1997 - My Real Name Is Lisa by David Alexander
When Peter stumbles across a little girl who insists she's been kidnapped, a desperate race ensues.

1996 - Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts
Pregnant, overweight, and convinced about her inherent bad luck, Novalee Nation hopes for a new life in a new state with her boyfriend, but is dumped in a Walmart in Oklahoma.

1995 - Pandora's Clock by John Nance
Suspected of carrying a deadly virus, no country will let an American 747 filled with passengers land.

1995 - Natural Causes by Michael Palmer
A former acupuncture specialist, now an OB/GYN, wrestles with a strange disease.

1995 - Blue Rodeo by JoAnn Mapson
Margaret Yearwood completely changes her life when she starts over in the tiny town of Blue Dog, New Mexico.

1994 - Montana 1948 by Larry Watson
Scandal, rape, and murder devastate a family in a small Montana town during the summer of 1948.

1994 - Dying for Chocolate by Diane Mott Davidson
Caterer Goldy Bear is embroiled in a mystery which includes a menu of wacky characters and tasty recipes.

1993 - Tell Me No Secrets by Joy Fielding
No-nonsense prosecutor Jess Koster is shattered when the victim in a brutal rape case goes missing.

1993 - The Forever King by Molly Cochran
King Arthur and Lancelot, reincarnated as a young boy and ex-FBI man, meet again to protect the Holy Grail.

1993 - Doomsday Book by Connie Willis
Stranded in the 14th century, time traveler Kivrin becomes an unlikely angel of hope during the plague.

1992 - Loves Music, Loves to Dance by Mary Higgins Clark
Erin Kelley and her friend, Darcy, agree to help a TV producer friend research a story about the kinds of people who place personal ads, an act that leads to Erin's bizarre death and puts Darcy on the killer's hit list.

1992 - The Starlite Drive-In by Marjorie Reynolds
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1991 - The Maze by Catherine Coulter
After her sister's death, Lacey Sherlock abandons her career as a concert pianist to track down the murderer.

1991 - The Bone Collector by Jeffery Deaver
A killer leaves grisly clues while a criminologist and detective race to save kidnapped victims.

1990 - Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind by Ann B. Ross
Recently widowed, Miss Julia receives a visit from Hazel Marie, who claims that her son is Julia's husband's child.

1990 - On Mystic Lake by Kristin Hannah
Annie returns to Mystic to redefine herself with the help of her father, her first love Nick, and his troubled daughter.

1989 - Firebird by Janice Graham
Ethan Brown’s secure and planned life is turned upside down when he falls in love with an isolated violinist.

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Most Recent Winner:

Fall 2022 - A Peculiar Combination
by Ashley Weaver
After being caught red-handed, thief Electra McDonnell is forced to help a government official break into a safe and retrieve blueprints that will be critical to the British war effort.

2022 - The Last Flight by Julie Clark
Claire impulsively swaps airline tickets with a stranger on the run and assumes the other’s identity.

2021 - The Finders by Jeffrey B. Burton
Mace Reid adopts Vera, a new cadaver search dog trainee with a mysterious past.

2021 - The Woman in the White Kimono by Ana Johns
Intertwined stories of a young woman from 1950s Japan and a journalist in modern America.

2020 - An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good by Helene Tursten
A body is found in irascible 88-year-old Maud’s apartment. Will she finally become a murder suspect?

2019 - A Lady’s Guide to Etiquette and Murder by Dianne Freeman
The Countess of Harleigh hosts her sister’s first London season during the investigation into her husband’s death.

2019 - The Lost Letter by Julian Cantor
A young apprentice works for the Austrian resistance in World War II and tries to save his master’s daughter.

2018 - The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd
In order to save her family’s plantation, Eliza exchanges reading lessons to a slave for secrets of the indigo trade.

2018 - Not a Sound by Heather Gudenkauf
Nurse Amelia Winn loses her hearing and rebuilds her life with the help of an assistance dog.

