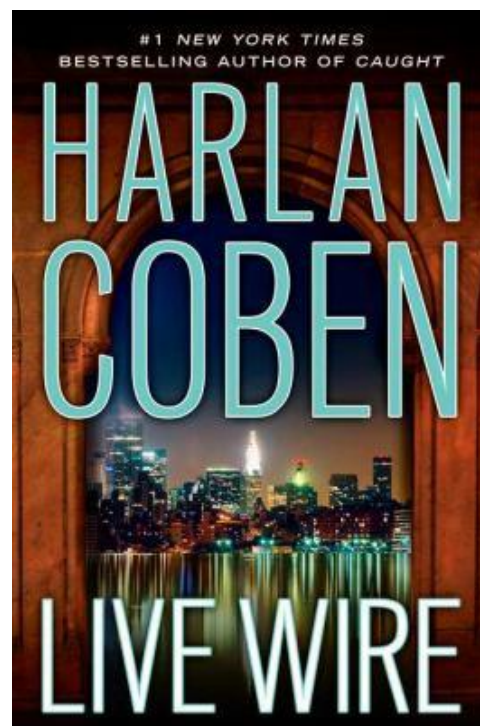
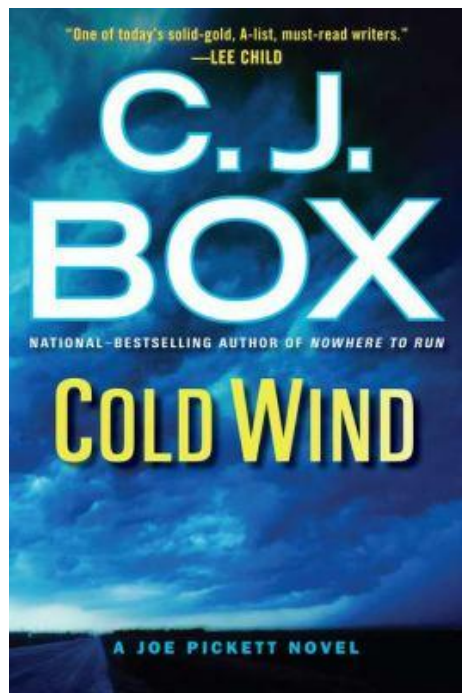


**“Live Wire” by Harlan Coben. Penguin Group, 2011. \$29.95, 374 pages.**

Coben’s latest novel brings back beloved private eye Myron Bolitar. He has been called in to help tennis star Suzze Trevantino locate her husband, Lex Ryder, who took off after an anonymous person challenges the paternity of her unborn child on her facebook page. The investigation sets Myron on an intersecting course of not only finding Suzze’s husband but a missing part of his family, namely his sister-in-law. Myron’s father is near death and seeing his long lost son before he passes would mean a great deal. The family estrangement between the Bolitar brothers brings to light many aspects of Myron’s life not previously explored in his previous novels. When Suzze turns up dead of an apparent drug overdose and the newborn is whisked away by Lex, Myron has all kinds of questions. He ponders if it was murder or suicide. Didn’t she seem ecstatic about becoming a mother? Myron is also juggling his family issues and the surprising ending keeps us up late reading this well-written murder mystery without complaints. Harlan Coben has penned nineteen novels including “Caught,” “Long Lost,” and “Hold Tight.” Coben has won the Edgar, Anthony and Shamus awards. His first Young Adult novel will be published in the fall of 2011.



**“Cold Wind” by C.J. Box. Penguin Group, 2011. \$25.95, 382 pages.**



Joe Pickett, while on patrol looking for Missy’s missing husband, finds a body hanging from a wind turbine. His life gets extremely complicated when it turns out the dead man is none other than his mother-in law Missy’s fifth husband, Earl Alden. While there is no love lost between Joe and Missy, he is married to her daughter, Marybeth. The police have found a motive and the gun was found in her car. What’s a man to do? He is obligated to help Missy if he wants peace at home. He agrees to investigate as he realizes that there are many in the community who hated Earl Alden. What keeps gnawing at him is how could petite Missy strap her hefty husband to a blade of the turbine? As the mystery unravels, you will appreciate the writing style of Box and realize why he has so many fans. Box describes Wyoming politics and wilderness countryside so adeptly you feel like you are actually there as part of the scene. Box has written eleven books in the Joe Pickett series. The first three are “Open Season,” “Savage Run” and “Winterkill.”

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