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Baby's First Felony

by John Straley

Shamus Award–winner John Straley returns to Soho Crime with his first new hardcover since 2013's critically acclaimed *Cold Storage, Alaska*, a brand-new installment in the offbeat Cecil Younger series.

Criminal defense investigator Cecil Younger spends his days coaching felons on how to avoid incriminating themselves. He and his colleague have even started writing a helpful handbook with tips such as: Don't wear the tennis shoes you stole to court when the guy you stole them from will be there to testify and his name is still written inside of them. But when Cecil follows a lead from a defendant and walks out of a shady apartment complex with a suitcase containing fifty thousand dollars in cash, he suddenly finds himself in violation of one of his own rules: Nothing good comes of walking around with a lot of someone else's money. And the suitcase is only the beginning.

Delivered in the form of a statement to a panel of three judges, we find a reluctant, deeply unlucky investigator who, in a single day, manages to find a deep freeze full of drug-stuffed fish, witness a murder at close range, and have his teenage daughter kidnapped and held as collateral.

Praise for Baby's First Felony

"What a wild wild ride. Straley grabs you by the throat and doesn't let go.

You think left and he goes right. You think up and he goes down. Cecil Younger is a continuously great but flawed and wobbly investigating hero."

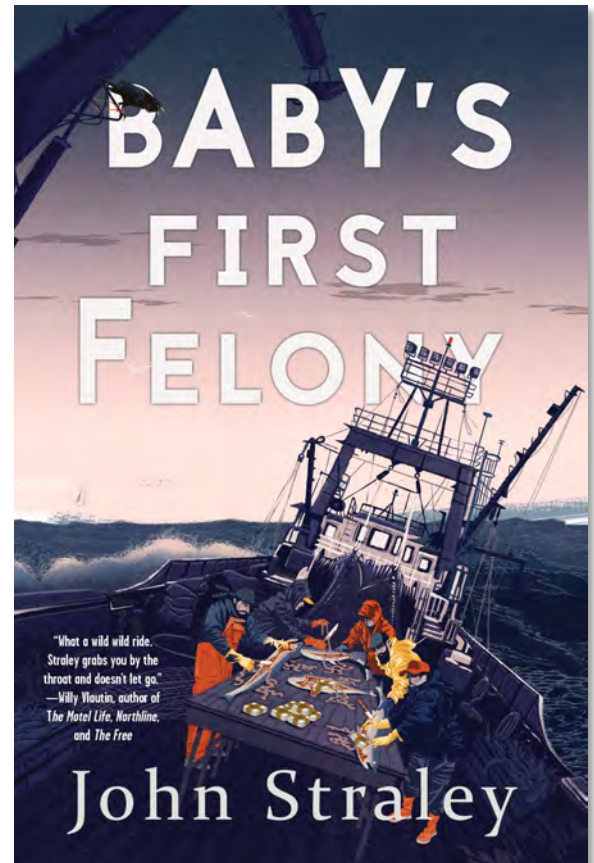
—Willy Vlautin, author of *The Motel Life*, *Northline*, and *The Free*

"Straley doesn't write like anybody. He carefully lays out all the lines that the story and the protagonist aren't traditionally supposed to cross and then gleefully blows through every single one of them. *Baby's First Felony* is a thrilling surprise from start to finish. Seriously dark and funny as hell. I'll be giving Christmas copies to friends with good taste."

—Timothy Hallinan, author of the *Junior Bender* mysteries



John Straley was born in California in 1953 and earned his BA in English from the University of Washington. He never saw himself living in Alaska, but followed his wife, a whale biologist, when she took a job in Sitka, and the pair never left. John worked for thirty years as a criminal defense investigator and is now retired. The former Writer Laureate of Alaska, he is the author of ten novels.



US publication: July 2018

World

Full manuscript available upon request.

- ◆ Quirky, charming crime fiction with a dark edge—perfect for markets seeking fresh, original mysteries.
- ◆ Stars criminal defense investigator and amateur sleuth Cecil Younger, the star of six highly acclaimed previous mysteries by John Straley.
- ◆ Set 15 years after the previous books, *Baby's First Felony* can easily be read and published as a standalone. However, if publishers are interested in backlist rights to the series, Soho has recently acquired the rights for all six backlist titles.



Also by John Straley:
Cold Storage, Alaska
 Germany: BTB
The Big Both Ways

The Cecil Younger Investigations

by John Straley

About the Series

Cecil Younger is a private investigator in Alaska with a drinking problem and a penchant for the absurd.



World

- ◆ A wonderfully quirky series with powerhouse review coverage and translation rights that are new to Soho.
- ◆ Straley is continuing the series with a brand-new prequel entry, *Baby's First Felony* (see previous page).

Praise for John Straley

“Mr. Straley writes with such brio.” —*The New York Times*

“Mr. Straley’s prose continues to dazzle.”
—*The Wall Street Journal*

“Straley flawlessly expresses both his and our own underlying anxiety about the world around us.”
—*San Francisco Chronicle*

“Humor reminiscent of the Coen brothers and violence worthy of Quentin Tarantino.” —*The Boston Globe*

For more information about the author, please see the previous page.

The Woman Who Married a Bear (#1)

WINNER OF THE SHAMUS AWARD

England: Gollancz (reverted) | Germany: Rowohlt | France: Gallimard | Italy: Hobby & Work | Japan: Fukutake

Introducing Cecil Younger, local Alaskan investigator, who struggles with sobriety and a surprisingly complex murder case involving conspiracies, politics, and Alaskan mythology.

The Curious Eat Themselves (#2)

Italy: Hobby & Work (reverted)

Cecil Younger, wracked with guilt when a client is found murdered, finds himself in a tangled web of lies in the surprisingly dangerous world of environmental politics.

The Music of What Happens (#3)

In the third entry to the series, Alaska P.I. Cecil Younger is fresh out of rehab with a head wound, a child custody case from hell, and the clients to match.

Death and the Language of Happiness (#4)

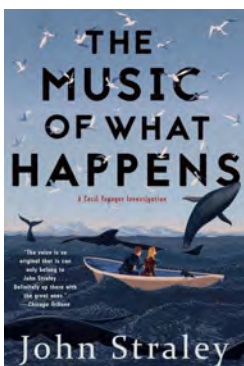
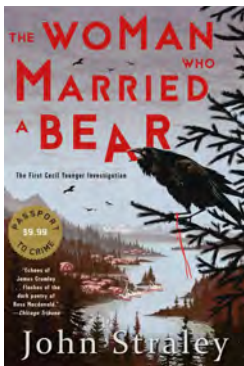
The fourth entry to John Straley's Alaska P.I. series finds Cecil Younger with a contract to kill.

The Angels Will Not Care (#5)

John Straley's fifth entry to the Alaska P.I. series finds Cecil Younger tracking down a murderer on an Alaskan cruise ship—not quite the vacation he was anticipating.

Cold Water Burning (#6)

The sixth novel in John Straley's Alaska P.I. series takes Cecil Younger into rough waters as he grapples with his new life and past, unsolved murders.



The Big Empty

by Stan Jones

Featuring half-Eskimo State Trooper Nathan Active, Stan Jones' latest procedural takes us from the town of Chukchi to Alaska's "big empty."

Evie Kavoonah, a young mother-to-be, and her fiancé, Dr. Todd Brenner, are on a short-run flight when their plane runs out of gas and hits the big empty beneath, instantly killing them both. Chukchi State Trooper Nathan Active doubts he'll find anything amiss when his close friend, Cowboy Decker, asks him to look into the possibility of foul play. But Evie was like a daughter to Cowboy, who trained her to pilot, and he insists there's no way his protégée made a fatal mistake that day. Nathan reluctantly plays along and discovers that Cowboy's instincts are correct—the malfunction that led to the crash was carefully planned, and several locals have motives for targeting the pair.

Meanwhile, Nathan's wife, Gracie, is pregnant, but her memories of domestic abuse in years past trigger such severe trauma that she doesn't know if she can go through with another childbirth. Nathan must support her and their adopted daughter, Nita, while managing an increasingly complex and dangerous murder case.

Praise for the Nathan Active Mysteries

"Robust . . . Active maintains his awe of the vast Alaskan tundra, a forbidding region that Jones renders in all its bone-chilling beauty."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

"Jones delivers a finely laddered plot . . . but the real fun, as always, lies in the dozens of mini-lessons he gives on hardscrabble Alaskan life."

—*Entertainment Weekly*

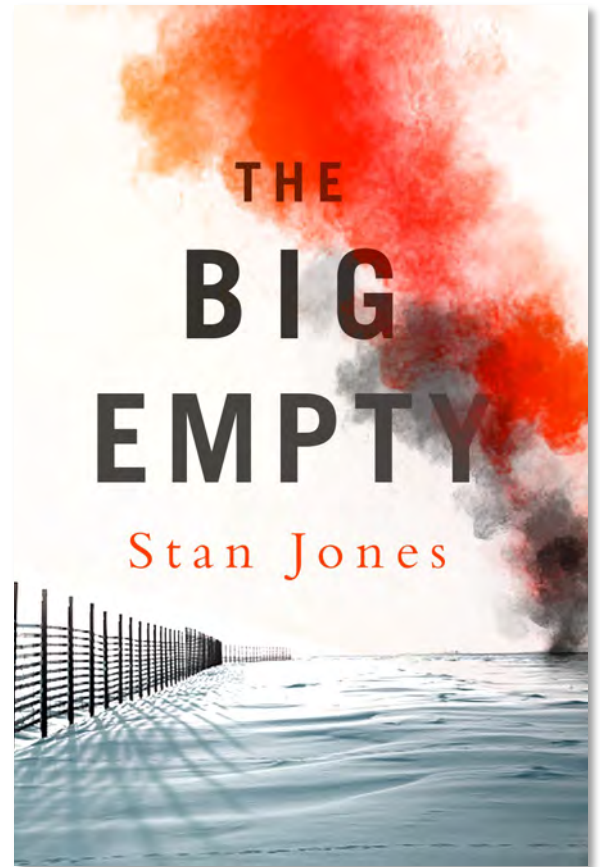
"Trooper Active proves such an interesting and likable guide that the self-ish reader can't but hope Nathan won't get that Anchorage transfer for at least a few more books." —*The Wall Street Journal*

"Jones captures in precise detail . . . The starkly individual spirit of this village's collection of characters . . . His depiction of a freezing world of tarpaper houses and whaling camps is absolutely convincing."

—*Houston Chronicle*



Stan Jones is a native of Alaska. He has worked as an award-winning journalist and a bush pilot. He is the author of five other mysteries in the acclaimed Nathan Active series, including *White Sky*, *Black Ice*, *Shaman Pass*, *Village of the Ghost Bears*, *Tundra Kill*, and *Frozen Sun*.



US publication: December 2018

World

Full manuscript available upon request.

- ◆ Beautifully atmospheric procedural crime fiction that captures the sometimes fraught relationship between native peoples and law enforcement.
- ◆ Jones's previous installment with Soho, *Village of the Ghost Bears*, received stellar national coverage, particularly in pop culture venues.
- ◆ Soho owns translation rights to the full series, which has previously sold into two other languages. Film rights to the series have been optioned.

Please see the next page for more information on the Nathan Active mysteries.

The Nathan Active Mysteries

by Stan Jones

About the Series

Alaskan State Trooper Nathan Active solves crimes in Chukchi, Alaska, a small town with a large Eskimo population.



World

◆ Rights to the full series are now with Soho, including those for Jones's new installment, *The Big Empty* (see previous page).



Praise for Stan Jones

“Mr. “[An] enchanting series set in Alaska [with] a richly populated universe you’ll be sorry to leave.” —*People*

“Chilling . . . Fascinating.” —*USA Today*

“Will keep readers enthralled . . . I can’t wait for Nathan Active’s next adventure.” —*Chicago Tribune*

“Active’s struggle between the cultures of the colonized (and his own internalized prejudice) and the colonizer provides an interesting twist to . . . a mystery steeped in land and culture.”

