



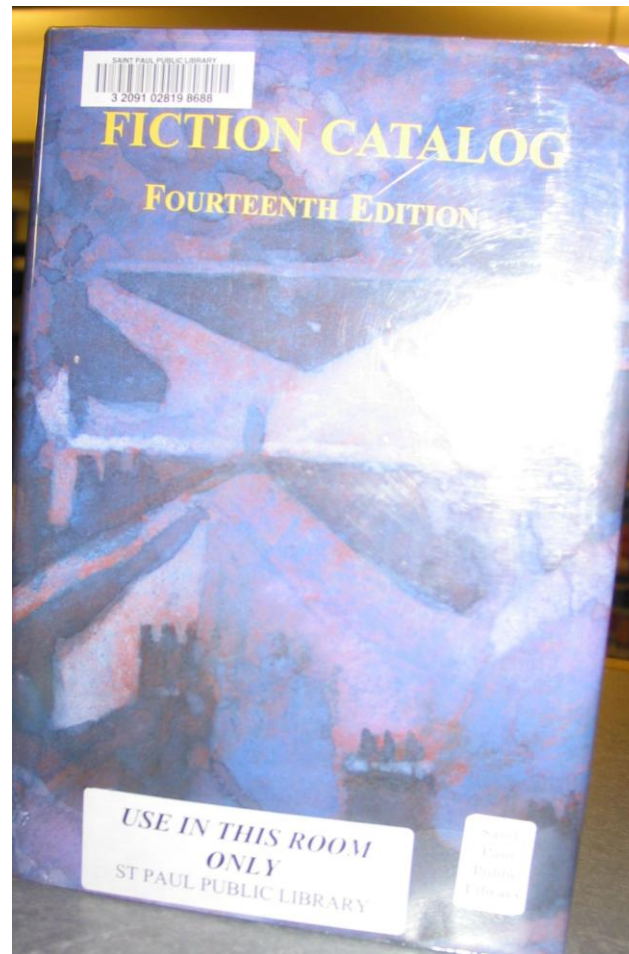
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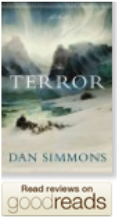
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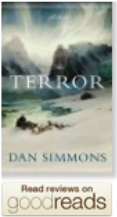
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1. ***The terrors of ice and darkness***  
Ransmayr, Christoph, 1954-
Reason: These gripping and suspenseful stories focus on men trapped in brutal arctic climates and feature vivid descriptions of the perils these characters face, as well as the desperate measures they take to survive. -- Derek Keyser
2. ***Peter Benchley's Creature***  
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3. ***White shark***  
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Simmons, Dan

Dan Simmons is a genre-bending author known for novels with any combination of horror, science fiction, suspense, thriller and historical fiction. Despite his inability to be pigeon-holed by genre, Simmons' novels are all character-focused, provocative stories with a deliberate pace that allows the tension to build so intensely that it makes readers squirm- and they love it. Readers crave the interesting and thought-provoking details that Simmons peppers throughout his novels. Recently, he has begun to focus his work on real historical characters, adding a twist of dark, speculative elements. Start with: Darwin's Blade.



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1. **Koontz, Dean R. (Dean Ray), 1945-**  



Reason: Dean R. Koontz might appeal to Simmons fans. Known for his Horror and Thrillers, Koontz creates atmospheric stories featuring sympathetic characters in difficult, often horrific situations. -- Krista Biggs

2. **Pearl, Matthew**  

Reason: Fans of Simmons' more recent blending of historical fiction and supernatural thriller will enjoy the historical mysteries of Matthew Pearl. Both men write literary, dark, suspenseful novels that play with possible (but improbable) answers to large historical questions. Both men even have novels about Charles Dickens and his final, unfinished novel. -- Becky Spratford

3. **King, Stephen, 1947-**  

Reason: Another author who crosses genres readily is Stephen King, and his evocative horror novels offer many satisfactions for Simmons's fans, including fast-paced and involved story lines, personable protagonists, ominous undertones that grow into horrific situations, evocative settings, and satisfying resolutions. -- Krista Biggs

4. **Mieville, China**  

Reason: Simmons and Mieville are both award-winning authors who refuse to be pigeon-holed into a single genre. They excel at creating dark, literary thrillers with plenty of speculative twists that readers bring in more readers with each new title. -- Becky Spratford

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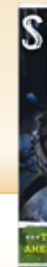
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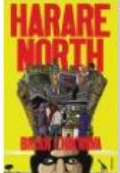


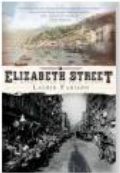

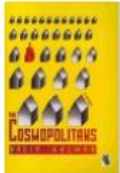



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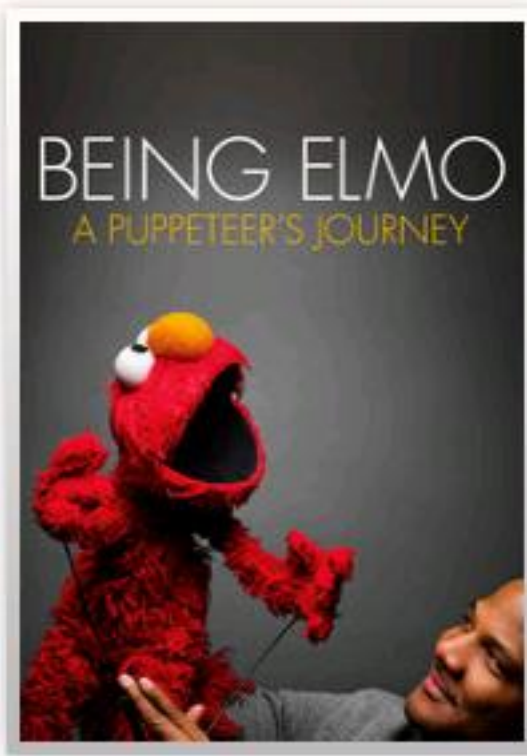
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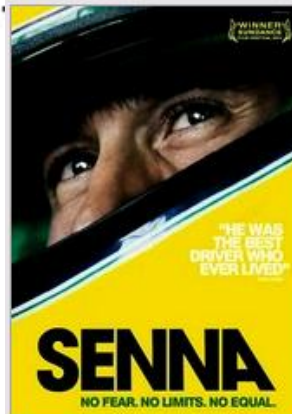


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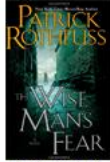
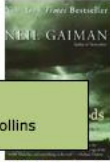
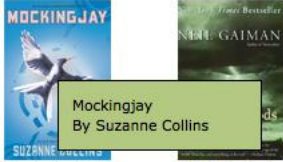

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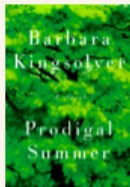
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I invite you to enjoy the great outdoors this spring while reading, even if that means simply sitting in front of a window sipping tea, waiting for the flowers to bloom.



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By *Kingsolver, Barbara*

2000-10 - HarperCollins Publishers

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