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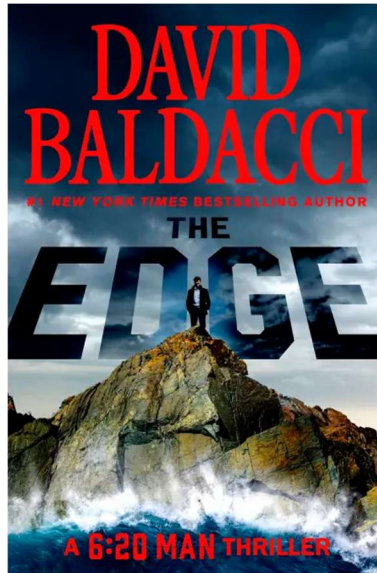
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THE EDGE – Book 2 in the Travis Devine series

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: November 12, 2023

Foreign Sales: UK – Pan Macmillan; Sweden – Bokfabriken; Holland – Bruna; Catalan – Efadós

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.

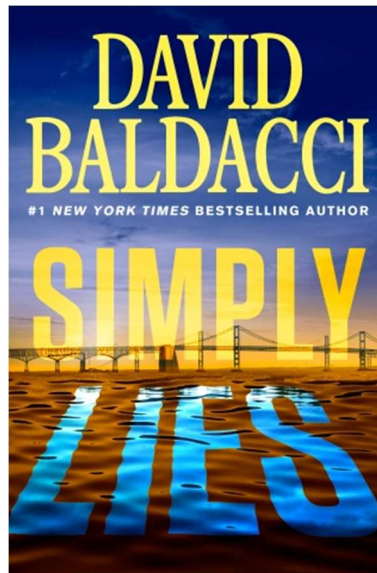
Ex-Army Ranger Travis Devine spent his time in the military preparing to take on any scenario, followed by his short-lived business career chasing shadows in the deepest halls of power, so his analytical mind makes him particularly well-suited for complex, high-stakes tasks. Taking down the world's largest 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

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.

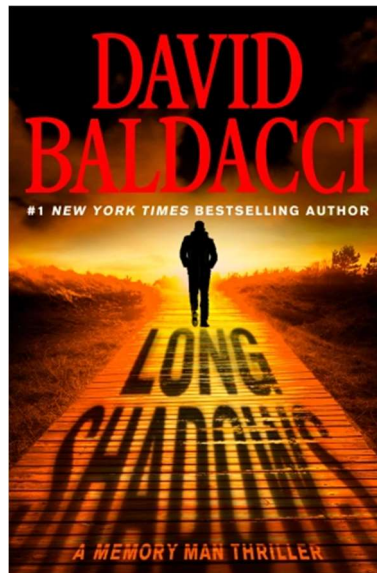
Not only does the arms dealer not exist but the murder victim turns out to be Harry Lancaster, a man with mob ties who used to be in Witness Protection. What's more, no one named Arlene Robinson works at ProEye.

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.

David Baldacci

LONG SHADOWS— Book 7 in the Amos Decker series

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: October 11, 2022

Foreign Sales: UK – Pan Macmillan; Sweden – Bokfabriken; Holland – Bruna; Hungary – General Press; Israel – Modan; Korea – Thenan; Germany – Heyne; Russia – Eksmo; Bulgaria – Obsidian

SYNOPSIS:

When Amos Decker is called to South Florida to investigate a double homicide, the case appears straightforward: A federal judge and her bodyguard have been found dead, the judge's face sporting a blindfold with two eye holes crudely cut out, a clear sign that she'd made one too many enemies over her years on the bench.

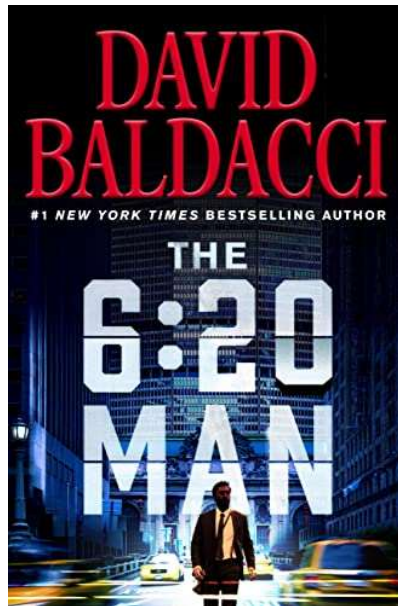
What at first seems cut and dry is anything but: Not only did the judge have more enemies than Decker can count—from violent gang members, drug dealers, and smugglers to a resentful ex-husband—but the bodyguard presents additional conundrums that muddy the waters even further. Who was the real target in this vicious attack?

Meanwhile, Decker must contend with a series of unsettling changes, including a new partner—Special Agent Frederica “Freddie” White—and a devastating event that brings Decker’s own tragic past back to the present . . . and forces him to reckon with his future. As potential witnesses start disappearing, Decker and White are inexorably pulled down a twisted tunnel of secrets, crimes, and scandal—at the end of which lies Decker’s deadliest threat yet.

David Baldacci

The 6:20 MAN—Book 1 in the Travis Devine series

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: July 12, 2022

Foreign Sales: UK—Pan Macmillan; Sweden—Bokfabriken; Holland – Bruna; Czech Republic – Euromedia; Germany – Lubbe; Korea – Thenan; Ukraine – Vivat Publishing; Bengal – Chirkut Publications; Denmark – Lindhardt & Ringhof; Hungary – General Press; Bulgaria – Obsidian; Catalan – Efadós; Russia – Eksmo

SYNOPSIS:

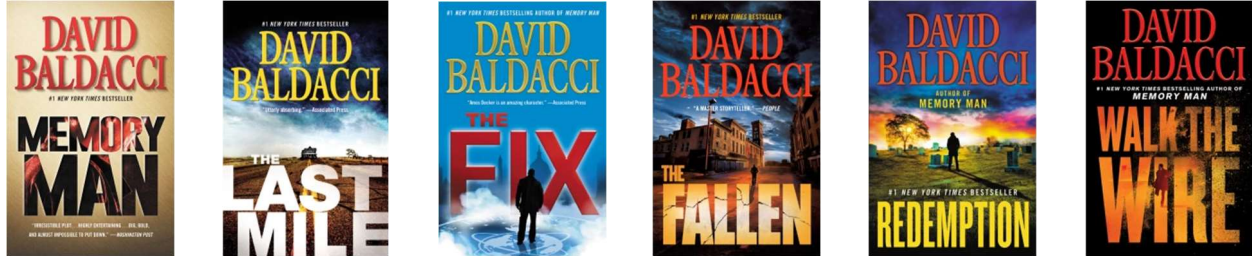
Every day without fail, Travis Devine puts on a cheap suit, grabs his faux-leather briefcase, and boards the 6:20 commuter train to Manhattan, where he works as an entry-level analyst at the city's most prestigious investment firm. In the mornings, he gazes out the train window at the lavish homes of the uberwealthy, dreaming about joining their ranks. In the evenings, he listens to the fiscal news on his phone, already preparing for the next grueling day in the cutthroat realm of finance. Then one morning Devine's tedious routine is shattered by an anonymous email: She is dead.

