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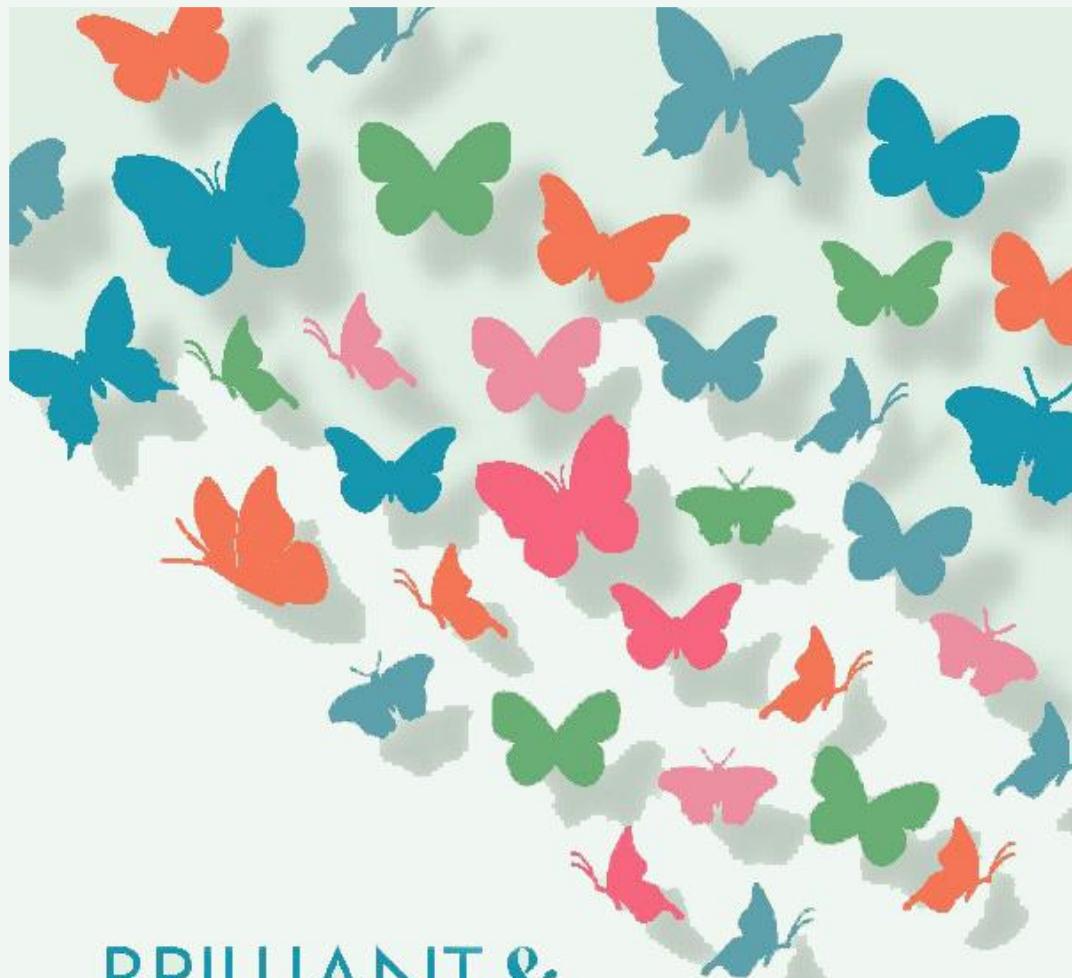
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Lin Sue Cooney
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Mesha Maren
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Jerad W. Alexander
Memoir



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Introduction of Morning Authors Lin Sue Cooney

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Lan Samantha Chang Book - *The Family Chao*



Thrity Umrigar
Literary Fiction

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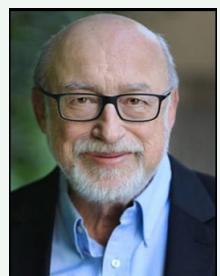


