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In the Cold Dark Ground (Logan McRae, Book 10) - Stuart MacBride 2016-01-01
THE SUNDAY TIMES NO. 1 BESTSELLER The tenth Logan McRae novel from the No. 1 bestselling author. 'Top drawer ... his most epic outing yet' Independent

Logan Mcrae, V.11 - Blood Road - Stuart MacBride 2019-02-07

Over Her Dead Body - Kate White 2005-07-01
New York Times bestselling author and former Cosmopolitan editor-in-chief Kate White knows firsthand that the magazine business is murder. The smart and gutsy crime writer Bailey Weggins returns for a case set against the glossy pages of a celebrity rag where somebody is about to give Bailey's new boss a lethal deadline. Talk about rapid turnover-in a matter of days Bailey Weggins gets axed from one New York magazine and hired by another. Her new job at Buzz, a weekly filled with sizzling gossip, has Bailey covering celebrity crime, including the starlet who got caught stuffing Fendi purses down her pants and the aging hunk who shot his lover with a Magnum. Bailey doesn't have to look far for her next story: she finds her boss, Mona Hodges, gasping her last breath after being bludgeoned with a blunt object. A raging tyrant, Mona made Buzz a top 'zine but racked up an impressive list of enemies along the way. Everyone from a chubby singer she dubbed "Fat Chance" to a mail guy she once reamed out would be glad to see Mona six feet under. And

Bailey Weggins intends to get the scoop on whodunit even though one of her closest friends is at the top of the suspects list. With her strappy sandals in one hand and her cell phone in the other, Bailey's out hunting for clues everywhere from the mean streets of Brooklyn's Little Odessa to a posh company picnic in the Hamptons. In just about a New York minute she's got a crush on a sexy filmmaker-and some scary insight into her boss's murder. The first can give her the hot summer fling she's itching to have. The second can get her killed...

Partners in Crime: Two Logan and Steel Short Stories (Bad Heir Day and Stramash) - Stuart MacBride 2012-11-22

Two bloody brilliant short stories from No. 1 bestselling crime writer Stuart MacBride, featuring DS Logan McRae and his boss DI Steel
[Living Dead Girl](#) - Elizabeth Scott 2009-09-08
After being abducted when she was ten and abused for five years by her kidnapper, Ray, Alice's only hope of freedom is in death, but her only way to achieve such an escape is to help Ray find the next girl for his collection.
[Love of Life](#) - Jack London 1906

You Deserve Each Other - Sarah Hogle 2020-04-07

When your nemesis also happens to be your fiancé, happily ever after becomes a lot more complicated in this wickedly funny, lovers-to-enemies-to-lovers romantic comedy debut. Naomi Westfield has the perfect fiancé: Nicholas

Rose holds doors open for her, remembers her restaurant orders, and comes from the kind of upstanding society family any bride would love to be a part of. They never fight. They're preparing for their lavish wedding that's three months away. And she is miserably and utterly sick of him. Naomi wants out, but there's a catch: whoever ends the engagement will have to foot the nonrefundable wedding bill. When Naomi discovers that Nicholas, too, has been feigning contentment, the two of them go head-to-head in a battle of pranks, sabotage, and all-out emotional warfare. But with the countdown looming to the wedding that may or may not come to pass, Naomi finds her resolve slipping. Because now that they have nothing to lose, they're finally being themselves—and having fun with the last person they expect: each other.

9-Nov - Colleen Hoover 2016-10-04

When Fallon and aspiring novelist Ben meet and fall in love the day before Fallon's cross-country move, they vow to meet on the same date every year, until Fallon suspects Ben is fabricating their relationship to create the perfect plot twist.