Sara Ewes, Devine's coworker and former girlfriend, has been found hanging in a storage room of his office building—presumably a suicide, at least for now—prompting the NYPD to come calling on him. If that wasn't enough, before the day is out, Devine receives another ominous visit, a confrontation that threatens to dredge up grim secrets from his past in the army unless he participates in a clandestine investigation into his firm. This treacherous role will take him from the impossibly glittering lives he once saw only through a train window, to the darkest corners of the country's economic halls of power . . . where something rotten lurks. And apart from this high-stakes conspiracy, there's a killer out there with their own agenda, and Devine is the bull's-eye.

David Baldacci

The AMOS DECKER Series— Books 1-6

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

MEMORY MAN (book #1)

Sold: UK-Pan Macmillan; Holland-Bruna; Sweden-Bokfabriken; China-Harbin; Germany-Heyne; Korea-Thenan; Estonia-Sinisukk; Portugal-Clube do Autor; Israel-Modan; Spain-Ediciones B; Poland-Dolnoslaskie; Turkey-Dogan Kitap; Thailand-We Learn; Japan-take Shobo; Marathi-Vedant; Finland-Gummerus; Russia-Eksmo; Bulgaria-Obsidian; Georgia-Palitia Publishing; Norway-Cappelen Damm; Hungary-General Press; Greece-Anagnostis; Slovenia-Ucila; Vietnam-BestBook; Sri Lanka-Sooriya

THE LAST MILE (book#2)

Sold: UK-Pan Macmillan; Holland-Bruna; Germany-Heyne; Sweden-Bokfabriken; Latvia-Kontinents; Poland-Dolnoslaskie; Marathi-Vedant; Russia-Eksmo; Spain-Ediciones B; Ukraine-Kraina Mriy; Thailand-We Learn; Korea-Thenan; Israel-Modan; Turkey-Dogan Egmont; Hungary-General Press; Bulgaria-Obsidian; Japan-TakeShobo; Norway-Cappelen Damm; Greece-Anagnostis; Slovenia-Ucila; Vietnam-BestBook

THE FIX (book #3)

Sold: UK-Pan Macmillan; Holland-Bruna; Sweden-Bokfabriken; Germany-Heyne; Korea-Thenan; Hungary-General Press; Poland-Dolnoslaskie; Marathi-Vedant; Russia-Eksmo; Bulgaria-Obsidian; Norway-Cappelen Damm; Greece-Anagnostis; Slovenia-Ucila; Vietnam-BestBook; Israel – Modan

THE FALLEN (book #4)

Sold: UK-Pan Macmillan; Holland-Bruna; Sweden-Bokfabriken; Germany-Heyne; Korea-Thenan; Hungary-General Press; Poland-Dolnoslaskie; Marathi-Vedant; Russia-Eksmo; Bulgaria-Obsidian; Norway-Cappelen Damm; Greece-Anagnostis; Slovenia-Ucila; Vietnam-BestBook; Israel-Modan

REDEMPTION (book #5)

Sold: UK-Pan Macmillan; Holland-Bruna; Sweden-Bokfabriken; Korea-Thenan; Hungary-General Press; Poland-Dolnoslaskie; Russia-Eksmo; Bulgaria-Obsidian; Vietnam-BestBook; Israel-Modan

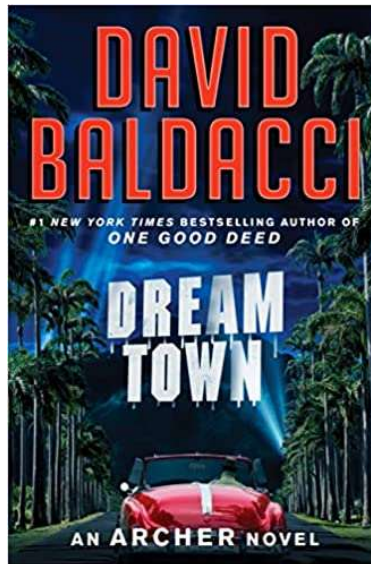
WALK THE WIRE (book #6)

Sold: UK-Pan Macmillan; Holland-Bruna; Sweden-Bokfabriken; Korea-Thenan; Hungary-General Press; Poland-Dolnoslaskie; Russia-Eksmo; Bulgaria-Obsidian; Vietnam-BestBook; Israel-Modan; Germany – Heyne

David Baldacci

DREAM TOWN— Book 3 in the Aloysius Archer series

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

U.S. Release: April 19, 2022

Foreign Sales: UK—Pan Macmillan; Netherlands—Bruna; Sweden—Bokfabriken; Bulgaria—Obsidian

SYNOPSIS:

Private investigator and World War II veteran Aloysius Archer heads to Los Angeles, the city where dreams are made and shattered, and is ensnared in a lethal case in this latest thriller in #1 New York Times bestselling author David Baldacci's Nero Award-winning series.

