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Sweethand N. G. Peltier 2021-03-30 'A masterfully executed enemies-to-lovers wedding romp. I loved this book!' Talia Hibbert, New York Times bestselling author Love is a piece of cake, right? For the first time in forever, lifelong rivals Cherrisse and Keiran are back in Trinidad at the same time. And while Keiran may have the most swoonworthy smile, he's also the most annoying man Cherrisse has ever met. Unfortunately, avoiding him is impossible. With Keiran's close friend getting ready to marry Cherrisse's sister, he's just been made the best man to her maid of honour . . . Keiran doesn't know what to make of Cherrisse. She might now be a successful pastry chef but to him she's always been a stuck-up brat who seeks attention, even as he secretly harboured a crush on her. Now it seems he can't escape her. But despite their antagonism towards each other, things turn heated after one rainy night and the pair are forced to figure out if they can survive the countdown to wedding day, without this turning into a recipe for disaster . . . 'A zizzy and charming Trinidad-set contemporary romance that absolutely hits the spot!' KJ Charles 'This Caribbean romance is sure to capture your heart' WOC Read

The Paying Guests Sarah Waters 2014-08-28 **SHORTLISTED FOR THE WOMEN'S PRIZE** This novel from the internationally bestselling author of *The Little Stranger*, is a brilliant 'page-turning melodrama and a fascinating portrait of London of the verge of great change' (Guardian) It is 1922, and London is tense. Ex-servicemen are disillusioned, the out-of-work and the hungry are demanding change. And in South London, in a genteel Camberwell villa, a large silent house now bereft of brothers, husband and even servants, life is about to be transformed, as impoverished widow Mrs Wray and her spinster daughter, Frances, are obliged to take in lodgers. For with the arrival of Lilian and Leonard Barber, a modern young couple of the 'clerk class', the routines of the house will be shaken up in unexpected ways. And as passions mount and frustration gathers, no one can foresee just how far-reaching, and how devastating, the disturbances will be. This is vintage Sarah Waters: beautifully described with excruciating tension, real tenderness, believable characters, and surprises. It is above all a wonderful, compelling story. 'You will be hooked within a page . . . At her greatest, Waters transcends genre: the delusions in *Affinity* (1999), the vulnerability in *Fingersmith* (2002), the undercurrents of social injustice and the unexplained that underlie all her work, take her, in my view, well beyond the capabilities of her more seriously regarded Booker-winning peers. But *The Paying Guests* is the apotheosis of her talent; at least for now. I have tried and failed to find a single negative thing to say about it. Her next will probably be even better. Until then, read it, Flaubert, Zola, and weep' -Charlotte Mendelson, *Financial Times*

The Night Watch Sarah Waters 2016-07-28 I thought everything would change, after the war. And now, no one even mentions it. It is as if we all got together in private and said whatever you do don't mention that, like it never happened. It's the late 1940s. Calm has returned to London and five people are recovering from the chaos of war. In scenes set in a quiet dating agency, a bombed-out church and a prison cell, the stories of these five lives begin to intertwine and we uncover the desire and regret that has bound them together. Sarah Waters's story of illicit love and everyday heroism takes us from a dazed and shattered post-war Britain back into the heart of the Blitz, towards the secrets that are hidden there. Olivier-nominated playwright Hattie Naylor has created a thrilling and theatrically inventive adaptation of a great modern novel. The stage adaptation of *The Night Watch* was premiered at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, on 16 May 2016.

Kept D J Taylor 2010-08-31 A stuffed bear, a pet mouse, fraud and felony on the streets of London, and strange goings-on in the fens... Full of suspense and teeming with life, *Kept* is a Victorian mystery about the curious things men do to get - and keep - what they want. August 1863. Henry Ireland, a failed landowner, dies unexpectedly in a riding accident, and his young widow disappears. Three years later his friend James Dixey, a celebrated naturalist, is found dead on his grounds with his throat torn out. Are these deaths connected? What has happened to Mrs Ireland? And what are the sinister bonds that link these men to the poaching of osprey eggs in Scotland, the doomed romance of Dixey's kitchen maid and the first Great Train Robbery?

