

The geography of friendship / Sally Piper

When three young women set off on a hike through the wilderness they are anticipating the adventure of a lifetime. Over the next five days, it soon becomes clear they are not alone and the freedom they feel quickly turns to fear. Only when it is too late for them to turn back do they fully appreciate the danger they are in. As their friendship is tested, each girl makes an irrevocable choice; the legacy of which haunts them for years to come. Now in their forties, Samantha, Lisa and Nicole are estranged, but decide to revisit their original hike in an attempt to salvage what they lost.



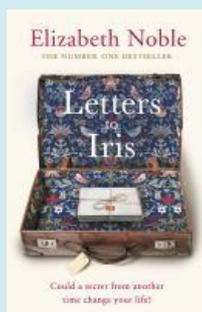
Best friends forever : a novel / Margot Hunt

An intense friendship between the wealthy, manipulative Kat and the financially and emotionally struggling Alice takes a disturbing turn when Kat's loutish husband tumbles from the balcony of their mansion home and new revelations come to light. Fans of psychological thrillers will be well satisfied.



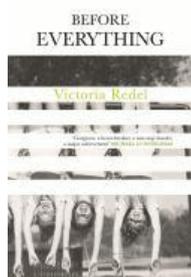
The jade lily / Kirsty Manning

In 2016, Alexandra returns to Australia to be with her grandparents, Romy and Wilhelm, when her grandfather is dying. With only weeks left together, her grandparents begin to reveal the family mysteries they have kept secret for more than half a century. In 1939, two young girls meet in Shanghai: Li and Viennese refugee Romy form a fierce friendship. But the deepening shadows of World War Two fall over the women as Li and Romy slip between the city's glamorous French Concession and the desperate Shanghai Ghetto. In the present, Alexandra flies to Shanghai, determined to trace her grandparents' past.



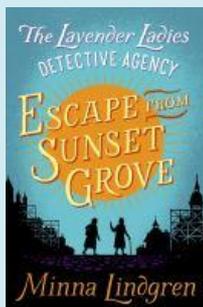
Letters to Iris / Elizabeth Noble

Iris was once everything to her granddaughter. But now she's losing her grip on her precious memories, and it's too late for Tess to ask for the advice she needs now more than ever. Tess is stunned to discover she's pregnant. Alone and uncertain, she turns to Gigi, a kindly stranger at Iris's nursing home. Gigi is bearing her own secret sadness. Then Tess discovers a case filled with Iris's secret letters. The missing pieces of her life could hold the answers she and Gigi need . . .



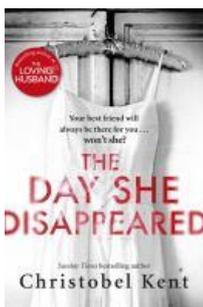
Before everything / Victoria Redel

Anna, Molly, Ming, Caroline, Helen: the Old Friends. Since adopting their official name aged eleven, they have seen each other through careers, children, illnesses, marriage, divorce, addiction, fame, fall outs. But now, Anna is ill. As her health declines, the politics of the still lived-in world merge with memories of the past while each Old Friend tries to accept the truth of what is happening: they are losing someone they cannot imagine life without.



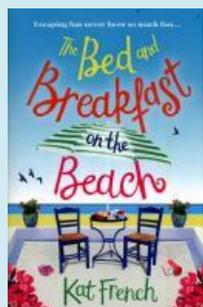
Escape from Sunset Grove / Minna Lindgren

Change is afoot at Sunset Grove retirement home, and its residents aren't impressed. Under threat from falling masonry, best friends Irma and Siiri are forced out of their home to negotiate twenty-first-century living in the centre of Helsinki. The pair are joined by growing numbers of friends in their flat-share, and their new close-quarters living raises some unexpected questions. *Escape from Sunset Grove* is the second hilarious and heartwarming crime caper in Minna Lindgren's Lavender Ladies trilogy.



