

Last One at the Party

Bethany Clift

Summary

November 2022. The human race has been wiped out by a virus called 6DM. The end of the world, if you will.

This is the journal of a Londoner, in her mid-thirties. She owns her own flat, has married her long-term boyfriend James and has a sensible job and the kind of life that she knows is expected of her. Like so many women she has learnt to make small compromises to herself in order to fit in. Things are fine.

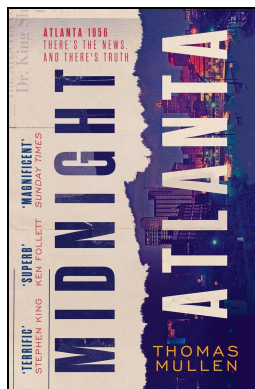
But in November 2022 that changes. A deadly virus has led to a global pandemic. It's pretty much the end of the world. And somehow our narrator finds herself immune to the disease that wipes out the rest of civilisation. Who will she choose to be, now she's totally alone? With her only companion a cowardly golden retriever nicknamed 'Lucky', she sets off on a journey across the country to discover if she is really the last person left alive. Told in flashbacks to her life before, and in the present to her new existence adrift in a world of burning cities, rotting corpses and man-eating seagulls, this is the ultimate story of learning to accept your own identity and finding out wh...

Contributor Bio

Bethany Clift is a graduate of the Northern Film School and has had projects in development with Eon and Film 4, as well as being a director of her own production company. *I Alone Survive* is her debut novel.

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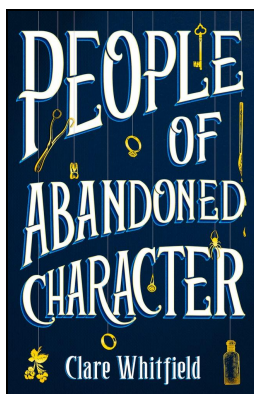
Thomas Mullen

Contributor Bio

Thomas Mullen is the internationally bestselling author of five previous novels, including *Darktown*, which was shortlisted for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize and nominated for two CWA Dagger awards, and *Lightning Men*, which was named one of the Top Ten Crime Novels of 2017 by *The New York Times*. His debut, *The Last Town on Earth*, was named Best Debut Novel of 2006 by *USA Today* and was awarded the James Fenimore Cooper Prize for excellence in historical fiction. He lives near Atlanta, GA, with his wife and sons.

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People of Abandoned Character

Clare Whitfield

Summary

Marry in haste . . . Murder at leisure?

London, 1888: Susannah rushes into marriage to a young and wealthy surgeon. After a passionate honeymoon, she returns home with her new husband wrapped around her little finger. But then everything changes.

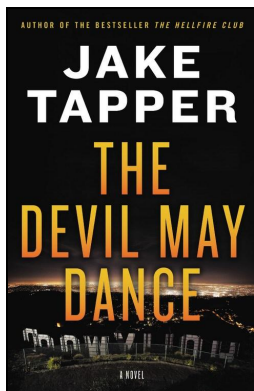
Thomas's behavior becomes increasingly volatile and violent. He stays out all night, returning home bloodied and full of secrets. The gentle caresses she enjoyed on her wedding night are now just a honeyed memory.

When the first woman is murdered in Whitechapel, Susannah's interest is piqued. But as she follows the reports of the ongoing hunt for the killer, her mind takes her down the darkest path imaginable. Every time Thomas stays out late, another victim is found dead.

Is it coincidence? Or is her husband the man they call Jack the Ripper?

Contributor Bio

Clare Whitfield is a UK-based writer living in a suburb where the main cultural landmark is a home store/Starbucks combo. She is the wife of a tattoo artist, mother of a small benign dictator and relies on a black Labrador for emotional stability. She has been a dancer, copywriter, amateur fire breather, buyer, and mediocre weight lifter.



