

"The Cuckoo's Calling" by Robert Galbraith

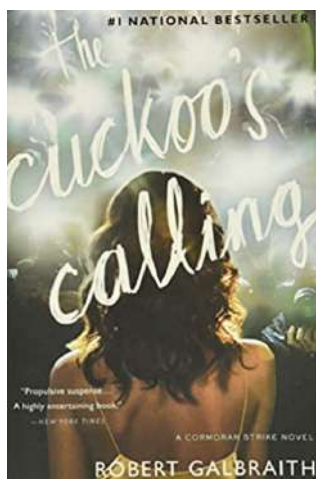
Mystery/Thriller/Crime

5 Books in the Series

After losing his leg to a land mine in Afghanistan, Cormoran Strike is barely scraping by as a private investigator.

Then John Bristow walks through his door with an amazing story: His sister, the legendary supermodel Lula Landry, known to her friends as the Cuckoo, famously fell to her death a few months earlier. The police ruled it a suicide, but John refuses to believe that.

This is the first crime novel by J.K. Rowling, writing under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith.

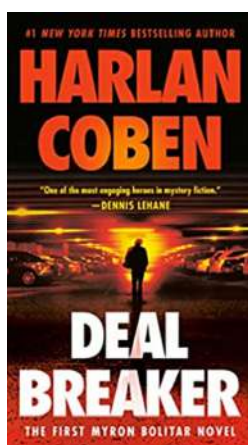


"Deal Breaker" by Harlan Coben

Suspense/Thriller

11 Books in the Series: Great characters, I laughed a lot.

Sports agent Myron Bolitar is poised on the edge of the big time. So is Christian Steele, a rookie quarterback and Myron's prized client. But when Christian gets a phone call from a former girlfriend—a woman who everyone, including the police, believes is dead—the deal starts to go sour. Myron is up against the dark side of his business—where image and talent make you rich, but the truth can get you killed.



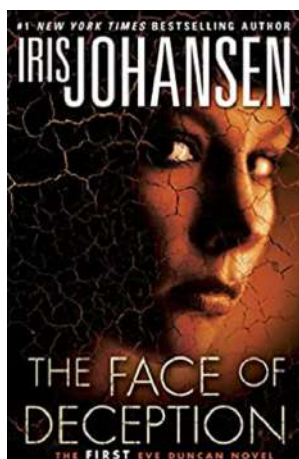
"The Face of Deception" by Iris Johansen

Mystery/Thriller

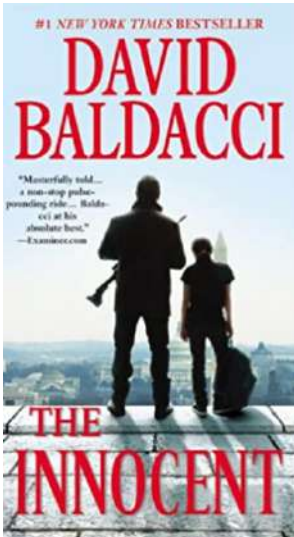
25 Books in the Series

As a forensic sculptor, Eve Duncan helps identify the dead from their skulls.

Terror lies ahead when she accepts work from billionaire John Logan. Beneath her gifted hands a face emerges from the skull he has given her to reconstruct—a face no one was ever meant to see. Now Eve is trapped in a frightening web of murder and deceit. Powerful enemies are determined to cover up the truth, and they will make certain that truth goes to the grave...even if Eve gets buried with it.



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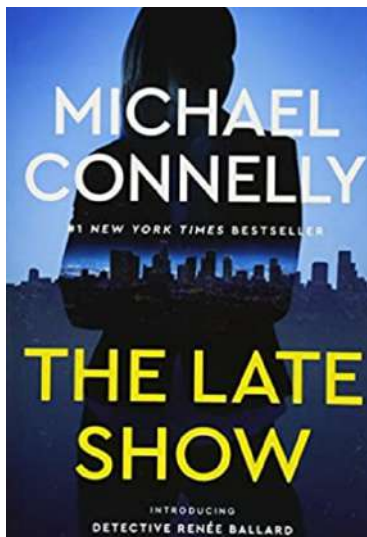
"The Innocent" by David Baldacci

Mystery/Thriller

5 Books in the Series

Will Robie, a stone cold hitman for the government, never questions orders and always nails his target. But Will Robie may have just made the first - and last - mistake of his career...

