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Here's What's New In Fiction

November-December, 2009

- Ahern, Cecelia. *THE GIFT*. Workaholic's life is changed by a gesture of generosity.
- Albert, Susan Wittig. *THE TALE OF BRIAR BANK: THE COTTAGE TALES OF BEATRIX POTTER*. Miss Potter and the village animals find out the story of Mr. Wickstead, found dead in the winter snow.
- Alexander, Tasha. *TEARS OF PEARL*. Newlywed diplomats in Ottoman, Turkey discover that a murdered harem girl was the kidnapped daughter of an English nobleman.
- Alexie, Sherman. *WAR DANCES*. Short stories.
- Alten, Steve. *MEG: HELL'S AQUARIUM*. "Meg" series; vol. 4.
- Anderson, Kevin J. *ENEMIES & ALLIES*. Batman & Superman join forces to do battle with evil.

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- Baldacci, David. TRUE BLUE. Washington D. C. cop tries to rebuild her life after losing her badge and her career, and going to jail on a trumped-up charge.
- Berry, Christina. THE FAMILIAR STRANGER. An automobile accident brings changes to a troubled marriage; Christian fiction.
- Blatty, William Peter. ELSEWHERE. Realtor tries to dispel the rumors that a house is haunted by calling in a psychic, an author, and a parapsychologist.
- Bond, Larry. COLD CHOICES. Belligerent Russian submarine is sunk in the Barents Sea and the American "Seawolf" tries to save its crew and avert an international incident.
- Brightwell, Emily. MRS. JEFFRIES AND THE YULETIDE WEDDINGS. Victorian wedding at Christmas is disrupted by a murder.
- Brooks, Bill. THE MESSENGER. Western.
- Brown, Sandra. RAINWATER. Ella Barron runs a Texas boardinghouse in 1934's drought and depression.
- Butcher, Jim. FIRST LORD'S FURY. "The Codex Alera" series, book 6; fantasy.
- Cabot, Amanda. PAPER ROSES. "Texas Dreams" series, book 1; Christian fiction.
- Carter, Betsy. THE PUZZLE KING. Two immigrants to America work to get their families out of Hitler's Germany.
- Castle, Richard. HEAT WAVE. TV's fictional character "Richard Castle" writes a mystery featuring NYPD detective Nikki Heat.
- Chiaverini, Jennifer. A QUILTER'S HOLIDAY: AN ELM CREEK QUILTS NOVEL. The quilters engage in traditional projects in keeping with the holiday season.
- Crichton, Michael. PIRATE LATITUDES. Pirates go after Spanish gold in the 1600's Caribbean. LEASE.
- Cussler, Clive. SPARTAN GOLD. Treasure-hunting couple stumble across clues to a treasure hidden for thousands of years.
- Cussler, Clive. THE WRECKER. Detective Isaac Bell pursues thieves and killers in 1909 America. LEASE.
- Dekker, Ted. BURN. Gypsy girl gets involved with a powerful man who wants her help in recovering money from her father.
- Denning, Troy. ABYSS. "Star Wars: Fate of the Jedi" series; science fiction.
- Diamant, Anita. DAY AFTER NIGHT. Four young women who survived the Holocaust tell their stories as they prepare to enter Israel in 1945.
- DiRollo, Elaine. A PROPER EDUCATION FOR GIRLS. Twin daughters of a proper Englishman are separated for the first time when Lilian goes to India in 1857 with her missionary husband.
- Doctorow, E. L. HOMER & LANGLEY. Reclusive brothers Homer and Langley Collyer gradually bury themselves under tons of junk in their New York mansion.
- Dunnett, Kaitlyn. A WEE CHRISTMAS HOMICIDE. Maine's Liss MacCrimmon has a plan to boost her small town's Christmas despite the lack of snow.
- Eldridge, Courtney. THE GENEROSITY OF WOMEN. Six women—their stories, secrets, joys and sorrows.
- Elkins, Aaron J. SKULL DUGGERY. A mummified body found in a Mexican desert turns out to be a complicated mess for forensic detective Gideon-Oliver.
- Ellroy, James. BLOOD'S A ROVER. Corruption and politics collide in the summer of 1968.

