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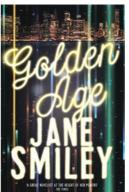
Diane Chamberlain

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It's the summer of 1990 and fourteen-year-old Molly Arnette lives with her extended family on 100 acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The summer seems idyllic at first. The mountains are Molly's playground and she's well loved by her father, a therapist famous for books he's written about a method called 'Pretend Therapy'; her adoptive mother, who has raised Molly as her own; and Amalia, her birth mother who also lives on the family land. The adults in Molly's life have created a safe and secure world for her to grow up in. But Molly's security begins to crumble as she becomes aware of a plan taking shape in her extended family - a plan she can't stop that threatens to turn her idyllic summer into a nightmare.

### Golden Age \*

Jane Smiley



1987. A visit from a long-lost relative brings the Langdons together again on the family farm; a place almost unrecognisable from the remote Iowan farmland Walter and Rosanna once owned. The family have spread across the US, and whilst some have stayed reliably unchanged, others have evolved with the times. The eldest Langdon, Frank - always cold and distant - finally starts to break down the wall he built between himself and his wife, but can a loving relationship be grasped in their twilight years? Their son, Richie, finally out from under his brother Michael's shadow, finds himself running for congress almost unintentionally, and completely underprepared. And Michael, on the brink of selfdestruction, seems to make the biggest change of all, but could it be too good to be true?

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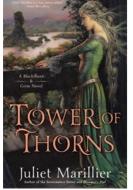


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#### Tower of Thorns: Blackthorn and Grim 2 \*

Juliet Marillie

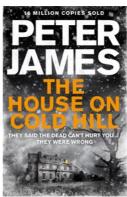


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Award-winning author Juliet Marillier's Blackthorn and Grim series continues as a mysterious creature holds an enchanted and imperiled ancient Ireland in thrall. Lady Geiléis, a noblewoman from the northern border, has asked for the prince of Dalriada's help in expelling a howling creature from an old tower on her land - one surrounded by an impenetrable hedge of thorns. Casting a blight over the entire district, and impossible to drive out by ordinary means, the mysterious presence threatens both the safety and the sanity of all who live nearby. As Blackthorn and Grim begin to put the pieces of the puzzle together, it becomes clear that a powerful adversary is at work. Their quest is about to become a life and death struggle - where even the closest of friends can find themselves entangled in intrique

### The House on Cold Hill

Peter James



Moving from the heart of the city of Brighton and Hove to the Sussex countryside is a big undertaking for born townies, Ollie Harcourt, his wife, Caro, and their twelveyear-old daughter, Jade. But when they view Cold Hill House - a huge, dilapidated, Georgian mansion - they are filled with excitement. Despite the financial strain of the move, Ollie has dreamed of living in the country since he was a child, and with its acres of land, he sees Cold Hill House as a paradise for his animal-loving daughter, a base for his web-design business and a terrific long-term investment. Caro is less certain, and Jade is grumpy about being removed from all her friends. But within days of moving in, it soon becomes apparent that the Harcourt family aren't the only residents in the house.

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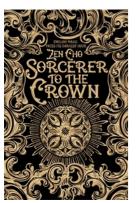
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#### Sorcerer to the Crown

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In Regency London, Zacharias Wythe is England's first African Sorcerer Royal. He leads the eminent Royal Society of Unnatural Philosophers, but a malicious faction seeks to remove him by fair means or foul. Meanwhile, the Society is failing its vital duty - to keep stable the levels of magic within His Majesty's lands. The Fairy Court is blocking its supply, straining England's dangerously declining magical stores And now the government is demanding to use this scarce resource in its war with France. Ambitious orphan Prunella Gentleman is desperate to escape the school where she's drudged all her life, and a visit by the beleaguered Sorcerer Royal seems the perfect opportunity. For Prunella has just stumbled upon English magic's greatest discovery in centuries - and she intends to make the most of it.

