THE DUTCH ORPHAN
Ellen Keith

Two sisters are forced to choose between family and freedom during the Nazi invasion of Amsterdam

Amsterdam, 1941. When the Nazis invade Amsterdam, singer Johanna Vos watches in horror as the vibrant music scene she loves is all but erased, with her Jewish friends forbidden from performing. Alongside her friend Jakob, Johanna helps organize the Artists’ Resistance, an underground network allowing Jews to perform at house concerts. When Johanna hears of a Jewish orphan headed for deportation, she takes the baby in as her own, hiding the truth from even her own sister, Liesbeth.

Meanwhile, Liesbeth finds herself in a dilemma, as she knows of her sister’s staunch support for the Resistance, but her husband supports the Nazis. When a charming member of the Dutch Fascist Party sets his eyes on her, her predicament only deepens. As secrets continue to grow between the sisters, severing their once-unbreakable bond, they are both forced to make choices that will alter their lives forever.
THE ALMOST WIDOW
Gail Anderson-Dargatz

If the man you love went missing, how far would you go to find him?

Someone is watching Piper, and she thinks she knows who it is: the bushman. But there’s more than one danger lurking in this temperate rainforest. Poachers are taking down old growth trees and jeopardizing plans for a park, a project Piper is passionate about. When she pressures her husband Ben, a natural resource officer, to identify the culprits, he takes his drone into the wilderness to track them down. And then, just as a snowstorm hits, he goes missing.

Refusing to believe her husband is dead, Piper begins a desperate search for him, one that continues long after the rescue team has given up. But as she uncovers what really happened to Ben, Piper is pursued by a stalker who may have taken her husband’s life and now threatens to take her own.
The first book in a light-hearted comedic cozy crime series in the vein of Richard Osman, Simon Brett, and Alexander McCall Smith’s 44 Scotland Street Series

Miranda Abbott is a flamboyantly unaware former TV star who once played a crime-solving, karate-chopping church pastor. Since then, her career has hit hard times. Turned down for a role in the reality show *Real Has-Beens of Beverley Hills*, Miranda is about to give up when a mysterious postcard from her past arrives, summoning her to a small town in the Pacific Northwest. But when she gets there, the situation is much different than she expected.

In dire straits, she signs up for an amateur production at the Happy Rock Little Theater, only to find herself onstage when one of the actors is murdered, live, in front of the audience on opening night. Falling under a cloud of suspicion, Miranda is forced to investigate the murder herself using her dubious skills as a former TV sleuth.
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THE OPPORTUNIST
Elyse Friedman

A deliciously sly, compulsively readable tale about greed, power and the world’s most devious family, for fans of *The Nest* and *Succession*

When Alana Shropshire’s 76-year-old father, Ed, starts dating Kelly, a saucy 28-year-old, a flurry of messages arrive from Alana’s brothers, urging her to help “protect Dad” from the young interloper. Alana knows that what Teddy and Martin really want to protect is their father’s fortune, and as a hardworking single mom, she has more important things to worry about. But when Ed and Kelly’s wedding is announced, Teddy and Martin persuade Alana to fly to their father’s island retreat to perform one small task in their plan to lure the “gold digger” away from their father. Kelly, however, proves a lot wiliier than expected, and Alana becomes entangled in a dangerous scheme full of secrets and surprises. Will she be able to escape her brothers’ elaborate web of deceit? Just how far will her siblings go to retain control?
Belleville 1860: Lavender Fitch is a twenty-eight-year-old spinster, whose station in life is diminished after the death of her father, the local apothecary. Her only inheritance is the family house along with its extensive gardens. To make ends meet, Lavender resorts to selling flowers at the local market. Then, one day, a glamorous couple step off the train at the railway station. The lady is famed Spirit Medium, Allegra Trout, who casts a spell over the town with her striking beauty and otherworldly charms. Her handsome but disfigured assistant, Robert, singles out Lavender and buys her entire cart of flowers.

The arrival of the legendary Medium is well-timed. Lavender has been searching for a secret cache of money and requires Allegra’s help to contact her dead mother for clues to its hidden location. As the town’s anticipation for Allegra’s final show begins to mount, so do Lavender’s questions. Will the spirits make contact, or is Allegra a fraud? Is Robert really Allegra’s brother, or is something else going on? Will Robert and Lavender’s relationship continue to blossom or collapse under the weight of deception? Will Lavender find the money left by her mother or be forced from her home and beloved garden?
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Every one of us will face an unexpected decision crisis in our lives. Whether it’s a life-changing situation—job loss, illness, divorce, death—or a happier event—a new job opportunity, buying a first home—there are times when you will be forced to make big decisions under great pressure.

*No-Regret Decisions* is a decision crisis playbook that will help you to make sound choices when the emotional and financial stakes are high. From the initial shock of Panic Mode to the insecurity of the Messy Middle, and finally, the acceptance of Your New Normal, Shannon Lee Simmons will teach you how to approach your decision crisis methodically, step by step. Simmons’s practical advice, wisdom and humour will help you navigate through the upheaval that comes with a decision crisis, so that—once the stressful situation is over—you will be proud of the choices you’ve made, you have hope for the future, and you emerge from the crisis stronger and more confident than before.
FEELING SEEN
Reconnecting in a Disconnected World
Jody Carrington

Disconnection has become an epidemic, and it may require a revolutionary effort to get us back together—a reconnection revolution.

