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Lowcountry Boondoggle Susan M. Boyer 2020-06-30 Private investigators Liz Talbot and Nate Andrews thought they'd put Darius Baker's troubles to rest-then his recently discovered son ropes him into a hemp farm investment with his college buddies. When a beloved Charleston professor-and potential investor-is murdered, Liz and Nate discover Darius keeps the PIs on speed dial. A shocking number of people had reasons to want the genteel, bowtie wearing, tea-drinking professor dead. Was it one of his many girlfriends or a disgruntled student? Or perhaps Murray was killed because his failure to invest meant the hemp farm trio's dreams were going up in smoke? Though Liz's long-dead best friend, Colleen, warns her the stakes are far higher than Liz imagines, she is hellbent on finding the no-good killer among the bevy of suspects. But will the price of justice be more than Liz can bear? Take a virtual vacation to Charleston in Susan M. Boyer's latest Southern charmer, Lowcountry Boondoggle. It's a trip you don't want to miss.-----
LOWCOUNTRY BOONDOGGLE by Susan M. Boyer | A Henery Press Mystery. If you like one, you'll probably like them all.

Lowcountry Bombshell Susan M. Boyer 2013-09-01 Liz Talbot thinks she's seen another ghost when she meets Calista McQueen. She's the spitting image of Marilyn Monroe. Born precisely fifty years after the ill-fated star, Calista's life has eerily mirrored the late starlet's--and she fears the looming anniversary of Marilyn's death will also be hers. Before Liz can open a case file, Calista's life coach is executed. Suspicious characters swarm around Calista like mosquitoes on a sultry lowcountry evening: her certifiable mother, a fake aunt, her control-freak psychoanalyst, a private yoga instructor, her peculiar housekeeper, and an obsessed ex-husband. Liz digs in to find a motive for murder, but she's besieged with distractions. Her ex has marriage and babies on his mind. Her too-sexy partner engages in a campaign of repeat seduction. Mamma needs help with Daddy's devotion to bad habits. And a gang of wild hogs is running loose on Stella Maris. With the heat index approaching triple digits, Liz races to uncover a diabolical murder plot in time to save not only Calista's life, but also her own.

Edifying Justice: Paul Arthur Cassidy 2011-12-06 As the first volume of a multi-volume set, this short collection of essays, entitled Edifying Justice: A Wellspring of Healing, describes the changes by which the Criminal Judicial System might serve the whole scope of justice effectively. With the Criminal Judicial System as its object of change, this collection of essays explores the logic and historical precedents behind the idea of complementing the Criminal Judicial System with a counter-balancing judicial arm. It explains why the current judicial arm, though suitable to the task of investigating crime and dispensing punishment, is hardly suitable to the task of investigating civility and dispensing reward nor to the task of adjudicating a certain category of offenses. While intended for a general audience, this collection of essays figuratively places readers in the role of jurists and legislators who are tasked to transform the abstract concept of a balanced, two-armed Criminal Judicial System into concrete action. Given how distant is the completion of that epic task, the essays more immediate aim is to persuade readers to value the full scope of justice and to prize the fairer half.

Batter Off Dead Maymee Bell 2018-12-11 When her catering event turns frosty, pastry chef-slash-amateur sleuth Sophia Cummings must solve a murder if she wants to earn her dough Sophia Cummings may be unlucky in love, but she knows that the way to a man's heart is through his sweet tooth. This evening, she plans to use that knowledge—and her skills as a New York City-trained pastry chef—to open the hearts and wallets of Rumford, Kentucky's richest men. Sophia, proprietress of For Goodness Cakes, has been commissioned to cater the Heart of the Town Library charity fundraiser at Grape Valley Winery. She's spent all her dough to make this a successful event, raise her profile, and win more plum catering jobs. At first, the going is as smooth as an elegant chocolate ganache. After nibbling Sophia's tasty treats, Ray Peel, the winery's landlord, announces he will pay off Rumford's library loan. But the evening soon turns decidedly frosty when Ray is murdered—before he can make good on his promise, and before he can pay Sophia for her catering services. For Goodness Cakes will collapse if Sophia can't collect what she's owed. So Sophia once again puts on her sleuthing apron to figure out who iced Ray. A glass of your favorite red or white is the perfect accompaniment to Maymee Bell's scrumptious Batter Off Dead?with authentic Southern recipes! For fans of Joanne Fluke and

Leslie Meier comes the second in Maymee Bell's delectable Southern Cake Baker mysteries.