It begins with a hit gone wrong. Robie is dispatched to eliminate a target unusually close to home in Washington, D.C. But something about this mission doesn't seem right to Robie, and he does the unthinkable. He refuses to kill. Now, Robie becomes a target himself and must escape from his own people.



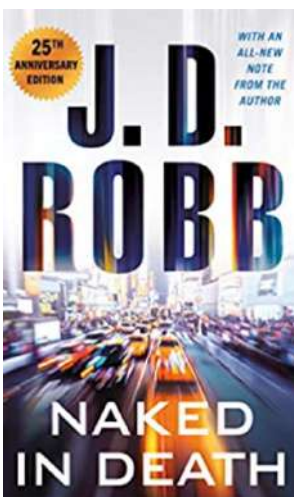
"The Late Show" by Michael Connelly

Mystery/Crime

3 Books in the Series

Renée Ballard works the night shift in Hollywood, beginning many investigations but finishing none as each morning she turns her cases over to day shift detectives.

One night she catches two cases she doesn't want to part with: the brutal beating of a prostitute left for dead in a parking lot and the killing of a young woman in a nightclub shooting. Against orders, she works both cases by day while maintaining her shift by night. As the cases entwine they pull her closer to her own demons and the reason she won't give up her job no matter what the department throws at her.



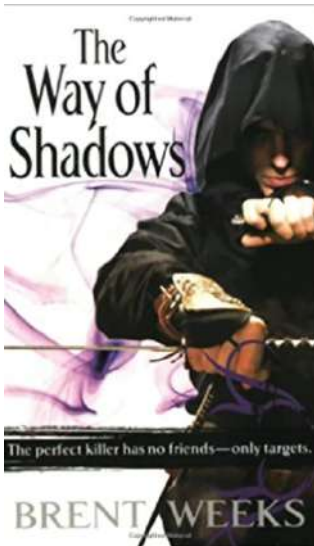
"Naked in Death" by JD Robb

Mystery/Crime/Romance

63 Books in the Series: I adore this couple.

It is the year 2058, and technology now completely rules the world. When a senator's daughter is killed, the secret life of prostitution she'd been leading is revealed. The high-profile case takes Lieutenant Eve Dallas into the rarefied circles of Washington politics and society. Further complicating matters is Eve's growing attraction to Roarke, who is one of the wealthiest and most influential men on the planet, devilishly handsome... and the leading suspect in the investigation.

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"The Way of Shadows" by Brent Weeks

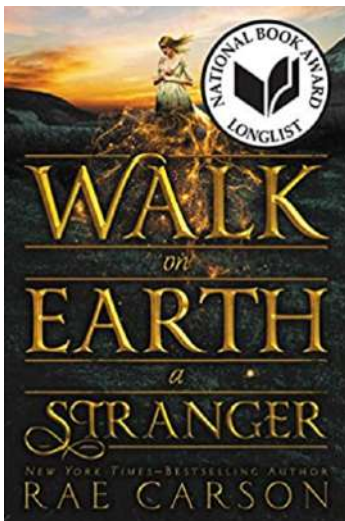
Epic Fantasy/Magic/Adventure

3 Books in the Series

For Durzo Blint, assassination is an art-and he is the city's most accomplished artist.

For Azoth, survival is precarious. Something you never take for granted. As a guild rat, he's grown up in the slums, and learned to judge people quickly - and to take risks. Risks like apprenticing himself to Durzo Blint.

But to be accepted he must learn to navigate the assassins' world of dangerous politics and strange magics - and cultivate a flair for death.



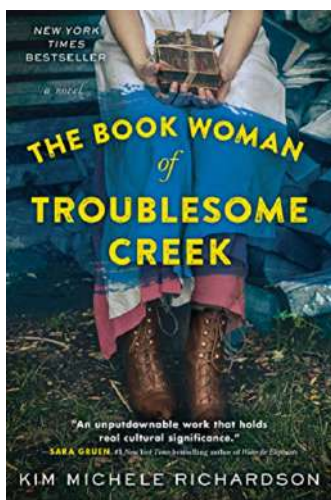
"Walk on Earth a Stranger" by Rae Carson

Historical Fiction/Western/YA

3 Books in the Series: A fun series that throws in a little history.

Lee can sense gold in the world around her. Veins deep in the earth and small nuggets in a stream. She has kept her family safe and able to buy provisions, even through the harshest winters. But what would someone do to control a girl with that kind of power? A person might murder for it.

