

## NOVELS

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**Aaronovitch, Ben**                      **Rivers of London**                      **F AAR:B**  
DC Peter Grant lives in a London beneath whose surface is a world of crime. And magic. His story starts when he tries to take a witness statement from a man who is already dead, and takes him down a twisting, turning centuries' old mystery that reckons to set modern London on fire.

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**Adams, Douglas**                      **Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency**                      **F ADA:D**  
Dirk Gently, private investigator, sets out to solve a mysterious murder, assisting a mysterious professor, unravelling a mysterious mystery and eating a lot of pizza - not to mention saving the entire human race from extinction along the way at no extra charge.

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**Archer, Jeffrey**                      **A Quiver Full of Arrows**                      **F ARC:J**  
The locations move from New York and London to Mexico and Nigeria. Each tale reveals the author's talents as a short storyteller, and, as befits the form, he uses the stories to build up a small cast of characters and then shock the reader with an unexpected final twist.

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**Baldacci, David**                      **The Escape**                      **F BAL:D**  
Military CID investigator John Puller has returned from his latest case to learn that his brother, Robert, once a major in the United States Air Force, and an expert in nuclear weaponry and cyber-security, has escaped from the Army's most secure prison. Preliminary investigations show that Robert - convicted of treason - may have had help in his breakout. Now he's on the run, and he's the military's number one target.

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**Baldacci, David**                      **The Forgotten**                      **F BAL:D**  
Murder in Paradise. What, or who, is silencing the residents? Military criminal investigator John Puller is drawn closer to home when his aunt is found dead in her house in Paradise, Florida. The local police have ruled the death as an accident, but Puller finds evidence to suggest that she may well have been murdered.

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**Baldacci, David**                      **The Last Mile**                      **F BAL:D**  
Convicted murderer Melvin Mars is counting down the last hours before his execution--for the violent killing of his parents twenty years earlier--when he's granted an unexpected reprieve. Another man has confessed to the crime.

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**Baldacci, David**                      **Memory Man**                      **F BAL:D**  
When Amos Decker returned home eighteen months ago to find the bodies of his wife and only daughter, he didn't think he could carry on living. Overwhelmed with grief, he saw his life spiral out of control, losing his job as a detective, his house and his self-respect. But when his former partner in the police visits to tell him that someone has confessed to the murder of his family, he knows he owes it to his wife and child to seek justice for them.

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**Banks, Tristan**                      **The Fall**                      **F BAN:T**  
One night, Sam is woken by angry voices from the apartment above. He goes to the window to see what's happening – only to hear a struggle, and see a body fall from a balcony. When Sam goes downstairs, the body is gone. But someone has seen Sam, and knows what he's witnessed.

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**Barton, Fiona**                      **The Widow**    **F BAR:F**  
Jean Taylor's life was blissfully ordinary. Nice house, nice husband. Glen was all she'd ever wanted: her Prince Charming. Until he became that man accused, implicated in the disappearance of two-year-old Bella Elliot, snatched from her front garden four years ago. Jean Taylor, married to a man that everyone now believed was a monster, capable of unimaginable evil. But now Glen is dead and she's alone for the first time.

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**Bjork, Samuel**                      **The Owl Always Hunts at Night**    **F BJO:S**  
When a young woman is found dead, the police are quick to respond. But what they find at the murder site is unexpected. The body is posed, the scene meticulously set. And there is almost no forensic evidence to be found. Detective Mia Kruger is a woman on the edge - she has been signed off work pending psychological assessment.

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**Blackman, Malorie**                      **Tell Me No Lies**    **F BLA:M**  
Gemma cuts out pictures for her scrapbooks, pictures of mothers, like the one she will never, ever see again. Mike is a new boy at school - a boy who is desperate not to be noticed. Who has a secret so terrible it will haunt him forever. But Gemma's sure she's seen Mike's face before, and now she's out to get him...

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**Bone, Ian**                                      **Killer Plot**    **F BON:I**  
Don't get involved. That's how Tom had kept safe roaming the streets at night. But when he witnesses a murder, he couldn't go to the police. But what if he wrote a story about the murder? Let the cops work it out...But then Tom's brilliant idea turns on him. Wrapped in his own intricate web, Tom has to fight for his freedom... and his life!

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**Bradley, Alan**                                      **The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie**    **F BRA:A**  
It is the summer of 1950—and at the once-grand mansion of Buckshaw, young Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is intrigued by a series of inexplicable events: A dead bird is found on the doorstep, a postage stamp bizarrely pinned to its beak. Then, hours later, Flavia finds a man lying in the cucumber patch and watches him as he takes his dying breath.

