

# Novels

## Lines of truth and conversation

F  
A376L  
2005

by Joan Alexander

*A collection of stories that deal with the pangs of loss in all its guises. They begin with familiar situations -- the failure of a business, the death of a loved one, an affair that never gets physical -- but they chart the rough terrain of emotional trauma with unsettling precision.*

## The tent

F  
A887t  
2006

by Margaret Atwood

*A collection of 'mini-fictions.' Atwood parodies fairy tales and fables, and offers unnerving twists on confessions, and vignettes, some accompanied by her playful drawings. One narrator recounts a recurring dream of dreadful clothes. Another concise tale perfectly encapsulates the divide between men and women.*

## The Brooklyn follies

F  
A934br  
2006

by Paul Auster

*Retired life insurance salesman Nathan Glass moves to Brooklyn to find anonymity and solitude through his declining years, but a chance meeting with Tom Wood, his long-lost nephew, forces him to come to terms with his past.*

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## Lint

F  
A978L  
2005

by Steve Aylett

*A funny mock biography traces the life and career of Jeff Lint--a marginally successful but brilliantly original science fiction writer--through the 1960s, close encounters with the Star Trek series, and finally, success in Hollywood.*

## The Sisters Mortland

F  
B378s  
2006

by Sally Beauman

*Sitting for a portrait with her sisters in their decaying, rural Suffolk home, thirteen-year-old Maisie evaluates her troubled family and her friendship with Daniel throughout the course of a summer that is marked by a life-changing accident.*

## Just rewards

F  
B799ju  
2006

by Barbara Taylor Bradford

*Emma Harte's great-granddaughters find themselves at a crossroads involving family values, traditions, new romance, and business, in the final episode of the Harte family saga.*

## Summer crossing

F  
C246s  
2005

by Truman Capote

*Seventeen-year-old Manhattan socialite Grady McNeil is free to pursue her illicit romance with Clyde Manzer, a parking lot attendant from Brooklyn, when her parents decide to leave her alone for the summer.*

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## Why she married him

F  
C466w  
2005

by Myriam Chapman

*Set in Paris in the early 1900s, the novel depicts a Russian Jewish émigré coming of age. The story begins in 1912, just after the wedding of Nina Chaimovna Schavranski and Abraham Podselver. Nina seems more resigned than happy. All her longing is for another man, Sasha, and as the book unfolds, we learn the story of how Nina came to marry a man she does not love.*

## God Jr.

F  
C776g  
2005

by Dennis Cooper

*Tommy had been distant, transfixed by video games, a mystery to the man who raised him. Now, disabled by the car accident which killed his teenaged son, yearning to absolve his own guilt, Jim becomes obsessed with a mysterious building Tommy drew repetitively in a notebook before he died.*

## Brother Fish

F  
C8632b  
2005

by Bryce Courtenay

*Jack McKenzie and Jimmy Oldcom first met in a harsh war most Australians have forgotten. The two men couldn't be more different, yet the experiences they have shared have bonded them as brothers, and business partners. When Jacko and Jimmy find themselves dragged into forbidden waters, their lives are once again at stake.*

## Confessions of a serial dater

F  
C9736c  
2005

by Michelle Cunnah

*Rosie endures the trials and tribulations of love and romance as she embarks on a search for the perfect guy, becoming involved with a wide variety of men, including her boyfriend Jonathan, Jonathan's lecherous boss, and a gorgeous doctor.*

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## The thin place

F  
D2626t  
2006

by Kathryn Davis

*Discovering a dead body at a lake near the Canadian border, twelve-year-old Mees Kipp inexplicably brings the man back to life and realizes that she possesses an extraordinary gift that irrevocably shapes the lives of Mees, her two friends, and their community.*

