

Thrillers and Suspense

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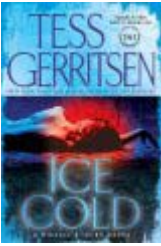
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Faithful Place: A Novel - by Tana French

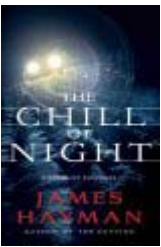
Psychological Suspense. Fans of Tana French's previous novels might recognize Dublin cop Frank Mackey from his appearance in her well-received 2008 novel, *The Likeness*; here he commands center stage. As a teenager in 1985, he left the violence and dysfunction of his family and neighborhood behind, though the love of his life didn't show up to join him as they had planned. Twenty years later, when her suitcase is found in the abandoned house where they were supposed to meet, Mackey reluctantly returns to the suffocating environment he grew up in. When the detective in charge of the case refuses to let him get involved, Mackey must use all his skills as an undercover cop to investigate on his own. Suspenseful,

beautifully written, and emotionally intense, this is another winner for French.



Ice cold : a Rizzoli & Isles novel - Tess Gerritsen

Stranded with her traveling companions in an eerily deserted Wyoming village during a blizzard, Maura discovers that they are being watched and pursues help when a party member is injured, an effort that turns nightmarish when she is abducted into the woods. By the best-selling author of *Harvest*.



The chill of night - James Hayman

In the aftermath of an ambitious young attorney's murder and the disappearance of a mentally disturbed woman who was the crime's only witness, Portland homicide detective Michael McCabe races against time to track down the killer and prevent another murder. By the author of *The Cutting*.



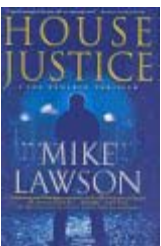
They're Watching - by Gregg Andrew Hurwitz

Suspense Fiction. Screenwriter Patrick Davis was flying high after selling a screenplay, but it all went to hell when he was fired from the movie and sued by both the lead actor and the production company. His marriage isn't doing too well either. But life's about to get worse--way worse. A series of short DVDs delivered one by one to his house let him know that he and his wife have a very serious stalker--one whose actions are about to go from merely watching to directing as well. We'd rather not give anything else away--suffice it to say that *They're Watching* is full scary "twists and turns and unexpected revelations" (*Booklist*).



Strong Justice: A Caitlin Strong Novel - by Jon Land

Thriller. Fans of classic Westerns will want to get their hands on this action-packed sequel to *Strong Enough to Die*. This fairly new series stars fifth-generation Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong, a formidable foe for those on the wrong side of the law. In *Strong Justice*, Caitlin joins forces with her sometime lover, a Special Forces veteran, to rescue a girl from a Mexican sex-slave operation run by a psychotic killer. Then there's the threat of a guerilla war led by a renegade Mexican commander. If that doesn't keep you glued to your seat, readers interested in Texas Ranger history will also enjoy a storyline featuring Caitlin's legendary grandfather, who kept the peace in isolated Texas towns of the 1930s.



House Justice: A Joe DeMarco Thriller - by Michael Lawson

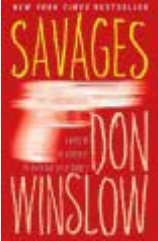
Political Thriller. Political troubleshooter Joe DeMarco has been asked to find out who leaked the information that led directly to the death of a CIA agent working deep undercover in Iran. The reporter who printed the confidential information isn't sharing her source with the judge who demands it, but when Joe finally gets a name, it turns out to be fake. Who is the mysterious informant, and why do so many people seem to want to kill him? Not only is the CIA involved, but the FBI, Russian mobsters, a high-tech gamer, a hit man, and a florist all have their reasons for wanting control over the unknown man.

Featuring the action, humor, insider detail, and whirlwind plot that the series is known for, this 5th entry is a sure bet for fans. Newcomers can enjoy it or start with *The Inside Ring*. **[Forthcoming]**



Still Missing - by Chevy Stevens

Psychological Suspense. On a beautiful sunny day (the sort of day that causes unprovoked happiness) Vancouver Island realtor Annie O'Sullivan shows a house to one last friendly prospective buyer--and is kidnapped at gunpoint. Held captive in a remote cabin and made to follow rules that dictate when she can eat, bathe, and even speak, Annie is brutalized physically and psychologically for a year before she can escape. Now, in sessions with her therapist, Annie shares her story--of her trauma, of her escape, and of her ongoing fear and anger, for her kidnapper has yet to be found. Psychologically intense, this debut is "sure to leave readers looking over their shoulders for a smiling stranger" (*Booklist*).



Savages: A Novel - by Don Winslow

Crime Thriller. American pot entrepreneurs Ben and Chon are pretty happy with their lucrative marijuana operation (though Ben wants out, in order to become a philanthropist), which they run out of Laguna Beach, California. But when a Mexican drug cartel wants a piece of the action, they're not about to go along quietly. Ben, an eco-friendly Berkeley grad, and Chon, a former Navy Seal, go to great (and ingenious, and bloody) lengths to recover their kidnapped confidante (and bedmate), Ophelia, and get out from under the thumb of the cartel's leader, Elena "La Reina" Sanchez Lauter. Savagely witty, blood-spattered, and violent, *Savages* is a must-read for strong-stomached fans of Elmore Leonard or Carl

Hiaasen.