Fingersmith Sarah Waters 2019-06-04 A Penguin Book Club Pick "Oliver Twist with a twist . . . Waters spins an absorbing tale that withholds as much as it discloses. A pulsating story."—The New York Times Book Review Sue Trinder is an orphan, left as an infant in the care of Mrs. Sucksby, a "baby farmer," who raised her with unusual tenderness, as if Sue were her own. Mrs. Sucksby's household, with its fussy babies calmed with doses of gin, also hosts a transient family of petty thieves—fingersmiths—for whom this house in the heart of a mean London slum is home. One day, the most beloved thief of all arrives—Gentleman, an elegant con man, who carries with him an enticing proposition for Sue: If she wins a position as the maid to Maud Lilly, a naïve gentlewoman, and aids Gentleman in her seduction, then they will all share in Maud's vast inheritance. Once the inheritance is secured, Maud will be disposed of—passed off as mad, and made to live out the rest of her days in a lunatic asylum. With dreams of paying back the kindness of her adopted family, Sue agrees to the plan. Once in, however, Sue begins to pity her helpless mark and care for Maud Lilly in unexpected ways. . . . But no one and nothing is as it seems in this Dickensian novel of thrills and reversals.

The Crimson Petal and the White Michel Faber 2010 A new cover edition of Michel Faber's bestselling blockbuster about a 19th century London prostitute

The Little Stranger Sarah Waters 2009-05-05 From the multi-award-winning and bestselling author of *The Night Watch* and *Fingersmith* comes an astonishing novel about love, loss, and the sometimes unbearable weight of the past. In a dusty post-war summer in rural Warwickshire, a doctor is called to see a patient at lonely Hundreds Hall. Home to the Ayres family for over two centuries, the once grand house is now in decline, its masonry crumbling, its garden choked with weeds. All around, the world is changing, and the family is struggling to adjust to a society with new values and rules. Roddie Ayres, who returned from World War II physically and emotionally wounded, is desperate to keep the house and what remains of the estate together for the sake of his mother and his sister, Caroline. Mrs. Ayres is doing her best to hold on to the gracious habits of a gentler era and Caroline seems cheerfully prepared to continue doing the work a team of servants once handled, even if it means having little chance for a life of her own beyond Hundreds. But as Dr. Faraday becomes increasingly entwined in the Ayreses' lives, signs of a more disturbing nature start to emerge, both within the family and in Hundreds Hall itself. And Faraday begins to wonder if they are all threatened by something more sinister than a dying way of life, something that could subsume them completely. Both a nuanced evocation of 1940s England and the most chill-inducing novel of psychological suspense in years, *The Little Stranger* confirms Sarah Waters as one of the finest and most exciting novelists writing today.

Tipping the Velvet Sarah Waters 2015-09-18 It's 1887 and Nancy Astley sits in the audience at her local music hall: she doesn't know it yet, but the next act on the bill will change her life. Tonight is the night she'll fall in love... with the thrill of the stage and with Kitty Butler, a girl who wears trousers. Giddy with desire and hungry for experience, Nancy follows Kitty to London where unimaginable adventures await. Sarah Waters' debut novel, *Tipping the Velvet* was highly acclaimed and was chosen by *The New York Times* and *The Library Journal* as one of the best books of 1998. Reviewers have offered the most praise for *Tipping the Velvet's* use of humour, adventure, and sexual explicitness. The novel was adapted into a somewhat controversial three-part series of the same name produced and broadcast by the BBC in 2002.

The Story of Lucy Gault William Trevor 2011-10-27 Shortlisted for the 2002 Man Booker Prize 'A masterwork. I doubt that I have read a book as moving in at least a decade. A homage to the redemptive power of love' Independent Summer, 1921. Eight-year-old Lucy Gault clings to the glens and woods above Lahardane - the home her family is being forced to abandon. She knows the Gaults are no longer welcome in Ireland and that danger threatens. Lucy, however, is headstrong and decides that somehow she must force her parents into staying. But the path she chooses ends in disaster. One chance event, unwanted and unexpected, will blight the lives of the Gaults for years to come and bind each of them in different ways to this one moment in time, to this wild stretch of coast . . . 'Flawless. Guaranteed to keep you reading - all through the night if necessary - to find out what happens. Trevor's best novel' *New Statesman* 'Dark, elegantly written ... a book to relish' *Independent on Sunday*

