



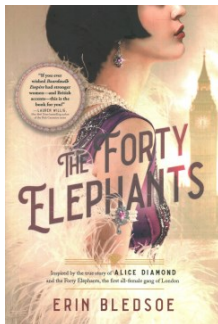
# Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

## Readalikes for *Shrines of Gaiety*

Dundee Library Book Club, July 2024

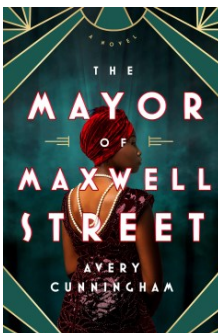
### Books at the Dundee Library and/or Randall Oaks Library



#### *The forty elephants*

by Erin Bledsoe

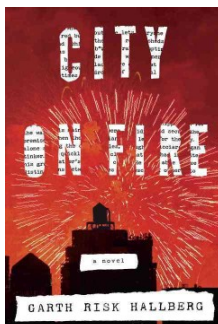
In 1920s London, pickpocket Alice Diamond scrambles to survive in her gritty neighborhood. With her father in prison and her brother in debt to a crime syndicate, she struggles to protect her father's territory. Recruited by Mary Carr, Alice joins a female gang, the Forty Elephants, and tastes success. But it's not long before she wants more--no matter the cost



#### *The mayor of Maxwell Street*

by Avery Cunningham

In 1921 Chicago, Nelly Sawyer, the daughter of the "wealthiest Negro in America," works undercover to identify the head of an underground crime syndicate with the help of Jay Shorey, the low-level manager of the city's swankiest speakeasy, who introduces her to a whole new world.

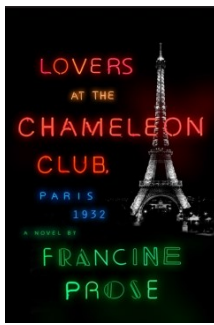


#### *City on fire*

by Garth Risk Hallberg

A tale set against a backdrop of the infamous 1977 blackout follows the experiences of two New York heirs, their paramours, two punk-loving teens, an obsessive reporter and a detective who would learn what any of them have to do with a Central Park shooting.

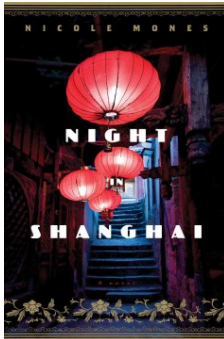
## Books at other libraries in our consortium



### *Lovers at the Chameleon Club, Paris 1932 : a novel*

by Francine Prose

At the Chameleon club in Paris, Lou Villars, a star athlete and scandalous cross-dressing lesbian, finds refuge among its patrons, and as time passes, she experiences a transformation, sparked by tragic events, that warps her earnest desire for love and approval into something dangerous.



### *Night in Shanghai*

by Nicole Mones

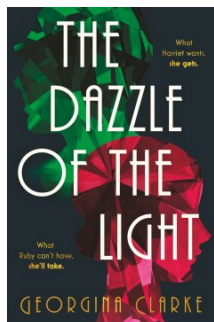
Touring Shanghai in 1936 as part of a black jazz orchestra, Thomas Greene meets Song Yuhua, translator for one of Japan's biggest crime bosses, and together through friendship and love they weather the Japanese invasion together.



### *Queen of thieves : a novel*

by Beezy Marsh

In 1946, as London struggles to rebuild after the devastation of the Blitz, Alice Diamond, leader of a gang of women jewel thieves, takes on a teenager named Nell and guides her in their underworld existence even as Nell plots to carve out her own path to power and riches



### *The Dazzle of the Light*

by Georgina Clarke

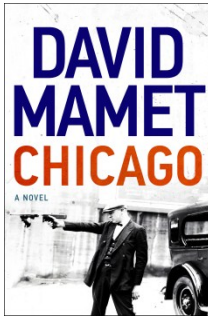
Ruby Mills is ruthlessly ambitious, strikingly beautiful - and one of the Forty Thieves' most talented members. Harriet Littlemore writes the women's section in a local newspaper. She's from a 'good' London family and engaged to an up-and-coming Member of Parliament - but she wants a successful career of her own. After witnessing Ruby fleeing the scene of a robbery, Harriet develops a fascination with the elusive young thief that extends beyond journalistic interest. As their personal aspirations bring them into closer contact than society's rules usually allow, Ruby and Harriet's stories become increasingly intertwined.



