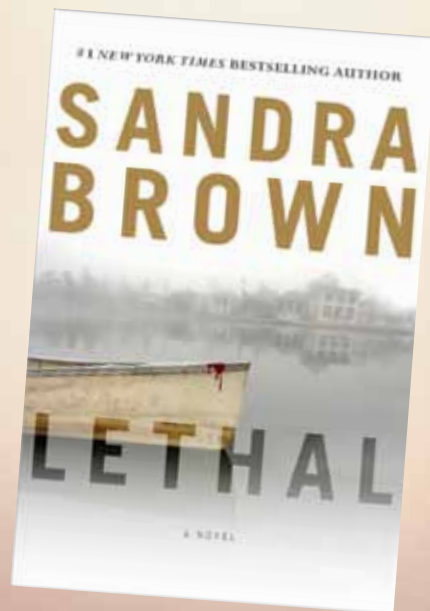


EVERYONE'S READING
LETHAL

February 1–March 22, 2012



READER'S GUIDE



www.everyonesreading.info

Participating Libraries

Everyone's Reading *Lethal* is sponsored by the following Metro Net Consortium libraries.

Baldwin Public Library
(248) 647-1700
www.baldwinlib.org

Canton Public Library
(734) 397-0999
www.cantonpl.org

Rochester Hills Public Library
(248) 650-7130
www.rhpl.org

**Bloomfield Township
Public Library**
(248) 642-5800
www.btpl.org

**Farmington Community
Library**
(248) 553-0300
www.farmlib.org

Southfield Public Library
(248) 796-4200
www.southfieldlibrary.org

**West Bloomfield Township
Public Library**
(248) 682-2120
www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org

In addition, the following public libraries are participating in Everyone's Reading.

Auburn Hills Public Library
(248) 370-9466
www.auburn-hills.lib.mi.us

Dearborn Public Library
(313) 943-2330
www.dearbornlibrary.org

Plymouth District Library
(734) 453-0750
plymouthlibrary.org

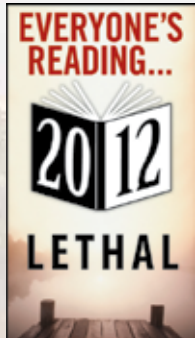
Berkley Public Library
(248) 658-3440
www.berkley.lib.mi.us

Franklin Public Library
(248) 851-2254
www.franklin.lib.mi.us

Royal Oak Public Library
(248) 246-3700
www.ropl.org

For a complete list of this year's Everyone's Reading programs, check at your participating library or go to www.everyonesreading.info.

What is Everyone's Reading?



Everyone's Reading is a community wide reading program sponsored by metro Detroit public libraries in Oakland and Wayne counties. Now in our eleventh year, Everyone's Reading promotes community dialogue through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. Additional programming, ranging from book discussion groups to an author talk, is offered to enhance the reading experience.

"Probably the most frequently asked question I get is where do you get your ideas. My reply is always the same. For all of the 77 books I've written, there are 77 ways in which the story came about.

The plot for my new book, Lethal, actually began with two elements, setting and character. If you've read me over the past decade you know that I often return to Louisiana for my settings. I love the place because the qualities that define it and make it fascinating also lend themselves to great storytelling. But the essential element of this book is the character of Coburn. If he hadn't been who he is my idea wouldn't have panned out. It was he who turned the idea into a story. He's definitely not a warm, fuzzy kind of guy. He's dangerous. He's mean. It's even been alleged that he's heartless. He's, well, lethal."

— from Sandra Brown's website

This year's Everyone's Reading selection is ***Lethal*** by Sandra Brown.

