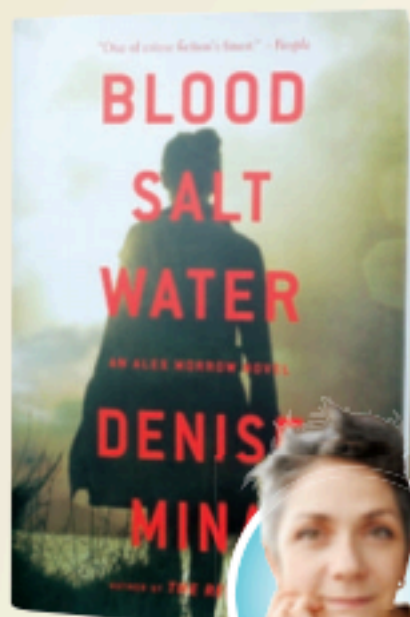


No. **12** The Best New Books

A fantastical charmer from Dean Koontz, Jayne Ann Krentz's latest romance and a whip-smart Scottish crime novel EDITED BY KIM HUBBARD



Denise Mina
Blood, Salt, Water

NOVEL The murderer's identity is revealed in the book's opening pages, but that doesn't lessen the suspense: In Mina's world crime infects entire populations. As Det. Alex Morrow uncovers layers of deception among the thugs, white-collar crooks and battle-weary cops inhabiting one seemingly genteel Scottish town, you'll find yourself hooked.



Jayne Ann Krentz
Secret Sisters

NOVEL Eighteen years after she was brutally attacked at her grandmother's inn, heiress Madeline Chase returns to the abandoned property to determine its fate. There—with help from a hunky former FBI consultant—she is drawn into an investigation of what really happened that long-ago night. A suspenseful, romantic escape.



BOOK OF THE WEEK



Dean Koontz
Ashley Bell

NOVEL Just after 22-year-old novelist Bibi Blair is diagnosed with terminal cancer, she inexplicably recovers—and embarks on a dangerous quest to save a little girl she's never met. Expertly blending the mystical and the everyday, Koontz creates alternate universes for his characters while playing hide-and-seek with the truth. His latest is a mind-bender filled with satisfying surprises.



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Oliver Sacks
Gratitude
Neurologist Sacks, who died in August at 82, brought his trademark incisive curiosity about the human condition to these lovely essays on facing his own death. An exit to emulate.

Laura Lane & Angela Spera
This Is Why You're Single
Spera and Lane have turned their comedy sketch show into a witty dating guide that just might help land your IRL mate.

Betty Boyd Caroli
Lady Bird and Lyndon
Caroli's captivating biography proves that Lady Bird Johnson contributed much more than mere highway beautification to her husband's presidency.