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The Devil May Dance

A Novel

Jake Tapper

Summary

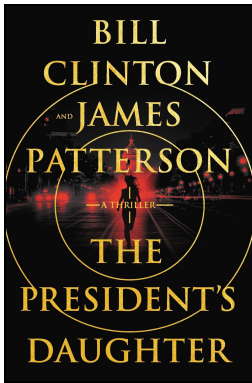
In this "gripping, accurate" thriller, the husband-and-wife heroes of *The Hellfire Club* head to Hollywood to investigate Frank Sinatra — and become mired in a world of blackmail, the mob, and Hollywood scandal (Michael Connelly, author of *The Law of Innocence*)

Charlie and Margaret Marder, political stars in 1960s Washington DC, know all too well how the tangled web of power in the nation's capital can operate. But while they long to settle into the comforts of home, Attorney General Robert Kennedy has other plans. He needs them to look into a potential threat not only to the presidency, but to the security of the United States itself.

Charlie and Margaret quickly find themselves on a flight to sunny Los Angeles, where they'll face off against a dazzling world of stars and studios. At the center of their investigation is Frank Sinatra, a close friend of President John F. Kennedy and a rumored mob crony, whom Charlie and Margaret must befriend to get the inside scoop. But in a town built on illusions, where friends and foes all look alike, nothing is easy, and drinks by the pool at the ...

Contributor Bio

Jake Tapper is the author of *The Hellfire Club*, which is being turned into a TV series by HBO Max, and *The Outpost*, which became a celebrated film released in 2020. An award-winning anchor for CNN, he joined the network in January 2013. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, daughter, and son.



The President's Daughter

A Thriller

James Patterson, Bill Clinton

Summary

James Patterson and Bill Clinton—the “dream team” (Lee Child)—return with a thriller even more compelling than *The President Is Missing*.

Every detail is accurate—
because one of the authors is President Bill Clinton.

The drama and action never stop—
because the other author is James Patterson.

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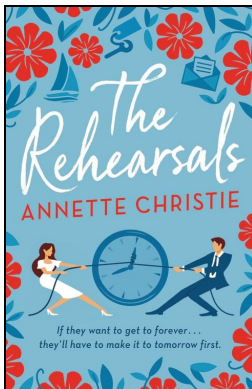
Matthew Keating, a one-time Navy SEAL—and a past president—has always defended his family as staunchly as he has his country. Now those defenses are under attack.

A madman abducts Keating’s teenage daughter, Melanie—turning every parent’s deepest fear into a matter of national security. As the world watches in real time, Keating embarks on a one-man special-ops mission that tests his strengths: as a leader, a warrior, and a father.

The authors’ first collaboration, *The President Is Missing*, a #1 *New York Times* bestseller and the #1 bestselling novel of 2018, was praised as “ambitious and wildly readable” (*New York Times Book Review*) and “a fabulously entertaining thriller” (Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ron Chernow).

Contributor Bio

Bill Clinton was elected President of the United States in 1992, and he served until 2001. After leaving the White House, he established the Clinton Foundation, which helps improve global health, increase opportunity for girls and women, reduce childhood obesity and preventable diseases, create economic opportunity and growth, and address the effects of climate change. He is the author of a number of nonfiction works, including *My Life*, which was a #1 international bestseller. With James Patterson, he is co-author of the #1 international



The Rehearsals

Annette Christie

Summary

Fans of Josie Silver and Rebecca Serle will delight in this romantic debut novel--that has a *Groundhog Day* twist--about a couple who call off their wedding after a disastrous rehearsal dinner, only to wake up the next morning trapped in a time loop. Together.

Two people. One wedding. No end in sight.

Megan Givens and Tom Prescott are heading into what is supposed to be their magical wedding weekend on beautiful San Juan Island. But with two difficult families, ten years of history, and all too many secrets, things quickly go wrong. After a disastrous rehearsal dinner they vow to call the whole thing off—only to wake up the next morning stuck together in a time loop. Are they really destined to relive the worst day of their lives, over and over? And what happens if their wedding day *does* arrive?

A funny, romantic, and big-hearted debut novel, *The Rehearsals* imagines what we might do if given a second chance at life and at love—and what it means to finally get it right.

