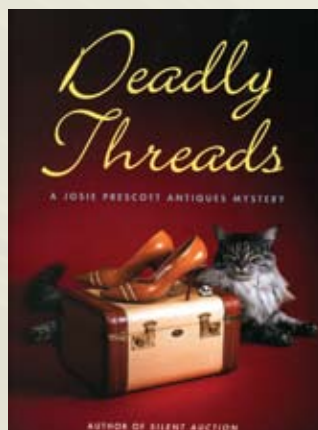
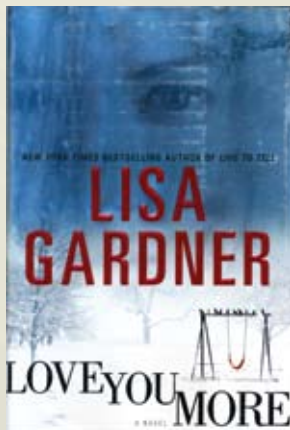
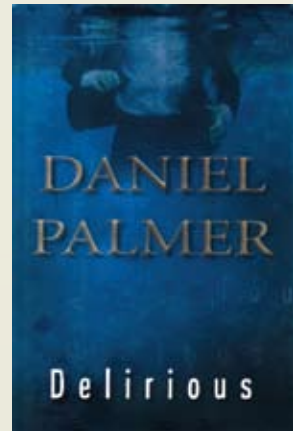
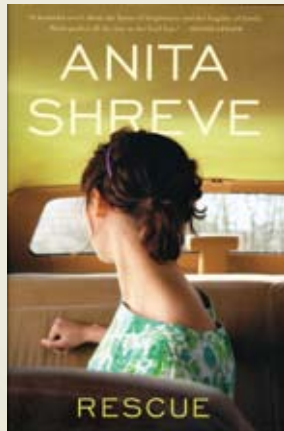
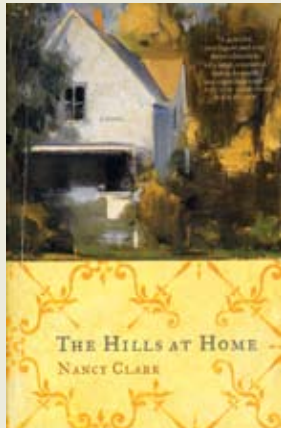
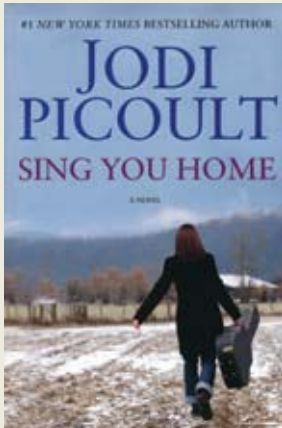


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Jodi PICOULT



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Anita SHREVE

Although she now dwells in Massachusetts, Anita Shreve earned permanent Granite State street cred by penning “The Weight of Water,” a time-tripping piece of historical fiction that gave star treatment (it became a major motion picture) to one of the state’s most famous and mysterious crimes

— the Smuttynose Murders. Her 16th novel, “Rescue,” travels through time

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Daniel PALMER

Granite Stater Daniel Palmer describes his debut novel as “a paranoid thriller.” In it, a computer whiz who grew up embarrassed by and estranged from his schizophrenic brother finds, when his life spirals out of control and

he’s accused of murder, that his brother and a trusted therapist

are the only ones who believe in his innocence. Palmer is the son of best-selling novelist Michael Palmer and he admits he had no plans to pursue writing, first carving out a successful career as a musician, composer and e-commerce pioneer.

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Janet EVANOVICH



There’s probably no actual formula for literary success, but Janet Evanovich may be on the trail to creating one. Her mixture of romance and adventure, leavened with good humor and a quirky affinity for blue-collar New Jersey community life has produced something of a cottage industry. Scratch that “something of” comment. Her family business is not named Evanovich Inc. for nothing. Her long string of novels are consistently on the best-sellers lists. “Smokin’ Seventeen,” on sale June 21, is the latest in the play-on-numbers series in which her heroine bounty hunter Stephanie Plum deadpans and lucks out on her way through a peculiar set of characters to get to the bottom of things. Quoting from her release: “With a cold-blooded killer after her, a handful of hot men and a capture list that includes a dancing bear and a senior citizen vampire, Stephanie’s life looks like it’s about to go up in smoke.”

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