When everything Lee holds dear is ripped away, she flees west to California—where gold has just been discovered. Perhaps this will be the one place a magical girl can be herself. If she survives the journey.



"The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele

Richardson

Historical Fiction

Stand Alone

I had no idea there blue-skinned people in Kentucky. I also knew nothing of the Pack Horse library service of the 1930's. This book grabbed me from the start. It addresses being judged for what you look like and what you do or do not have. It talks about the fierce pride in becoming something no one expects and the bravery to get there.

\*This will also appear in my "Book Club" list

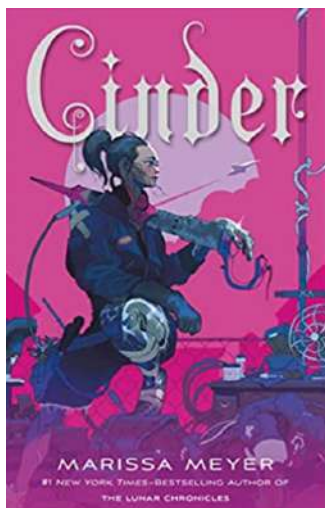
### "Cinder" by Marissa Meyer

Fantasy/Dystopian/YA

4 Books in the Series: Super fun!

Humans and androids crowd the raucous streets of New Beijing. A deadly plague ravages the population. From space, a ruthless lunar people watch, waiting to make their move. No one knows that Earth's fate hinges on one girl. . . .

Cinder is a cyborg, a second-class citizen. Hated by her stepmother and stepsister. Her life becomes intertwined with Prince Kai's and she suddenly finds herself caught between duty and freedom, loyalty and betrayal, and she must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect her world's future.



### "The Queen of the Tearling" by Erika Johansen

Fantasy/Dystopia/YA

4 Books in the Series

Amazing series! I had no idea it was YA simply because it was graphically violent.

The online descriptions are very long-if interested, read them!

Here is a "teaser":

Magic, adventure, mystery, and romance combine in this epic debut in which a young princess must reclaim her dead mother's throne, learn to be a ruler—and defeat the Red Queen, a powerful and malevolent sorceress determined to destroy her.

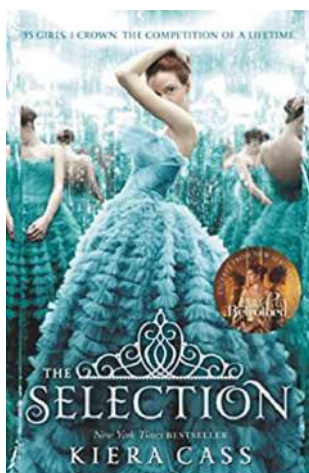


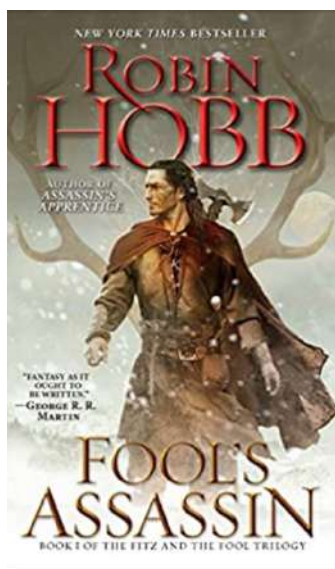
### "The Selection" by Kiera Cass

Dystopian/Romance/YA

5 Books in the Series

For thirty-five girls, the Selection is the chance of a lifetime. The opportunity to escape a rigid caste system, live in a palace, and compete for the heart of gorgeous Prince Maxon. But for America Singer, being Selected is a nightmare. It means turning her back on her secret love with Aspen, who is a caste below her, and competing for a crown she doesn't want.