Lowcountry Boughs of Holly Susan M. Boyer 2020-11-17 It's the most wonderful time of the year, but Private Investigator Liz Talbot is struggling to feel festive. She hasn't seen her best friend, Colleen, in weeks and fears she may never see her again in this life. Meanwhile Nate, Liz's husband and partner, is spending money like he prints it in the attic on a mysterious family Christmas celebration. Liz's nerves are shot, and she hasn't even decked a single hall. But there's simply no time to fret. On a morning beach run, Liz spots a wooden rowboat run aground with Santa inside. Did Old Saint Nick have too much eggnog at the boat parade? No indeedy-Santa's been shot. And he's none other than C.C. Bounetheau, patriarch of one of Charleston's wealthiest families. Liz and Nate already unwrapped quite a few family secrets while searching for the Bounetheau's missing granddaughter last year-enough to make them swear to steer forever clear of the entire clan. But as Mr. Bounetheau's body is found in Stella Maris, and Liz and Nate are the police chief's on-call detectives, they're on the case. With no shortage of suspects, Liz and Nate dash to find a killer who may be working his or her way down a naughty list. Spend Christmas in the Lowcountry with the Talbot family and their friends in Susan M. Boyer's latest Southern charmer, Lowcountry Boughs of Holly. 'Tis the season for merry mayhem! ----- LOWCOUNTRY BOUGHS OF HOLLY by Susan M. Boyer - A Henery Press Mystery. If you like one, you'll probably like them all.

A Teeny Bit of Trouble Michael Lee West 2013-01-29 It's not every day that I bake a dozen Red Velvet cakes, learn my boyfriend may have a love child, and I witness a murder. After Charleston pastry chef, Teeny Templeton, witnesses a murder, she discovers that her lawyer-boyfriend, Coop O'Malley, has been keeping secrets: the victim's ten-year-old daughter may be his child. As more lies explode, Teeny finds herself trapped in Bonaventure, Georgia, a zany "little Savannah," where she must deal with her commitment phobia, gather DNA from a ten-year old child genius, outwit a stalker, decode an encrypted diary, and fend off advances of an ex-beau, a handsome plastic surgeon who's crazy-in-love with her. Teeny's life gets maddeningly complicated by a series of not-so-teeny troubles: an uneasy love triangle, a gossip-mongering tarantula breeder, an wise-cracking Southern Belle with early Alzheimer's, Coop's loveable Chihuahua-toting granny, and clues that point to the illegal trafficking of human organs. But when a suspect is arrested, the bodies keep piling up and Teeny doesn't know who to trust. As the murderers close in, Teeny unearths a revelation that becomes a game-changer and flips her world upside-down. She's in for A Teeny Bit of Trouble.

The Blue, Beautiful World Karen Lord 2022-02 This near-future sci-fi novel from an award-winning Barbadian author imagines a post-climate disaster Earth suffused by VR tech. On a post-apocalyptic Earth devastated by climate change, the Global Government Project has begun to train a group of young diplomatic representatives in a simulation for First Contact between Earth and extraterrestrials. When the simulation turns true and the concept becomes no longer a hypothetical, but an impending reality, it will change life as they know it. Kanoa, a representative from the Pacific, must ponder the manner of his father's death, and whether there might also be non-human intelligence in the depths of Earth's oceans. Meanwhile, Owen, a rock star who once toured the world for his concerts, has a near-superhuman ability to sway both crowds and individuals. Though global stardom has taken a toll on him, he has used his influence to invest in projects that prime him to be one of the foremost figures in this new world. As the idea of a new galactic civilization sets in, these two and many others must consider how they will navigate this new and strange existence, and what it will mean for the future of the Earth.

The Same Sweet Girls Cassandra King 2012-05-29 The new novel by the celebrated author of The Sunday Wife chronicles the lives of a tight-knit group of lifelong friends. None of the Same Sweet Girls are really girls anymore, and none of them have actually ever been that sweet. But this spirited group of Southern women, who have been holding biannual reunions ever since they were together in college, are nothing short of compelling. There's Julia Stovall, the First Lady of Alabama, who, despite her public veneer, is a down-to-earth gal who only wants to know who her husband is sneaking out with late at night. There's Lanier Sanders, whose husband won custody of their children after he found out about her fling with a colleague. Then there's Astor Deveaux, a former Broadway showgirl who simply can't keep her flirtations in check. And Corinne Cooper, whose incredible story comes to light as the novel unfolds.

A Million to One Adiba Jaigirdar 2023-01-05 Adiba Jaigirdar, author of one of TIME's Best YA books of all time and winner of the YA Book Prize 2022, gives Titanic an Ocean's 8 makeover in this nail-biting heist set onboard the infamous ship. Four friends have stolen aboard the Titanic. They're after the Rubaiyat - a book inlaid with priceless jewels. Josefa is a charismatic thief, Hinnah a daring acrobat, Violet an outstanding actress and Emilie a talented artist. It is Josefa's plan, but she needs all of their skills. Despite their very different backgrounds, in a world of first-class passengers and suspicious crew members, the girls must work together to pull off the heist of their lives. But careless mistakes, old grudges and new romances threaten to jeopardise everything they've worked towards. And with the Titanic sailing ever further north, the girls' chances of survival are a million to one... A heart-pounding, romantic adventure from the award-winning author of Hani and Ishu's Fake Guide to Dating.