—*The Bloomsbury Review*

For more information about the author, please see the previous page.

White Sky, Black Ice (#1)

Germany: Unionsverlag | France: Editions du Masque | Italy: Arnoldo Mondadori

State Trooper Nathan Active, half-Eskimo by blood and adopted by a white family in Anchorage, is assigned to his beautiful, poverty-stricken birthplace of Chukchi to look into a suspicious double murder.

Shaman Pass (#2)

Germany: Unionsverlag | France: Editions du Masque

Nathan Active investigates the murder of a local tribal leader stabbed to death with an antique harpoon recently returned to the community under the Indian Graves Act.

Village of the Ghost Bears (#3)

Nathan must figure out what connects a dead hunter on a remote Arctic lake with a year-old plane crash and a fatal fire at the local recreation center. Could this all have to do with the lucrative polar-bear poaching operation he discovers?

Frozen Sun (#4)

Germany: Unionsverlag

When Grace Palmer, a local beauty queen, goes missing, the resulting search leads Nathan Active halfway across Alaska, giving him time to realize that he is in love with a woman who is either dead or a cold-blooded killer.

Tundra Kill (#5)

When a dog musher is killed by a snowmobile and Active finds a connection to Alaska’s gorgeous female governor, Active is swept into the bizarre family affairs and outsized political ambitions of the state’s most powerful woman.

Death Comes in through the Kitchen

by Teresa Dovalpage

An equally charming and chilling debut mystery set in Castro-era Havana and filled with Cuban food lore, regional recipes, and communist spycraft.

Matt, a San Diego journalist, travels to Havana to marry Yarmila, a young Cuban whose food blog led the pair to a quickly blossoming romance. But he arrives to her house to find her dead in her bathtub. Yarmila's murder will entangle Matt with the Cuban police force, lead him to a clandestine gay club, and eventually link him with Padrino, a Santeria practitioner and private eye who may be his best hope for exoneration.

Death Comes in through the Kitchen is a revealing portrait of Havana during 2003's Black Spring, the Castro regime's mass imprisonment of prominent political dissidents. Interspersed with authentic, tried-and-true Cuban recipes, it also serves as a deliciously culinary mystery that captures the subtleties of daily life in Cuba.

Praise for *Death Comes in through the Kitchen*

"Dovalpage's first crime novel is a well-cooked stew of culture and cuisine . . . [A] stunningly unexpected conclusion." —*The Taos News*

"[A] dazzling culinary mystery . . . Those expecting a traditional food cozy will be happily surprised." —*Publishers Weekly, Starred Review*

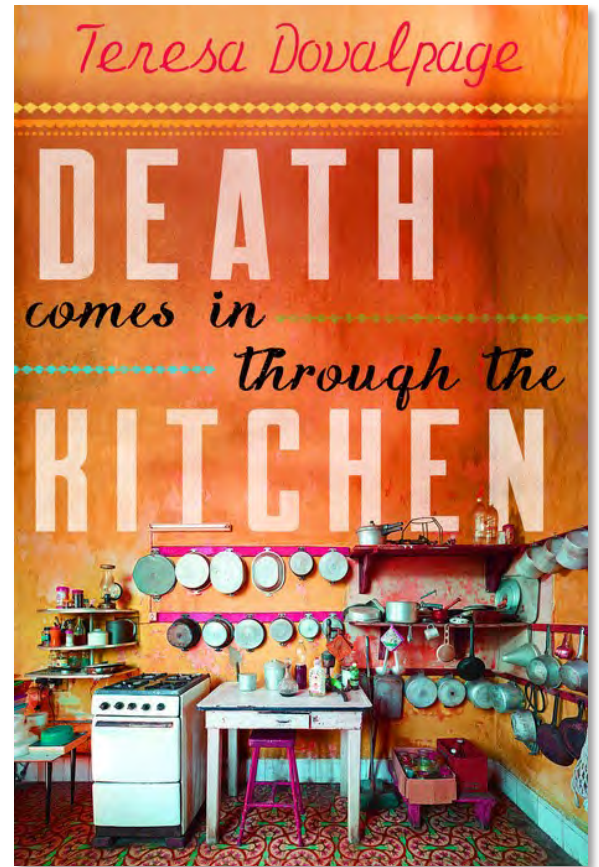
"A lively murder mystery with a Cuban culinary twist." —Cristina García, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dreaming in Cuban*

"A bittersweet portrayal of Cuba in the last years of Castro's reign." —Lorraine M. López, author of *Homicide Survivors Picnic and Other Stories* and *The Darling*

"You've never read a mystery like this one! . . . Love, murder, food and politics form a deliciously dark and funny stew." —Chantel Acevedo, author of *The Distant Marvels*



Teresa Dovalpage was born in Havana, Cuba, in 1966. She earned her BA in English literature and an MA in Spanish literature at the University of Havana, and her PhD in Latin American literature at the University of New Mexico. She is the author of twelve other works of fiction and three plays, and is the winner of the Rincón de la Victoria Award and a finalist for the Heralde Award. She lives in New Mexico.



US publication: March 2018

World + Media

Full manuscript available upon request.

- ◆ A debut mystery by the critically acclaimed author of *A Girl Like Che Guevara* (to which Soho also owns World rights).
- ◆ Dovalpage, a native of Cuba who lives in New Mexico and writes in English, channels her background in the rich cultural and atmospheric details.
- ◆ Steps into a void of fiction about Cuba, an area of interest to readers all over the world.
- ◆ Dovalpage has been published extensively in Spanish.

Nighttown

by Timothy Hallinan

Los Angeles burglar Junior Bender has a rule about never taking a job that pays too well—in the criminal underworld, if someone is offering you more money than a job is worth, someone is going to end up dead. But he's bending his rule this one time because he and his girlfriend, Ronnie, are in desperate need of cash so they can hire a top-notch kidnapper to snatch Ronnie's two-year-old son back from her evil ex. The whole thing is pretty complicated, and has Junior on edge.

The parameters of his too-well-paying job do nothing to calm his nerves. A nameless woman in an orange wig has offered Junior fifty grand—twenty-five up front—to break into the abandoned house of a recently deceased 97-year-old recluse, Daisy Horton, and steal a doll from the woman's collection. Junior knows no doll is worth 50k, so he figures there must be something hidden inside the doll that can get him in a heap of trouble. It takes Junior less time than he would have hoped to realize he's not the only person looking for the doll. When an old friend ends up murdered, Junior decides he will stop at nothing to figure out who the woman in the orange wig is, and why she wants the doll so bad she's leaving a trail of bodies in her wake.

Praise for the Junior Bender Mysteries

"Bender's quick wit and smart mouth make him a boon companion."

— *The New York Times Book Review*

"If you're looking for a mystery with a fresh new hero, then you'll want to run right out and get this book. It's just fabulous."

— *NPR's Morning Edition*

"Every now and then a writer comes along with the imagination and skill to make the whole thing feel fresh and new again. That's what veteran crime novelist Timothy Hallinan has accomplished."

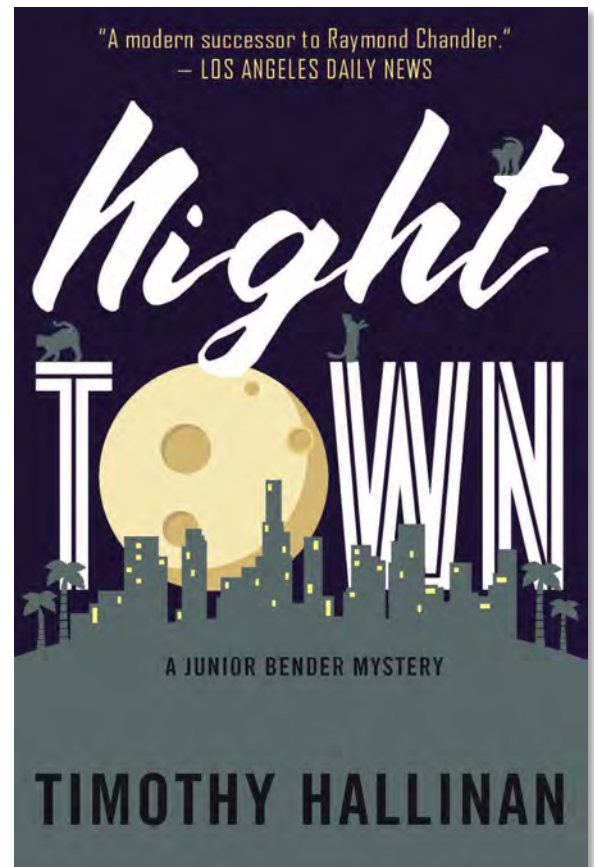
— *The Washington Post*

"Laugh-out-loud." — *The Boston Globe*

"Donald E. Westlake, the casually brilliant master of the comic caper, may be pushing up daisies, but his spirit clearly lives on in Timothy Hallinan . . . Swift, sure-footed and awfully funny." — *The Seattle Times*



Timothy Hallinan's novels have been nominated for the Edgar, Nero, Shamus, and Macavity awards. After years of working in the television and music industries, he now writes full-time. He divides his time between California and Thailand.



US publication: November 2018

World

Full manuscript available upon request.

- ◆ A comic caper featuring a smart-mouth sleuth and truly compelling prose.
- ◆ Soho controls translation rights to the full Junior Bender series.

Please see the next page for more information on the Junior Bender mysteries.

The Junior Bender Mysteries

by Timothy Hallinan

About the Series

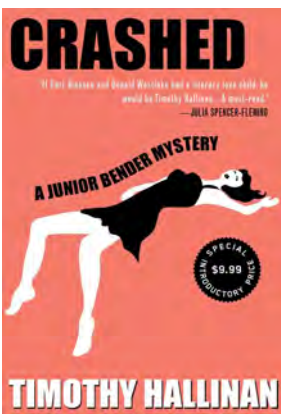
Junior Bender is a professional burglar who keeps being blackmailed into being private investigator for Los Angeles' most dangerous criminals. Luckily, he's got a sense of humor and a very particular skill set.



World

Film rights currently under option.

- ◆ **Hilarious, Carl Hiaasen-esque crime novels set in/around Hollywood.**
- ◆ **A critically acclaimed, well-established series arriving on the foreign market!**



Praise for the Series

“If Carl Hiaasen and Donald Westlake had a literary love child, he would be Timothy Hallinan.”

—**Julia Spencer-Fleming**

“Donald E. Westlake[’s] spirit clearly lives on in Timothy Hallinan . . . Swift, sure-footed and awfully funny.” —**The Seattle Times**

“Dangerously outrageous.” —**Associated Press**

“A modern-day successor to Raymond Chandler.”

—**Los Angeles Daily News**

For more information about the author, please see the previous page.

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Crashed (#1)

Junior Bender has never been caught in his 22 years as a burglar. But now he's being blackmailed by Trey Annunziato, a terrifying LA mob boss, into acting as a PI on her pornography set. Thistle Downing, a beloved child actress (now a drug-addled teenager), is starring in the film, which someone is sabotaging. Junior knows he should get Thistle out and find her help, but doing so will anger a powerful criminal. Can he devise a miracle solution?

“Fabulous.”

—**NPR's Morning Edition**

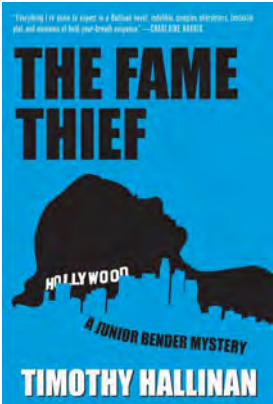
Little Elvises (#2)

Unfortunately, Junior has developed a reputation as an investigator for criminals. He's being bullied into proving music mogul Vinnie DiGaudio *didn't* murder a tabloid journalist he threatened to kill, but the journalist's widow won't stop trying to seduce him. As the investigation spirals out of control, Junior's landlady begs him to find her missing daughter. And worst both Junior's ex-wife *and* teenage daughter have new boyfriends. What a mess.