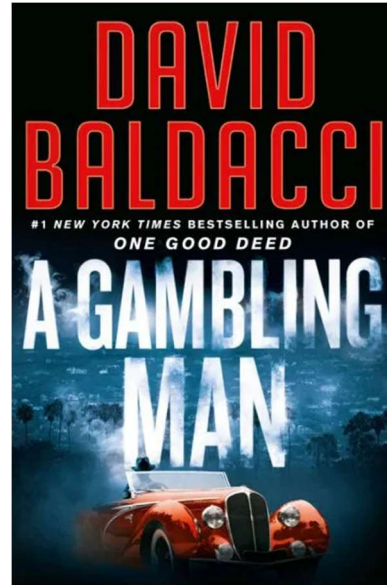
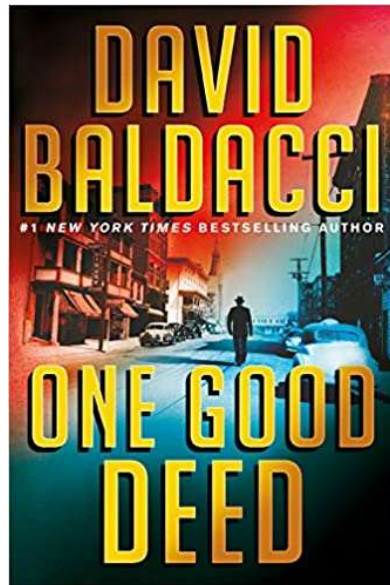
It's the eve of 1953, and Aloysius Archer is in Los Angeles to ring in the New Year with an old friend, aspiring actress Liberty Callahan, when their evening is interrupted by an acquaintance of Callahan's: Eleanor Lamb, a screenwriter in dire straits. After a series of increasingly chilling events—mysterious phone calls, the same blue car loitering outside her house, and a bloody knife left in her sink—Eleanor fears that her life is in danger, and she wants to hire Archer to look into the matter. Archer suspects that Eleanor knows more than she's saying, but before he can officially take on her case, a dead body turns up inside of Eleanor's home . . . and Eleanor herself disappears.

Missing client or not, Archer is dead set on finding both the murderer and Eleanor. With the help of Callahan and his partner Willie Dash, he launches an investigation that will take him from mob-ridden Las Vegas to the glamorous world of Hollywood to the darkest corners of Los Angeles—a city in which beautiful faces are attached to cutthroat schemers, where the cops can be more corrupt than the criminals . . . and where the powerful people responsible for his client's disappearance will kill without a moment's hesitation if they catch Archer on their trail.

David Baldacci

The ALOYSIUS ARCHER Series— Books 1 & 2

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

ONE GOOD DEED (book #1)

Sold: UK-Pan Macmillan; Sweden-Bokfabriken; Holland-Bruna; Bulgaria-Obsidian; Denmark-Linghardt & Ringhof; Vietnam-BestBooks; France-Talent Editions

A GAMBLING MAN (book #2)

Sold: UK-Pan Macmillan; Sweden-Bokfabriken; Holland-Bruna; Bulgaria-Obsidian; Vietnam-BestBooks

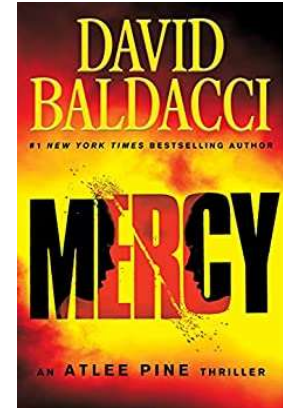
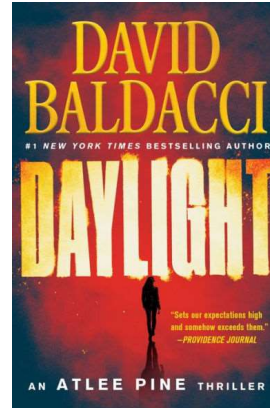
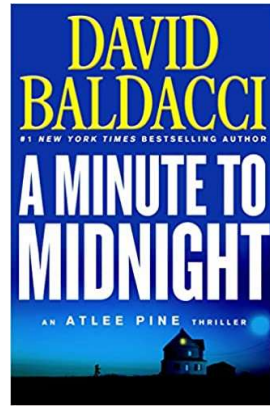
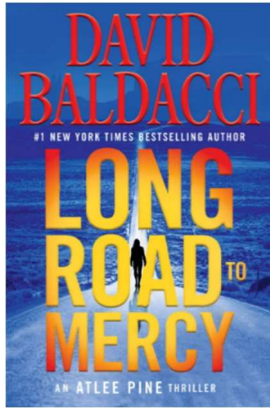
"Insightful and entertaining, Baldacci has captured the time and events perfectly with authenticity, beauty and flawless prose . . . Archer is a terrific anti-hero with plenty of longevity and originality [and] the supporting cast is just as memorable. Gripping from beginning to end."—*New York Journal of Books*

"Mega-selling mystery writer David Baldacci's latest takes us back in time and introduces a new series protagonist that may become one of his most popular . . . a captivating page-turner."—*The Florida Times-Union*

David Baldacci

The ATLEE PINE Series— Books 1-4

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

LONG ROAD TO MERCY (book #1)

Sold: UK-Pan Macmillan; Holland-Bruna; Germany-Heyne; Sweden-Bokfabriken; Italy-Fanucci; Hungary-General Press; Russia-Eksmo; Israel-Modan; Spain-Ediciones B; Greece-Harlenic; Bulgaria-Obsidian; France-Talent Editions

A MINUTE TO MIDNIGHT (book #2)

Sold: UK-Pan Macmillan; Holland-Bruna; Germany-Heyne; Sweden-Bokfabriken; Italy-Fanucci; Hungary-General Press; Russia-Eksmo; Israel-Modan; Greece-Harlenic; Bulgaria-Obsidian; Bengali-Chirkut Publications

DAYLIGHT (book #3)

Sold: UK-Pan Macmillan; Holland-Bruna; Germany-Heyne; Sweden-Bokfabriken; Italy-Fanucci; Hungary-General Press; Italy-Fanucci; Russia-Eksmo; Israel-Modan; Bulgaria-Obsidian

MERCY (book #4)

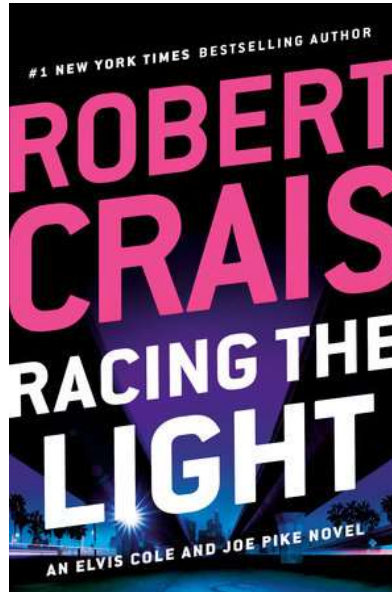
Sold: UK—Pan Macmillan; Netherlands—Bruna; Sweden—Bokfabriken ; Hungary—General Press; Germany—Heyne; Israel—Modan

"A fabulous new character from a master storyteller. Readers will love Atlee Pine. A mile-a-minute read that proves once again why David Baldacci has readers the world over flocking for more."—*Jane Harper, New York Times bestselling author*

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.

