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*The Long Way Home*

**LP016727**

By Louise Penny

Publication Year: 2014

At first enjoying a peaceful retirement, former Quebec homicide detective Armand Gamache reluctantly agrees to help a neighbor search for her missing estranged husband and teams up with two former colleagues on a search that reveals the workings of a psychologically damaged mind.

*The Survivor*

**LP200473**

By Iris Johansen

Publication Year: 2023

Traveling to Palanan Island in Southeast Asia, archaeologist Riley Smith is aware of the threat from treasure hunters who have no qualms about killing to get what they want. When she successfully evades them and finds the perfectly preserved body of a female warrior, it is just what she needs to entice Eve Duncan to join her. As they seek answers to the questions the body has raised, their discovery will change history-- if they can escape the island and survive long enough to share it with the world.

*The Royal Governess: A Novel of Queen Elizabeth II’s Childhood*

**LP200474**

By Wendy Holden

Publication Year: 2020

Marion Crawford accepts the role of a lifetime, tutoring their Royal Highnesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose. Her one stipulation to their parents the Duke and Duchess of York is that she bring some doses of normalcy into the sheltered and privileged lives of the two young princesses. But being beloved governess and confidante to the Windsor family has a cost: Marion puts her private life on hold until released from royal service following Princess Elizabeth's marriage in 1947.

*The Cowboy with the Tiffany Gun*

**LP200475**

By Aaron Latham

Publication Year: 2003

Jimmy Goodnight's son Percy, or Pyg as he is known, comes of age. Returning to their ranch land in Texas, Pyg and his mother discover their family heirloom ax is missing. Now Pyg's leading a posse aiming to get it back.

*Fury of the Mountain Man*

**LP200476**

By William W. Johnstone

Publication Year: 2002

Like Jensen, the two Mexican gunfighters known as Carbone and Martine had put away their six-guns, married and turned to ranching down in Durango. Then they came up against an army of outlaws under a warlord who called himself Carvajal. That was when they called on Smoke Jensen.

*Quest of the Mountain Man*

**LP200477**

By William W. Johnstone

Publication Year: 2004

Smoke Jensen hires on to protect the railroad as a company lays track across North America through the vast Canadian Rockies, but an army of cross-border outlaws is intent on wreaking havoc on the tracks.

*Yellowstone Kelly*

**LP200478**

By Clay Fisher

Publication Year: 2003

Yellowstone Kelly is an Indian fighter and scout like no other. The devil-may-care Irishman can pick off hostiles and quote the classics with equal ease and accuracy. Even the mighty Sioux fear him--or most of them fear him.

Sitting Bull's main war chief, the dreaded Gall, fears no man, and Kelly has something of his that the warrior would gladly kill to get back--his woman.

*The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime,*

**LP200479**

By Michael Finkel

Publication Year: 2023

The true story of the world's most prolific art thief--a spellbinding portrait of obsession and flawed genius. For centuries, works of art have been stolen in countless ways from all over the world, but no one has been quite as successful at it as the master thief Stephane Breitwieser. Carrying out more than two hundred heists over nearly ten years--in museums and cathedrals all over Europe--Breitwieser, along with his girlfriend who worked as his lookout, stole more than three hundred objects, until it all fell apart in spectacular fashion. This is a riveting story of art, crime, and an insatiable hunger to possess beauty at any cost.

*The Café at Beach End: A Novel*

**LP200480**

By RaeAnne Thayne

Publication Year: 2023

When Meredith Collins was a child, the little beach town of Cape Sanctuary lived up to its name. Spending summers there with her grandmother, Meredith finally felt safe and loved. Now she's returning in disgrace. Her late ex-husband swindled investors out of millions of dollars and made Meredith a figure of scorn -- though she knew nothing about his scheme. While Meredith tries to make a fresh start, she is drawn to a mysterious writer renting the cottage next door. Liam Byrne's kindness is a balm, though she worries he might not be so friendly if he knew who she was. But Liam has his own secret and a mission that will help Meredith confront her past -- and maybe, claim a surprising future…

*The Collector*

**LP200481**

By Daniel Silva

Publication Year: 2023

Legendary art restorer and spy Gabriel Allon joins forces with a brilliant and beautiful master-thief to track down the world's most valuable missing painting but soon finds himself in a desperate race to prevent an unthinkable conflict between Russia and the West.

