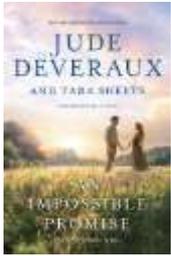


***An Impossible Promise* - Jude Deveraux and Tara Sheets**



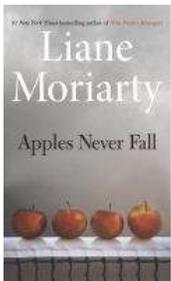
"They can't be together, but they can't stay apart. Liam O'Connor has one purpose in this life - to push the woman he loves into the arms of another man. The Irish rogue unknowingly changed the course of destiny when he fell in love with Cora McLeod over a century ago. Their passion was intense, brief and tragic. And the angels have been trying to restore the balance of fate ever since. Now police officers in Providence Falls, North Carolina, Liam and Cora are partners on a murder investigation. The intensity of the case has drawn them closer together - exactly what Liam is supposed to avoid. The angels have made it clear Cora must be with Finley Walsh. But headstrong Cora makes her own decisions and she's starting to have feelings for Liam - the only thing he's ever really wanted. Liam knows this is the last chance to save his soul. But does he love Cora enough to let her go?"

***Another Kind of Eden* - James Lee Burke**



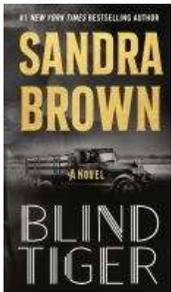
"New York Times bestselling author James Lee Burke brings readers a captivating tale of justice, love, brutality, and mysticism set in the turbulent 1960s. The American West in the early 1960s appears to be a pastoral paradise: golden wheat fields, mist-filled canyons, frolicking animals. Aspiring novelist Aaron Holland Broussard has observed it from the open door of a boxcar, riding the rails for both inspiration and odd jobs. Jumping off in Denver, he finds work on a farm and meets Joanne McDuffy, an articulate and fierce college student and gifted painter. Their soul connection is immediate, but their romance is complicated by Joanne's involvement with a shady professor who is mixed up with a drug-addled cult. When a sinister businessman and his son who wield their influence through vicious cruelty set their sights on Aaron, drawing him into an investigation of grotesque murders, it is clear that this idyllic landscape harbors tremendous power--and evil. Followed by a mysterious shrouded figure who might not be human, Aaron will have to face down all these foes to save the life of the woman he loves and his own. The latest installment in James Lee Burke's masterful Holland family saga, *Another Kind of Eden* is both riveting and one of Burke's most ambitious works to date. It dismantles the myths of both the twentieth-century American West and the peace-and-love decade, excavating the beauty and idealism of the era to show the menace and chaos that lay simmering just beneath the surface."

***Apples Never Fall* - Liane Moriarty**



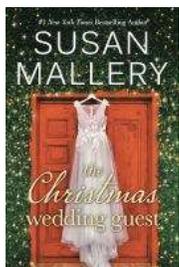
"If your mother was missing, would you tell the police? Even if the most obvious suspect was your father? This is the dilemma facing the four grown Delaney siblings. A novel that looks at marriage, sibling rivalry, and the lies we tell others and ourselves."-- Provided by publisher.

***Blind Tiger* - Sandra Brown**



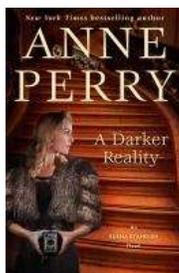
"The year 1920 comes in with a roar in this rousing and suspenseful New York Times bestselling novel by Sandra Brown. Thatcher Hutton, a war-weary soldier on the way back to his cowboy life, jumps from a moving freight train to avoid trouble . . . and lands in more than he bargained for. On the day he arrives in Foley, Texas, a local woman goes missing. Thatcher, the only stranger in town, is suspected of her abduction, and worse. Standing between him and exoneration are a corrupt mayor, a crooked sheriff, a notorious cathouse madam, a sly bootlegger, feuding moonshiners, and a young widow whose soft features conceal an iron will. What was supposed to be a fresh start for Laurel Plummer turns to tragedy. Left destitute but determined to dictate her own future, Laurel plunges into the lucrative regional industry, much to the dislike of the good ol' boys, who have ruled supreme. Her success quickly makes her a target for cutthroat competitors, whose only code of law is reprisal. As violence erupts, Laurel and -- now deputy -- Thatcher find themselves on opposite sides of a moonshine war, where blood flows as freely as whiskey."

