

The Book of the Unnamed Midwife

By Meg Alison

"In the wake of a fever that decimated the earth's population—killing women and children and making childbirth deadly for the mother and infant—the midwife must pick her way through the bones of the world she once knew to find her place in this dangerous new one. Gone are the pillars of civilization. All that remains is power—and the strong who possess it. A few women like her survived, though they are scarce. Even fewer are safe from the clans of men, who, driven by fear, seek to control those remaining. To preserve her freedom, she dons men's clothing, goes by false names, and avoids as many people as possible. But as the world continues to grapple with its terrible circumstances, she'll discover a role greater than chasing a pale imitation of independence. After all, if humanity is to be reborn, someone must be its guide."

The Never Game

By Jeffrey Denver

"A young woman has gone missing in Silicon Valley and her father has hired Colter Shaw to find her. The son of a survivalist family, Shaw is an expert tracker. Now he makes a living as a "reward Seeker," traveling the country to help police solve crimes and private citizens locate missing persons. But what seems a simple investigation quickly thrusts him into the dark heart of America's tech hub and the cutthroat billion-dollar video gaming industry."

Judgement

By Joseph Finder

"It was nothing more than a one-night stand. Juliana Brody, a judge in the Superior Court of Massachusetts, is rumored to be in consideration for the federal circuit and maybe, someday, the highest court in the land. While at a conference in a Chicago hotel, she meets a gentle, vulnerable man and has an unforgettable night with him - something she's never done before. They part with an explicit understanding that this must never happen again. But back home in Boston, Juliana realizes that this was random encounter. The man from Chicago proves to have an integral role in a case that's received national attention. Juliana discovers that she's been entrapped, her night of infidelity captured on video. Strings are being pulled in high places, a terrifying conspiracy unfolds that will turn her life upside down." The characters are beautifully made and totally believable. Fascinating book.

Cemetery Road

by Greg Isles

"Marshall McEwan is one of the most successful journalists in Washington D.C. Marshall discovers that his father is terminally ill, and he must return to his childhood home....Bienville, Mississippi. A dozen powerful patriarchs rule the town through the exclusive Bienville Poker Club. To Marshall's surprise, the Poker Club has offered economic salvation to this community on the brink of extinction, in the form of a billion-dollar Chinese paper mill. But on the verge of the deal's consummation, two deaths rock Bienville to its core, threatening far more than the city's economic future." Extremely well designed book. Extremely logical, but before reading the end you have no idea what would happen.