Guilt at the Garage Simon Brett 2021-01-01 When Carole Seddon's car is vandalised, it heralds the start of a disturbing series of events in the witty and entertaining new Fethering mystery. Carole Seddon's trusty Renault is one of her most treasured possessions. So when it is vandalised, there's only one person she will entrust with its repair: Bill Shefford has been servicing the vehicles of the good citizens of Fethering for many years. But how could something like this happen in Fethering of all places? Then the note is shoved under Carole's kitchen door: Watch out. The car window was just the start. It would appear that she has been deliberately targeted. But by whom . and why? Matters take an even more disturbing turn when a body is discovered at Shefford's Garage, crushed to death by a falling gearbox. It would appear to be a tragic accident. Carole and her neighbour

Jude are not so sure. And the more they start to ask questions, the more evidence they uncover of decidedly foul play .

The Carry On Films Steven Gerrard 2016-11-03 Saucy, rude and vulgar—the 31 Carry On films remain an important part of the history of British cinematic and low brow comedy. In this book, Gerrard discusses the Carry On roots in the music halls of the Victorians and the saucy seaside postcards of Donald McGill. Made in post-war Britain, these films reflect a remarkable period of social change as the British Empire faded and a nation learned to laugh at itself. Nothing was sacred to the Carry On team. James Bond and Cleopatra were mercilessly lampooned, Miss World competitions and toilet factories came in for a cinematic pasting, while Sid James' laugh, Barbara Windsor's wiggle, Kenneth Williams' flared nostrils and Charles Hawtrey's "Oh, hello!" became synonymous with laughter, merriment and fun. Gerrard's work examines the Carry On films as part of a wider canvas linking both their heritage and tradition to the contextual world they mirrored. The Carry On Films is an essential read for Carry On fans the country through.

Warning Miracle

The House on Tradd Street Karen White 2008-11-04 The brilliant, chilling debut of Karen White's New York Times bestselling Tradd Street series, featuring a Charleston real estate agent who loves old houses—and the secret histories inside them. Practical Melanie Middleton hates to admit she can see ghosts. But she's going to have to accept it. An old man she recently met has died, leaving her his historic Tradd Street home, complete with housekeeper, dog—and a family of ghosts anxious to tell her their secrets. Enter Jack Trenholm, a gorgeous writer obsessed with unsolved mysteries. He has reason to believe that diamonds from the Confederate Treasury are hidden in the house. So he turns the charm on with Melanie, only to discover he's the smitten one... It turns out Jack's search has caught the attention of a malevolent ghost. Now, Jack and Melanie must unravel a mystery of passion, heartbreak—and even murder.

Lowcountry Boneyard Susan M. Boyer 2015-04-21 Where is Kent Heyward? The twenty-three-year-old heiress from one of Charleston's oldest families vanished a month ago. When her father hires private investigator Liz Talbot, Liz suspects the most difficult part of her job will be convincing the patriarch his daughter tired of his overbearing nature and left town. That's what the Charleston Police Department believes. But behind the garden walls South of Broad, family secrets pop up like weeds in the azaleas. The neighbors recollect violent arguments between Kent and her parents. Eccentric twin uncles and a gaggle of cousins covet the family fortune. And the lingering spirit of a Civil-War-era debutante may know something if Colleen, Liz's dead best friend, can get her to talk. Liz juggles her case, the partner she's in love with, and the family she adores. But the closer she gets to what has become of Kent, the closer Liz dances to her own grave.

Twelve Years a Slave Solomon Northup 2021-01-01 "Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes would not be uninteresting to the public." -an excerpt

Darkness Falls Robert Bryndza 2021-12-07 THE UNMISSABLE NEW THRILLER FROM THE INTERNATIONALLY BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE GIRL IN THE ICE, NINE ELMS AND SHADOW SANDS, ROBERT BRYNDZA 'The third Kate Marshall thriller, is the best one yet!' The Times 'An exciting, riveting read from a master storyteller who never disappoints' Rachel Abbott, author of The Murder Game 'A gripping page-turner that gets darker and darker . . .' Mark Griffin, author of When Angels Sleep _____ Kate Marshall's detective agency takes off when she and her partner Tristan are hired to investigate a cold case from over a decade ago. Twelve years previously, a determined young journalist called Joanna Duncan exposed a political scandal that had major repercussions. In the fallout she disappeared without trace and was never found. When Kate and Tristan examine the case files, they find the trail long cold, but they discover the names of two young men who also vanished at that time. As she begins to connect their last days, Kate realizes that Joanna may have been onto something far more sinister than anyone first believed: the identity of a serial killer preying on the people who few will ever miss. But the closer Kate comes to finding the killer, the darker things become . . . _____ WHAT READERS ARE SAYING ABOUT DARKNESS FALLS 'What a climax! I had to pick my jaw back up from the floor' 'An exciting and thrilling read that will leave you desperate for more!' 'As always this is another five star read for me from this author' 'I knew as soon as I started this book, I wouldn't be able to put it down. The characters, storyline and location grabbed me and I was mesmerised through to the last page' 'Kate Marshall is one of my most very favourite characters'

