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## KPL Fiction Spotlight January 2017

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### Nutshell

by Ian McEwan

Published 2016 by Nan A. Talese

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780385542074

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#### Jacket Notes:

**New from the bestselling author of *Atonement* and *The Children Act***

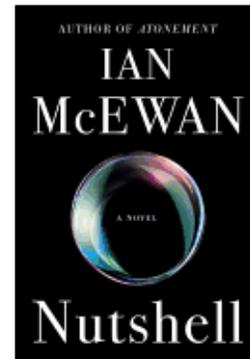
Trudy has betrayed her husband, John. She's still in the marital home a dilapidated, priceless London townhouse but John's not there. Instead, she's with his brother, the profoundly banal Claude, and the two of them have a plan. But there is a witness to their plot: the inquisitive, nine-month-old resident of Trudy's womb.

Told from a perspective unlike any other, *Nutshell* is a classic tale of murder and deceit from one of the world's master storytellers."

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Publishers Weekly 07/25/2016

McEwan's latest novel is short, smart, and narrated by an unborn baby. The narrator describes himself upside down in his mother's womb, arms crossed, doing slow motion somersaults, almost full-term, wondering about the future. His mother listens to the radio, audiobooks, and podcasts, so just from listening he has acquired knowledge of current events, music, literature, and history. From experience, he has formed opinions about wine and human behavior. What he has learned of the world has him using his umbilical cord as worry beads, but his greatest concern comes from overhearing his mother and her lover plotting to kill his father. The mother, Trudy, is separated from John, the father. John is overweight, suffers from psoriasis, and, perhaps most annoying for Trudy, loves to recite poetry. Trudy's lover, Claude, is a libidinous real estate developer who covets both John's wife and their highly marketable London home. Claude also happens to be John's brother. Echoes of "Hamlet" resound in the plans for fratricide, a ghost, and the baby's contemplation of shuffling off his mortal coil. The murder plot structures the novel as a crime caper, McEwan-style, that is, laced with linguistic legerdemain, cultural references, and insights into human ingenuity and pettiness. Packed with humor and tinged with suspense, this gem resembles a sonnet the narrator recalls hearing his father recite: brief, dense, bitter, suggestive of unrequited and unmanageable longing, surprising, and surprisingly affecting. "150,000-copy announced first printing. (Sept.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.



## Apprentice in Death

by J D Robb

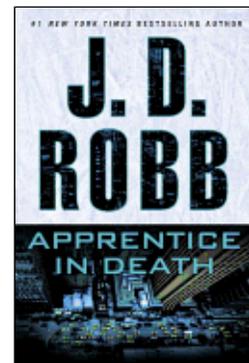
Published 2016 by Berkley Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781101987971

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### Jacket Notes:

**Lieutenant Eve Dallas returns in a fast-paced new novel from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author J. D. Robb.**



### *Nature versus nurture...*

The shots came quickly, silently, and with deadly accuracy. Within seconds, three people were dead at Central Park's ice-skating rink. The victims: a talented young skater, a doctor, and a teacher. As random as random can be.

Eve Dallas has seen a lot of killers during her time with the NYPSD but never one like this. A review of the security videos reveals that the victims were killed with a tactical laser rifle fired by a sniper, who could have been miles away when the trigger was pulled. And though the list of locations where the shooter could have set up seems endless, the number of people with that particular skill set is finite: police, military, professional killer.

Eve's husband, Roarke, has unlimited resources and genius at his disposal. And when his computer program leads Eve to the location of the sniper, she learns a shocking fact: There were two one older, one younger. Someone is being trained by an expert in the science of killing, and they have an agenda. Central Park was just a warm-up. And as another sniper attack shakes the city to its core, Eve realizes that though we're all shaped by the people around us, there are those who are just born evil..."

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Publishers Weekly 07/11/2016

At the start of bestseller Robb's exceptional 43rd Eve Dallas thriller set in a near-future New York City (after "Brotherhood in Death", three ice skaters are shot dead at Wollman Rink in Central Park. Adding to the difficulty of the murder investigation is the weapon used—a tactical laser rifle with a range up to two miles. Eve's team swings into action, as does tech-genius husband Roarke, in an effort to locate the firing site and to determine whether all the victims were random or one or more were targeted. On discovering the sniper nest, they realize that there are two people responsible for the shooting, and there will be more attacks; the second soon follows in Times Square, where four people die, including a cop. Feverish police work manages to identify the killers—a mentor and his trainee—and the race is on to stop them. Robb is in peak form as she blends intense action and clever twists with a stellar cast headed by the indomitable Lt. Eve Dallas. Agent: Amy Berkower, Writers House. (Sept.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

## Wonder

by Emma Donoghue

Published 2016 by Little Brown and Company

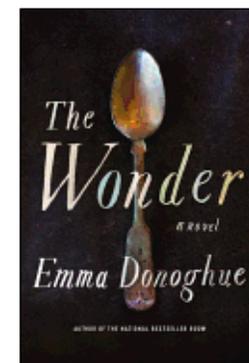
Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316393874

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### Jacket Notes:

**Named a Notable Book of 2016 by the *Washington Post*, one of *Kirkus Reviews*' "Best 100 Fiction Books of 2016," and one of *Fresh Air*'s Maureen Corrigan's 10 Best Books of 2016**

**\*The latest masterpiece by Emma Donoghue, bestselling author of *Room*\***



In the latest masterpiece by Emma Donoghue, bestselling author of *Room*, an English nurse brought to a small Irish village to observe what appears to be a

miracle—a girl said to have survived without food for months—soon finds herself fighting to save the child's life.

Tourists flock to the cabin of eleven-year-old Anna O'Donnell, who believes herself to be living off manna from heaven, and a journalist is sent to cover the sensation. Lib Wright, a veteran of Florence Nightingale's Crimean campaign, is hired to keep watch over the girl.

