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*Sooley* John Grisham 2021-04-27 'A master of plotting and pacing' - New York Times 'With every new book I appreciate John Grisham a little

more, for his compassion for the underdog, and his willingness to strike out in new directions' - Entertainment Weekly ONE MAN. ONE HOPE. ONCE CHANCE TO BECOME A LEGEND. ONE MAN Seventeen-year-old Samuel Sooleyman comes from a village in South Sudan, a war-torn country

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where one third of the population is a refugee. His great love is basketball: his prodigious leap and lightning speed make him an exceptional player. And it may also bring him his big chance: he has been noticed by a coach taking a youth team to the United States. **ONE HOPE** If he gets through the tournament, Samuel's life will change beyond recognition. But it's the longest of long shots. His talent is raw and uncoached. There are hundreds of better-known players ahead of him. And he must leave his family behind, at least at the beginning. **ONE CHANCE** As American success beckons, devastating news reaches Samuel from home. Caught between his dream and the nightmare unfolding thousands of miles away, 'Sooley', as he's nicknamed by his classmates, must make hard choices about his future. This quiet, dedicated boy must do what no other player has achieved in the history of his chosen game: become a legend in

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twelve short months. Global bestseller John Grisham takes you to a different kind of court in this gripping and incredibly moving novel that showcases his storytelling powers in an entirely new light. 'Grisham's books are smart, imaginative, and funny, populated by complex interesting people' - The Washington Post 'A superb, instinctive storyteller' - The Times 350+ million copies, 45 languages, 9 blockbuster films: **NO ONE WRITES DRAMA LIKE JOHN GRISHAM**

**Calico Joe** John Grisham 2013-03-26 Follows the divergent paths of a rookie hitter for the Chicago Cubs and a hard-hitting Mets pitcher.

*Witness to a Trial: A Short Story Prequel to The Whistler* John Grisham 2016-09-27 A startling and original courtroom drama and short story prequel to **THE WHISTLER**, from master of the legal thriller John Grisham. A judge's first murder trial. A defense attorney in over his head. A prosecutor out

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The Christmas Train David Baldacci 2002-11-04 A journalist on a cross-country Christmas train scales the rugged terrain of his own heart in this New York Times bestselling holiday tale that inspired the Hallmark Hall of Fame original movie!

Disillusioned journalist Tom Langdon must get from Washington to Los Angeles in time for Christmas. Forced to travel by train, he begins a journey of

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rude awakenings, thrilling adventures, and holiday magic. He has no idea that the locomotives pulling him across America will actually take him into the rugged terrain of his own heart, as he rediscovers people's essential goodness and someone very special he believed he had lost. David Baldacci's THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN is filled with memorable characters who have packed their bags with as much wisdom as mischief...and shows how we do get second chances to fulfill our deepest hopes and dreams, especially during this season of miracles.

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**The Rains** Gregg Hurwitz 2018-01-02 In one terrifying night, the peaceful community of Creek's

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Cause turns into a war zone. Chance Rain, his older brother Patrick, and their closest friend, Alexandra, find themselves fighting off multiple attacks from infected adults, while other young survivors hide at the high school. Most of the kids they know have been dragged away by once-trusted adults who are now ferocious, inhuman beings. The parasite that transformed them takes hold after people turn eighteen-and Patrick's birthday is only a few weeks away. Determined to save Patrick's life and the lives of the remaining kids and teens, the brothers embark on a mission to uncover the truth about the parasites-and what they find will change everything.

**Ten to Zen** Owen O'Kane 2018-12-27 Ten to Zen is a simple, effective and fuss-free guide to help you start your day in the right headspace to prepare for the challenges it may bring. Each morning most of us will spend about ten minutes in the shower, ten

minutes making and eating breakfast but no time at all clearing our minds. Ten to Zen uses a combination of four therapeutic models – Mindfulness, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Psychotherapy and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy – in a simple, easy-to-follow programme. You will learn: - How to settle your mind quickly - How to focus and retrain your brain on dealing with stress - How to restructure unhelpful patterns of thinking - How to develop ways of communicating that are more effective Ten to Zen was developed by Owen O'Kane to encourage new principles for living based on his experience as a psychotherapist and his many years of caring for the dying in the field of palliative care, which has hugely influenced how he works and how he views life.

