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Née en 1957 dans l'Oklahoma, Meg Gardiner est diplômée de droit de l'Université de Stanford, en Californie. Après avoir travaillé en entreprise, puis enseigné le droit, elle a déménagé près de Londres avec son mari et leurs trois enfants. Le dirty secrets club est le premier roman de sa série mettant en scène l'héroïne Jo Beckett. Jo Beckett est " psychiatre post mortem ". Son rôle n'est pas d'autopsier les corps mais de disséquer la vie des défunts pour déterminer les causes de leur décès. Elle est appelée par le lieutenant Tang le jour où Callie Harding, adjointe au procureur fédéral, trouve la mort en jetant sa voiture d'un pont d'autoroute. Tout semble indiquer un suicide. Pourtant, un détail troublant retient leur attention : le mot " dirty " est inscrit au rouge à lèvres sur la cuisse de la victime. Et puis, on se suicide rarement avec une passagère à ses côtés ! Très vite, Jo Beckett est mise sur la piste du mystérieux club fondé par Callie Harding, baptisé dirty secrets club. Un confessionnal virtuel pour personnalités en mal d'excitation et de rédemption, venues expier des actes socialement inavouables en relevant des défis indécents. Rien de très grave jusqu'à ce qu'une " séance " tourne mal... Alors que l'enquête progresse, les meurtres continuent. Quelqu'un cherche à éliminer les adeptes un à un. Et ce quelqu'un voit d'un très mauvais oeil les découvertes de Jo. Sans doute la raison de ce billet qu'elle reçoit. Quelques mots seulement. Implacables. Vous avez tué votre mari. Bienvenue au dirty secrets club.

Big city politics, nasty secrets, a dirty cop, and a deranged sociopath set the stage for a riveting journey deep into the

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urban jungle. The last scion of a once-powerful political family, Worcester mayor John O'Toole has his sights set on vastly higher aspirations. When night shift paramedic Thomas Archer uncovers a secret that could upend the mayor's career, O'Toole is set on silencing him, and sends Eamon Conroy, a brutal former cop, to ensure the truth remains under wraps. But O'Toole doesn't stop there. With bribes, buried secrets, and personal attacks, he wreaks havoc on Archer's life in an attempt to save himself. Archer's troubles continue to mount when domestic terrorist and militia member Gerald Knak, who blames Archer for his wife's recent death, sets in motion a deadly plan for revenge. With two forces of evil aligned against him, Archer doesn't stand a chance. But things aren't always what they seem--and he may just have a few tricks up his sleeve in a last gambit to get out alive.

In 1975, a baby just minutes old is taken from its devastated mother. In 2010, the gruesome corpse of a nun is found in a Dublin public park. Detective Inspector Tom Reynolds and his team are on the scene and he's convinced the murder is linked to historical events that took place in the infamous former Magdalene Laundries, institutions for "fallen women." As Reynolds and his team follow the trail to an isolated convent, everything seems perfectly normal and it seems perhaps they've followed the wrong lead. But it soon becomes disturbingly clear that the killer is amongst them and determined to exact further vengeance for the sins of the past. The walls in this closed-room mystery narrow in on Reynolds and his team as they race to stop another murder in *With Our Blessing*, bestselling author Jo Spain's US debut. FBI profiler Sayer Altair hunts a brilliant serial killer with a dangerous obsession in *Caged*, a gripping thriller from debut author Ellison Cooper. In a residential Washington, D.C. neighborhood, a young woman's body is found in the basement of an abandoned house--starved to death in a

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cage, along with the video footage of a dark and deadly ritual. The victim is identified as the daughter of a prominent D.C. politician, and it falls to the FBI to track down the unconscionable psychopath who murdered her. FBI special agent Sayer Altair would rather conduct research on criminality than catch actual criminals. But when she's offered a promotion hinging on her next assignment, she reluctantly accepts the "Cage Killer" case. Taunted by a photo of another victim at the mercy of this vicious killer, Sayer and her team are driven to put an end to these grisly homicides. During the investigation, clues emerge connecting the murders to Sayer's past. Now, the stakes are personal, and the deeper Sayer is drawn into the deadly web, the more she believes she is the only one who can uncover the killer's identity. Told with devastating detail, shocking twists and unrelenting suspense, Cooper proves her exceptional ability to entertain and enthrall.

