

Suspense/Horror:

False Impressions by Jeffrey Archer

A really fun easy book for relaxing reading. Very good guys and very bad men. I had trouble putting it down.

Split Second by David Baldacci

This exciting thriller on audiotape kept my interest on a long trip. The challenge of keeping up with the many characters and trying to figure out the 'good guys' and the 'bad guys' was exciting.

Cruel Justice by William Bernhardt

I especially like Mr. Bernhardt's style of writing. The main character, Ben Kincade, is a good lawyer but besides that he is dedicated to helping people regardless of race, poor or rich.

The Third Translation by Matt Bondurant

Unless you are a student of Egyptian ancient culture – avoid this one. I listened to the entire book waiting for something interesting to happen.

Angels & Demons by Dan Brown

Good read. Not as good as Da Vinci Code, but interesting.

The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown

Very fast paced and exciting. Remember it is fiction.

Digital Fortress by Dan Brown

Intrigue concerning codes and breaking codes. Pretty interesting. A twist on the end is typical of Dan Brown.

Envy by Sandra Brown

Excellent book. Keeps you on the edge of your seat right to the end.

Winner Take All by T. Davis Bunn

This book took a little while to get into but was eventually exciting and suspenseful. With no bad language or sex, it is an enjoyable and uplifting read.

The Hard Way – A Jack Reacher novel by Lee Child

- If you're a Jack Reacher fan – read this – though it's not Child's best. If you don't know Jack Reacher – an ex-military cop – a very likeable one – start at the beginning of the series with *Killing Floor* – which is great! You'll be hooked!
- I love reading about the Jack Reacher character and can't wait for the next one to come out.

Persuader - Jack Reacher novel by Lee Child

Good fast paced mystery.. Suspenseful, believable. Ex-military cop get enlisted into an undercover job to recover another undercover cop.

Hidden Agendas (Tom Clancy's Net Force) by Tom Clancy

Not as good as other Clancy books. I got lost in the tech language.

Two Little Girls in Blue by Mary Higgins Clark

- Plot is exciting, intriguing and touching. Couldn't put it down. Her best book yet.
- An exciting kidnapping story of 3-year-old twin girls who were wearing blue pj's. They apparently had a special language and communication known only to them, which aided in keeping one alive to the end of the ordeal when they united with their parents. The action seemed long and complicated to me.
- A definite heartbreaking story from Higgins. Great abduction plot with surprise outcome. Clark keeps the reader on edge, especially emotionally – just as if the reader is suffering right beside the parents.
- 3-year-old twins are kidnapped and held for ransom. One twin is returned – the other seems to be missing and dead. The communication between the twins helps solve the kidnapping – as the second twin is alive but very ill – Good book – lots of twists and turns.
- Great novel. Murder mystery will keep you guessing until the end. Interesting concept on twin telepathy.

Let Me Whisper in Your Ear by Mary Jane Clark

As good as a thriller can get. Can't wait to read another book by this author.

Shock by Robin Cook

A typical fast-reading, Cook novel. I had difficulty putting it down.

Blow Out by Catherine Coulter

Another in a series of great F.B.I. case thrillers. This author is a 'bestseller', not just a writer of detective stories.

Point Blank by Catherine Coulter

FBI agent Dillian Savage does a good job bringing the bad guys to justice at the same time helping Dix clear up a mystery of stolen money buried in a cave.

In the Face of Jinn by Cheryl Howard Crew

Enjoyed very much. Felt like I learned a lot about the cultures in Pakistan & Afghanistan.

Deep Six by Clive Cussler

One of his first books written. Not as polished as the last few.

The Shape of Sand by Marjorie Eccles

Could not get interested in the story.

The Last Assassin by Barry Eisler

I liked this very much. The authenticity and the emotions seem so real.

Entombed by Linda Fairstein

Multiple characters – Involved plot line – Not your relaxing Sunday read. If you want to keep Alzheimer's at bay I think reading and thinking will help – Check out this book!

Shadow Account by Stephen Frey

Good mystery story, but a little too complicated for readers not acquainted with accounting and financial issues.

Alone by Lisa Gardner

Lots of twists surrounding a sniper shooting draws the reader in and leaves him/her trying to figure out if the sniper is a murderer or a hero.

Murder List by Julie Garwood

A romantic suspense drama that features a detective whose last assignment before joining the FBI is to protect an heiress who innocently composes a murder list of people whom she doesn't like. When the people on the list begin to be murdered, the tension builds to locate and stop the murderer. The author writes a good suspense novel while weaving in the building of personal relationships. This is not an intense suspense novel, but is good reading.

