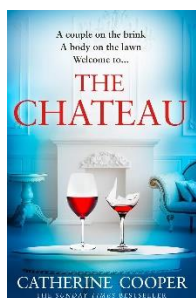


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The Chateau by Catherine Cooper

They thought it was perfect. They were wrong.

A glamorous chateau

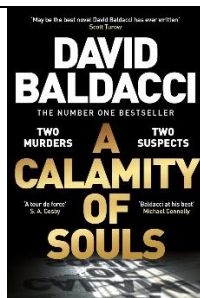
Aura and Nick don't talk about what happened in England. They've bought a chateau in France to make a fresh start, and their kids need them to stay together – whatever it costs.

A couple on the brink

The expat community is welcoming, but when a neighbour is murdered at a lavish party, Aura and Nick don't know who to trust.

A secret that is bound to come out

Someone knows exactly why they really came to the chateau. And someone is going to give them what they deserve.

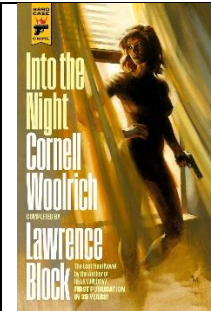


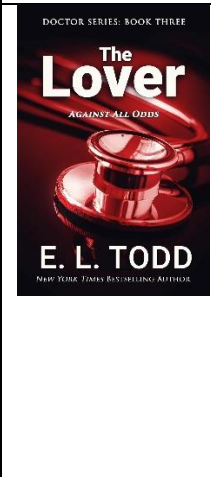


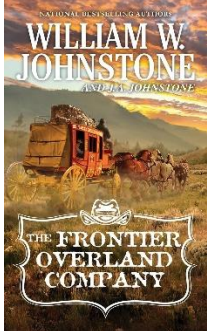

A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci

Jack Lee is a white lawyer from Freeman County, Virginia, who has never done anything to push back against racism, until he decides to represent Jerome Washington, a Black man charged with killing a wealthy, elderly white couple. Doubting his decision, Lee fears that his legal skills may not be enough to prevail in a case where the odds are already stacked against both him and his client. And he quickly finds himself out of his depth when he realises that what is at stake is far greater than the outcome of a murder trial.

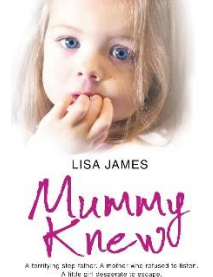
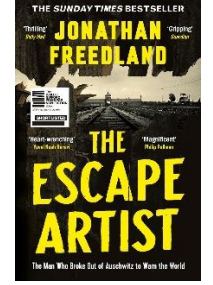
Desiree DuBose is a Black lawyer from Chicago who has devoted her life to furthering the causes of justice and equality for everyone. She comes to Freeman County and enters a fractious and unwieldy partnership with Lee in a legal battle against the best prosecutor in town. Yet DuBose is also aware that powerful outside forces are at work to blunt the victories achieved by the Civil Rights movement.

Lee and DuBose could not be more dissimilar. On their own, neither one can stop the prosecution's deliberate march towards a guilty verdict and the electric chair. But together, the pair fight for what once seemed impossible: a chance for a fair trial and true justice.