***The Christmas Wedding Guest* - Susan Mallery**



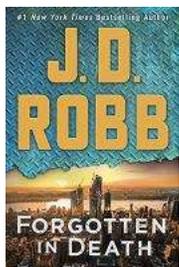
"Seattleite Reggie Somerville missed last year's family Christmas after being abruptly jilted by her fiancé. This year, she agrees to return to Wishing Tree to help with her parents' upcoming vow renewal ceremony and assist her schoolteacher sister, Dena, with her third graders' knitting project. Also volunteering on the project is Toby Newkirk, Reggie's high school boyfriend, who returned to town to raise his son, Harrison. Their attraction soon rekindles, but Toby isn't sure he's ready for a long-term relationship. Meanwhile, Dena, who's made the choice to be a single mother through artificial insemination, struggles with pregnancy-induced nausea, wrangles her class, and runs the Wishing Tree Bed and Breakfast on the side. Enter the B&B's new guest, musician Micah Ruiz, who's in town working on a song and healing from the death of his pregnant wife in an accident. Though Dena and Micah have an undeniable spark, she's unsure if he's open to love after his devastating loss. Mallery packs in the Christmas spirit, with friends and family coming together to celebrate. The result is alluring, well plotted, and sure to please."

***A Darker Reality* - Anne Perry**



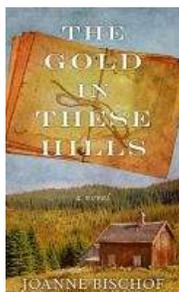
"A personal trip turns perilous after the murder of a British spy in Washington, D.C., forces Elena Standish to face dark family secrets in this exciting 1930s mystery by bestselling author Anne Perry. On a family trip to Washington, D.C., Elena Standish is delighted to visit her mother's parents for their anniversary and celebrate with influential friends of her grandfather, a prominent scientist. Even Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt will attend the party. But the event comes to a sudden and tragic end when one of the guests, Lila Worth, is run over by a car in the driveway outside. Elena realizes that Lila had been trying to tell her something, and when a call from Peter Lucas back home at MI6 confirms that Lila was a British spy, Elena pairs with the American secret service to find out what vital information the young woman had in her possession. To further complicate Elena's trip, her grandfather is arrested for the murder. Desperate to clear his name and save her family from disgrace, she looks more deeply into her grandfather's scientific life and discovers that Lila had been desperately trying to keep the latest developments in nuclear fission out of the Nazis' hands. Her grandfather's business secrets run deep, it appears, and as Elena begins to question his loyalties, she wonders if she can trust anyone in this dark new world order." --Provided by publisher.

***Forgotten in Death* - J.D. Robb**



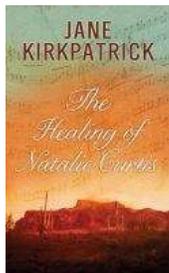
"In the latest novel in the #1 New York Times bestselling series, homicide detective Eve Dallas sifts through the wreckage of the past to find a killer. The body was left in a dumpster like so much trash, the victim a woman of no fixed address, known for offering paper flowers in return for spare change-and for keeping the cops informed of any infractions she witnessed on the street. But the notebook where she scribbled her intel on litterers and other such offenders is nowhere to be found. Then Eve is summoned away to a nearby building site to view more remains-in this case decades old, adorned with gold jewelry and fine clothing-unearthed by recent construction work. She isn't happy when she realizes that the scene of the crime belongs to her husband, Roarke--not that it should surprise her, since the Irish billionaire owns a good chunk of New York. Now Eve must enter a complex world of real estate development, family history, shady deals, and shocking secrets to find justice for two women whose lives were thrown away."-- Provided by publisher.

