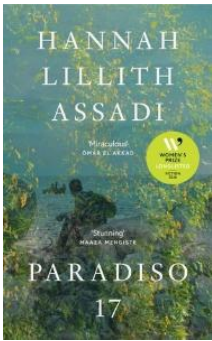


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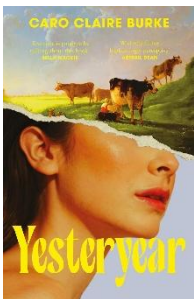
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Paradiso 17 **Hannah Lillith Assadi**

published 2026

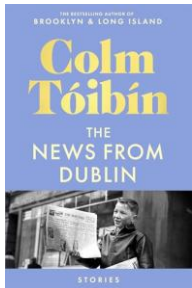
Born in Palestine on the precipice of 1948's Nakba, Sufien is forced to leave. He spends the rest of his life propelled forward: in the oil-rich desert of Kuwait, in a small Italian university town, to New York where he discovers his true vocation. Until finally, he finds himself recalled to the wild, vast open skies of a desert much like his first home. *Paradiso 17* is haunted with grief and yet it is also struck through with the dazzling light of a life truly lived and a love that connects us, no matter our distance.



Yesteryear **Caro Claire Burke**

published 2026

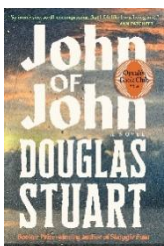
Natalie lives a traditional lifestyle – and has the social media accounts to prove it: her charming farmhouse, her husband, her homemade sourdough... So, what if there are nannies and producers and industrial-grade ovens behind the scenes? Then, one morning, Natalie wakes up in a strange version of reality. Her home, her husband, her children—they're all familiar, but something's off. Is this a hoax? A reality show? Natalie knows just two things for sure: this isn't her perfect life, and she must escape.



The News from Dublin: Stories **Colm Tóibín**

published 2026

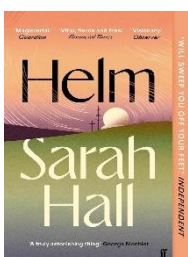
Tóibín's stories are rich with the complexities of family dynamics, the haunting pull of the past, and the quiet revelations that define our lives. His characters, whether navigating the aftermath of war, or forbidden love, or the desires of a girl in Catalan, or the quiet struggles mundane life, are rendered with illuminating, unforgettable empathy and insight.



John of John **Douglas Stuart**

published 2026

John-Calum Macleod takes the ferry back home to the island of Harris to find that little has changed except for him. In the croft where he grew up, Cal resumes his old life, stuck between the two poles of his childhood: his father John, a sheep farmer and his maternal grandmother Ella who has kept a faltering peace with her son-in-law for several decades.

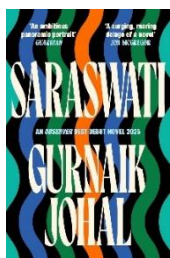


Helm **Sarah Hall**

published 2025

Helm is a ferocious, mischievous wind. Through the stories of those who've obsessed over Helm, an extraordinary history is formed: the Neolithic tribe who tried to placate Helm, the Dark Age wizard priest who wanted to banish Helm, the Victorian steam engineer who attempted to capture Helm and the farmer's daughter who fiercely loved Helm. But now Dr. Selima Sutar, surrounded by infinite clouds and measuring instruments in her observation hut, fears human pollution is killing Helm.

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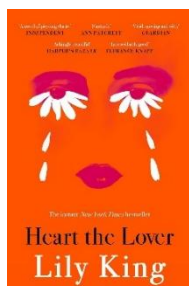


Saraswati

Gurnaik Johal

published 2025

Centuries ago, the myths say, the holy river Saraswati flowed through what is now Northern India. But when Satnam arrives in his ancestral village for his grandmother's funeral, he is astonished to find water in the long-dry well behind her house. The discovery sets in motion a contentious scheme to unearth the lost river and build a gleaming new city on its banks...



Casey Peabody #2

Heart the Lover

Lily King

published 2025

She was in her senior year of college when star students Sam and Yash swept her into their intoxicating world. Their lives became quickly intertwined - with friendship but also with unpredictable passions and the intimations of first love. Decades later, she is a successful writer, living a comfortable life with her husband and children, when a surprise visit brings the past crashing into the present, forcing her to confront the decisions and deceptions of her youth.



