

repository for books forgotten by the world, waiting for someone who will care about them again. Daniel selects a book, *The Shadow of the Wind* by Julian Carax, and loves it so much that he sets out to find the rest of Carax's work. To his shock, he discovers that someone has been systematically destroying every copy of every book this author has written. In fact, he may have the last one in existence. Before Daniel knows it his seemingly innocent quest has opened a door into one of Barcelona's darkest secrets, an epic story of murder, magic, madness and doomed love.

Death Comes to Pemberley LP  
By P. D. James MYS JAMES

It is 1803, six years since Elizabeth and Darcy embarked on their life together at Pemberley, Darcy's magnificent estate. Their peaceful, orderly world seems almost unassailable. Elizabeth has found her footing as the chatelaine of the great house. They have two fine sons, Fitzwilliam and Charles. Elizabeth's sister Jane and her husband, Bingley, live nearby; her father visits often; there is optimistic talk about the prospects of marriage for Darcy's sister Georgiana. And preparations are under way for their much-anticipated annual autumn ball. But now, Pemberley is thrown into chaos after Elizabeth Bennett's disgraced sister Lydia arrives and announces that her husband Wickham has been murdered.

American Gods 
By Neil Gaiman SF GAIMAN

Locked behind bars for three years, Shadow did his time, quietly waiting for the magic day when he could return to Eagle Point, Indiana, and his wife Laura. But just days before his release, Shadow learns that Laura has been killed in an accident. With his life in pieces and nothing to keep him tethered, Shadow accepts a job as a bodyguard from a beguiling stranger he meets on the way home, an enigmatic man who calls himself Mr. Wednesday. This job takes him on a dark and strange road trip and introduces him to a host of eccentric characters whose fates are mysteriously intertwined with his own. Shadow learns that the past never dies; that everyone, including his beloved Laura, harbors secrets; and that dreams, totems, legends, and myths are more real than we know.

Radiance  
By Catherynne M. Valente SF VALENTE

Severin Unck's father is a famous director of Gothic romances in an alternate 1986 in which talking movies are still a daring innovation due to the patent-hoarding Edison family. Rebellious against her father's films of passion, intrigue, and spirits from beyond, Severin starts making documentaries, traveling through space and investigating the levitator cults of Neptune and the lawless saloons of Mars. Severin is a realist in a fantastic universe. But her latest film, which investigates the disappearance of a diving colony on a watery Venus populated by island-sized alien creatures, will be her last. Though her crew limps home to earth and her story is preserved by the colony's last survivor, Severin will never return.

The Just City 
By Jo Walton SF WALTON

Created as an experiment by the time-traveling goddess Pallas Athene, the Just City is a planned community, populated by over ten thousand children and a few hundred adult teachers from all eras of history, along with some handy robots from the far human future - all set down together on a Mediterranean island in the distant past. Apollo, stunned by the realization that there are things mortals understand better than he does, has arranged to live a human life, and has come to the City as one of the children. Then, a few years in, Sokrates arrives - the same Sokrates recorded by Plato himself - to ask all the troublesome questions you would expect.

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Novels That Combine Genres

LP = LARGE PRINT

 = AUDIO BOOK

 = E-BOOK

 = DVD

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The Shining Girls 
By Lauren Beukes

FIC BEUKES

A time-traveling serial killer is impossible to trace--until one of his victims survives. In Depression-era Chicago, Harper Curtis finds a key to a house that opens on to other times. But it comes at a cost. He has to kill the shining girls: bright young women, burning with potential. He stalks them through their lives across different eras until, in 1989, one of his victims, Kirby Mazrachi, survives and starts hunting him back.

The Yiddish Policemen's Union 
By Michael Chabon

FIC CHABON

In a world in which Alaska, rather than Israel, has become the homeland for the Jews following World War II, Detective Meyer Landsman and his half-Tlingit partner Berko investigate the death of a heroin-addled chess prodigy.

Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell  
By Susanna Clarke

FIC CLARKE

In nineteenth-century England, all is going well for rich, reclusive Mr. Norell, who has regained some of the power of England's magicians from the past, until a rival magician, Jonathan Strange, appears and becomes Mr. Norrell's pupil. Strange joins Wellington's campaign against Napoleon and lends the army his supernatural skill on the battle field. But as Strange's powers grow, so do his ambitions.

Outlander   
By Diana Gabaldon

FIC GABALDON

Claire Randall is a married combat nurse from 1945 who is mysteriously swept back in time to 1743. She is immediately thrown into an unknown world where her life is threatened. When she is forced to marry a chivalrous and romantic young Scottish warrior, a passionate affair is ignited that tears Claire's heart between two vastly different men in two irreconcilable lives.

The princess bride : S. Morgenstern's classic tale of love and high adventure 
by William Goldman

FIC GOLDMAN

Westley, a farm boy, goes off to seek his fortune shortly after declaring his love for Buttercup, the most beautiful woman in the world, but their relationship is put to the test when his ship is captured by pirates and she is summoned to become the bride of the prince.

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies  
By Steve Hockensmith

FIC HOCKENSM

As a mysterious plague falls upon the village of Meryton and zombies start rising from the dead, Elizabeth Bennett is determined to destroy the evil menace, but becomes distracted by the arrival of the dashing and arrogant Mr. Darcy.

11/22/63 LP  
By Steven King

FIC KING

On November 22, 1963, three shots rang out in Dallas, president Kennedy died, and the world changed. What if you could change it back? Stephen King takes readers on an incredible journey into the past and the possibility of altering it.

The Eight
By Katherine Neville

FIC NEVILLE

Catherine Velis, a computer expert for a large accounting firm, is punished with reassignment to Algeria. Before she leaves, she is approached by an antiques dealer who wants her to assist him in collecting the pieces of a very old chess service, which when all of the pieces are reassembled, gives the players a game of unlimited power

The Time Traveler's Wife  
by Audrey Niffenegger

FIC NIFFENEG

Passionately in love, Clare and Henry vow to hold onto each other and their marriage as they struggle with the effects of Chrono-Displacement Disorder, a condition that casts Henry involuntarily into the world of time travel.

Touch
By Claire North

FIC NORTH

"He tried to take my life. Instead I took his. It was a long time ago. I remember it was dark, and I didn't see my killer until it was too late. As I died, my hand touched his. That's when the first switch took place. Suddenly, I was looking through the eyes of my killer, and I was watching myself die. Now switching is easy. I can jump from body to body, have any life, be anyone. Some people touch lives. Others take them. I do both"

Boy, Snow, Bird
By Helen Oyeyemi

FIC OYEYEMI

The Snow White fairy tale is brilliantly recast as a story of family secrets, race, beauty, and vanity. In the winter of 1953, Boy Novak arrives by chance in a small town in Massachusetts, looking, she believes, for beauty-the opposite of the life she's left behind in New York. She marries a local widower and becomes stepmother to his winsome daughter, Snow Whitman, who is passing for white. Boy, Snow, and Bird, Boy's dark-skinned daughter, confront the tyranny of the mirror to ask how much power surfaces really hold.

Red Moon 
By Benjamin Percy

FIC PERCY

This novel is a literary thriller set in the American West. Werewolves live among us. They are our neighbors, our mothers, our lovers. They change. When government agents kick down Claire Forrester's front door and murder her parents, Claire realizes just how different she is. Patrick Gamble was nothing special until the day he got on a plane and hours later stepped off it, the only passenger left alive, a hero. Chase Williams has sworn to protect the people of the United States from the menace in their midst, but he is becoming the very thing he has promised to destroy.

The Shadow of the Wind
By Carlos Ruiz Zafon

FIC RUIZZAFO

Barcelona, 1945-just after the war—a boy named Daniel awakes on his eleventh birthday to find that he can no longer remember his mother's face. Daniel's widowed father, an antiquarian book dealer, initiates him into the secret of the Cemetery of Forgotten Books, a library tended by Barcelona's guild of rare-book dealers as a