

# Holiday Reading from the IMC

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## Elizabeth Adler

*Sailing to Capri* - Private investigator Harry Montana, following the instructions of the late English tycoon Sir Robert Waldo Hardwick, assembles the six suspects identified by Hardwick as his possible murderer and takes them on a luxury cruise to the beautiful Villa Belkiss on Capri, where Sir Robert's will is to be read and hopefully his killer unmasked.



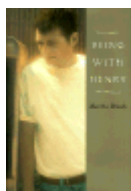
## David Baldacci

*The Camel Club* - After witnessing a murder with ties to a prestigious businessman's club, Harry Stone steals a crucial piece of evidence from the crime scene and is pursued by a dangerous member of the club.

*Last Man Standing* - Web London was trained to penetrate hostile ground and come out alive. Then ten seconds in a dark alley cost him everything; his friends, his fellow agents, his reputation. Among his super-elite FBI Hostage Rescue Team Web was the sole survivor of a high-tech, devastating ambush. Now Web is trying to put his life back together and understand what really happened.

## Chris Bohjalian

*Midwives* - Cut off from the hospital and rescue squad by an ice storm, midwife Sibyl Danforth makes the decision to perform a cesarean section on a patient she believes has died of a stroke during labor, but when her assistant tells police the mother was alive during the surgery, Sibyl and the entire community are drawn into a gripping trial.



## Martha Brooks

*Being with Henry* - Forced out of his home by a disagreeable and bullying stepfather, sixteen-year-old Laker moves to another town and strikes up an unexpected friendship with a frail but determined old man.

## Jimmy Carter

*The Hornet's Nest* - Newlyweds Ethan and Epsey Pratt, having moved from Philadelphia to Georgia in hopes of raising crops and a family, find themselves unwillingly drawn into the brutal conflicts of the Revolutionary War as it was fought in the Deep South.

## Michael Connelly

*Chasing the Dime* - Henry Price is drawn into a world of Web sites, sex, and violence, eventually becoming the chief suspect in a murder case, after investigating messages left on his answering machine for a mysterious woman named Lilly.

## Bernard Cornwell

*The Last Kingdom* -Presents a fictionalized account of Uhtred, the son of an English nobleman, kidnapped by a Danish chieftain, Earl Ragnar, in A.D. 866, during the Vikings wars against England.

### **Harlan Coben**

*Fade Away* - Sports agent Myron Bolitar comes face-to-face with a past he would rather not relive when Greg Downing, a man with whom he competed in sports and for the love of the same woman, disappears.

*No Second Chance* - A surgeon suspected of killing his wife attempts to save his kidnapped infant daughter without the help of the authorities.

### **Robin Cook**

*Crisis* - New York medical examiner Dr. Jack Stapleton is contacted by his sister requesting his help in a malpractice suit against her husband Craig, a doctor who has, built a practice based on providing personalized care to select patients, and while he is able to prove Craig is not guilty of the charge against him, Jack does learn an even more disturbing fact about his brother-in-law.

### *Critical*

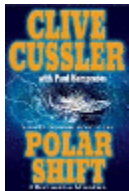
New York City medical examiners Laurie Montgomery and Jack Stapleton are called in to help Doctor Angela Dawson track down the source of a deadly staph infection that threatens to shut down Angela's three successful hospitals, and in the course of their investigation, Laurie and Jack uncover some shocking secrets that could threaten the hospitals' futures.

### **Patricia Cornwell**

*At Risk* - A Massachusetts district attorney running for governor decides to use a radical new DNA technology to solve a long-ago murder, but his efforts only result in another outbreak of violence.

*Trace* - Forensic investigator Dr. Kay Scarpetta is called back to Richmond, Virginia to help the new Chief Medical Examiner investigate the mysterious death of a fourteen-year-old girl; and Scarpetta's niece, holding down the office in Florida, tries to deal with a stalker.

### **Clive Cussler**



*Polar Shift* - Kurt Austin and the NUMA Special Assignments Team are out to stop an antiglobalization group from using the polar shift, which can cause massive eruptions, climate changes and earthquakes. At worst, it can cause the obliteration of all living things.

*Black Wind* - National Underwater and Marine Agency head Dirk Pitt, his marine engineer son, Dirk, and his marine biologist daughter, Summer, struggle to prevent two World War II-era Japanese submarines carrying biological weapons from getting into the wrong hands.

### **Anita Diamant**

*The Last Days of Dogtown* - Chronicles the lives of the eccentric residents of Dogtown on Cape Ann in Massachusetts--home to widows, orphans, prostitutes, scoundrels, free Africans, and other characters as the community begins its descent into oblivion in the 1800s.

### **Rob Forman Dew**

*The Evidence Against Her* - Inseparable since birth, the relationship between Lily, Robert, and Warren is threatened when a young woman falls in love with Warren.