**The Associate** John Grisham 2010-04-21 Kyle McAvoy is one of the greatest legal students of his

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generation. He has a brilliant mind and a glittering future ahead of him. But he has a secret from the past that threatens to destroy his entire livelihood. When this secret catches up with him in the form of a compromising video, Kyle is left with an impossible choice. He can take a job in New York at the largest law firm in the world and share the sordid secrets of its biggest trial to date. Or his past will be exposed to the masses. It's a deadly game of blackmail. And someone is making him play.

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Why French Women Feel Young at 50 Mylene Desclaux 2018-11-29 In this witty and uplifting book Mylène Desclaux speaks tenderly and honestly about turning 50 and what it means for herself and for the other women in her entourage. 'By the time we're 50, we've generally done all the important things - career, family. Now we can re-centre and discover a new energy within ourselves. It's our

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time to blossom - we reprogramme gently. We revitalise. We realise that we are the mistresses of our own lives... The desire to do battle disappears. We feel calm. And we know we're going to have time to make the most of it, life being very long...'

With acerbic French humour she distils the essence of getting the most out of your middle age and gives advice on everything from: \* Relationships \* Sex \* Fashion \* Dating \* Skincare \* Friendships \* Kids \* Beauty In WHY FRENCH WOMEN FEEL YOUNG AT 50 you will learn how to take pleasure from the simple things in life and how to make the most of your fifties, the Parisian way.

Little Worlds Peter Guthrie 1985-06

**Judge This** Chip Kidd 2015-06-02 An acclaimed book designer describes how he uses first impressions to inform his art and describes the hidden meanings and decisions that went into the designing and packaging of everyday objects and

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the messages they are supposed to instantly convey. 50,000 first printing.

**The Rainmaker** John Grisham 1996 Rudy Baylor is a newly qualified lawyer: he has one case, and one case alone, to save himself from his mounting debts. His case is against a giant insurance company which could have saved a young man's life, but instead refused to pay the claim until it was too late. The settlement could be worth millions of dollars, but there is one problem: Rudy has never argued a case in court before, and he's up against the most expensive lawyers that money can buy.

**Dear Santa** Debbie Macomber 2021-10-19 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A special holiday wish list brings about hope, love, and second chances in this nostalgic novel from the queen of Christmas stories, Debbie Macomber. Lindy Carmichael isn't feeling particularly joyful when she returns home to Wenatchee, Washington, for

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Christmas. The man she thought was “the one” has cheated on her with her best friend, and she feels completely devoid of creativity in her graphic-design job. Not even carolers or Christmas cookies can cheer her up—but Lindy’s mother, Ellen, remembers an old tradition that might lift her daughter’s spirits. Reading through a box of childhood letters to Santa and reminiscing about what she’d wished for as a young girl may be just the inspiration Lindy needs. With Ellen’s encouragement, she decides to write a new letter to Santa, one that will encourage her to have faith and believe just as she’d done all those years ago. Little does Lindy know that this exercise in gratitude will cause her wishes to unfold before her in miraculous ways. And, thanks to some fateful twists of Christmas magic—especially an unexpected connection with a handsome former classmate—Lindy ultimately realizes that there is

truly no place like home for the holidays. In *Dear Santa*, Debbie Macomber celebrates the joys of Christmas blessings, old and new.

