

Title: The Dead Friend Project
Author: Joanna Wallace
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

Things haven't been going well for Beth since Charlotte died - her best friend, a favourite at the school pick-ups and the only person to ever run an interesting PTA meeting. But after being hit by a car while on an ill-timed evening jog, Charlotte is no longer there to help Beth pick up the pieces of her increasingly difficult life. That is, until Beth discovers that Charlotte left her toddler alone in the house during that fatal run.



Title: Every Move You Make
Author: C.L. Taylor
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

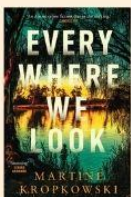
Alexandra, Lucy, Bridget, River and Natalie. Five friends who wish they'd never met. Because the one thing they have in common is the worst thing in their lives: they are all being stalked. When one of their group is murdered, days after their stalker is released from prison, time stands still for them all. They know their lives could end just as brutally at any moment....

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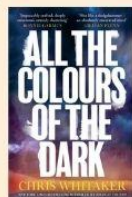
Title: Everywhere We Look
Author: Martine Kropkowski
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

Three friends travel to Marcoy, a regional town for a weekend away from family life. One year ago, a tragic incident splintered the group, and the women have seen little of each other since. This weekend is about reconnecting. But when they witness a young girl being coerced into a car by a man she fears, they are forced to reckon with the chasm of grief and trauma that's kept them apart.



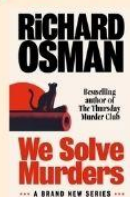
Title: Girl Falling
Author: Hayley Scrivenor
Published: 2025
 Crime Fiction

Finn and her best friend, Daphne, have grown up together in the Blue Mountains. Now in their twenties, their lives have finally started to diverge. Unused to sharing Finn, Daphne starts to act up. One day, Finn, Daphne and Magdu all go rock-climbing - and Magdu falls to her death. Is it suicide, or a terrible accident - or something more sinister?



Title: All the Colours of the Dark
Author: Chris Whitaker
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

A missing persons mystery, a serial killer thriller, and an epic love story - with a unique twist on each...
 Late one summer, the town of Monta Clare is shattered by the abduction of local teenager Joseph 'Patch' Macauley. Nobody more so than Saint Brown, who is broken by her best friend's disappearance. Soon, she will eat, sleep, breathe, only to find him.



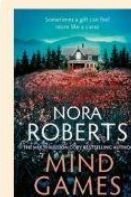
Title: We Solve Murders
Author: Richard Osman
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

Amy Wheeler thinks adrenaline is good for the soul. As a private security officer, she doesn't stay still long enough for habits or routines. She's currently on a remote island keeping world-famous author Rosie D'Antonio alive. Which was meant to be an easy job... Then a dead body, a bag of money and a killer with their sights on Amy have her sending an SOS to the only person she trusts.



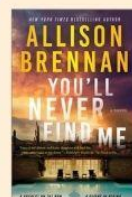
Title: First Lie Wins
Author: Ashley Elston
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

The identity comes first: Evie Porter. Once she's given a name and location, she learns everything there is to know about the town and the people in it. Then the mark: Ryan Sumner. The last piece of the puzzle is the job. Ryan has gotten under her skin, and she's starting to envision a different sort of life for herself.



Title: Mind Games
Author: Nora Roberts
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

Thea Fox is just twelve years old when her parents are brutally slain. With Thea's help the police are able to put their murderer - a psychotic serial killer called Ray Riggs - behind bars for life. But the connection that helped Thea put her parents' killer behind bars will come to haunt her.



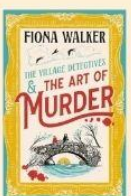
Title: You'll Never Find Me
Author: Allison Brennan
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

Working alone as a private investigator is tough. Estranged from her PI family, Margo Angelhart does what she must to get by. That is, until a cheating husband case she's working intersects with her siblings' corporate espionage investigation, forcing Margo to cooperate with the Angelhart firm. Now, as the siblings compare notes, it's clear they need to work together before a white-collar crime escalates to murder.



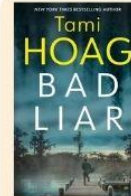
Title: All the Missing Children
Author: Zahid Gamielidien
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

Ilene, a working class mother, is struggling to survive and desperate to reconnect with her children, Jack and Lonnie, in the aftermath of a near-fatal tragedy. But her children vanish, setting off a chain reaction within the community. Suspended detective Omar helps out with the investigation, uncovering disquieting clues, but he keeps getting pulled away by a dangerous cold case.



Title: The Art of Murder
Author: Fiona Walker
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

Former stand-up comic Juno Mulligan has been suffering a serious sense-of-humour failure. Not only has she lost the love of her life, but she's having to relocate to the (admittedly idyllic) village of Inkbury to watch out for her elderly mother, who she's genuinely worried might be marrying a wife-killer.



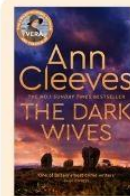
Title: Bad Liar
Author: Tami Hoag
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

A murder victim dumped at the dead end of a lonely country road, face and hands obliterated by a shotgun blast, is not the way sheriff's detective Nick Fourcade wants to start his week. His only lead takes him to the family of a hometown hero suddenly gone missing. Marc Mercier left his home for a weekend hunting trip and hasn't been seen since.



Title: The Cuckoo
Author: Camilla Lackberg
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

Detective Patrik Hedström and Erica Falck are back.
 As a heavy mist rolls into the Swedish coastal town of Fjällbacka, shocking violence shakes the small community to its core. Rolf Stenklo, a famous photographer, is found murdered in his gallery. Two days later, a brutal tragedy on a private island leaves the prestigious Bauer family devastated.



Title: The Dark Wives
Author: Ann Cleeves
Published: 2024
 Crime Fiction

A body is found by an early morning dog walker on the common outside Rosebank, a care home for troubled teens. The victim is Josh, a staff member, who never showed up to work. DI Vera Stanhope is called out to investigate. Her only clue is the disappearance of fourteen-year-old resident Chloe. Vera can't bring herself to believe that a teenager is responsible for the murder, but even she can't dismiss the possibility.