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In The Unlikely Event

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Judy Blume



When three planes crashed in Elizabeth, New Jersey within the space of three months in the early 1950s. Newark airport was closed for a year. Each of these disasters was devastating not only for those on board, but also for the close-knit community of people on the ground. In Elizabeth, the plane crashes open up new wounds and mysteries they bring some families together and tear others apart. But somehow, life continues - and amid grief and loss, hope and love survive. Inspired by real events, Judy Blume uses her imagination to interweave the stories of three generations of families, friends and strangers whose lives are forever changed in the aftermath. In The Unlikely Event is a captivating, deeply moving and unforgettable novel, written with the same warmth and authenticity that have won the hearts and minds of readers the world over for decades.

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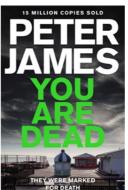


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You Are Dead: A Roy Grace Novel 11

Peter James



The last words Nick Walton hears from his fiancée, Logan Somerville, are in a terrified mobile phone call. She has just driven into the underground car park beneath the block of flats where they live in Brighton. Then she screams and the phone goes dead. The police are on the scene within minutes, but Logan has vanished, leaving behind her neatly parked car and mobile phone. That same afternoon, workmen digging up a park in another part of the city, unearth the remains of a woman in her early twenties, who has been dead for 30 years. At first, to Roy Grace and his team, these two events seem totally unconnected. But then another young woman in Brighton goes missing - and yet another body from the past surfaces. Meanwhile, an eminent London psychiatrist meets with a man who claims to know information about Logan.

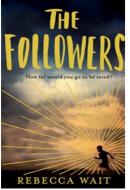
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The Followers

Rebecca Wait



On the bleak, windswept moors of northern England, a small religious cult has cut itself off from society, believing they have found meaning in a purposeless world. Led by their prophet Nathaniel, they eagerly await the end times. But when the prophet brings in a new recruit, Stephanie, along with her rebellious daughter Judith, the group's delicate dynamic is disturbed. Judith is determined to escape, but her feelings are complicated by a growing friendship with another of the children, the naïve and trusting Moses, who has never experienced the outside world. Meanwhile, another member is starting to have doubts of his own, unleashing a horrifying chain of events that will destroy the followers' lives. In the aftermath, the survivors struggle to adjust to the real world, haunted by the same questions: if you've been persuaded to surrender your individual will, are you still responsible for your actions? And is there any way back?

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Love May Fail Matthew Quick

Portia Kane is having a meltdown. After escaping her posh Florida life and her cheating pornographer husband, she finds herself transported back to South Jersey where things remain largely unchanged from her unhappy childhood. In need of saving herself, she sets out to find and resurrect a beloved high school English teacher who has retired after a horrific event in the classroom. Will a sassy nun, an ex-heroin addict, a metal-head little boy, and her hoarder mother help or hurt her chances in this bid for renewed hope in the human race? This is a story of the great highs and lows of existence: the heartache and daring choices it takes to become the person you know (deep down) you are meant to be.

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Uprooted

Naomi Novik



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Agnieszka loves her valley home, her quiet village, the forests and the bright shining river. But the corrupted Wood stands on the border, full of malevolent power, and its shadow lies over her life. Her people rely on the cold, driven wizard known only as the Dragon to keep its powers at bay. But he demands a terrible price for his help: one young woman handed over to serve him for ten years, a fate almost as terrible as falling to the Wood. The next choosing is fast approaching, and Agnieszka is afraid. She knows - everyone knows - that the Dragon will take Kasia: beautiful, graceful, brave Kasia, all the things Agnieszka isn't, and her dearest friend in the world. And there is no way to save her. But Agnieszka fears the wrong things. For when the Dragon comes, it is not Kasia he will choose

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Children of Time

Adrian Tchaikovsky

The last remnants of the human race left a dying Earth, desperate to find a new home among the stars. Following in the footsteps of their ancestors, they discover the greatest treasure of the past age - a world terraformed and prepared for human life. But all is not right in this new Eden. In the long years since the planet was abandoned, the work of its architects has borne disastrous fruit. The planet is not waiting for them pristine and unoccupied. New masters have turned it from a refuge into mankind's worst nightmare. Now two civilizations are on a collision course, both testing the boundaries of what they will do to survive. As the fate of humanity hangs in the balance, who are the true heirs of this new Earth?

