

Windy city stories

Fiction featuring chicago



Big City, Bad Blood

A Hollywood locations manager is working on a movie in Chicago, and sees something he shouldn't. He winds up as a prosecution witness in a case against a member of the Chicago outfit. Terrified, he approaches local private eye Ray Dudgeon for help, and then people start dying.

Fiction/ *Chercover, Sean*

The Cinderella Hour

A successful radio star returns to Chicago, where she grew up, with her late-night talk show the *Cinderella Hour*. Her troubled past is still waiting for her and includes family conflicts and a failed romance.

Fiction/ *Stone, Katherine*

The Dead Don't Lie

Three prominent members of Chicago's Turkish community are murdered and veteran cop Abe Lieberman, together with his partner Bill Hanrahan, investigates and connects the slayings to an event that took place a hundred years ago.

Mystery/ *Kaminsky, Stuart*

Dream When You Are Feeling Blue

It's April 1943 and Kitty's boyfriend joins the Marines and ships out to the Pacific, without saying that he loves her. She applies for a defense job at Douglas Aircraft and is thrilled to be earning good money. Her parents however are appalled that she will have to wear slacks to work and will ruin her hands.

Fiction/ *Berg, Elizabeth*

Heartstone

Maxine Pike's archeologist father is missing, feared dead. She inherits a precious object from him and discovers that there are people who will stop at nothing to

take it from her. Danger follows her from Chicago to an island off the west coast of England.

Fiction/ *Brod, D. C.*

Hunger and Thirst

In the Chicago Jewish culture of the 1950's the Trout family begins to unravel and it is Joan, the twelve-year-old daughter, who understands what is happening. This is a story that's both funny and sad.

Fiction/ *Kuper, Daniela*

The Logic of a Rose

Bridgeport, Chicago is a mostly Irish blue-collar neighborhood, but one corner of it is Italian. In this collection of stories we get to know the people who live there through the eyes of young Petey Bellapani who lives over the bakery with his family.

Fiction/ *Lombardo, Billy*

Looped

It's the turn of the millennium in Rogers Park and we spend a year in the company of a dozen or so characters of widely differing age ranges and lifestyles. In time we see them become part of the same community.

Fiction/ *Winston, Andrew*

Sleeping Over

Five thirty-something girl friends try to cope with work, men, life and love. To get themselves through they rely on humor, intelligence and each other. Shared friendships make their individual journeys a little easier.

Fiction/ *Ballis, Stacey*

When the World Was Young

How much do people know about the inner lives of those close to them? Not much perhaps, as this edgy saga of an Italian-American family shows us.

Fiction/ *Romano, Tony*

White Night

Women are dying in Chicago and White Council Worker and wizard Harry Dresden is asked to investigate. When he realizes the deaths are murders, and not suicides, things begin to get more complicated.

Science Fiction/ *Butcher, Jim*

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