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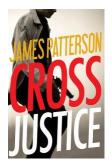


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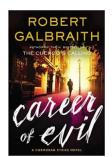


Cross Justice

By James Patterson Little, Brown \$29.00

When his cousin is accused of a heinous crime, Alex Cross returns to his North Carolina hometown for the first time in over three decades. As he tries to prove his cousin's innocence in a town where everyone seems to be on the take, Cross unearths a family secret that forces him to question everything he's ever known. Chasing a ghost he believed was long dead, Cross gets pulled into a case that has local cops scratching their heads and needing his help: a grisly

string of socialite murders. Now he's hot on the trail of both a brutal killer, and the truth about his own past—and the answers he finds might be fatal.

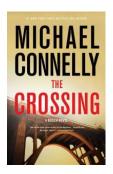


Career of Evil

By Robert Galbraith Hachette \$28.00

When a mysterious package is delivered to Robin Ellacott, she is horrified to discover that it contains a woman's severed leg. Her boss, private detective Cormoran Strike, is less surprised but no less alarmed. There are four people from his past who he thinks could be responsible--and Strike knows that any one of them is capable of sustained and unspeakable brutality. With the police focusing on the one suspect Strike is increasingly sure is not the perpetrator,

he and Robin take matters into their own hands, and delve into the dark and twisted worlds of the other three men. But as more horrendous acts occur, time is running out for the two of them. *Career of Evil* is the third in the highly acclaimed series featuring private detective Cormoran Strike and his assistant Robin Ellacott. A fiendishly clever mystery with unexpected twists around every corner, it is also a gripping story of a man and a woman at a crossroads in their personal and professional lives.



The Crossing

By Michael Connelly Little, Brown \$28.00

Detective Harry Bosch has retired from the LAPD, but his half-brother, defense attorney Mickey Haller, needs his help. A woman has been brutally murdered in her bed and all evidence points to Haller's client, a former gang member turned family man. Though the murder rap seems ironclad, Mickey is sure it's a setup. Bosch doesn't want anything to do with crossing the aisle to work for the defense. He feels it will undo all the good he's done in his thirty years as

a homicide cop. But Mickey promises to let the chips fall where they may. If Harry proves that his client did it, under the rules of discovery, they are obliged to turn over the evidence to the prosecution. Though it goes against all his instincts, Bosch reluctantly takes the case. The prosecution's file just has too many holes and he has to find out for himself: if Haller's client didn't do it, then who did? With the secret help of his former LAPD partner Lucy Soto, Harry starts digging.

Books for Young Adults



The Infinite Sea (Fifth Wave Series #2

By Rick Yancy Penguin \$10.99 Ages: 14 to 17

How do you rid the Earth of seven billion humans? Rid the humans of their humanity. Surviving the first four waves was nearly impossible. Now Cassie Sullivan finds herself in a new world, a world in which the fundamental trust that binds us together is gone. As the 5th Wave rolls across the landscape, Cassie, Ben, and Ringer are forced to confront the Others' ultimate goal: the

extermination of the human race. Cassie and her friends haven't seen the depths to which the Others will sink, nor have the Others seen the heights to which humanity will rise, in the ultimate battle between life and death, hope and despair, love and hate.



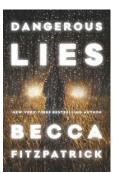
The Hired Girl

By Laura Amy Schlitz Candlewick \$17.99

Ages: 12 to 17

Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, just like the heroines in her beloved novels, yearns for real life and true love. But what hope is there for adventure, beauty, or art on a hardscrabble farm in Pennsylvania where the work never ends? Over the summer of 1911, Joan pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself—because maybe, just maybe, a hired

girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week can become what a farm girl could only dream of—a woman with a future. Newbery Medalist Laura Amy Schlitz relates Joan's journey from the muck of the chicken coop to the comforts of a society household in Baltimore (Electricity! Carpet sweepers! Sending out the laundry!), taking readers on an exploration of feminism and housework; religion and literature; love and loyalty; cats, hats, and bunions.



Dangerous Lies By Becca Fitzpatrick Simon & Schuster \$18.99

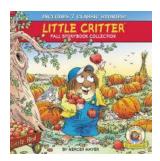
Ages: 14 to 17

A teen is forced to make a fresh start after witnessing a violent crime—but love and danger find her anyway in this novel from Becca Fitzpatrick, the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Hush, Hush saga. Stella Gordon's life is a lie. She does not belong in Thunder Basin, Nebraska. As the star witness in a murder trial against a drug dealer, Stella is now in the Witness Protection Program. The small town locals can never know who she really is.

Not even Chet Falconer, the one boy who makes her want to reveal her true self. She knows that telling the truth will only bring violence to this safe haven. Despite how hard Stella tries to stay under the radar, danger is fast-approaching. Criminals have a way of getting rid of witnesses, and Stella may have made the one mistake that could lead the cold-blooded men hunting for her right to her doorstep.



