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Milk Glass Moon Penguin

Cathy Holton, author of the popular *Beach Trip*, returns with an intriguing and mysterious tale of dark deeds and family secrets in a small Southern town. After a personal tragedy, Chicago writer Ava Dabrowski quits her job to spend the summer in Woodburn, Tennessee, at the invitation of her old college friend Will Fraser and his two great-aunts, Josephine and Fanny Woodburn. Her charming hosts

offer Ava a chance to relax at their idyllic ancestral estate, Woodburn Hall, while working on her first novel. But Woodburn is anything but quiet: Ancient feuds lurk just beneath its placid surface, and modern-day rivalries emerge as Ava finds herself caught between the competing attentions of Will and his black-sheep cousin Jake. Fascinated by the family's impressive history—their imposing house filled with treasures, and their mingling with literary lions Fitzgerald, Hemingway, and Faulkner—Ava stumbles onto rumors about the darker side of the Woodburns' legacy. Putting aside her planned novel, she turns her creative attentions to the eccentric and tragic clan, a family with more skeletons (and ghosts) in their closets than anyone could possibly imagine. As Ava struggles to write the true story of the Woodburns, she finds herself tangled in the tragic history of a

mysterious Southern family whose secrets mirror her own.

Riding Lessons Sourcebooks, Inc.

Cotillion: A formal gathering of bright young women on the verge of entering adulthood, the society pages, and prospective high-tax-bracket marriages. Think a Civil War reenactment with crisp, clean white dresses. Catfight: An impromptu gathering of not-so-young women on the verge of losing their cool. Think a cotillion with hair-pulling. It's been more than a year since the Kudzu Debutantes exacted sweet, merciless revenge on their cheating husbands, but the repercussions are still palpable throughout Ithaca, Georgia: Nita is anxiously preparing herself for marriage to Jimmy Lee, a man thirteen years her junior; Lavonne, despite having dropped her husband – and eighty pounds – and launched her own business, longs for love; and while Eadie remains married to Trevor, she feels more neglected than ever. So the occasion of Nita's second wedding seems like just the ticket to cheer up the disconsolate Debs. But they've made a formidable enemy in Virginia Broadwell, first lady of Ithaca and the bride's ex-mother-in-law. Hell-bent on vengeance and determined to restore old-school social mores, Virginia hatches a plan so devious it makes her pedicured toes curl in anticipation. Soon enough, the women are knocked for a loop – but you can keep a Kudzu Debutante down for only so long. The one thing stronger than Virginia's wrath is the bond between the three friends, who soon learn that one of Virginia's Jimmy Choos contains an irresistible Achilles' heel. With spirit, wit, and down-home gumption, the take-no-prisoners trio decides it's time to ditch their cotillion manners as they rally to save Nita's marriage, Lavonne's business, Eadie's sanity... and the honor of Kudzu Debs the world over. Packed with authentic Southern flavor and characters as colorful as an azalea in full bloom, *The Secret Lives of the Kudzu Debutantes* serves up stinging one-liners and earthy wisdom in equal measure.

The Complete Keeper Trilogy Random House

Friends, family, depression.

Being Dead Is No Excuse A&C Black

This new kind of dictionary reflects the use of “ rhythm rhymes ” by

rappers, poets, and songwriters of today. Users can look up words to find collections of words that have the same rhythm as the original and are useable in ways that are familiar to us in everything from vers libre poetry to the lyrics and music of Bob Dylan and hip hop groups.

The Sisters Montclair Penguin

In this #1 New York Times bestseller in Sue Grafton's Alphabet series, private investigator Kinsey Millhone has her hands full when a job that should be easy money takes a turn for the worse. Reba Lafferty was a daughter of privilege, the only child of an adoring father. Nord Lafferty was already in his fifties when Reba was born, and he could deny her nothing. Over the years, he quietly settled her many scrapes with the law, but wasn't there for her when she was convicted of embezzlement and sent to the California Institution for Women. Now, at thirty-two, she's about to be paroled, having served twenty-two months of a four-year sentence. Her father wants to be sure Reba stays straight, stays home and away from the drugs, the booze, and the gamblers... It seems a straightforward assignment for Kinsey: babysit Reba until she settles in, make sure she follows all the niceties of her parole. Maybe a week's work. Nothing untoward—the woman seems remorseful and friendly. And the money is good. But life is never that simple, and Reba is out of prison less than twenty-four hours when one of her old crowd comes circling

round...

