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The Secret Keeper A Novel

For all the claims (some of them by yours truly) of Bollywood being cliched, there have been movies that also gifted us interesting, surprising, and at times, thoroughly shocking plot twists. So here ...

26 Bollywood Movie Plot Twists Ranked From [Meh] To [Didn't See That Coming]

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The desire to write about women came early for Indian-American author Chitra B Divakaruni who was curious as to why so little was said about the women characters in mythological tales like ...

PIO author: My female characters are feisty, flawed

A Roman spy nearly defeats the village in Asterix and the Roman Agent and then Asterix is off to the Alps in Asterix in Switzerland.

[Asterix and the Roman Agent] and [Asterix in Switzerland]

These gripping book club picks for 2021 will spark thoughts and opinions from everyone around the real [] or virtual [] table.

Discover, discuss and debate the top book club books for 2021

Even among the eccentric annals of poets who talked to God, angels, tutelary spirits, and disincorporated souls, Fernando Pessoa is a special case. The ...

The Escape Artist

Adventure fans looking to get their thrill fix would do well to check out these flicks if they enjoyed the likes of The Mummy.

Adventure Films To Watch If You Love The Mummy

By Meryl Westlake and Grace Brewer Whether it's the longest, biggest or smelliest, parts of our collections have enjoyed wearing the badge of [The World's] Here is a selection of the weird and ...

Guinness World Record-breaking botany at Kew

New and Selected Poems[] reads at 7 p.m. at Harvard Book Store. . . Alka Joshi ([The Secret Keeper of Jaipur]) is in conversation with Erica Bauermeister at 7 p.m. at Belmont Books ...

Virtual author readings for Sept. 5-11

Candour and insight play second fiddle to a romanticised history of the left in the former Unite leader's memoir ...

Always Red by Len McCluskey review [] bluster of a righteous brother

Amazon Studios has put in development Victories Greater Than Death, a series based on Charlie Jane Anders' novel ... she's hiding a deep secret. She's the keeper of an interplanetary ...

[Victories Greater Than Death] Series Adaptation In Works At Amazon Studios From Michael B. Jordan's Outlier Society

A virtual book salon, featuring Netflix CEO Reed Hastings ... crumbled like an ancient statue in the desert? It turns out the secret to Netflix's success wasn't always obvious to Reed, but if you ask ...

The People Paradigm: What Powers Netflix

Born as the humble daughter of the royal kennel keeper, Jindan saw a life of massive ... Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni tries to amend that in her book The Last Queen (HarperCollins India, 2021 ...

'The Last Queen' by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni: A fierce queen overlooked by the history books

Erin Napier is a woman of many trades, and now she can add children's book author to her already ... a watcher and keeper of the people who love and live within it." {{ this.render("@app/views ...

Fans Have A Lot To Say After Erin Napier Announces Huge Career News

Like the novel, Amazon's Victories Greater Than ... in life it doesn't help Tina that she's hiding a deep secret. She's the keeper of an interplanetary beacon that will activate someday ...

Michael B. Jordan Adapting Charlie Jane Anders' Victories Greater Than Death Into an Amazon Series

Alka Joshi book event: Author Alka Joshi will talk about her book, [The Secret Keeper of Jaipur,] in a virtual book event at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24. Obtain a ticket by going to ...

This Week in Naperville

"The Vinland Map is a fake," said Raymond Clemens, curator of early books and manuscripts at the Beinecke. "There is no reasonable doubt here. This new analysis should put the matter to rest." The map ...

Withdrawing from a family party to the solitude of her tree house, 16-year-old Laurel Nicolson witnesses a shocking murder that throughout a subsequent half century shapes her beliefs, her acting career and the lives of three strangers from vastly different cultures. By the best-selling author of The Distant Hours. Reprint. 200,000 first printing.

When Reuben discovers an old pocket watch, he soon realizes it holds an incredible power: it can turn you invisible for fifteen minutes. And the watch's power is even more extraordinary than he knows. Soon, he's on the run from a despot determined to possess it for himself ...