- Fabry, Chris. JUNE BUG. After traveling for years in a beat-up RV with her father, June Bug is surprised to see her face on a missing person poster; Christian fiction.
- Fisher, Suzanne Wood. THE CHOICE. "Lancaster County Secrets" series; Christian fiction.
- Fowler, Christopher. BRYANT & MAY ON THE LOOSE. The discovery of a headless corpse calls the Peculiar Crimes Unit out of retirement.
- Frederick, Michael. DIFFERENT. Reclusive man tries to help three damaged but talented kids before he dies.
- Gash, Jonathan. FACES IN THE POOL. In order to get out of jail, Lovejoy takes on a mysterious case involving antique stores owned by immigrants.
- Gingrich, Newt. TO TRY MEN'S SOULS: A NOVEL OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE FIGHT FOR AMERICAN FREEDOM.
- Golden, Christie. OMEN. "Star Wars: Fate of the Jedi" series; science fiction.
- Grafton, Sue. U IS FOR UNDERTOW. Kinsey Millhone is hired by a young man who has recovered memories of a murder he witnessed 20 years before. LEASE.
- Greanias, Thomas. THE ATLANTIS REVELATION. Archaeologist investigating Nazi ruins discovers an ancient conspiracy and modern intrigue.
- Grisham, John. FORD COUNTY: STORIES. Short stories of Ford County, Mississippi. LEASE.
- Grodstein, Lauren. A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY. Father goes to great lengths to protect his son from a girl he considers unsuitable.
- Hamilton, Laurell K. DIVINE MISDEMEANORS. Faerie private eye Meredith Gentry tries to get to the bottom of a series of murders of the fey folk.
- Harris, Charlaine. GRAVE SECRET. Lightning-struck sleuth Harper Connelly and her brother Tolliver head for Texas where old family secrets are finally revealed.
- Hart, Carolyn G. MERRY, MERRY GHOST. Bailey Ruth Raeburn heads back from heaven on assignment to protect a small boy from his grandmother's murderer.
- Henry, Sue. THE END OF THE ROAD: A MAXIE AND STRETCH MYSTERY. Maxie gets involved with a mystery when a new friend is found dead and turns out to have a mysterious past.
- Hicks, Robert. A SEPARATE COUNTRY. Love story of Confederate General John Bell Hood and his wife Anna Marie.
- Hill, Reginald. MIDNIGHT FUGUE: A DALZIEL AND PASCOE MYSTERY. An old friend asks Dalziel for help in solving an old disappearance, but several nasty folks don't want the case solved.
- Hoff, B. J. WHERE GRACE ABIDES. "Riverhaven Years" series; Christian fiction.
- Horton, Robert J. MAN OF THE DESERT. Western.
- Howard, Linda. ICE. Sent by his sheriff-father to help a neighbor stranded in an ice storm, Garbriel McQueen calls on combat training to rescue her from vicious captors. LEASE.
- Howell, Dorothy. HANDBAGS AND HOMICIDE. Forced to work during the holiday season to finance her designer-handbag passion, Haley stumbles across a murder.
- Irving, John. LAST NIGHT IN TWISTED RIVER. 12-year-old mistakes the local constable's girlfriend for a bear and spends the next 50 years in flight.