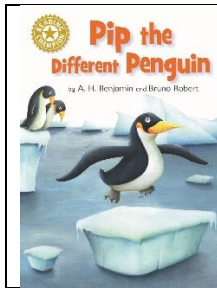
	<p><u>Into the Night by Cornell Woolrich</u></p> <p>An innocent woman lies dead in the street, felled by a stray bullet. Now it's up to the woman who killed her to investigate the dead woman's life and pick up its cut-short threads, carrying out a mission of vengeance on her behalf against the man she loved and lost – and the nightclub-singing femme fatale responsible for splitting them apart.</p>
	<p><u>His and Hers by M.C. Beaton</u></p> <p>Agatha has fallen in love - again. This time it's the local gardener, George Marston, she has her eye on. But competition for his attention abounds. With her shameless determination Agatha will do anything to get her man - including footing the bill for a charity ball in town just for the chance to dance with him. But when George is a no-show Agatha goes looking for him - and finds he has been murdered, having been bitten by a poisonous snake and buried in a compost heap.</p> <p>Agatha and the rest of her crew plunge into an investigation and discover that George had quite a complicated love life. And if Agatha now can't have George, at least she can have the satisfaction of confronting those women who have and finding a murderer in the process.</p>
	<p><u>And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie</u></p> <p>1939. Europe teeters on the brink of war. Ten strangers are invited to Soldier Island, an isolated rock near the Devon coast. Cut off from the mainland, with their generous hosts Mr and Mrs U.N. Owen mysteriously absent, they are each accused of a terrible crime. When one of the party dies suddenly they realise they may be harbouring a murderer among their number.</p> <p>The 10 strangers include a reckless playboy, a troubled Harley Street doctor, a formidable judge, an uncouth detective, an unscrupulous mercenary, a God-fearing spinster, two restless servants, a highly decorated general and an anxious secretary. One by one they are picked off. Who will survive? And who is the killer? Copies of an ominous nursery rhyme hang in each room, the murders mimicking the awful fates of its 'Ten Little Soldier Boys'.</p>
	<p><u>The Lover by E.L. Todd</u></p> <p>Finn replaced me with Layla like I never existed.</p> <p>I ran into the rain because I didn't know what else to do. I needed the drops to wash away my anguish but it only made it worse.</p> <p>When Colton came out to comfort me, I was too delirious for the lies. I told him I loved Finn and admitted it to myself. Then Colton confessed his own truth that Finn asked his permission for us to be together, but he said no.</p> <p>Now I knew why he dumped me so suddenly and it wasn't because he wanted to. The first thing I do is run straight to Finn's doorstep because I don't want us to be apart for another moment, but it's not the happily ever after that I wanted.</p> <p>Colton wants me to be happy so he's put aside his personal</p>

	<p>feelings, but he's hurt that his brother betrayed him when we snuck around behind his back. It's more than anger. Their entire relationship is different now. I finally have the man that I want but he's not the man that I remember.</p> <p>Colton issues his warning and I can't get it out of my head. "Finn never stays in one place too long. He's always on the go. That's how he's always been. Don't expect him to settle down and give you everything that you want. He will break your heart, you've been warned."</p> <p>I think Finn is different with me, but what if I'm wrong?</p>
	<p><u>The Frontier Overland Company by William W Johnstone</u></p> <p>Founded in 1866, The Frontier Overland Company was no ordinary stagecoach operation. To begin with, its founding partners met in a Wyoming saloon brawl. After a raucous burst of punching, cursing, and chair smashing, the last two men standing become friends for life. Two kindred souls with the same fighting spirit, Tucker Cobb and former Texas Ranger Butch Keeling agreed to launch a business together: a brand-new stagecoach line through the wilds of Wyoming.</p> <p>They called it the Frontier Overland Company. And a legend was born.</p> <p>Cobb and Keeling knew it wouldn't be easy. The nation was still healing from the War Between the States. Red Cloud's War an armed alliance of Lakota, Northern Cheyennes, and Northern Apaho against the United States was heating up fast. And wealthy railroad magnates were itching to lay track for their western expansion to the Pacific. But it was one ruthless businessman King Charles Hagen who posed the biggest danger of all. He saw Cobb and Keeling's fledgling company as a direct threat to his growing shipping empire. And, unfortunately for them, he decided to squash their little stagecoach business while they're escorting a young woman to see her dying father, an army colonel, at a Wyoming fort. To make things worse, Red Cloud's on the warpath making Wyoming Territory is about to become hell on earth.</p> <p>This is the thrilling story of The Frontier Overland Company. This is how dreams are made. How legends are born. And how two fearless men staked their claim in America. The rest is history.</p>
	<p><u>A Rose Among Thorns by Rosie Goodwin</u></p> <p>Will she ever find the happiness she deserves?</p> <p>In A Rose Among Thorns, The Sunday Times bestselling author Rosie Goodwin weaves a captivating historical saga of a troubled family and the power of love and friendship. Perfect for fans of Dilly Court and Cathy Sharp.</p> <p>Despite losing her mother at a young age, Sassy has grown up surrounded by love: although poor, she is happy. So Sassy is devastated when her father marries wealthy widow Elizabeth Bonner. Social climber Elizabeth despairs of a step-daughter who is more at ease with servants than those above stairs, and is jealous of Sassy's growing beauty which threatens to outshine her own daughter.</p>

