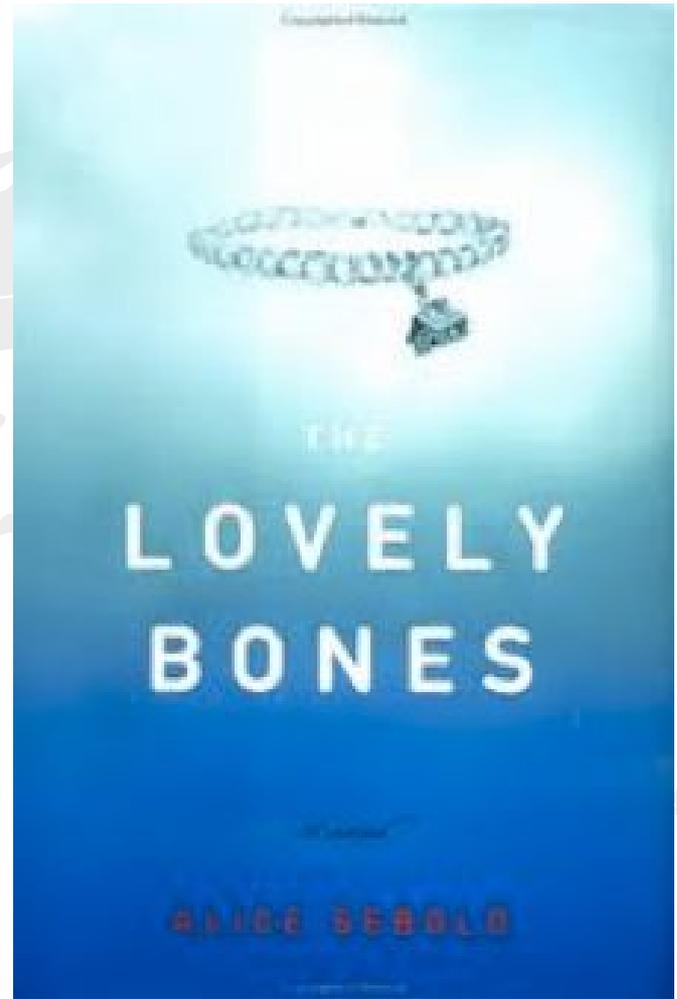


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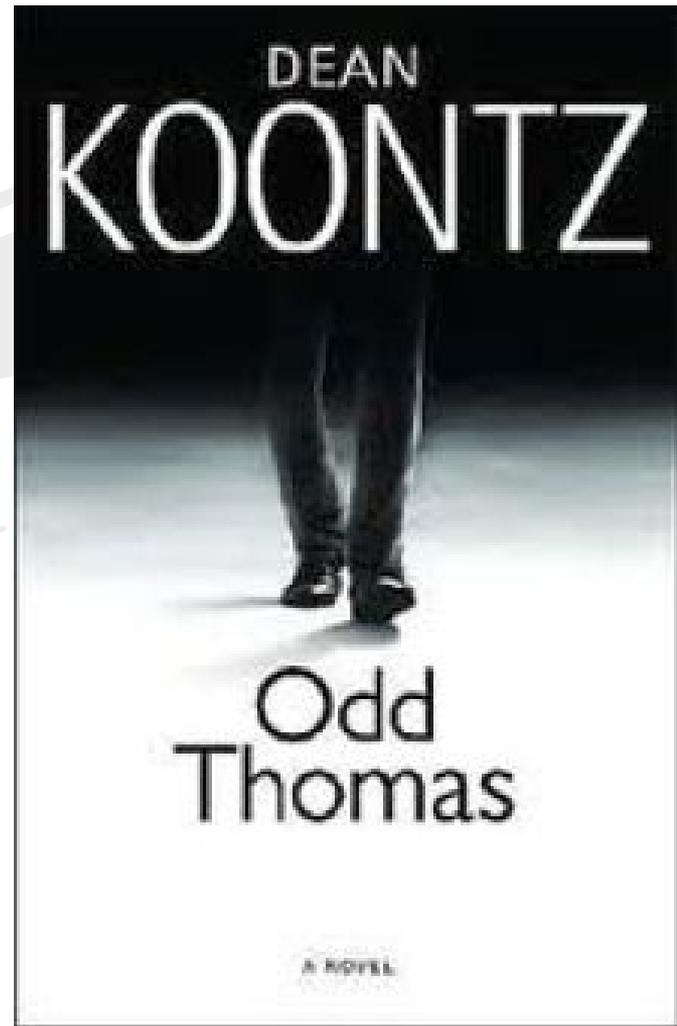
The Lovely Bones

The story of a teenage girl who, after being raped and murdered, watches over her family and friends from her own personal heaven. Helpless, she watches as they struggle to move on with their lives, all while she begins to come to terms with her own death.



