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The Paris Architect

Charles Belfoure

In 1942 Paris, gifted architect Lucien Bernard accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money - and maybe get him killed. But if he's clever enough, he'll avoid any trouble. All he has to do is design a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man, a space so invisible that even the most determined German officer won't find it. He sorely needs the money, and outwitting the Nazis who have occupied his beloved city is a challenge he can't resist. But when one of his hiding spaces fails horribly, and the problem of where to hide a Jew becomes terribly personal, Lucien can no longer ignore what's at stake. The Paris Architect asks us to consider what we owe each other, and just how far we'll go to make things right. Written by an architect whose knowledge imbues every page, this story becomes more gripping with every soul hidden and every life saved. *October Pub 2 release

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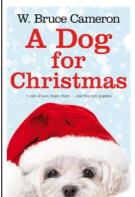


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A Dog for Christmas*

W. Bruce Cameron



While nursing a broken heart, Josh Michaels is outraged when a neighbor abandons his very pregnant dog, Lucy, at Josh's Colorado home. But Josh can't resist Lucy's soulful brown eyes, and though he's never had a dog before, he's determined to do the best he can for Lucy and her soon-to-arrive, bound-to-be-adorable puppies Soon in over his head, Josh calls the local animal shelter for help, and meets Kerri, a beautiful woman with a quick wit and a fierce love for animals. As Kerri teaches Josh how to care for Lucy's tiny puppies and gets them ready to be adopted through the shelter's "Dogs of Christmas program, Josh surprises himself by falling for her. But he's fallen even harder for his new furry family, which has brought incredible joy into Josh's life. He barely has time to sit down, between chasing after adventurous Sophie and brave Oliver, but when he does, his lap is quickly filled by the affectionate Lola.

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A Naked Singularity

Sergio De La Pava

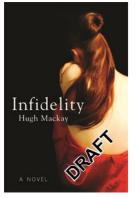


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Infidelity*

Hugh Mackay



Through a chance meeting at the Royal Academy, Tom Harper makes friends with Sarah Delacour. An esteemed scholar of children's rhymes. Sarah is beautiful, smart and charming. She is also the wife of a terminally ill millionaire, who keeps her close with the promise of a large inheritance. In particular a sprawling house in a tiny village in Surrey that Sarah makes her home every weekend, deserting Tom in London. Tom falls deeply in love with the Sarah, and waits for her to reciprocate. But while Sarah is brilliant at playing the role of a woman in love, her ultimate commitment is to securing a life of wealth and comfort, and Tom finds he cannot compete with what she already has on offer Compassionate, insightful and beautifully written, Infidelity is a story about how we lose ourselves when seeking a genuine connection from within the maelstrom of sexual passion.

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Casi is a hotshot public defender working on the front line of America's War on Drugs. So far he's on the winning side. He's never lost a case. But nothing lasts forever, and pride like his has a long way to fall. Funny, smart and always surprising, A Naked Singularity speaks a language all of its own and reads like nothing else ever written. Casi's beautiful mind and planetary intelligence make him an inimitable and unforgettable narrator. In De La Pava's hands, the labyrinthine miseries of the New York Justice System are as layered and diabolical as Dante's nine circles of Hell. But the Devil doesn't hog the best lines. There are plenty here to go around.

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Greig Beck



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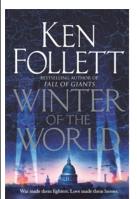


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Winter of the World*

Ken Follett



Berlin in 1933 is in upheaval. eleven-year-old Carla von Ulrich struggles to understand the tensions disrupting her family as Hitler strengthens his grip on Germany. Into this turmoil steps her mother's formidable friend and former British MP, ethel Leckwith, and her student son, Lloyd, who soon learns for himself the brutal reality of Nazism. He also encounters a group of Germans resolved to oppose Hitler - but are they willing to go so far as to betray their country? Such people are closely watched by Volodya, a Russian with a bright future in Red Army Intelligence. The international clash of military power and personal beliefs that ensues will sweep over them all as it rages from Cable Street in London's east end to Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, from Spain to Stalingrad, from Dresden to Hiroshima.

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'You Walked

-Back into

For eight years Flora's love affair with Fin was a whirlwind of fun and spontaneity - but when Flora wanted to settle down and have children, Fin vanished. Life moved on and Flora's world filled with other people, other cares. There were benefits to being single - no socks under the bed, no mess in the bathroom -even if the memory of Fin could never be completely erased. But then suddenly, shockingly, Fin reappears. He's a changed man, he says, and her wants her back. Is this a chance to put right the wrongs? Or a massive mistake?