The Vegetarian Werewolf and Other Stories

- Robert Holt 2015-01-15

Ever wonder what type of stories horror authors tell their children? These six stories by horror novelist Robert Holt answers that question. Wrapped in morals, they will make kids laugh, cry, and maybe even shiver. These stories are great for children and the grownups that read to them. They will stimulate dialogue of more important issues and lead to character building conversations. Enjoy this book, but make sure you put it back on the book shelf. We wouldn't want the dirt monsters to take it!

Cold Granite - Stuart MacBride 2006-05-02

Returning to duty after a nine-month recuperation from being stabbed in the abdomen by a murder suspect, Detective Sergeant Logan McRae of the Aberdeen CID immediately becomes involved in the ritualistic murder of a three-year-old boy, whose body is found months after being reported missing, a case complicated by the disappearance of another child. A first novel. Reprint.

Twelve Days of Winter - Stuart MacBride

2020-10-29

A collection of interlinked tales of crime and retribution laced with dark humour, set around

the festive season - from the No. 1 bestseller Stuart MacBride Thieves, drug dealers, lap-dancers, gangsters and even the odd good guy populate these twelve tales exploring the seedier side of life in North East Scotland.

22 Dead Little Bodies (A Logan and Steel short novel) - Stuart MacBride 2015-04-09

A short novel from the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author, featuring DI Logan McRae and DCI Roberta Steel.

22 Dead Little Bodies and Other Stories -

Stuart MacBride 2015-11-19

From the No. 1 bestselling author of THE MISSING AND THE DEAD comes the short novel: 22 DEAD LITTLE BODIES, plus two short stories: STRAMASH and DI STEEL'S BAD HEIR DAY, and a novella: THE 45% HANGOVER, all featuring his most popular characters - DS Logan McRae and DCI Roberta Steel.

Now We Are Dead - Stuart MacBride 2017-11-02

She can't prove he did it. But she might die trying... From the Sunday Times No.1 bestselling author of the Logan McRae series, comes a standalone spinoff featuring DS Roberta Steel.

Dead Girls and Other Stories - Emily

Geminder 2017

"A teenage runaway and her mute brother seek salvation in houses, buses, the backseats of cars. Preteen girls dial up the ghosts of fat girls on ancient payphones. A crew of bomber pilots addresses the sparks of villagers below. In ways both otherworldly and routine, the characters of Dead Girls are on the run from their own stories, possessed by the things they cannot say. With lyric artistry and emotional force, these stories dart across landscapes shaped by violence. Dead girls both real and fantastic appear again and again: as obsession, as threat, as cadavers on a table, as national myths and collective nightmares. Dead Girls won the 2017 Dzanc Books Short Story Collection Prize" --

22 Dead Little Bodies (a Logan and Steel Short Novel) - Stuart MacBride 2015-04-09

A short novel featuring Aberdeen's finest investigative duo, Acting DI Logan McRae and DCI Robert Steel. CID isn't what it used to be... It's a been a bad week for acting Detective Inspector Logan McRae. Every time his unit turns up anything interesting, DCI Steel's Major Investigation Team waltzes in and takes over, leaving CID with all the dull and horrible jobs.

Like dealing with Mrs Black -- who hates her neighbour, the police, and everyone else. Or identifying the homeless man who drank himself to death behind some bins. Or tracking down the wife and kids of someone who's just committed suicide. But when the dead bodies start turning up, one thing's certain -- Logan's week is about to get a whole lot worse...

Into the Wild - Jon Krakauer 2009-09-22

Krakauer's page-turning bestseller explores a famed missing person mystery while unraveling the larger riddles it holds: the profound pull of the American wilderness on our imagination; the allure of high-risk activities to young men of a certain cast of mind; the complex, charged bond between fathers and sons. "Terrifying...

