



Holiday Books



Alphabet mysteries with Kinsey Millhone by Sue Grafton – A is for Alibi, M is for Murder, O is the or Outlaw, T is for Trespass

The Autobiography of Santa Claus by Jeff Guin - Santa tells the story of his life, from his childhood in fourth century Turkey to the present, and recounts his experiences with some of his many helpers including Attila the Hun and Teddy Roosevelt.

The Broken Window by Jeffery Deaver - New York police department forensic consultant Lincoln Rhyme and detective Amelia Sachs try to clear Rhyme's cousin, Arthur, of a murder charge and uncover a serial killer who is using data mining to frame innocent people.

Compulsion by Jonathan Kellerman - LAPD detective Milo Sturgis and psychologist Alex Delaware search for a psychotic killer who is terrorizing the city with no known motive or pattern and teaches Milo and Alex the true meaning of madness.

The Confessions of Max Tivoli by Andrew Sean Greer - Max, born with the body of a very old man, finds his physical body growing younger as his mind grows older, giving him multiple chances to win the heart of Alice, the neighbor girl he fell in love with as a child, and who fails to recognize him as they meet again and again throughout their lives.

Cross by James Patterson - Forensic psychologist and single father Alex Cross decides it is time to finally slow down and spend more time with his family, but he is drawn back into a dangerous investigation when his old friend Detective John Sampson asks for his help in tracking a serial rapist and murderer who may be linked to Alex's wife's death thirteen years earlier.

Death Du Jour by Kathy Reichs - Forensic anthropologist Tempe Brennan digs up the grave of a nun who may qualify for sainthood in Montreal but finds they have been moved and tampered with, and when she makes a connection between an arson and a disappearance, she begins investigating a suspicious cult in a journey that takes her to her to the Carolinas and then back to Canada.

Dirty Work by Stuart Woods - Attorney Stone Barrington teams up with sexy British agent Carpenter once again when it turns out that Barrington's investigation into a philandering husband has connections to Carpenter's quest to track down trained assassin Marie-Therese du Bois.

Fearless Fourteen by Janet Evanovich - Stephanie Plum, a bond enforcement agent, takes a job from security expert Carlos Manoso, but her boyfriend, Joe Morelli, a police officer who is looking for his cousins, Dom and Loretta Rizzi, who are suspects in a bank robbery, thinks she should be spending her nights with him.

Emperor: Field of Swords by Conn Iggulden - Julius Caesar, strengthened by the love and vision of a beautiful older woman and the strength of his loyal friend, Marcus Brutus, leaves Rome to begin a daring charge through Gaul, across the English Channel, and into tribal Britain.

Fortunate Son by Walter Mosley - The lives of two stepbrothers, one from a life of privilege and the other in a life of hardship, explore the true meaning of fortune when they are reunited after years being apart.

Good Harbor by Anita Diamant - Fifty-nine-year-old librarian Kathleen Levine's life is turned upside down after being diagnosed with breast cancer, and she must depend on her faith and her family to get her through the brutal treatment and emotional hardships.

Highland Laddie Gone by Sharyn McCrumb - Forensic anthropologist Elizabeth MacPherson plans to celebrate her Scottish roots by attending the annual Glencoe Mountain Games, but duty calls when two murders mar the festivities.

Independence Day by Richard Ford – Winner of the Pulitzer Prize; Frank Bascombe, having lost his career and his family, is selling real estate in Haddam, New Jersey, and is settling for a life of mere existence until the events of one Fourth of July weekend shock him into real contact with life.

Imperium: A Novel of Ancient Rome by Robert Harris - Tiro, the confidential secretary of a Roman senator, sets in motion a chain of events that puts his master in one of the most suspenseful courtroom dramas in history when he invites a terrified stranger into his home.



Icy Sparks by Gwyn Rubio - Icy Sparks has spent most of her life being ridiculed because she suffers from Tourette Syndrome, but as she grows older, she teaches the people in her town how to accept people for who they are, not what they appear to be.

