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A CALAMITY OF SOULS

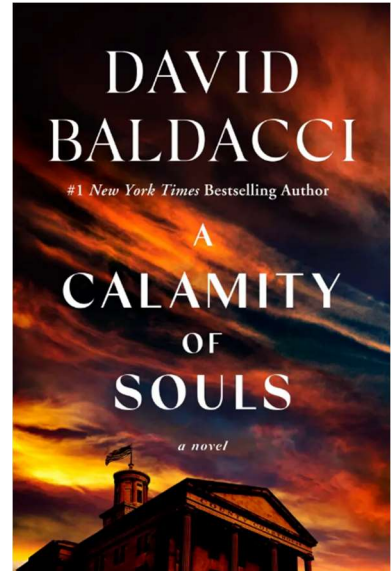
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“This ranks among the author’s best.”
– *Publishers Weekly*

“A high-octane legal thriller anchored by a family drama
that will break your heart.”
– **Ken Follett**

“*A Calamity of Souls* is a big-hearted page-turner about
fighting for what’s right in a world filled with wrong.”
– #1 *New York Times* bestselling author **Jeannette Walls**

“This lustrous, atmospheric novel takes us back and
moves us forward in one riveting read. An instant classic
from America's favorite storyteller.”
–**Adriana Trigiani, *New York Times* bestselling author
of *The Good Left Undone***



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: April 16, 2024

Foreign Sales: UK – Pan Macmillan; Sweden – Bokfabiken; Holland – Bruna

SYNOPSIS:

Jack Lee is a white lawyer from Freeman County, Virginia, who has never done anything to push back against racism, until he decides to represent Jerome Washington, a Black man charged with brutally killing an elderly and wealthy white couple. Doubting his decision, Lee fears that his legal skills may not be enough to prevail in a case where the odds are already stacked against both him and his client. And he quickly finds himself out of his depth when he realizes that what is at stake is far greater than the outcome of a murder trial.

Desiree DuBose is a Black lawyer from Chicago who has devoted her life to furthering the causes of justice and equality for everyone. She comes to Freeman County and enters a fractious and unwieldy partnership with Lee in a legal battle against the best prosecutor in the Commonwealth. Yet DuBose is also aware that powerful outside forces are at work to blunt the victories achieved by the Civil Rights era.

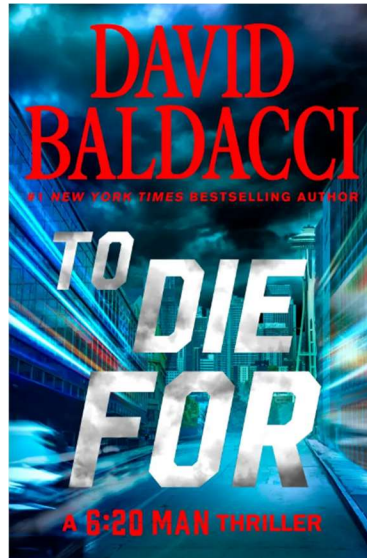
Lee and DuBose could not be more dissimilar. On their own, neither one can stop the prosecution’s deliberate march towards a guilty verdict and the electric chair. But together, the pair fight for what once seemed impossible: a chance for a fair trial and true justice.

Over a decade in the writing, *A Calamity of Souls* breathes richly imagined and detailed life into a bygone era, taking the reader through a world that will seem both foreign and familiar.

David Baldacci

TO DIE FOR – Book 3 in the Travis Devine series

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: November 12, 2024

Foreign Sales: UK – Pan Macmillan; Sweden – Bokfabriken; Holland – Bruna; Vietnam – 1980 Books

SYNOPSIS:

From a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, the 6:20 Man returns, this time sent to the Pacific Northwest to aid the in a complicated FBI case—and he’s about to come face-to-face with his nemesis, the girl on the train.

Travis Devine has become a pro at accomplishing any mission he's given. But this time it's not his skills that send him to Seattle to aid the FBI in escorting orphaned, twelve-year-old Betsy Odom to a meeting with her uncle, who's under federal investigation. Instead, he's hoping to lay low and keep off the radar of an enemy—the girl on the train.

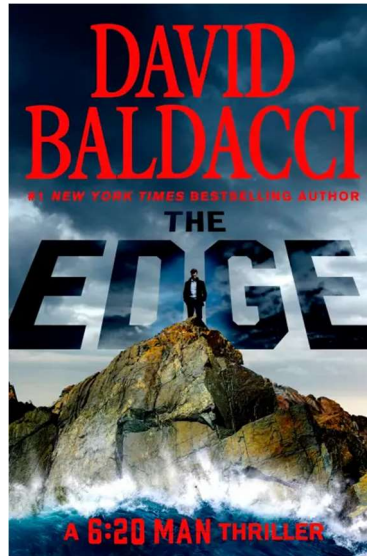
But as Devine gets to know Betsy, questions begin to arise around the death of her parents. Devine digs for answers, and what he finds points to a conspiracy bigger than he could've ever imagined.

It might finally be time for Devine and the girl on the train to come face-to-face. Devine is going to find out the difference between his friends and his enemies—and in some cases, they might well be both.

David Baldacci

THE EDGE – Book 2 in the Travis Devine series

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: November 12, 2023

Foreign Sales: UK – Pan Macmillan; Sweden – Bokfabriken; Holland – Bruna; Catalan – Efadós; Bulgaria – Obsidian; Korea – Thenan; Hungary – General Press; Germany – Lubbe; Vietnam – 1980 Books; Serbia – Carobna Knjiga

SYNOPSIS:

When CIA operative Jenny Silkwell is murdered in rural Maine, government officials have immediate concerns over national security. Her laptop and phone were full of state secrets that, in the wrong hands, endanger the lives of countless operatives. In need of someone who can solve the murder quickly and retrieve the missing information, the U.S. government knows just the chameleon they can call on.

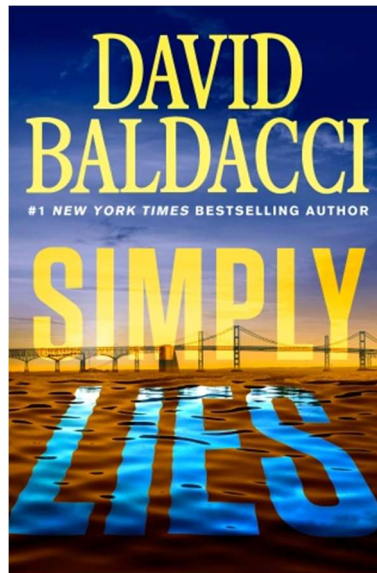
Ex-Army Ranger Travis Devine spent his time in the military preparing to take on any scenario, followed by his short-lived business career chasing shadows in the deepest halls of power, so his analytical mind makes him particularly well-suited for complex, high-stakes tasks. Taking down the world's largest financial conspiracy proved his value, and in comparison, this case looks straightforward. Except small towns hold secrets and Devine finds himself an outsider again.

Devine must ingratiate himself with locals who have trusted each other their whole lives, and who distrust outsiders just as much. Dak, Jenny's brother, who's working to revitalize the town. Earl, the retired lobsterman who found Jenny's body. And Alex, Jenny's sister with a dark past of her own. As Devine gets to know the residents of Putnam, Maine, answers seem to appear and then transform into more questions. There's a long history of secrets and those who will stop at nothing to keep them from being exposed. Leaving Devine with no idea who he can trust... and who wants him dead.