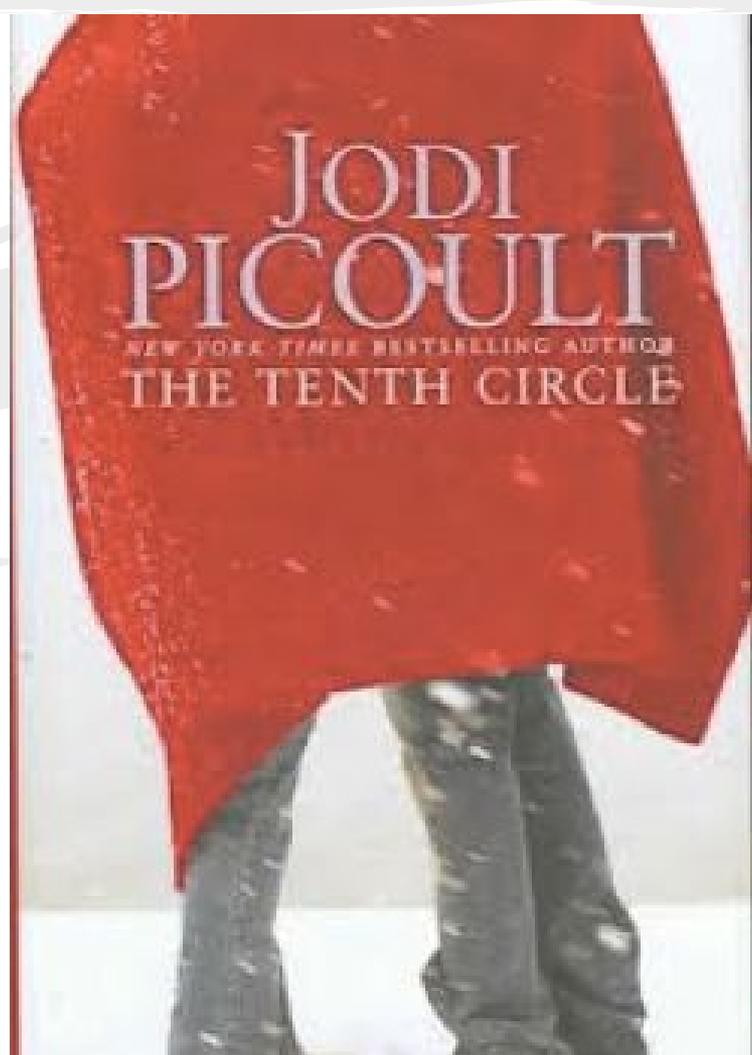
Odd Thomas

Odd Thomas is a short order cook with a sixth sense. He has the gift of supernatural intuition and can see the dead. While he races to stop an unknown disaster that has yet to even occur, we learn more about his unusual and sometimes unfortunate upbringing.