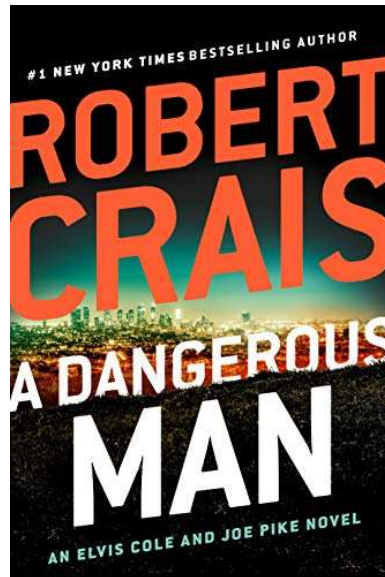
In Robert Crais' inimitable style, he's created another brilliant "noir" mystery set in Los Angeles with his bestselling characters, Elvis Cole and Joe Pike.

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

Robert Crais

A DANGEROUS MAN – featuring Elvis Cole and Joe Pike

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Putnam

U.S. Release: June 18, 2019

Foreign Sales: UK – Simon & Schuster; Japan – Sogensha; Italy – Mondadori; Latvia – Kontinents; Finland – CIL Suomi Oy; Portugal – Reader's Digest; Hungary – Reader's Digest

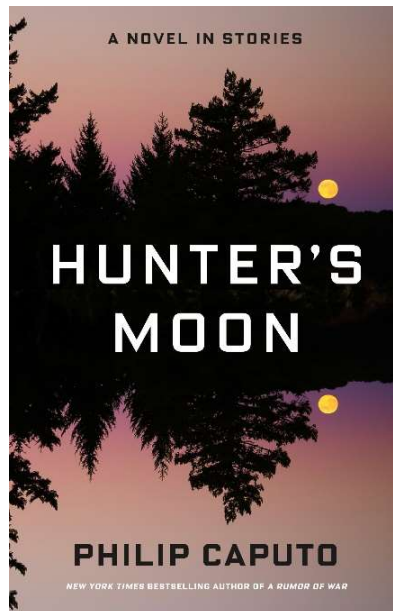
SYNOPSIS:

Joe Pike didn't expect to rescue a woman that day. So when Isabel Roland, the lonely young teller at his bank, steps out of work on her way to lunch, Joe Pike is on hand when two men abduct her. Joe Pike is no ordinary bystander. He chases them down, saves her, and the two men are arrested. But the kidnappers don't remain in custody for long. Izzy claims the men are unknown to her, but they claim otherwise. When they make bail a few days later, both are found murdered, and the police suspect Pike and Isabel had a hand in it, especially when Izzy disappears again. Pike fears the worst. Are the murders connected to her disappearance, or has Isabel fled to escape, and why had the two men kidnapped her? Convinced that Isabel has been abducted again, Pike calls on his friend, Elvis Cole, to help learn the truth. Elvis soon finds himself in their crosshairs as he learns Izzy Roland's life is a web of lies: Isabel's mother was once a key witness in a multinational counterfeit pharmaceuticals case, and her parents had been relocated from Texas to Los Angeles in the witness protection program. Their names were changed, their true identities were disguised, and Izzy, only an infant at the time, never knew the truth, and still doesn't! As Elvis and Joe zero in on the mystery, the Feds close in fast and it's up to Joe and Elvis to save Izzy at all costs.

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.

Philip Caputo
HUNTER'S MOON

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: Henry Holt

U.S. Release: August 6, 2019

Foreign Sales: France—Cherchemidi

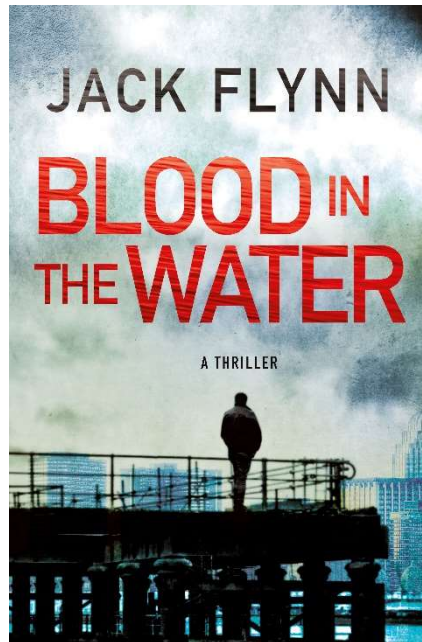
SYNOPSIS:

From the author of *A Rumor of War*, *The Longest Road*, and *Some Rise By Sin* comes a captivating mosaic of stories set in a small town where no act is private and the past is never really past. *Hunter's Moon* is set in Michigan's wild, starkly beautiful Upper Peninsula, where a cast of recurring characters move into and out of each other's lives, building friendships, facing loss, confronting violence, trying to bury the past or seeking to unearth it. Once-a-year lovers, old high school buddies on a hunting trip, a college professor and his wayward son, a middle-aged man and his grief-stricken father, come together, break apart, and, if they're fortunate, find a way forward. *Hunter's Moon* offers an engaging, insightful look at everyday lives but also a fresh perspective on the way men navigate in today's world.

Jack Flynn

BLOOD IN THE WATER

Contact: Lucy Childs



Publisher: St. Martin's Press

U.S. Release: September 24, 2019

Foreign Sales: UK—Pan Macmillan; Israel—Tchelet

SYNOPSIS:

Boston is in the grip of the coldest winter on record, but in its criminal underworld the temperature is rising.

Harbour chief Cormack O'Connell has lived his life close to the wire – above and below the law. He knows every movement on his waterfront, and that's why someone wants him out of the way, fast. Homeland security agent, Kit Steele is committed to avenge terrorism. Also known as The Hunter, she's got her eye on the prize. This time it's personal, she's nothing left to lose.

