

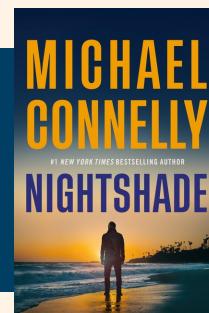
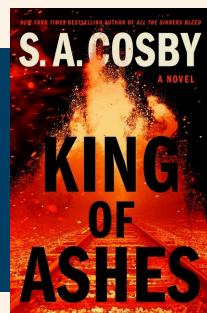
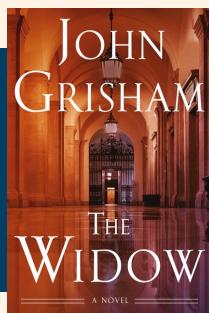


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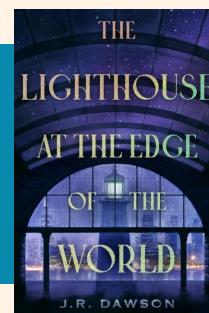
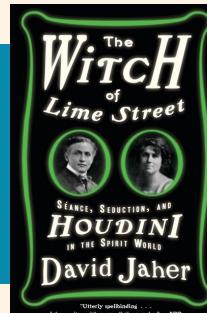
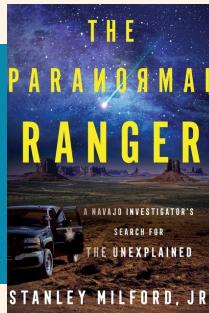
## American Mysteries

Read a fiction or non-fiction work that focuses on American cryptids, folklore, ghost stories, mystery writers, paranormal, true crime, or UFOs.

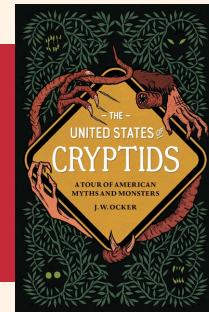
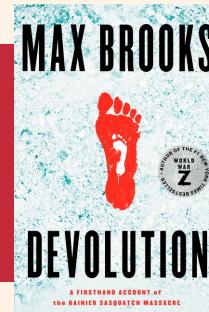
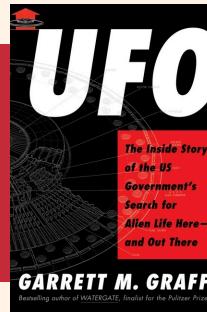
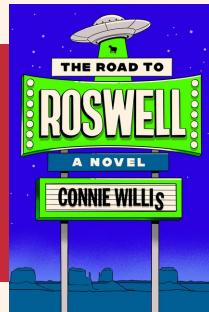
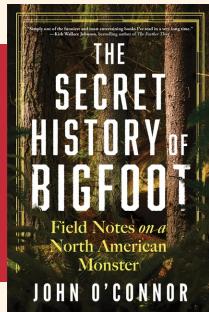
### Mystery Writers



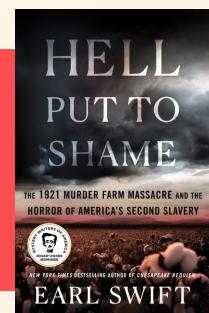
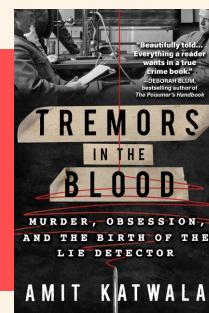
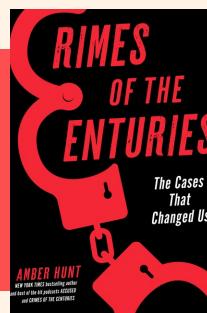
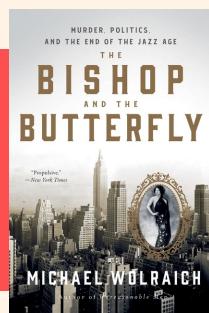
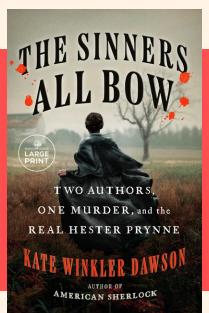
### Ghost Stories & Paranormal



### Folklore, UFOs & Cryptids



### True Crime



Suggested titles only. You are welcome to read any book that meets the requirements of the badge.

