

# Book Bites

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## *Home Before Dark* by Susan Wiggs

In her career as a photojournalist, free-spirited Jessie Ryder has seen the world through her camera lens. But she's never traveled far enough to escape a painful moment that has haunted her for the past sixteen years: the day she gave her baby daughter away. Now, facing a life-altering crisis, she's decided to fix the broken pieces of her heart and seek out Lila, even if it means she has to upset the world of Lila's adoptive mother: her very own sister, Luz.



## *The Last Mile* by David Baldacci

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. Amos Decker, newly hired on an FBI special task force, takes an interest in Mars's case after discovering the striking similarities to his own life: Both men were talented football players with promising careers cut short by tragedy. Both men's families were brutally murdered. And in both cases, another suspect came forward, years after the killing, to confess to the crime. A suspect who may or may not have been telling the truth.



## *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty

Imagine that your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, darkest secret—something with the potential to destroy not just the life you built together, but the lives of others as well. Imagine, then, that you stumble across that letter while your husband is still very much alive. . . .

Cecilia Fitzpatrick has achieved it all—she's an incredibly successful businesswoman, a pillar of her small community, and a devoted wife and mother. Her life is as orderly and spotless as her home. But that letter is about to change everything, and not just for her: Rachel and Tess barely know Cecilia—or each other—but they too are about to feel the earth-shattering repercussions of her husband's secret.



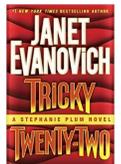
## *15th Affair* by James Patterson

Detective Lindsay Boxer has everything she could possibly want. Her marriage and baby daughter are perfect, and life in Homicide in the San Francisco Police Department is going well. But all that could change in an instant. Lindsay is called to a crime scene at the Four Seasons Hotel. There is a dead man in one of the rooms, shot at close range. The man checked in under a false name with no ID on him, so the first puzzle will be finding out who he is. In the room next door are a dead young man and woman, also shot. They are surrounded by high-tech surveillance equipment. Could they have been spying on the man now dead in the room next to them? And in the utilities cupboard down the hall is the dead body of a house maid. The murders are all clearly linked and professionally executed. But what is the motive behind it all? Lindsay will need to risk everything she has to find out.



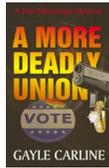
## *Tricky Twenty-Two* by Janet Evanovich

Stephanie Plum might not be the world's greatest bounty hunter, but she knows when she's being played. Ken Globovic (aka Gobbles), hailed as the Supreme Exalted Zookeeper of the animal house known as Zeta fraternity, has been arrested for beating up the dean of students at Kiltman College. Gobbles has missed his court date and gone into hiding. People have seen him on campus, but no one will talk. Things just aren't adding up, and Stephanie can't shake the feeling that something funny is going on at the college - and it's not just Zeta fraternity pranks. As much as people love Gobbles, they hate Doug Linken. When Linken is gunned down in his backyard it's good riddance, and the list of possible murder suspects is long. The only people who care about finding Linken's killer are Trenton cop Joe Morelli, who has been assigned the case, security expert Ranger, who was hired to protect Linken, and Stephanie, who has her eye on a cash prize and hopefully has some tricks up her sleeve.



### ***A More Deadly Union* by Gayle Carline**

Someone is threatening Peri Minneopa's client. The most likely suspect is a man whose past relationship with her client could ruin his chances at being elected mayor. This would be easier if her boyfriend, Detective Skip Carlton, wasn't in a coma after being shot. Peri's been dating him for 10 years, but without a marriage license, she can't even visit him in the hospital. She knows better than to interfere with the police's efforts to find Skip's shooter, but her case keeps showing up in the middle of their investigation. Now she's questioning her skill and her need for independence. What is she willing to do to solve her case and see Skip wake up?

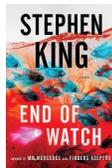


### ***Cross Justice* by James Patterson**

Alex Cross left his hometown, and some awful family tragedies, for a better life with Nana Mama in Washington, DC. He hasn't looked back. Now his cousin Stefan has been accused of a horrible, unthinkable murder, and Cross drives south with Bree, Nana Mama, Jannie, and Ali to Starksville, North Carolina, for the first time in thirty-five years. Back home, he discovers a once proud community down on its luck, and local residents who don't welcome him with open arms. As Cross steps into his family home, the horrors of his childhood flood back--and he learns that they're not really over. He brings all his skill to finding out the truth about his cousin's case. But truth is hard to come by in a town where no one feels safe to speak. Chasing his ghosts takes Cross all the way down to the sugarcane fields of Florida, where he gets pulled into a case that has local cops needing his kind of expertise: a string of socialite murders with ever more grisly settings. He's chasing too many loose ends--a brutal killer, the truth about his own past, and justice for his cousin--and any one of the answers might be fatal.

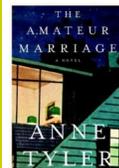
### ***End of Watch* by Stephen King**

Brady Hartsfield, perpetrator of the Mercedes Massacre, where eight people were killed and many more were badly injured, has been in the Traumatic Brain Injury 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. In *End of Watch*, Stephen King brings the Hodges trilogy to a sublimely terrifying conclusion, combining the detective fiction of *Mr. Mercedes* and *Finders Keepers* with the supernatural suspense that has been his trademark. The result is an unnerving look at human vulnerability and up-all-night entertainment.



### ***The Amateur Marriage* by Anne Tyler**

From the inimitable Anne Tyler, a rich and compelling novel about a mismatched marriage--and its consequences, spanning three generations. From the sound of the cash register in the old grocery to the counterculture jargon of the sixties, from the miniskirts to the multilayered apparel of later years, Anne Tyler captures the evocative nuances of everyday life during these decades with such telling precision that every page brings smiles of recognition. Throughout, as each of the competing voices bears witness, we are drawn ever more fully into the complex entanglements of family life in this wise, embracing, and deeply perceptive novel.



### ***Deathtrap* by Peter Turnbull**

George Hennessey has always been proud of being Detective Chief Inspector at Micklegate Bar Police Station in the Vale of York. Until, that is, the body of ambitious newshound Cornelius Weekes is discovered, and what at first looks like a cut-and-dried case of suicide soon opens up a gruesome can of worms. But with the help of his faithful right-hand man, Detective Sergeant Yellich, London-born Hennessey is quick to get to the bottom of things. And eventually one apparent suicide leads to a whole host of unsolved deaths from the past: the murder of a mentally ill woman from a rich family, the bloody slaughter of another go-get-it journalist and the untimely end of a young man haunted by something just too murky for words. Hennessey and Yellich have their work cut out but, once they unravel the mysteries surrounding a wrongful conviction of a woman imprisoned for shooting dead her 'love rival', the pair start to see a frightening theme of corruption and greed emerge.



### ***Bloody Crimes: The Chase for Jefferson Davis and the Death Pageant for Lincoln's Corpse* by James L. Swanson**

In *Bloody Crimes*, James L. Swanson—the Edgar® Award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Manhunt*—brings to life two epic events of the Civil War era: the thrilling chase to apprehend Confederate president Jefferson Davis in the wake of the Lincoln assassination and the momentous 20-day funeral that took Abraham Lincoln's body home to Springfield. A true tale full of fascinating twists and turns, and lavishly illustrated with dozens of rare historical images—some never before seen—*Bloody Crimes* is a fascinating companion to Swanson's *Manhunt* and a riveting true-crime thriller that will electrify civil war buffs, general readers, and everyone in between.

