

## New Titles Coming in November 2009

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**Ahern, Cecelia** *The Gift*

Despite job stress and a crumbling home life, workaholic businessman Lou Suffern gives Gabe, a homeless man, a job in his company's mail room; but the mysterious Gabe seems to be in two places at once and he's meddling in Lou's private affairs, in a story where Gabe eventually teaches Lou a valuable lesson. By the author of *P.S. I Love You*.

**Brown, Sandra** *Rainwater*

A romantic historical novel from the best-selling author of *Smash Cut* centers around an independent woman who runs a boarding house in Dust Bowl Texas.

**Burroughs, Augusten** *You Better Not Cry*

A volume of holiday tales by the best-selling author of *Running with Scissors* celebrates his best and worst Christmas seasons, marked by such memories as a six-foot stuffed Santa, a gingerbread tenement, and awakening with a hangover beside Kris Kringle.

**Butcher, Jim** *Death Masks (The Dresden Files)*

Professional wizard Harry Dresden finds himself dueling a lethal champion of the Red Court, being used for target practice by hit men, and identifying a handless and headless corpse, while his girlfriend struggles with her semi-vampiric nature.

**Carlin, George, with Hendra, Tony** *Last Words*

An autobiography that the late comedian nearly completed before he died chronicles his storied career, during which he pushed the boundaries of comedy and language and influenced several generations of performers. By the author of *When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?*

**Chiaverini, Jennifer** *A Quilter's Holiday: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel*

The Elm Creek Quilters are home for the holidays, during which days spent hand-stitching heartfelt gifts for loved ones brings forth the true spirit of generosity and kindness, especially when Gwen gifts a quilt project to her mentor's bone marrow donor.

**Crichton, Michael** *Pirate Latitudes*

English Captain Charles Hunter and his crew of ruffians sail from colonial Jamaica to infiltrate the Spanish-controlled island, commandeering the galleon El Trinidad and its fortune in gold after a bloody battle, but Hunter and his crew have plenty of danger and adventure ahead of them, in this 17th-century swashbuckling tale found among the late author's files after his passing.

**Cussler, Clive & Blackwood, Grant** *Spartan Gold: A Fargo Adventure*

After discovering a U-boat in a Delaware swamp containing a map to Napoleon's "lost cellar," the Fargo brothers race to find the treasure before a rival collector can, in this new series debut from the best-selling author.

**Cussler, Clive & Scott, Justin** *The Wrecker*

Investigating a series of attacks on the Southern Pacific Railroad's Cascades express lines, Detective Bell learns of the existence of an elusive saboteur who recruits and murders his own accomplices while engineering schemes of maximum havoc.

**Graham, Heather** *Home in Time for Christmas*

When she rescues a man claiming to be a patriot soldier, sentenced to death by British authorities, Melody Tarleton takes the stranger to her parent's house where a little Christmas magic, some enchanted petals, and ancient potions take them on an unimaginable adventure.

**Grisham, John** *Ford County*

The best-selling author returns to Ford County, Mississippi--the setting of his immensely popular first novel, *A Time to Kill*--in a surprising collection of stories.

**Harris, Charlaine** *Grave Secret (Harper Connelly Mysteries)*

Sleuth Harper Connelly and her stepbrother Tolliver take a break from looking for the dead to travel to Texas, where horrible childhood memories resurface, and Harper discovers what happened to her missing sister.

**Henry, Sue** *The End of the Road*

The award-winning author of *The Refuge* places Maxie McNabb and her miniature dachshund, Stretch, in their fourth adventure, where they must investigate a murder that shatters the quiet in their hometown of Homer, Alaska.

**Howard, Linda** *Ice*

A latest work by the award-winning author of such titles as *Death Angel* and *Up Close and Dangerous* finds a passionate love affair challenged by the holiday season and a series of unanticipated adventures.

**Howard, Linda** *Midnight Rainbow*

Grant Sullivan, tough, masculine and handsome, is a retired military expert entrusted with a mission in the Costa Rican jungle to find hostage and socialite Jane Hamilton Greer. When Grant rescues her in a rather cavalier and physical fashion, no love is lost between them. But gradually their mutual attraction and passion becomes apparent and the jungle smolders in more ways than one.

