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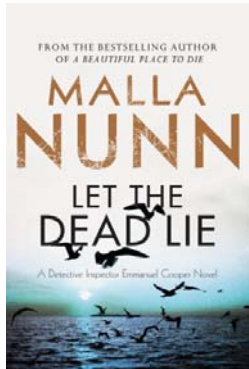
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Let the Dead Lie

Nunn, Malla



In 'Let the Dead Lie', Cooper is a changed man. Forced to resign from his position of Detective Sergeant and re-classified as "mixed race", he winds up powerless and alone in the tough coastal city of Durban, mixing labouring with a bit of surveillance work for his old boss, Major van Niekerk. Patrolling the freight yards one night, Cooper stumbles upon the body of a young white boy and the detective in him cannot, or will not, walk away. When two more bodies - this time black women - are discovered at his boarding house, he unwittingly becomes the prime suspect in a triple murder case.

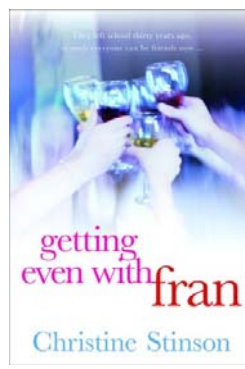
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Getting Even with Fran

Stinson, Christine



Cecilia was certain that nothing could ever induce her to attend her high-school reunion. Thirty years after leaving St Agnes' Ladies College, she's a successful lawyer with no interest in ever seeing her nemesis, Fran, again. But when Cecilia's husband shatters her happy world, nothing is certain for Cecilia any more. With the false bravado accompanying the shock of her relationship breakdown, Cecilia now views the reunion as the perfect opportunity to settle old scores with the schoolgirl bully who had tormented her with one humiliation after another. But Cecilia is not the only one confronting demons old and new. For anyone who's ever had a friend - or an enemy - 'Getting Even with Fran' is a warm, engaging tale of letting go of the past and finding friendship in the most unexpected places.

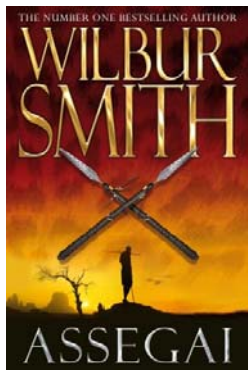
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Assegai

Smith, Wilbur



It is 1913 and ex-soldier turned professional big game hunter Leon Courtney is in British East Africa guiding rich and powerful men on safaris in the Masai tribe territories. One of his clients, Count Otto Von Meerbach, has a company which builds aircraft and vehicles for the Kaiser's burgeoning army. But Leon had not bargained on falling passionately in love with Eva, the Count's beautiful and enigmatic mistress. Just prior to the outbreak of World War I, Leon is recruited by his uncle, Penrod Ballantyne, Commander of the British Forces in East Africa, to gather information from Von Meerbach. He stumbles on a plot against the British involving the disenfranchised survivors of the Boer War, but it is only when Eva and Von Meerbach return to Africa that Leon finds out who and what is really behind the conspiracy.

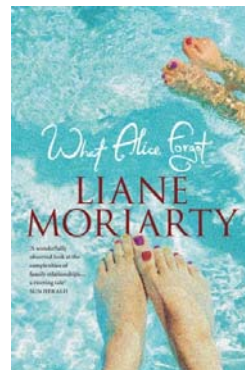
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What Alice Forgot

Moriarty, Liane



When Alice Love surfaces from a beautiful dream to find she's been injured in a gym, she knows that something is very wrong - she hates exercise. Alice's first concern is her baby - she's pregnant with her first child - and she's desperate to see her husband, Nick, who she knows will be worried about her. But Alice isn't pregnant. And Nick isn't worried. Alice is the mother of three children and her hostile husband is in the process of divorcing her. Alice has lost ten years of her life. In the days that follow, small bubbles of the past rise to the surface, and Alice is forced to confront uncomfortable truths. It turns out forgetting might be the most memorable thing that's ever happened to her.