The Ghosts Of Rome

Joseph O'Connor

published 2025

February 1944. Six months since Nazi forces occupied Rome. Contessa Giovanna Landini works for the band of Escape Line activists known as 'the Choir'. Her mission is to smuggle Allied soldiers to safety, all under the nose of Gestapo boss Paul Hauptmann. During a ferocious morning air raid a mysterious parachutist lands in Rome and disappears into the backstreets. Is he an ally or an imposter? His fate will come to put the whole Escape Line at risk.

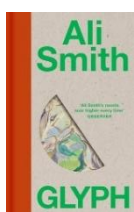


One Summer in Provence

Carol Drinkwater

published 2025

Celia Grey appears to have the perfect life, living with her husband Dominic on a glorious vineyard in the south of France. To celebrate their good fortune, she decides to throw a party. When she is contacted by a stranger who claims to be her long-lost son, David. Is David really Celia's son? And who is the mysterious young woman travelling with him?



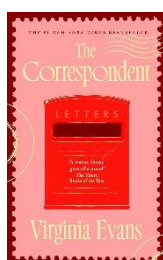
Gliff #2

Glyph

Ali Smith

published 2025

A funny, warm and clear-eyed take on where we are now, Glyph is about what our imaginations are for and how, in a broken, brutal and divided time, we rekindle care, solidarity, resistance and openness.



The Correspondent

Virginia Evans

published 2025

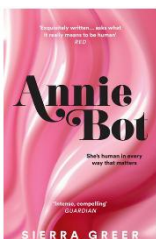
At seventy-three, Sybil has used her correspondence to make sense of the world. But beyond the page, she has spent the last thirty years keeping the people who love her at arms' length... Until letters from someone in her past force her to examine one of the most painful periods of her life. Now, Sybil must send the letter she has been writing for all these years - and find forgiveness within herself in order to move on.

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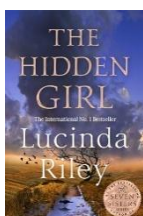
If My Country Had a Jury **Olabisi Ajakaiye** *published 2024*

Alade, an aspiring litigant, is recently employed in the Office of the Public Defender and charged with the task of prosecuting an affluent degenerate, with little in terms of evidence. Along with his friend and a colleague, they battle a legal shyster of stellar repute in a courtroom filled with biased jurors. Will justice prevail, or once again be defeated by the whims of the upper echelons?



Annie Bot **Sierra Greer** *published 2024*

Annie Bot was created to be the perfect girlfriend for her human owner, Doug. Designed to satisfy his emotional and physical needs. She's trying hard. She's learning, too. Doug says he loves that Annie's artificial intelligence makes her seem more like a real woman, but the more human Annie becomes, the less perfectly she behaves...



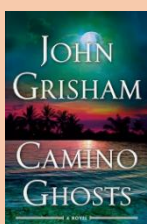
The hidden girl **Lucinda Riley** *published 2024*

The Hidden Girl traces the life of Leah Thompson, who rises from humble beginnings in rural Yorkshire to take the modelling world by storm. But her association with the Delancey family dominates her life. The secrets they hide from one another start to explode into nightmares of thwarted ambition, forbidden love, revenge and murder.



Camino Island #2 Camino Winds **John Grisham** *published 2020*

Just as Bruce Cable's Bay Books is preparing for the return of bestselling author Mercer Mann, Hurricane Leo veers from its predicted course and heads straight for the island. Florida's governor orders a mandatory evacuation, and most residents board up their houses and flee to the mainland, but Bruce decides to stay and ride out the storm.



Camino Island #3 Camino Ghosts **John Grisham** *published 2024*

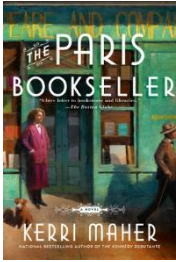
Mercer Mann, a popular writer from Camino Island, is back on the beach, marrying her boyfriend, Thomas. Bruce Cable, infamous owner of Bay Books, performs the seaside wedding. Afterward, Bruce tells Mercer that he has stumbled upon an incredible story. Mercer needs an idea for her next novel, and Bruce now has one.



I Will Find You **Harlan Coben** *published 2023*

In this breathtaking thriller from a New York Times bestselling author, an innocent father serving life for the murder of his own son receives evidence that his child may still be alive—and must break out of prison to find out the truth.

