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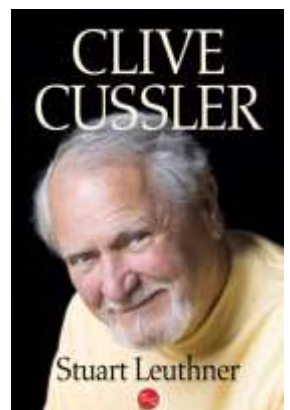
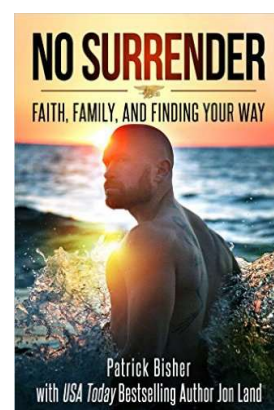
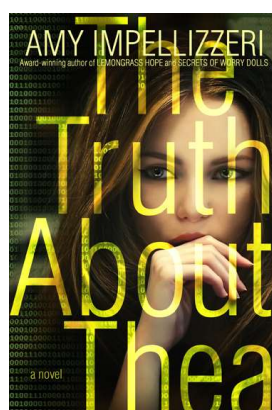
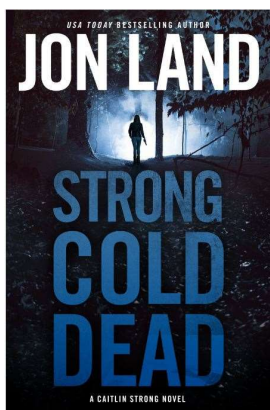
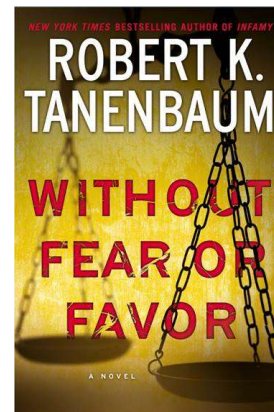
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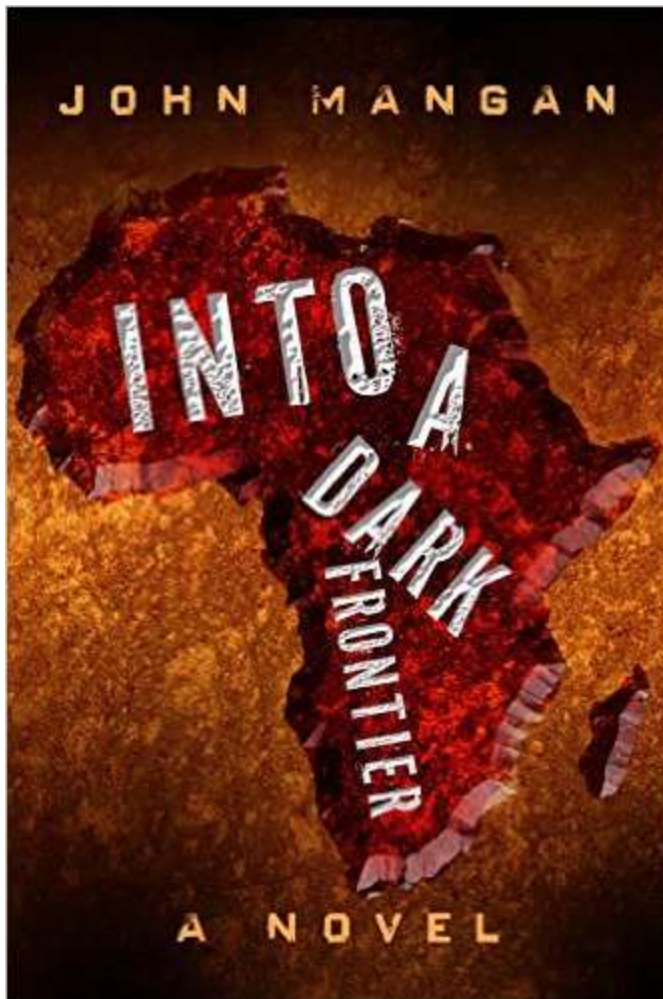
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Lieutenant Colonel John Mangan is a decorated combat rescue pilot, novelist who graduated from the United States Air Force Academy, was an instructor at the Survival Escape Resistance & Evasion (SERE) school, and is currently an HH-60G, Pave Hawk instructor pilot. He has deployed to the Middle East eight times and has commanded the 33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron in Kandahar,

Afghanistan. His actions in combat have been documented in the books *Not a Good Day to Die*, *None Braver*, and *Zero Six Bravo*. He has flown combat missions with PJ's, SEALs, Delta, Rangers, and the SAS. John has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor, twice. The Air Medal, twelve times, and the 2009 Cheney Award.

"A riveting imagined what-if so real you wonder if it might even be possible. Tense, intelligent, harsh, and surprising, this thrill ride is drum tight in its execution."

-- **Steve Berry**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The 14th Colony*

"Its relentless opening chase sets the tone for INTO A DARK FRONTIER, a winner for fans of techno-action novels. After eight deployments as a combat rescue pilot, its author knows what he's writing about and does so with speed and insider details."

-- **David Morrell**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *First Blood*

"*Into a Dark Frontier* is an international thriller of rare depth and complexity that would make the likes of John Le Carre and Robert Ludlum proud. But John Mangan goes both of them one better by injecting into the mix a loner hero with a gunfighter mentality fit for taming continents as well as frontiers with Africa subbing for the Old West. A vision splendidly realized and tale wondrously executed."

-- **Jon Land**, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Strong Cold Dead* [or *The Rising*, or the Caitlin Strong series]

FICTION BOOKS CULTURE

Here's the cover and an excerpt from Max Gladstone's next Craft novel

The book comes out in September

by Andrew Liptak | @AndrewLiptak | Feb 8, 2017, 6:07am PST



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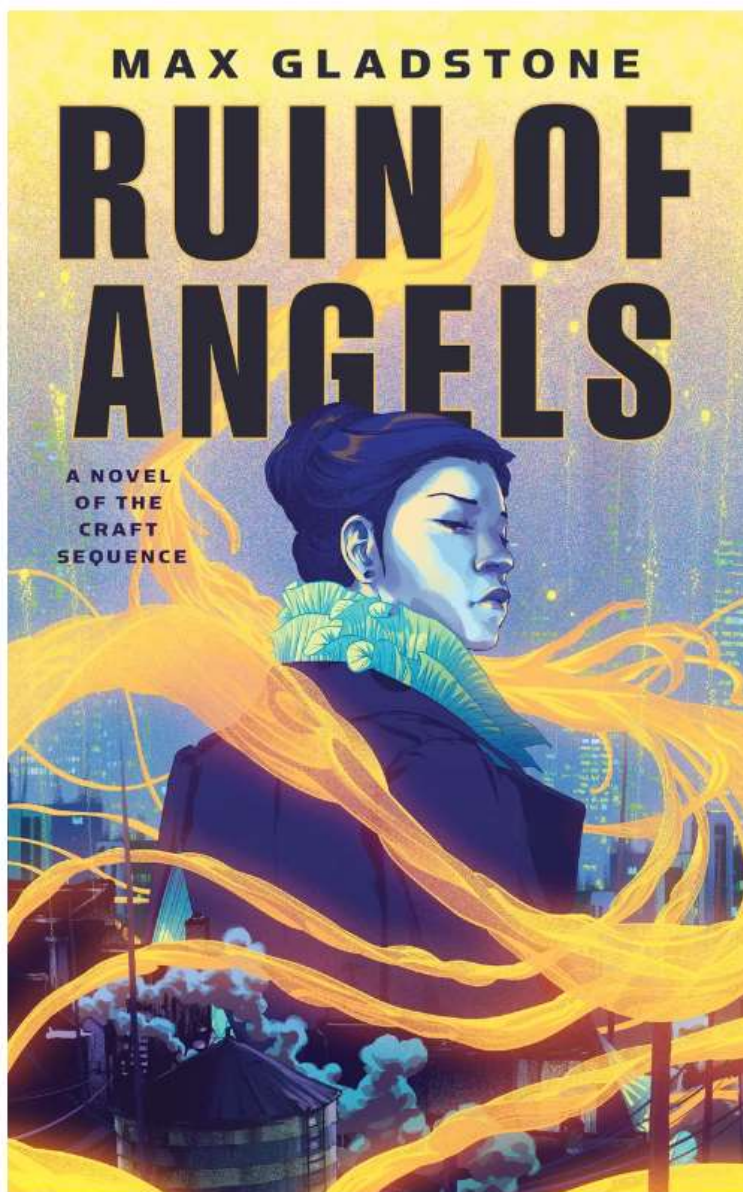


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There's one series of books that I've been reading recently that I can't get enough of: Max Gladstone's *Craft Sequence*.

Over five novels, he put a whole new spin on fantasy literature, creating a fantastic world where magic is treated more like law or economics than something mystical. The series recently transitioned over to Tor's [Tor.com](http://tor.com) imprint, and we have the cover and an excerpt from the next installment, titled *The Ruin of Angels*. Here's the new cover, which features art from [Goni Montes](#):

ANNOUNCING

Max Gladstone's Craft Sequence Moves to Tor.com Publishing; Will Mix Novels and Novellas, Continue to Be Awesome

by Joel Cunningham/

August 10, 2016 at 11:00 am

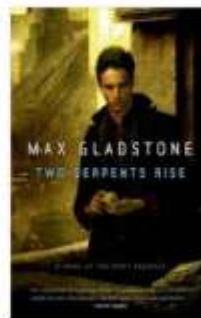
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Over the past year, we've put forth a great deal of effort to convince you that Max Gladstone's Craft Sequence novels rank with the best ongoing series in all of fantasy.

<http://www.maxgladstone.com/>

Max Gladstone



Three Parts Dead (Craft Sequence Book 1)

A god has died, and it's up to Tara, first-year associate in the international necromantic firm of Kelethres, Albrecht, and Ao, to bring Him back to life before His city falls apart.

Her client is Kos, recently deceased fire god of the city of Alt Coulumb. Without Him, the metropolis's steam generators will shut down, its trains will cease running, and its four million citizens will riot.

Tara's job: resurrect Kos before chaos sets in. Her only help: Abelard, a chain-smoking priest of the dead god, who's having an understandable crisis of faith.

When Tara and Abelard discover that Kos was murdered, they have to make a case in Alt Coulumb's courts—and their quest for the truth endangers their partnership, their lives, and Alt Coulumb's slim hope of survival. Set in a phenomenally built world in which justice is a collective force bestowed on a few, craftsmen fly on lightning bolts, and gargoyles can rule cities, *Three Parts Dead* introduces readers to an ethical landscape in which the line between right and wrong blurs.

Two Serpents Rise (Craft Sequence Book 2)

In *Two Serpents Rise* by Max Gladstone, shadow demons plague the city reservoir, and Red King Consolidated has sent in Caleb Altemoc—casual gambler and professional risk manager—to cleanse the water for the sixteen million people of Dresediell Lex. At the scene of the crime, Caleb finds an alluring and clever cliff runner, Crazy Mal, who easily outpaces him.

But Caleb has more than the demon infestation, Mal, or job security to worry about when he discovers that his father—the last priest of the old gods and leader of the True Quechal terrorists—has broken into his home and is wanted in connection to the attacks on the water supply.

From the beginning, Caleb and Mal are bound by lust, Craft, and chance, as both play a dangerous game where gods and people are pawns. They sleep on water, they dance in fire...and all the while the Twin Serpents slumbering beneath the earth are stirring, and they are hungry.

Full Fathom Five: (Craft Sequence Book 3)

On the island of Kavekana, Kai builds gods to order, then hands them to others to maintain. Her creations aren't conscious and lack their own wills and voices, but they accept sacrifices, and protect their worshippers from other gods—perfect vehicles for Craftsmen and Craftswomen operating in the divinely controlled Old World. When Kai sees one of her creations dying and tries to save her, she's grievously injured—then sidelined from the business entirely, her near-suicidal rescue attempt offered up as proof of her instability. But when Kai gets tired of hearing her boss, her coworkers, and her ex-boyfriend call her crazy, and starts digging into the reasons her creations die, she uncovers a conspiracy of silence and fear—which will crush her, if Kai can't stop it first.

Last First Snow: (Craft Sequence Book 4)

Forty years after the God Wars, Dresediell Lex bears the scars of liberation—especially in the Skittersill, a poor district still bound by the fallen gods' decaying edicts. As long as the gods' wards last, they strangle development; when they fail, demons will be loosed upon the city. The King in Red hires Elayne Kevarian of the Craft firm Kelethres, Albrecht, and Ao to fix the wards, but the Skittersill's people have their own ideas. A protest rises against Elayne's work, led by Temoc, a warrior-priest turned community organizer who wants to build a peaceful future for his city, his wife, and his young son.

As Elayne drags Temoc and the King in Red to the bargaining table, old wounds reopen, old gods stir in their graves, civil blood breaks to new mutiny, and profiteers circle in the desert sky. Elayne and Temoc must fight conspiracy, dark magic, and their own demons to save the peace—or failing that, to save as many people as they can.

Four Roads Cross: (Craft Sequence Book 5)

In *Four Roads Cross*, the great city of Alt Coulumb is in crisis. The moon goddess Seril, long thought dead, is back--and the people of Alt Coulumb aren't happy. Protests rock the city, and Kos Everburning's creditors attempt a hostile takeover of the fire god's church. Tara Abernathy, the god's in-house Craftswoman, must defend the church against the world's fiercest necromantic firm--and against her old classmate, a rising star in the Craftwork world.

As if that weren't enough, Cat and Raz, supporting characters from *Three Parts Dead*, are back too, fighting monster pirates; skeleton kings drink frozen cocktails, defying several principles of anatomy; jails, hospitals, and temples are broken into and out of; choirs of flame sing over Alt Coulumb; demons pose significant problems; a farmers' market proves more important to world affairs than seems likely; doctors of theology strike back; Monk-Technician Abelard performs several miracles; The Rats! play Walsh's Place; and dragons give almost-helpful counsel.

Editorial Reviews

"Enthralling." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review, on *Last First Snow*

"Brilliant, elegant, epic, astonishing, smart, gritty.... another wondrous visit to the fantastic world of the Craft Sequence." —*Ken Liu*, author of *The Grace of Kings*, on *Last First Snow*

"Elegant and ferocious." —*Daniel José Older*, author of *Half Resurrection Blues*, on *Last First Snow*

"Gladstone gives us wonderfully relevant bits and pieces of the modern world, turned upside-down and inside-out and garnished with skeleton kings, serpent gods, and lawyer-magicians. It's glorious." —*Django Wexler*, author of *The Thousand Names*, on *Last First Snow*

"I'm having Max Gladstone killed. He's too good already to be allowed to live. If this is early work, the rest of us are out of a job." —*Elizabeth Bear* on *Full Fathom Five*

"Gladstone packs more ideas into a chapter than most writers manage in a full novel." —*Brian Staveley* on *Full Fathom Five*

"Newcomers and fans of the series alike will enjoy the mystery, demon-caused mayhem and fast-moving plot in this stellar, engaging read." —*RT Book Reviews*, 4 ½ stars, on *Two Serpents Rise*

Max Gladstone is published in the United States, Hungary & Israel

BIO

Max Gladstone is a two-time finalist for the John W Campbell Best New Writer Award, and a one-time finalist for the XYYZY Award. In July 2015 Tor Books will publish his next novel, *LAST FIRST SNOW*, a tale of zoning politics, human sacrifice, and parenthood. *LAST FIRST SNOW* is the fourth Craft Sequence novel, preceded by *THREE PARTS DEAD*, *TWO SERPENTS RISE*, and *FULL FATHOM FIVE*.

Max studied Chan poetry and late Ming dynasty fantasy at Yale; he lived and taught for two years in rural Anhui province, and has traveled throughout Asia and Europe. He speaks Chinese, can embarrass himself reading Latin, and is a martial artist, fencer, and fiddler. He's also worked as a researcher for the Berkman Center for Internet and Policy Law, a tour guide for the Swiss Embassy, a go-between for a suspicious Chinese auto magazine, a translator for visiting Chinese schoolteachers, a Chinese philosophy TA, a tech industry analyst, and an editor. He has wrecked a bicycle in Angkor Wat, sung at Carnegie Hall, and been thrown from a horse in Mongolia.

Mike Bond

"Master of the existential thriller" BBC

*"One of America's Best
Thriller Writers"*

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Brilliance Audio will publish all 7 Mike Bond novels in 2017 and three forthcoming works in 2017/2018.



KIRKUS

"An exhilarating spy novel that offers equal amounts of ingenuity and intrigue."

"In Bond's latest thriller, an intelligence operative spends decades immersed in America's struggle with Islamic terrorists...Bond's epic novel is packed with historical references, including a mention of Osama bin Laden long before the events of 9/11; an opening prologue set in 2015 ensures that the narrative spans more than 30 years. Overall, the story maintains a provocative, intelligent tone rather than indulging in garish conspiracies... Other characters provide perspective and steer the plot clear of easy definitions of good and evil. There's also profundity at times, especially regarding the futility of vengeance."

DID the Saudis finance 9/11?

DID GW Bush let Osama bin Laden escape Afghanistan?

And then lie about Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq?

DID Obama's decision to leave Iraq in 2011 lead to ISIS and its worldwide fanaticism?

WHAT has really happened in the last 30 years of war with Islam?

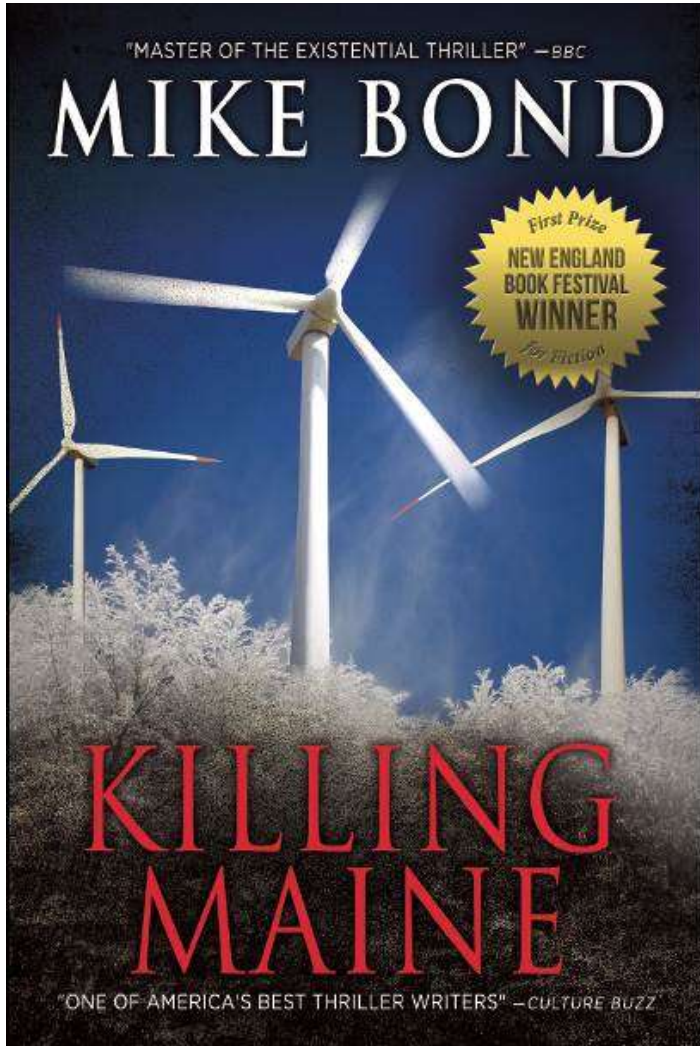
BOOK CHASE :

"Mike Bond's Assassins is a political thriller with an attitude. But who would expect less from Bond, an author whose books are never afraid to take on the tough issues of the day while directly pointing fingers at those who pull the strings from the shadows?"

"This time around, Bond tackles the entire thirty-year history of the bloody war still being waged by radical Islam against the countries of the West. Each of the novel's seven sections (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Lebanon, Paris, Desert Storm, Baghdad, and ISIS) covers a specific moment in the evolution and growth of the Islamist terrorism threat that is so familiar to the world today."

"Assassins is a first-rate thriller that delivers a painless history lesson – and a whole lot to speculate and argue about over a beer or two with friends."

More Mike Bond Books
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Winner 2015 New England Book Festival

“A gripping tale of murders, manhunts and other crimes set amidst today’s dirty politics and corporate graft, an unforgettable hero facing enormous dangers as he tries to save a friend, protect the women he loves, and defend a beautiful, endangered place.” — **First Prize for Fiction, January 2015, New England Book Festival**

“Another stellar ride from Bond; checking out Pono’s first adventure [Saving Paradise] isn’t a prerequisite, but this will make readers want to.” — **Kirkus**

“The suspense, mystery, and intrigue will keep you on the edge of your seat.”
— **Goodreads**

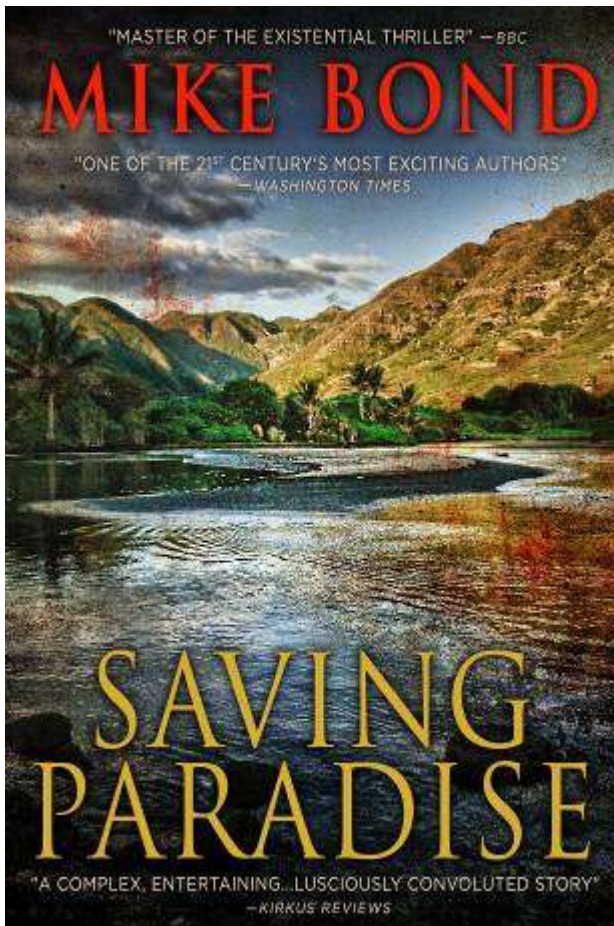
“The action is exciting, and a surprise awaits over each new page ... Bond is clearly one of the master authors for thrillers of this century.” — **NetGalley Reviews**

“A work of compelling fiction ... Very highly recommended.” — **Midwest Book Review**

Surfer and Special Forces vet Pono Hawkins quits sunny Hawaii for Maine’s brutal winter to help former SF buddy Bucky Franklin beat a murder rap. The same Bucky who once sent Pono to military prison then married his girlfriend Lexie. But in Special Forces you never leave a buddy behind no matter what they’ve done. Especially if they once saved your life.

Once again Pono finds himself hunted, shot at, betrayed, stalked by knife-wielding assassins, and in love with three exciting and dangerous women.

KILLING MAINE is Book Two in the Pono Hawkins series which began with:



KIRKUS

"In the latest thriller from Bond (The Last Savanna, 2013, etc.), an Afghanistan War veteran-turned-surfer risks his life and freedom to search for a journalist's murderer.

"When Pono Hawkins finds surfing-magazine correspondent Sylvia Gordon's lifeless body floating off the shore of Oahu, police quickly determine that she was murdered, but then promptly change their minds and rule it an accidental drowning. Pono makes it his mission to find the woman's killer, and his quest takes him into a world of political and corporate corruption. As he weeds through lies, suspects and threats, the police eventually agree that the journalist was indeed murdered—and they accuse the twice-jailed Pono, who soon finds himself on the run. More murders follow.

"Bond's lusciously convoluted story provides myriad suspects and motives.

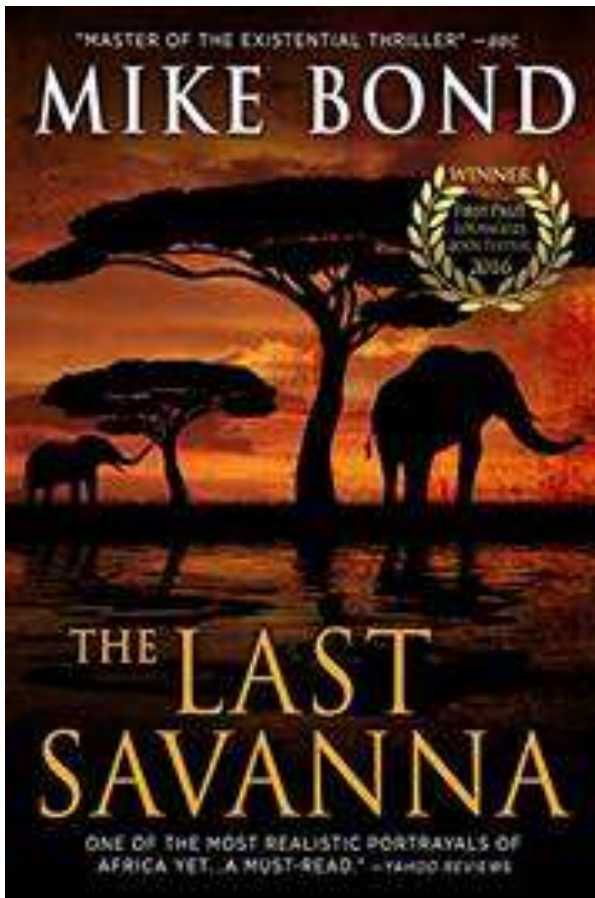
"Other dependable characters (include Pono's fellow veterans—most notably, the technologically savvy Mitchell—as well as Pono's cat, Puma, and surfing dachshund,

Mojo. But his most persuasive relationship is with Sylvia, a woman he can't stop thinking about, even though he never knew her when she was alive. In the end, readers may find it nearly impossible to guess the killer, but they'll enjoy the trip.

"A complex, entertaining whodunit."

"Saving Paradise is a rousing crime thriller – but it is so much more. Pono Hawkins is a dedicated environmentalist, a native of Hawaii who very much loves the islands but regrets what they have become. Pono is a thinker, a man who sees a bigger picture than most, and Mike Bond deftly (and painlessly) uses the character to instruct the reader in Hawaiian history from an insider's point-of-view. Saving Paradise is a highly atmospheric thriller focusing on a side of Hawaiian life that tourists seldom see."

– **Book Chase**



FIRST PRIZE Los Angeles Book Festival 2016

With Africa's last elephants dying under the guns of Somali poachers, ex-SAS officer Ian MacAdam leads a commando squad against them, to hunt what for him is the only decent prey – man. Pursuing the poachers through jungled mountains and searing deserts he battles thirst, solitude, terror and lethal animals, only to find they have kidnapped a young archaeologist, Rebecca Hecht, whom he once loved and bitterly lost.

She escapes the kidnappers, is caught and escapes again to risk perishing in the desert. MacAdam embarks on a desperate trek to save not only Rebecca but his own soul in an Africa torn apart by wars, overpopulation and the slaughter of its last wildlife.

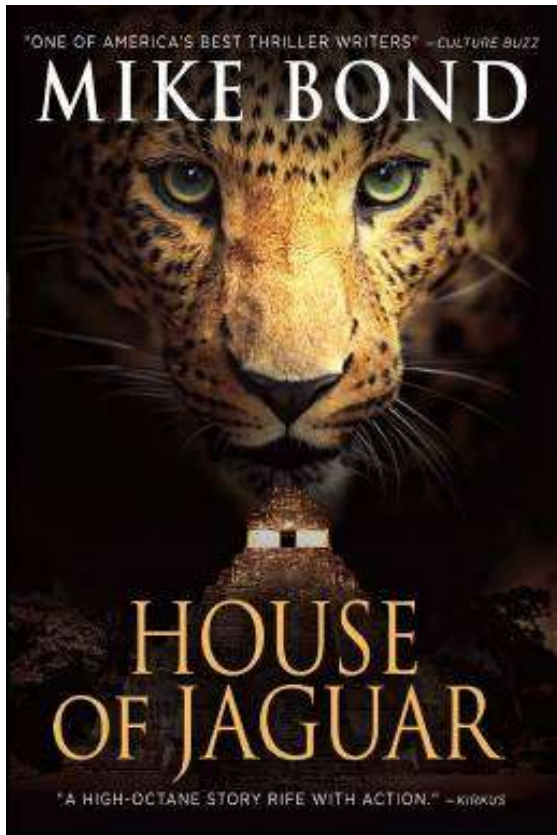
Based on the author's own experiences pursuing elephant poachers in the wilds of East Africa, *The Last Savanna* is an intense personal memoir of humanity's ancient heartland, its people and animals, the lonely beauty of its perilous deserts, jungles, and savannas, and the deep, abiding power of love.

