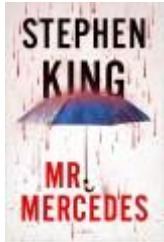


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Best Novel

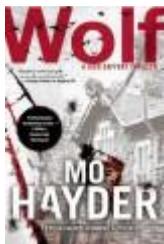
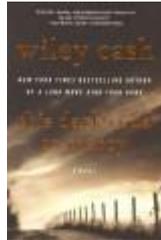


Fiction King -- *Mr. Mercedes*

Months after a crazed hit-and-run driver kills several attendees at a Midwestern job fair, a depressed retired cop and two unlikely allies join forces to find and stop the killer, who has sent a letter threatening another attack.

Fiction Cash -- *This Dark Road to Mercy*

After their mother dies unexpectedly, 12-year-old Easter and her 6-year-old sister Ruby are kidnapped by their errant father Wade, while their court appointed guardian races against time to find them before a vengeful killer does.

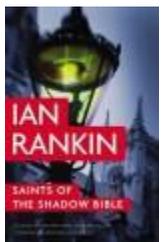


Fiction Hayder -- *Wolf*

After a vagrant finds a dog wandering alone carrying a scrap of paper with the words "HELP US" attached to its collar, Caffery races against time to find the dog's owners, while a wealthy local family, held hostage in their remote home, fight for their lives.

Fiction Neville -- *The Final Silence*

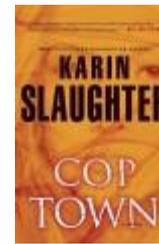
Jack Lennon investigates a possible connection between him being the lead suspect in a murder investigation and the recently discovered twisted legacy of a new client's uncle.



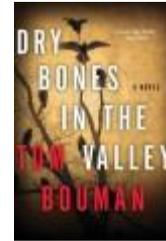
Saints of the Shadow Bible by Ian Rankin
Reinstated on the force, demoted, and with a chip on his shoulder, Rebus reteams with internal affairs officer Malcolm Fox to solve a cold case from thirty years ago.

Fiction Slaughter -- *Cop Town*

Atlanta, 1974. It's Kate Murphy's first day on the job, and the Atlanta Police Department is seething after the murder of an officer. Soon, she finds herself teamed with agenda-seeking Maggie Lawson in a manhunt for the killer.



Best First Novel



Fiction Bouman -- *Dry Bones in the Valley*

The lone police officer in a rural Northern Pennsylvania town finds trouble on the heels of the gas drilling which has brought money, crime, and drugs into the territory, and must investigate a murder that tears at old wounds.

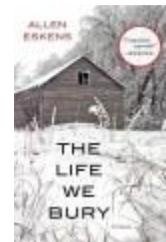
Fiction Dahl -- *Invisible City*

Investigating the murder of a Hasidic Jewish woman who, because of religious laws, will be buried without an autopsy, journalist Rebekah Roberts intercedes to prevent the woman's killer from getting away with the crime.



Fiction Eskens -- *The Life We Bury*

Carl is a dying Vietnam veteran--and a convicted murderer. With only a few months to live, he has been medically paroled to a nursing home, after spending thirty years in prison for the crimes of rape and murder.



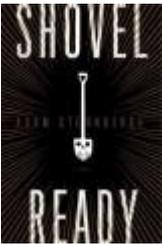
Fiction McKenzie -- *Bad Country*

A recluse retired from the rodeo circuit, P.I. Rodeo Grace Garnet comes face-to-face with true hatred when he is hired by an elderly woman to discover who murdered her grandson, even though she seems strangely uninterested in the results.



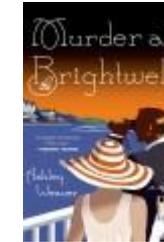
Fiction Sternbergh -- *Shovel Ready*

Working as a hit man on the ravaged streets of New York City after a dirty bomb is unleashed on Times Square, Spademan takes an assignment to kill the daughter of a powerful evangelist only to discover that his mark holds a shocking secret and that his client hides a more sinister agenda.