SHAMUS AWARD NOMINEE

A **CRIMESPREE MAGAZINE** BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR





The Fame Thief (#3)

93-year-old Irwin Dressler, Hollywood’s scariest mob-boss-turned-movie king, wants Junior to solve a 70-year-old “crime”—the tabloid-fueled destruction of actress Dolores Lamarre, who was ruined by compromising photos from a Las Vegas party. Dressler wants justice for Dolores and the career she never had. Junior thinks the whole thing is crazy—it’s been 70 years—but he starts digging. And he soon finds that some vendettas never die.

A CRIMESPREE MAGAZINE BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR

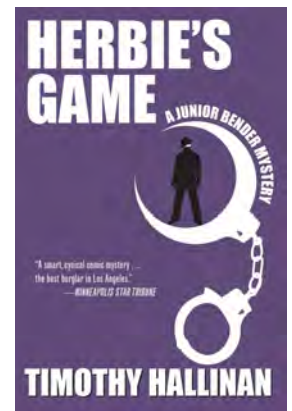
Herbie’s Game (#4)

Wattles, LA’s top “executive” crook, sets up a hit, keeping the list of criminals involved in his safe. But someone breaks in and takes the list, and the people on it start to pop up dead. Wattles then approaches Junior, who already knows who stole the list: the signature belongs to Herbie Mott, Junior’s criminal mentor. Junior seeks him out and finds Herbie murdered. As he tracks the killer, he finds disturbing secrets about Herbie’s past—and his own.

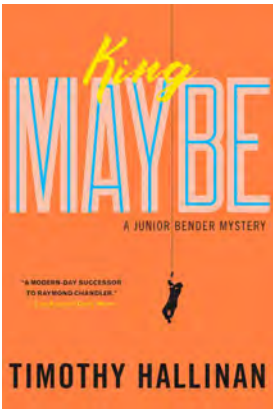
WINNER OF THE LEFTY AWARD

NERO AWARD FINALIST

A PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR



King Maybe (#5)



Junior is in the middle of stealing one of the world’s rarest stamps from an assassin when his luck turns sour. It takes an unexpected assist to get him out alive, but his escape sets off a chain reaction of blackmail and escalating crime. By the time Junior is forced to commit his third burglary of the week in the impregnable fortress that’s home to a ruthless studio mogul called King Maybe, he’s starting to wish he’d just let the killer take a crack at him.

“Too many lovable crooks in contemporary crime fiction?

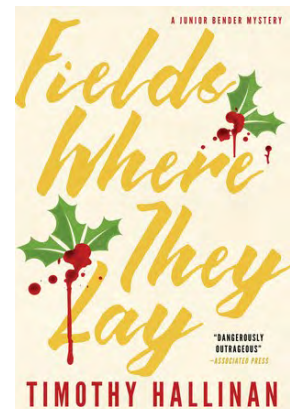
Well, one thing’s for sure: they’re all chasing Junior.”—*Booklist*, Starred Review

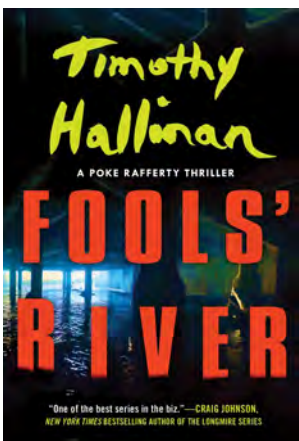
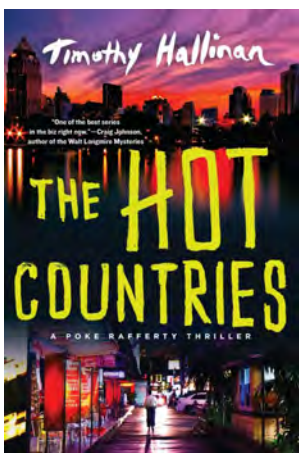
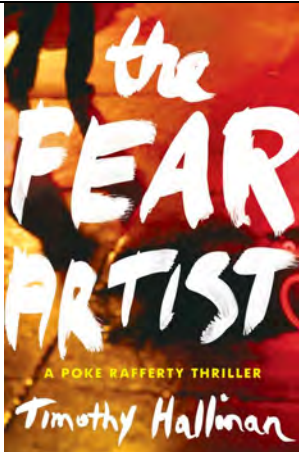
Fields Where They Lay (#6)

The Edgerton Mall isn’t exactly full of holiday cheer, despite its two Santas. It’s a fossil in decline, and has a rampant shoplifting problem. Enter burglar Junior Bender, who’s being forced to look into things by murderous Russian gangster who owns the mall. But Junior’s operation doesn’t go well: Within two days, two people are dead. It’s obvious that shoplifting is the least of Junior’s problems. Meanwhile, he must confront his own deep-seated melancholy at the very notion of Christmas—both present and past.

A KIRKUS & PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR

A BOOKPAGE TOP PICK





The Poke Rafferty Thrillers

by Timothy Hallinan

About the Series

American writer **Poke Rafferty** lives in Bangkok with his Thai wife Rose, and their adopted daughter Miaow. The happy trio is rocked by their separate, often dangerous histories.



World

- ◆ Intelligent, socially minded political thrillers focused on the present-day consequences of colonialism in Southeast Asia.
- ◆ The below novels function within the series as a trilogy, and have never before been sold on the foreign market!

Praise for the Poke Rafferty Thrillers

“You could drown in the waves of corruption that surge through Timothy Hallinan’s Bangkok mysteries.” —*The New York Times Book Review*

“A relentless-as-the-rain paced thriller, sprinkled with an offbeat, cynical humor.”
—*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

“Truly remarkable . . . In Hallinan’s Bangkok, the ugly truths of poverty, homelessness, corruption, caste and crime are shaded with tremendous compassion.”
—*The Arizona Republic*

“Heart-rending, unforgettable.” —*Publishers Weekly, Starred Review*

“Stellar.” —*Library Journal, Starred Review*

For more information about the author, please see p. 6.

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Murder on the Left Bank

by Cara Black

A missing notebook contains 50 years' worth of police corruption, and someone is willing to kill to stop it from coming to light. Can Aimée Leduc find the murderer before the body count rises?

A dying man drags his oxygen machine into the office of Éric Besson, a lawyer in Paris's 13th arrondissement. The old man, an accountant, is carrying a dilapidated notebook full of meticulous investment records. For decades, he has been helping a cadre of dirty cops launder stolen money. The notebook contains his full confession—he's waited 50 years to make it, and now it can't wait another day. He is adamant that Besson get the notebook into the hands of La Proc, Paris's chief prosecuting attorney, so the corruption can finally be brought to light. But en route to La Proc, Besson's courier—his assistant and nephew—is murdered, and the notebook disappears.

Grief-stricken Éric Besson tries to hire private investigator Aimée Leduc to find the notebook, but she is reluctant to get involved. Her father was a cop and was murdered by the same dirty syndicate the notebook implicates. She's not sure which she's more afraid of, the dangerous men who would kill for the notebook or the idea that her father's name might be among the dirty cops listed within it. Ultimately that's the reason she must take the case, which leads her across the Left Bank, from the Cambodian enclave of Khmer Rouge refugees to the ancient royal tapestry factories to the modern art galleries.

Praise for the *New York Times* bestselling Aimée Leduc novels

"Forever young, forever stylish, forever in love with Paris—forever Aimée."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

"As always, with airfares so high, Black offers armchair travelers a whirlwind trip through the City of Light." —*USA Today*

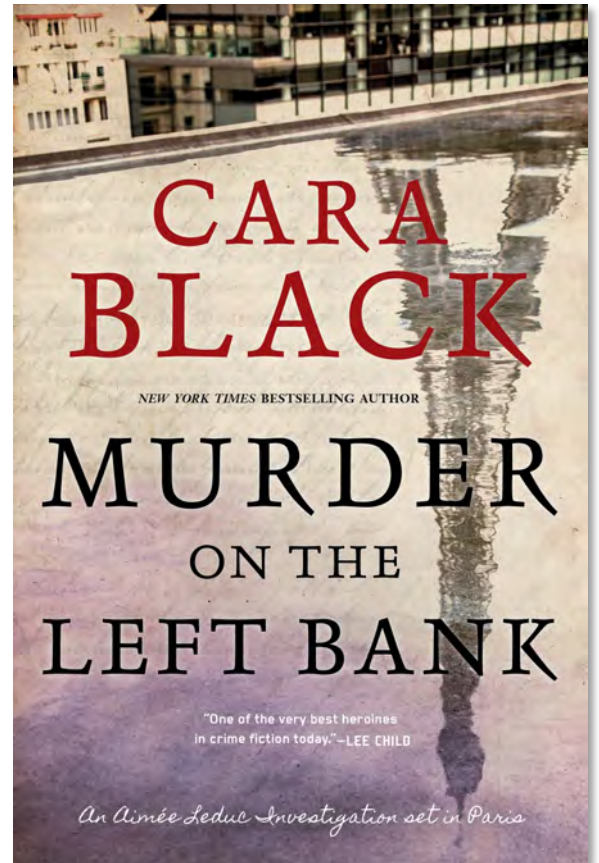
"Transcendently, seductively, irresistibly French."

—Alan Furst, author of *Night Soldiers*

"A winning mystery, as stylish and sexy as the city Cara Black knows so well." —George Pelecanos



Cara Black is the author of eighteen books in the bestselling Aimée Leduc series. She lives in San Francisco with her husband and visits Paris frequently.



US publication: June 2018

World

Previous series sales to:

Spain: *Factoria des Ideas*

Germany: *Thiele & Brandstatter Verlag*

England: *Constable & Robinson (reverted)*

France: *Editions Anatolia, City Editions*

Italy: *Hobby & Work*

Norway: *Schibste Forlag A/S*

Japan: *Hayakawa*

Israel: *Keter Books*

- ◆ A *New York Times* bestselling series packed with atmospheric detail for those who love Paris.
- ◆ Features a chic, no-nonsense female protagonist with a rich backstory.

Please see the next page for more information on the Aimée Leduc series.

The Aimée Leduc Investigations

by Cara Black

About the Series

Paris, 1990s: Aimée Leduc is a chic, no-nonsense former hacker who took over her family's private investigation agency when her father was killed by a car bomb. She runs Leduc Détective with her best friend, René Friant, and her cases bring her to every corner of Paris, as she uncovers secrets from her own past.

Prequel: *Murder on the Quai*



World

Previous individual book sales to:

Spain: *Factoria des Ideas*

Germany: *Thiele & Brandstatter Verlag*

England: *Constable & Robinson (reverted)*

France: *Editions Anatolia, City Editions*

Italy: *Hobby & Work*

Norway: *Schibste Forlag A/S*

Japan: *Hayakawa*

Israel: *Keter Books*

A NATIONAL BESTSELLER

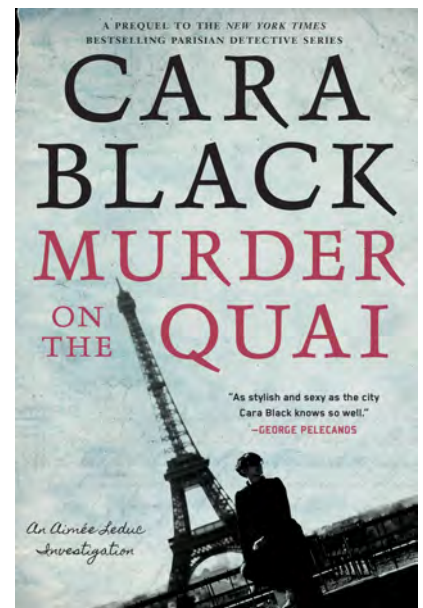
Cara Black's prequel to her *New York Times* bestselling series gives us a glimpse into Aimée Leduc's life before she became the most unrelenting PI in the City of Lights.

