

New Titles Coming in January 2010

Get your requests in now! Simply fill out a reserve slip for the book that you are interested in and turn in the slip at the Reference Desk.

We will notify you when your book arrives.

Beaton, M. C. *Death of a Valentine*

Announcing his engagement to associate Josie McSween, police sergeant and once-confirmed bachelor Hamish Macbeth struggles with prenuptial jitters while investigating the murder of a woman whose increasingly complicated case introduced him to his fiancée.

Braestrup, Kate *Marriage and Other Acts of Charity*

A Maine minister shares her insights into marriage as a twice-married widow who has performed numerous weddings, discussing such topics as the institution of marriage as it is experienced today and the role of God in modern relationships.

Clement, Blaize *Raining Cat Sitters and Dogs*

Despite the efforts of Lieutenant Guidry--Dixie Hemingway's on-again, off-again boyfriend--to find a missing young girl who may be a material witness to a murder, Dixie finds that she must go it alone to confront criminals who will stop at nothing to get what they want.

Cornwell, Bernard *The Burning Land*

After breaking with King Alfred of Wessex and joining the Danes and the Vikings in hopes of reclaiming Bebbanburg, warlord Uhtred switches sides again after Alfred's daughter pleads with him to take command of the Mercian army and protect Britain from being conquered.

Crais, Robert *The First Rule*

A follow-up to *The Watchman* finds Elvis Cole's taciturn partner, Joe Pike, investigating an attack on former associate Frank Meyer, a one-time mercenary whose family has been murdered by a professional hit crew and who police suspect has been keeping a dangerous secret.

Dekker, Ted & Healy, Erin *Burn*

The best-selling author of *BoneMan's Daughters* joins his coauthor in telling a new gripping Christian suspense story.

Delinsky, Barbara *Not My Daughter*

Devastated by her teenage daughter's pregnancy, single mother and high school principal Susan Tate is targeted by unfair criticism when the pregnancies of additional teens are rumored to be part of a pact.

Ferris, Joshua *The Unnamed*

Their wealthy lifestyle marred only by a two-time occurrence of a short-lived illness, Tim and Jane Farnsworth are devastated when the illness returns in ways that frighteningly alter Tim's behavior and test Jane's endurance. By the author of *Then We Came to the End*.

Fforde, Jasper *Shades of Grey*

Color Control Agency employee and House of Red member Eddie Russet experiences discontent with his limited vision when he meets Gray Nightseer Jane, who suggests that their color-blind world was brought about by a disaster that nobody is allowed to acknowledge.

Gawande, Atul *The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right*

The best-selling author of *Better* and *Complications* draws from his surgical experience to explain how simple checklists have prompted striking and immediate improvements in surgical and hospital settings, then goes beyond the field of medicine to explore how checklists have improved everything from homeland security to investment banking.

Gilbert, Elizabeth *Committed: A Skeptic Makes Peace with Marriage*

The author of the best-selling *Eat, Pray, Love* chronicles how the U.S. government gave her and her Brazilian-born lover, Felipe, an ultimatum--marry or Felipe cannot enter the country again--and how she tackled her fears of marriage by trying to discover through historical research, interviews and personal reflection what this stubbornly enduring old institution actually is.

Gill, Michael Gates *How to Save Your Own Life: 15 Lessons on Finding Hope in Unexpected Places*

The brain tumor survivor and author of *How Starbucks Saved My Life* shares lessons for surviving unanticipated life challenges, from taking leaps of faith and overcoming pride to treating others with respect and minimizing one's reliance on technology.

Hall, James W. *Silencer*

After his father, Earl Hammond, is shot dead and two deviant contract killers kidnap a family heir, Thorn, it is up to Frisco Hammond and his brother's wife to solve the two crimes, which may possibly be connected, in an endeavor that pits brother against brother, wife against husband.

Hall, Parnell *The Puzzle Lady vs. the Sudoku Lady*

After she accidentally frames her nemesis--Minami, the Sudoku Lady--for a murder at which a Sudoku puzzle was left at the scene, Cora Felton must clear her rival's name and trap the real killer, in a mystery that includes four Sudoku puzzles and two crossword puzzles.

Hess, Joan *Merry Wives of Maggody*

After Mrs. Jim Bob Buchanan sets the small town of Maggody, Arkansas, on the path to chaos by holding a golf tournament where the first hole-in-one wins a premier bass-fishing boat, local golf instructor Tommy Ridner wins the prize on the first day, only to be found dead later, a case that Sheriff Arly Hanks must take on just as the cut-throat golf tournament begins anew.

Higgins, Jack *The Wolf at the Door*

When several members of an elite intelligence unit are murdered by an unknown assailant with formidable resources, Sean Dillon finds his life in danger upon attempting to obtain evidence proving that an old nemesis is the killer.

