

The sinner

Petra Hammesfahr (Germany)

In this complex, disturbing, and fast-paced psychological thriller, Hammesfahr slowly reveals the life of Cora Bender, a seemingly normal young wife and mother living in Germany. Normal, that is, until she leaps off her blanket at the lake and stabs the man next to her. Why did Cora snap? This question becomes the guiding force behind the dogged investigation led by Chief Grovian.

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All she was worth

Miyuki Miyabe (Japan)

A journey through the dark side of Japan's consumer-crazed society. A beautiful young woman vanishes, and the detective quickly finds she is not whom she claims to be. Is she a victim, a killer, or both? In a country that tracks its citizens at every turn, how can two women claim the same identity and then disappear without a trace?

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Close-up

Esther Verhoef (The Netherlands)

A classic psychological thriller about a shy, self-conscious young woman who finds herself, inexplicably, having an affair with a glamorous, handsome man. Who is, of course, very much the wrong man...though not in the way that the reader believes. A fabulous surprise ending.

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Unseen

Mari Jungstedt (Sweden)

A serial killer terrorizes tourists and locals on the island of Gotland, and Inspector Anders Knutas has to face additional pressure from the media and local politicians who are worried about bad PR for the island. (Book 1 in the Anders Knutas series)

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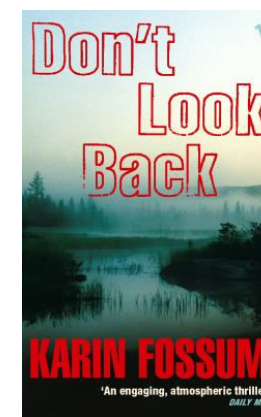
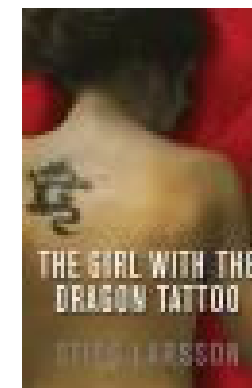
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Thrillers from international authors



The girl with the dragon tattoo

Stieg Larsson (Sweden)

Disgraced journalist Mikael Blomqvist is hired to investigate the disappearance of Harriet Vanger, but when he links Harriet's disappearance to a string of gruesome murders from 40 years ago, he needs a competent assistant: computer hacker Lisbeth Salander - a tattooed, truculent, angry girl who rides a motorbike like a Hell's Angel. This unlikely pair form a fragile bond as they delve into the sinister past of this tightly-knit family. (Book 1 in the Millennium trilogy)

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Don't look back

Karin Fossum (Norway)

Beneath the imposing Kollen Mountain lies a small village where the children run in and out of one another's houses and play unafraid in the streets. When a naked body is found by the lake at the top of the mountain, the village's seeming tranquility is disturbed forever. Enter Inspector Sejer, a tough, no-nonsense policeman whose own life is tinged by sadness. As the suspense builds, and the list of suspects grows, Sejer's determination to discover the truth will lead him to peel away layer upon layer of distrust and lies, in this tiny community where apparently normal family ties hide dark secrets. (Book 1 in the Inspector Sejer series)

The Chatelet apprentice

Jean-Francois Parot (France)

Paris, February 1761. A police officer disappears and Nicolas Le Floch, a young Breton police recruit, is instructed to find him. When unidentified human remains are found it becomes a murder investigation. As Paris descends into Carnival debauchery it is Le Floch's skill, courage and integrity that will help him unravel a mystery which threatens to implicate the highest in the land.

Suspense Crime PAR

Tainted blood

Arnaldur Indriason (Iceland)

A man is found murdered in his Reykjavik flat, and the police have no obvious leads. Delving into the dead man's past, they discover that forty years ago he was accused, though not convicted, of rape. Now Erlendur has to follow his instincts when his colleagues are losing faith in the investigation. Foraging into the past, Erlendur discovers that the city of Reykjavik has one or two secrets of its own, secrets it would rather keep. (Book 1 in the Reykjavik murder mystery series)

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The shape of water

Andrea Camilleri (Italy)

When a local politician is found dead in his car, half naked, in a seedy Sicilian neighborhood known for prostitution and drug trafficking, it's assumed that he died of natural causes in the middle of a sexual escapade. Montalbano's superiors expect him to close the case quickly. But the inspector senses that not all is as it seems and determinedly launches a full investigation. He finds himself drawn into the shadowy world of Sicilian politics. (Book 1 in the Inspector Mantalbano series).

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The winter queen

Boris Akunin (Russia)

The first book featuring Erast Fandorin, a gentleman sleuth who solves murders and mysteries in tsarist Russia. A 23 year old law student commits suicide in broad daylight in Moscow's Alexander Gardens. Fandorin is put on the case to find out what drove him to it, a case that deepens as he discovers that the young man was the son of a rich and influential factory owner. (Book 1 in the Erast Fandorin series)

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The silence of the rain

L. A. Garcia-Roza (Brazil)

A handsome young businessman is found dead in downtown Rio, a suicide who left no note, who had everything to live for. But by the time the police are called, all traces of the man's identity and the weapon have been removed. Then as Detective Espinosa discovers that the man moved in the upper echelons of Rio society, and meets his beguiling and remarkable wife, clues to the way he lived and how he died lead Espinosa tantalisingly close to the truth. But is he on the right track? (Book 1 in the Inspector Espinosa series)

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Death of a red heroine

Qiu Xiaolong (China)

Inspector Chen must battle the political climate of Shanghai and seek the help of a former lover in order to solve the murder of a National Model Worker who was a celebrity of utmost probity. (Book 1 in the Inspector Chen series)

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Lorraine connection

Dominique Manotti (France)

When a cathode ray tube factory in a small French town is hit first by a strike and then by a suspicious fire, the battle for the takeover of the plant's beleaguered parent company heats up. The Lorraine factory is at the center of a strategic battle being played out in Paris, Brussels, and Asia for the takeover of the ailing state-owned electronics giant Thomson. Accusations of foul play fly, and rival contender Alcatel calls in its intrepid head of security Charles Montoya to investigate. He soon uncovers explosive revelations and a trail of murders, dirty tricks, blackmail, and corporate malfeasance.

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