November 1989: Aimée Leduc is in her first year of university at a top Parisian medical school. But the week the Berlin Wall crumbles, Aimée's father runs off to Germany on a mysterious errand, leaving her in charge of the family detective agency while he's away. The case she takes on makes her question whether her heart is really in medicine after all.

"Who wouldn't love to catch a glimpse of a favorite sleuth as a blundering amateur? . . . Engrossing."

— *The New York Times Book Review*

"Charmant." — *The Sunday Times*



#1

Murder in the Marais

In Paris's historic Jewish quarter, Aimée finds a dead woman with a swastika carved into her forehead, plunging her into a web of ancient secrets and buried war crimes.

#5

Murder in Clichy

An act of kindness ends in a stranger's death, leaving Aimée with a bullet wound, a check for 50,000 francs, and a trove of Vietnamese jade artifacts whose provenance is a mystery.

#9

Murder in the Latin Quarter

Aimée, a virtual orphan, embraces a Haitian woman claiming to be her half-sister, involving her in murky Haitian politics that lead to murder in the old university district of Paris.

#13

Murder Below Montparnasse

A man who claims to know Aimée's mother suspects that a long-lost Modigliani in his possession puts him in danger. When he is viciously murdered, Aimée is on the hunt for a killer.

#2

Murder in Belleville

Tension runs high as a hunger strike escalates among Algerian immigrants and Aimée barely escapes a car bombing in this tale of terrorism and greed.

#6

Murder in Montmartre

In an attempt to clear a friend's name, Aimée encounters Corsican separatist terrorists, Montmartre prostitutes, and learns of the French "ear in the sky."

#10

Murder in the Palais Royal

René Friant, Aimée's partner at Leduc Détective, is wounded, and eye-witnesses have pegged her as the culprit. Someone is impersonating Aimée—someone who wants re-

#14

Murder in Pigalle

A serial rapist is terrorizing Pigalle, targeting schoolgirls. Aimée, five months pregnant, stays away from the investigation—until her young neighbor Zazie disappears.

#3

Murder in the Sentier

When a mysterious visitor promises contact with her long-lost mother, Aimée finds herself hot on the trail of 70s radicals.

#7

Murder on the Ile Saint-Louis

Aimée tries to identify the mother of a missing child while two murders and an abortive bombing by environmental protestors propel her into danger.

#11

Murder in Passy

In one of Paris's wealthiest neighborhoods, a murder investigation leads Aimée to police corruption, a radical Basque terrorist group, and a kidnapped Spanish princess.

#15

Murder on the Champ de Mars

A Romany boy begs Aimée to visit his ailing mother, who may hold the key to her father's murder. But the woman has vanished; the ensuing search leads to the city's seats of wealth and power.

#4

Murder in the Bastille

Aimée is attacked in the shadowy Passage Boule Blanche. Regaining consciousness, she finds herself temporarily blinded but is determined to identify the assailant.

#8

Murder in the Rue de Paradis

Finding out who cut her lover's throat leads Aimée into Kurdish and Turkish politics as she tries to track down his contacts above and beneath the streets of Paris.

#12

Murder at the Lanterne Rouge

A missing woman, an illegal immigrant raid, botched affairs of the heart, the French secret service, scientific secrets and a murderer on the loose—what has Aimée gotten herself

#16

Murder in Saint-Germain

Aimée is approached by a Brigade Criminelle agent claiming to be targeted by a Serbian warlord her team killed—is she losing her mind, or is the man still alive?

Solemn Graves

by James R. Benn

A double murder in a French chateau just after D-Day threatens Allied operations, and US Army detective Billy Boyle is called to investigate.

July, 1944, a full month after D-Day. Billy, Kaz, and Big Mike are assigned to investigate a double murder, close to the front lines in Normandy. An American officer and a member of the French Resistance were found dead in a manor house outside the town of Trévières.

The investigation is shrouded in secrecy, due to the highly confidential nature of the American unit headquartered at the Manoir de Castilly; the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops. This vague name covered a 1,000-man unit with a unique mission within the US Army: to impersonate other US Army units in order to deceive the enemy, causing them to think they were facing large formations, when in reality it was the 23rd (they called themselves The Ghost Army) creating deceptions by radio traffic, dummy inflatable vehicles, and sound effects. Not even the units adjacent to their positions were to know what they were doing.

The balance of power in WWII hangs in the balance—can Billy solve the crime before the Ghost Army is exposed?

Praise for the Billy Boyle WWII Mysteries

“Spirited wartime storytelling.”

—*The New York Times Book Review*

“A fast-paced saga set in a period when the fate of civilization still hangs in the balance.”

—*The Wall Street Journal*

“Full of action, humor and heart.”

—*Louise Penny*

“Billy Boyle gets better and better. This is a must-read series.”

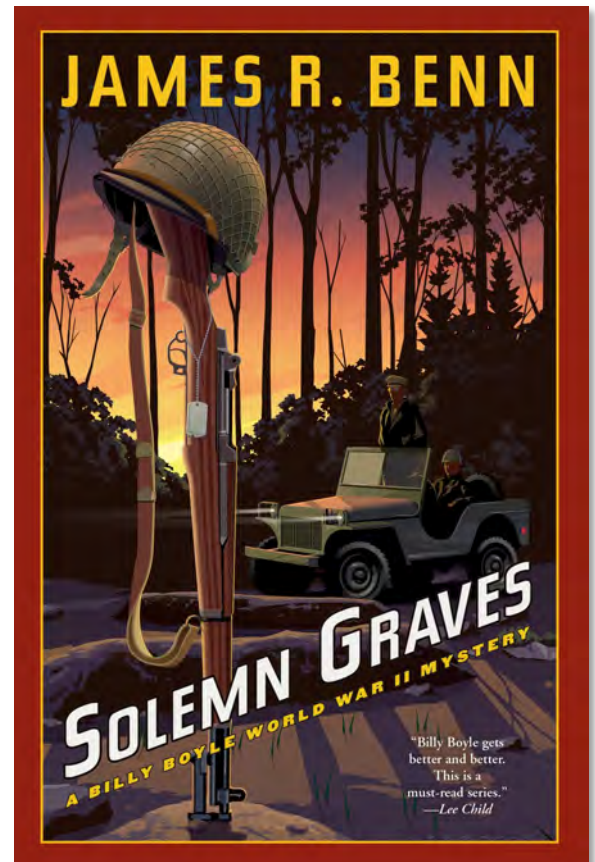
—*Lee Child*

“Terrific . . . Razor-sharp.”

—*Joseph Finder*



James R. Benn is the author of the Billy Boyle World War II mysteries. The debut, *Billy Boyle*, was named one of five top mysteries of 2006 by Book Sense and was a Dilys Award nominee. *A Blind Goddess* was longlisted for the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, and *The Rest Is Silence* was a Barry Award nominee. Benn, a former librarian, splits his time between the Gulf Coast of Florida and Connecticut with his wife Deborah Mandel.



US publication: September 2018

World

Previous series sales to:

Poland: Bellona S.A.

- ◆ A fun, richly detailed whodunit focused on a little-known WWII battalion.
- ◆ James R. Benn is well established in the military fiction genre, and is gaining international award recognition.

Please see the next page for more information on the Billy Boyle WWII mysteries.

The Billy Boyle WWII Mysteries

by James R. Benn

About the Series

WWII Europe: Billy Boyle, an Irish-American cop from Boston, is promoted to detective at the outbreak of war. Billy is unwilling to fight—and perhaps die—for England, a country he barely knows. To protect him, his mother wrangles him a job through family connections. But it turns out his aunt’s husband is US General Dwight Eisenhower, whose headquarters are in overseas London during the Blitz. “Uncle” Ike has hired Billy as his private investigator in sensitive war-time military investigations throughout Europe.

- ◆ A sensitive exploration of major events in WWII through the lens of James R. Benn’s masterfully crafted mysteries.
- ◆ The US paperback edition of *Billy Boyle*, the first-in-series, has gone through several reprints in recent years due to continuing sell-through.

World

Previous individual book sales to:

Poland: Bellona S.A.

Praise for the Billy Boyle WWII Mysteries

“Benn’s Billy Boyle mysteries are always entertaining, filled with riveting characters, and beautifully plotted stories.”

—*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

“Stark and poignant.”

—*Denver Post*

“Exceptionally written . . . Whether a reader holds WWII books or suspense books close to their heart, this one will be a true find.”

—*Suspense Magazine*

“Captivating . . . Benn does a superb job of simultaneously capturing the personal anguish of war and creating a splendid adventure novel.”

—*Library Journal, Starred Review*



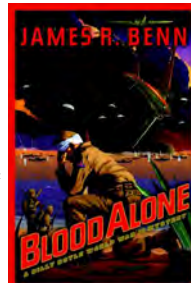
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Billy Boyle, a 22-year-old cop from Boston, finds himself in London during the Blitz. He must catch a Norwegian spy, and proves a better detective than even he thought.



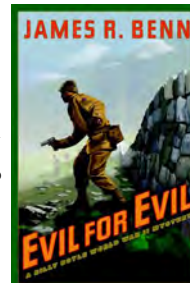
#2

Billy is to help arrange the surrender of Vichy forces in Algeria. But dissension among the army, militia, and de Gaulle’s Free French leads to multiple murders.



#3

Billy wakes up in a hospital in Sicily with amnesia. Despite this and several attempts on his life, he must fulfill his mission to enlist the head of the Sicilian Mafia for the Allies.



#4

Billy heads to Northern Ireland to find a stash of stolen weapons and to prevent the Irish Republic from joining the Axis, all with the help of a beautiful British Intelligence officer.



#5

Billy is sent to London amidst a Luftwaffe bombing offensive to investigate the murder of a Soviet official. The crime may stem from the discovery of mass graves in the Katyn Forest.



#6

Two US officers in Caserta have been murdered, a playing card found on each body. As the invasion at Anzio begins, Billy must keep levelheaded as the killer calculates his next move.



#7

An American monsignor is killed at Death’s Door, one of the entrances to St. Peter’s Basilica. Billy is smuggled into neutral Vatican territory, with the secret intent of rescuing his lover.



#8

Racism within the US Army is revealed as Billy races to stop an innocent African American soldier from being executed for a murder he didn’t commit.



#9

Just weeks before D-Day, Billy is sent to southern England to investigate an unidentified corpse that has washed ashore in a restricted training area, but hundreds of soggy corpses follow.



#10

Flashback to 1943: Billy is summoned to the South Pacific to solve a murder. A grudge between the Boyles and politically powerful Kennedys fuels the investigation in unknown territory.



#11

Falsely charged with black marketeering, Billy must take on an incredibly dangerous parachuting mission in Normandy just before D-Day and solve a murder to avoid punishment.

For more information about the author, please see the previous page.

Plum Rains

by Andromeda Romano-Lax

A groundbreaking new novel—part science fiction, part historical fiction—from the author of international bestseller and *New York Times* Editors' Choice *The Spanish Bow*.

2029: Japan is facing a population crisis, with childbirth rates at an all-time low and the elderly leading increasingly long lives. This has prompted an influx of immigrants from all over Asia to provide medical care.

In Tokyo, Angelica Navarro, a Philippine national, is the caretaker for Sayoko Itou, an intensely private woman on the cusp of turning 100. Angelica works night and day to keep her demanding client happy. But one day, Sayoko receives a present from her son: a cutting-edge robot caretaker that will learn to anticipate Sayoko's every need. Angelica wonders if she is about to be forced out of her much-needed job by a sentient object. As she fights back against the AI with all of her resources, Sayoko becomes more and more attached to the machine, and the old woman's secrets come tumbling out.