Written with all the propulsive tension that made *Room* a huge bestseller, *THE WONDER* works beautifully on many levels—a tale of two strangers who transform each other's lives, a powerful psychological thriller, and a story of love pitted against evil. **ACCLAIM FOR *THE WONDER*:** "Deliciously gothic.... Dark and vivid, with complicated characters, this is a novel that lodges itself deep" (*USA Today*, 3/4 stars); "Heartbreaking and transcendent" (*New York Times*); "A fable as lean and discomfiting as Anna's dwindling body.... Donoghue keeps us riveted" (*Chicago Tribune*); "Donoghue poses powerful questions about faith and belief" (*Newsday*)

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Publishers Weekly 07/04/2016

Donoghue demonstrates her versatility by dabbling in a wide range of literary styles in this latest novel. Set mostly in a small, spare room inside a shabby cabin in rural 1850s Ireland, the closely imagined, intricately drawn story possesses many of the same alluring qualities as her bestseller, "Room." Lib, a widow and former nurse, is summoned from London to the peat-smelling village of Athlone for a fortnight to assess whether 11-year-old living marvela Anna OaDonnell has truly been able to survive without food for four months. It could be some sort of hoax perpetrated by the girl's family or the village parish, and Lib confidently assumes that it'll be an open-and-shut case. But as each day passes and Anna's health suddenly begins to deteriorate, not only does Lib grow more attached to the earnest girl, but she also becomes convinced that Anna's reasons for fasting—a recently deceased brother, devotion to God, her parents' influence—run far deeper than Lib imagined. Inspired by the true cases of nearly 50 fasting girls who lived throughout the British Isles, western Europe, and North America between the 16th and 20th centuries and became renowned for living without food for long periods of time, Donoghue's engrossing novel is loaded with descriptions of period customs and 19th-century Catholic devotional objects and prayers. Even with its tidy ending, the novel asks daring questions about just how far some might go to prove their faith. "(Sept.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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## Daisy in Chains

by S J Bolton

Published 2016 by Minotaur Books

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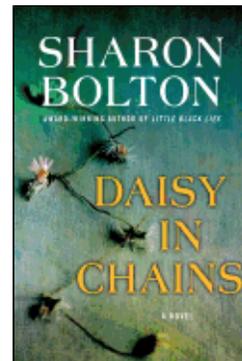
### Jacket Notes:

"He's a serial killer. A murderer of young women, all killed in brutal attacks. But despite Hamish Wolfe's conviction, he's always stuck to his story—he's innocent and he's been wrongly imprisoned. And now he wants someone to investigate and, more importantly, to write his story. Maggie Rose is a notorious defense attorney and writer whose specialty is getting convictions overturned. At first, Maggie is reluctant to even acknowledge Hamish's requests to meet, ignoring his letters. But this is a very charismatic and persuasive man, good-looking and intelligent. Eventually even she can't resist his lure."--

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Publishers Weekly 07/18/2016

Cancer-surgeon Hamish Wolfe, the villain of this plodding and predictable thriller from Mary Higgins Clark Award winner Bolton ("Little Black Lies", is stuck at Parkhurst prison on the Isle of Wight, having been convicted two years earlier for the murders of three overweight women in Somerset. The outside campaign to secure his release, known as the Wolfe Pack and led by his mother, reaches out to reclusive but successful attorney and author Maggie Rose, whose success rate for overturning the guilty convictions of seemingly heinous criminals is astonishing. Rose, who's reluctant to invest time in a case that seems airtight, befriends Det. Sgt. Pete Weston, the case's lead detective. At first, nothing points to another killer, but Rose smells a rat. She wades into the murky waters of Wolfe's Oxford past and the socially charged debate over body image that plagues the case and its victims. In a text overflowing with letters and emails, Bolton leaves little room for any real suspense or richly developed characters. Agent: Anne-Marie Doulton, Ampersand Agency (U.K.). (Sept.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.



## Today Will Be Different

by Maria Semple

Published 2016 by Little Brown and Company

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316403436

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### Jacket Notes:

**A brilliant novel from the author of *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*, about a day in the life of Eleanor Flood, forced to abandon her small ambitions and awake to a strange, new future.**

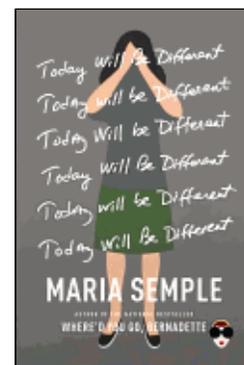
Eleanor knows she's a mess. But today, she will tackle the little things. She will shower and get dressed. She will have her poetry and yoga lessons after dropping off her son, Timby. She won't swear. She will initiate sex with her husband, Joe. But before she can put her modest plan into action—life happens. Today, it turns out, is the day Timby has decided to fake sick to weasel his way into his mother's company. It's also the day Joe has chosen to tell his office—but not Eleanor—that he's on vacation. Just when it seems like things can't go more awry, an encounter with a former colleague produces a graphic memoir whose dramatic tale threatens to reveal a buried family secret.

TODAY WILL BE DIFFERENT is a hilarious, heart-filled story about reinvention, sisterhood, and how sometimes it takes facing up to our former selves to truly begin living.

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Publishers Weekly 07/11/2016

On the fateful day she decides to be her abest self, a Eleanor Flooda cult-famous cartoonist, mother, wife, cynica spirals from one catastrophe to the next. Her day quickly turns hectic when her son, Timby, comes home sick from school. Hoping his father might help, Eleanor instead begins to suspect her surgeon husband is having an affair when his receptionist acts cagey. Eleanoras ego is bruised when she realizes an underling she fired years ago is now a famous artist, she dodges calls from her publisher about a long-passed deadline for her graphic memoir, and, finally, she suffers what may be a concussion after crashing headfirst into a sculpture. The latest from Semple ("*Wheread You Go, Bernadette?*") is a sharp, funny read, and the author injects quirky elementsa drawings, a comic book, photocopies of poemsa to add another layer of enjoyment. Though Eleanor is snarky, her troubles and growing calamities are engaging. Some of her encounters are a bit too convenient, and the trope of a aday from hella makes for shallow interactions between characters, but Semple augments these first-person antics with third-person sections that dig deep into Eleanoras past, finding particular resonance when telling the story of Ivy, the sister Eleanor feels she has lost to a wealthy husband in New Orleans. In the end, the novel wraps up too neatly, but the ride is consistently entertaining. "Agent: Anna Stein, ICM Partners. (Oct.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.