Fingersmith Sarah Waters 2011-02-03 A BBC TWO BETWEEN THE COVERS BOOK CLUB PICK (BOOKER PRIZE GEMS) The book that inspired Park Chan-wook's astonishing film *The Handmaiden*. Shortlisted for the Orange Prize and the Booker Prize London 1862. Sue Trinder, orphaned at birth, grows up among petty thieves - fingersmiths - under the rough but loving care of Mrs Sucksby and her 'family'. But from the moment she draws breath, Sue's fate is linked to that of another orphan growing up in a gloomy mansion not too many miles away.

In a Strange Room Damon Galgut 2012-10-02 A young man makes three journeys that take him through Greece, India and Africa. He travels lightly, simply. To those who travel with him and those whom he meets on the way - including a handsome, enigmatic stranger, a group of carefree backpackers and a woman on the edge - he is the Follower, the Lover and the Guardian. Yet, despite the man's best intentions, each journey ends in disaster. Together, these three journeys will change his whole life. A novel of longing and thwarted desire, rage and compassion, *In a Strange Room* is the hauntingly beautiful evocation of one man's search for love, and a place to call home.

The Thirteenth Tale Diane Setterfield 2011-12-08 'Simply brilliant!' Kate Mosse, international bestselling author of *Labyrinth* *** Everybody has a story... Angelfield House stands abandoned and forgotten. It was once home to the March family: fascinating, manipulative Isabelle; brutal, dangerous Charlie; and the wild, untamed twins, Emmeline and Adeline. But the house hides a chilling secret which strikes at the very heart of each of them, tearing their lives apart... Now Margaret Lea is investigating Angelfield's past, and its mysterious connection to the enigmatic writer Vida Winter. Vida's history is mesmerising - a tale of ghosts, governesses, and gothic strangeness. But as Margaret succumbs to the power of her storytelling, two parallel stories begin to unfold... What has Angelfield been hiding? What is the secret that strikes at the heart of Margaret's own, troubled life? And can both women ever confront the ghosts that haunt them...? *The Thirteenth Tale* is a spellbinding mystery, a love letter to storytelling, and a modern classic.

Sarah Waters Kaye Mitchell 2013-07-18 A multiple award-winning author, Sarah Waters is one of the most critically and commercially successful novelists writing today. In such novels as *Fingersmith*, *Tipping the Velvet*, *Affinity* and *The Night Watch*, her writing has played compellingly with popular and generic forms and narrative techniques and covered a number of important contemporary themes. This critical guide is the first book to offer a wide range of current critical perspectives on Waters' work. With chapters written by leading established and emerging scholars the book explores issues such as gender, sexuality, class, time and space in Waters' fiction, as well as her appropriation of a range of genres from the historical and neo-victorian novel to the gothic. The book also includes a new interview with Waters herself, a timeline of her life, chapter summaries and guides to further reading, making this an essential guide to the work of one of the most exciting voices in contemporary fiction.

A Sense of Guilt Andrea Newman 2016-11-28 A deliciously dark and powerful novel about secrets, lies and risking it all, that will have you hooked from the first page For the ultimate betrayal, will they pay the ultimate price? Felix Cramer has it all: a glittering career as a bestselling author, fame, money, and a devoted wife, Elizabeth. But what he desperately craves is excitement, usually in the form of extravagant affairs. Gripped by the feeling that his best days are behind him, Felix becomes captivated by the one person he

should never have: Sally, his best friend's step-daughter. When she attempts to seduce him, Felix succumbs to his desires. Despite his infidelity, Felix adores his wife. He cannot imagine life without Elizabeth by his side. But nothing stays secret forever. When Sally realises she might be pregnant it seems inevitable that the affair will be discovered. If the truth is revealed, it could shatter the lives of all involved. For Felix, Sally, and those they love most, the price may be higher than they could ever imagine... A Sense of Guilt is a tense and gripping suspense novel with a compelling cast of characters, perfect for fans of Peter Swanson and Liane Moriarty. Originally published in 1988, and adapted into a popular BBC series, it is widely acknowledged as an elegant and influential precursor to the modern psychological thriller. 'From the first toe-tlingling sentence... I couldn't put this bulky, breathless, beanfeast of a novel down... those who enjoy a good juicy, meaty, passion-packed read will love it.' Daily Mail 'She really is a tremendous writer. Newman has the knack of conveying compassion for the hopeless prisoners of love, while at the same time showing quite clearly the damage they do' Sunday Express