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**Brooks, Kevin**                                      **iBoy**    **F BRO:K**  
A teenager (Bill Milner) wakes from a coma to discover that fragments from his broken smartphone have been embedded into his brain and turned him into an actualized app with super human powers.

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**Brooks, Kevin**                                      **“Travis Delaney investigates” series**    **F BRO:K**  
Fourteen-year-old Travis Delaney is trying to get his life back on track following the crash that killed his parents last summer. The police called it an accident, but Travis knows better. His parents were on to something, and whatever they were investigating ...ended with their murder. *‘The Ultimate Truth’*, *‘The Danger Game’* & *‘The Snake Trap’*.

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**Browning, William**                                      **Grimm Grange**    **F BRO:W**  
What has a mysterious murder in Singapore to do with young Martin Grimm, who lives with his stern Great-Aunt Grimm in Kensington? Who is the stranger in the grounds of the Grange? A lot of shady characters are involved in the pursuit of Martin's rightful inheritance. A fast-moving tale of mystery and intrigue.

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**Christie, Agatha**                      **Murder on the Orient Express**                      **F CHR:A**  
A man is murdered on a train traveling from Istanbul to Calais. The famous detective Hercule Poirot is there to unravel the mystery. There are several persons aboard the train who have a strong enough motivation to have committed the crime, as is usually the case in Christie's novels.

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**Christopher, Lucy**                      **The Killing Woods**                      **F CHR:L**  
Emily's dad is accused of killing a teenage girl. She's sure he's innocent, and is determined to discover the truth of what happened. But her journey leads her to discover that dangerous games are being played in the woods at night.

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**Clare, Cassandra**                      **City of Bones**                      **F CLA:C**  
When fifteen-year-old Clary Fray heads out to the Pandemonium Club in New York City, she hardly expects to witness a murder— much less a murder committed by three teenagers covered with strange tattoos and brandishing bizarre weapons. Then the body disappears into thin air.

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**Cleave, Paul**                      **Five Minutes Alone : a Thriller**                      **F CLE:P**  
Back in the police force and with his wife Bridget out of hospital, Tate looks to be getting his life on track. Meanwhile, his former detective partner Carl Schroder is finding life a little more challenging. The bullet he took in the head six months ago hasn't killed him . . . but it's left him with time on his hands.

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**Cleeves, Ann**                      **Raven Black**                      **F CLE:A**  
It is a cold January morning, and Shetland lies buried beneath a deep layer of snow. Trudging home, Fran Hunter's eye is drawn to a splash of colour on the frozen ground, ravens circling above. It is the strangled body of her teenage neighbour, Catherine Ross.

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**Coben, Harlan**                      **The Stranger**                      **F COB:H**  
The Stranger appears out of nowhere, perhaps in a bar, or a parking lot, or at the grocery store. His identity is unknown. His motives are unclear. His information is undeniable. Then he whispers a few words in your ear and disappears, leaving you picking up the pieces of your shattered world.

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**Collins, Wilkie**                      **The Moonstone**                      **F COL:W**  
When Rachel Verrinder inherits the Moonstone, a huge and accursed yellow diamond, she has no idea what evil waits for her.

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**Connolly, John**                      **A Song of Shadows**                      **F CON:J**  
Still recovering from his life-threatening wounds, private detective Charlie Parker investigates a case that has its origins in a Nazi concentration camp during the Second World War. Parker has retreated to the small Maine town of Boreas to regain his strength.

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**Cormier, Robert**                      **After the First Death**                      **F COR:R**  
A busload of children is hijacked by a band of terrorists whose demands include the exposure of a military brainwashing project.

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**Cormier, Robert**                      **Tenderness**                      **F COR:R**  
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In Arthur Conan Doyle's 'The five orange pips and other cases' we encounter some of his most famous and devilishly difficult problems.

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**Doyle, Arthur Conan, Sir      The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes** **F DOY:A**  
A collection of Sherlock Holmes stories.

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**Doyle, Arthur Conan, Sir      The Valley of Fear** **F DOY:A**  
In this tale drawn from the note books of Dr. Watson, the deadly hand of Professor Moriarty once more reaches out to commit a vile and ingenious crime. However, a mole in Moriarty's frightening criminal organization alerts Sherlock Holmes of the evil deed by means of a cipher.

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**Dubosarsky, Ursula              How to be a Great Detective** **F DUB:U**  
Playing spy is how it all begins. Griselda spies something beginning with "B": Blood. Naturally, the first thing Claudia thinks of is murder. So she begins her quest for clues.