## The cat dancers

F  
D486c  
2005

by P.T. Deutermann

*When two lowlifes rob a gas station, murder the attendant, and then incinerate bystanders who are filling up their minivan, police quickly arrest the killers at a nearby motel. But a stubborn judge throws out the case because the suspects were not read their rights. Soon thereafter, a mysterious e-mail arrives with a link to a video of one of the murderers being executed putting intense pressure on Sheriff Baggett and Lieutenant Richter to find the vigilante before he claims his second victim.*

## Children of the new world:

F  
D6242c  
2005

*a novel of the Algerian war*

by Assia Djebar ; translated from the French by Marjolijn de Jager

*Set in the besieged Algerian town of Blida and presenting the divergent points of view of a constellation of men and women connected to a woman killed by a bomb, it charts the rise of the resistance movement as interrogations lead to torture and relationships of all kinds are put to the severest of tests.*

## Plague maker

F  
D7513p  
2006

by Tim Downs

*On July 4, millions of New Yorkers gather for the city's famous fireworks display. But the dazzling finale rains down a host of plague-carrying fleas to infect the city's rats and, from there, humans. That's the horrific scenario behind this spine-tingling tale.*

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### And she was

F  
D997a  
2005

by Cindy Dyson

*Accompanying her latest boyfriend to the Aleutian Islands of Alaska, transient cocktail waitress Brandy struggles to forget her painful past, while in a parallel tale, generations of Aleut women share an ancestral bond of tragedy and heroic obligation.*

### The memoirs of Helen of Troy

F  
E522m  
2005

by Amanda Elyot

*As despised as she was desired, Helen of Troy is one of history's most notorious women. In this groundbreaking and richly dramatic novel, the familiar story of passion and violence is told from a new perspective: that of Helen herself.*

### Mad River Road

F  
F4593ma  
2006

by Joy Fielding

*A trio of women trapped in a web of lies, danger and self-revelation must confront their deepest fears. Lily and Emma, each a young mother with an adorable young son, are carving out new lives in a depressing Dayton, Ohio, neighborhood that caters to single mothers, while Jamie, in Florida, is a 29-year-old single woman dealing with the recent death of her mother and an affair with a married man who's been hospitalized.*

### Paradise travel

F  
F825p  
2006

by Jorge Franco ; translated from the Spanish by Katherine Silver

*From one of Colombia's leading novelists comes a tragicomic story of unrequited love and a view of New York through the wide eyes of an illegal immigrant who moves between the worlds of lower-middle-class Colombia and immigrant Jackson Heights.*

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### The life all around me by Ellen Foster

F  
G441L  
2006

by Kaye Gibbons

*Fifteen-year-old Ellen settles into a permanent home with a new mother, where she manages conflicted feelings through her ritual visits to the county fair, her poetry, and her growing relationship with marriage-oriented Stuart.*

### Dope

F  
G748d  
2006

by Sara Gran

*Josephine Flannigan should be dead by now from an overdose, or a cop's bullet, or run down in some back alley. But, after a childhood in Hell's Kitchen and a lifetime on drugs, by 1950 she's finally cleaned up her act and gotten out of trouble, or so she thinks.*

### White stone day

F  
G779w  
2005

by John MacLachlan Gray

*An investigation into the murder of a quack psychic leads London journalist Edmund Whitty to Oxford, where he encounters an eccentric cleric who may be involved with a ring of murderous pornographers, in a mystery set in Victorian England.*

### The hostage

F  
G852ho  
2005

by W.E.B. Griffin

*Department of Homeland Security agent Charley Castillo conducts a discreet investigation involving a murdered diplomat's brother-in-law, a man possessing key information about the scandalous United Nations oil-for-food program in Iraq.*

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### A total waste of makeup

F  
G886t  
2006

by Kim Gruenenfelder

*Charlize 'Charlie' Edwards knows in theory what it takes to lead a successful and happy life, but she's also turning 30, single, and faced with serving as maid of honor at her younger sister's wedding. She struggles to juggle the chaos of wedding planning, her all-consuming job, and a serious crush.*

