

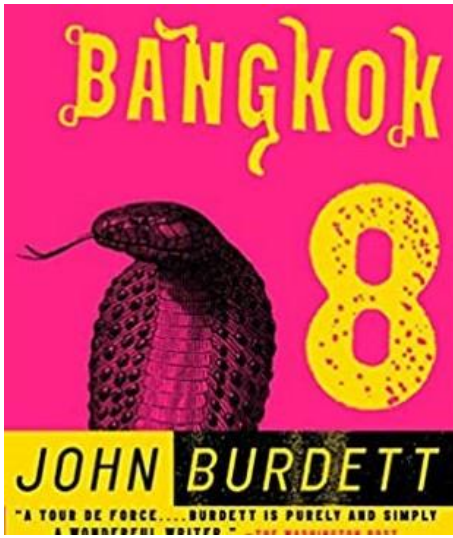
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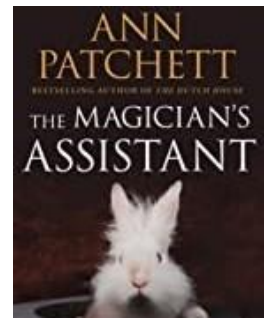
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***Bangkok 8*, by John Burdett.**

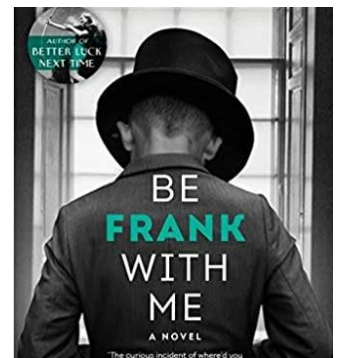


A thriller with attitude, this sexy, razor-edged, darkly hilarious novel is set in Bangkok -- one of the world's most exotic cities. A charismatic Marine sergeant is murdered and among the witnesses are the only two cops in the city not on the take. Within moments one is murdered and his partner, Sonchai Jitpleecheep—devout Buddhist and son of a Thai bar girl and a long-gone Vietnam War G.I.—seeks revenge. In a city fueled by illicit drugs and infinite corruption, prostitution and priceless art, Sonchai's quest for vengeance takes him into a world more sinister than he imagined.

April 5, 2022, 7 PM. *The Magician's Assistant*, by Ann Patchett. Sabine--twenty years assistant to her handsome, magician husband-- is suddenly a widow. In the wake of his death, she finds he has left a final trick: a false identity and a family allegedly lost in a tragic accident but now revealed as very much alive and well. Named as heirs in his will, they enter Sabine's life and set her on an adventure of unraveling his secrets, from sunny Los Angeles to the windswept plains of Nebraska, that will work its own sort of magic on her.



May 3, 2022, 7 PM. *Be Frank With Me*, by Julia Claiborne Johnson. Reclusive literary legend Mimi Banning is finally writing her first book in decades and Alice Whitley arrives as her new assistant. Included in her job description is shepherding the author's 9-year-old son Frank, an eccentric and charismatic handful with the wit of Noel Coward and the wardrobe of a 1930's movie star. Full of charm and countless only-in-Hollywood moments, this is a captivating and heartwarming story of an unusual mother and son and the plucky young woman who is pulled into their web.



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