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**Eaton, Anthony                  A New Kind of Dreaming** **F EAT:A**  
When the court sent Jamie Riley to Port Barren, he hadn't expected much - thought he'd just serve his time and get out. He hadn't counted on being drawn into the town's murky past, into a web of secrets, lies and murder which might well cost him much more than just his freedom.

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**Edwards, Hazel                  Stalker** **F EDW:H**  
Alone in the radio station studio, 'graveyard shift' presenter Lily is being stalked. The stalker is obsessive, electronically skilled and devious. Lily copes with hate mail and a wreath and even briefly enjoys the celebrity status of having a stalker.

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**Ellingham, Mark;              OxCrimes : 27 Killer Stories from the Cream of**  
**Florence, Peter (editors)      Crime Writers** **F OXC**  
A collection of crime stories from some of the best known British crime writers, and a few further afield.

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**Ellroy, James                  Perfidia** **F ELL:J**  
The Japanese have bombed Pearl Harbor. The United States teeters on the edge of war. The roundup of allegedly treasonous Japanese Americans is about to begin. And in L.A., a Japanese family is found dead. Murder or ritual suicide? The investigation will draw four people into a totally Ellroy-ian tangle.

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**Fforde, Jasper                  The Big Over Easy: an Investigation with the**  
**Nursery Crime Division** **F FFO:J**  
It's a dark time in the town of Reading. Humpty Dumpty, the well-known nursery favourite, large egg and former millionaire philanthropist, is found shattered. After careful reconstruction of Humpty's shell, Detective Spratt must grapple with a sinister plot involving money laundering and corporate politics.

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**Flynn, Gillian                  Dark Places** **F FLY:G**  
There are multiple dark years covered in Dark Places—and multiple dark Days, too, as Libby Day circa 2009 works to uncover the truth behind her family's murder on the night of January 2, 1985. That night, Libby's mother and two sisters were brutally murdered. The suspect: Libby's brother, Ben, who in 2009 is still in jail for the crimes. As the only survivor, Libby testified that Ben did it, and he was locked away. But maybe Ben didn't do it.

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**Flynn, Gillian                  Sharp Objects** **F FLY:G**  
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Seth Hubbard is a wealthy man dying of lung cancer. He trusts no one. Before he hangs himself from a sycamore tree, Hubbard leaves a new, handwritten, will. It is an act that drags his adult children, his black maid, and Jake into a conflict as riveting and dramatic as the murder trial that made Brigrance one of Ford County's most notorious citizens, just three years earlier.

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**Haddon, Mark**                      **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**                      **F HAD:M**

*Also available as an ebook*

Tells the story of a gifted boy called Christopher Boone. He investigates the killing of a dog and in doing so has an adventure of self-discovery.

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**Hanna, Edward B.**                      **The Whitechapel Horrors**                      **F HAN:E**

A sadistic murderer stalks the streets of Whitechapel in London's East End. Sherlock Holmes is called into to investigate, but as the investigation into the grisly named Jack The Ripper continues, Holmes realizes there's more at stake than just stopping a serial killer.

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**Harding, Traci**                      **The Alchemist's Key**                      **F HAR:T**

Wade Ashby has just inherited his grandfather's estate in England. The Baronage has a business, manor and large fortune. It's the biggest break of his life, but Wade is inheriting a lot more than he bargained for.

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**Harley, Rex**                      **Black November**                      **F HAR:R**

When Simon buys a second-hand saxophone, he becomes embroiled in a sinister scheme of blackmail and intrigue. A gripping murder/suspense novel.

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**Harper, Jane**                      **The Dry**                      **F HAR:J**

After getting a note demanding his presence, Federal Agent Aaron Falk arrives in his hometown for the first time in decades to attend the funeral of his best friend, Luke. Twenty years ago when Falk was accused of murder, Luke was his alibi. Falk and his father fled under a cloud of suspicion, saved from prosecution only because of Luke's steadfast claim that the boys had been together at the time of the crime. But now more than one person knows they didn't tell the truth back then, and Luke is dead.

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**Hartnett, Sonya**                      **All My Dangerous Friends**                      **F HAR:S**

Louie has finished with her old life, and stepped into a world of sinners. For her, things are not going to be the same again. This darkly funny, disturbing novel explores a lawless world where morality is a nuisance, everything can be bought and the prices paid are high.

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**Hawkins, Paula**                      **The Girl on the Train**                      **F HAW:P**

She is one of those tiny bird-women, a beauty, pale-skinned with blond hair cropped short. Rachel, the main narrator of Paula Hawkins' novel *The Girl on the Train*, is obsessed with the pair; they represent to her the perfect relationship that she once had, or seemed to, before it imploded spectacularly.