### The dream life of Sukhanov

F  
G8923d  
2005

by Olga Grushin

*After losing his job and the respect of his family, Russian avant-garde artist Anatoly Sukhanov confronts his past in a series of dreams that reveals the sacrifices he has made to gain material wealth in twentieth-century Moscow.*

### Long way back

F  
H1955L  
2006

by Brendan Halpin

*Growing up a devout Catholic and dedicated fan of the Ramones, Francis, a sensitive and intelligent young man, has it all. Then a tragedy turns his life upside down and he is forced to battle his way back from the depths of despair with the aid of the music he loves.*

### Dog:

F  
H5511d  
2005

*a short novel*

by Michelle Herman

*When single, childless, and cynical J. T. Rosen, a college professor and poet, adopts a puppy, she forges a connection with the dog that takes even her by surprise.*

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### John Crow's devil

F  
J283j  
2005

by Marlon James

*This debut novel tells the story of a biblical struggle in a remote Jamaican village in 1957. In the village of Gibbeah--where certain women fly and certain men protect secrets with their lives--magic coexists with religion, and good and evil are never as they seem; a battle is fought between two men of God.*

### Dead simple

F  
J285d  
2005

by Peter James

*It was meant to be a harmless stag night prank. A few hours later four of his best friends are dead and Michael Harrison has disappeared. With only three days to the wedding, Detective Superintendent Grace is contacted by Michael's beautiful, distraught fiancée, Ashley Harper. Grace discovers that the one man who ought to know Michael Harrison's whereabouts is saying nothing. But then he has a lot to gain, more than anyone realizes. For one man's disaster is another man's fortune...*

### In Lucia's eyes

F  
J353i  
2005

by Arthur Japin ; translated from the Dutch by David Colmer

*A servant girl in an Italian manor house in the eighteenth century, Lucia is engaged to a young man named Casanova but flees from her beloved when stricken with the pox, embarking on a wanderer's life for sixteen years until she is accidentally reunited with the now legendary lover Casanova.*

### On the run

F  
J651o  
2005

by Iris Johansen

*The picture was a warning: they'd found her. For eight years Grace Archer hoped this day wouldn't come, and knew in her heart that it would. She'd taken her daughter, Frankie, to a rural Alabama horse farm that might just as well have been at the end of the earth. But the man out to kill them would gladly follow them that far. And now, it seems, he had.*

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### The Trudeau vector:

F  
J953t  
2005

by Juris Jurjevics

*Four members of Arctic Research Station Trudeau are found dead: three of them turn up in their parkas, twisted into positions of grotesque and agonizing death; the fourth lays nearby, naked and frozen solid. An epidemiologist is hired by the Canadian government to parachute into the facility and track down the cause of the deaths.*

### Utterly monkey

F  
L188u  
2005

by Nick Laird

*In this 'lad lit' debut, Irishman Danny Williams leaves behind his Belfast past to become a solicitor at a London law firm. Life goes along swimmingly until the night old high-school pal Geordie Wilson, on the run from the IRA, turns up at his door. The two men's lives become entwined, as Danny battles office politics and pursues romance with enigmatic office-mate Ellen, and Geordie tries to stay out of harm's way.*

### A good place for the night:

F  
L717g  
2005

*stories*

by Savyon Liebrecht ; translated from the Hebrew by Sondra Silverston

*A collection of extraordinary stories illuminating contemporary Israeli life. Depicting Israelis at home and in exile, the book considers issues of childhood, change, trauma, and infidelity.*

### The thrall's tale

F  
L7424t  
2006

by Judith Lindbergh

*A tale set in Viking Greenland at the turn of the ninth century follows the intertwined lives of three women straddling the pagan past and Christian future, from the slave Katla, who anticipates the promise of a new land; to Bibrau, the daughter born to Katla after a brutal rape; to the prophetess Thorbjorg, who teaches Norse magic to Bibrau.*

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### Ghost town:

*tales of Manhattan then and now*

by Patrick McGrath

*Beneath Manhattan's ever-changing skyline, familial betrayal and guilt remain hauntingly constant in these three novellas.*