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The Memory Painter

Gwendolyn Womack

Bryan Pierce is an internationally famous artist whose paintings have dazzled the world. Bryan Pierce is an internationally famous artist whose paintings have dazzled the world. But there's a secret to Bryan's success: Every canvas is inspired by an unusually vivid dream. All his life, Bryan has wondered if his dreams are recollections, and he dares to hope that his art will lead him to someone who understands. Linz Jacobs is a neorogenticist haunted by a recurring childhood nightmare, and when she recognizes it in one of Bryan's paintings, she decides to track him down. Their meeting triggers Bryan's most powerful dream yet - visions of a team of scientists who, on the verge of discovering a cure for Alzheimer's, died in a lab explosion decades ago. As Bryan becomes obsessed with the mysterious circumstances surrounding the scientists' deaths, his visions begin to reveal what happened at the lab, as well as a deeper mystery that may lead all the way to ancient Egypt. Together, Bryan and Linz start to discern a pattern. But a deadly enemy watches their every move, and he will stop at nothing to ensure that the past stays buried.

Game of Mirrors: An Inspector Montalbano Novel 18

Andrea Camilleri

While Inspector Montalbano is assisting his beautiful new neighbour, Liliana Lombardo, after her car breaks down, a bomb explodes in Vigata. While no one is hurt, it is likely the explosion was perpetrated by one of the local Mafia families as some kind of warning ... As seduce the Inspector simply because she is attracted to him or are her motives more sinister?

Montalbano investigates, he finds himself drawn ever closer to Liliana. But is she trying to

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The Year of the Runaways

Sunieev Sahota

The Year of the Runaways tells of the bold dreams and daily struggles of an unlikely

family thrown together by circumstance. Thirteen young men live in a house in Sheffield, each in flight from India and in desperate search of a new life. Tarlochan, a former rickshaw driver, will say nothing about his past in Bihar; and Avtar has a secret that binds

him to protect the chaotic Randeep, Randeep, in turn, has a visa-wife in a flat on the other side of town: a clever, devout woman whose cupboards are full of her husband's clothes, in case the immigration men surprise her with a call. Sweeping between India and England, and between childhood and the present day, this generous, unforgettable novel is

- as with Rohinton Mistry's **A Fine Balance** - a story of dignity in the face of adversity and the ultimate triumph of the human spirit.

Clive Barker

The gates to Hell are open and something beckons... The last of Earth's magicians are living in fear. A Cenobite Hell Priest known as Pinhead is killing them off, gorging on their knowledge to enhance his own magical powers as part of a quest to takeover Hell. Meanwhile, Private Investigator Harry D'Amour is fulfilling the final wishes of the dead, who communicate with his business associate, the blind medium Norma Paine. But while investigating one such case, Harry inadvertently opens up a rift between hell and the real world. When nemesis Pinhead emerges through the portal, a vicious battle ensues. After failing to enlist Harry as one of his Scarlet Gospels, an elite group of indefattgable messengers who will witness his takeover of hell, Pinhead captures Norma and Harry realizes he must go through hell - literally - to save her.

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Head Case

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Cole Cohen

The summer before she was set to head out of state to pursue her MFA, 26 year-old Cole Cohen submitted herself to a battery of tests. For as long as she could remember, she'd struggled with a series of learning disabilities that made it nearly impossible to judge time and space. She left the doctor's office with a shocking diagnosis - doctors had found a large hole in her brain responsible for her life-long struggles. Because there aren't established tools to rely on in the wake of this unprecedented diagnosis, Cole, her doctors and family create them, and discover firsthand how best to navigate the unique world that

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Your Father Sends His Love Stuart Evers

The author of the critically acclaimed, prize-winning collection Ten Stories About Smoking returns with 11 unforgettable stories of parental love and parental mistakes. Set in the past, present and future, they are unified by their compassion, animated by the unsaid, and distinguished by how beautifully they extract the luminous from the ordinary. Your Father Sends His Love is a book of powerful emotion; of vulnerability, duty, betrayal, loss, anger, fear and joy. While its characters often feel more they can express, they are in the hands of a masterful story teller, who gives time to what might otherwise be incidental, and who dignifies the things that might otherwise pass us by.