## Friday on My Mind

by Nicci French

Published 2016 by Penguin Books

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9780143127222

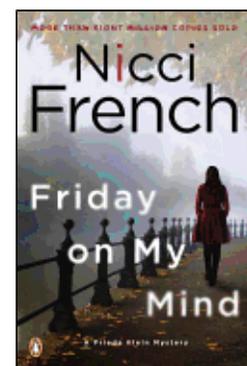
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### Jacket Notes:

**In Nicci s French s thrilling fifth book, London psychotherapist Frieda Klein herself becomes the prime suspect in a murder**

A bloated corpse turns up in the Thames, throat slashed, and the only clue is a hospital wristband reading *Dr. F. Klein*. Frieda is taken to see the body and realizes with horror that it is Sandy, her ex-boyfriend. She s certain that the killer is Dean Reeve the man who has never stopped haunting her. But the police think he has been dead for years, and Frieda is their number one suspect. With few options, Frieda goes on the run to save herself and try to uncover the truth.

**Praise for the Frieda Klein Mystery series:**



Fierce, fascinating, and full of insight, Frieda Klein is irresistible. Val McDermid, bestselling author of *Splinter the Silence*

Sophisticated, gripping, addictive. Crime novels that stand head and shoulders above the competition. Sophie Hannah, bestselling author of *Woman with a Secret*

Complex psychological suspense at its best. *Booklist* (starred review)"

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Publishers Weekly 07/04/2016

Crisp prose and an intriguing main character distinguish French's strong fifth mystery featuring London psychotherapist Frieda Klein (after 2015 as "Thursday's Child"). A hospital ID band with Frieda's name on it is found on the wrist of a man floating in the Thames with his throat cut. Asked by the police to identify the man, Frieda is stunned to discover that he's a former lover, Sandy Holland, who harassed her for months after their breakup. Frieda suspects Dean Reeve, a man who stalked her for years, of the murder, but the police think Reeve died years ago. When additional evidence links Frieda to Holland's murder, certain members of the police force are all too willing to believe her guilty. As the prime suspect, Klein determines the only chance of clearing her name is to disappear and search for the real culprit. A twisting series of events lead Klein to be face to face with the killer in a powerful ending. Nicci French is the pseudonym for Sean French and Nicci Gerrard, a husband-and-wife writing team. "Agent: Joy Harris, Joy Harris Literary Agency. (Oct.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

## **All the Little Liars** (Ninth book in the Aurora Teagarden Mysteries series)

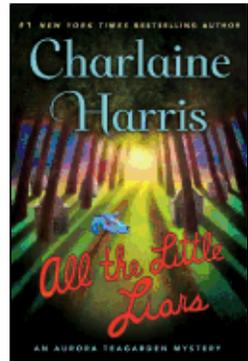
by Charlaine Harris

Published 2016 by Minotaur Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781250090034

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### **Jacket Notes:**



**#1 New York Times bestseller Charlaine Harris finally returns to her fan-favorite Aurora Teagarden series with *All the Little Liars*, a fabulously fun new mystery.**

Aurora Teagarden is basking in the news of her pregnancy when disaster strikes her small Georgia town: four kids vanish from the school soccer field in an afternoon. Aurora's 15-year-old brother Phillip is one of them. Also gone are two of his friends, and an 11-year-old girl who was just hoping to get a ride home from soccer practice. And then there's an even worse discovery at the kids' last known destination, a dead body.

While the local police and sheriff's department comb the county for the missing kids and interview everyone even remotely involved, Aurora and her new husband, true crime writer Robin Crusoe, begin their own investigation. Could the death and kidnappings have anything to do with a group of bullies at the middle school? Is Phillip's disappearance related to Aurora's father's gambling debts? Or is Phillip himself, new to town and an unknown quantity, responsible for taking the other children? But regardless of the reason, as the days go by, the most important questions remain. Are the kids still alive? Who could be concealing them? Where could they be?

With Christmas approaching, Aurora is determined to find her brother if he's still alive.

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Publishers Weekly 08/01/2016

Things are definitely looking up for Aurora Teagarden, last seen in 2003 as "Poppy Done to Death" in bestseller Harris as absorbing ninth mystery featuring the Lawrenceton, Ga., librarian. Aurora has a new husband, mystery writer Robin Crusoe, and a baby is on the way. Her 15-year-old half-brother, Phillip, has recently come to live with the newlyweds and has been settling nicely into his new life. So when Phillip and three of his friends disappear without a trace, Aurora is completely at a loss. After a fourth teen vanishes and another is found dead, Aurora and Robin, who decide that they can't wait for the police to discover what happened to the youngsters, come up with their own plan to find them. Harris weaves a complex tale of difficult family dynamics that highlights the horrors of being a teenager. Aurora, a smart and witty protagonist, possesses all the Southern charm necessary to carry this entertaining series. 150,000 announced first printing; author tour. "Agent: Joshua Bilmes, JABberwocky Literary. (Oct.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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## Napoleon's Last Island

by Thomas Keneally

Published 2016 by Atria Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781501128424

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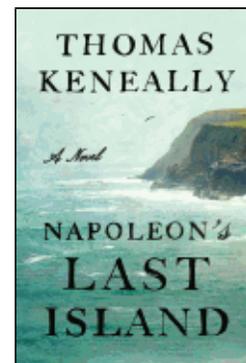
### Jacket Notes:

From the bestselling author of *Schindler's List* and *The Daughters of Mars*, a new historical novel set on the remote island of Saint Helena about the remarkable friendship between a young woman and one of history's most intriguing figures, Napoleon Bonaparte, during the final years of his life in exile.

In October 1815, after losing the Battle of Waterloo, Napoleon Bonaparte was banished to the island of Saint Helena. There, in one of the most remote places on earth, he lived out the final six years of his life. On this lonely island with no chance of escape, he found an unexpected ally: a spirited British girl named Betsy Balcombe who lived on the island with her family. While Napoleon waited for his own accommodations to be built, the Balcombe family played host to the infamous exile, a decision that would have devastating consequences for them all.

In *Napoleon's Last Island*, master of character development and period detail (*Kirkus Reviews*) Thomas Keneally recreates Betsy's powerful and complex friendship with the man dubbed The Great Ogre, her enmities and alliances with his remaining courtiers, and her dramatic coming-of-age. Bringing a shadowy period of history to life with a brilliant attention to detail, Keneally tells the untold story of one of Europe's most enigmatic, charismatic, and important figures, and the ordinary British family who dared to forge a connection with him."