Praise for *The Last Savanna*:

"Tragic and beautiful, sentimental and ruthless, *The Last Savanna* is a vast and wonderful book." – *NetGalley Reviews*

"Mike Bond takes readers into a literary safari of Africa's elephant poaching war with *The Last Savanna*, a novel that expertly captures the ravenous, chaotic and frustrating battles raging across the continent . . . and paints a vivid picture of life in the savanna . . . Bond's knowledge of the Swahili language, local culture and even the wildlife result in what may be one of the most realistic portrayals of Africa yet . . . Bond's specialty in producing thrillers that editorialize human weakness and bring to light pressing world problems shines in *The Last Savanna*. Dynamic, heart-breaking and timely to current events, Bond's latest book is a must-read."

– *Yahoo Reviews*



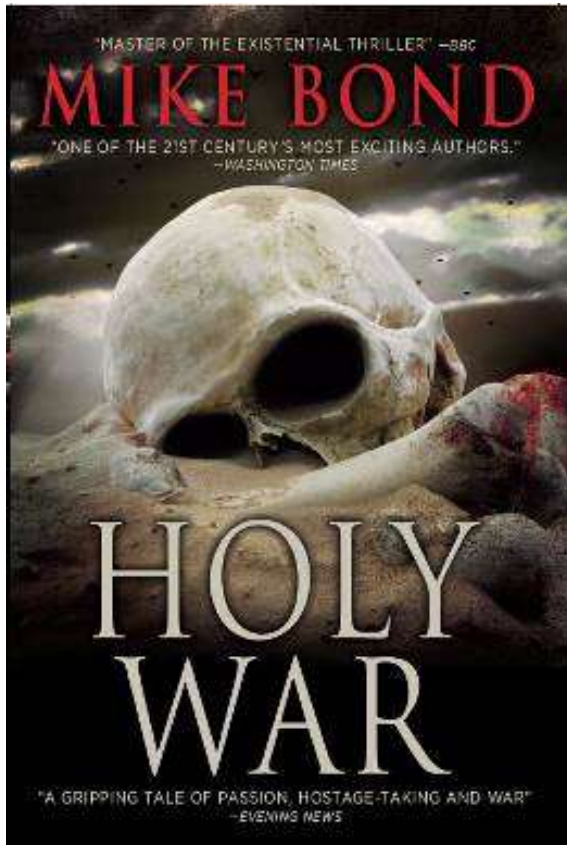
Chopper pilot and Vietnam war hero Joe Murphy finds himself in the middle of the brutal Guatemalan revolution when he witnesses an attack on a Mayan village by the Guatemalan Army and its CIA “advisors”. Badly injured, he escapes on a nightmare trek through the jungle, hunted by the Army, the CIA, and death squads. Healed by guerrilla doctor Dona Villalobos, he falls in love with her and tries to save her from the revolution’s widening horror of insanity, tragedy, and death. She convinces him to return to San Francisco to reveal this hidden war to the US media, but the CIA hunts him down there, killing everyone he turns to.

He returns to Guatemala to find Dona and to face the war in the jungle and the death squads .Based on the author’s own experiences as the only foreign war correspondent left alive in Guatemala when over 150 journalists had been killed by death squads, House of Jaguar is “a riveting thriller of murder, politics, and lies.” [London Broadcasting].

“This book is really a page turner. There are not enough words to describe how outstanding and entertaining this book is. Intriguing, exciting, captivating, sexy... absolutely incredible!” —
NetGalley Reviews

“Tough and tense thriller.”
– **Manchester Evening News**

“A thoroughly amazing book ... Memorable, an extraordinary story that speaks from and to the heart. And a terrifying depiction of one man’s battle against the CIA and Latin American death squads.”
– **BBC**



The Battle of Beirut is worse than Hell, an irrational maelstrom of implacable hatreds and inconceivable suffering, of screaming bombs and exploding shells, crashing buildings, sniper battles, and deadly ambushes.

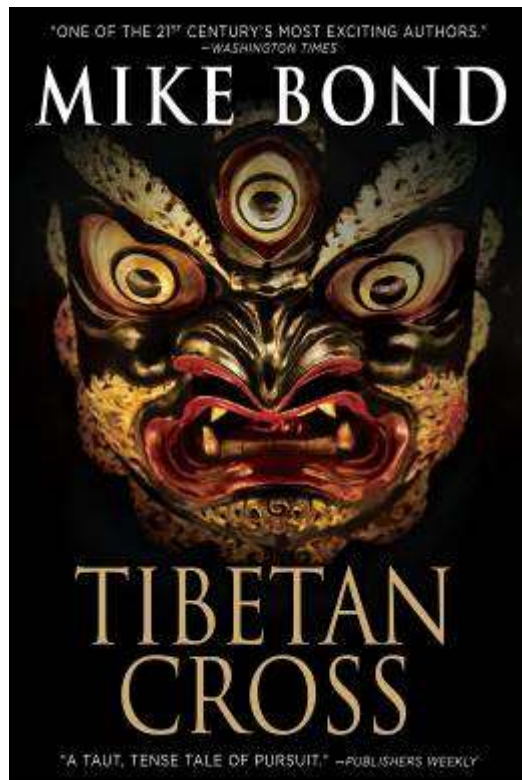
Neill, a war correspondent on a secret mission for Britain's MI6 intelligence agency, is trying to find Mohammed, a Hezbollah terrorist leader who may be willing to stop the slaughter and destruction. André, a French commando, is also looking for Mohammed, to kill him in revenge for the death of his brother, blown up with over 400 US Marines and French paratroopers by Hezbollah. For Rosa, a remorseless and passionate Palestinian guerrilla, Mohammed is one of the few hopes left for her people, and she will give her life to protect him.

And for lovely Anne-Marie, André is the only one who can rescue her from Hell. Based on the author's own experiences in the Battle of Beirut and the Lebanese War, Holy War has been praised for its portrayal of battle and its journalistic and political realism.

"A supercharged thriller . . . A story to chill and haunt you."
-**[Evening Telegraph]**

"A profound tale of war"
-- **British Armed Forces Broadcasting**

"A stunning novel of love and loss, good and evil, of real people who live in our hearts after the last page is done...Unusual and profound."
- **Greater London Radio**



"Bond's deft thriller will reinforce your worst fears about the CIA and the Bomb ... A taut, tense tale of pursuit through exotic and unsavory locales."

— **Publishers Weekly**

A classic international thriller and European bestseller about an American climber in the Himalayas who stumbles on a shipment of backpack nuclear weapons into Tibet. Hunted by the CIA and other covert agencies across Asia, North Africa, Europe and the United States, he is captured then rescued by a beautiful young woman with whom he forms a perilous liaison.

They escape the CIA, are captured, and escape again, across Europe and the United States, death always at their heels. Not only a terrifying portrayal of a relentless manhunt, *Tibetan Cross* is also a deep inquiry into politics and covert action, the nature of fear, and the painful process of love.

Acclaimed by critics as an “existentialist thriller”, and for its penetrating portraits of the individual versus society, the depths of love, and the roots of war, *Tibetan Cross* has earned these plaudits:

“Grips the reader from the very first chapter until the climactic ending.”

— **United Press International**

“One of the most exciting in recent fiction ... an astonishing thriller that speaks profoundly about the venality of governments and the nobility of man.”

— **San Francisco Examiner**

“It is a thriller... Incredible, but also believable.”

— **Associated Press**

“Murderous intensity... A tense and graphically written story.”

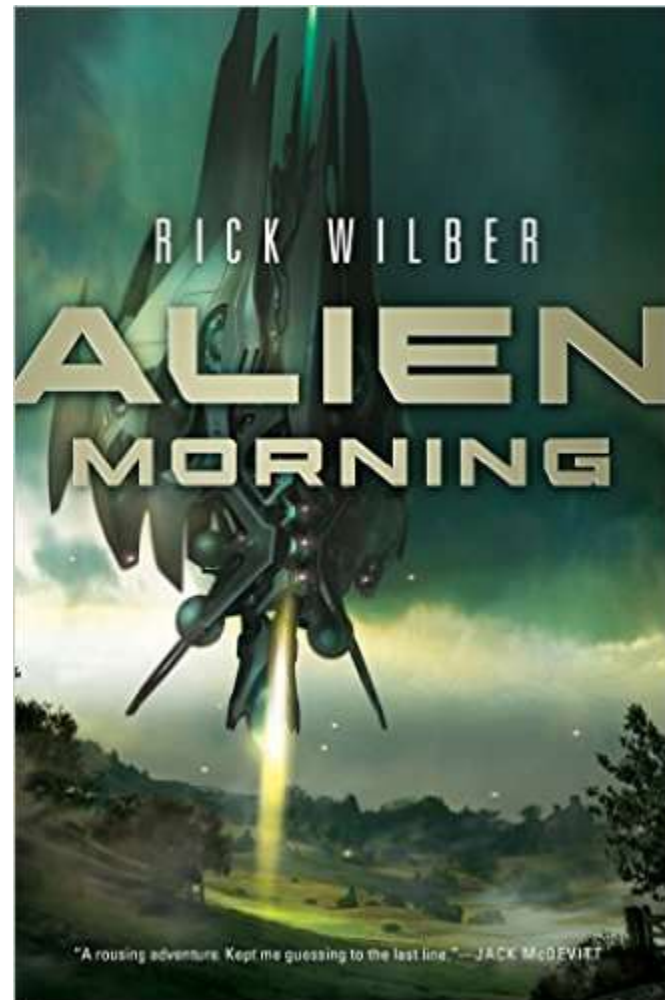
— **Richmond Times-Dispatch**

“The most jaundiced adventure fan will be held by *Tibetan Cross* ... It's a superb volume with enough action for anyone, a well-told story that deserves the increasing attention it's getting.”

— **Sacramento Bee**

Booklist

The first book in Wilber's Alien Trilogy introduces readers to Peter Holman, broken-down former professional basketball player enjoying a new career in sweeping—2030's answer to podcasting. While out on a "sweep date" with a lovely young woman, Holman sees a series of flashing lights over the Florida Gulf. He is witnessing the S'hudonni landing. They have come to earth with the aim of offering advanced science. But is that their only reason for the trip? Along the way, we meet royal alien Twoclick and his brother, Whistle, as well as scientist Heather, Twoclick's assistant, who happens to be engaged to Peter's younger brother, Tom. A sibling squabble between the two aliens could either end up tearing a family apart or destroying the planet—nicely paralleling the family dynamics of Peter and Tom. **This is the start to a great trilogy (featuring characters Wilber has introduced in previous short stories) and an enjoyable read for any lover of first-contact sf. — Tiffany Austin**



KIRKUS

“One cool tech twist: Peter uses a multisensory form of mental podcasting to broadcast a live feed meant to lead the aliens astray.”

ALIEN MORNING

Author: Rick Wilber

Set in 2030, former professional athlete-turned-social media star Peter Holman vies to save his home planet from dueling alien royalty. Peter is recording a "story" to stream live on his multisensory social media channel, when a seemingly benign alien race, the S'hudonni, initiates first contact. That facade fades as Peter discovers that two royal alien brothers are warring to control Earth, a future he will risk his life to alter. In his trilogy launch, Wilber (Rum Point, 2009,

etc.), a prolific sports, sci-fi, and thriller writer, introduces the S'hudonni, who hail from a watery planet and resemble dolphins, and brings back cast members from previously published short stories. The Holman siblings, Peter, Tom, and Kait, get swept into a global crisis as the S'hudonni princes (Twoclick and Whistle) play violently at divvying up the Earth and its rarities, like small-batch Irish whiskey, in a game to impress their father—a family dynamic familiar to the Holmans'. Peter is in conflict with his brother Tom, a professor of marine biology, over their deceased father's reputation, their wild-child sister, and Tom's wealthy benefactor, Heather Newsome, who might have an agenda of her own. Both sets of brothers are caught up in squabbles with each other that spin out of control, and both must find their ways toward family harmony. While Wilber's first-contact novel hums along, it leans heavily on clichés and unoriginal plot devices—a hypersexy shape-shifter, a comical but deadly alien porpoise, and a young ingénue who is also the girl next door. One cool tech twist: Peter uses a multisensory form of mental podcasting to broadcast a live feed meant to lead the aliens astray. Intergalactic sibling rivalry that toggles between fun and familiar.



“An intriguing look at colonization from the viewpoint of those being taken over.”

Alien Morning

Rick Wilber. Tor, \$25.99 (304p) ISBN 978-0-7653-3290-5



Humans' willingness to believe everything they see on TV—or its near-future equivalent—is the key to this thriller (parts of which were previously published as short stories) about dysfunctional families and first contact. Peter Holman is a sweeper, recording immersive sensory entertainment called sweepcasts for his social media followers. He's in the right place at the right time on the Gulf Coast to record humans' first contact with aliens. Suddenly, Peter's got an exclusive contract with the aliens' intermediaries to broadcast the hottest story on the planet. Even better, his role on the show includes seduction by sexy boss Heather Newsome—who just happens to be engaged to Peter's brother, Tom. Now estranged from his brother, and entangled with a lover whose motives are questionable, Peter becomes the sweeper entourage of the alien called Twoclicks, whom Heather bills as “the great leader for a new Earth.” When not running from alien ship attacks, Peter recalls his troubled family history, which mirrors the ongoing war between Twoclicks and the alien's brother. This plot-driven story emphasizes action at the expense of characterization, but it does offer an intriguing look at colonization from the viewpoint of those being taken over. *Agent: Bob Diforio, D4EO Literary Agency. (Nov.)*

RT BOOK REVIEWS

LIES AND OTHER ACTS OF LOVE

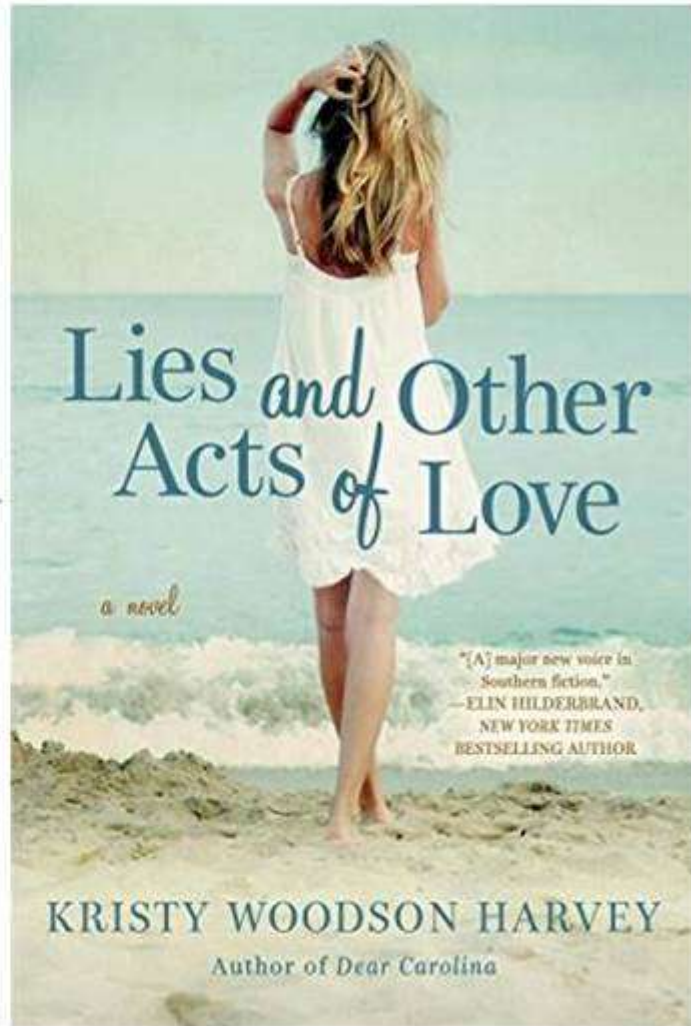
Kristy Woodson Harvey

★★★★½

TOP PICK! *The title fits this novel perfectly as readers learn the lengths people will go to protect their families. The author draws parallels between the two characters, which aids in reminding readers that women of all ages go through the same kinds of problems. Readers will be able to visualize what's written, making this an engaging and entertaining page-turner.*

SUMMARY: Lynn "Lovey" White loves her husband, their five daughters and the life they've had for the past six decades. With her husband in a wheelchair and his memory quickly fading, she spends a lot of time reminiscing on how they met and decisions she made to get to this point in her life. Her granddaughter Annabelle is living in the present as the wife of a former rock star, whom she married three days after they met. Annabelle and Lovey make sacrifices for those they love before discovering happiness for themselves (BERKLEY, Apr., 352 pp., \$15.00)

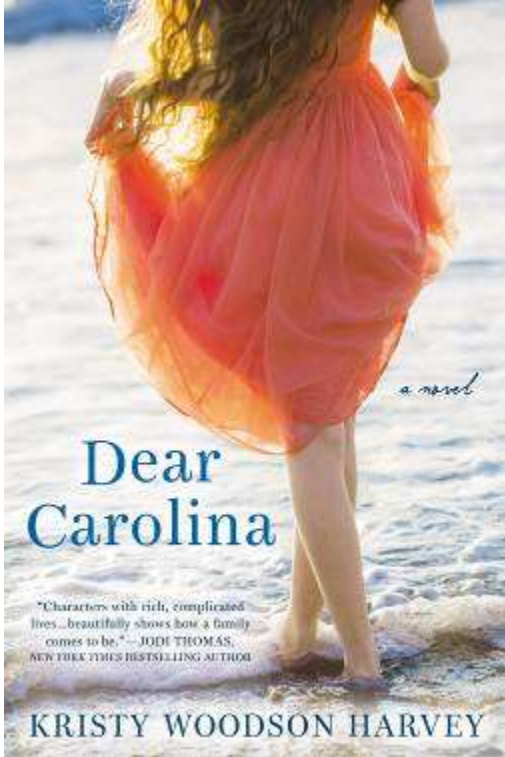
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- *Southern Indie Bestseller
- **Romantic Times* Top Pick
- *Southern Independent Booksellers Association Okra Pick
- *Maria Shriver's Top Summer Reads
- **Deep South Magazine's* Best Beach Reads
- *Glitter Guide's Must Read List
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- **Greenville News* Perfect Books for Vacation
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KRISTY WOODSON HARVEY



One baby girl. Two strong Southern women.

And the most difficult decision they'll ever make.

Frances “Khaki” Mason has it all: a thriving interior design career, a loving husband and son, homes in North Carolina and Manhattan—everything except the second child she has always wanted. Jodi, her husband’s nineteen-year-old cousin, is fresh out of rehab, pregnant, and alone. Although the two women couldn’t seem more different, they forge a lifelong connection as Khaki reaches out to Jodi, encouraging her to have her baby. But as Jodi struggles to be the mother she knows her daughter deserves, she will ask Khaki the ultimate favor...



Written to baby Carolina, by both her birth mother and her adoptive one, this is a story that proves that life circumstances shape us but don’t define us—and that families aren’t born, they’re made...

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Dear Carolina

“Kristy Woodson Harvey weaves a story around characters with rich, complicated lives we all identify with. Harvey’s story walks through the life of an ever-changing family and beautifully shows how a family comes to be. Not only by blood, but also by choice.”

—Jodi Thomas, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Betting the Rainbow*

“*Dear Carolina* is Southern fiction at its best. It shows us that love is not without sacrifice, and there’s little in life that doesn’t go down easier with a spoonful of jam. Beautifully written.”

—Eileen Goudge, *New York Times* bestselling author

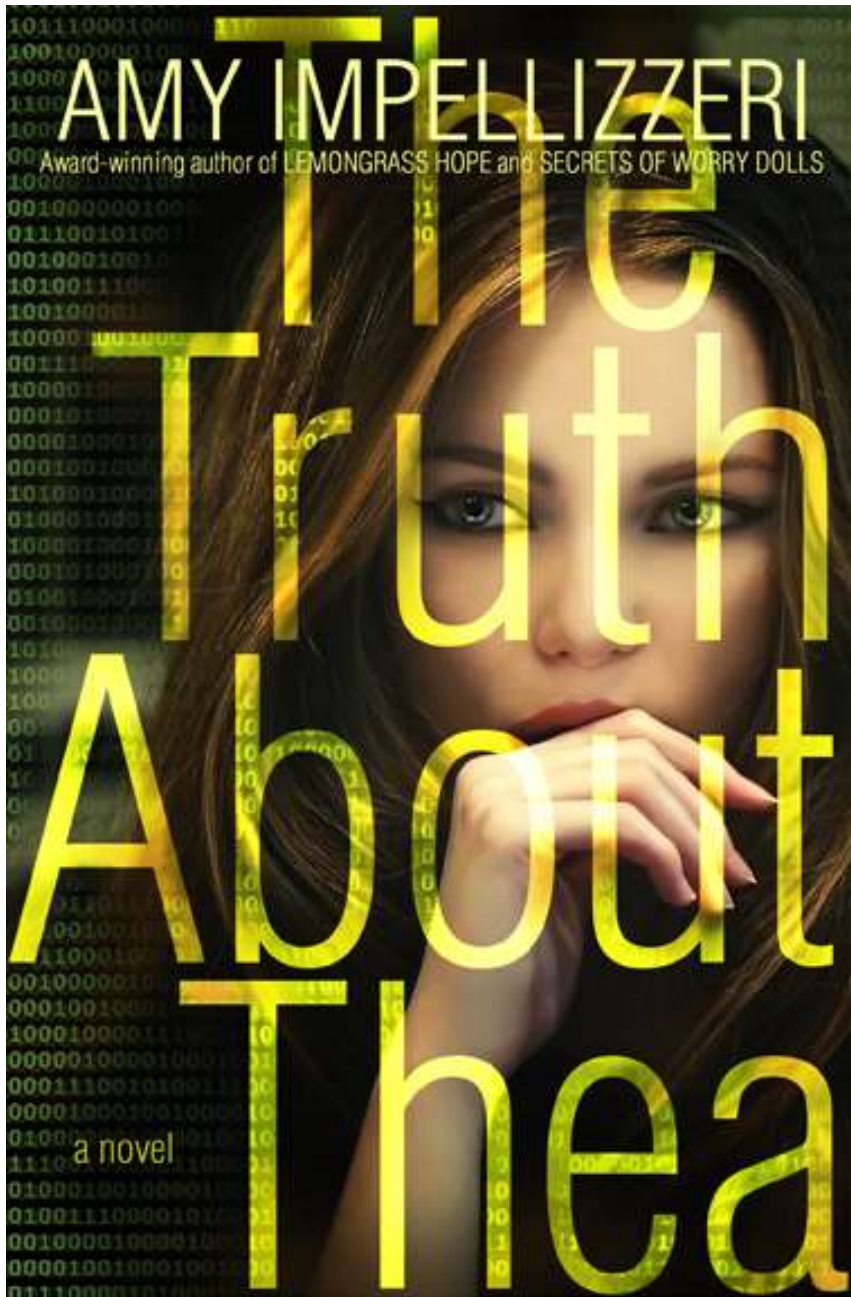
“*Dear Carolina* is like the Southern women within its pages and those who will love this book, sweet as sweet tea on the outside and strong as steel on the inside. Kristy Woodson Harvey is a natural.”

—Ann Garvin, author of *On Maggie’s Watch* and *The Dog Year*

“Southern to the bone and full of engaging characters . . . Kristy Woodson Harvey’s debut novel captures your heart and doesn’t let go; her keen insights into a mother’s love will stay with you long after the last page.”

—Kim Boykin, author of *Palmetto Moon*

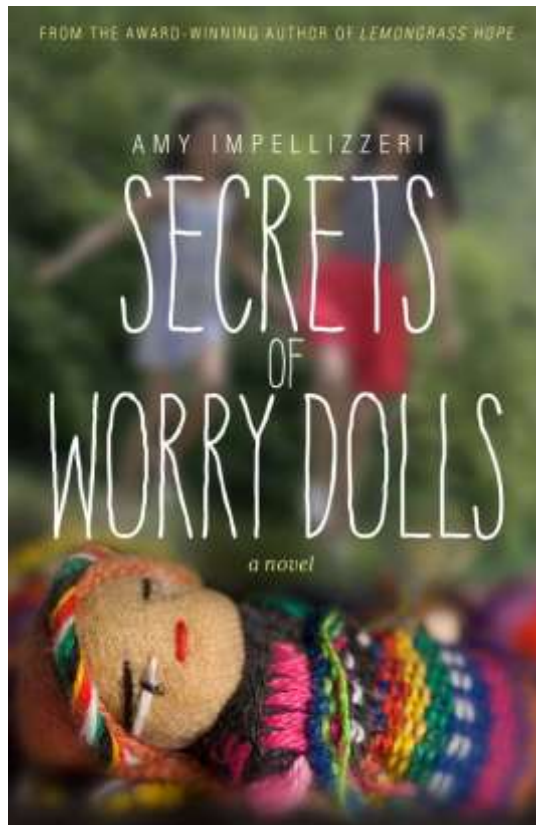
<http://www.amyimpellizzeri.com/>



Fans of *Girl on the Train* and *The Good Girl* will devour this twist-filled suspense thriller, *The Truth About Thea*, from Amy Impellizzeri, award-winning author of *Lemongrass Hope* and *Secrets of Worry Dolls*.

Will, a recovering heroin addict-turned-counselor for whom truth is a championed element to recovery, has a dark secret past. Now Will is counseling Thea Brown, a young woman who has been diagnosed with a pathological addiction to disseminating fake information, and who has founded a start-up

company (“Alibis”) that helps create false internet identities for clients. As Will works with Thea as a condition of her parole in a high profile legal case, his past and present collide, and he learns at long last, the devastating truth about Thea.



"Complex layers ... fast-paced ... A novel of grief, love, and truth."

-Kirkus Reviews

"a story of redemption and rebirth in the midst of loss. Author Impellizzeri (*Lemongrass Hope*, 2014) creates a haunting story of the past that can bind and the courage to break free.

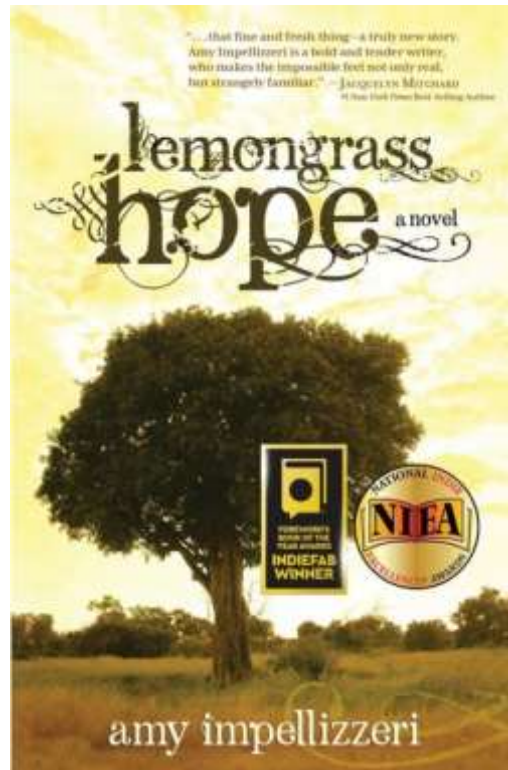
- Booklist

Secrets of Worry Dolls finds its way to an earned ending true to its characters, and to the world events that exact influence on them. Impellizzeri does well with the small details that make her characters feel like real people. This is a strong and memorable work of fiction.

- Foreword

*"In *Secrets of Worry Dolls*, Mari and Lu, mother and daughter, are separated by an abyss created by misgivings, long-held secrets and tragedies almost too great to bear. Every daughter will recognize the pull of self-discovery and every mother will feel the tension between who she must be as a parent and who she is destined to be as an autonomous person. Stirring, intricate and full of surprises, this story will propel readers forward through the twists of fortune in the lives of these two women, torn apart yet forever linked, not simply by fate and blood, but by true compassion-and a sprinkling of magic."*

-Sonja Yoerg, author of *House Broken* and *Middle of Somewhere*



“Lemongrass Hope is that fine and fresh thing – a truly new story Amy Impellizzeri is a bold and tender writer, who makes the impossible feel not only real, but strangely familiar.”

-Jacquelyn Mitchard, New York Times #1 Best-Selling Author, *The Deep End of the Ocean*

“A layered, bittersweet romance that questions consequences and explores second chances.”

-Kirkus Reviews

“Lemongrass Hope, about love, time travel, and what lasts, is haunting, mesmerizing and unforgettable.”