In a tour de force tapestry of science fiction and historical fiction, Andromeda Romano-Lax presents a story between Japan and Taiwan that spans a century of empire, conquest, progress, and destruction, elegantly addressing the intersection of labor and technology and the ecological fate of our planet.

Praise for Andromeda Romano-Lax

"An impressive and richly atmospheric debut."
—*The New York Times Book Review*

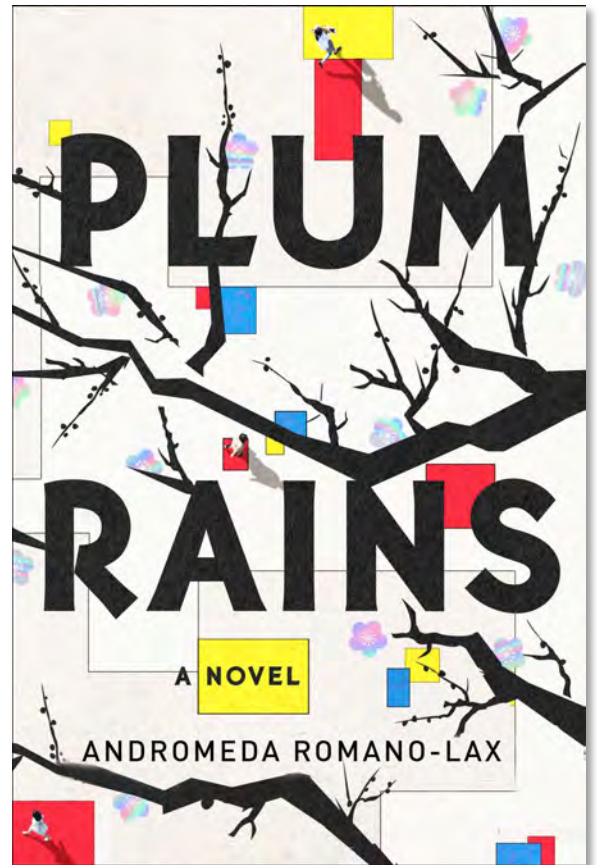
"Riveting." —*People Magazine*

"Ambitious and atmospheric." —*The Guardian*

"Rich and nuanced . . . The ethical issues presented here are both shocking and thought-provoking; and the intimate struggles of a woman weighing her value, utility, and satisfaction both within and outside the home certainly resonate today." —*The Boston Globe*



Andromeda Romano-Lax is the author of *The Spanish Bow*, a *New York Times* Editors' Choice that has been translated into 11 languages, *The Detour*, and *Behave*, as well as numerous works of nonfiction. She teaches in the low-residency MFA program at the University of Alaska Anchorage and is a co-founder of 49 Writers, a statewide literary organization. Recently, she has divided her time between Alaska, Mexico, and Asia.



US publication: June 2018

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Full manuscript available upon request.

- ◆ A work of literary sci-fi with an unexpected historical twist, from an author recognized for her historical fiction.
- ◆ A sophisticated and graceful treatment of such hot-button contemporary topics as immigration, globalization, and the intersection of technological progress and human labor.
- ◆ Portions set in World War II-era Taiwan drawn from the years the author spent living with the Tayal people.

Night Soil

by Dale Peck

Family secrets, sexual explorations, art world wealth, and legacies of racism and environmental destruction collide in the first new novel in a decade from award-winning writer and literary critic Dale Peck.

The art world falls in love with Dixie Stammers when it is discovered that not only are her pots mechanically perfect spheres, they are also identical, despite the fact that they are made entirely by hand, without benefit of a wheel, measuring device, or any other tool. Her teenage son, Judas, is pathologically shy, and retreats into a world of anonymous sexual encounters at a roadside rest area, although what he really longs for is a relationship with one of the boys at the private school he attends. This Academy was founded by Judas's ancestral grandfather, a nineteenth-century coal magnate. Driven by his mother's secretive nature, Judas's begins digging into his family's history, and the Academy's, until he unearths a series of secrets that causes him to question everything he thought he knew about his world.

Praise for *Night Soil*

"A novel about art, genius, capitalism, and the uncomfortable, full of the pleasures of the unbeautiful and the broken, from the only genius I know who could write it and live. An incisive, shrewd meditation on just what marks the limits of the human heart, and why."

—Alexander Chee, author of *The Queen of the Night*

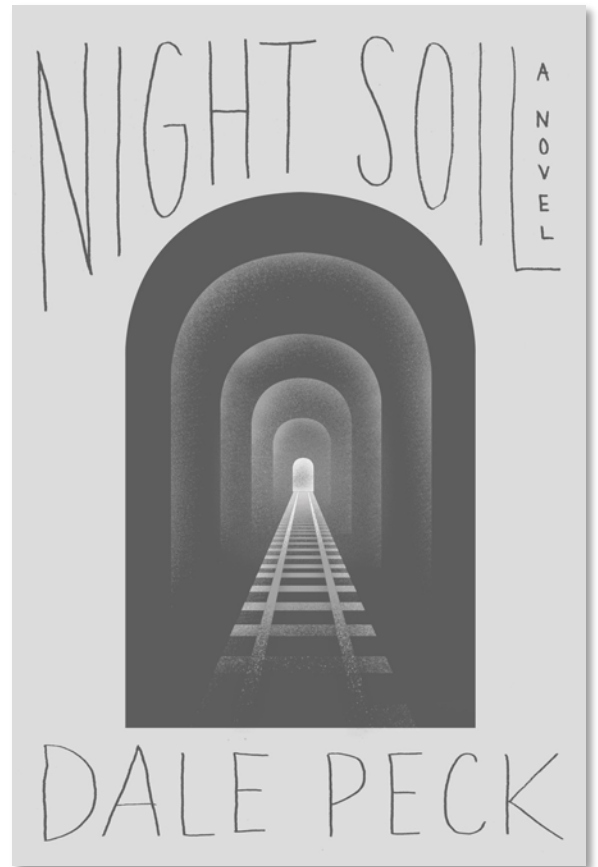
"Nobody writes queer coming-of-age tales of love and longing like Dale Peck. We've been waiting a decade for another novel, and *Night Soil* delivers on every level and more . . . The novel is so lucky to have Dale Peck back."

—Porochista Khakpour, author of *Sick: A Memoir*

"A brilliant, beautiful, provocative novel about art, society and human consciousness itself . . . Peck has proven once again why he is among the most gifted of writers in the country."—Calvin Baker, author of *Grace*



Dale Peck is the author of fourteen books in a variety of genres, including *Visions and Revisions*, *Martin and John*, and *Hatchet Jobs*, and is the editor of *The Soho Press Book of '80s Short Fiction*. His fiction and criticism have appeared in dozens of publications and have earned him two O. Henry Awards, a Pushcart Prize, a Lambda Literary Award, and a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship. He lives in New York City, where he has taught in the New School's graduate writing program since 1999.



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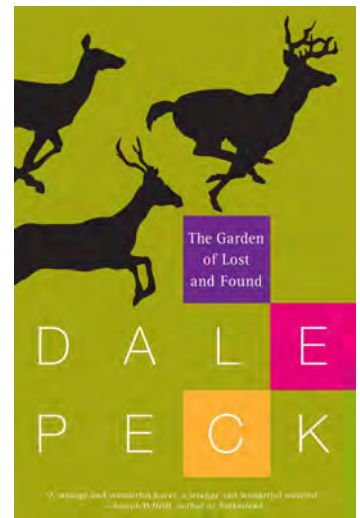
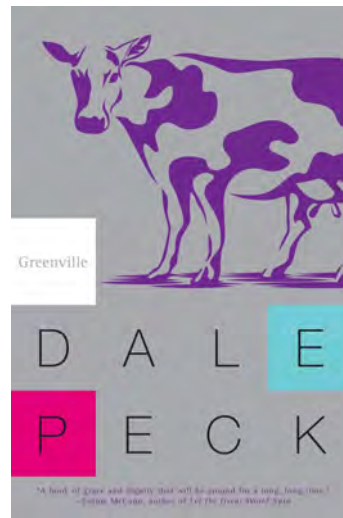
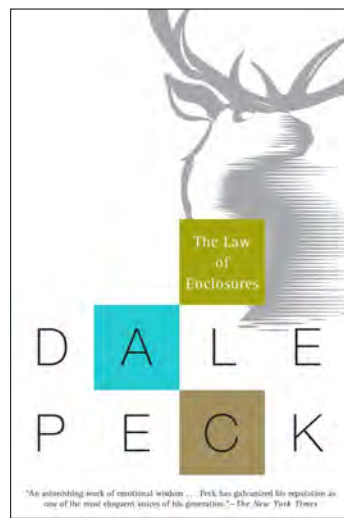
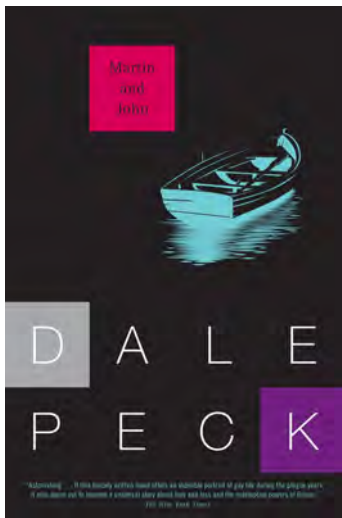
Full manuscript available upon request.

- ◆ Peck's previous work, thematically similar to *Night Soil*, has been translated into 10 languages.
- ◆ Critical reception for Dale Peck's fiction is consistently top-tier, and *Night Soil* is his first adult literary novel in a decade.

Please see the next page for information on Dale Peck's other fiction and nonfiction work.

The Work of Dale Peck

FICTION



Praise for the Novels of Dale Peck

“Peck has galvanized his reputation as one of the most eloquent voices of his generation.” —*The New York Times*

“Peck is not only one of the leading literary voices of his generation, but also one of the few avant-garde writers of any age who is changing the rules for prose fiction. His novels simultaneously define and defy the genre.” —*Los Angeles Times*

“Few writers have Dale Peck’s nerve. He writes without secrets, packing his novels with the intimacies of his life, his family, his sexuality.” —*The Nation*

“[Dale Peck] gives me what I look for most when I open a new book: a world that is our world and also full of things I didn’t know, characters in scenes that are at once recognizable and indelible.” —*Chicago Tribune*



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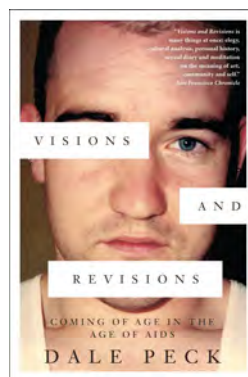
Martin & John: Netherlands: Atlas | Italy: Feltrinelli | Germany: Paul List | China: China Times | Japan: Hayakawa | Korea: Myung Kyung | Greece: Odysseas

The Law of Enclosures: UK: Vintage | Italy: Feltrinelli | Germany: Luchterhand | Netherlands: Atlas

Now It’s Time to Say Goodbye: UK: Chatto and Windus | Germany: Luchterhand | Netherlands: Atlas | Spain: Grijalbo Mondadori

Greenville: Germany: Albino | UK: Granta

NONFICTION



Praise for *Visions and Revisions*

“A flinty-eyed look into the heart of the [1990s] HIV epidemic . . . A compelling snapshot of the social activism that defined the era.” —*The New York Times Book Review*

“Peck shows himself to be a memoirist in Sontag’s mold.” —*Los Angeles Review of Books*

“A coming-of-age tale for both the gay community at large and a nation coming to terms with that community’s place in American society.” —*The Boston Globe*

We're Doomed. Now What?

Essays on War and Climate Change

by Roy Scranton

The time we've been thrown into is one of alarming and bewildering change—the breakup of the post-1945 global order, a multispecies mass extinction, and the beginning of the end of civilization as we know it. Not one of us is innocent, not one of us is safe. Now what?

