

Pre-Lunch Bunch

2025 Reading List



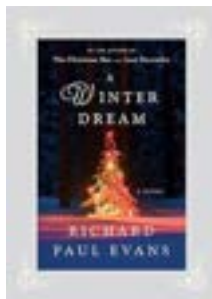
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JANUARY 15, 2025

***A Winter Dream: A Novel* Released: 2012**

by Richard Paul Evans

Joseph Jacobson is the twelfth of thirteen siblings, all of whom are employed by their father's successful Colorado advertising company. When the father seems ready to anoint Joseph as his heir, the brothers make their move, forcing Joseph from the company and his Denver home, severing his ties to his parents and ending his relationship with his soon-to-be fiancée. Joseph joins a Chicago advertising agency where his creativity helps him advance high up in the company. He also finds hope for a lasting love with April, a kind woman with a secret. However, all secrets hold consequences.



FEBRUARY 19, 2025

***The Firm: Firm Series #1* Released: 1991**

by John Grisham

Aggressively recruited by all the top firms, Mitch McDeere surprises everyone by joining Bendini, Lambert & Locke, a very private, very rich tax firm in Memphis. Mitch and his wife, Abby, move to Tennessee and quickly settle into their new life. Soon Mitch senses trouble: two of the partners die in a suspicious diving accident off Grand Cayman; the firm's management is overly proud of the fact that no one has ever resigned; and security measures at the firm. The FBI has the lowdown on Mitch's firm and needs his help. The FBI will bust him if he doesn't cooperate, and the firm will kill him if he does.



MARCH 19, 2025

***The Widows: Kinship Series #1* Released: 2019**

by Jess Montgomery

When Lily Ross learns that her husband, Daniel Ross, the town's widely respected sheriff, is killed while transporting a prisoner, she is devastated and vows to avenge his death. Hours after his funeral, a stranger appears at her door. Marvena Whitcomb, a coal miner's widow, is unaware that Daniel has died, and begs to speak with him about her missing daughter. From miles away but worlds apart, Lily and Marvena's lives collide as they realize that Daniel was not the man that either of them believed him to be—and that his murder is far more complex than either of them could have imagined.

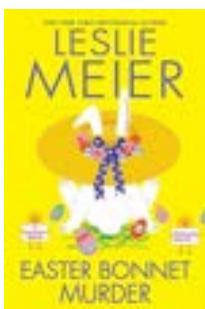


APRIL 16, 2025

***Easter Bonnet Murder: A Lucy Stone Mystery #28* Released: 2022**

by Leslie Meier

Known for its cheerful staff and elaborate annual Easter Bonnet Contest, the Heritage House senior center regularly attracts new residents and positive press. But once the town's retired librarian, Miss Julia Tilley, checks in to recover from an illness, Lucy sees a side of the facility that isn't quite so perfect and pristine. A retired journalist with an independent mind, Agnes had an eye for details and little interest in conforming to catty cliques or rules set by her caretakers. Lucy must hop to it and discover what happened to Agnes—before her own story becomes another springtime tragedy left unsolved.



MAY 21, 2025



The Winemaker's Wife: A Novel **Released: 2019**
by Kristin Harmel

Inès has just married Michel, the owner of storied champagne house Maison Chauveau, when the Germans invade. As the danger mounts, Michel turns his back on his marriage to begin hiding munitions for the Résistance. For Céline, half-Jewish wife of Chauveau's chef de cave, the risk is even greater. They risk the lives of those they love—and the champagne house that ties them together. New York, 2019: Liv Kent has just lost everything when her eccentric French grandmother shows up unannounced, insisting on a trip to France. But the older woman has an ulterior motive—when past and present finally collide.

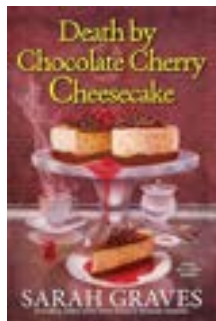
JUNE 18, 2025



Swan Song: Nantucket Series #4 **Released: 2024**
by Elin Hilderbrand

Chief of Police Ed Kapenash is about to retire. Blond Sharon is going through a divorce. But when a 22-million-dollar summer home is purchased by the mysterious Richardsons—how did they make their money, exactly?—Ed, Sharon, and everyone in the community are swept up in high drama. The Richardsons throw lavish parties, flirt with multiple locals, flaunt their wealth with not one but two yachts, and raise impossible hopes of everyone they meet. When their house burns to the ground and their most essential employee goes missing, the entire island is up in arms.