Lowcountry Bordello Susan M. Boyer 2015-11-03 The Charleston streets are dressed for the holidays in sophisticated Southern style: topiaries adorned with red ribbons, garland entwined with white lights, and poinsettias potted in gold planters. The high class bordello in a stately historic home is certainly no exception. When Private Investigator Liz Talbot's dear friend Olivia swears she saw a dead body in the parlor of this bordello, one Olivia accidentally co-owns, Liz promptly comes to her aid. With her wedding back home on Stella Maris less than a week away, Liz must juggle one elderly madam, two ex and future in-laws, three ghosts in the bordello, four giddy bridesmaids, five lovely courtesans, six suspicious patrons ... and a partridge in a pear tree as she tries to keep her bridesmaid out of jail and live to walk down the aisle.

The Cambridge History of Modernism Vincent Sherry 2017-01-11 The Cambridge History of Modernism is the first comprehensive history of modernism in the distinguished Cambridge Histories collection. It identifies a distinctive temperament of 'modernism' within the 'modern' period, establishing the circumstances of modernized life as the ground and warrant for an art that becomes 'modernist' by virtue of its demonstrably self-conscious involvement in this modern condition. Following this sensibility from the end of the

nineteenth century to the middle of the twentieth, tracking its manifestations across pan-European and transatlantic locations, the forty-three chapters offer a remarkable combination of breadth and focus. Prominent scholars of modernism provide analytical narratives of its literature, music, visual arts, architecture, philosophy, and science, offering circumstantial accounts of its diverse personnel in their many settings. These historically informed readings offer definitive accounts of the major work of twentieth-century cultural history and provide a new cornerstone for the study of modernism in the current century.

What the Cat Saw Carolyn Hart 2012-10-02 New York Times bestselling author Carolyn Hart presents the story of a woman with a curious ability that drops her headfirst into a world of intrigue and murder. Since her fiancé's death, Nela Farley has been plagued by a sixth sense: She understands the thoughts of cats. In desperate need of a distraction, Nela agrees to substitute for her sister, Chloe, at her job for a charitable foundation. Chloe has even arranged a place for her sister to stay. But when Nela encounters the previous tenant's cat, she gets a flash of thought: "...dead and gone...She loved me...skateboard on the step..." Nela wants to ignore what the cat saw, but the idea that the death of former tenant Marian Grant wasn't an accident is something she can't ignore. And when a detective becomes suspicious of Nela's sister and a second murder occurs, Nela realizes she'll have to make the most of her unwanted ability before she meets her own untimely end...

Lowcountry Boil Susan M. Boyer 2014-07 "Private investigator Liz Talbot is a modern Southern belle: she blesses hearts and takes names. She carries her Sig 9 in her Kate Spade handbag, and her golden retriever, Rhett, rides shotgun in her hybrid Escape. When her grandmother is murdered, Liz high-tails it back to her South Carolina island home to find the killer. She's fit to be tied when her police-chief brother shuts her out of the investigation, so she opens her own. Then her long-dead best friend pops in and things really get complicated. When more folks start turning up dead in this small seaside town, Liz must use more than just her wits and charm to keep her family safe, chase down clues from the hereafter, and catch a psychopath before he catches her."--Page 4 of cover.

Left to Envy (An Adele Sharp Mystery—Book Six) Blake Pierce 2020-12-23 "When you think that life cannot get better, Blake Pierce comes up with another masterpiece of thriller and mystery! This book is full of twists and the end brings a surprising revelation. I strongly recommend this book to the permanent library of any reader that enjoys a very well written thriller." --Books and Movie Reviews, Roberto Mattos (re *Almost Gone*) LEFT TO ENVY is book #6 in a new FBI thriller series by USA Today bestselling author Blake Pierce, whose #1 bestseller *Once Gone* (Book #1) (a free download) has received over 1,000 five star reviews. In the Sistine Chapel, the first tourists of the day look up—and are horrified to find a dead body affixed by ropes to the ceiling. More victims soon appear, strung up in similarly dramatic fashion on other major attractions throughout Europe. Who is killing them? Why? Who will be next? And is FBI Special Agent Adele Sharp—triple agent of the U.S., France and Germany—brilliant enough to enter the serial killer's mind and stop him before it's too late? An action-packed mystery series of international intrigue and riveting suspense, LEFT TO ENVY will have you turning pages late into the night. Books #7-#10 in the series are now also available!

Lowcountry Boomerang Susan M. Boyer 2019-09-03 Private investigators Liz Talbot and Nate Andrews are all set to enjoy some quality time on the beach. That's until they get the news about Darius. Darius DeAndre Baker, star of the hit TV show, *Main Street USA*, has had enough of the Hollywood highlife. After ten years of visiting everyone else's hometown, he returns to his own--Stella Maris, South Carolina. But the moving trucks have barely unloaded when Trina Lynn Causby, Darius's high school girlfriend, turns up dead, and the entire town reels as Darius is arrested. Despite the mounting evidence against him, Liz and Nate believe Darius is innocent. They dig through a scandalously long list of suspects, including Darius's three ex-wives--who have all arrived in Stella Maris--and his love child with Trina Lynn. But Trina Lynn led a complicated life. She had at least one stalker and two suitors--one with a jealous wife who recently made a deliciously outrageous scene when Trina Lynn turned up at a charity ball. As the danger mounts, Liz and Nate race to find a killer and clear Darius's name--and keep him alive. - - - - - LOWCOUNTRY BOOMERANG by Susan M. Boyer - A Henery Press Mystery. If you like one, you'll probably like them all.