*The Country of the Blind: A Memoir at the End of Sight*

**LP200482**

By Andrew Leland

Publication Year: 2023

We meet Andrew Leland as he's suspended in the strange liminal state of the soon-to-be blind: He's midway through his life with retinitis pigmentosa, a condition that ushers those who live with it from complete sightedness to complete blindness over a period of years, even decades. Full of apprehension but also dogged curiosity, Leland embarks on a sweeping exploration of the state of being that awaits him: not only the physical experience of blindness but also its language, internal debates, politics, and customs. He also negotiates his changing relationships with his wife and son, and with his own sense of self, as he moves from sighted to semi-sighted to blind, from his mainstream, "typical" life to one with a disability. Thought-provoking and brimming with warmth and humor, *The Country of the Blind* is at once a deeply personal journey and an intellectually exhilarating tour of a way of being that most of us have never paused to consider-and from which we have much to learn.

*Crook Manifesto: A Novel*

**LP200483**

By Colson Whitehead

Publication Year: 2023

It's 1971. Trash piles up on the streets, crime is at an all-time high, the city is careening towards bankruptcy, and a shooting war has broken out between the NYPD and the Black Liberation Army. Amidst this collective nervous breakdown, furniture store owner and ex-fence Ray Carney tries to keep his head down and his business thriving. The counter-culture has created a new generation, the old ways are being overthrown, but there is one constant, Pepper, Carney's endearingly violent partner in crime. Our crooked duo have to battle their way through a crumbling metropolis run by the shady, the violent, and the utterly corrupted. *Crook Manifesto* is a darkly funny tale of a city under siege, but also a sneakily searching portrait of the meaning of family.

# Dead Man’s Wake: A Novel

**LP200484**

By Paul Doiron

Publication Year: 2023

On the evening of their engagement party, Maine Game Warden Investigator Mike Bowditch and Stacey Stevens witness what seems to be a hit-and-run speedboat crash on a darkened lake. When they arrive at the scene, their spotlight reveals a gruesome sight: a severed arm floating just beneath the surface. As Mike and Stacey get closer to identifying the killer, their own lives are suddenly on the line as they confront a lethal killer who plans to silence them forever.

*The First Ladies*

**LP200485**

By Marie Benedict

Publication Year: 2023

Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt fight together for justice and equality, holding each other's hands through tragedy and triumph.

*The Five-Star Weekend*

**LP200486**

By Elin Hilderbrand

Publication Year: 2023

Hollis Shaw's life seems picture-perfect. She's the star of the popular food blog, Hungry with Hollis, and is married to Matthew, a dreamy heart surgeon. But after she and Matthew get into a heated argument one snowy morning, Matthew leaves for the airport and is killed in a car accident. The cracks in Hollis's perfect life--her strained marriage and her complicated relationship with her daughter, Caroline--grow deeper. When Hollis hears about something called the "Five-Star Weekend"--a woman invites her best friend from her teenage years, her twenties, her thirties, and mid-life-Hollis decides to host her own "Five-Star Weekend" on Nantucket. It will be a weekend like no other.

*Lady Tan’s Circle of Women: A Novel*

**LP200487**

By Lisa See

Publication Year: 2023

According to Confucius, "an educated woman is a worthless woman," but Tan Yunxian -- born into an elite family, yet haunted by death, separations, and loneliness -- is being raised by her grandparents to be of use. From a young age, Yunxian learns about women's illnesses, many of which relate to childbearing, alongside a young midwife-in-training, Meiling. But when Yunxian is sent into an arranged marriage, her mother-in-law forbids her from seeing Meiling and from helping the women and girls in the household. Yunxian is to act like a proper wife -- embroider bound-foot slippers, pluck instruments, recite poetry, give birth to sons, and stay forever within the walls of the family compound, the Garden of Fragrant Delights.