	<p>Unwelcome and out of place in this unfamiliar world, Sassy often escapes to her old home on Tuttle Hill and the company of her childhood friends, brothers Thomas and Jack Mallabone. But the trio's bond is threatened by the consequences of her blind adoration for wayward Thomas, much to the dismay of Jack, who has long worshipped Sassy in secret.</p>
	<p><u>The Ballroom Class by Lucy Dillon</u></p> <p>When three couples join a new ballroom class, they're all looking for some magic in their lives.</p> <p>Lauren and Chris are getting married, and Lauren's dreaming of a fairy tale wedding with a first dance to make Cinderella proud. Not wanting to be shown up on the dance floor, her parents Bridget and Frank have come along too. They normally never put a foot wrong, but Bridget's got a secret that could trip them up unexpectedly. Meanwhile Katie and Ross are looking for a quick-fix solution to their failing marriage even though neither is quite sure who's leading who anymore.</p> <p>As friendships form over the foxtrot, the rumba rocks relationships, and the tango leads to true love, all the students in the Ballroom Class are about to face the music and dance.</p>
	<p><u>A Court Affair by Emily Purdy</u></p> <p>Passion, Treachery, Betrayal. The virgin queen has arrived. Uncovering the love triangle between Queen Elizabeth I, Robert Dudley, and his wife Amy, and her mysterious death, A Court Affair is an unforgettable story of ambition, lust and jealousy.</p> <p>The future of the realm is in her hands.</p> <p>Accused of conspiring with rebels to steal the throne, Princess Elizabeth is confined to the Tower of London by her half-sister, Queen Mary. There she finds solace in the arms of fellow prisoner her childhood friend, Robert Dudley. But with Elizabeth's ascension to the crown, Robert returns to his wife and the unhappy union he believes cheated him of his destiny to be king. As Anne Boleyn's daughter, Elizabeth knows the cruelty of marriage and roundly rejects her many suitors with the exception of the power-hungry Robert. But their relationship carries a risk that could shake the very foundations of the House of Tudor.</p> <p>A Court Affair is a fascinating portrait of both the rise of Elizabeth I and one of the most compelling periods in history.</p>
	<p><u>Below Stairs by Margaret Powell</u></p> <p>Arriving at the great houses of 1920s London, fifteen-year-old Margaret's life in service was about to begin.</p> <p>As a kitchen maid – the lowest of the low – she entered an entirely new world; one of stoves to be blacked, vegetables to be scrubbed, mistresses to be appeased, and even bootlaces to be ironed. Work started at 5.30am and went on until after dark. It was a far cry from her childhood on the beaches of Hove, where money and food were scarce, but warmth and laughter never were.</p> <p>Yet from the gentleman with a penchant for stroking the housemaids' curlers, to raucous tea-dances with errand boys, to</p>