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Publishers Weekly 08/01/2016

Australian author Keneally ("The Daughters of Mars" once again uses fiction to illuminate a little-known aspect of history. In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte is exiled to the English-governed island of St. Helena. His residence not yet ready, he and his retinue are taken in by William Balcombe, a representative of the East India Company, who has two daughters, Betsy and Jane. The Balcombes, as well as everyone else on the island, find Napoleon to be a charming houseguest, instead of the Great Ogre. But 13-year-old Betsy, smart and independent-minded, is not so easily won over, and her relationship with the former emperor is initially fractious. Eventually, though, their friendship becomes the talk of the island. Then, a new governor to St. Helena, Sir Hudson Lowe, cracks down on Napoleon's life in exile, cutting his household budget and staff and confiscating Christmas gifts, and even the Balcombes are made to suffer. Ultimately, a shocking scene forces Betsy to reevaluate everything she thinks she knows about her parents, her neighbors, and her new friend. Narrated by Betsy, Keneally's book gives readers a persuasive account of this precocious teenager's view of the world's most infamous man. He makes Betsy an engaging and witty presence, and he charts her destiny into her post-St. Helena existence, where the short general's long shadow continues to affect her life. Like the late E.L. Doctorow, Keneally adapts his style to suit his subject matter, and here the high formality of 19th-century journal-keeping helps bring alive the bittersweet last days of Napoleon. "(Oct.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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## Reckless Creed

(Third book in the Ryder Creed Novel series)

by Alex Kava

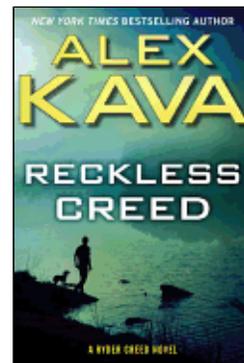
Published 2016 by G.P. Putnam's Sons

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#### Jacket Notes:

"In the new edge-of-your-seat thriller from New York Times-bestselling author Alex Kava, Ryder Creed, his K-9 search-and-rescue dogs, and FBI agent Maggie O'Dell find themselves at the center of a dire and mysterious case. In Chicago, a young man jumps from his thirtieth-story hotel room; along the Missouri river, a hunter and his son stumble upon a lake whose surface is littered with snow geese, all of them dead; and in southern Alabama, Ryder Creed and his search-and-rescue dog Grace find the body of a young woman who went missing in the Conecuh National Forest...and it appears she filled her pockets with rocks and walked into the river. Before long Ryder Creed and FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell will discover the ominous connection among these mysterious deaths. What they find may be the most prolific killer the United States has ever known"--



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Publishers Weekly 07/25/2016

Well-developed characters and a strong plot bolster bestseller Kava's intriguing third Ryder Creed novel (after 2015's "Silent Creed"). K-9 specialist Ryder Creed, working with his dogs in the Conecuh National Forest in southern Alabama, discovers the body of a young woman in the shallows of the Blackwater River. That the pockets of the dead woman's windbreaker are loaded with rocks suggests that she drowned herself. In the nearby brush are two dead robins. In Chicago, Tony Briggs, a friend of an associate of Ryder's, has been suffering from a strange illness; Tony soon falls to his death from a high building. Meanwhile, FBI agent Maggie O'Dell, the lead of the author's other series, links together instances of bird flu with the disappearance of rogue scientist Clare Shaw, the director of a Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) facility in North Carolina. O'Dell and Ryder join forces to prevent the outbreak of avian flu from becoming a nationwide epidemic. Kava does a fine job depicting the work of the search-and-rescue canines. "Agent: Scott Miller, Trident Media. (Sept.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

## CrossTalk

by Connie Willis

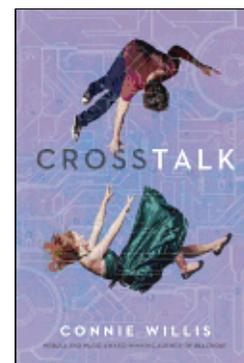
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#### Jacket Notes:

Science fiction icon Connie Willis brilliantly mixes a speculative plot, the wit of Nora Ephron, and the comedic flair of P. G. Wodehouse in *Crosstalk* a genre-bending novel that pushes social media, smartphone technology, and twenty-four-hour availability to hilarious and chilling extremes as one young woman abruptly finds herself with way more connectivity than she ever desired.



In the not-too-distant future, a simple outpatient procedure to increase empathy between romantic partners has become all the rage. And Briddey Flannigan is delighted when her boyfriend, Trent, suggests undergoing the operation prior to a marriage proposal to enjoy better emotional connection and a perfect relationship with complete communication and understanding. But things don't quite work out as planned, and Briddey finds herself connected to someone else entirely in a way far beyond what she signed up for.

It is almost more than she can handle especially when the stress of managing her all-too-eager-to-communicate-at-all-times family is already burdening her brain. But that's only the beginning. As things go from bad to worse, she begins to see the dark side of too much information, and to realize that love and communication are far more complicated than she ever imagined.

#### Praise for *Crosstalk*

A rollicking send-up of obsessive cell phone usage in too-near-future America . . . [Connie] Willis's canny incorporation of scientific lore, and a riotous cast . . . make for an engaging girl-finally-finds-right-boy story that's unveiled with tact and humor. Willis juxtaposes glimpses of claimed historical telepaths with important reflections about the ubiquity of cell phones and the menace that unscrupulous developers of technology pose to privacy, morality, and emotional stability. *Publishers Weekly*

Think smart phones and social media are threatening privacy? Imagine if you could hear everyone's thoughts and they could hear yours. [Willis is] a master of door-slapping, hide-behind-the-furniture farce . . . but mostly it's a critique of modern society and an unsurprising metaphor for the perils and joys of human connection. In other hands this novel could have been mere cliché, but Willis's exuberant humor and warmhearted, fast-paced plotting transform it. *Kirkus Reviews*

### Praise for Connie Willis

A novelist who can plot like Agatha Christie and whose books possess a bounce and stylishness that Preston Sturges might envy. *The Washington Post*

If anyone can be named best science fiction writer of the age, it's Connie Willis. *Analog*

One of America's finest writers . . . Willis can tell a story so packed with thrills, comedy, drama and a bit of red herring that the result is apt to satisfy the most discriminating, and hungry, reader. *The Denver Post*

Willis can tell a story like no other. . . . One of her specialties is sparkling, rapid-fire dialogue; another, suspenseful plotting; and yet another, dramatic scenes so fierce that they burn like after-images in the reader's memory. *The Village Voice*

*The Best of Connie Willis? Isn't that like sorting through diamonds? Lytherus"*

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Publishers Weekly 05/30/2016