Keeping the Moon Sarah Dessen 2004-05-11 Never underestimate the power of friendship. When Colie goes to spend the summer at the beach, she doesn't expect much. But Colie didn't count on meeting Morgan and Isabel. Through them, she learns what true friendship is all about, and finally starts to realize her potential. And that just might open the door to her first chance at love. . . . "A down-to-earth Cinderella story. . . captures that special feeling." —The New York Post Also by Sarah Dessen: *Along for the Ride* *Dreamland* *Just Listen* *Lock and Key* *The Moon and More* *Someone Like You* *That Summer* *This Lullaby* *The Truth About Forever* *What Happened to Goodbye*

A Lowcountry Wedding Mary Alice Monroe 2016-05-03 Includes discussion guide, questions and recipes.

Return to Tradd Street Karen White 2014-01-07 In the fourth novel in the New York Times bestselling *Tradd Street* series, Charleston realtor Melanie Middleton is determined to leave the past behind her. But history has a tendency of catching up with her, whether she likes it or not... Melanie is only going through the motions of living since refusing Jack Trenholm's marriage proposal. She misses him desperately, but her broken heart is the least of her problems. Despite an insistence that she can raise their child alone, Melanie is completely unprepared for motherhood, and she struggles to complete renovations on her house on Tradd Street before the baby arrives. When Melanie is roused one night by the sound of a ghostly infant crying, she chooses to ignore it. She simply does not have the energy to deal with one more crisis. That is, until the remains of a newborn buried in an old christening gown are found hidden in the foundation of her house. As the hauntings on Tradd Street slowly become more violent, Melanie decides to find out what caused the baby's untimely death, uncovering the love, loss, and betrayal that color the house's history—and threaten her claim of ownership. But can she seek Jack's help without risking her

heart? For in revealing the secrets of the past, Melanie also awakens the malevolent presence that has tried to keep the truth hidden for decades...

A Matter of Principle Conrad Black 2012-10-22 In 1993, Conrad Black was the proprietor of London's Daily Telegraph and the head of one of the world's largest newspaper groups. In 2004, however, he was accused of fraud and fired as chairman of Hollinger. In *A Matter of Principle*, Black describes his indictment, four-month trial, partial conviction, imprisonment and largely successful appeal. Black writes without reserve about the prosecutors who mounted a campaign to destroy him and the journalists who presumed he was guilty. Fascinating people fill these pages, from prime ministers and presidents to the social, legal and media elite. Woven throughout are Black's views on big themes: politics, corporate governance and the US justice system. He is candid about highly personal subjects, including his friendships, his faith and his marriage to Barbara Amiel. Above all, Black maintains his innocence and recounts what he describes as the 'fight of and for my life'. *A Matter of Principle* is a riveting memoir and a scathing account of a flawed justice system.

A Skeleton in the Closet Judith K. Ivie 2009 Third in the Kate Lawrence Mystery Series set in Wethersfield, Connecticut. *A Skeleton in the Closet* features the often exciting, always hilarious, adventures of three women of a certain age who handle their complicated lives with intelligence and humor--and solve the occasional murder mystery.

Plum Deadly Ellie Grant 2013-09-03 In this cozy mystery, a young woman is framed by her boss for embezzlement and flees to her aunt's pie shop—but when her ex-boss turns up dead on their doorstep she must start her own investigation to find the killer—before he finds her. CHOCOHOLIC CREAM. BOUNTIFUL BLUEBERRY. LOTSA LEMON MERINGUE. EVEN DANGEROUSLY DAMSON. Who could resist such pies? Who would even want to resist the pie shop that makes them? Certainly not the residents of Durham, North Carolina, and the little bakery and café called Pie in the Sky is one of the most popular meet-up places in town. Unjustly accused of cooking the books, Maggie Grady is forced to retreat from her high-flying New York financial career to the town where she grew up. Her aunt Clara greets her with open arms and a job at the family-owned business that has baked the best pies in the South for over forty years. Unfortunately, while Maggie is determined to return to banking, her reputation there seems permanently in the pits. That is, until her old boss, Lou, visits with news that he's found the real crook. Before he can reveal the details, though, Maggie finds his body right behind the pie shop. With only her own word that Lou planned to exonerate her, Maggie is in the spotlight. The police seem to suspect that Aunt Clara's damson pie may not be just dangerously delectable, but downright deadly. Maggie doesn't just have her own name to clear; she has to make sure that her aunt's beloved business isn't harmed, either. Yummy local reporter Ryan Summerour appears eager to help, and Maggie can't help hoping that it's not just the police who find her a person of interest—but Ryan, as well. She'd thought it challenging to make the perfect pie crust that Aunt Clara demands, but that turns out to be nothing compared with finding a murderer. . . .

