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Nazareth Child Darrell James 2011-09-08 A smart and determined field operative in Tucson, Del Shannon has earned a reputation for being nearly invincible in tracking down missing persons. Ironically, the only person Del has not been able to locate is the mother she's never known. Deep in the Appalachian hills of Kentucky, the Feds are investigating Nazareth Church, an isolated religious compound led by faith healer Silas Rule. People desperate for salvation are giving up everything they own—and are never heard from again. Del is recruited when the FBI discovers that her father owns an abandoned house in the clannish community. Hoping to locate her mother, she goes undercover with ATFE agent Frank Falconet, a New Yorker who is battling his own demons. Caught in a deadly web of lies, scheming, and righteous threats of damnation, Del risks everything to find the truth. What secrets is Nazareth Church hiding? And could Silas Rule hold the key to her mother's past? Winner of the Left Coast Crime Eureka Award for Best First Novel A finalist for the Anthony Award in the category of Best First Novel A finalist for the Macavity Award in the category of Best First Mystery Novel Praise: "While Nazareth certainly delivers all the thrills and chills expected of a good suspense novel, its real power lies in its gripping illustration of how a religious charlatan can use his followers' emotional dependence for his own evil ends. A cautionary tale, and a damned good one."—Mystery Scene "James makes a smooth debut. Nazareth Child successfully captures and sustains interest."—Tucson Weekly "The fast-flowing story line will engage readers. It's nice to see James present a woman in control in the leading role."—Kirkus Reviews "A great debut novel that will hold you spell bound to its dynamite conclusion."—Suspense Magazine "James cranks up the tension while spinning a classic tale of good versus evil. Here's hoping for lots more from this powerful new voice on the thriller scene."—Paul Levine, author of Lassiter "A compelling, psychological journey and powerful debut. Filled with strong, realistic characters, biting dialogue and tense, turbulent action. Nazareth Child proves that Darrell James is a unique new voice, and he's here to stay."—Stephen Jay Schwartz, Los Angeles Times Bestselling Author of Boulevard and Beat

The Neighbour Fiona Cummins 2019-04-09 FOR SALE: A lovely family home with good-sized garden and treehouse occupying a plot close to woodland. Perfect for kids, fitness enthusiasts, dog walkers . . . And, it seems, the perfect hunting ground for a serial killer. On a hot July day, Garrick and Olivia Lockwood and their two children move into 25 The Avenue looking for a fresh start. They arrive in the midst of a media frenzy: they'd heard about the local murders in the press, but Garrick was certain the killer would be caught and it would all be over in no time. Besides, they'd got the house at a steal and he was convinced he could flip it for a fortune. The neighbours seemed to be the very picture of community spirit. But everyone has secrets, and the residents in The Avenue are no exception. After six months on the case with no real leads, the most recent murder has turned DC Wildeve Stanton's life upside down, and now she has her own motive for hunting down the killer – quickly. The Neighbour is a thrilling standalone novel by the author of Rattle, Fiona Cummins.

I See You Mary Burton 2019-10-08 From New York Times-bestselling author Burton comes a gritty, suspenseful story in the Criminal Profiler series. FBI special agent Zoe Spencer uses skeletal remains to recreate the faces of murder victims through sculpture. As Zoe examines old remains, she quickly realizes that it isn't as cold as first believed. The Diary of a Young Girl Anne Frank 2010-09-15 THE DEFINITIVE EDITION • Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has since become a world classic—a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit. Updated for the 75th Anniversary of the Diary's first publication with a new introduction by Nobel Prize-winner Nadia Murad "The single most compelling personal account of the Holocaust ... remains astonishing and excruciating."—The New York Times Book Review In 1942, with Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, they and another family lived cloistered in the "Secret Annex" of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. In her diary

Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period. By turns thoughtful, moving, and amusing, her account offers a fascinating commentary on human courage and frailty and a compelling self-portrait of a sensitive and spirited young woman whose promise was tragically cut short.

