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**The Unfortunate Importance of Beauty: A Novel** - Amanda Filipacchi  
2015-02-16

"A sure comic touch . . . smart and sweet . . . a tribute to the pleasures of friendship." —The New Yorker In the heart of New York City, a group of artistic friends struggles with

society's standards of beauty. At the center are Barb and Lily, two women at opposite ends of the beauty spectrum, but with the same problem: each fears she will never find a love that can overcome her looks. Barb, a stunningly beautiful costume designer, makes herself ugly in hopes of finding true love.

Meanwhile, her friend Lily, a brilliantly talented but plain-looking musician, goes to fantastic lengths to attract the man who has rejected her—with results that are as touching as they are transformative. To complicate matters, Barb and Lily discover that they may have a murderer in their midst, that Barb's calm disposition is more dangerously provocative than her beauty ever was, and that Lily's musical talents are more powerful than anyone could have imagined. Part literary whodunit, part surrealist farce, *The Unfortunate Importance of Beauty* is a smart, modern-day fairy tale. With biting wit and offbeat charm, Amanda Filipacchi illuminates the labyrinthine relationship between beauty, desire, and identity, asking at every turn: what does it truly mean to allow oneself to be seen?

*A Creed for the Third Millennium* - Colleen McCullough 2020-05-05

Tomorrow's America is a cold and ravaged place, a nation devastated by despair and

enduring winter. In a small New England city, senior government official Dr. Judith Carriol finds the man she has been seeking: a deliverer of hope in a hopeless time who can revive the dreams of a shattered people; a magnetic, compassionate idealist whom Judith can mold, manipulate and carry to undreamed-of heights; a healer who must ultimately face damnation through the destructive power of love.

*The Intensivist's Challenge* - David Crippen 2016-05-02

This book brings together personal narratives from critical care medicine specialists around the world. Most of these physicians started in critical care at or before the exponential increase in technological modalities to reverse or sustain organ function, have seen patient care both ways, and have worked as many as 30 years or more at the bedside. The narratives are organized around such themes as : how and why these physicians entered the discipline of

critical care; what was critical care like in the beginning; how they have experienced the flood of innovations in critical care; why they decided to retire (or not); and what their retirement options have been (or not). Composed by influential critical care medicine specialists, *The Intensivist's Challenge: Aging and Career Growth in a High-Stress Medical Specialty* is a valuable resource bringing together a discussion of the nature and problems of aging as they apply to physicians in a high-stress occupation, while assessing the value of clinical experience at the bedside in a world increasingly full of soulless technology.

*Thorn Bird Country* - Jo Daniell 1983

Color photographs accompanied by text portray a journey through the wilderness of Australia and depict the natural beauty of the country

### **Daughter of Australia** -

Harmony Verna 2016-04-01

An orphan girl's epic journey to womanhood takes her across the world—and back to the

man she loves—in this sweeping novel of early twentieth-century Australia. Western Australia, 1898. In the vast and unforgiving desert, a miner discovers a baby girl in the sand, miraculously still alive. Sent to an orphanage, Leonora is still mute with grief and fear as she slowly bonds with another orphan, James. He fights to protect her until both are sent away—Leonora to a wealthy American family, James to relatives who have emigrated from Ireland to claim him. Years later, Leonora is given a chance to return to her beloved Australia. There, in Wanjarri Downs, she will again come face to face with James, who's grown from a reticent boy into a strong, resourceful man. Only James knows the truth about Leonora—that her roots and her heart are here, among the gum trees and red earth. And they will fight to find a way back to each other, even as war, turmoil, and jealousy test their courage again and again. “A captivating story of love and the search for identity. A mesmerizing debut

novel.” —Kristina McMorris,  
New York Times bestselling  
author of *Sold on a Monday*

**Mash** - Richard Hooker  
2009-03-17

Before the movie, this is the novel that gave life to Hawkeye Pierce, Trapper John, Hot Lips Houlihan, Frank Burns, Radar O'Reilly, and the rest of the gang that made the 4077th MASH like no other place in Korea or on earth. The doctors who worked in the Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals (MASH) during the Korean War were well trained but, like most soldiers sent to fight a war, too young for the job. In the words of the author, "a few flipped their lids, but most of them just raised hell, in a variety of ways and degrees." For fans of the movie and the series alike, here is the original version of that perfectly corrupt football game, those martini-laced mornings and sexual escapades, and that unforgettable foray into assisted if incompleting suicide—all as funny and poignant now as they were before they became a part of America's

culture and heart.