As I Lay Dying William Faulkner 2020-12-17 *As I Lay Dying* is not only about mortality insofar as it concerns Addie Bundren's death. More deeply, the novel explores the theme of mortality by showing each of Addie's family members, loved ones, and other acquaintances offer unique responses to her death, attempting to make sense of the nature of existence. In the novel's first chapters, Addie is alive, though in ill health. Addie and others expect her to die soon, and she sits at a window watching as her firstborn child, Cash, builds her coffin. Anse, Addie's husband, waits on the porch, while their daughter, Dewey Dell, fans her mother in the July heat. The night after Addie dies a heavy rainstorm sets in; rivers rise and wash out bridges that the family will need to cross to get to Jefferson. The family's trek by wagon begins, with Addie's non-embalmed body in the coffin. Along the way, Anse and the five children encounter various difficulties. Stubborn Anse frequently rejects any offers of assistance, including meals or lodging, so at times the family goes hungry and sleeps in barns. At other times he refuses to accept loans from people, claiming he wishes to "be beholden to no man," thus manipulating the would-be-lender into giving him charity as a gift not to be repaid.....

The Secret Seaside Escape Heidi Swain 2020-04-16 ***THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR*** Escape to the seaside with the brand new novel from Heidi Swain, the Sunday Times bestselling author of feel-good women's fiction! 'A summer delight!' SARAH MORGAN Tess Tyler needs a break. Weighed down by her high-pressure job and her demanding father, she's left little time to take care of herself. But after a shocking discovery sends her spiralling, she flees to Wynmouth, the seaside town she fell in love with as a child, to escape it all. With its sandy beaches, stunning rock pools and welcoming community, Tess feels like she can finally breathe again. And as she grows ever closer to local barman Sam, she dares to dream that she might never return to her real life. But when a familiar face returns to town, Tess realises that there are secrets in Wynmouth too, and that her own past may be about to catch up with her . . . *The Secret Seaside Escape* is the perfect read this summer, promising sandy beaches, stunning rockpools and breath-taking romance. Perfect for fans of Carole Matthews and Sarah Morgan. 'I loved this gorgeous story of family secrets and second chances' RACHAEL LUCAS, author of *The Telephone Box Library* 'A delightfully sunny read with added intrigue and secrets' BELLA OSBORNE 'I so enjoyed my seaside escape at Wynmouth. With heart-warming characters, a gorgeous summer setting, and a great story with secrets aplenty to keep you turning the pages, it's the perfect read to relax and curl up at home with' CAROLINE ROBERTS Readers everywhere are falling in love with Heidi Swain's writing: 'A lovely, sweet, summery read' Milly Johnson 'Wise, warm and wonderful' heat 'A ray of reading sunshine!' Laura Kemp, author of *A Year of Surprising Acts of Kindness* 'Sparkling and romantic' My Weekly

Lowcountry Bookshop Susan M. Boyer 2018-05-29 Between an epic downpour and a King Tide, those historic streets are flooded--and dangerous. A late night tragic accident along the Lower Battery leads Liz Talbot straight to her next case. Who's the client? Well, now, therein lies the first puzzle. When the police arrive at the scene of the accident, Poppy Oliver claims she's only trying to help. But the dent on the front of her Subaru and the victim's injuries provoke a certain Charleston police detective's suspicious nature. A

wealthy, anonymous benefactor hires Liz and her partner Nate Andrews to prove Poppy Oliver's innocence. What exactly was Poppy Oliver up to? Is she a random good Samaritan who happens upon the accident scene? Or perhaps this tragedy wasn't an accident. She just might be his abused wife's accomplice. Why does everyone involved in this case have a sudden burning urge for reading material, leading them to the same charming bookshop along the waterfront?

The Winter Garden Heidi Swain 2020-10-01 ***The sparkling Christmas novel from the Sunday Times bestselling author Heidi Swain!*** Will love bloom this winter? Freya Fuller is living her dream, working as a live-in gardener on a beautiful Suffolk estate. But when the owner dies, Freya finds herself forced out of her job and her home with nowhere to go. However, with luck on her side, she's soon moving to Nightingale Square and helping to create a beautiful winter garden that will be open to the public in time for Christmas. There's a warm welcome from all in Nightingale Square, except from local artist Finn. No matter how hard the pair try, they just can't get along, and working together to bring the winter garden to life quickly becomes a struggle for them both. Will Freya and Finn be able to put their differences aside in time for Christmas? Or will the arrival of a face from Freya's past send them all spiralling? The Winter Garden is the perfect read this Christmas, promising snowfall, warm fires and breath-taking seasonal romance. Perfect for fans of Carole Matthews, Cathy Bramley and Sarah Morgan. Praise for HEIDI SWAIN: 'The queen of feel-good' Woman & Home 'Full of Heidi's trademark gentle charm. Lock the door, pour some mulled wine and settle into this wonderful Christmas treat!' Milly Johnson 'More Christmassy than a week in Lapland - we loved it!' heat 'Sprinkled with Christmas sparkle' Trisha Ashley 'Give yourself a Christmas treat and curl up with this magical book!' Sue Moorcroft, author of The Little Village Christmas 'A real Christmas cracker of a read!' Penny Parkes, author of Practice Makes Perfect 'Cosy, Christmassy and deeply satisfying! Another wonderful read!' Mandy Baggot, author of One Christmas Kiss in Notting Hill

