Father of Lions

One Man's Remarkable Quest to Save the Mosul Zoo

Louise Callaghan

The Bookseller of Kabul meets The Zookeeper's Wife: an award-winning journalist puts a human face on life under ISIS, told through the prism of the Mosul zoo.

After two and a half years of Isis occupation, and months of fighting between the militants and government forces, the Mosul Zoo was one of the few outdoor attractions still standing in Iraq’s second city, its inhabitants kept alive by Abu Laith, a square-set 50-something mechanic and passionate animal lover.

As the animals began to starve under the siege by advancing Iraqi army forces, Abu Laith, the “Father of Lions” and his protégées and family risked their lives to keep the animals alive.

When liberation finally came, the city and the zoo were both on their last legs. It seemed as if all was lost, until a local former-government scientist, Hakam, saw a message on Facebook about a zoo nearby: a charity in Switzerland wanted to rescue the animals.

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Remembrance

Rita Woods

This breakout historical debut with modern resonance is perfect for the many fans of The Underground Railroad and Orphan Train.

Remembrance... It’s a rumor, a whisper passed in the fields and veiled behind sheets of laundry. A hidden stop on the underground road to freedom, a safe haven protected by more than secrecy... if you can make it there.

Ohio, present day. An elderly woman who is more than she seems warns against rising racism as a young woman grapples with her life.

Haiti, 1791, on the brink of revolution. When the slave Abigail is forced from her children to take her mistress to safety, she discovers New Orleans has its own powers.

1857 New Orleans—a city of unrest: Following tragedy, house girl Margot is sold just before her 18th birthday and her promised freedom. Desperate, she escapes and chases a whisper.... Remembrance.

PRAISE

We will send widely for quotes, including to Christina Baker Kline, Tara Conklin, Tananarive Due, Alyssa Cole, Jessamyn Ward, Paulette Jiles and more

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The Murder List

A Novel of Suspense

Hank Phillippi Ryan

A new standalone suspense novel for fans of Lisa Scottoline and B. A. Paris from award-winning author and reporter Hank Phillippi Ryan

Law student Rachel North will tell you, without hesitation, what she knows to be true. She's smart, she’s a hard worker, she does the right thing, she’s successfully married to a faithful and devoted husband, who is a lion of Boston's defense bar, and her internship with the Boston DA's office is her ticket to a successful future.

Problem is--she’s wrong.

And in this cat and mouse game--the battle for justice becomes a battle for survival.

PRAISE

“A cracker of a read —her best yet!” —B.A. Paris

“A fireworks display of a novel: exciting, explosive, relentless— and likely to leave you gasping. Ryan is that rare writer who, against impossible odds, tops herself with each new book, and The Murder List ranks as her very best to date.” —A J Finn

“An exhilarating thrill ride that keeps you turning pages.” —Liv Constantine

“Utterly absorbing! Ryan is a master working at the top of her game.” —Riley Sager

HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN has won five Agatha Awards, in addition to the Anthony, Macavity, Daphne du Maurier, and Mary Higgins Clark Award for her bestselling mystery novels. Along with her 34 Emmys and14 Edward R. Murrow awards, Hank has received dozens of other honors for her ground-breaking investigative journalism. A former president of Sisters in Crime and founder of MWA University, she lives in Boston with her husband, a nationally renowned civil rights and criminal defense attorney.
Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe

Heather Webber

A captivating blend of magical realism, heartwarming romance, and small-town Southern charm for fans of Sarah Addison Allen

Nestled in the mountain shadows of Alabama lies the little town of Wicklow. It is here that Anna Kate has returned to bury her beloved Granny Zee, owner of the Blackbird Cafe.

It was supposed to be a quick trip to close the cafe and settle her grandmother’s estate, but despite her best intentions to avoid forming ties or even getting to know her father’s side of the family, Anna Kate finds herself inexplicably drawn to the quirky Southern town her mother ran away from so many years ago, and the mysterious blackbird pie everybody can’t stop talking about.