Gravity by Tess Gerritsen

Very good book. It's the first book I've read by this author but I will be reading more. The story was suspenseful and believable.

The Ghost Orchid by Carol Goodman

- Did not enjoy reading this book. Couldn't get interested.
- Set in an artists' colony, formerly the estate of a lumber baron and his disturbed wife. We have writers being possessed, the statuary coming to life and a snowstorm. The time shifting is really tiresome.

Line of Duty by Michael Grant

Interesting story. Lots of characters and actions. Surprise ending.

Retribution by Michael Grant

Page turning action. Believable characters. Fascinating book. Good read.

John Grisham books:

The Broker

This ex-lawyer continues to write exciting adventurous material. You'll be on the edge of your seat right up until the end! Which I may not tell!

The Firm

This book is spellbinding from start to finish. Although some of the conversations are specific to the legal profession, most of the dialogue is understandable.

The King of Torts

Mostly enjoyable lawyer novel, but not as good as some others by this writer. I think it could be turned into a good movie or TV movie of the week.

The Last Juror

Very similar to the author's, *A Time to Kill*, even including some main characters from that earlier book. Enjoyable mystery, legal thriller about murders in 1970's small town in Northern Mississippi.

The Partner

Grisham has a clever plot that slowly unwinds. Crime seems to pay but at the end things planned brilliantly do not work out to the protagonist's benefit.

Dance Macabre by Laurell K. Hamilton

Long awaited. Excellent book. Decadent passages and a wonderful story.

Thunder Point by Jack Higgins

Adventure! Another good story in a series of them.

Killing Time by Linda Howard

A 1985 time capsule buried in a small town courtyard is the opener to this novel about traveling through time. Interesting. A very light book.

Countdown by Iris Johansen

Once again Johansen has captured her audience in a tale of mystery and intrigue. It kept me spellbound from start to finish.

Final Target by Iris Johansen

Couldn't force myself to finish reading the book even after halfway through. Sub plots unclear and unconnected.

Killer Dreams by Iris Johansen

- Great fiction – but true-life plot of biological terror – intriguing characters in this complex plot involving personal as well as maniacal characters out for control.
- Novel about a doctor and chemist who have discovered a formula that causes people to become zombies under the influence of someone with power. The doctor tries to retrieve and destroy the formula to prevent this mind control. The story drags in spots but is entertaining.

On the Run by Iris Johansen

Once again Johansen has kept you glued to the book from start to finish. She is a talented writer.

CELL by Stephen King

What happens on the afternoon of October 1 to be known as the Pulse, a signal sent through every operating cell phone that turns its user into something – well, something less than human. Savage, murderous, unthinking – and on a wanton rampage. Terrorist act? Cyber prank gone haywire?

It really doesn't matter, not to the people who avoided the technological attack. What matters to them is surviving the aftermath. Before long, a band of them – "normies" is how they think of themselves – have gathered on the grounds of Gaiten Academy, where the headmaster and one remaining student have something awesome and terrifying to show them on the school's moonlit soccer field. Clearly there can be no escape. The only option is to take them on.

CELL is classic Stephen King, a story of gory horror and white-knuckling suspense that makes the unimaginable entirely plausible and totally fascinating.

Desperation by Stephen King

If King wants to show how to inject religion honestly and effectively into normally crass horror genre, he succeeds beautifully.

The Body (Different Seasons) by Stephen King

Four young boys venture into Maine woods and in sunlight and thunder find life, death and intimation of their own mortality. A must read.

A Necessary Evil by Alex Kava

This was a good book – one has to stay alert to keep track of all the characters and back-and-forth stories.

Sole Survivor by Dean Koontz

Totally addictive. Easier to get into than some of his others. Wonder how he comes up with these wild theories. Very fast-paced. He always has a touch of kindness in the bizarre.

The Hunted by Elmore Leonard

Interesting book typical of Elmore Leonard. The plot holds moments of deep introspection about how life is lived.

Always Time To Die by Elizabeth Lowell

Excellent. Unusual plot which holds you in suspense through the last page.

Amber Beach by Elizabeth Lowell

A good beach read. Love, mystery and suspense. Plus some history and information about amber.

The Janson Directive by Robert Ludlum

Fast moving – ever changing – must stay with this book – many twists and turns – from past to present. Large book, but a good read.

The Osterman Weekend by Robert Ludlum

I'm disappointed in this book by one of my favorite authors. To me, the mark of a good story is to make the reader care about what happens to the characters. This story missed the mark.

Stitches In Time by Barbara Michaels

Good story – entertaining – light and easy reading.