	<p>the heart breaking story of Agnes the pregnant under-parlour maid, fired for being seduced by her mistress's nephew, Margaret's tales of her time in service are told with wit, warmth, and a sharp eye for the prejudices of her situation. Brilliantly evoking the long-vanished world of masters and servants, Below Stairs is the remarkable true story of an indomitable woman, who, though her position was lowly, never stopped aiming high.</p>
	<p><u>Mummy Knew by Lisa James</u></p> <p>Four-year-old Lisa's world turned upside down when her step-father moved in. Most of the time he was just violent but then he started making her do things she knew were wrong. Soon he was visiting her at night. Lisa begged her mother for help but she just shrugged, telling Lisa he would have his way. It was the greatest betrayal of all.</p> <p>At first Lisa's step-father would just make her stroke and massage his feet, hitting her if she stopped, but he soon wanted more. Much more. By the time she was 12 he was regularly abusing her. One day, when Lisa turned 16, she came home to discover that her mother had swapped bedrooms with her. 'You're my girlfriend now', her step-father told her. Lisa turned to her mother for help, but was met with a shrug. She wouldn't hear a word against her husband. 'Don't blame me,' she said. Her step-father's abuse was horrific but what completely tore her apart was knowing her mother knew and encouraged it.</p> <p>Trapped and increasingly desperate, Lisa tried to find a way out. But her isolation was complete. Several months later her mother told her she'd arranged for Lisa and her step-father to move into a flat together down the road. It was too much for Lisa to bear. 'Please don't make me, please,' she sobbed. But her mother just ignored her. Lisa was marched around to the flat with her possessions and her nightmare was complete.</p> <p>Alone with her step-father, Lisa's life became even more unbearable. Then one day, finally, she got the chance she'd been looking for to escape. Lisa bravely struck out on her own, petrified her mother would find her and hand her back into the waiting arms of her step-father. But Lisa's mother had no idea how determined she was to break away.</p>
	<p><u>The Escape Artist by Jonathan Freedland</u></p> <p>April 1944. Nineteen-year-old Rudolf Vrba and fellow inmate Fred Wetzler became two of the very first Jews to successfully escape Auschwitz. Evading the thousands of SS men hunting them, Vrba and Wetzler made the perilous journey on foot across Nazi-occupied Poland.</p> <p>Their mission: to reveal to the world the truth of the Holocaust. Vrba's unique testimony would save some 200,000 lives.</p> <p>But he kept on running - from his past, from his home country, his adopted country, even from his own name. Now, at last, Rudolf Vrba's heroism can be known.</p>

	<p><u>When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr</u></p> <p>This semi-autobiographical classic, written by the beloved Judith Kerr, tells the story of a Jewish family escaping Germany in the days before the Second World War.</p> <p>This beautiful new hardback celebrates fifty years of an unforgettable adventure that Michael Morpurgo called “The most life-enhancing book you could ever wish to read.”</p> <p>Suppose your country began to change. Suppose that without your noticing, it became dangerous for some people to live in it any longer, and you found, to your surprise, that your own father was one of those people. This is what happened to Anna in 1933. Anna is too busy with her schoolwork and tobogganing to listen to the talk of Hitler. But one day she and her brother Max are rushed out of Germany in alarming secrecy, away from everything they know. Their father is wanted by the Nazis. This is the start of a huge adventure, sometimes frightening, very often funny and always exciting.</p> <p>Judith Kerr wrote When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit fifty years ago, based on her own journey, so that her own children would know where she came from and the lengths to which her parents went to keep her and her brother safe. It has gone on to become a beloved classic that is required reading for many children all over the world and is an unforgettable introduction to the real-life impact of the Second World War.</p>
	<p><u>Funny Footprints by Katie Dale and Nanette Regan</u></p> <p>In this story, it is Ben's birthday and it is snowing! He goes for a walk with Dad and sees some very funny footprints in the snow. Where could they lead?</p>
	<p><u>The Sleepover by Jenny Jinks and Louise Forshaw</u></p> <p>Grace is going for her first sleepover at her friend's house. She is excited, but nervous, too. What if they don't want to play the same things? What if she doesn't like the food? What if she misses Mum? Luckily, Mum is on hand with some suggestions and, along with the help of her favourite toy, Grace has a wonderful time.</p>
	<p><u>Ouma Ruby's Secret by Chris Van Wyk</u></p> <p>Chris Loves his Ouma Ruby.</p> <p>He loves visiting her house to pick mulberries in the garden and to tell jokes and sing with his cousins. Chris especially loves it when his Ouma Ruby takes him into town to buy books from the second hand bookshop. Then one day Chris learns that Ouma has a secret.</p>



Pip The Different Penguin by A.H. Benjamin and Bruno Robert

In a heart- warming story celebrating our differences, meet Pip the penguin whose wings are far too big. The other penguins make him leave the colony because of them. But when a seal threatens the other penguins, it's Pip's wings that save the day.

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