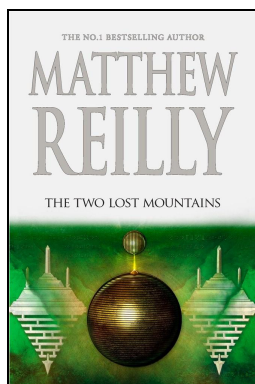
Contributor Bio

Annette Christie is a Canadian-American hybrid with a BFA in Theatre and a history of very odd jobs. She's had articles featured in various publications including HelloGiggles and *The Guardian*, and the back of her head is featured prominently in the film *Mean Girls*. She currently resides in Alberta with her husband and two children. *The Rehearsals* is her adult debut.

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The Two Lost Mountains

Matthew Reilly

Summary

AN INCREDIBLE VICTORY BUT AT A TERRIBLE PRICE

Against all the odds, Jack West Jr. found the Three Secret Cities, but at a heartbreaking cost. His beloved daughter Lily, it appeared, was slaughtered by Sphinx in a cruel ancient ritual.

TO THE MOUNTAINS AND THE FALL!

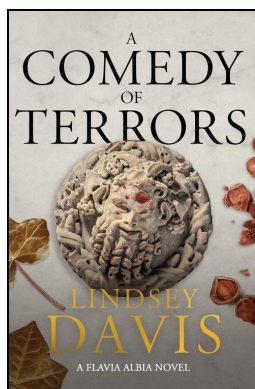
With his rivals far ahead of him, Jack must now get to one of the five iron mountains--two of which have never been found--and perform a mysterious feat known only as 'The Fall'. Although what is this object on the moon that is connected to it?

A NEW PLAYER ARRIVES

Amid all this, Jack will discover that a new player has entered the race, a general so feared by the four legendary kingdoms they had him locked away in their deepest dungeon. Only now this general has escaped and he has a horrifying plan of his own.

Contributor Bio

Matthew Reilly is the internationally bestselling author of the Scarecrow novels: *Ice Station*, *Area 7*, *Scarecrow*, *Scarecrow and the Army of Thieves* and the novella *Hell Island*; the Jack West novels: *Seven Ancient Wonders*, *The Six Sacred Stones*, *The Five Greatest Warriors*, *The Four Legendary Kingdoms* and *The Three Secret Cities*; and the standalone novels *Contest*, *Temple*, *Hover Car Racer*, *The Tournament*, *Troll Mountain*, *The Great Zoo of China* and *The Secret Runners of New York*. His books are published in over 20 languages, with worldwide sales of over 7 million copies. He lives in Los Angeles.



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A Comedy of Terrors

Lindsey Davis

Summary

Saturnalia, the Romans' mid-December feast, nominally to celebrate the sun's rebirth but invariably a drunken riot. Flavia Albia needs a case to investigate, but all work is paused.

The Aventine is full of fracturing families. Wives plot to leave their husbands, husbands plot to spend more time with their mistresses. Masters must endure slaves taking obscene liberties, while aggressive slaves are learning to ape dangerous masters. But no one wants to hire an investigator during the holiday.

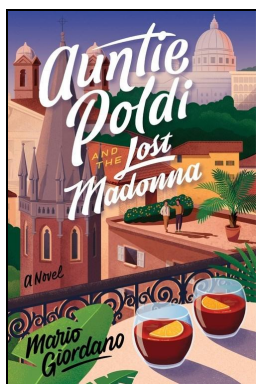
Albia is lumped with her own domestic stress: overexcited children and bilious guests, too many practical jokes, and her magistrate husband Tiberius preoccupied with local strife. He fears a Nut War. Nuts are both the snack and missile of choice of tipsy celebrants, so there is a fortune to be made. This year a hustling gang from the past is horning in on the action.

As the deadly menace strikes even close to home, and with law and order paused for partying, Albia and Tiberius must go it alone. The Emperor has promised the people a spectacular entertainment - but Domitian himself is a target for the ...

Contributor Bio

Historical novelist Lindsey Davis is best known for her novels set in Ancient Rome, including the much-loved Marcus Didius Falco series, although she has also written about the English Civil War, including in 2014 *A Cruel Fate*, a book for the Quick Reads literacy initiative. Her examination of the paranoid reign of the Roman emperor Domitian began with *Master and God*, a standalone novel, leading to her new series about Flavia Albia, set in that dark period.

