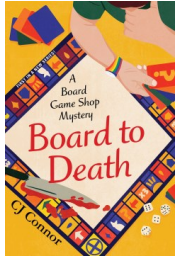


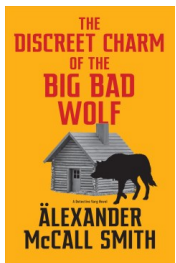
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Board to Death

by CJ Connor

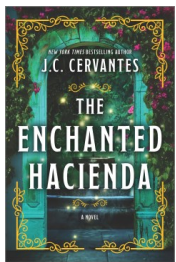
When a man who offered to sell a rare edition of the game that inspired Monopoly at a suspiciously low cost turns up dead, board game shop and café owner Ben Rosencrantz becomes the top suspect.



The Discreet Charm of the Big Bad Wolf

by Alexander McCall Smith

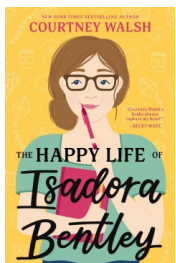
In the midst of downsizing at the Department of Sensitive Crimes, Ulf Varg investigates the mysterious disappearance of a man's cabin, wondering how one tracks down a stolen house.



The Enchanted Hacienda

by J. C. Cervantes

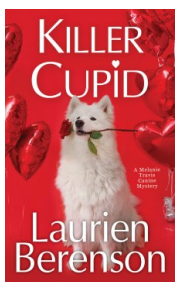
Harlow Estrada returns to the enchanted Hacienda Estrada, a family farm in Mexico where her mother, sisters, aunt and cousins harness the magic of charmed flowers, but when she's chosen to watch over the farm, she panics since she is magic-less -- until she opens her heart to love and creativity.



The Happy Life of Isadora Bentley

by Courtney Walsh

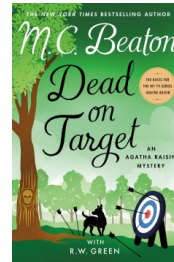
What happens when a desperately lonely woman stumbles upon a magazine article outlining the "31 Ways to Be Happy" and decides to use it as a last-ditch attempt to turn her life around?



Killer Cupid

by Laurien Berenson

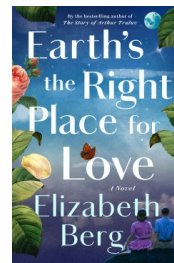
In the Berkshires to celebrate Valentine's Day with her husband, Melanie Travis finds her romantic getaway interrupted by the murder of a fellow guest, and when her secret sleuthing attracts unwanted attention, her trip heats up, but not in the way she'd hoped.



Dead on Target

by M. C. Beaton

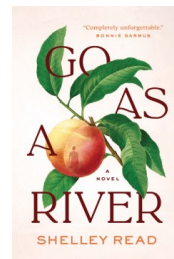
Convinced of foul play, Agatha Raisin disregards the conclusion of her old adversary, Detective Chief Inspector Wilkes and investigates the death of a local landowner struck by an arrow, in the latest addition to the long-running series following *Devil's Delight*.



Earth's the Right Place for Love

by Elizabeth Berg

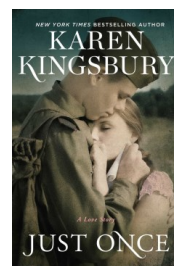
Arthur becomes friends with the hottest girl in his class even though she has a crush on his older brother and, when a sudden tragedy changes his world, must come to terms with his grief and how to go on.



Go as a River

by Shelley Read

A 1940s teenager running her family's peach farm in Colorado meets a young man with a mysterious past and feels an instant connection, but must flee to a small shack in the wilderness after tragedy strikes.



Just Once

by Karen Kingsbury

Irvel Ellis is torn between two brothers — Sam and Hank, one at war and one at home. When Hank enlists to save his brother, Irvel wonders if love can find a way, even from the ashes of greatest heartbreak.

