

Question of Consent by Seymour Wishman

A woman accused of an unthinkable crime must put her fate in the hands of a hated enemy in Seymour Wishman's riveting novel of the law, murder, and twisted justice.

When it comes to establishing reasonable doubt in the minds of a New York jury, defense attorney Michael Roehmer is the best in the legal business—and no one knows this better than rape victim Lisa Altman. She sat helplessly in the courtroom as Roehmer slickly, smoothly, and without mercy shot gaping holes in her testimony. As a result, the man who brutally defiled her walked free. Right and wrong, guilt or innocence mean nothing to Roehmer. For him, winning is everything.

But now Lisa is sitting at a different table. The rapist is dead, savagely murdered, and the young actress stands accused of the heinous crime. Condemned by the evidence and with nowhere else to turn, Lisa Altman needs the best [legal help](#) she can get. She needs Michael Roehmer, because suddenly her life itself is hanging precariously in the balance.

What The Dead Know by Laura Lippman

One of the most acclaimed and honored writers in the field of crime fiction, Laura Lippman offers readers a gripping tale of deception and delusion, of family wounds and betrayals.

Thirty years ago, the Bethany girls, ages eleven and fifteen, disappeared from a Baltimore shopping mall. They never returned, their bodies were never recovered, and only painful questions remain. Now, in the aftermath of a rush-hour hit-and-run accident, a clearly disoriented woman is claiming to be Heather, the younger Bethany sister. Not a [shred](#) of evidence supports her story, and every lead she reluctantly offers takes the police to another dead end—a dying, incoherent man; a razed house; a missing grave. But she definitely knows something about that terrible day—and about the shocking fissures that the tragedy exposed in the foundation of a seemingly solid family.

ANATHEM by Neal Stephenson

For ten years Fraa Erasmus, a young avout, has lived in a cloistered sanctuary for mathematicians, scientists, and philosophers, protected from the corrupting influences of the outside world. But before the week is out, both the existence he abandoned and the one he embraced will stand poised on the brink of cataclysmic change—and Erasmus will become a major player in a drama that will determine the future of his world, as he follows his destiny to the most inhospitable corners of the planet . . . and beyond.

Anathem is the latest miraculous invention by the New York Times bestselling author of Cryptonomicon and The Baroque Cycle—a work of astonishing scope, intelligence, and imagination.

To Marry Medusa by Theodore Sturgeon

Hugo and Nebula Award-winning sf master Theodore Sturgeon brilliantly reinvents the alien invasion novel with the heart-stopping story of a malevolent, galaxy-consuming hive mind and its surprising human host.

Drunk, angry, abusive, and pathetic, Dan Gurlick exists at the very lowest level of human civilization, sleeping in junked cars and scrounging through garbage cans for his dinner. But his last rotting meal contains something unexpected: a spore originating from a distant galaxy light-years away. First Gurlick eats it, then it eats Gurlick, and suddenly the homeless alcoholic is a host for the Medusa. An insatiable alien hive mind, the Medusa has already consumed the lifeforms of a billion planets and now it hungers for the dominant species of Earth. But to do so, first it

must somehow unite the planet's intelligent creatures into a single shared consciousness; an assignment the miserable wretch Gurlick may prove surprisingly and terrifyingly capable of carrying out.

With *To Marry Medusa* Theodore Sturgeon, the acknowledged father of literary sf, has twisted

and reshaped the fictional theme of alien invasion and conquest into something truly remarkable. Suspenseful, dazzlingly inventive, and surprisingly compassionate, it is a vibrant and unforgettable exploration into what it means to be human and more—or less—than human

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Of Wolves and Men by Barry Lopez

In his critically acclaimed, award-winning triumph, author Barry Lopez offers a stunning portrait of complex and magnificent wild creatures and their relationship with the human animal in the natural world.

Throughout the centuries, the wolf has been a figure of fascination and mystery, a major player in literature and myth. A creature that has long exerted a powerful influence on the human imagination, the wolf at once inspires intense loathing, fear, and respect; appreciation and wonder; for its intelligence and cunning; its loyalty, savagery, and stealth. A fairy tale villain, a revered Native American spiritual symbol, the wolf shares with its human admirers and enemies alike a strong sense of community and devotion to family—a magnificent beast that will always deserve its place in this perhaps too-civilized world, a position that now is seriously threatened.

Of Wolves and Men is a remarkable study of these extraordinary animals and their relationship to humankind through the ages. Esteemed nature writer Barry Lopez brilliantly envelopes us in the world of the wolf, elegantly drawing on science, history, mythology, and his own personal experiences with wolves in the wild to present a compelling portrait of wolves real and imagined, dispelling myths and terrors while celebrating their indelible place in our history, our legends, and our hearts.