Hooper, Kay *Blood Ties*

When part of a murdered body is discovered on a running trail in a sleepy Tennessee town, three agents from the FBI's elite Special Crimes Unit are dispatched to investigate and discover an unearthly series of killings, in a conclusion to a trilogy that includes *Blood Sins* and *Blood Dreams*.

Kostova, Elizabeth *The Swan Thieves*

His ordered life thrown into disarray when he begins treating an unstable genius artist who has recently attacked a canvas at the National Gallery of Art, psychiatrist and art hobbyist Andrew Marlowe struggles to understand the secret that torments the artist and discovers a tragedy at the heart of French Impressionism.

Lowell, Elizabeth *Dark Fire*

The Andean Cloud Forest in Ecuador is mysterious and beautiful. Trace Rawlings is a man who lives by his own rules. Ruthless and domineering, he takes what he wants. But Cynthia is used to someone trying to manipulate her, having dealt with her father all her life. She feels sure she can handle Trace. After all, he's just there to guide her through the treacherous forest, right?

Okrant, Robyn *Living Oprah: My One-Year Experiment to Live as TV's Most Influential Guru Advises*

A month-by-month account chronicles the author's efforts to live for a year as Oprah advises on her TV show, in her magazine and on her website, with each month's entry

including a running tally of the financial and time costs required to do each assignment, reflections on the results and revelations the author experienced.

Palin, Sarah *Going Rogue: An American Life*

The controversial Republican tells the story of her Alaskan upbringing, her marriage and family life, her political career, her religious beliefs and her rise to national prominence, in a book where she sets the record straight about what she sees as the many myths and lies around her and lays out a vision for America.

Parker, T. Jefferson *Iron River*

Charlie Hood runs the California-Mexico border with the ATF, searching for the iron river--the massive and illegal flow of handguns and automatic weapons that fuels the bloody cartel wars south of the border--and soon finds a close personal connection that shakes him to his core.

Preston, Douglas *Impact*

Wyman Ford and a team of scientists must figure out how to destroy an alien doomsday weapon aimed at Earth, and the only tools at their disposal are the a handful of weaponless machines-- the Mars Orbiter, a lander and a few satellites--not much to work with, especially since they only have 60 hours to save the planet.

Quinn, Jane Bryant *Making the Most of Your Money Now: The Classic Bestseller Completely Revised for the Risky New Economy*

An updated edition of a popular personal success reference shares a blueprint for overcoming such challenges as debt and high mortgage rates while saving money on a budget and achieving financial security.

Reilly, Matthew *The 5 Greatest Warriors*

A follow-up to *The 6 Sacred Stones* finds Jack West, Jr., leading a team of loyal followers during an Armageddon-risking adventure that takes them from the deserts of Israel and storm-swept coastal Japan to the steppes of Mongolia and a mysterious island.

Todd, Charles *The Red Door*

Investigating the death of a Lancaster woman in the summer of 1920, Scotland Yard Detective Ian Rutledge links her demise to the disappearance of a man who was wrongly believed to have gone to serve in World War I, a case that is challenged by internal dogma.

Tyler, Anne *Noah's Compass*

Preparing to retire early from an unfulfilling teaching job that supplanted his dream of becoming a philosopher, Liam Pennywell struggles to remember missing memories of

the night before he awoke in the hospital with a head injury, an effort that leads to unexpected discoveries.

Watchlist: A Serial Thriller -- Deaver, Jeffery, et al

Jeffery Deaver helms a collaborative effort by 21 thriller writers--including Lee Child, Lisa Scottoline and Joseph Finder--that includes two novellas--*The Chopin Manuscript*, in which Harold Middleton discovers that a score by Chopin holds a deadly secret, and its sequel *The Copper Bracelet*, which finds Harold drawn into a plot that could lead to a nuclear war.

Welch, Raquel The Secrets of Timeless Appeal

A movie star relates her struggle to age gracefully in Hollywood and face the challenges of menopause, all while maintaining a successful acting career, in a book where she also divulges the secrets for skin care, make-up, diet and exercise that have allowed her to remain beautiful into her 60s.

Willig, Lauren The Betrayal of the Blood Lily

Sent to India to weather the scandal of her hasty marriage, Lady Penelope finds herself in the treacherous court of the Nizam of Hyderabad, where she encounters freedom and deception before her athletic talents draw the attentions of Captain Alex Reid and a dangerous spy.

Woods, Stuart Kisses

Hoping to resume a quieter legal career after returning to New York from Key West, Stone Barrington crosses paths with a beautiful Broadway actress whose shady past places Stone and downtown police officer Dino Bacchetti in danger.