Her prey is Vincente Carpio, one of the world's most dangerous criminals. He is clever, calculating and he's biding his time.

Diamond O'Connell is a daughter, a lover and a fighter. She's seen things most nineteen-year-old girls couldn't even begin to imagine. And she's about to become a pawn in a deadly game of cat and mouse. Everyone has a role to play but now it seems that there are much darker, far-reaching forces at work which look to be preparing for the international stage.

Harlan Coben

I WILL FIND YOU

Contact: Lisa Erbach Vance

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

“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.”

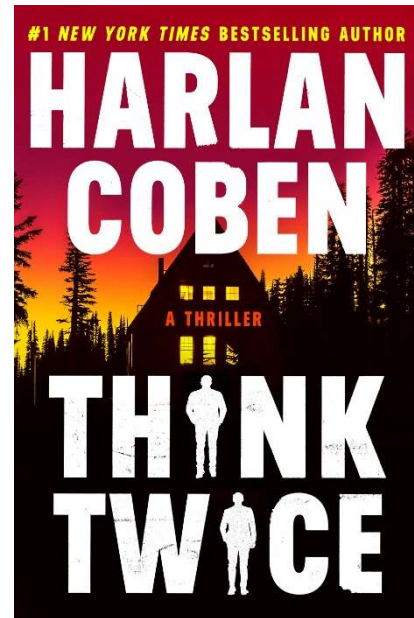
-- **San Francisco Chronicle**

“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 14, 2024

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

SYNOPSIS:

Three years ago, sports agent Myron Bolitar gave a eulogy at the funeral of his client, renowned basketball coach Greg Downing. Myron and Greg had history: initially as deeply personal rivals, and later as unexpected business associates. Myron made peace and moved on – until now, when two federal agents walked into his office, demanding to know where Greg Downing is.

According to the agents, Greg is still alive—and has been placed at the scene of a double homicide, making him their main suspect. Shocked, Myron needs answers.

Myron and Win, longtime friends and colleagues, set out to find the truth, but the more they discover about Greg, the more dangerous their world becomes. Secrets, lies, and a murderous conspiracy that stretches back into the past churn at the heart of Harlan Coben's blistering new novel.

Harlan Coben

SHELTER

Contact: Lisa Erbach Vance

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“Starts off with a bang and keeps going strong until the end.”

—*School Library Journal*

“Suspenseful, well-executed... a strong start to the series.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“*Shelter* has all the twists and turns of a Coben classic.”

—*BookPage*



Publisher: Putnam Books for Young Readers

U.S. Release: August 21, 2012 | Reissue/TV Series: August 2023

Current foreign licenses: UK/CW—Orion; Dutch—Meulenhoff Boekerij; French—Fleuve Noir; German—cbj; Spanish—Molino; Polish—Albatros; Turkish—Marti; Finnish audio – StorySide; Italian – L’Ippocampo

SYNOPSIS:

Mickey Bolitar's year can't get much worse. After witnessing his father's death and sending his mom to rehab, he's forced to live with his estranged uncle Myron and switch high schools. Fortunately, he's met a great girl, Ashley, and it seems like things might finally be improving. But then Ashley vanishes. Mickey follows Ashley's trail into a seedy underworld that reveals that Ashley isn't who she claimed to be. And neither was Mickey's father. Soon Mickey learns about a conspiracy so shocking that it leaves him questioning everything about the life he thought he knew.

Alex Finlay

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME

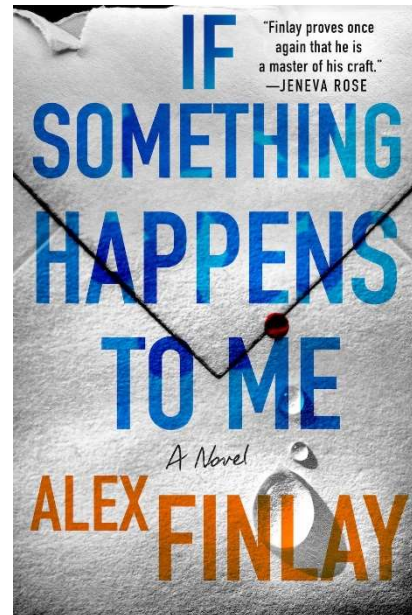
Contact: Lisa Erbach Vance

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

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

“Pulse-pounding, layered, and impossible to put down.
Finlay—the master of twists—has outdone himself.”
-- **Sarah Pekkanen, *New York Times***
bestselling author

“A brilliant and taut thriller that begs to be read in one
sitting...perfectly plotted, nail-bitingly intense, and
incredibly compelling.”
-- **Jeneva Rose, *New York Times***
bestselling author



Publisher: Minotaur

U.S. Release: May 28, 2024

Foreign Sales to date: UK/CW—Head of Zeus

SYNOPSIS:

For the past five years, Ryan Richardson has relived that terrible night. The car door ripping open. The crushing blow to the head. The hands yanking him from the vehicle. His girlfriend Ali’s piercing scream as she is taken. With no trace of Ali or the car, a cloud of suspicion hangs over Ryan. But with no proof and a good lawyer, he’s never charged, though that doesn’t matter to the podcasters and internet trolls. Now, Ryan has changed his last name, and entered law school. He’s put his past behind him. Until, on a summer trip abroad to Italy with his law-school classmates, Ryan gets a call from his father: Ali’s car has finally been found, submerged in a lake in his hometown. Inside are two dead men and a cryptic note with five words written on the envelope in Ali’s handwriting: *If something happens to me...* Then, halfway around the world, the unthinkable happens: Ryan sees the man who has haunted his dreams since that night. As Ryan races from the rolling hills of Tuscany, to a rural village in the UK, to the glittering streets of Paris in search of the truth, he has no idea that his salvation may lie with a young sheriff’s deputy in Kansas working her first case, and a mobster in Philadelphia who’s experienced tragedy of his own.

Gregg Hurwitz

LONE WOLF

Contact: Lisa Erbach Vance

***NEW YORK TIMES* and *SUNDAY TIMES* (UK)
BESTSELLER!**

"Gregg Hurwitz has steadily blasted his way to the top of the thriller world."

—*Booklist*

"Every time it looks like Gregg Hurwitz can't top himself, he delivers another impossible-to-miss thriller."

