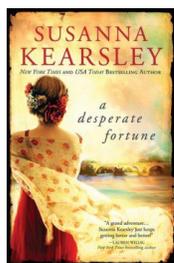


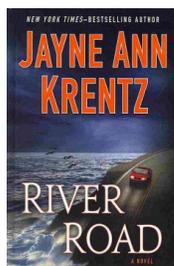
## Staff Favorites: Fiction



### **A desperate fortune**

by Susanna Kearsley

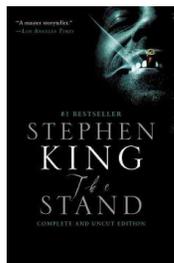
Hired by a once-famous historian to crack codes in a 300-year-old journal that once belonged to a Jacobite exile, Sara Thomas encounters complications in the form of the journal's reclusive owner, a charming Parisian neighbor, and the journal's own writer. (MAB)



### **River Road**

by Jayne Ann Krentz

Returning after thirteen years to the hometown of her beloved late aunt, forensic genealogist Lucy Sheridan makes shocking discoveries about her aunt's death, the disappearance of a cold-blooded local, and an attractive former cop. (MAB)



### **The stand**

by Stephen King

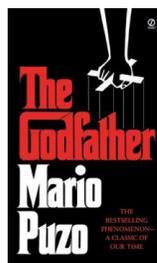
A monumentally devastating plague leaves only a few survivors who, while experiencing dreams of a battle between good and evil, move toward an actual confrontation as they migrate to Boulder, Colorado. (TW)



### **First comes scandal**

by Julia Quinn

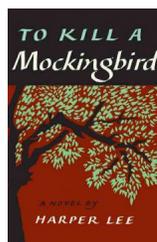
Forced to choose between living out her life as a spinster or marrying the rogue who has destroyed her life, Georgiana Bridgerton instead finds an ally in her childhood friend Nicholas Rokesby who offers her a marriage of convenience to save her from ruin. (MAB)



### **The godfather**

by Mario Puzo

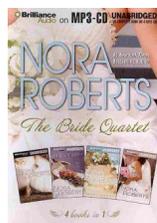
A fictional portrait journeys inside the world of the Cosa Nostra and its operations to chronicle the lives and fortunes of Mafia leader Vito Corleone, his family, and his underworld domain. (TSM)



### **To kill a mockingbird**

by Harper Lee

The explosion of racial hate and violence in a small Alabama town is viewed by a little girl whose father defends a black man accused of rape. (LA)



### **The bride quartet**

by Nora Roberts

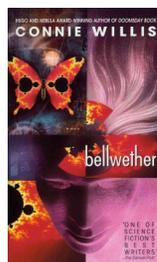
Collects the stories of Mackensie, Emma, Laurel, and Parker, the founders of Vows, Connecticut's premier wedding planning company, as they each fall in love. (MAB)



### **The hobbit**

by J. R. R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure. (JF)



### **Bellwether**

by Connie Willis

Conducting research into chaos theory, statistician Sandra Cochran attempts to establish a way to predict trends and enters a hilarious collaboration with monkey scientist Bennett O'Reilly. (MAB)



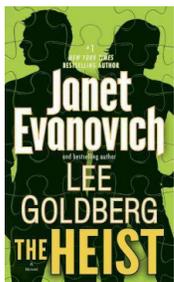
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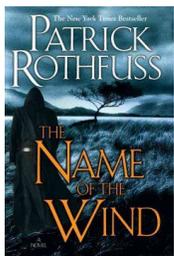
by Janet Evanovich  
FBI Special Agent Kate O'Hare uses her own schemes to outmaneuver charming con man Nicolas Fox, who becomes an unlikely partner when her next mission pits her against a formidable adversary. (TLS)



### Manhunting

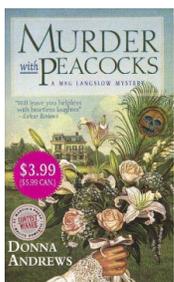
by Jennifer Crusie  
After three failed engagements, Kate Svenson comes up with a definitive plan for finding the man of her dreams The Cabins resort, but as her would-be swains begin to drop around her, Jake Templeton decides to save the world of men from this femme fatale, in this

hilarious romantic comedy. (MAB)



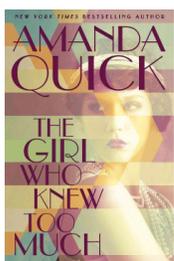
### The name of the wind

by Patrick Rothfuss  
A hero named Kvothe, now living under an assumed name as the humble proprietor of an inn, recounts his transformation from a magically gifted young man into the most notorious wizard, musician, thief, and assassin in his world. (TW)



### Murder With Peacocks

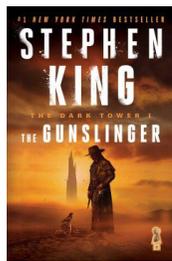
by Donna Andrews  
While trying to manage being the maid of honor in three weddings, Meg Langslow finds herself in the midst of a mystery when her soon-to-be stepfather's former sister-in-law is found dead. First in a series of humorous mysteries. (MAB)



### The girl who knew too much

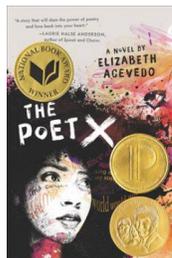
by Amanda Quick  
Discovering the body of a beautiful actress at the bottom of a pool at an exclusive 1930s California hotel, rookie reporter Irene Glasson investigates the victim's secret about an up-and-coming man and becomes drawn to a once-famous master magician whose career

was mysteriously cut short. (MAB)



### The gunslinger

by Stephen King  
Roland, the world's last gunslinger, tracks an enigmatic man in black toward a forbidding Dark Tower, fighting forces both mortal and other-worldly on his quest. (LA)



### The poet X

by Elizabeth Acevedo  
The daughter of devout immigrants discovers the power of slam poetry and joins a school club as part of her effort to understand her mother's strict religious beliefs and her own developing relationship to the world. (TLS)



### The mischief of the mistletoe

by Lauren Willig  
When schoolmarm Arabella Dempsey and Reginald "Turnip" Fitzhugh, often mistaken for the elusive spy The Pink Carnation, stumble upon a Christmas pudding with a cryptic message, the pair embark on a Yuletide adventure that ranges from Jane Austen's modest drawing room to a duchess's lavish 12-day Christmas celebration. (MAB)



### Red, white & royal blue

by Casey McQuiston  
After an international incident affects U.S. and British relations, the president's son Alex and Prince Henry must pretend to be best friends, but as they spend time together, the two begin a secret romance that could derail a presidential campaign. (TLS)



### The first kiss

by Grace Burrowes  
When threatening messages cause her to fear for her daughter's safety, world-class piano soloist Vera turns to James Peckham, a law expert, for guidance, but business soon turns to pleasure until she discovers his dark past. (MAB)