Outlaw Hartes RaeAnne Thayne 2015-03-16 New York Times bestselling author RaeAnne Thayne brings us two fan-favorite stories from her Outlaw Hartes series. These couples may not be looking for love, but they are about to find it! The Valentine Two-Step He had been bamboozled by women before, but for rancher and single father Matt Harte, this is the last straw! Because of his daughter's shenanigans, he's been roped into planning the annual Valentine's Day dance. And who's his partner on the committee? Beautiful big-city vet and recent Salt River transplant Ellie Webster, the woman he can't take his eyes off—though not for lack of trying! Cassidy Harte and The Comeback Kid Ten years ago, Cassidy Harte stood at the altar waiting for Zach Slater, but he never showed. So she did the only thing she could"held her head up high and swore off men. Now suddenly Zach's back with an "I'm sorry" on his lips, an explanation she refuses to hear and the vow to make her his once again. And it seems this is one vow he's determined to keep...

The Concrete Blonde Michael Connelly 2009-12-23 From the bestselling author of The Lincoln Lawyer and The Gods of Guilt. When LAPD detective Harry Bosch shot and killed Norman Church - the 'Dollmaker' - the police were convinced it marked the end of the search for one of the city's most bizarre serial killers. But four years later, Norman Church's widow is taking Bosch to court, accusing him of killing the wrong man. To make matters worse, Bosch has just received a note, eerily reminiscent of the ones the Dollmaker used to taunt him with, giving him a location where a body can be found. Is the Dollmaker still alive? Or is this the work of a vicious copycat killer, determined to repeat the Dollmaker's grisly feats and destroy Bosch's career in the process?

Letters from Yellowstone Diane Smith 2000-06-01 For readers of Larry McMurtry's Lonesome Dove, Elizabeth Gilbert's The Signature of All Things, and Hope Jahren's Lab Girl, Diane Smith's warmhearted and award-winning epistolary novel about a spunky young woman who joins a makeshift field study in Yellowstone National Park at the end of the nineteenth century "I loved this book in a way that I haven't loved a book in some time." —James Welch, author of Fools Crow In the spring of 1898, A. E. (Alexandria) Bartram—a spirited young woman with a love for botany—is invited to join a field study in Yellowstone National Park. The study's leader, a mild-mannered professor from Montana, assumes she is a man, and is less than pleased to discover the truth. Once the scientists overcome the shock of having a woman on their team, they forge ahead on a summer of adventure, forming an enlightening web of relationships as they move from Mammoth Hot Springs to a camp high in the backcountry. But as they make their way collecting amid Yellowstone's beauty, the group is splintered by differing views on science, nature, and economics. Brimming with humor, excitement, and the romance of the Yellowstone landscape, Letters from Yellowstone is a love letter to the joys of scientific discovery and America's majestic natural beauty, as well as a thoughtful reflection on environmentalism, Native American displacement, and feminism at the dawn of a new century.

Cursed Jen L Grey 2020-08-04 Hidden and torn I'd broken out of the half-breed prison but the memories still haunt me. Now I'm living with my biological parents and their pack. To make matters worse, the guard and sexy inmate escaped with me. Each one tugs at my soul and I'm not even sure why. As I tried acclimate to my new life and new powers, I find that I'm more confused than ever. My path was clear before me. I refused to stay hidden and was determined rescue my people no matter what it costs me. Scroll up and one click CURSED today. If you can't get enough of books by K.F. Breene, Kelly St. Claire, Annette Marie, Shannon Mayer, Leia Stone, Jaymin Eve, and Laura Thalassa, then you'll be sucked into this paranormal romance.