David Baldacci

SIMPLY LIES

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: April 18, 2023

Foreign Sales: UK – Pan Macmillan; Sweden – Bokfabriken; Holland – Bruna; Korea – Thenan; Hungary – General Press; Romania – Crime Scene Press; Germany – Lubbe; Catalan – Efadós; Italy – Fanucci; Bulgaria – Obsidian; Israel – Modan

SYNOPSIS:

Mickey Gibson, single mother and former detective, leads a hectic life similar to that of many moms: juggling the demands of her two small children with the tasks of her job working remotely for ProEye, a global investigation company that hunts down wealthy tax and credit cheats. When Mickey gets a call from a colleague named Arlene Robinson, she thinks nothing of Arlene’s unusual request for her to go inventory the vacant home of an arms dealer who cheated ProEye’s clients and fled. That is, until she arrives at the mansion to discover a dead body in a secret room—and that nothing is as it seems.

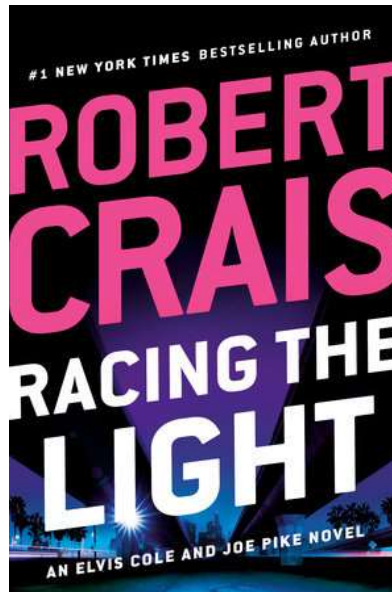
Not only does the arms dealer not exist but the murder victim turns out to be Harry Lancaster, a man with mob ties who used to be in Witness Protection. What’s more, no one named Arlene Robinson works at ProEye.

In the blink of an eye, Gibson has become a prime suspect in a murder investigation—and now her job is also on the line until she proves that she was set up. Before long, Gibson is locked in a battle of wits with a brilliant woman with no name, a hidden past, and unknown motives—whose end game is as mysterious as it is deadly.

Robert Crais

RACING THE LIGHT – featuring Elvis Cole and Joe Pike

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Putnam

U.S. Release: November 1, 2022

Foreign Sales: UK – Simon & Schuster UK; Italy – Mondadori;

SYNOPSIS:

Private investigator Elvis Cole and his enigmatic partner Joe Pike are back on the case in this brilliant new thriller from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Robert Crais.

Adele Schumacher isn't a typical worried mom. When she hires Elvis to find her missing son, a controversial podcaster named Josh Shoe, she brings a bag filled with cash, bizarre tales of government conspiracies, and a squad of professional bodyguards. Finding Josh should be simple, but Elvis quickly learns he isn't alone in the hunt—a deadly team of mysterious strangers are determined to find Josh and his adult film star girlfriend first. With dangerous secrets lurking behind every lead, Elvis needs his friend Joe Pike more than ever to uncover the truth about Josh, corrupt politicians, and the vicious business cartels rotting the heart of Los Angeles from within. And when Elvis's estranged girlfriend Lucy Chenier and her son, Ben, return, he learns just how much he has to lose...if he survives.

Written with the heart, humor, and relentless suspense for which Crais is famous, *Racing the Light* delivers Elvis Cole's most dangerous case yet.

In Robert Crais' inimitable style, he's created another brilliant "noir" mystery set in Los Angeles with his bestselling characters, Elvis Cole and Joe Pike.

On *Reader's Digest's* list of "30 new books we can't wait to read in 2022"

Harlan Coben

NOBODY'S FOOL

Contact: Lisa Erbach Vance

**#1 *New York Times*; #1 *Sunday Times*;
Global Bestselling Author**

**Creator of #1 global Netflix series
*Fool Me Once***

“Every time you think Harlan Coben couldn’t get any better at uncoiling a whip-snake of a page-turner, he comes along with a new novel that somehow surpasses its predecessor.”

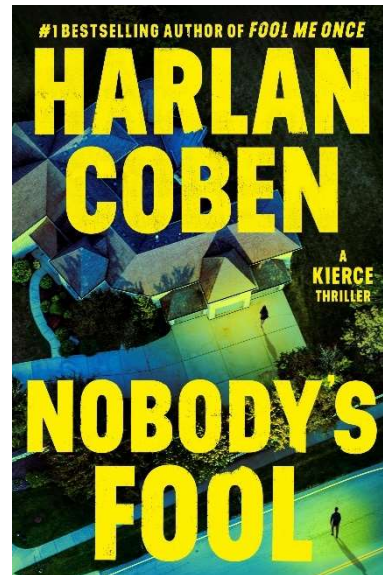
— **San Francisco Chronicle**

“Harlan Coben never, ever lets you down.”

—**Lee Child**

“The absolute master of huge twists and turns.”

—**Richard Osman**



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: March 27, 2025

Foreign Sales to date: UK/CW—Cornerstone/Penguin Random House; French—Belfond; Swedish – Bookmark; Dutch – Meulenhoff Boekeryj

SYNOPSIS:

A year after the devastating events that took place in FOOL ME ONCE, a secret from former detective Sami Kierce's college days comes back to haunt him. Present day is hard enough for Kierce, but his past isn't through with him yet...

MALAGA, 2000

Sami Kierce, a young man backpacking in Spain with friends, wakes up one morning covered in blood. There's a knife in his hand. Beside him, the body of a woman. Anna. Dead. He begins to scream.

NEW YORK CITY, 2025

Kierce, now a disgraced detective, is teaching night classes when he recognizes a familiar face in the crowd. Anna. It's unmistakably her. But as soon as he makes eye contact with her, she runs. For Kierce there is no choice. He knows he must find this woman and solve the mystery that still haunts his every waking moment. His investigation will bring him face-to-face with his past.

Harlan Coben & Reese Witherspoon

UNTITLED 2025

Contact: Lisa Erbach Vance and Agnes Rigou at CAA (agnes.rigou@caa.com)

***New York Times* bestselling author, Oscar-winning actor, and founder of Reese’s Book Club Reese Witherspoon has teamed up with Harlan Coben to write a spectacular new thriller!**



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: Fall 2025

Foreign Sales to date: UK/CW—Cornerstone/Penguin Random House

This book promises to be a huge sensation given the authors’ individual storytelling star power across multiple media, which will now be combined in a novel that is certain to captivate and thrill their legions of fans worldwide. The two are also set to produce the book together for tv/film. The manuscript will be available in summer 2025.

Alex Finlay

PARENTS WEEKEND

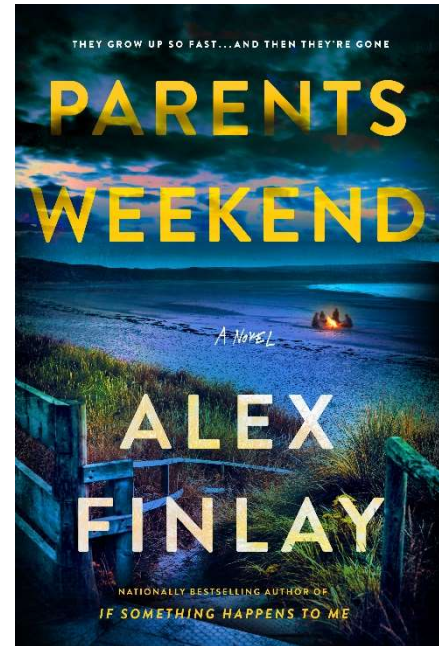
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**From the author of the breakout thrillers
EVERY LAST FEAR and THE NIGHT SHIFT**