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**Higasino, Keigo**                      **Malice**                      **F HIG:K**

Acclaimed bestselling novelist Kunihiro Hidaka is found brutally murdered in his home on the night before he's planning to leave Japan and relocate to Vancouver. His body is found in his office, a locked room, within his locked house, by his wife and his best friend, both of whom have rock solid alibis. Or so it seems.

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**Higgins, Simon**                      **The Stalking Zone**                      **F HIG:S**

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On a lonely Australian bush plateau, a young man and two women are about to be hunted. Their pursuer is an expert tracker, skilled with firearms. Cunning, dedicated... and insane.

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**Hjorth, Michael**                      **The Man Who Wasn't There**                      **F HJO:M**  
On the side of a mountain in Sweden, six bodies have been found. Skeletons, more precisely. These bodies were buried a long time ago. And for Sebastian Bergman that just makes the investigation into who they are, who killed them, and why, even more complex.

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**Holland, Patrick.**                      **One**                      **F HOL:P**  
The last bushrangers in Australian history, James and Patrick Kenniff, were at the height at their horse thieving operation at the turn of the 20th century. Troops cannot pull the Kenniff Gang out of the ranges and plains of Western Queensland - the brothers know the terrain too well, and the locals are sympathetic to their escapades.

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**Hornung, E.W.**                      **Raffles: the Black Mask**                      **F HOR:E**  
In 1897 The British Museum celebrated Queen Victoria's diamond Jubilee with its Room of Gold, a brilliant display of the ancient gold artefacts. Finest of all was a gold cup once the property of Henry VIII. The challenge was too much for Raffles. He had to possess it!

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**Horowitz, Anthony**                      **The Falcon's Malteser**                      **F HOW:A**  
When little Johnny Naples entrusts Tim Diamond with a priceless package, he's making a big mistake. For Tim Diamond is the world's worst detective. A great mystery, packed full of jokes and humour.

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**Horowitz, Anthony**                      **Magpie Murders**                      **F HOR:A**  
When editor Susan Ryeland is given the tattered manuscript of Alan Conway's latest novel, she has little idea it will change her life. She's worked with the revered crime writer for years and his detective, Atticus Pund, is renowned for solving crimes in the sleepy English villages of the 1950s.

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**Horowitz, Anthony**                      **Moriarty**                      **F HOR:A**  
Days after Holmes and his arch-enemy Moriarty fall to their doom at the Reichenbach Falls, Pinkerton agent Frederick Chase arrives in Europe from New York. The death of Moriarty has created a poisonous vacuum which has been swiftly filled by a fiendish new criminal mastermind who has risen to take his place.

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**Hoyle, Tom**                      **Survivor**                      **F HOY:T**  
When the first person on the Ultimate Bushcraft adventure holiday mysteriously dies, it's a tragedy. But when the second and third die, it's no longer mysterious, it's suspicious. Who can you trust when everyone left alive is a suspect? Who is the murderer? As the numbers dwindle, the chances of survival plummet.

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**Innes, Michael**                      **Death at the President's Lodging**                      **F INN:M**  
Inspector Appleby is called to St Anthony's College, where the President has been murdered in his Lodging. Scandal abounds when it becomes clear that the only people with any motive to murder him are the only people who had the opportunity - because the President's Lodging opens off Orchard Ground, which is locked at night, and only the Fellows of the College have keys.

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**Kepler, Lars**                      **The Sandman**                      **F KEP:L**  
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Jurek Walter is serving a life sentence. Kept in solitary confinement, he is still considered extremely dangerous by psychiatric staff. Mikael knows him as "the sandman". Seven years ago, he was taken from his bed along with his sister. They are both presumed dead. When Mikael is discovered on a railway line, close to death, the hunt begins for his sister.

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**Kerr, M.E.**                      **Fell Back**                      **F KER:M**  
John discovers that a fellow Sevens Club member, Lasher, has either jumped or been pushed to his death. Using the ways of murderers gleaned from his deceased father, who used to be a detective, Fell finds himself involved in a mystery that connects to a drug scene, another murder and the beginnings of a new love affair.

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**King, Stephen**                      **End of Watch**                      **F KIN:S**  
In Room 217 of the Lakes Region Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic, something has awakened. Brady Hartsfield, perpetrator of the Mercedes Massacre, where eight people were killed and many more were badly injured, has been in the clinic for five years, in a vegetative state. According to his doctors, anything approaching a complete recovery is unlikely. But behind the drool and stare, Brady is awake, and in possession of deadly new powers that allow him to wreak unimaginable havoc without ever leaving his hospital room.