Fiction Weaver -- *Murder at the Brightwell*

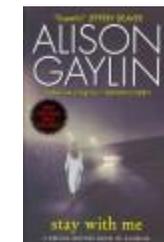
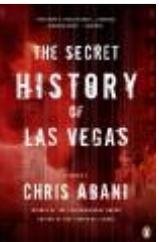
Regretting her marriage to a notorious playboy, wealthy young Amory Ames agrees to help her former fiance, Gil Trent, prevent his sister's marriage to a disreputable man, only to be embroiled in a murder investigation that places her relationships and safety in jeopardy.



Best Paperback Original

Fiction Abani -- *The Secret History of Las Vegas*

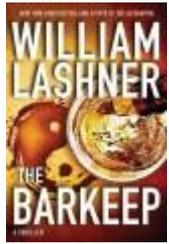
Determined to solve a series of murders before he retires, Detective Salazar turns to Sunil Singh, a South African transplant who specializes in psychopaths, to help determine if a pair of conjoined twins he apprehended are the killers.



PB Gaylin -- *Stay With Me*

Unable to recall the night of her sister Clea's mysterious disappearance 28 years earlier despite having a perfect memory, Brenna Spector finds her obsession with finding the truth hitting too close to home when her own teenage daughter goes missing.

Fiction Lashner -- *The Barkeep: A Novel of Zensense*



Justin Chase is the perfect barkeep, tending bar as he lives his life, in a state of Zen serenity. At least until Birdie Grackle, a yellow-haired, foul-mouthed alcoholic from Texas, walks into his bar, orders a Mojito, and confesses to being the hit man who murdered Justin's mother, a crime for which his father is serving a life sentence.

364.1523 Cook -- *Kitty Genovese: The Murder, the Bystanders, the Crime that Changed America*



Recounts the events of March 13, 1964, when a young woman in Queens was slain in plain sight of witnesses who heard her cries for help but chose not to get involved.

Fiction McPherson -- *The Day She Died*

After meeting and growing close to Gus King and his family, strange things start happening to Jessie Constable, and she begins to investigate what happened to Gus' wife.



995 Hoffman -- *The Savage Harvest: A Tale of Cannibals, Colonialism, and Michael Rockefeller's Tragic Quest for Primitive Art*



Retracing Rockefeller's steps, journalist Carl Hoffman traveled to the jungles of New Guinea to solve a decades-old mystery and illuminate a culture transformed by years of colonial rule.



Fiction Turner -- *The Gone Dead Train*

After his previous case left him questioning everything he believed, Detective Billy Able becomes immersed in a murder investigation that has connections to a series of crimes dating back to the civil rights movement.

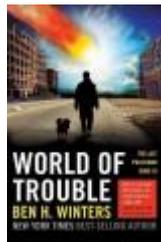
92 Biography Johnson -- *The Other Side: A Memoir*



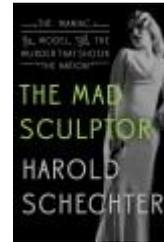
A gripping account of a passionate-turned-abusive relationship follows the author as she, held prisoner by her ex-boyfriend, found the courage to escape and the strength to recover from unspeakable violence.

Fiction Winters -- *World of Trouble*

With just days left before an asteroid collides with Earth, Detective Hank Palace has one last case to solve, locating his missing sister, Nico, but his search leads to a series of shocking revelations.



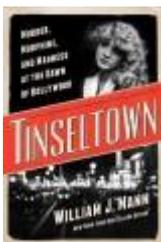
364.1523 Schechter -- *The Mad Sculptor: The Maniac, the Model, and the Murder that Shook the Nation*



An account of a brutal triple homicide in Depression-era New York draws on archival records to profile the killer, a disturbed young sculptor, while documenting the nationwide manhunt, tabloid scandals, and courtroom dramas surrounding the case.

Best Fact Crime

364.1523 Mann -- *Tinseltown: Murder, Morphine, and Madness at the Dawn of Hollywood*



A narrative account of the unsolved murder of popular Motion Picture Directors Association president William Desmond Taylor draws on recently released FBI files to consider a host of potential suspects against a backdrop of Roaring Twenties Hollywood.

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