'A fabulous page-turner that will keep you guessing and guessing' CARA HUNTER 'Intense, clever writing and packed with twists and turns' DERVLA MCTIERNAN 'Another twisty and intense thriller from the great Jo Spain' ADRIAN MCKINTY He jumped to his death in front of witnesses. Now his wife is charged with murder. Five years ago, Erin Kennedy moved to New York following a family tragedy. She now lives happily with her detective husband in the scenic seaside town of Newport, Long Island. When Erin answers the door to Danny's police colleagues one morning, it's the start of an ordinary day. But behind her, Danny walks to the window of their fourth-floor apartment and jumps to his death. Eighteen months later, Erin is in court, charged with her husband's murder. Over that year and a half, Erin has learned things about Danny she could never have imagined. She thought he was perfect. She thought their life was perfect. But it was all built on the perfect lie. 'Superbly written, cinematic and pacy!'

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STEVE CAVANAGH 'Domestic noir at its best' M. T. EDVARDSSON 'Grabs you by the throat' LIZ NUGENT 'A top-notch thriller' T. M. LOGAN 'Chilling and all too plausible' JAMES OSWALD 'I loved this book and it deserves to fly to the top of the charts' ELLY GRIFFITHS 'A sure-fire smash hit!' CAZ FREAR 'The Perfect Lie will pin you to your seat until you reach the last page' JANE CASEY 'So good you won't want it to end' DAILY MAIL 'A jewel of a thriller' HEAT 'With so many "oh my gosh" moments, this will have you absolutely gripped' PRIMA 'Be warned: this book will keep you up all night!' CLOSER

When a controversial female singer is murdered during a concert, forensic psychiatrist Jo Beckett fears the act was political. The polarizing pop star was also the President's ex-wife, with secrets to die for. Now, Jo finds herself in a race to extinguish the conspiracy rumor mill-before it incites a level of violence that reaches America's highest corridors of power. One tenacious local detective can only get the help he needs from a former forensic photographer with a serial killer on the loose in the new romantic thriller from New York Times bestselling author Laura Griffin. When former forensic photographer Miranda Rhoads moves to the seaside town of Lost Beach, she's decided to make her living as a wildlife photographer and put crime scenes behind her. But her plans are quickly upended when one morning, she comes across a couple sleeping in a canoe, entwined in an embrace. Looking closer, she realizes the man and woman aren't asleep—they've been murdered. Detective Joel Breda sets out to find answers--not only about the unidentified victims in the marshy death scene, but also about the aloof and beautiful photographer who seems to know more about his investigation than he does. As they begin to unravel the motivation of a merciless serial killer, Miranda and Joel must race against the clock to make an arrest before the killer can

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find them first.

In the California wilderness no one can hear you scream. Evan Delaney learns that not only has her ex-sister-in-law joined a religious cult, but the unstable young mother plans to regain custody of her son and disappear with him into the fold of the fanatical group. But when murder raises the stakes, Evan is dragged even deeper into the nightmare.

An unforgettable new thriller from the author hailed by Stephen King as "the next suspense superstar" Forensic psychiatrist Jo Beckett is called to the scene of a plane inbound from London to San Francisco. A passenger is behaving erratically, offering Jo cryptic clues from a shattered past: something about a missing wife and son...a secret partnership gone horribly wrong...and, most alarming, a deadly biological agent that no one can stop.

"In southern Texas, on Saturday nights, women are disappearing. One vanishes from a movie theater. Another is ripped from her car at a stoplight. Another vanishes from her home while checking on her baby. Rookie FBI agent Caitlin Hendrix, newly assigned to the FBI's elite Behavioral Analysis Unit, fears that a serial killer is roaming the dark roads outside Austin ... To track the UNSUB, Caitlin must get inside his mind. How is he selecting these women? Working with a legendary FBI profiler, Caitlin searches for a homology--that elusive point where character and action come together ..."--  
"If you like Mary Higgins Clark, you'll love Wendy Corsi Staub." —Lisa Jackson, bestselling author of *Devious*  
One of the most exciting of the new breed of thriller and

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suspense writers, Wendy Corsi Staub asks, “Are you ever truly safe...even in your own home?” With *Nightwatcher*, the acclaimed, New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of *Hell to Pay* delivers a ripped-from-the-headlines masterwork of suspense, the first book in an electrifying new series. Intense, powerful, and refreshingly original, *Nightwatcher* returns to the site of America’s worst national nightmare—New York City on September 11, 2001—as a serial killer, plying his bloody trade in the chaos following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, operates unnoticed by everyone...except for one frightened woman who has seen his face. Author Lee Child has called her work, “solid gold suspense,” and any reader who’s ever stayed up late, devouring the novels of Lisa Jackson and Lisa Gardner with every light on in the house, should prepare to lose even more sleep over Wendy Corsi Staub’s *Nightwatcher*.