“One of the genre’s most exciting voices.”
—*E! News*

“Alex Finlay is one of the leading thriller writers
today.”
—**Sarah Pekkanen, *New York Times*
bestselling author**

“Top-shelf entertainment.”
—*Publishers Weekly*



Publisher: Minotaur

U.S. Release: May 6, 2025

Foreign Sales to date: UK/CW—Head of Zeus; Romanian – Corint Books; Ukrainian – Family Leisure Club

SYNOPSIS:

In the glow of their children’s exciting first year of college at a small private school in Northern California, five families plan on a night of dinner and cocktails for the opening festivities of Parents Weekend. As the parents stay out way past their bedtimes, their kids—five residents of Campisi Hall—never show up at dinner. As the hours click by and another night falls with not so much as a text from the students, panic ensues. Soon, the campus police call in reinforcements. Search parties are formed. Rumors swirl and questions arise. Libby, Blane, Mark, Felix, and Stella—The Five—come from five very different families. What led them out on that fateful night? Could it be the sins of their mothers and fathers come to cause them peril or a threat to the friend group from within? Told through multiple points of view in past and present—and marking the return of FBI Special Agent Sarah Keller from *Every Last Fear* and *The Night Shift*—PARENTS WEEKEND explores the weight of expectation, family dysfunction, and those exhilarating first days we all remember in the dorms when our friends become our family.

Gregg Hurwitz

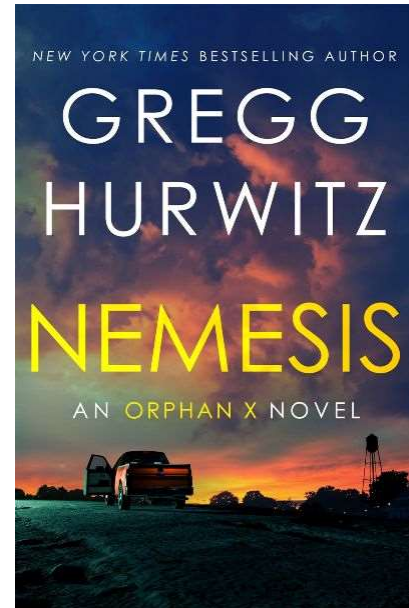
NEMESIS

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"Hurwitz continues to dazzle."
—*Booklist*

"Stellar...the stories get better with each installment."
—*Associated Press*

"It's this balance between heroism and humanity, humor and harshness that makes us love the Orphan X series and cross our fingers that Smoak returns for more."
—**Apple Books**



Publisher: Minotaur

U.S. Release: February 11, 2025

Foreign Sales to date: UK/CW—Michael Joseph

SYNOPSIS:

Evan Smoak was once a highly successful black ops assassin known as Orphan X, dedicated to a rigid set of operational rules. Even after going deep underground and remaking his life, Evan remains dedicated to his unbreakable code. But for the first time in his life, those principles have put him on a collision course with the man who might be his best friend in the world, Tommy Stojack.

Stojack, a gifted gunsmith who has created much of Evan's own weapons and combat gear, has apparently crossed one of Evan's sharply delineated lines. When Evan decides to have it out with Tommy, Evan is ambushed by a skilled crew of killers determined to take him down. Now Evan has no choice but to track down and face his only friend.

In the meantime, Tommy has already left town in order to honor an old promise. His mission is to help his dead friend's son. And while Tommy is trying to keep him and his friends alive, Evan arrives with vengeance in mind.

But as deadly as the former Orphan X is, Evan isn't even the most dangerous threat to arrive on the scene.

David McCloskey

THE SEVENTH FLOOR

Contact: Lisa Erbach Vance

From the new master of spy fiction

“An obvious heir to literary legends John le Carré and Freddie Forsyth.”

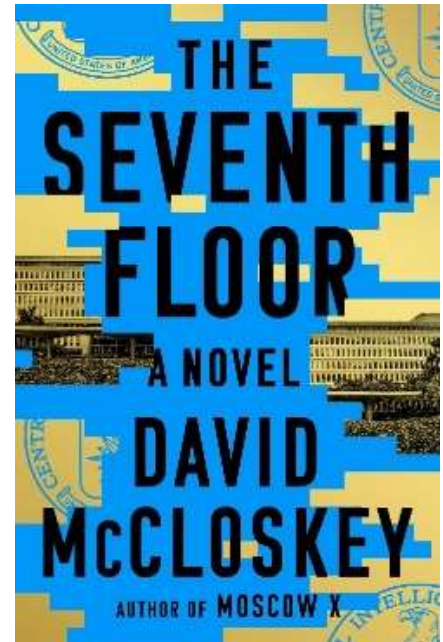
—*Daily Express*

“There is a new generation of spy novelists storming the genre, and David McCloskey must be counted as one of the best.”

—**Kathleen Kent**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Black Wolf*

“Of the contemporary heirs to Fleming, David McCloskey is the most readable and exciting.”

—*The Economist*



Publisher: W.W. Norton

U.S. Release: October 1, 2024

Foreign Sales to date: UK/CW – Swift Press; French – Editions du Seuil; German – Gutkind; Portuguese – Lua de Papel

SYNOPSIS:

A Russian arrives in Singapore with a secret to sell. When the Russian is killed and Sam Joseph, the CIA officer dispatched for the meet, goes missing, mission chief Artemis Procter is made a scapegoat for the ruined plan and is run out of the service. Traded back in a spy swap, Sam appears at Procter’s central Florida doorstep months later with an explosive secret: there is a Russian mole hidden deep within the highest ranks of the CIA. As Procter and Sam investigate, they arrive at a shortlist of suspects made up of their closest colleagues. The hunt soon requires Procter to dredge up her own checkered past in service of the CIA, placing her and Sam in the sights of a savvy Russian spymaster who will protect Moscow’s mole in Langley at all costs, even if it means wreaking bloody havoc. THE SEVENTH FLOOR is the ultimate insider’s take on the CIA, as it explores the nature of friendship in a faithless business and what it means to love a place that does not love you back.

DAVID MCCLOSKEY

Contact: Lisa Erbach Vance

Finalist for the 2022 ITW Thriller Award for Best First Novel

"[An] exhilarating debut."
—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

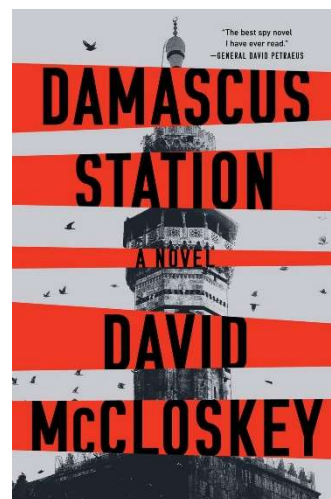
"*Damascus Station* is simply marvellous storytelling...a stand-out thriller and essential reading for fans of the genre."
—*Financial Times*

"[T]his propulsive thriller is at once a master class in spy craft and a poignant story of forbidden love."
—*People*

Publisher: W.W. Norton

U.S. Release: October 5, 2021

Foreign: UK – Swift Press; French – Editions du Seuil; Czech – Euromedia; Estonian – Tanapaev; Hebrew – Dani Books; Japanese – HarperCollins Japan; Portuguese – Lua de Papel; Spanish – Salamandra; German – Gutkind; Dutch—De Boekerij; Italian—Salani



SYNOPSIS:

CIA case officer Sam Joseph is dispatched to Paris to recruit Syrian Palace official Mariam Haddad. The two fall into a forbidden relationship, which supercharges Haddad's recruitment and creates unspeakable danger when they enter Damascus to find the man responsible for the disappearance of an American spy.