-New York Times Best-Selling Author, Caroline Leavitt, *Pictures of You*

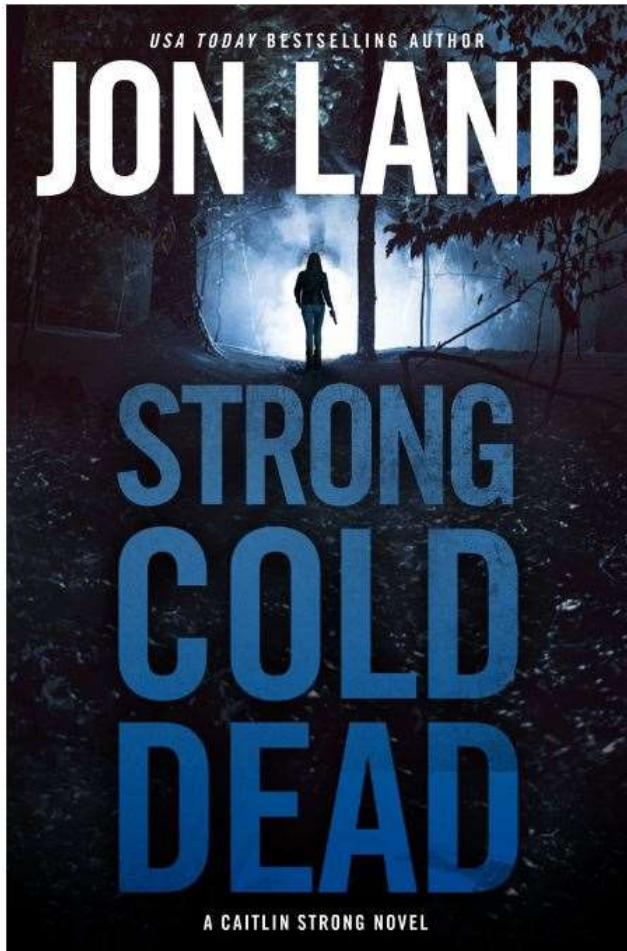
“Those looking for magical realism won’t have far to go, as Amy Impellizzeri’s *Lemongrass Hope* (Wyatt-MacKenzie, Oct.) is already earning a spot on many to-read lists. With Jacquelyn Mitchard singling it out as a fresh new story, this debut explores love through time-bending layers and ordinary connections.”

-Library Journal

<http://www.jonlandbooks.com/>

“Land is one of the best all-out action writers in the business and his amalgam of modern day thriller and western is flat out terrific. Caitlin Strong is one of the best female protagonists out there and would transfer perfectly to film or television.”

--Los Angeles Review



Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong returns in Jon Land's *Strong Cold Dead*, a thriller with heart-stopping action and a high-stakes terrorist plot

The terrorist organization ISIS is after a deadly toxin that could be the ultimate weapon of mass destruction. The same toxin holds the potential to eradicate cancer. There is a frantic race to see who can get to it first, even as Caitlin Strong begins to assemble the disparate pieces of a deadly puzzle.

At the center of that puzzle is an Indian reservation where a vengeful tycoon is mining the toxin, disguising his effort as an oil-drilling operation. This is the same reservation where Caitlin's great-great-grandfather, also a Texas Ranger, once waged a similar battle against the forces of John D. Rockefeller.

In her highest-stakes adventure yet, Caitlin Strong faces off against a host of adversaries that just might include the beautiful Comanche girl with whom the son of her ex-outlaw boyfriend Cort Wesley Masters has fallen in love, along with a mythic monster culled from Native American folklore that the tribe believes has risen to protect its land. The lives of those Caitlin loves most are threatened by the villains she's pursuing; her own moral code is challenged. The fate of both the country and the state she loves is dangling on the precipice of a strong cold death.

“A terrific book that leaves the reader breathless.”

—Sandra Brown, *New York Times* Bestselling Author

“A modern-day Lone Ranger, Caitlin Strong takes on everything from drug gangs to ISIS in *Strong Cold Dead*. Jon Land has once again crafted a winner, with a seamless blending of historical fact and pulse-pounding fiction that will leave the reader begging for more.”

—Brad Taylor, *New York Times* bestselling author

About the Author



Jon Land is a writer's writer. I've been reading him for a long time. He packs every story with menace and peril, providing a feast for any thriller aficionado. In Caitlin Strong he's crafted an alpha heroine who's fresh and poignant and heaping with adrenalin.

Strong Light of Day is another pitch-perfect winner from a first class talent.

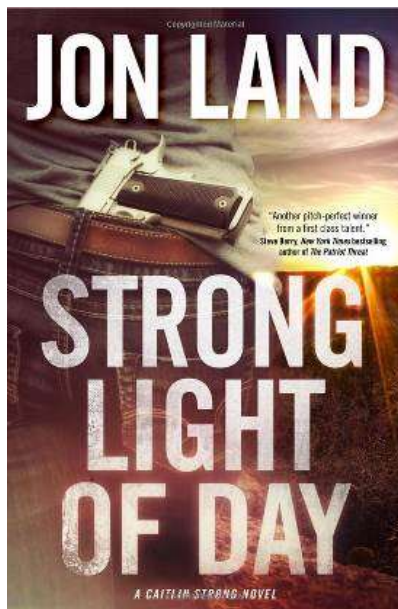
--**Steve Berry**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Patriot Threat*

Strong Light of Day lives up to its name, an adrenaline-packed, tension soaked thrill ride that's a topnotch addition to an already terrific series.

--**Lisa Gardner**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Crash and Burn*

"For years I've been a fan of Jon Land's books, but with *Strong Light of Day* he's outdone himself. Great plotting, incredible character development, and all the key ingredients for a great mystery novel. Unlike most thrillers, which I'll read and forget or lend to friends, this one will be reread and will be sitting over my desk for years to come.

--**Strand Magazine**

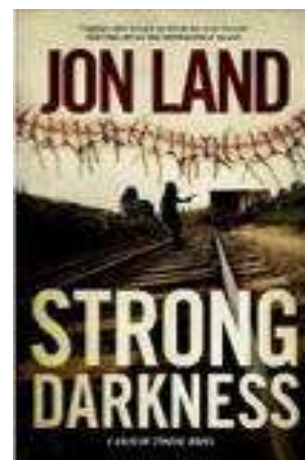
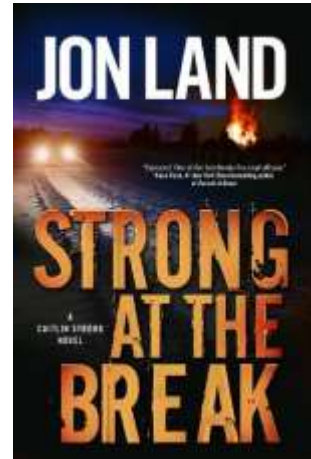


Texas ranger Caitlin Strong is involved in an international plot rooted in secrets from the Cold War in *Strong Light of Day*, the seventh installment of Jon Land's *New York Times* bestselling Caitlin Strong series

Caitlin Strong is a fifth generation Texas Ranger as quick with her wits as she is with her gun. Over the years she's taken on all manner of criminals and miscreants, thwarting the plans of villains to do vast damage to the country and state she loves.

But none of that has prepared Caitlin for an investigation that pits her against ruthless billionaire oilman Calum Dane, whose genetically engineered pesticide may have poisoned a large swath of the state.

The Caitlyn Strong Series



STRONG ENOUGH TO DIE: Caitlin returns to the Texas Rangers to take up the trail of the men who tortured the husband she thought was dead. Along the way, she uncovers a sinister conspiracy led by a Haliburton-like conglomerate and finds herself joining forces with the modern day outlaw, Cort Wesley Masters, she wrongly put in prison, even as a deadly assassin is brought in to kill her.

STRONG JUSTICE: Caitlin finds herself up against an oil tycoon whose multi-billion dollar water discovery is poisoning a small town. Her pursuit sets her at odds with both a Mexican revolutionary plotting a guerrilla war against the United States and a serial killer who's claimed nearly 400 victims, a tale that eerily parallels her Texas Ranger grandfather's greatest adventure and climaxes in the same Mexican border town.

STRONG AT THE BREAK: Caitlin goes up against the leader of a fanatical right-wing militia plotting to start a second Civil War, a man whose father was gunned down by hers 20 years before for pursuing the same aims. This as she searches for the kidnapped oldest son of her now lover Cort Wesley Masters, who she's been ordered to bring in for extradition to Mexico.

STRONG VENGEANCE: After finding an entire crew murdered on board an offshore oilrig in the Gulf, Caitlin battles homegrown terrorists intent on unleashing a deadly radiological attack on the United States, staged in Texas, that will millions. But to stop them she first has to solve a 30-year-old mass murder and uncover the mystery of the legendary pirate Jean Lafitte's infamous lost treasure.

STRONG RAIN FALLING: Caitlin traces the mass murder of five children in a ghost town to the very birth of the Mexican drug trade and a vengeful Mexican billionaire out to settle a century-old score with an ingenious plan to destroy America's power grid. In a battle where microchips prove as deadly as bullets, Caitlin must solve a mystery rooted in the past in order to save the present.

STRONG DARKNESS: 1883: Texas Ranger William Ray Strong teams up with Judge Roy Bean to track down the Old West's first serial killer, who's stitching a trail of death along the railroad lines slicing their way through Texas.

The Present: Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong finds herself pursuing another serial killer whose methods are eerily similar to the one pursued by her great-grandfather almost a century-and-a-half before.

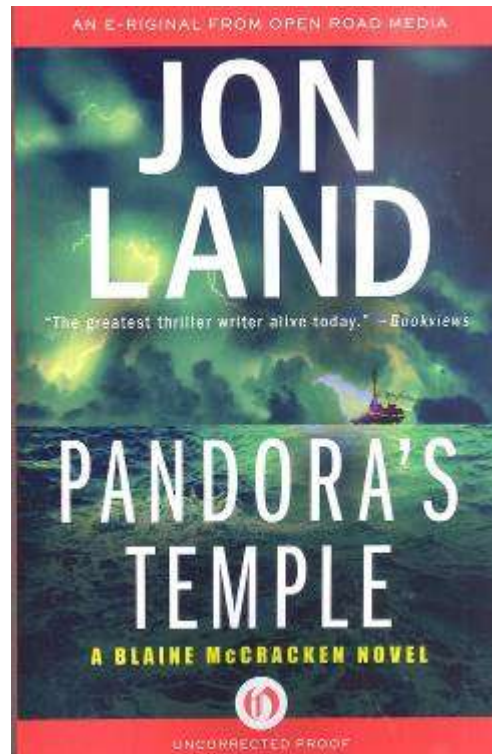
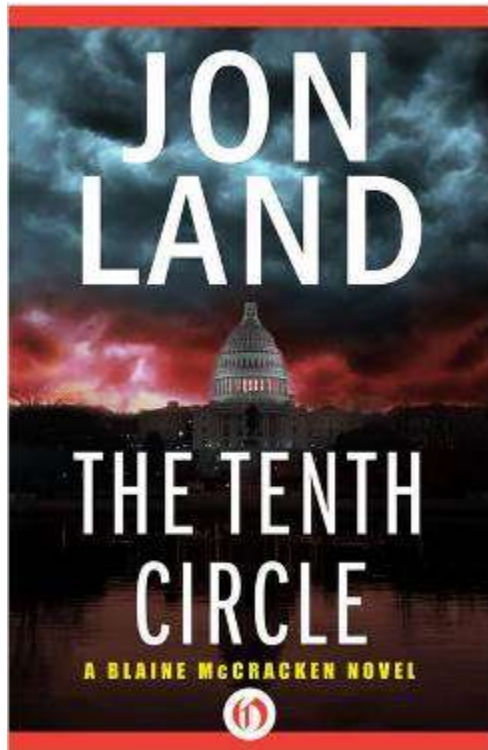
STRONG LIGHT OF DAY: *Afghanistan, 2003:* During a mountain raid, a team of Navy SEALs discovers plans for a new and ingenious attack on the United States.

The Present: Fifth-generation Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong is summoned when thirty high school kids from a Houston prep school vanish during a field trip, including the son of her lover, Cort Wesley Masters. As if that wasn't enough, Caitlin also has to deal with a crazed rancher whose entire herd of cattle has been picked clean to the bone.

The link between these two inexplicable events dates back to the contents of that Afghan cave raided by the SEALs, and a plot by forces within Russia to win a war they never stopped fighting. At the center of that plot are billionaire Calum Dane and his multinational conglomerate, currently embroiled in controversy over a genetically engineered pesticide that has the potential to eradicate hunger across the world. Dane doesn't know that this pesticide has spawned a new and deadly enemy capable of destroying the very fabric of American life.

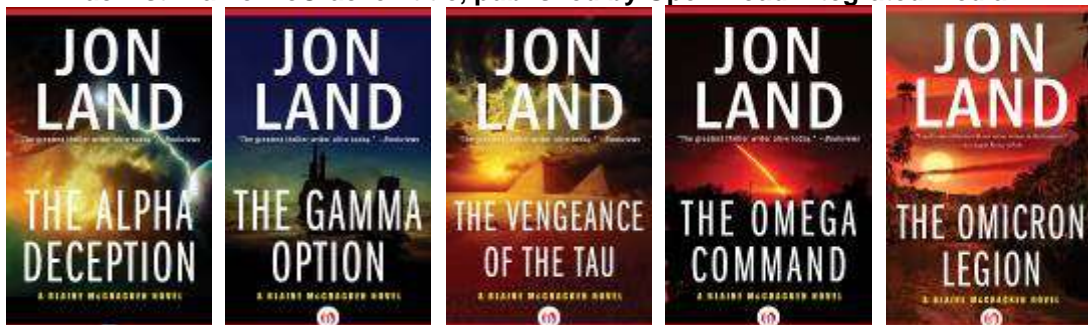
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"Land began writing techno-thrillers before Tom Clancy put them in vogue, and his strong prose, easy characterization, and commitment to technical accuracy have made him a pillar of the genre. . . . Superbly created multidimensional characters mixing with thrills and spills of a world on the brink, add a modern-day larger-than-life hero to cheer for, **PANDORA'S TEMPLE** is a tour de force of adventure-telling power from a master storyteller."—*New York Journal of Books*

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BRIAN KLINGBORG



When U.S. Marshal Helen Morrissey is tasked with collecting a fugitive bank robber from a remote town in the Sierra Nevadas, she braces for a rough trip. After all, with a name like Kill Devil Falls, her destination must be a real hellhole.

Turns out that it's worse than she imagined. Much worse.

After barely surviving a white-knuckle drive in what she suspects is a sabotaged car, she's stuck in a virtual ghost town populated by a handful of oddballs and outcasts. But it's not until her prisoner turns up dead that Helen realizes she's in real trouble. There are secrets buried below the surface of Kill Devil Falls. Secrets worth killing for.

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Campaign Overview:

- ☑ National review coverage
- ☑ Targeted regional campaign [New York, New England, California, Nevada]
- ☑ Extensive blogger outreach
- ☑ Regional author appearances
- ☑ Featured title at regional trade shows
- ☑ Featured title at ALA Midwinter [Atlanta, GA]
- ☑ Extensive digital marketing and social media campaign

- ☑ Special ARC mailings to booksellers and media
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- ☑ Debut author
- ☑ First contemporary mystery stand-alone

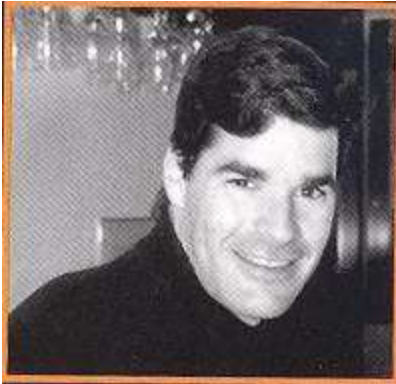
Market/Target Audience:

- ☑ Mystery fiction readers
- ☑ Readers of psychological thrillers/eerie books/Ghost towns
- ☑ Mainstream appeal

Brian Klingborg (New York, NY) is a Sr. Vice President at Kumon Publishing. He's written books on Kung Fu, and he wrote for the Winx Club television series. *Kill Devil Falls* is his first novel.

Jack Du Brul "is the finest adventure writer on the scene today."

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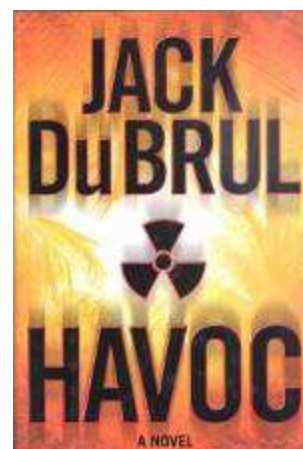
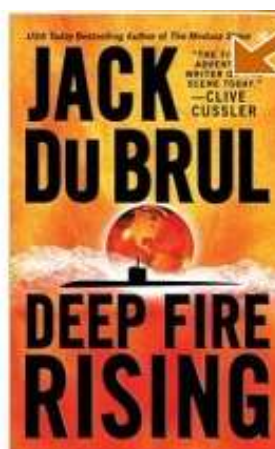
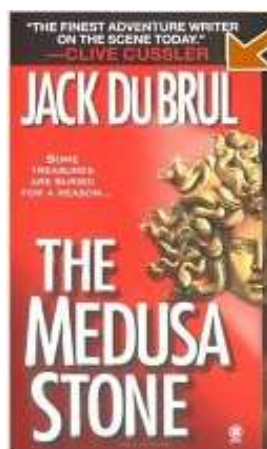
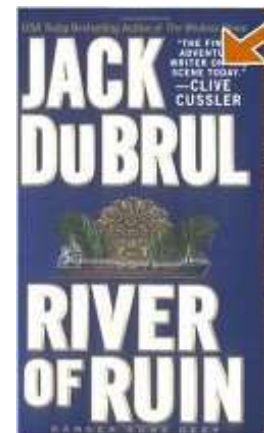
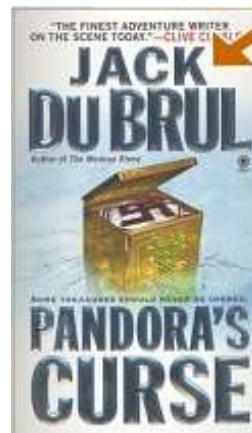
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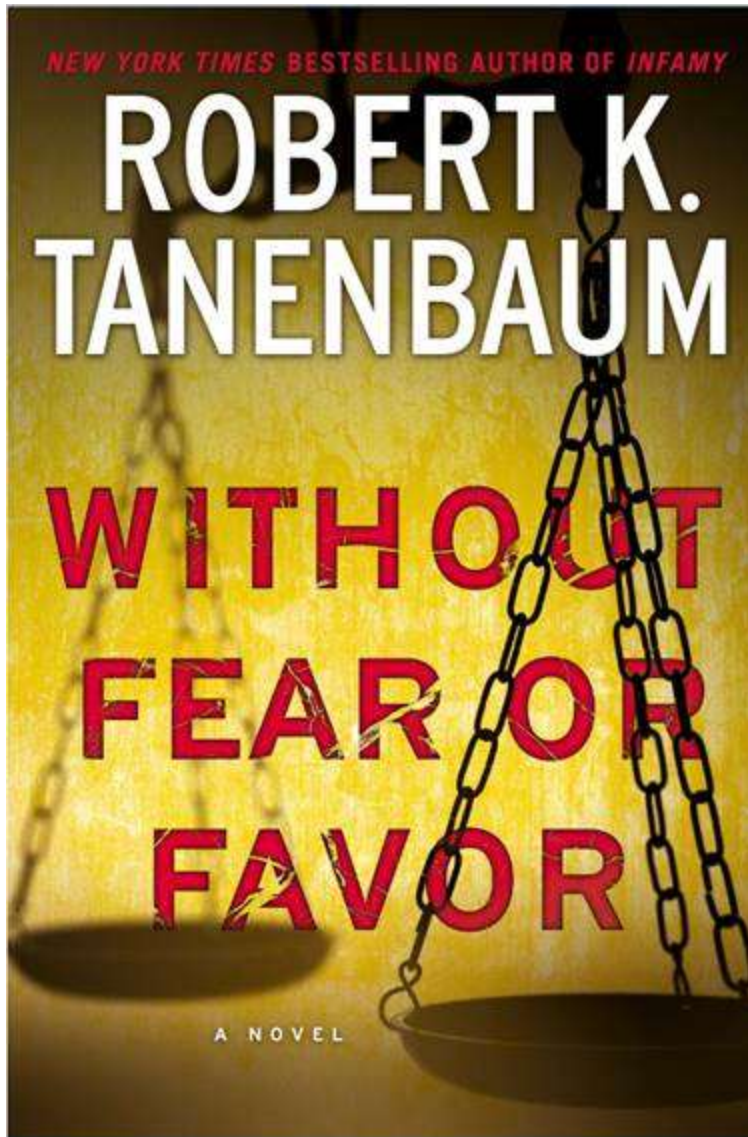
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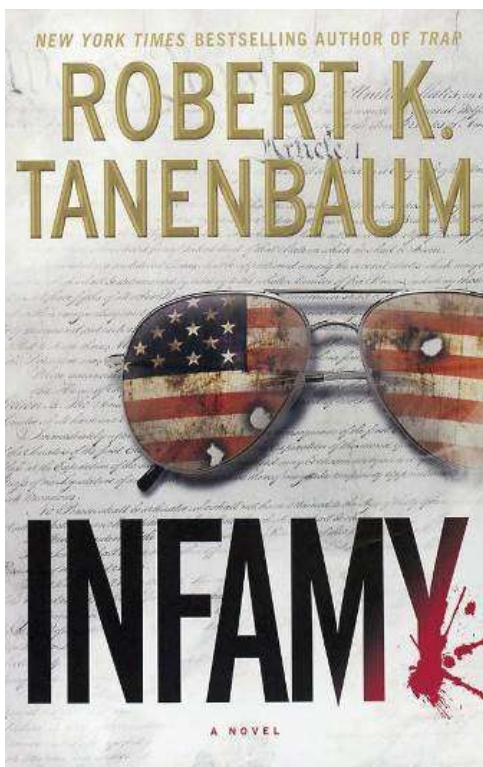
Robert K. Tanenbaum is one of the country's most successful trial lawyers -- he has never lost a felony case. He has been Bureau Chief of the New York Criminal Courts, ran the Homicide Bureau for the New York District Attorney's Office, and served as Deputy Chief Counsel to the Congressional Committee investigations into the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He has taught Advanced Criminal Procedure at his alma mater, the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law.

WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR is the the 29th book in the Butch Karp/Marlene Ciampi legal thriller series with some twenty million copies in print.

He is also the author of three true-crime books, **The Piano Teacher: The True Story of a Psychotic Killer**, **Badge of the Assassin** and **Echoes of My Soul** for which a dramatic rights option is currently being negotiated.

In the twenty-ninth novel in the New York Times bestselling Karp-Ciampi series featuring “the best fictional prosecuting attorney in literature” (Mark Lane, #1 New York Times bestselling author), Butch Karp and his wife Marlene Ciampi must stop a radical organization of armed militants bent on the cold-blooded murder of uniformed on-duty police officers.

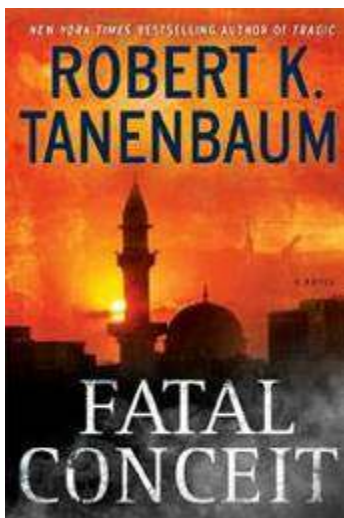
When a cop shoots down the son of a respected inner-city Baptist preacher, the community rises up in anger and demands to have the officer prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. But there’s something more than a call for justice at work here: a plot to bring down the city’s police force through a conspiracy so vast and malicious only Butch Karp and his band of truth-seekers can untangle it.



“INFAMY is Robert Tanenbaum at his absolute finest. A strong, blazing-fast plot, mind-bending conspiracy, and a dynamic courtroom showdown make this one of this year’s must-read legal thrillers. Buckle up, because this is one wicked-fast ride!” (**Book Spy**)

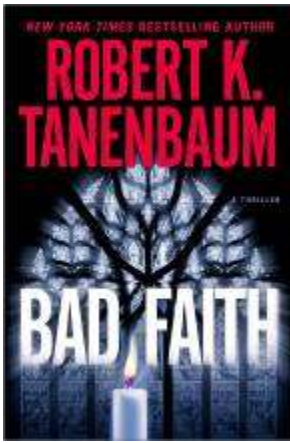
“The pacing in the book was really good, and at times was even faster than the usual courtroom drama due to the author successfully blending two thriller genres with elegance – legal thriller and political thriller. If you enjoy either of the two genres, you will really like this book. I happen to be an avid reader of both, so this book was right up my alley, a real treat, so much that now I’m looking forward to catching up to older novels in the series.”

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“Readers will find a well-constructed novel, including solid courtroom scenes. Prosecutor Butch Karp...is a talented and likable hero...conservatives will likely love the tone of [Fatal Conceit].”



BAD FAITH is Robert Tanenbaum's best thriller ever. The cutting edge legal issues - religion colliding head-on with medical ethics - spiked with a stunning assassin involved in an international terrorist threat, are a deadly mix from one of my favorite authors. Fans clamoring for more Butch Karp will find him at the top of his game.

—Linda Fairstein, *New York Times* bestselling author of *NIGHT WATCH*.

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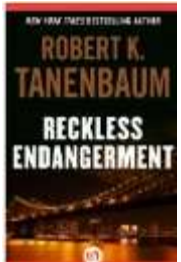
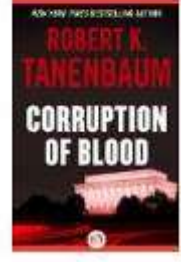
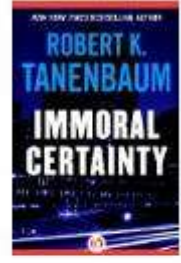
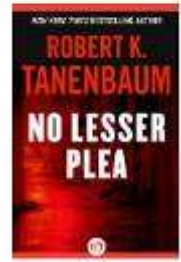
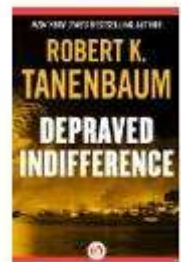
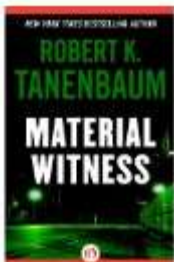
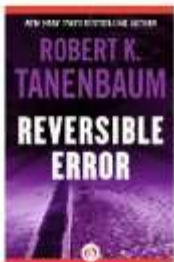
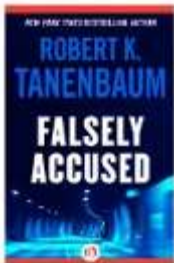
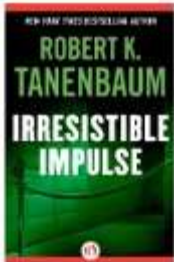
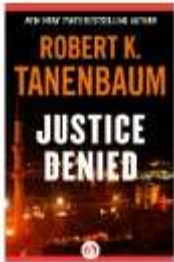
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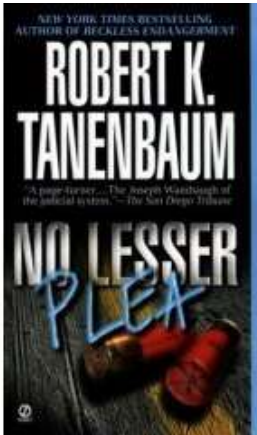
In Book One of the bestselling Butch Karp legal thriller series, Karp must stop a murderer who is manipulating the law to escape punishment

Manhattan Assistant District Attorney Roger “Butch” Karp has been around New York long enough to realize that the judicial system can be dirty and cynical. But he still believes in justice. So when a vicious sociopath tries to dodge a brutal murder charge by convincing the court he is incompetent to stand trial, Karp teams up with firecracker Assistant DA Marlene Ciampi to unleash the full force of their relentless energy, hardboiled wit, and passion for the truth to put the killer away for good. They will accept no lesser plea.