--**The Real Book Spy**

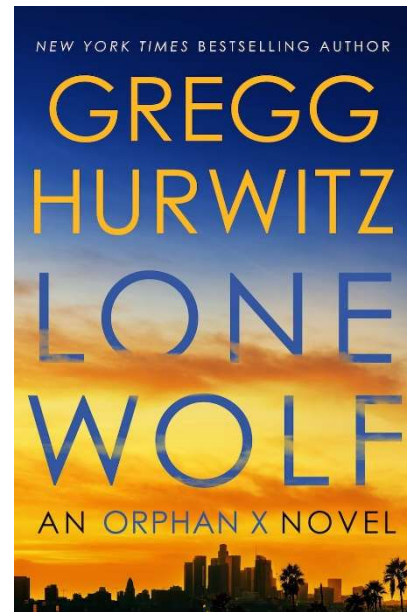
"It's this balance between heroism and humanity, humor and harshness that makes us love the Orphan X series and cross our fingers that Smoak returns for more."

—**Apple Books**

Publisher: Minotaur

U.S. Release: February 13, 2024

Foreign Sales to date: UK/CW—Michael Joseph; Dutch—Bruna



SYNOPSIS:

Once a black ops government assassin known as Orphan X, Evan Smoak left the Program, went deep underground, and reinvented himself as someone who will go anywhere and risk everything to help the truly desperate who have nowhere else to turn. Since then, Evan has fought international crime syndicates and drug cartels, faced down the most powerful people in the world and even brought down a President. Now struggling with an unexpected personal crisis, Evan goes back to the very basics of his mission - and this time, the truly desperate is a little girl who wants him to find her missing dog.

Not his usual mission, and not one Evan embraces with enthusiasm, but this unlikely, tiny job quickly explodes into his biggest mission yet, one that finds him battered between twisted AI technocrat billionaires, a mysterious female assassin who seems a mirror of himself, and personal stakes so gut-wrenching he can scarcely make sense of them.

Evan's mission pushes him to his limit - he must find and take down the assassin known only as the Wolf, before she succeeds in completing her mission and killing the people who can identify her - a teenaged daughter of her last target, and Evan himself. Matched skill for skill, instinct for instinct, Evan must outwit an opponent who will literally stop at nothing if he is to survive.

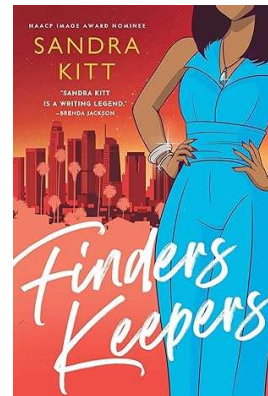
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FINDERS KEEPERS
Sandra Kitt

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

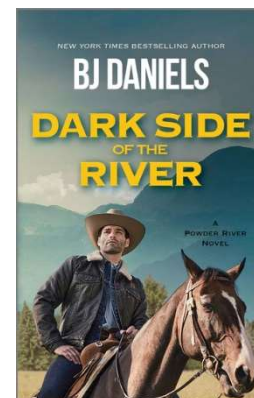


DARK SIDE OF THE RIVER
B. J. Daniels

July 25, 2023

Publisher: HQN

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



David Bushman, Mark Givens

**MURDER AT TEAL'S POND: Hazel Drew and the Mystery That Inspired
Twin Peaks.**

Foreword by Mark Frost, co-creator with David Lynch of *Twin Peaks*

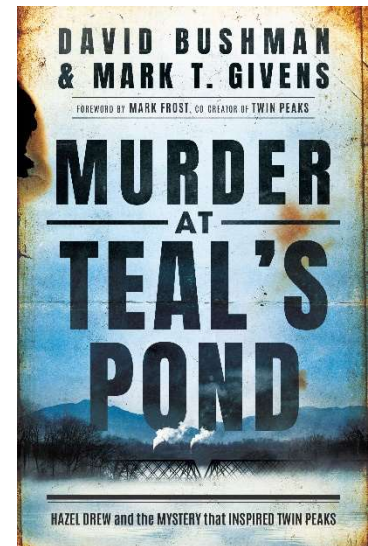
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Publisher: Thomas & Mercer

U.S. Release: December 2021

Foreign Sales: World English—Thomas & Mercer; Russia—Eksmo

Film: Cinergistik Inc



An immediate Amazon Charts Bestseller

PRAISE FOR *MURDER AT TEAL'S POND*:

“In this taut true crime page-turner...The authors effectively summarize five years of research, utilizing a range of sources, and paint a convincing picture of events that make readers feel like they’re experiencing developments in real time...this account will hold appeal beyond David Lynch fans.” —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

“In the literary equivalent of an archaeological dig, authors Bushman and Givens unearth the details of a sensational murder mystery that gripped the nation in 1908 and inspired the sinister cult favorite, *Twin Peaks*. Now, with *Murder at Teal's Pond*, the real characters emerge in a drama that proves to be every bit as compelling as the TV classic—if not more so.”

—John Berendt, author of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*

SYNOPSIS:

MURDER AT TEAL'S POND is the brilliantly researched reinvestigation into the century-old murder that inspired one of the most seductive mysteries in the history of television and film.

In 1908, Hazel Drew was found floating in a pond in Sand Lake, New York, beaten to death. The unsolved murder inspired rumors, speculation, ghost stories, and, almost a century later, the phenomenon of *Twin Peaks*. Who killed Hazel Drew? Like Laura Palmer, she was a paradox of personalities—a young, beautiful puzzle with secrets. Perhaps the even trickier question is, Who was Hazel Drew?

DAVID BUSHMAN BIO:

David Bushman was the longtime television curator at The Paley Center for Media in New York. He also worked as a TV editor/critic at *Variety* and program director of TV Land network.

MARK GIVENS BIO:

Mark Givens is a longtime *Twin Peaks* devotee who launched a *Twin Peaks*-themed podcast, *Deer Meadow Radio*, in 2016 during the lead-up to the much anticipated third season of the show.