- Israel, Andrea. **THE RECIPE CLUB: A TALE OF FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP.**
Lifelong friends share problems, hopes, dreams and recipes until an act of kindness becomes a betrayal.
- Jaobs, Kate. **KNIT THE SEASON.** The Friday Night Knitting Club gets ready for the holidays, a wedding, and a trip to Scotland.
- Jance, Judith A. **TRIAL BY FIRE.** A woman burned in an Arizona fire has no idea who she is or why someone tried to kill her. **LEASE.**
- Jones, Stan. **VILLAGE OF THE GHOST BEARS.** Alaskan State Trooper Nathan Active investigates an arson fire which killed eight people in an arctic Alaskan town.
- Jordan, Robert. **THE GATHERING STORM.** Book 12 of the “Wheel of Time” epic fantasy.
- Joven, Enrique. **THE BOOK OF GOD AND PHYSICS: A NOVEL OF THE VOYNICH MYSTERY.** Varied group tries to solve the centuries-old puzzle of a mysterious manuscript written in an unknown language.
- Kasischke, Laura. **IN A PERFECT WORLD.** The Phoenix flu changes everything for Jiselle who has married a widower with three children.
- King, Stephen. **UNDER THE DOME.** Small town Chester’s Mill, Maine, is suddenly covered by an impenetrable dome—conditions deteriorate and people respond in different ways.
- Kingsolver, Barbara. **THE LACUNA.** Writer is caught between two worlds—Mexico where he mingles with artists and politicians and the United States where he is caught up in the fervor of WWII.
- Kinkade, Thomas. **A WISH FOR CHRISTMAS: A CAPE LIGHT NOVEL.** Changes have come to Cape Light as David returns from Iraq, injured in mind and body, to find that his father has remarried.
- Koontz, Dean R. **BREATHLESS.** Strangers converge around a mystery in the Colorado mountains in this thriller.
- Lamb, Wally. **WISHIN’ AND HOPIN’: A CHRISTMAS STORY.** Christmas at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parochial School in 1964.
- MacLaren, Sharlene. **COURTING EMMA.** “Little Hickman Creek” series; Christian fiction.
- MacLaren, Sharlene. **LOVING LIZA JANE.** “Little Hickman Creek” series; Christian fiction.
- MacLaren, Sharlene. **SARAH, MY BELOVED.** “Little Hickman Creek” series; Christian fiction.
- Mantel, Hilary. **WOLF HALL.** Thomas Cromwell is in the middle of Henry VIII’s struggle to free himself from his first wife and marry Anne Boleyn.
- Martinez, Guillermo. **THE OXFORD MURDERS.** Series of murders seems to be following the logical steps of a mathematical theorem.
- Mayle, Peter. **THE VINTAGE CAPER.** Crime expert and wine connoisseur Sam Levitt is called in to investigate a world-class wine heist.
- Mayor, Archer. **THE PRICE OF MALICE.** Vermont’s Joe Gunther tries to unravel the complex case of the murder of a suspected child predator.
- Medlicott, Joan. **A BLUE AND GRAY CHRISTMAS.** A cache of Civil War letters and diaries enthrall the Ladies of Covington.