Standing Alone Stephen Leather 2022-01-06 'The action scenes are deftly choreographed and Standing is an engaging protagonist' Financial Times What makes a good man become an assassin? A Navy SEAL has gone rogue, selling his skills to the highest bidder as a professional assassin. Ryan French no longer cares who he kills so long as the price is right. His former bosses want him taken down, but they're not prepared to get their hands dirty so they need a Brit to do the job. SAS trooper Matt "Lastman" Standing is a lethal killing machine with experience in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. Plus he's worked with French in the past. It's not a mission he wants, but Standing made a bad choice in his past and it has come back to haunt him. Now he's hunting French in the lawless Wild West forests of Humboldt County, where the US produces most of its legal - and illegal - cannabis. But French isn't the only predator in the wilderness - there are Mexican cartels, Russian Mafia and Hungarian gangsters - and Standing has to overcome them all to get to his target.

The Invitation Lucy Foley 2016-08-02 From the author of the New York Times bestsellers The Paris Apartment and The Guest List, an evocative love story set along the Italian Riviera about a group of charismatic stars who all have secrets and pasts they try desperately — and dangerously — to hide. Rome, 1953: Hal, an itinerant journalist flailing in the post-war darkness, has come to the Eternal City to lose himself and to seek absolution for the thing that haunts him. One evening he finds himself on the steps of a palazzo, walking into a world of privilege and light. Here, on a rooftop above the city, he meets the mysterious Stella. Hal and Stella are from different worlds, but their connection is magnetic. Together, they escape the crowded party and imagine a different life, even if it's just for a night. Yet Stella vanishes all too quickly, and Hal is certain their paths won't cross again. But a year later they are unexpectedly thrown together, after Hal receives an invitation he cannot resist. An Italian Contessa asks him to assist on a trip of a lifetime -- acting as a reporter on a tremendous yacht, skimming its way along the Italian coast toward Cannes film festival, the most famous artists and movie stars of the day gathered to promote a new film. Of all the luminaries aboard — an Italian ingénue, an American star, a reclusive director — only one holds Hal in thrall: Stella. And while each has a past that belies the gilded surface, Stella has the most to hide. As Hal's obsession with Stella grows, he becomes determined to bring back the girl she once was, the girl who's been confined to history. An irresistibly entertaining and atmospheric novel set in some of the world's most glamorous locales, The Invitation is a sultry love story about the ways in which the secrets of the past stay with us — no matter how much we try to escape them.

Intelligent Projects Using Python Santanu Pattanayak 2019-01-31 Implement machine learning and deep learning methodologies to build smart, cognitive AI projects using Python Key FeaturesA go-to guide to help you master AI algorithms and concepts8 real-world projects tackling different challenges in healthcare, e-commerce, and surveillanceUse TensorFlow, Keras, and other Python libraries to implement smart AI applicationsBook Description This book will be a perfect companion if you want to build insightful projects from leading AI domains using Python. The book covers detailed implementation of projects from all the core disciplines of AI. We start by covering the basics of how to create smart systems using machine learning and deep learning techniques. You will assimilate various neural network architectures such as CNN, RNN, LSTM, to solve critical new world challenges. You will learn to train a model to detect diabetic retinopathy conditions in the human eye and create an intelligent system for performing a video-to-text translation. You will use the transfer learning technique in the healthcare domain and implement style transfer using GANs. Later you will learn to build AI-based recommendation systems, a mobile app for sentiment analysis and a powerful chatbot for carrying customer services. You will implement AI techniques in the cybersecurity domain to generate Captchas. Later you will train and build autonomous vehicles to self-drive using reinforcement learning. You will be using libraries from the Python ecosystem such as TensorFlow, Keras and more to bring the core aspects of machine learning, deep learning, and AI. By the end of this book, you will be skilled to build your own smart models for tackling any kind of AI problems without any hassle. What you will learnBuild an intelligent machine translation system using seq-2-seq neural translation machinesCreate AI applications using

GAN and deploy smart mobile apps using TensorFlow Translate videos into text using CNN and RNN Implement smart AI Chatbots, and integrate and extend them in several domains Create smart reinforcement, learning-based applications using Q-Learning Break and generate CAPTCHA using Deep Learning and Adversarial Learning Who this book is for This book is intended for data scientists, machine learning professionals, and deep learning practitioners who are ready to extend their knowledge and potential in AI. If you want to build real-life smart systems to play a crucial role in every complex domain, then this book is what you need. Knowledge of Python programming and a familiarity with basic machine learning and deep learning concepts are expected to help you get the most out of the book