Lady Killer by Lisa Scottoline – Philadelphia attorney Mary DiNunzio is surprised when her high school rival Trish Gambone shows up in her office looking for help getting out of an abusive relationship with the possibly Mob-connected Bobby Mancuso, and she is forced to investigate on her own when Trish and Bobby disappear, and the FBI cuts her out of the loop for failing to tell what she knows about Bobby--a former crush.

Light on Snow by Anita Shreve - Twelve-year-old Nicky Dillon, still dealing with the loss of her mother and baby sister two years earlier, and her grieving father's sudden decision to move to an isolated New England farmhouse, takes further steps into the adult world when she and her dad find an abandoned newborn clinging to life in the woods near their home, and later come to know the young mother and learn her story.

Love Walked In by Marisa De Los Santos - Eleven-year-old Clare Hobbes takes her life into her own hands after her mother disappears, setting out to find her estranged father, and along the way befriends Cornelia, a coffee shop waitress struggling to realize her dreams.

Nights in Rodanthe by Nicholas Sparks - Adrienne Willis, abandoned by her husband, flees to Rodanthe, North Carolina, to tend to a friend's inn, where she meets Paul Flanner, a doctor who has just sold his practice, and together, with a storm rolling in, they discover a new love.

Naughty Neighbor by Janet Evanovich - Press secretary Louisa Brannigan feels nothing is more important than her career as she tries to climb her way to the top of Capital Hill, until she finds herself drawn to her annoying neighbor, Peter Streeter, who pulls Louisa into a bizarre search for a missing pig.

Orchid Beach by Stuart Woods - Holly Barker, forced into early retirement from the army after losing a sexual harassment case, walks into a dangerous web of evil and deceit when she accepts the post of deputy police chief in Orchid Beach, Florida.

The Other by David Guterson (F Guterson) – In this new book by the author of *Snow Falling on Cedar* John William Barry and Neil Countryman are brought together by their mutual love of the outdoors; but when Neil asks John to help him disappear into Washington's backcountry, he finds himself in the center of secrets and deceit that will shatter his life.

Pirate by Ted Bell - When a ruthless descendant of Napoleon rises to power in Paris, he forms an alliance with the cold-blooded Mandarins, developing a plan that will start a nuclear showdown with the rest of the world and Alex Hawke sets out to stop the evil plot before it destroys the world.

A Respectable Trade by Philippa Gregory - Frances Scott, the penniless niece of an English lord, agrees to marry Bristol trader Josiah Cole, an arrangement that provides her with a home and him with the social contacts he needs to build his business, but she is forced to confront her need for love and liberty when Josiah brings the slave Mehuru to their house and assigns her the task of training the man, who was at one time a priest and aides to the king of Yoruba, to become a house servant.

The Romance Novels of Janet Evanovich – *Back to the Bedroom*, *The Rocky Road to Romance*, *Manhunt*



The Shack by William Young - After Missy is abducted during a vacation and evidence of her murder shows up at a shack in the forests of Oregon, Mackenzie Philips, her father, receives a strange note inviting him to return to the scene of the tragedy where he wrestles with nightmarish religious questions

Sing of the Cross by Chris Kuzneski - On a Danish shore, a priest is found hanging on a cross. Within days, the same crime is repeated..this time in Asia and Africa. Meanwhile, deep in the legendary catacombs under Orvieto, Italy, an archaeologist unearths a scroll dating back two thousand years, revealing secrets that could rock the foundations of Christianity. Its discovery makes him the most wanted criminal in all of Europe.

Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas by James Patterson - Katie Wilkinson, blissfully in love, is suddenly abandoned by the man who made her happy, left with only a diary written by a new mother named Suzanne for her infant son, Nicholas--and as Katie reads, she gains a new understanding of Matt, the man who left her.

Tell No One by Harlan Coben - Eight years after the disappearance of his wife--presumed dead--Dr. David Beck receives an email message containing hints that Elizabeth is alive, prompting him to leave everyone he knows and trusts to chase after that possibility. Little does he know he is being hunted.