R is for Ricochet LSU Press

When Emmy Hamilton's mother encourages her to buy the local book store, Folly's Finds, she hopes it will distract her daughter from the loss of her husband. But the seller has one condition: Emmy must allow Lulu, the late owner's difficult elderly sister, to continue working there. For the most part Emmy ignores Lulu, but a bundle of love letters she finds in a box help her better understand Lulu. As details of a possible murder and a mysterious disappearance during WWII are revealed, the two women discover that fate has brought them together.

Isle of Palms Harper Collins

Offering a fresh perspective on women's fiction for a broad reading audience—fans as well as librarians—this book defines and maps the genre, and describes hundreds of relevant titles. *Women's Fiction: A Guide to Popular Reading Interests* celebrates the books in this broad genre—titles that explore the lives of female protagonists, with a focus on their relationships with family, friends, and lovers. After a brief introductory history and a chapter that defines the characteristics of women's fiction, the author showcases annotations and suggestions of approximately 300 titles by more than 100 authors. She explains how women's fiction differs from romance fiction, enabling readers to appreciate

this rich body of literature that encompasses titles as diverse as Meg Cabot's lighthearted chick lit to the more serious novels of Elizabeth Berg and Maeve Binchy. The book identifies some of the most popular and enduring women's fiction authors and titles, and provides invaluable reading lists and readalike suggestions that will be appreciated by both librarians and general readers.

Devoured Ballantine Books

For Florida diner owner Gia Morelli, there's no such thing as too much breakfast—unless it kills you . . . When Gia Morelli's marriage falls apart, she knows it's time to get out of New York. Her husband was a scam artist who swindled half the millionaires in town, and she doesn't want to be there when they decide to take revenge. On the spur of the moment, she follows her best friend to a small town in Central Florida, where she braves snakes, bears, and giant spiders to open a cheery little diner called the All-Day Breakfast Café. Owning a restaurant has been her lifelong dream, but it turns into a nightmare the morning she opens her dumpster and finds her ex-husband crammed inside. As the suspect du jour, Gia will have to scramble fast to prove her innocence before

a killer orders another cup of murder . . .
"Hold on to your plates for this fast-paced
mystery that will leave you hungering for
more!" –J.C. Eaton, author of the Sophie
Kimball Mysteries

The Queen of New Beginnings Ballantine Books
Contains essays that provide information on
various elements of popular culture in the
United States during the twentieth century,
covering the major areas of film, music,
print culture, social life, sports,
television and radio, and art and
performance. Arranged alphabetically from A-
to-D.

Anagram Solver Ballantine Books

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The Bright Side of Disaster Lindhardt og Ringhof

From Mary Kay Andrews, the New York Times
bestselling author of *Hello, Summer*, comes a
novella celebrating the magic of Christmas and
second chances in *The Santa Suit*. When newly-
divorced Ivy Perkins buys an old farmhouse sight
unseen, she is definitely looking for a change in
her life. The *Four Roses*, as the farmhouse is
called, is a labor of love—but Ivy didn't bargain
on just how much labor. The previous family left so
much furniture and so much junk, that it's a full-
time job sorting through all of it. At the top of a
closet, Ivy finds an old Santa suit—beautifully
made and decades old. In the pocket of a suit she
finds a note written in a childish hand: it's from
a little girl who has one Christmas wish, and that
is for her father to return home from the war. This
discovery sets Ivy off on a mission. Who wrote the
note? Did the man ever come home? What mysteries
did the Rose family hold? Ivy's quest brings her
into the community, at a time when all she wanted
to do was be left alone and nurse her wounds. But
the magic of Christmas makes miracles happen, and
Ivy just might find more than she ever thought
possible: a welcoming town, a family reunited, a
mystery solved, and a second chance at love.

Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood Saint James
Press

A hilarious guide to the intricate rituals, customs, you "plan to die tastefully", including Boiled and etiquette surrounding death in the South-and a Bourbon Custard; Aunt Hebe's Coconut Cake; Pickled practical collection of recipes for the final send-off. As author Gayden Metcalfe asserts, people in Shrimp; Homemade Mayonnaise; and Homemade Rolls. the Delta have a strong sense of community, and *Atlanta Magazine* Ballantine Books

What happens when your best hope for the future is being dead is no impediment to belonging to it. Down through the past? Voice-over artist Alice avoids south, they don't forget you when you've up and died-telling the truth. It's not lying, exactly, and the they may even like you better and visit you more freedom of reinvention makes those tough years in often! But just as there is an appropriate way to live your life in the South, there is an equally the past a little easier to bear. So when she meets essentially tasteful way of departing it-and the writer Clayton Miller, she recognizes the funeral is the final social event of your existence suspicious signs of someone who wants to shrug off so it must be handled flawlessly. Metcalfe portrays his old life. Untangling the web of secrets they've this slice of American culture from the manners, constructed creates an unlikely friendship-until customs, and the tomato aspic with mayonnaise that Alice discovers that Clayton has betrayed her in the worst possible way. The author of fifteen characterize the Delta way of death. Southerners explores infidelity, bereavement, and the bonds of love to swap tales, and Gayden Metcalfe, native of family with a sparkling voice that will resonate long after the book is finished. Praise for Erica Greenville, MS, founder of the Greenville Arts international bestsellers, Erica James deftly Council and chairman of the St. James Episcopal explores the author writes with a sturdy, feel-good Church Bazaar, is steeped in the stories and optimism." -Sunday Times "It is a captivating read: traditions of this rich region. She reminisces about the prominent family that drank too much and got the beautifully written." -Daily Telegraph "You know munchies the night before the big event-and left not a crumb for the funeral (Naturally some early you have made it as a storyteller writer when rising, quick-witted ladies from the church saved readers simply cannot put your book down...Erica the day, so the story demonstrates some solutions to James has this page-turning ability in potential entertaining disasters!). Then there was abundance...I wouldn't have thought this writer the lady who allocated money to have "Home on the could get any better, but she has!" -Welsh Country Range" sung at the service, and the family that *The Violets of March* Random House insisted on a portrait of their mother in her "Break out the tissues, sunblock, and margarita mix casket, only to refuse to pay for it on the grounds as four friends reunite after twenty-three years for a beach party in [this] feast of Southern authentic southern recipe that will come in handy if friendship. . . . [Cathy] Holton refreshes the

action with winning humor.”—Publishers Weekly Mel, Sara, Annie, and Lola have traveled diverse paths since their years together at a small Southern liberal arts college during the early 1980s. Mel, a mystery writer living in New York, is grappling with the aftermath of two failed marriages and a stalled writing career. Sara, an Atlanta attorney, struggles with her own slowly unraveling marriage. Annie, a successful Nashville businesswoman married to her childhood sweetheart, can’t seem to leave behind the regrets of her youth. And sweet-tempered Lola whiles away her hours—and her husband’s money—on little pills that keep her happy. Now the friends, all in their forties, converge on Lola’s lavish North Carolina beach house in an attempt to relive the carefree days of their college years. But as the week wears on and each woman’s hidden story is gradually revealed, these four friends learn that they must inevitably confront their shared past, and a secret that threatens to change their bond, and their lives, forever. “A brilliant, bubbly, bracing novel . . . packed with hilarity and heartache.”—Wichita Falls Times Record News

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Cathy Holton's Summer in the South.

Abide with Me Henry Holt and Company

The New York Times bestselling author of *The Beach House*, *Jemima J*, and *Summer Secrets* presents a novel about the pleasure and meaning of finding a home—and family—where you least expect them... When Emma Montague left the strict confines of upper-crust British life for

New York, she felt sure it would make her happy. Away from her parents and expectations, she felt liberated, throwing herself into Manhattan life replete with a high-paying job, a gorgeous apartment, and a string of successful boyfriends. But the cutthroat world of finance and relentless pursuit of more began to take its toll. This wasn't the life she wanted either. On the move again, Emma settles in the picturesque waterfront town of Westport, Connecticut, a world apart from both England and Manhattan. It is here that she begins to confront what it is she really wants from her life. With no job, and knowing only one person in town, she channels her passion for creating beautiful spaces into remaking the dilapidated cottage she rents from Dominic, a local handyman who lives next door with his six-year-old son. Unlike any man Emma has ever known, Dominic is confident, grounded, and committed to being present for his son whose mother fled shortly after he was born. They become friends, and slowly much more, as Emma finds herself feeling at home in a way she never has before. But just as they start to imagine a life together as a family, fate intervenes in the most shocking of ways. For the first time, Emma has to stay and fight for what she loves, for the truth she has discovered about herself, or risk losing it all. In a novel of changing seasons, shifting lives, and selfless love, a

story unfolds—of one woman's far-reaching journey to discover who she is truly meant to be...

