artist, human rights and women's activist, and intellectual. In an unvarnished and singular voice, she explores an astonishing array of events: marching in Mississippi with other foot soldiers of the Civil Rights Movement, led by Martin Luther King, Jr.; her marriage to a Jewish lawyer, defying laws that barred interracial marriage in the 1960s South; an early miscarriage; writing her first novel; the trials and triumphs of the Women's Movement; erotic encounters and enduring relationships; the ancestral visits that led her to write The Color Purple; winning the Pulitzer Prize; being admired and maligned, sometimes in equal measure, for her work and her activism; and burying her mother. A powerful blend of Walker's personal life with political events, this revealing collection offers rare insight into a literary legend. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13694  PRESIDENT AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTER: ABRAHAM LINCOLN, FREDERICK DOUGLASS, AND THEIR BATTLE TO SAVE AMERICA'S SOUL  KILMEADE, BRIAN
The author of Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates (DB 83340) explores the trajectory and impact of the friendship forged between President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. He particularly explores their shared views on slavery and experiences throughout the Civil War. Some violence. Bestseller. 2021. Variant title: Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and their battle to save America’s soul.

LB 13695  POWER OF REGRET: HOW LOOKING BACKWARD MOVES US FORWARD  PINK, DANIEL H.
Drawing on research in social psychology, neuroscience, and biology, the author of Drive (DB 70276) debunks the myth of the "no regrets" philosophy of life. He believes understanding how regret works can help us make smarter decisions, perform better at work and school, and bring greater meaning to our lives. 2022.

LB 13760  MANAGING EXPECTATIONS: A MEMOIR IN ESSAYS  DRIVER, MINNIE
A memoir in essays from beloved actor and natural-born storyteller Minnie Driver, chronicling the way life works out even when it doesn't. Unrated. 2022.

LB 13714  MISSION POSSIBLE: GO CREATE A LIFE THAT COUNTS  TEBOW, TIM, 1987-
The New York Times bestselling author and athlete encourages you that it's possible to find your God-given mission and create a bolder, brighter, more
fulfilling life. Tim Tebow believes that the secret to a truly meaningful life is not more comfort or ease, but recognizing the clear, unique mission that God has set before you. Having a focused sense of your personal, God-given significance will bring you a lasting sense of purpose. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13718 OUR FIRST CIVIL WAR: PATRIOTS AND LOYALISTS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** BRANDS, H.W.
George Washington and Benjamin Franklin were the unlikeliest of rebels. Washington in the 1770s stood at the apex of Virginia society. Franklin was more successful still, having risen from humble origins to world fame. John Adams might have seemed a more obvious candidate for rebellion, being of cantankerous temperament. Even so, he revered the law. Yet all three men became rebels against the British Empire that fostered their success. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13693 RED-HANDED: HOW AMERICAN ELITES GET RICH HELPING CHINA WIN** SCHWEIZER, PETER, 1964-
The author of Profiles in Corruption (DB 98362) and Secret Empires (DB 91638) investigates possible secret links between American institutions and wealthy individuals and Chinese political interests. Draws on corporate records and legal filings. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

**LB 13717 MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE BIBLE SPEAK: LESSONS ON FAITH FROM NINE BIBLICAL FAMILIES** BREAM, SHANNON
Through these stories, Shannon explains the intimate connection between faith and family--and how God's unexpected agenda can redefine the way we think about family. Not all of these mothers and daughters in the Bible were paragons of virtue. Like us, they were human beings who faltered and struggled to do their best. While some heard God's voice, others chose their own paths. Through the lens of their imperfections, we can see how God used their stories to bring about His divine plans. He's still doing the same work in our lives today. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

**LB 13690 WHERE THE CHILDREN TAKE US** ASHER, ZAIN E. (ZAIN EJIOFOR)
Living in Brixton and awaiting the return of her husband and young son from Nigeria, Obiajulu Ejiofor received shattering news. There had been a fatal car crash, and one of them was dead. In Where the Children Take Us, Obiajulu's daughter, Zain Asher, tells the story of her family and her mother's deeply personal fight to protect her children from the daily pressures of poverty, crime, and racism in 1980s and '90s South London as
a widowed emigrant. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13666  ARRIVAL STORIES: WOMEN SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES OF BECOMING MOTHERS**
Two pink lines on a pregnancy test. The primal scream of a woman pushing through her thirty-fifth hour of labor. The moment a still-wet newborn is placed in his mother's open arms after an unexpected c-section. The bottomless love reflected in the eyes of a father seeing his daughter for the first time. The moment a baby latches to her mother's breast. Or the moment that mother decides to switch to formula. Each of these, and so many more, are stories of entering motherhood. Unrated. 2022. Related names: Schumer, Amy, editor. Turlington, Christy, 1969- editor.