Burn Factor by Kyle Mills

This novel kept me anxious. I was always afraid of what would happen next. This is the first novel that I have read by this author. I intend to try others.

Fortunate Son by Walter Mosley

An interesting story of two boys entirely different lives, how very sadly one path takes one boy through no fault of his own and how he manages to get on with his life.

Cape Perdido by Marcia Muller

It was a struggle to finish reading this book.

Acts of Malice by Perri O'Shaughnessy

Alex Strong killed in a skiing accident. Brother Jim charged. Nina sets out to prove him not guilty. Jim's wife vanishes and is later found murdered. Jim almost gets away with it. Nina gets married. Husband dies in skiing accident. Very sad book.

Breach of Promise by Perri O'Shaughnessy

Liddy & Mike Markov been together for years. A young woman carries Mike away. Mike has everything in his name. With Nina Reilly's help Liddy sues. Nina brings in help. One of the jurors is killed helping Liddy win. Very good book.

Case of Lies by Perri O'Shaughnessy

Well-developed plot, good read.

Invasion of Privacy by Perri O'Shaughnessy

Filmmaker Terry Landon makes a film about a young girl who vanished 10 years ago. Nina finds out Bobby's father was married to Terry. The young girl was having an affair with Terry's husband when she vanished. Bobby finds out who his father is. Terry is murdered. A great who done it.

Sinister Shorts by Perri O'Shaughnessy

Easy reading. Enjoy this author.

Beach Road by James Patterson

- Typical Patterson – slow start, then blows your mind at the head!
- Story of murder and gangs in East Hampton. The hero becomes a villain at the end of the story. Didn't enjoy it as much as most of his books. (Audio)
- Love Patterson – usually I am on the right page with the outcome. But, this was a real surprise. Had to concentrate more because of different character narrations! Great!

The Lake House by James Patterson

Imagination runs wild. Good thing this is a work of fiction – unbelievable.

Lifeguard by James Patterson & Andrew Cress

- Exciting, well crafted. Enjoyable reading.
- Excellent book. Surprise ending as always. Always keeps you in suspense. I really enjoyed the book.

Pop Goes the Weasel by James Patterson

A rather offbeat police thriller with a very involved plot. Every time you think you have it, the plot takes another twist and keeps you hanging on. The characters are very realistic. I enjoyed it and at times found it hard to put down.

When the Wind Blows by James Patterson

Interesting book about Medical miracles (little imagination). Looking forward to reading the sequel.

Hollowpoint by Rob Reuland

Did not enjoy writing style. Did not finish.

The Secret Hour by Luanne Rice

Enjoyed this. My second book by her.

Superstition by Karen Robards

Robard's descriptions make it easy to visualize the Carolina landscape & cottage décor and to feel the sound and smells of sultry summer evenings. Story includes idiosyncratic relatives with an exciting page-turner ending.

Vanished by Karen Robard

Engaging read; a book that keeps you in suspense until the end. Enjoyed it.

Blue Smoke by Nora Roberts

I particularly like this suspense novel because the setting is Little Italy in Baltimore. As a native of that town, I could visualize the scenes. But you don't need to know the area to appreciate the sense of family that permeates the story. It follows the life of an arson investigator from her earliest memories to present day. She is faced with the problems of stopping a serial arsonist before he destroys her own family. Tension builds throughout.

The Villa by Nora Roberts

A very enjoyable story. Love stories – mystery – murder – take place in a wine country, both US and Italy. Fast moving. Good book.

Sullivan's Law by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg

I really enjoy the Sullivan Series. She works hard but tries to be a good mother at the same time. In the background trying to have a love life that doesn't always work out. That's real life.

Death Watch by John Sandford

Good twists and turns. I really enjoyed this book very much.

Perfect Nightmare by John Saul

Saul's attempt at a sinister narrator fails, but his torture scenes are frightening. While you know 'the author' didn't do it, the mystery is alarming and formulaic.

Darwin's Blade by Dan Simmons

One of a dozen very good suspense-thrillers written by this inventive author. If you like male heroes (even anti-heroes), then this creative author is for you.

Identity Theory by Peter Temple

I hated this book and shall stay clear of anything written by Peter Temple. Senseless violence just turns me off. I suppose I did follow the many characters and their inevitable deaths, but with difficulty – almost "stream of consciousness" and thought it all a waste of my time and mental energy. Must admit – clever un-guessed – at ending – if I were correct – nebulous as everything else.

Reversible Errors by Scott Turow

Very complicated legal thriller with such a twists-and turns plot that is difficult to keep straight in one's head. Not very satisfying, but the main characters are interesting and compelling.