Her books are translated and have been dramatized on BBC Radio 4. Her many awards include the Premio Colosseo (from the city of Rome) and the Crime Writers' Cartier Diamond Dagger for lifetime achievement. Most recently she was the inaugural winner of the Barcino (Barcelona) International Historical Novel Prize.



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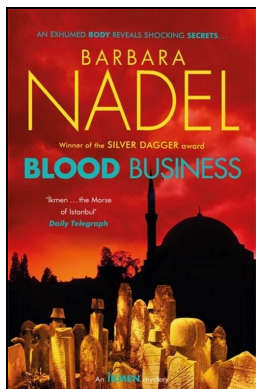
Mario Giordano

Contributor Bio

Mario Giordano, the son of Italian immigrants, was born in Munich in 1963 and studied psychology at the University of Düsseldorf. He writes novels, books for adolescents, and screenplays. He lives in Cologne. *Auntie Poldi and the Handsome Antonio* is his third novel to be translated into English.

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Blood Business

Barbara Nadel

Summary

Brothers Ugur and Lokman Bulut are locked in a bitter inheritance battle and need a sample of their mother's DNA to contest her Will. But when her body is exhumed, her corpse is found to be missing and a fresh body, with its heart removed, has been put in her grave. Assigned to the case, Inspector Mehmet Süleyman quickly realises that the heart has been illegally harvested, and his team has a murder inquiry on its hands.

Meanwhile, retired inspector Çetin Ikmen is tracking down a missing person: Seval Kalkan, a once-famous actress, who has joined an underground movement called the Moral Maze, whose mission is to help the destitute living on Istanbul's streets. The unidentified body in the grave cannot be Seval's, but her shocking reappearance leads Ikmen to fear that she, too, is a victim of organ harvesting...

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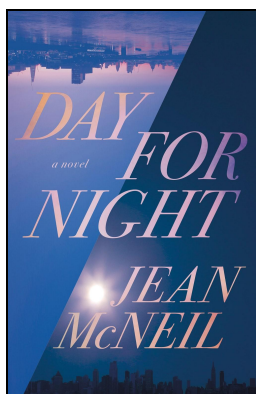
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Joining forces, Süleyman and Ikmen confront Istanbul's darkest underbelly to expose the horrifying truth of a city in crisis.

Contributor Bio

Trained as an actress, Barbara Nadel used to work in mental health services. Born in the East End of London, she now writes full time and has been a visitor to Turkey for over twenty years. She received the Crime Writers' Association Silver Dagger for her novel DEADLY WEB, and the Swedish Flintax Prize for historical crime fiction for her first Francis Hancock novel, LAST RIGHTS.

To find out more, follow Barbara on Twitter @BarbaraNadel or visit her website www.barbara-nadel.com



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Day for Night

A Novel

Jean McNeil

Summary

From the author of *Ice Diaries*, winner of the Banff Mountain Film and Book Festival Grand Prize, praised by the *New York Times* as "stunningly written" and a *Guardian* Best Book of 2018.

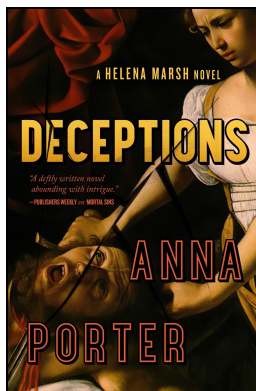
An unflinching exploration of love and boundaries in Brexit-crazed London.

Richard Cottar is a respected independent film writer and director; his wife, Joanna, is his increasingly successful and wealthy producer. Together they are about to embark on a film about the life of Walter Benjamin, the German Jewish intellectual who killed himself in northern Spain while on the run from the Nazis in 1940. In what looks set to be the last year of Britain's membership of the European Union, Benjamin's story of exile and statelessness is more relevant than ever. But Richard and Joanna's symbiotic life takes a sudden turn when they cast an intelligent, sexually ambiguous young actor in the role of Walter Benjamin. In a climate of fear and a bizarre, superheated year redolent of sex and hidden desire, Richard and Joanna must confront their relationship, Benjamin's tragic history, and the future of their country.

Taki...