Hilary Davidson

HER LAST BREATH

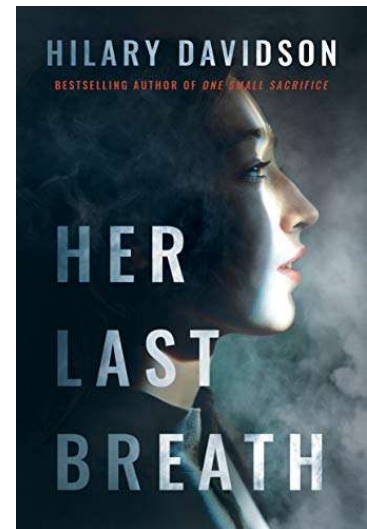
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PRAISE FOR *HER LAST BREATH*

“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

Contact: Mitch Hoffman

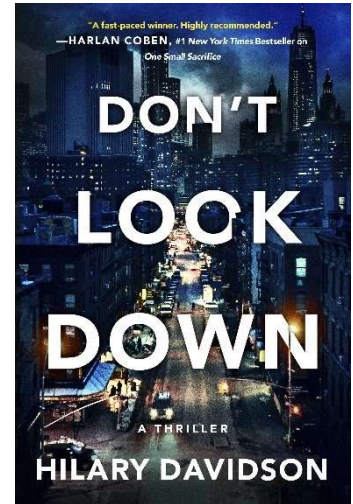
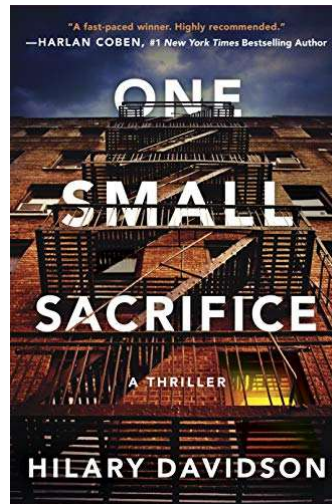
PRAISE FOR *ONE SMALL SACRIFICE*

“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.

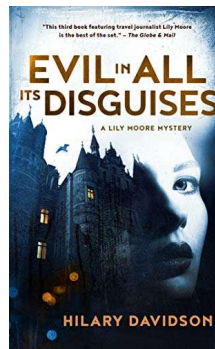
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Hilary Davidson

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...

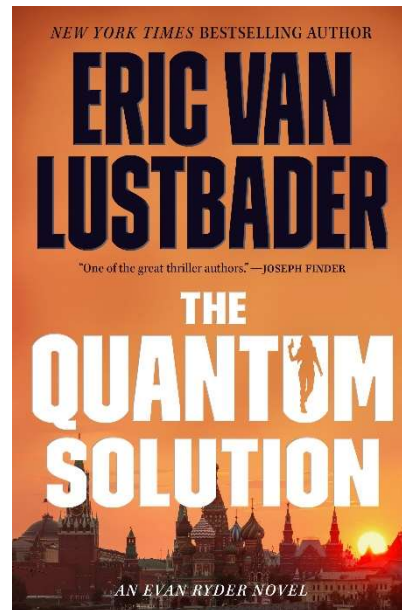
“Blood Always Tells will surprise you at every turn. You think you know what’s going on... until you don’t. Hilary Davidson is the master of plot twists!” — Tess Gerritsen, *NYT* bestselling author

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:

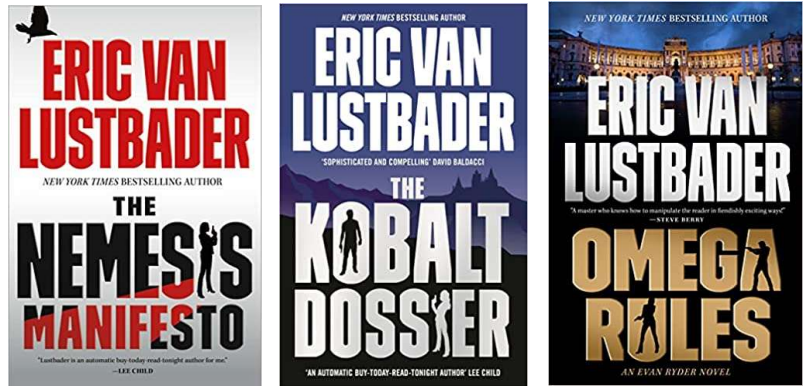
Evan Ryder is an extraordinary intelligence field agent now working for the security arm of Parachute, a private company and the world's leader in the application of quantum technology. In the past, Ryder has done lethal battle in the modern global wars of power politics, extremist ideology, corrosive 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
Contact: Mitch Hoffman



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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

David Pepper
A SIMPLE CHOICE
Contact: Mitch Hoffman

PRAISE FOR *A SIMPLE CHOICE*

“With *A Simple Choice*, David Pepper uses his insider knowledge of American politics to deliver a riveting, ripped-from-the-headlines thriller about two regular people up against extraordinary odds. This is a page-turner with a provocative idea at its heart.”

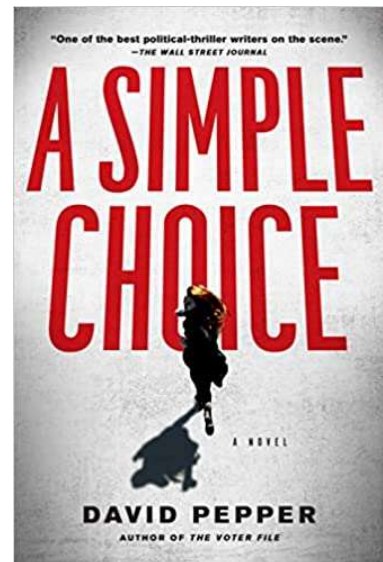
—Stacey Abrams, author of *While Justice Sleeps*

“Pepper...knows how to cast a chill with deep state politics.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

“[A] tantalizing thriller...Pepper makes it work splendidly.”