We're Doomed. Now What? addresses the crisis that is our time through a series of brilliant, moving, and original essays on climate change, war, memory, and loss, from one of the most provocative and iconoclastic minds of his generation. Whether writing about sailing through the melting Arctic, preparing for Houston's next big storm, watching *Star Wars*, reading Anne Carson, or going back to the streets of Baghdad he once patrolled as a soldier, Roy Scranton handles his subjects with the same electric, philosophical, demotic touch that he brought to his groundbreaking and enormously popular *New York Times* essay, "Learning How to Die in the Anthropocene."

An American Orwell for the age of Trump, Roy Scranton faces the unpleasant facts of our day with fierce insight and harrowing honesty. *We're Doomed. Now What?* penetrates to the very heart of our time.

Praise for *We're Doomed, Now What?*

"Roy Scranton is one of the most gifted writers of his generation."

—Amitav Ghosh, author of *The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable*

"Roy Scranton is our Jeremiah of the anthropocene and a brutally honest chronicler of American violence in all its forms. His message is as urgent as it is discomfiting. Hear him."

—Andrew J. Bacevich, author of *America's War for the Greater East: A Military History*



Roy Scranton is the author of the novel *War Porn* and the philosophical nonfiction work *Learning to Die in the Anthropocene*, and the coeditor of *Fire and Forget: Short Stories from the Long War*. His journalism, essays, and fiction have been published in *The Nation*, *Rolling Stone*, *The New York Times*, *Boston Review*, and elsewhere. He holds a PhD in English from Princeton and an MA from the New School for Social Research, and teaches in the Department of English at the University of Notre Dame.



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World + Media

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- ◆ Scranton's searing debut novel, *War Porn*, was met with powerhouse critical acclaim.
- ◆ A necessary voice in turbulent times from the author of *Learning to Die in the Anthropocene*, an original, successful nonfiction work based on Scranton's *New York Times* article.
- ◆ Scranton is at work on a forthcoming satirical novel about three filmmakers who travel across Trump's America to make a documentary and discover both the joy and pain of pursuing their dreams on a drowning hot-house planet.

The Darkest Child

by Delores Phillips

A new edition of this award-winning modern classic, with new introduction from Tayari Jones, excerpt of the author's unfinished sequel, and discussion guide.

Parkersfield, Georgia, 1958: Thirteen-year-old Tangy Mae Quinn is the sixth of ten fatherless siblings. She is the darkest-skinned among them and therefore the ugliest in her mother, Rozelle's, estimation, but she's also the brightest. Rozelle—beautiful, charismatic, and light-skinned—exercises a violent hold over her children. Fearing abandonment, she pulls them from school at the age of twelve and sends them to earn their keep for the household, whether in domestic service, in the fields, or at “the farmhouse” on the edge of town, where Rozelle beds local men for money.

But Tangy Mae has been selected to be part of the first integrated class at a nearby white high school. She has a chance to change her life, but can she break from Rozelle's grasp without ruinous—even fatal—consequences?

Praise for *The Darkest Child*

Winner of the Black Caucus of the ALA Award
Nominee for the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award

“Filled with grand plot events and clearly identifiable villains and victims . . . lush with detail and captivating with its story of racial tension and family violence.”—*The Washington Post Book World*

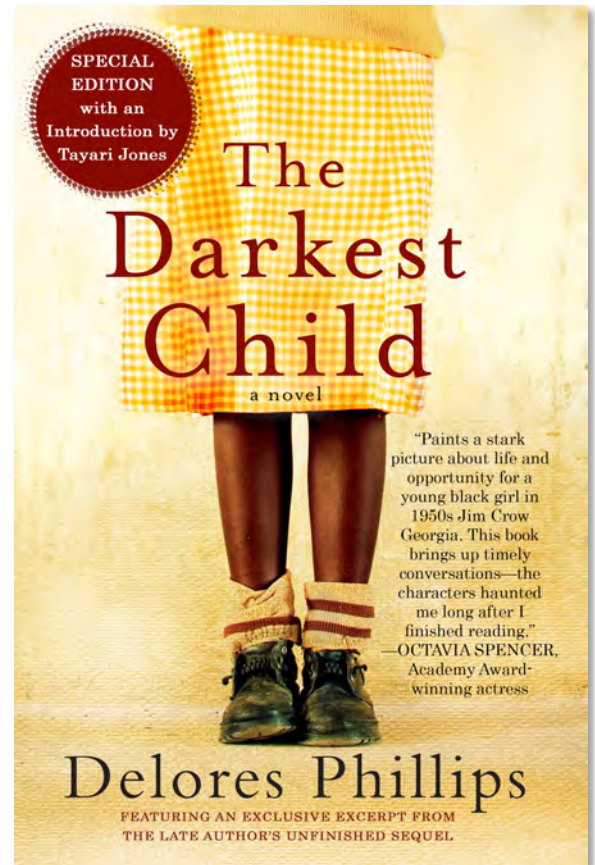
“A well-written story that underscores the power of education . . . This book brings up timely conversations—the characters haunted me long after I finished reading.”—Octavia Spencer, Academy Award-winning actress from *The Help* and *Hidden Figures*

“*The Darkest Child* is an exceptional debut from a most talented writer. Epic in scope, intimate in tone, it is sure to find a special place in the deepest crevices of your heart.”—Edwidge Danticat

“Phillips writes with a no-nonsense elegance . . . *The Darkest Child* is one of the harshest novels to arrive in many years . . . with a depth of characterization worthy of Chekhov, pitch-perfect dialogue, and a profound knowledge of the segregated South in the '50s.”—*The New Leader*



Delores Phillips was born in Bartow County, Georgia, in 1950, the second of four children. She graduated from Cleveland State University with a bachelor of arts in English and worked as a nurse at a state psychiatric hospital in Cleveland. Her work has appeared in *Jean's Journal*, *Black Times*, and *The Crisis*. She passed away in 2014; *The Darkest Child* is her only novel.



US publication (new edition): January 2018

World + Media

UK: Marion Boyars

Full manuscript available upon request.

- ◆ An important, timeless work that has gained a broad grassroots following.
- ◆ Featuring a brand-new introduction by Tayari Jones, the award-winning author of the 2018 Oprah's Book Club Pick, *An American Marriage*.
- ◆ Not only delves into the dynamics of race and politics, but weaves them seamlessly into the heartbreaking story of a troubled family and a young girl's coming-of-age.

Maisie Dobbs

by Jacqueline Winspear

After 10 years as a Penguin paperback in the US, *Maisie Dobbs* returns to Soho in an all-new Soho Crime edition!

Maisie Dobbs began as a maid in an aristocratic London household at thirteen. Her employer, suffragette Lady Rowan Compton, soon became her patron, and Lady Rowan's friend Maurice Blanche, an investigator retained by the European elite, recognized Maisie's gifts and helped her earn admission to the prestigious Girton college, where Maisie was to complete her education.

The outbreak of war changed everything. Maisie trained as a nurse, then left to serve in France, where she found—and lost—an important part of herself. Ten years after the Armistice, in the spring of 1929, Maisie sets out on her own as a private investigator. Her very first case involves suspected infidelity but reveals something very different.

In the war's aftermath, a former officer founded a working farm known as "The Retreat" for ex-soldiers too shattered to resume normal life. When Maisie receives her second case involving The Retreat, she must confront the ghost that has haunted her for over a decade.

Praise for *Maisie Dobbs*

A *NEW YORK TIMES* NOTABLE BOOK

WINNER OF THE AGATHA, MACAVITY, & ALEX AWARDS

"[A] deft debut."—*The New York Times*

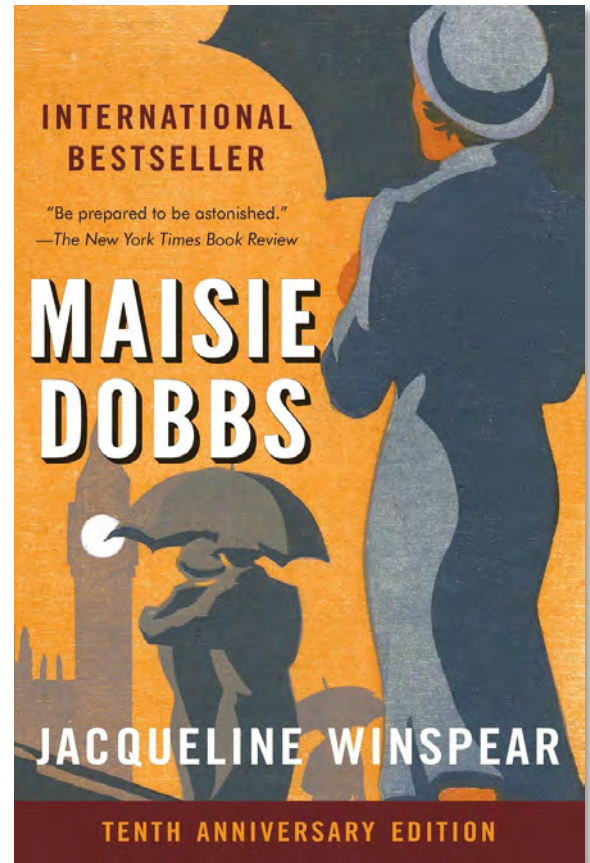
"[Winspear] has created a winning character about whom readers will want to read more."—*The Associated Press*

"[Maisie Dobbs] catches the sorrow of a lost generation in the character of one exceptional woman."—*Chicago Tribune*

"Much more than a cosy mystery—it is also about women's growing emancipation and the profound changes to society after the First World War."—*Mail on Sunday*



Jacqueline Winspear is the author of *New York Times* bestsellers *Among the Mad* and *An Incomplete Revenge*, as well as eight other Maisie Dobbs novels. Originally from Kent, England, she now lives in California. This is her first book in the critically acclaimed and internationally bestselling Maisie Dobbs series.



US publication (new edition): June 2014

World

England: John Murray Ltd.

France: LGF

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Norway: Gyldendal

Russia: AST

Sweden: Norstedts

Netherlands: De Fontein

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Israel: Aryeh Nir

Germany: Rowohlt

China: Ten Points Press

Italy: RCS. Libri

Japan: Hayakawa

Spain: Ediciones B

- ◆ An international bestseller with over 10 million lifetime sales!
- ◆ Continues to sell hundreds of copies each week in the US.
- ◆ Translated into 14 languages.
- ◆ Good for schools: Adopted in 65 US classrooms since 2010.

Birds of a Feather

by Jacqueline Winspear

The second entry in Jacqueline Winspear's internationally bestselling *Maisie Dobbs* series returns to Soho!

Jacqueline Winspear's marvelous debut, *Maisie Dobbs*, won her fans from coast to coast and raised her intuitive, intelligent, and resourceful heroine to the ranks of literature's favorite sleuths. *Birds of a Feather*, its follow-up, finds psychologist and private investigator Maisie Dobbs on another dangerously intriguing adventure in London "between the wars."

It is the spring of 1930, and Maisie has been hired to find a runaway heiress. But what seems a simple case at the outset soon becomes increasingly complicated when three of the heiress's old friends are found dead. Is there a connection between the woman's mysterious disappearance and the murders? Who would want to kill three seemingly respectable young women? As Maisie investigates, she discovers that the answers lie in the unforgettable agony of the Great War.