Contributor Bio

Jean McNeil is the author of 14 books of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and travel. She has twice been the winner of the PRISM International competition, and her work has been shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award, the Journey Prize, the National Magazine awards, and the Pushcart Prize. She is Professor of Creative Writing at the University of East Anglia. Originally from Nova Scotia, she lives in London, England.



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Deceptions

A Helena Marsh Novel

Anna Porter

Summary

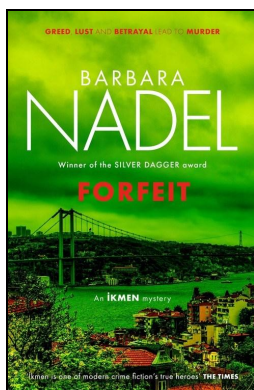
A savvy art world thriller with a strong, independent heroine and the follow-up to *The Appraisal*, finalist for the 2018 Staunch Prize.

Former Budapest cop Attila Feher would really like to see art expert Helena Marsh again, so he arranges a contract for her to determine whether a painting is a copy of a famous Artemisia Gentileschi canvas or the real thing. A simple appraisal becomes a dangerous assignment when usual eastern European gangsters show up and people start dying and the seething corruption that underlies the lost promise of post-Soviet Hungary swirls to the surface. In a race to get to the truth and to outwit her adversaries, Helena and Attila must solve the mystery of the painting's origins.

Richly atmospheric, set in Strasbourg, Budapest, and Paris, this witty, sophisticated novel will satisfy readers of political thrillers by Alan Furst and Philip Kerr. *Deceptions* is a thinking-person's thriller, a romp to the last satisfying page.

Contributor Bio

Anna Porter is the award-winning author of ten books. Her recent work includes the non-fiction *In Other Words*, *How I Fell in Love with Canada One Book at a Time*, and *Buying a Better World*, *George Soros and Billionaire Philanthropy*, and the mystery novel *The Appraisal*, the first Helena Marsh book. She co-founded Key Porter Books, an influential publishing house she ran for more than twenty years. In addition, she writes book reviews, opinion pieces, and stuff about Central Europe. She is an Officer of the Order of Canada and has received the Order of Ontario.



Forfeit (Ikmen Mystery 23)

Barbara Nadel

Summary

GREED, LUST AND BETRAYAL LEAD TO MURDER in Barbara Nadel's twenty-third Ikmen mystery, as Ikmen and Süleyman work to uncover a tragic tale of dark secrets and double lives...

In the early hours of the morning, Turkish TV star Erol Gencer is found dead at his home on the outskirts of Istanbul. But he is not alone. Beside him lies a Syrian refugee whose stomach has been split open with a cheese knife. Did Gencer kill his guest before committing suicide, or are they victims of a sinister double murder?

The dead Syrian is soon identified as Wael Al Hussain, whose wife, Samira, is in prison for attempting to kill Gencer a year ago. At the time, no one believed Samira's story that Gencer's wife had planned the attack, but now Samira's sister begs Çetin Ikmen to re-examine her claim.

Meanwhile, Inspector Mehmet Süleyman is on leave with his teenage son, Patrick, who is visiting from Ireland, but when Detective Kerim Gürsel's transsexual ex-lover, Pembe, is also murdered, shortly after confessing that Wael Al Hussain had used her for sexual favours, Süleyman knows he must help Kerim solve this ...

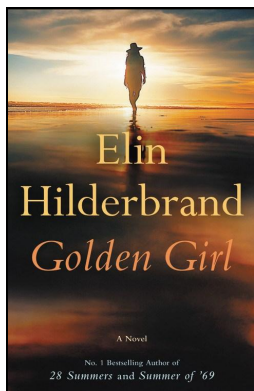
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Golden Girl

Elin Hilderbrand

Summary

In this immensely satisfying new page-turner from "the queen of beach reads" (*New York Magazine*), Nantucket novelist Vivian Howe has one final summer to protect her secrets while her loved ones on earth learn to live without their golden girl.

On a perfect June day, Vivian Howe, author of 13 beach novels and mother of three nearly grown children, is killed in a hit-and-run car accident while jogging near her home on Nantucket. She ascends to the Beyond where she's assigned to a Person named Martha, who allows Vivi to watch what happens below for one last summer. Vivi also is granted three "nudges" to change the outcome of events on earth, and with her daughter Willa on her third miscarriage, Carson partying until all hours, and Leo currently "off again" with his high-maintenance girlfriend, she'll have to think carefully where to use them.