**The Thorn Birds** - Colleen McCullough 1977

A saga of three generations of the indomitable Cleary family begins in the early 1900s when Paddy Cleary, a poor New Zealand farm laborer, moves his wife and children to the Australian sheep station owned by his rich sister

**Swan Sister** - Annie Dalton  
1992

When the swans fly over the church during the christening, grieving for their swan child, only sharp-eyed Ellen understands the terrible thing that has happened to her baby sister. But can she put right the harm that has been done?

Suggested level: primary.  
*Choice* - Raymond Ngaiza  
2022-06-13

Have you ever felt like life is getting away from you? We all know what it is to sometimes feel like mere passengers along for the ride, victims of circumstances outside of our control. In this striking work of self-help literature, author Raymond Ngaiza takes up arms against this familiar feeling,

showing the myriad ways we determine the course of our lives through the choices we make, whether they be personal or professional, big or small. Inspired by his own experiences of career and lifestyle changes in leaving his training for priesthood, going back to school, taking up writing, and becoming a husband and father, Ngaiza draws on a fascinating array of religious and secular texts—as well as politics, pop culture, and his own life—to show us how we can make the difference in our lives and in the world. Careful to examine all sorts of important dynamics that may come into play in decision-making—from being met with a lack of choice or its overwhelming abundance to the methods by which we actually execute our decisions, to the issues that may follow our choice-making, such as proverbial buyer's remorse—Choice is a powerful wake-up call to readers everywhere, reminding us that we can and should become masters of our destinies.

## **The Ladies of Missalongi -**

Colleen McCullough 1987

Missy, a young Australian woman living with her mother and her aunt, falls in love with the mysterious man who bought her family's bottling business

*How to Talk About Climate Change in a Way That Makes a Difference* - Rebecca Huntley 2020-07-02

'The antidote to climate anxiety is action. Make your first action reading this book.' OSHER GUNSBURG 'Rebecca Huntley has given us a great gift: an essential guide to understanding ourselves and each other as we face the climate crisis. Let's take down the walls that divide us. Collectively, with compassion and courage, we can make real change happen.' KYLIE KWONG 'Explains whether and how we will choose to solve the climate problem. Immensely important analysis in a great read.' PROFESSOR ROSS GARNAUT 'Why is it so hard to talk about climate change? While scientists double down on the shocking figures, we

still find ourselves unable to discuss climate change meaningfully among friends and neighbours - or even to grapple with it ourselves. The key to progress on climate change is in the psychology of human attitudes and our ability to change. Whether you're already alarmed and engaged with the issue, concerned but disengaged, a passive skeptic or an active denier, understanding our emotional reactions to climate change - why it makes us anxious, fearful, angry or detached - is critical to coping on an individual level and convincing each other to act. This book is about understanding why people who aren't like you feel the way they do and learning to talk to them effectively. What we need are thousands - millions - of everyday conversations about the climate to enlarge the ranks of the concerned, engage the disengaged and persuade the cautious of the need for action.

The October Horse - Colleen McCullough 2002-11-26  
In her new book about the men

who were instrumental in establishing the Rome of the Emperors, Colleen McCullough tells the story of a famous love affair and a man whose sheer ability could lead to only one end -- assassination. As The October Horse begins, Gaius Julius Caesar is at the height of his stupendous career. When he becomes embroiled in a civil war between Egypt's King Ptolemy and Queen Cleopatra, he finds himself torn between the fascinations of a remarkable woman and his duty as a Roman. Though he must leave Cleopatra, she remains a force in his life as a lover and as the mother of his only son, who can never inherit Caesar's Roman mantle, and therefore cannot solve his father's greatest dilemma -- who will be Caesar's Roman heir? A hero to all of Rome except to those among his colleagues who see his dictatorial powers as threats to the democratic system they prize so highly, Caesar is determined not to be worshiped as a god or crowned king, but his unique situation