**Ivan Doig**

*The Whistling Season* - Oliver Milliron answers an ad for a housekeeper named Rose from Minneapolis, who arrives with her unconventional brother, Morrie, in tow.

**Janet Evanovich**

*Wife for Hire* - Hank Mallone knows he is in trouble when Maggie Toone agrees to pretend to be his wife to improve his reputation as a rogue and secure a bank loan for his business in a small Vermont town. This deal is supposed to be strictly business until Maggie sees Hanks and realizes he is every fantasy she ever had.

**Lisa Fugard**

*Skinner's Drift* - Eva van Rensburg returns to South Africa after a ten year absence to tend to her ailing father, and fueled by her dead mother's diaries, embarks on an exploration of her youth on Skinner's Drift farm, and the social and political upheavals that splintered her family.

**Paulette Jiles**

*Enemy Women* - After the Union Militia arrives to set her house on fire, driving her brother into hiding and taking her widowed father away, Adair Colley sets out on foot with her two young sisters hoping to find a safe haven in the winter mountains.



*Stormy Weather* - After their father's death, the three Stoddard girls travel with their mother back to the family farm where they struggle to survive during the Dust Bowl and put all of their faith in the success of a wildcat oil well.

**Barbara Kingsolver**

*Pigs in Heaven* - Six-year-old Turtle Green witnesses a freak accident drawing her and her mother into a conflict of historic proportions.

**Robert Ludlum**

*The Matlock Papers* - The silver-coated paper found on a dead man has found its way around the world. While the writing on it is Corsican, it is understood by all who see it as an invitation to an urgent meeting of the overlords of crime.

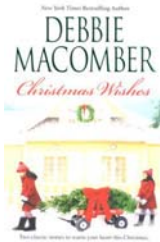
**Eric Van Lustbader**

*Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Betrayal* - Ex-CIA agent David Webb, one-time host to the CIA implanted personality Jason Bourne, must call his old skills into action when his quiet life as a professor at Georgetown University is disrupted by an attempt on his life and the murders of two of his closest associates.

*The Testament* - Braverman Shaw learns that his father, Dexter, led a secret life as a high-ranking member of a sect charged with preserving an ancient cache of documents that could change the face of Christianity, and Braverman believes his father's death is related to his involvement with the group and vows to find the truth.

**Debbie Macomber**

*Morning Comes Softly* - Rancher Travis Thompson, entrusted with the lives of three children after the deaths of his brother and sister-in-law, places a personal ad for a mail-order wife, and finds himself falling for librarian Mary Warner, who answers his ad and changes his life.



*Christmas Wishes* - Two romantic holiday stories: *Christmas Letters* and *Rainy Day Kisses*. In *Christmas Letters*, Katherine O'Connor is determined that her nieces will celebrate Christmas despite the theories of the child psychologist Wynn Jeffries, who is very attractive. In *Rainy Day Kisses*, every Christmas Eve, Michelle tells her cousins how their mom met their dad - a story in which she plays a starring role.

**Steve Martin**

*Double Tap* - San Diego defense attorney Paul Madriani takes on a daunting case when he agrees to defend a highly decorated soldier who has been charged with the murder of a software tycoon who specialized in catering to the military, and his task is made more difficult by his client's unwillingness to talk, and the discovery that the victim was involved in a controversial government contract to combat terrorism.

**Alexander McCall Smith**

*The Kalahari Typing School for Men* – Botswanan detective Precious Ramotswe and her assistant open an adjunct business--a men's typing school--which helps Mma Makutsi find a man and also helps financially when some arrogant investigative competition arrives in town; meanwhile, Precious's adopted son hits puberty at full speed

*44 Scotland Street* – Alexander McCall Smith - Twenty-year-old Pat, working at an Edinburgh art gallery while on sabbatical from college, becomes involved in the lives of her eccentric neighbors at 44 Scotland Street, while trying to solve the mystery of a possible lost masterpiece.



*Espresso Tales* - Presents the second book in the author's 44 Scotland Street series that features the inhabitants of a Edinburgh townhouse.

**Fern Michaels**

*Comfort and Joy* – A collection of four holiday stories.

**Sue Miller**

*The World Below* - Catherine Hubbard, newly divorced, moves into her grandmother Georgia's old house where she stumbles upon the true story of Georgia's life and marriage and makes surprising connections between their situations.

**Jacquelyn Mitchard**

*The Breakdown Lane* - Advice columnist Julieanne is shocked when her husband asks for a separation, leaving her and their three children behind to fend for themselves, but when Julieanne is diagnosed with a serious illness, Julieanne must find a way to care for her children and prepare them for a life without either of their parents.