From the Beyond, Vivi watches "The Chief" Ed Kapenash investigate her death, but her greatest worry is her final book, which contains a secret from her own youth that could be disastrous for her reputation. But when hidden truths come to light, Vivi'...

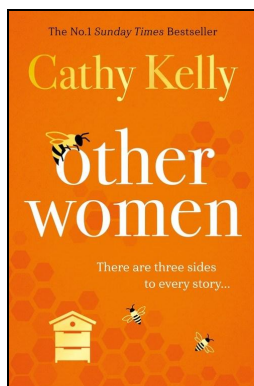
Contributor Bio

Elin Hilderbrand is the mother of three three-sport athletes, an aspiring fashionista, a dedicated jogger, a world explorer, an enthusiastic foodie, and a grateful six-year breast cancer survivor. *Golden Girl* is her twenty-seventh novel.

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Other Women

Cathy Kelly

Summary

Three friends come together in the throes of married life, family dramas, and romantic entanglements - in a story told with Cathy Kelly's trademark warmth and honesty.

Praise for Cathy Kelly's irresistibly comforting storytelling:

'Honest, funny, clever, it sparkles with witty, wry observations on modern life. I loved it' - Marian Keyes

'This book is full of joy - and I devoured every page of it gladly' - Milly Johnson

'Filled with nuggets of wisdom, compassion and humour, Cathy Kelly proves, yet again, that she knows everything there is to know about women' - Patricia Scanlan

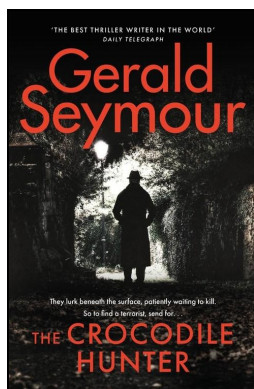
'Packed with Cathy's usual magical warmth' - Sheila O'Flanagan

'Comforting and feel-good, the perfect treat read' - Good Housekeeping

Contributor Bio

Cathy Kelly is published around the world, with millions of books in print. Cathy is the bestselling author of *The Honey Queen*, *Once in a Lifetime* and *Secrets of a Happy Marriage*, and is a No.1 bestseller in the UK, Ireland and Australia. She writes warm, wise stories about real women and real life, always with an uplifting message. She lives with her family and their three dogs in County Wicklow, Ireland. She is also an Ambassador for UNICEF Ireland, raising funds and awareness for children orphaned by or living with HIV/AIDS.

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The Crocodile Hunter

Gerald Seymour

Summary

A thrilling story of the secret services, their enemies and the society they operate in, building with unrelenting suspense to a superb climax, *The Crocodile Hunter* is Gerald Seymour writing at the top of his powers.

In the office at MI5 where he works, they call Jonas Merrick 'the eternal flame'. It isn't a compliment. It's because he never goes out. He never goes undercover, never does surveillance, never goes with the teams that kick down the doors or seize the suspects off the street. He commutes into work and sits at his desk and then he goes home.

But Jonas has qualities the hot-shots fail to notice: a steely concentration, a ruthless ability to focus and find the enemy hiding in plain sight.

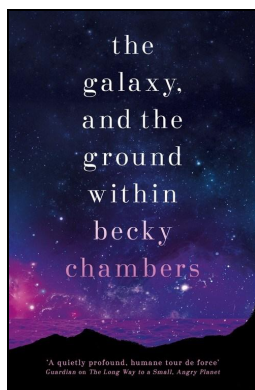
Hearing of a British Jihadi returning from Syria with murderous plans, Jonas sends out for a telling photograph: a crocodile, almost submerged, just its eyes above water as it waits for unsuspecting prey to drink at the riverbank.

Coming ashore near Dover, Cameron Jilkes is a young man from a broken home and a failed education, trained in the harshest theatre of war, driven to rage by loss and...