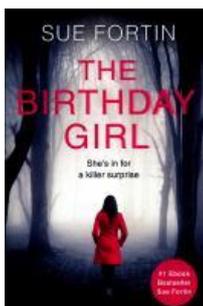
The day she disappeared / Christobel Kent

Have you ever had that sense that you're being watched? And you turn, suddenly, but it's just a curtain, blowing in the wind? Or the dress hanging in the doorway? Nat knows something's wrong. Her best friend, Beth, would never have upped and left without saying goodbye to her. But no one believes that Beth was taken she is a fly-by-night, a party girl who can't be trusted. No one's listening to Nat. But someone is definitely watching her.



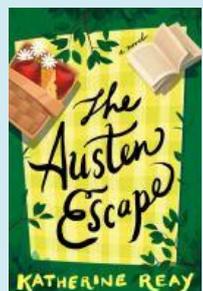
The bed and breakfast on the beach / Kat French

Winnie, Stella and Frankie have been best friends forever. When their lives unexpectedly unravel, they spontaneously decide to buy a gorgeous B&B on a remote Greek island. Drenched in hot sun, Villa Valentina is the perfect escape from reality.



The birthday girl / Sue Fortin

When Joanne's friends reluctantly accept an invitation to her birthday party, it quickly becomes clear that there is more to this weekend than they are expecting. One of them is hiding a secret. And Joanne is planning to reveal it... A weekend away in a cottage in the woods sounds like fun - until no one can hear your cries for help. Four friends. A party to die for. Who will survive?



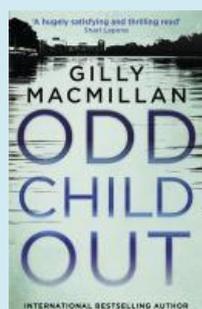
The Austen escape / Katherine Reay

Working as an engineer, Mary Davies genuinely enjoys her job. But she knows something is missing in her ordered life. When Mary's estranged childhood friend, Isabel Dwyer, offers her a two-week stay in a gorgeous manor house in England recreating the Regency, she hopes that the holiday will shake up her quiet life in just the right ways. When Isabel loses her memory and believes she is really living in Jane Austen's Bath, Mary uncovers startling truths about their shared past.



The Dirty Book Club / Lisi Harrison

After moving to California, M.J. becomes friends with Gloria who introduces her to a secret club--one that only reads erotic books. Curious, M.J. accepts and meets the three other hand-selected club members. As they bond over naughty bestsellers and the shocking letters they inherited from the original club members, the four strangers start to divulge the intimate details of their own lives... and as they open up, they learn that friendship might just be the key to rewriting their own stories: all they needed was to find each other first.



Odd child out / Gilly Macmillan

Abdi Mahal and Noah Sadler have been inseparable since they met. They've stuck together, even when their peers have excluded them. But when a horrifying incident leaves Noah in a coma and fighting for his life, Abdi is too traumatised to say anything about what happened. DI Jim Clemo is tasked to investigate. And against a backdrop of a city where racial tensions are running high, he must determine what really happened to drive two teenage boys into a situation so desperate.



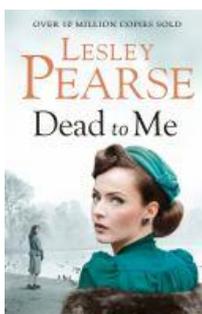
I did it for us / Alison Bruce

Cherry's instincts tell her that best friend Joanne's new boyfriend is bad news. Cherry fears for Joanne. Fears for Joanne's children. But Joanne won't listen because she's in love. So Cherry watches, and waits and then she makes a choice. But Cherry has a past, and secrets too. Is she really as good a friend to Joanne as she claims?



City of friends / Joanna Trollope

The day Stacey Grant loses her job feels like the last day of her life. She at least has The Girls to fall back on. Beth, Melissa and Gaby. The girls, now women, had been best friends from the early days of university. But these career women all have personal problems of their own, and when Stacey's redundancy forces a betrayal to emerge that was supposed to remain secret, their long cherished friendships will be pushed to their limits.



Dead to me / Lesley Pearse

When Ruby and Verity met as girls they came from different worlds. Verity was privately educated, living in a beautiful Hampstead home, while Ruby was being raised in extreme poverty. Nevertheless they became firm friends. As Ruby goes up in the world, Verity encounters more and more tragedy, but still the girls remain a large part of each other's lives. That is until one day in 1938 when Ruby says the terrible words 'You're dead to me' and it looks like their friendship might be over for good...

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