*The Broker* John Grisham 2005 In his final hours in the Oval Office the outgoing President grants a full pardon to Joel Backman, a notorious Washington power broker who has spent the last six years hidden away in a federal prison. It's a controversial move, but what no one else knows is that the presidential pardon comes as a result of enormous pressure from the CIA. They claim that Backman may have obtained secrets that would compromise the world's most sophisticated satellite surveillance system. Backman is quietly smuggled out of the country in a military cargo plane; he is given a new name, a new identity, and a new home in Italy. Eventually, once he has settled into his new life, the CIA will leak his whereabouts to the Israelis, the Russians, the Chinese and the Saudis. Then the

CIA will do what it does best: sit back and watch. The question is not whether Backman will survive - there's no chance of that. The question the CIA needs answered is: who will kill him?

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**John Grisham** Mary Beth Pringle 1997 Examines the works of the novelist, describing his characters, narrative and strategies, plot development, literary devices, settings, and major themes.

**A Painted House** John Grisham 2001 The hill people and the Mexicans arrived on the same day. It

was a Wednesday, early in September 1952. The Cardinals were five games behind the Dodgers with two weeks to go, and the season looked hopeless. The cotton, however, was waist high to my father, almost over my head, and he and my grandfather could be heard before supper whispering words that were seldom heard. It could be a "good crop." Thus begins the new novel from John Grisham, a story inspired by his own childhood in rural Arkansas. The narrator is a seven year old farm boy named Luke Chandler, who lives in the cotton fields with his parents and grandparents in a little house that's never been painted. The Chandlers farm eighty acres that they rent, not own, and when the cotton is ready they hire a truckload of Mexicans and a family from the Ozarks to help harvest it. For six weeks they pick cotton, battling the heat, the rain, the fatigue, and sometimes, each other. As the weeks pass Luke sees and hears things

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no seven year old could possibly be prepared for, and finds himself keeping secrets that not only threaten the crop but will change the lives of the Chandlers forever. *A Painted House* is a moving story of one boy's journey from innocence to experience.

**A Time to Kill** John Grisham 1992 Following the brutal rape of his ten-year-old daughter, Carl Lee Haily, a black man living in a small Mississippi town, kills the two white men accused of the crime

[Bleachers](#) John Grisham 2010-04-21 Glory never dies. Neely Crenshaw was the best quarterback ever to play for legendary high school football team, the Messina Spartans. But fifteen years later, with his glory days far behind, the man everyone remembers is Coach Eddie Rake. When Neely returns home to bury the dying Coach Rake, he's not alone. Many Spartans veterans want to pay tribute to the man who moulded them. But stories

soon emerge that could tarnish the coach's legacy. As Neely struggles to come to terms with his explosive relationship with the coach and the choices he made as a young man, the stakes have never been higher . . .

**Welcome to Coco Bay** Kirsty McManus 2020-11-18 Tourism director Emily is reluctantly back in Australia after five years in Canada. Having left her previous job under less than ideal circumstances, she finds it almost impossible to secure new employment without a professional reference. Luckily, after discovering an ad placed in the wrong category online, she fudges her way into a night manager role at Coco Bay Island Resort at the edge of the Great Barrier Reef. However, on arriving at the island, she discovers the resort is still recovering from a cyclone two years prior, and no one competent seems to be in charge. It's not all bad, though, with cute ferry driver Noah willing to

show her around, and receptionist Sasha adopting her as a new bestie. But between Noah's girlfriend sensing a threat, and the resort's manager acting increasingly erratic, it might not be long before Emily's world falls apart again. Emily originally left Australia to get away from an unacceptable situation, and found herself in another in Canada. Will Coco Bay be the long-term home Emily has been searching for? Or will her past finally catch up with her?