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The Paris Bookseller

Kerri Maher

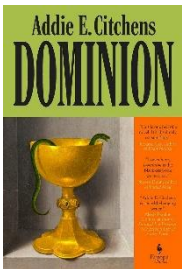
published 2022

When Sylvia Beach opens Shakespeare and Company on a quiet street in Paris in 1919, she has no idea that she will change the course of literature itself. Many of the prominent writers of the Lost Generation, like Ernest Hemingway, consider it a second home. When Joyce's controversial novel Ulysses is banned, Beach takes a massive risk and publishes it under the auspices of Shakespeare and Company.

Dominion

Addie E. Citchens

published 2025



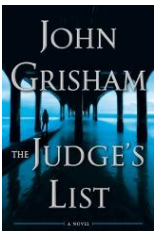
Reverend Sabre Winfrey, shepherd of the Seven Seals Baptist Church, believes in God. He has an iron hand on every aspect of Dominion, Mississippi, society. He and his wife, Priscilla, have five boys; the youngest, Emanuel, is called Wonderboy. After a surprising encounter with a stranger, Wonderboy finds himself confronted by questions he'd never imagined, and his response will send shock waves through the entire community.



Ernest Cunningham #1 **Everyone In My Family Has Killed Someone** **Benjamin Stevenson**

published 2022

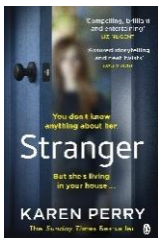
I was dreading the Cunningham family reunion even before the first murder. The thing is, us Cunninghams don't really get along. We've only got one thing in common: we've all killed someone. When they find the first body in the snow, it's clear that only a Cunningham could have committed the crime - and it's up to me to prove it.



The Whistler #2 **The Judge's List** **John Grisham**

published 2021

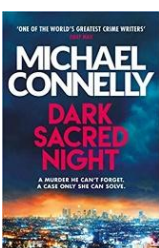
In The Whistler, Lacy Stoltz investigated a corrupt judge who was taking millions in bribes from a crime syndicate. She put the criminals away, but only after being attacked and nearly killed. Three years later, and approaching forty, she is tired of her work for the Florida Board on Judicial Conduct and ready for a change.



Stranger **Karen Perry**

published 2021

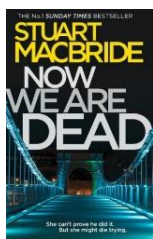
Abi's daughters couldn't be more different. She's always felt close to Eva - her confident, older child. It's troubled young Beth that she worries about. So when foreign exchange student Corinne comes to stay, it's a relief that Beth finally has someone to talk to. But soon after Corinne's arrival, Abi notices changes creeping in.



Renée Ballard #2 **Dark Sacred Night** **Michael Connelly**

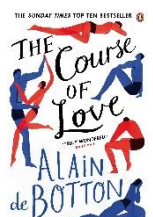
published 2018

Renée Ballard is working the night beat again, and returns to Hollywood Station in the early hours only to find a stranger rifling through old file cabinets. The intruder is retired detective Harry Bosch, working a cold case. Ballard kicks him out, but then checks into the case herself and it brings a deep tug of empathy and anger.



D.S. Roberta Steel #1 **Now We Are Dead** **Stuart MacBride** *published 2017*

DC Inspector Roberta Steel got caught fitting up Jack Wallace – that's why they demoted her and quashed his sentence. Now he's back on the streets and women are being attacked again. The top brass have made it very clear that if Steel goes anywhere near him, she'll be thrown off the force for good. But she can't just do nothing



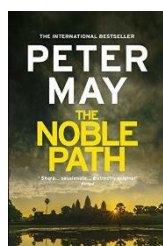
The Course of Love **Alain de Botton** *published 2016*

This is a love story with a difference. From dating to marriage, from having kids to having affairs, it follows the progress of a single ordinary relationship: tender, messy, hilarious, painful, and entirely un-Romantic. It is a love story for the modern world.



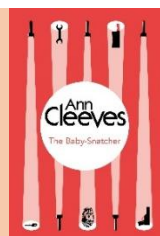
Neverhome **Laird Hunt** *published 2014*

Meet Gallant Ash: hero, folk legend and master of war. Ash is a leader of men and a brutal and fearless soldier. Will look you dead in the eye and kill for no reason. But Ash has a secret. Gallant Ash is a woman. This is her story.



