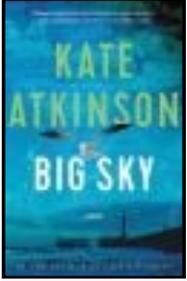


# ADULT BOOKLIST

## Crime Fiction

Atkinson, Kate

**Big Sky**



At the behest of his ex-partner Julia, Jackson Brodie has relocated to a quiet seaside village with his uncooperative teenage son and an aging Labrador. Despite the peaceful setting, there's a darkness that lurks just below the seemingly quaint surface and Brodie is about to get in over his head. While gathering evidence of infidelity for a suspicious wife, Brodie has a chance encounter with a desperate man on a crumbling cliff, leading him into a sinister underworld network, and into the path of his old friend Reggie. Intrigue abounds in this compelling novel.

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Cha, Steph

**Your House Will Pay**

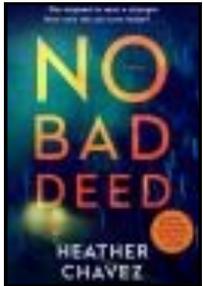


In the wake of the police shooting of a black teenager, Los Angeles revisits the tension of the 1992 riots. Grace Park is a sheltered and oblivious young woman living in the Valley with her Korean-immigrant parents and working in the family business. She's unhappy about her sister's estrangement from the family and longs to know what caused the family fissure. Shawn Matthew is tired of politics and protests, despite an act of violence that damaged his family years earlier. When another shocking crime rocks L.A., both the Park and Matthew families are forced to face the past and navigate a city on the brink of violence.

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Chavez, Heather

**No Bad Deed**

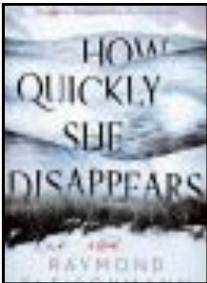


Cassie Larkin sees a man attacking a woman and intervenes. The assailant runs away, but not before offering a cryptic deal, "Let her die and I'll let you live". Cassie's actions seemingly unleash a twisted and sadistic cat and mouse game that forces Cassie to rethink everything she thought she knew about her marriage, her family and her history. A page turning debut about a desperate mother and wife who must vanquish her fear and fight to out wit and out live.

**Call # : Fiction Cha**

Fleischman, Raymond

**How Quickly She Disappears**



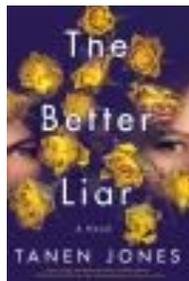
It's been twenty years since Elisabeth's twin sister, Jacqueline, disappeared without a trace. Now thirty-year-old Elisabeth is living far from home in a loveless marriage and with a daughter she adores but who reminds her daily of her missing sister. When a dangerous stranger arrives in town, commits an inexplicable act of violence and then offers Elisabeth a chance to find out the truth about her sister, Elisabeth embarks on a dangerous quest. Fleischman uses the blistering cold and remote Alaskan Village setting to build suspense to perfection.

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# Crime Fiction

Jones, Tanen

## The Better Liar

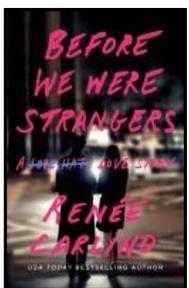


Leslie's father's will stipulates that she and her estranged sister must claim and share their inheritance together or forfeit the money. When she finds her sister dead, Leslie's fears that the money she desperately needs will slip through her fingers....until she meets a charismatic young woman with an uncanny resemblance to her dead sister. The two make a bargain that quickly spirals out of control. As the secrets keep piling up and the stakes get higher, this thriller with a heart-stopping, twisty finale will have you wondering : how far would you go to get what you want?

**Call # : Fiction Tan**

Lippman, Laura

## Lady in the Lake



In 1966, Baltimore is a city of secrets that everyone seems to know. Everyone, that is, except Madeline 'Maddie' Schwartz. Last year, she was a happy, pampered housewife. This year she has bolted from her marriage and she is determined to make good on her lifelong dream to live a passionate, meaningful life. Drawing on her own secrets, she helps Baltimore police find a murdered girl, which in turns leads to a job at the Baltimore Star. Working at the newspaper offers Maddie a chance to make a name for herself, and she has found just the story to do it: solving the mystery of a missing woman whose body was discovered in the fountain of a city park lake.

**Call # : Fiction Lip**

Locke, Attica

## Heaven, My Home



African American Texas Ranger Darren Matthews tracks a vanished nine-year-old boy with family ties to the Aryan Brotherhood. In the thrilling follow-up to the award-winning Bluebird, a brutally honest Ranger confronts hatred in its most virulent form.

**Call # : Fiction Loc**

Luna, Louisa

## The Janes



PI Alice Vega, whom Booklist calls an “utterly compelling protagonist”, is investigating the murder of two Latina Jane Does. Despite being attacked, beaten and stabbed while tracking down answers, Vega emerges triumphant, standing strong on a stage littered with vanquished villains. The page-turning follow-up to Two Girls Down.