***The Gold in These Hills* - Joanne Bischof**



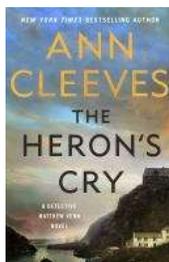
"Upon arriving in Kenworthy, California, mail-order bride Juniper Cohen is met by the pounding of the gold mine, an untamable landscape, and her greatest surprise of all: the kind and loving man who awaits her. But when the mine proves empty of profit, and when Juniper's husband, John, vanishes, Juniper is left to fend for herself and her young daughter in the dwindling boomtown that is now her home."

***The Healing of Natalie Curtis* - Jane Kirkpatrick**



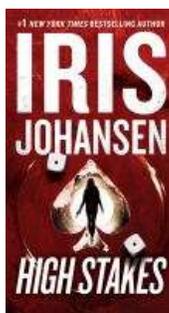
"Classically trained pianist and singer Natalie Curtis isolated herself for five years after a breakdown just before she was to debut with the New York Philharmonic. Guilt-ridden and songless, Natalie can't seem to recapture the joy music once brought her. In 1902, her brother invites her to join him in the West to search for healing. What she finds are songs she'd never before encountered -- the haunting melodies, rhythms, and stories of Native Americans."

***The Heron's Cry* - Ann Cleeves**



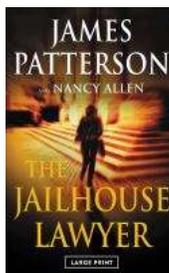
"In Agatha Award winner Cleeves's well-crafted sequel to 2019's *The Long Call*, Det. Matthew Venn investigates the murder of retired physician Nigel Yeo, who was found by his glassblower daughter, Eve Yeo, in her Devon, England, studio with a shard from one of her handmade vases in his neck. As director of a patient advocacy group, Nigel was probing the death of a paranoid patient who killed himself after being released from a psychiatric hospital. The CEO of the health trust in charge of the hospital, who met with Nigel the morning before the murder, can't afford to have his reputation sullied by blame for the suicide. But when a second victim is found murdered by glass from one of Eve's vases, Matthew reconsiders her involvement. Conflict erupts at home, as Eve's a friend of Matthew's husband, Jonathan, who thinks Matthew's suspicion of Eve is misguided. Jonathan also dislikes Matthew drawing rigid lines between his personal and professional life. Though Matthew's inflexible personality mutes the narrative at times, the intricate plotting, complex characters, and rich atmosphere more than compensate. Both new and existing fans will be pleased."

***High Stakes* - Iris Johansen**



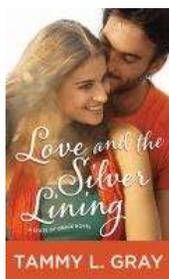
"Logan Tanner lives the exhilarating life of a professional gambler, taking risks with nerves of steel. From casinos in Macau to Monte Carlo to Milan, he's racked up a fortune and become a living legend. But all the glitz and glamor hide a dark and violent past as an extractor--a world that comes rushing back to him when the beautiful and innocent Lara Balkon enters his life. Soon Logan is drawn into the conflict between two Russian mafia bosses over Lara, whose life now hangs in the balance. Logan has been offered something more valuable to him than money--information he desperately needs--in exchange for getting Lara out of Russia and to safety. Once together, Tanner discovers that Lara is a force to be reckoned with in her own right. Tanner's search for the truth leads them to the bright lights of Las Vegas. Where the person who was hunting Lara now lies in wait for them. With the stakes climbing with each deadly confrontation, Logan and Lara are soon catapulted into a game against pure evil. The odds are stacked against them, but it's a game they know they must play...even if it may cost them their lives."

