

## Debut Thrillers first-time authors who put readers in full-time suspense

### Rebecca Drake - [\*Just Between Us\*](#) (DRA 2018)

Alison, Julie, Sarah, Heather. Four friends living the suburban ideal. Their jobs are steady, their kids are healthy. They're as beautiful as their houses. But each of them has a dirty little secret, and hidden behind the veneer of their perfect lives is a crime and a mystery that will consume them all.

### Emily Elgar – [\*If You Knew Her\*](#) (ELG 2018)

When Cassie Jensen arrives in the intensive care ward after being struck in a hit-and-run, chief nurse Alice Marlowe thinks she looks familiar. She starts digging into Cassie's relationships, only to discover something about her patient that she'd been keeping secret from everyone. Frank, a patient on the same ward who has locked-in syndrome, can hear and see everything around him but cannot speak. While the police continue to look for clues about Cassie, only Frank holds the truth, but he's unable to communicate it.

### Araminta Hall – [\*Our Kind of Cruelty\*](#) (HAL 2018)

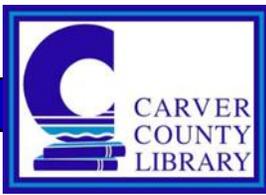
Mike Hayes fought his way out of a brutal childhood and into a quiet, if lonely, life before he met Verity Metcalf. V taught him about love, and in return, Mike has dedicated his life to making her happy. He's found the perfect home, the perfect job; he's sculpted himself into the physical ideal V has always wanted. He knows they'll be blissfully happy together. It doesn't matter that she hasn't been returning his e-mails or phone calls. It doesn't matter that she says she's marrying Angus. It's all just part of the secret game they used to play.

### Tasha Kavanagh - [\*Things We Have in Common\*](#) (KAV 2017)

When fifteen-year-old Yasmin--obese, obsessive and deemed a freak by her peers--sees a sinister man watching Alice Taylor from the school fence, she becomes convinced he's planning to take her. After all, who wouldn't want the popular and perfect Alice? Then Yasmin realizes if she can find out who he is before he acts, she'll be the only one who can tell the police, save Alice and become Alice's heroine. But as Yasmin discovers more about this man, her affections begin to shift. Perhaps she was wrong about him.

### Christine Mangan - [\*Tangerine\*](#) (MAN 2018)

The last person Alice Shipley expected to see since arriving in Tangier with her new husband was Lucy Mason. After the accident at Bennington, the two friends haven't spoken in over a year. Perhaps Alice should be happy. She has not adjusted to life in Morocco, too afraid to venture out into the bustling medinas and oppressive heat. Lucy helps Alice emerge from her flat and explore the country. But soon a familiar feeling starts to overtake Alice.



**Aimee Molloy – [The Perfect Mother](#) (MOL 2018)**

They call themselves the May Mothers--a group of new moms whose babies were born in the same month. They often get together in Prospect Park for some much-needed adult time. When the women go out for drinks at the neighborhood bar, they are looking for a fun break from their daily routine. But on this hot Fourth of July night, something goes terrifyingly wrong: one of the babies is taken from his crib.

**Roz Nay - [Our Little Secret](#) (NAY 2018)**

The police have been interrogating Angela for hours asking about Saskia Parker, the wife of Angela's high school sweetheart, HP, and the mother of his child. Saskia has vanished. Det. Novak believes Angela knows what happened. He wants the truth, and he wants it now. But Angela has a different story to tell. It began more than a decade ago when she and HP met in high school. They became friends, fell in love, and dated, but everything changed when Angela went to college. Detective Novak needs to stop asking questions and listen to what Angela is telling him.

**Anna Quinn - [The Night Child](#) (QUI 2018)**

Nora Brown teaches high school English and lives a quiet life in Seattle with her husband and young daughter. But one November day, moments after dismissing her class, a girl's face appears above the students' desks. Twenty-four hours later, while on Thanksgiving vacation, the face appears again and Nora. . . .

**Leila Slimani - [The Perfect Nanny](#) (SLI 2018)**

When Myriam decides to return to work after having children, she and her husband look for the perfect nanny for their two young children. They never dreamed they would find Louise: a quiet, polite, devoted woman who sings to the children, cleans the family's chic Paris apartment, stays late without complaint, and hosts enviable kiddie parties. But as the couple and the nanny become more dependent on one another, jealousy, resentment, and suspicions mount, shattering the idyllic tableau.

**Catherine Steadman - [Something in the Water](#) (STE 2018)**

Erin is a documentary filmmaker on the brink of a professional breakthrough, Mark a handsome investment banker with big plans. Passionately in love, they embark on a dream honeymoon to the tropical island of Bora Bora, where they enjoy the sun, the sand, and each other. Then, while scuba diving in the crystal blue sea, they find something in the water. . . . Suddenly the newlyweds must make a dangerous choice: to speak out or to protect their secret. After all, if no one else knows, who would be hurt?

**C. J. Tudor - [The Chalk Man](#) (TUD 2018)**

In 1986, Eddie and his friends are just kids on the verge of adolescence. They spend their days biking around their English village and looking for any taste of excitement they can get. The chalk men are their secret code: little chalk stick figures they leave for one another as messages only they can understand. But then a mysterious chalk man leads them right to a dismembered body. In 2016, Eddie is fully grown, and thinks he's put his past behind him. But then he gets a letter in the mail, containing a single chalk stick figure.