Praise for *Birds of a Feather*

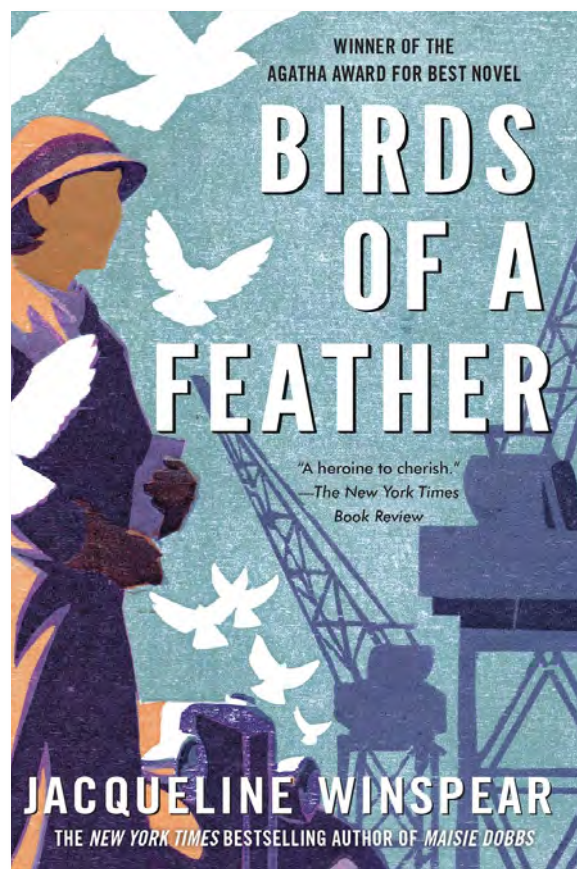
WINNER OF THE AGATHA AWARD

"Haunting . . . A heroine to cherish."
— *The New York Times Book Review*

"*Birds of a Feather* succeeds both as a suspenseful mystery and as a picture of a time and place." — *The Boston Globe*

"If you like classic mysteries . . . you'll love Winspear's *Birds of a Feather*."
— *The Denver Post*

"Chilling, suspenseful . . . Readers will be eager to see more of the spunky Maisie." — *Publishers Weekly, Starred Review*



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- ◆ Critically acclaimed follow-up to *Maisie Dobbs*, with an excellent sales track in the US.

For more about the author, please see the previous page.

Smaller and Smaller Circles

by F.H. Batacan

F.H. Batacan's harrowing mystery debut follows two Catholic priests on the hunt through Manila for a brutal serial killer

Payatas, a 50-acre dump northeast of Manila's Quezon City, is home to thousands of people who live off of what they can scavenge there. It is one of the poorest neighborhoods in a city whose law enforcement is already stretched thin, devoid of forensic resources and rife with corruption. So when the eviscerated bodies of preteen boys begin to appear in the dump heaps, there is no one to seek justice on their behalf.

In the rainy summer of 1997, two Jesuit priests take the matter of protecting their flock into their own hands. Father Gus Saenz is a respected forensic anthropologist, one of the few in the Philippines, and has been tapped by the Director of the National Bureau of Investigations as a backup for police efforts. Together with his protégé, Father Jerome Lucero, a psychologist, Saenz dedicates himself to tracking down the monster preying on these impoverished boys.

Smaller and Smaller Circles, widely regarded as the first Filipino crime novel, is a poetic masterpiece of literary noir, a sensitive depiction of a time and place, and a fascinating story about the Catholic Church and its place in its devotees' lives.

Praise for *Smaller and Smaller Circles*

WINNER OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD, THE CARLOS PALANCA MEMORIAL AWARD, & THE MADRIGAL-GONZALEZ BEST FIRST BOOK AWARD

"A good, old-fashioned serial killer novel . . . [featuring] a dogged pair who are a welcome addition to the ranks of ecclesiastical sleuths." —*The Guardian*

"[An] outstanding debut." —*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

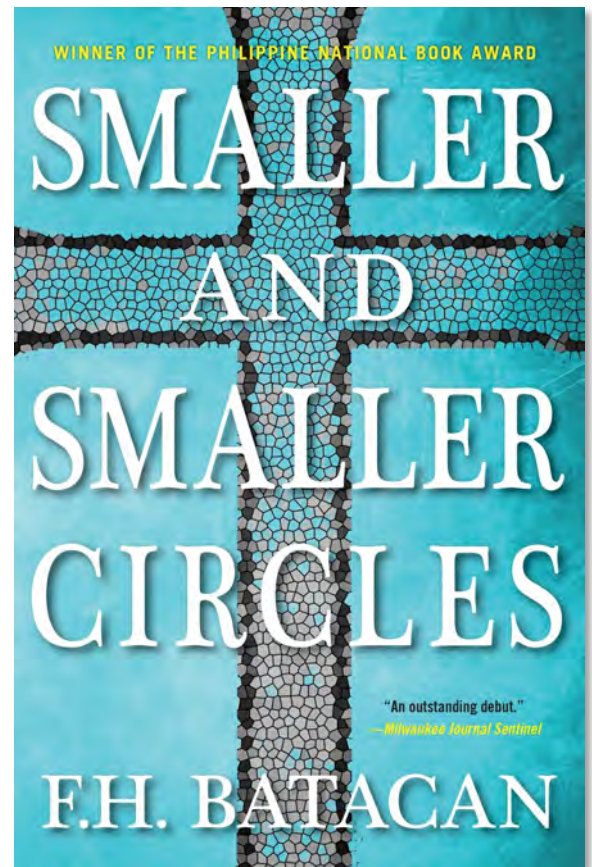
"Claustrophobic, opaque, and dark." —*Los Angeles Review of Books*

"Richly detailed and deeply unsettling . . . it's clear from this gruesome tale that refuse isn't the only thing that's rotten in Manila."

—*Publishers Weekly, Starred Review*



F.H. Batacan is a Filipino journalist, musician, and crime fiction writer currently based in Singapore. After ten years of working in the Philippine intelligence community, she turned to broadcast journalism. *Smaller and Smaller Circles*, her fiction debut, won the Philippine National Book Award.



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India: *Attic Books*

Japan: *Thousands of Books*

Film: *Tuko Productions*

- ◆ Winner of the:
 - ◇ Philippine National Book Award
 - ◇ Carlos Palanca Grand Prize
 - ◇ Madrigal-Gonzalez Award
- ◆ Widely acknowledged as the first Filipino crime novel, and is now a feature film!
- ◆ Literary noir with incredible commercial appeal, as well as a fascinating story about the role of the Catholic Church its devotees' lives and communities.

Innocence; or, Murder on Steep Street

by Heda Margolius Kovály

This rediscovered masterpiece, the only work of fiction by the memoirist behind *Under a Cruel Star*, captures a chilling moment in the stifling early days of Communist Czechoslovakia.

1950s Prague is a city of numerous daily terrors, of political tyranny, corruption and surveillance. There is no way of knowing whether one's neighbor is spying for the government, or what one's supposed friend will say under pressure to a State Security agent. A loyal Party member might be imprisoned or executed as quickly as a traitor; innocence means nothing for a person caught in a government trap. When a little boy is murdered at the cinema, the ensuing investigation sheds a little too much light on the personal lives of the cinema's female ushers, each of whom is hiding a dark secret of her own.

Praise for *Innocence; or, Murder on Steep Street*

AN NPR BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR

"An extraordinary novel . . . A remarkable work of art with the intrigue of a spy puzzle, the irony of a political fable, the shrewdness of a novel of manners, and the toughness of a hard-boiled murder mystery."—*The Wall Street Journal*

"A luminous testament from a dark time, *Innocence* is at once a clever homage to Raymond Chandler, and a portrait of a city—Prague—caught and held fast in a state of Kafkaesque paranoia. Only a great survivor could have written such a book."—John Banville

"The great draw of *Innocence; or, Murder on Steep Street* is the menacing view it gives us of communist Prague . . . Kovály channels Chandler but takes him into a landscape far, far away from wide-open L.A."—NPR's *Fresh Air*

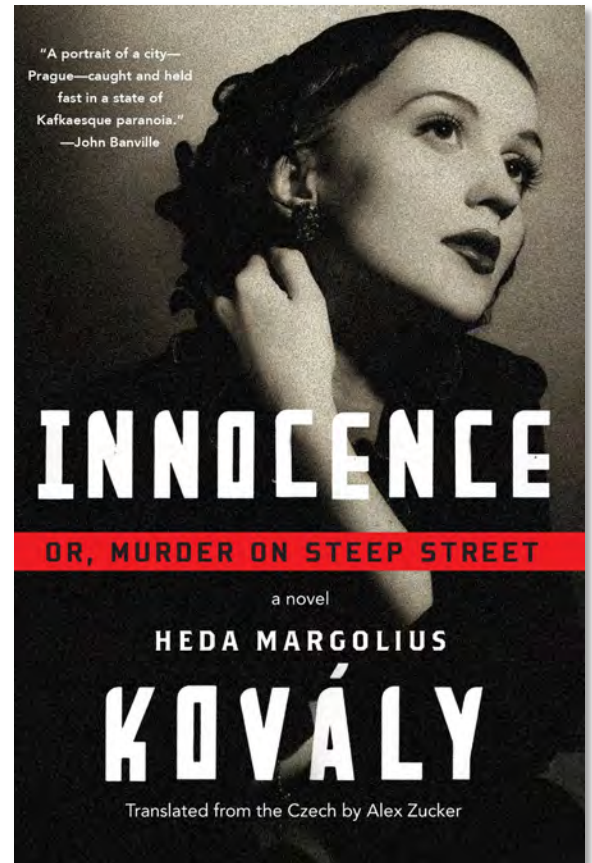
"A sharp, moving indictment of Soviet-style communism, and of any ideology that relies on fear to subdue."—*Minneapolis Star-Tribune*



Heda Margolius Kovály, a Czech writer and translator, was born in 1919 in Prague to Jewish parents. *Under a Cruel Star*, Kovály's memoir of her time in Auschwitz and the early years of Czechoslovak communism, was first published in 1973 and has since been translated into many languages all over the world. *Innocence* is based in large part on her own experiences in early 1950s Prague. Kovály died in 2010 at age 91.



Alex Zucker has translated novels by Czech authors Jáchym Topol, Miloslava Holubová, Petra Hůlová, and Patrik Ouředník. He has received an English PEN Award for Writing in Translation, an NEA Literary Fellowship, and the ALTA National Translation Award. Alex lives in Brooklyn, New York.



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- ◆ *Innocence*, Kovály's only work of fiction, was met with excellent critical reception.
- ◆ A stunning psychological crime novel of Cold War Prague with an all-female cast; extraordinary in its time and place.
- ◆ Kovály's memoir, *Under a Cruel Star*, has been published in over 30 countries and is a classic that is widely taught in schools.

The Farming of Bones

by Edwidge Danticat

It is 1937 and Amabelle Désir, a young Haitian woman living in the Dominican Republic, has built herself a life as the servant and companion of a wealthy colonel's wife. She and Sebastian, a cane worker, are deeply in love and plan to marry. But Amabelle's world collapses when a wave of genocidal violence, driven by Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo, leads to the slaughter of Haitian workers. Amabelle and Sebastian are separated, and she desperately flees the tide of violence for a Haiti she barely remembers.

Already acknowledged as a classic, this harrowing story of love and survival—from one of the most important voices of her generation—is an unforgettable memorial to the victims of the Parsley Massacre and a testimony to the power of human memory.

