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Redemption road

By John Hart

A very involved mystery sort of two mysteries in one. Starts with a shooting by a female police officer. There's also another story of a man who is getting out of prison. The ending is a little too much of a fairy tale. There is a lot of gory stuff but the ending is a bit too perfect, but I really enjoyed it I couldn't put it down.

The word is murder

By Anthony Horowitz

A fiction book about a retired cop wants to write a book but he can't write, so he hires the author, Anthony Horowitz, to write it. It follows the cop but there's a little more than your standard police procedural. Interesting how the author puts himself into the book as the hired author.

Mr. Mercedes

By Stephen King

Actually more of a suspense thriller/ police procedural. It's about this awful crime where people are lined up for a job fair and a huge Mercedes kills multiple people and injures others. They find the car but never the driver. The lead investigator eventually retires. After about 6 months of retirement he gets a letter from the driver of the car who refers to himself as mr Mercedes. So he decides he's going to solve the case. He doesn't turn the letter in and has to work around the fact that he's retired and can't just run background checks or anything. Relay good book. There's some graphic stuff but I thought King showed remarkable restraint in not killing characters I thought he would kill. Ending was a little far fetched but i'm looking forward to the two other books with the characters.

Don't skip out on me

By Willy Vlautin

Compassion and the decency of the characters is just overwhelming. The author is quite young so I hope he has a lot more books in him. It reminded me the minute I read the first few pages of Kent Haruf. There's a young native man whose parents didn't want him and he never felt like he belonged anywhere. He starts working on a ranch for these two people who basically adopt him and want to give him the ranch. But he wants to reinvent himself as a Mexican fighter/boxer. But

he has an issue with freezing up. Really about trying to find your way in a world that isn't yours. Such a beautiful book. I would read this over and over.

Rumpole on Trial

By John Mortimer

Sardonic humor I love it. He's making social comment throughout it. He's representing a lot of the criminal element. But he exposes the real hypocrisy in the British government that's built into the system. He's on trial- his former student who is a radical liberal attorney- she ends up exonerating him. Hard to put it down once you start.

Fools and mortals

By Bernard Cornwell

Single standing book- fictional account of Will Shakespeare's younger brother Rickard. He's always stuck playing the women's roles because he's younger. William has nothing to do with him. You get this great view of the theater and the political things going on at the time. The backbiting between the three main companies and the actors. There's also the whole thing about the Puritans who sent their henchman out and if you were Catholic you could be drawn and quartered. Rich storyline with all kinds of details. With Richard just really wanting to be a man. Goes to incredible risks and ends up on the fighting side with all the Puritan henchman chasing him. All because he's trying to protect Romeo and Juliet and Midsummer nights dream. The audiobook reader is great.

Some danger involved

To kingdom Come

By Will Thomas

The author is a librarian. The books are set in Victorian England.

About a young man who's just had it. Eventually just runs out of cash and has been to prison and he can't find work. He's tried to get a job doing anything and he can't. Eventually he sees an ad about an "inquiry agent" and he keeps seeing the ad. So he has an interview with the agent. He finds out that there is some danger involved as he'll be an assistant to the agent. He has to fire a gun and had knives thrown at him. The inquiry agent gets drawn into a very interesting case and his boss is very amazingly talented in a hundred different directions. So he thinks he's getting it but every time he moves forward something screws up and the agent is able to move him in the right direction.

Second book is absolutely astonishing. They infiltrate a group of Irish independence fighters.

The Power

By Naomi Alderman

"In THE POWER, the world is a recognizable place: there's a rich Nigerian boy who lounges around the family pool; a foster kid whose religious parents hide their true nature; an ambitious American politician; a tough London girl from a tricky family. But then a vital new force takes root and flourishes, causing their lives to converge with devastating effect. Teenage girls now have immense physical power--they can cause agonizing pain and even death. And, with this small twist of nature, the world drastically resets. THE POWER is speculative fiction at its most ambitious and provocative, at once taking us on a thrilling journey to an alternate reality, and exposing our own world in bold and surprising ways."