conspires to make it seem otherwise. Swearing to bring him down, Caesar's enemies masquerade as friends and loyal supporters while they plot to destroy him. Among them are his cousin and Master of the Horse, Mark Antony, feral and avaricious, priapic and impulsive; Gaius Trebonius, the nobody, who owes him everything; Gaius Cassius, eaten by jealousy; and the two Brutuses, his cousin Decimus, and Marcus, the son of his mistress Servilia, sad victim of his mother and of his uncle Cato, whose daughter he marries. All are in Caesar's debt, all have been raised to high positions, all are outraged by Caesar's autocracy. Caesar must die, they decide, for only when he is dead will Rome return to her old ways, her old republican self. With her extraordinary knowledge of Roman history, Colleen McCullough brings Caesar to life as no one has ever done before and surrounds him with an enormous and vivid cast of historical characters, characters like Cleopatra who

call to us from beyond the centuries, for McCullough's genius is to make them live again without losing any of the grandeur that was Rome. Packed with battles on land and sea, with intrigue, love affairs, and murders, the novel moves with amazing speed toward the assassination itself, and then into the ever more complex and dangerous consequences of that act, in which the very fate of Rome is at stake. The October Horse is about one of the world's pivotal eras, relating as it does events that have continued to echo even into our own times.

**Tim** - Colleen McCullough  
2020-04-28

Mary Horton is content with her comfortable, solitary existence . . . until she meets Tim. A beautiful young man with the mind of a child -- a gentle outcast in a cruel, unbending world -- he illuminates the darkness of Mary's days with his boyish innocence. And he will shatter the lonely, middle-aged spinster's respectable, ordered life with a forbidden promise of

a very special love.

**When Love Awaits** - Johanna Lindsey 2011-06-14

Once Lady Leonie cursed 'the Black Wolf' - handsome Rolfe d'Ambert, the mercenary Lord of Kempston - for his bloody deeds and cruelty to the local peasants. Now she must marry the magnificent blackguard to bring peace to the land. Young, innocent, and possessing a rare and exquisite beauty, Leonie would be a prize for any man - yet Rolfe seeks the match solely for revenge. But her sensuous kiss ignites within him the fiery need to claim her - and an irresistible desire to unite their warring hearts in glorious love.

**Write Now** - Elizabeth Irvin Ross 1993

The Thorn Birds - Colleen McCullough 2010-05-11

One of the most beloved novels of all time, Colleen McCullough's magnificent saga of dreams, struggles, dark passions, and forbidden love in the Australian outback has enthralled readers the world over. The Thorn Birds is a

chronicle of three generations of Clearys—an indomitable clan of ranchers carving lives from a beautiful, hard land while contending with the bitterness, frailty, and secrets that penetrate their family. It is a poignant love story, a powerful epic of struggle and sacrifice, a celebration of individuality and spirit. Most of all, it is the story of the Clearys' only daughter, Meggie, and the haunted priest, Father Ralph de Bricassart—and the intense joining of two hearts and souls over a lifetime, a relationship that dangerously oversteps sacred boundaries of ethics and dogma.

Colleen McCullough - Mary Jean DeMarr 1996

The first book-length study of the work of Colleen McCullough, author of *The Thorn Birds* and other popular novels.

**100 More Great Books** - Bonnie A. Helms 1991

A companion title to *150 Great Books*, this acclaimed sequel reviews classic and contemporary works. Each title contains a plot summary, three evaluation tools (a 20-question

quiz, 5 short-answer questions, and a challenge essay question), answers and suggested responses, glossary of literary terms, and bibliographical entries. The 100 titles are grouped in seven categories: Adventure and Survival (such as *Run Silent, Run Deep*, *Lord of the Flies*, and *A Walk Across America*) The Maturing Self (such as *The Stranger*, *Carrie*, and *Homecoming*) History in Fiction (such as *The Sun Also Rises*, *Gone with the Wind*, and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*) Science Fiction, Fantasy, and the Supernatural (such as *The Last Unicorn*, *The Other*, and *The Martian Chronicles*) Social Issues and Moral Challenge (such as *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, *All the President's Men*, and *Skindeep*) Success and Achievement (such as *The Bell Jar*, *A Man Called Peter*, and *Up the Down Staircase*) Reflections of the Family (such as *Roots*, *Cold Sassy Tree*, and *Giants in the Earth*) Note: The original literary works are not included.

*Antony and Cleopatra* - Colleen McCullough 2013-12-03

In this final novel in the Roman series, McCullough turns her attention to the legendary romance of Antony and Cleopatra.