The Woman in White Wilkie Collins 1860 Considered one of the mystery genre's greatest novels, *The Woman in White* was first serialized from 1859 to 1860. Published as a book in 1860, it was among the first mystery novels. Setting the stage for other works of mystery fiction, *The Woman in White* is an early detective story starring Walter Hartright, a young art teacher from London who works to find the true identity of a mysterious woman in white who appears to be in deep trouble.

Sarah Waters: Gender and Sexual Politics Claire O'Callaghan 2017-01-26 Sarah Waters: Gender and Sexual Politics uniquely brings together feminist and queer theoretical perspectives on gender and sexuality through close analysis of works by Sarah Waters. This timely study examines topics ranging from heterosexuality, homosexuality, masculinities, femininities, sex, pornography, and the cultural effects of othering and domination across her work. The book covers each of Waters's published novels to date including *Tipping the Velvet*, *Fingersmith* and *The Paying Guests* and also considers her non-fiction and academic writing as well as the television adaptations of her texts. O'Callaghan situates Water's writing as an important textual space for the examination of contemporary gender and sexuality studies and locates her as an astute commentator and contributor to twenty-first century gender and sexual politics.

The Fallen Stones Diana Marcum 2022-03 On a butterfly farm in the Maya Mountains, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of the national bestseller *The Tenth Island* finds enduring hope during cataclysmic times. Atop a hill in the rainforest of Belize, next to the ruins of a fallen civilization, a butterfly farm raises the brilliant blue morpho. What starts out as the worst vacation ever turns into a quest to learn more about the first-of-its-kind farm when journalist Diana Marcum inadvertently discovers this wildlife sanctuary, which is supported by an international live-butterfly trade. She quickly becomes acquainted with Clive, the whimsical British millionaire whose childhood passion created an industry, and Sebastian, the Maya farm manager whose stern expression belies a soft heart. Before long Diana and her partner, Jack Moody--new to being a couple--have moved into a long-empty jungle house, cohabitating with bats, scorpions, toucans, and the vulnerable but resilient butterflies. Just ahead, although they don't know it, are a hurricane and a global pandemic. This warm, funny tale of finding a way forward when the world seems to be falling apart is filled with the beauty of the natural world and a heartfelt cry to protect it--beginning with butterflies.

Foster Claire Keegan 2010-09-02 *ORDER THE NEW NOVEL BY CLAIRE KEEGAN, SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE, NOW!* 'No better feeling than reading a book that makes you excited to discover everything its author has ever written...' - Douglas Stuart (Winner of the Booker Prize 2020) 'Foster confirms Claire Keegan's talent. She creates luminous effects with spare material, so every line seems to be a lesson in the perfect deployment of both style and emotion' - Hilary Mantel (Winner of the Booker Prize 2012 and 2009) 'Marvellous-exact and icy and loving all at once.' - Sarah Moss 'A haunting, hopeful masterpiece.' - Sinéad Gleeson A small girl is sent to live with foster parents on a farm in rural Ireland, without knowing when she will return home. In the strangers' house, she finds a warmth and affection she has not known before and slowly begins to blossom in their care. And then a secret is revealed and suddenly, she realizes how fragile her idyll is. Winner of the Davy Byrnes Memorial Prize, Foster is now published in a revised and expanded version. Beautiful, sad and eerie, it is a story of astonishing emotional depth, showcasing Claire Keegan's great accomplishment and talent.