**LB 13669  ALL ABOUT ME!: MY REMARKABLE LIFE IN SHOW BUSINESS**  BROOKS, MEL, 1926-
Memoir from a multiple award-winning director, actor, and comedian. He describes his childhood in Brooklyn and his first big break as a writer for Sid Caesar's Your Show of Shows, before going on to write, direct, and star in hit films such as The Producers. Bestseller. 2021.

**LB 13758  ALI'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL**  WENTWORTH, ALI
Ali Wentworth shares the absurd and sometimes trying moments that got her and her family through the pandemic, and their experience with the disease that has affected millions of lives. Unrated. 2022.

**LB 13670  AGAINST ALL ODDS: A TRUE STORY OF ULTIMATE COURAGE AND SURVIVAL IN WORLD WAR II**  KERSHAW, ALEX
The author details the conflicts and battles faced by four soldiers. All in the same unit, they earned medal after medal for their heroism. Drawing on personal interviews and primary source material, the author covers more than six hundred days of increasingly merciless combat. Unrated. Bestseller. 2022.

**LB 13741  RIDE OF HER LIFE: THE TRUE STORY OF A WOMAN, HER HORSE, AND THEIR LAST-CHANCE JOURNEY ACROSS AMERICA**  LETTS, ELIZABETH
The triumphant true story of a woman who rode her horse across America in the 1950s, fulfilling her dying wish to see the Pacific Ocean. The author recounts her adventure, which included crushing storms, celebrity encounters, and harrowing stretches of highways. Unrated. 2021.
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HANNAH-JONES, NIKOLE  

LB 14040  BEAUTY OF DUSK: ON VISION LOST AND FOUND  
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LB 14043  **SINATRA AND ME: IN THE WEE SMALL HOURS**  
OPPEDIANO, TONY  
Memoir describing a close friendship with Frank Sinatra in his later years. The author met the singer in 1972 and became his road manager and confidant. He shares some of the talks they had about music, family, friends, great loves, achievements and successes, failures and disappointments. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 2021.

LB 14044  **LONDON'S NUMBER ONE DOG-WALKING AGENCY**  
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ownership along the way. But, as Kate says, "It's all down to the dogs" and what they taught her about London--and life."-- Provided by publisher. Unrated. 2021.

LB 14045     IN THE MARGINS: ON THE PLEASURES OF READING AND WRITING     FERRANTE, ELENA
Magazine described the beloved Italian novelist Elena Ferrante as "an oracle among authors." Here, in these four crisp essays, Ferrante offers a rare look at the origins of her literary powers. She writes about her influences, her struggles, and her formation as both a reader and a writer; she describes the perils of "bad language" and suggests ways in which it has long excluded women’s truth; she proposes a choral fusion of feminine talent as she brilliantly discourses on the work of Emily Dickinson, Gertrude Stein, Ingeborg Bachmann, and many others. Here is a subtle yet candid book by "one of the great novelists of our time" about adventures in literature, both in and out of the margins." -- Provided by publisher. 2021. Related names:  Goldstein, Ann, 1949- translator.

LB 13699     THESE PRECIOUS DAYS     PATCHETT, ANN
A collection of personal, autobiographical essays from the author of Dutch House (DB 96739). Topics discussed include reflections on unexpected friendship, the joy of reading, her youthful memories of Paris, cherished gifts she has received, and the importance of knitting. Unrated. Bestseller. 2021.

JUVENILE FICTION

LB 13938     WILLODEEN     APPLEGATE, KATHERINE
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LB 14039     BLACK BOY JOY: 17 STORIES CELEBRATING BLACK BOYHOOD
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YOUNG ADULT FICTION

LB 14001  HEARTLESS  MEYER, MARISSA
In this prequel to Alice in Wonderland (DB 50842), Cath would rather open a bakery and marry for love than accept a proposal from the King of Hearts, especially after meeting the handsome and mysterious court jester. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2016. Texas Lone Star Reading List 2018.

LB 13664  AS GOOD AS DEAD  JACKSON, HOLLY, 1992-
When online death threats escalate, Pip starts to find connections between her new stalker and a local serial killer caught six years ago--and wonders if maybe the wrong man is behind bars. Sequel to Good Girl, Bad Blood (DB 102633). Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

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