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#### The Traitor

Seth Dickinson

Baru Cormorant believes any price is worth paying to liberate her people - even her soul. When the Empire of Masks conquers her island home, criminalises her customs, and murders one of her fathers, Baru vows to mask her hate, join the Empire's civil service, and claw her way high enough up the rungs of power to put a stop to the Emperor's influence and set her people free whatever the price. A natural savant, she is sent as an Imperial agent to distant Aurdwynn - a post she worries will never get her the position and power she craves. But Baru soon discovers Aurdwynn is a complex and secretive country, seemingly on the brink of rebellion. All it would need is a match to the tinder...

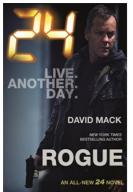
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### Rogue

David Mack



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The time is 20:00:00. Jack Bauer is a man without a country, a fugitive hunted by the most powerful nations in the world. He lives on the run, survives by his wits, and finds purpose in his exile by waging a one-man war against those who profit from the death and suffering of others. On a self-imposed crusade to destroy the criminal empire of international arms dealer, Karl Rask, Jack has infiltrated the crew of one of Rask's freighters. But his mission is disrupted when the ship is hijacked by a band of suspiciously well-informed pirates off the coast of Somalia.

### **Dark Intelligence: Transformation 1**

Neal Asher



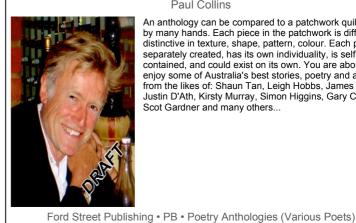
One man transcends death for vengeance. One woman transforms herself for power. And no one will emerge unscathed... Thorvald Spear wakes in hospital, having been brought back from the dead. He died in a human vs alien war that ended a century ago. Spear had been trapped on a planet, surrounded by alien Prador forces, when he spotted a rescue ship. Yet he and his entire squad were killed by the ship's Artificial Intelligence, Penny Royal, which turned rogue. Now, reliving these traumatic final moments, Spear finds the drive to keep on living. That drive is vengeance. The AI still roams free and Spear vows to destroy it, planning to exploit another of its victims in his quest. But crime-lord Isobel Satomi has been modified by Penny Royal, turning her into something far from human. And as she evolves into the ultimate predator, will she turn Spear from hunter to hunted?

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## Rich and Rare

Paul Collins



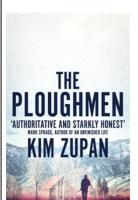
An anthology can be compared to a patchwork quilt, sewn by many hands. Each piece in the patchwork is different: distinctive in texture, shape, pattern, colour. Each piece, separately created, has its own individuality, is self contained, and could exist on its own. You are about to enjoy some of Australia's best stories, poetry and artwork from the likes of: Shaun Tan, Leigh Hobbs, James Roy, Justin D'Ath, Kirsty Murray, Simon Higgins, Gary Crew, Scot Gardner and many others..

## The Ploughmen

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Kim Zupan



John Gload is a seventy-seven-year-old murderer. He has been killing for over half a century before he is caught for the first time. Valentine Millimaki is the young man in the Copper County sheriff's department who draws the overnight shift after Gload's arrest. He is tasked with getting the killer to confess to a string of unsolved murders. Gload and Millimaki sit across from each other in the dark, swapping stories and secrets. As sheriff and criminal talk through the bars night after night, Millimaki's safety is threatened within his own department. Then a brazen act of violence leads to a manhunt and a stunning revelation that ensures Gload's past and Millimaki's future are forever entwined.

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Avelynn

Marissa Campbell

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It is 869. For 18 years, Avelynn, the beautiful and secretly

pagan daughter of the Eadlorman of Somerset has lived in

war threatening their land, her father forces Avelynn into a

betrothal with Demas, a man who only covets her wealth

and status. The dreaded marriage looming, she turns to

her faith, searching for answers in an ancient ritual along the coast, only to find Alrik the Blood-Axe and sixty Viking berserkers have landed. Alrik is unlike any man she has

ever known, strong and intriguing. As the Saxons and

Vikings go to war, Avelynn and Alrik find themselves caught in the throes of fate. Can they be true to their