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When You Walked Back Into My Life

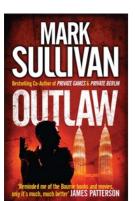
Hilary Boyd

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Outlaw

Mark Sullivan



The US Secretary of State is abducted while conducting secret negotiations aboard a tanker in the South China Sea. 'Seven days' is her captors' warning. Seven days before she is beheaded, live on the internet. Seven days for Robin Monarch to save her. The CIA asset and master thief journeys into the underworld of Southeast Asia to locate and extract his target. But as he navigates this shady labyrinth, he unravels a worrying conspiracy: stretching from the red-lit underbelly of Asia to the White

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The Dark Angel

Dominique Sylvain

On the one hand, there's Lola. She's a grumpy retired police commissioner who cannot go a day without her best friend: red wine. On the other hand, there's Ingrid, an American girl in love with Paris. She gives massages all day long and does stripteases at night. When a local girl is murdered - her body mutilated in the most cruel and unusual manner - suspicion falls on Maxime Duchamp, a charming restaurateur whose suave exterior hides a tragic past. Convinced of his innocence - persuaded in no small part by his magnetic appeal - Lola and Ingrid hit the streets to unmask the real killer, one whose gruesome methods are inspired by a morbid obsession with Japanese Manga imagery.

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The Guard

Peter Terrin

Harry and Michel live in the basement of a luxury

apartment block, guarding its residents. Over the course of

a weekend, the residents leave the block one by one - all apart from a man on floor 29. In the grey, airless

monotony of the basement, Harry and Michel stick to their

winter; they may be the last inhabitants in the city. All they know is that if they are vigilant, "the organisation" will reward them: promotion to an elite cadre of security

missing. But what if there were no-one left to guard? And if the promised third officer arrives, how will he fit into Michel and Harry's studied routine of boredom and paranoia?

posts. The world might be at war or plunged into nuclear

officers remains their shining goal, and their days are punctuated by vivid dreams of everything they are

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The Whispering Surgeon

Dr John Wright



John Wright's moving novel is based entirely on real events and people, countless experiences, reliable testimony and recorded history. *The Whispering Surgeon* explores the surgical life of Paddy McKenzie and his freakish skills, tireless dedication, courage, wisdom and innovation. The very human story of Paddy McKenzie's own battles will keep the reader spellbound by the depth and selflessness of his involvement in devastated lives and flagging hopes of the damaged and disillusioned. John Wright calls on his great experience as a cardiothoracic surgeon to tell the wonderful, endearing story of McKenzie, the "surgical whisperer".

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Fiddlehead

Cherie Priest



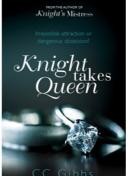
Ex-spy 'Belle Boyd' is retired - more or less. Retired from spying on the Confederacy anyway. Her short-lived marriage to a Union navy boy cast suspicion on those Southern loyalties, so her mid-forties found her unemployed, widowed and disgraced. Until her lifechanging job offer from the staunchly Union Pinkerton Detective Agency. When she's required to assist Abraham Lincoln himself, she has to put any old loyalties firmly aside - for a man she spied against twenty years ago. Lincoln's friend Gideon Bardsley, colleague and ex-slave, is targeted for assassination after the young inventor made a breakthrough. Fiddlehead, Bardsley's calculating engine, has proved the world is facing an extraordinary threat. Meaning it's not the time for civil war.

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Knight Takes Queen

C C Gibbs

"Kate knows the irresistible attraction she feels for Dominic Knight could forfeit her chance at happiness, but she's finding it impossible to stay away . . . " Knight Takes Queen is the final instalment in a trilogy featuring the clever and sensitive Katherine Hart and her indomitable billionaire lover, Dominic Knight. With impressive sales in both print and ebook, and pre-orders from eager fans pouring in, C C Gibbs joins the ranks of Sylvia Day and E L James as part of the new wave of enthusiasm for contemporary romance.

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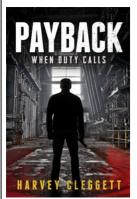


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Payback

Harvey Cleggett



Homicide Detective Inspector Michael Ballard is vigorously resisting retirement; wanting to continue serving society by investigating and solving complex criminal cases. The brutal murder of a factory owner has him and his partner applying their 'old school' policing skills to hunt down the killer. But while Ballard is hunting the killer - is the killer hunting him? An absorbing murder mystery set in the often violent world of modern day law enforcement.

Love is the Answer

Tracy Madden



Peach Avenel is a broken woman. She thought she had a loving marriage. She thought she would be starting a family. She thought she had a successful career... Peach was wrong. She now has a life filled with broken dreams. When a tumbled down house with a neglected garden comes into her life by serendipitous circumstances, Peach feels something stir within her and although she prefers Jimmy Choo shoes to gum boots, she is drawn to the house and the garden. What unfolds is a story of humour and love. Of cupcakes and cactus. And of a young woman learning about herself and finding out sometimes you need to break open to find who you really are.

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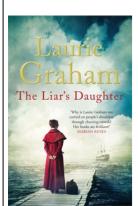
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The Liar's Daughter

Laurie Graham



All Nan Prunty knows for fact is her name, her birth month April 1806 - and that she was born in a dockvard town. Her mother's recollections of their life beyond that vary according to the amount of drink she's taken. Nan's first clear memory is of the flagstone floor of her mother's alehouse in Portsmouth, which her mother had renamed 'The Duchess of Prunty' in honour of the title she claimed would have been hers had Lord Nelson lived. She saw him die at Trafalgar, she swore, and he was Nan's father. Thus begins Nan's quest to know the truth. From the ageing seamen at the Greenwich Hospital to the battlefields of the Crimea, Nan discovers the world is full of people with a story about Nelson. Does one of them hold the key to hers?

