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FICTION

Jeffrey Archer

End game

London, 2012. The eyes of the world are on Britain as the country prepares to host the Olympic Games. But the glare of the spotlight makes London a target for some of the most dangerous people on earth. And the moment the bid is won, an international conspiracy is set in motion to unleash a devastating attack that will leave the world in chaos. One man stands between triumph and disaster: Commander William Warwick, heading up Scotland Yard's elite team.

Tessa Bailey

Pitcher perfect

Boston Bearcats rookie Robbie Corrigan is living the dream. Life is sweet. That is, until he meets Skylar Paige, division 1 softball pitcher, a girl least likely to take anyone's bull and the one member of the opposite sex immune to his charms. Robbie might be dazzled by the badass pitcher, but Skylar pegs him as a filthy player and wants nothing to do with him. Through a series of contests that require them to trust each other, Robbie and Skylar grow closer and closer until their fake relationship starts to feel like the realest thing they've ever known.

Hannah Bonam-Young

People watching

Prudence Welch has found solace in her introverted life in Baysville, a tourist town in Northern Ontario. Despite once dreaming of a life beyond its borders, she now finds contentment in her working at her father's gas station, writing poetry, and caring for her mother, who was diagnosed with Early Onset Alzheimer's shortly after Prue's nineteenth birthday. But as her mother's condition worsens and her father's concerns about her future intensify, Prue feels her world slipping further out of control. Enter Milo Kablukov, a wanderer whose beat-up van covered with ill-advised bumper stickers rolls into town just when Prue needs a change.

Dan Brown

The secret of secrets

Accompanying celebrated academic, Katherine Solomon, to a lecture she's been invited to give in Prague, Robert Langdon's world spirals out of control when she disappears without trace from their hotel room. Far from home and well out of his comfort zone, Langdon must pit his wits against forces unknown to recover the woman he loves.

Ann Cleeves

The killing stones

It's been several years since Detective Jimmy Perez left Shetland. He has settled into his new home in Orkney, off the northern coast of Scotland, with his partner Willow Reeve and their growing family. One stormy winter night, his oldest and closest friend, Archie Stout, goes missing. Ever the detective, Perez catches a boat to the island of Westray, where Archie worked as a farmer and lived with his wife and children.

Vince Flynn/Don Bentley

Denied Access

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Congress is questioning the CIA's necessity. Interim CIA director Thomas Stansfield must fight for his agency's survival while explaining why the previous candidate for his job was found murdered in a French hotel—surrounded by booze, cash, and dead men. Worst yet, a brilliantly run sting operation in Moscow has resulted in the arrest of America's most prized Russian asset and the expulsion of his CIA handler.

Ken Follett

Circle of days

Seft, a talented flint miner, walks the Great Plain in the high summer heat, to witness the rituals that signal the start of a new year. He is there to trade his stone at the Midsummer Fair, and to find Neen, the girl he loves. Her family lives in prosperity and offer Seft an escape from his brutish father and brothers within their herder community. Joia, Neen's sister, is a priestess with a vision and an unmatched ability to lead. As a child, she watches the Midsummer ceremony, enthralled, and dreams of a miraculous new monument, raised from the biggest stones in the

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world. Joia's vision of a great stone circle, assembled by the divided tribes of the Plain, inspire sSeft and become their life's work. But trouble is brewing among the hills and woodlands of the Great Plain. But as drought ravages the earth, mistrust grows and an act of savage violence leads to open warfare.

Robert Galbraith ***The hallmarked man***

The eighth book sees Strike and Robin take the case of identifying a dismembered corpse discovered in the vault of a silver shop. The police initially believe it to be that of a convicted armed robber but not everyone agrees with that theory.

Elizabeth George ***A slowly dying cause***

Michael Lobb has just been found dead on the floor of his family's tin and pewter workshop. It's suspicious enough that his body was found by a representative of Cornwall EcoMining, a company keen on acquiring his family's land, and it's made even worse when he's revealed to have been the majority owner of the business and the sole obstacle preventing a deal from being made. Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley and Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers are brought in to help solve the crime and search for justice amid a community that already trusts no one and fears any outsiders.