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**Konigsburg, E.L.**                      **Silent to the Bone**                      **F KON:E**  
Branwell is struck dumb when Nikki, his baby half-sister, slips into a coma. Nikki is taken to hospital and Branwell is sent to a Juvenile Behavioural Centre. Branwell's dad asks Connor to visit the Centre to see if he can find out what happened. Why would Branwell harm his beloved baby sister?

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**Lackberg, Camilla**                      **The Ice Child**                      **F LAC:C**  
January, Fjällbacka. A semi-naked girl wanders through the woods in freezing cold weather. When she finally reaches the road, a car comes out of nowhere. It doesn't manage to stop. By the time Detective Patrik Hedström receives word of the accident, the girl has already been identified. Four months ago she disappeared on her way home from the local riding school, and no one has seen her since.

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**Lagercrantz, David**                      **The Girl in the Spider's Web**                      **F LAG:D**  
Hacker Lisbeth Salander retrieves Firefall, a dangerous NSA computer programme. However, after mercenaries steal it from her, Lisbeth finds herself facing the underworld and Swedish law enforcement.

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**Lane, Andrew**                      **Night Break**                      **F LAN:A**  
Sherlock and his brother Mycroft are called back to their family home for the funeral of their mother and while the sense of loss is affecting enough, the family seems to be caught up in a strange and menacing mystery: three men in bizarre disguises break into the house; someone attacks their sister's fiancé.

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**Larbalestier, Justine**                      **Razorhurst**                      **F LAR:J**  
The setting: 1932, Razorhurst. Two competing mob bosses - Gloriana Nelson and Mr Davidson - have reached a fragile peace. Kelpie knows the dangers of the Sydney streets. Ghosts have kept her alive, steering her to food and safety, but they are also her torment. Dymphna is Gloriana Nelson's 'best girl'. When Dymphna meets Kelpie over the corpse of Jimmy Palmer, Dymphna's latest boyfriend, she pronounces herself Kelpie's new protector.

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**Lawrence, Caroline**                      **The Thieves of Ostia**                      **F LAW:C**  
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Colin Fischer is 14 and has Asperger's. Although he struggles to understand human emotions, he's brilliant at logical deduction. Sherlock Holmes is his pin-up. When a gun fires into the ceiling of the school cafeteria, everyone blames Wayne, school bully and usual suspect. But Colin Fischer turns detective; only he spots a connection between the gun and some birthday cake.

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**Miller, Jennifer**                      **The Year of the Gadfly**                      **F MIL:J**  
A failed microbiologist-turned-biology-teacher who is haunted by the ghosts of his past, and a spirited teenage reporter embark on a private investigation to uncover a secret society that has been operating in their remote New England town.

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**Moloney, James**                      **Disappearing Act**                      **F MOL:J**  
Matt Cooper is twelve, and spends quite a bit of his time honing his magic skills and tricks. He doesn't realise that his great-grandfather, Mattheus Coperneau, was a professional magician whose career came to a disastrous end when a trick he performed backfired spectacularly.

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**Monk, Scott**                      **Raw**                      **F MON:S**  
Brett is on his last chance - sent to The Farm for rehabilitation, the next stop is a detention centre.

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**Muchamore, Robert**                      **Mad Dogs**                      **F MUC:R**  
James is heading into the lethal world of gang warfare...The British underworld is controlled by gangs. When two of them start a turf war, violence explodes on to the streets. The police need information fast, and James Adams has the contacts to infiltrate the most dangerous gang of all. He works for CHERUB.

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**Muchamore, Robert**                      **New Guard**                      **F MUC:R**  
Ryan Sharma is a CHERUB agent. Working undercover, he can slip under adult radar and get information that sends criminals and terrorists to jail. Now he's investigating a double kidnapping, working with mission controller James Adams. In the mission to end all missions, Ryan and James must assemble a team of legendary CHERUB agents to find the hostages and bring them home.

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**Myers, Walter Dean**                      **Monster**                      **F MYE:W**  
A shopkeeper is killed during an armed robbery in New York. 16-year-old Steve Harmon is arrested. The prosecutor is pushing for the death penalty. Steve copes with the terrifying ordeal of the trial by telling his story like a film script, with flashbacks to events leading to the robbery.

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**Nesbo, Jo**                      **Midnight Sun**                      **F NES:J**  
Jon is on the run. He has betrayed Oslo's biggest crime lord: The Fisherman. Fleeing to an isolated corner of Norway, to a mountain town so far north that the sun never sets, Jon hopes to find sanctuary amongst a local religious sect. Hiding out in a shepherd's cabin in the wilderness, all that stands between him and his fate are Lea, a bereaved mother and her young son, Knut.