As the truth about her past slowly becomes clear, Anna Kate will need to decide if this lone blackbird will finally be able to take her broken wings and fly.

PRAISE

“An enchanting gem of a novel... this is truly magical realism at its best.” —Karen White, New York Times bestselling author

“Full of family secrets, undeniable charm and that particular touch of magic so often found in the South...I savored every word.” —Kristy Woodson Harvey, national bestselling author of Slightly South of Simple

“Family, fate, and magic intertwine in this endearing Southern tale . . A tantalizing, delicious delight, through and through.” —Kristin Harmel, international bestselling author of The Room on Rue Amélie and The Sweetness of Forgetting

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48 Hours

A Novel

William R. Forstchen

A solar storm threatens to destroy the world’s electrical infrastructure in this thriller from the NYT bestselling author of One Second After, William R. Forstchen

From the author of the smash hit, New York Times bestselling One Second After series comes a thriller in which the survival of humanity itself is at stake.

The countdown is on. In less than forty-eight hours, Earth will be hit by a major solar storm. At first, it is thought to be a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that will severely damage our world’s electronic infrastructure. A crisis to be certain, but one that can be survived—until something far more frightening is discovered by NASA’s solar observation teams. It is not just a CME. The sun is about to let loose with a solar explosion of such intensity it will result in an ELE, an “Extinction Level Event.”

A final hour might be approaching that could see the near extinction of all life on earth. How will humanity react to such news? How would you react?

PRAISE

“A story that should be read by all—not just as a riveting piece of fiction, but also as a cautionary tale of humanity at the edge. Here is a book that should be on everyone’s shelf, a guidebook to the end of the world.”
—James Rollins

“A surreal treat.”
—Steve Berry

“The reader will race through this stunning, electrifying novel all the way to its final, shocking conclusion and come back begging for more.”
—William S. Cohen

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Nobody Does it Better
The Complete Uncensored, Unauthorized Oral History of James Bond

Mark A. Altman & Edward Gross

The unauthorized, uncensored true story behind the history of 007 from Sean Connery to Daniel Craig.

For over five decades, the cinematic adventures of James Bond have thrilled moviegoers. Now, bestselling authors Mark A. Altman and Edward Gross take you behind-the-scenes of the most famous and beloved movie franchise of all-time filled with reflections from over 150 cast, crew, critics and filmmakers who reflect on the impact of this legendary movie franchise as well as share their thoughts about their favorite (and least) favorite 007 adventures and spy mania which gripped fans the world over in the wake of the success of the James Bond films.

Praise for The Fifty-Year Mission

"The authors have done an exhaustive, masterful job. An intriguing look inside the sausage-making process that is television and film production."— The Wall Street Journal

"Breathtaking in scope and depth, this is a must-read for Star Trek lovers as well as anyone who wants a better understanding of how television and film production works."— Booklist

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Irish Above All

A Novel

Mary Pat Kelly

Irish-American author Mary Pat Kelly draws upon family history to craft another striking work of historical fiction featuring Chicago-born heroine Nora Kelly

Mary Pat Kelly showcases the most tumultuous years of the twentieth century through the eyes of an indomitable Irish-American in Irish Above All, a beautiful work of historical fiction.

After ten years in Paris, where she learned photography and became part of the movement that invented modern art, Chicago-born, Irish-American Nora Kelly is at last returning home. Her skill as a photographer will help her cousin Ed Kelly in his rise to Mayor of Chicago (1933-1947). But when she captures the moment an assassin’s bullet narrowly misses President-elect Franklin Roosevelt and strikes Anton Cermak in February 1933, she enters a world of international intrigue and danger. She must balance family obligations against her encounters with larger-than-life historical characters, such as Joseph Kennedy, Big Bill Thompson, Al Capone, Mussolini, and the circle of women who surround F.D.R. Nora moves through the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, and World War II, but it’s her unexpected trip to Ireland that transforms her life.