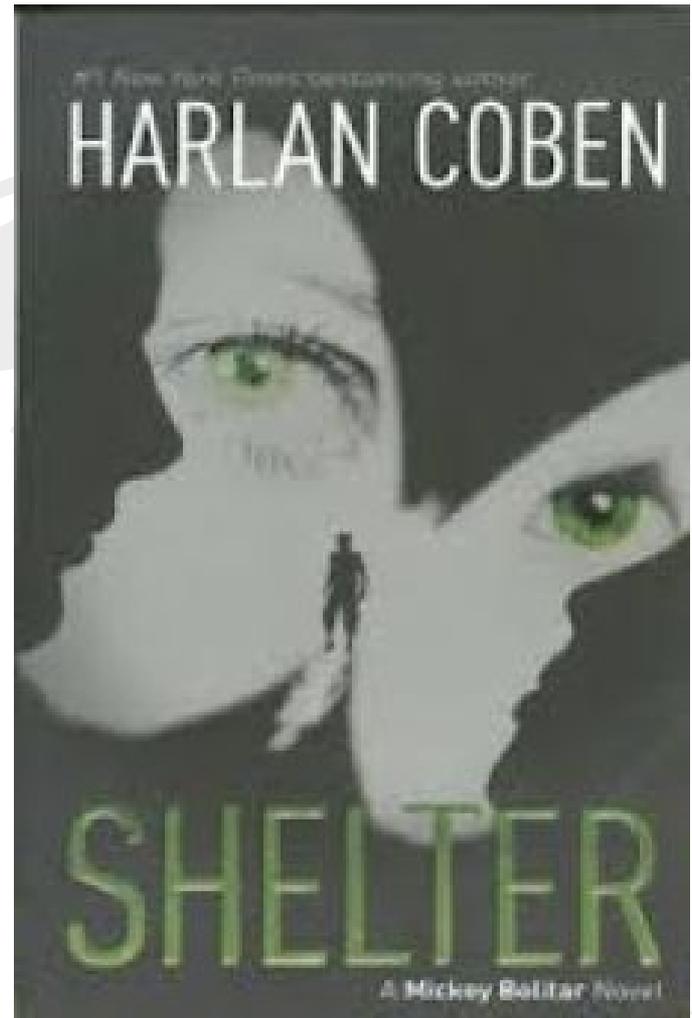
Tenth Circle

Fourteen-year-old Trixie Stone is smart, popular, pretty, and she is also in love for the first time. However, with a single act of violence, everything that Trixie has known is turned upside down. She begins to question her family, believing that her entire childhood has been one big lie. Her father Daniel, a comic book artist with a secret tumultuous past, begins to fight for his daughter and to protect her well-being.



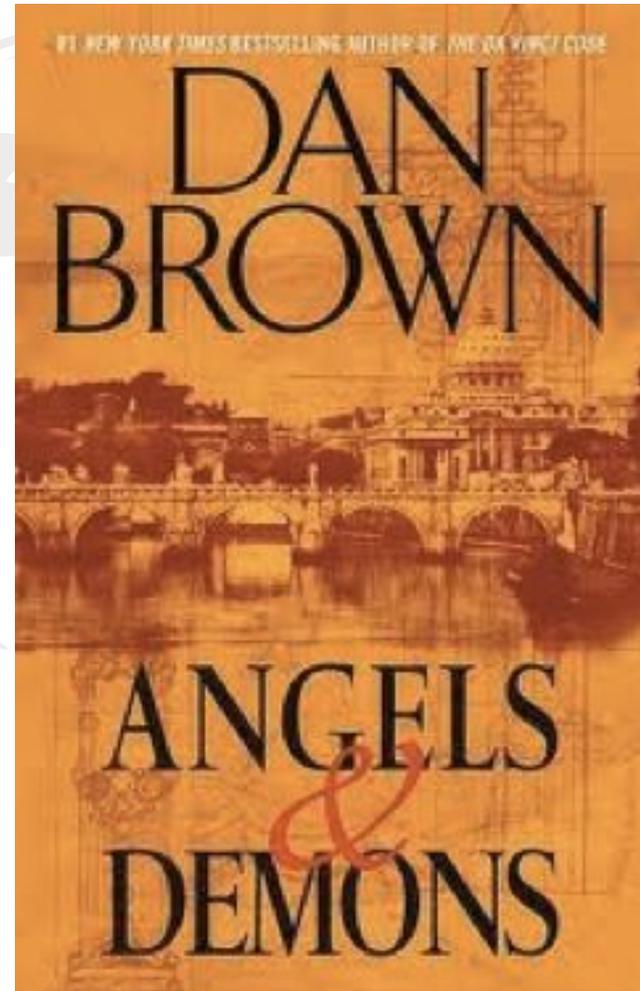
Shelter

Mickey Bolitar's year can't get much worse. After witnessing his father's death and sending his mom to rehab, he's forced to live with his estranged uncle Myron and switch high schools. Fortunately, he's met a great girl, Ashley, and it seems like things might finally be improving. But then Ashley vanishes. Mickey follows Ashley's trail into a seedy underworld that reveals that Ashley isn't who she claimed to be, and neither was Mickey's father.