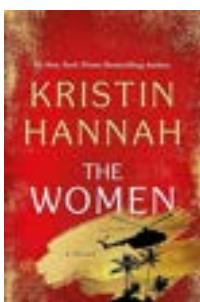
JULY 16, 2025



Death by Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake: A Death by Chocolate Mystery #1 **Released: 2018**
by Sarah Graves

Jake and Ellie have been through a lot together, from home repair to homicide investigation. So when they decide to open a chocolate-themed bakery, they figure it'll be a piece of cake. When the storm hits, Jake's grown son Sam is stranded in a Boston bus station, and her husband Wade is stuck on a cargo ship. But as bitter as the storm is, something even more sinister is brewing in the kitchen of The Chocolate Moose—where health inspector Matt Muldoon is found murdered. Ellie never made a secret of her distaste for Matt, with talk of health code violations. Now, with no alibi for the night of the murder, she's in a sticky situation with the police.

AUGUST 20, 2025



The Women: A Novel **Released: 2024**
by Kristin Hannah

Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025



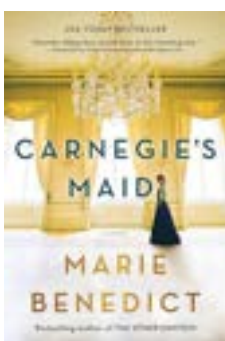
Murder in an Italian Café: A Bria Bartolucci Mystery #2

Released: 2024

by Michael Falco

Though she still misses her late husband, Carlo, Bria couldn't be happier that their dream bed and breakfast, Bella Bella, is humming along nicely. Bria's juggling the demands of the famous Chef Lugo, his producer, Massimo, and Pippa, a member of the production crew who is staying at Bella Bella for a long-term stay . . . Until Lugo mysteriously dies on-camera, a victim of apparent murder. Now to save her friend's café from a ruined reputation, Bria must delve into the glittering surface of false alibis, pretty lies, and not-so-glamorous hidden identities to catch a murderer determined to serve up another victim . . .

OCTOBER 15, 2025



Carnegie's Maid: A Novel

Released: 2018

by Marie Benedict

Clara Kelley is not who they think she is. She's not the experienced Irish maid who was hired to work in one of Pittsburgh's grandest households. She's a poor farmer's daughter with nowhere to go and nothing in her pockets. But the woman who shares her name has vanished, and assuming her identity just might get Clara some money to send back home. Clara must rely on resolve as strong as the steel Pittsburgh is becoming famous for and an uncanny understanding of business, attributes that quickly gain her Carnegie's trust. But she still can't let her guard down, not even when Andrew becomes something more than an employer. Revealing her past might ruin her future—and her family's.

NOVEMBER 19, 2025



To Slip the Bonds of Earth: Katharine Wright Mystery #1

Released: 2024

by Amanda Flower

While Wilbur and Orville Wright's flying machine is quite literally taking off in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, their sister Katharine is back home in Dayton, Ohio. Returning home, Wilbur and Orville accept an invitation to a friend's party. Nervous about leaving their as-yet-unpatented flyer plans unattended, Wilbur decides to bring them to the festivities . . . where they are stolen right out from under his nose. As always, it's Katharine's job to problem solve. She finds her number one suspect dead with a letter opener lodged in his chest. Now Katharine will have to keep her feet on the ground and put all her skills to work to make sure Wilbur and Orville are free to fly another day.

DECEMBER 17, 2025



The Twelve Books of Christmas: Bibliophile Mystery #17

Released: 2023

by Kate Carlisle

In the middle of a wonderful Christmas holiday in Dharma, Brooklyn and Derek receive a frantic phone call from their dear friend Claire in Loch Ness, Scotland. The laird of the castle, Cameron MacKinnon, has just proposed to her! While they're visiting, Claire hopes that Brooklyn will be able to solve a little mystery that's occurred in the castle library—twelve very rare books have gone missing. But when one of the guests is poisoned and another is killed by an arrow through the heart, Brooklyn and Derek know this is not the work of any ghost. Now they must race to find a killer and a book thief before another murder occurs and their friends' bright and happy future turns dark and deadly.