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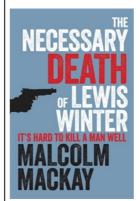


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The Necessary Death of Lewis Winter

Malcolm Mackay



A twenty-nine-year-old man lives alone in his Glasgow flat. The telephone rings; a casual conversation, but behind this a job offer. The clues are there if you know to look for them. He is an expert. A loner. Freelance. Another job is another job, but what if this organisation wants more? A meeting at a club. An offer. A brief. A target: Lewis Winter. "It's hard to kill a man well. People who do it well know this. People who do it badly find out the hard way. The hard way has consequences.

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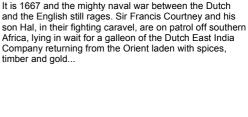
William Nicholson

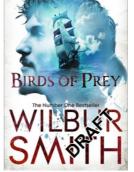


stationed in Sussex. She meets Ed, a Royal Marine commando, and Larry, a liaison officer under the command of Mountbatten. Kitty falls instantly in love with Ed, who falls in love with her. So does Larry. The love triangle is set. However, the impact of the war is yet to hit. When it does, it will be devastating, both for those overseas and those left to fight at home.

In the summer of 1942, Kitty is an ambulance driver

Birds of Prey Wilbur Smith





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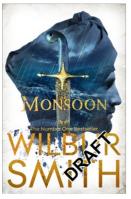
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Monsoon

Wilbur Smith

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It is the dawn of the eighteenth century. At the farthest edges of the known world, the mighty East India Trading Company suffers catastrophic losses from pirates of the high seas. After four years away from service, master mariner Sir Hal Courtney prepares for his latest and most dangerous voyage - a death or glory mission in the name of the Empire and the Crown. Monsoon is Wilbur Smith's extraordinary Courtney novel: a story of anger and passion, of peace and war. Action, romance and adventure shape a family's destiny as they contest a prize beyond any of their wildest dreams...

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Wilbur Smith



At the close of Wilbur Smith's bestselling Monsoon, Tom Courtney and his brother Dorian battled on the high seas and finally reached the Cape of Good Hope to start life afresh. In this spellbinding new novel, the next generation of Courtneys are out to stake their claim in Southern Africa, travelling along the infamous 'Robber's Road'. It is a journey both exciting and hazardous, that takes them through the untouched wilderness of a beautiful land filled with warring tribes and wild animals. At heart a story of love and hatred, vengeance and greed, Blue Horizon is an utterly compelling adventure from one of the world's most celebrated novelists.

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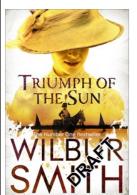
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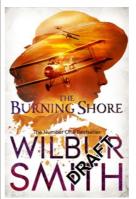
Wilbur Smith



In the Sudan, decades of brutal misgovernment by the ruling Egyptian Khedive in Cairo precipitate a fierce and bloody rebellion and Holy War headed by a charismatic new religious leader, the Madhi or 'Expected One'. The British are forced to intervene to protect their national interests and to attempt to rescue the scores of British subjects stranded in the country. Along with hundreds of others, British trader and businessman Ryder Courtney is trapped in the capital city of Khartoum. It is here that he meets Captain Penrod Ballantyne of the 10th Hussars, as well as the British Consul, David Benbrook and his three beautiful daughters. Against the vivid and bloody backdrop of the Siege of Khartoum, in which British General Charles George Gordon is killed and the British retreat, these three powerful men fight to survive.

The Burning Shore

Wilbur Smith



The passionate love of a beautiful French aristocrat for a courageous South African aviator is begun and extinguished in the blazing skies of war-torn France. But Centaine de Thiry is bent on realizing some of the dreams which she and Michael Courtney had shared - and sets out to seek a future for his unborn child in the country of Michael's birth. But in a monumental odyssey of disaster and adventure she must first brave all the combined terrors of war, shipwreck, thirst, fever and the burning vastnesses of Namibia's Skeleton Coast before she sees another living soul . . .

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Rage

Wilbur Smith



There are heroes and there are monsters. But most of us are ordinary mortals caught up in events too turbulent for any of us. Perhaps when the battle is over, all we will inherit are the ashes of a once beautiful land. It is 1952. Guided by the ruthless hands of Shasa Courtney and Centaine Malcomess, the Courtney family empire has come to dominate the lives of white and black South Africans alike. But the winds of change are fanning fires of revolution. In his deadly quest for power, Shasa will be tested far beyond the battle of the boardroom, forced to betray his ideals for a misguided dream of national unity. **Rage** is Wilbur Smith's impassioned account of post-war South Africa. It is also the work of a master storyteller at the zenith of his powers: an unforgettable blend of passion, power, history and intrigue.

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