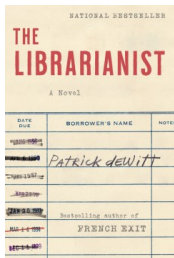


The Last Exchange

by Charles Martin

When MacThomas Pockets finished his last tour as part of the Scottish Special Forces, he was hired to consult for a film director to finesse some scenes that weren't working. In a twist he never saw coming, he ended up moving to L.A. to work as the bodyguard for movie star Maybe Joe Sue.

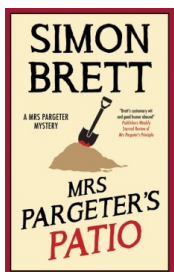
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The Librarianist

by Patrick deWitt

While volunteering at a senior center, retired librarian Bob Comet, who has lived his life through and for literature, revisits his past —one of war, love, purpose and pride —amidst a community of strange peers who gather around him.



Mrs Pargeter's Patio

by Simon Brett

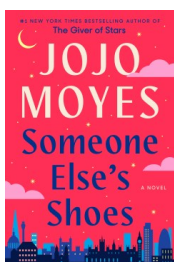
When widow Mrs Pargeter finds a human skull under her patio, she starts investigating the curious find. It was definitely a murder, but who is the mysterious victim? And more importantly, who put the body under her patio?



Pink Lemonade Cake Murder

by Joanne Fluke

Serving super sweet pink lemonade desserts at the Tri-County Summer Solstice Celebration, Hannah finds the mood souring when a retired professional MLB player meets his demise and takes a swing at finding the killer in a league of their own.



Someone Else's Shoes

by Jojo Moyes

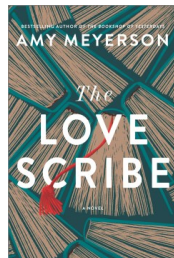
When she accidentally takes the wrong gym bag, Sam Kemp tries on a pair of six-inch high Christian Louboutin red crocodile shoes that give her the confidence to change her life, while the shoes' owner tries to cling to her glamorous life after her husband cuts her off.



What You Are Looking For is in the Library

by Michiko Aoyama

This tribute to the magic of libraries follows Tokyo's most mysterious librarian, Sayuri Komachi, as she gives her visitors one unexpected book with life-altering consequences. Translated from Japanese.



The Love Scribe

by Amy Meyerson

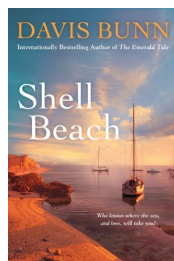
While trying to harness her extraordinary gift — the ability to make others fall in love, Alice is summoned to the estate of the reclusive Madeline Alger and her mysterious library, and she is faced with her most challenging assignment yet.



Must Love Flowers

by Debbie Macomber

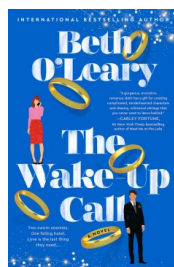
Nursing student Maggie, to escape her alcoholic father, rents a room in Joan's home and finds a glimmer of hope for a better life, but Joan doesn't know what to make of the mysterious landscaper who's been revitalizing her garden — and who seems as lost as she is.



Shell Beach

by T. Davis Bunn

When her millionaire client bequeaths her a luxury yacht to travel the world, Jenna Greaves, an end-of-life nurse, is brought together with Noah Hearst in the most unexpected way, and together they navigate towards a future together.



The Wake-Up Call

by Beth O'Leary

When hotel receptionists and enemies, Izzy and Lucas, find a collection of old wedding rings, they compete to return them to their owners as a way to save the hotel and their jobs but find their bitter rivalry turning into something much more complicated.



The Wings of Poppy Pendleton

by Melanie Dobson

On the eve of her fifth birthday in 1907, Poppy is tucked in bed, listening to her parents entertain in their castle; the next morning, she is gone, and her father is dead. In 1992, Chloe Ridell lives in the castle, but has no interest in the mystery that captivates tourists and locals. Local author.



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