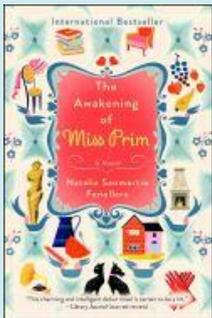


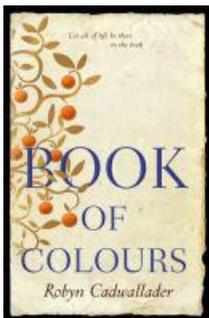
### **Arsenic and Old Books / Miranda James**

In Athena, Mississippi, librarian Charlie Harris is known for his good nature and for his Maine coon cat, Diesel, whom he walks on a leash. Charlie returned to his hometown to immerse himself in books, but a recently donated set of Civil War-era diaries to the archives of Athena College provokes interest from several different members of the community and their interest suddenly turns deadly. Now Charlie is left with a catalog of questions. The diaries seem worth killing for, and one thing is certain: Charlie will need to be careful, because the more he reads, the closer he could be coming to his final chapter.



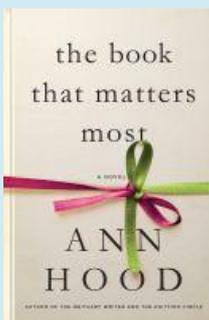
### **The Awakening of Miss Prim / Natalia San Martin Fenollera**

Prudencia Prim is a young woman of intelligence and achievement, with a deep knowledge of literature and several letters after her name. But when she accepts the post of private librarian in the village of San Ireneo de Arnois, she is unprepared for what she encounters there. Her employer, a book-loving intellectual, is dashing yet contrarian, always ready with a critique of her cherished Jane Austen and Louisa May Alcott. The neighbors, too, are capable of charm and eccentricity in equal measure, determined as they are to preserve their singular little community from the modern world outside



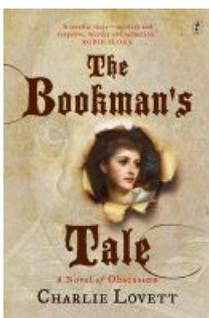
### **Book of Colours / Robyn Cadwallader**

London, 1321: in a small shop in Paternoster Row, three people are drawn together around the creation of a magnificent book, an illuminated manuscript of prayers, a book of hours. Even though the commission seems to answer the aspirations of each one of them, their own desires and ambitions threaten its completion. As each struggles to see the book come into being, it will change everything they have understood about their place in the world.



### **The Book That Matters Most / Ann Hood**

Ava's twenty-five-year marriage has fallen apart, and her two grown children are pursuing their own lives outside of the country. Ava joins a book group, not only for her love of reading but also out of sheer desperation for companionship. The group's goal throughout the year is for each member to present the book that matters most to them. Ava rediscovers a mysterious book from her childhood--one that helped her through the traumas of the untimely deaths of her sister and mother. Ava's mission to find that book and its enigmatic author takes her on a quest that unravels the secrets of her past and offers her the chance to remake her life.



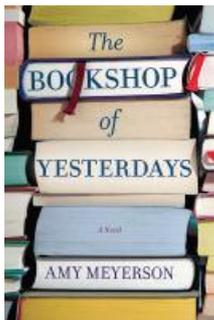
### **The Bookman's Tale: A Novel of Obsession / Charlie Lovett**

Hay-on-Wye, 1995. Nine months earlier, the death of Peter Byerly's beloved wife, Amanda, had left him shattered. The young antiquarian bookseller relocated from North Carolina to the English countryside, hoping to rediscover the joy he once took in collecting and restoring rare books. But upon opening an eighteenth-century study of Shakespeare forgeries, Peter is shocked when a portrait of Amanda tumbles out of its pages. Of course, it isn't really her. The watercolour is clearly Victorian. Yet the resemblance is uncanny, and Peter becomes obsessed with learning the picture's origins. As he follows the trail back first to the Victorian era and then to Shakespeare's time, Peter communes with Amanda's spirit, learns the truth about his own past, and discovers a book that might definitively prove Shakespeare was, indeed, the author of all his plays.



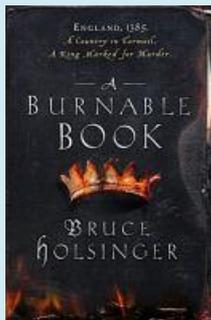
### The Book Shop / Penelope Fitzgerald

In 1959, Florence Green, a kindhearted widow with a small inheritance, risks everything to open a bookshop, the only bookshop, in the seaside town of Hardborough. By making a success of a business so impractical, she invites the hostility of the town's less prosperous shopkeepers. By daring to enlarge her neighbors' lives, she crosses Mrs. Gamart, the local arts doyenne. Florence's warehouse leaks, her cellar seeps, and the shop is apparently haunted. Only too late does she begin to suspect the truth: a town that lacks a bookshop isn't always a town that wants one.



