

# Staff Picks



## Thrillers

In the mood for a fast paced book that pulls you in and won't let you go? Thrillers are action driven stories told at breakneck speed, with sympathetic heroes and deadly villains. If you enjoy authors like Lee Child, David Baldacci or Robert Ludlum then try one of these thrillers.

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### Black Irish

Stephan Talty Talty

When Jimmy Ryan's mangled corpse is found in a local church basement, this sadistic sacrilege seems to send a message—one that Abbie Kearney believes only the fiercely secretive citizens of the neighborhood known as "the County" understand. But in a town ruled by an old-world code of silence and secrecy, her search for answers is stonewalled at every turn, even by fellow cops. When the killer's mysterious calling card appears on her own doorstep, the hunt takes a shocking twist into her own family's past.



### Brilliance

Marcus Sakey Sakey

In Wyoming, a little girl reads people's darkest secrets by the way they fold their arms. In New York, a man sensing patterns in the stock market racks up \$300 billion. They're called "brilliants," and since 1980, one percent of people have been born this way. Nick Cooper is among them; a federal agent, Cooper has gifts rendering him exceptional at hunting terrorists. His latest target may be the most dangerous man alive, a brilliant drenched in blood and intent on provoking civil war. But to catch him, Cooper will have to violate everything he believes in—and betray his own kind.



### Child 44

Tom Rob Smith Smith

Stalin's Soviet Union is an official paradise, where citizens live free from crime and fear only one thing: the all-powerful state. Defending this system is idealistic security officer Leo Demidov, a war hero who believes in the iron fist of the law. But when a murderer starts to kill at will and Leo dares to investigate, the State's obedient servant finds himself demoted and exiled. Now, with only his wife at his side, Leo must fight to uncover shocking truths about a killer—and a country where "crime" doesn't exist.



### Ghostman

Roger Hobbs Hobbs

Jack White is the Ghostman, living far off the grid specializing in making all traces of heists vanish. Only once did a job go bad, and a master criminal named Marcus blames Jack for the fiasco. He wants Jack to even the score by making a botched armored-car robbery in Atlantic City disappear and recovering the missing take. But the clock is ticking because if the \$1.2 million in freshly minted bills isn't recovered quickly, it will explode.



### Red Sparrow

Jason Matthews

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In present-day Russia intelligence officer Dominika Egorova is ordered against her will to become a "Sparrow," a trained seductress. She is assigned to operate against Nathaniel Nash, a young CIA officer who handles the Agency's most important Russian mole. As the action careens between Russia, Finland, Greece, Italy, and the United States, Dominika and Nate soon collide in a duel of wills, tradecraft, and inevitably forbidden passion that threatens not just their lives but those of others as well.



### She Can Run

Melinda Leigh Leigh

Elizabeth was a young widow with two small children when she met Congressman Richard Baker, who seemed like the perfect man to provide the security that Beth and her kids were craving. But when she uncovers a dangerous secret about her new husband, Beth realizes he will go to any lengths—even murder—to keep it. After barely escaping with her life, she and her children make their way to a secluded estate in the Pennsylvania countryside, where Beth dares to hope she has found a safe place at last.



### Spiral

Paul McEuen McEuen

When a Nobel laureate is found dead, his research collaborator refuses to believe it was suicide. What begins as a quest for answers soon leads to a horrifying series of revelations at the crossroads of biological warfare and nanoscience. A sadistic assassin, an infamous Japanese war criminal, and a ruthless U.S. government official are all players in a harrowing game of power, treachery, and intrigue—a game whose winner will hold the world's fate literally in the palm of his hand.



### Still Missing

Chevy Stevens Stevens

On the day she was abducted, Annie O'Sullivan, a thirty-two-year-old realtor, hosts a slow open house, but when her last visitor pulls up in a van as she's about to leave, Annie thinks it just might be her lucky day after all. Interwoven with the story of the year Annie spent captive in a remote mountain cabin is the second narrative recounting the nightmare that follows her escape: her struggle to piece her shattered life back together, the ongoing police investigation into the identity of her captor, and the disturbing sense that things are far from over.



### The 500

Matthew Quirk Quirk

Mike Ford grew up in a world of small-stakes con men, learning lessons at his father's knee. His hard-won success in college and law school was his ticket out. As the Davies Group's rising star, he rubs shoulders with "The 500," the elite men and women who really run Washington -- and the world. Now, he's staring down the barrel of a gun, pursued by two of the world's most dangerous men. To get out, he'll have to do all the things he thought he'd never do again: lie, cheat, steal—and this time, maybe even kill.



### The Caretaker

A.X. Ahmad Ahmad

Years ago in India, Ranjit Singh commanded an elite army squad before his career ended in dishonor, shattering his reputation. He is now a caretaker on Martha's Vineyard, where one winter he secretly moves his family into a senator's house. But when armed men break in and threaten his family Ranjit must use his military training to uncover a trail of deception that leads from the calm shores of the Vineyard to countries half a world away.

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