SFWA Grand Master Willis's first novel since 2010's "Blackout/All Clear" is a rollicking send-up of obsessive cell phone usage in too-near-future America. A brain-altering medical procedure designed to enhance lovers' abilities to connect emotionally goes spectacularly haywire for Commspan employee Briddey Flannigan, who's besieged by her ultra-intrusive Irish-American family, and her fellow employee Trent Worth, a rising star at the tech company. Instead of being linked to Trent, Briddey finds herself telepathically hooked up to C.B. Schwartz, Commspan's lab-dwelling supernerd. Their connection sets off an extended chain of interpersonal misunderstandings, hilarious coincidences, and sad-but-true reflections on our fixations with digital gadgetry, which can threaten and prevent genuine intimacy. Willis's canny incorporation of scientific lore, and a riotous cast of stock Irish-American characters who nevertheless manage to surprise the reader, make for an engaging girl-finally-finds-right-boy story that's unveiled with tact and humor. Willis juxtaposes glimpses of claimed historical telepaths with important reflections about the ubiquity of cell phones and the menace that unscrupulous developers of technology pose to privacy, morality, and emotional stability. "Agent: Chris Lotts, Lotts Agency. (Oct.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly. Used with permission.

### Loner

by Teddy Wayne

Published 2016 by Simon & Schuster

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### Jacket Notes:

**Powerful. Maureen Corrigan, NPR's *Fresh Air***

Named a best book of the year by NPR, *Kirkus Reviews*, and *BookPage*. One of the most anticipated novels of the fall from *New York* magazine, *Glamour*, Lit Hub, *Boston* magazine, *The Millions*, and *BookPage*

David Federman has never felt appreciated. An academically gifted yet painfully forgettable member of his New Jersey high school class, the withdrawn,



mild-mannered freshman arrives at Harvard fully expecting to be embraced by a new tribe of high-achieving peers. Initially, however, his social prospects seem unlikely to change, sentencing him to a lifetime of anonymity.

Then he meets Veronica Morgan Wells. Struck by her beauty, wit, and sophisticated Manhattan upbringing, David becomes instantly infatuated. Determined to win her attention and an invite into her glamorous world, he begins compromising his moral standards for this one, great shot at happiness. But both Veronica and David, it turns out, are not exactly as they seem.

*Loner* turns the traditional campus novel on its head as it explores ambition, class, and gender politics. It is a stunning and timely literary achievement from one of the rising stars of American fiction."

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Publishers Weekly 04/04/2016

Wayne's third novel (after "The Love Song of Jonny Valentine" is about a Harvard freshman who becomes obsessed with his attractive classmate. David is an intelligent yet largely unremarkable kid from New Jersey, who upon beginning his first college semester, finds himself in the all too familiar situation of being lumped into the second tier socially. But when he spies the pretty Veronica during orientation, he's not just smitten; he's determined at the cost of everything else in his life to catch her eye: a Technicolor romp after so many donnish slogs. David begins dating Veronica's roommate, Sara, solely to be close to and to spy on Veronica, and by following her around he manages to enroll in her English class, where one day she asks him for help on an essay on the voyeuristic themes of Henry James's "Daisy Miller." David's efforts and manipulations to get Veronica to notice his devotion grow increasingly discomfiting to the reader, a credit to the sly first-person narration. We know something very bad is going to happen, and though some may guess the reveal, the reader is nonetheless compelled to frantically turn the pages. Agent: Jim Rutman, Sterling Lord Literistic. (Sept.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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## **Death at the Day Lily Cafe: A Mystery (Second book in the Rosalie Hart series)**

by Wendy Sand Eckel

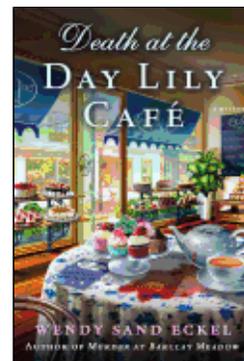
Published 2016 by Minotaur Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781250058614

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### **Jacket Notes:**

"Rosalie Hart has finally opened the cafe of her dreams. Decked out with ochre-tinted walls and stuffed with delicious organic fare, the Day Lily Cafe is everything Rosalie could have hoped for. But not five minutes into the grand opening, Doris Bird, a dear and trusted friend, cashes in on a favor--to help clear her little sister Lori of a first degree murder charge. With the help of her best friend and head waiter Glenn, Rosalie is on the case. But it's not going to be easy. Unlikable and provocative, murder victim Carl James Fiddler seems to have insulted nearly everyone in town, and the suspect list grows daily. And when Rosalie's daughter Annie gets caught in the crossfire, the search for the killer becomes personal in this charming cozy perfect for fans of Diane Mott Davidson and Joanne Fluke"--



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Publishers Weekly 05/30/2016

In Eckel's lightweight second Rosalie Hart mystery (after 2015's "Murder at Barclay Meadow", Rosalie has finally opened the organic food cafe she has always dreamed of owning in Cardigan, Md. With a minimal but enthusiastic staff, support from her friends, and a lot of creative planning on her part, the future looks bright on opening day until the arrival of close friend Doris Bird, the owner of a nearby shoe store. The other night, the husband of Doris's younger sister, Lori, was murdered, and the sheriff thinks Lori did it. Doris wants a reluctant Rosalie to find the real culprit. Meanwhile, Rosalie is distracted by the tension caused by her daughter Annie's new relationship with a young man who has a questionable history and dangerous relatives, plus a search for the loot missing from a local robbery. Armchair travelers will enjoy the Eastern Shore of Chesapeake Bay setting, but others may find it to be a lot of fluff without enough meat. Agent: Ken Atchity, Story Merchant. (July) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

## Trespasser

by Tana French

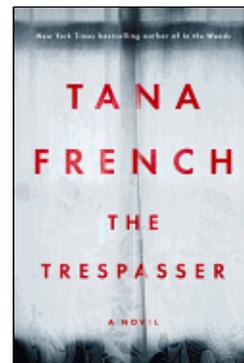
Published 2016 by Viking

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### Jacket Notes:

A brilliant new novel from the "New York Times" bestselling author, whom Gillian Flynn calls "mesmerizing" and Stephen King calls "incandescent."



Being on the Murder squad is nothing like Detective Antoinette Conway dreamed it would be. Her partner, Stephen Moran, is the only person who seems glad she's there. The rest of her working life is a stream of thankless cases, vicious pranks, and harassment. Antoinette is savagely tough, but she's getting close to the breaking point.