***The Jailhouse Lawyer* - James Patterson and Nancy Allen**



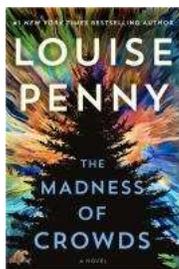
"A young lawyer takes on the judge who is destroying her hometown--and ends up in jail herself. In picture-perfect Erva, Alabama, the most serious crimes are misdemeanors. Speeding tickets. Shoplifting. Contempt of court. Then why is the jail so crowded? And why are so few prisoners released? There's only one place to learn the truth behind these incriminating secrets. Sometimes the best education a lawyer can get is a short stretch of hard time."

***Love and the Silver Lining* - Tammy L. Gray**



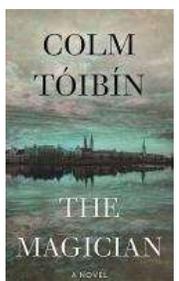
"Darcy Malone's dreams of mission work are dashed on her eve of fulfilling them: The Guatemalan school she was to teach at has closed. Devastated because she's already quit her job and given up her apartment, she also loses the perfect escape from the aftermath of her parents' divorce. Stuck in her worst-case scenario, Darcy takes an unexpected offer to move in with Bryson Katsaros's little sister, despite the years of distrust that's grown between her and Bryson, the lead singer in her best friend Cameron's band. As she meets those close to him, Darcy realizes that Bryson is more than she believed."

***The Madness of Crowds* - Louise Penny**



"While the residents of the Quebec village of Three Pines take advantage of the deep snow to ski and toboggan, to drink hot chocolate in the bistro and share meals together, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache finds his holiday with his family interrupted by a simple request. He's asked to provide security for what promises to be a non-event. A visiting Professor of Statistics will be giving a lecture at the nearby university. While he is perplexed as to why the head of homicide for the Surete du Quebec would be assigned this task, it sounds easy enough. That is until Gamache starts looking into Professor Abigail Robinson and discovers an agenda so repulsive he begs the university to cancel the lecture. They refuse, citing academic freedom, and accuse Gamache of censorship and intellectual cowardice. Before long, Professor Robinson's views start seeping into conversations. Spreading and infecting. So that truth and fact, reality and delusion are so confused it's nearly impossible to tell them apart. Discussions become debates, debates become arguments. As sides are declared, a madness takes hold. Abigail Robinson promises that, if they follow her, ça va bien aller. All will be well. But not, Gamache and his team know, for everyone. When a murder is committed, it falls to Armand Gamache, his second-in-command Jean-Guy Beauvoir, and their team to investigate the crime as well as this extraordinary popular delusion. And the madness of crowds."

***The Magician* - Colm Tóibín**



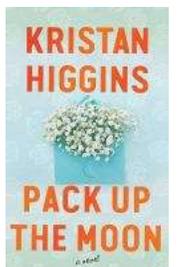
"In a provincial German city at the turn of the twentieth century, where the boy, Thomas Mann, grows up with a conservative father, bound by propriety, and a Brazilian mother, alluring and unpredictable. Young Mann hides his artistic aspirations from his father and his homosexual desires from everyone. He is infatuated with one of the richest, most cultured Jewish families in Munich, and marries the daughter Katia. They have six children. On a holiday in Italy, he longs for a boy he sees on a beach and writes the story *Death in Venice*. He is the most successful novelist of his time, winner of the Nobel Prize in literature, a public man whose private life remains secret. He is expected to lead the condemnation of Hitler, whom he underestimates. He flees Germany for Switzerland, France and, ultimately, America, living first in Princeton and then in Los Angeles. In a stunning marriage of research and imagination, Tóibín explores the heart and mind of a writer whose gift is unparalleled and whose life is driven by a need to belong and the anguish of illicit desire."-- Provided by publisher.