Eloquent... A heart-rending drama of human yearning." —New York Times In April 1992 a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. He had given \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. Four months later, his decomposed body was found by a moose hunter. How Christopher Johnson McCandless came to die is the unforgettable story of *Into the Wild*. Immediately after graduating from college in 1991, McCandless had roamed through the West and Southwest on a vision quest like those made by his heroes Jack London and John Muir. In the Mojave Desert he abandoned his car, stripped it of its license plates, and burned all of his cash. He would give himself a new name, Alexander Supertramp, and, unencumbered by money and belongings, he would be free to wallow in the raw, unfiltered experiences that nature presented. Craving a blank spot on the map, McCandless simply threw the maps away. Leaving behind his desperate parents and sister, he vanished into the wild. Jon Krakauer constructs a clarifying prism through which he reassembles the disquieting facts of McCandless's short life. Admitting an interest that borders on obsession, he searches for the clues to the drives and desires that propelled McCandless. When McCandless's innocent mistakes turn out to be irreversible and fatal, he becomes the stuff of tabloid headlines and is dismissed for his naiveté, pretensions, and hubris. He is said to have had a death wish but

wanting to die is a very different thing from being compelled to look over the edge. Krakauer brings McCandless's uncompromising pilgrimage out of the shadows, and the peril, adversity, and renunciation sought by this enigmatic young man are illuminated with a rare understanding--and not an ounce of sentimentality. Mesmerizing, heartbreaking, *Into the Wild* is a tour de force. The power and luminosity of Jon Krakauer's storytelling blaze through every page.

The Daily Show (The Book) - Chris Smith 2016-11-22

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The complete, uncensored history of the award-winning *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart, as told by its correspondents, writers, and host. For almost seventeen years, *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart brilliantly redefined the borders between television comedy, political satire, and opinionated news coverage. It launched the careers of some of today's most significant comedians, highlighted the hypocrisies of the powerful, and garnered 23 Emmys. Now the show's behind-the-scenes gags, controversies, and camaraderie will be chronicled by the players themselves, from legendary host Jon Stewart to the star cast members and writers—including Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver, and Steve Carell - plus some of *The Daily Show*'s most prominent guests and adversaries: John and Cindy McCain, Glenn Beck, Tucker Carlson, and many more. This oral history takes the reader behind the curtain for all the show's highlights, from its origins as Comedy Central's underdog late-night program to Trevor Noah's succession, rising from a scrappy jester in the 24-hour political news cycle to become part of the beating heart of politics—a trusted source for not only comedy but also commentary, with a reputation for calling bullshit and an ability to effect real change in the world. Through years of incisive election coverage, passionate debates with President Obama and Hillary Clinton, feuds with Bill O'Reilly and Fox, and provocative takes on Wall Street and racism, *The Daily Show* has been a cultural touchstone. Now, for the first time, the people behind the show's seminal moments come together to share their memories of the last-minute rewrites, improvisations, pranks, romances, blow-ups, and moments of

Zen both on and off the set of one of America's most groundbreaking shows.

Bunny - Mona Awad 2019-06-11

"Jon Swift + Witches of Eastwick + Kelly 'Get In Trouble' Link + Mean Girls + Creative Writing Degree Hell! No punches pulled, no hilarities dodged, no meme unmangled! O Bunny you are sooo genius!" —Margaret Atwood, via Twitter "A wild, audacious and ultimately unforgettable novel." —Michael Schaub, Los Angeles Times "Awad is a stone-cold genius." —Ann Bauer, The Washington Post The Vegetarian meets Heathers in this darkly funny, seductively strange novel from the acclaimed author of 13 Ways of Looking at a Fat Girl "We were just these innocent girls in the night trying to make something beautiful. We nearly died. We very nearly did, didn't we?" Samantha Heather Mackey couldn't be more of an outsider in her small, highly selective MFA program at New England's Warren University. A scholarship student who prefers the company of her dark imagination to that of most people, she is utterly repelled by the rest of her fiction writing cohort—a clique of unbearably twee rich girls who call each other "Bunny," and seem to move and speak as one. But everything changes when Samantha receives an invitation to the Bunnies' fabled "Smut Salon," and finds herself inexplicably drawn to their front door—ditching her only friend, Ava, in the process. As Samantha plunges deeper and deeper into the Bunnies' sinister yet saccharine world, beginning to take part in the ritualistic off-campus "Workshop" where they conjure their monstrous creations, the edges of reality begin to blur. Soon, her friendships with Ava and the Bunnies will be brought into deadly collision. The spellbinding new novel from one of our most fearless chroniclers of the female experience, Bunny is a down-the-rabbit-hole tale of loneliness and belonging, friendship and desire, and the fantastic and terrible power of the imagination. Named a Best Book of 2019 by TIME, Vogue, Electric Literature, and The New York Public Library

