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### **Aunt Dimity Slays the Dragon\*\***

Atherton, Nancy. Viking (Penguin Group). 9780670020508. \$24.95 . Pages 224

Her eighth summer in the small English village of Finch happily brightened by the opening of a nearby Renaissance fair,

Lori Shepherd finds the revelries shattered by dark undercurrents, including a madrigal singer's stalker, a knight's

saboteur rival, and a would-be assassin who is targeting Good King Wilfred.

### **Bones of Betrayal: A Body Farm Novel**

Bass, Jefferson. Morrow (HarperCollins). 9780061284748. \$24.99 . Pages 352

When a renowned Manhattan Project scientist is found dead from radiation poisoning, Body Farm founder Bill Brockton,

aided by graduate assistant Miranda Lovelady, is frustrated in the investigation when the only person with knowledge of

what may have happened is an elderly woman with a floundering grasp on lucidity.

### **Silent Man, The\*\***

Berenson, Alex. Putnam (Penguin Group). 9780399155383. \$25.95 . Pages 416

Haunted by his harrowing recent missions, CIA agent John Wells is devastated by an attack on Washington that kills his

fiancée, an event that takes him to Russia, where he uncovers a devastating plot. By the author of The Ghost War.

### **Heart and Soul\*\***

Binchy, Maeve. Knopf (Random House). 9780307265791. \$26.95 . Pages 432

Given the difficult task of building an underfunded clinic in an Irish community caught between the past and present, Dr.

Clara Casey finds her task complicated by two difficult adult daughters, the unwanted attentions of her ex-husband, her

colorful and diverse staff, and the demanding, often difficult patients they serve.

### **Terminal Freeze\*\***

Child, Lincoln. Doubleday (Random House). 9780385515511. \$24.95 . Pages 352

When a scientific expedition discovers what appears to be a giant cat frozen in a glacial ice cave in the Alaskan wilderness

above the Arctic Circle, the media conglomerate sponsoring the trip makes plans to thaw out the creature on live

television, unaware that the creature is an ancient killing machine that may not be dead.

### **While My Sister Sleeps\*\***

Delinsky, Barbara. Doubleday (Random House). 9780385524926. \$25.95 . Pages 368

When her sister Robin suffers a massive heart attack that leaves her in a coma from which she may never wake up, Molly

Snow and her family struggle to cope with the tragedy as their relationships are put to the ultimate test and Molly is

forced to make some tough decisions, as she makes some surprising discoveries about the sister she thought she knew.

### **No Angel: My Harrowing Undercover Journey into the Inner Circle of the Hells Angels**

Dobyns, Jay & Johnson-Shelton, Nils. Crown (Random House). 9780307405852. \$25.95 . Pages 304

A chilling account by an ATF agent describes his undercover assignment to infiltrate the Hells Angels motorcycle gang,

detailing the challenges of working his way up the biker gang's hierarchy and maintaining their hard-won trust, the difficulties of leading a double life, and the operation that nearly cost him everything.

### **Nuclear Jellyfish**

Dorsey, Tim. Morrow (HarperCollins). 9780061432668. \$24.99 . Pages 288

A latest work of philosophical and psychopathic mayhem pits its characters against fantastical nautical elements, in a

whimsical new adventure by the Tampa Tribune editor and author of Atomic Lobster and Hurricane Punch.

### **Fault Line**

Eisler, Barry. Ballantine. 9780345505088. \$25.00 . Pages 256

When an inventor client is murdered and he himself is attacked, attorney Alex Treven reluctantly turns for help to his

estranged older brother, Ben, an undercover agent in the War on Terror, but their long-simmering resentments threaten

to erupt when Ben meets Sarah Hosseini, a beautiful legal associate whom Alex cares for and Ben does not trust.

