Child’s Play - Danielle Steel

A senior partner at a prestigious New York law firm, Kate Morgan couldn't be prouder of her three grown children. They all went to great schools, chose wonderful career paths, and would have made their father proud. A single mother for years after the death of her husband, Kate keeps a tight rein on her family. During one hectic summer in Manhattan, Kate's world turns upside down. One child has been keeping an astonishing secret while another confesses to an equally shocking truth. A wonderful match and picture-book wedding are traded for a relationship that shakes Kate to her core. A totally inappropriate love affair and an out-of-wedlock baby complete the chaos. Challenged as a mother and as a successful independent woman herself, Kate struggles to keep up with a dizzying and escalating chain of events, and begins to realize that she has a part to play in the chaos. Because Kate too has kept secrets from her children.

She lies in the vines - Benjamin Stevenson

Four years ago Eliza Dacey was brutally murdered. Within hours, her killer was caught. Wasn't he? So reads the opening titles of Jack Quick's new true-crime documentary. A skilled producer, Jack knows that the bigger the conspiracy, the higher the ratings. Curtis Wade, convicted of Eliza's murder on circumstantial evidence and victim of a biased police force, is the perfect subject. Millions of viewers agree. Just before the finale, Jack uncovers a minor detail that may prove Curtis guilty after all. Convinced it will ruin his show, Jack disposes of the evidence and delivers the finale unedited: proposing that Curtis is innocent. But when Curtis is released, and a new victim is found bearing horrifying similarities to the original murder, Jack realizes that he may have helped a guilty man out of jail. And, as the only one who knows the real evidence of the case, he is the only one who can send him back...

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A dog’s promise - W. Bruce Cameron
Bailey knows one thing for sure: all dogs who offer unconditional love, just like him, are destined for heaven. But before Bailey can rest in peace, there’s one family in particular that needs his help. A family that is on the verge of breaking apart. Bailey knows that helping this family means he won’t remember his previous lives, and the other families that he’s met and loved, but sometimes making the sacrifice to help those in need is its own reward.

Quantum - Patricia Cornwell
On the eve of a top secret space mission, Captain Calli Chase detects a tripped alarm in the tunnels deep below a NASA research centre. A NASA pilot, quantum physicist, and cybercrime investigator, Calli knows that a looming blizzard and government shutdown could provide the perfect cover for sabotage, with deadly consequences. As it turns out, the danger is worse than she thought. A spatter of dried blood, a missing security badge, a suspicious suicide - a series of disturbing clues point to Calli’s twin sister, Carme, who’s been MIA for days. Desperate to halt the countdown to disaster and to clear her sister’s name, Captain Chase digs deep into her vast cyber security knowledge and her painful past, probing for answers to her twin’s erratic conduct.

The butterfly girl - Rene Denfield
Naomi Cottle is an investigator who finds missing children. But the one child she has never been able to find is her sister. The two were abducted when they were very young but only Naomi managed to escape. Now, twenty years later, there is at long last a clue that her sister might still be alive. Street children have been going missing and the town has been turning a blind eye. It is only when Naomi turns up looking for her sister, that the children find someone who will listen to them and give them hope.

Peace - Garry Disher
Constable Paul Hirschhausen runs a one-cop station in the dry farming country south of the Flinders Ranges. He’s still new in town but the community work is starting to pay off. Now Christmas is here and, apart from a grass fire, two boys stealing a ute and Brenda Flann entering the front bar of the pub without exiting her car, Hirsch’s life has been peaceful. Until he’s called to a strange, vicious incident in Kitchener Street. And Sydney police ask him to look in on a family living outside town on a forgotten back road. Suddenly, it doesn’t look like a season of goodwill at all.

The wedding dress maker - Leah Fleming
Yorkshire 1945: Netta Nichol lives in the shadow of a terrible disgrace. After bearing a son out of wedlock, Netta was banished from her beloved Galloway to a Yorkshire mill town. She must stand aside as her son is raised by family back home. Bereft and broken-hearted, Netta finds solace in the quiet pleasure of sewing. Despite the shortages of wartime, she becomes known for her beautiful wedding dresses, made with ingenuity and skill. With the help of her dressmaking, Netta begins to win back her self-respect. But will it be enough to claim back her child?

The diamond hunter - Fiona McIntosh
When six-year-old Clementine Knight loses her mother to malaria during the 1870s diamond rush in southern Africa, she is left to be raised by her destitute, alcoholic father, James. Much of Clementine’s care falls to their trusty Zulu companion, Joseph One Shoe, and the unlikely pair form an unbreakable bond. When the two men uncover a large, flawless diamond, James believes he has finally secured their future, but the discovery of the priceless gem comes at a huge cost. Years on, long-buried memories of Clementine’s childhood in Africa and her beloved Joseph One Shoe are triggered, as she questions who she can trust.