The Night Guest Fiona McFarlane 2013-10-01 A mesmerizing first novel about trust, dependence, and fear, from a major new writer Ruth is widowed, her sons are grown, and she lives in an isolated beach house outside of town. Her routines are few and small. One day a stranger arrives at her door, looking as if she has been blown in from the sea. This woman—Frida—claims to be a care worker sent by the government. Ruth lets her in. Now that Frida is in her house, is Ruth right to fear the tiger she hears on the prowl at night, far from its jungle habitat? Why do memories of childhood in Fiji press upon her with increasing urgency? How far can she trust this mysterious woman, Frida, who seems to carry with her own troubled past? And how far can Ruth trust herself? The Night Guest, Fiona McFarlane's hypnotic first novel, is no simple tale of a crime committed and a mystery solved. This is a tale that soars above its own suspense to tell us, with exceptional grace and beauty, about ageing, love, trust, dependence, and fear; about processes of colonization; and about things (and people) in places they shouldn't be. Here is a new writer who comes to us fully formed, working wonders with language, renewing our faith in the power of fiction to describe the mysterious workings of our minds. A Kirkus Reviews Best Fiction Book of 2013

The School of Essential Ingredients Erica Bauermeister 2010 Gathering at Lillian's Restaurant for a weekly cooking class, a young mother struggles with the growing demands of her family, an Italian kitchen designer works to adapt to life in America and a widower mourns the loss of his wife to breast cancer. Reprint. A best-selling novel.

The Dollmaker of Krakow R. M. Romero 2017-09-12 In the vein of The Boy in the Striped Pajamas and Number the Stars, this fusion of fairy tales, folklore, and World War II history eloquently illustrates the power of love and the inherent will to survive even in the darkest of times. In the land of dolls, there is magic. In the land of humans, there is war. Everywhere there is pain. But together there is hope. Karolina is a living doll whose king and queen have been overthrown. But when a strange wind spirits her away from the Land of the Dolls, she finds herself in Kraków, Poland, in the company of the Dollmaker, a man with an unusual power and a marked past. The Dollmaker has learned to keep to himself, but Karolina's courageous and compassionate manner lead him to smile and to even befriend a violin-playing father and his daughter—that is, once the Dollmaker gets over the shock of realizing a doll is speaking to him. But their newfound happiness is dashed when Nazi soldiers descend upon Poland. Karolina and the Dollmaker quickly realize

that their Jewish friends are in grave danger, and they are determined to help save them, no matter what the risks.

Near You Mary Burton 2021-04-13 Forensic psychologist and single mother Ann Bailey has joined forces with Montana Highway Patrol officer Bryce McCabe. An expert in untangling the motives of depraved minds, Ann is tasked to help solve the mystery of two murdered women doused with gasoline and set aflame. The deeper Ann and Bryce's investigation goes, the nearer they get to each other and to danger. After another murder hits close to home, Ann fears a clue is hidden in her own past. Only one thing terrifies her more than the reveal of a long-held secret. It's that the secret itself has put Ann into a killer's line of fire.

Unspoken Lisa Jackson 2019-04-01 In a gripping novel of atmospheric suspense from #1 New York Times bestselling author Lisa Jackson, a woman returns to her Texas hometown to confront deadly lies . . . The town of Bad Luck, Texas, is home to all kinds of secrets. Shelby Cole had her share, before she left to start a new life. After almost ten years away, a mysterious package arrives at her Seattle home. There's no return address, just a photograph of a little girl. Shelby knows immediately that this is the daughter she was told died at birth—and that going back is the only way to discover what really happened. Shelby isn't the only one coming home. A long-ago killing is in the news again, and Ross McCallum, the man who made a nightmare of Shelby's past, has been set free because of recanted testimony. Is he baiting her, or has someone else lured her back to Bad Luck for their own twisted purpose? Shelby's inquiries about her baby are met with stonewalling and hostility. Her only ally is Nevada Smith, the one-time bad boy of Bad Luck. Nevada was the arresting officer in that decade-old murder case. Now he's a suspect. Though shocked by Shelby's reappearance, and her revelation about the child he knew nothing about, he'll do anything to help find their daughter. But searching for answers draws them into a terrifying scheme, where unspoken truths will drive a killer to brutal revenge . . .