PRAISE

“An epic story of love, loss and the strength of one incredible Irish woman.”
—Martha Hall Kelly, author of New York Times bestseller Lilac Girls

“Gripping, poignant and enlightening.”
—Peter Quinn, American Book Award-Winning author of Banished Children Of Eve

“Nobody writing today knows better how to breathe life into Irish-Americans, with all their dreams, hopes, and aspirations.”
—William Martin, New York Times bestselling author of Bound for Gold

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Blame the Dead

Ed Ruggero

The thrilling start of an action-packed and timely WWII series by a former Army Officer for fans of compelling historical fiction

Set against the heroism and heartbreak of World War II, former Army officer Ed Ruggero brilliantly captures, with grace and authenticity, the evocative and timeless stories of ordinary people swept up in extraordinary times.

Sicily, 1943. Eddie Harkins, former Philadelphia beat cop turned Military Police lieutenant, reluctantly finds himself first at the scene of a murder at the US Army’s 11th Field Hospital. There the nurses contend with heat, dirt, short-handed staffs, the threat of German counterattack, an ever-present flood of horribly wounded GIs, and the threat of assault by one of their own—at least until someone shoots Dr. Myers Stephenson in the head.

With help from nurse Kathleen Donnelly, once a childhood friend and now perhaps something more, it soon becomes clear to Harkins that the unit is rotten to its core. As the battle lines push forward, Harkins is running out of time to find one killer before he can strike again.

PRAISE

“The title of this riveting, finely crafted novel may be Blame the Dead, but I blame Ed Ruggero—for keeping me up at night, reading "just one more" chapter then another and another. Great pacing, compelling characters, solid research and a fiendishly clever plot add up to non-stop reading excitement.” —Ralph Peters

“This book is a lot of fun, written with an insider's feel for the U.S. Army and its history.” —Thomas E. Ricks, author of The Generals and Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq

“A master of the World War II genre.” —Los Angeles Times

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Gone by Midnight

Candice Fox

#1 New York Times and Globe and Mail bestselling author
Candice Fox delivers a compulsive new crime thriller

Crimson Lake is where people with dark pasts come to disappear—and where others vanish into thin air...

Four young boys are left alone in a hotel room while their parents dine downstairs. When Sara Farrow checks on the children at midnight, her son is missing.

Distrustful of the police, Sara turns to Crimson Lake’s unlikeliest private investigators—disgraced cop Ted Conkaffey and convicted killer Amanda Pharrell. For Ted, the case couldn’t have come at a worse time. Two years ago a false accusation robbed him of his career, his reputation, and most importantly, his family. But now Lillian, the daughter he barely knows, is coming to stay in his ramshackle cottage by the lake.

Ted must dredge up the area’s worst characters to find the missing boy. The clock is ticking, and the danger he uncovers could well put his own child in deadly peril.

PRAISE

“If you haven’t read Candice Fox yet, you're missing out! I can't wait to read what this talented writer does next!” —Chevy Stevens

“A bright new star of crime fiction.” —James Patterson

“Definitely a writer to watch.” —Harlan Coben

“Sign me up as a big-time Fox fan!” —Lee Child

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**Do No Harm**

Max Allan Collins

*Do No Harm* is the latest in Max Allan Collin’s Nathan Heller mystery series.

In *Do No Harm*, Heller takes on the Sam Sheppard case—a young doctor is startled from sleep and discovers his wife brutally murdered. He claims that a mysterious intruder killed his wife. But all the evidence points to a disturbed husband who has grown tired of married life and yearned to be free at all costs. Sheppard is swiftly convicted and sent to rot in prison.

Just how firm was the evidence…and was it tampered with to fit a convenient narrative to settle scores and push political agendas? Nathan’s old friend Elliot Ness calls in a favor and as Nathan digs into the case he becomes convinced of Sheppard’s innocence. But Nate can’t prove it and has to let the case drop.

The road to justice is sometimes a long one. Heller’s given another chance years later and this time he's determined to free the man…even if it brings his own death a bit closer.