Fingersmith by Sarah Waters Diana Russell 2004

The Inland Sea Madeleine Watts 2020-03-05 A fierce and beautiful novel about coming of age in a dying world As she faces the open wilderness of adulthood, our narrator finds that the world around her is coming undone. She works as an emergency dispatch operator, trapped in constant crisis as fires and floods rage across Australia. Her personal life is buckling under her self-destructive obsessions - she drinks heavily, sleeps with strangers, wanders the streets of Sydney at night, and pursues a disastrous affair with an ex-lover. Desperate and adrift, she yearns for change. Building to a tightly controlled bushfire of ecological and personal crisis, *The Inland Sea* is a fierce and beautiful novel about the search for refuge in a state of emergency. Madeleine Watts grew up in Sydney, Australia and has lived in New York since 2013. She has an MFA in creative writing from Columbia University, and her fiction has been published in *The White Review* and *The Lifted Brow*. Her essays have appeared in *The Believer* and *The Los Angeles Review of Books*. Her novella, *Afraid of Waking It*, was awarded the 2015 Griffith Review Novella Prize. *The Inland Sea* is her first novel.

Hold the Dark William Giraldi 2014-12-18 Now a Netflix original film starring Alexander Skarsgard, Riley Keough and Jeffrey Wright A terrifying literary thriller set on the Alaskan tundra, about the mystery of evil and mankind's losing battle with nature... Wolves have come for the children of Keelut. Three children have been taken from this isolated Alaskan village, including the six-year-old son of Medora and Vernon Slone. Wolf expert Russell Core arrives in Keelut to investigate the killings and learns of the horrifying darkness at the heart of Medora. When her husband returns from a desert war to discover his boy dead and his wife missing, he begins a maniacal pursuit that cuts a bloody swathe across the frozen landscape. As Core attempts to rescue Medora from her husband's vengeance, he comes face to face with an unspeakable secret about the indestructible bonds of family, and the untamed animal in the soul of every human being. An epic woven of both blood and myth, *Hold the Dark* recalls the extreme climate and tribalism of Daniel Woodrell's *Winter's Bone* and the primeval violence of James Dickey's *Deliverance*. 'A fierce, extraordinary new novel... spectacularly violent and exquisitely written... If dust jackets were more than paper and ink, this one would bear blood and frost... Giraldi writes with force and precision and grace' - New York Times 'Haunting, brilliantly written and as sharp and cold as the landscape it describes' - Ann Cleeves

Sarah Waters Kaye Mitchell 2013-09-12 Leading scholars explore the work of Sarah Waters from a full range of critical perspectives. Includes a new interview with the author.

Dancing with Mr. Darcy Sarah Waters 2010-10-19 "What a wonderful collection! Each story is like a little treasure just waiting to be unwrapped, bringing its own unique and engaging perspective to the Austen mythos. A real treat for Jane Austen fans." —Syrie James, bestselling author of *The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen* and *Dracula*. *My Love Dancing with Mr. Darcy* is a sterling collection of short stories inspired by beloved novelist Jane Austen and Chawton House, her longtime home. Edited by Sarah Waters, a bestselling author shortlisted for Great Britain's Booker Prize, this exceptional anthology features the winning entries in the Jane Austen Short Story Award 2009, a literary competition which celebrates the bicentenary of Jane Austen's arrival in the village of Chawton, where she spent the most productive years of her writing life. Any reader who's been captivated by *Sense* and *Sensibility*, *Pride and Prejudice*, or the other unforgettable excursions into Austen's literary world will find *Dancing with Mr. Darcy* an unparalleled delight.