Peng Shepherd
Literary Thriller

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Thomas Perry
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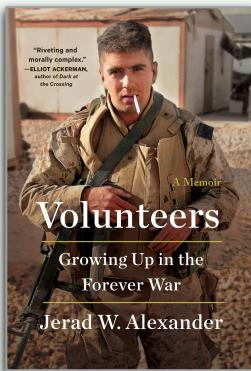
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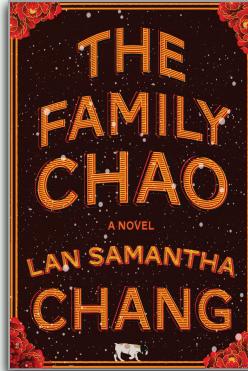
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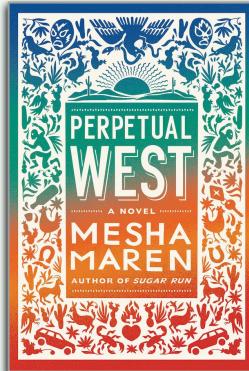
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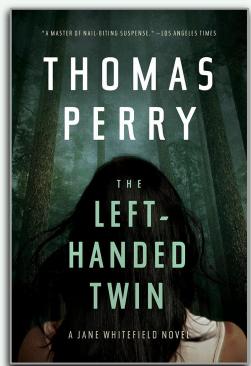
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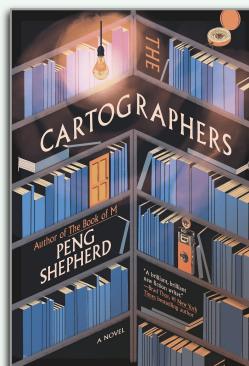
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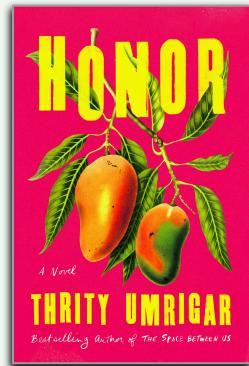
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Menu

Baked Artisan Rolls and Butter

Salad

Grilled Peach and Blueberry Salad
Rocket Arugula, Crow's Dairy Goat Cheese,
Poppy Seed Crouton, Shaved Radish,
Vincotto Vinaigrette

Entree

Natural Roasted Chicken (GF)
Smoked Shallot Whipped Potato,
Cultivated Mushrooms, Haricot Vert,
Lemon Maple Jus

or

Cauliflower Steak (V)
Chef's Seasonal Preparation
or

Season's Best Fruit & Berries Plate (GF, V)

Dessert

Lemon Berry Tart (V)
Lemon Curd, Seasonal Berries,
Raspberry Coulis, Edible Flowers

Freshly Brewed Iced Tea
Starbucks Coffee, Tea Service

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Dangling Dragons: From Tucson - Get ready! We have all the products you need for Mah Jongg and Canasta! **NEW**

Fancy Faux Jewelry: Quality fashionable jewelry inspired by well-known designers **NEW**

Moonlite Collection: From CA - Imported European jackets, blazers, tops, skirts, and dresses; imported cashmere/fur vests, bomber jackets, shawls and capes **NEW**

Shelley's Fashions: From CA - Fashionable women's wear featuring upscale clothing, including jackets, coats, tops, sweaters, pants and much more!

Ten Thousand Scarves: Scarves made from an exquisite collection of antique and vintage pure silk saris. “One of a kind” rare items made by hand in our Littleton, CO Studio. [www.tenthousandscarves.com](#). **NEW**

Treasured Accessory: From CA - Known for beautiful “of the moment” jewelry, this collection is comprised of long and short necklaces, earrings and hoops, plus a beautiful bracelet collection!

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Lin Sue Cooney, Moderator



As director of community engagement at one of the largest not-for-profit hospices in the country, Lin Sue oversees marketing, fund development and volunteers. She is passionate about helping our community understand the full-spectrum care Hospice of the Valley provides - including support for chronic illness and dementia.

Prior to her work with hospice care, Lin Sue spent 31 years as a newscaster for 12 News. She graduated cum laude from Willamette University in Oregon and received her MSJ from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

Lin Sue is a voracious reader! When she's not buried in a book, she enjoys spending time with her husband and their blended family of 7 kids. She and her very spoiled standard poodle also love bringing cheer to patients and families as a pet therapy team for Hospice of the Valley.



Jerad W. Alexander



Photo: Denise R. Rosenhaft

Jerad W. Alexander has written for *Esquire*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Nation*, *Narratively* and elsewhere. He holds an MFA in Literary Reportage from the New York University Arthur L. Carter School of Journalism. From 1998 to 2006, he served as a U.S. Marine, deploying to the Mediterranean, East Africa and Iraq. He grew up on military bases, from the east coast of the United States to Japan. He currently lives in New York City, but calls Atlanta home. *Volunteers: Growing Up In the Forever War*, a “beautiful, dark chronicle of an American life and lineage shaped by empire” has been called “riveting and morally complex” and “an absolute triumph.”