**Laura Moriarty**

*The Rest of Her Life* - Leigh's strained relationship with her eighteen-year-old daughter, Kara, is put to the test after Kara accidentally kills another teenaged girl--an event that forces Leigh to also deal with her resentment toward her husband and her feelings about her mother.

**Irene Nemirovsky**

*Sweet Francaise* - In 1940, several families and individuals are thrown together as they flee Paris on the eve of the Nazi invasion and struggle to stay alive and grieve for the life they once knew.

**Robert Parker**

*School Days* - Spenser is hired by Lily Ellsworth to investigate her grandson's involvement in a school shooting and is led into an inquiry that grows more harrowing at every turn.



**James Patterson**

*You've Been Warned* - Kristin Burns' guilt over her affair with a married man traps her in a vicious cycle of fear and violence and leads to a dramatic series of events she never expected and cannot understand.

**Jodi Picoult**

*Mercy* - Jamie McDonald turns himself in after killing his terminally-ill wife, and his cousin Cam, the chief of police, finds himself at odds with his own wife, Allie, over the ethics of the situation. Their marriage is further strained by the arrival of Mia, a new assistant at Allie's shop who captures Cam's attention.



*Nineteen Minutes* - The people of Sterling, New Hampshire, are forever changed after a shooting at the high school leaves ten people dead, and the judge presiding over the trial tries to remain unbiased, even though her daughter witnessed the events and was friends with the assailant.

*Salem Falls* - Jack St. Bride arrives in the quiet town of Salem Falls, determined to rebuild his life and leave behind the accusations which ruined his reputation as a teacher, but just as his life is getting back on the right track, his past catches up with him.

**Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child**

*The Wheel of Darkness* - FBI agent Aloysius Pendergast and his ward, Constance Greene, fall into a dangerous assignment at a remote Tibetan monastery when they are asked to recover a stolen relic with a deadly curse.

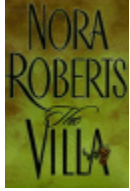
**Sheri Reynolds**

*The Rapture of Canaan* – Oprah Book - At the Church of Fire and Brinstone, Grandpa Herman makes the rules for everyone, and everyone obeys, or else. But even in this isolated community where it seems nearly everything is forbidden, temptation occasionally touches the congregation and for Ninah, it comes in the form of James. She soon finds herself pregnant and fears the wrath of Grandpa Herman, the church members and God Himself. But the events that follow show that miracles exist in everyday life

**Nora Roberts**

*The Circle Trilogy* – includes *Morrigan's Cross*, *Dance of the Gods*, and *Valley of Silence* - As a storm rages, the tale begins ... of a powerful vampire's lust for destruction-and of the circle of six charged by the goddess Morrigan to stop her.

*High Noon* - Savannah's chief hostage negotiator Phoebe MacNamara struggles to deal with the threats of an unknown assailant who is intent on striking fear in her heart, her agoraphobic mother and precocious seven-year-old daughter, and a local businessman who wants to pursue a romantic relationship with her.



*The Villa* –Sophia Giambelli, a public relations executive for the family business, finds herself torn between personal attraction and professional rivalry when her mother announces a merger between Villa Giambelli and the MacMillan family's winery, forcing Sophia into close contact with Tyler MacMillan.

*Midnight Bayou* –Declan Fitzgerald leaves his Boston law practice to restore a dilapidated mansion in the Louisiana bayou to its former splendor, but Declan soon becomes wrapped up in trying to solve the mystery behind a long-ago tragedy



### **Kathy Reichs**

*Cross Bones* - Forensic anthropologist Dr. Temperance Brennan and detective Andrew Ryan's investigation of a murder victim in Montreal sends them to Israel to probe the origins of a skeleton and ancient crypt that may have a link to the Montreal case.

### **John Sandford**

*Broken Prey* - Lucas Davenport investigates a series of horrific murders that bear a striking resemblance to the techniques of three psychopathic killers locked up in the Minnesota Security Hospital.

*Dead Watch* - At the request of the White House, an Army intelligence veteran investigates the disappearance of a former Senator, but the trail of clues leads him into the heart of a scandal that could cost him his life and topple the federal government.

*Invisible Prey* - Minneapolis police detective Lucas Davenport, about to arrest state senator Burt Kline for allegedly having sex with a minor, receives a second assignment to investigate the murders of a wealthy elderly woman and her maid, and while at first it is difficult to tell if the victim's antique-filled home has been robbed, he soon finds a link to a series of art thefts and a surprising connection to the sleazy senator.



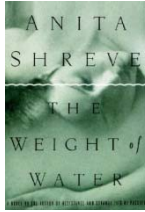
### **Alice Seybold**



*The Almost Moon* - Claire and Helen Knightly are a parent and child locked in a relationship so unrelenting that they have become the center of each other's worlds. Helen crosses a boundary she never thought she would approach and while her act is almost unconscious, it somehow seems like the fulfillment of a lifetime's unspoken wishes. Over the next twenty-four hours, Helen's life rushes in as she is forced to confront the choices that have brought her to this one horrific act and crossroad.