## *Trouble the saints*

by Alaya Dawn Johnson

Forced to give up her identity and the man she loves after a decade in the glittering underworld of Manhattan, a Harlem assassin fights the ghosts of her past at the dawn of World War II.

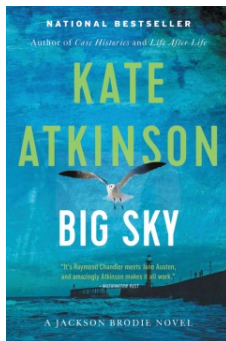


## *Chicago : a novel*

by David Mamet

The Oscar-nominated screenwriter of The Untouchables and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright of Glengarry Glen Ross presents a novel set against a backdrop of the 1920s Chicago mob scene and follows the experiences of a World War I veteran who seeks vigilante justice against the man responsible for killing the woman he loved.

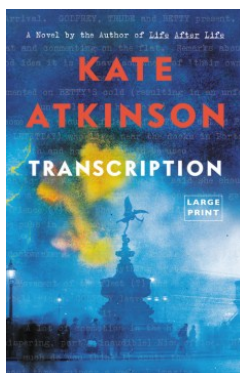
## Also by Kate Atkinson



## *Big sky*

by Kate Atkinson

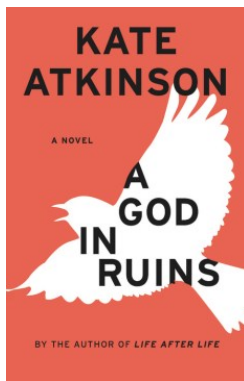
Investigating a new client's suspicions about an unfaithful spouse, iconoclastic detective Jackson Brodie is catapulted by a chance encounter into a sinister network of secrets and lies



## *Transcription*

by Kate Atkinson

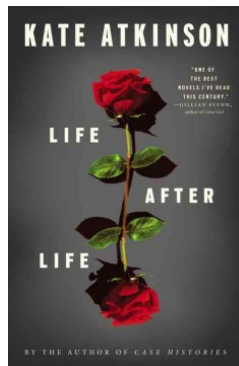
BBC radio producer Juliet Armstrong finds herself targeted by dangerous individuals from her past as a World War II espionage monitor for MI5



### *A god in ruins : a novel*

by Kate Atkinson

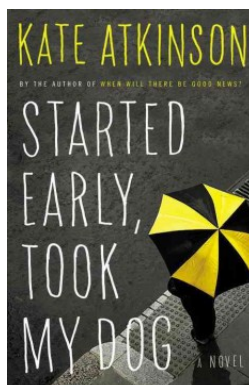
Follows the experiences of Ursula's younger brother Teddy, who, throughout the decades after wartime service he never expected to survive, struggles with family life against a backdrop of a changing world



### *Life after life : a novel*

by Kate Atkinson

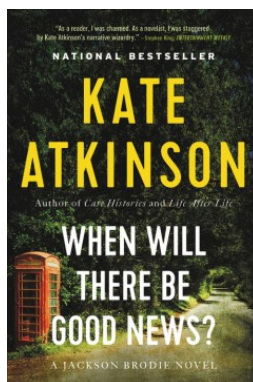
The award-winning author of Behind the Scenes at the Museum follows the experiences of a woman who after being born on a snowy night in 1910 repeated dies and reincarnates into the same life to correct missteps and ultimately save the world.



### *Started early, took my dog : a novel*

by Kate Atkinson

Retired police detective Tracy Waterhouse and former detective Jackson Brodie find their lives spinning out of control after she takes custody of an ex-con's child and he rescues an abused dog.



### *When will there be good news? : a novel*

by Kate Atkinson

The author of One Good Turn presents a tale involving the unexpected intersection of three lives, including a woman whose life had been shattered 30 years earlier, an ex-detective on a crowded train and a teenage girl who is called upon to test her preparedness.