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**Ottley, Ted**                      **Code of the Cult**                      **F OTT:T**  
For 16 year old Jake, an Easter break on the Gold Coast with his American super-cop friend Tony should be full-on surfing and catching sun. But things are never that easy when these two get together. From the first, death and violence haunt them...

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**Patterson, James**                      **Hope to Die**                      **F PAT:J**  
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Detective Alex Cross is being stalked by a psychotic genius, forced to play the deadliest game of his career. Cross' family has been ripped away. Terrified and desperate, Cross must give this mad man what he wants if he has any chance of saving the most important people in his life.

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**Patterson, James**                      **Private India**    **F PAT:J**  
When Santosh Wagh isn't struggling out of a bottle of whisky he is head of Private India, the Mumbai branch of the world's finest PI agency. In a city of over thirteen million he has his work cut out at the best of times. But now someone is killing women - seemingly unconnected women murdered in a chilling ritual, with strange objects placed carefully at their death scenes.

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**Peck, Richard**                              **Dreamland Lake**    **F PEC:R**  
Flip and Brian have been best friends since grade school. But everything changes during the spring of seventh grade. That's when they find a dead man lying in the leaves near Dreamland Lake. What happens in the summer that follows will change the course of their friendship -- and their lives -- forever.

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**Perry, Anne**                                      **Long Spoon Lane**    **F PER:A**  
Early one morning, two bombs explode in an East London street. Thomas Pitt of the Special Branch arrives in time to chase the bombers to a run-down tenement in Long Spoon Lane. There, two men are arrested and one shot dead - but who and where is the killer?

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**Pessl, Marisha**                              **Night Film**    **F PES:M**  
Cult horror director Stanislas Cordova hasn't been seen in public since 1971. To his fans he is an enigma. To journalist Scott McGrath he is the enemy. To Ashley he was a father. On a damp October night the young, beautiful Ashley Cordova is found dead in an abandoned warehouse in lower Manhattan. Her suicide appears to be the latest tragedy to hit a severely cursed dynasty. For McGrath, another death connected to the legendary director seems more than coincidence.

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**Peyton, K.M.**                                      **The Boy Who Wasn't There**    **F PEY:K**  
The figure was larger than life and evil, and caught him from behind by the throat. Arnold came up short, throttled, his head wrenched backwards. He felt he was caught by claws ...

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**Pollock, Tom**                                      **White Rabbit, Red Wolf**    **F POL:T**  
A taut thriller about murder, maths and the mind. Peter Blankman is afraid of everything but must confront truly unimaginable terror when his mother is attacked. Seventeen-year-old Peter Blankman is a maths prodigy. He also suffers from severe panic attacks. Afraid of everything, he finds solace in the orderly and logical world of mathematics and in the love of his family.

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**Pullman, Philip**                              **The Tiger in the Well**    **F PUL:P**  
It is 1881 and Sally Lockhart lives happily with her baby daughter in Twickenham with a thriving business as a financial consultant. However, everything is about to change. She will soon need every ounce of courage because she is about to learn all about the tiger in the well.

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**Rankin, Ian**                                      **Even Dogs in the Wild**    **F RAN:I**  
Retirement doesn't suit John Rebus. He wasn't made for hobbies, holidays or home improvements. Being a cop is in his blood. So when DI Siobhan Clarke asks for his help on a case, Rebus doesn't need long to consider his options. Clarke's been investigating the death of a senior lawyer whose body was found along with a threatening note.

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**Raskin, Ellen**                                      **The Westing Game**    **F RAS:E**  
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Darren Shan is just an ordinary schoolboy, until he visits the Cirque du Freak, until he meets Madam Octa, until he comes face-to-face with a creature of the night. Soon, Darren and his friend Steve are caught in a deadly trap and must make a bargain with the one person who is not human and only deals in blood...

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**Shearer, Alex**                      **The Hunted**    **F SHE:A**  
Tarrin is born into a world where both the dreams and nightmares of medical science have come true. People look younger and live for longer. But real children are rare. They are bought and sold, won and lost, and live in fear of being stolen – or worse.

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**Shearer, Alex**                      **The Lost**    **F SHE:A**  
It was like any other morning. Walking to school, chatting - like mates do. But then the fire engine had come roaring past, siren blaring. And Jonah had gone running after it, Only he'd never come back. Now time has passed and people are forgetting Jonah. Everyone except Joe – But Joe's search for the truth will lead him into terrifying danger...