F  
M1471gh  
2005

### Every breath you take:

by Judith McNaught

*A single night of passion with enigmatic billionaire Mitchell Wyatt draws Kate Donovan into a perilous criminal case when police suspect that Mitchell may have been responsible of the disappearance and possible murder of his own brother.*

F  
M1697e  
2005

### Hot fudge sundae blues:

by Bev Marshall

*Set in 1960s Mississippi, Layla Jay hopes to please her grandmother and to catch the eye of Jehu, the cutest boy in the ninth grade, by pretending to be saved, but her plan backfires when her mother marries the revival preacher.*

F  
M3671h  
2005

### The finishing school

by Michele Martinez

*When two beautiful teenagers from a posh East Side girls' school suddenly turn up dead under suspicious circumstances, it falls to Melanie Vargas, a savvy federal prosecutor, to do anything possible to find answers and get to the truth.*

F  
M3852f  
2006

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### The western limit of the world:

F  
M397w  
2005

by David Masiel

*When his tanker is denied entry into San Francisco harbor, Harold Snow's scheme to secure chemicals for a contact in West Africa unravels and he is faced with a deranged chief mate, a mutinous crew, a beautiful young woman, and a hurricane.*

### Bluebirds used to croon in the choir

F  
M547b  
2005

by Joe Meno

*Twins who anesthetize and dress up small animals to cheer their grieving mother; childhood friends who return every year to the amusement park near the site of their kidnapping; brothers brought together by stolen airport baggage: these are some of the characters who populate Joe Meno's first collection of stories.*

### Sex with the ex

F  
O188s  
2005

by Tyne O'Connell

*When hot publicist Lola runs into three of her ex-boyfriends at a party, she suddenly realizes that they are all happy without her, which makes her wonder if it is possible one of them could have been (or maybe still is) her soul mate.*

### The sweet edge

F  
P594s  
2005

by Alison Pick

*A young couple lead separate lives one summer. While Ellen works through the muggy days in a trendy Toronto art gallery, her boyfriend Adam takes a solo canoe trip into the Arctic. We watch Ellen and Adam's impressions of their partnership, and the world around them, gradually change.*

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## Lapham rising

F  
R81325L  
2006

by Roger Rosenblatt

*An eccentric writer living as a recluse on his own island with his talking dog Hector comes up with a scheme to take on his irritating new neighbor, a multimillionaire named Lapham who is building a grotesquely enormous new home next door.*

## Aftermath

F  
S537a  
2006

by Brian Shawver

*Set in a blue-collar Pennsylvania town simmering with barely concealed prejudices and unspoken rules that divide the rich from the poor, this novel portrays the lasting effects of a fight between some local kids and privileged boys from a private school.*

## The ruins of California

F  
S5536r  
2006

by Martha Sherrill

*Divided between the worlds of her secure ex-flamenco dancer mother's family and her father's exciting family, young Inez Ruin seeks to achieve a precarious balance in her California home throughout the course of the 1970s.*

## Backward-facing man

F  
S5876b  
2005

by Don Silver

*A fiery radical, a free-spirited young woman, and a MIT student meet in Boston in the late 1960s and find their participation in an act of protest having long-term ramifications thirty years later.*

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### The Madonna of Las Vegas

F  
S6482m  
2005

by Gregory Blake Smith

*Painter Cosmo Dust's is charged with creating a copy of the Sistine Chapel ceiling in Las Vegas's Golden Calf casino, but has resigned, paralyzed with grief, after the murder of his wife, Cathy. The casino owner, known as the pope of Las Vegas, repeatedly threatens Cosmo with cement shoes if he doesn't finish the job; Cosmo then becomes ensnared in a murder investigation that may involve the pope of Las Vegas's daughter.*

### Torch

F  
S913t  
2005

by Cheryl Strayed

*Set in small-town Minnesota, the novel recounts an exceptional woman's death from cancer and how her family deals with their grief. What Teresa leaves behind when she dies—her voice on the radio, a well-worn red coat, a tube of pink lipstick—has the power to touch her husband and two grown children in painful and desperate ways. Each character deals with the loss privately.*