Their new case looks like yet another by-the-numbers lovers quarrel gone bad. Aislinn Murray is blond, pretty, groomed to a shine, and dead in her catalogue-perfect living room, next to a table set for a romantic dinner. There's nothing unusual about her except that Antoinette's seen her somewhere before.

And that her death won't stay in its neat by-numbers box. Other detectives are trying to push Antoinette and Steve into arresting Aislinn's boyfriend, fast. There's a shadowy figure at the end of Antoinette's road. Aislinn's friend is hinting that she knew Aislinn was in danger. And everything they find out about Aislinn takes her further from the glossy, passive doll she seemed to be.

Antoinette knows the harassment has turned her paranoid, but she can't tell just how far gone she is. Is this case another step in the campaign to force her off the squad, or are there darker currents flowing beneath its polished surface?"

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## Small Great Things

by Jodi Picoult

Published 2016 by Ballantine Books

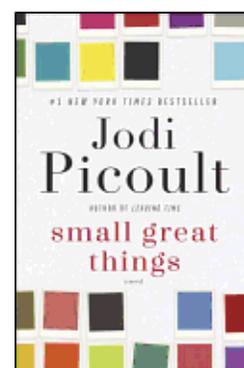
Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780345544957

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### Jacket Notes:

With richly layered characters and a gripping moral dilemma that will lead readers to question everything they know about privilege, power, and race, *Small Great Things* is the stunning new page-turner from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Jodi Picoult.

[Picoult] offers a thought-provoking examination of racism in America today, both overt and subtle. Her many readers will find much to discuss in the pages of this topical, moving book. *Booklist* (starred review)



Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while

Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime. Kennedy McQuarrie, a white public defender, takes her case but gives unexpected advice: Kennedy insists that mentioning race in the courtroom is not a winning strategy. Conflicted by Kennedy's counsel, Ruth tries to keep life as normal as possible for her family especially her teenage son as the case becomes a media sensation. As the trial moves forward, Ruth and Kennedy must gain each other's trust, and come to see that what they've been taught their whole lives about others and themselves might be wrong.

With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion and doesn't offer easy answers. *Small Great Things* is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game.

### **Praise for *Small Great Things***

I couldn't put it down. Her best yet! *New York Times* bestselling author **Alice Hoffman**

A compelling, can't-put-it-down drama with a trademark [Jodi] Picoult twist. *Good Housekeeping*

It's Jodi Picoult, the prime provider of literary soul food. This riveting drama is sure to be supremely satisfying and a bravely thought-provoking tale on the dangers of prejudice. *Redbook*

Jodi Picoult is never afraid to take on hot topics, and in *Small Great Things*, she tackles race and discrimination in a way that will grab hold of you and refuse to let you go. . . . This page-turner is perfect for book clubs. *Popsugar*"

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Publishers Weekly 08/29/2016

Bestselling author Picoult's latest page-turner is inspired by a Flint, Mich., event in which a white supremacist father refused to allow an experienced African-American labor and delivery nurse to touch his newborn. In Picoult's story, a medical crisis results in an infant's death and a murder charge against a black nurse named Ruth Jefferson. The story unfolds from three viewpoints: Ruth's, the infant's father's, and a skinhead named Turka and Ruth's public defender, Kennedy McQuarrie, a white professional woman questioning her own views about racism. The author's comprehensive research brings veracity to Ruth's story as a professional black woman trying to fit into white society, to Turka's inducement into the white-power movement, and to Kennedy's soul-searching about what it's like to be black in America. Unfortunately, the author undermines this richly drawn and compelling story with a manipulative final plot twist as well as a Pollyannaish ending. Some may be put off by the moralistic undertone of Picoult's tale, while others will appreciate the inspiration it provides for a much-needed conversation about race and prejudice in America. (Oct.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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## **Precious and Grace**

by Alexander McCall Smith

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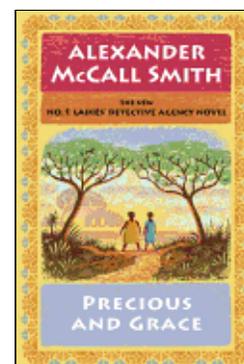
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### **Jacket Notes:**

In this latest installment of the beloved and best-selling No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series, Precious Ramotswe and Grace Makutsi help a young woman on a quest to find someone from her past.

Changes are afoot at the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency, where Mma Makutsi, who has recently been promoted to co-director, has been encouraging Mma Ramotswe to update to more modern office practices. However, an unusual case will require both of them to turn their attention firmly to the past. A young Canadian woman who spent her early childhood in Botswana requests the agency's help in recovering important pieces of her life there. With only a faded photograph and, of course, some good old-fashioned detective skills to guide them, Precious and Grace set out to locate the house that the woman used to live in and the caretaker who looked after her many years ago. But when the journey takes an unexpected turn, they are forced to consider whether some lost things may be better off unfound.

Busy as she is with this challenging investigation, Mma Ramotswe can always be relied on to come to the aid of her friends who seem to have a special knack for landing in hot water. Mr. Polopetsi, an occasional assistant at the agency, has made an ill-advised business decision that may lead to serious trouble. And next door at Tlokweng Road Speedy Motors, Fanwell, the junior mechanic, has become helplessly attached to a stray dog who proves to be a



bigger responsibility than he can handle. With Mma Makutsi by her side, Mma Ramotswe dispenses help and sympathy with the graciousness and warmth for which she is so well known, and everyone is led to surprising insights into the healing power of compassion, forgiveness, and new beginnings."

