



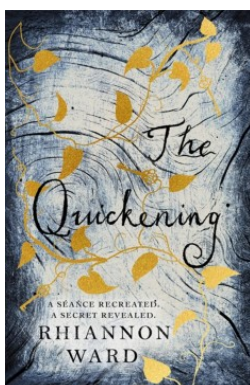
# Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

## Readalikes for *The Silent Companions*

Dundee Library Book Club, October 2022

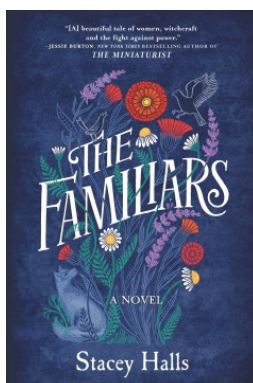
### Books at the Dundee Library and/or Randall Oaks Library



#### *The Quickening*

by Rhiannon Ward

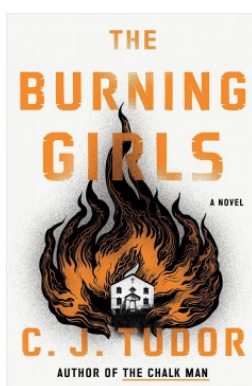
A heavily-pregnant photographer visits the formerly grand Clewer Hall where an infamous seance took place years before and begins to unravel the long-held secrets of the household.



#### *The Familiars*

by Stacey Halls

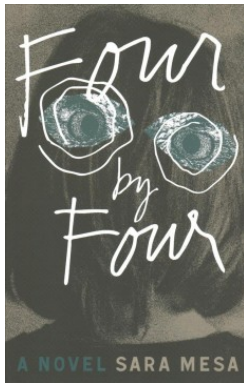
Pregnant for the fourth time after three unsuccessful pregnancies, noblewoman Fleetwood Shuttleworth finds her life intricately bound to a midwife who vows to see her deliver a healthy baby when they are both drawn into the witchcraft accusations that are sweeping the area.



#### *The Burning Girls*

by C. J. Tudor

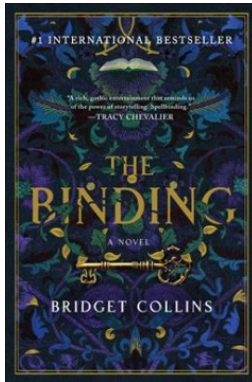
Assigned to a remote English countryside parish after a suspicious suicide, an unconventional vicar and single father investigates the village's tragic history and the recent disappearances of two teens.



### **Four by Four**

by Sara Mesa

Set entirely at Wybrany College--a school where the wealthy keep their kids safe from the chaos erupting in the cities--Four by Four is a novel of insinuation and gossip, in which the truth about Wybrany's 'program' is always palpable, but never explicit. The mysteries populating the novel open with the disappearance of one of the 'special', scholarship students. As the first part unfolds, it becomes clear that all is not well in Wybrany, and that something more sordid lurks beneath the surface.



### **The Binding**

by Bridget Collins

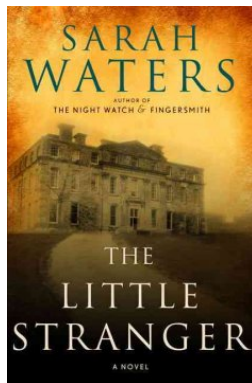
In a magical world where books are repositories of individual lives, a reviled Bookbinder's apprentice crafts elegant memory volumes to help troubled customers before discovering that others in his profession use their skills for dark ends.



### **The Haunting Season: Eight Ghostly Tales for Long Winter Nights**

by Bridget Collins

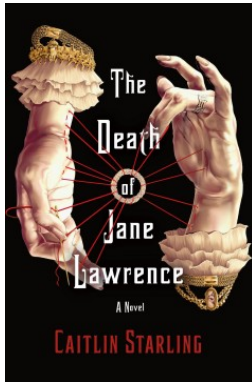
Eight bestselling, award-winning writers return to the time-honored tradition of the seasonal ghost story in this spellbinding collection of new and original haunted tales.



### **The Little Stranger**

by Sarah Waters

After being summoned to treat a patient at dilapidated Hundreds Hall, Dr. Faraday finds himself becoming entangled in the lives of the owners, the Ayres family, and the supernatural presences in the house.