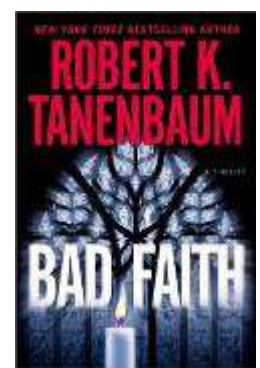
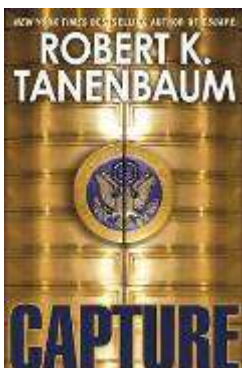
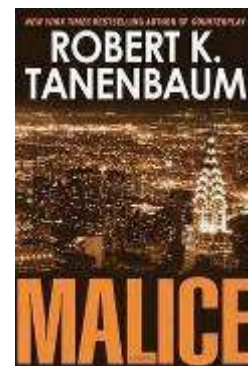
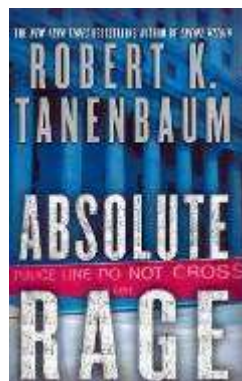
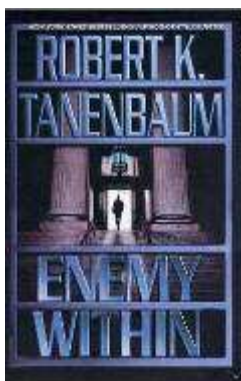
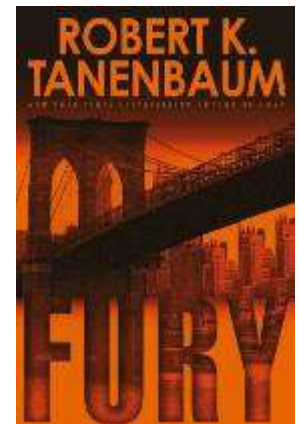
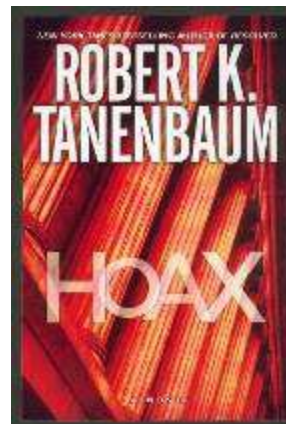
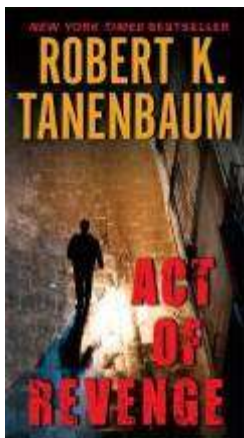
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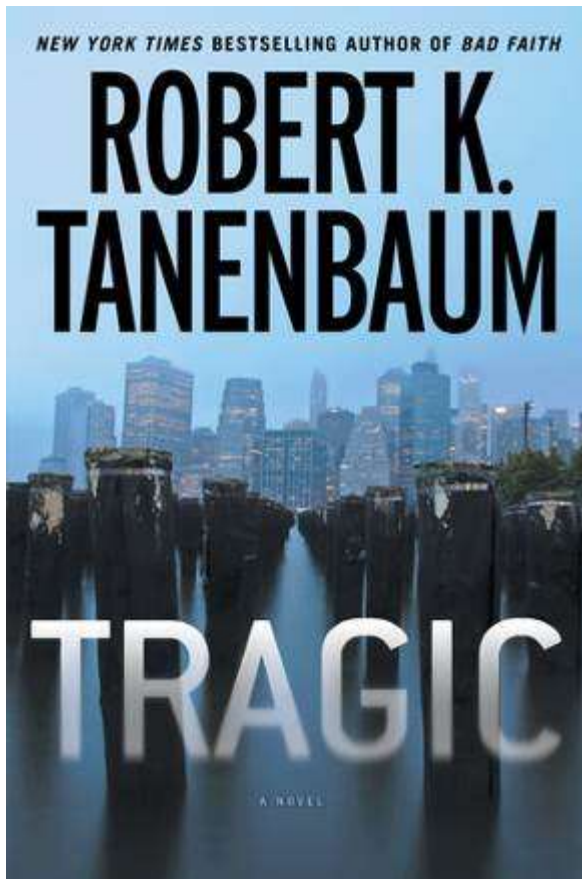




Tanenbaum has written an exceptionally good contemporary novel about the criminal justice system. Set in New York during the early '70s, the book focuses on young, idealistic assistant D.A. Butch Karp and his conflicts with both a single criminal and the politicized bureaucracy that seemingly makes a travesty of justice. In his first murder case, Karp is prosecuting Mandeville Louis, a brilliant killer who has feigned insanity, hoping to protect himself from trial until the court system eventually forgets about him. But the determined Karp refuses to let Louis's ruse succeed. While Karp is trying to put Louis behind bars, he is also caught up in the politics of the D.A.'s office as petty bureaucrats struggle for control of their turf and power. **An attorney himself, Tanenbaum has infused this book with a strong collection of characters, a raunchy energy that crackles in the out-of-office lawyer talk and a basic sense of outrage at a system that is failing miserably.** – *Publishers Weekly*



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Tragic

by [Robert K. Tanenbaum](#) (Goodreads Author)

***New York Times* bestselling author Robert K. Tanenbaum takes legal suspense to dramatic new heights—when his hero, District Attorney Butch Karp, goes up against a ruthless union leader with too much power, too many secrets, and too many enemies to silence . . . or kill.**

Prizefighter tough. Street-hustler smart. Pit-bull vicious. Longshoremen's union leader Charlie Vitteli is like a cold-blooded villain straight out of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Busting heads on the docks of New York as a brash union organizer, taking no prisoners as the newest president of the North Ameri­can Brotherhood of Stevedores, Vitteli clawed his way to the top of the heap—and no one's going to take him down now. Not if they value their lives.

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Enter District Attorney Butch Karp and his wife, Marlene Ciampi. Drawn into the case by a friend who manages the East Village Women's Shelter, Marlene speaks to the abused girlfriend of a man who may or may not have been hired to kill Carlotta. Marlene follows her lead to three different assassins contracted for the hit. But connecting them to Vitteli—and proving it in court—could be the death of anyone who tries . . . unless Karp can uncover the one tragic flaw that could bring down the curtain on this Shakespearean villain once and for all.

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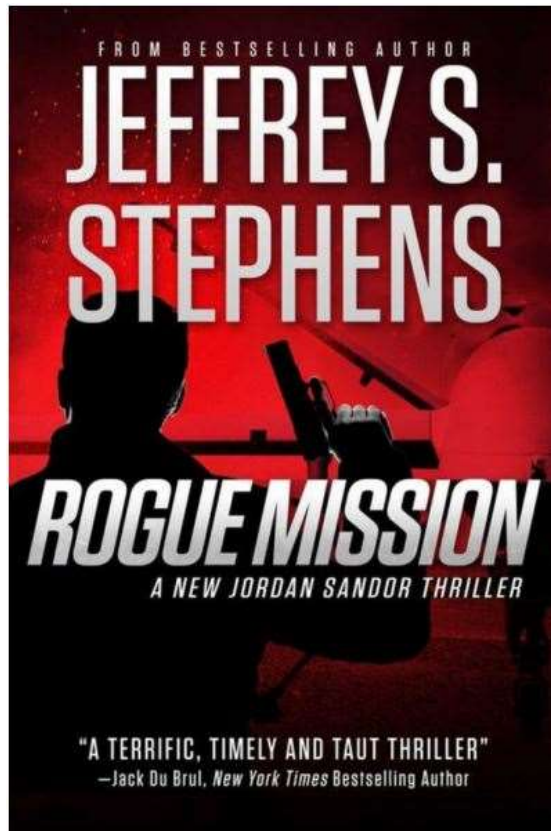
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which Hollywood blockbuster movies are made!"

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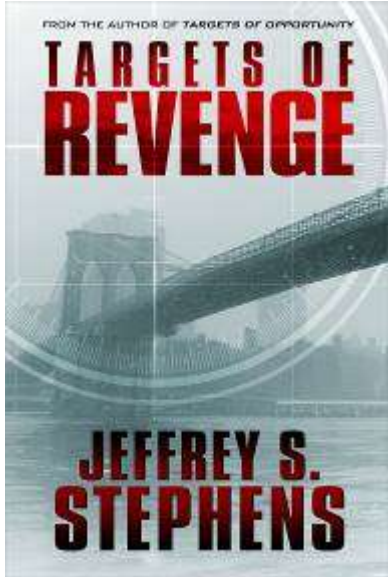
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CIA agent Jordan Sandor's mission is more complex and has more at stake than any he has faced before. From Bermuda to the United Kingdom, from France to the deserts of Iraq, Jordan must face down villains both known and unknown, recognized and hidden, as he struggles to prevent the deaths of tens of thousands of innocent people.

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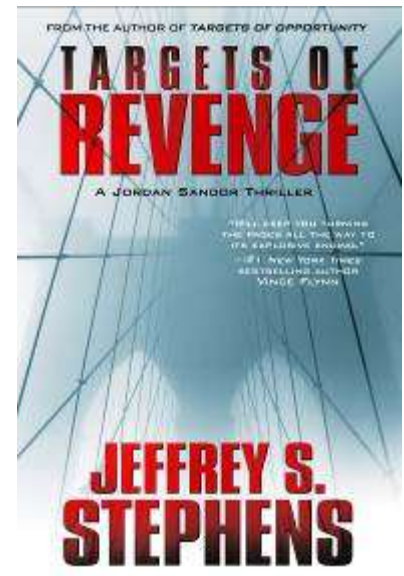
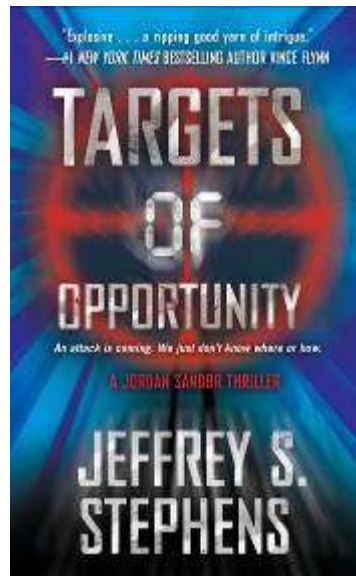
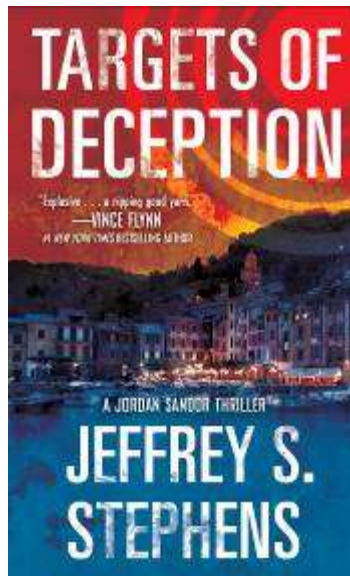
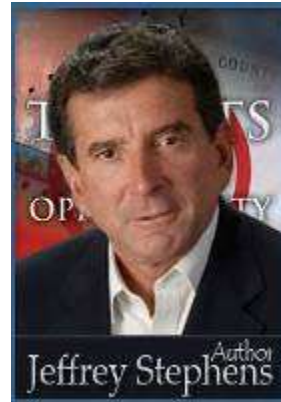
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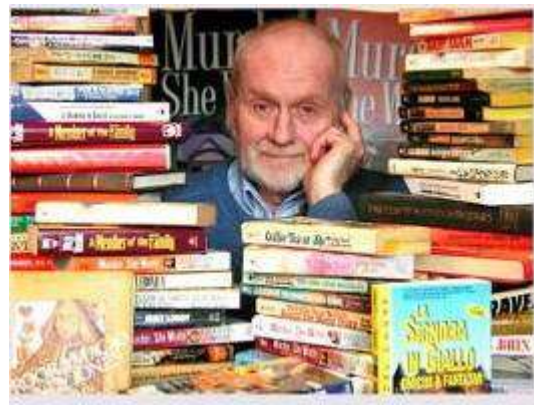
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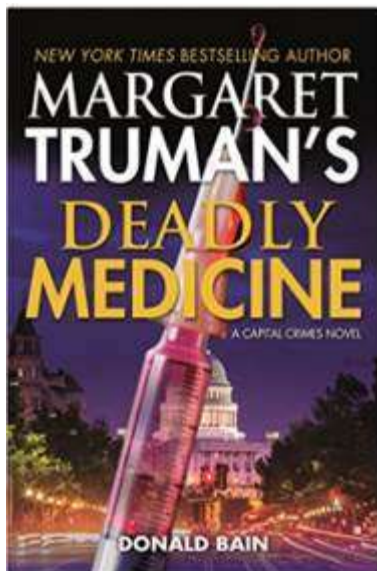
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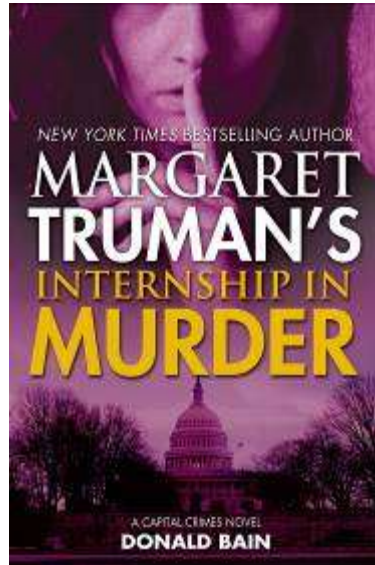
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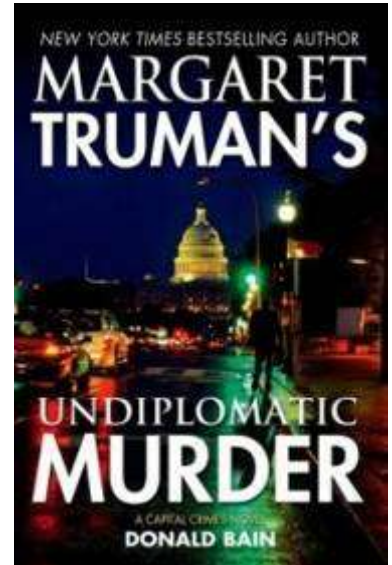
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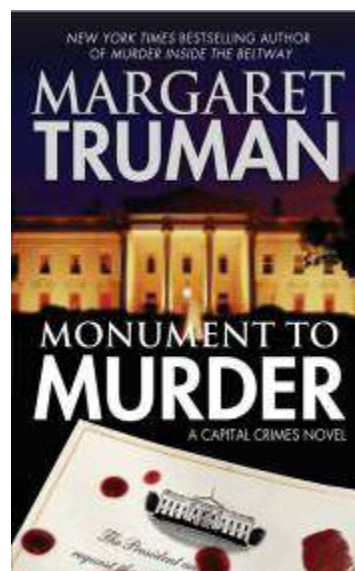
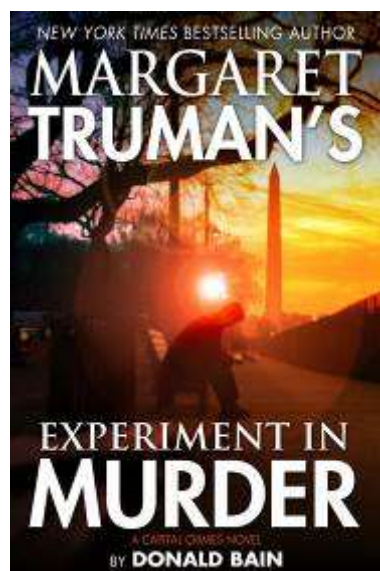
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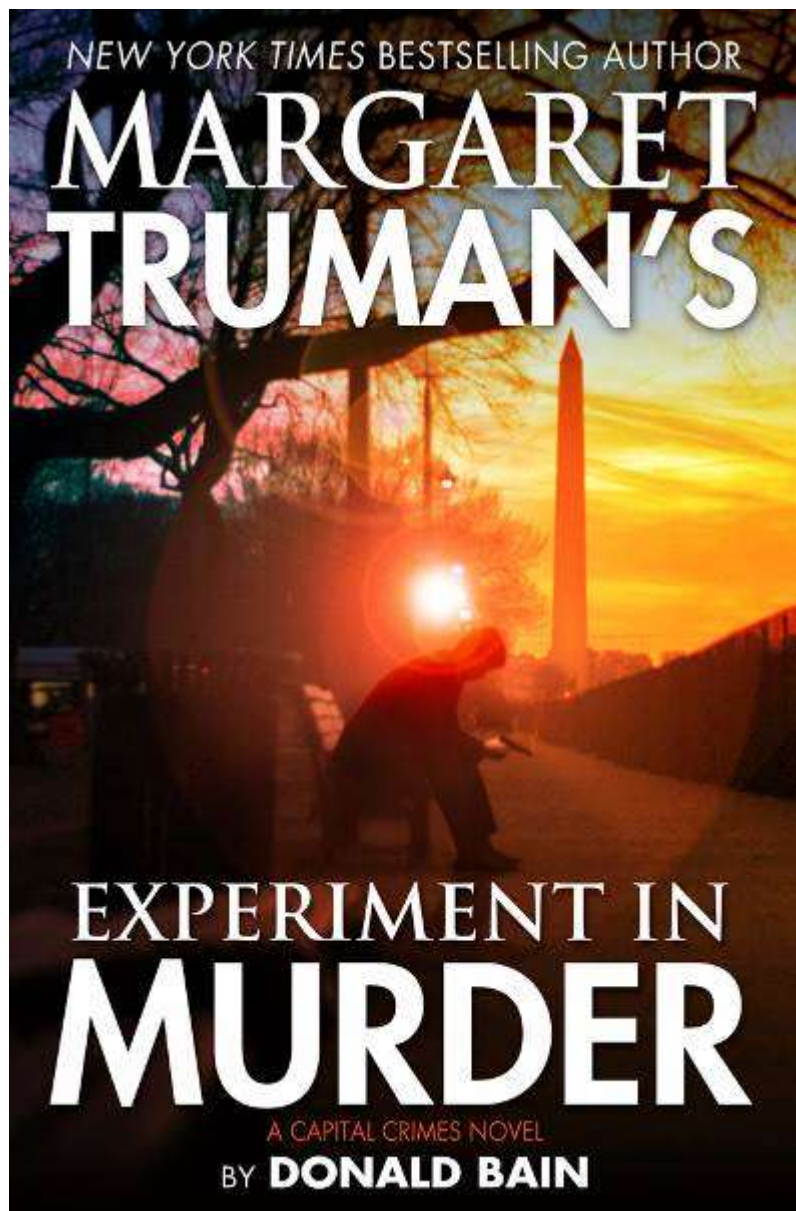


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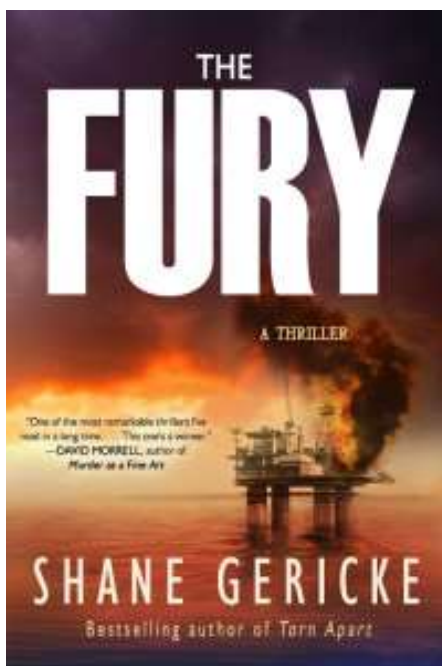
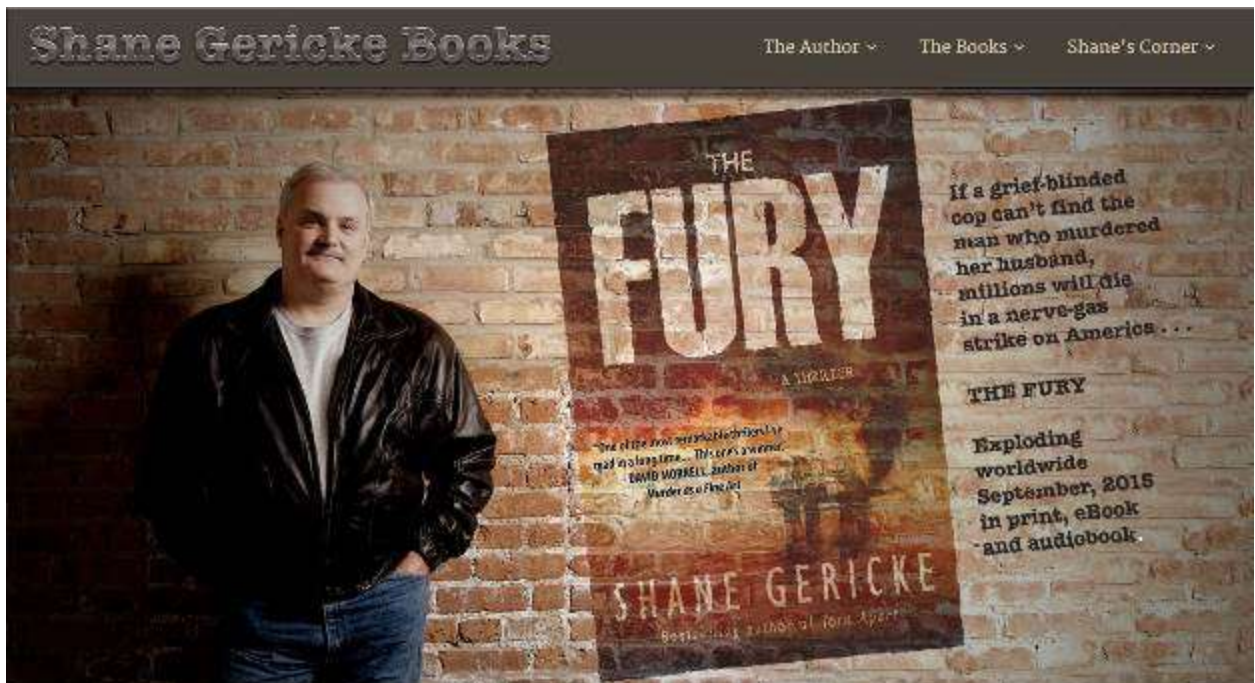
Margaret Truman's Experiment in Murder: A Capital Crimes Novel

Donald Bain. Forge, \$24.99 (352p) ISBN 978-0-7653-2610-2

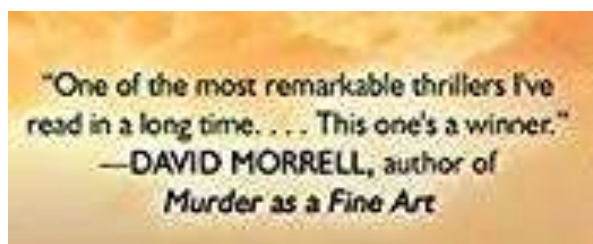
Bain (*Trouble at High Tide* and 36 other *Murder She Wrote* mysteries) channels the late Margaret Truman in the 26th Capital Crimes novel (after 2011's *Monument to Murder*). The hit-and-run death in Washington, D.C., of psychiatrist Mark Sedgwick is the opening salvo in an operation led by a rogue CIA agent and a San Francisco psychiatrist, who aim to use a psychologically programmed assassin to kill liberal presidential candidate Sen. George Mortinson. Dr. Nicolas Tatum, who teaches a seminar on evaluating human behavior at George Washington Law School, fingers one of Sedgwick's patients as the programmed assassin, to his peril. Series regulars Mackenzie Smith and his wife, Annabel Lee-Smith, serve as mere observers and advisers. Bain gets mileage from the many government-funded mind control experiments, conspiracy theories, and big money politics. Political junkies of all stripes should find something to feed their appetites, though cynics will probably be most rewarded. *Agent: Bob Diforio, D4EO Literary. (Nov.)*

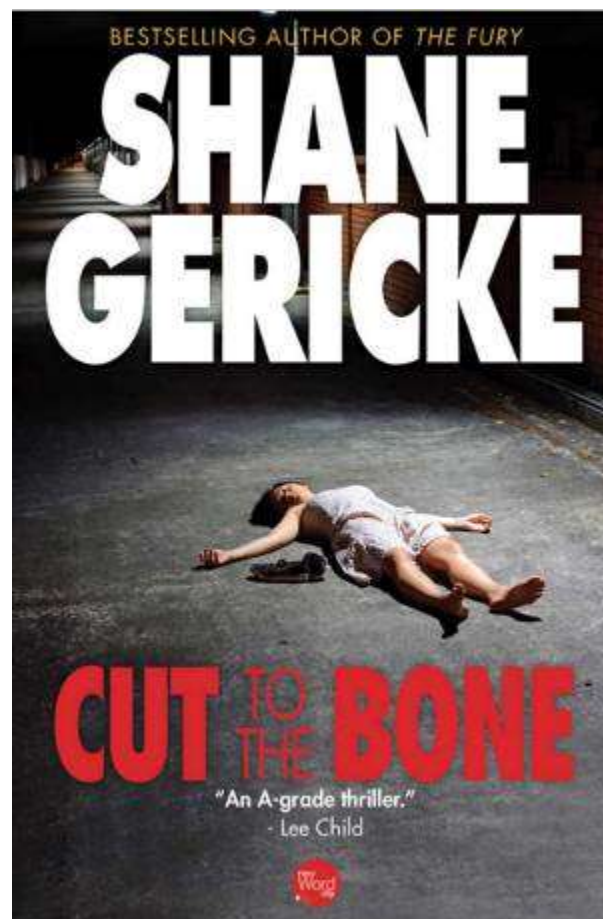
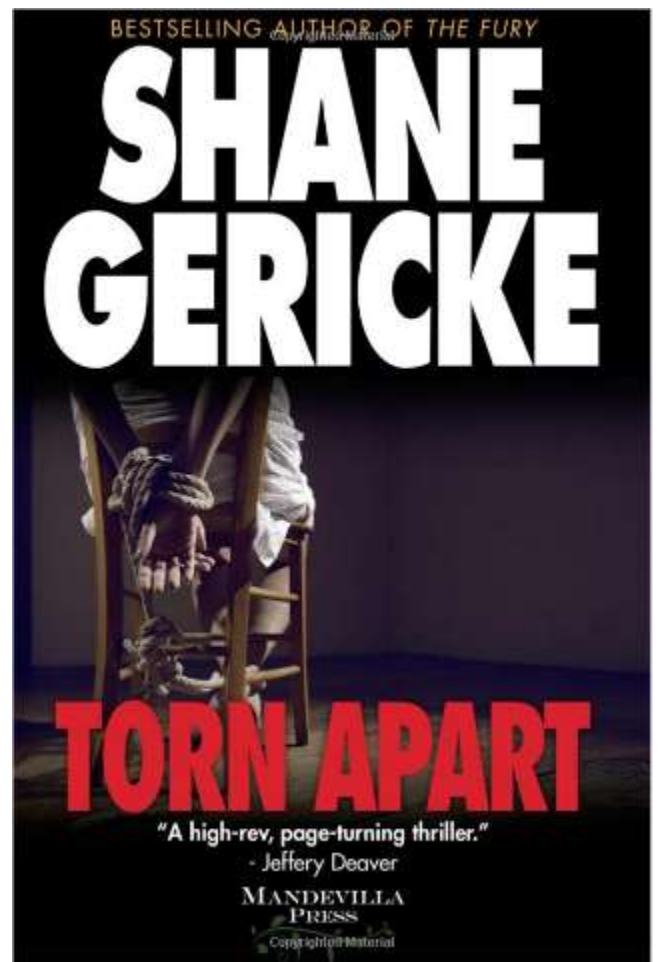
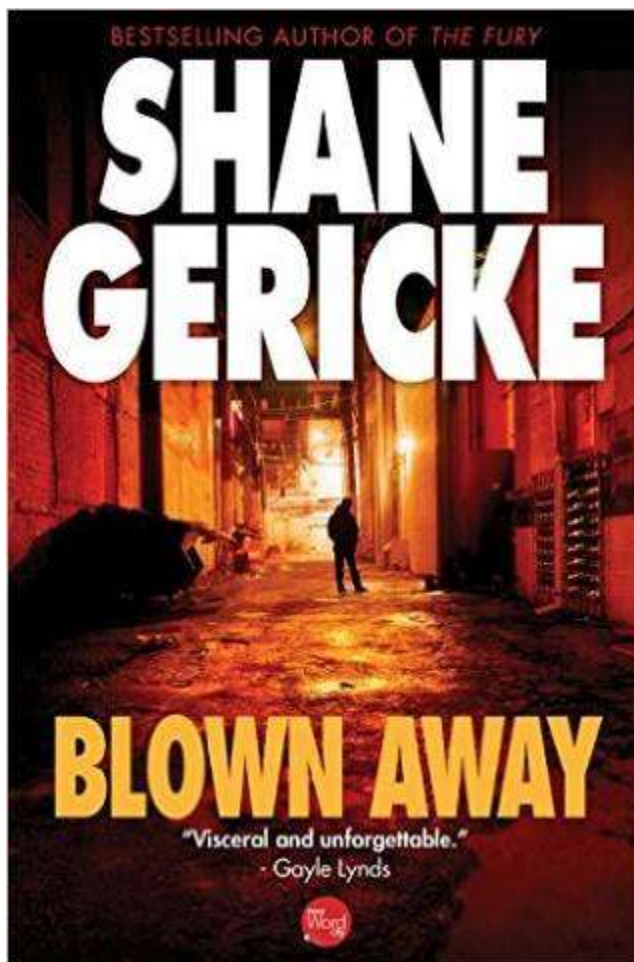
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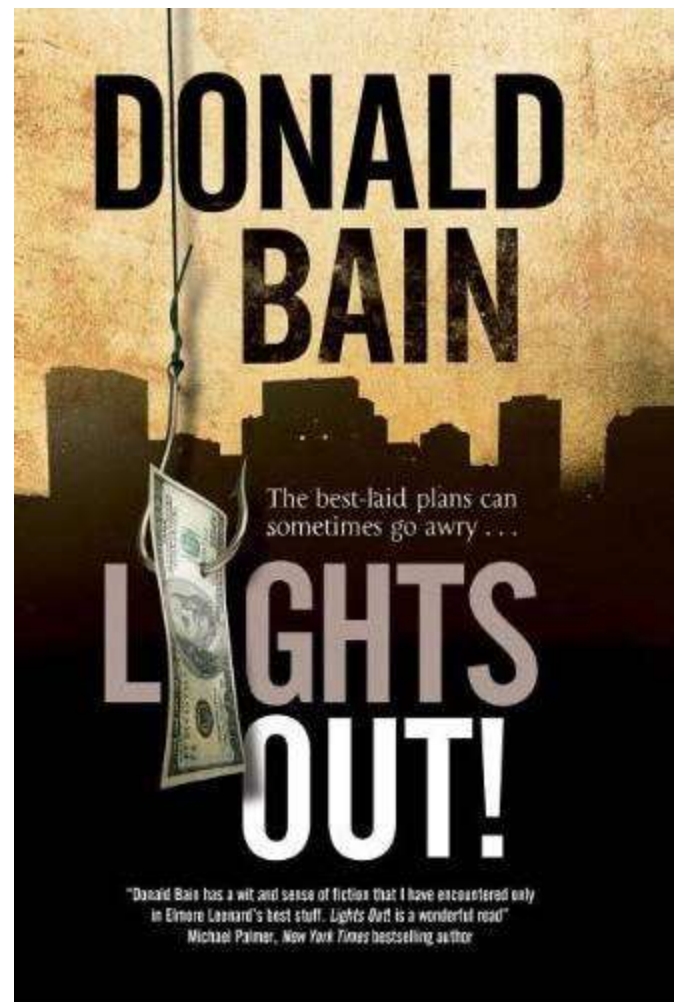
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“Bain has given us a lovely caper novel, an old-fashioned story told in old-fashioned prose—Blurb writers justifiably compare it to Donald Westlake’s caper novels, but it also suggests the work of such noncrime writers as Louis Auchincloss. The reader feels the shock of the ending, but not as much as Smythe does.”

