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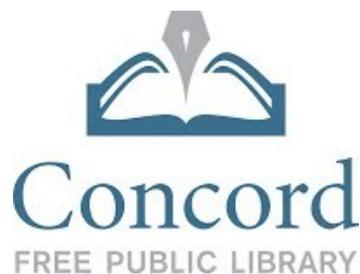
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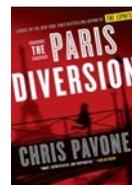


### **THE PERFECT ALIBI**

By Phillip Margolin

MYSTERY Margolin, P. (2019)

A young woman accuses a prominent local college athlete of rape. Convicted with the help of indisputable DNA evidence, the athlete swears his innocence. Not long after, there's another rape and the DNA test shows that the same person committed both rapes, which is seemingly impossible since the man convicted of the first rape was in prison at the time of the second one. Now, the convicted athlete, joined by a new lawyer, is granted a new trial and bail.

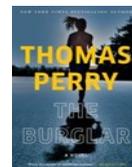


### **THE PARIS DIVERSION**

By Chris Pavone

MYSTERY Pavone, C. (2019)

Expat Kate Moore drops her kids at the international school, makes her rounds of chores, and meets her husband Dexter at their regular café: a leisurely start to a normal day. Everyone has big plans for the day. Dexter is going to make a small fortune, finally digging himself out of a deep financial hole. Hunter, a high-tech CEO, is going to make a huge fortune, with a major corporate acquisition. Kate has less ambitious plans: preparations for tonight's dinner party. Mahmoud Khalid? He is planning to die today and he won't be the only one.



### **THE BURGLAR**

By Thomas Perry

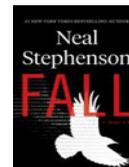
MYSTERY Perry T. (2019)

Elle Stowell is a young woman with an unconventional profession: burglary. With just the right combination of smarts, looks, and skills, she can easily stroll through ritzy Bel Air neighborhoods and pick out the perfect home for plucking the most valuable items. After stumbling upon a grisly triple homicide while stealing from the home of a wealthy art dealer, Elle realizes that her knowledge of the high-profile murder has made her a target. She is now racing to solve the case before she becomes the next casualty.

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### **FALL; OR, DODGE IN HELL**

By Neal Stephenson

FICTION Stephenson, N. (2019)

"Dodge" Forthrust founded Corporation 9592, a gaming company, that made him a multibillionaire. Now in his middle years, Dodge appreciates his comfortable life. One day, during a routine procedure, something goes wrong and Dodge is pronounced brain dead and put on life support. In his will, Dodge directed that his body be given to a cryonics company and so, his brain scanned and its data structures uploaded and stored in the cloud. In the coming years, technology allows Dodge's brain to be turned back on creating a Bitword, a cyberspace realm where humans continue to exist as digital souls.

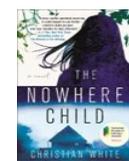


### **BEFORE SHE KNEW HIM**

By Peter Swanson

FICTION Swanson P. (2019)

Henrietta and her husband Lloyd have settled into a quiet life in a new house outside of Boston, Massachusetts. Hen has finally found the right meds to control her bipolar disorder and is having some stability and peace. When they meet the neighbors next door, that calm begins to erode as she spots a sports trophy on the husband's office shelf that looks exactly like one that went missing from the home of a young man who was killed two years ago. Could her neighbor, Matthew, be a killer or is this the beginning of another psychotic episode?



### **THE NOWHERE CHILD**

By Christian White

FICTION White, C. (2019)

Kimberly is a photography teacher in Melbourne, Australia. Twenty-six years earlier, Sammy Went, a two-year old girl vanished from her home in Manson, Kentucky. An American accountant contacts Kim, convinced she was that child. Kim, having been raised in Australia, cannot believe her mother, who died of cancer four years, crossed international lines to steal a toddler. When DNA proof confirms that she and Sammy are in fact the same person, Kim travels to America to reunite with a family she never knew she had.



