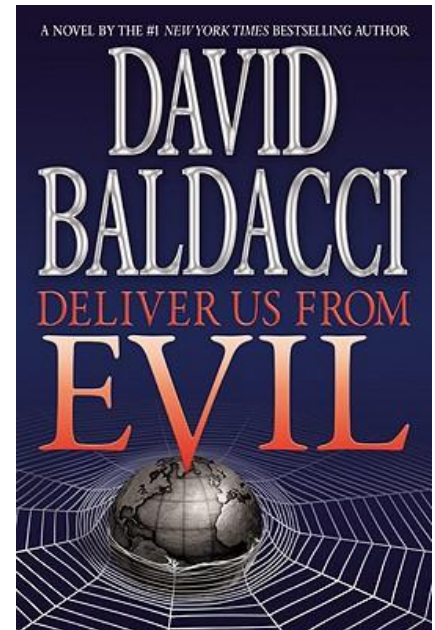


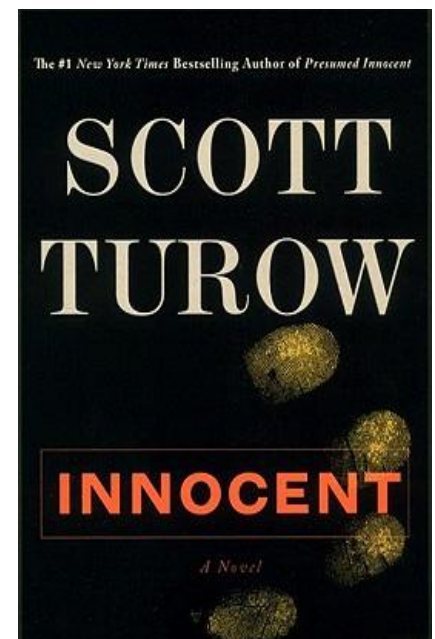
“Deliver Us From Evil” by David Baldacci.
Grand Central Publishing, 2010. \$27.99, 406 pages.

Baldacci brings back favorite character Shaw in his latest thriller. Shaw is part of an unofficially sanctioned agency team that takes care of problem individuals worldwide. His boss Frank Wells keeps a tight rein on Shaw. Shaw is pursuing Evan Waller to the village of Gordes in Provence, trying to prevent numerous deaths worldwide. Waller, on the surface, looks very legitimate, but the source of his wealth is selling nuclear materials to terrorists. Wells and Shaw hatch a plan to kidnap Waller and force a deal for information to contain the balance of nuclear weaponry in the world. Shaw is not the only one chasing after Evan Waller. This time a vigilante group has also chosen Evan Waller, aka Fedir Kuchin, as the target for Reggie Campion. Her last target was a 96 year-old former Nazi officer who ordered the deaths of many Jews in Germany. The vigilante group maintains only paper files on their prey fearing computer data could be hacked. They search out those who have killed with impunity and remove them permanently from society. The group wants to kill Waller for the atrocities he committed as a Soviet officer. If you want a change from the ten word sentences of the pulp fiction authors who write ten books a year, try Baldacci. His writing skill continues to surpass each of his previously penned novels. His suspenseful style draws you into the story and has you pulling for the good guys after you figure out which characters fall in that category. David Baldacci lives in Virginia with his family. He has written eighteen other books including “The Whole Truth” and “Absolute Power.”



“Innocent” by Scot Turow.
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Fans of Turow have anxiously awaited the sequel to “Presumed Innocent.” Popular character Rusty Sabich is back going up against his arch rival, Tommy Molto, in a suspenseful story aimed to keep you turning pages. Presumably, Harrison Ford will be back in the movie adaptation suitably playing a 60 year old no cosmetic makeup needed. Sabich is now an appellate chief judge charged with the murder of his wife Barbara. The courtroom trial scenes are thick with emotions and Turow is at the top of his writing game. The prosecutor brings fourteen witnesses to the stand to testify against Sabich. The press is covering this trial closely because of the previous murder charge. Turow knows the intricacies of the legal field and it shows in his abilities to make the action seem so real. Chapters read as journal entries from the points of view of the several different characters in the book. If you love the whodunit mystery genre, add this to your reading list and stay up late to finish it. You will be glad to find out who killed Barbara before falling asleep. His other novels include “Burden of Proof” and “Reversible Errors.”



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