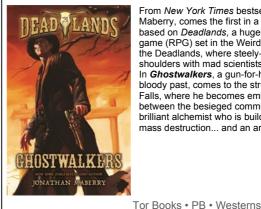
an environment of love and acceptance. She hasn't yet found a man to make her heart race, but her father has not pressured her to get married. Until now. With whispers of

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#### **Ghostwalkers**

Jonathan Maberry



From New York Times bestselling author, Jonathan Maberry, comes the first in a thrilling series of novels based on *Deadlands*, a hugely successful role-playing game (RPG) set in the Weird, Weird West. Welcome to the Deadlands, where steely-eyed gunfighters rub shoulders with mad scientists and dark, unnatural forces. In Ghostwalkers, a gun-for-hire, literally haunted by his bloody past, comes to the struggling town of Paradise Falls, where he becomes embroiled in a deadly conflict between the besieged community and a diabolically brilliant alchemist who is building terrible new weapons of mass destruction... and an army of the living dead!

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people as well as to each other?



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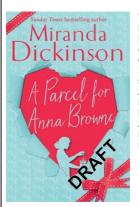
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### A Parcel for Anna Browne

Miranda Dickinson



The gift of a lifetime? Anna Browne is an ordinary woman living an ordinary life. Her day job as a receptionist in bustling London isn't exactly her dream, yet she has everything she wants. But someone thinks Anna Browne deserves more... When a parcel addressed to Anna Browne arrives, she has no idea who has sent it. Inside she finds a beautiful gift - one that is designed to be seen. And so begins a series of incredible deliveries, each one bringing Anna further out of the shadows and encouraging her to become the woman she was destined to be. As Anna grows in confidence, others begin to notice her and her life starts to change. But who is sending these mysterious gifts, and why?

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**Saving Sophie** Ronald H Balson

Jack Sommers was just an ordinary accountant from Chicago. That is, until his wife passed away, his young daughter was kidnapped, and he became the main suspect in an \$88 million dollar embezzlement case. Now Jack is on the run, hoping to avoid the feds long enough to rescue his daughter, Sophie, from her grandfather, a suspected terrorist in Palestine. With the help of investigative team Liam and Catherine, and a new CIA operative, a secret mission is launched to not only rescue Sophie but also to thwart a major terrorist attack in Hebron.

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#### Boy, Snow, Bird Helen Oyeyemi



Boy Novak turns 20 and decides to try for a brand-new life. Flax Hill, Massachusetts, isn't exactly a welcoming town, but it does have the virtue of being the last stop on the bus route she took from New York. Flax Hill is also the hometown of Arturo Whitman - craftsman, widower and father of Snow. Snow is mild-mannered, radiant and deeply cherished - exactly the sort of little girl Boy never was, and Boy is utterly beguiled by her. If Snow displays a certain inscrutability at times, that's simply a characteristic she shares with her father, harmless until Boy gives birth to Snow's sister, Bird. When Bird is born, Boy is forced to re-evaluate the image Arturo's family have presented to her and Boy, Snow and Bird are broken apart.

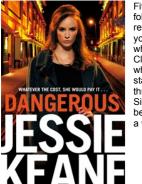
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#### **Dangerous**

Jessie Keane



Fifteen-year-old Clara Dolan's world is blown apart following the death of her mother. Battling to keep what remains of her family together, Clara vows to protect her younger siblings, Bernadette and Harry, from danger, whatever the cost. With the arrival of the swinging 60s Clara finds herself swept up in London's dark underworld where the glamour of Soho's dazzling nightclubs sits in stark contrast to the terrifying gangland violence that threatens the new life she has worked so hard to build. Sinking further into an existence defined by murder and betrayal, Clara soon realizes that success often comes at a very high price...

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#### Quartet in Autumn

Barbara Pym



In 1970s London, Edwin, Norman, Letty and Marcia work in the same office and suffer the same problem loneliness. With delightful humour, Pym takes us through their day-to-day existence: their preoccupations, their irritations, their judgements; and, perhaps most keenly felt, their worries about having somehow missed out on life as post-war Britain shifted around them. Deliciously, blackly funny and full of obstinate optimism, Quartet in Autumn shows Barbara Pym's sensitive artistry at its most sparkling. A classic from one of Britain's most loved and highly acclaimed novelists, its world is both extraordinary and familiar, revealing the eccentricities of everyday life.