*Camino Winds* John Grisham 2020-05-28 The Sunday Times bestseller from international bestseller John Grisham. Is a Perfect Storm the Perfect Time for a Murder? 'Another gem from John Grisham' Observer When Hurricane Leo threatens Florida's Camino Island, the Governor is quick to issue an evacuation order. Most residents flee but a small group of diehards decide to ride it out. Amongst them is Bruce Cable, proprietor of

Bay Books in downtown Santa Rosa. The hurricane is devastating: homes and condos are levelled, hotels and storefronts ruined, streets flooded, and a dozen people are killed. One of the victims is Nelson Kerr, a friend of Bruce's who wrote timely political thrillers. But evidence suggests that the storm wasn't the cause of Nelson's death - he had received several mysterious blows to the head. Who would want Nelson dead? The local police are overwhelmed with the aftermath of the storm and in no condition to handle the case. Bruce begins to wonder if the shady characters in Nelson's novels were more fact than fiction. And somewhere on Nelson's computer is the manuscript of his new novel - could the key to the case be right there, in black and white? Bruce starts to look into it and what he finds between the lines is more shocking than any of Nelson's plot twists - and far more dangerous. Gripping, compelling and pacy, this

exceptional thriller from international bestseller John Grisham is the perfect escapist read this summer. Praise for Camino Winds: 'In American icon John Grisham's new novel, Camino Winds, an odd assortment of mystery and crime authors, some of them felons themselves, discover one of their colleagues has been murdered during the fury of a massive hurricane-the perfect crime scene' Delia Owens, author of *Where the Crawdads Sing* 'The Camino Island series, featuring trouble-prone bookseller Bruce Cable, is a perfect escapist mix of detective action, insider riffs on the literary world - and even a little romance' Mail on Sunday 'Camino Winds has all the usual Grisham hallmarks - a pacy plot and tension-filled scenes' Independent 'Another compelling read from Grisham, and will satisfy old fans and please new readers alike' Press Association 'The novel has enough plot twists to keep you engaged' The Herald 350+ million copies, 45

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*Sooley - Limited Edition* John Grisham 2021-05-25  
Books are leather-bound, signed and numbered, with printed endpapers, gold stamping, a slipcase, and a ribbon marker. New York Times bestselling author John Grisham takes you to a different kind of court in his first basketball novel. Samuel "Sooley" Sooleymon is a raw, young talent with big hoop dreams...and even bigger challenges off the court. In the summer of his seventeenth year, Samuel Sooleymon gets the chance of a lifetime: a trip to the United States with his South Sudanese teammates to play in a showcase basketball tournament. He has never been away from home, nor has he ever been on an airplane. The opportunity to be scouted by dozens of college coaches is a dream come true. Samuel is an amazing athlete, with speed, quickness, and an astonishing vertical leap. The rest of his

game, though, needs work, and the American coaches are less than impressed. During the tournament, Samuel receives devastating news from home: A civil war is raging across South Sudan, and rebel troops have ransacked his village. His father is dead, his sister is missing, and his mother and two younger brothers are in a refugee camp. Samuel desperately wants to go home, but it's just not possible. Partly out of sympathy, the coach of North Carolina Central offers him a scholarship. Samuel moves to Durham, enrolls in classes, joins the team, and prepares to sit out his freshman season. There is plenty of more mature talent and he isn't immediately needed. But Samuel has something no other player has: a fierce determination to succeed so he can bring his family to America. He works tirelessly on his game, shooting baskets every morning at dawn by himself in the gym, and soon he's dominating everyone in

practice. With the Central team losing and suffering injury after injury, Sooley, as he is nicknamed, is called off the bench. And the legend begins. But how far can Sooley take his team? And will success allow him to save his family? Gripping and moving, Sooley showcases John Grisham's unparalleled storytelling powers in a whole new light. This is Grisham at the top of his game.

