

## THE ESCAPE ARTIST

by Meltzer, Brad

Who is Nola Brown? Nola is a mystery. Nola is trouble. And Nola is supposed to be dead. Zig works at Dover Air Force Base, helping put to rest the bodies of those who die on top-secret missions. Together, Nola and Zig will either reveal a sleight of hand being played at the highest levels of power or die trying to uncover the US Army's most mysterious secret.

## ALONG CAME A SPIDER

by Patterson, James

Alex Cross is a homicide detective with a Ph.D. in psychology. He likes to relax by playing Gershwin tunes on his baby grand piano. He also has two adorable kids. Jezzie Flanagan is the first woman ever to hold the highly sensitive job as supervisor of the Secret Service in Washington. What is she running from? What is her secret? Gary Soneji is every parent's worst nightmare. He has become Alex Cross's nightmare. And now, reader, he's about to become yours.

## THE RIVER: A NOVEL

by Heller, Peter

Wynn and Jack have been best friends since college orientation, bonded by their shared love of mountains, books, and fishing. Wynn is a gentle giant, Jack is more rugged. When they decide to canoe the Maskwa River in northern Canada, a wildfire is making its way across the forest. A chance meeting with another man unspools a headlong, heartpounding story of desperate wilderness survival.

## QUICKSILVER

by Koontz, Dean R.

Raised in an orphanage, never knowing his parents, Quinn had a happy if unexceptional life. Until the day of "strange magnetism." It compelled him to drive out to the middle of nowhere. It helped him find a coin worth a lot of money. And it practically saved his life when two government agents showed up in the diner in pursuit of him. Now Quinn is on the run from those agents and who knows what else, fleeing for his life.

## THE KAIJU PRESERVATION SOCIETY

by Scalzi, John

When COVID-19 sweeps through New York City, Jamie Gray is stuck as a food delivery driver until she makes a delivery to Tom. Tom's team needs a last-minute grunt to handle things on their next field visit to an animal rights location. Jamie, eagerly signs on. What Tom doesn't tell Jamie is that the animals his team cares for are in an alternate dimension. Massive dinosaur-like creatures named Kaiju roam a warm, human-free world. Others have also found their way to the alternate world and their carelessness could cause millions back on our Earth to die.

## MEMORY MAN

by Baldacci, David

More than a year after the most tragic event in Amos Decker's life, a man confesses to murdering his family and Amos, called to help with the investigation, struggles with the memories.

# Action Books



“What do you talk about to a murderer, and someone you loved, over a perfect dinner and cocktails?”  
-James Patterson, *Along Came a Spider*

## JAWS: A NOVEL

by Benchley, Peter

One summer night, Chrissie decides to take a moonlight skinny dip while her friends party on the beach. Yanked suddenly below the ocean surface, she never returns. When pieces of her wash ashore, Police Chief Brody suspects the worst. Chief Brody and Mayor Hooper join forces with Quint, the only local fisherman willing to take on a Great White.

## THE WALKING DRUM

by L'Amour, Louis

Warrior, lover, and scholar, Kerbouchard is a daring seeker of knowledge and fortune bound on a journey of enormous challenge, danger, and revenge. Across Europe, over the Russian steppes, and through the Byzantine wonders of Constantinople, Kerbouchard is thrust into the treacheries, passions, violence, and dazzling wonders of a magnificent time.

## A SAFE HOUSE

by Woods, Stuart

Stone Barrington is looking forward to some quiet time in New York City, until he is asked to transport precious, top-secret cargo across the Atlantic. Taking on the challenge, Stone flies off, unaware of what or who, he is bringing with him. But his plans to lie low are quickly spoiled when a dangerous dispatcher tracks down Stone and his tantalizing mystery guest.

## LIFE OF PI: A NOVEL

by Martel, Yann

After the sinking of a cargo ship, a solitary lifeboat remains bobbing on the wild blue Pacific. The only survivors from the wreck are a sixteen-year-old boy named Pi, a hyena, a wounded zebra, an orangutan-- and a Bengal tiger. Soon the tiger has dispatched all but Pi Patel, whose fear, knowledge, and cunning allow him to coexist with the tiger. When they finally reach the coast of Mexico, the Tiger flees to the jungle, never to be seen again. The Japanese authorities who interrogate Pi refuse to believe his story and press him to tell them "the truth." After hours of coercion, Pi tells a second story, a story much less fantastical, much more conventional--but is it more true?

## PROJECT HAIL MARY: A NOVEL

by Weir, Andy

The sole survivor of a desperate, last chance mission to save both humanity and the Earth, Ryland Grace is hurtled into the depths of space where he must conquer an extinction-level threat to our species.

## ORIGIN

by Brown, Dan

After an event at which futurist Edmond Kirsch is to announce a groundbreaking discovery erupts into chaos, Robert Langdon rushes to Barcelona to locate a cryptic password that will reveal Kirsch's secret before it is lost forever.

## DEVOLUTION: A FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF THE RAINIER SASQUATCH MASSACRE

by Brooks, Max

As the ash and chaos from Mount Rainier's eruption finally settled, the story of the Greenloop massacre has passed unnoticed, unexamined, until now. But the journals of resident Kate Holland, recovered from the town's bloody wreckage, capture a tale too harrowing and too earth-shattering in its implications, to be forgotten. Because if what Kate Holland saw in those days is real, then we must accept the impossible. We must accept that the creature known as Bigfoot, ferocious and terrible, walks among us.

## SOOLEY

by Grisham, John

After seventeen-year-old Samuel "Sooley" Sooleymon receives a college scholarship to play basketball for North Carolina Central, he moves to Durham from his native, war-torn South Sudan, enrolls in classes, joins the team, and prepares to sit out his freshman season, but Sooley has a fierce determination to succeed so he can bring his family to America, working tirelessly on his game until he dominates everyone in practice, and when Sooley is called off the bench, the legend begins.

## READY PLAYER ONE

by Cline, Ernest

Immersing himself in a technological virtual utopia to escape an ugly real world of famine, poverty, and disease, Wade Watts joins an increasingly violent effort to solve a series of puzzles by the virtual world's creator.