**Call # : Fic Lun**

# Crime Fiction

Matthews, Owen

## The Black Sun

In the depths of the cold war, during a brutal Russian winter, KGB officer Major Alexander Vasin investigates the murder of a scientist working on a bomb that could destroy the world's atmosphere. He comes up against the brightest, most cut-throat brain-trust in Russia who, on the orders of Nikita Khrushchev himself, are building the largest nuclear bomb ever created. RDS-220 is a project of such vital national importance that, unlike everyone else in the Soviet Union, the scientists of Arzamas-16 are free to think and act, live and love as they wish...as long as they complete the project, and build the most powerful nuclear device ever known.

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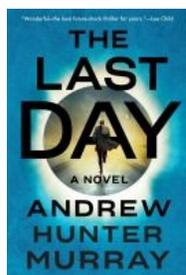


Murry, Andrew Hunter

## The Last Day

40 years after the Earth stopped spinning on its axis, a British Scientist is plunged into a mystery that could affect the future of a civilization that is barely surviving. Half of the globe is permanently sunlit, the other half trapped in an endless night. Ellen Hopper is a scientist living on a frostbitten rig in the cold Atlantic. She wants nothing more to do with her country after its slide into casual violence and brutal authoritarianism. Yet when two government officials arrive, demanding she return to London to meet with a former colleague, she accepts and discovers a secret that threatens not only the nation's fragile balance, but the future of the whole human race.

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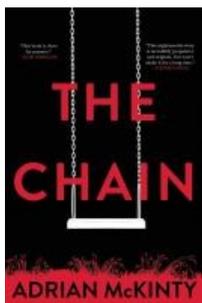


McKinty, Adrian

## The Chain

Like any other morning, Rachel drops her daughter off at the bus stop and gets on with her day. When she answers a call from an unknown number, her day takes a horrifying turn. A stranger announces that she has Rachel's daughter bound and gagged in her back seat and Rachel will only get her back if she delivers \$25,000.00 and kidnaps another child. In this terrifying life and death pyramid scheme, Rachel is not the first victim ....but can she work the angles so she will she be the last?

**Call # : Fic Mck**



North, Alex

## The Whisper Man

After the sudden death of his wife, Tom Kennedy believes a fresh start with a new home in a new town will help him and his young son Jake heal. But the town has a dark past, and that past is about to catch up with this fragile family. Twenty years ago, a serial killer abducted and murdered five residents, allegedly whispering through their windows to lure them away. Now Jake is hearing whispers.

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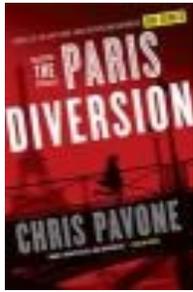
# Crime Fiction

Pavone, Chris

## The Paris Diversion

Kate Moore partners with a French agent to investigate a bombing threat in Paris. It's a race against time complicated by her husband's possible involvement and a missing nemesis .....and a suspicious absence of orders from Langley. Can Kate extricate her husband from a cybercrime mess and will she find out who is directing the terrorist plot before they blow up the Louvre.

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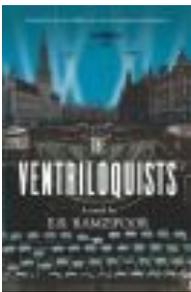


Ramzipoor, E. R.

## The Ventriloquists

Brussels, 1943. Twelve-year-old street orphan Helene survives by living as a boy and selling copies of the country's most popular newspaper, Le Soir, now turned into Nazi propaganda. Helene's world changes when she befriends a rogue journalist, Marc Aubrion, who draws her into a secret network that publishes dissident underground newspapers. The Nazis track down Aubrion's team and give them an impossible choice: turn the resistance newspapers into a Nazi prop that will sway public opinion against the Allies, or be killed. With no way out, Aubrion comes up with a daring plan: while pretending to do the Nazis' bidding, the resistance writers will create and publish a fake edition of Le Soir that pokes fun at Hitler and Stalin. Daring to laugh in the face of their oppressors, they agree to die for the plan, and they have only eighteen days to do it.

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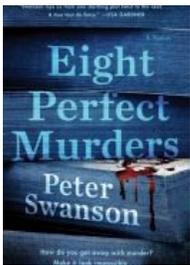


Swanson, Peter

## Eight Perfect Murders

Boston book seller Malcolm Kershaw, a frustratingly unreliable narrator, lands in the middle of a murder investigation when a blog post he wrote years ago about eight perfect murders in mystery fiction becomes a serial killer's playbook. A delightful homage to the old-school crime novel.

Call # : Fiction Swa



Wright, Lawrence

## The End of October

In a gripping medical thriller that eerily mirrors the coronavirus pandemic, epidemiologist Dr. Henry Parsons visits a detention camp for Indonesian gay men, hoping to understand the cause of a deadly virus before it can spread. As packed with suspense as it is with the riveting history of viral diseases, Lawrence Wright has given us a full-tilt, electrifying, one-of-a-kind thriller.

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