My Secret Life (Complete 11 Volumes) Anonymous 2020-09-28 I began these memoirs when about twenty-five years old, having from youth kept a diary of some sort, which perhaps from habit made me think of recording my inner and secret life. When I began it, I had scarcely read a bawdy book, none of which excepting "Fanny Hill" appeared to me to be truthful, that did, and it does so still; the others telling of recherche eroticisms, or of inordinate copulative powers, of the strange twists, tricks, and fancies, of matured voluptuousness, and philosophical lewdness, seemed to my comparative ignorance, as bawdy imaginings, or lying inventions, not worthy of belief; although I now know by experience, that they may be true enough, however eccentric, and improbable, they may appear to the uninitiated. Fanny Hill was a woman's experience. Written perhaps by a woman, where was a man's, written with equal truth? That book has no bawdy word in it; but bawdy acts need the bawdy ejaculations; the erotic, full flavored expressions, which even the chastest indulge in, when lust, or love, is in its full tide of performance. So I determined to write my private life freely as to fact, and in the spirit of the lustful acts done by me, or witnessed; it is written therefore with absolute truth, and without any regard whatever for what the world calls decency. Decency and voluptuousness in its fullest acceptance, cannot exist together, one would kill the other; the poetry of copulation I have only experienced with a few women, which however neither prevented them, nor me from calling a spade, a spade. I began it for my amusement; when many years had been chronicled I tired of it and ceased. Some ten years afterwards I met a woman, with whom, or with those she helped me do; I did, said, saw, and heard, well nigh everything a man and woman could do with their genitals, and began to narrate those events, when quite fresh in my memory, a great variety of incidents extending over four years or more. Then I lost sight of her, and my amorous amusements for a while were simpler, but that part of my history was complete.

Tipping The Velvet Sarah Waters 2011-02-03 Piercing the shadows of the naked stage was a single shaft of rosy limelight, and in the centre of this was a girl: the most marvellous girl - I knew it at once! - that I had ever seen. 'Erotic and absorbing . . . Written with startling power' New York Times Book Review Nan King, an oyster girl, is captivated by the music hall phenomenon Kitty Butler, a male impersonator extraordinaire treading the boards in Canterbury. Through a friend at the box office, Nan manages to visit all her shows and finally meet her heroine. Soon after, she becomes Kitty's dresser and the two head for the bright lights of Leicester Square where they begin a glittering career as music-hall stars in an all-singing and dancing double act. At the same time, behind closed doors, they admit their attraction to each other and their affair begins.

If This Is A Man/The Truce Primo Levi 2014-01-23 With the moral stamina and intellectual pose of a twentieth-century Titan, this slightly built, duitful, unassuming chemist set out systematically to remember the German hell on earth, steadfastly to think it through, and then to render it comprehensible in lucid, unpretentious prose. He was profoundly in touch with the minutest workings of the most endearing human events and with the most contemptible. What has survived in Levi's writing isn't just his memory of the unbearable, but also, in *THE PERIODIC TABLE* and *THE WRENCH*, his delight in what made the world exquisite to him. He was himself a "magically endearing man, the most delicately forceful enchanter I've ever known" - PHILIP ROTH

Esther Waters Illustrated George Moore 2021-01-21 She stood on the platform watching the receding train. A few bushes hid the curve of the line; the white vapour rose above them, evaporating in the pale evening. A moment more and the last carriage would pass out of sight. The white gates swung forward slowly and closed over the line.

Pretend I'm Dead Jen Beagin 2018-05-03 Mona is twenty-three, emotionally adrift and cleaning houses to get by. While handing out clean needles to drug addicts, she falls for a man she calls Mr Disgusting, who proceeds to break her heart in unimaginable ways. In search of healing, she decamps to New Mexico for a fresh start, but always lurking just beneath the surface are the ghosts of her past, and the crushing legacy of a chaotic, destructive childhood. It seems running further away from her problems could just leave more inventive ways for them to find her.

The Trail of the Serpent Mary Elizabeth Braddon 1866

She Rises Kate Worsley 2013 Sarah Waters meets Carol Birch in a breathtaking story of love, adventure and identity.

Sarah Waters and Contemporary Feminisms Adele Jones 2016-07-26 Sarah Waters and Contemporary Feminisms presents ten readings of Sarah Waters's fictions published to date in relation to feminism and contemporary feminist theory. The analysis offered in the collection investigates how Waters engages with recent debates on women and gender and how her writings reflect the different concerns of contemporary feminist theories. In particular, the collection includes new and innovative readings of how Waters's novels address issues of patriarchy, female confinement, madness and misogyny, exploitation and oppression, repression and subordination, abortion, marriage and spinsterhood alongside passionate portrayals of female agency, desire, aesthetics, female sexual expression, and, of course, lesbianism.