Staying connected is the most direct route to happiness. Connection is what we’re wired for, and it can be easy: waving at your neighbour, going on that second date, buying coffee for the person behind you. The hard part comes when we are called on to reconnect, to repair or re-engage, especially after we’ve been wronged, alienated or hurt. We all desperately want to get it right, but this requires another step, which is the magic each of us so often misses: the act of seeing.

Feeling Seen is a timely work with a timeless message. Written on a blueprint of theory, with a road map of reconnection (including three simple stops) and a way back for when we get lost, it leads to a place where all of those who share the human race will truly see—in ourselves as well as one another—our differences, our sorrows and our joys.
POWERHOUSE
Protect Your Energy, Optimize Your Health and Supercharge Your Performance
Greg Wells

Boost your energy, fight inflammation and optimize your health—cell by cell

Your body is constantly rebuilding, depending on what you do, eat and even think. Every six months, over 98% of the cells in your body are new; it's like getting a new brain and body twice a year! At the core of every cell are mitochondria, the "energy factories" that power the cells.

Based on groundbreaking science, Powerhouse shows you simple yet revolutionary ways to heal and boost your mitochondria, repairing and improving your whole body. These methods include practicing quick and easy breathing exercises, taking new supplements and avoiding the use of technology that can damage your mitochondria. As a result, you will feel less tired, experience better moods and increase your hormonal health.
MELLISSA FUNG is a veteran journalist, bestselling author and filmmaker. In 2008, as a field correspondent covering Afghanistan, she was taken hostage, an experience that led to her number-one-bestselling book *Under an Afghan Sky*. Her story, and those of three Nigerian girls, were the subject of her first feature documentary, *Captive*, which premiered in 2021.

In April 2014, the world awoke to the shocking news that the terrorist group Boko Haram had kidnapped nearly 300 school-aged girls and taken them deep into the forests of Nigeria. When veteran journalist Mellissa Fung travelled to Nigeria, she discovered that the scope of the kidnappings had been vastly under-reported. Hundreds—possibly thousands—more girls had been taken against their will and forced to become child brides to soldiers and leaders of Boko Haram.

During several visits to Nigeria over four years, she sat down with the girls and their families, listening to horrific stories of capture, rape and torture, as well as escapes and excommunications. Fung also tells the stories of strong women fighting against the terrorist group: Aisha the Hunter, who moves stealthily into the forest, taking out Boko Haram with her faithful followers, and Mama Boko Haram, an Igbo woman who knows the fighters and fights to empty the forests of them and captives alike.
THE EVERYDAY HERO MANIFESTO
Activate Your Positivity, Maximize Your Productivity, Serve The World

Robin Sharma

This is a time for heroism. Not only the kind shown by movement-makers and world-builders but also for the heroic behavior that is wired into every human being alive today. Each one of us has the promise to achieve spellbinding feats of mastery, lead each day with artistry and live a life of extraordinary beauty.

The Everyday Hero Manifesto, painstakingly hand-crafted by Robin Sharma—one of the world’s most respected mentors on elite performance and personal leadership—is a one-of-a-kind field guide for activating your gifts and talents so that you exemplify the highest possible level of positivity, creativity, productivity, prosperity and impact on society. Immensely inspirational yet highly tactical, the pages of this genuine masterwork will show you how the true heavyweights on the planet generate their remarkable success along with a clear blueprint for experiencing a life you adore.

Now is your time. This is your moment. The Everyday Hero Manifesto is your playbook.
NO PLACE LIKE HOME
Linh Nguyen

Linh Nguyễn is a Vietnamese immigrant to Canada who straddles many intersecting worlds. Her stories revolve around home, liminality and living between cultures. She loves design creative, community-engaged programming to foster opportunities for under-represented artists.

Lan, a teenager who recently came to Canada from Vietnam, spends every day searching for a sense of belonging. Books are the only things that make her feel at ease. But it comes as a shock when a mysterious wind whisks her right into the pages of her latest fantasy read. More shocking still is the fact that she herself summoned this wind!

Plunged into the magical world of Silva, Lan realizes she has much to offer protagonists Annabelle and Marlow. Once a homesick reader and bystander rooting for the very characters that now stand before her, Lan is a budding witch who suddenly has the power to help their quest. As Lan faces off against tree guardians, moving corn mazes, heart-eaters and thoughtless kings, she finds that Silva is not so different from Canada: new homes can be messy. Now, torn between several places at once, Lan begins to confront an important question: how do you redefine a lost home?
SILVERWING
The Graphic Novel
Kenneth Oppel and Christopher Steininger

In this epic story of adventure and suspense, Shade, a young silverwing bat, loses his colony during their annual migration. To find his own way to Hibernaculum, he is going to need all the help he can find—if he hopes to ever see his family again.

Kenneth Oppel's Silverwing series has captured the imaginations of readers around the world and sold more than 1 million copies. This new graphic-novel adaptation is brought to breathtaking life by illustrator Christopher Steininger, and promises to bring this timeless tale to a whole new generation of readers.
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