*The Loner*

**LP200488**

By Diana Palmer

Publication Year: 2023

Tanner Everett spends most of his time jet-setting around the world. But that hasn't stopped innocent Stasia Bolton, the daughter of a neighboring rancher, from falling head-over-heels for the jet-setting playboy. Unbeknownst to Stasia, her father makes it a condition of his will that the ranch will go to her upon his death only if she and Tanner marry, linking the two properties in matrimony. If they don't marry, her ranch will be sold to someone who intends to develop an amusement park on the land. Despite his globetrotting ways, Tanner can't help but be enthralled by the quiet girl next door. As the embers between the two are fanned into flames, Tanner wonders if he's found forever in the last place he ever expected.

*Must Love Flowers: A Novel*

**LP200489**

By Debbie Macomber

Publication Year: 2023

Joan Sample is not living the life she expected. Now a widow and an empty-nester, she has become by her own admission something of a recluse. Joan gathers the courage to take some long-awaited steps: hiring someone to tame her overgrown garden, joining a grief support group, and even renting out a room to a local college student. Across town, Maggie Herbert works mornings as a barista, tending to impatient customers before rushing to afternoon nursing classes. She's been living with her alcoholic father, ducking his temperamental outbursts and struggling to pay the household bills. But her circumstances brighten when she finds a room for rent in Joan's home. As Maggie and Joan confront unfamiliar life choices, they find themselves leaning on each other in surprising ways--discovering in the process that "family" is often just another word for love in all its forms.

*Near Miss*

**LP200490**

By Stuart Woods

Publication Year: 2023

Following a string of adventures, Stone Barrington is enjoying some downtime in New York City when a chance encounter introduces him to a charming new companion. Too bad she also comes with the baggage of a persistent ex-boyfriend intent on retribution. As Stone skillfully dodges each disturbance, it soon becomes clear that there is potentially an even more treacherous game being played behind the scenes. And when long-standing grudges resurface, Stone is brought back into the orbit of some familiar enemies. He must use all of his tricks--as well as those of a few old friends--to evade trouble before it's too late. But this time, danger just might catch him.

*Other Birds*

**LP200491**

By Sarah Addison Allen

Publication Year: 2022

Down a narrow alley in the small coastal town of Mallow Island, South Carolina, lies a stunning cobblestone building comprised of five apartments. It's called The Dellawisp and it is named after the tiny turquoise birds who inhabit the building, alongside the human tenants, and imbue it with an air of magical secrecy. When Zoey Hennessey comes to claim her deceased mother's apartment at The Dellawisp, she meets her quirky, enigmatic neighbors. When one of her new neighbors dies under odd circumstances the night Zoey arrives, she is thrust into the mystery of The Dellawisp.

*Palazzo: A Novel*

**LP200492**

By Danielle Steel

Publication Year: 2023

After her parents perish in a tragic accident, Cosima Saverio assumes leadership of her family's haute couture Italian leather brand. While navigating the challenges of running a company at twenty-three, Cosima must also maintain the four-hundred-year-old family palazzo in Venice and care for her younger siblings. Cosima navigates her personal and professional challenges with a wisdom beyond her years, but her success has come at a cost: Her needs are always secondary. She's married to the business, and her free time is given to those who rely on her…until she meets Olivier Bayard, the founder of France's most successful ready-to-wear handbag company.

*The Paris Assignment*

**LP200493**

By Rhys Bowen

Publication Year: 2023

Londoner Madeleine Grant is studying at the Sorbonne in Paris when she marries charismatic French journalist Giles Martin. As they raise their son, Olivier, they hold on to a tenuous promise for the future. Until the thunder of war sets off alarms in France. Staying behind to join the resistance, Giles sends Madeleine and Olivier to the relative safety of England, where Madeleine secures a job teaching French at a secondary school. Yet nowhere is safe. Though her perseverance, defiance, and heart will be tested beyond imagining, no risk is too great for a brave wife and mother determined to fight and survive against inconceivable odds.