Sarah Waters' Fingersmith 2009

The Erotomaniac Ian Gibson 2002 Henry Spencer Ashbee seemed a prosperous and respectable Victorian gentleman. But his well-upholstered chambers in Gray's Inn concealed a

shocking secret: a vast collection of erotica and pornography, thousands of volumes strong. The Erotomaniac is a fascinating account of Victorian curiosity, repression and subverted desire. Acclaimed biographer Ian Gibson has created an engrossing portrait of Ashbee, which examines the evidence that Ashbee himself may have been the author of the most famous work of Victorian erotica, My Secret Life.

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Affinity Sarah Waters 2011-02-03 'Affinity is the work of an intense and atmospheric imagination . . . Sarah Waters is such an interesting writer, a kind of feminist Dickens' Fiona Pitt-Kethley, Daily Telegraph Set in and around the women's prison at Millbank in the 1870s, Affinity is an eerie and utterly compelling ghost story, a complex and intriguing literary mystery and a poignant love story with an unexpected twist in the tale. Following the death of her father, Margaret Prior has decided to pursue some 'good work' with the lady criminals of one of London's most notorious gaols. Surrounded by prisoners, murderers and common thieves, Margaret feels herself drawn to one of the prisons more unlikely inmates - the imprisoned spiritualist - Selina Dawes. Sympathetic to the plight of this innocent-seeming girl, Margaret sees herself dispensing guidance and perhaps friendship on her visits, little expecting to find herself dabbling in a twilight world of seances, shadows, unruly spirits and unseemly passions.

The Quincunx Charles Palliser 1991 A meditation on the Victorian novel and a sprawling epic tale of a man's quest for his identity follows John Huffman as he journeys to the heart of the Quincunx to reveal his elusive past

Wildthorn Jane England 2010-09-06 They strip her naked, of everything undo her whalebone corset, hook by hook. Locked away in Wildthorn Halla madhouse they take her identity. She is now called Lucy Childs. She has no one; she has nothing. But, she is still seventeen still Louisa Cosgrove, isn't she? Who has done this unthinkable deed? Louisa must free herself, in more ways than one, and muster up the courage to be her true self, all the while solving her own twisted mystery and falling into an unconventional love . . . Originally published in the UK, this well-paced, provocative romance pushes on boundaries both literal and figurative and, do beware: it will bind you, too.

Blood & Sugar Laura Shepherd-Robinson 2019-01-24 'A page-turner of a crime thriller . . . This is a world conveyed with convincing, terrible clarity' - C. J. Sansom, author of Winter in Madrid. Winner of the HWA Debut Crown 2019 Winner of the Specsavers Debut Crime Novel Award 2020 Blood & Sugar is the thrilling debut historical crime novel from Laura Shepherd-Robinson for fans of C. J. Sansom and Andrew Taylor. June, 1781. An unidentified body hangs upon a hook at Deptford Dock - horribly tortured and branded with a slaver's mark. Some days later, Captain Harry Corsham - a war hero embarking upon a promising parliamentary career - is visited by the sister of an old friend. Her brother, passionate abolitionist Tad Archer, had been about to expose a secret that he believed could cause irreparable damage to the British slaving industry. He'd said people were trying to kill him, and now he is missing . . . To discover what happened to Tad, Harry is forced to pick up the threads of his friend's investigation, delving into the heart of the conspiracy Tad had unearthed. His investigation will threaten his political prospects, his family's happiness, and force a reckoning with his past, risking the revelation of secrets that have the power to destroy him. And that is only if he can survive the mortal dangers awaiting him in Deptford . . . 'A brilliant book . . . Absolutely superb' - James O'Brien Shortlisted for the CWA New Blood Dagger 2019 Shortlisted for the CWA Historical Dagger 2019 Longlisted for the Theakston's Crime Novel of the Year 2020

Ice Queen Gun Brooke 2021-02-09 High school counselor Aislin Kennedy's charisma and exuberance mask deep scars that prevent her from letting anyone too close. Instead, she throws herself into helping her students. CEO of a fashion conglomerate, Susanna Durr has been through three painfully public divorces, and to say she's given up on love would be an understatement. When Aislin agrees to help Susanna connect with her daughter, Cynt, surprising feelings awaken for both of them. But Aislin isn't ready to trust again and Susanna's track record is intimidating. If the past were to repeat itself, it could break Aislin for good.

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