A *Sunday Times* Book of the Year:

“Pulsating...with convincing characters and gripping trade-craft.”

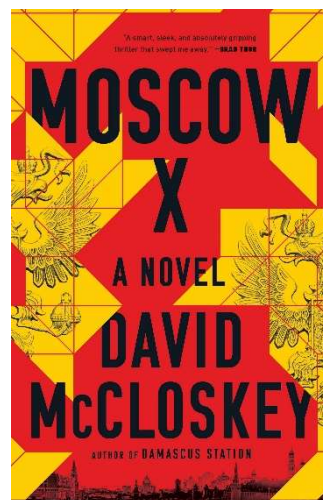
“A kinetic blend of simmering tension, sex, and sudden violence...a real pageturner.”
—*Apple Books, Best of the Month*

“A smart, sleek, and absolutely gripping thriller that swept me away.”
—**Brad Thor, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author**

Publisher: W.W. Norton

U.S. Release: October 3, 2023

Foreign: UK – Swift Press; French – Editions du Seuil; Estonian – Tanapaev; Portuguese – Lua de Papel; Spanish – Salamandra; German – Gutkind; Dutch—De Boekerij



SYNOPSIS:

CIA officers Sia and Max enter Russia under commercial cover to recruit Vladimir Putin's moneyman. They pose as a couple to target Vadim, Putin's private banker, and his wife, Anna, who—unbeknownst to CIA—is a Russian intelligence officer under deep cover. As they descend further into a Russian world dripping with luxury and rife with gangland violence, Sia and Max's only hope may be Anna, who is playing a game of her own.

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STAY ANGRY, LITTLE GIRL
Madeleine L'Engle

August 6, 2024

Publisher: Farrar Straus Giroux
Books for Young Readers

“[This book] gives girls a full-throated endorsement to
be true to themselves.”

--*Kirkus*



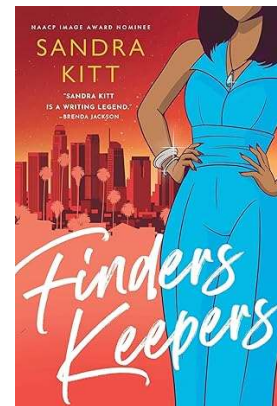
FINDERS KEEPERS
Sandra Kitt

April 23, 2024

Publisher: Sourcebooks

“Sandra Kitt’s storytelling takes you on a soul satisfying
journey...the perfect combination of fun and heart.”

--Susan Elizabeth Phillips



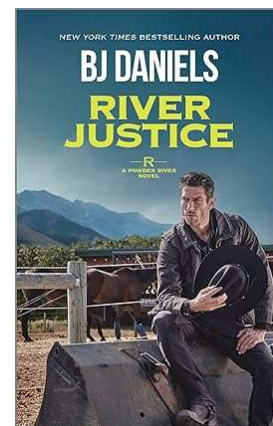
RIVER JUSTICE
B. J. Daniels

July 23, 2024

Publisher: Canary Street Press

“Daniels is a perennial favorite on the romantic
suspense front.”

--*BookPage*



Hilary Davidson

HER LAST BREATH

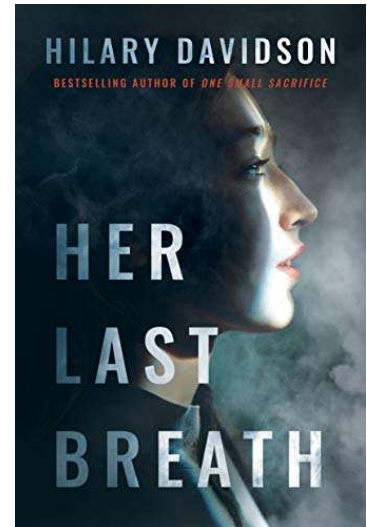
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PRAISE FOR *HER LAST BREATH*

“A black sheep family drama becomes a deliciously paranoid psychological thriller from the always-thrilling Hilary Davidson. Brilliant!” – Adrian McKinty, *New York Times* bestselling author

“Absorbing, complex, and satisfyingly twisty, *HER LAST BREATH* is an addictive page-turner. Hilary Davidson knows how to hook readers and keep them hooked.” – Meg Gardiner, *New York Times* bestselling author

“One part thriller, one part domestic suspense, and one part family drama result in a fantastic story of love and betrayal, loss and redemption. Tightly written, compulsively readable, with flawed characters I both rooted for and feared for. I loved this book.”
– Allison Brennan, *New York Times* bestselling author



Publisher: Thomas & Mercer

U.S. Release: July 2021

Foreign Sales: World—Thomas & Mercer

SYNOPSIS:

When her beloved sister Caroline dies suddenly, Deirdre is heartbroken. However, her sorrow turns to bone-chilling confusion when she receives a message Caroline sent days earlier warning that her death would be no accident. Long used to being a pariah to her family, Deirdre covers her tattoos and heads to Manhattan for her sister’s funeral. The message claimed Caroline’s husband, Theo, killed his first wife and got away with it. Reeling from the news, Deirdre confronts Theo on the way to the cemetery, and he reveals both his temper and his suspicion that Deirdre’s “perfect” sister was having an affair. Paranoid and armed with just enough information to make her dangerous, Deirdre digs into the disturbing secrets buried with Caroline. But as she gets closer to the truth, she realizes that her own life may be at risk...and that there may be more than one killer in the family.

AUTHOR BIO:

Hilary Davidson is the bestselling author of *One Small Sacrifice* and the winner of two Anthony Awards. Her novels include the Lily Moore series—*The Damage Done*, *The Next One to Fall*, and *Evil in All Its Disguises*—and the standalone thriller *Blood Always Tells*. Her widely acclaimed short stories have won numerous awards and have been featured everywhere from *Ellery Queen* to *Thuglit*, as well as in her collection *The Black Widow Club*. A Toronto-born travel journalist who’s lived in New York City since October 2001, Davidson is also the author of eighteen nonfiction books.

Hilary Davidson
Shadows of New York Series
ONE SMALL SACRIFICE
DON'T LOOK DOWN

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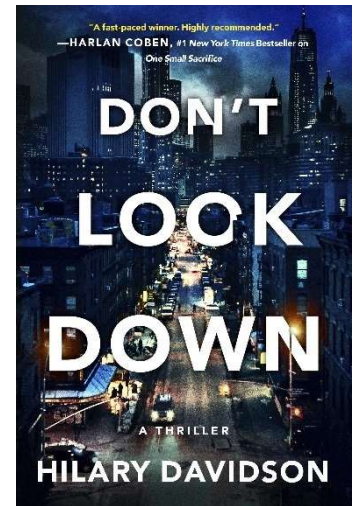
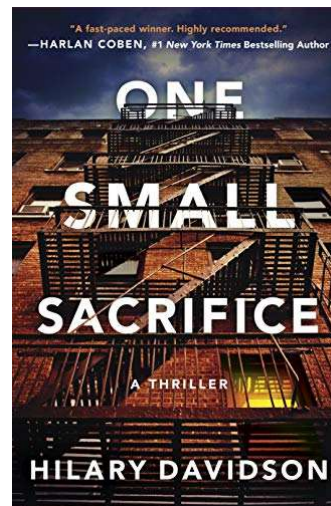
PRAISE FOR *ONE SMALL SACRIFICE*

“A strong female detective and an intriguing antagonist...Davidson’s complex storytelling will keep [readers] wanting more.”

—*Library Journal*, starred review

“A tightly woven mystery. Each thread of the intricate plot draws you toward one surprising revelation after another.”