Chasing down a vicious serial killer who complicates his crimes by leaving behind iron-clad evidence implicating innocent people, Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs reluctantly team up for the investigation only to find themselves rendered the killer's next targets. By the author of *The Cold Moon*. 300,000 first printing.

A Baltimore detective and a medical examiner must work together when the witnesses of a long-ago crime become the victims of a deranged killer in this gripping romantic suspense novel. Baltimore city Homicide Detective JD Fitzpatrick has seen a lot of horrific violence, both as a cop and during his deployment in Afghanistan, but nothing like the trail of tortured bodies that are turning up throughout the city. He’s up against a

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brutal killer with a very personal vendetta. And now JD is beginning to suspect that his medical examiner may be shielding some crucial evidence linked to the case. Medical Examiner Dr. Lucy Trask is intrigued by JD's compassion, but she isn't about to mix work with pleasure. Not while there's a ruthless killer on the loose. And definitely not while she's keeping a dark secret that could connect her to these vicious killings—and put her next on the killer's hit list...

For a limited time, discover Andrew Gross's first stand alone novel, *The Blue Zone*, including an exclusive excerpt from his forthcoming book, *Eyes Wide Open* (Available July 12). In *The Blue Zone* . . . Kate Raab's life seems almost perfect: her boyfriend, her job, her family . . . until her father runs into trouble with the law. His only recourse is to testify against his former accomplices in exchange for his family's placement in the Witness Protection Program. But one of them gets cold feet. In a flash, everything Kate can count on is gone. Now, a year later, her worst fears have happened: Her father has disappeared—into what the WITSEC agency calls "the blue zone"—and someone close to him is found brutally murdered. With her family under surveillance, the FBI untrustworthy, and her father's menacing "friends" circling with increasing intensity, Kate sets off to find her father—and uncover the secrets someone will kill to keep buried.

From USA Today bestselling author Pamela Crane comes an addictively readable domestic suspense novel... Mackenzie, Robin, and Lily have been inseparable forever, sharing life's ups and downs and

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growing even closer as the years have gone by. They know everything about each other. Or so they believe. Nothing could come between these three best friends . . . Except for a betrayal. Nothing could turn them against each other . . . Except for a terrible past mistake. Nothing could tear them apart . . . Except for murder.

With this breakout novel, the meg gardiner fan club is growing... A string of high-profile murder-suicides has San Francisco more rattled than the string of recent earthquakes. Hired by the SFPD to shed light on the victims' lives, forensic psychiatrist Jo Beckett makes a shocking discovery: all the suicides belonged to a group of A-listers with lots of money and plenty to hide. And soon Jo finds herself trapped in a nightmare from her past when she gets invited to join the club...

IGNORE THE SCREAMS. IT'S JUST PART OF THE GAME. PLAY ALONG IN THE NEW NOVEL BY "THE NEXT SUSPENSE SUPERSTAR."—Stephen King Autumn wants something special for her twenty-first birthday. She has the sports car, the apartment, and the private college. Now she wants excitement. She's going to get it. Daddy has signed up Autumn and her friends for the "ultimate urban reality" game: a simulated drug deal, jailbreak, kidnapping, and manhunt. Authorities know all about it. That's why they're disregarding the cries for help. How convenient for a gang of players taking it to the next level. They're playing for real. When forensic psychiatrist Jo Beckett and her partner, Gabe Quintana, are pulled into the game, the stakes are raised. After all, nobody wants to spoil Autumn's fun. And nobody is leaving this party alive.

After a hit-and-run accident leaves a friend dead, Evan Delaney wants justice. But she underestimates the power of



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the person responsible. When the witnesses begin dying one by one, Evan is unprepared for the dark places retribution will take her.