A is for Alibi Sue Grafton 2011-02-23 A is for Alibi is the first in the Kinsey Millhone mystery series by Sue Grafton. My name is Kinsey Millhone. I'm a private investigator, licensed by the state of California. I'm thirty-two years old, twice divorced, no kids. The day before yesterday I killed someone and the fact weighs heavily on my mind . . . When Laurence Fife was murdered, few cared. A slick divorce attorney with a reputation for ruthlessness, Fife was also rumoured to be a slippery ladies' man. Plenty of people in the picturesque Southern California town of Santa Teresa had reason to want him dead. Including, thought the cops, his young and beautiful wife, Nikki. With motive, access and opportunity, Nikki was their number one suspect. The Jury thought so too. Eight years later and out on parole, Nikki Fife hires Kinsey Millhone to find out who really killed her husband. But the trail has gone cold and there is a chilling twist even Kinsey didn't expect . . . Continue the Alphabet series with another gripping investigation in B is for Burglar.

The Guests on South Battery Karen White 2017-01-10 THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Karen White invites you to explore the brick-walked streets of Charleston in her fifth Tradd Street novel, where historic mansions house the memories of years gone by, and restless spirits refuse to fade away... With her extended maternity leave at its end, Melanie Trenholm is less than thrilled to leave her new husband and beautiful twins to return to work, especially when she's awoken by a phone call with no voice on the other end—and the uneasy feeling that the ghostly apparitions that have stayed silent for more than a year are about to invade her life once more. But her return to the realty office goes better than she could have hoped, with a new client eager to sell the home she recently inherited on South Battery. Most would treasure living in one of the grandest old homes in the famous historic district of Charleston, but Jayne Smith would rather sell hers as soon as possible, guaranteeing Melanie a quick commission. Despite her stroke of luck, Melanie can't deny that spirits—both malevolent and benign—have started to show themselves to her again. One is shrouded from sight, but appears whenever Jayne is near. Another arrives when an old cistern is discovered in Melanie's backyard on Tradd Street. Melanie knows nothing good can come from unearthing the past. But some secrets refuse to stay buried....

The Secret, Book & Scone Society Ellery Adams 2017-10-31 First in the mystery series from the New York Times-bestselling author: "Anyone who loves novels that revolve around books will savor this tasty treat."—Library Journal (starred review) A quirky club in small-town North Carolina holds the keys to health, happiness, friendship—and even solving a murder—all to be found within the pages of the right book... Strangers flock to Miracle Springs hoping the natural hot springs, five-star cuisine, and renowned spa can cure their ills. If none of that works, they often find their way to Miracle Books, where, over a fresh-baked "comfort" scone, they exchange their stories with owner Nora Pennington in return for a carefully chosen book. That's Nora's special talent—prescribing the perfect novel to ease a person's deepest pain. So when a visiting businessman reaches out for guidance, Nora knows exactly how to help. But before he can keep their appointment, he's found dead on the train tracks. Stunned, Nora forms the Secret, Book, and Scone Society, a group of damaged souls yearning to earn redemption by helping others. To join, members must divulge their darkest secret—the terrible truth that brought each of them to Miracle Springs in the first place. Now, determined to uncover the truth behind the businessman's demise, the women meet in Nora's cozy bookstore. And as they untangle a web of corruption, they also discover their own courage, purpose, and a sisterhood that will carry them through every challenge—proving it's never too late to turn the page and start over... "Adams kicks off a new series featuring strong women, a touch of romance and mysticism, and both the cunning present-day mystery and the slowly revealed secrets of the intriguing heroines' pasts."—Kirkus Reviews

Lowcountry Bonfire Susan M. Boyer 2017-06-27 Private investigators Liz Talbot and Nate Andrews have worked their share of domestic cases. So when Tammy Sue Lyerly hires them to find out what her husband is hiding, they expect to find something looney but harmless. After all, this is the guy who claims to have been a DEA agent, a champion bull rider, and a NASCAR driver. But when he turns up dead the morning after Liz and Nate deliver incriminating photos, Tammy Sue becomes the prime suspect. Questioning the truth of Zeke Lyerly's tall-tales, Liza and Nate race to uncover small town scandals, long buried secrets, and the victim's tumultuous past to keep Tammy Sue out of jail and that case from going up in flames.

Lowcountry Book Club Susan M. Boyer 2016-07-05 Somebody pushed Shelby Poinsett out her second-floor library window and it wasn't her husband. At least that's what Charleston's most prestigious law firm wants Liz Talbot to prove. Liz must run the spectrum of Southern society, from the local homeless shelter where Shelby volunteered to the one-hundred-year-old book club where Charleston's genteel ladies are dying to join, to bring a killer to justice.