—Sandra Brown, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author



Publisher: Thomas & Mercer

U.S. Release: *One Small Sacrifice*—June 1, 2019; *Don't Look Down*—February 11, 2020

Foreign Sales: World—Thomas & Mercer

SYNOPSIS FOR *ONE SMALL SACRIFICE*:

NYPD detective Sheryn Sterling suspects Alex Traynor got away with murder when his friend Cori fell to her death a year ago. And when Alex’s fiancée Emily suddenly goes missing, Sheryn suspects that Alex is again at the center. But as Detective Sterling starts pulling at the threads of this web, her whole theory unravels. The truth about Cori’s death could be the key to solving Emily’s disappearance.

SYNOPSIS FOR *DON'T LOOK DOWN*:

Jo Greaver is a model of success, but she has secrets she’ll do anything to keep buried. When her blackmailer offers to meet, Jo is shot and flees with no one to turn to. When detective Sheryn Sterling and her partner find Andray Baxter murdered in his own home everything points to Jo as the killer. But Sheryn has doubts. Something’s not right, and it’s up to Sheryn to piece it together, no matter the cost.

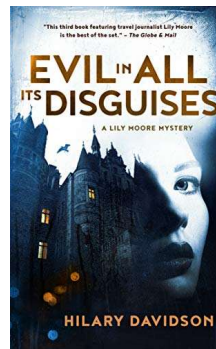
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Hilary Davidson

The award-winning *Lily Moore Series*, with all new editions re-published in 2020

Foreign Sales: France—Editions Télémaque



THE DAMAGE DONE – Winner of the 2011 Anthony Award for Best First Novel

Lily Moore, a successful travel writer, fled to Spain to get away from her troubled, drug-addicted younger sister, Claudia. But when Claudia is found dead, Lily must return to New York. The situation shifts from tragic to baffling when the body at the morgue turns out to be a stranger's. The real Claudia had vanished. Determined to learn the truth at any cost, she is unprepared for the terrible toll it will take on her and those she loves.

“Davidson’s lush novel delivers on all counts, offering both slow-burn suspense and creeping pathos. A rich, haunting debut.” — Megan Abbott, *New York Times* bestselling author

THE NEXT ONE TO FALL – Book #2 in the Lily Moore Series

Travel writer Lily Moore has been persuaded to visit Peru. At Machu Picchu, she discovers a woman who had been pushed to the bottom of an ancient stone staircase. Lily hunts down the wealthy man who was the woman's traveling companion and discovers a pattern of dead and missing women in his wake, setting in motion a violent chain of events that will have devastating consequences.

“The story is deliciously twisty, the characters engaging. I know I can’t be the only reader looking forward to more Moore.” — Laura Lippman, *New York Times* bestselling author

EVIL IN ALL ITS DISGUISES – Book #3 in the Lily Moore Series

When Lily Moore joins a group of journalists for an all-expenses-paid press junket to the luxurious Hotel Cerón in Acapulco, Mexico, she expects sun, sand, and margaritas. Only after Lily tries—and fails—to leave the Hotel Cerón does she discover the truth: the journalists are prisoners in a gilded cage, and realizes that she has been maneuvered into the role of bait in a vicious, vengeful plot.

“This third book featuring travel journalist Lily Moore is the best of the set.” — The Globe & Mail

BLOOD ALWAYS TELLS — standalone novel, republished in 2020

Dominique Monaghan just wanted to get even with her two-timing, married boyfriend, a washed-up boxer stuck in a toxic marriage to a dangerously spoiled socialite. However, a blackmail scheme soon lands her in the middle of an unexpected kidnapping... and attempted murder. Desmond Edgars, Dominique’s big brother, has always looked out for his wayward sister, so when he receives a frantic phone call from Dominique in the middle of the night, he drops everything to rush to the rescue. But to find out what has really happened to his sister, the ex-military man must navigate a web of murder and deception, involving a family fortune, a couple of shifty lawyers, and a missing child, while wrestling with his own bloody secrets...

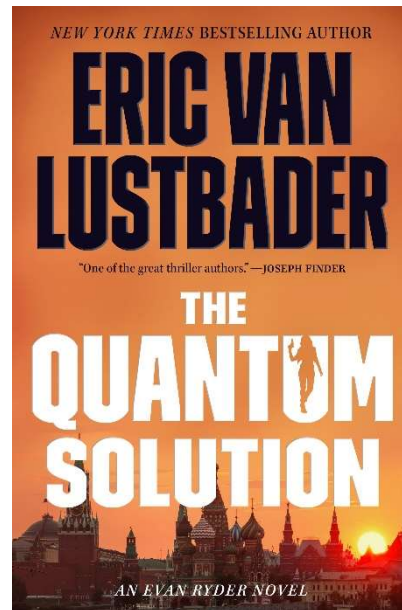
“Blood Always Tells will surprise you at every turn. You think you know what’s going on... until you don’t. Hilary Davidson is the master of plot twists!” — Tess Gerritsen, *NYT* bestselling author

Eric Van Lustbader

THE QUANTUM SOLUTION – book 4 in the Evan Ryder series

Contact: Mitch Hoffman

Evan Ryder is back, and in deadly peril, in *The Quantum Solution*, the fourth heart-stopping installment of this enthralling series by master thriller writer and *New York Times* bestselling author Eric Van Lustbader.



Publisher: Forge

U.S. Release: May 9, 2023

Foreign Sales: UK—Head of Zeus

Film Rights: Joe Veltre, Gersh Agency / optioned to Jayne-Ann Tenggren, Uncommon Nonsense, Inc. & 48 Films Limited

SYNOPSIS:

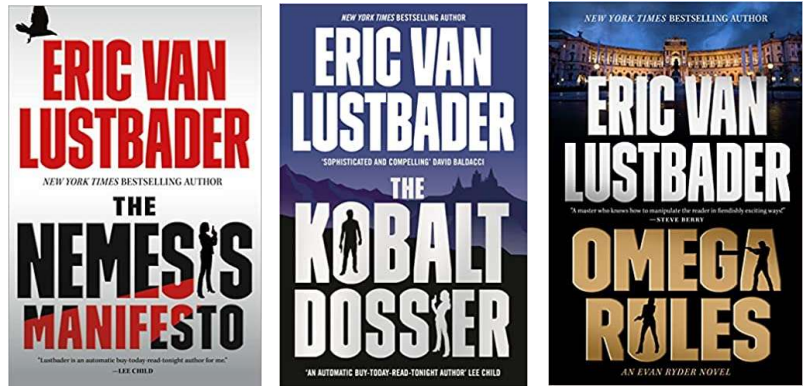
Evan Ryder is an extraordinary intelligence field agent now working for the security arm of Parachute, a private company and the world's leader in the application of quantum technology. In the past, Ryder has done lethal battle in the modern global wars of power politics, extremist ideology, corrosive disinformation, and outrageous greed. But now she finds herself in a battle arena whose dangers, while less obvious, are greater than anything the world has seen before – the present and future war of weaponized quantum technology.

When an elite Russian scientist and the American Secretary of Defense die, at the same time half a world apart, of inexplicable sudden catastrophic brain damage, the world's intelligence services realize that the quantum war has truly begun. Ryder and her long-time partner, Ben Butler, will risk their lives to discover who the true combatants are, and who are the good guys and the bad.

AUTHOR BIO:

Eric Van Lustbader is the author of many *New York Times* bestselling thrillers, including *The Testament*, *First Daughter*, *Last Snow*, *Blood Trust*, and *The Ninja* series. Lustbader was chosen by Robert Ludlum's estate to continue the Jason Bourne series. He and his wife live on the South Fork of Long Island.