"The first novel since *The Godfather* to take us into the higher echelons of a mob family." Mike Levine, author of *Deep Cover*.

"Nick (Vasile) parlays his unique knowledge of the mob into a gripping novel of mafia loyalty and treachery." Donald Hamilton, author of *The Matt Helm Novels*.



"Vasile captures the thinking of high-level mobsters perfectly." Vincent Patrick, author of *The Pope of Greenwich Village* and *Family Business*.

A Member of the Family accurately portrays the way things really were inside a real Mafia family, including the violence, the explicit sex, and the loyalties as well as the betrayals—including a marriage based not upon love, but on a perverted need for freedom and revenge.

"The pacing is terrific. Plot, counterplot and subplot swirl cinematically right up to the ironic end. This novel is a natural for Hollywood."

-- **Publishers Weekly**



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★ The Big Hit.

Harvey, James Neal (Author)

Aug 2014. 434 p. Open Road/MysteriousPress.com, paperback, \$14.99. (9781480485808).

This thriller starts off inside the mind of a contract killer—crude, sexist, sadistic. And it gets even better. Harvey has put together a grand whopper of a thriller, with Manhattan and Hollywood settings, glamorous people, slimy financial dealings, and craftily paced suspense. Mongo the murderer is commissioned to kill gorgeous superstar Catherine Delure. She's heavily guarded. How does he do it? It involves a tape recorder. Jeb Barker, the cop on his trail, is blessedly free of noirish cynicism—he just does his job. The stalker learns he's being stalked and decides to make Jeb his next victim. Their cat-and-cat game is played out in crime labs and Malibu pool parties, and the author cranks up the tension while letting readers think they know who's behind the killing. They likely won't. The author works in a pared-down, pulsating style and introduces nicely timed humor, as when Mongo tries to renegotiate his fees. The ending is self-consciously Hollywood hokum, but that's fine. That's the real world now.

—Don Crinklaw

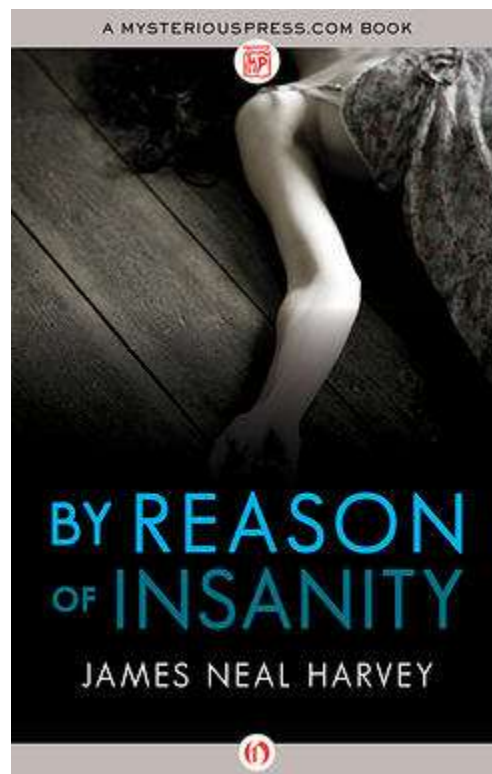


THE BIG HIT

Mongo is a highly skilled professional killer. He inveigles his way into the New York hotel suite of famous movie actress Catherine Delure, who's in town to promote her latest picture. Using an ingenious weapon, Mongo murders both Delure and her manager, steals Delure's jewels, and disappears. The cops think the motive was robbery, but detective Jeb Barker isn't buying it. Determined to track down the killer, Barker's pursuit takes him from New York to L.A. and Las Vegas. In Hollywood he discovers a major scam in the movie business, and becomes a target himself. The action is non-stop, the women are hot, and Mongo is the coldest hit man on the planet. To stop him, Barker puts his own life on the line.

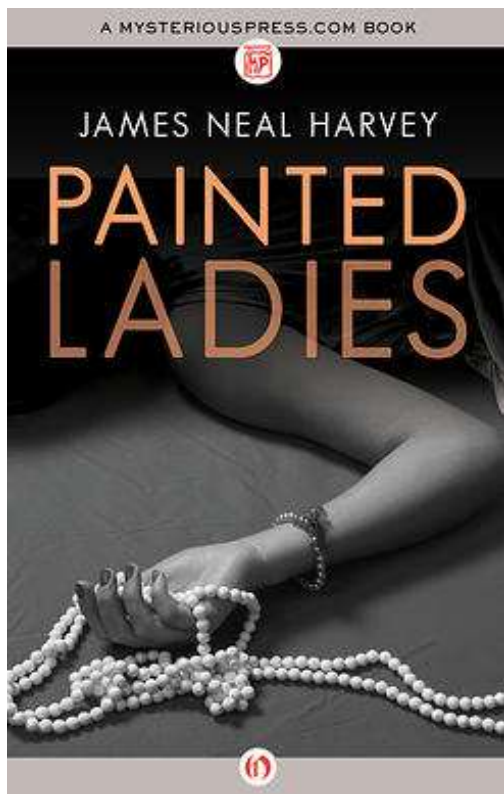
BY INSANITY

Marketing executive his nights scouring wannabe models. He studio with promises hopes up just before he he arranges their photographed, giving poise they never Barrows sees himself is his medium. A in his past, detective obsessed with the murders and puts the search for the killer Barrows believes that to sacrifice anything Tolliver is about to find, bringing a crazed killer to justice demands nothing less.



REASON OF

Peter Barrows spends Greenwich Village for lures them back to his of stardom, getting their snaps their necks. Then corpses to be them the grace and possessed in life. Peter as an artist—and death tough cop with a secret Ben Tolliver is Greenwich Village everything he's got into with the camera. an artist must be willing for his work—and as

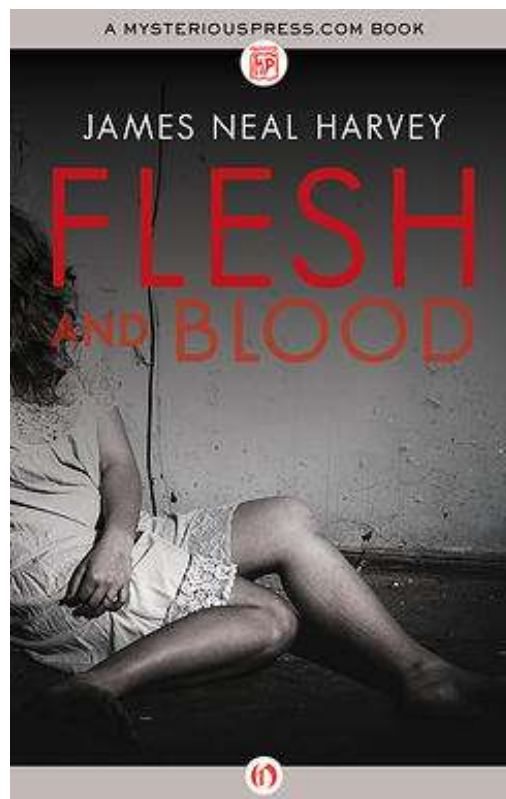


PAINTED LADIES

When the escort service sends Caroline to the Plaza Hotel in New York, she dreams of a handsome client with an open wallet. Instead, she's greeted by the businessman's female assistant, who insists on vetting her before she can start work. At the assistant's command Caroline undresses, turns around, and feels something tighten around her throat. Homicide detective Ben Tolliver is called in to investigate the murder at the Plaza. His beat is sex crimes, and this one is especially chilling. Caroline was strangled, her face and body coated with grotesque makeup. The murder is baffling enough, but when the dead girl's millionaire father gets involved, Tolliver's search threatens to erupt into a circus where the main attraction is a killer who paints women like clowns.

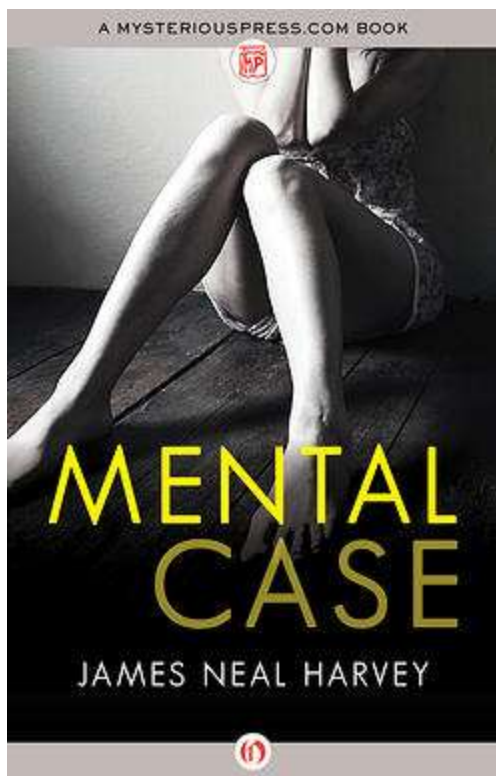
FLESH BLOOD

Former US Senator III sneaks away from and enjoys a tryst mistress. But at a her bed, he suffers dies. NYPD Lt. Ben case in the glittering and politics, and his shocking information weird sexual number of beautiful Witnesses are off attacks on his own deeper into the sordid, Senator. What he to a hard-bitten cop, as he sees how the ties of flesh and blood cannot compete with greed and the desire for power.



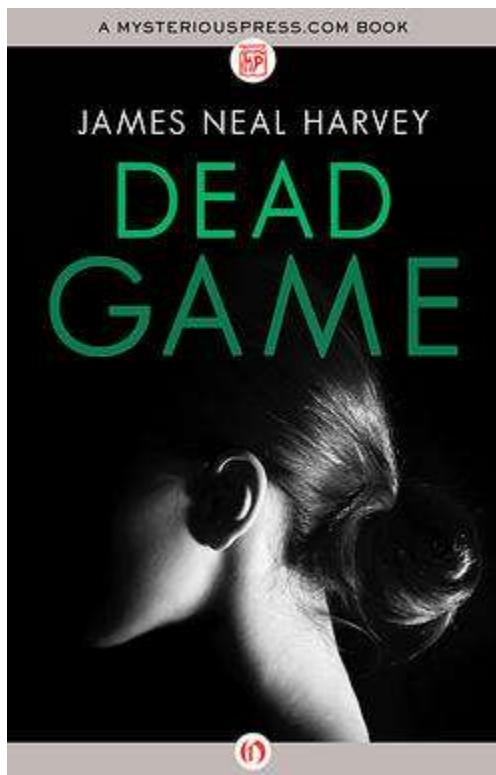
AND

Clayton Cunningham his New York mansion with his sexy young climactic moment in excruciating pain and Tolliver pursues the world of high finance inquiry uncovers about the Senator's relationships with a young women. murdered, and fighting life, Tolliver delves hidden escapades of the learns is shocking, even



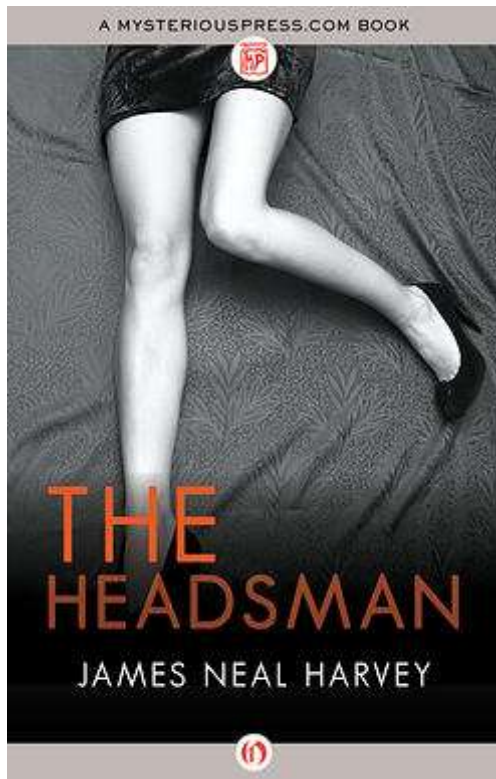
MENTAL CASE

Dr. Jonas Drang is an evil psychiatrist who has developed a method of mind control he knows will be worth millions. Sexually voracious, he's a monster armed with drugs, and uses them to enslave and seduce his victims while pretending to treat their psychological problems. The case bursts open when a stunning young woman enters a swank Manhattan jewelry store and without warning shoots the jeweler, a security guard and a customer, and then blows her brains out. As NYPD Lt. Ben Tolliver investigates, murders even more strange take place, seemingly without motive. Tolliver's hunt enrages Dr. Drang, who vows to kill him. A deadly game of mutual stalking ensues, with detective and quarry each determined to destroy the other.



DEAD GAME

A deranged killer is discharged from a hospital for the criminally insane. Doctors believe he's been cured, but in fact he deceived them. The truth is that he constantly hears a voice in his head, ordering him to commit atrocious crimes. He responds by raping and murdering a beautiful young woman, leaving behind clues that point to NYPD Detective Ben Tolliver as the killer. Tolliver suspects that the murderer may be a homicidal psychopath he apprehended in another case years earlier. But he doesn't know that he himself has been marked by the madman for death. What ensues is a head-to-head game of winner take all, loser dies, as cop and killer engage in a deadly duel of wits, with the killer way ahead.



THE HEADSMAN

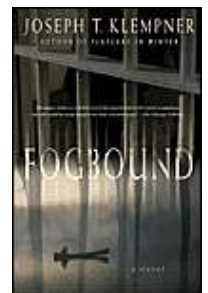
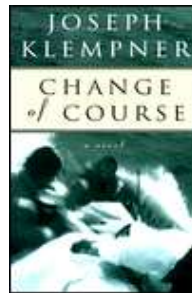
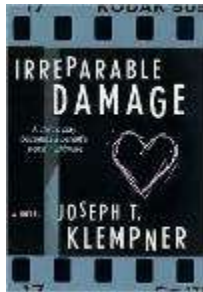
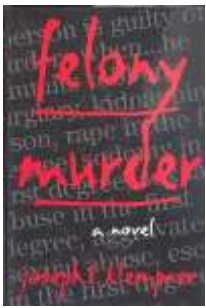
In her home in the small town of Braddock in upstate New York, Marcy is nearly asleep when she hears heavy thumping on the stairs outside her bedroom door. She knows it's not her father, nor is it her boyfriend. As she lies there she can't help but imagine it's the headsman—the mythical executioner who vanished from Braddock two centuries earlier and is said to return every so often to punish sinners. She knows that's nothing but a silly legend—until her door creaks open and she sees the huge man dressed all in black, his hands clutching an ax. Across town, Karen dreams that she can see through the eyes of a murderer—the hulking monster who killed poor Marcy. When she awakens, she knows it was not a dream. The headsman has returned to Braddock, and hell gapes wide open behind him.



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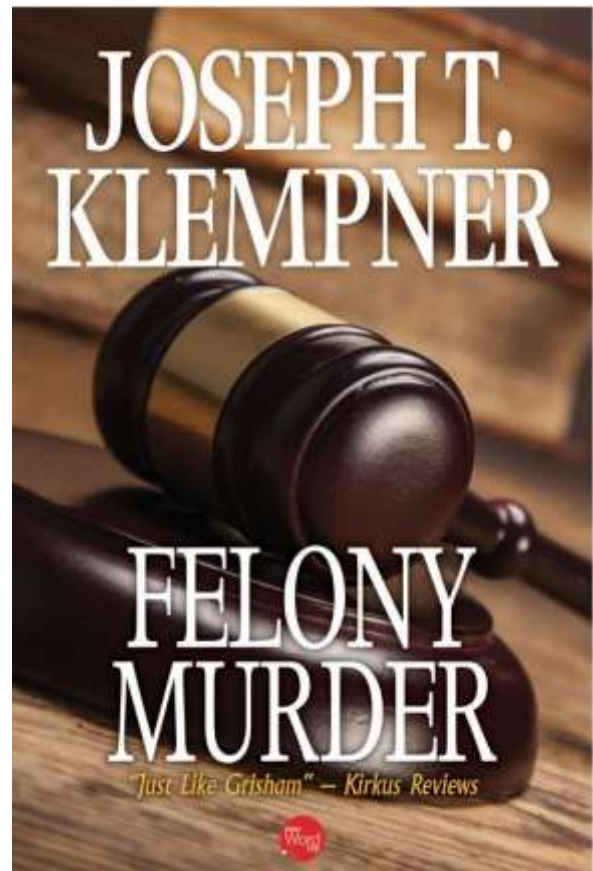
Klempner's first novel, a legal thriller set in New York City, is deeply satisfying.

Klempner's metropolis reeks with authentic New York flavor, from cameos by real-life personages to dead-on details of jails, courts and the streets.

Dean is an appealingly earnest and honest hero; Joey, though neither nice nor bright, is a riveting figure; Klempner, a New York criminal defense attorney, is a writer to watch.

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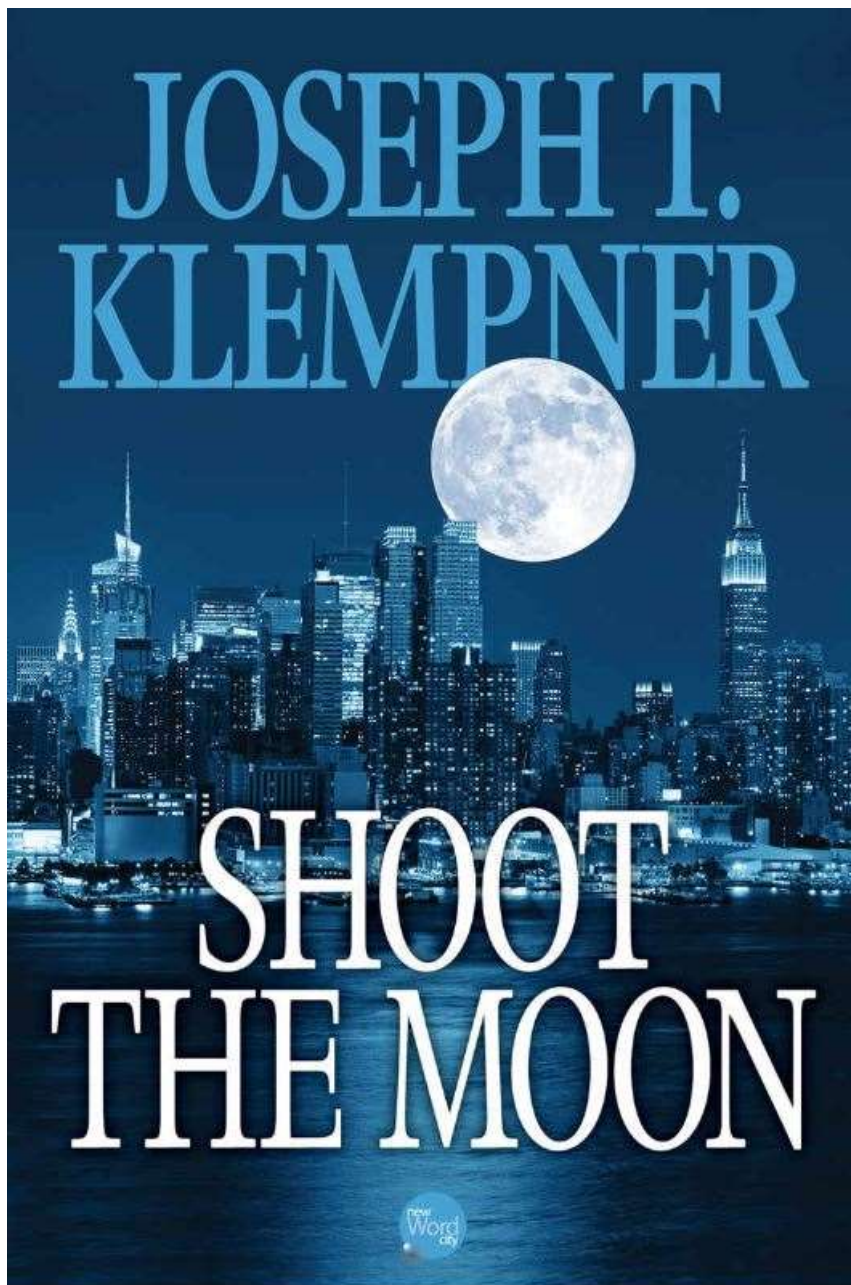
With this suspenseful thriller,



Klempner earns kudos for providing a host of unexpected plot twists and turns and for delivering often arcane and complex legal information in an entertaining manner.

Realistically set in the courthouse, the jailhouse, and on the street, this tautly woven legal drama features enough action, tension, and romance to appeal to a wide variety of readers. *Margaret Flanagan*

**Brilliance Audio will be publishing
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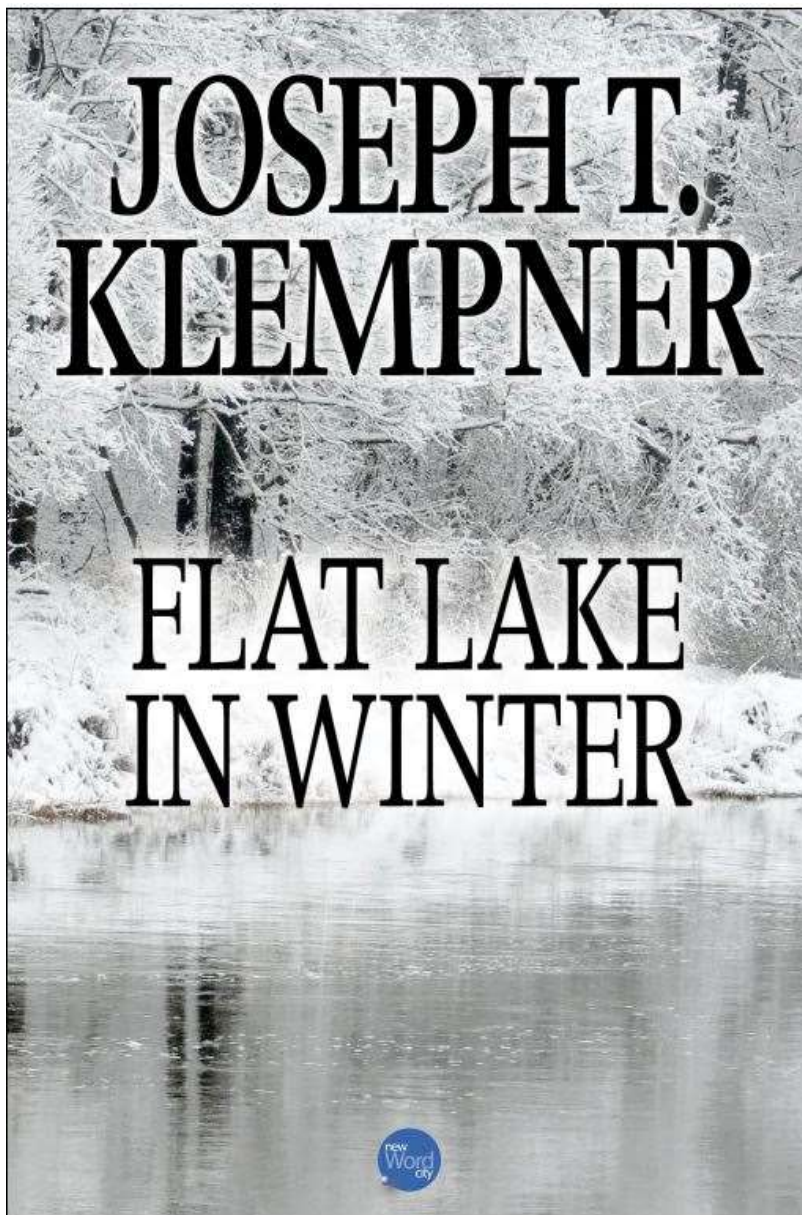


SHOOT THE MOON

Joseph T. Klempner. St. Martin's,
\$24.95 (336p) ISBN 0-312-15424-0

A cleverly executed hybrid, this feel-good thriller drops an unlikely hero, an inept but super-straight accountant-on-the-skids, into the thick of the New York City drug culture. Unemployed widower Michael Goodman, on a last-ditch job hunt in Florida, stumbles onto a cache of ultra-pure heroin in a rental car mix-up caused by a Latin drug dealer's hangover. Desperate for cash for his six-year-old daughter's serious medical problems, Michael evades druglords and K-9 sniffers and whisks the dope back to his Manhattan walkup—where his adventures really begin. A bungled mugging by a black teen in serious withdrawal begets Michael a chance to contact a local dealer. The dealer, Big Red, sets up a "sample buy" at midnight but stiffes Michael, stealing the drug sample, his pants, shoes and wallet. Later, he rescues an abused woman, Carmen Cruz, who, after romance ensues, arranges for Michael to meet her brother, who has Mafia ties to the drug world. Soon word of the pure heroin has spread to the NYPD and the DEA through their snitches, among whom are Michael's teen contact and Big Red himself. Goodman ends up the focus of a drug sting, the game in a druglord revenge hunt and a target of Big Red's greed. These forces trip over themselves while Goodman, ever the innocent, goes calmly forward with his plan to get enough money to take care of his daughter. Criminal defense attorney and ex-narcotics agent Klempner (*Felony Murder*) knows this world well. His magic lies in preserving the purity of a true innocent amid the evils of the drug world, thus creating a study in contrast that will satisfy thrill seekers, especially those who still believe in happy endings. (Aug.)

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The New York Times Book Review, Marilyn Stasio

...Joseph T. Klemmpner's grave and thoughtful novel presents us with a hideous crime ... and asks us to consider the terrible consequences of a murder conviction.

Kirkus Reviews

A thoroughly entertaining legal thriller in which a young man who believes he's committed murder may have it wrong. They don't get much crime way up in the Adirondacks, especially in the winter, but when it happens, it happens big. Young Jonathan Hamilton is a quiet boy, a slow boy all right, some say retarded. But nobody around Flat Lake had ever thought of him as violent until the day his grandparents were found hacked to bits, with Jonathan sitting nearby in a river of gore.