**Jordan, Robert & Sanderson, Brandon** *The Gathering Storm (The Wheel of Time)*

A first installment in a new arc in the *The Wheel of Time* series follows the efforts of Dragon Reborn Rand al'Thor to unite a fractured network of kingdoms and alliances to prepare for battle against the Shadow, in a book planned by the late best-selling author before his death.

**King, Stephen** *Under the Dome*

After an invisible force field seals off Chester Mills, Maine, from the rest of the world, it is up to Dale Barbara, an Iraq veteran, and a select group of citizens to save the town, if they can get past Big Jim Rennie, a murderous politician, and his son, who hides a horrible secret in his dark pantry.

**Kingsolver, Barbara** *The Lacuna*

Harrison William Shepherd, a highly observant writer, is caught between two worlds--in Mexico, working for communists Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo and Leon Trotsky, and later in America, where he is caught up in the patriotism of World War II--in a gripping story about identity and the power of words by the best-selling author of *The Poisonwood Bible*.

**Koontz, Dean** *Breathless*

Isolating himself in the Colorado Rockies, craftsman Grady Adams encounters a pair of beautiful furred animals that challenge everything he and a local veterinarian understand about the natural world, a discovery for which they are targeted by government forces.

**Lamb, Wally** *Wishin' and Hopin': A Christmas Story*

The author of *I Know This Much Is True* shares a holiday novella that begins by focusing on a feisty parochial school fifth grader named Felix Funicello as Christmas approaches in 1964, then propels readers from the past to the present so that they might measure what America has gained and what it has lost.

**Macomber, Debbie** *One Simple Act: Discovering the Power of Generosity*

An award-winning novelist illustrates how simple acts of generosity have lasting life-changing impact on both recipients and givers, sharing true stories of random acts of kindness that have changed lives in unimaginable and wonderful ways.

**Miller, Linda Lael** *A Creed County Christmas (Montana Creeds)*

In 1910, in the untamed Montana wilderness, schoolteacher Juliana Mitchell, disowned for her refusal to marry, discovers that she is no longer adverse to marriage when she meets widowed rancher Lincoln Creed, who is searching for a governess for his young daughter.

**Patterson, James I,** *Alex Cross*

Determined to capture the psychopath responsible for murdering his niece, Alex Cross discovers that the young woman was among a dangerous group of people and was not the only one to have disappeared, a case that draws Alex into the heart of an underworld fantasy club, in a book by a best-selling author.

**Phillips, Mackenzie** *High on Arrival*

The author, best known for her role on the sitcom *One Day at a Time*, reveals her shocking, moving story about growing up in a legendary rock-and-roll family, the demons she has battled, and the redemption and peace she ultimately found.

**Robb, J. D.** *Kindred in Death*

Investigating the brutal murder of her new captain's sixteen-year-old daughter, Lieutenant Eve Dallas believes she is closing in on the perpetrator only to encounter a series of teasing clues that suggest the identities of several possible suspects.

**Rowland, Laura Joh** *The Cloud Pavilion*

In the aftermath of a woman's brutal attack in 1701 Japan, samurai detective turned chamberlain Sano Ichiro suspects the true motives of a formerly exiled rival who has been oddly cooperative, a situation that is further complicated by a relative's disappearance.

**Shaara, Jeff** *No Less Than Victory: A Novel of World War II*

A conclusion to the trilogy that includes *The Rising Tide* and *The Steel Wave* imagines the Battle of the Bulge from the perspectives of Eisenhower, Patton, Churchill, Hitler and an assortment of young soldiers.

**Sullenberger, Capt. Chesley "Sully," with Jeffrey Zaslow** *Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters*

Airline pilot Captain "Sully" Sullenberger tells his life story, including his perspective on the emergency landing on the Hudson River that earned him the world's admiration, and offers insight on the essential qualities--leadership, responsibility and service--that he believes have been vital to his success.