Previous Everyone's Reading Selections:

2011

The Lincoln Lawyer by Michael Connelly

2010

Presumed Innocent by Scott Turow

2009

Finding My Voice by Diane Rehm

2008

The Beekeeper's Apprentice by Laurie R. King

2007

Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age by Kevin Boyle

2006

Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II by Robert Kurson

2005

Author Elizabeth McCracken, featuring ***Here's Your Hat***, ***What's Your Hurry***; ***The Giant's House***; and ***Niagara Falls All Over Again***

2004

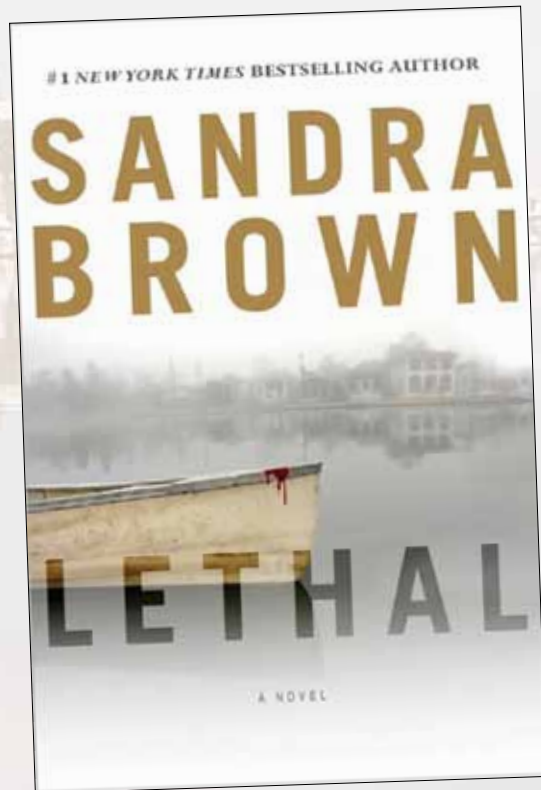
Saul and Patsy by Charles Baxter

2003

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines

2002

Pay It Forward by Catherine Ryan Hyde



Why Read *Lethal*?

Sandra Brown is one of America's most successful and prolific authors. With 77 novels, including 60 *New York Times* bestsellers and 80 million copies in print, she has a huge fan base among men and women. Brown began as a romance writer but broke into mainstream fiction in 1991 as she moved into the mystery and thriller genres. Her ability to combine romance and suspense, along with her engaging, complex, and unpredictable plots, have made her one of the world's highest paid writers. Brown's works have been translated into 33 different languages.

Critics have praised Brown's storytelling ability and the way she is able to combine strong female characters with plots so complex and fast-paced that her readers are constantly challenged to figure out what might happen next. Between all the plot twists, the false leads, the steamy scenes, and the unpredictable endings, it's hard to put a Sandra Brown book down.

How to Get Involved

1. Check out *Lethal* from a participating library.
2. Discuss the book with other readers at library discussion programs or your own book club.
3. Check out the Everyone's Reading website at www.everyonesreading.info for programs, events and book group discussion points.
4. Hear Sandra Brown speak at one of the author appearances in Farmington Hills and Rochester Hills.

About the Author

Sandra Brown began her writing career in 1981 after being fired from a television job. Suddenly she had time on her hands and, on a dare from her husband, she began to write. Since then Brown has published 77 novels.

A lifelong Texan, Brown was born in Waco, grew up in Fort Worth and attended Texas Christian University, majoring in English. Before embarking on her writing career, she worked as a model, as a weathercaster in Dallas, and as a feature reporter on *PM Magazine*.

Brown was awarded the Romance Writers of America's Lifetime Achievement Award, and she was named Thriller Master for 2008, the top award given by the International Thriller Writer's Association. In addition to her work under her own name, Brown has published under the pseudonyms of Laura Jordan, Rachel Ryan, and Erin St. Claire. She once said, "I've got this love-hate relationship with writing. It's this compulsion to tell a story that people want to read. And I never get over my amazement that people have an interest in what I have to write."

Brown is married to her husband of 43 years, Michael, and continues to write in multiple genres.



Meet the Author

You are invited to hear Sandra Brown speak about *Lethal* and her experiences writing bestsellers. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing, courtesy of the Book Beat bookstore.

Thursday, March 22 at 2 PM

Rochester Church of Christ
250 West Avon Road
Rochester Hills, Michigan

Thursday, March 22 at 7 PM

Adat Shalom Synagogue
29901 Middlebelt Rd
Farmington Hills, Michigan

Due to popular demand, a ticket will be required for Sandra Brown's appearances. Tickets are free but limited. Contact your local participating library for more information and ticket availability.