Dead Souls (Annotated) - Nikolai Gogol 2020-12-09

Dead Souls (Russian: Мёртвые души, Mjórtyvye dúshi) is a novel by Nikolai Gogol, first published in 1842, and widely regarded as an exemplar of

19th-century Russian literature. The novel chronicles the travels and adventures of Pavel Ivanovich Chichikov (Russian: Павел Иванович Чичиков) and the people whom he encounters. These people are typical of the Russian middle-class of the time. Gogol himself saw it as an "epic poem in prose", and within the book as a "novel in verse". Despite supposedly completing the trilogy's second part, Gogol destroyed it shortly before his death. Although the novel ends in mid-sentence (like Sterne's Sentimental Journey), it is usually regarded as complete in the extant form.

Bring Up the Bodies - Hilary Mantel 2012-05-08
Winner of the 2012 Man Booker Prize Winner of the 2012 Costa Book of the Year Award The sequel to Hilary Mantel's 2009 Man Booker Prize winner and New York Times bestseller, Wolf Hall delves into the heart of Tudor history with the downfall of Anne Boleyn Though he battled for seven years to marry her, Henry is disenchanted with Anne Boleyn. She has failed to give him a son and her sharp intelligence and audacious will alienate his old friends and the noble families of England. When the discarded Katherine dies in exile from the court, Anne stands starkly exposed, the focus of gossip and malice. At a word from Henry, Thomas Cromwell is ready to bring her down. Over three terrifying weeks, Anne is ensnared in a web of conspiracy, while the demure Jane Seymour stands waiting her turn for the poisoned wedding ring. But Anne and her powerful family will not yield without a ferocious struggle. Hilary Mantel's Bring Up the Bodies follows the dramatic trial of the queen and her suitors for adultery and treason. To defeat the Boleyns, Cromwell must ally with his natural enemies, the papist aristocracy. What price will he pay for Anne's head? Bring Up the Bodies is one of The New York Times' 10 Best Books of 2012, one of Publishers Weekly's Top 10 Best Books of 2012 and one of The Washington Post's 10 Best Books of 2012

The Missing and the Dead (Logan McRae, Book 9) - Stuart MacBride 2015-06-02

The ninth Logan McRae thriller from the No. 1 bestseller Stuart MacBride. 'Dark and gripping. A riveting page-turner' Independent on Sunday
The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman 2010-09-28
It takes a graveyard to raise a child. Nobody

Owens, known as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised by ghosts, with a guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor the dead. There are adventures in the graveyard for a boy—an ancient Indigo Man, a gateway to the abandoned city of ghouls, the strange and terrible Sleer. But if Bod leaves the graveyard, he will be in danger from the man Jack—who has already killed Bod's family.

[The Book of Lost Things](#) - John Connolly

2006-11-07

Taking refuge in fairy tales after the loss of his mother, twelve-year-old David finds himself violently propelled into an imaginary land in which the boundaries of fantasy and reality are disturbingly melded. By the author of *The Black Angel*. 75,000 first printing.