Lan Samantha Chang



Lan Samantha Chang is the author of a collection of short stories, *Hunger*; and two novels, *Inheritance* and *All Is Forgotten, Nothing Is Lost*. Her work has been translated into nine languages and has been selected twice for *The Best American Short Stories*. She has received creative writing fellowships from Stanford, Princeton, Harvard, the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. Her fiction has earned the Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers’ Award (1998); the PEN/Open Book Award (2005); and the Berlin Prize (2021). Chang is the director of the Iowa Writers’ Workshop. Her newest novel, *The Family Chao* (2022), has been described as “a gorgeous, gripping literary work...that explores betrayal, passion, race, culture and the American dream.”



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Mesha Maren



Mesha Maren is the author of the novel *Sugar Run*. Her short stories and essays can be read in *Tin House*, *The Oxford American*, *The Guardian*, *Crazyhorse*, *Triquarterly*, *The Southern Review*, *Ecotone*, *Sou'wester*, *Hobart*, *Forty Stories: New Writing from Harper Perennial*, and elsewhere. She was the recipient of the 2015 Thomas Wolfe Fiction Prize, a 2014 Elizabeth George Foundation grant, an Appalachian Writing Fellowship from Lincoln Memorial University, and fellowships from the MacDowell Colony and the Ucross Foundation. She was the 2018-2019 Kenan Visiting Writer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is an Assistant Professor of the Practice of Creative Writing at Duke University and also serves as a National Endowment of the Arts Writing Fellow at the federal prison camp in Alderson, West Virginia. In *Perpetual West* (January 2022), "Maren employs a sweeping and lyrical narrative voice" and has been called "suspenseful, seductive... A thrill ride from cover to cover."



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Thomas Perry

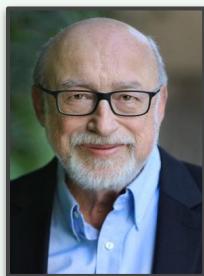


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Thomas Perry was born in Tonawanda, NY. He received a B.A. from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Rochester. He has worked as a park maintenance man, factory laborer, commercial fisherman, university administrator and teacher, and a writer and producer of prime-time network television shows.

Perry is the bestselling author of thirty novels, including *The Butcher's Boy*, which won the Edgar Award, *The Old Man*, which will air as a television series starring Jeff Bridges in 2022, the Jane Whitefield series and many standalones. *Pursuit* was the first recipient of the Gumshoe Award for Best Novel. The Independent Mystery Booksellers' Association included *Vanishing Act* in its "100 Favorite Mysteries of the 20th Century," and *Metzger's Dog* was voted one of NPR's 100 Killer Thrillers - Best Thrillers Ever. Of Thomas Perry, Stephen King observed, "The fact is there are probably only half a dozen suspense writers now alive who can be depended on to deliver high voltage shocks, vivid, sympathetic characters, and compelling narratives each time they publish. Thomas Perry is one of them." Robert Parker said, "Thomas Perry is, quite simply, brilliant." And *The Boston Globe* said, "Perry is the best suspense writer in the business."

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Peng Shepherd



Peng Shepherd was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, where she rode horses and trained in classical ballet, and has lived in Beijing, Kuala Lumpur, London, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and New York. Prior to receiving a Master of Fine Arts from NYU, she earned an MA in International Studies at the University of London. Her first novel, *The Book of M*, won the 2019 Neukom Institute for Literary Arts Award for Debut Speculative Fiction, and was chosen as a best book of the year by Amazon, *Elle*, *Refinery29*, and *The Verge*, as well as a best book of the summer by the *Today Show* and *NPR On Point*. Peng is the recipient of a 2020 fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as the Elizabeth George Foundation's emerging writers 2016 grant. *The Cartographers* has been called "a vastly rich experience" as well as "an exquisitely written, brilliantly plotted, absolutely fantastic novel...Be prepared to be swept away on an incredible journey."



Thrity Umrigar



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Thrity Umrigar is the bestselling author of *The Space Between Us*, which was a finalist for the PEN/Beyond Margins Award, as well as six other novels, a memoir, and three picture books. Her books have been translated into numerous languages and published in over fifteen countries. She is the winner of a Lambda Literary Award and the Seth Rosenberg Prize and is a Distinguished Professor of English at Case Western Reserve University. A former prize-winning journalist, she has contributed to the *Boston Globe*, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times* and *Huffington Post*. *Honor* has been called "a powerful, important, unforgettable book" as well as "an intense and spellbinding novel, ricocheting between fear and hope, and betrayal and redemption."

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