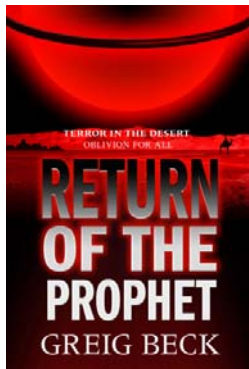
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Return of the Prophet

Beck, Greig



When a massive amount of gamma radiation is detected somewhere beneath the desert of Iran, the world begins watching. Is it a nuclear weapon, or something much, much worse? Alex Hunter and his highly trained incursion team are dropped into the ruins of Persepolis but find nothing. No lab, no weapons, no scientists - not even radiation. A black hole has taken everything, but is it possible something could have come back? The President of Iran is making speeches about the end of the world and the return of the prophet, and yet another gamma spike is detected in Iran. Israel is threatening nuclear war, and the details of America's Arcadian program have been stolen. And someone, or something, is draining the fluids from the bodies of Iranian soldiers in the desert...

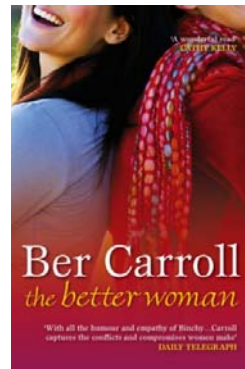
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Better Woman, The

Carroll, Ber



Sarah Ryan grows up in her grandmother's house in a small Irish village. Sarah is clever and ambitious and eager to move away from the sleepy village. She fully believes that John Delaney, the boy-next-door and her first love, will be right by her side... Until he breaks her heart. Jodi Tyler is raised on Sydney's northern beaches amidst a close and loving family. But Jodi has a secret, a tragic secret which leaves her determined to make a success of her life. Like Sarah, Jodi's grandmother ends up providing her with a home. And when Jodi falls head over heels in love, she too ends up with a broken heart...

This is a story of two remarkable women who face all life's challenges head on - and those they love and lose on their journey.

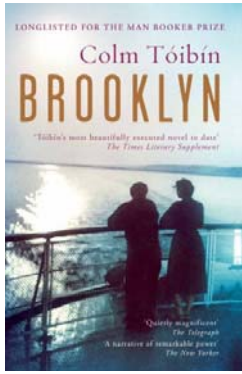
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Brooklyn

Toibin, Colm



Young Ellis Lacey dreams of life beyond the confines of her tiny Irish village, but unlike her beautiful sister, Rose, Ellis' gifts are of a more practical nature: she has a head for numbers, and is a loving and dutiful daughter. Yet her ambition cannot be hidden and soon is noted by the Parish Priest, Father Flood. Via a church contact, he arranges for Ellis to travel to America where a job opportunity has arisen in New York with a reputable "merchant of Italian origin". Ellis finds lodgings in an eccentric boarding house and ekes out an existence in the cosmopolitan melting pot that is 1950s Brooklyn, impressing her employer, outwitting her landlady, and even falling in love. But then fate intervenes: a family crisis back home forces Ellis to make a choice between the past and the future, the old world and the new.

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Dead of Winter, The

Airth, Rennie



During a blackout on the streets of London on a freezing evening in late 1944, a young Polish land girl, Rosa Nowak, is suddenly and brutally killed. For the police, their resources already stretched by war regulations and the thriving black market, this is a shocking and seemingly random crime. No one can find any reason why someone would want to murder an innocent refugee. For the former police inspector John Madden, the crime hits close to home. Rosa was working on his farm and he feels personally responsible for not protecting her. His old colleagues Angus Sinclair and Billy Styles are still at the Yard, but struggle to make sense of their few clues. Their only lead points towards war-torn Europe - but as the fighting sweeps across the continent, will they find the killer before he strikes again?

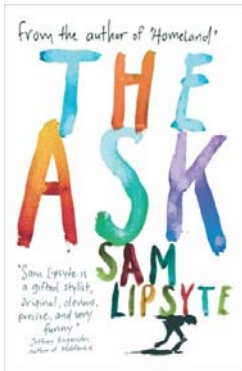
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Ask, The

Lipsyte, Sam



When Milo Burke, a balding, slope-bellied "donations" officer at a minor New York university, has a disastrous run-in with a rich undergraduate, he winds up on the unemployed scrap heap. Grasping at odd jobs to support his wife and young son, he's offered one last chance: he must reel in a potential donor - a major "Ask" - who, mysteriously, has requested his involvement. It turns out that the "Ask" is Milo's sinister college buddy Purdy Stuart, and the "give" won't come cheap. Before long Milo finds himself serving as a queasy mix of factotum, bagman, client state and sounding board to Purdy, who assigns him the task of delivering hush money to his secret illegitimate son, a legless and spectacularly embittered Iraq War veteran...