Praise for *The Farming of Bones*

A *NEW YORK TIMES* NOTABLE BOOK

A BOOKLIST EDITOR'S CHOICE

A *PUBLISHERS WEEKLY* BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR

"A powerful, haunting novel."—*TIME*

"Exquisite . . . *Bones* lingers in the consciousness like an unforgettable nightmare."—*Entertainment Weekly*

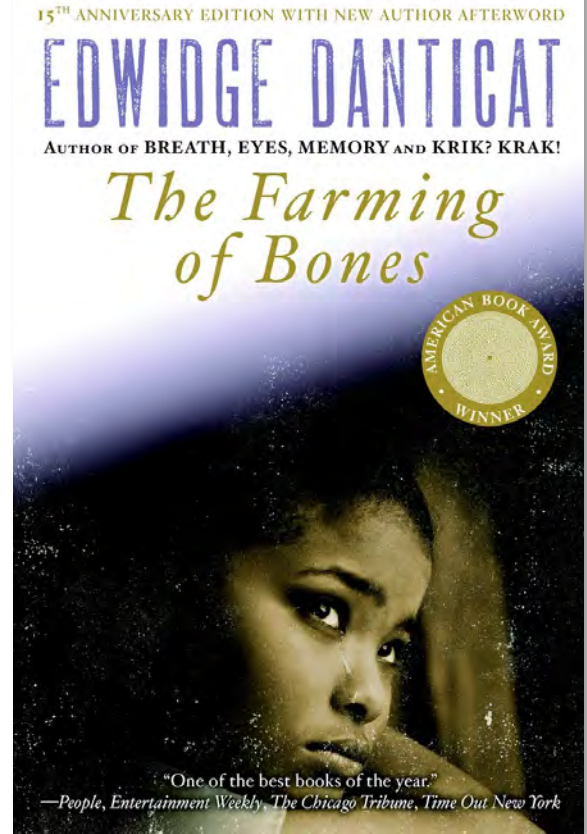
"A beautifully conceived work, with monumental themes."—*The Nation*

"Steely, nuanced . . . A testament to Danticat's skill."—*The New Yorker*

"[With] hallucinatory vigor and a sense of mission . . . *The Farming of Bones* offers ample confirmation of Edwidge Danticat's considerable talents."—*The New York Times Book Review*

"[Danticat] is a brilliant storyteller. Her language is simple, gorgeous, and enticing."—*Time Out New York*

"[Danticat] infuses the dreamlike prose of her earlier works with a politicized resonance in her second novel . . . An eye-opening and delicately written testimonial to the 'nameless and faceless' who died in a historically overlooked conflict."—*The Wall Street Journal*



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France: Grasset, UGE Poche (paperback)

Netherlands: Wereldbiblioteek

Norway: Pax Forlag

Reverted:

Denmark: Fremad

US paperback: Penguin

Finland: Gummerus

UK: Little, Brown

Spain: Editorial Lumen

Latin America: Grupo Editorial Norma

Sweden: Norstedts

Hungary: Europa Kiado

Germany: Econ, Ullstein

Japan: Sakuhinsha

Italy: Piemme

Israel: Kinneret



Edwidge Danticat is the author of numerous books, including *Brother, I'm Dying*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award and was a National Book Award finalist; *Breath, Eyes, Memory*, an Oprah Book Club selection; *Krik? Krak!*, a National Book Award finalist; *The Dew Breaker*, winner of the inaugural Story Prize; *The Farming of Bones*, which won an American Book Award for fiction in 1999; and *Claire of the Sea Light*. The recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, she has been published in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, and elsewhere.

Breath, Eyes, Memory

by Edwidge Danticat

The 20th anniversary edition of Edwidge Danticat's groundbreaking debut, now an established classic—revised and with a new introduction by the author, and including extensive bonus materials

At the age of twelve, Sophie Caco is sent from her impoverished Haitian village to New York to be reunited with a mother she barely remembers. There she discovers secrets that no child should ever know, and a legacy of shame that can be healed only when she returns to Haiti—to the women who first reared her. What ensues is a passionate journey through a landscape charged with the supernatural and scarred by political violence. In her stunning literary debut, Danticat evokes the wonder, terror, and heartache of her native Haiti—and the enduring strength of Haiti's women—with vibrant imagery and narrative grace that bear witness to her people's suffering and courage.

Praise for *Breath, Eyes, Memory*

AN OPRAH BOOK CLUB SELECTION

“Vibrant, magic . . . Danticat's elegant, intricate tale wraps readers into the haunting life of a young Haitian girl.” —*The Boston Globe*

“Danticat's calm clarity of vision takes on the resonance of folk art . . . Extraordinarily successful.” —*The New York Times Book Review*

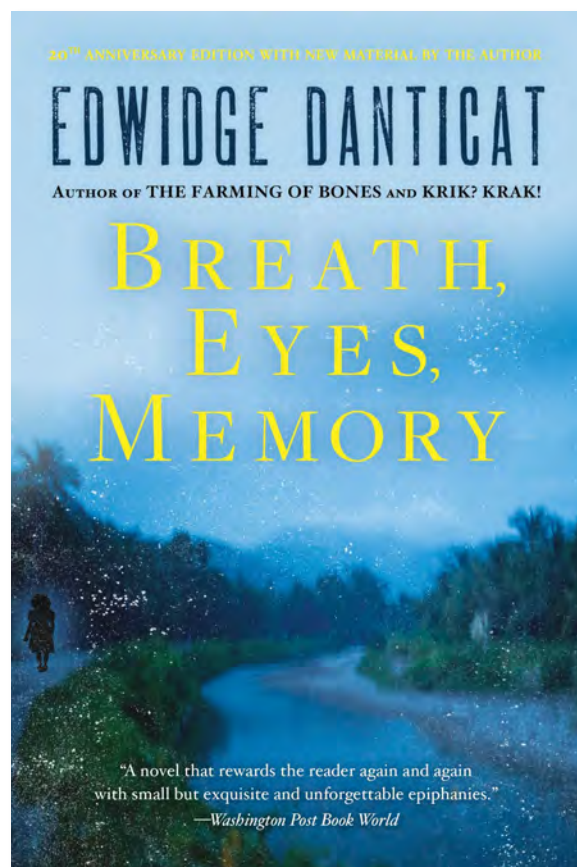
“A novel that rewards the reader again and again with small but exquisite and unforgettable epiphanies.” —*Washington Post Book World*

“Written in prose as clear as a bell, magical as a butterfly, and resonant as drum talk . . . An impressive debut.”

—Julia Alvarez, author of *In the Time of the Butterflies*

“A remarkable experience . . . It is clear in retrospect that this is a novel whose literary resonance has been profound, one that opened many doors for others—without it, would we have *The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*?” —*Barnes & Noble Review*

For more about the author, please see the previous page.



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UK: Little, Brown

Finland: Gummerus

Reverted:

Poland: G+J

US paperback: Vintage

Polska

Israel: Kinneret

Germany: Econ

Sweden: Natur & Kultur

France: Pygmalion

Norway: Adventura, Pax

Spain: Columna Ediciones

Netherlands: Wereldbibliotek

Barcelona: Columna

Korea: Doongji

Denmark: Forlaget Fremad

Japan: DHC

Krik? Krak!

by Edwidge Danticat

When Haitians tell a story, they say “Krik?” and the eager listeners answer “Krak!” In her second novel, Edwidge Danticat establishes herself as the latest heir to that narrative tradition with nine stories that encompass both the cruelties and the high ideals of Haitian life. They tell of women who continue loving behind prison walls and in the face of unfathomable loss—of a people who resist the brutality of their rulers through the powers of imagination. The result is a collection that outrages, saddens, and transports the reader with its sheer beauty.

*Praise for **Krik? Krak!***

“Steeped in the myths and lore that sustained generations of Haitians, *Krik? Krak!* demonstrates the healing power of storytelling.”

—*San Francisco Chronicle*

“Flawless . . . If the news from Haiti is too painful to read, read this book instead and understand the place more deeply than you ever thought possible.” —*Washington Post Book World*

“The voices of *Krik? Krak!* . . . encapsulate whole lifetimes of experience. Harsh, passionate, lyrical.” —*The Seattle Times*

“Steady-handed yet devastating . . . In Danticat’s fiction, mind and spirit soar above the pain and horrors of life.” —*Booklist*

“Danticat beautifully balances the poverty, despair, and brutality her characters endure with magic and myth . . . Highly recommended.”

—*Library Journal*

“Spare, luminous stories that read like poems . . . A silenced Haiti has once again found its literary voice.” —**Paule Marshall**, author of *Daughters*

For more about the author, please see page 25.



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US paperback: *Vintage*

Reverted:

Denmark: *Forlaget*

Fremad

Japan: *Gogatsu Shobo*

Italy: *Baldini & Castaldi*

Netherlands: *Wereldbibli-
otek*

Slovenia: *Sanje*

England: *Little, Brown*

Germany: *Econ, Ullstein*

Latin America: *Norma*

Spain: *Editorial Lumen*

The Devil's Cup

by Stewart Lee Allen

"Essential reading for foodies, java-junkies, anthropologists, and anyone else interested in funny, sardonically told adventure stories."

—Anthony Bourdain, author of *Kitchen Confidential*

Full of historical insights and laced with humor, *The Devil's Cup* is not only a history of coffee, but a travelogue of a risk-taking seeker.

In this captivating book, Stewart Lee Allen treks three-quarters of the way around the world on a caffeinated quest to answer these profound questions: Did the advent of coffee give birth to an enlightened western civilization? Is coffee, indeed, the substance that drives history? From the cliff-hanging villages of Southern Yemen, where coffee beans were first cultivated eight hundred years ago, to a cavernous coffeehouse in Calcutta, the drinking spot for two of India's three Nobel Prize winners . . . from Parisian salons and cafés where the French Revolution was born, to the roadside diners and chain restaurants of the good ol' USA, where something resembling brown water passes for coffee, Allen wittily proves that the world was wired long before the Internet. And those who deny the power of coffee (namely tea-drinkers) do so at their own peril.

Praise for *The Devil's Cup*

"Stewart Lee Allen is the Hunter S. Thompson of coffee, offering a wild, caffeinated, gonzo tour of the World of the Magic Bean. His wry, adventurous prose delights, astonishes, amuses, and informs."

—Mark Pendergrast, author of *Uncommon Grounds: The History of Coffee and How It Transformed Our World*

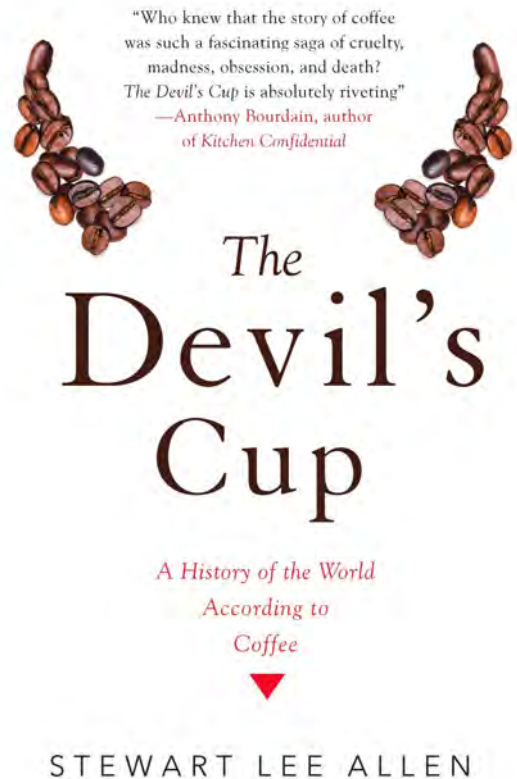
"Funny as hell. Stewart Allen's pursuit of the perfect coffee bean whisks the amused reader past Ethiopian bandits, around Parisian waiters, and into aromatic dens from Turkey to Brazil. Good to the last drop."

—Mort Rosenblum, author of *Olives*

"Allen's endless stream of coffee-related stories—from hunting down the French coffee prophet De Clieu's sole living relative to seeing the Whirling Dervishes perform in a Turkish basketball stadium—makes for a fascinating read." —*The Austin Chronicle*



Stewart Lee Allen's books on how food and drink shape human society have been translated into 15 languages. He currently lives in Manhattan.



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World

UK: Canongate	Reverted:
China: Guangdong People's Publishing	US paperback: Ballantine
Turkey: Kitap Yayınevi	Germany: Campus Verlag
Korea: Imago	Spain: Oceano
Italy: Feltrinelli	France: Editions Noir Sur Blanc
Taiwan: China Times	Netherlands: Uitgeverij de Boekerij
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