**Naked Cruelty** - Colleen McCullough 2013-12-03

Now in paperback—the gripping follow-up to *Too Many Murders*, in which Colleen McCullough pits Captain Carmine Delmonico against a dangerous villain and a difficult case. Once again, Captain Carmine Delmonico and his trusted detectives must restore peace to their small university town. 1968 was that kind of year. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy were both assassinated, riots raged in Detroit, and Richard Nixon was elected president. Amidst the new era of paranoia, Capt. Carmine Delmonico faces new challenges. Sex and greed dominate two new murder cases. And tension strains Carmine's ties to colleagues, Desdemona and his elder son. The result will astound and test Delmonico as never before.

Since her success with *The Thorn Birds*, Colleen McCullough has proved whether she's writing about a Roman emperor, Mr. Darcy, or an American detective, her fans know they can expect an entertaining page-turner and *Naked Cruelty* is no exception. *The Independence of Miss Mary Bennet* - Colleen McCullough 2013-12-03 Colleen McCullough's sparkling, romantic sequel to Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

*The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* - Grady Hendrix 2020-04-07 "This funny and fresh take on a classic tale manages to comment on gender roles, racial disparities, and white privilege all while creeping me all the way out. So good."—Zakiya Dalila Harris, author of *The Other Black Girl* *Steel Magnolias* meets *Dracula* in this New York Times best-selling horror novel about a women's book club that must do battle with a mysterious newcomer to their small Southern town. Bonus features:

- Reading group guide for book clubs
- Hand-drawn map of Mt. Pleasant
- Annotated true-crime reading list by Grady Hendrix
- And more!

Patricia Campbell's life has never felt smaller. Her husband is a workaholic, her teenage kids have their own lives, her senile mother-in-law needs constant care, and she's always a step behind on her endless to-do list. The only thing keeping her sane is her book club, a close-knit group of Charleston women united by their love of true crime. At these meetings they're as likely to talk about the Manson family as they are about their own families. One evening after book club, Patricia is viciously attacked by an elderly neighbor, bringing the neighbor's handsome nephew, James Harris, into her life. James is well traveled and well read, and he makes Patricia feel things she hasn't felt in years. But when children on the other side of town go missing, their deaths written off by local police, Patricia has reason to believe James Harris is more of a Bundy than a Brad

Pitt. The real problem? James is a monster of a different kind—and Patricia has already invited him in. Little by little, James will insinuate himself into Patricia's life and try to take everything she took for granted—including the book club—but she won't surrender without a fight in this blood-soaked tale of neighborly kindness gone wrong.

*Into the Storm* - Tom Clancy  
2007-05-01

In his brilliant, bestselling novels, Tom Clancy has explored the most dramatic military and security issues of our time. Now he takes readers deep into the operational art of war with this insightful look at one of America's most important military engagements in recent years: the Gulf War. Never before has the art of maneuver warfare been explored so incisively and in such rich, provocative detail. Clancy and General Frederick M. Franks, Jr.-commander of the main force that broke the back of the Republican Guard-take us deep inside the war councils and command posts

and up to the front lines. They give us a war that few people really knew-and that television never showed.

*The Bunyip Hole* - Patricia Wrightson 1973

SUMMARY: When they have unexpected time off from school, the Collins children camp out in a dilapidated hut in the bush. When two boys kidnap their dog, Binty, who lacks confidence and self-esteem blames himself and tries to rectify the situation secretly. Finally he shows courage in rescuing the dog.

*Ladies of Missaloughi* - Colleen McCullough 1988-04-01

Sometimes fairy tales can come true-even for plain, shy spinsters like Missy Wright. Neither as pretty as cousin Alicianor as domineering as mother Drusilla, she seems doomed to a quiet life of near poverty at Missaloughi, her family's pitifully small homestead in Australia's Blue Mountains. But it's a brand new century-the twentieth-a time for new thoughts and bold new actions. And Missy Wright is about to set every self-

righteous tongue in the town of Byron wagging. Because she has just set her sights on a mysterious, mistrusted and unsuspecting stranger ... who just might be Prince-Charming in disguise.