**If You'd Just Let Me Finish** Jeremy Clarkson  
2018-10-18 Clarkson is back! Pre order his brand new book now. \_\_\_\_\_ In November 2016 we woke up to the news that the forthright presenter of a popular television programme had become the most powerful man on the planet. His name, sadly, was not Jeremy Clarkson, but we might not have been any more surprised if it had been. Because the world seems to have taken a decidedly odd turn since Jeremy last reflected on the state of things between the covers of a book. But who better than

JC to help us navigate our way through the mess? And while he's being trying to make sense of it all he's discovered one or two things along the way, including - The disabling effects of being vegan - How Blackpool might be improved by drilling a hole through it - The problem with meditation - A perfect location for rebuilding Palmyra - Why Tom Cruise can worship lizards if he wants to It's all been a bit unsettling. But don't worry. If You'd Just Let Me Finish is Clarkson at his best. He may be as bemused, exasperated, amused and surprised as the rest of us, but in a world gone crazy, thank God someone has still got his head screwed on ... Praise for Clarkson: 'Brilliant...laugh-out-loud' - Daily Telegraph 'Outrageously funny...will have you in stitches' - Time Out 'Very funny...I cracked up laughing on the tube' - Evening Standard  
*Playing for Pizza* John Grisham 2010-04-21 Playing for Position Rick Dockery is an NFL quarterback

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who can't catch a break. One huge mistake makes him a national laughing stock overnight, and no team will touch him. Playing for Pizza But all Rick knows is football, and he needs to find a team. Against all odds, Rick gets his break – as star quarterback for the Panthers... of Parma, Italy. Playing for Pride Rick doesn't speak a word of Italian, and the crowds there aren't exactly NFL-standard. But football americano is about more than fame, and home comes in the most unlikely of packages.

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*Dying for Christmas* Tammy Cohen 2016-11-22 A novel full of twists, surprising turns, and suspense,

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Dying for Christmas is Tammy Cohen's most disturbing psychological thriller yet. Out Christmas shopping one December afternoon, Jessica Gould meets the charming Dominic Lacey and impulsively agrees to go home with him for a drink. What follows are Twelve Days of Christmas from hell, as Lacey holds Jessica captive, forcing her to wear his missing wife's gowns and eat lavish holiday meals. Each day he gifts her with one item from his twisted past—his dead sister's favorite toy, disturbing family photos, a box of teeth. As the days pass and the "gifts" become darker and darker, Jessica realizes that Lacey has a plan for her, and he never intends to let her go. But Jessica has a secret of her own . . . a secret that may just mean she has a chance to make it out alive.

**The Brethren** John Grisham 2000 Trumble is a minimum security federal prison, home to the usual assortment of relatively harmless criminals - drug

dealers, bank robbers, swindlers, embezzlers, tax evaders, and three former judges who call themselves The Brethren. They meet each day in *The Testament* John Grisham 2010-04-21 Troy Phelen is one of the richest men in the United States, and he's looking for a way to die. He might just have found it. Nate O'Riley is a high-powered Washington litigator who's lived hard and fast for too long. Emerging from his fourth stay in rehab, he knows returning to the real world is going to be murder. Meanwhile Troy's estranged daughter walked away from the modern world and devoted her life to God, moving to the isolated deep jungles of Brazil. When Troy dies and leaves a shocking will behind him, three lives collide with vast repercussions. And no one will ever be the same after the startling secrets of *The Testament* . . .

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**The Reckoning** John Grisham 2018-10-23 'I couldn't help thinking of Harper Lee's great American novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* while reading *The Reckoning* . . . [Grisham] knows how to spin a yarn' - Chicago Sun-Times 'May be his greatest work yet' - David Grann, New York Times bestselling author

of *Killers of the Flower Moon*? Pete Banning was Clanton's favourite son, a returning war hero, the patriarch of a prominent family; a farmer, father, and a faithful member of the Methodist Church. Then one cool October morning in 1946, he rose early, drove into town, walked into the Church, and calmly shot and killed the Reverend Dexter Bell. As if the murder wasn't shocking enough, it was even more baffling that Pete's only statement about it - to the sheriff, to his defense attorney, to the judge, to his family and friends, and to the people of Clanton - was 'I have nothing to say'. What turned Pete from a pillar of the community into cold-hearted killer? And why won't he confide in anyone? All his closest family knows is that it must have been something devastating - and that the fallout will haunt them, and the town, for decades to come . . . Further praise for *The Reckoning* 'Beautifully constructed . . . weaves a