### **Lethal Legacy\*\***

Fairstein, Linda. Doubleday (Random House). 9780385523998. \$26.00 . Pages 416

Summoned to Tina Barr's apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side by a neighbor convinced that the young woman had

been assaulted, Assistant D.A. Alex Cooper finds a terrified and uncooperative victim, but when a murder complicates the

case, Alex follows a trail to the wealthy, eccentric Hunt family, longtime benefactors of the New York Public Library.

### **Irish Tweed: A Nuala Anne McGrail Novel\*\***

Greeley, Andrew M. Forge (St. Martin's Pr). 9780765322234. \$24.95 . Pages 320

While Nuala Anne and her daughter take karate classes to protect themselves from bullies, shy nanny Julie is courted by

a new beau, and Dermot examines a famine refugee's memoir for clues about the mysterious fever that killed his family.

### **Above the Law**

Green, Tim. Grand Central Pub. 9780446401500. \$24.99 . Pages 304

In the aftermath of a tragic hunting accident in which an illegal immigrant is killed by a senator, the victim's widow claims

that her husband and the senator's wife were having an affair, a situation that prompts the efforts of a young attorney to

discern the truth before the widow is deported.

### **True Colors\*\***

Hannah, Kristin. St. Martin's Pr. 9780312364106. \$25.95 . Pages 416

Despairing of receiving their critical father's love, Winona occupies herself in books and dreams, while Vivi Anne makes a

fateful decision to follow her heart instead of dutifully fulfilling their father's ambitions.

### **Darker Place, A\*\***

Higgins, Jack. Putnam (Penguin Group). 9780399155505. \$26.95 . Pages 304

The elaborately planned defection of famous Russian writer and ex-paratrooper Alexander Kurbsky, coordinated by

Charles Ferguson and Sean Dillon of the "Prime Minister's private army," appears to be a victory for Western interests

until it is revealed that Kurbsky is a secret agent out to infiltrate British and American intelligence.

### **Luke's Story (The Jesus Chronicles)\*\***

LaHaye, Tim & Jenkins, Jerry B. Putnam (Penguin Group). 9780399155239. \$24.95 . Pages 304

A latest installment in the popular series that includes Mark's Story and John's Story traces the rise of Luke from a Greek

slave to a university-educated physician who admires a formidable Hebrew debater and finds his spiritual outlook

transformed by Christ's story.

**Blood and Bone**

Lashner, William. Morrow (HarperCollins). 9780061143489. \$24.99 . Pages 384

Enjoying a life of minimal responsibility after botching a promising athletic career, Kyle is wrongfully implicated in the murder of his father's former law partner and finds himself questioned about his father's own death twelve years earlier, pitting him against powerful forces in his efforts to clear his name.

**Batter Off Dead: A Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery with Recipes**

Myers, Tamar. New Amer Lib (Penguin Group). 9780451225924. \$22.95 . Pages 272

When Minerva J. Jay, a local lady known for her prodigious appetite, collapses after consuming her pancakes at a church breakfast, Police Chief Chris Ackerman enlists the aid of a pregnant Magdalena Yoder to investigate the case, which is soon complicated by the death of their prime suspect.

**Second Opinion, The\*\***

Palmer, Michael. St. Martin's Pr. 9780312343552. \$25.95 . Pages 384

Possessing a brilliant mind for medicine in spite of her inability to comprehend the interpersonal conflicts and moneydriven dynamics of traditional medicine, Asperger's patient and doctor Thea Sperelakis is baffled when her siblings refuse care to their hit-and-run victim father, whom Thea gradually realizes was deliberately targeted.

**Night and Day: A Jesse Stone Novel\*\***

Parker, Robert B. Putnam (Penguin Group). 9780399155413. \$25.95 . Pages 304

Investigating allegations of lewd conduct on the part of the local junior high principal, police chief Jesse Stone finds efforts to bring the woman to justice thwarted by a high-powered attorney, a case that is further complicated by the activities of a twisted voyeur.