- Michaels, Fern. **DEADLY DEALS**. The Sisterhood goes after an illegal baby-selling ring. **LEASE**.
- Mitchell, Shandi. **UNDER THIS UNBROKEN SKY**. Ukranian immigrant family struggles to make a living on the harsh Canadian prairie in 1938.
- Moody, Martha. **SOMETIMES MINE**. Her married lover's fatal illness brings Genie Toledo to the realization that her emotional life has been seriously ignored.
- Moran, Michelle. **CLEOPATRA'S DAUGHTER**. The twin children of Cleopatra and Marc Anthony are taken in chains to Rome, but hope their lives at Octavian's court will be better.
- Muller, Marcia. **LOCKED IN**. Sharon McCone lies in a hospital bed, paralyzed but alert, and tries to figure out who shot her and why, while her co-workers struggle with the case.
- Munro, Alice. **TOO MUCH HAPPINESS: STORIES**.
- Newman, Janis Cooke. **MARY**. Mary Lincoln tells her own story.
- Paine, Luran. **GUNMAN'S MOON: A WESTERN DUO**.
- Page, Katherine Hall. **THE BODY IN THE SLEIGH**. Faith Fairchild and husband head for R&R on a Maine island at Christmas but a murder interferes.
- Parrish, Christa. **WATCH OVER ME**. Sheriff and his wife take in an abandoned infant; Christian fiction.
- Patterson, James. **I, ALEX CROSS**. The murder of a family member leads Alex Cross into Washington's wildest scene—where any fantasy can be bought for a price. **LEASE**.
- Patten, Lewis B. **SAVAGE DESERT: A WESTERN DUO**.
- Pella, Judith. **A HOPE BEYOND**. "Ribbons of Steel" series, book 2; Christian fiction.
- Pella, Judith. **SISTER'S CHOICE**. "Patchwork Circle" series; Christian fiction.
- Penny, Louise. **THE BRUTAL TELLING**. Canadian Chief Inspector Gamache looks into the murder of a stranger in the village of Three Pines.
- Perry, Marta. **LEAH'S CHOICE**. "Pleasant Valley" series, book 1; Christian fiction.
- Pratchett, Terry. **UNSEEN ACADEMICALS: A NOVEL OF DISCWORLD**. Science fiction.
- Rendell, Ruth. **THE MONSTER IN THE BOX**. Inspector Wexford investigates a case which may connect to the very first murder case he worked as a young policeman.
- Robb, J. D. **KINDRED IN DEATH**. Lt. Eve Dallas is called on to solve the brutal murder of a police captain's daughter in 2060 New York City. **LEASE**.
- Roberts, Nora. **BED OF ROSES**. "Bride Quartet" series, book 2; romance.
- Sapphire. **PUSH**. African-American teen endures a life of abuse until a teacher helps her. (Filmed as "Precious".)
- Saul, John. **HOUSE OF RECKONING**. 14-year-old Sarah goes to foster care when her father goes to jail but her talent for painting involves her in an ancient mansion's dark history.
- Stoker, Dacre. **DRACULA: THE UN-DEAD**. Sequel to the horror classic.
- Sullivan, J. Courtney. **COMMENCEMENT**. Four college women become friends despite their differences and make surprising life-choices.
- Thompson, Colleen. **BENEATH BONE LAKE**. When her 4-year-old daughter goes missing, Ruby Monroe turns to her neighbor for help.

- Trevor, William. LOVE AND SUMMER. Shy Irish girl married to a man whose life has been marred by tragedy meets another man with a past he wants to leave behind.
- Updike, David. OLD GIRLFRIENDS. Short stories.
- VanLiere, Donna. THE CHRISTMAS SECRET. A good deed upsets the delicate balance of a single mother's life at Christmastime.
- Viets, Elaine. THE FASHION HOUND MURDERS. Josie Marcus, mystery shopper, gets involved with puppy mills and murder.
- Walsh, Dan. THE UNFINISHED GIFT. Family is reconciled at Christmas in 1943.
- Wambaugh, Joseph. HOLLYWOOD MOON. LAPD's Hollywood division tackles several cases during a full moon.
- Warren, Susan May. THE PERFECT MATCH. Interim fire chief Ellie Karlson struggles to do her job and win the respect of her crew; Christian fiction.
- Warrington, Freda. ELFLAND. Fantasy.
- Webb, Peggy. ELVIS AND THE GRATEFUL DEAD. Elvis impersonator is murdered at the annual "Elvis Festival" in Tupelo, Mississippi.
- Wiggs, Susan. LAKESHORE CHRISTMAS. Lakeshore's Christmas pageant is threatened by disagreements between the director and a court-ordered celebrity.
- Winters, Ben H. SENSE AND SENSIBILITY AND SEA MONSTERS. Jane Austen's classic tale, with a twist.
- Wong, David. JOHN DIES AT THE END. Horror tale.
- Woodsmall, Cindy. THE SOUND OF SLEIGH BELLS. Amish girl mourns the death of her fiancé; Christian fiction.