### The Bookshop of Yesterdays / Amy Meyerson

Miranda Brooks grew up in the stacks of her eccentric uncle Billy's bookstore, solving the inventive scavenger hunts he created just for her. On Miranda's twelfth birthday, Billy has a falling-out with her mother and disappears from Miranda's life. Sixteen years later she receives news that Billy has died and left her Prospero Books, which is teetering on bankruptcy-- and one final scavenger hunt. Home in Los Angeles, Miranda finds clues that Billy has hidden for her inside novels on the store's shelves, in locked drawers of his apartment upstairs, in the name of the store itself. She is drawn into a journey where she meets people whose stories reveal a history that Miranda's mother has kept hidden-- and the terrible secret that tore her family apart.



### A Burnable Book / Bruce Holsinger

London, 1385. A city of shadows and fear, in a kingdom ruled by the headstrong young King Richard II, haunted by the spectre of revolt. A place of poetry and prophecy, where power is bought by blood. For John Gower, part-time poet and full-time trader in information, secrets are his currency. When close confidant, fellow poet Geoffrey Chaucer, calls in an old debt, Gower cannot refuse. The request is simple: track down a missing book. It should be easy for a man of Gower's talents, who knows the back-alleys of Southwark as intimately as the courts and palaces of Westminster. But what Gower does not know is that this book has already caused one murder, and that its contents could destroy his life. Because its words are behind the highest treason a conspiracy to kill the king and reduce his reign to ashes.



### The Fragments / Toni Jordan

A superbly crafted and captivating literary mystery about a lost book and a secret love. Inga Karlson died in a fire in New York in the 1930s, leaving behind three things: a phenomenally successful first novel, the scorched fragments of a second book--and a literary mystery that has captivated generations of readers. Nearly fifty years later, Brisbane bookseller Caddie Walker is waiting in line to see a Karlson exhibition featuring the famous fragments when she meets a charismatic older woman. The woman quotes a phrase from the Karlson fragments that Caddie knows does not exist--and yet to Caddie, who knows Inga Karlson's work like she knows her name, it feels genuine. Caddie is electrified. Jolted her from her sleepy, no-worries life in torpid 1980s Brisbane she is driven to investigate: to find the clues that will unlock the greatest literary mystery of the twentieth century.



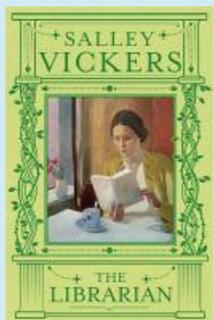
### The Less Than Perfect Legend of Donna Creosote / Dan Micklethwaite

Donna Crick-Oakley walks on six inches of stories every day. She may live on the top floor of a tower block but she still pads her walls and floor with books to shut the real world further out. Or do they only shut her in? Armed with her myths and medieval adventures, Donna sets out to escape her isolation and change her home town to better suit her dreams.



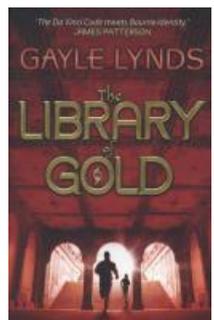
### The Librarian / Mikhail Elizarov

A collection of books, written by unpopular Soviet-era novelist Gromov, have incredible mystical powers. When Alexei inherits these as part of an uncle's estate, he has no idea of the power they hold and what a group of readers will do to possess them.



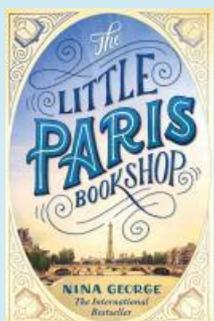
### The Librarian / Salley Vickers

Sylvia Blackwell, a young woman in her twenties, moves to East Mole, a quaint market town in middle England, to start a new job as a children's librarian. But the apparently pleasant town is not all it seems. Sylvia falls in love with an older man - but it's her connection to his precocious young daughter and her neighbours' son which will change her life and put them, the library and her job under threat. How does the library alter the young children's lives and how do the children fare as a result of the books Sylvia introduces them to?



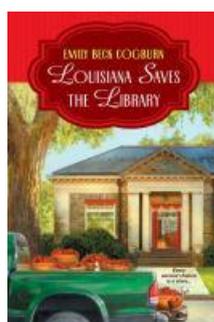
### The Library of Gold / Gayle Lynds

Ivan the Terrible's Library of Gold was a legendary archive of secret knowledge. It vanished from history centuries ago. Now one of its fabled volumes has come to light. The CIA has linked the long-lost book, a shadowy cabal, and a terrifying new threat to global security: the library must be found. But with one agent already murdered for knowing too much, who will take up the hunt? Rare books expert Eva Blake is determined to clear her name after a spell behind bars. Judd Ryder is a one-time spy with a troubled past. Both have nothing to lose, except their lives. They must find the library, before its keepers find them.