*River of Painted Birds* - Tessa Bridal 2015-10-15

Isabel Keating flees 18th century Ireland disguised as a man after accidentally killing her abusive husband. She boards a ship bound for South America and there joins forces with the ship's owner and a Jesuit priest devoted to saving native tribes from slavery. Their partnership not only affects their lives but the future of the Spanish colonies.

The Grisly Wife - Rodney Hall 1993

This second volume of a trilogy, beginning with 'The Second Bridegroom' and ending with 'Captivity Captive', tells the story of an English missionary's epic journey through remote parts of nineteenth-century Australia, her charismatic husband and his band of followers. Author has written six other novels, including the

Miles Franklin award-winning 'Just Relations', and is currently chairperson of the Australia Council.

Womanchrist - Christin Lore Weber 1987

Using her personal experiences, the author seeks to help women find a Christian spirituality that takes their womanhood into account. -- Back cover.

**Dark Side of the Harbour** - Jennifer Bacia 2020-09-01

It's the Swinging 60s. Post-war Australia is booming and the excitement of Sydney lures two young women, Rose and Margot, eager for adventure in these rapidly changing times. They meet through work, and country-girl Rose is in awe of glamorous, worldly Margot who makes it clear her ambitions stretch far beyond the cosmetic sales counter of David Jones, Sydney's iconic department store. At a coffee bar in cosmopolitan Kings Cross, they encounter two debonair Europeans, Stefan and Josef, former Polish army officers seeking to rebuild their lives. Friendship grows

between the foursome, and the women's eyes are opened to a world of experience and ideas very different from the Australia they grew up in. Rose is drawn to the handsome, reserved, Stefan, but he is a complex man clearly marked by his wartime experiences. And Margot, well, penniless immigrants certainly aren't her style. Instead, ignoring the danger signs, she has her sights set on the city's most eligible bachelor. But it's a tragedy neither woman sees coming which is about to change their lives forever. Fast-forward over two decades later, and a top-rating media program has begun investigating a long-ago murder on the sleepily opulent Northern Beaches. The locals are abuzz with speculation. Some have reason to feel nervous - including the police. Others, who've stayed silent for years, are at last tempted to tell the truth. A truth Margot and Rose could never have imagined. From Sydney's deceptive glitter, to the grit of Warsaw under siege, Dark Side

of the Harbour is a masterpiece of suspense, a story of courage, resilience and deadly secrets - where only the strongest bonds survive.

**Too Many Murders** - Colleen McCullough 2013-12-03  
Master of suspense and bestselling author Colleen McCullough returns with this novel starring Carmine Delmonico, set in the late sixties in a sleepy New England college town—now in paperback. • Loyal fans: McCullough has an excellent track record across genres, and this intricately plotted page-turner represents some of her best work. The second installment in a three-book crime series, *Too Many Murders* features the newly married Carmine and Desdemona of *On, Off*, along with a new cast of richly drawn characters. • Rich, historical detail: McCullough paints a portrait of a quintessential New England university town during the 1960s. From the stately buildings of the campus to the town's greasy diner, from gender politics to Cold

War tensions, McCullough brings to life a period that many of her readers remember.

- **Murder in a small town:** Twelve murders have taken place on one day. All are different, and no victim is connected to any of the others. At the same time, Delmonico finds himself pitted against the mysterious Ulysses, a spy giving armaments secrets to the Russians. Are the murders and espionage somehow linked?

*The New Partridge Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English: J-Z* - Dalzell Victor Eds Staff 2006

Entry includes attestations of the head word's or phrase's usage, usually in the form of a quotation. Annotation ©2006 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com).

**Seventy Thousand Camels** - Angelica A. Brewer 2022-07-07  
At age 16, Angelica ran away from her new home in Australia and a narcissistic mother, living for a time in a youth refuge and on the street. Angelica thought she had found love when in fact she lost more

of herself through this encounter. She finally settled for a more tempestuous marriage to Rhys that lasted far too long, producing three children including a son living with Autism. Newly divorced and still lost, Angelica embarked on a series of internet dating relationships that took away more of her soul. She then discovered a degree of solace and introspection as a Juvenile Justice Officer working with detainees aged 10 to 21. Reaching further crossroads in her life, Angelica swapped juvenile prison for its adult counterpart. Moving state, she met "Brew", a fellow correctional officer who would change her life forever. But despite his unfailing love and support, she entered a downward spiral into depression and suicidal ideation. Now recovered, Angelica takes stock of her life and all she learned from her journey so far.