The Secret Lives of the Kudzu Debutantes

Ballantine Books

"Some women can touch a man and heal like Jesus. The man who sees sunrise from a Belle woman's bed will swear he's been born again." So begins Paula Wall's funny, poignant, and sexy novel, *The Rock Orchard*. Musette Belle could lay her hand on a baby's heart and see his life as if he'd already lived it. Even in death, she continues to shock the good citizens of Leaper's Fork, Tennessee, and her descendents are doing their best to carry on her legacy. Angela Belle, a haunting and beautiful siren, lures every man she meets into greatness, while her illegitimate and very independent daughter, Dixie, serves tea and vanilla wafers to the statue of the Confederate soldier she believes is her father. But when Charlotte Belle, a woman who would rather spend the night with Jack Daniel's than any man she knows, seduces a stranger in the cemetery, it not only transforms the two people involved but the entire town. Blending sensuality, wisdom, and wry wit to create a truly unique love story, *The Rock Orchard* is about the strength of community, the might of God, and the ultimate power of extraordinary women.

Sullivan's Island MIRA

Anagram Solver is the essential guide to cracking all types of quiz and crossword featuring anagrams. Containing over 200,000 words and phrases, Anagram Solver includes plural noun forms, palindromes, idioms, first names and all parts of speech. Anagrams are grouped by the number of letters they contain with the letters set out in alphabetical order so that once the letters of an anagram are arranged alphabetically, finding the solution is as easy as locating the word in a dictionary.

Scone Cold Killer Ballantine Books

A new mother must adjust to a life she never asked for—and learns that sometimes the worst thing that can happen is exactly what you've been waiting for—in this spirited novel from the New York Times bestselling author of *How to Walk Away* and *Things You Save in a Fire* "Charming . . . cleverly told and uncommonly appealing."—People Very pregnant and not quite married, Jenny Harris doesn't mind that she and her live-in fiancé, Dean, accidentally started their family a little earlier than planned. But Dean is acting distant, and the night he runs out for cigarettes and doesn't come back, he demotes himself from future husband to sperm donor. And the very next day, Jenny goes into labor. In the months that follow, Jenny plunges into a life she never anticipated: single motherhood. At least with the sleep deprivation, sore boobs, and fits of

crying (both hers and the baby's), there's not much to dwell on her broken heart. Then things start looking up: Jenny learns how to do everything one-handed, makes friends in a mommy group, and even gets to know a handsome, helpful neighbor. But Dean is never far from Jenny's thoughts or, it turns out, her doorstep, and in the end she must choose between the old life she thought she wanted and the new life she's been lucky to find.

St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture Piping Plover Press

As a world-class equestrian and Olympic contender, Annemarie Zimmer lived for the thrill of flight atop a strong, graceful animal. Then, at eighteen, a tragic accident destroyed her riding career and Harry, the beautiful horse she cherished. Now, twenty years later, Annemarie is coming home to her dying father's New Hampshire horse farm. Jobless and abandoned, she is bringing her troubled teenage daughter to this place of pain and memory, where ghosts of an unresolved youth still haunt the fields and stables—and where hope lives in the eyes of the handsome, gentle veterinarian Annemarie loved as a girl . . . and in the seductive allure of a trainer with a magic touch. But everything will change yet again with one glimpse of a white striped gelding startlingly similar to the one Annemarie lost in another lifetime. And an obsession is born that could shatter her fragile world.

JEMIMA J. Bloomsbury Publishing USA

The last thing twenty-one-year-old Stella Nightingale wants is a job as a caregiver for

wealthy Alice Montclair Whittington. Alice, a ninety-four-year-old Southern grande dame with a dry sense of humor and a wicked tongue, has already run off a long line of caregivers. But Stella, a former runaway from a broken home who's only recently begun to put her life back together, is desperate for work. And she figures she can handle Alice. But strange things are happening at Alice's rambling mountaintop estate. As an unlikely friendship develops between the two women, Alice, whose memory comes and goes, begins to reveal long-ago tales of her illustrious past, tales that pose more questions than they answer. Who is her mysterious sister, Laura? Why won't Alice and her sister, Adeline, ever speak of her? And why are the other caregivers afraid to go down in the basement? As Stella tries to separate fact from fiction in Alice's life, she struggles to overcome her own devastating family secret, compelled by a deepening friendship that will change the lives of both women forever.