The Third Angel by Alice Hoffman - The lives of three women of different generations are united by tragic love, a ghost that haunts a London hotel, and their quest to find the Third Angel that can restore their faith.

Third Degree by Greg Iles - Laurel Shields, unsettled by the discovery that she is pregnant by the man with whom she just ended an extra-marital affair, returns home from work to find her husband Warren

has discovered her deception, and must somehow try to keep him from committing an act of violence until the police, and her lover, can rescue her.

Vanished by Karen Robards - Seven years after Sarah Mason's five-year-old daughter disappeared, Sarah receives a phone call from a terrified girl claiming to be her missing daughter, sending Sarah on a journey to find her child.



The Venetian Betrayal by Steve Berry - Rare book dealer Cotton Malone tries to locate the final resting place of Alexander the Great, believing it holds a secret healing serum which can stop a ruthless dictator, with biological weapons, from destroying the world.

The Weight of Water by Anita Shreve - Story of a photographer investigating a murder scene in New Hampshire begins to question her own life and marriage rethinking her ideas concerning trust and passion and exploring the farthest extremes of emotion.

Written on her Heart by Alan Maki - Molly Meyers has lived the last thirty years of her life in the shadow of the man whom she loved but lost during the Vietnam War, but when she discovers the same poems her lover wrote her in a newly published collection, she begins to wonder if the man whose memory has haunted her life for so long may still be alive.

Non Fiction

300 Pounds of Attitude by Jonathan Rand (796.33 Ran) - Recounts some of the more offbeat stories in NFL history, highlighting the players, plays, rivalries, and moments that have defined the sport and its teams and fans.

The Best Life Diet by Bob Greene (613.25 Gre) – Oprah’s diet guru presents a comprehensive guide on how to lose weight effectively and permanently, and contains dietary guidelines and easy-to-prepare recipes.

Brothers in Arms by Kareeen Abdul-Jabbar and Anthony Walton (940.54 ABD) - the epic story the 761st Tank Battalion, an African American unit that was not supposed to see combat, but fought as part of Patton’s Third Army at the Battle of the Bulge and in the Allies’ final drive across France and Germany

Churchill, Hitler, and the Unnecessary War by Patrick Buchanan (940.5311 Buc) - Argues that World Wars I and II were not inevitable consequences of forces beyond man's control, but instead direct results of devastating failures of judgment by Winston Churchill and other British statesmen.

Dead Lucky: Life After Death on Mount Everest by Lincoln Hall – (796.52 Hal) - Lincoln Hall describes his experiences after deciding to pursue a long-delayed dream to climb Mt. Everest in the spring of 2006, telling how he was declared dead and left behind after he collapsed from altitude sickness and Sherpas were unable to revive him, and discussing his miraculous rescue by an American guide the following day who discovered him sitting on the summit ridge, frostbitten, confused, but still alive.

Final Patrol by Don Keith (940.5451 Kei) - Draws from interviews with veterans and declassified U.S. Navy war patrol reports to tell true stories of the men who fought and died in submarines during World

War II, focusing on the records of the sixteen U.S. submarines and one German U-boat now open to the public.

Kabul Beauty School by Deborah Rodriguez (305.48 Rod) - Hairdresser Deborah Rodriguez details her experiences in post-Taliban Afghanistan, discussing the opening of her beauty school and recalls the personal stories of various women who overcame obstacles to obtain an education in cosmetology.

Lone Survivor: the Eyewitness account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of Lost Seal Team 10 by Marcus Luttrell (958.1 Lut) - American Navy SEAL and team leader Marcus Luttrell tells his story of the loss of his teammates in July 2005 along the mountainous Afghanistan-Pakistan border to al-Qaida insurgents.

The Monster of Florence by Douglas Preston (363.15 Pre) - Relates the experiences of novelist Douglas Preston and crime reporter Mario Spezi as they try to track down the Monster of Florence, a serial killer who targeted lovers parked in their cars.