The Hangman Mary Burton 2017-04-25 Julia Vargas is a cop with a mission. When she's not chasing down bad guys, Julia dedicates her time to investigating the Hangman serial killer...the same unsolved case that her father, Jim Vargas, was working on when he supposedly shot and killed himself three decades before. While rumors continue to swirl around her father's death, Julia attempts to hunt down the truth. The case once again hits dangerously close, however, when a woman's bones are discovered in a historic downtown home, together with a photograph of Jim and Julia as a young girl. As horrifying as this discovery is, it may just be the break Julia has waited for. Working alongside Tobias Novak, a homicide detective with whom she shares a complicated—and steamy—history, she's forced to confront her own past even as the Hangman looms in the shadows. But as the mysterious killer circles closer, Julia can feel her own noose begin to tighten...

Switchback Matthew Klein 2012-04-09 How far will one man go for a second chance? Timothy Van Bender lives a magical life: his business is doing well; he has a beautiful and charming wife, Katherine; and his young sexy secretary, Tricia, greets him each morning with a flirtatious smile. Then, one Tuesday, everything changes. Timothy wakes to learn that his hedge fund has lost \$24 million on a bad bet against the Japanese Yen. Timothy decides to double down and bet again. But the Yen keeps climbing, and his business investors start asking questions. With his company on the brink of collapse, he gets a call from his wife, who phones to say goodbye, moments before jumping off a cliff to her death. Timothy can't believe it - and nor, for that matter, can the local police. And that's when his troubles start. As the police investigate Timothy, he investigates his dead wife's secrets. But when Tricia shows up on the doorstep, claiming to be his dead wife, and knowing secrets that only Katherine could know, Timothy's not sure what to believe. Has he been given a second chance at happiness or is he being played for a fool in an elaborate scam that may cost him his life?

Goldie the Dollmaker M. B. Goffstein 1985 Goldie, the dollmaker, created each doll with great love and sincerity, and the pleasure from this and her acquisition of a lamp whose maker was equally careful made her poverty and loneliness bearable.

Drumsticks Charlotte Carter 2021-09-28 A New York Times Best Crime Novel of the Year In the third book in the Nanette Hayes Mystery series, Nan finds a voodoo doll is bringing her some much needed luck...until the doll's maker is murdered and Nan is dragged into the investigation. Nanette is on the rocks. Heartbroken and alone, she finds what comfort she can in the bottom of a bottle. But her life seems to turn around when she's given a voodoo doll, so much so that Nan seeks out the doll's creator, Ida, to thank her. Unfortunately, the meeting doesn't go so well, and Ida ends up with a bullet in her head. Guilt-ridden, Nan resolves to get justice for her new friend, only to find that Ida was hiding some dark skeletons in her closet. Now plunged into a dangerous world she doesn't understand, Nan will have to team up with some unlikely allies, like her estranged father, a high school principal, and Leland Sweet, an NYPD officer with whom Nan has some major history. But will Nan solve Ida's murder or fall victim to the same forces that brought her down?

Lost Boy Ker Dukey 2020-10-26 When Willis Langford, the infamous serial killer, dubbed the Hollywell Slayer, enters Lizzy West's life, he leaves blood and pain in his wake—kidnapping his son, her best friend, Jack, and killing those who try to stop him. After witnessing unimaginable evil, the echoes of that day haunt Lizzy into adulthood. Fifteen years later, Willis is still at large. When new bodies start to pop up with the infamous Hollywell Slayer's signature written all over them, Lizzy's life turns upside down. Death now stalking her at every turn, Lizzy isn't prepared for a ruggedly handsome mystery man, Clark entering her life, making her question everything she thought she knew. The intensity between them is palpable, but there's something that isn't adding up, and one thing Lizzy knows all too well, monsters don't lie in wait. They hunt you out. Life is a game of survival. But who is the hunter and who is the prey?

Forever Odd Dean Koontz 2007-06-29 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER I see dead people. But then, by God, I do something about it. Odd Thomas never asked for his special

ability. He's just an ordinary guy trying to live a quiet life in the small desert town of Pico Mundo. Yet he feels an obligation to do right by his otherworldly confidants, and that's why he's won hearts on both sides of the divide between life and death. But when a childhood friend disappears, Odd discovers something worse than a dead body and embarks on a heart-stopping battle of will and wits with an enemy of exceptional cunning. In the hours to come there can be no innocent bystanders, and every sacrifice can tip the balance between despair and hope. You're invited on an unforgettable journey through a world of terror and transcendence to wonders beyond imagining. And you can have no better guide than Odd Thomas.