Arrested, he confesses. Jailed, he's charged with first degree. His prosecutor will be an out-for-blood D.A. eager for the political hay to be harvested by executing Jonathan now that New York State has reinstated the death penalty. Which is when Matt Fielder comes down from the mountain. Matt, a good lawyer, though disenchanted for sundry reasons, has been leading a Thoreau-like existence in a log cabin built lovingly by himself. But it seems he's the only attorney within Shanghaing distance who's gone through The Death School, a specialized training course developed to better prepare public defenders to cope in capital trials, and, an idealist (and closet competitor), he allows himself to be drafted. On a budget from hell, Matt manages to cobble together a first-rate team of investigators and researchers. So what really happened on the night Carter and Mary Alice Hamilton were offed? A combination of luck, labor, and clever sleuthing turns up an answer that leads to a solid defense. But then, amidst triumph, Matt is rocked to learn that his winning answer may be the wrong one after all. Defense attorney Klemmpner (*Shoot the Moon*, 1997,

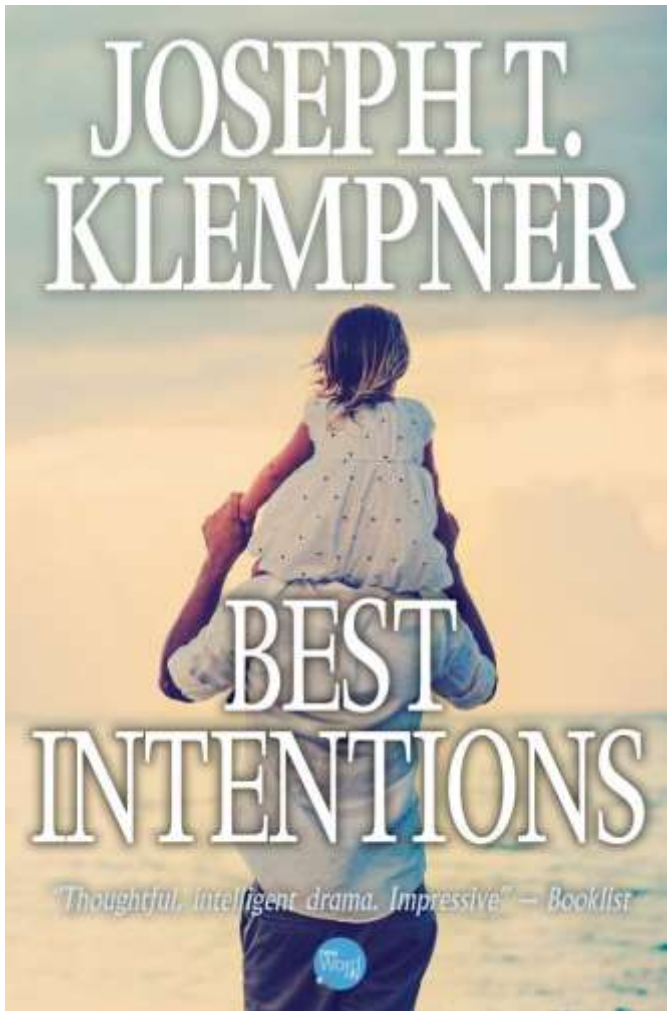
etc.) still occasionally sounds more like a lawyer than a novelist, but, this time, **we get an absorbing story and an engaging cast. And the ending is a smash.** -- Copyright ©1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

A death-row lawyer weighs the risks of taking on a potentially indefensible case of a slow-witted man accused of murdering his grandparents in this absorbing, tough-minded thriller from New York attorney Klempner (Change of Course). Among law-enforcers in remote Flat Lake, N.Y., word is that the case against Jonathan Hamilton is "an absolute lock": a clear trail of blood, hair and footprints implicates the man-child in the stabbing deaths of his sleeping grandparents. With Jonathan's apparent confession, "meat eating" DA Gil Cavanaugh announces he'll seek the death penalty, despite Jonathan's borderline retardation. So when former Legal Aid lawyer Matt Fielder inherits Jonathan's defense, he has his work cut out for him. The momentum shifts when Fielder, somewhat unconvincingly, becomes romantically involved with Jonathan's "drop-dead gorgeous" sister, who reveals Jonathan's long history of sleepwalking. Is it possible that Jonathan killed his grandparents in his sleep? If so, will a sleepwalking defense save him from death row? **Klempner's delicate meditations on legal and moral responsibility, and his riveting depiction of capital case warfare, make this novel stand out from the pack of plot-driven legal thrillers.** His low-key, folksy style is occasionally mannered, especially when he adopts the objective jargon of a police report or waxes poetic about the charms of Flat Lake. But **readers will be moved by the plight of the bewildered defendant and challenged by the "full-fledged psychodrama" arising from possibly unconscious acts.**

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Klempner sets this beautifully written story about the aftermath of a horrific double homicide in Flat Lake, NY, a small community in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains. Jonathan Hamilton, a mildly retarded adult, has confessed to murdering his grandparents. This is an automatic death-penalty case and requires a defending attorney who has been to "Death School," a course on the procedures required to defend against New York's reenacted death penalty. Matthew Fielder, a lawyer who doesn't like being responsible for his client's life, is chosen to defend Jonathan. Matthew and his unique defense team must contend with a district attorney running for reelection, a quarrelsome judge, and a defendant who does not remember the murder. Criminal defense attorney **Klempner's descriptions of the stark winter wilderness juxtaposed with the stark realities of the death penalty, as well as an ingenious plot line with appealing characters, make this one of the best lawyer-written novels to date.**



From **Publishers Weekly**

Klempner (Flat Lake in Winter) unspools a mind-bending tale of frustration, injustice and false accusation that is chillingly plausible. One night, during his six-year-old daughter Penny's bath, single dad Stephen Barrow snaps a few photos of his giggling child. Just as he takes the last shot, Penny playfully turns around and bends over. Barrow drops the film off for developing, but when the processor sees the final picture, she becomes outraged and calls 911. This sets in motion a nightmare series of events that strips Barrow not only of Penny and his freedom, but of his dignity, identity and even his sense of the true nature of his relationship with his precocious daughter. Aided by scruffy, smalltown attorney Flynt Adams

and eventual love interest Theresa Mulholland, a crusading reporter, Barrow learns that in such cases the accused is guilty until proven innocent. Even worse, an underhanded DA, a therapist (who is a paid consultant for the prosecution) and Penny's bitter mother are all coaching Penny to lie. (Klempner) develops tension and suspense as circumstance, coincidence and ineptitude conspire to prevent justice from being served. The surprise ending is straight out of *The Bonfire of the Vanities*, but gratifying nonetheless.

From **BOOKLIST**

what we have is a thoughtful, intelligent drama, with characters who are three-dimensional and sympathetic. Readers will appreciate Klempner's delicate touch, his sensitive handling of this potentially controversial subject. Quite impressive. *David Pitt*



JOSEPH T. KLEMPNER

FOGBOUND

"Just like Grisham" — Kirkus Reviews



**"[A] sterling legal whodunit
... highly entertaining"**

Publishers Weekly

Klempner (*Irreparable Damage*) combines courtroom maneuverings, reality TV and amateur sleuthing in ways that at first seem predictable but are in fact quite subtle in this sterling legal whodunit, with its courageous and memorable hero. When the clever folks at Trial TV decide to pry octogenarian judge August Jorgensen out of retirement to argue a hopeless death penalty case before the Supreme Court, they get much more than they bargained for. Jorgensen is a staunch opponent of the death penalty, but he's also happily retired in a decommissioned lighthouse on a New Jersey barrier island and not eager to re-enter service. However, the case of Wesley Boyd Davies, who is due to be executed by the state of Virginia for a young girl's rape and murder after the appeal process has been exhausted, has an irresistible hook. The thin legal grounds Jorgensen is supposed to defend before the

Supreme Court aren't strong enough for him, so he decides to do a little exploring on his own. The autistic Davies is unable to participate in his own defense, his only means of communication, and an iffy one at that, being the extraordinary drawings he sometimes produces. **The present nine Supreme Court justices play themselves in the nail-biter of a denouement. Jorgensen, with his dog, Jake, and his catboat, which he sails singlehandedly, comes across as a credible and engaging character. A former defense attorney, Klempner deftly handles the death penalty issue at the heart of this highly entertaining novel.**

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Raelyn Hillhouse

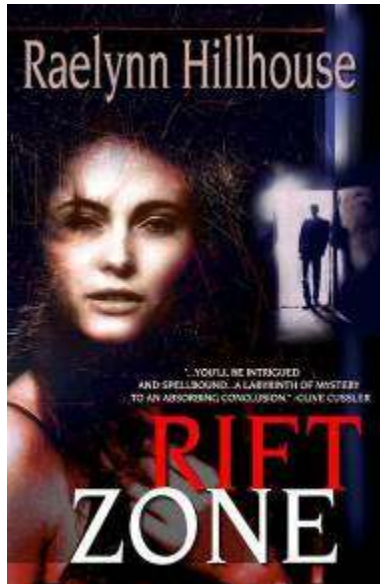


RIFT ZONE

RAELYNN HILLHOUSE. *Forge*, \$24.95 (352p)
ISBN 0-765-31013-9

Hillhouse's gripping debut, a cold war thriller, has so many unexpected pleasures that its flaws barely register. It's 1989, and American professor Faith Whitney is staying in Germany with the faint (and dimming) hope of learning about her missing father; to make a living, she smuggles minor items (Stalin china, Nazi crystal, etc.) from East Berlin to West. After being captured by the East German Stasi, Faith is forced to smuggle for them or face imprisonment. KGB agent Zara Bogdanov is another antagonist, but a sympathetic one: ambitious and beautiful, she's also openly gay, a strike against her advancement. Capturing Faith and getting her to spy for the KGB would be a feather in Zara's cap, but her motives are unclear, even to herself. Their extended cat-and-mouse game, fueled by a flirty mutual attraction (though Faith is straight), gives an enticing pulse to the sometimes implausible plot. An extended section in which Faith transports hazardous material feels like a climax, but the story continues for another 50-odd pages. The book may be better for its two strong women and its incisive picture of a significant era in recent history than for its thriller elements, but Hillhouse is a welcome new voice. *Agent, Bob D'Amico. (Aug.)*

Forecast: Hillhouse, says the promo copy, is a former smuggler, money launderer and rum runner. The zing of true-to-life adventures plus big-name blurbs (from DeMille, Cussler, Geritsen, etc.) might make this a hit.



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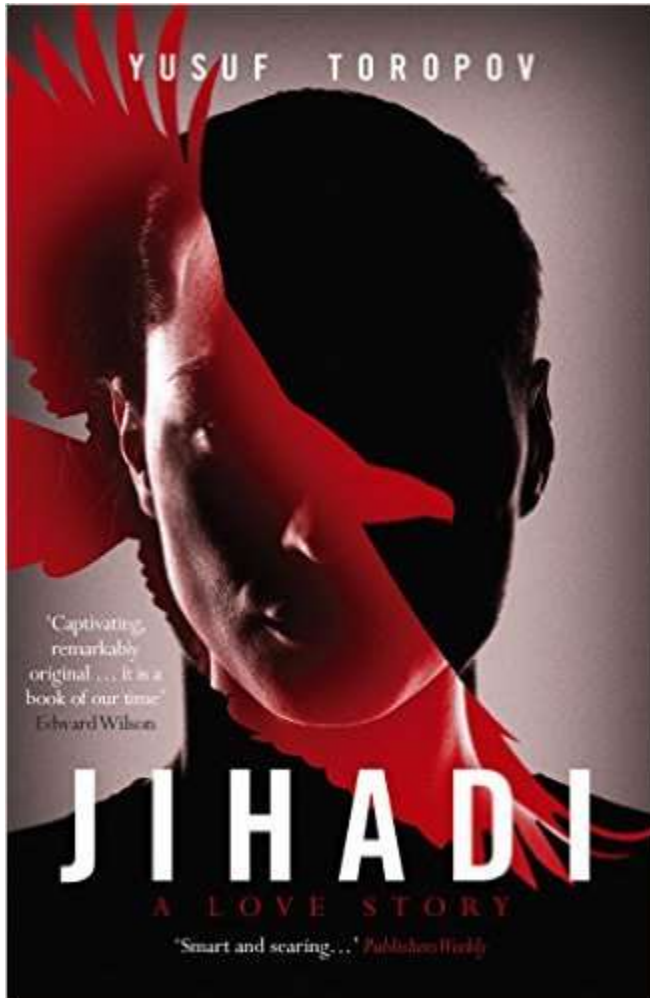
A woman who smuggles, spies and lies, Faith Whitney can run just about anything through the seemingly sealed borders of Eastern Europe. Now powerful people want to use her skills to carry out a small part of a massive conspiracy.

One fateful day the East German secret police kidnap Faith and make her an offer she can't refuse. If she smuggles a single package into Moscow, the Germans will tell her everything she's always wanted to know about her mysterious father.

If she doesn't, she'll be exterminated.

As Faith navigates the shadows and back alleys of Berlin and Moscow, she realizes she is being used as a pawn by two nations with very different goals, and her life is not the only thing at stake.

Thrown into a plot that may change the course of history, Faith must use every bit of skill and contact she's accumulated through the years to find a way out of this deadly Rift Zone.



THE AUTHOR

Yusuf Toropov is an American Muslim writer. He's the author or co-author of a number of nonfiction books, including *Shakespeare for Beginners*. His full-length play *An Undivided Heart* was selected for a workshop production at the National Playwrights Conference, and his one-act play *The Job Search* was produced off-Broadway. *Jihadi: A Love Story*, which reached the quarter-finals of the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award, is his first novel. He lives in Ireland.

'Smart and searing ... a deeply felt depiction of morally fraught choices that result in devastating outcomes' Publishers Weekly; *'Toropov writes an utterly fantastic tale, which does so many different things so well. The author captures the very essence of the "war on terror" and its psychological and moral complexities. It is a book of our time'*

-- **Edward Wilson**

'Jihadi is a gripping tale of a clash of cultures and individuals told with panache, dazzling wit and remorseless intelligence. More please'

-- **William Ryan**

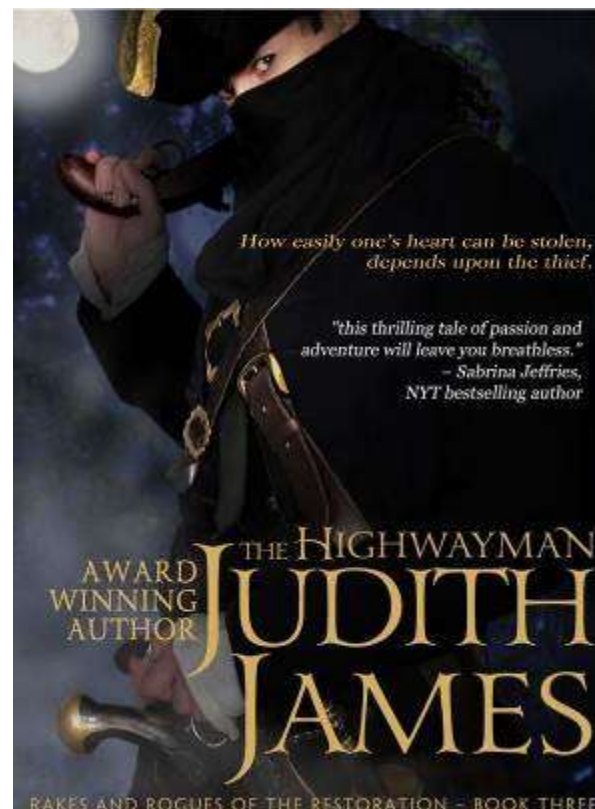
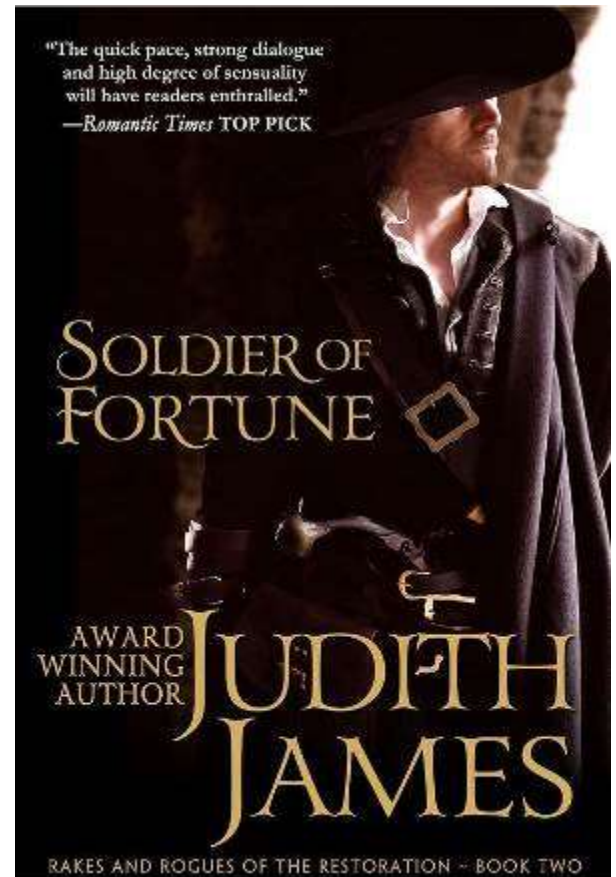
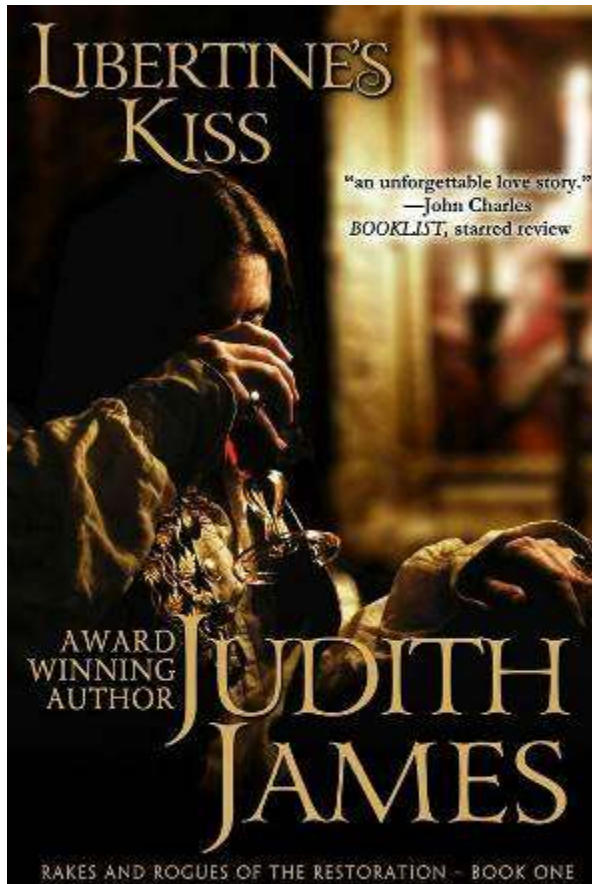
'If it was Yusuf Toropov's intention to leave us pondering good and evil, right and wrong, love and loss, wondering who the good guys were, he certainly succeeded. I know one thing for sure, he's a wonderful writer and a born storyteller' Mari Hannah; *'Intriguing, thought-provoking and wildly original'* Steve Mosby; *'An exquisitely drawn debut, that twists and turns to its stunning conclusion. With echoes of Bellow, Pynchon and Kafka, Toropov's tale is a modern classic that challenges our perceptions at every turn'* Cal Moriarty; *'Intelligently written and multi-layered ... with its gorgeous language, rich detail and gentle wit, Jihadi is simply enchanting'*

-- **Qaisra Shahrzad**

Rakes and Rogues of the Restoration

By JUDITH JAMES

"Fueled by sizzling sensuality and sharp wit, James' refreshingly different historical deftly re-creates the glittering, colorful court of Charles II while also delivering an unforgettable love story."~John Charles Booklist

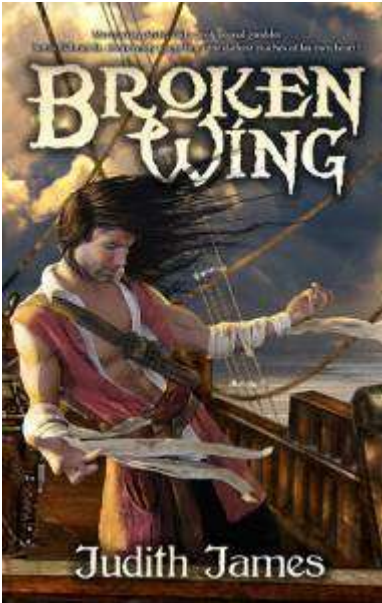




Broken Wing

"The Napoleonic era comes brilliantly alive...will really keep readers entranced throughout this epic read."

-Publishers Weekly



PW Starred Review:

The Napoleonic era comes brilliantly alive in James's debut adventure romance. Sarah, Lady Munroe, has traveled to postrevolution Paris with her half-brother, Ross, to find their long-lost younger brother. Young Jamie suffered few ill effects while residing at a Parisian brothel thanks to the protection of Gabriel St. Croix, a glittering catamite who returns to England with them at Jamie's insistence. While Gabriel's attraction to Sarah begins as an innocent shared admiration for astronomy, their sensual love scenes intensify as Gabriel reconciles his tender feelings with his sordid past. The pace never falters when the lovebirds are separated and pursue adventures on their own. The extensive historical detail goes a long way, but Sarah and Gabriel's heart-wrenching struggle to keep their love alive is what will really keep readers entranced throughout this epic

read.



RT Rating: ★★★★★½

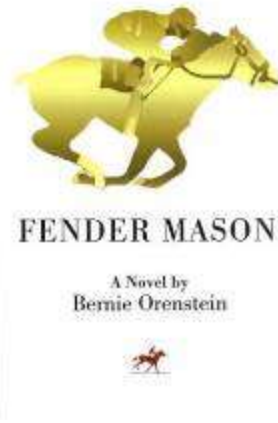
Category: HISTORICAL

Setting: Early 1800s Europe and North Africa

This emotional, well-written novel has characters that are far from conventional; they're complex, heartbreaking and endearing. Readers will be enthralled by the developing relationship between the protagonists and their passion.



Bernie Orenstein is a national treasure: *he's provided millions of hours of laughter, tears and thoughtful moments, via his adventures in TV where he has been associated as Producer, Executive Producer or Writer with Cosby, What's Happening!., Kate & Allie, Love, American Style, ER--and even, The Monkees and so many more. A huge chunk of American television has been the result of Bernie Orenstein's creative, progressive, culturally-attuned mind.*



Add to this the fact that he's a legitimate horseman--his Sheridan Farms produced some nice Thoroughbreds, indeed--and you have the formula for a mystery book that rings true on every page. Bernie has chops in entertainment, racing and writing, and currently shares his storehouse of knowledge with lucky students at Long Island University, where he acts as Associate Professor of Television History.

Fender Mason is the most-fun read I've had in a long time. Yes, it's a legitimate murder mystery--our hero, Fender, gets his first taste of horse ownership and the Saratoga high life, all while dodging danger and solving a murder. I love it that Fender is an Everyman: just a guy, not spectacular in looks or savvy. He's a mensch, trying to make his way in life. *That Dame Fortune puts him in a sticky situation, and leaves him to solve it--makes his profound humanity all-the-more appealing.*

If you love great writing, and enjoy murder mysteries--this book is for you.

If you love horses, and don't have much use for murder mysteries--this book is still for you.

As you get excited about the horses, and Lexington, and Saratoga, and identifying places that you know, you'll find yourself drawn into the plot. Like a spider, winking and giving you eye contact in order to lure you into her web--*Fender Mason*, the book and the protagonist--will catch you off-guard. You like him because he's so real. *You stay for the story to unfold because you really, really want him to do well.*

And before you know it--you're hot on his heels, solving a mystery for which he didn't really sign up--but which he takes on because, well, it's his destiny to be in that place, at that time.

Gallop, do NOT merely trot, to your computer and buy Fender Mason by Bernie Orenstein.

Onward, through the fog, through the thick, black Kentucky and Saratoga nights--with my new friend, Fender Mason. This is one bet for which winning is guaranteed.



Book Review: Fender Mason by Bernie Orenstein. (Great Tale, Fun Read, Wonderful Book)

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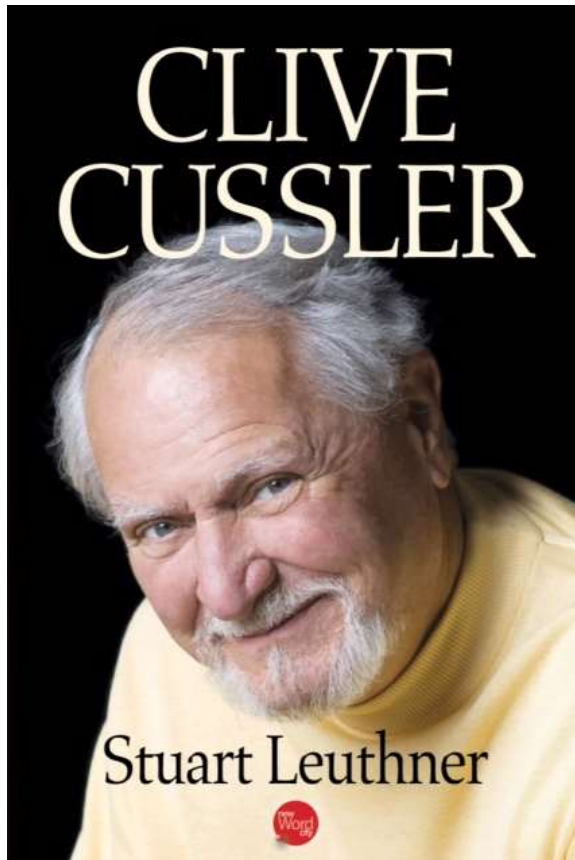
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“Clive Cussler[’s] . . . biography . . . reads like one of Pitt’s adventures.”

- Jack DuBrul

“This is what Clive’s fans have been waiting for . . .”

- Bruce Kenfield, Clive Cussler Collector’s Society



Clive Cussler in the Air Force,
San Antonio, Texas, 1950.

With an Introduction by Dirk Cussler

Stuart Leuthner’s biography of Cussler follows the author’s journey from his early life as manager of a California dive shop to his position as the icon of a publishing empire Forbes described as a “the literary equivalent of a theme park.”

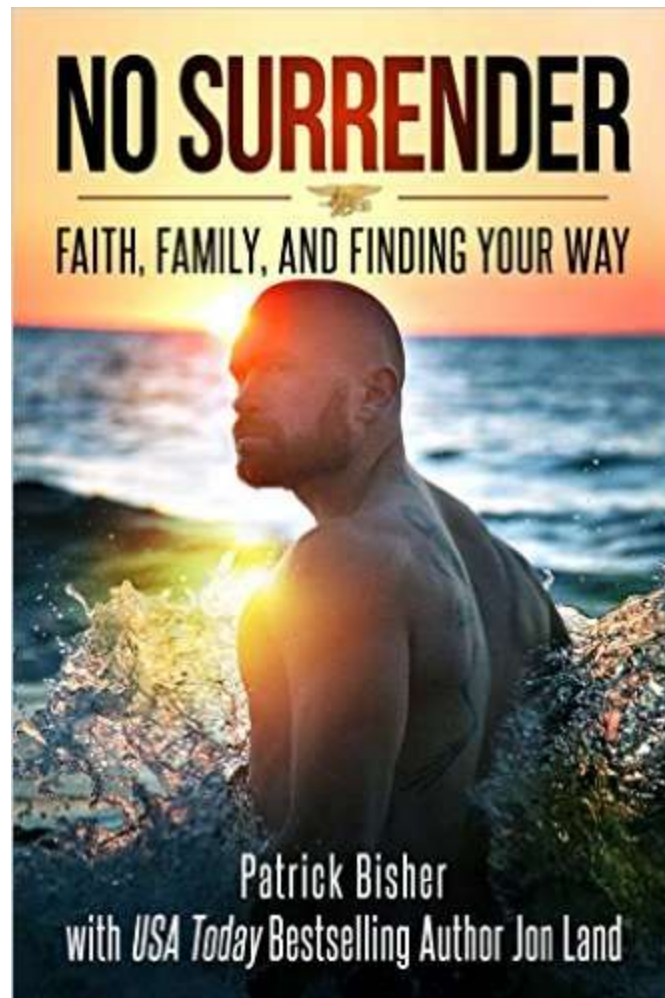
Based on extensive conversations with Cussler, as well as interviews with more than 100 relatives, employees, business associates, and friends, this biography reveals the fascinating man who lived many of the events behind his characters, from founding the actual National Underwater and Marine Agency to discovering the H. L. Hunley.

**A Navy SEAL who first overcame a crippling childhood condition
and then a devastating training accident
offers his own experiences as lessons in defeating adversity.**

Patrick Bisher's career as a Navy SEAL should have ended after a parachuting accident nearly crippled him. But overcoming adversity, even an injury as serious as a broken hip, was nothing new for him. He'd spent a portion of his childhood in leg braces. Doctors told him he'd never walk again thanks to a degenerative hip condition. He wasn't about to give up then, any more than he was in the wake of that parachute training accident. Instead, he went on to serve in combat as a member of SEAL Team Seven, seeing action in Iraq and ultimately winning the Army Commendations Medal, among other awards.

Now Patrick wants to take the lessons he learned on and off the battlefield and apply them to everyday life. He offers inspiration to all who've faced the kind of adversity he has. In chapters drawn directly from his own experience, he sketches a heart-wrenching tale of salvaging lifelong victories out of crushing defeats, and hope out of heartache.

From being branded a "cripple" to successfully negotiating BUD/S (Basic Underwater Demolition/SEALS) training, from agonizing pain to heroic achievement, from devastating loss to finding his faith, Patrick's story is one of discovering ways to do everything he possibly can, instead of making excuses for what he can't. An American hero who never surrendered is now sharing his lessons with those fighting their own battles to emerge from their dark places into the light and lead a better, more productive life



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"Patrick Bisher's story of overcoming adversity as a child and then as a Navy SEAL is inspiring, riveting and informative. Patrick's story and lessons will inspire everyone and should be read by all. As a retired brigadier general with combat experience in Afghanistan, I was riveted by Patrick's grit and perseverance and humbled by his never give up attitude. A must read!"

— **Anthony Tata**, Brigadier General U.S. Army (retired), commanded combat units in the 82nd & 101st Airborne and the 10th Mountain Division, and bestselling author

"I couldn't put it down. A memoir that reads like a thriller, and a real-life hero who pushes through unimaginable obstacles. NO SURRENDER is not only an aptly-named book, it's also a winner."

