



# UNEARTH A STORY

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## Unearthing A Story

**The Bone Thief** by Vanessa Lillie- A Bureau of Indian Affairs archaeologist investigates the theft of remains and the disappearance of a native girl.

**Daughter of Egypt** by Marie Bennedict- The story of two ambitious women - the daughter of an archeologist and Hatshepsut, Egypt's lost pharaoh.

**The Geomagician** by Jennifer Mandula- A Victorian fossil hunter discovers a baby pterodactyl and vows to protect him, with the help of her former fiancé.

**Ruins** by Lily Brooks-Dalton- An archeologist balancing an unfulfilling career and a bad marriage, pursues her true passion: unearthing a lost empire.

## Unearthing Secrets

**Best Offer Wins** by Marisa Kashino - A competitive housing market. A desperate buyer on the edge. How far would you go for the house of your dreams?

**It's Not Her** by Mary Kubica – A woman's family vacation is disrupted when her brother and his wife are killed and one of their children goes missing.

**Mad Mabel** by Sally Hepworth- A cantankerous 81-year-old woman with a shady past finds her quiet life interrupted when a neighbor ends up dead.

**This Story Might Save Your Life** by Tiffany Crum - When a popular podcaster and her husband go missing, her fellow host become a suspect.

## Unearthing Family Drama

**The Burning Side** by Sarah Damoff- After a fire, a couple and their children move in with her parents and family secrets and thorny histories emerge.

**Far-Flung Life** by M.L. Stedman, - In 1950s Australia, a family is shattered by a tragedy and the aftermath of it reverberates for decades.

**Go Gentle** by Maria Semple After meeting a stranger, a woman's carefully curated life of the mind is upended by intrigue and her buried past.

**Good People** by Patmeena Sabit- Zorah could do no wrong. Zorah brought shame upon her family. What's the truth? Depends on who you ask.

## Unearthing the American Revolution

**A Founding Mother** by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie - A fictional portrayal of Abigail Adams—wife of one president and mother to another.

**No Small Thing** by Harold Coyle - Early America through the eyes of militiamen, veterans, women, loyalists, and more--all swept into the storm of war.

**A Perfect Coincidence** by Jim Rasenberger – A look at the complex relationship between Founding Fathers Thomas Jefferson and John Adams.

**This Land Is Your Land** by Beverly Gage - Ride along with a Pulitzer Prize winner as she takes a tour of American History and the places it happened.

## Unearthing New Worlds

**Agnes Aubert's Mystical Cat Shelter** by Heather Fawcett - A woman who runs a cat rescue in 1920s Montréal turns to a magician to help save it.

**Daughter of Crows** by Mark Lawrence – The survivor of a brutal academy must come out of retirement when her quiet village is wiped out.

**Operation Bounce House** by Matt Dinniman – A man must fight for his planet when gamers from Earth attempt to remotely annihilate it.

**Voyagers** by Meg Charlton - A space signal that might be first contact causes upheaval and reunites childhood friends with an unusual shared memory.

## Unearthing Summer Reads

**The Island Club** by Nicola Harrison- 1956: on idyllic Balboa Island, the lives of three women begin to unravel in shockingly different ways.

**Meet Me in Italy** by Brenda Novak – An author's struggle to finish her next book is interrupted when she finds out she has a tween half-sister in Italy.

**That's What Friends Are For** by Wade Rouse - The Golden Gays, 4 men who share a house in Palm Springs, must deal with an unexpected visit.

**Wake-Up Calls** by Mariah Stewart - A woman goes to Maine after she inherits a rustic campground and finds the place filled with family secrets.



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## Unearthing the True Stories

**Dogs, Boys, and Other Things I've Cried About** by Isabel Klee – A twentysomething woman finds a passion for rescuing dogs and looks for love in NYC.

**The Land and Its People** by David Sedaris- Essays about what it means to be a traveler, a brother, and a lifelong friend by a much-loved humorist.

**London Falling** by Patrick Radden Keefe – A family devastated by the death of their young son find out that he got involved in London's criminal underworld.

**A World Appears** by Michael Pollan – Both a survey of consciousness—what it is, who has it, and why—and a meditation on the essence of humanity.

## Unearthing Love

**The Antiquarian's Object of Desire** by India Holton - Two history professors who are best friends are forced to fake hate to protect their reputations.

**Into the Blue** by Emma Brodie- An actress and the scion of an acting dynasty work on the same show seven years after he disappeared from her life.

**The Last Letters of Sally and Walter** by Cammie McGovern – Two seniors start something new in their retirement home over games of Scrabble.

**Love by the Book** by Jessica George – A writer and teacher, both lonely, bump into each other in a bookstore and a life changing friendship ensues.

## Unearthing the Unexpected

**Beasts of the Sea** by Iida Turpeinen - Tale about a fateful encounter between man and nature spanning three centuries and linked by a long-extinct creature.

**Enormous Wings** by Laurie Frankel - A seventy-seven-year-old woman moves into a retirement home where she finds love and becomes pregnant.

**Japanese Gothic** by Kylie Lee Baker - Two people living centuries apart in Japan discover a door between their worlds. One of them is a ghost.

**Wolf Worm** by T. Kingfisher - After her father's death, a scientific illustrator in 1899 is offered a job in an isolated manor where something is wrong.

## Unearthing the Past

**The Library of Flowers** by L.C. Chu – The Hua family has made enchanted perfumes for generations, but Lucy Hua was born without the gift.

**Single Girl** by John Searles – A fictionalized account of the iconic Helen Gurley Brown's early years at the helm of *Cosmopolitan* magazine.

**Skylark** by Paula McClain- A woman's quest for artistic freedom in 1664 intertwines with a doctor's mission during the 1940's German occupation.

**Yesteryear** by Rachel Rueckert - A wife and mother who sells her fantasy pioneer lifestyle to her many followers suddenly wakes in the year 1855.

## Unearthing the Clues

**A Bad, Bad Place** by Frances Crawford – In 1979 a young working-class girl from a tight-knit community in Glasgow happens upon the body of a woman.

**The Dentist** by Tim Sullivan – A detective with autism is the only one who suspects murder when a homeless man is found dead in Bristol, England.

**The Most Mysterious Bookshop in Paris** by Mark Pryor - A retired security chief just wants to open a bookshop, but finds himself investigating blackmail.

**The Murder at World's End** by Ross Montgomery - On a remote island in 1910, an unlikely duo hunts a killer in a manor sealed against the end of the world.

## Unearthing the Magic of Books

**The Bookbinder's Secret** by A. D. Bell – In 1901, a bookbinder hunts for the truth when she finds a confession hidden in the binding of a burned book.

**The Book Witch** by Meg Shaffer- As a book witch, Rainy can enter works of fiction. When her granddad goes missing, she breaks the rules to find him.

**The Lost Book of Elizabeth Barton** by Jennifer N. Brown - A professor who finds a lost manuscript must investigate a murder with ties to the past.

**This Kingdom Will Not Kill Me** by Ilona Andrews – Transported to the world of fantasy series, a woman tries to save the kingdom and the characters there.