### "Fool's Assassin" by Robin Hobb

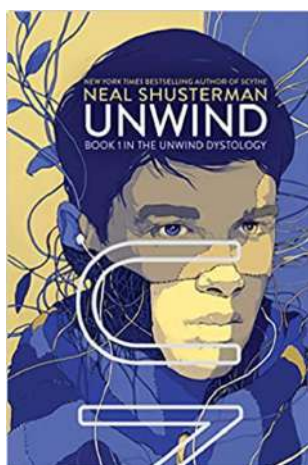
Epic Fantasy/Magic/YA

3 Books in the Series

I did not know this series could get better! The story of Fitz and the Fool continue and does not disappoint! Many years have passed and Tom Badgerlock is actually FitzChivalry Farseer, bastard scion of the Farseer line, convicted user of Beast-magic, and assassin. A man who has risked much for his king and lost more...

One Winterfest night a messenger arrives to seek out Fitz, but mysteriously disappears, leaving nothing but a blood-trail.

Suddenly Fitz's violent old life erupts into the peace of his new world, and nothing and no one is safe.



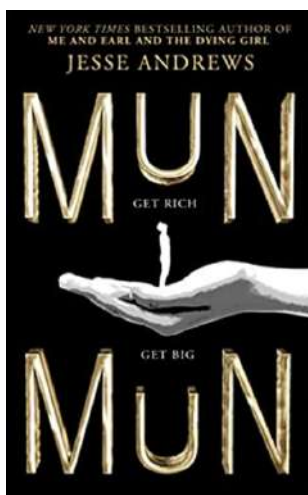
### "Unwind" by Neil Shusterman

Dystopian/Profound/YA

4 Books in the Series: I am still thinking about this book years later. In a society where unwanted teens are salvaged for their body parts, three runaways fight the system that would "unwind" them.

This book looks at "right to life" and "choice" and puts both upside down. I am a better person because I have read this book.

\*\*This book will also appear on my "Book Club" list



### "Munmun" by Jesse Andrews

Science Fiction/YA

I did not want to like this book. I was drawn into the story, but not the characters at first. The entire story seemed so implausible, even for a science fiction/dystopian type. I started paying attention, it was not that hard, the parallels are not masked that deeply. This book says a lot about the rich vs the poor in a world that shows clear lines of inequality. This book is done in adventure, tragedy and comedy to bring the message to us all.

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"Spider's Bite" by Jennifer Estep

Urban Fantasy/Magic

17 Books in the Series

I'm the most feared assassin in the South. As a Stone elemental, I can hear everything from the whispers of the gravel beneath my feet to the vibrations of the soaring Appalachian Mountains above me. Now that a ruthless Air elemental has double-crossed me and killed my handler, I'm out for revenge. And I'll exterminate anyone who gets in my way — good or bad. I may look hot, but I'm still one of the bad guys.



"Skin Walker" by Faith Hunter

Urban Fantasy/Paranormal Romance

14 Books in the Series

Jane Yellowrock is the last of her kind—a skinwalker of Cherokee descent who can turn into any creature she desires and hunts vampires for a living. But now she's been hired by Katherine Fontaneau, one of the oldest vampires in New Orleans and the madam of Katie's Ladies, to hunt a powerful rogue vampire who's killing other vamps.



"Moon Called" by Patricia Briggs

Urban Fantasy/Paranormal Romance

12 Books in the Series: Definitely ranks among the favorite

Mercy Thompson is a shapeshifter, and while she was raised by werewolves, she can never be one of them, and was run off by her pack. She runs a one-woman mechanic shop in the Tri-Cities area of Washington State. But Mercy's two worlds are colliding. A half-starved teenage boy arrives at her shop looking for work, only to reveal that he's a newly changed werewolf.

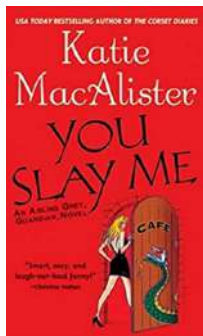


"Scent of Shadows" by Vicki Pettersson

Fantasy

7 in the series

This reads almost like a comic book with light vs. dark. All of the “super heroes” have abilities based on their zodiac signs. This gives the book a different twist. The group fights against the evils based in “Sin City.” I liked this series simply because it had a different premise: zodiac.