2017 - The Dry by Jane Harper
Agent Aaron Falk returns to his hometown for an old friend’s funeral and stays to help investigate the death.

2017 - Nine Women, One Dress by Jane Rosen
The story of the perfect little black dress that changes the lives of nine women.

2016 - The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Estes
After inheriting a family estate, Inara Erickson discovers an embroidered sleeve, the key to a family secret.

2016 - Girl Underwater by Claire Kells
Avery’s love for water changes when the plane she is traveling on crashes, leaving only five alive.

2015 - A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman
Ove’s cranky and short-tempered exterior hides a terrible personal loss while he clashes with new neighbors.

2015 - Delicious! by Ruth Riechl
Answering a defunct cooking magazine’s hotline, Billie discovers a secret trove of letters written to James Beard.

2014 - The Patron Saint of Lost Dogs by Nick Trout
Cyrus wants to sell his father’s inherited vet practice in his home town, but his first patient complicates things.

2014 - Blackberry Winter by Sarah Jio
Reporter Claire resolves to discover what happened the night 77 years earlier, when Vera Ray’s son vanished.

2013 - Miss Dreamsville and the Collier County Women’s Literary Society by Amy Hill Hearth
All of Jacksonville is trying to discover the identity of local radio show host “Miss Dreamsville.”

2013 - The Story of Beautiful Girl by Rachel Simon
Lynnie and Homan escape the School for the Incurable Feebleminded and find refuge with Martha.

2013 - Angelina’s Bachelors by Brian O’Reilly
After losing her job and husband, Angelina grieves while cooking and shares her bounty with the neighborhood.

2012 - The Pioneer Woman by Ree Drummond
The true account of how Ree Drummond, a city girl, met and married her “Marlboro man.”

2012 - The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
A foster child ends up homeless when she turns 18, but finds solace in her love of flowers and their meanings.

2011 - Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok
An immigrant teenage girl who may or may not have been kidnapped.

2011 - Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman
CeeCee is placed in the care of an eccentric great aunt and surrounded by strong women and southern culture.

2010 - The Bricklayer by Noah Boyd
The FBI recruits an agent it has just fired to solve a brilliant and deadly extortion plot, where a group is killing human targets one by one unless the bureau gives them cash.

2010 - Dog on It by Spencer Quinn
Chet and Bernie investigate the disappearance of a teenage girl who may or may not have been kidnapped.

2009 - The Shape of Mercy by Susan Meissner
A college student assists with the transcription of a mysterious 400-year-old diary by Mercy Hayworth.

2009 - State of the Onion by Julie Hyzy
On the White House grounds, Assistant Chef Olivia Para whacks an intruder who is trying to warn the President.

2008 - Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen
Claire leads a quiet life tending her family’s magical garden until her life is transformed by her sister’s return.

2008 - Austenland by Shannon Hale
A Jane Austen addict goes to an English house party complete with a snooty Mr. Darcy and a sexy gardener.

2007 - His Majesty’s Dragon by Naomi Novik
During the Napoleonic Wars, Captain Will Laurence discovers a dragon egg on a captured French frigate.

2006 - Poison Study by Maria Snyder
About to be executed for murder, Yelena is offered life in exchange for becoming the Commander’s food taster.

2006 - The Dead Don’t Dance by Charles Martin
Dylan struggles to cope with his wife’s lapse into a coma following a stillbirth until his friend Amos helps.

2005 - Three Wishes by Liane Moriarty
A smart, sassy, and funny look at three sisters who have a bond stronger than anything life throws their way.

2005 - Run No More by Catherine Mulvany
Just as Ian is ready to end his life, Tasya Flynn enters it and changes everything.

2005 - All That Matters by Jan Goldstein
The story of a lost young woman and her grandmother, both of whom have scores to settle with life.

2004 - Monkeewrench by P.J. Tracy
Grace McBride and her software design team are horrified when murders in their game are replicated in real life.

2004 - Good Hope Road by Lisa Wingate
After a terrible tornado, Jennilee rescues an elderly neighbor and learns a lot about human resilience.