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Project Namahana

A Thriller

John Teschner

A propulsive, morally complex thriller in the vein of Harlan Coben, Dennis Lehane, and Tana French.

Project Namahana takes you from Midwestern, glass-walled, corporate offices over the Pacific and across the island of Kaua'i; from seemingly idyllic beaches and mountainous inland jungles to the face of Mount Namahana; all the while, exploring the question of how corporate executives could be responsible for evil things without, presumably, being evil themselves.

This suspenseful page-turner follows two men unified by a string of disappearances and deaths, as they search for answers—and salvation—in the jungles of Kaua'i. Together, they must navigate the overlapping and complicated lines between a close-knit community and the hated, but economically-necessary corporate farms—and the decades old secrets that bind them.

Delving into the urgent issues of wartime trauma and the long arm of historical injustice, *Project Namahana* portrays the complex lives of the people who live in Kaua'i, Hawaiian life that is worlds away from the all-inclusive resorts or lei ceremonies that tourists see.

PRAISE

- "An enthralling tale of disappearances, deaths, dark secrets, and corporate evil. I loved it and highly recommend it!"
- —Douglas Preston, #1 bestselling co-author of the Agent Pendergast series
- "A smart, propulsive, high-stakes dive into the wild heart of Kaua'i. A stunning debut from a writer I'll be reading again."
- -James A. McLaughlin, Edgar Award-winning author of Bearskin

JOHN TESCHNER was born in Rhode Island and grew up in southern Virginia. He has worked as a newspaper reporter, professional mover, teacher, and nonprofit grantwriter. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Kenya and rode a bike across the United States. He spent seven years living on the island of Kaua'i with his wife and two boys, where he helped lead Hui O Mana Ka Pu'uwai outrigger canoe club and became a competitive canoe racer. He now lives in Duluth, Minnesota, where he is learning how to...



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Wake of War

A Novel

Zac Topping

Tom Clancy by way of Gillian Flynn, debut author Zac Topping is destined to break out an already thrilling genre.

"I just hope I'm on the right side of history"

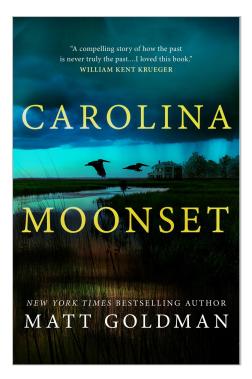
The United States of America is a crumbling republic. With the value of the dollar imploding, the government floundering, and national outrage and resentment growing by the hour, a rebellion has caught fire. The Revolutionary Front, led by Joseph Graham, has taken control of Salt Lake City.

In a nation where opportunity is sequestered behind the gilded doors of the rich and powerful, joining the Army seemed like James Trent's best option. He never thought he'd see combat. Now Trent finds himself on the front lines, fighting for something he doesn't even know if he believes in. Destroying innocent lives wasn't what he signed on for, and he can feel himself slipping away with every casualty.

Sharpshooter Sam Cross was just fourteen when American soldiers gunned down her parents and forced her brother into conscription. Now, five years later, retribution feels like her only option to stitch the wound of her past. She has accepted Joseph Graham's offer to be his secret weapon. His Reaper in the Valley. But retribution always comes at a cost.

When forces clash in Salt Lake City, alliances will be shattered, resolve will be tested, and when the dust clears, nobody will be able to lie to themselves, or be lied to, again. *Wake of War* is a timely account of the lengths those with power will go to preserve it, and the determination of those they exploit to destroy everything in the name of fre...

Zac Topping grew up in Eastern Connecticut where, contrary to popular belief, it's not all trust funds and yacht clubs. He spent his formative years on the move, as some do, and discovered a passion for writing early in life. He is a veteran of the United States Army and has served two tours in Iraq. He currently lives with his wife in the quiet farm town of Canterbury, CT and works as a career fire fighter.



FICTION / THRILLERS / SUSPENSE

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Carolina Moonset

Matt Goldman

An engrossing, breakout, standalone, suspense novel with heart, by *New York Times* bestselling and Emmy Awardwinning author Matt Goldman

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At first this seems like a blessing of sorts, with the past providing a refuge from a shrinking future, but Joey grows increasingly anxious as his father's hallucinatory arguments with figures from his youth begin to hint at deadly secrets, scandals, and suspicions long buried and forgotten. Resurfacing from decades past are mysteries that still have the power to shatter lives – and change everything Joey thought he knew.

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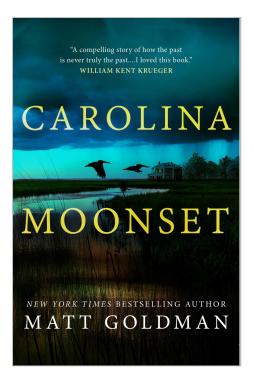
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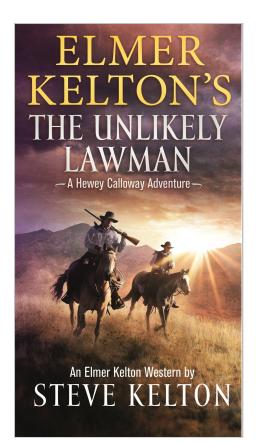
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The Unlikely Lawman

A Hewey Calloway Adventure

Steve Kelton

A brand new adventure in Elmer Kelton's bestselling Hewey Calloway series!

