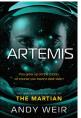
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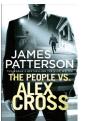
ARTEMIS

Andy Weir Trade paperback

Jazz Bashara is a criminal.

Well, sort of. Life on Artemis, the first and only city on the moon, is tough if you're not a rich tourist or an eccentric billionaire. So smuggling in the occasional harmless bit of contraband barely counts, right? Not when you've got debts to pay and your job as a porter barely covers the rent. Everything changes when Jazz sees the chance to commit the perfect crime, with a reward too lucrative to turn down. But pulling off the impossible is just the start of Jazz's problems, as she learns that she's stepped square into a conspiracy for control of Artemis itself – and that now, her only chance at survival lies in a gambit even more unlikely than the first.

The *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Martian* returns with a new adventure – a twisty, smart, high concept thriller about a heist set on the moon.



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THE PEOPLE VS ALEX CROSS

James Patterson Trade paperback

Alex Cross is on the wrong side of the law. Serving a suspension from the force while he awaits trial for murder, Cross has been branded as a trigger-happy cop, another bad apple walking the streets with a gun.

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To make himself feel useful again, Cross opens a counseling office in the basement of his home. When his former partner Sampson shows up needing his help, Cross jumps at the chance, even if it may end up costing him what's left of his career. A string of young, blonde women have gone missing, and the investigation leads Cross and Sampson to the most depraved, darkest corners of the internet.

Struggling to prove his own innocence and uncover the truth lurking online, Cross must risk everything to save his most at-risk patient of all... himself. JACK REACHER THRILLER LEE CHILD THE MIDNIGHT LINE

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THE MIDNIGHT LINE

Trade paperback

Jack Reacher takes an aimless stroll past a pawn shop in a small Midwestern town. In the window he sees a West Point class ring from 2005. It's tiny. It's a woman cadet's graduation present to herself. Why would she give it up? Reacher's a West Pointer too, and he knows what she went through to get it. Reacher tracks the ring back to its owner, step by step, down a criminal trail leading west.

Like Big Foot come out of the forest, he arrives in the deserted wilds of Wyoming. All he wants is to find the woman. If she's OK, he'll walk away. If she's not... he'll stop at nothing. He's still shaken by the recent horrors of *Make Me*, and now *The Midnight Line* sees him set on a raw and elemental quest for simple justice. Best advice: don't get in his way.



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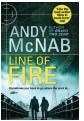
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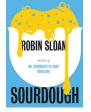
LINE OF FIRE

Andy McNab Trade paperback

Nick Stone is back in an up-to-the-minute thriller - ripped fresh from the headlines. Stone has returned to London. Both the UK and the US are in a state of unrest and ever more extreme politicians are looking to take advantage of an unstable world.

Their motives are unclear. But their threat is real. Who are they really working for?

'Like the best action films in book form' - FHM



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SOURDOUGH

Robin Sloan Trade paperback

Lois Clary is a software engineer at General Dexterity, a San Francisco robotics company with world-changing ambitions. She codes all day and collapses at night, her human contact limited to the two brothers who run the neighbourhood hole-in-the-wall from which she orders dinner every evening. Then, disaster! Visa issues. The brothers close up shop, and fast. But they have one last delivery for Lois: their culture, the sourdough starter used to bake their bread. She must keep it alive, they tell her - feed it daily, play it music, and learn to bake with it.

Lois is no baker, but she could use a roommate, even if it is a needy colony of microorganisms. Soon, not only is she eating her own homemade bread, she's providing loaves daily to the General Dexterity cafeteria. The company chef urges her to take her product to the farmer's market, and a whole new world opens up.

When Lois comes before the jury that decides who sells what at Bay Area markets, she encounters a close-knit club with no appetite for new members. But then, an alternative emerges: a secret market that aims to fuse food and technology. But who are these people, exactly?



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BONFIRE

Krysten Ritter

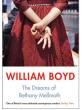
Trade paperback

Not long after her best friend Kaycee Mitchell disappeared, Abby Williams did something no one ever did. She left Barrens, Indiana, and tried to forget what had happened.

Ten vears later, she looks every inch the successful lawyer. Returning home to investigate the town's biggest employer, she begins to suspect that they are covering up more than just their environmental record and the life she's painstakingly created begins to crack.

Sucked back into old relationships, she's not sure who she can trust or whose story to believe. Some people say she's paranoid. That she's obsessed with discovering what happened to her friend. One thing is certain. There are a lot of people who don't want her asking guestions...

THE DREAMS OF BETHANY MELLMOTH



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William Boyd

The Dreams of Bethany Mellmoth depicts the random encounters that bring the past bubbling to the surface; the impulsive decisions that irrevocably shape a life; and the endless hesitations and loss-of-nerve that wickedly complicate it.

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AFTER THE FIRE

Henning Mankell



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Chronicles

HIRO ARIKAWA

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Fredrik Welin is a seventy-year-old retired doctor. Years ago he retreated to the Swedish archipelago, where he lives alone on an island. He swims in the sea every day, cutting a hole in the ice if necessary. He lives a quiet life. Until he wakes up one night to find his house on fire.

Fredrik escapes just in time, wearing two left-footed wellies, as neighbouring islanders arrive to help douse the flames. All that remains in the morning is a stinking ruin and evidence of arson. The house that has been in his family for generations and all his worldly belongings are gone. He cannot think who would do such a thing, or why. Without a suspect, the police begin to think he started the fire himself.

Tackling love, loss and loneliness, After the Fire is Henning Mankell's compelling last novel.

THE TRAVELLING CAT CHRONICLES

Hiro Arikawa

Trade paperback

Nana the cat is on a road trip. He is not sure where he's going or why, but it means he gets to sit in the front seat of a silver van with his beloved owner, Satoru. Side by side they cruise around Japan through the changing seasons, visiting old friends.

There's the brusque farmer for whom cats are just ratters; the warm-hearted couple who run a pet-friendly B&B; the mournful husband whose cat-loving wife has just left him. And even a dog who forces Nana to reassess his disdain for the canine species.

But what is the purpose of this road trip? And why is everyone so interested in Nana? Nana does not know and Satoru won't say.

But when Nana finally works it out, his small heart will break.

A life-affirming anthem to kindness and self-sacrifice, The Travelling Cat Chronicles shows how the smallest things can provide the greatest joy.





