OCTOBER

Albom, Mitch. *The Next Person You Meet in Heaven.* The sequel to *The Five People You Meet in Heaven,* tells the story of Eddie’s heavenly reunion with Annie—the little girl he saved on earth.

Connelly, Michael. *Dark Sacred Night.* Harry Bosch, who just can’t stay retired, unwillingly teams up with a Hollywood detective who has reasons of her own for wanting in on his latest cold case.

de Rosnay, Tatiana. *The Rain Watcher.* Linden Malegarde has come home to Paris for a family gathering for Linden’s father’s 70th birthday. The weekend plans of the family is disrupted as Paris undergoes a natural disaster, and the Seine bursts its banks and floods the city.

Grisham, John. *The Reckoning.* Pete Banning, a family patriarch, war hero, good neighbor, and good Methodist, walks in to the church one October morning in 1946 and shoots the Rev. Dexter Bell to death. All he says is, “I have nothing to say.”

Hilderbrand, Elin. *Winter Paradise.* In the Caribbean warmth of St. John’s, Irene Steele’s husband is found dead. Why so far from home? He had a second family and shady dealings on the island.

King, Stephen. *Elevation.* Scott Carey is losing weight and barely gets along with the married lesbians next door. But as the town resists the couple’s efforts to open a restaurant, Scott confronts his own prejudices and intervenes to help, even as his mysterious illness inspires compassion.

Kingsolver, Barbara. *Unsheltered.* Two families, in two centuries, who live at the corner of Sixth and Plum, in Vineland, NJ, navigate the challenges of surviving a world in the throes of major cultural shifts.

Macomber, Debbie. *Alaskan Holiday.* Josie Stewart heads to Alaska to take a temporary position as cook at a lakeside lodge before she begins work as sous chef in Seattle. But interest in sword craftsman Palmer Saxon might mean a change of plans.

Picoult, Jodi. *A Spark of Light.* A gunman takes hostages at a women’s reproductive health services clinic. What’s especially tough for Hugh McElroy, the police hostage negotiator, is that daughter Wren is inside.

Sanford, John. *Holy Ghost.* In little Pinion, MN, the mayor and his friend hope to increase revenue by creating a shrine around a manufactured vision of the Virgin Mary. They expect swarming pilgrims but instead get a dead body.

Sparks, Nicholas. *Every Breath.* Spending time at her family’s North Carolina beach cottage after her father is diagnosed with ALS, Hope Anderson mulls over big life decisions. Zimbabwe-born safari guide Tru Walls is also in town, tracking down a man who claims to be his father.

NOVEMBER

Archer, Jeffrey. *Heads You Win.* In 1968, Russian teenager Alexander Karpenko flips a coin to decide whether he and his mother should immigrate to London or to New York. Readers get two versions of what might have happened, depending on that flip.

Baldacci, David. *Long Road to Mercy.* Atlee Pine is an FBI agent who plies her trade in America’s Western wilds as a criminal profiler specializing in serial killers. Now she’s investigating the slashed-up carcass of a mule in the Grand Canyon, hoping to find the rider.
Berg, Elizabeth. Night of Miracles. Lucille Howard is enjoying her waning years by giving baking classes. She’s also hiring a new resident as her assistant and helping the folks next door with their son.

Child, Lee. Past Tense. Arriving in his father’s hometown in New Hampshire, Jack Reacher finds two stranded young Canadians and no evidence that his father ever lived there.

Clark, Mary Higgins. You Don’t Own Me. TV producer Laurie Moran is probing an unsolved murder, which threatens her own life: now she’s got a stalker.

Cussler, Clive. Sea of Greed. The world’s oil supply is vanishing, the stock market is plummeting, and the key to saving the future seems to a baffling historical mystery. Can the NUMA crew crack it in time?

Martin, George R.R. Fire and Blood. Centuries before the events of A Game of Thrones, House Targaryen took up residence on Dragonstone. This tale begins with Aegon the Conqueror, creator of the Iron Throne, and goes on to recount the generations of Targaryens who fought to hold that seat.

Moriarty, Liane. Nine Perfect Strangers. Nine people gather at a remote health resort—to lose weight, to get a reboot on life, or for reasons they can’t even admit to themselves. But none can imagine just how challenging the next ten days are going to be.

Obama, Michelle. Becoming. From the former First Lady, here’s a memoir starting with her childhood on Chicago’s South Side and leading to her life at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, where she raised her children gracefully while representing the United States to the world. (non-fiction)

Patterson, James. Target: Alex Cross. A sniper has claimed the president and threatens more; both Alex Cross and wife Bree Stone, the new chief of Washington, DC, detectives, are on the case.

Trigiani, Adriana. Tony’s Wife. In the 1940s, Chi Chi Donatelli and Saverio Armandonada fall in love one summer at the Jersey shore. Both dream of singing with the likes of Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman.

Cook, Robin. Transcription. A young woman dies on the NYC subway, evidently from a vicious strain of the flu. But the autopsy reveals that she’d had a heart transplant and Dr. Jack Stapleton finds himself in the midst of a biotech conspiracy.

Griffin, W.E.B. Enemy of My Enemy. Post-World War II, special agent James Cronley Jr. entrapped two nasty Nazi war criminals. Now they’ve been whisked from prison and Cronley must chase them down while also hunting the fortune Heinrich Himmler apparently hid to facilitate the founding of a Fourth Reich.

Hoag, Tami. The Boy. Detective Nick Fourcade and his wife, Detective Annie Broussard, investigate the brutal murder of seven-year-old P.J. Gauthier and the disappearance of his sometimes babysitter, thirteen-year-old Nora Florette.

Jewell, Lisa. Watching You. Melville Heights is one of the nicest neighborhoods in Bristol, England; home to doctors and lawyers and old-money academics. It’s not the sort of place where people are brutally murdered in their own kitchens. But it is the sort of place where everyone has a secret.

Martini, Steve. The Secret Partner. Hired to defend a medical researcher accused of killing a colleague about to discover a cure for cancer, Paul Madriani learns that the victim violated ethical norms in his professional and personal lives.

Roberts, Nora. Of Blood and Bone: Chronicles of the One, Book 2. Fallon Swift, lives in a ruthless world, reclaimed by nature since the Doom sickened and killed billions. Fallon must mature to become The One who is able to reclaim the world.

Woods, Stuart. Delicate Touch. Stone Barrington helps an old acquaintance solve a puzzle. In the process, a far bigger scandal, decades old, involving prominent New Yorkers who would prefer the past stay buried, is unearthed.

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