***Matched and Married* - Kathleen Fuller**



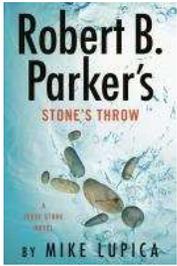
"Margaret Yoder can't seem to catch a break. Even though she's dedicated to her Amish faith, her wild Rumspringa won't stay in the past, and her mother keeps pressuring her to get married. To placate her mother and get away from former "friends," she decides to return to Birch Creek to visit family - and pretend to find a husband. Like Margaret, Owen Bontrager isn't looking for a spouse, something that's hard to avoid in Birch Creek, where an ad for brides in the local paper has brought a swarm of single women to the thriving town. When he meets Margaret in an unexpected way, they discover they have more in common than they ever expected. In some ways, they are a perfect match. Margaret struggles to keep her goal of avoiding romance in order to focus on being a faithful member of the Amish church, and it doesn't help that she finds Owen intriguing. Knowing they don't have a future together; she returns home and gives in to her mother's insistence that she get married. Can Margaret betray her feelings for Owen and become a dutiful daughter and wife to the man of her mother's choosing? Or will Owen find a way to free Margaret of her past by giving her the future they both are surprised to find they desire?"-- Provided by publisher.

***Pack Up the Moon* - Kristan Higgins**



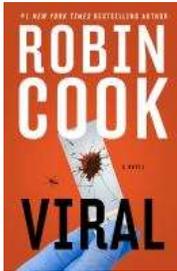
"Joshua and Lauren are the perfect couple. Newly married, they're wildly in love, each on a successful and rewarding career path. Then Lauren is diagnosed with a terminal illness. As Lauren's disease progresses, Joshua struggles to make the most of the time he has left with his wife and to come to terms with his future- a future without the only woman he's ever loved. He's so consumed with finding a way to avoid the inevitable ending that he never imagines his life after Lauren. But Lauren has a plan to keep her husband moving forward. A plan hidden in the letters she leaves him. In those letters, one for every month in the year after her death, Lauren leads Joshua on a journey through pain, anger, and denial. It's a journey that will take Joshua from his attempt at a dinner party for family and friends to getting rid of their bed ... from a visit with a psychic medium to a kiss with a woman who isn't Lauren. As his grief makes room for laughter and new relationships, Joshua learns Lauren's most valuable lesson: The path to happiness doesn't follow a straight line." -- Provided by publisher.

Robert B. Parker's Stone's Throw - Mike Lupica



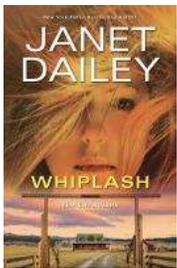
"The town of Paradise receives a shock when the mayor is discovered dead. It's ostensibly suicide, but Jesse has his doubts. The piece of land where the man was found is the subject of a contentious land deal. Two powerful moguls are fighting over the right to develop the prime real estate, and one of them has brought in a hired gun, an old adversary of Jesse's: Wilson Cromartie, aka Crow. Meanwhile, the town is debating if they want to sacrifice Paradise's stately character for the economic boost of a glitzy new development. As the deaths begin to mount, it's clear the mayor may have been standing in the wrong person's way."-- Provided by publisher

Viral - Robin Cook



"Brian Murphy and his family are in Cape Cod when his wife, Emma, comes down with flu-like symptoms. But their leisurely return home to New York City becomes a race to the hospital as she begins seizing in the care. She is diagnosed with eastern equine encephalitis, a rare and lethal mosquito-borne disease. Complicating the situation further, Brian and Emma's daughter begins to exhibit alarming symptoms, too. Furious at the shockingly indifferent healthcare system, Brian vows to seek justice. But to get to the bottom of the predatory pricing targeting his loved ones, he must bring down the executives preying on the sick before the virus can claim even more people." --Provided by publisher

Whiplash - Janet Dailey



"When Val Champion returns to the family ranch, she's ready to put her past behind her. Her dreams of an acting career have become a nightmare. But once she sees rodeo man Casey Bozeman, she knows she's no safer at home. Val's the woman who broke Casey's heart so hard he still feels the sting. But there's no denying Casey's still drawn to the fiery beauty. And there's no way he can stand by when the high stakes Professional Bull Riding finals bring out the danger Val's been running from. Suddenly the rugged cowboy is willing to risk it all for her, even if it means facing down those secrets lurking in her unforgettable eyes." --Provided by publisher