Only a Monster - Vanessa Len 2022-02-22

The sweeping romance of *Passenger* meets the dark fantasy edge of *This Savage Song* in this stunning contemporary fantasy debut from Vanessa Len, where the line between monster and hero is razor thin. Don't forget the rule. No one can know what you are. What we are. You must never tell anyone about monsters. Joan has just learned the truth: her family are monsters, with terrifying, hidden powers. And the cute boy at work isn't just a boy: he's a legendary monster slayer, who will do anything to destroy her family. To save herself and her family, Joan will have to do what she fears most: embrace her own monstrosity. Because in this story...she is not the hero. Dive deep into the world of *Only a Monster*: hidden worlds dwell in the shadows, beautiful monsters with untold powers walk among humans, and secrets are the most powerful weapon of all.

[Dying Light](#) - Stuart MacBride 2006-08-08

Detective Sergeant Logan MacRae has been bumped to the "Screw-up Squad," a team made up of the most worthless or inexperienced members of the homicide department, and Logan will do anything to prove he doesn't belong there. Including working overtime on t

Everyone in This Room Will Someday Be Dead - Emily Austin 2021-07-06

In this "fun, page-turner of a novel" (Sarah Haywood, *New York Times* bestselling author) that's perfect for fans of *Mostly Dead Things* and *Goodbye, Vitamin*, a morbidly anxious young

woman stumbles into a job as a receptionist at a Catholic church and soon finds herself obsessed with her predecessor's mysterious death. Gilda, a twenty-something, atheist, animal-loving lesbian, cannot stop ruminating about death. Desperate for relief from her panicky mind and alienated from her repressive family, she responds to a flyer for free therapy at a local Catholic church, and finds herself being greeted by Father Jeff, who assumes she's there for a job interview. Too embarrassed to correct him, Gilda is abruptly hired to replace the recently deceased receptionist Grace. In between trying to memorize the lines to Catholic mass, hiding the fact that she has a new girlfriend, and erecting a dirty dish tower in her crumbling apartment, Gilda strikes up an email correspondence with Grace's old friend. She can't bear to ignore the kindly old woman who has been trying to reach her friend through the church inbox, but she also can't bring herself to break the bad news. Desperate, she begins impersonating Grace via email. But when the police discover suspicious circumstances surrounding Grace's death, Gilda may have to finally reveal the truth of her mortifying existence. With a "kindhearted heroine we all need right now" (Courtney Maum, *New York Times* bestselling author), *Everyone in This Room Will Someday Be Dead* is a crackling and "delightfully weird reminder that we will one day turn to dust and that yes, this is depressing, but it's also what makes life beautiful" (Jean Kyoung Frazier, author of *Pizza Girl*).

Stuart MacBride: Ash Henderson 2-book Crime Thriller Collection - Stuart MacBride 2015-04-09

Two Ash Henderson crime thrillers from the author of four consecutive No. 1 *Sunday Times* bestsellers.

The Family Upstairs: A Novel - Lisa Jewell 2019-08-15

Be careful who you let in... Soon after her twenty-fifth birthday, Libby Jones returns home from work to find the letter she's been waiting for her entire life. She rips it open with one driving thought: I am finally going to know who I am. She soon learns not only the identity of her birth parents, but also that she is the sole inheritor of their abandoned mansion on the banks of the Thames in London's fashionable Chelsea neighborhood, worth millions.

Everything in Libby's life is about to change. But what she can't possibly know is that others have been waiting for this day as well—and she is on a collision course to meet them. Twenty-five years ago, police were called to 16 Cheyne Walk with reports of a baby crying. When they arrived, they found a healthy ten-month-old happily cooing in her crib in the bedroom. Downstairs in the kitchen lay three dead bodies, all dressed in black, next to a hastily scrawled note. And the four other children reported to live at Cheyne Walk were gone.

Over My Dead Body (William Warwick Novels) - Jeffrey Archer 2021-10-19

The New York Times bestselling novel - an unputdownable story of murder, revenge and betrayal from international number one bestseller Jeffrey Archer.

