



WATCH FOR THESE
BLOCKBUSTERS

Winter Bestsellers



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January

Crais, Robert. *Taken*. Elvis Cole and Joe Pike are hired to help with a kidnapping case. A boy and his secret girlfriend are lost in the gray world of professional border kidnapers. When Cole goes undercover to try to buy the hostages back, he himself is taken and disappears. Now it is up to Pike to retrace Cole's steps – before it's too late.

George, Elizabeth. *Believing the Lie*. Inspector Thomas Lynley is sent undercover to investigate a death that had been ruled an accidental drowning. Nothing on the surface indicates otherwise, but when Lynley starts digging, he finds the family in question is awash in secrets, lies, and motives.

Hannah, Kristin. *Home Front*. After twelve years of marriage, Michael and Joleen Zarkades are edging toward divorce. Then the Iraq war brings an unexpected deployment. Each must face their darkest fear and fight for the future of their family. An intimate look at the inner landscape of a disintegrating marriage and a dramatic exploration of the price of war on a single American family.

Kellerman, Faye. *Gun Games*. A rash of shocking adolescent suicides at an elite Los Angeles private school is at the heart of this gripping thriller that also focuses on the troubled teen Peter Decker and Rita Lazarus have brought into their own home.

Mosley, Walter. *All I Did was Shoot my Man*. As Leonid McGill begins an investigation, his own life begins to unravel – his wife is drinking too much; his oldest son has dropped out of college and moved in with an ex-prostitute; and his father, whom he thought was long dead, has turned up under an alias.

Patterson, James and Maxine Paetro. *Private: #1 Suspect*. Since former Marine Jack Morgan started Private, it has become the world's most effective investigation firm – sought out by the famous and the powerful to discreetly handle their most intimate problems. But when Jack's former lover is found murdered in Jack's bed, he himself is instantly the #1 suspect.

February

deRosnay, Tatiana. *The House I Loved*. Rose is forced to come to terms with a secret that has been buried deep in her heart for thirty years. A poignant story of one woman's indelible strength and an ode to 1860s Paris and the secrets that endure.

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Gardner, Lisa. *Catch Me*. Charlene Rosalind Carter Grant believes she will be murdered in four days and she wants Boston's top detective, D.D. Warren, to handle the death investigation. But is Charlie really in danger or is she hiding a secret that may be the biggest threat of all?

Jance, J.A. *Left for Dead*. Ali Reynolds investigates two shocking cases of victims brutally left for dead, one a Santa Cruz deputy sheriff and old friend of Ali's, and the other an unidentified young woman presumed to be an illegal border crosser. This fast-paced tension-filled mystery thriller becomes more complex as Ali searches for the truth.

Kinsella, Sophie. *I've Got Your Number*. Poppy Wyatt has never felt luckier as she busies herself with wedding preparations – until everything starts to go wrong. After Poppy loses both her engagement ring and her phone, a hilarious and unpredictable turn of events ensues.

Hayder, Mo. *Hanging Hill*. Hayder's newest centers around a pair of estranged sisters, Zoe, a British police woman, and Sally, whose daughter was friends with Lorne Wood, the teenage beauty, a victim of a gruesome homicide. The investigation leads them deep into an underground world of sex and violence and a crippling secret from Zoe's past.

March

Coben, Harlan. *Stay Close*. As three different people confront the dark side of the American Dream, they will discover the hard truth that the line between one kind of life and another can be as whisper-thin as a heartbeat.

Johansen, Iris. *Always*. Sedikhan security chief Clancy Donahue wants renowned singer Lisa Landon to help him entrap a terrorist moneyman. What Clancy doesn't count on is that *he* won't be able to resist her either – and that he'll do anything to protect her, even if it means risking his own life.

Oates, Joyce Carol. *Mudwoman*. A riveting psychological thriller that explores the high price of repression in the life of a respected university president teetering on the precipice of a nervous breakdown.

Patterson, James and David Ellis. *Guilty Wives*. Just days after arriving at the most luxurious, sensually pampering hotel they have ever been to, four friends are arrested and accused of the foulest crime imaginable. And now the vacation of a lifetime becomes the fight of a lifetime – for survival.

Picoult, Jodi. *Lone Wolf*. Picoult's newest explores the notion of family, and the love, protection and strength it's meant to offer. But what if the hope that should sustain it is the very thing that pulls it apart?

Steel, Danielle. *Betrayal*. At 39, Tallie Jones is a Hollywood legend. In the wake of an escalating series of shattering revelations, she will find herself playing the most dangerous game of all – trapping a predator who is stalking her in plain sight.

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