Kirkus Reviews Best of 2016
Mysteries and Thrillers

YOU WILL KNOW ME by Megan Abbott
MABB
"Abbott proves herself a master of fingernails-digging-into-your-palms suspense." Abbott's latest thriller is about everyday lives changed forever by an exceptional individual—in this case an Olympic gymnastics hopeful.

FALL FROM GRACE by Tim Weaver
MWEA
"Readers who despair after a hundred pages that all the plotlines Weaver has launched can't possibly fit together are strongly urged to persist. They do indeed all fit together, and the monstrous pattern that emerges is as devastating as in any of Ross Macdonald's nightmares." Missing persons specialist David Raker goes hunting for a vanished copper and finds a whole lot more in this endless, deeply felt, un-put-downable thriller.

FOOL ME ONCE by Harlan Coben
MCOB, LARGE PRINT, CD AUDIOBOOK, OVERDRIVE EBOOK
"Once again, Coben marries his two greatest strengths—masterfully paced plotting that leads to a climactic string of fireworks and the ability to root all the revelations in deeply felt emotions—in a tale guaranteed to fool even the craftiest readers a lot more than once." Coben hits the bull's eye again with this taut tale of a disgraced combat veteran whose homefront life is turned upside down by an image captured by her nanny cam.

RAZOR GIRL by Carl Hiaasen
FICTION HIA, LARGE PRINT, CD AUDIOBOOK
"Relax, enjoy, and marvel anew at the power of unbridled fictional invention." Rejoice, fans of American madness who've sought fulfillment in political reportage. South Florida's master farceur is back to reassure you that fiction is indeed stranger than truth.

THE SECOND LIFE OF NICK MASON by Steve Hamilton
FICTION HAM, LARGE PRINT, CD AUDIOBOOK
"With a terrific new hero built for the long run, Hamilton stands to gain new followers—especially if Hollywood's plans to adapt the book come to fruition." When hard-nosed Chicagoan Nick Mason is sprung from an Indiana prison after serving only five years of a 25-year-to-life sentence, he's hardly done paying for a killing he did not commit.
RISE THE DARK by Michael Koryta
FICTION KOR, CD AUDIOBOOK
"Again proving himself one of today's top thriller writers, Koryta creates edgy suspense not with trickery but with characters who test the limits of their courage."
Having escaped certain death in Indiana's scariest caves in Last Words, private investigator Mark Novak returns to his old haunts in Montana in pursuit of the man who murdered his wife in Cassadaga, Florida—a strange town known for its psychics.

THE BLACK WIDOW by Daniel Silva
FICTION SIL, LARGE PRINT, CD AUDIOBOOK, OVERDRIVE EBOOK
"A dark thriller for difficult times."
A fitting (supposedly) final mission for one of fiction's greatest spies.

A GREAT RECKONING by Louise Penny
M PEN, LARGE PRINT, CD AUDIOBOOK
"A chilling story that's also filled with hope—a beloved Penny trademark."
Within a police force, some members must be trained in the science, and art, of solving murders. But does this training create people highly capable of committing them?

I LET YOU GO by Clare Mackintosh
FICTION MAC
"Mackintosh has written the kind of book that sticks in the reader's mind well after the final sentence."
When a 5-year-old boy is killed in a hit-and-run accident, the police find themselves with a sensational case and one woman discovers an emptiness that she may never fill in Mackintosh's engrossing debut.

MISSING, PRESUMED by Susie Steiner
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"Hopefully, this is just the first adventure of many Steiner will write for DS Bradshaw and her team."
A new and complex police heroine tries to solve a high-profile missing persons case while seeking domestic fulfillment in Cambridge.

BLIND SIGHT by Carol O'Connell
M O'CO
"Colorful and appealing (or appalling) characters make this one a winner for crime-fic fans."
The twelfth in a series of clever crime novels featuring scary-smart Kathy Mallory.
ONLY THE HUNTED RUN by Neely Tucker
M TUC
"Tucker raises the stakes and ramps up the darkness in this series and makes you wonder, and even worry a little about, what's coming next."
A mass slaughter in the Capitol building sets off this third tense and twitchy installment in the adventures of investigative reporter Sully Carter.

COLLECTING THE DEAD by Spencer Kope
M KOP
"Kope's fascinating debut will place Steps Craig alongside Walt Longmire, Jack Reacher, and Charlie Parker as an enduring literary hero."
A quirky hero who chases the worst of serial killers with a bit of supernatural help makes Kope's debut novel a winner.