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#### The Little Prince

Antoine de Saint-Exupérv



All grown-ups were children once (but most of them have forgotten). A pilot who has crash landed in the desert awakes to see an extraordinary little boy. "Please," asks the stranger, "will you draw me a little lamb?" Baffled by the little prince's incessant questioning, the pilot pulls out his pencil, and starts to draw. As the little prince's curiosity takes them further on their journey together, the pilot is able to piece together an understanding of the tiny planet from which the prince has come and of his incredible travels across the universe

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### The Wrong Girl

David Hewson



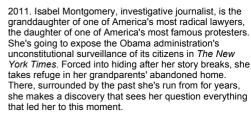
Amsterdam is bursting at the seams with families trying to get a glimpse of their hero. The police are out in force, struggling to manage the crowds on one of the busiest days of the year. The first grenade hits. In the chaos a young girl is kidnapped; the daughter of an impoverished Georgian prostitute, friendless and trapped in the web of vice that is Amsterdam's Red Light District. As the security forces and the police clash over the ensuing investigation the perpetrator's horrifying demands become clear. Brigadier Pieter Vos, trapped in a turf war with state intelligence, tries to unravel a conspiracy that reaches from the brothels of the city to the hierarchy of the security services.

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Neil Gordon



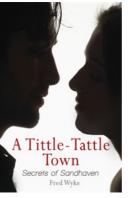
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A Tittle-Tattle Town

Fred Wyke



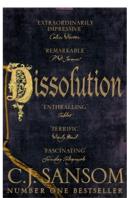
A Tittle-Tattle Town is set in the fictitious town of Sandhaven Creek in remote Australia. The residents live a quiet and comfortable lifestyle - that is until a dangerous secret boils to the surface and changes their lives forever. The year is 1997. Ilma, a married woman in her thirties, is immediately drawn to a young and handsome newcomer, Rod. A passionate and electrifying affair between the two soon begins. Suspicion rises among Ilma's friends and her husband, the town's most prominent and respected citizen. Ilma plans to leave the district with Rod and starting a new life. But Rod, a suspicious man with a murky past, has different ideas.

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C. J. Sansom



It is 1537, a time of revolution that sees the greatest changes in England since 1066. Henry VIII has proclaimed himself Supreme Head of the Church and the country is waking up to savage new laws, rigged trials and the greatest network of informers ever seen. Under the order of Thomas Cromwell, the monasteries are to be dissolved. But on the Sussex coast, at the monastery of Scarnsea, events have spiralled out of control. Cromwell's Commissioner Robin Singleton, has been found beheaded. His horrific murder is accompanied by equally sinister acts of sacrilege - a black cockerel sacrificed on the altar, and the disappearance of Scarnsea's Great

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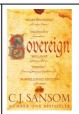


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#### Dark Fire: A Shardlake Novel 2

C. J. Sansom

It is 1540 and the hottest summer of the sixteenth century. Matthew Shardlake, believing himself out of favour with Thomas Cromwell, is busy trying to maintain his legal practice and keep a low profile. But his involvement with a murder case, defending a girl accused of brutally murdering her young cousin, brings him once again into contact with the king's chief minister - and a new assignment. An official of the Court of Augmentations has discovered the secret of Greek Fire, the legendary substance by which the Byzantines destroyed the Arab navies; lost for centuries. When Shardlake is sent to recover it, he finds the official and his alchemist brother horribly murdered - the formula has disappeared.



#### Sovereign: A Shardlake Novel 3

C. J. Sansom

Autumn, 1541. King Henry VIII has set out on a spectacular Progress to the North to attend Autumn, 1541. King Henry VIII has set out on a spectacular Progress to the North to attend an extravagant submission of his rebellious subjects in York. Shardlake has reluctantly undertaken a special mission for the Archbishop Crammer - to ensure the welfare of an important but dangerous conspirator being returned to London for interrogation. But the murder of a local glazier involves Shardlake in deeper mysteries, connected not only to the prisoner but to the royal family itself. And when Shardlake stumbles upon secret papers which could threaten the Tudor throne, a chain of events unfolds that will lead to Shardlake facing the most terrifying fate of the age...