Eric Van Lustbader
EVAN RYDER Series Books 1-3
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“Lustbader is an automatic buy-today-read-tonight author for me—and should be for you.”
—Lee Child, *New York Times* bestselling author of *61 Hours*

THE NEMESIS MANIFESTO – Book 1

Publisher: Forge

U.S Release: July 2020

Foreign Sales: UK—Head of Zeus; Germany—Ullstein

“Outstanding series launch...credible action and often lyrical prose support the complex, intelligent plot...Lustbader is at the top of his game.” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred, boxed review

THE KOBALT DOSSIER – Book 2

Publisher: Forge

U.S Release: June 2021

Foreign Sales: UK—Head of Zeus; Germany—Ullstein

“This is a masterly performance by an author who’s still fresh and original after a long career in a genre he helped define.” —*Publishers Weekly*

OMEGA RULES – Book 3

Publisher: Forge

U.S Release: May 2022

Foreign Sales: UK—Head of Zeus

Tom Rob Smith

COLD PEOPLE

Contact: Mitch Hoffman

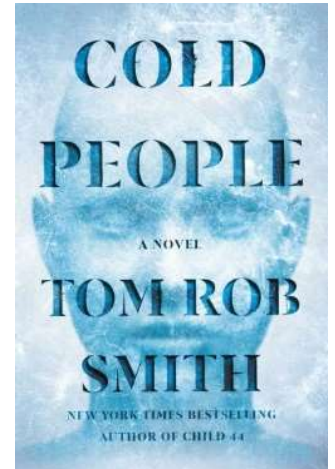
EXTRAORDINARY PRAISE FOR *COLD PEOPLE*

“Spellbinding . . . suspenseful . . . A speculative masterpiece that will resonate with fans of Emily St. John Mandel, Kazuo Ishiguro, and Jeff VanderMeer.”
— *Library Journal*, Starred Review

“[A] stunning post-apocalyptic thriller...a triumph of imagination and empathy.”
— *Publishers Weekly*, Starred Review

“Smith’s near-future world is wonderfully imaginative and rigorously detailed, the kind of made-up place that feels viscerally real. A real treat.”
— *Booklist*, Starred Review

“[A] gripping, dark futuristic fantasy that achieves escapist lift-off. [W]ild, imaginative, fast moving.”
— Taylor Antrim, *Vogue*



Publisher: Scribner

Release: U.K. – January 2023; U.S. – February 2023

Foreign Sales: UK—Simon & Schuster; Italy—Sperling & Kupfer; Germany—Heyne; Czech – Euromedia

Film Rights: Joe Cohen and Brian Siberell, CAA

SYNOPSIS:

The world has fallen. Without warning, a mysterious and omnipotent force has claimed the planet for their own. There are no negotiations, no demands, no reasons given for their actions. All they have is a message: humanity has thirty days to reach the one place on Earth where they will be allowed to exist...Antarctica.

COLD PEOPLE follows the journeys of a handful of those who endure the frantic exodus to the most inhospitable environment on the planet. But their goal is not merely to survive the present. Because while they cling to life on the ice, the vestiges of their past swept away, they must also confront the urgent challenge: can they change and evolve rapidly enough to ensure humanity’s future? Can they build a new society in the cold?

AUTHOR BIO:

Tom Rob Smith is the author of the acclaimed *Child 44* trilogy. *Child 44* itself was a global publishing sensation, selling over two million copies. It was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize, shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Prize and won the CWA Steel Dagger Award. Tom also writes for television. He is the writer and executive producer for *Class of '09*, and won a Writer's Guild Award for best adapted series and an Emmy and Golden Globe for best limited series with *American Crime Story: The Assassination of Gianni Versace*.

PREVIOUS TITLES

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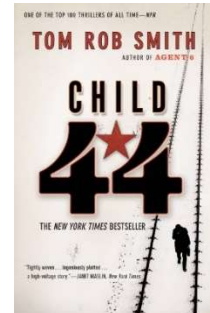
CHILD 44

Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: April 29, 2008

Foreign: UK – Simon & Schuster; French – Belfond; Danish – Lindhardt & Ringhof; German – Goldmann (PRH); Macedonian – Sakam Knigi; Dutch – Ambo/Anthos

- Voted one of the top 100 thrillers of all time by NPR
- An International bestseller in over 30 languages
- Over 2 million copies sold
- Winner of the ITW 2009 Thriller Award for Best First Novel, the CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger Award, and longlisted for the Man Booker Prize.



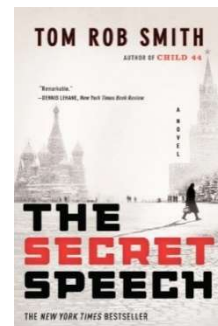
THE SECRET SPEECH

Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: May 19, 2009

Foreign: UK – Simon & Schuster; German – Goldmann (PRH); Danish – Lindhardt & Ringhof; Macedonian – Sakam Knigi

"A superb thriller, full of pitch-perfect atmosphere." —*Kirkus*



AGENT 6

Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: January 5, 2012

Foreign: UK – Simon & Schuster; Danish – Lindhardt & Ringhof; German – Goldmann (PRH)

"An old-fashioned thriller that would do Ludlum and le Carré proud...A big book, in every sense, that's sure to draw attention."



THE FARM

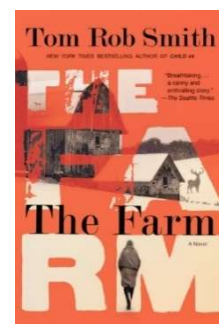
#1 International Bestseller

Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: February 24, 2015

Foreign: UK – Simon & Schuster; Chinese (Simple) – China South Booky; German – Goldmann (PRH)

"[A] superior psychological thriller...Smith keeps the reader guessing up to the powerfully effective resolution that's refreshingly devoid of contrivances." —*Publishers Weekly (Starred Review)*



IAN SMITH

EAGLE ROCK: An Ashe Cayne Novel

Contact: Mitch Hoffman

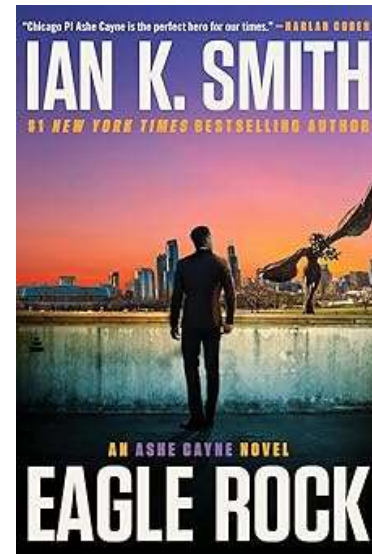
PRAISE FOR THE ASHE CAYNE SERIES

“This fine series launch from bestseller Smith (*The Ancient Nine*) introduces PI Ashe Cayne, a former Chicago PD detective... Ashe is just one of the many well-drawn, multilayered characters. Readers will eagerly await his return.”

-- *Publishers Weekly on The Unspoken*

“Smith’s love of Chicago is palpable in his rich depictions of its diversity, vitality, and unique pockets... A brisk and twisty whodunit with a motley cast that includes the city of big shoulders.”

-- *Kirkus Reviews on Wolf Point*



The first Ashe Cayne novel, The Unspoken, was a #1 bestseller on Amazon.