Kathleen Grissom ***Crow Mary***

In 1872, sixteen-year-old Goes First, a Crow woman, marries Abe Farwell, a white fur trader. He gives her the name Mary, and they set off on the long trip to his trading post in the Cypress Hills of Saskatchewan. Along the way, she finds a fast friend in a Métis named Jeannie; makes a lifelong enemy in a wolfer named Stiller; and despite learning a dark secret of Farwell's past, falls in love with her husband. The winter trading season passes peacefully. Then, on the eve of their return to Montana, a group of drunken whiskey traders slaughters forty Nakota, despite Farwell's efforts to stop them. Mary, hiding from the hail of bullets, sees the murderers, including Stiller, take five Nakota women back to their fort. She begs Farwell to save them.

Catherine Hernandez ***The story of us***

Like many overseas Filipino workers, Mary Grace Concepcion has lived a life of sacrifices. First, she left her husband, Ale, to be a caregiver in Hong Kong. Now, she has travelled even farther, to Canada, in the hopes of one day sponsoring Ale and having children of their own. But when she arrives in Toronto, she must navigate a series of bewildering and careless employers and unruly children.

Mick Herron ***Clown town***

Another in the Slow Horses series. David Cartwright, long buried, has left his library to the Spooks' College in Oxford, and now one of the books is missing. Or perhaps it never existed. River, once a "slow horse" of Slough House, MI5's outpost for demoted and disgraced spies, has some time to kill while awaiting medical clearance to return to work, and starts investigating the secrets of his grandfather's library.

Over at the Park, MI5 First Desk Diana Taverner is in a pickle. An operation carried out during the height of the Troubles laid bare the ugly side of state security, and those involved are threatening to expose details. But every threat hides an opportunity, and Taverner has come up with a scheme. All she needs is the right dupe to get caught holding the bag.

James Islington ***The will of the many***

The Catenan Republic, the Hierarchy, may rule the world now, but they do not know everything. I tell them my name is Vis Telimus, that I was orphaned after a tragic accident three years ago, and that good fortune alone has led to my acceptance into their most prestigious school. I tell them that once I graduate, I will gladly join the rest of civilized society in allowing my strength,

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my drive and my focus, what they call Will, to be leeched away and added to the power of those above me, as millions already do. I tell them that I belong, and they believe me. But the truth is that I have been sent to the Academy to find answers. To uncover secrets that may tear the Republic apart and that I will never, cede my Will to the empire that executed my family.

Uzma Jalaluddin ***Detective Aunty***

After her husband's unexpected death eighteen months ago, Kausar Khan never thought she'd receive another phone call as heartbreaking, until her thirty-something daughter, Sana, phones to say that she's been arrested for killing the unpopular landlord of her clothing boutique. Determined to help her child, Kausar heads to Toronto for the first time in nearly twenty years. And the facts of the case are Sana found the man dead in her shop at a suspiciously early hour, with a dagger from her windowfront display plunged in his chest. Kausar, a woman with a keen sense of observation and deep wisdom honed by her years, senses there's more to the story than her daughter is telling.

Natasha Lester ***The Three Lives of Alix St. Pierre***

1943. After spearheading several successful advertising campaigns in New York, PR wizard Alix St. Pierre comes to the attention of the US government and finds herself recruited into a fledgling intelligence organization. Enlisted as a spy, Alix is sent to Europe where she is tasked with getting close to a Nazi who might be willing to help the Allied forces, but there's also the chance he might be a double agent.

Following the war, Alix moves to Paris to run the Service de la Presse for the yet-to-be-launched House of Christian Dior. But when a figure from the war reappears and threatens to destroy her future, Alix realizes that only she can right the wrongs of the past and bring him to justice.

Ian McEwan ***What we can know***

2014: A great poem is read aloud and never heard again. For generations, people speculate about its message, but no copy has yet been found.

2119: The lowlands of the UK have been submerged by rising seas. Those who survive are haunted by the richness of the world that has been lost. Tom Metcalfe, an academic at the University of the South Downs, part of Britain's remaining island archipelagos, pores over the archives of that distant era, captivated by the freedoms and possibilities of human life at its zenith. When he stumbles across a clue that may lead to the lost poem, a story is revealed of entangled loves and a crime that destroy his assumptions about people he thought he knew intimately.

Freida McFadden ***Ward D***

Amy has been dreading her evening working on Ward D, the hospital's inpatient mental health unit. There are very specific reasons why she never wanted to do this required overnight rotation. Reasons nobody can ever find out. And as the hours tick by, Amy grows increasingly convinced something terrible is happening within these tightly secured walls.