Books for Children



Little Critter Fall Storybook Collection: 7 Classic Stories

By Mercer Mayer HarperCollins \$11.99

Ages: 4 to 8

This new paper-over-board storybook collection features seven of the best-loved stories starring Little Critter®. Join this classic character as he celebrates his favorite teacher, attends a fall festival, visits the firehouse, and so much more! Fans of Little Critter's signature charm will love these autumn adventures. This collection includes the following

books, complete and unabridged: The Fall Festival, The Best Teacher Ever, Going to the Firehouse, The Best Show & Share, Snowball Soup, The Lost Dinosaur Bone, Just Critters Who Care.



The Nutcracker's Night Before Christmas

By Keith Brockett, Joseph Cowman Sleeping Bear Press \$15.99

Ages: 6 to 8

In The Nutcracker's Night Before Christmas preparations for a doomed stage production of the classic ballet goes from terribly bad to ridiculously worse. Sick stagehands, renegade cats, and crashing Christmas trees have everyone sure that the show won't go on. But it's Christmas Eve and

help is on the way! Told in verse with wonderful whimsical illustrations, this story hits all the right notes for holiday reading.



Christmas in America

By Calista Gingrich and Susan Arciero Regnery Publishing \$16.95

Ages: 4 to 8

Ellis the Elephant is back! In *Christmas in America*, the fifth in Callista Gingrich's *New York Times* bestselling series, Ellis discovers the meaning of Christmas and learns how this special holiday has been celebrated throughout American history. In preceding books, including *Sweet Land of*

Liberty, Land of the Pilgrims' Pride, Yankee Doodle Dandy, and From Sea to Shining Sea, Ellis learns about the pivotal moments that have shaped our nation. Now, in Christmas in America, this adorable pachyderm explores the tales and traditions that have made Christmas a cherished part of the American experience.



Paddington and the Christmas Surprise

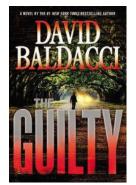
By Michael Bond and R.W. Alley HarperCollins \$17.99

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Ages: 4 to 8

A funny, festive story about Paddington, the beloved, classic bear from darkest Peru. Now available in board book format - perfect for little hands!



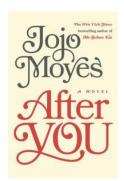


The Guilty (Will Robie Series #4)

By David Baldacci Hachette \$28.99

Will Robie escaped his small Gulf coast hometown of Cantrell, Mississippi after high school, severing all personal ties, and never looked back. Not once. Not until the unimaginable occurs. His father, Dan Robie, has been arrested and charged with murder. Father and son haven't spoken or seen each other since the day Robie left town. In that time, Dan Robie-a local attorney and pillar of the community-had been elected town judge. Despite this, most of Cantrell is aligned against Dan. His guilt is assumed. To make

matters worse, Dan has refused to do anything to defend himself. When Robie tries to help, his father responds only with anger and defiance. Could Dan really be guilty? With only his partner, the equally formidable Jessica Reel at his side, Robie ignores his father's wishes, and begins his own desperate investigation into the case. But Robie is now a stranger to his hometown, an outsider, a man who has forsaken his past and his family. His attempts to save his father are met with distrust and skepticism . . . and violence.



After You

By Jojo Moyes Penguin \$26.95

Louisa Clark is no longer just an ordinary girl living an ordinary life. After the transformative six months spent with Will Traynor, she is struggling without him. When an extraordinary accident forces Lou to return home to her family, she can't help but feel she's right back where she started. Her body heals, but Lou herself knows that she needs to be kick-started back to life. Which is how she ends up in a church basement with the members of the Moving On support group, who share insights, laughter, frustrations, and

terrible cookies. They will also lead her to the strong, capable Sam Fielding—the paramedic, whose business is life and death, and the one man who might be able to understand her. Then a figure from Will's past appears and hijacks all her plans, propelling her into a very different future. For Lou Clark, life after Will Traynor means learning to fall in love again, with all the risks that brings. But here Jojo Moyes gives us two families, as real as our own, whose joys and sorrows will touch you deeply, and where both changes and surprises await.



The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto

By Mitch Albom HarperCollins \$25.99

An epic story of the greatest guitar player to ever live, and the six lives he changed with his magical blue strings. In Albom's most sweeping novel yet, the voice of Music narrates the tale of its most beloved disciple, young Frankie Presto, a war orphan raised by a blind music teacher in a small Spanish town. At nine years old, Frankie is sent to America in the bottom of a boat. His only possession is an old guitar and six precious

strings. But Frankie's talent is touched by the gods, and his amazing journey weaves him through the musical landscape of the 20th century, from classical to jazz to rock and roll, with his stunning talent affecting numerous stars along the way, including Hank Williams, Elvis Presley, Carole King, Wynton Marsalis and even KISS. Frankie becomes a pop star himself. He makes records. He is adored. But his gift is also his burden, as he realizes, through his music, he can actually affect people's futures—with one string turning blue whenever a life is altered. At the height of his popularity, Frankie Presto vanishes. His legend grows.