### **Daniel Silva**

*Prince of Fire* –Art restorer and occasional spy Gabriel Allon is recalled to Israel when an explosion in Rome leads to the revelation that a dossier of sensitive personal information has fallen into the hands of a master terrorist.



**Anita Shreve**

*The Weight of Water* – Jean immerses herself in a century old-crime – an outburst of passion that resulted in the deaths of two women. She - begins to question her own life and marriage rethinking her ideas concerning trust and passion and exploring the farthest extremes of emotion.

**Non Fiction**

**Kareem Abdul-Jabbar** – *On the Shoulders of Giants* (796.32 ABD) - Legendary basketball great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar traces his childhood in Harlem, his professional career, and the influence of the Harlem Renaissance on his life and the African-American culture.

**Tina Brown** - *The Diana Chronicles* (B Diana) - Offers an inside look at how Princess Diana's relationships with with her mother, grandmother, stepmother, sister-in-law Fergie, and her mother-in-law, the Queen, as well as other powerful women, influenced every aspect of her public and private life.

**Sylvia Browne** – *Astrology Through a Psychic's Eyes* (133.5 Bro) - Psychic Sylvia Browne describes the physical appearances, fears, strengths, phobias, loves, emo

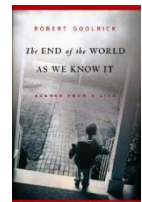
**Rhonda Byrne** – *The Secret* (158.1 Byr) - The author maintains that "The Secret" or way of thinking, can be found in most oral traditions throughout history; and that by following it, one can achieve happiness, health, and wealth.



**Ken Dornstein** - *The Boy Who Fell Out of the Sky* - (B Dornstein) A memoir about the close relationship between two brothers describing how his life was changed by the death of his older brother David, a writer, who was killed in the bombing of Pan Am's Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988.

**Claire Fontaine** - *Comeback: A Mother and Daughter's Journey Through Hell and Back* - (B Fontaine) - Narrated from both the mother's and daughter's perspective, a memoir that describes the life of a teenage runaway, her mother's determination to find her, and the daughter's struggle to overcome self-hatred and depression.

**Rorbert Goolrick** – *The End of the World As We Know it* – (B Goolrick) - The author recalls his childhood growing up in a small southern college town in the 1950s, discussing how his parents' devotion to keeping up appearances and a strict rule against talking about the family outside the home hid secrets of alcoholism and abuse that eventually drove him to attempt suicide.



**Walter Isaacson** - *Einstein: His Life and Universe* - (B Einstein) - Draws from Albert Einstein's personal letters to tell his life story and examine his way of thinking, exploring his methods of questioning the world and showing how this shaped his politics and morality.

**Glen Macnow & Big Daddy Graham** - *The Great Bok of Philadelphia Sports Lists* - (796.09 Mac) - Lists of sports meant to arouse debate among Philadelphia sports fans.

**Dr. Phil McGraw** - *Love Smart* - Dr. Phil McGraw presents a program designed to help women meet a partner and develop a committed relationship, or put the spark back into an existing relationship.

**Larry McMurtry** - *The Colonel and Little Miss* (978.02 McM) - Presents a comprehensive biography of Buffalo Bill Cody and Annie Oakley, and chronicles their lives, the legends that surrounded them over the decades, and how they helped to shape the image of the old west.



**Amy Madden** - *Stolen Beauty* (B Madden) - The author describes the sexual and emotional abuse she and her siblings suffered from their stepfather and chronicles her healing process.

**Asne Seierstad** - *The Bookseller of Kabul* (958.1 Sei) - Asne Seierstad recounts the experiences she had while staying with a bookseller named Sultan Khan and his family in Afghanistan just after the fall of the Taliban, describing what it was like for families in Afghanistan to adjust to a new way of life and a new government.

**Abigail Thomas** - *A Three Dog Life* (B Thomas) - The author shares the story of how she started a new life after an accident left her husband brain damaged and institutionalized.



### Gourmet for the Holidays

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- The Cookie Book 641.8 Bag
- Chocolate Obsession 641.6 Rec
- The All-American Dessert Book 641.8 Bag
- Perfect Light Desserts - 641.8 Mal
- Betty Crocker's Entertaining Basics – 642 Cro
- Burt Wolf's Gatherings & Celebrations 641.5 Wol
- Susan Spungen's Recipes 641.5 Spu
- The Sopranos Family Cookbook 641.5 Roc
- Mario Batali's Molto Italiano 641.5945 Bat
- Emeril's Every day's a Party 642.4 Lag
- Culinary Arts Institute Encyclopedic Cookbook 641.19 Cul