*The Perfect Assassin*

**LP200494**

By James Patterson

Publication Year: 2022

Prof. Brandt Savage--grandson of the legendary action hero--is forced into a top-secret training program where he discovers his true calling...as the perfect assassin. Dr. Brandt Savage is on sabbatical from the University of Chicago. Instead of doing solo fieldwork in anthropology, the gawky, bespectacled PhD finds himself enrolled in a school where he is the sole pupil. His professor, "Meed," is demanding. She's also his captor. Savage emerges from their intensive training sessions physically and mentally transformed, but with no idea why he's been chosen, and how he'll use his fearsome abilities. Then his first mission with Meed takes them back to her own training ground, where Savage learns how deeply entwined their two lives have been. To prevent a new class of killers from escaping this harsh place where their ancestors first fought to make a better world, they must pledge anew: Do right to all, and wrong to no one.

*Private Moscow*

**LP200495**

By James Patterson

Publication Year: 2023

The founder of Private, the world's biggest and best detective agency, Jack Morgan investigates the murder of his former U.S. Marine comrade, which appears to be linked to another murder in Moscow, and arriving in Russia, begins to uncover a conspiracy that could have global consequences.

*Rogue Justice: A Thriller*

**LP200496**

By Stacey Abrams

Publication Year: 2023

Asked by a fellow law clerk to look into his boss's death, Supreme Court clerk Avery Keene, after another shocking murder, is led to a list of names--all judges on the FISA Court, also known as America's "secret court"--And must race the clock to stop an unprecedented national crisis.

*Shattered*

**LP200497**

By James Patterson

Publication Year: 2022

NYPD master homicide investigator Michael Bennett and top FBI abduction specialist Emily Parker have a history. Working case after case, each can predict the other's next move. So when she fails to show at FBI headquarters in Washington, DC, Bennett risks venturing far outside his jurisdiction. The investigation he undertakes is the most brilliant detective work of his career... and the most intensely personal. A portrait begins to emerge of a woman as adept at keeping secrets as forging powerful connections. A woman whose enemies had both the means and the motives to silence the real Emily Parker--and her protectors.

*Tom Lake: A Novel*

**LP200498**

By Ann Patchett

Publication Year: 2023

In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew. Tom Lake is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. As in all of her novels, Ann Patchett combines compelling narrative artistry with piercing insights into family dynamics. The result is a rich and luminous story, told with profound intelligence and emotional subtlety, that demonstrates once again why she is one of the most revered and acclaimed literary talents working today.

*23 ½ Lies*

**LP200499**

By James Patterson

Publication Year: 2023

23 1/2 lies: Lindsay Boxer's estranged father is gunned down execution-style, and her investigation uncovers life-altering truths.

Fallen Ranger: To Rory Yates, being a Texas Ranger means absolute loyalty to the badge. But he's put through the ultimate test when an armored car robbery suspect might be an ex-Ranger gone rogue.

Watch your back: When a starving artist is paid to expose his client's cheating wife, can he paint the picture that will save his own life?

*The Wedding Planner: A Novel*

**LP200500**

By Danielle Steel

Publication Year: 2023

Faith Ferguson is New York's most in-demand wedding planner, an arbiter of taste for elegant affairs, lavish ceremonies, and exclusive fetes. But weddings are not always all champagne and roses, and in no time, Faith is grappling with private quarrels, unplanned pregnancies, family scandals, dark secrets, and the possibility of cancelled ceremonies. Through her own journey, Faith will prove once and for all that there is not just one path to happily ever after.

*Where Coyotes Howl*

**LP200501**

By Sandra Dallas

Publication Year: 2023

The two-street town of Wallace is not exactly what Ellen Webster had in mind when she accepted a teaching position in Wyoming, but within a year's time she's fallen in love -- both with the High Plains and with a handsome cowboy named Charlie Bacon. In the end, it is not the trials Ellen and Charlie face together that make them remarkable, but their love for one another that endures through it all.

*The Last Devil to Die*

**LP200502**

By Richard Osman

Publication Year: 2023

When a dangerous package goes missing on Boxing Day, the Thursday Murder Club, when one of their own is murdered, take on their most deadly opponents yet.