Hannah McKinnon ***A killer motive***

To Stella Dixon, sneaking her teenage brother out of their parents' house for a beach party was harmless fun, until Max disappeared without a trace. Six years later, Stella's family is still broken, and she can't let go of her guilt. The only thing that keeps her going is helping other families find closure through A Killer Motive, her true crime podcast. In a bid to find new sponsors, Stella goes on a local radio show. But when she says on air that if she had just one clue, she'd find Max and bring whoever hurt him to justice, someone takes it as a challenge. A

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mysterious invitation to play a game arrives, with the promise that if Stella wins, she'll get information about what happened to Max.

Mercedes Ron ***Tell me softly***

Kamila Hamilton had everything under control or so she thought. She hadn't planned for the Di Bianco brothers to return and turn her world upside down. She is no longer the innocent young girl they once knew. Since they left, she's built walls and worn a mask to keep herself safe. The secrets they carry threaten to bring down those fragile walls and expose what happened so many years ago.

Anatanas Sileika ***The Seaside Cafe Metropolis***

Canadian restaurateur Emmet Argentine is trapped in Khrushchev-era Vilnius, Lithuania, under the tyranny of the Soviet Union and his staunchly socialist mother. Raised in the kitchens of Toronto's Royal York Hotel, Emmet's got a talent for hospitality that catches the attention of a high-ranking architect, who hires him to run a magnificent new restaurant. Under Emmet's direction, the Seaside Café Metropolis, though located neither by the sea nor in a major metropolitan area, attracts a colourful cast of bohemian artists, writers, and philosophers, all while KGB operatives listen in from the basement via microphones in the bread baskets.

Elsie Silver ***Wild card***

Sebastian Rousseau is a grumpy, hot as hell fire pilot who is too damn good with his hands. But unfortunately for me, he's also my ex-boyfriend's dad. A chance meeting brought us together and a missed connection has kept us apart. One year later, a stroke of fate has us living under the same roof which makes everything between us downright messy.

Peter Swanson ***The kind worth saving***

There was always something slightly dangerous about Joan. So, when she turns up at private investigator Henry Kimball's office asking him to investigate her husband, he can't help feeling ill at ease. Just the sight of her stirs up a chilling memory: he knew Joan in his previous life as a high school English teacher, when he was at the centre of a tragedy. Now Joan needs his help in proving that her husband is cheating. But what should be a simple case of infidelity becomes much more complicated when Kimball finds two bodies in an uninhabited suburban home with a "for sale" sign out front. Suddenly it feels like the past is repeating itself, and Henry must go back to one of the worst days of his life to uncover the truth.

Brynne Weaver ***Tourist season***

Cape Carnage is a seaside town of colourful houses, quirky shops, and an unusually high body count. But with tourists comes trouble, and Harper Starling won't let anyone ruin her picture-perfect home. A skilled gardener with killer instincts, Harper protects her sanctuary at any cost, especially for her aging mentor with a fading memory. Troublesome tourists don't check out of Carnage. They compost beneath Harper's award-winning flowerbeds. But Nolan Rhodes isn't your average tourist. Devilishly handsome, disarmingly charming, and skilled with a blade, Nolan is relentless in the pursuit of revenge. On every anniversary of the hit-and-run accident that fractured his life, Nolan slays another target. And he's saved the best for last: the undeniably beautiful Harper Starling.

NON-FICTION

Liz Cheney ***Oath and honor: a memoir and a warning***

In the aftermath of the 2020 presidential election, Donald Trump and many around him, including certain other elected Republican officials, intentionally breached their oath to the Constitution: they ignored the rulings of dozens of courts, plotted to overturn a lawful election, and provoked a violent attack on the Capitol.

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Liz Cheney, one of the few Republican officials to take a stand against these efforts, witnessed the attack first-hand, and then helped lead the Congressional Select Committee investigation into how it happened. She tells the story of this perilous moment, those who helped Trump spread the stolen election lie, those whose actions preserved our constitutional framework, and the risks we still face.

Gordon Corera ***The spy in the Archive: how one man tried to kill the KGB***

How do you steal a library? Not just any library but the most secret archive in the world. The answer is to be a librarian. To be so quiet, that no-one knows what you are up to as you toil undercover over decades and so low key, that even after your escape, aided by MI6, no-one even notices you are gone.

This is the remarkable story of how Vasili Mitrokhin – an introverted archivist who loved nothing more than dusty files – ended up changing the world. As the in-house archivist for the KGB, the secrets he was exposed to inside its walls turned him first into a dissident and then a spy, a man determined to expose the truth about the dark forces that had subverted Russia, forces still at work in the country today.