Rascally cowboy Hewey Calloway is heading north to Colorado, on a horse drive for an old friend, when he gets word that one of his hired hands is planning to rob him. When the plot is foiled, the horsehand becomes a fugitive, leaving bodies in his wake. Hewey, the worst pistol shot in the West, is deputized to bring the criminal to justice, bestowing him with a weight of responsibility he's long avoided and leaving him to wonder if even the help of a retired Texas Ranger will be enough to put an end to this trail of dastardly deeds.

The Unlikely Lawman will transport you to an Old West full of duplicity, gunfights, and of course, plenty of cowboys and robbers.

STEVE KELTON is retired from the San Angelo-based *Livestock Weekly*, where he spent 42 years, the last 25 as editor. A West Texas native, he is a son of the late Western novelist and livestock journalist Elmer Kelton. During his youth, Steve spent as much time as possible on the McElroy Ranch in West Texas's Crane and Upton counties. Managed by his grandfather, Buck Kelton, the McElroy was where Elmer and his brothers grew up. Aside from journalism, Steve is the author of two nonfiction books, *Re.*...



FICTION / WOMEN

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She Wouldn't Change a Thing 6/2022 | 9781250774576 Trade Paperback | \$16.99 / \$22.99 Can. FORGE BOOKS AUGUST 2022

Midnight on the Marne

Sarah Adlakha

A perfect book club read that asks, "Can you change the course of history and still keep what you hold dear?"

American solider George Mountcastle feels an instant connection to Marcelle Fournier, a young WWI nurse and secret French spy. But in times of war, love must wait. Soon, George and his best friend Philip are fighting for their lives during the Second Battle of the Marne, during which George stops Philip from a brave act that would have won the battle at the cost of his life.

Germany has won the war—and Philip can't shake the feeling that something is terribly wrong. After escaping from a German POW camp along with Philip and Marcelle's twin sister Rosalie, George and Marcelle start a new life and family together, finding love and joy where they can in a brutally occupied France.

Years pass and tragedy strikes. George wakes up back in 1918, knowing that he must make different choices for the greater good. Playing with time is a tricky thing, though. If he chooses to change the course of history on this pivotal battlefield, he will surely change his own future—and perhaps not for the better.

Set during the heroism and heartbreak of World War I, and in an occupied France in an alternate timeline, *Midnight on the Marne* explores the responsibilities love lays on us and the rippling impact of our choices.

PRAISE

Praise for She Wouldn't Change a Thing

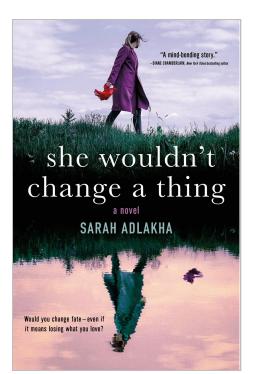
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Sarah Adlakha (she/her) is a native of Chicago and a practicing psychiatrist who now lives along the Gulf Coast of Mississippi with her husband and their three daughters. *She Wouldn't Change a Thing* was her first novel.

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She Wouldn't Change a Thing

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Sliding Doors meets Life After Life in this story about a wife and mother who is given the chance to start over at the risk of losing everything she loves

A second chance is the last thing she wants.

When thirty-nine year old Maria Forssmann wakes up in her seventeen-year-old body, she doesn't know how she got there. All she *does* know is she has to get back: to her home in Bienville, Mississippi, to her job as a successful psychiatrist and, most importantly, to her husband, daughters, and unborn son.

But she also knows that, in only a few weeks, a devastating tragedy will strike her husband, a tragedy that will lead to their meeting each other.

Can she change time and still keep what it's given her?

Exploring the responsibilities love lays on us, the complicated burdens of motherhood, and the rippling impact of our choices, *She Wouldn't Change a Thing* is a dazzling debut from a bright new voice.

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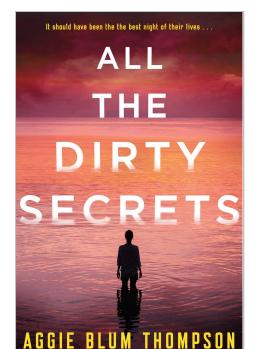
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I Don't Forgive You 6/2023 | 9781250775177 Mass Market | \$9.99 / \$12.99 Can.

All the Dirty Secrets

Aggie Blum Thompson

Perfect for bookclubs or the beach, a page-turning, gripping story of friendship, secrets, and betrayal

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Set in the upscale DC private school scene, where silence can easily be bought, *All the Dirty Secrets* asks how far you would go to protect your status and your family, and if some secrets should ever be revealed.