**Renegades, The\*\***

Parker, T. Jefferson. Dutton (Penguin Group). 9780525950950. \$26.95 . Pages 352

Patrolling a section of America's West that he finds just as untamed as those depicted in early pulp novels, Charlie Hood finds his preference for working alone overruled when he is assigned to partner with a popular county veteran whose subsequent murder reveals sinister truths behind the man's stellar reputation.

**Run for Your Life: A Michael Bennett Novel\*\***

Patterson, James & Ledwidge, Michael. Little, Brown. 9780316018746. \$27.99 . Pages 400

Investigating a series of brutal killings by an assailant who calls himself the Teacher and targets wealthy and arrogant victims, detective Mike Bennett finds himself racing against time to save New York from a deadly plot, in a case that is further complicated when Mike's ten children simultaneously contract the flu.

**What I Did for Love**

Phillips, Susan Elizabeth. Morrow (HarperCollins). 9780061351501. \$25.99 . Pages 400

The Romance Writers of America Favorite Book of the Year Award-winning writer of such works as Natural Born Charmer and Match Me If You Can presents a latest modern fairy tale that pits a hapless heroine against a series of whimsical challenges.

**Bases Loaded: The Inside Story of the Steroid Era in Baseball by the Central Figure in the Mitchell Report**

Radomski, Kirk. Hudson Street Pr (Penguin Group). 9781594630569. \$25.95 . Pages 288

An insider's account of the baseball steroid scandal from a New York Mets clubhouse employee whose testimony informed the 2007 Mitchell Report describes how his duties included providing steroids and human growth hormone to players while helping them to beat drug tests.

**Gamble, The: General Petraeus and the American Military Adventure in Iraq, 2006-2008\*\***

Ricks, Thomas E. Penguin Pr (Penguin Group). 9781594201974. \$27.95 . Pages 352

Draws on extensive interviews with top officers in Iraq to document the war as it has unfolded in recent years, placing a focus on the unorthodox strategies of General David Petraeus, from his work with foreign advisors to the ways in which his officers disagreed with key decisions.

**Promises in Death\*\***

Robb, J. D. Putnam (Penguin Group). 9780399155482. \$26.95 . Pages 368

Determined to capture whomever is responsible for murdering an experienced colleague who recently transferred to New York, Lieutenant Eve Dallas investigates the victim's life in her former precinct and uncovers unsettling links to her own painful past.

**Whisper to the Blood: A Kate Shugak Novel**

Stabenow, Dana. Minotaur Bks (St. Martin's Pr). 9780312369743. \$24.95 . Pages 304

The inhabitants of Niniltna, inside Alaska's largest national park, are uneasy about the gold-mining company buying up tracts of land around the park, an unease shared by P.I. Kate Shugak as she probes the killings of a long-time mine opponent and a popular ski champion turned company spokesperson, attacks on local snow mobilers, and the still-open homicide of Louis Deem.

**Very Valentine\*\***

Trigiani, Adriana. HarperCollins. 9780061257056. \$25.99 . Pages 352

When a failing custom wedding shoe business in Greenwich Village falls unexpectedly into her lap, apprentice Valentine Roncalli is challenged to bring her family's old-world craftsmanship into the twenty-first century, an endeavor that is further complicated by personal responsibilities and her budding romance with a chef.

**Temptation of the Night Jasmine, The (Pink Carnation)**

Willig, Lauren. Dutton (Penguin Group). 9780525950967. \$25.95 . Pages 400

Returning to his English estate to avenge his mentor's murder during the 1803 Battle of Assaye, the duke of Dovedale infiltrates a secretive club where he encounters Lady Charlotte, who has loved him since childhood. By the author of *The Seduction of the Crimson Rose*.

**Among the Mad: A Maisie Dobbs Novel\*\***

Winspear, Jacqueline. Henry Holt. 9780805082166. \$25.00 . Pages 336

Having witnessed a suicide on a busy London street, Maisie Dobbs learns that she has been mentioned in a threatening letter to the prime minister and is subsequently recruited by Scotland Yard, while her assistant, Billy, watches his wife slip further into depression.