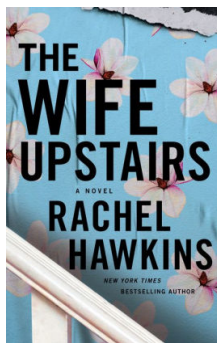




2020 Book Buzz

***We Keep the Dead Close* by Becky Cooper**

In 1969, Jane Britton was found bludgeoned to death in her Cambridge, Massachusetts apartment. Forty years later, Becky Cooper a curious undergrad, will hear the first whispers of the story. In the first telling the body was nameless. The story was this: a Harvard student had had an affair with her professor, and the professor had murdered her in the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology because she'd threatened to talk about the affair. Though the rumor proves false, the story that unfolds, one that Cooper will follow for ten years, is even more complex: a tale of gender inequality in academia, a 'cowboy culture' among empowered male elites, the silencing effect of institutions, and our compulsion to rewrite the stories of female victims.

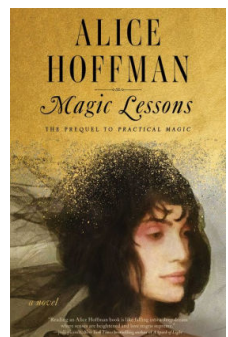


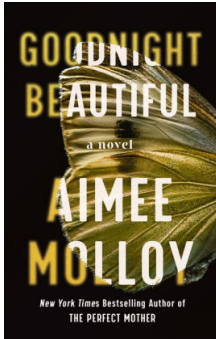
***The Wife Upstairs* by Rachel Hawkins**

In this contemporary retelling of *Jane Eyre*, the script is flipped on the timeless tale of forbidden romance, ill-advised attraction, and a wife who just won't stay buried. Newly arrived to Birmingham, Alabama, Jane is a broke dog-walker in Thornfield Estates--a gated community full of McMansions, shiny SUVs, and bored housewives. But her luck changes when she meets Eddie Rochester, who is rich, brooding, and handsome. His wife, Bea, drowned in a boating accident with her best friend, their bodies lost to the deep. Yet as Jane and Eddie fall for each other, Jane is increasingly haunted by the legend of Bea.

***Magic Lessons* by Alice Hoffman**

In an unforgettable novel that traces a centuries-old curse to its source, beloved author Alice Hoffman unveils the story of Maria Owens, accused of witchcraft in Salem, and matriarch of a line of the amazing Owens women and men featured in *Practical Magic* and *The Rules of Magic*. Under the care of Hannah Owens, Maria learns about the "Unnamed Arts." Hannah recognizes that Maria has a gift and she teaches the girl all she knows. It is here that she learns her first important lesson. Always love someone who will love you back.





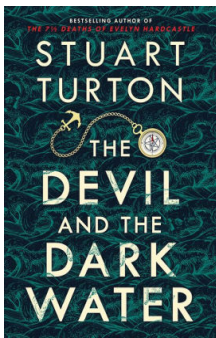
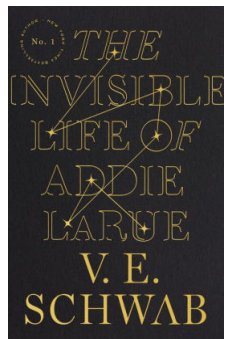
***Goodnight Beautiful* by Aimee Molloy**

Newlyweds Sam Statler and Annie Potter are head over heels, and excited to say good-bye to Manhattan and start a life together in Sam's sleepy hometown in upstate New York. Or, it turns out, a life where Annie spends most of her time alone while her therapist husband works long hours in his downstairs office, tending to the egos of his (mostly female) clientele. Little does Sam know that through a vent in his ceiling, every word of his sessions can be heard from the room upstairs. Everything is fine until the French girl in the green mini

Cooper shows up, and Sam decides to go to work and not come home, throwing a wrench into Sam and Annie's happily ever after. Showcasing Molloy's deft ability to subvert norms and culminating in a stunning twist, this is a thrilling tale of domestic suspense that not only questions assumptions but defies expectations.

***The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab**

France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world. But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.



***The Devil and the Dark Water* by Stuart Turton**

It's 1634 and Samuel Pippis, the world's greatest detective, is being transported to Amsterdam to be executed for a crime he may, or may not, have committed. Travelling with him is his loyal bodyguard, Arent Hayes, who is determined to prove his friend innocent. But no sooner are they out to sea than devilry begins to blight the voyage. A twice-dead leper stalks the decks. Strange symbols appear on the sails. Livestock is slaughtered. Could a demon be responsible for their misfortunes? With Pippis imprisoned, only Arent can solve a mystery

that connects every passenger. A mystery that stretches back into their past and now threatens to sink the ship, killing everybody on board.