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**Slater, Kim**                      **Smart: a Mysterious Crime, a Different Detective**    **F SLA:K**  
There's been a murder, but the police don't care. It was only a homeless old man after all. Kieran cares. He's made a promise, and when you say something out loud, that means you're going to do it, for real. He's going to find out what really happened. To Colin. And to his grandma, who just stopped coming around one day. It's a good job Kieran's a master of observation, and knows all the detective tricks of the trade.

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**Sleator, William**                      **House of Stairs**    **F SLE:W**  
Five orphans are abandoned in a house with no visible walls, ceilings or floors. Within the labyrinth of steps, their actions are controlled by a food machine, which only feeds them if they do as it demands. An intriguing story.

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**Stubbs, Roy**                      **The Buddha Head**    **F STU:R**  
Evan could swear he saw a golden Buddha head on the roof, but when he comes back to check, it's not there. He gradually suspects it is linked with suspicious goings-on next door, and persuades his friend Nicholas to help him sort things out. And the adventure begins...

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**Stutley, D.J.**                      **Operation Foxtrot Five**    **F STU:D**  
After the unexpected death of his parents, 17-year-old Doug fears that his family will be broken up for good. Rather than being separated, he and his teenage brother and two sisters flee to Perth. Things go well until Detective-Sergeant Scott Backer comes looking for them, and a very large net begins to close in.

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**Swindells, Robert**                      **Hydra**    **F SWI:R**  
What is happening at the isolated farmhouse, where mysterious circles keep appearing in the fields? Why is the old barn locked, with strange people dodging in and out? Ben and his friend Midge are determined to find out, but have no idea of the dangerous secret they will uncover.

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**Tarbox, Katie**                      **Katie.com: My Story**    **F TAR:K**

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Katie.com is the harrowing true story of one teenager's descent into the seductive world of the Internet. A compelling chronicle of a generation and a wake-up call for anyone who spends time on-line, Katie.com won't let you forget that the person you're talking to on-line may not be who you think.

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**Turner, Henry**                      **Ask the Dark**    **F TUR:H**  
Billy Zeets has a story to tell. About being a vandal and petty thief. About missing boys and an elusive killer. And about what happens if a boy who breaks all the rules is the only person who can piece together the truth.

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**Webb, Catherine**                      **The Extraordinary and Unusual Adventures of Horatio Lyle**    **F WEB:C**  
Horatio Lyle is Sherlock Holmes crossed with Thomas Edison as written by Terry Pratchett: witty, action-packed and perfect for fans of detective stories, fantasy stories and good old-fashioned adventure.

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**Williams, Sean**                      **Jump**    **F WIL:S**  
Clair lives in a world revolutionised by d-mat, a global teleport system that allows people to transport themselves instantaneously around the world. When a coded note promises Improvement - the chance to change your body any way you want, making it stronger, taller, more beautiful - Clair thinks it's too good to be true, but her best friend, Libby, is determined to give it a try.

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**Wilson, Robert**                      **A Small Death in Lisbon**    **F WIL:R**  
Set in Portugal, this novel consists of two narratives: one is the contemporary investigation by Inspector José "Zé" Coelho into the death of a young girl, and the other begins in World War II and examines events during German operations in the country.

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**Winslow, Don**                      **The Cartel**    **F WIN:D**  
It's 2004. DEA agent Art Keller has been fighting the war on drugs for thirty years in a blood feud against Adan Barrera, the head of El Federacion, the world's most powerful cartel, and the man who brutally murdered Keller's partner. Finally putting Barrera away costs Keller dearly - the woman he loves, the beliefs he cherishes, the life he wants to lead.

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**Wynne-Jones, Tim**                      **Blink and Caution**    **F WYN:T**  
Two teenagers hurt by life "with its never-ending snares and pitfalls and dire consequences" come together in this elegantly constructed noir mystery and love story.

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**Wynne-Jones, Tim**                      **The Ruinous Sweep**    **F WYN:T**  
On the night Donovan Turner is thrown out of a car on a highway in the middle of nowhere, he can barely remember his own name, let alone the past twenty-four hours. Where is he? Where is his girlfriend, Bee? In an attempt to flag down the next passing car, he startles the driver, causing a fatal accident.

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**Zadoff, Allen**                      **Boy Nobody**    **F ZAD:A**  
Boy nobody is the perennial new kid in school, the one few notice and nobody thinks much about. He shows up in a new high school, in a new town, under a new name, makes few friends and doesn't stay long. Just long enough for someone in his new friend's family to die of "natural causes". Mission accomplished, Boy Nobody disappears, and moves on to the next target. But when he's assigned to the mayor of New York City, things change.