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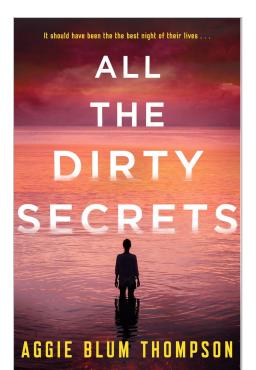
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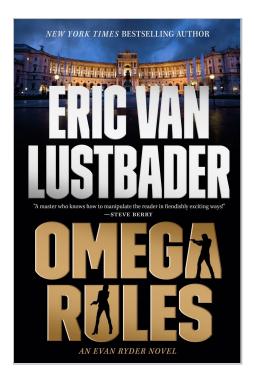
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The Kobalt Dossier: An Evan Ryder Novel 3/2022 | 9781250751225 Mass Market | \$9.99 / \$12.99 Can.

The Nemesis Manifesto: An Evan Ryder Novel

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Omega Rules

An Evan Ryder Novel

Eric Van Lustbader

Evan Ryder returns to uncover an international conspiracy against American democracy in a white-knuckle new thriller by *New York Times* bestselling author, Eric Van Lustbader.

Evan Ryder was once a field agent for a black-ops arm of the Department of Defense. Now she works for Parachute, a cutting-edge quantum-computing firm whose private espionage network exceeds any government spy agency. But her mission remains the same: seek out and destroy Omega, a fanatical global cult intent on destroying democracy. The fight against Omega has already cost Evan dearly, but she will not stop until she has torn out the conspiracy by its roots, no matter the risk.

In *Omega Rules*, the assassination of a Parachute agent in Vienna sets Evan on a dangerous, world-wide hunt for answers and on a collision course with forces so powerful they may be beyond her abilities to annihilate. Once again Lustbader delivers a prescient exploration of the political and ideological forces that are wreaking havoc on the stability of the Western world and its struggling democracies.

PRAISE

Praise for The Nemesis Manifesto:

"[An] outstanding series launch...Credible action and often lyrical prose support the complex, intelligent plot. A series of twists and an extended fight sequence at the end will leave readers amazed and pleasantly exhausted. Lustbader is at the top of his game." —Publishers Weekly, starred review

"One of the best in the business delivers a gem of a read. This one is top notched all the way." —Steve Berry

"Lustbader is in excellent form here. *The Nemesis Manifesto* is dark, sophisticated and compelling, and couldn't be more timely. And Evan Ryder is a keeper!"

—David Baldacci

ERIC VAN LUSTBADER is the author of many *New York Times* bestselling thrillers, including *The Testament, First Daughter, Last Snow*, and *Blood Trust*. 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. Visit him online at www.ericvanlustbader.com, follow him on Twitter @EVanLustbader, or on Instagram @evlust.



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In the Middle of Hickory Lane

Heather Webber

The charming new novel from *USA Today* bestselling author Heather Webber!

Emme Wynn has wanted nothing more her whole life than to feel like part of a family. Having grown up on the run with her con artist mother, she's been shuffled from town to town, drawn into bad situations, and has learned some unsavory habits that she's tried hard to overcome. When her estranged grandmother tracks her down out of the blue and extends a job offer--helping to run her booth at an open-air marketplace in small-town Sweetgrass, Alabama--Emme hopes that she'll finally be able to plant the roots she's always dreamed of. But some habits are hard to break, and she risks her newfound happiness by keeping one big truth to herself.

Cora Bee Hazelton has her hands full with volunteering, gardening, her job as a color consultant and designer, and just about anything she can do to keep her mind off her painful past, a past that has resulted in her holding most everyone at arm's length. The last thing she wants is to form close relationships only to have her heart broken yet again. But when she's injured, she has no choice other than to let people into her life and soon realizes it's going to be impossible to keep her heart safe--or her secrets hidden.

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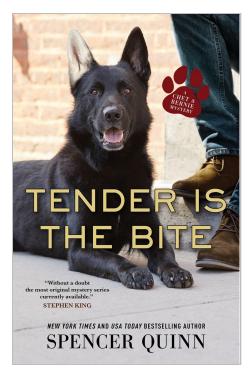
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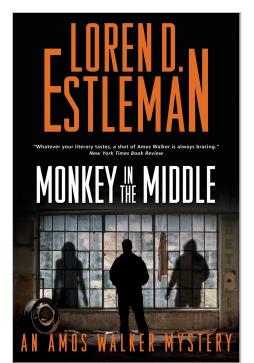
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Not to mention any number of covert government agencies pursuing their own agendas, possibly in opposition to each other.

Walker just wants answers, but what he finds is a dead body – and enough trouble to put him on ice for good, unless he can discover what everyone's *not* telling him.

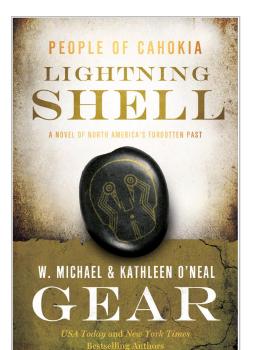
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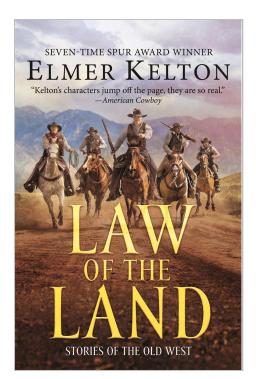
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