Contributor Bio

Gerald Seymour exploded onto the literary scene in 1975 with the massive bestseller *HARRY'S GAME*. The first major thriller to tackle the modern troubles in Northern Ireland, it was described by Frederick Forsyth as 'like nothing else I have ever read' and it changed the landscape of the British thriller forever.

Gerald Seymour was a reporter at ITN for fifteen years. He covered events in Vietnam, Borneo, Aden, the Munich Olympics, Israel and Northern Ireland. He has been a full-time writer since 1978.



The Galaxy, and the Ground Within

Wayfarers 4

Becky Chambers

Summary

Sunday Times bestselling author Becky Chambers returns to the Galactic Commons in the final installment in her award-winning and critically acclaimed Wayfarers series.

With no water, no air, and no native life, the planet Gora is unremarkable. The only thing it has going for it is a chance proximity to more popular worlds, making it a decent stopover for ships traveling between the wormholes that keep the Galactic Commons connected. If deep space is a highway, Gora is just your average truck stop.

One of the many establishments present is the Five-Hop One-Stop, a place where long-haul spacers can stretch their legs (if they have legs, that is), and pick up fuel, transit permits, and assorted supplies. The Five-Hop is run by an enterprising alien and her occasionally helpful child, who both work hard to provide a little piece of home to everyone passing through.

When a freak technological failure halts traffic to and from Gora, three strangers are thrown together at the Five-Hop. Grounded, and with nothing to do but wait, the trio - an exiled artist with an appointment to keep, a cargo r...

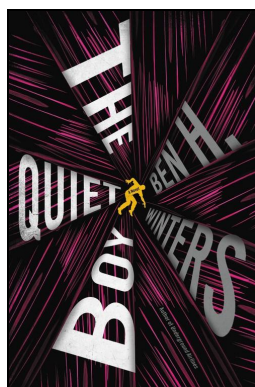
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The Quiet Boy

Ben H. Winters

Summary

A legal thriller, detective story, and ultimately the tale of two families whose lives are braided together over years by mystery and tragedy, THE QUIET BOY revolves around the bizarre and possibly inter-dimensional ailment that has be fallen one teenage boy.

In 2008, a cheerful ambulance-chasing lawyer named Jay Shenk persuades the grieving Keener family to sue a private LA hospital. Their son Wesley has been transformed by a routine surgery into a kind of golem, absent all normal functioning or personality, walking in endless empty circles around his hospital room. In 2019, Shenk—still in practice but a shell of his former self—is hired to defend Wesley Keener's father when he is charged with murder...the murder, as it turns out, of the expert witness from the 2008 hospital case. Shenk's adopted son, a fragile teenager in 2008, is a wayward adult, though he may find his purpose when he investigates what really happened to the murdered witness.

Two thrilling trials braid together, medical malpractice and murder, jostling us back and forth in time.

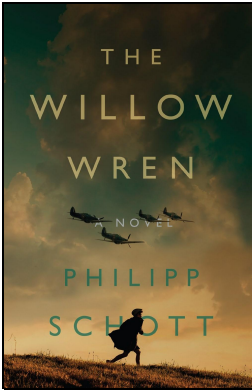
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The Willow Wren

A Novel

Philipp Schott

Summary

The touching and nuanced portrait of the rise and fall of Nazi Germany through the eyes of a resourceful German boy.

Ludwig is an odd and introverted child, growing up in Hitler's Germany. While Ludwig's father, Wilhelm, is a senior Nazi and a true believer, Ludwig escapes the unfolding catastrophe by withdrawing into nature and books. Eventually, when the Allied bombing campaign intensifies, Ludwig is sent to a Hitler Youth camp, where his oddness makes him a target for bullying.

As the war turns against Germany, the Hitler Youth camp becomes ever more severe and militaristic, and the atmosphere spirals towards chaos. After the Nazis abandon the camp, Ludwig returns home, and his father is presumed dead. With Ludwig's mother descending into depression, the 11-year-old bears increasing responsibility for the survival of the family as starvation sets in under Russian occupation. Soon, it will be impossible to leave the Russian zone, so Ludwig decides that he must rally his despondent mother and lead her and his three younger siblings in an escape attempt to the west.

Based on a true stor...

Contributor Bio

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