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HAMILTON

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Meet Me at the Pier Head Ruth Hamilton

To save a child, they would sacrifice everything ... Comfortably settled into his expatriate life in post-war Britain, Headmaster Theodore's secrets are set to remain deeply buried. Until she breezes in. Tia Bellamy: vivacious, intriguing, a nuisance. Tia cuts through his reserve and, for the first time in years, Theodore finds himself able to confront his past and reveal the events carved into his heart and seared into his soul. Together, they form a strong bond with the residents of the Lady Streets, closely befriending Maggie Stone and her granddaughter, Rosie. But Rosie's mother has issues of her own and Tia and Theodore soon realize that little Rosie might be in danger. Linable to protect the child, they Theodore soon realize that little Rosie might be in danger. Unable to protect the child, they decide to take drastic action

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Water Gypsies

Annie Murray

It is 1942, and after a childhood of suffering in Birmingham, Maryann Bartholomew has built a life of happiness and safety with her husband Joel and their children, working the canals on his narrowboat, the Esther Jane. But the back-breaking work and constant childbearing take their toll on Maryann, and the tragic loss of her old friend Nancy, followed by a further pregnancy lead her to a desperate act which nearly costs her her life. The walls of her security are broken down when Joel suffers an accident, and to keep the boats working, Maryann is forced to allow Sylvia and Dot, two wartime volunteers, into the privacy of their life. And when she discovers that someone keeps calling for her at Birmingham's Tyseley Wharf, the dark memories of her past begin to overwhelm her life For that someone, who seems to be watching her every move, is becoming more dangerous than even she could imagine ..

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I Am Because You Are

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Jacob Lief and Andrea Thompson

In 1998, Jacob Lief, a 21-year-old American university student, met school teacher Malizole "Banks" Gwaxula in a township tavern in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. After bonding over beers and a shared passion for education. Gwaxula invited Lief to live with him in the township. Inspired by their fortuitous meeting -which brought together two men separated by race, nationality, and age - and by the spirit of ubuntu, roughly translated as "lam because you are" - the two men embarked on an unexpectedly profound journey. Their vision? To provide vulnerable children in the townships with what every child deserves - everything. Today, their organization, Ubuntu Education Fund, is upending conventional wisdom about how to break the cycle of poverty. Shunning traditional development models, Ubuntu has redefined the concept of scale, focusing on how deeply it can impact each child's life rather than how many it can reach. Ubuntu provides everything a child needs and deserves, from prenatal care for pregnant mothers to support through university - essentially, from cradle to career.

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Starborn: The Worldmaker Trilogy 1

Lucy Hounsom

Kyndra's fate holds betraval and salvation, but the journey starts in her small village. On Nyther as that bloods betalay and salvation, but the jointly states in the shall writings. On the day she comes of age, she accidentally disrupts an ancient ceremony, ending centuries of tradition. So when an unnatural storm targets her superstitious community, Kyndra is blamed. She fears for her life until two strangers save her, by wielding powers not seen for an age - powers fuelled by the sun and the moon. Together, they flee to the hidden citadel of Naris. And here, Kyndra experiences disturbing visions of the past, showing war and one man's terrifying response. She'll learn more in the city's subterranean chambers, amongst fanatics and rebels. But first Kyndra will be brutally tested in a bid to unlock her own magic. If she survives the ordeal, she'll discover a force greater than she could ever have imagined. But could it create as well as destroy? And can she control it, to right an ancient wrong?

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MURRAY

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The Narrowboat Girl

Annie Murray

An absorbing tale of adventure and true love. Young Maryann Nelson is devastated at the loss of her beloved father. But worse is to come when her mother, Flo, sees an opportunit to better herself and her family in a marriage to the local undertaker, Norman Griffin. Though on the surface a caring family man, Norman is not at all what he seems, as Maryann and her sister Sal soon discover Unable to turn to their unsympathetic mother for support, the girls are left alone with their harrowing secret. But for Sal it is too much to bear ... The chance of a new life opens up for Maryann when she befriends Joel Bartholomew. Aboard his narrowboat, the Esther Jane, she finds herself falling in love with life on the canal as she is swept away from Birmingham and all her worries.

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Dindy and the Elephant

Elizabeth Laird

Bored with her little brother Pog's childish games, Dindy decides that she's finally grown-up enough for a real adventure. While her mother is sleeping and the servants are busy, she takes Pog deep into the tea gardens, a place they are never supposed to go alone. Terrified by wild animals and snubbed by the local children, Dindy starts to realize how little she really knows about India, even though it's the only place she's ever called home. But little does she know her life is about to be turned upside down when her mother is taken ill and be fether tells her that are levingeled for greed. and her father tells her they are leaving India, for good.

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