Publisher: Amistad

U.S. Release: August 6, 2024

Film/TV: BET (in development)

SYNOPSIS:

Billionaire Elliott Kantor, who ruled over a mammoth real estate portfolio in Chicago, was a creature of habit. His trainer came to his house three mornings every week for a five-thirty workout. By six-thirty he was in the car and his driver drove him down into the city where he'd get a shave and trim from his barber every morning, then head over to his offices on Wacker. He always ate breakfast at his desk, had two young assistants who tended to his every whim and demand, then spent all day in and out of meetings growing a business that had already made him one of the wealthiest men in the country.

There were few surprises in his world. Or so everyone thought, until Kantor died in his sleep at age 77, leaving behind a vast fortune and grieving wife, son, and five grandchildren.

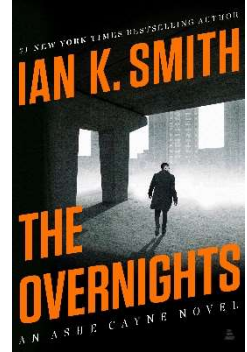
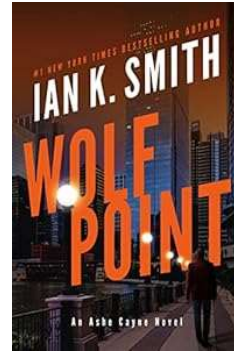
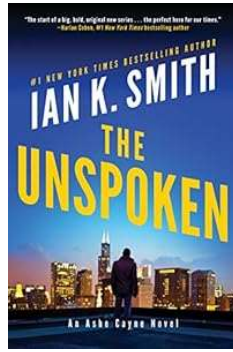
When Simon Kantor enlists Ashe Cayne to explore his father's death, the probing private investigator learns there was plenty of "activities" Elliott participated in after hours, including a sex traffic ring. And as Ashe and readers will discover this is only the beginning, and as our hero dives deeper and deeper into Elliott's hidden world, this may be the end for the intrepid Mr. Cayne.

AUTHOR BIO:

Dr. Ian K. Smith is the number-one *New York Times* bestselling author of *Shred: The Revolutionary Diet*, as well as *Super Shred: The Big Results Diet*, *Blast the Sugar Out!*, *The Clean 20*, and many other books, with millions of copies in print. His novels include the award-winning *The Blackbird Papers*, *The Ancient Nine*, and the first two books in the Ashe Cayne series, *The Unspoken* and *Wolf Point*. Dr. Smith is a graduate of Harvard, Columbia, and the University of Chicago.

IAN SMITH
THE ASHE CAYNE SERIES

Contact: Mitch Hoffman



THE UNSPOKEN – Book 1

Publisher: Thomas & Mercer

Foreign Sales: World—Thomas & Mercer

U.S. Release: October 1, 2020

Film/TV: BET (in development)

SYNOPSIS:

Former Chicago detective Ashe Cayne is desperate for redemption. After refusing to participate in a police department cover-up involving the death of a young black man, Cayne is pushed out of the force. When a young woman goes missing, her wealthy parents from the North Shore hire Cayne to find her. As Cayne looks into her life and past, he uncovers secrets Tinsley's been hiding from her family. Cayne fears he may never find Tinsley alive. Cayne must navigate his complicated relationships within the Chicago PD, leveraging his contacts and police skills to find the missing young woman, see justice done, and earn his redemption.

WOLF POINT – Book 2

Publisher: Thomas & Mercer

Foreign Sales: World—Thomas & Mercer

U.S. Release: October 5, 2021

Film/TV: BET (in development)

SYNOPSIS:

A Cadillac, a pistol, and a corpse make for another morning in Chicago. The body belongs to Walter Griffin, a prominent Black Chicagoan insider hailing from the city's West Side. He ascended to the upper echelons of the mayor's office only to meet his end in a watery grave at Wolf Point. Forensics finds his prints on the gun; it's ruled a suicide. Griffin's children plead with a reluctant Ashe to hunt their father's killer. Ashe decides to take on the case and navigate a city rotting with corruption, racial tensions, and sketchy backroom deals. On the bleak streets of Chicago, it's every man for himself—and that makes everyone a suspect.

THE OVERNIGHTS – Book 3

Publisher: Amistad

U.S. Release: May 30, 2023

Film/TV: BET (in development)

SYNOPSIS:

Someone wants Morgan Shaw dead. Fearing for her safety, she turns to P. I. Ashe Cayne for protection. Though he sympathizes, Ashe turns her down—he's not a bodyguard. But when Morgan's car tires are slashed and she's threatened again, Ashe agrees to help her. She's also nervous about the upcoming "sweeps" which will determine Chicago's highest-rated television newscast and the city's number-one anchor. She refuses to lose to her crosstown rival, and will risk everything to stay on top—including an audacious investigation into the suspicious shooting of an unarmed African American man by a white cop. To save his client and find the truth, Ashe must wade through the tangled layers of competitive local news and the deceptive schemes of its power players, and uncover the identities of those behind the murder of a seemingly innocent man.

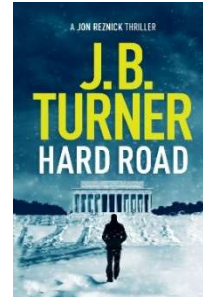
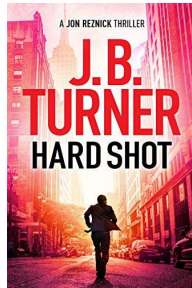
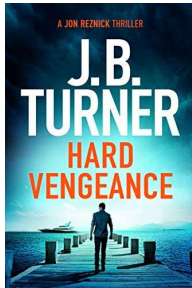
J.B. Turner

JOHN REZNICK—The #1 international bestselling series

Contact: Mitch Hoffman

Film: Rich Green, The Gotham Group

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JOHN REZNICK SERIES

Publisher: Thomas & Mercer

Foreign Sales: World English – Thomas & Mercer

U.S. Release:

- *Gone Bad* (novella)—November 24, 2015
- *Hard Road*—August 16, 2016
Foreign sales: German – Omondi
- *Hard Kill*—August 16, 2016
Foreign sales: German – Omondi
- *Hard Wired*—August 16, 2016
Foreign sales: German – Omondi
- *Hard Way*—May 11, 2017
- *Hard Fall*—February 8, 2018
- *Hard Hit*—April 25, 2019
- *Hard Shot*—October 17, 2019
- *Hard Target*—May 21, 2020
- *Hard Vengeance*—Jan 14, 2021
- *Hard Fire*—December 13, 2022
- *Hard Exit*—December 14, 2023
- *Hard Power*—March 12, 2024

SERIES SYNOPSIS:

John Reznick is a black-ops specialist for the U.S. government. Reznick has worked hard to shield his daughter from the shadowy world in which he moves, but keeping work and family separate is not easy when you're a government hit man sent around the world to eliminate threats to national security. He knows that sometimes, to protect what you care about, you have to operate outside the law.

AUTHOR BIO:

J.B. Turner, former journalist, is an Amazon #1 bestselling author. Turner lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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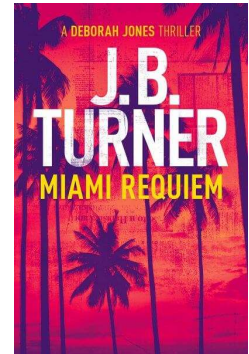
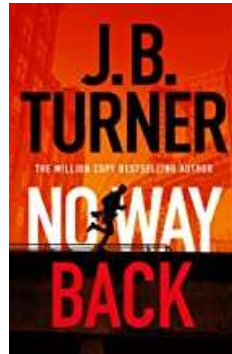
JACK MCNEAL SERIES

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DEBORAH JONES SERIES

Contact: Mitch Hoffman

Film: Rich Green, The Gotham Group



JACK MCNEAL SERIES

Publisher: Thomas & Mercer

Foreign Sales: World—Thomas & Mercer

U.S. Release:

- *No Way Back*—January 1, 2022
- *Long Way Home*—February 21, 2023

SERIES SYNOPSIS:

NYPD detective Jack McNeal is used to asking the tough questions. But a late-night visit from the Secret Service lands Jack on the other side of the table—as a suspect in the disappearance of his estranged wife, Caroline, a prominent reporter on the White House beat. When her body is found floating in the Potomac, Jack embarks on a journey into the darkest recesses of power. Along the way, Jack will be forced to decide: Is there a line he won't cross to expose the killer?

