**NEW THIS MONTH**

**Alex Verus Novels by Benedict Jacka**
A new Urban Fantasy series, Newcastle Library has just received the first 3 books.

In *Fated*, we meet Alex Verus. Alex is a mage who runs the Arcana Emporium, a magic shop in London.

In *Cursed*, Alex’s friends are threatened when a spate of mysterious attacks call for his attention.

In *Taken*, Alex must find out why apprentices have been vanishing.

**GENERAL INTEREST—Cars**

**Don’t stop me now by Jeremy Clarkson**
Jeremy Clarkson from “Top Gear” talks all things cars.

**Classic cars: celebrating the legends by Tim Slade**
Classic cars are made with the combination of age, style and technology.

**V8 Supercars: the whole story by Gordon Lomas**
This is the definitive story of the V8 Supercars inception.

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FICTION

Northern lights by Philip Pullman
Lyra’s friend Roger disappears and she is determined to find him. The quest to find Roger will take Lyra and her daemon Pantalaimon to the desolate splendour of the North. There they find strange terrors, bears in armour that rule the ice, witches that fly through the frozen skies, and groups of scientists that are conducting horrible experiments.

S/PULL BK.1

Agent of the state by Roger Pearce
In New Scotland Yard a new brand of manager fails to deal with escalating threats. Detective Chief Inspector John Kerr calls it ‘aggressive indecision’. Kerr’s investigations are blocked by his bosses in Scotland Yard, so he decides to go it alone.

F/PEAR

Ghost hunter by Michelle Paver
Eostra the Eagle Owl Mage, the eater of souls holds the clans with the grip of terror. Eostra is a soul eater – she devours them. To- rak leaves the forest to seek her lair in the Mountain of Ghosts.

S/PAVE BK.6

Grave dance by Kalayna Price
Alex Craft solves murders by raising the dead. Police hire her to help investigate the crimes in the Nekros City nature preserve. The police think a serial killer is on the loose but there are no bodies to be found, only fragments of them. Alex must rely on the magic of others to help her find a lead.

S/PRIC BK.2

King of the unblessed by Michelle M. Pillow
Merrick, the dark King of Valdis is trapped as the ruler of mischief and king of necessary evil. Lady Juliana of Bellmare is from a human family and is protected by the Blessed and coveted by the Damned. She is betrothed to a friend of her Father. When Juliana’s fiancé is murdered and the children of Bellemare are stolen, she is sent on a quest to rescue them.

S/PILL

Masques by Bill Pronzini
Mardi Gras is a frenzy of celebration and madness. For Steve Giroux the madness becomes all too real. The voice on the phone wants something from him – evidence of a murder. Steve’s world becomes a whirling nightmare of black magic, voodoo and blood. How can Steve deliver the evidence when he has never had it?

F/PRON

Starters by Lissa Price
Callie and her little brother are living as squatters, fighting off renegades who would kill for a cookie. The body bank promises much needed cash. The body bank is where teenagers can rent out their bodies to be taken over for those who wished to be young again but Callie’s renter wants to do more than party in Callie’s body – she intends to murder.

S/PRIC BK. 1

Map of time by Felix J. Palma
In 1869 London, Andrew Harrington’s beloved had fallen victim to Jack the Ripper, while Claire Haggerty longs to escape the constraints of Victorian society. Their lives become entangled with H. G. Wells and he takes them on a flight through the centuries. What happens though when we alter history?

F/PALM

Labyrinth of drowning by Alex Palmer
Paul Harrigan had walked away from the NSW Police Force. A trafficked sex worker is brutally murdered and Paul’s wife Grace, a Police Officer herself is pushed into a sting by her boss to try and catch the sex worker’s killer.

F/PALM
SUBJECT OF THE MONTH— Cosy mysteries

Murder of a bookstore babe by Denise Swanson
Skye Denison eagerly anticipated the opening of the new bookstore “Tales and Treats”, but some people in Scumble River want to shut the store down before it opens. Skye is taking some old books to be appraised at the store and she trips over a toppled bookcase. Beneath the bookcase is the body of one of the owners.
F/SWAN

Death overdue by Mary Lou Kirwin
Death by bookcase is one that would keep the investigators guessing – was it pushed or did it fall? The victim Sally Burroughs was the ex-girlfriend of Karen Nash’s boyfriend Caldwell Perkins. Sally had returned to demand her share the B&B’s sale. Karen does a little research and discovers that more than one person had issues with Sally.
F/KIRW

Dropped dead stitch by Maggie Sefton
For the knitters of Fort Connor a retreat in the mountains, stitching and talking seems to be what the doctor ordered after one of the group, Jennifer has a dangerous encounter with a stranger however, the man that attacked Jennifer is the owner of the ranch the group have booked. When the man is found dead a few days later, Jennifer is at the top of the suspect list.
F/SEFT

Mistletoe and mayhem by Kate Kingsbury
It’s Christmas time and Cecily Sinclair Baxter and her staff are hustling and bustling to get all the preparations right for their guests. A close friend of Cecily’s brings her new baby to the celebration. Unfortunately a footman is found dead and the baby goes missing. Can Cecily find the baby and catch the killer before people’s cheer turns to fear?
F/KING

Shades of Earl Grey by Laura Childs
The engagement party of the year sees Theo mingling with the cream of Charleston society. They are all awaiting the happy couple’s arrival. Unfortunately, the groom meets with a freak accident and the family heirloom ring is mysteriously missing.
F/CHIL

Out of circulation by Miranda James
The Ducote sisters have had a tiff with Vera Cassity over the location of the annual fund raising gala for the library. Everyone seems to have it in for Vera, even Charlie’s housekeeper, Azalea. Charlie discovers Azalea standing over Vera’s dead body and he knows he will have to clear Azalea’s name and catch a killer.
F/JAME

Misty mourning by Rett MacPherson
Torie O’Shea and her Grandma Gert visit long time family friend Clarissa Hart. When they arrive they discover that Clarissa has called all her relatives together to read her new will. The next morning Clarissa is found dead.
F/MACP

Sherlock Holmes: a case at Christmas and other adventures by N.M. Scott
In these new cases Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson investigate hauntings, art theft, grave robberies, and the mysterious disappearance of a priceless violin.
F/SCOT
Book Review

The Tiger Catcher by Paullina Simons

How far would you go to be with the one you love?

An impossible love story set over time, Paullina Simons new novel takes us from modern America back through time as the hero Julian follows his mysterious lover, Josephine, almost to the ends of the earth. The Tiger Catcher is a beautiful exploration of love and grief, with Julian the perfect romantic hero, willing to risk all for love. Impossible to put down, the climax to the Julian and Josephine love story leaves you wanting more. If you want to keep reading, and I’m sure you will, the next part of this beautifully written story has just been released—A beggars Kingdom. The third part in this amazing trilogy will be released later this year.