### The space between us

F  
U52s  
2005

by Thrity Umrigar

*Captures the delicate balance of class and gender in contemporary India as witnessed through the lives of two women: Sera Dubash, an upper middle-class housewife, and Bhima, an illiterate domestic hardened by a life of loss and despair.*

### Over the moon at the Big Lizard Diner

F  
W7692o  
2005

by Lisa Wingate

*Lindsey Attwood, a paleontologist, has tried to maintain a structured and safe life in Denver for herself and her eight-year-old daughter, Sydney. Now Sydney's father has suddenly decided to become involved, inviting Sydney to stay with him and his young wife in Mexico while he is on an archeological dig. Lindsey then joins her sister in Texas on an undercover mission involving dinosaur tracks. She enrolls in horse-psychology classes as a cover, and everything starts changing.*

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### The dream

**F**  
**Z86d**  
**2005**

by Emile Zola ; translated and with an introduction by Michael Glencross

*A love idyll concerning a poor embroideress, Angelique, and the son of a wealthy aristocratic family, set against the backdrop of a sleepy cathedral town in northern France.*

# Mysteries

## Paradise lost:

*a novel of suspense*

by Taffy Cannon

*Entertainment lawyers and a posh Santa Barbara health spa are skewered in this thriller about murder and a kidnapping with a bizarre ransom request.*

M  
C226p  
2005

## The shape of sand

by Marjorie Eccles

*In 1946, when Harriet Jardine receives a cardboard box of letters and notebooks found during the demolition and remodelling of her family's former country house, she knows that she and her sisters will have to face memories they would rather leave alone—in particular, their mother's disappearance decades earlier after an elaborate birthday party. Determined to seek out the truth, Harriet and her sisters act on one clue to their mother's fate by organizing a trip to Egypt, but when a mummified body turns up in the walls of Charnley, Harriet looks for answers closer to home.*

M  
E17sh  
2005

## Bindweed:

*a gardening mystery*

by Janis Harrison

*Missouri florist Bretta Solomon launches her own investigation to find out who killed Toby, a slow-witted florist helper whose mother recently died from a terminal illness, with a swarm of killer bees deliberately planted in his home.*

M  
H3192b  
2005

# Mystery

## Terror town:

M  
K15te  
2006

*an Abe Lieberman mystery*

by Stuart M. Kaminsky

*The despondent Detective Abe Lieberman encounters three very different situations involving an aging baseball player, a holy man, and a single black mother. Along with his partner, Bill Hanrahan, Abe must make some tough choices or someone near to him could die.*

## Sunstroke

M  
K297s  
2006

by Jesse Kellerman

*When Carl, the boss she has secretly loved for years, goes missing during his annual visit to Mexico, Gloria Mendez begins a search for answers that reveals hidden, sinister aspects of her employer's life.*

## Madonna of the apes

M  
K48ma  
2005

by Nicholas Kilmer

*At loose ends in Boston, Fred Taylor draws on his security expertise when he joins forces with art collector Clayton Reed, who has purchased what appears to be a painting by a leading artist of the Renaissance, a prize that draws them both into a murderous tangle.*

## The hunt club

M  
L626hu  
2006

by John Lescroart

*Wyatt Hunt is a self-employed P.I., working low-profile surveillance and insurance fraud cases. When a federal judge is found murdered in Pacific Heights, Hunt enlists his confederation of friends, stringers, and associates- the Hunt Club-- to help bring the murderer to justice.*

# Mystery

## Hard line

M  
L672h  
1982

by Michael Z. Lewin

*Lt. Leroy Powder is in charge of the Missing Persons Bureau. Dedicated, abrasive, insulting he has met his match in wheelchair-bound Sergeant Carollee Fleetwood, wounded in the line of duty, to whom the department has given the choice of retirement or working with Powder.*

