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Brotherhood in Death

By J. D. Robb

Set in the future- not science fiction though. Once in a while you get these bizarre things- like everyone has an automatic chef. Maybe 50 plus years in the future- everyone has robots.

Maine characters are 6 male Yalees who get together each year and commit crimes, till one year when they start getting killed.

Quite graphic in parts.

Sort of recommend, but be wary.

Plainsong, Eventide, and Benediction

By Kent Haruf

Reading about everyday occurrences but it makes you very emotional. While you're experiencing the full catastrophe of life and the full joy of it. He makes everyone so ordinary but so special. Made me realize why I treasure every single day even though there isn't always a lot going on.

He has a gift of writing that there aren't any words to describe.

The Little Red Chairs

By Edna O'Brien

Takes place in Ireland- this woman becomes involved with a mysterious figure who shows up in the town. He represents himself as a healer and sets up a clinic in town. The locals area all very skeptical, but he gradually works his way into the community. Fidelma, who is married, and having a rough time in her marriage, is trying desperately hard to get pregnant. A short time later, the man is arrested and revealed to be a notorious war criminal.

Circling the Sun

By Paula McLain

About the life of Beryl Markham.

Did all this research on her and then wrote a novel about her.

Fascinating- she really is this early feminist in so many ways, but on the other hand she's caught in the times. She grows up with a native boy, but she's also English. She's always straddling these two worlds. She ends up being a pilot, even though there were

hardly any female pilots at the time. Even though she had all these attributes and skills, there was still this pressure to get married.
A great read- a lot of sadness, a lot of poignancy.

Joe Gunther Series
By Archer Mayor

Vermont cop- lives in Brattleboro
One of the nice things about the writer is he manages to recreate the feeling of the state in a way that not many writers will do. The disasters that happen as the core of the plot are rarely horrific. They just need to be solved. A lot of fun.

Sister of my Heart
By Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

Beautiful book. Amazing. You get to the end and everything is left unresolved. So fascinating- what it's like for women with arranged marriages. The characters are just wonderful. Two girls who are cousins- sisters at heart. They know that no matter what happens they'll never be separated. Beautiful writing.