New York Times bestselling author Karen Rose is at her seductive best in this breathtaking novella where an unexpected reunion between two friends ignites the dangerous impulses in a secret enemy... Emma Townsend is astonished when she comes across a love letter tucked away in an old high school year book, written by her once dear friend Chris Walker. Having never seen it until now, the letter has taken seventeen years to touch Emma's heart. Now she's determined to find Chris and maybe even get a second chance at romance. For Chris, now a college professor, seeing Emma again has brought back a flood of memories, rekindling a passion he thought was long gone. But in the shadows, someone is watching Emma and Chris, someone nursing revenge, and plunging Emma into a nightmare where no one can be trusted and every dirty little secret is sealed with a kiss. Dirty Secrets previously appeared in Hot Pursuit A USA Today bestseller and book club favorite! College student Joe Talbert has the modest goal of completing a writing assignment for an English class. His task is to interview a stranger and write a brief biography of the person. With deadlines looming, Joe heads to a nearby nursing home to find a willing subject. There he meets Carl Iverson, and soon nothing in Joe's life is ever the same. 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. As Joe writes about Carl's life, especially Carl's valor in Vietnam, he cannot reconcile the heroism of the soldier with the despicable acts of the convict. Joe, along with his skeptical female neighbor, throws himself into uncovering the truth, but he is hamstrung in his efforts by

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having to deal with his dangerously dysfunctional mother, the guilt of leaving his autistic brother vulnerable, and a haunting childhood memory. Thread by thread, Joe unravels the tapestry of Carl's conviction. But as he and Lila dig deeper into the circumstances of the crime, the stakes grow higher. Will Joe discover the truth before it's too late to escape the fallout?

"Don't miss it. This is a great one!" — Stephen King

Soon to be an Amazon TV series I am the legion of the night ... He appears in the darkness like a ghost, made of shadows and fear—the Midnight Man. He comes for the parents but leaves the children alive, tiny witnesses to unspeakable horror. The bedroom communities of Los Angeles are gripped with dread, and the attacks are escalating. Still reeling from her best friend's close call in a bombing six months ago, FBI behavioral analyst Caitlin Hendrix has come to Los Angeles to assist in the Midnight Man investigation and do what she does best—hunt a serial killer. Her work is what keeps her going, but something about this UNSUB—unknown subject—doesn't sit right. She soon realizes that this case will test not only her skills but also her dedication, for within the heart of a killer lives a secret that mirrors Caitlin's own past. Hesitancy is not an option, but will she be able to do what must be done if the time comes? Tense and impactful, Edgar Award winner Meg Gardiner's latest UNSUB thriller will leave you on the edge of your seat until its riveting conclusion.

You can't put a price on love - so they say... When a medical condition threatens to tear apart Lanie Talbot's family, she makes the ultimate sacrifice. With no time and no other option, Lanie puts herself up for sale at an underground, high-end establishment where women are auctioned off to influential, wealthy men with more money than sense. Enter Noah Crawford: millionaire business mogul and Chicago's most eligible bachelor. But Noah's distrust in relationships

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has led him to make a very desperate decision of his own - purchasing a woman to satisfy his every desire. No strings attached, no heartbreak, and no way anyone will ever know. Just two million dollars to have his wicked way with Lanie Talbot for two years . . . Lani and Noah's relationship is explosive. When they fight, they take no prisoners. When they love, they show no mercy. When they combine the two, they never want to leave each other's arms. But did they both get more than they bargained for? A MILLION DIRTY SECRETS is the first part of a scorching hot romantic duet that promises to be this generation's Pretty Woman.

V. I. Warshawski explores secrets and betrayals that stretch across four generations in this New York Times bestselling novel from one of the most compelling writers in American crime fiction... "A thoughtful, high-tension mystery."—The Washington Post Book World "A genuinely exciting and disturbing thriller."—Chicago Tribune As a favor to her most important client, V. I. agrees to check up on an empty mansion. But instead of a mysterious intruder she discovers a dead man in the ornamental pond—a reporter for an African-American publication whom the suburban cops are quick to dismiss as a suicide. When the man's shattered family hires V. I. to investigate, she is sucked into a Gothic tale of sex, money, and power, leading her back to McCarthy-era blacklists and forward to some of the darker aspects of the Patriot Act. As V. I. finds herself penned in to a smaller and smaller space by an array of people trying to silence her, and before she can untangled the sordid truth, two more people will die—and V.I.'s own life will hang in the balance.