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Publishers Weekly 09/19/2016

aForgiveness is often the solution, a observes Precious Ramotswe toward the end of Smithas warmhearted, humane 17th No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency novel (after 2015as *The Woman Who Walked in Sunshine*. Mma Ramotswe is referring to the bookas main case, which involves a Canadian woman in her late 30s, Susan, who spent her childhood years in Botswana and now wants to find Rosie, the nurse maid largely responsible for raising her. Mma Ramotswe places an ad in a Gaborone newspaper, which brings a woman who claims to be Rosie to the detective agency. Grace Makutsi, the agencyas prickly codirector, suspects this Rosie is a fraud, while Mma Ramotswe senses something not quite right about Susanas quest. Meanwhile, the ladies deal with a couple of minor cases: their assistant Fanwell rescues a stray dog that needs a home, and Mr. Polepetsi, their sometime helper, becomes an unwitting pawn in a pyramid scheme involving cattle. As ever, Smith adroitly mixes gentle humor with important life lessons. *Agent: Robin Straus, Robin Straus Agency.* (Nov.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

## Lady Cop Makes Trouble (Second book in the Kopp Sisters Novel series)

by Amy Stewart

Published 2016 by Houghton Mifflin

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780544409941

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### Jacket Notes:

**The best-selling author of *Girl Waits with Gun* returns with another adventure featuring the fascinating, feisty, and unforgettable Kopp sisters.**

After besting (and arresting) a ruthless silk factory owner and his gang of thugs in *Girl Waits with Gun*, Constance Kopp became one of the nation s first deputy sheriffs. She's proven that she can t be deterred, evaded, or outrun. But when the wiles of a German-speaking con man threaten her position and her hopes for this new life, and endanger the honorable Sheriff Heath, Constance may not be able to make things right.*Lady Cop Makes Trouble* sets Constance loose on the streets of New York City and New Jersey--tracking down victims, trailing leads, and making friends with girl reporters and lawyers at a hotel for women. Cheering her on, and goading her, are her sisters Norma and Fleurette--that is, when they aren't training pigeons for the war effort or fanning dreams of a life on the stage.Based on a true story, *Girl Waits with Gun*introduced Constance Kopp and her charming and steadfast sisters to an army of enthusiastic readers. Those readers will be thrilled by this second installment--also ripped from the headlines--in the romping, wildly readable life of a woman forging her own path, tackling crime and nefarious criminals along the way."

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Publishers Weekly 07/25/2016

In this comic mystery set in 1915 and based on actual events, Constance Kopp, the first female deputy sheriff in Bergen County, N.J., is still packing a pistol and an attitude after her first crime-fighting adventures in "Girl Waits with Gun" Stewartas second volume in her Kopp Sisters Series is a clever, suspenseful, and funny tale of a formidable woman facing crime, politics, social stigma, all while nailing evildoers. Constance has proved to be a capable deputy in a male-dominated profession, but her new career is in jeopardy when a prisoner she is guardinga Baron von Matthesius, a sneaky, dangerous con man facing undisclosed but serious chargesa escapes her custody. She is demoted to jail matron, but when the scandal threatens the sheriff and his family, she vows to catch the baron, save the sheriffas job, and redeem her own reputation. Across Bergen and Passaic Counties and into New York City, Constance investigates the baronas past, known associates, and recent activities, asking questions nobody else asks and following leads other cops overlook. As she pursues the baron and his accomplices, she also becomes involved in a curious murder and a stolen property case. Her sisters provide comic relief, Norma with her carrier-pigeon hobby and Fleurette with her acting classes and dreams of Broadway. Fans of the first Kopp Sisters novel will find another treat in this follow-up. "(Sept.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.



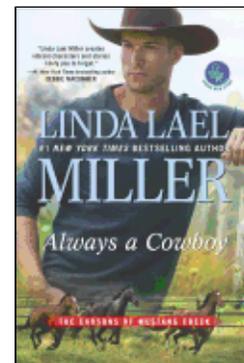
## Always a Cowboy

by Linda Lael Miller  
Published 2016 by Harlequin Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780373802845

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**Jacket Notes:**



**He's the middle of the three Carson brothers and is as stubborn as they come and he won't thank a beautiful stranger for getting in his way!**

**Drake Carson** is the quintessential cowboy. In charge of the family ranch, he knows the realities of this life, its pleasures and heartbreaks. Lately, managing the wild stallions on his property is wearing him down. When an interfering so-called expert arrives and starts offering her opinion, Drake is wary, but he can't deny the longing and the challenges she stirs in him.

**Luce Hale** is researching how wild horses interact with ranch animals and with ranchers. The Carson matriarch invites her to stay with the family, which guarantees frequent encounters with Drake, her ruggedly handsome and decidedly unwelcoming son. Luce and Drake are at odds from the very beginning, especially when it comes to the rogue stallion who's stealing the ranch mares. But when Drake believes Luce is in danger, that changes everything for both of them.

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## Mischling

by Affinity Konar  
Published 2016 by Lee Boudreaux Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780316308106

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**Jacket Notes:**

**A *New York Times* Notable Book**

**An Amazon Best Book of the Year**

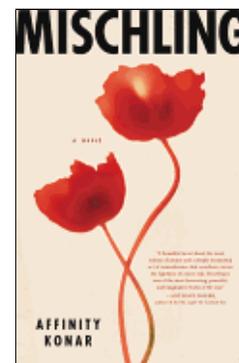
**A Barnes & Noble Discover Pick**

**An Indie Next Pick**

**A *Publishers Weekly* Best Book of the Year**

**A *Flavorwire* Best Book of the Year**

**An *Elle* Best Book of the Year**



**"One of the most harrowing, powerful, and imaginative books of the year" (Anthony Doerr) about twin sisters fighting to survive the evils of World War II.**

Pearl is in charge of: the sad, the good, the past.

Stasha must care for: the funny, the future, the bad.

It's 1944 when the twin sisters arrive at Auschwitz with their mother and grandfather. In their benighted new world, Pearl and Stasha Zagorski take refuge in their identical natures, comforting themselves with the private language and shared games of their childhood.

As part of the experimental population of twins known as Mengele's Zoo, the girls experience privileges and horrors unknown to others, and they find themselves changed, stripped of the personalities they once shared, their identities altered by the burdens of guilt and pain.

That winter, at a concert orchestrated by Mengele, Pearl disappears. Stasha grieves for her twin, but clings to the possibility that Pearl remains alive. When the camp is liberated by the Red Army, she and her companion Feliks--a boy bent on vengeance for his own lost twin--travel through Poland's devastation. Undeterred by injury, starvation, or the chaos around them, motivated by equal parts danger and hope, they encounter hostile villagers, Jewish resistance fighters, and fellow refugees, their quest enabled by the notion that Mengele may be captured and brought to justice within the ruins of the Warsaw Zoo. As the young survivors discover what has become of the world, they must try to imagine a future within it.

A superbly crafted story, told in a voice as exquisite as it is boundlessly original, *MISCHLING* defies every expectation, traversing one of the darkest moments in human history to show us the way toward ethereal beauty, moral reckoning, and soaring hope.