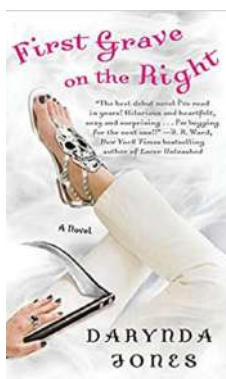


### "You Slay Me" by Katie MacAlister

Magic/Comedy/Romance

5 Books in the Series.

Aisling Grey is kind of a ditz. The entire series is pretty brainless. And yet, I loved it. I kept coming back for more. I could totally escape in dragon worries. I adore the demon who comes in the form of the Newfoundland Dog and keeps Aisling company.



### "First Grave on the Right" by Darynda Jones

Paranormal Romance/Comedy

15 Books in the Series

Probably the funniest series I have read-love it!

Charley Davidson: part-time private investigator and full-time Grim Reaper. Charley sees dead people. . And it's her job to convince them to 'go into the light.' But when these very dead people have died under less than ideal circumstances (i.e. murder), sometimes they want Charley to bring the bad guys to justice.



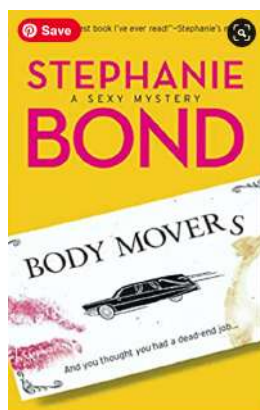
### "Dark Fever" by Karen Marie Moning

Dark Fantasy

11 Books in the Series: One of my favorite series!

My philosophy is pretty simple-any day nobody's trying to kill me is a good day in my book.

I haven't had many good days lately. MacKayla Lane's life is good. She's your perfectly ordinary twenty-first-century woman. At least that was what she thought until her sister is murdered.



### "Body Movers" by Stephanie Bond

Romantic Suspense

11 Books in the Series

This has been a series that has stuck with me that I enjoyed. It is also a series that I could never find again! I was so glad to find it for these recommendations because I finished at book 4!

Atlanta debutante Carlotta Wren was raised with a silver spoon in her mouth. So at 18, when her parents skip town after being accused of a white-collar crime and leave her to raise her younger brother Wesley, her entire world is upended. She becomes a mother to her brother, has a job moving dead bodies and evading loan sharks.

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"Written in Red" by Anne Bishop



Contemporary Fantasy

5 Books in the Series: A new twist on "paranormals" I liked this a lot. As a cassandra sanguine, or blood prophet, Meg Corbyn can see the future when her skin is cut—a gift that feels more like a curse. Meg's Controller keeps her enslaved so he can have full access to her visions. But when she escapes, the only safe place Meg can hide is at the Lakeside Courtyard—a business district operated by the Others. The Others are your typical fantasy characters, however, the war is on and they do not like humans.

"Prodigal Son" by Dean Koontz

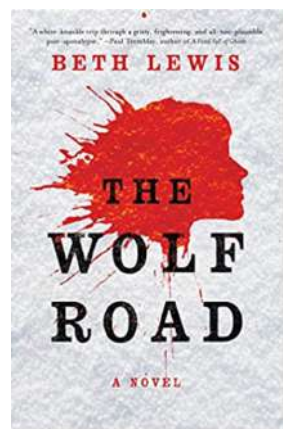


Suspense/Horror

5 Books in the Series

He is Deucalion, a tattooed man of mysterious origin, a sleight-of-reality artist who has traveled the centuries with a secret worse than death. He arrives in New Orleans as a serial killer stalks the streets. Meet police detective Carson O'Connor and her partner, Michael Maddison, who are tracking the slayer but will soon discover signs of something far more terrifying: an entire race of killers who are much more—and less—than human and, deadliest of all, their deranged, near-immortal maker: Victor Helios—once known as Frankenstein.

"The Wolf Road" by Beth Lewis



I call it a horror novel, listed as thriller/suspense

I never saw it coming...any of it. I was horrified at the end. And yet, I wanted a book to come after this one I was enthralled with the story and the characters. Elka is orphaned at seven years old. She wanders into a loner's hunting camp and he takes her in and teaches her how to survive. She comes to love him and call him father. One day, she discovers he is a killer and she escapes, using the skills he taught her to survive. Dead people keep turning up all around her, it seems her dad won't let her go.

\*This book is also on the "Book Club" list.