From the international number one bestselling author of The Perfect Lie comes an intense, clever and gripping thriller, perfect for fans of Liane Moriarty, JP Delaney and White Lies. It's June 2008 and twenty-one-year-old Adam Lattimer vanishes, presumed dead. The strain of his disappearance

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breaks his already fragile family. Ten years later, with his mother deceased and siblings scattered across the globe, Adam turns up unannounced at the family home. His siblings return reluctantly to Spanish Cove, but Adam's reappearance poses more questions than answers. The past is a tangled web of deceit. And, as tension builds, it's apparent somebody has planned murderous revenge for the events of ten years ago. READERS LOVE SIX WICKED REASONS 'Jo Spain has done it again!' \*\*\*\*\* 'Everyone who loves a twisty thriller must read this' \*\*\*\*\* 'Spectacular' \*\*\*\*\* 'Kept me up all night' \*\*\*\*\* 'A twisty thriller rife with family secrets' \*\*\*\*\* 'Sucked me in from the very first page' \*\*\*\*\* 'Another cracker from Ireland's Queen of Crime' \*\*\*\*\*

FROM THE NUMBER ONE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE CONFESSION AND THE PERFECT LIE Six

neighbours, six secrets, six reasons to want Olive Collins dead. In the exclusive gated community of Withered Vale, people's lives appear as perfect as their beautifully manicured lawns. Money, success, privilege - the residents have it all. Life is good. There's just one problem. Olive Collins' dead body has been rotting inside number four for the last three months. Her neighbours say they're shocked at the discovery but nobody thought to check on her when she vanished from sight. The police start to ask questions and the seemingly flawless facade begins to crack. Because, when it comes to Olive's neighbours, it seems each of them has something to hide, something to lose and everything to gain from her death. The thrilling psychological thriller from the bestselling author of The Perfect Lie, perfect for fans of Liane Moriarty, C. L. Taylor and Sarah Pearse. PRAISE FOR JO SPAIN, THE HOTTEST NEW TALENT IN PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLERS 'Enthralling' JP Delaney 'Chilling' Sunday Times 'Arresting' Sunday Express 'Brilliant' BA Paris 'Gripping' Best 'Compulsive' Sunday Mirror 'Addictive' Michelle Frances

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'Refreshing' Express

When a woman's body washes up on the shore of California's Jericho Point, she's identified as Evan Delaney. Except that Evan is very much alive—apparently the victim of an identity thief who'd been scamming Hollywood elite. The thief may be dead, but the crimes she was murdered for—committed in Evan's name—are turning Evan's life into a nightmare. Now it's all Evan can do to survive in the shadow of a dead woman's lies.

A tattered ballet slipper found under the floorboards of Braithwaite Manor may be the key to Clara's sinister family secrets in this delightful, lightly Gothic mystery for fans of Maryrose Wood and Claire Legrand. Clara Starling lives a life of dull rules, deadly routine, and flavorless meals under her cold uncle's strict regime—until the day Uncle disappears, leaving Clara alone in his old mansion. When streetwise orphan Peter and his rescue cat arrive unexpectedly, the children seize the chance to live by their own rules. But when the pair's wild romps through the halls of Braithwaite Manor reveal a single, worn ballet slipper, they are hurled into a mystery that will lead to London's glittering Royal Opera House and the unraveling of twisted Starling family secrets of poison, passion, and murder. Diabolical villains, plucky orphans, and glamorous ballet stars populate this absorbing adventure with a classic feel.

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Former Army Ranger Marcus O'Bannion and homicide cop Scarlett Bishop have met only briefly but when Scarlett receives a phone call in the middle of the night, she immediately recognises the hauntingly smooth voice asking her to meet him in one of Cincinnati's roughest areas. On arriving, Scarlett finds the body of a seventeen-year-old Asian girl and Marcus injured. A fierce champion of victims' rights, Marcus claims the young woman was working for an affluent local family and the last time he saw her she was terrified, abused, and clearly in need of help. Having agreed to meet her, both Marcus and the young woman were targeted for death. As they investigate, Scarlett and Marcus are pulled into the dangerous world of human trafficking where they soon realise they are going to have to become as ruthless as those they are hunting. Because if they don't, how many other girls may end up alone in the dark?