The Paolantonio Report by Sal Paolantonio (796.33 Pao) - ESPN correspondent and award-winning writer Sal Paolantonio profiles what he believes are the most overhyped aspects of NFL, highlighting players, games, teams, and coaches from NFL history.

The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher by Kate Summerscale (364.5213 Sum) - Recounts the events surrounding the 1830 murder of three-year-old Saville Kent and explores the police investigation into the crime, which led to family members becoming prime suspects, while local residents began to doubt the efficiency of the lead investigator as the crime went unsolved for years.

Tweak by Nic Sheff (362.29 She) - The author describes his childhood in California, his addiction to crystal meth and heroin at a young age, his relapse after eighteen months of sobriety, and his path to recovery.

The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman (940.53 Ach) - Relates the story of Jan and Antonina Zabinski, Christian zookeepers at the Warsaw Zoo, who helped save the lives of approximately three hundred Polish Jews during World War II by housing and feeding them on zoo grounds and teaching them how to "pass" as Aryan.

Biographies

Apples and Oranges: My Brother and Me, Lost and Found by Marie Brenner (B Brenner) - The author, a journalist, discusses her relationship with her brother Carl, and describes how their personalities and lifestyle choices have always differed, and details how when later in life Carl was diagnosed with adenocarcinoma, Marie and Carl found themselves reunited.

Audition: A Memoir by Barbara Walters (B Walters) - Television journalist Barbara Walters reflects on her life, discussing her childhood, family, affair with a married senator, daughter, career, colleagues, and much more.

Born Standing up: A Comic's Life by Steve Martin (B Martin) - Steve Martin reflects on his early career as a stand-up comic, how he walked away from it to become a writer for "The Smothers Brothers

Comedy Hour," his mentors and complex relationship with his parents and sister, and the work and dedication it took to become one of the world's greatest comedians.

A Brother's Journey: Surviving a Childhood of Abuse by Richard Pelzer (B Pelzer, R.) - The author is the brother of David Pelzer, who wrote *A Child Called It*. Richard has written his own memoir where he describes his childhood filled with nightly beatings and unspeakable abuse by his mother and how he found the courage to survive.

From Baghdad with Love by Lt. Col. Jay Kopelman (B Kopelman) - Tells the true story of a dog named Lava, who was rescued from an abandoned house in Fallujah, Iraq, cared for by the Marines who found him, and eventually permitted to come to the United States.

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch (B Pausch) - Computer science professor Randy Pausch, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, discusses how to overcome obstacles in one's life and achieve one's dreams.

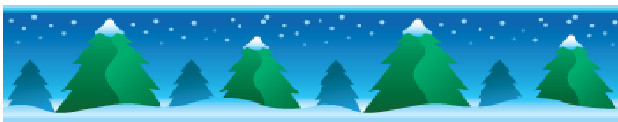
Poster Child by Emily Rapp (B Rapp) - Emily Rapp chronicles the first thirty years of her life, describing how her life has been defined by the birth defect that left her with only one leg and made her the poster child for the March of Dimes.

Swallow the Ocean by Laura M. Flynn (B Flynn) - A memoir in which Laura Flynn recalls her childhood and the charmed life she enjoyed with her family, especially her free-spirited, imaginative mother, and discusses how everything changed when her mother lost her grip on reality due to schizophrenia.

Swimming to Antarctica by Lynne Cox (B Cox) - Distance swimmer Lynne Cox describes the challenges of swimming across the English Channel, the Bering Strait, the Strait of Magellan, Cook Strait in New Zealand, and in the cold waters of the Antarctic.

When Men Become Gods by Stephanie Singular (B Jeffs) - Examines the life of Warren Jeffs, the leader and self-proclaimed prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, based in southern Utah, and focuses on his polygamous crimes, which include a rape charge based on his involvement with an arranged marriage between a fourteen year old girl and her nineteen year old half first cousin.

A Wolf at the Table by Augusten Burroughs (B Burroughs) - A memoir of Augusten Burroughs' relationship with his father, which consisted of abuse, aloofness and betrayal.



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