

# Author Read Alike

## Harlan Coben

### Genre: Mystery

Harlan Coben is a master of tightly written mysteries.

Coben is a native to New Jersey, born in Newark and raised in Livingston.

As such, his books are set in New Jersey or New York, with characters appearing from book to book.

Coben's books feature Myron Bolitar, a basketball player turned agent turned investigator.

Bolitar just wants to be an agent, but gets caught up in murders surrounding his clients.

The first book to feature Bolitar is **Deal Breaker**.

The Bolitar series has nine books so far, with the 10th, called **Live Wire** coming in 2011.

One of Coben's biggest books of the last decade is **Tell No One**, a standalone thriller and his best selling book ever. The book was turned into a French film. It chronicles a doctor whose wife is brutally murdered. Even though the killer is caught right away, it isn't the end of the story, not by a long shot.



His first book to reach number 1 on the New York Times Bestseller list is **Hold Tight**.

### Read Alike—Don Winslow

Similar to Coben, Winslow's mysteries are light in tone.

Winslow was born in New York City and grew up in Rhode Island.

He worked as a private investigator in New York City.

His books center around a private investigator named Neal Carey and take place in California.

His recent work, **Savages**, is made into a film.

Start with **The Death and Life of Bobby Z**. It's his first big successful book.

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## Read Alike—Robert Crais

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Crossing the border between thriller and mystery, Crais's novels are quick, tight reads, like Coben's books.

Crais started out his career writing for television shows **Hill Street Blues** and **L.A. Law**.

He was nominated for an Emmy Award.

Crais's books feature two protagonists, and ex-Ranger Elvis Cole and ex-Marine Joe Pike.

Crais' book **Hostage** was made into a Holly-

wood film with Bruce Willis.

Start with ***Demolition Angel***.

## Read Alike—Stuart Woods

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A prolific writer, Woods' books are a little darker than most. He's written 45 novels and 2 non-fiction books over the course of his career.

His 45 novels are divided between five pro-

tagonists, Will Lee, Stone Barrington (his most famous character), Holly Parker, Ed Eagle and Rick Barren.

He has also written stand alone novels, his first being **Under the Lake**.

Of Irish descendants, Woods wrote **A Romantic's Guide to the Country Inns of Britain and Ireland**. Start out with **New York Dead** and **Orchid Beach**.

## Read Alike—Jonathan Kellerman

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Kellerman's thrillers follow Alex Delaware, a psychologist who consults for the Los Angeles Police Department. He helps track down killers and psychos with his understanding of their minds. Start out

with **When the Bough Breaks**.

Kellerman is a certified psychologist in real life. He has written several non-fiction books on child psychology.

In addition to his Alex Delaware books, he has another series featuring Petra Connor (the first in the series being **Survival of the Fittest**).