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Publishers Weekly 06/06/2016

Without sentimentality, Konaras gripping novel explores the world of the children who were the subjects of Nazi doctor Josef Mengele's horrifying experiments at Auschwitz. Stasha and Pearl, 12-year-old Jewish sisters from Poland, are placed in Mengele's zoo because they are twins, rather than being sent to the gas chambers. Stasha is impulsive, a little melancholy, and given to storytelling; Pearl is more restrained and observant, and less dependent on her sister. Mengele selects one of the sisters to torture and uses the other as a control in his experiment. The two narrate alternating chapters of their story, which begins when they are sent to the camp in the autumn of 1944. The latter part takes the novel into the chaotic months after Auschwitz was abandoned, when some of the inmates were set on a death march and others were liberated by the Allies. Konar neatly avoids making Mengele the center of attention, instead focusing on the girls and the people they meet in the zoo, including brash, mouthy Bruna; conflicted Dr. Miri, a Jewish physician conscripted to work for a Uncle Doctora Mengele; and messenger boy Peter, whose affection for Pearl threatens the closeness of the twins. Konar makes every sentence count; it's to her credit that the girls never come across as simply victims: they are flawed, memorable characters trying to stay alive. This is a brutally beautiful novel. "Agent: Jim Rutman, Sterling Lord Literistic. (Sept.)" Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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## **Night Watch** (Fourth book in the Kendra Michaels series)

by Iris Johansen

Published 2016 by St. Martin's Press

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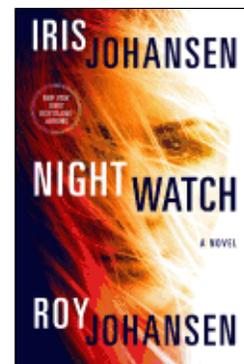
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### **Jacket Notes:**

"A high-stakes, high-powered thriller." *Booklist*

Sometimes, what you can't see *will* kill you

Kendra is surprised when she is visited by Dr. Charles Waldridge, the researcher who gave her sight through a revolutionary



medical procedure developed by England's Night Watch Project. All is not well with the brilliant surgeon; he's troubled by something he can't discuss with Kendra. When Waldrige disappears the very night he visits her, Kendra is on the case, recruiting government agent-for-hire Adam Lynch to join her on a trail that leads to the snow-packed California mountains. There they make a gruesome discovery: the corpse of one of Dr. Waldrige's associates. But it's only the first casualty in a white-knuckle confrontation with a deadly enemy who will push Kendra to the limits of her abilities. Soon she must fight for her very survival as she tries to stop the killing and unearth the shocking secret of Night Watch.

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Publishers Weekly 08/29/2016

Early in bestseller Johansen and Sonas suspenseful fourth novel featuring Dr. Kendra Michaels (after 2015's *The Naked Eye*, Kendra, who was blind until she was 20, delivers a research paper on aging at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. Afterward, she's surprised to discover that Dr. Charles Waldrige, the British surgeon who restored her sight nine years earlier, was in the audience. The two have dinner at a nearby ocean-side restaurant, where Charles says she's come to L.A. from London on a fund-raising mission. Kendra cleverly deduces that something else is causing Charles stress, but he won't tell her what. When he later goes missing, Kendra believes foul play is involved and enlists the aid of former FBI agent Adam Lynch in her search for Charles. The danger that Kendra and Adam face increases dramatically as they get closer to the truth, as does the attraction between the two. The plot builds to a stunning conclusion. Agent: Andrea Cirillo, Jane Rotrosen Agency. (Oct.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

## Whistler

by John Grisham

Published 2016 by Doubleday Books

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### Jacket Notes:

**From John Grisham, America's #1 bestselling author, comes the most electrifying novel of the year, a high-stakes thrill ride through the darkest corners of the Sunshine State.**

We expect our judges to be honest and wise. Their integrity and impartiality are the bedrock of the entire judicial system. We trust them to ensure fair trials, to protect the rights of all litigants, to punish those who do wrong, and to oversee the orderly and efficient flow of justice.

But what happens when a judge bends the law or takes a bribe? It's rare, but it happens.

Lacy Stoltz is an investigator for the Florida Board on Judicial Conduct. She is a lawyer, not a cop, and it is her job to respond to complaints dealing with judicial misconduct. After nine years with the Board, she knows that most problems are caused by incompetence, not corruption.

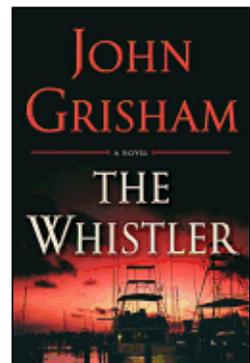
But a corruption case eventually crosses her desk. A previously disbarred lawyer is back in business with a new identity. He now goes by the name Greg Myers, and he claims to know of a Florida judge who has stolen more money than all other crooked judges combined. And not just crooked judges in Florida. All judges, from all states, and throughout U.S. history.

What's the source of the ill-gotten gains? It seems the judge was secretly involved with the construction of a large casino on Native American land. The Coast Mafia financed the casino and is now helping itself to a sizable skim of each month's cash. The judge is getting a cut and looking the other way. It's a sweet deal: Everyone is making money.

But now Greg wants to put a stop to it. His only client is a person who knows the truth and wants to blow the whistle and collect millions under Florida law. Greg files a complaint with the Board on Judicial Conduct, and the case is assigned to Lacy Stoltz, who immediately suspects that this one could be dangerous.

Dangerous is one thing. Deadly is something else."

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Publishers Weekly 09/12/2016

Lawyer Lacy Stolz, the heroine of this tense legal thriller from bestseller Grisham (Rogue Lawyer), investigates complaints against judges for the Florida Board on Judicial Misconduct. In her nine years on the job, there has never been any danger in her assignments; the justices are often more incompetent than corrupt. Everything changes when Stolz and a colleague, Hugo Hatch, meet with a disbarred lawyer, whoa eager to collect a whistleblower's rewarda has evidence of corruption unlike anything they have ever handled. A judge in the pocket of the Coast Mafia has spent years skimming millions from a Native Americana owned casino. At least three people have been murdered to cover up the graft, and an innocent man sits on death row, but few are willing to help Stolz and Hatch expose the corruption. The casino keeps the money flowing, and stepping forward could be deadly. A lead brings Stolz and Hatch onto tribal land, where they find themselves caught in a trap. A high-stakes game of gambling, greed, and murder plays out in another page-turner from a master storyteller. (Oct.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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