truly magical spell' - Daily Mail 'In this saga of love and war, John Grisham has given us a sprawling and engrossing story about a southern family, a global conflict, and the kinds of secrets that can shape all of us. From the courtrooms and jails of rural Mississippi to the war-torn Pacific, Grisham spins a tale that is at once entertaining and illuminating' - Jon Meacham, New York Times bestselling author of *The Soul of America* 'John Grisham is the master of legal fiction, and his latest starts with a literal bang - and then travels backward through the horrors of war to explore what makes a hero, what makes a villain, and how thin the line between the two might be' - Jodi Picoult, internationally bestselling author of *A Spark of Light* and *Small Great Things* 'When a master of storytelling and suspense takes on one of the most wrenching stories in history, the result is a book that will break your heart, set your blood

pumping and your mind racing, and leave you gasping for breath by the final page. I'm still trying to recover from *The Reckoning*' - Candice Millard, New York Times bestselling author of *The River of Doubt* and *Destiny of the Republic* 350+ million copies, 45 languages, 9 blockbuster films: **NO ONE WRITES DRAMA LIKE JOHN GRISHAM** *Winter Street* Elin Hilderbrand 2014-11-13 In bestseller Elin Hilderbrand's first Christmas novel, a family gathers on Nantucket for a holiday filled with surprises. Kelley Quinn is the owner of Nantucket's Winter Street Inn and the proud father of four - Patrick, Kevin, Ava and Bart, all of them grown and living in varying states of disarray. As Christmas approaches, Kelley is looking forward to getting the family together for some quality time at the inn. But when he walks in on his wife Mitzi kissing Santa Claus - or the guy who's playing Santa at the inn's annual party - utter chaos descends.

With the three older children each reeling in their own dramas and Bart (a Marine) unreachable in Afghanistan, it might be up to Kelley's ex-wife to save Christmas at the Winter Street Inn. Before the mulled cider is gone, the delightfully dysfunctional Quinn family will survive a love triangle, an unplanned pregnancy, a federal crime, a small house fire, many shots of whiskey, and endless rounds of Christmas caroling, in this heart-warming novel about coming home for the holidays.

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**A Time to Kill** John Grisham 2008 Contemporary / American English Ten-year-old Tonya Hailey is attacked and raped by two local men. Carl Lee, Tonya's father, shoots them. Now only his lawyer

and friend, Jake Brigance, stands between him and the electric chair. Is there a legal defense for Carl Lee's actions?

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chaos and frenzy that has become part of our holiday tradition.

**The 13th Gift** Joanne Huist Smith 2015-01-29 Every day can be Christmas. After the unexpected death of her husband, Joanne Huist Smith had no idea how she would keep herself together and be strong for her three children - especially with the holidays approaching. The cheerfulness of the season made her feel more alone than ever, no matter how much she wanted to reach out to her children and find some way to comfort them. But thirteen days before Christmas, a poinsettia appeared on the Smiths' doorstep. The next day, another gift arrived ... then another, and another. Each present was accompanied by a note with lyrics to the carol "The

Twelve Days of Christmas" rewritten to fit the gift and and signed, "Your true friends." Although Jo resisted the intrusion at first, the gifts began to work a kind of magic on her and the kids. As they puzzled over the mystery together - who were the true friends? when would the next delivery arrive? could anyone catch the gift givers in the act? - their grieving hearts began to heal. The 13th Gift is a true story about the everyday miracles that can occur during the holiday season. It is a heartwarming reminder that with love, community, and family, even the most broken of hearts can be mended.

**American Traitor** Brad Taylor 2021-01-05 Pike Logan must divert two world powers from engaging in a major conflict.