Hide and Seek Mary Burton 2019-04 She's hunting. He's watching. Special Agent Macy Crow is a survivor. After a vicious hit-and-run nearly kills her, she gets right back to work, and now she's gunning for a spot on the FBI's elite profiling team. As an audition, she offers to investigate the recently discovered bones of Tobi Turner, a high school girl who disappeared fifteen years ago. While investigating with local sheriff Mike Nevada, a former colleague and onetime lover, Macy discovers a link between Tobi's case and several others that occurred around the same time as her disappearance. As Macy interviews victims and examines old cases, she uncovers a sinister picture of a stalker who graduated to sexual assault--and then murder. Macy and Nevada race to put this monster behind bars before he can come out of hiding. But the murderer's had years to hone his skills, and soon Macy herself becomes a target. She's no stranger to pain and terror, but will Macy's first profiling case be her last?

Broken Dolls B. R. Kingsolver 2013-09-29 Private investigator RB Kendrick makes her living nailing cheating spouses, digging up other dirt to help in a divorce, finding long-lost relatives, and occasionally sniffing out criminal activity and fraud. When she takes a job to find a missing girl, she has no idea she is headed for the most dangerous case of her career. Usually, her ability to read minds gives her an edge. But when the people she's hunting are also telepaths, that advantage is limited. The search takes her into the dark underbelly of telepathic society, where anything, and anyone, is for sale. She discovers that telepathic women and girls are being trafficked as the ultimate sex slaves. With people trying to kill her, she's on the run, not knowing who she can trust. Will she find the missing girl, or become a victim herself? A paranormal thriller set in the world of The Telepathic Clans.

The Weeping Werewolf Bruce Coville 2005-11-01 When Edward accompanies Moongobble into the Forest of Night to prove he is a magician of merit by obtaining the tears of a werewolf, he does not know what big surprises are in store for them.

The Doll Factory Elizabeth Macneal 2019-08-13 In this "sharp, scary, gorgeously evocative tale of love, art, and obsession" (Paula Hawkins, bestselling author of *The Girl on the Train*), a beautiful young woman aspires to be an artist, while a man's dark obsession may destroy her world forever. The Doll Factory is a sweeping tale of curiosity, love, and possession set among all the sordidness and soaring ambition of 1850s London. The greatest spectacle London has ever seen is being erected in Hyde Park and, among the crowd watching, two people meet. For Iris, an aspiring artist of unique beauty, it is the encounter of a moment—forgotten seconds later—but for Silas, a curiosity collector enchanted by the strange and beautiful, the meeting marks a new beginning. When Iris is asked to model for Pre-Raphaelite artist Louis Frost, she agrees on the condition that he will also teach her to paint, and suddenly her world expands beyond anything she ever dreamed of. But she has no idea that evil stalks her. Silas, it seems, has thought of only one thing since that chance meeting, and his obsession is darkening by the day...

The Amazing Pop-up Geography Book Kate Petty 2000 Flaps, tabs, word balloons, and pop-ups illustrate the geography of the Earth and solar system.