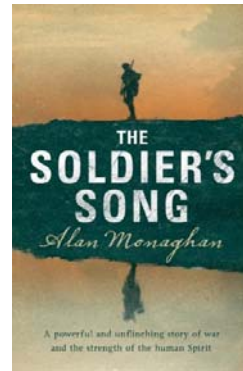
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Soldier's Song, The

Monaghan, Alan



Dublin, 1914: As Ireland stands on the brink of political crisis, Europe plunges headlong into war. Among the thousands of Irishmen who volunteer to fight for the British Army is Stephen Ryan, a gifted young maths scholar whose working class background has marked him out as a misfit among his wealthy fellow students. Sent to fight in Turkey, he looks forward to the great adventure, unaware of the growing unrest back home in Ireland. His romantic notions of war are soon shattered and he is forced to wonder where his loyalties lie on his return to a Dublin poised for rebellion in 1916 and a brother fighting for the rebels. Everything has changed utterly, and in a world gone mad his only hope is his growing friendship with the brilliant and enigmatic Lillian Bryce.

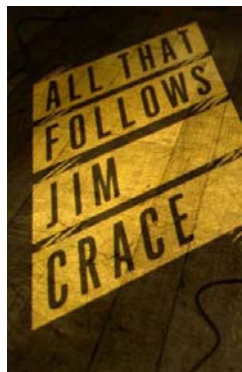
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All That Follows

Grace, Jim



A gunman seizes hostages a short drive from Leonard Lessing's house. His face leaps out of the evening news - and out of Leonard's own past...

Lennie Lessing is a jazzman taking a break. His glory days seem to be behind him, his body is letting him down, and rather than continue to take on the world, he relives old gigs and feeds his media addiction during solitary days at home. Increasingly estranged from his busy wife Francine, who is herself mourning the sudden absence of her only daughter, Leonard has found his own groove: suburban and safe from surprises. He could continue like this for years. Then comes the news bulletin that threatens to change everything. Leonard has a choice to make.

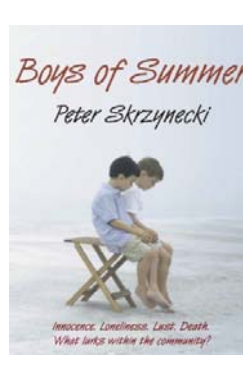
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Boys of Summer

Skrzynecki, Peter



Set in Sydney in the 1950s when American film stars and teenage rock 'n' roll idols were beginning to influence Australian culture, 'Boys of Summer' is the coming-of-age account of Tom Krupa's childhood. His is the world of backyard adventures, radio serials, comic-book heroes and the passion he develops for reading; it is also the story of a sensitive, innocent child awakening to the cruel realities of the world. Tom is the eye-witness to two seminal incidents: a girl killed by a car and a boy lost in the sea at a beach. The girl was his first, distant love and the boy his best friend. These events have been carefully prefigured in the depiction of Tom's day-to-day life with his Polish migrant parents in an outer-western suburb. Neither is quite as it appears, and the implications of each reverberate through the novel.

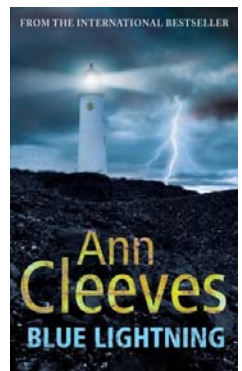
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Blue Lightning

Cleeves, Ann



Shetland Detective Jimmy Perez knows it will be a difficult homecoming when he returns to the Fair Isles to introduce his fiancée, Fran, to his parents. It's a community where everyone knows each other, and strangers, while welcomed, are still viewed with a degree of mistrust. Challenging to live on at the best of times, with the autumn storms raging, the island feels cut off from the rest of the world. Trapped, tension is high and tempers become frayed. Enough to drive someone to murder... When a woman's body is discovered at the renowned Fair Isles bird observatory, with feathers threaded through her hair, the islanders react with fear and anger. With no support from the mainland and only Fran to help him, Jimmy has to investigate the old-fashioned way.