Readers Eagerly Await the Latest from Beverly Lewis, the #1 Name in Amish Fiction With her love for all things old-fashioned, Jennifer Burns has often been told she's an "old soul," but no one is prepared for the young woman's decision to set aside her modern life in favor of the Old Order Amish world. Yet Jenny does exactly that, adopting Plain dress and settling in with Samuel and Rebecca Lapp while she works as a mother's helper for the bishop's wife—a far cry from her former job as an x-ray technician. The people of Hickory Hollow are curious about the beautiful young seeker among them, one handsome Amishman in particular. But he is not the only man vying for Jenny's affections, and Jenny faces many challenges in the Proving time the brethren have set for her...challenges of the heart, as well as the spirit. Will Jenny's secrets keep her from the peace she longs for? Or will they lead the way home?

Kate Morton's heart-breaking novel, The Secret Keeper, is a spellbinding story of mysteries and secrets, murder and enduring love, moving between the 1930s, the 1960s and the present.1961: On a sweltering summer's day, while her family picnics by the stream on their Suffolk farm, sixteen-year-old Laurel hides out in her childhood tree house dreaming of a boy called Billy, a move to London, and the bright future she can't wait to seize. But before the idyllic afternoon is over, Laurel will have witnessed a shocking crime that changes everything.2011: Now a much-loved actress, Laurel finds herself overwhelmed by shades of the past. Haunted by memories, and the mystery of what she saw that day, she returns to her family home and begins to piece together a secret history. A tale of three strangers from vastly different worlds - Dorothy, Vivien and Jimmy - who are brought together by chance in wartime London and whose lives become fiercely and fatefully entwined.

What she sees in secret, she may not tell. Mistress Juliana St. John is the lovely, forthright daughter of a prosperous knight's family. Though all expect her to marry the son of her late father's business partner, time and chance interrupt, sending her to the sumptuous but deceptive court of Henry VIII. Sir Thomas Seymour, brother of the late Queen Jane, returns to Wiltshire to conclude his affairs with Juliana's father's estate and chances upon her reading as lector in the local church. He sees instantly that she would fit into the household of the woman he loves and wants most to please, Kateryn Parr. Juliana's mother agrees to have her placed with Parr for a season and Juliana goes, though reluctantly. For she keeps a secret. Juliana has been given the gift of prophecy, and in one vibrant vision she has seen Sir Thomas shredding the dress of a highly born young woman, while it was still on her body, to perilous consequence. As Juliana accompanies Kateryn Parr to court, Henry's devout sixth queen raises the stakes for all reformers. Support of firebrand Anne Askew puts the queen and her ladies in life-threatening jeopardy, as does the queen's desire to influence her husband's and the realm's direction and beliefs. Later, without Henry's strong arm, the court devolves to competition, duplicity, and betrayal. The risks could not be higher as Juliana must choose between love and honor, personal fulfillment and sacrifice. Ultimately, her course is driven by a final kept secret, one that undoes everything she thought she knew.

Peyton Stratford is her family's unofficial keeper of all things secret, from the petty and mundane to the potentially life-changing. But Peyton is keeping a secret of her own. And it's a doozy. Pastor Brice Northam is used to hearing secrets. After all, it's part of his job description. But he's about to hear one that's going to challenge him almost as much as his feelings for the person confessing. Peyton needs some serious help from Brice, but how much does she dare tell him? And what, exactly, is Brice hiding from Peyton and himself? Clearly they both have some serious soul-searching to do. But maybe, just maybe, the answer to secrets isn't silence. Or more secrets. Maybe it's love. * * * Note: While the Secret Keeper series does feature some characters who are Christian (the hero is a pastor, so that's a dead giveaway), it is not a Christian romance in the traditional sense, and some characters find themselves in adult situations and using strong language. Not that the pastor approves! But he's fallen in love with a complex, modern woman whose life is anything but predictable. If you think you could too, then dive in. Bring your sense of humor and your compassion, and then hold on for the emotional ride of your life!