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## Summer Suspense

Recent mysteries and thrillers for 2019



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### **THE PAPER WASP**

**By Lauren Acampora**

FICTION Acampora L. (2019)

Abby Graven leads a solitary life. Once a bright student on the cusp of a promising art career, she now languishes in her childhood home, trudging to and from her job as a supermarket cashier. Each day she is taunted from the magazine racks by the success of her former best friend Elise, a rising Hollywood starlet whose life in pictures Abby obsessively scrapbooks. When Abby encounters Elise again at their high school reunion, she is surprised that Elise still considers her a friend. When Elise offhandedly tells Abby to look her up if she's ever in LA, Abby soon arrives on her doorstep. Abby becomes enmeshed in Elise's world and as she edges closer to Elise and her own artistic ambitions, the dynamic shifts between the two friends.



### **NO EXIT**

**By Taylor Adams**

FICTION Adams, T. (2019)

On her way to Utah to see her dying mother, college student Darby Thorne gets caught in a fierce blizzard in the mountains of Colorado. She's forced to wait out the storm at a remote highway rest stop. Inside are some vending machines, coffee and four complete strangers. Desperate to find a signal to call home, Darby goes back out into the storm and makes a horrifying discovery. In the back of the van parked next to her car, a little girl is locked in an animal crate. There is no cell phone reception, no telephone, and no way out. One of her fellow travelers is a kidnapper. But which one?



### **BIG SKY**

**By Kate Atkinson**

FICTION Atkinson, K (2019)

Jackson Brodie has relocated to a quiet seaside village, in the occasional company of his recalcitrant teenage son and an aging Labrador. It's picturesque, but there's something darker lurking behind the scenes. Jackson's current job, gathering proof of an unfaithful husband for his suspicious wife, is fairly standard-issue, but a chance encounter with a desperate man on a crumbling cliff leads him into a sinister network and back across the path of his old friend Reggie.



### **MISTRESS OF THE RITZ**

**By Melanie Benjamin**

FICTION Benjamin, M. (2019)

Based on the true story of, Blanche Auzello, an American woman who managed the Ritz with her husband Claude. Nothing bad can happen at the Ritz; inside its gilded walls every woman looks beautiful, every man appears witty. Then in June 1940, the German army sweeps into Paris, setting up headquarters at the Ritz. Suddenly, with the likes of Hermann Goëring moving into suites once occupied by royalty, Blanche and Claude must navigate a terrifying new reality. In order to survive and strike a blow against their Nazi "guests", Blanche and Claude must spin a web of deceit that ensnares everything and everyone they cherish and could threaten to bring down the legendary Ritz itself.

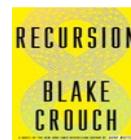


### **KEEP YOU CLOSE**

**By Karen Cleveland**

FICTION Cleveland, K. (2019)

Stephanie Maddox works her dream job policing power and exposing corruption within the FBI. Getting here has taken her nearly two decades of hard work and personal sacrifices--the most important being not having a close relationship with her teenage son, Zachary. One day while straightening her son's room, Steph is shaken to discover a gun hidden in his closet. A loaded gun. Then comes a knock at her front door, a colleague on the domestic terrorism squad, who utters three devastating words: "It's about Zachary."

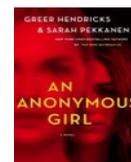


### **RECURSION**

**By Blake Crouch**

FICTION Crouch B. (2019)

Neuroscientist Helena Smith has dedicated her life to creating a technology that will preserve the most precious moments of our pasts. However, over time, people begin traveling back in their memories and changing their reality. They become afflicted with False Memory Syndrome (FMS), waking up with a new set of memories of a different life. These memories compete with their current "real" life memories and ultimately, drive victims mad with memories of a life they never lived.



### **AN ANONYMOUS GIRL**

**By Greer Hendricks**

FICTION Hendricks, G. (2019)

When Jessica Farris signs up for a psychology study conducted by the mysterious Dr. Shields, she think all she'll have to do is answer a few questions, collect her money, and leave. Then the questions grow more intense and invasive and the sessions become outings where Jess is told what to wear and how to act. She feels like the doctor knows what she's thinking and hiding.