Maybe We're Electric Val Emmich 2021-09-21 From Val Emmich, the bestselling author of *Dear Evan Hansen: The Novel*, comes a deeply affecting story of two teens who find themselves thrown together overnight during a snowstorm and discover a surprising connection—perfect for fans of Nina LaCour, David Arnold, and Robin Benway. Tegan Everly is quiet. Known around school simply as the girl with the hand, she's usually only her most outspoken self with her friend Neel, and right now they're not exactly talking. When Tegan is ambushed by her mom with a truth she can't face, she flees home in a snowstorm, finding refuge at a forgotten local attraction—the tiny Thomas Edison museum. She's not alone for long. In walks Mac Durant. Striking, magnetic, a gifted athlete, Mac Durant is the classmate adored by all. Tegan can't stand him. Even his name sounds fake. Except the Mac Durant she thinks she knows isn't the one before her now—this Mac is rattled and asking her for help. Over one unforgettable night spent consuming antique records and corner-shop provisions, Tegan and Mac cast aside their public personas and family pressures long enough to forge an unexpectedly charged bond and—in the very spot in New Jersey that inspired Edison's boldest creations—totally reinvent themselves. But could Tegan's most shameful secret destroy what they've built? Emotionally vivid and endlessly charming, *Maybe We're Electric* is an artfully woven meditation on how pain can connect us—we can carry it alone in darkness or share the burden and watch the world light up again.

Discovering the Inner Mother Bethany Webster 2021-01-05 Sure to become a classic on female empowerment, a groundbreaking exploration of the personal, cultural, and global implications of intergenerational trauma created by patriarchy, how it is passed down from mothers to daughters, and how we can break this destructive cycle. Why do women keep themselves small and quiet? Why do they hold back professionally and personally? What fuels the uncertainty and lack of confidence so many women often feel? In this paradigm-shifting book, leading feminist thinker Bethany Webster identifies the source of women's trauma. She calls it the Mother Wound—the systemic disenfranchisement of women by the patriarchy—and reveals how this cycle is perpetuated by wounded mothers who unconsciously pass on damaging beliefs and behaviors to their daughters. In her workshops, online courses, and talks, Webster has helped countless women re-examine their lives and their relationships with their mothers, giving them the vocabulary to voice

their pain, and encouraging them to share their experiences. In this manifesto and self-help guide, she offers practical tools for identifying the manifestations of the Mother Wound in our daily life and strategies we can use to heal ourselves and prevent our daughters from enduring the same pain. In addition, she offers step-by-step advice on how to reconnect with our inner child, grieve the mother we didn't have, stop people-pleasing, and, ultimately, transform our heartache and anger into healing and self-love. Revealing how women are affected by the Mother Wound, even if they don't personally identify as survivors, *Discovering the Inner Mother* revolutionizes how we view mother-daughter relationships and gives us the inspiration and guidance we need to improve our lives and ultimately create a more equitable society for all.

Dolls of Hope Shirley Parenteau 2015-09-22 How daring is Chiyo prepared to be to keep the American Friendship Doll safe? Inspired by a little-known historical event, this engaging companion to *Ship of Dolls* is told from a Japanese girl's point of view. When eleven-year-old Chiyo Tamura is sent from her home in a small Japanese mountain village to a girls' school in the city of Tsuchiura, she never imagines that she will soon be in Tokyo helping to welcome more than twelve thousand Friendship Dolls from America—including Emily Grace, a gift to her own school. Nor could she dream that she'd have an important role in the crafting of Miss Tokyo, one of fifty-eight Japanese dolls to be sent to America in return. But when an excited Chiyo is asked to be Emily Grace's official protector, one jealous classmate will stop at nothing to see her fail. How can Chiyo reveal the truth—and restore her own good name? In another heartwarming historical novel, the author of *Ship of Dolls* revisits the 1926 Friendship Doll exchange, in which teacher-missionary Sidney Gulick organized American children to send thousands of dolls to Japan in hopes of avoiding a future war.

Whistler's Hollow Debbie Dadey 2003 When Lillie Mae's mother dies, she is sent away to a place called Whistler's Hollow, where her Aunt Esther and Uncle Dallas live. Though her new found relatives are kind, there is something strange going on at her new home and Lillie Mae feels more lost and abandoned than ever before. Finding out the truth about Whistler's Hollow and her missing father will test Lillie Mae, but she proves strong and ever hopeful.

The Surprise Doll 60th Anniversary Edition Morrell Gipson 2009-09-01 After receiving six dolls from her father--one brought back from each of his sea journeys--Mary wishes for a seventh doll to become her "Sunday" doll.

