

Proofreaders #3 – Some great books to try out.

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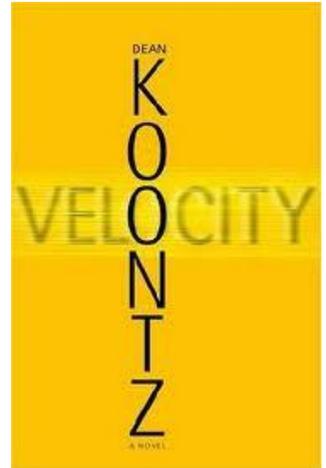
Read the following about Dean Koontz's Velocity:

Bill Wile is an easygoing, hardworking guy who leads a quiet, ordinary life. But that is about to change. One evening, after his usual eight-hour bartending shift he finds this typewritten note under the windshield wiper of his car,

“If you don't take this note to the police and get them involved, I will kill a lovely blond schoolteacher. If you do take this note to the police; I will instead kill an elderly woman active in charity work. You have 4 hours to decide. The choice is yours.”

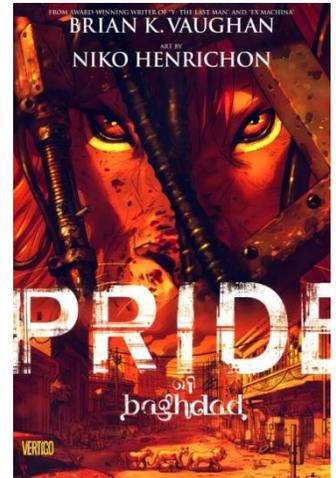
It seems like a sick joke and Bill's friend on the police force, Lanny Olson, thinks so to. His advice to Bill is to go to home and to forget about it. Besides, what could they do even if they? No crime has actually been committed. But less than twenty four hours later, a young blond schoolteacher is found murdered, and it's Bill's fault: he didn't convince the police to get involved! Now he's got another note, another deadline, another ultimatum...and two new lives hanging in the balance

Suddenly Bill's average, seemingly innocuous life, takes on the dimensions and speed of an accelerating nightmare. Because the notes are coming faster, the deadlines growing tighter and the killer becoming bolder and crueler with every communication—until Bill is isolated with the terrifying knowledge that he alone has the power of life and death over a psychopath's innocent victims. Until the struggle between good and evil. Until the most chilling words of all are: The choice is yours.



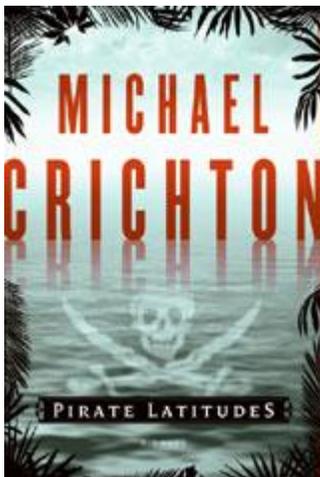
A heartbreaking look at what it's like to live in a war zone. Inspired by true events, this story tells of 4 lions that escape from Baghdad Zoo during a bombing raid in 2003 and encounter other animals that offer unique perspectives; such as a tortoise that survived World War I. They begin to question the nature of freedom? Can it be achieved without being earned?

What is it's price? What do the Lions owe the zookeepers who took care of them at the cost of keeping them in captivity? Where should they go? What should they eat? The four lions soon realise that a desert city is nothing like the grassy savannas of their memories, their experiences mirror those of the Iraqi citizens displaced by the conflict! The book succeeds both as a graphic novel and both as an account of the current crisis. Henrichon's full palette emphasizes brown's and gray's that evoke the sands of the country; while his long brushstrokes and careful attention to detail reflect the precise and minimalist dialogue that Vaughan uses. A allegorical tale with compelling and believable characters, The Pride of Baghdad makes it clear that without self-determination, there can be no freedom



Read the following passage about Creighton's "Pirate Latitudes":

The Caribbean, 1665. A remote colony of the English Crown, the island of Jamaica holds out against the vast supremacy of the Spanish empire. Port Royal, it's capital, is a cutthroat town of taverns and grog shops and bawdy houses.



In this steamy climate there's a living to be made, a living that can end swiftly by disease or by dagger. For Captain Charles Hunter, gold in Spanish hands is gold for the taking and the law of the land rests with those ruthless enough to make it.

Word in port is that the galleon El Trinidad, fresh from New Spain, is awaiting repairs in a nearby harbor. Heavily fortified, the impregnable harbor is guarded by the bloodthirsty Cazalla, a favorite commander of the spanish king himself. With backing from a powerful ally, Hunter assembles a crew of ruffians too infiltrate the enemy outpost and commandeer El Trinidad, along with its fortune in Spanish gold. The raid is as perilous as the bloodiest tales of island legend, and Hunter will loose more than one man before he even sets foot on foreign shores, where dense jungle and the firepower of Spanish infantry stand between him and the treasure. . .