A cold case murder, a grisly discovery, and a viper's nest of resentment, betrayal, and dirty secrets converge in this mystery perfect for fans of Kathy Reichs and Jayne Ann Krentz. It's been 12 years since Sandi Parkman went missing after being dropped off at home by her schoolmate, Nick Larson, now the Sheriff of Freeport, Michigan. When a construction crew unearths Sandi's bones--along with Nick's letterman jacket and one of his hairs--Nick becomes suspect number one in the

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murder. Dr. Emily Hartford, the daughter of Freeport's medical examiner, is called in to investigate, but the case is about to get personal. Nick was Emily's high school love, and now she has to either clear his name--or contend that he's the killer. As she delves into the case, a host of other suspects emerge: a coterie of Nick's jock friends from high school; Sandi's sister, Tiffany, now a dancer at a local strip club; and James VanDerMuellen, a trust funder who's recently returned to Freeport. As the autumn skies darken over Freeport and the holiday season looms, Emily must sift through more than Sandi's brittle bones to solve the case. Can she exonerate Nick--and rekindle their long-smoldering romance? The race is on to find the truth.

Discovering the remains of a young woman in a highway ditch, FBI special agent Maggie O'Dell and her partner, Tully, embark on a frantic cross-country effort to capture a serial killer who is targeting truckers and travelers at rest stops.

Anthropologist Dr. Bill Brockton founded Tennessee's world-famous Body Farm—a small piece of land where corpses are left to decay in order to gain important forensic information. Now, in the wake of a shocking crime in nearby Chattanooga, he's called upon by Jess Carter—the rising star of the state's medical examiners—to help her unravel a murderous puzzle. But after re-creating the death

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scene at the Body Farm, Brockton discovers his career, reputation, and life are in dire jeopardy when a second, unexplained corpse appears in the grisly setting. Accused of a horrific crime—transformed overnight from a respected professor to a hated and feared pariah—Bill Brockton will need every ounce of his formidable forensic skills to escape the ingeniously woven net that's tightening around him . . . and to prove the seemingly impossible: his own innocence.

As seen on Tucker Carlson Tonight! The inside story of the laptop that exposed the president's dirtiest secret. When a drug-addled Hunter Biden abandoned his waterlogged computer at a Mac repair shop in Delaware in the spring of 2019, just six days before his father announced his candidacy for the United States presidency, it became the ticking time bomb in the shadows of Joe Biden's campaign. The dirty secrets contained in Hunter's laptop almost derailed his father's presidential campaign and ignited one of the greatest media coverups in American history. This is the unvarnished story of what's really inside the laptop and what China knows about the Bidens, by the New York Post journalist who brought it into the open. It exposes the coordinated censorship operation by Big Tech, the media establishment, and former intelligence operatives to stifle the New York Post's coverage, in a chilling exercise of raw political power



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three weeks before the 2020 election. A treasure trove of corporate documents, emails, text messages, photographs, and voice recordings, spanning a decade, the laptop provided the first evidence that President Joe Biden was involved in his son's ventures in China, Ukraine, and beyond, despite his repeated denials. This intimate insight into Hunter's dissolute lifestyle shows he was incapable of holding down a job, let alone being paid tens of millions of dollars in high-powered international business deals by foreign interests, unless he had something else of value to sell—which of course he did. He was the son of the vice president who would go on to become the leader of the free world.

JUDGE, JURY—AND EXECUTION. You can't go home again—and survive—in this mesmerizing crime novel by Meg Gardiner, "a top-tier mystery writer at the top of her game" (BookPage). Rory Mackenzie vowed to never return to her hometown of Ransom River, California. But she comes back and does her civic duty. Now she's juror number seven on a high-profile murder case. While most of the town is focused on the tense and shocking circumstances of the trial, Rory's return to Ransom River dredges up troubling memories from her childhood that she can no longer ignore. And in the wake of a desperate attack on the courthouse, Rory realizes exposing these dark skeletons has connected her to an old

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case that was never solved, and that bringing the truth to light just might destroy her.