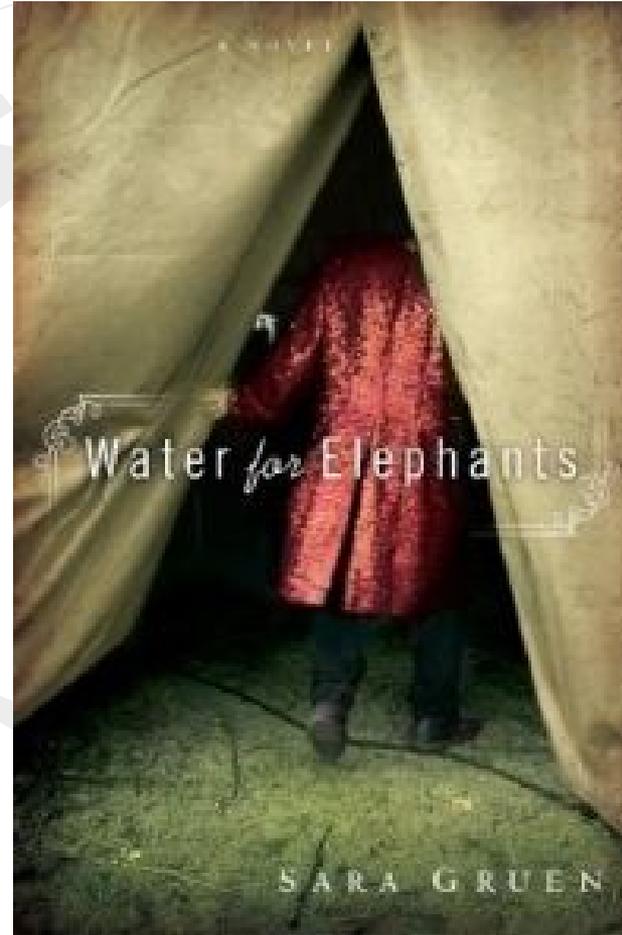
Angels and Demons

Follows Robert Langdon, a Harvard symbologist, as he tries to stop the Illuminati, a legendary secret society, from destroying Vatican City with the newly discovered power of antimatter.



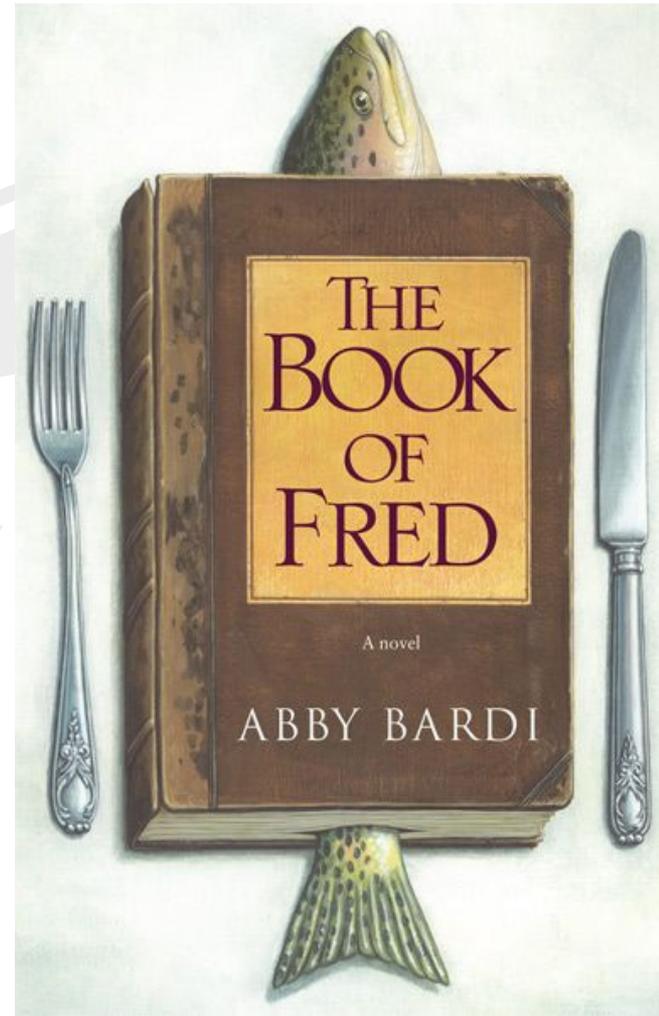
Water for Elephants

Jacob joins the circus because his luck runs out— orphaned and penniless, he has no direction. He meets the star Marlena, who is married to the handsome circus boss with a wide mean streak, and Rosie the elephant, the new act who does not follow directions and is the great gray hope and the salvation of the circus. The bond that grows among this unlikely trio is one of love and trust, and ultimately, it was their only hope for survival.



Book of Fred

When 15-year-old Mary Fred Anderson's parents are charged with second-degree murder in the neglectful death of their son, Mary Fred is sent from the fundamentalist commune she's grown up in to the nearby Maryland suburbs and the foster care of a quirky 1990s family.



Deadline

Ben Wolf has big things planned for his senior year. *Had* big things planned. Now what he has is some very bad news and only one year left to make his mark on the world.

First, Ben makes sure that no one else knows what is going on—not his superstar quarterback brother, Cody, not his parents, not his coach, no one. Next, he decides to become the best 127-pound football player Trout High has ever seen; to give his close-minded civics teacher a daily migraine; and to help the local drunk clean up his act.

And then there's Dallas Suzuki. Amazingly perfect, fascinating Dallas Suzuki, who may or may not give Ben the time of day. Really, she's first on the list.



Slaughterhouse-Five

Kurt Vonnegut's absurdist classic *Slaughterhouse-Five* introduces us to Billy Pilgrim, a man who becomes unstuck in time after he is abducted by aliens from the planet Tralfamadore. In a plot-scrambling display of virtuosity, we follow Pilgrim simultaneously through all phases of his life, concentrating on his shattering experience as an American prisoner of war who witnesses the firebombing of Dresden.