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C. J. Sansom

Spring, 1543. King Henry VIII is attempting to woo Lady Catherine Parr. Archbishop Cranmer and the embattled Protestant faction at court are watching keenly, for Lady Catherine is known to have reformist sympathies. Matthew Shardlake, meanwhile, is working on the case of a teenage boy, a religious maniac locked in the Bedlam hospital for the insane. Should he be released to his parents, when his terrifying actions could lead to him being burned as a heretic? When an old friend is horrifically murdered Shardlake promises his widow, for whom he has long had complicated feelings, to bring the killer to justice. His search leads him to both Cranmer and Catherine Parr - and the dark prophecies of the Book of Revelation



#### Heartstone: A Shardlake Novel 5

C. J. Sansom

Summer, 1545. England is at war. Henry VIII's invasion of France has gone badly and a massive French fleet is preparing to sail across the Channel. As the English fleet gathers at Portsmouth, the country raises the largest militia army it has ever seen. The King has at Portsmouth, the country raises the largest militia army it has ever seen. The King has debased the currency to pay for the war, and England is in the grip of an economic crisis. Meanwhile Matthew Shardlake is asked to investigate claims of "monstrous wrongs" committed against a young ward of the court, which have already involved one mysterious death. Shardlake finds himself in a city preparing to become a war zone; and he takes the opportunity to also investigate the mysterious past of a young woman incarcerated in Bedlam Hospital. The emerging mysteries around the young ward, and the events that destroyed Ellen's family 19 years before, involve Shardlake in reunions both with an old friend and an old enemy close to the throne.

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#### The Desert Rose

Larry McMurtry

Bittersweet, funny and touching, *The Desert Rose* is the story of Harmony, a Las Vegas showgirl. At night she's a lead dancer in a gambling casino; during the day she raises peacocks. She's one of a dying breed of dancers, faced with fewer and fewer jobs and an even bleaker future. Yet she maintains a calm cheerfulness in that arid neon landscape of supermarkets, drive-in wedding chapels, and all-night casinos. While Harmony's star is fading, her beautiful, cynical daughter Pepper is on the rise. But Harmony remains wistful and optimistic through it all - the unexpected blossom in the wasteland, the tough and tender desert rose



#### All My Friends Are Going to be Strangers

Larry McMurtry

Danny Deck is on the verge of success as an author, when he flees Houston and hurtles unexpectedly into the hearts of three women: a girlfriend who makes him happy but who won't stay; a neighbour as generous as she is lusty; and his pal, Emma Horton. Ranging wont stay, a neignoour as generous as site is losty, and his pair, Enthria Horioth. Ranging from Texas to California on a young writer's journey in a car he calls El Chevy, Danny embarks on a wild ride towards literary fame and an unchartered border country. All My Friends Are Going to Be Strangers is one of Pulitzer Prize winner Larry McMurtry's most vital and entertaining novels, a wonderful display of his ability to recreate the subtle textures of feelings, the claims of passing time and familiar places, and the rich interlocking swirl of people's lives.

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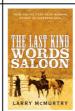
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#### **Terms of Endearment**

Larry McMurtry

In this acclaimed novel that inspired the Academy Award-winning film, Pulitzer Prize winner Larry McMurtry created two unforgettable characters who won the hearts of readers and film-goers everywhere: Aurora Greenway and her daughter, Emma. Aurora is the kind of woman who makes the whole world orbit around her, including a string of devoted suitors. Widowed and overprotective of her daughter, Aurora adapts at her own pace until life sends two enormous challenges her way: Emma's hasty marriage and subsequent battle with cancer. **Terms of Endearment** is the story of an unforgettable mother and her feisty daughter and their struggle to find the courage and humour to live through life's hazards - and to love each other as never before.



#### The Last Kind Words Saloon

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