Desires of the Dead - Kimberly Derting 2011-02-15

The second book in the steamy, romantic Body Finder thriller series by Kimberly Derting. Violet and Jay are finally dating, but adjusting to the new relationship is not as easy as Violet anticipated. Especially when she has to split Jay's time and attention with his new best friend, Mike, and Mike's pesky younger sister—who happens to be obsessed with Jay. Meanwhile, when Violet's special abilities lead her to the body of a young boy, her tip to the police puts her on the radar of the FBI. Violet tries to fend off the FBI's questions while maintaining the semblance of a normal life, but somebody's leaving her threatening notes and an echo around Mike's house reinforces that all is not right. Violet is forced to admit that perhaps the only people who can help her figure it out are the very people she's desperate to avoid—the FBI. *Desires of the Dead* is the compulsive second book in the four-book Body Finder series by Kimberly Derting.

The Things They Carried - Tim O'Brien 2009-10-13

A classic work of American literature that has not stopped changing minds and lives since it burst onto the literary scene, *The Things They Carried* is a ground-breaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling. *The Things They Carried* depicts the men of Alpha Company: Jimmy Cross, Henry Dobbins, Rat Kiley, Mitchell Sanders, Norman

Bowker, Kiowa, and the character Tim O'Brien, who has survived his tour in Vietnam to become a father and writer at the age of forty-three. Taught everywhere—from high school classrooms to graduate seminars in creative writing—it has become required reading for any American and continues to challenge readers in their perceptions of fact and fiction, war and peace, courage and fear and longing. *The Things They Carried* won France's prestigious Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger and the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize; it was also a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

As Good as Dead - Holly Jackson 2021-09-28
THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES WITH OVER ONE MILLION COPIES SOLD • The highly anticipated finale to the A Good Girl's Guide to Murder series, the instant bestsellers that read like your favorite true crime podcast or show. By the end of this mystery series, you'll never think of good girls the same way again... Pip is about to head to college, but she is still haunted by the way her last investigation ended. She's used to online death threats in the wake of her viral true-crime podcast, but she can't help noticing an anonymous person who keeps asking her: Who will look for you when you're the one who disappears? Soon the threats escalate and Pip realizes that someone is following her in real life. When she starts to find connections between her stalker and a local serial killer caught six years ago, she wonders if maybe the wrong man is behind bars. Police refuse to act, so Pip has only one choice: find the suspect herself—or be the next victim. As the deadly game plays out, Pip discovers that everything in her small town is coming full circle . . .and if she doesn't find the answers, this time she will be the one who disappears. . .

Can Such Things be? - Ambrose Bierce 2019-09-25

Reproduction of the original: *Can Such Things be?* by Ambrose Bierce

A Necklace of Souls - R. L. Stedman 2014-12-01

"In a hidden kingdom a mysterious Guardian protects her people with the help of a magical necklace. But evil forces are also seeking the power of the necklace, and as the Guardian grows weaker these forces threaten to destroy

the kingdom. With the help of her best friend, Will, and the enigmatic N'tombe, Dana, the rightful heir, must claim the power of the necklace and save her people. But the necklace takes a terrible toll on whoever wears it - a toll that Dana may not be prepared to face"--
Publisher information.

Anemone Enemy - Ed Claire Fitzpatrick
2017-07-25

The deep sea is an environment completely unfriendly to mankind; it represents one of the least explored areas on Earth. Pressures in the mesopelagic zone become too great for traditional exploration methods, demanding alternative approaches for deep sea research. What is beneath the depths of the sea? Featuring award-winning authors including Deborah Sheldon, Liz Butcher, Gerry Huntman, and more!