The Unexpected Wife Mary Burton 2012-04-16 He Could Never Love Again Of that, Matthias Barrington was certain, despite the well-intentioned meddling of his neighbors. But now they'd sent him a special delivery in the form of the very comely Miss Abigail Smyth, who'd stepped off the stagecoach and announced that he needed a wife—and she was just the woman! Mail-order bride Abby Smyth just wanted a place to belong—preferably at rancher Matthias Barrington's side, making a home for his motherless boys. Ever practical, she knew love wasn't necessary, really. Yet the more she learned of this decent, honorable man, the more she knew the only place she wanted was one securely in his heart!

Burn You Twice Mary Burton 2020-09 Fire can destroy the past. It can also uncover secrets in this novel of searing suspense by New York Times bestselling author Mary Burton. Ten years ago as an undergrad, Joan Mason escaped an arsonist's fire. Shaken, she fled the small collegiate Montana town, leaving behind friends and not looking back. Now a Philadelphia homicide detective, Joan's trying to put her traumas to rest. It's not easy. Elijah Weston, the classmate who torched her house, is out of prison and returning to Missoula. Gut instinct tells Joan he'll strike again. To stop him, she must return to the past as well. To face not only the man she fears but Detective Gideon Bailey, too. The man she loved and left behind. When a local woman dies tragically in another fire, it can't be a coincidence. Can it be Elijah? He has a solid alibi for the night of the blaze. Reunited by the tragedy, Joan and Gideon have their doubts. So does Gideon's sister, Ann--Joan's old college roommate. The investigation draws Joan and Gideon together, but it also sends them down a dangerous path--into a troubling history that Joan, Elijah, and Ann all share. As more lives go up in flames in Missoula, this town's secrets are just beginning to rise from the ashes.

The Doll Maker Richard Montanari 2015-04-28 Detectives Byrne and Balzano return to the streets of Philadelphia to put an end to a macabre succession of murdered children. A quiet Philadelphia suburb. A woman cycles past a train depot with her young daughter. There she finds a murdered girl posed on a newly painted bench. Beside her is a formal invitation to a tea dance in a week's time. Seven days later, two more young victims are discovered in an abandoned house, posed on painted swings. At the scene is an identical invitation. This time, though, there is something extra waiting for Detectives Kevin Byrne and Jessica Balzano: a delicate porcelain doll. It's a message. And a threat. With the killers at large, Detectives Byrne and Balzano have just seven more days to find the link between the murders before another innocent child is snatched from the streets.

Be Afraid M. Burton 2015 Forensic artist Jenna Thompson returns to Nashville, where she helps Detective Rick Morgan identify the remains of a young child that is linked to a recent spate of killings and to the brutal murder of her family decades earlier.

Two Girls Down Louisa Luna 2018-01-09 A riveting thriller about the search for two missing girls in a small Pennsylvania town. "Opening this book is like arming a bomb—the suspense is relentless and the payoff is spectacular." —Lee Child, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Midnight Line* When two young sisters, Kylie and Bailey Brandt, disappear from a strip mall parking lot in a small Pennsylvania town, their devastated family hires an enigmatic bounty hunter from California, Alice Vega, to do what the authorities cannot. Immediately shut out by a local police department already stretched thin by budget cuts and the growing OxyContin and meth epidemics, Vega enlists the help of a disgraced former cop, Max Caplan, to cut through the local politics. With little to go on, Vega and Cap will go to extraordinary lengths to untangle a complex web of lies, false

leads, and dangerous relationships to locate both girls before time runs out and the girls are gone forever.

The Dollmaker's Daughter Izzy James 2021-10-15 Forgetful scientist Simon Morgan lost his chance with Amity Archer ten years ago. He knows there is no hope...until a sea captain trades a meal for an ancient stone reputed to have the power to give him his heart's desire. Immediately after pocketing the stone, Simon runs into Amity. Did the ancient artifact cause this chance encounter or was it mere coincidence? Like her favorite travel writer Mrs. Peabody, Amity Archer yearns for adventure, but she's horrified when her father asks Simon Morgan to escort her on her first real adventure. With Amity's Aunt Clementine as a buffer between them, will Simon be able to prove that his love for Amity is real? Can Amity show Simon that her love for him has nothing to do with a so-called magical rock?