**PRAISE**

For Max Allan Collins

“Nathan Heller is the perfect private eye.”—*New York Daily News*

“Collins has an outwardly artless style that conceals a great deal of art.”—*New York Times*

“A unique private eye series with a believable, enduring hard-boiled hero.”—*Los Angeles Times*

“The master of true-crime fiction.”—*Chicago Magazine*

MAX ALLAN COLLINS was chosen as the 2017 Grand Master by Mystery Writers of America (MWA). He is the author of the acclaimed graphic novel *Road to Perdition* (the basis for the Academy Award-winning Tom Hanks film) and its sequels, as well as the Nathan Heller mysteries, including *Bye Bye, Baby, Target Lancer,* and *Ask Not.* An independent filmmaker, Collins lives in eastern Iowa.
The Stolen Gold Affair

A Carpenter and Quincannon Mystery

Bill Pronzini

MWA Grand Master Bill Pronzini’s newest historical mystery, perfect for fans of Peaky Blinders and The Alienist

The Stolen Gold Affair is the 8th title in the Carpenter & Quincannon historical mystery series.

In response to a string of gold thefts in a Mother Lode mine, Quincannon goes undercover as a newly-hired miner to identify and capture the men responsible.

Meanwhile, Sabina finds herself not only making plans for her and Quincannon’s wedding, but also investigating both an audacious real estate scam and an abusive young man’s villainous secret.

PRAISE

For the Carpenter and Quincannon Mystery Series

“This fast-moving novel offers plenty of fun.”—Publishers Weekly on The Bags of Tricks Affair

“Those who enjoy historical mysteries are in for a particular treat with this delightful new series featuring two intrepid detectives who solve their cases using different but equally effective methods.”—Booklist on The Bughouse Affair

“A doubly impossible crime only adds to the enjoyable plot.”—Publishers Weekly on The Bughouse Affair

BILL PRONZINI has been nominated for, or won, every prize offered to crime fiction writers, including the Grand Master Award from the Mystery Writers of America. It is no wonder, then, that Detroit Free Press said of him, “It's always nice to see masters at work. Pronzini's clear style seamlessly weaves [storylines] together, turning them into a quick, compelling read.” He lives and writes in California, with his wife, crime novelist Marcia Muller.
Crash

David Hagberg and Lawrence Light

A propulsive financial thriller exploring the coming economic collapse in the tradition of The Big Short and Paul Erdman’s Crash of ’79

Many leading economic authorities are predicting a global financial collapse within the next two to three years. Now acclaimed, awarding-winning, New York Times bestselling novelist David Hagberg, and renowned financial reporter Lawrence Light, have combined forces to dramatize— hour by hour—how this global collapse will go down. Expect to see them discussing this nightmare scenario on TV and podcasts.

In 36 hours, a small group of international business tycoons will obliterate the world economy. They have found allies in China, as the West has imposed economic sanctions that threaten to plunge their country into bankruptcy, and China is determined to fight fire with fire. Their hackers will shut down the East Coast electrical grid in unison with America’s economic meltdown, and mercenary hit teams will assassinate the heads of the three biggest Wall Street banks, along with the U.S. Treasury secretary.

Only one person spots a glitch in the US Stock Exchange computers: SEC computer expert Cindy David. Her warnings sound on deaf ears, however, and she only has time to inform her friend Hank Harris before she is kidnapped by the mercenaries.

A former Navy Seal turned FBI employee, Harris has a day and a half to unravel the plot, save the economy, and, most importantly to him, save his friend. Because once the crash starts to go down, nothing can be done to stop it. The Second Great Depression will begin.

PRAISE

“Hagberg writes the most realistic, prophetic thrillers I have ever read.”
—Stephen Coonts, New York Times bestselling author

“The grand master of the contemporary thriller.”
—Douglas Preston, #1 New York Times bestselling author

DAVID HAGBERG is a former Air Force cryptographer who has spoken at CIA functions and published more than seventy novels of suspense, including the bestselling Allah’s Scorpion, Dance with the Dragon, and The Expediter.

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