From New York Times bestselling author Mariah Stewart comes a novel of sexy romantic suspense for fans of Nora Roberts, Catherine Coulter, and Karen Robards. **TRUTH HAS DEADLY**

**CONSEQUENCES** Twenty-six years ago, even before a series of brutal murders rocked the idyllic town of Bowers Inlet, Cassie Burke lost her parents, her sister, and nearly her own life to a transient befriended by her father. Back then, Cassie was a scared kid—now she’s a homicide cop. Back then, the suspect was caught and convicted—he died in prison. But now the killing has started again. And all signs indicate that the Bayside Strangler has come back for more. With too many victims and too few suspects, Cassie has her hands full investigating the case, while working through the old trauma it has brought to the surface. Luckily, FBI agent Rick Cisco is dispatched to lend support. Together, Cassie and Rick must uncover the link between the dark past and the dangerous present to bring this small town’s long nightmare to an end. If they fail, an elusive fiend will slip back into the shadows . . . to watch and wait—and kill another day. In matters of crime, there are many versions of the truth. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from Mariah Stewart's *Hard Truth*.

If you like Jilly Cooper, you will love this naughty,

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funny and deliciously addictive read from much loved author, Jo Carnegie. 'Sexy, sassy and scandalous...Hilarious stuff!' -- Glamour 'Packed with cheeky characters, dark secrets and delectable men...' - Heat 'Just add bubble bath and Cava for the perfect night in' - Scarlet Magazine 'A jolly good read' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader review 'Saucy and funny as the first. I literally read it in a day!' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader review 'It's got everything, great characters, fab story, sex and fun!' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader review

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RUMOURS CAN BE VERY REVEALING... Newly-weds Caro and Benedict have swapped country life in Churchminster for an exclusive London mews. It's blissful . . . until Benedict's sister arrives, bringing with her a dangerous secret. Fashionable socialite Saffron lives next door. She always thought the countryside was boring, but when she's invited to Churchminster, she's shocked to learn just how dirty rural life can get. Saffron's boss, workaholic editor Catherine, is fighting to save her ailing magazine. But her scandalous past threatens to destroy everything, especially when rugged builder John Milton strides into her life. Following a sexy, colourful cast through city and country, Naked Truths is an addictive, funny, feel-good romantic romp. The Churchminster adventures continue in Wild Things. Have you read Country Pursuits, the first in the series?

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When Evan Delaney finds her father's car at the bottom of a ravine, the police suspect suicide—but there's no body. Evan's suspicions of something sinister are confirmed when she receives a call from her father's kidnappers. The ransom isn't money, but more of a puzzle—one that Evan has only 72 hours to piece together, as she follows a madman's trail into the very heart of darkness.

From the author of the #1 New York Times bestselling series *The Clique* comes Lisi Harrison's debut adult novel about four modern-day strangers who inherit a dirty book club that was started in the 1960s. M.J. Stark's life is picture-perfect—she has a dream job as a magazine editor, a sexy doctor boyfriend, and a glamorous life in Manhattan. But behind her success, she can't shake a deep sense of loneliness, so when her boyfriend offers her a completely new life in California, she decides to give it a try. Once there, M.J. is left to fend for herself in a small California beach town, with only the company of her elderly neighbor, Gloria. One day M.J. receives a mysterious invitation and a copy of *Prim: A Modern Woman's Guide to Manners*. She recognizes the book as an outdated classic, but when she opens it, she discovers that it's actually a copy of *Fear of Flying* by Erica Jong and the invitation is to join Gloria's secret book club—one that only reads erotic books. Out of curiosity, M.J. goes to the meeting at a local bookstore, and discovers

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three other women who have also been selected by the club's original members—who have suddenly left the country to honor a fifty-year-old pact. As these unlikely friends bond over naughty bestsellers, each woman shares not only the intimate details of her own sex life, but all areas of her life. Inspired by the characters in the novels they read—and the notes passed down by the club's original members—the new members of The Dirty Book Club help each other find the courage to rewrite their own stories and risk it all for a happy ending.

“The forensic thriller meets a formidable slice of history....A riveting mystery with an intricately emotional conclusion.” —Washington Post *Bones of Betrayal* is the fourth heart-racing “Body Farm” thriller from the world’s top forensic anthropologist. Kathy Reichs calls author Jefferson Bass, “the real deal,” and his hero Bill Brockton has already taken his rightful place alongside Patricia Cornwell’s Kay Scarpetta and the investigators on TV’s “C.S.I.” In *Bones of Betrayal*, a hideous murder has links that connect it to World War Two’s Manhattan Project and the development of the atomic bomb—adding a fascinating historical element that enriches an already superior crime series.

An injured cop and an ex-thief hunt down a killer nobody else believes exists after a murder spree in a crowded L.A. club.

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