The Noble Path **Peter May** *published 1992*

Cambodia, 1978. Amid the Khmer Rouge's crazed genocide, Jack Elliott is given the impossible task of rescuing a family from the regime. Eighteen-year-old orphan and budding journalist Lisa Robinson has received the impossible news that her father is, in fact, alive. His name - Jack Elliott. As Jack tracks the hostages and Lisa traces her heritage, each is intent on reuniting a family.



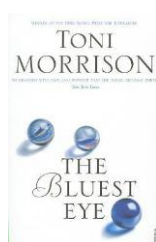
Inspector Ramsay #6 **The Baby Snatcher** **Ann Cleeves** *published 1997*

When fifteen-year-old Marilyn Howe turns up alone and frightened on Inspector Ramsay's doorstep he has little choice but to invite her in. Marilyn and her mother, Kathleen, are a familiar sight around Heppleburn, a strangely inseparable couple. But Kathleen has unaccountably failed to return home that evening, and Marilyn is fearful for her mother's safety.



Inspector Ramsay #2 **Murder in My Backyard** **Ann Cleeves** *published 1991*

No one in Heppleburn has a bad word to say about Alice Parry. But, here she is, murdered in her own backyard on a bitter St David's Eve. When detective Stephen Ramsay starts asking questions in the village, a more ambiguous picture begins to emerge. Yes, old Mrs. Parry was loved by everyone, but sometimes her kindness caused trouble.



The Bluest Eye **Toni Morrison** *published 1970*

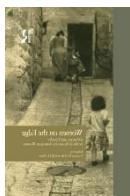
Pecola Breedlove, the main character of the novel, is a young black girl who comes from a financially unstable family. Between a combination of facing domestic violence, bullying, sexual assault, and living in a community that associates beauty with whiteness, she intensely suffers from low self-esteem and views herself to be ugly. The title *The Bluest Eye* refers to Pecola's fervent wishes to have beautiful blue eyes.

NON FICTION



Green Cane and Juicy Flotsam: Short Stories by Caribbean Women
Carmen C. Esteves (Editor), Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert *published 1991*

This collection of short stories features moving tales from the rich Caribbean oral tradition, stories that question women's traditional roles, present women's perspectives on the history of Caribbean slavery and colonialism, and convey the beautiful cadences of the language of Caribbean women.



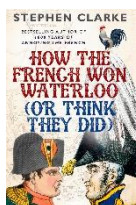
Women on the Edge: Ethnicity and Gender in Short Stories by American Women
Corinne Dale (Editor), J.H.E. Paine (Foreword) *published 1998*

This collection of essays explores the intertwining social conditions of ethnicity and gender as they are represented in short stories by contemporary American women.



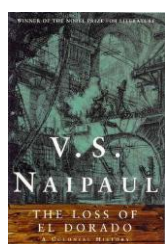
The Last Assassin **Peter Stothard** *published 2020*

Many men killed Julius Caesar. Only one man was determined to kill the killers. From the spring of 44 BC through one of the most dramatic and influential periods in history, Caesar's adopted son, Octavian, the future Emperor Augustus, exacted vengeance on the assassins of the Ides of March, not only on Brutus and Cassius, immortalized by Shakespeare, but all the others too, each with his own individual story.



How the French Won Waterloo: Or Think They Did **Stephen Clarke** 2015

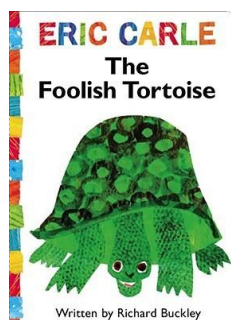
Two centuries after the Battle of Waterloo, the French are still in denial. Stephen Clarke has studied the French version of Waterloo, as told by battle veterans, novelists, historians – right up to today's politicians, and he has uncovered a story of pain, patriotism and sheer perversion...



The Loss of El Dorado: A Colonial History **V.S. Naipaul** *published 1969*

The Loss of El Dorado exposes the cruelties of slavery and torture and their consequences on all strata of society in a moving account which penetrates aspects of a complex society more often overlooked by professional historians. This is a brilliantly written narrative history of scandals, betrayal, colonization and forgotten lands.

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