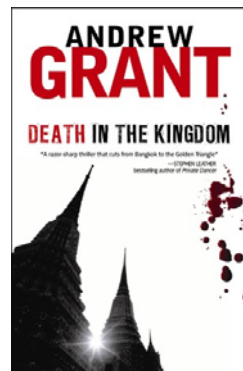
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Death in the Kingdom

Grant, Andrew



British agent Daniel Swann fled Thailand after murdering the son of the Kingdom's top underworld boss. Now he is back, ordered by his government to recover a small black box from the bottom of the Andaman Sea. Business as usual, he doesn't ask questions. But as his friends are beheaded one by one and he is pursued by CIA agents, Swann realises his mission has become personal. Someone wants him dead. Trying to stay alive on the streets of Bangkok, Swann engages in a deadly game of cat and mouse. When he finally discovers the contents of the black box, he is caught up in a government-level conspiracy. But with his enemy always one step ahead, Swann knows he is being betrayed. So he turns to the only people he can trust - the underworld.

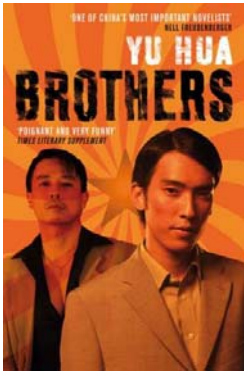
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Brothers

Hua, Yu



When Baldy Li's mother marries Song Gang's father, their lives become entangled. Then when both their parents die, Song Gang swears never to forsake his younger brother. In the event, though, both are undone by their love for one woman. Sprawling, rambunctious, energetic and brutal, 'Brothers' is a dizzying rollercoaster ride through life in a newly capitalist world.

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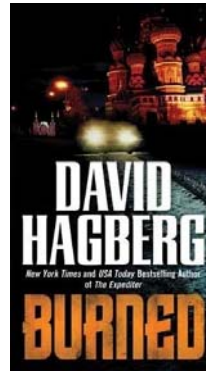


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Burned

Hagberg, David



David Hagberg's new novel, 'Burned', is inspired by the true story of Australian Yvonne Weinstock. Kidnapped in Russia in the 1990s by Islamic terrorists, she and her husband were held for ransom. During her captivity she was beaten, starved, and raped. While the KGB and the Russian Spetsnaz were adept at hunting down kidnapers, the hostages seldom survived their rescue operations. Despite Cold War antagonisms, they invited the FBI to come to Moscow and assist. Yvonne's story and the rescue operation - conducted by two bitter international enemies - have inspired this new high-octane pulse-pounding David Hagberg thriller.

Forge • P/B (A) • Thriller & Suspense

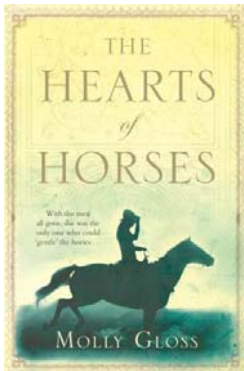


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Hearts of Horses, The

Gloss, Molly



In the winter of 1917, a big-boned young woman shows up at George Bliss' doorstep. She's looking for a job breaking horses, and he hires her. Many of his regular hands are off fighting the war in Europe, and he glimpses, beneath her showy rodeo garb, a shy but determined girl with a serious knowledge of horses. So begins the irresistible tale of Martha Lessen, a female horse whisperer trying to make a go of it in a man's world. Along the way, Martha helps a German family, ostracised by the community, to save their horses, gentles another horse for a dying man - a last gift to his young son - and gradually earns the respect and admiration of her new neighbours.

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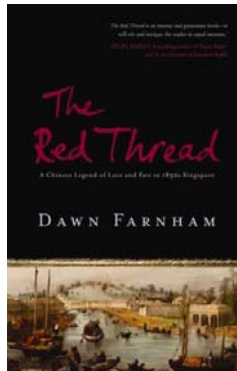


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Red Thread, The

Farnham, Dawn



Like Chinese silk, 'The Red Thread' is, by turns, gentle and strong, exploring a love that breaks through the divide of race and culture, a love that is both deeply physical and a marriage of souls. Set against the backdrop of 1830s Singapore where piracy, crime, triads and tigers are commonplace, this cultural romance follows the struggle of two lovers: Zhen, once the lowliest of Chinese coolies and triad members, later chosen to marry into a family of rich Chinese merchants; and Charlotte, an 18-year-old Scots girl and sister of Singapore's colonial Head of Police. Two cultures bound together by the invisible threads of fate yet separated by cultural diversity. This historical romance is full of passion and intrigue.