## Season of the monsoon

M  
M2821s  
1992

by Paul Mann

*A corpse has been discovered in a lake in Film City, the Hollywood of India, where film stars always guarantee fresh material for scandal. The victim has been so badly mutilated that it is impossible to identify the body as male or female, let alone give it a name. An outsider in his own land, with a British father and a feminist mother, George Sansi, who may be the only honest policeman in Bombay, is given the case.*

## Sea change

M  
P2425se  
2005

by Robert B. Parker

*When the body of a recently divorced Florida heiress washes ashore in Massachusetts, police chief Jesse Stone learns of the woman's past appearances in an erotic video and finds it suspicious that the victim's parents and twin sisters seem unaffected by her death.*

## Memory in death

M  
R631m  
2006

by J.D. Robb

*Police Lieutenant, Eve Dallas, walks a tightrope between her professional duties and her private demons. When the twisted woman who tormented Eve's childhood tries to blackmail Eve's husband Roarke--and ends up dead--Eve and Roarke follow a circuitous, dangerous path to find out who turned the victimizer into victim.*

# Mystery

## The Golden Mountain murders:

*a Zhong Fong mystery*

by David Rotenberg

*A late night phone call causes Shanghai detective Zhong Fong to travel to far off Anhui province to investigate allegations of AIDS spreading blood collectors. The trail leads far afield, eventually across the Pacific to the Gold Mountain, Vancouver, B.C.*

**M**  
**R843g**  
**2005**

## Cover your assets

by Patricia Smiley

*When a college boyfriend strolls back into her life after dumping her to marry her former best friend, Tucker Sinclair is charged with the personally difficult task of solving his subsequent murder, a case that is challenged by a biker gang, a narcissistic soap star, and a hoard of mistresses.*

**M**  
**S641c**  
**2005**

# Science Fiction

## The children of the Company

SF  
B167c  
2005

by Kage Baker

*Immortal Executive Facilitator General Labienus scheming to harness the powers of a rival's protégé and dispose of an inconvenient ghost from his past as part of his plot to take over the world.*

## Fledgling

SF  
B986f  
2005

by Octavia E. Butler

*An apparently young, amnesiac girl whose alarmingly unhuman needs and abilities lead her to a startling conclusion: she is in fact a genetically modified, 53-year-old vampire. Forced to discover what she can about her stolen former life, she must at the same time learn who wanted to destroy her and those she cares for and how she can save herself.*

## The Amphora Project

SF  
K873a  
2005

by William Kotzwinkle

*Deep within the Junk Moon, a group of scientists has uncovered the secret to immortality. However, an interloper from another dimension is threatening this important discovery and time is running out for heroes to prevent the end of the universe.*

# Science Fiction

## The story of General Dann and Mara's daughter, Griot and the snow dog

SF  
L639s  
2005

by Doris Lessing

*Dann is now all grown up and is traveling with a snow dog, hunting for knowledge and grappling with despair, while Mara's daughter and Griot embark on a strange adventure, discovering that love and song can bring happiness.*

## The eternity artifact

SF  
M691et  
2005

by L.E. Modesitt, Jr.

*In a period five thousand years into the future in which the human race maintains an uneasy peace throughout thousands of planets, scientists discover a first sign of intelligent alien life when they locate a mobile planet, a finding that a pilot, an artist, and a history professor are dispatched to investigate.*

## In the palace of repose

SF  
P559i  
2005

by Holly Phillips

*A collection of nine fantasy and slipstream short stories depicting young women, and young men, who have seen too much, and who have been abandoned to wrestle alone with the strange, the wonderful, the terrifying. Some triumph, some tragically fail.*

## Fifty degrees below

SF  
R662f  
2005

by Kim Stanley Robinson

*After years of denial and non-action, a near-future Earth faces a crossroad when it is threatened with the dire implications and perils of global warming, an environmental crisis that ironically could unleash a devastating Ice Age on the planet.*