**Australian Fiction as Archival Salvage** - Frances A. Johnson 2015-11-16

Australian Fiction as Archival Salvage examines developments in the Australian postcolonial historical novel from 1989 to the present, including seminal experiments in the genre by Kate Grenville, Mudrooroo, Kim Scott, Peter Carey, Rohan Wilson and others.

Sins of the Flesh - Colleen

McCullough 2013-11-12

This thrilling mystery in the “compelling, passionate, and gritty” (Daily Mail, UK) Captain Carmine Delmonico series finds Carmine swept up in the hunt for not one, but two depraved killers. It’s August 1969 in the sleepy college town of Holloman, Connecticut, and police Captain Carmine Delmonico is away on vacation. Back at home, first one, then two anonymous male corpses turn up, emaciated and emasculated. After connecting the victims to four other bodies, Sergeant Delia Carstairs and Lieutenant Abe Goldberg realize that Holloman has a psychopathic killer on the loose. Luckily, Carmine comes back early from vacation.

Carmine’s team begins to circle a trio of eccentrics, who readily admit to knowing all the victims, but their stories keep changing. They share family ties, painful memories, and a dark past. When another vicious murder rocks the town, Carmine faces the revelation that two killers are at large—even as he barely escapes being next in the body count. Suddenly the summer isn’t so sleepy anymore. With Colleen McCullough’s trademark “mind-boggling, murderous plots” (Kirkus Reviews), Sins of the Flesh “will be welcomed by readers who just love that creepy feeling,” (Publishers Weekly).

Bittersweet - Colleen

McCullough 2014-08-19

Colleen McCullough’s new, romantic Australian novel about four unforgettable sisters taking their places in life during the tumultuous years after World War I is “just as epic as her ultra-romantic classic, The Thorn Birds” (Marie Claire). Because they are two sets of twins, the four Latimer sisters are as close as

can be. Yet each of these vivacious young women has her own dream for herself: Edda wants to be a doctor, Grace wants to marry, Tufts wants never to marry, and Kitty wishes to be known for something other than her beauty. They are famous throughout New South Wales for their beauty, wit, and ambition, but as they step into womanhood at the beginning of the twentieth century, life holds limited prospects for them. Together they decide to enroll in a training program for nurses—a new option for women of their time. As the Latimer sisters become immersed in hospital life and the demands of their training, each must make weighty decisions about love, career, and what she values most. The results are sometimes happy, sometimes heartbreaking, but always...bittersweet. Set against the background of a young and largely untamed nation, “filled with humor, insight, and captivating historical detail, McCullough’s latest is a wise and warm

tribute to family, female empowerment, and her native land” (People).

**Angel Puss** - Colleen McCullough 2016-06-01

I wouldn't walk on coals of fire for any man, but Flo? She's my angel puss. My child. It's 1960, and twenty-one-year-old Harriet ignores her father's warning that 'only fools, Bohemians and tarts live at Kings Cross' and moves into Mrs Delvecchio Schwartz's rooming house. there she learns about men, love, and tarot cards. But it is mute four-year-old Flo who captures Harriet's heart, and who teaches her that protecting those you care for most can be hardest of all. ANGEL PUSS vividly evokes the dynamism and passions of a Kings Cross that has gone. It is also the story of women's love for children, and the sacrifices a woman will make to protect and nurture a beloved child. 'Irreverent, moving and irascibly funny' Sydney Morning Herald 'A ripping read - big in spirit, heart and charm ... I was beguiled' The Age

'Harriet is unforgettable' West Australian

**Morgan's Run** - Colleen McCullough 2012-02-29  
Fans of Victoria Hislop, Lucinda Riley and Fiona Valpy will absolutely love this captivating and beautifully atmospheric historical saga rich in romance, adventure and unforgettable characters from international bestselling author Colleen McCullough. 'Fast-moving and immensely readable... Back to the open spaces, merciless climate and sheer pioneering stance of the magical THE THORN BIRDS, this book is a page turner from start to finish' -- Maeve Binchy 'A rich, compelling epic' -- Daily Mail 'Graphically created... [McCullough is] at her best when at the heart of a relationship' -- Daily Express 'A good yarn... based on rigorous, historical research' -- Belfast Telegraph 'Colleen McCullough is a great storyteller' -- Sunday Mail 'Spellbinding' -- \*\*\*\*\*  
Reader review 'Beautifully written' -- \*\*\*\*\*  
Reader review 'Absolutely loved this book could not put it down' -- \*\*\*\*\*