— **Grant Blackwood**, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and former Navy Operations Specialist & Pilot Rescue Swimmer

"It was an honor to be given the first few chapters of Patrick Bisher's book. Having had the honor to serve with the SEALs myself, I can say that Patrick epitomizes the SEAL Ethos. Unlike the "tell all" books of late, Patrick Bisher's inspiring story sends a positive message of how one man can overcome anything through faith and integrity. From crippled boy to Navy SEAL, to injured Team Guy and back again to his unit, Patrick's story is one of perseverance, tenacity and triumph and how determination and faith can overcome all obstacles. Expertly told with the help of bestselling author Jon Land, I have no doubt this book will be an instant success and will touch and change many lives."

— **Jeffrey Wilson**, former Navy SEAL chief trauma surgeon & Naval officer, and award winning author

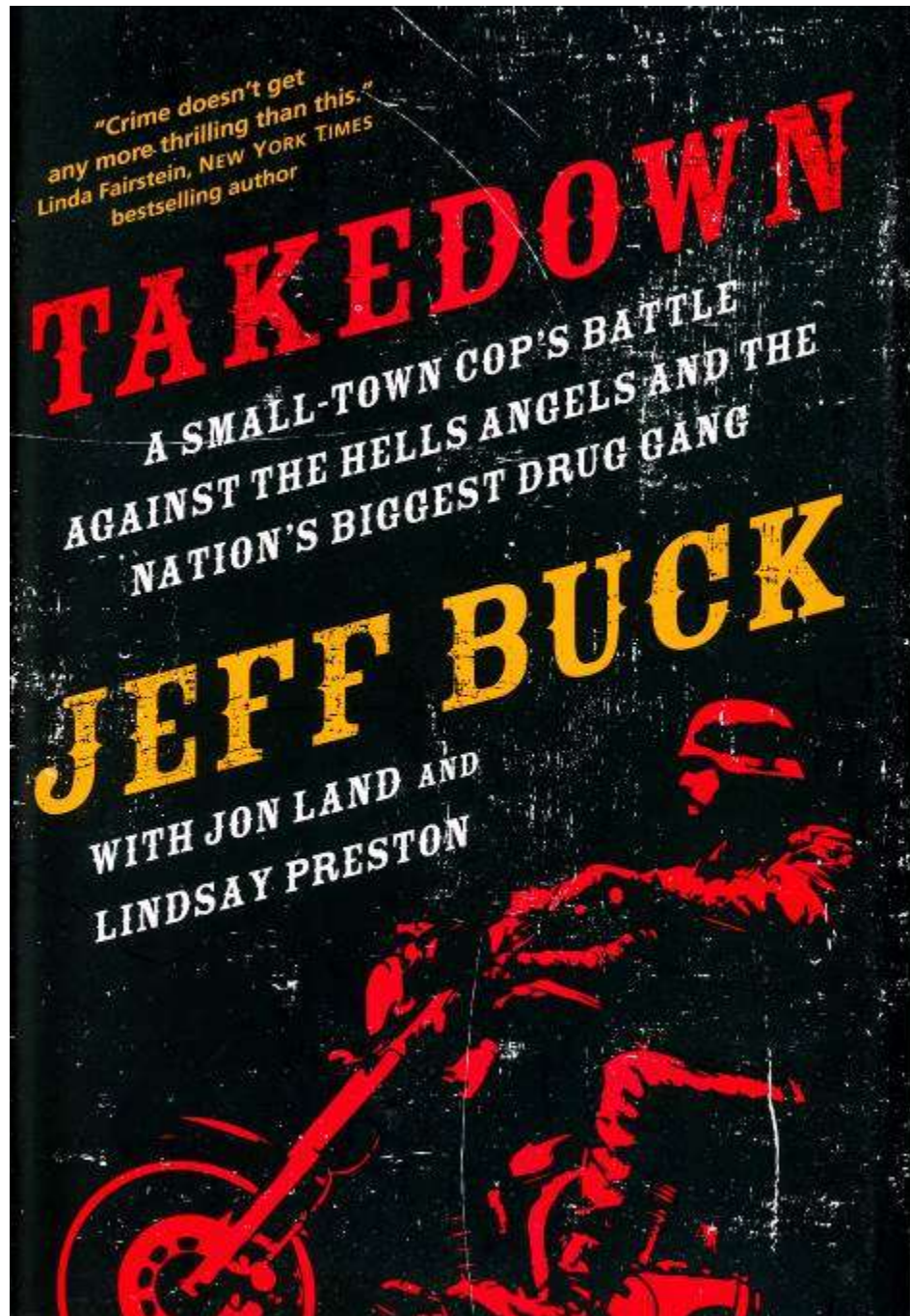
"*No Surrender* is a true story of perseverance, and overcoming huge obstacles all while keeping a never quit/never give up attitude. The same mental toughness exhibited at age 9, got Patrick through SEAL training as a grown man. As a former SEAL Sniper, I am humbled by this man's story and it will inspire anyone who reads it."

— **Dr. Howard Wasdin**, former Navy SEAL sniper

TAKEDOWN is **A complicated story turned into a coherent and riveting narrative that's the best book of its kind since Robin Moore's *The French Connection*** - **Bestsellersword.com**

If you loved *Narcos* and *Sons of Anarchy*, then you'll love this authoritative real-life account of the war on drugs. Powerful and original, each riveting chapter in *Takedown* is filled with illuminating and invaluable insights from one who fought on the frontline. – **NY Journal of Books**

"Incredible . . . Takedown is one of the most fascinating accounts of true crime and the takedown of drug lords and an international drug cartel that has ever been written." --CDA News



Forge Books – March 2016

JEFF BUCK THOUGHT HE'D SEEN IT ALL. Twenty years working undercover in the netherworld of drugs had left him burned out and grateful to assume the quiet job of police chief in the small town of Reminderville, Ohio. Then a simple domestic assault case turns out to have links to the murder of a drug runner in upstate New York and to a syndicate that's smuggling billions of dollars in drugs across the U.S.–Canada border.

As Buck reluctantly plunges back into his old world of death and deceit, he uncovers a complex chain linking the Hells Angels to the Russian Mafia in a plot to use Native American tribal land to smuggle their deadly wares into the United States. From grow houses set ablaze in Quebec to the insular St. Regis Mohawk Indian Reservation, from boardrooms and biker wars to the frozen rivers that serve as private turnpikes for the drug gangs, Buck opposes a serpentine criminal enterprise that has every reason to want to end his crusade in violence and bloodshed.

JEFF BUCK spent more than twenty years working as an undercover drug officer involved in some of the biggest drug busts of the past generation. He resides in Ohio.

JON LAND is the USA Today bestselling author of thirty-eight novels, including the acclaimed Caitlin Strong series and the cowritten nonfiction bestseller *Betrayal*.

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- National advertising on social media targeting true-crime enthusiasts
- Online site network advertising
- Radio satellite tour
- Off-the-book page features
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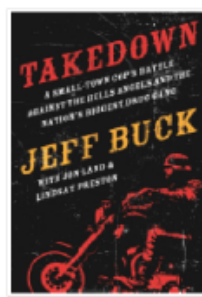
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Takedown: A Small-Town Cop's Battle Against the Hells Angels and the Nation's Biggest Drug Gang

By **BUCK, JEFF**

Reviewed on FEBRUARY 1, 2016 | Social Sciences

Buck, with Jon Land and Lindsay Preston, presents a well-researched and smoothly written account of an undercover drug investigation into the Canadian Hells Angels and their use of a New York Indian reservation. The book spans 14 years and proceeds chronologically from a domestic assault case in rural Ohio that leads to a multimillion-dollar drug conspiracy. Buck, a former municipal undercover officer, details how he infiltrated the operation via surveillance and informants, giving his unvarnished views on the legalization of marijuana, federal drug policy, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and undercover work along the way. What helps the volume is a "line-up" section at the outset listing the nearly 50 participants, along with photos, maps, and an "aftermath" addendum describing the results. Readers should expect a novelistic treatment of the case, with reconstructed dialog and descriptions of the participants' inner thoughts. This structure works owing to the authors' extensive research; the facts of the case can be confirmed through news accounts. Another novelistic approach by a former police officer detached to the DEA is Timothy C. Richards's *Dope Is a D.E.A.d Man's Game*. **VERDICT Recommended for true crime aficionados seeking valuable insight into undercover drug operations.** —HARRY CHARLES, ST. LOUIS

EVERY WOMAN'S GUIDE TO
OPTIMAL BREAST CARE

Prevent Survive Thrive

Breast Care Surgeon
JOHN G. WEST, MD
with Maralys Wills

For nearly 20 years, Dr. West has focused on giving his patients the best care possible when they show up for diagnosis or treatment. The question he gets most often from his patients is: "What would you tell me to do if I were your wife or daughter?" *Prevent, Survive, Thrive: A Breast Surgeon's Lifesaving Advice for Living Healthy and Cancer-Free* is Dr. West's answer.

Drawing from the latest scientific findings in the field of breast care, he goes into detail about the things most women don't know about their annual exams, like when you should insist on an ultrasound instead of trusting the mammogram, or even how to do a thorough self-examination in the months between your visits to the physician. He lets you know exactly what kind of pain is normal and what should be investigated further. He even offers lifestyle advice to help you lower your risk factors; things as small as how often you exercise or where you carry your cell phone can have an impact on your future health.

Prevent, Survive, Thrive provides clear, accurate guidelines for prevention and

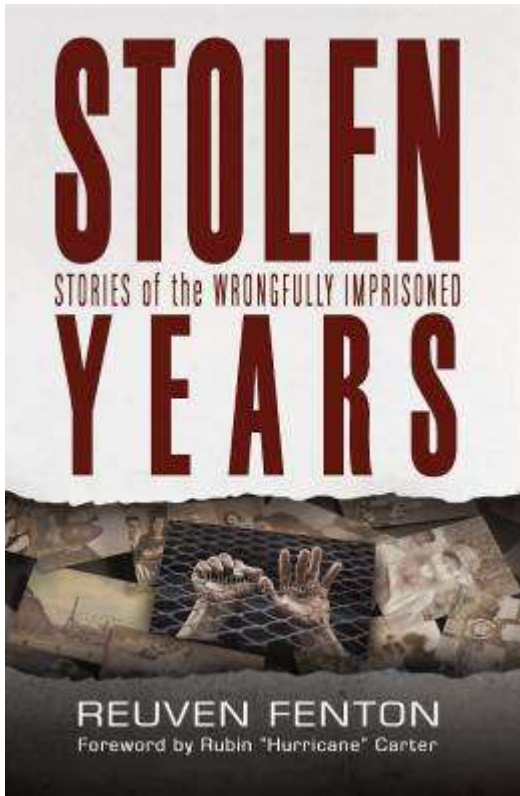
early detection, letting you to take control of your health.

About the Author

A general surgeon by training, **Dr. John G. West** became fascinated with the multidisciplinary team approach to breast cancer care in the mid 1980's. His previous experience as a pioneer in the development of regional trauma systems set the stage for his interest in developing a team approach to breast care. Dr. West opened Orange County's first breast care center in 1988, and over the past 20 yrs has been on the cutting edge of developing a team approach to the care of patients with breast problems. He was cofounder and chairman of the board of the Be Aware Foundation, which is a community outreach program dedicated to the early detection of breast cancer. Dr. West has been named a Best Doctor in America and has been recognized as one of the "Best Doctors in Orange County." He has been the lead author in 20 peer review articles and has written two previous books.

Maralys Wills's has published 16 books spanning several genres and publishers. Her fiction works include four romance novels published by Harlequin and Silhouette and a techno-thriller *Scatterpath* about airplane sabotage. Among her ten nonfictions are two books on writing: *Damn the Rejections*, *Full Speed Ahead* won its category in Best Books (Stephens Press); a treatise on addiction (Hazelden); and four memoirs (Longstreet Press, Stephens Press). Three of Wills's volumes have won national awards. For 30 years Wills has been teaching novel-writing and memoirs, and in 2000 was named Teacher of the Year. With her lawyer-husband, Rob, she raised six children, five boys and a girl.

Ben Bella Books – October 2016



Reuven Fenton

"In this gripping book, *Stolen Years*, Reuven Fenton shows us the devastating consequences that arise when one is convicted for a crime he or she did not commit. These stories have happy endings. Sadly, most do not."

--- **Rubin "Hurricane" Carter**

There is a grisly murder in your neighborhood. You stand outside with your neighbors and watch, or maybe you peek out your curtains. Hours pass, then days, maybe years. Then one day there is a knock at your door and the police take you in for questioning. Do you remember what happened? Do you have an alibi? Can you take countless hours of interrogation without breaking?

This can happen to you. And it happens to more people than you think.

Stories from *The Fixer* to *The Shawshank Redemption* have for decades catered to audiences' grim fascination with wrongful imprisonment -- one's worst nightmare come to life. In *Stolen Years*, the stories are true. The ten former inmates profiled here fended off the blackest despair so they could keep fighting for freedom. Once out, they faced a new struggle: getting back to living after losing so many years behind bars.

Intense, startling, and utterly compelling, *Stolen Years* will take readers into the lives of the jailed innocent.

"Reuven Fenton has written a vitally important book, *Stolen Years*." We need these stories about this broken system, the death penalty, to change hearts."

-**Sister Helen Prejean**, anti-death penalty advocate and author of *Dead Man Walking*

"I read this in one sitting. It's a very important, extremely clear and readable, but no less powerful accounting of the unconscionable crime of wrongful conviction."

-**Dave Eggers** Editor of *Surviving Justice*, co-founder Voice of Witness

"I have some not-so-light reading to recommend for cops, prosecutors, judges and prison personnel. And, oh, yes, criminal defense attorneys, lest they think about just going through the motions when they do their jobs...[*Stolen Years*] is a must read, but brutal to read. That's because the book, by New York Post reporter Reuven Fenton, goes beyond the now-common headlines that herald each new exoneration."

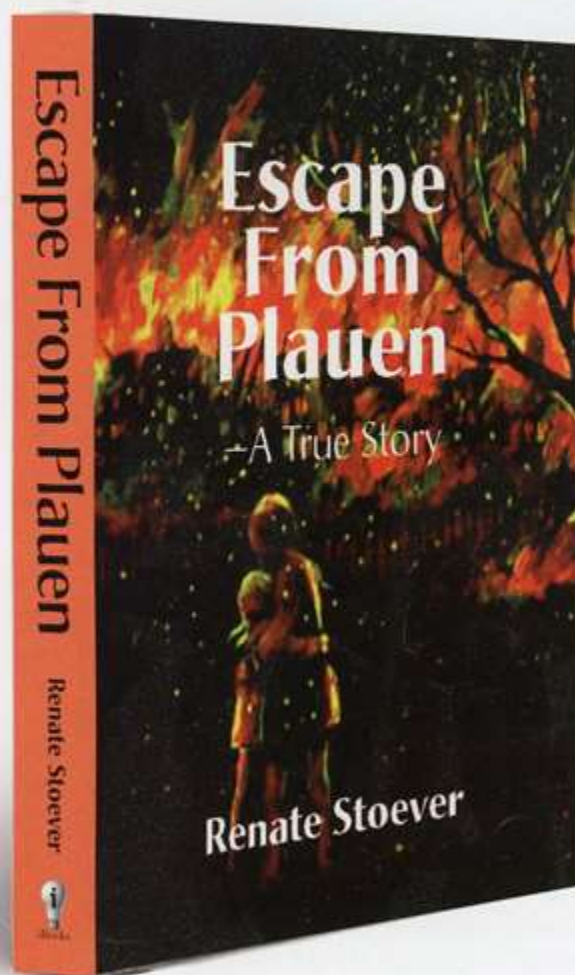
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The American Institute for Cognitive Therapy is an internationally recognized group of clinical psychologists and psychotherapists providing the highest quality cognitive-behavioral treatment for depression, anxiety, phobias, eating disorders, personality disorders, child and adolescent problems and family and marital problems.

Founded in 1985 as the Center for Cognitive Therapy we have provided successful, caring and highly professional treatment for thousands of patients.

I guess I was destined to become a psychologist---given the experiences that I had. My parents were divorced when I was an infant--my father was an alcoholic and he was unable to support us. We moved back to New Haven Connecticut, lived with my Italian grandparents, and then moved to an Irish working-class housing project. We were poor, but we always had kids to play with and we learned the values of honesty, perseverance, fairness, and keeping your eye on the prize. When I wasn't playing basketball, I was reading everything. My mom told me that she couldn't afford to send me to college, but I insisted I would get a scholarship. Fast forward--- I got my undergraduate degree and PhD at Yale. Later I did my postdoctoral training with Aaron Beck, the founder of cognitive therapy.

I have been interested in helping people overcome depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and relationship issues. Someone asked me, "Don't you get depressed talking to depressed people?", and I respond, "There's nothing more rewarding than helping people overcome depression". I've written and edited fifteen other books for psychologists-- books on depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, personality disorders, etc. I lecture throughout the world and I am excited that several of my books have been adapted as training texts at leading schools. The great appeal of cognitive and behavioral therapy is that it actually works. People get better. There is hope--even if you feel hopeless.

I have also been fortunate to be able to play a role in professional organizations that promote cognitive therapy. I am the President of the International Association of Cognitive Therapy, President-elect of the Academy of Cognitive Therapy and I serve on a number of international and national committees, boards, and journals. My colleagues and I are helping to coordinate the training of cognitive therapists

in Beijing, China, and at The American Institute for Cognitive Therapy we are training psychiatrists and psychologists in cognitive therapy in the New York area. I began working on the popular audience book, *The Worry Cure*, a few years ago. I decided to write an "honest" and "informed" book---one that drew on the best work by the top people worldwide. I have identified seven steps to overcome worry-- each step reflecting not only my own ideas but the work of leading experts. I am honored that many of them in USA, Canada and the UK have told me personally how much they appreciate the work reflected in this book. I owe a great deal of gratitude to the leading researchers throughout the world who really made this book possible. The *Worry Cure* tries to provide you with a serious understanding about the nature of worry--- the intolerance of uncertainty, the over-valuation of thinking, the avoidance of emotion, procrastination, the sense of urgency, and the maladaptive beliefs underlying your worry. I try to provide you with a full-range of self-help tools--- realizing that no one of them will work for everyone. A number of our patients at our clinic use the *Worry Cure* as part of their self-help--and they find it reassuring to know that they can now understand why their worry has persisted and how they can reverse this detrimental process.

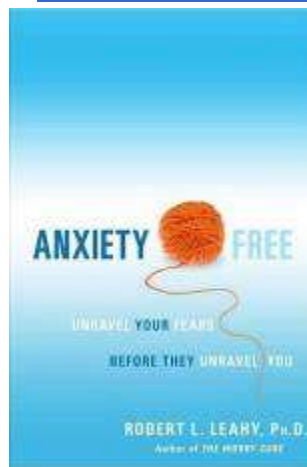
The *Worry Cure* was named by *Self Magazine* as one of the top eight self-help books of all time. I was stunned when I read that--- my colleague Rene showed me the story in the magazine. But I have been fortunate to have been able to learn from my patients about the nature of their worry and what helps them--and to be able to write something that can make a difference.

My friend, Bill, said to me when I was writing this, "Bob, if you help one person overcome their anxiety it would be worth it." It's like the wise saying, "You save the world one life at a time".

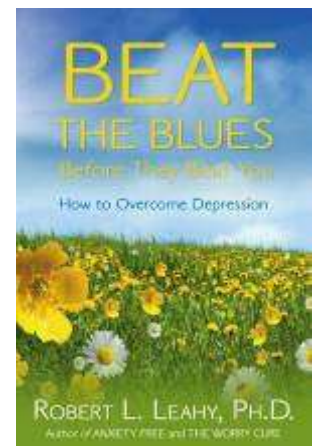
The Director, [Dr. Robert L. Leahy](#), has authored and edited eighteen books on cognitive therapy and psychological processes and is the President of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy (ABCT), President of the International Association for Cognitive Psychotherapy, Past-President of the Academy of Cognitive Therapy and Clinical Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry at Weill-Cornell Medical School. He is the Associate Editor of the [International Journal of Cognitive Therapy](#). Dr. Leahy recently received the [Aaron T. Beck Award](#) for Outstanding Contributions in Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy. You can read Dr. Leahy's Blog "Anxiety Free" at [PsychologyToday.com](#).



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In *Anxiety Free*, **Robert L. Leahy, Ph.D.**, best-selling author of *The Worry Cure*, looks at the origin of anxiety and teaches us how to outsmart our fears for a less stressful life. Dr. Leahy addresses the six recognized anxiety disorders—specific phobia, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, social anxiety disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder—explaining what each is and which outmoded rules it follows. He then offers simple, step-by-step techniques for confronting and overcoming our specific anxieties.

Using Leahy's methods, which are based on the best psychological treatments available, we can work toward a life free from the apprehension, tension, and avoidance associated with anxiety.

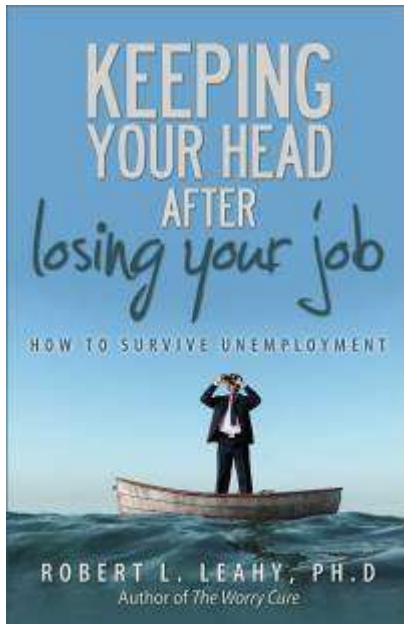
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"Anxiety Free, by the internationally renowned Dr. Robert L. Leahy, provides us with a state-of-the art guide to overcoming anxiety. Written in his trademark accessible style, Dr. Leahy's new book will help you develop your own self-help program, using the latest and most powerful techniques of cognitive therapy. His ingenious use of 'rule-books' immediately empowers you to know why you feel anxious and what you can do right now to overcome your fears. I highly recommend this excellent book."

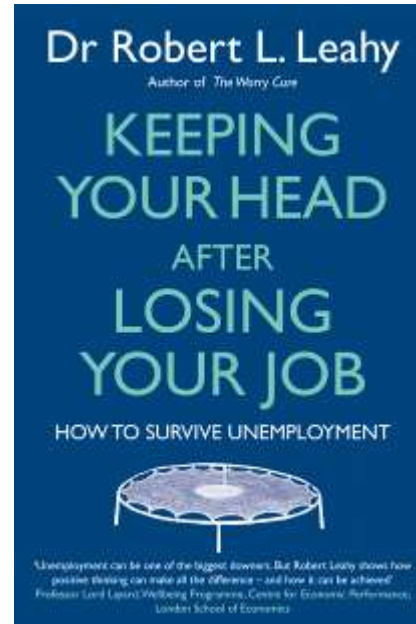
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Dr. Robert Leahy has worked with many unemployed people over the years and in this practical and supportive book he shares the strategies that have helped his clients deal with this most difficult of situations. He provides psychological tools to help you handle your period of unemployment better, and plenty of simple self-help strategies that can be used immediately. His successful techniques draw upon Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), as well as practices, such as mindfulness, to help you boost your self-esteem and confidence, decrease anxiety and feelings of helplessness, and develop resilience and strength. By keeping your head and learning how to deal with this time well, you can also learn how to live your life more effectively once you get a job.

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■ Piasecki Settles In at Square One

Square One Publishers has closed a paperback deal with Bruce Piasecki, acquiring



world rights to two of his backlist titles: *Doing More with Less* (Wiley, 2012) and *Doing More with Teams* (Wiley, 2013). Piasecki, an established business book author and founder of the consulting firm AHC Group, will be publishing his new book, *New World Companies*, with Square One in November. These backlist titles, bought by Square One publisher Rudy Shur, will, along with Piasecki's forthcoming book, deepen the publisher's presence in the business category. As Shur noted, Piasecki has "a tremendous following among the world's largest corporations." The backlist titles, sold by Bob Diforio at D4EO Literary, will be released in January 2016.

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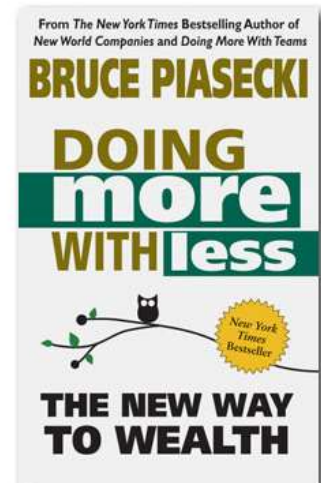
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After recent business scandals and financial busts, many powerful interests and influential people are striving to do more with less. Both governments and multinational corporations seek this realignment in hopes of regaining their balance. *Doing More with Less* (now available in paperback) is an actionable call to arms, with global insights — of immediate application to professionals in any industry — into new ways to align money, people, and rules.

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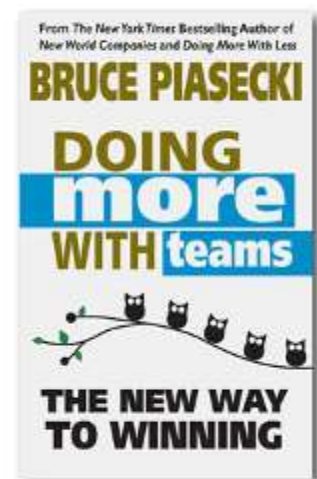
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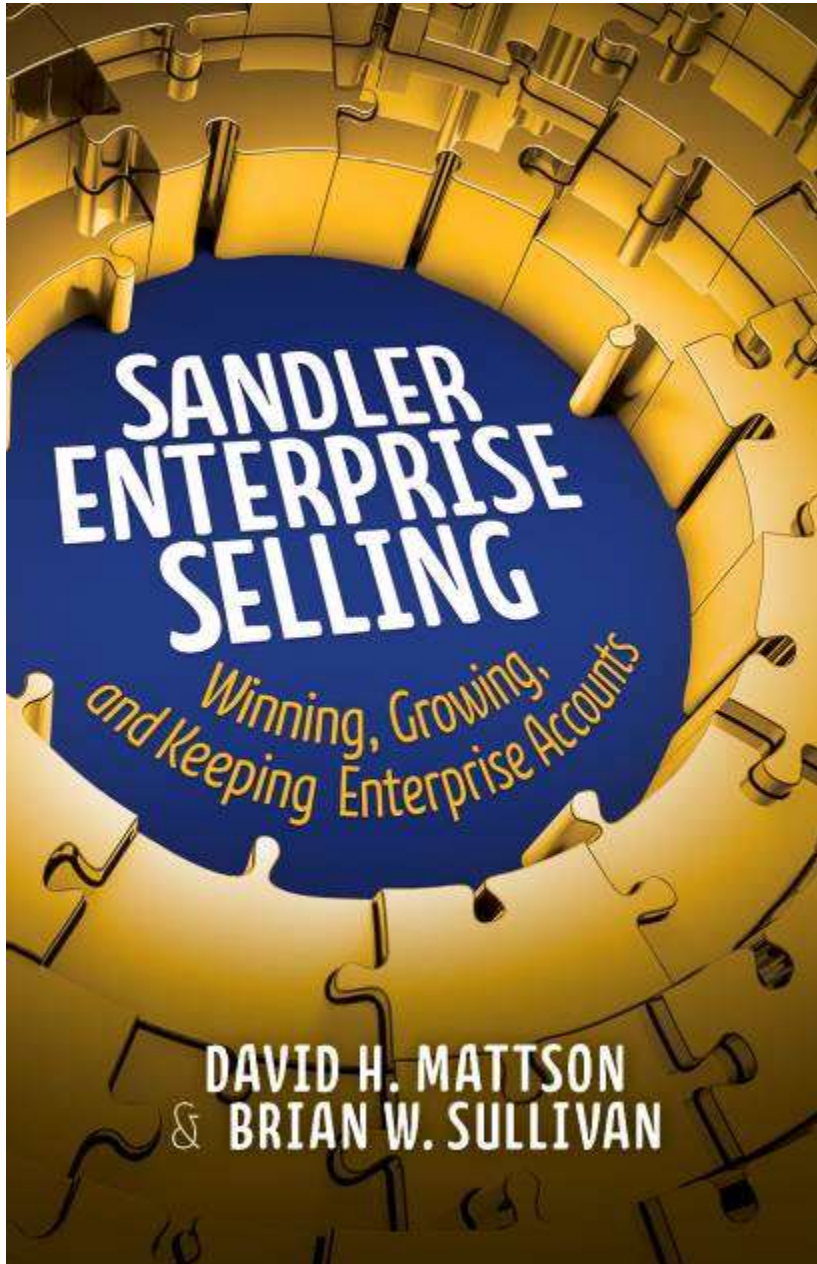
From instincts as ancient as our hunter-gatherer stages, human beings have worked in teams. But what have we really learned about what drives us to cooperate and collaborate with each other? Does all of the selfishness and scandal in business and government today suggest we have spilt the special sauce of teamwork?