AMERICAN GHOST SERIES

Publisher: Thomas & Mercer

Foreign Sales: World—Thomas & Mercer

U.S. Release:

- *Rogue*—June 7, 2018
- *Reckoning*—August 2, 2018
- *Requiem*—November 8, 2018

SERIES SYNOPSIS:

After Nathan Stone was critically wounded while serving as a covert CIA operative, everyone thought he was dead. But behind closed doors, he was rehabilitated by a secretive government organization known as the Commission, and remolded into a lethal assassin.

DEBORAH JONES SERIES

Publisher: No Way Back Press

Foreign Sales: World—No Way Back Press

U.S. Release:

- *Miami Requiem*—January 13, 2014
- *Dark Waters*—January 14, 2014

SERIES SYNOPSIS:

Rookie reporter Deborah Jones is prepared to take on powerful forces as she investigates stories for the Miami Herald. She finds herself confronting dark forces trying to stop her investigations, but her commitment to the story is undiminished as she takes on those who want to silence her forever.

AUTHOR BIO:

J.B. Turner, former journalist, is an Amazon #1 bestselling author, and his books have sold over two million copies. Turner lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.

RADHA VATSAL

No. 10 DOYERS STREET

Contact: Mitch Hoffman

“Radha Vatsal has crafted a crackerjack mystery set in early-1900’s New York City. Trailblazing journalist Archana Morley has both the strength and sensitivity to cut to the truth in this fast-paced tale that illuminates the history of Asian immigrants in Chinatown.”

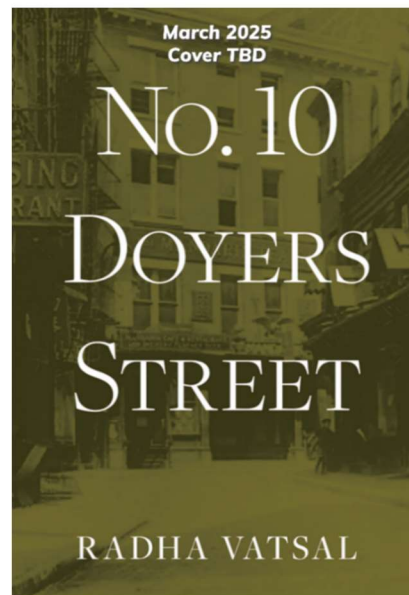
— **Sujata Massey, internationally bestselling author of *The Widows of Malabar Hill***

“Radha Vatsal’s skill as not only a historian, but a crafter of gripping and character-driven mysteries, are in full effect in the pages of *No. 10 Doyers Street*...Pitch perfectly accurate and enthralling, I was rapt until the last page.”

— **Alex Segura, bestselling and acclaimed author of *Secret Identity and Alter Ego***

“Gripping and vibrantly original. Radha Vatsal has a gift for unearthing those seemingly small moments that change the course of history. *No. 10 Doyers Street* is a fresh, unforgettable look at 1900s New York.”

— **Mariah Fredericks, author of *The Wharton Plot***



Publisher: Level Best Books

U.S. Release: March 2025

SYNOPSIS:

New York City, 1907. Archana Morley knows what it’s like to be an outsider. As a woman journalist from India making her way through the cutthroat world of tabloid newspapers, she’s always on the lookout for untold stories.

In the aftermath of a bloody shooting in Chinatown, Archana finds her most challenging subject—the dreaded gangster Mock Duck. But she realizes that things are not as they seem when the mayor declares Chinatown must be demolished, and the authorities raid Mock’s home and tear apart his family. She embarks on a quest for the truth that leads her from gritty alleys to the back-room politics of City Hall and beyond.

Inspired by real events, *No.10 Doyers Street* is a gripping novel of New York City on the cusp of the modernity.

AUTHOR BIO:

Radha Vatsal is the author of the acclaimed Kitty Weeks mystery novels set in World War I era New York. Her writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, and the *Los Angeles Review of Books*. Born and raised in Mumbai, India, she earned her Ph.D. in Film History from Duke University and has worked as a film curator, political speechwriter, and freelance journalist. She lives in New York City.

Dr. J. Craig Venter, David Ewing Duncan

THE VOYAGE OF SORCERER II: The Expedition That Unlocked the Secrets of the Ocean's Microbiome

Contact: Mitch Hoffman

“An epic travelogue, brimming with the excitement of discovery.”

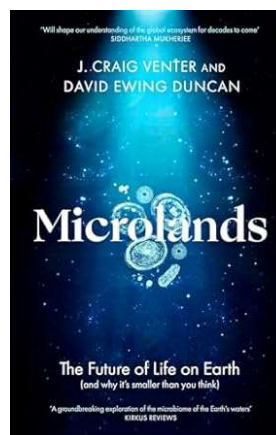
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--*Telegraph*

“A lively account of a groundbreaking exploration of the microbiome of the Earth’s waters... Important and adventurous science on the high seas.”

--*Kirkus Reviews*



Publisher: Harvard University Press

U.S. Release: September 12, 2023

UK Release: ***Microlands: The Future of Life on Earth (and Why It's Smaller Than You Think)***

February 8, 2024

Foreign Sales: UK—Little, Brown; Japan – NTS ; Taiwan – Marco Polo Press; China – China Machine Press

SYNOPSIS:

In *The Voyage of Sorcerer II*, Venter and science writer David Ewing Duncan tell the remarkable story of these expeditions and of the momentous discoveries that ensued—of plant-like bacteria that get their energy from the sun, proteins that metabolize vast amounts of hydrogen, and microbes whose genes shield them from ultraviolet light. The result was a massive library of millions of unknown genes, thousands of unseen protein families, and new lineages of bacteria that revealed the unimaginable complexity of life on earth. Yet despite this exquisite diversity, Venter encountered sobering reminders of how human activity is disturbing the delicate microbial ecosystem that nurtures life on earth. In the face of unprecedented climate change, Venter and Duncan show how we can harness the microbial genome to develop alternative sources of energy, food, and medicine that might ultimately avert our destruction.

DR. J. CRAIG VENTER BIO:

J. Craig Venter, PhD, is regarded as one of the leading scientists of the 21st century for his numerous invaluable contributions to genomic research. Dr. Venter is Founder, Chairman, and CEO of the J. Craig Venter Institute (JCVI), a not-for-profit research organization with approximately 200 scientists and staff dedicated to human, microbial, plant, synthetic, and environmental genomic research, and the exploration of social and ethical issues in genomics. He is also the founder and CEO of Synthetic Genomics, Inc., and is the author of multiple nonfiction books. He lives in La Jolla, California.

DAVID EWING DUNCAN BIO:

David Ewing Duncan is an award-winning, bestselling author of nine books published in 21 languages, including *Talking to Robots*, *Experimental Man*, and *The Calendar*. David is the CEO and Curator of Arc Fusion, and a Health Strategist in Residence for IDEO.

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