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\*\*\*\*\* It was one of the greatest human experiments ever undertaken: to populate an unknown land with the criminal, the unloved and the unwanted of English society. Amid conditions of brutality that paralleled those of slavery, 'The First Fleet' was sent to a land no European but the legendary Captain Cook had ever seen. These convicts - and their equally isolated guards - were left to live or die on the hostile Australian continent. Richard Morgan - a convicted felon and educated, intelligent, resourceful man - finds the will to survive, experience the joys of love, and finally make an indelible mark upon the new frontier. His story is both inspirational and heartwarming and will stay with you long after you finish the last page...

**Crossroads** - Jonathan Franzen 2021-10-05  
'His best novel yet ... A Middlemarch-like triumph'  
Telegraph

**The Touch** - Colleen

McCullough 2003-11-25  
Not since *The Thorn Birds* has Colleen McCullough written a novel of such broad appeal about a family and the Australian experience as *The Touch*. At its center is Alexander Kinross, remembered as a young man in his native Scotland only as a shiftless boilermaker's apprentice and a godless rebel. But when, years later, he writes from Australia to summon his bride, his Scottish relatives quickly realize that he has made a fortune in the gold fields and is now a man to be reckoned with. Arriving in Sydney after a difficult voyage, the sixteen-year-old Elizabeth Drummond meets her husband-to-be and discovers to her dismay that he frightens and repels her. Offered no choice, she marries him and is whisked at once across a wild, uninhabited countryside to Alexander's own town, named Kinross after himself. In the crags above it lies the world's richest gold mine. Isolated in Alexander's great house, with no company save Chinese

servants, Elizabeth finds that the intimacies of marriage do not prompt her husband to enlighten her about his past life -- or even his present one. She has no idea that he still has a mistress, the sensual, tough, outspoken Ruby Costevan, whom Alexander has established in his town, nor that he has also made Ruby a partner in his company, rapidly expanding its interests far beyond gold. Ruby has a son, Lee, whose father is the head of the beleaguered Chinese community; the boy becomes dear to Alexander, who fosters his education as a gentleman. Captured by the very different natures of Elizabeth and Ruby, Alexander resolves to have both of them. Why should he not? He has the fabled "Midas Touch" -- a combination of curiosity, boldness and intelligence that he applies to every situation, and which fails him only when it comes to these two women. Although Ruby loves Alexander desperately, Elizabeth does not. Elizabeth bears him two daughters: the brilliant Nell, so

much like her father; and the beautiful, haunting Anna, who is to present her father with a torment out of which for once he cannot buy his way. Thwarted in his desire for a son, Alexander turns to Ruby's boy as a possible heir to his empire, unaware that by keeping Lee with him, he is courting disaster. The stories of the lives of Alexander, Elizabeth and Ruby are intermingled with those of a rich cast of characters, and, after many twists and turns, come to a stunning and shocking climax. Like *The Thorn Birds*, Colleen McCullough's new novel is at once a love story and a family saga, replete with tragedy, pathos, history and passion. As few other novelists can, she conveys a sense of place: the desperate need of her characters, men and women, rootless in a strange land, to create new beginnings.

**Green Darkness** - Anya Seton  
2013-10

"The theme of this book is reincarnation, an attempt to show the interplay--the law of

cause and effect, good and evil, among certain individual souls in two periods of English history." *Green Darkness* is the story of a great love, a love in which mysticism, suspense, and mystery form a web of good and evil forces that stretches from Tudor England to the England of the twentieth century. The marriage of the Englishman Richard Marsdon and his young American wife, Celia, slowly turns tragic as Richard withdraws into himself and Celia suffers a debilitating emotional breakdown. A wise mystic realizes that Celia can escape her past only by reliving it. She journeys back four hundred years to her former life as the servant girl Celia de Bohun during the reign of Edward VI--and to her doomed love affair with the chaplain Stephen Marsdon. Although Celia and Stephen can't escape the horrifying consequences of their love, fate (and time) offer them another chance for redemption. Anya Seton (1904-1990) was the author of many best-selling historical novels, including *Katherine*,

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