—*Booklist*



Publisher: Putnam

U.S. Release: August 2, 2022

Film Rights: Joe Veltre, Gersh Agency

World Rights: Putnam

SYNOPSIS:

**What would you do to save the life of a loved one?
Risk your own life? Break the law? Expose your own darkest secrets?
Now what would the world’s most powerful politicians be willing to do?
It turns out, just about anything.**

When one of the nation’s most prestigious senators commits suicide by jumping off a cliff, the political elite flock to the story, determined to uncover what has happened--and whether foul play was involved. TV news correspondent Palmer Knight is sent to cover the mysterious death, but soon finds himself embroiled in a plot that stretches far beyond the Senate. Meanwhile, Army veteran and former Supreme Court clerk Amity Jones thought she’d left the fast lane behind when she moved to back Ohio to care for her cancer-stricken mother. But her dogged pursuit of a local medical enigma brings her back to the world of politics, involving her in Palmer’s investigation of the senator’s death. Soon, the unlikely duo confronts a political conspiracy that leads to the highest levels of power. Filled with the kinds of twists and high-level intrigue that only a true insider could write, *A Simple Choice* is a riveting thriller that will keep bringing you back to the same question: *what would you do?*

AUTHOR BIO:

David Pepper is the author of *The Voter File*, *The People’s House*, *The Wingman*, and *Laboratories of Autocracy*. He earned his B.A. from Yale University and his J.D. from Yale Law School. He has clerked for a judge on the United States Court of Appeals, and taught election and voting rights law. Prior to law school, Pepper worked in St. Petersburg, Russia, for the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. He served as Chair of the Ohio Democratic Party from 2015-2021.

Tom Rob Smith

COLD PEOPLE

Contact: Mitch Hoffman

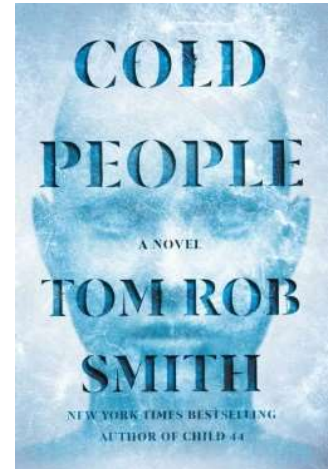
EXTRAORDINARY PRAISE FOR COLD PEOPLE

“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

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*.

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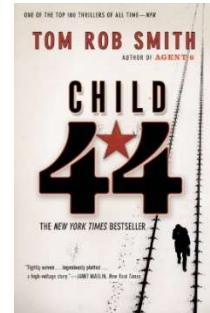
CHILD 44

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.



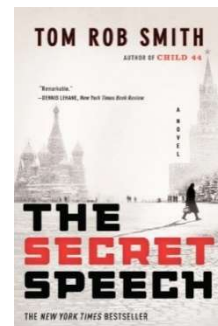
THE SECRET SPEECH

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

THE OVERNIGHTS: An Ashe Cayne Novel

Contact: Mitch Hoffman

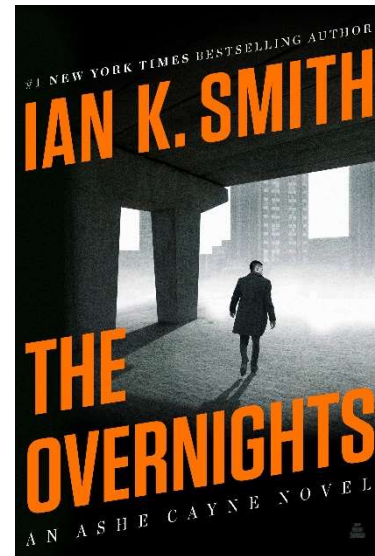
PRAISE FOR THE ASHE CAYNE SERIES

“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*

“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*



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

Publisher: Amistad

U.S. Release: May 3, 2023

Film/TV: BET (in development)

SYNOPSIS:

Morgan Shaw is the absolute star of top-rated Chicago TV station WLTV. A hugely popular evening news anchor, Morgan has model-like beauty, poise, a stunning wardrobe, and a hypnotic smile. She’s also afraid that someone is trying to kill her.

Morgan, long the ratings leader, is in jeopardy of losing to her crosstown rival, and she’ll do anything necessary to stay atop her throne. She embarks on an audacious investigation into the suspicious shooting of an unarmed Black man. Her explosive discoveries not only promise to boost her ratings, but they also create powerful enemies who will do whatever it takes to prevent the truth from being exposed. Ashe is in a race against the clock to both protect his high-profile client—digging through the tangled layers of competitive TV news and the deceptive machinations of its power players—and uncover the identities of those who were behind the murder of a seemingly innocent man.

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 twelve other books, with millions of copies in print. His novels included 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.

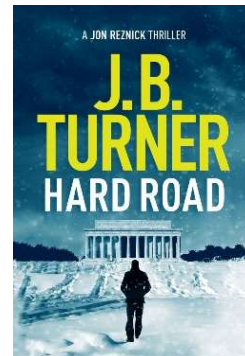
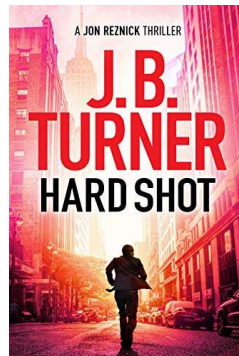
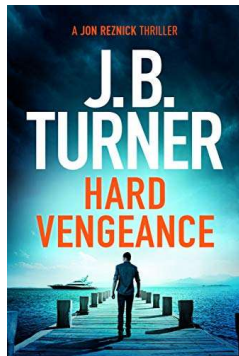
J.B. Turner

JOHN REZNICK—The #1 international bestselling series

Contact: Mitch Hoffman

Film: Rich Green, The Gotham Group

Over
two million
copies sold!



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
- *Hard Kill*—August 16, 2016
- *Hard Wired*—August 16, 2016
- *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

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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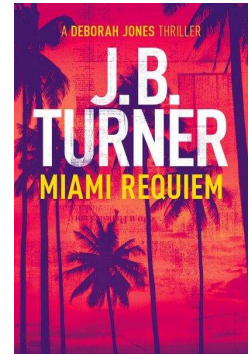
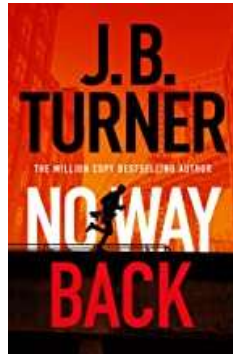
JACK MCNEAL SERIES

AMERICAN GHOST SERIES

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.

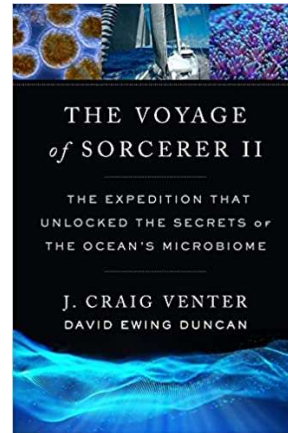
Dr. J. Craig Venter, David Ewing Duncan

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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--*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

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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