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**Zafon, Carlos Ruiz**                      **Marina**    **F ZAF:C**  
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Barcelona, 1980. Oscar Draï finds himself drawn to an old dilapidated mansion where he meets the captivating and elusive Marina. She leads him to the cemetery to witness a mysterious ritual: on the fourth Sunday of every month, a veiled woman alights from a carriage and lays a single rose on an unmarked grave. They begin a journey that transports them to a forgotten post-war Barcelona - a world of aristocrats and actresses, inventors and tycoons - and reveals a dark secret that lies waiting in the mysterious labyrinth beneath the city streets.

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**Zander, Joakim**                      **The Swimmer**    **F ZAN:J**  
Klara Waldeen was orphaned as a child and brought up by her grandparents on a remote Swedish archipelago. She is now a political aide in Brussels - and she has just seen something she shouldn't: something people will kill to keep hidden. On the other side of the world, an old spy hides from his past. Once, he was a man of action, so dedicated to the cause that he abandoned his baby daughter to keep his cover.

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## GRAPHIC NOVELS

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**Aaron, Jason**                      **Scalped: Indian Country**    **GRA AAR**  
Fifteen years ago, Dashiell Bad Horse ran away from a life of abject poverty and utter hopelessness on the Prairie Rose Indian Reservation in hopes of finding something better. Now he's come back home armed with nothing but a set of nun chucks, a hell-bent-for-leather attitude and one dark secret, to find nothing much has changed on The Rez - short of a glimmering new casino, and a once-proud people overcome by drugs and organized crime. Is he here to set things right or just get a piece of the action?

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**Auster, Paul**                      **City of Glass**    **GAR AUS**  
Quinn writes mysteries. The Washington Post has described him as a "post-existentialist private eye." An unknown voice on the telephone is now begging for his help, drawing him into a world and a mystery far stranger than any he ever created in print.

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**Brubaker, Ed & Phillips, Sean**                      **Coward**    **GRA BRU**  
Coward is the story of Leo, a professional pickpocket who is also a legendary heist-planner and thief. But there's a catch with Leo, he won't work any job that he doesn't call all the shots on, he won't allow guns, and the minute things turn south, he's looking for any exit that won't land him in prison. But when he's lured into a risky heist, all his rules go out the window, and he ends up on the run from the cops and the bad men who double-crossed him.

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**Brubaker, Ed & Phillips, Sean**                      **Lawless**    **GRA BRU**  
Riley Richard's got it all: The hottest girl in school and a ticket to the big time. So why isn't he happy? Why can't he forget the life he left behind in small town Brookview? And why is he plotting a murder?

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**Canales, Juan Diaz**                      **Blacksad**    **GRA CAN**  
Private investigator John Blacksad is up to his feline ears in mystery, digging into the backstories behind murders, child abductions, and nuclear secrets.

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**Canales, Juan Diaz**                      **Blacksad: a Silent Hell**    **GRA CAN**  
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Detective John Blacksad returns, with a new case that takes him to a 1950s New Orleans filled with hot jazz and cold-blooded murder! Hired to discover the fate of a celebrated pianist, Blacksad finds his most dangerous mystery yet in the midst of drugs, voodoo, the rollicking atmosphere of Mardi Gras, and the dark underbelly that it hides.

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**Doyle, Arthur Conan,  
Sir & Edginton, Ian      The Hound of the Baskervilles**  
*Also available as an eBook.*

**GRA DOY**

Could the sudden death of Sir Charles Baskerville have been caused by the gigantic ghostly hound that is said to have haunted his family for generations? Arch-rationalist Sherlock Holmes characteristically dismisses the theory as nonsense. And, immersed in another case, he sends Dr Watson to Devon to protect the Baskerville heir and observe the suspects at close hand.

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**Miller, Frank                      Sin City: a Dame to Kill For**

**GRA MIL**

It's one of those hot nights, dry and windless. The kind that makes people do sweaty, secret things. Dwight's thinking of all the ways he's screwed up and what he'd give for one clear chance to wipe the slate clean, to dig his way out of the numb grey hell that is his life. And he'd give anything, just to cut loose, just to feel the fire, one more time. And then Ava calls.

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**Miller, Frank                      Sin City: the Hard Goodbye**

**GRA MIL**

It's a lousy room in a lousy part of a lousy town. But Marv doesn't care. There's an angel in the room. She says her name is Goldie. A few hours later, Goldie's dead without a mark on her perfect body, and the cops are coming before anyone but Marv could know she's been killed. Somebody paid good money for this frame.

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