The Most Wonderful Doll in the World Phyllis McGinley 1992 The memory of the doll Dulcy lost becomes more wonderful and exaggerated each time she talks about it.

Senseless Mary Burton 2011-01-01 Every Serial Killer Knows. . . The vicious burns scarring the victims' flesh reveal the agony of their last moments. Each woman was branded with a star, then stabbed through the heart. With every death, a vengeful killer finds a brief, blissful moment of calm. But soon it's time for the bloodshed to start again. . . The Perfect Time. . . Ten years ago, Eva Rayburn and her sorority sisters were celebrating the end of the school year. That party turned into a nightmare Eva can't forget. Now she's trying to start over in her Virginia hometown, but a new nightmare has begun. Every victim is linked to her. And Detective Deacon Garrison isn't sure whether this mysterious woman needs investigating--or protecting. . . To Make His Mark Only Eva's death will bring peace. Only her tortured screams will silence the rage that has been building for ten long years. Because what started that night at the sorority can never be stopped--not until the last victim has been marked for death. . . Praise for the novels of Mary Burton "A twisted tale. . .I couldn't put it down!" --Lisa Jackson on Dying Scream "Taut, compelling. . .delivers a page-turner." --Carla Negggers on I'm Watching You "A chilling thriller." --Beverly Barton on Dead Ringer "Mary Burton's latest romantic suspense has it all--terrific plot, complex and engaging protagonists, a twisted villain, and enough crime scene detail to satisfy the most savvy suspense reader."--Erica Spindler, New York Times bestselling author of Blood Vines

Don't Tell (The Chicago Series Book 1) Karen Rose 2009-12-10 They tried to escape him, but he wouldn't let them: DON'T TELL is a gripping thriller in the Chicago series by the Sunday Times bestseller Karen Rose. Desperate Mary Grace Winters knew the only way to save herself and her child from her abusive husband was to stage their deaths. Now all that remains of her former life is at the bottom of a lake. As Caroline Stewart, Mary Grace has almost forgotten the nightmare she left behind nine years ago. Slowly she has learned to believe that her new life, and new identity, is here to stay. Then her husband uncovers her hidden trail. Step by step he's closing in on her and everyone she loves. Now Caroline must decide whether to flee again or whether the time has come to stay and fight...

Sick Girl Rachel Hargrove 2018-02-22 "His wife always comes first. Until now. 25-year-old scrappy Aubrey is fed up with Tom, a married neurologist with two children. When he's not shoving their relationship on the back burner, he's canceling their dates. With a frightening health diagnosis looming over her shoulder, Aubrey concocts a desperate plan to have Tom forever. Kill the wife. Take her place. Befriending Tom's successful, kind wife comes easily to Aubrey. However, the closer they become, the more doubts Aubrey has about following through. Then a shocking discovery changes everything ..."--Back cover.

The Whispers of War Julia Kelly 2020-01-14 From the author of The Last Garden in England and The Light Over London comes a "gripping tale by a writer at the top of her game" (Fiona Davis, author of The Chelsea Girls) following three friends who struggle to remain loyal as one of them is threatened with internment by the British government at the start of World War II. In August of 1939, as Britain watches the headlines in fear of another devastating war with Germany, three childhood companions must choose between friendship and country. Erstwhile socialite Nora is determined to find her place in the Home Office's Air Raid Precautions Department, matchmaker Hazel tries to mask two closely guarded secrets with irrepressible optimism, and German expat Marie worries that she and her family might face imprisonment in an internment camp if war is declared. When Germany invades Poland and tensions on the home front rise, Marie is labeled an enemy alien, and the three friends find themselves fighting together to keep her free at any cost. Featuring Julia Kelly's signature "intricate, tender, and convincing" (Publishers Weekly) prose, The Whispers of War is a moving and unforgettable tale of the power of friendship and womanhood in the midst of conflict.