<u>American Mystery Writers</u>	<u>Ghost Stories &amp; Paranormal</u>	<u>Folklore, UFOs &amp; Cryptids</u>	<u>True Crime</u>
<b>Jeff Abbott</b>	<b>The Paranormal Ranger: A Navajo Investigator's Search for the Unexplained</b> by Stanley Milford Jr. PARANORMAL/ GENERAL/ Milford	<b>The Secret History of Bigfoot: Field Notes on a North American Monster</b> by John O'Connor PARANORMAL/ CREATURES/ O'Connor	<b>The Sinners All Bow: Two Authors, One Murder, and the Real Hester Prynne</b> by Kate Winkler Dawson TRUE CRIME/ MURDER/ Dawson
<b>Ellery Adams</b>			
<b>Susan Wittig Albert</b>			
<b>Laura Gail Black</b>			
<b>Dan Brown</b>	<b>Junie</b> by Erin Crosby Eckstine FICTION Eckstine, E.	<b>The Road to Roswell</b> by Connie Willis SCIENCE FICTION Willis, C.	<b>The Bishop and the Butterfly: Murder, Politics, and the End of the Jazz Age</b> by Michael Wolraich TRUE CRIME/ MURDER/ Wolraich
<b>Rita Mae Brown</b>			
<b>Mary Higgins Clark</b>	<b>The Witch of Lime Street: Seance, Seduction, and Houdini in the Spirit World</b> by David Jaher US HISTORY/ 20TH/ CENTURY Jaher	<b>UFO: The Inside Story of the US Government's Search for Alien Life Here—And Out There</b> by Garrett M. Graff US HISTORY/ 20TH CENTURY/ Graff	<b>Crimes of the Centuries: The Cases That Changed Us</b> by Amber Hunt TRUE CRIME/ GENERAL/ Hunt
<b>Harlan Coben</b>			
<b>Michael Connelly</b>			
<b>Patricia Cornwall</b>			
<b>S.A. Cosby</b>	<b>The Lighthouse at the Edge of the World</b> by J.R. Dawson FICTION DAWSON, J.R.	<b>Devolution: A Firsthand Account of the Rainier Sasquatch Massacre</b> by Max Brooks FICTION BROOKS, M.	<b>Tremors in the Blood: Murder, Obsession, and the Birth of the Lie Detector</b> by Amit Katwala TRUE CRIME/ MURDER/ Katwala
<b>Jeffery Deaver</b>			
<b>Janet Evanovich</b>	<b>The Bewitching</b> by Silva Moreno-Garcia FICTION MORENO-GARCIA, S.	<b>The United States of Cryptids: A Tour of American Myths and Monsters</b> by J.W. Ocker PARANORMAL/ GENERAL/ Ocker	<b>Hell Put to Shame: The 1921 Murder Farm Massacre and the Horror of America's Second Slavery</b> by Earl Swift TRUE CRIME/ MURDER/ Swift
<b>Gillian Flynn</b>			
<b>Tess Gerritsen</b>			
<b>Sue Grafton</b>	<b>The Witch's Orchard</b> by Archer Sullivan MYSTERY SULLIVAN, A.		
<b>John Grisham</b>			
<b>Dashiell Hammett</b>	<b>Coffin Moon</b> by Keith Rosson FICTION ROSSON, K.		
<b>Lee Hollis</b>			
<b>Edgar Allan Poe</b>	<b>Listen to Your Sister</b> by Neena Viel FICTION VIEL, N.	<b>The Ghost Lab: How Bigfoot Hunters, Mediums, and Alien Enthusiasts are Wrecking Science</b> by Matthew Hongoltz-Hetling SCIENCE GENERAL Hongoltz-Hetling	<b>Hell's Half-Acre: The Untold Story of the Benders, a Serial Killer Family on the American Frontier</b> by Susan Jonusas TRUE CRIME/ SERIAL KILLERS/ Jonusas
<b>Kathy Riechs</b>			
<b>Karin Slaughter</b>	<b>Lincoln's Ghost: Houdini's War on Spiritualism and the Dark Conspiracy Against the American Presidency</b> by Brad Ricca US HISTORY/ 20TH CENTURY/ Ricca		
<b>P. J. Tracy</b>			
<b>Scott Turow</b>			