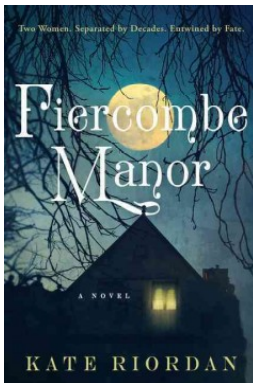
## ***The Death of Jane Lawrence***

by Caitlin Starling

Embarking on a marriage of convenience with bold, courageous surgeon Augustine Lawrence in post-war England, practical, unassuming Jane Shoringfield instead finds a terrified, paranoid man who cannot tell reality from a nightmare and realizes something is deeply wrong with this man she is bound to.

## **Books at other libraries in our consortium**

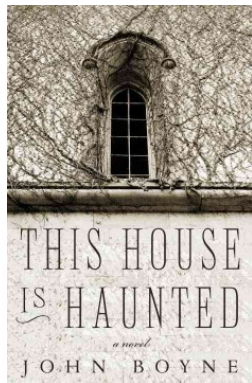
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## ***Fiercombe Manor***

by Kate Riordan

Banished to rural Gloucestershire after becoming pregnant out of wedlock in 1933, a naïve young woman becomes suspicious about the owners of the house where she awaits the birth of her child.



## ***This House is Haunted***

by John Boyne

A tale inspired by 19th-century ghost story traditions follows the misadventures of Eliza Caine, who accepts a job from an anonymous employer as a governess to two children who she must protect from a malign presence.

## **Also by Laura Purcell**

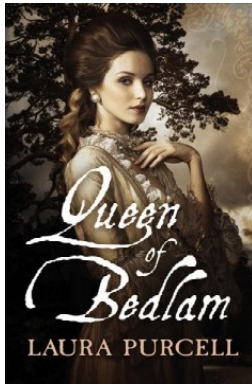
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## ***Mistress of the Court***

by Laura Purcell

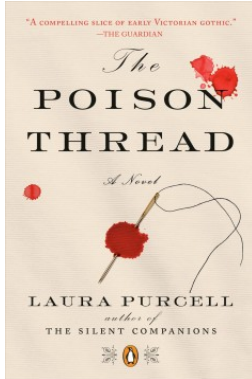
The second in Laura Purcell's captivating and acclaimed series of novels chronicling the lives and loves of the consorts and mistresses of Britain's rash and reckless Hanoverian kings.



## *Queen of Bedlam*

by Laura Purcell

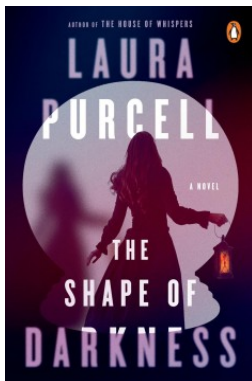
London 1788. The calm order of Queen Charlotte's court is shattered by screams. The King of England is going mad. Left alone with thirteen children and with the country at war, Charlotte has to fight to hold her husband's throne. It is a time of unrest and revolutions but most of all Charlotte fears the King himself.



## *The Poison Thread*

by Laura Purcell

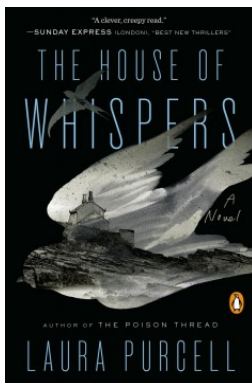
While doing charitable work at Oakgate Prison, Dorothea meets Ruth, a teenage inmate who claims that her crimes are the result of a supernatural power in her needle and thread and the dresses she sews.



## *The Shape of Darkness*

by Laura Purcell

Struggling to keep her business afloat in Victorian Bath, silhouette artist Agnes desperately seeks answers when several of her clients are murdered, and turns to a child spirit medium to contact those who died to find the truth with disastrous consequences.



## *The House of Whispers*

by Laura Purcell

Fleeing to Cornwall after accepting a position as a nurse to an elderly woman, Hester is surrounded by superstitious staff who enact bizarre rituals and tell her of fairies who hunt for humans to steal back to their realm.