Mr Lazarus - Patrice Chaplin 2016-08-03

' ... a surging intensity that keeps the reader glued to the page.' - New York Times
London. 1970. Vicky Graham, an unsuccessful film producer at the BBC, crosses the path of Luciano Raffi, a famous violinist, as he performs at the Proms. For Vicky he represented something she could not have, but something she longingly craved for. A chance to lift her out of the unloving greyness of everyday life. Through her job at the BBC, she is able to organise an interview with him, but their meeting triggers a renewed obsession with him. The reason? Luciano has something in common with Vicky - they both know about the portal. A secret history, nearly untraced, connects these distant souls. But will it last? Raffi is about to disappear from her life... To get him back, she must travel to where and when she had never expected. She must uncover the secret history of the portal...
Mr Lazarus is the latest book in Patrice Chaplin's series following *The City of God* and *The Portal*. Chaplin is a renown international bestselling author. Praise for Patrice Chaplin 'Powerful romantic fiction in the tradition of Emily Bronte.' - Guardian ' ... a surging intensity that keeps the reader glued to the page.' - New York Times 'Genuinely witty horrors' - The Observer
Patrice Chaplin is an author, journalist and playwright. She first visited the city of Gerona, in Spain, when she was 15 and it was then that she learnt about the

Grail mystery. Throughout her life she has maintained an active interest in the history of the Grail and has lived in Spain and France. She has published more than 36 books, plays and short stories.

Close to the Bone (Logan McRae, Book 8) - Stuart MacBride 2013-09-12

The eighth Logan McRae novel in the No.1 bestselling crime series from Stuart MacBride. Every murder tells a story. But not every victim tells the truth. 'A terrific writer ... McRae is a delight' The Times

Her Body and Other Parties - Carmen Maria Machado 2017-10-03

Finalist for the National Book Award for Fiction "[These stories] vibrate with originality, queerness, sensuality and the strange."—Roxane Gay "In these formally brilliant and emotionally charged tales, Machado gives literal shape to women's memories and hunger and desire. I couldn't put it down."—Karen Russell
In *Her Body and Other Parties*, Carmen Maria Machado blithely demolishes the arbitrary borders between psychological realism and science fiction, comedy and horror, fantasy and fabulism. While her work has earned her comparisons to Karen Russell and Kelly Link, she has a voice that is all her own. In this electric and provocative debut, Machado bends genre to shape startling narratives that map the realities of women's lives and the violence visited upon their bodies. A wife refuses her husband's entreaties to remove the green ribbon from around her neck. A woman recounts her sexual encounters as a plague slowly consumes humanity. A salesclerk in a mall makes a horrifying discovery within the seams of the store's prom dresses. One woman's surgery-induced weight loss results in an unwanted houseguest. And in the bravura novella "Especially Heinous," Machado reimagines every episode of *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, a show we naively assumed had shown it all, generating a phantasmagoric police procedural full of doppelgängers, ghosts, and girls with bells for eyes. Earthy and otherworldly, antic and sexy, queer and caustic, comic and deadly serious, *Her Body and Other Parties* swings from horrific violence to the most exquisite sentiment. In their explosive originality, these stories enlarge the possibilities of contemporary fiction.

Delaney's People - Beth Duke 2011-11-22

"There are diamonds in the red clay of northeast Alabama. Delaney is one of them."When you meet Delaney Robinson, she is a two-year-old with a serious attachment to her wonderful great-grandmother, who guides her through life with the wisdom of a nonagenarian. Margaret's reminiscences, along with the rest you will read, tell the story of how this adorable little girl came to be. There is murder, mayhem, humor, romance-and a bit of heartbreak. The stories are about her parents, grandparents, distant

ancestors, and family friends, from Delaney's Irish forebears and how they settled in Alabama to a chapter written entirely from the point of view of a Confederate battle sword hanging on her grandfather's wall. This novel contains the award-winning chapters "Jewels" and "In the Heat of the Moment." Praise for these stories: "A wonderful facility for invoking mood via description. Love your character's wry humor."- Author Joshilyn Jackson "In the Heat of the Moment holds the reader's attention with well-placed hooks. Droll and darkly comic."-Brian Lister, Biscuit Publishing