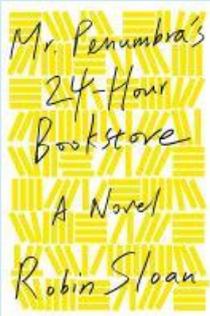
### The Little Paris Bookshop / Nina George

On a beautifully restored barge moored on the Seine, Jean Perdu runs a bookshop, or more accurately a 'literary apothecary' - for this bookseller has a rare gift for sensing precisely which book will soothe the troubled souls of each and every customer. The only person he is unable to cure, it seems, is himself. He has been nursing a broken heart ever since the fateful night, twenty-one years ago, when the love of his life fled Paris, leaving behind her only a letter that he has never dared open. His memories and his love have been gathering dust -- until now. The unexpected arrival of a tearful, mysterious new neighbour at his eclectic apartment building in rue Montagnard inspires Jean to put aside his loneliness, unlock his heart and set off for Provence, in search of the past and his beloved.



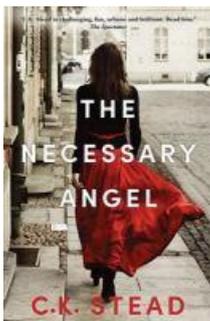
### Louisiana Saves the Library / Emily Beck Cogburn

For Louisiana Richardson, desperate times call for crazy-like-a-fox measures. As the new librarian at Alligator Bayou Parish's struggling library, she's returning to her Southern roots and facing trouble hotter than fresh cornbread out of the oven. Somehow, she's got to draw readers back in and prove the library is still vital even as domineering parish board head Mrs. Gunderson plans to shut it down for good. If that means Louise has to resort to some unconventional methods like outrageous inter-library Zumba classes, and forming a book club that's anything but Oprah-approved well, it wouldn't be the first time she went out on a limb.



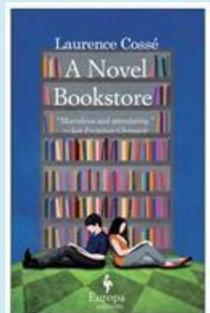
**Mr Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore / Robin Sloan**

The Great Recession has shuffled Clay Jannon away from life as a San Francisco web-design drone and into the aisles of Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore, but after a few days on the job, Clay discovers that the store is more curious than either its name or its gnomish owner might suggest. The customers are few, and they never seem to buy anything; instead, they "check out" large, obscure volumes from strange corners of the store. Suspicious, Clay engineers an analysis of the clientele's behavior, seeking help from his variously talented friends, but when they bring their findings to Mr. Penumbra, they discover the bookstore's secrets extend far beyond its walls



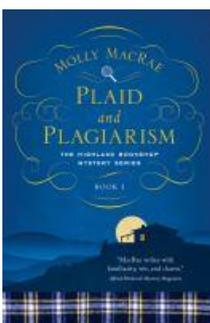
**The Necessary Angel / C.K. Stead**

A carefully observed novel that takes you to the heart of contemporary Paris and into a world of books and witty conversation. With a surprising twist at the end, this book is gripping and hugely satisfying. It can be read on many levels - as a story of people grappling with love and fidelity; as a story about the importance of books in everyday life; as a commentary on living in complex modern-day Europe; and as a page-turning mystery.



**A Novel Bookstore / Laurence Cossé**

A mysterious death, unusual car accident, and anonymous threats have one thing in common--the victims are all members of the Good Novel bookstore's secret selection committee. Set in Paris, this tale combines mystery, romance, and French theology and literature.



**Plaid & Plagiarism : the Highland Bookshop Mystery Series / Molly MacRae**

First, Janet Marsh is told she'll have to wait before moving into her new home. Then she finds out the house has been vandalized. Again. The chief suspect? Una Graham, an advice columnist for the local paper who's trying to make a name for herself as an investigative reporter. When Janet and her business partners go looking for clues at the house, they find a body. It's Una, in the garden shed, with a sickle in her neck. Janet never did like that garden shed. Who wanted Una dead? After discovering a cache of nasty letters, Janet and her friends are beginning to wonder who didn't, including Janet's ex-husband. The new owners of Yon Bonnie Books set out to solve Una's murder so they can get back to business.



**The Uncommon Reader / Alan Bennett**

The Uncommon Reader is none other than HM the Queen who drifts accidentally into reading when her corgis stray into a mobile library parked at Buckingham Palace. She reads widely and intelligently. Her reading naturally changes her world view and her relationship with people such as the oleaginous prime minister and his repellent advisers.