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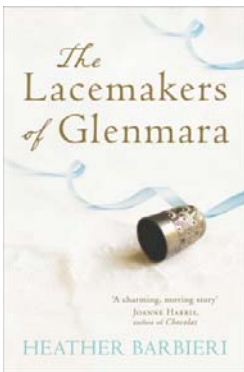


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Lacemakers of Glenmara, The

Barbieri, Heather Doran



When Kate Robinson leaves her Seattle home to travel across Ireland, she is looking to escape; fleeing a broken relationship, a failing career in fashion and the crushing grief over her mother's death. Her strict itinerary keeps her busy, moving from place to place with little time to dwell on the past. Until a chance meeting with a traveller leads her to Glenmara, a beautiful coastal village in the far west of the country. Bernie Cullen and her friends have lived in Glenmara all their lives, their blood and that of their ancestors tied to the landscape, to the raging sea. Their village has survived the toils and tragedies of countless years; but Glenmara is now facing a new threat, one that may extinguish it forever. When Kate arrives in Glenmara, nothing will ever be the same again.

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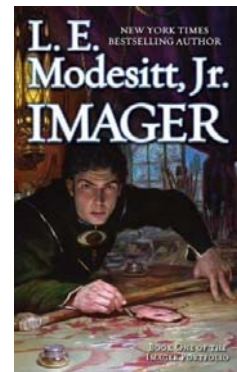


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Imager

Modesitt, Jr, L E



Although Rhenthyl is the son of a leading wool merchant in L'Excelsis, the capital of Solidar, the most powerful nation on Terahnar, he has spent years becoming a journeyman artist and is skilled and diligent enough to be considered for the status of master artisan - in another two years. Then, in a single moment, his entire life is transformed when his master patron is killed in a flash fire, and Rhenn discovers he is an imager - one of the few in the entire world of Terahnar who can visualise things and make them real. He must leave his family and join the Collegium of Imagisle. In this new life, Rhenn discovers that all too many of the "truths" he knew were nothing of the sort. 'Imager' is the innovative and enchanting opening of an involving new fantasy story.

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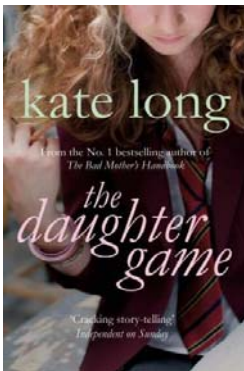


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Daughter Game, The

Long, Kate



Anna's personal life is in crisis. Her marriage is struggling, and the disastrous affair she began as consolation has now become a millstone around her neck. The place where she feels most secure is the safe and ordered world of the classroom - until a new pupil arrives in her English group. Kali is beautiful and bright, but also vulnerable. Anna tells herself that it's only natural for a caring teacher to show concern for a troubled student, and believes their developing friendship can save them both. But when that friendship begins to tip over into something more intense, Anna finds her professional and domestic lives caught up together in a spiral that threatens to destroy everyone she ever cared about.

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Salute the Dark

Tchaikovsky, Adrian



The vampiric sorcerer Uctebri has at last got his hands on the Shadow Box and can finally begin his dark ritual - a ritual that the Wasp-kin Emperor believes will grant him immortality - but Uctebri has his own plans both for the Emperor and the Empire. The massed Wasp armies are on the march, and the spymaster Stenwold must see which of his allies will stand now that the war has finally arrived. This time the Empire will not stop until a black and gold flag waves over Stenwold's own home city of Collegium. Tisamon the Weaponsmaster is faced with a terrible choice: a path that could lead him to abandon his friends and his daughter, to face degradation and loss, but that might possibly bring him before the Wasp Emperor with a blade in his hand - but is he being manipulated by something more sinister?

Tor UK • P/B (A) • Fantasy

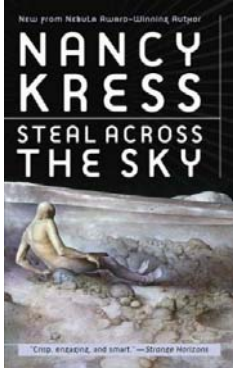


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Steal Across the Sky

Kress, Nancy



The aliens appeared one day, built a base on the moon, and put an ad on the internet: "We are an alien race - you may call us the Atoners. We request 21 volunteers to visit seven planets to Witness for us. We will convey each volunteer there and back in complete safety. Volunteers must speak English. Send requests for electronic applications to witness@Atoners.com." At first, everyone thought it was a joke. But it wasn't. This is the story of three of those volunteers, and what they found on Kular A and Kular B.

Tor Books • P/B (A) • Science Fiction



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