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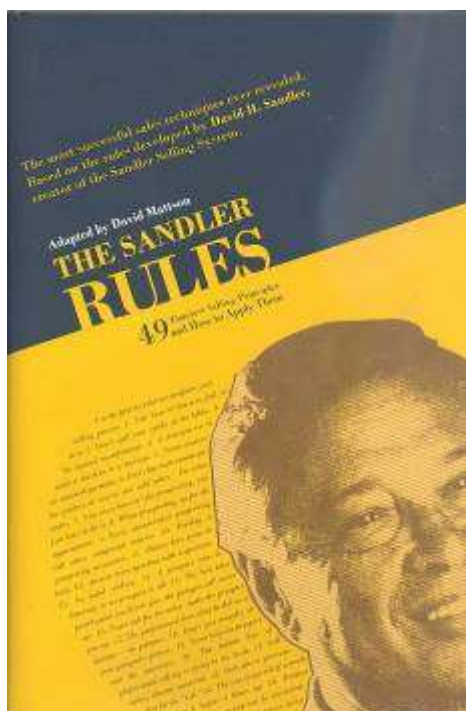
You Can't Teach a Kid to Ride a Bike at a Seminar, Second Edition retains David Sandler's classic, battle-tested advice on driving personal and organizational success by breaking the rules of conventional selling. And now Sandler Training's CEO, David Mattson, has revisited it to provide additional skills designed for today's highly competitive and more complex sales landscape. With this powerful guide, you'll learn how to:

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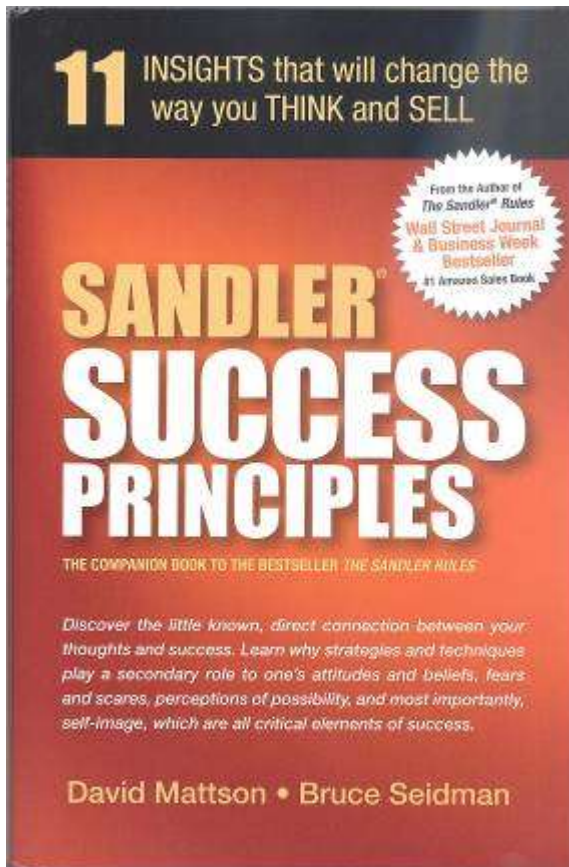
Early in his sales career, David Sandler observed that some salespeople work hard and struggle for every deal, while others consistently, and almost effortlessly, uncover new opportunities and close sales. Why is it, he wondered, that two salespeople selling the same product in the same market can have such different results?

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The Sandler Rules was an instant Wall Street Journal hardcover bestseller.

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In *The Sandler Rules*, Mattson outlined the principles of successful selling. Now he turns those principles inward to teach readers the connection between thoughts and triumph. Find out why strategies and techniques play a secondary role to one's attitudes and beliefs, fears and scares, perceptions of possibility, and most importantly, self-image.

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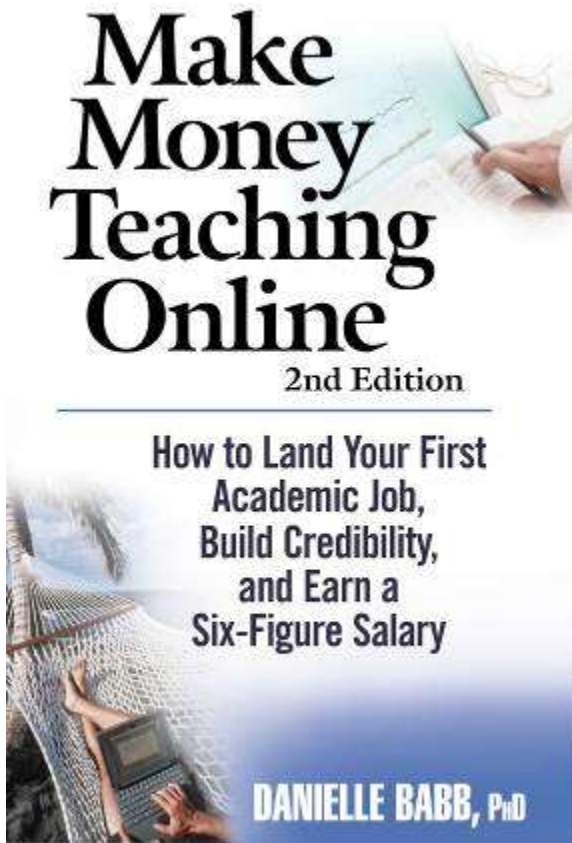
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Bruce Seidman is president and a partner at Sandler Systems, Inc., where he works closely with Sandler trainers to help them grow, using technology to share best practices across the entire global team. He carries on the legacy that his father, David Sandler, began in 1967.



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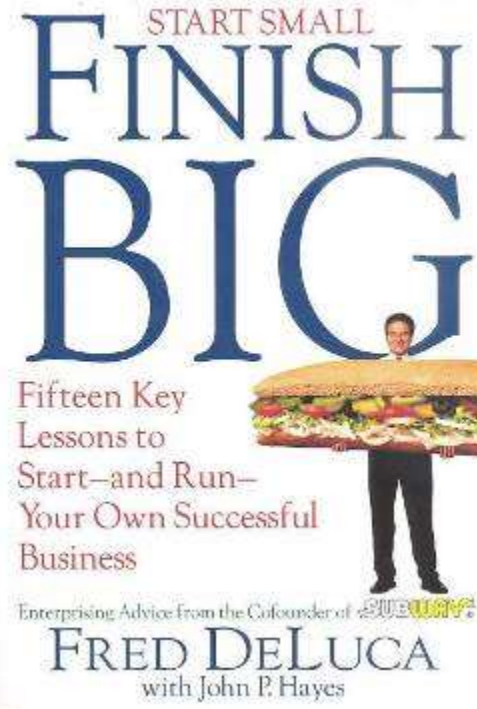
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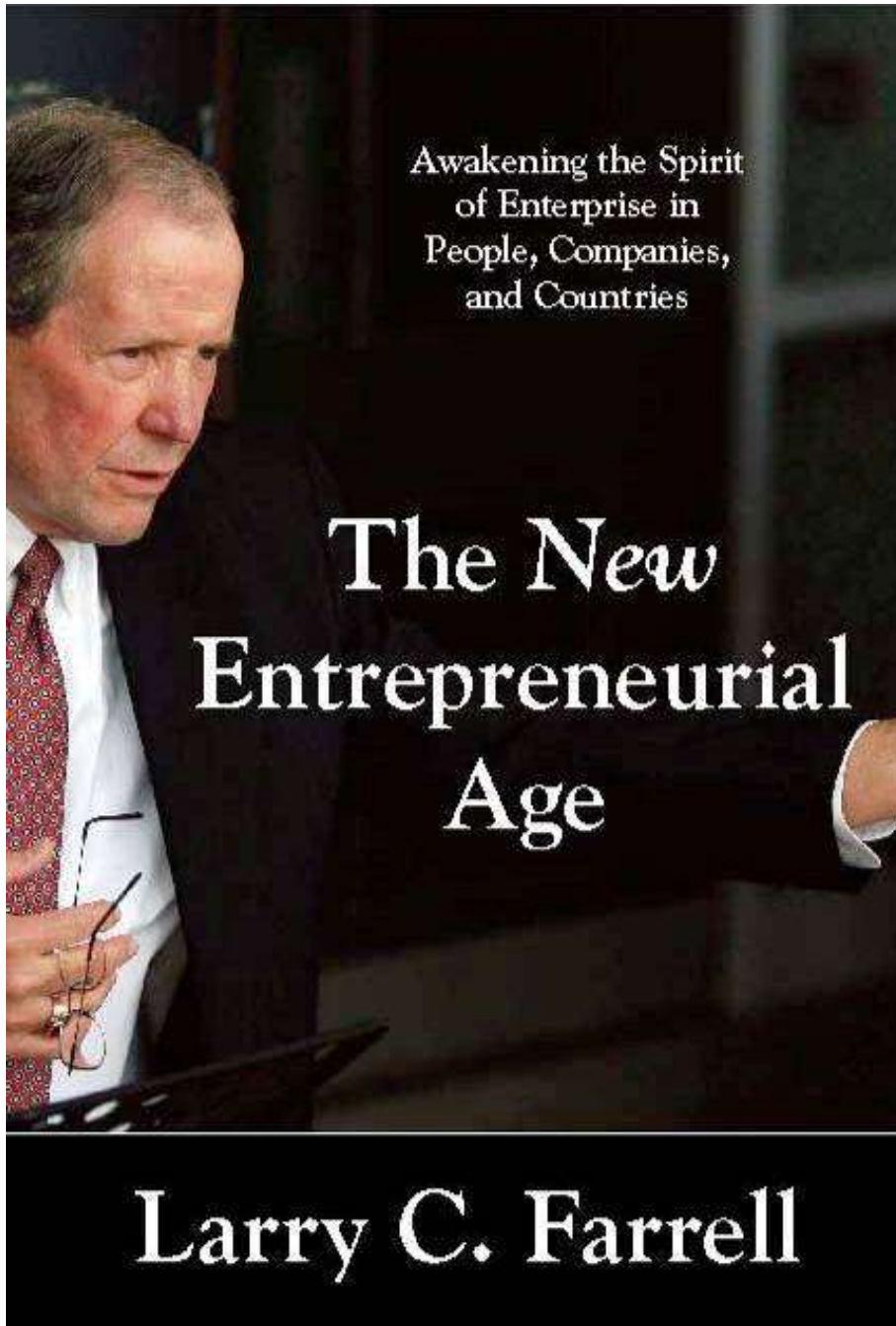
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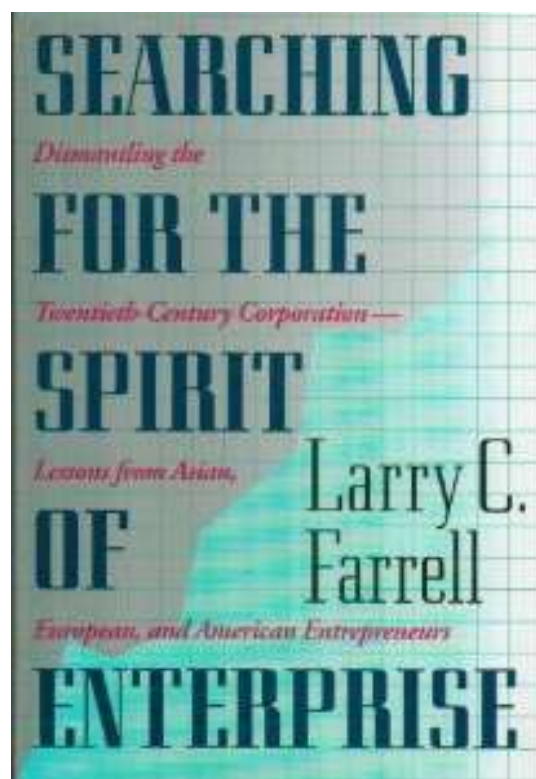
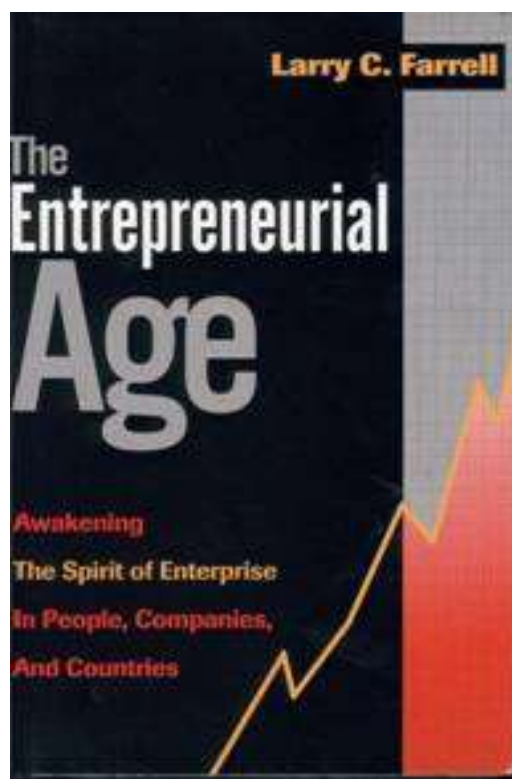
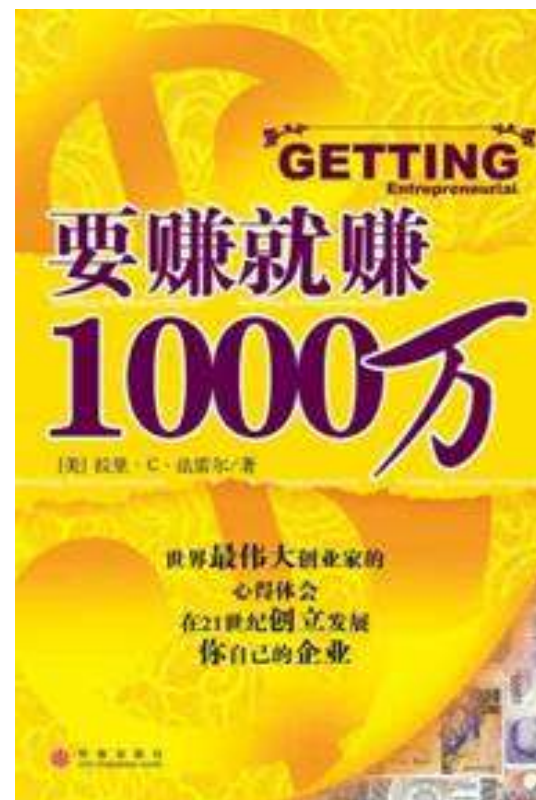
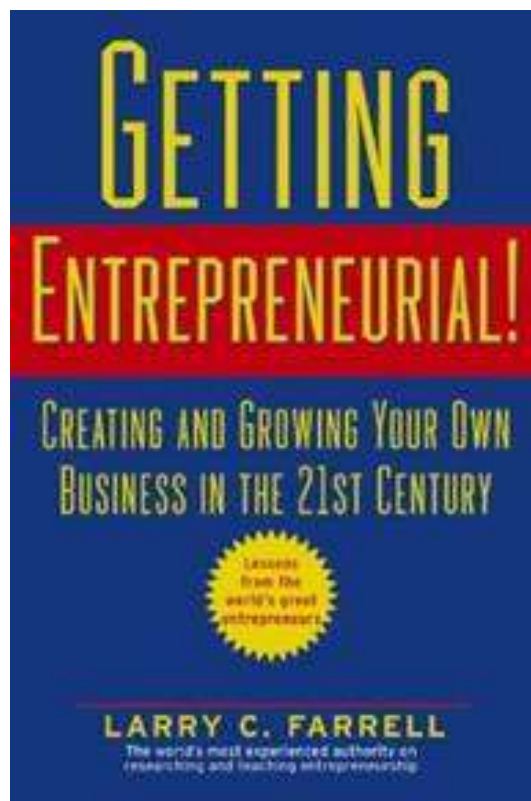
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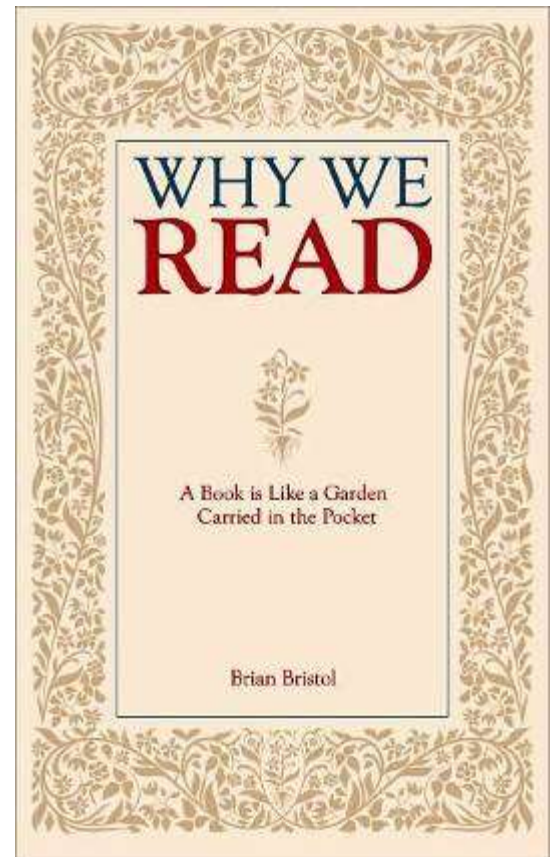
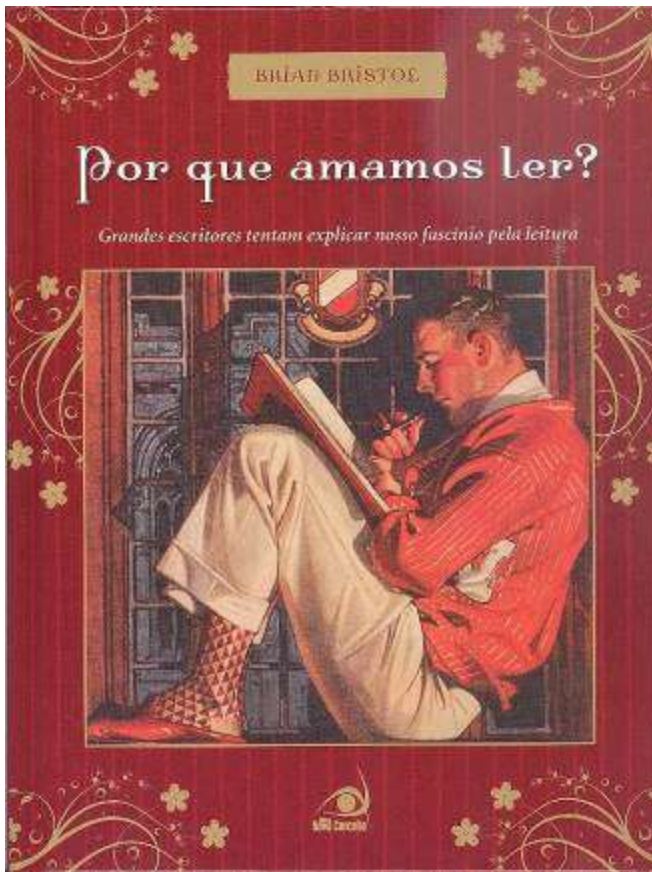
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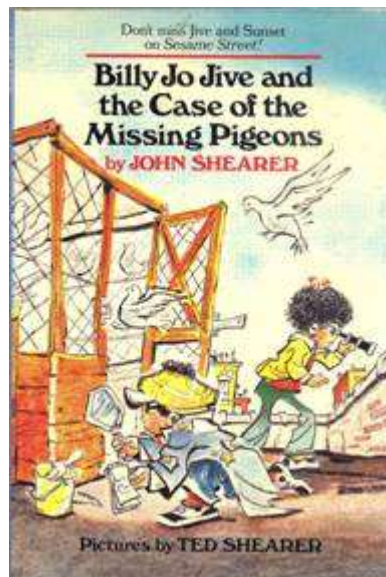
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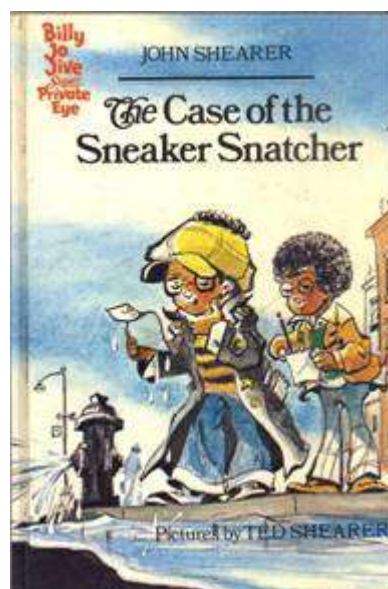
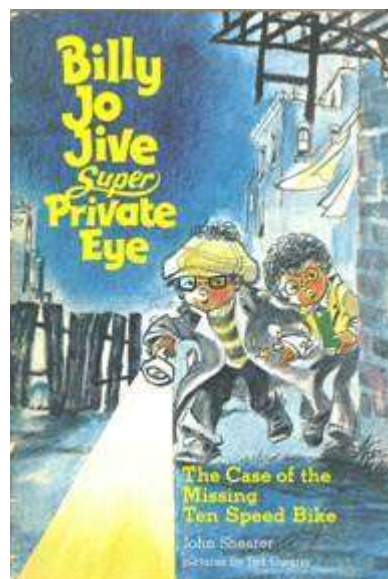
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By JON WEISMAN

Bento Box Entertainment, the shingle behind Fox animated comedy "Bob's Burgers," has licensed worldwide rights to the "Sweet Pickles" children's book series.

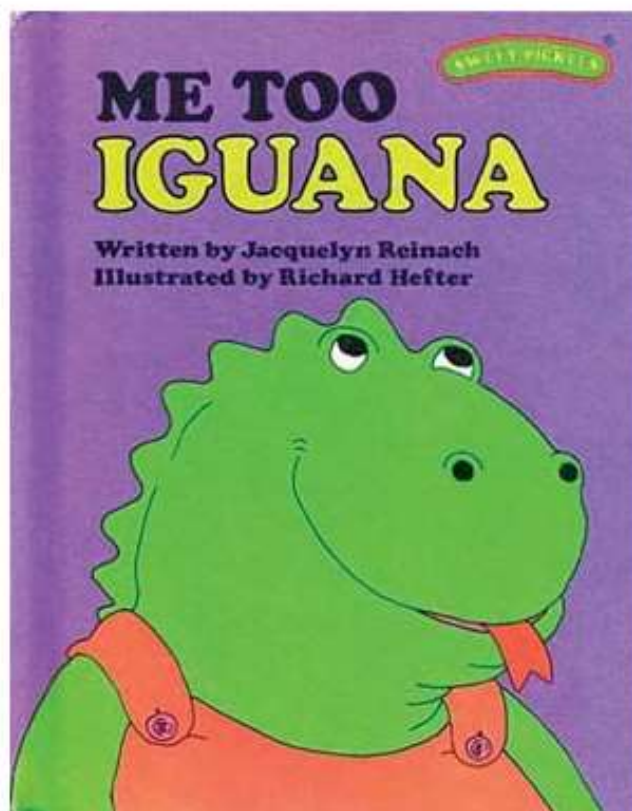
Created by Jacquelyn Reinach, Richard Heffer and Ruth Lerner Perle, the "Sweet Pickles" collection numbers 40 books and has sold more than 50 million copies. Bento is eyeing TV adaptations of the books' characters and stories, as well as merchandising options and a re-launch of the series on a digital platform.

Headed by former Film Roman prexy/chief operating officer Scott Greenberg, and "The Simpsons" vets Joel Kuwahara and Mark McJimsey, Bento licensed the books from Euphrosyne Inc., of which Heffer is president.

In addition to "Bob's Burgers," which premiered in January and has been renewed by Fox for the 2011-12 TV season, Bento is co-producing animated "Allen Gregory" with 20th Television, Chernin Entertainment (Peter Chernin and Katherine Pope) and series star Jonah Hill for Fox, which has ordered seven episodes.

David A. Goodman, Jarrad Paul and Andrew Mogel are also exec producers of the project, about a 7-year-old genius forced into an elementary school class with kids his own age.

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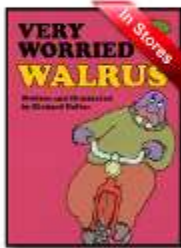
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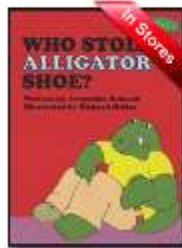
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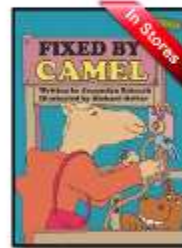
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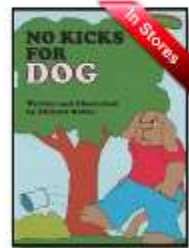
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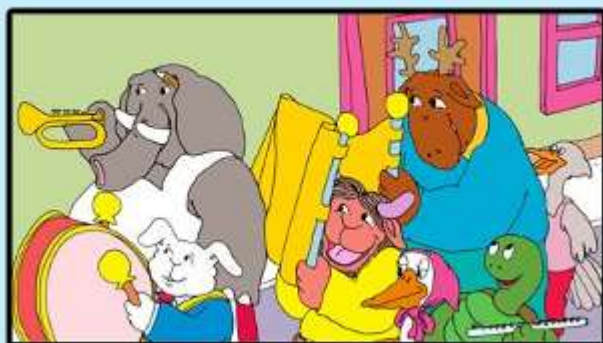
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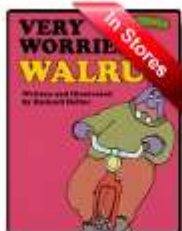


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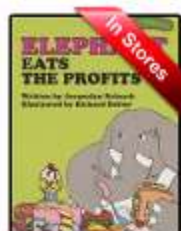
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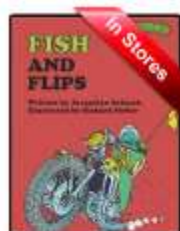
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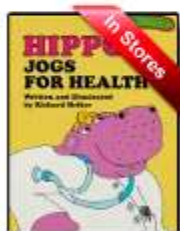
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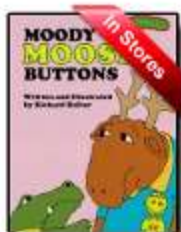
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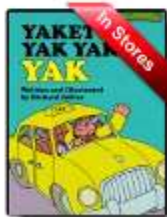
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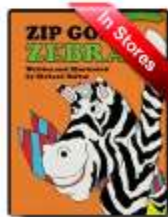
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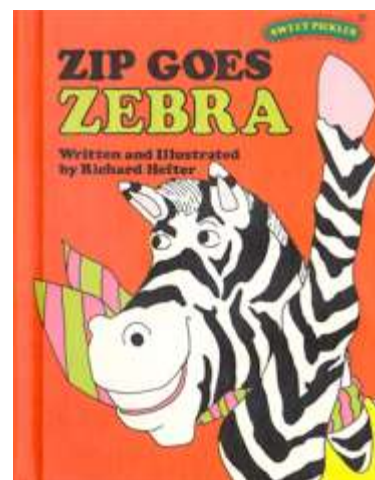
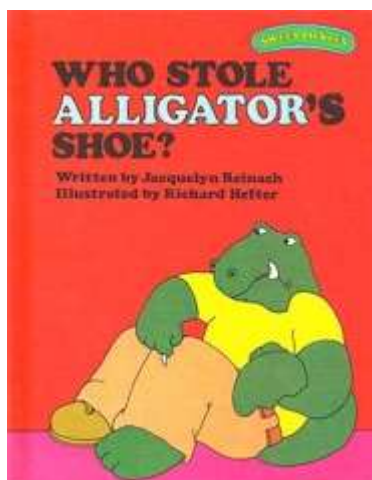
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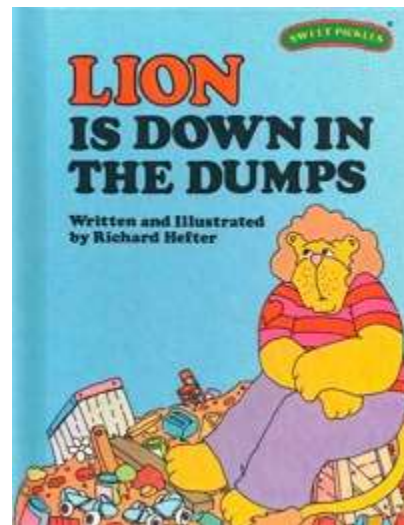
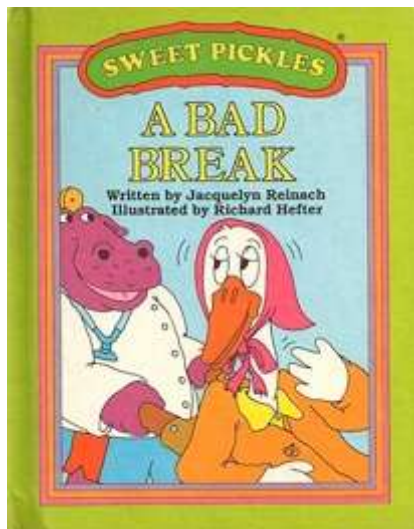
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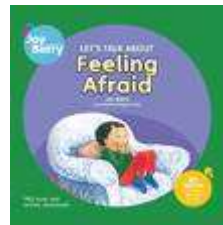
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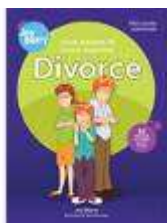
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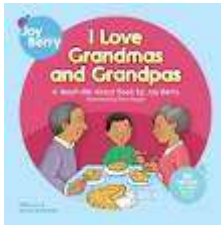
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