From National Book Award finalist, Mitali Perkins, comes a dramatic tale about a displaced Indian family in the 1970s. When Asha's father loses his job and leaves India to look for work in America, Asha Gupta, her older sister, Reet, and their mother must wait with Baba's brother and his family, as well as their grandmother, in Calcutta. Uncle is welcoming, but in a country steeped in tradition, the three women must abide by his decisions. Asha knows this is temporary—just until Baba sends for them. But with scant savings and time passing, the tension builds: Ma, prone to spells of sadness, finds it hard to submit to her mother- and sister-in-law; Reet's beauty attracts unwanted marriage proposals; and Asha's promise to take care of Ma and Reet leads to impulsive behavior. Asha's only solace is her rooftop hideaway, where she pours her heart out in her diary, and where she begins a clandestine friendship with Jay Sen, the boy next door—against the rules of the house. Asha can hardly believe that she, and not Reet, is the object of Jay's attention. But when tragedy strikes, Asha must make a painful choice that will change their lives forever [Well-developed characters, funny dialogue, and the authentic depiction of spunky Asha's longing for romance and female self-determination, set in a culture that restrains women's choices, make this book an attractive pick.][School Library Journal "Achingly realistic."][Kirkus "An intimate and absorbing drama.][Publisher's Weekly "Heartbreaking and hopeful."][ALA Booklist

You never forget your first love. 18 years ago, Olivia learned to live without Sean Kenyon. She moved on, building a life with her husband Richmond and their two children in the picturesque town Kesterley-on-Sea. But when Sean unexpectedly appears on Olivia's doorstep, her world is turned upside down once more. As old feelings resurface, and new truths come to light, Olivia finds herself questioning everything. Is her husband really the person she thought he was? The past and present collide, and Olivia must uncover the truth before it's too late. But if everyone is keeping secrets, how will she know who to trust?

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY KIRKUS REVIEWS The New York Times bestselling author of the acclaimed Italian Renaissance novels [The Birth of Venus, In the Company of the Courtesan, and Sacred Hearts] has an exceptional talent for breathing life into history. Now Sarah Dunant turns her discerning eye to one of the world's most intriguing and infamous families—the Borgias—in an engrossing work of literary fiction. By the end of the fifteenth century, the beauty and creativity of Italy is matched by its brutality and corruption, nowhere more than in Rome and inside the Church. When Cardinal Rodrigo Borgia buys his way into the papacy as Alexander VI, he is defined not just by his wealth or his passionate love for his illegitimate children, but by his blood: He is a Spanish Pope in a city run by Italians. If the Borgias are to triumph, this charismatic, consummate politician with a huge appetite for life, women, and power must use papacy and family—in particular, his eldest son, Cesare, and his daughter Lucrezia—in order to succeed. Cesare, with a dazzlingly cold intelligence and an even colder soul, is his greatest—though increasingly unstable—weapon. Later immortalized in Machiavelli's The Prince, he provides the energy and the muscle. Lucrezia, beloved by both men, is the prime dynastic tool. Twelve years old when the novel opens, hers is a journey through three marriages, and from childish innocence to painful experience, from pawn to political player. Stripping away the myths around the Borgias, Blood & Beauty is a majestic novel that breathes life into this astonishing family and celebrates the raw power of history itself: compelling, complex and relentless. Praise for Blood and Beauty [Dunant transforms the blackhearted Borgias and the conniving courtiers and cardinals of Renaissance Europe into fully rounded characters, brimming with life and lust.][The New York Times Book Review [Like Hilary Mantel with her Cromwell trilogy, [Sarah] Dunant has scaled new heights by refashioning mythic figures according to contemporary literary taste. This intellectually satisfying historical saga, which offers blood and beauty certainly, but brains too, is surely the best thing she has done to date.][The Miami Herald [Compelling female players have been a characteristic of Dunant's earlier novels, and this new offering is no exception. . . . The members of this close-knit family emerge as dynamic characters, flawed but sympathetic, filled with fear and longing.][The Seattle Times [The Machiavellian atmosphere/hedonism, lust, political intrigue] is magnetic. . . . Readers won't want the era of Borgia rule to end.][People (four stars)

A USA Today bestseller! Can she unlock the mysteries of the past?

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