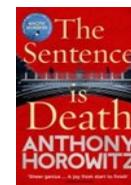


### **THE MOTHER-IN-LAW**

**By Sally Hepworth**

FICTION Hepworth, S. (2019)

From the moment Lucy met her husband's mother, she knew she wasn't the wife Diana had envisioned for her son. Diana kept Lucy at arm's length despite Lucy's desperate attempts to win her over. No one had a bad word to say about Diana...except Lucy. Five years later, Diana is dead, a suicide note found near her body claiming that she longer wanted to live because of the cancer inside her body. The autopsy finds no cancer, but it does find traces of poison and evidence of suffocation. Who could want Diana dead and why was her will changed to disinherit her children?

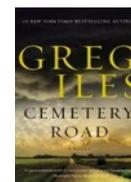


### **THE SENTENCE IS DEATH**

**By Anthony Horowitz**

MYSTERY Horowitz A. (2019)

"You shouldn't be here. It's too late". Heard over the phone, these were the last recorded words of successful celebrity-divorce lawyer Richard Pryce, found bludgeoned to death in his bachelor pad with a bottle of wine, a 1982 Chateau Lafite worth £3,000. Odd, considering he didn't drink. Why this bottle, why was a three-digit number painted on the wall by the killer and which of his many enemies did the deed?



### **CEMETERY ROAD**

**By Greg Iles**

FICTION Iles, G. (2019)

When Marshall McEwan left his Mississippi hometown at eighteen, he vowed never to return home, becoming a successful journalist in Washington, D.C. Learning that is father in terminally ill, he returns home. He finds Bienville changed. His family's 150-year-old newspaper is failing and Jet Turner, the love of his youth, has married into the family of Max Matheson, a powerful patriarch who rules the town through the Bienville Poker Club. The Club has taken a town on the brink of extinction and offered it salvation, in the form of a billion-dollar Chinese paper mill.

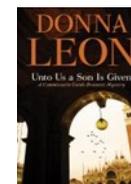


### **THE WEDDING GUEST**

**By Jonathan Kellerman**

MYSTERY Kellerman, J. (2019)

Psychologist Alex Delaware and detective Milo Sturji are summoned to a run-down former strip joint. They find themselves crashing a wild Saints and Sinners-themed wedding reception, but they're not the only uninvited guests. A horrified bridesmaid has discovered the body of a young woman, dressed to impress in pricey haute couture and accessorized with a grisly red slash around her neck. What's missing is any means of identification, or a single partygoer who recognizes the victim. The baffled bride is convinced the stranger snuck in to sabotage her big day. Delaware and Sturgis have a hundred guests to question, and a sneaking suspicion that the motive for murder is personal.



### **UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN**

**By Donna Leon**

MYSTERY Leon, D. (2019)

Count Falier asks his son-in-law, Detective Guido Brunetti, to investigate and intervene in the seemingly innocent plan of the Count's best friend, the elderly Gonzalo Rodríguez de Tejada, to adopt a much younger man as his son. Under Italian inheritance laws, this man would then be heir to Gonzalo's entire fortune, a prospect Gonzalo's friends find appalling. Brunetti wonders why the old man, a close family friend, can't be allowed his pleasure in peace. Then Gonzalo unexpectedly drops dead on the street and one of his friends, having just arrived in Venice for the memorial service, is strangled in her hotel room.



### **I'LL NEVER TELL**

**By Catherine McKenzie**

FICTION McKenzie, C. (2019)

What happened to Amanda Holmes? Twenty years ago, she was found bludgeoned in a rowboat at the MacAllister family's Camp Macaw. No one was ever charged with the crime. Now, after their parents' sudden deaths, the MacAllister siblings return to camp to read the will and decide what to do with the prime real estate the camp occupies. The will stipulates that until they unravel the mystery of what happened to Amanda, they can't settle the estate. Any one of them could have done it and each one is holding a piece of the puzzle.