



Trust Me

Hank Phillippi Ryan

Two women, an unspeakable crime, a shifting reality. Brilliant psychological suspense—“The *creme de la creme*” (Cynthia Callander, Vero Beach Book Center)

An accused killer insists she's innocent of a heinous murder.

A grieving journalist surfaces from the wreckage of her shattered life.

Their unlikely alliance leads to a dangerous cat-and-mouse game that will leave you breathless.

Who can you trust when you can't trust yourself?

Trust Me is the chilling stand-alone novel of psychological suspense and manipulation that award-winning author and renowned investigative reporter Hank Phillippi Ryan was born to write.

HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN is the investigative reporter for Boston's NBC affiliate, and has won thirty-four Emmys and fourteen Edward R. Murrow Awards. A *Boston Globe* bestselling author, Ryan has won two Agatha Awards, in addition to the Anthony, Macavity, Daphne du Maurier, and Mary Higgins Clark Awards. She is on the national board of directors of Mystery Writers of America and Sisters in Crime and is the author of *The Other Woman*, *The Wrong Girl*, *Truth Be Told*, *Say No More*, and *What You See*.

MARKETING

Plans:

- Prepublication trade and consumer buzz campaign
- National print and online advertising across multiple platforms
- Author appearance at BookExpo, Bourchercon and tradeshow
- Extensive ARC distribution
- Promotion through early reader review programs
- Extensive review coverage and Off-the-Book-Page features
- Regional Television Satellite Tour
- Radio giveaways
- “Trust Me, I’m a mystery fan” pins
- “Who Can You Trust?” digital marketing campaign including social media promoted posts, sweepstakes, exclus...

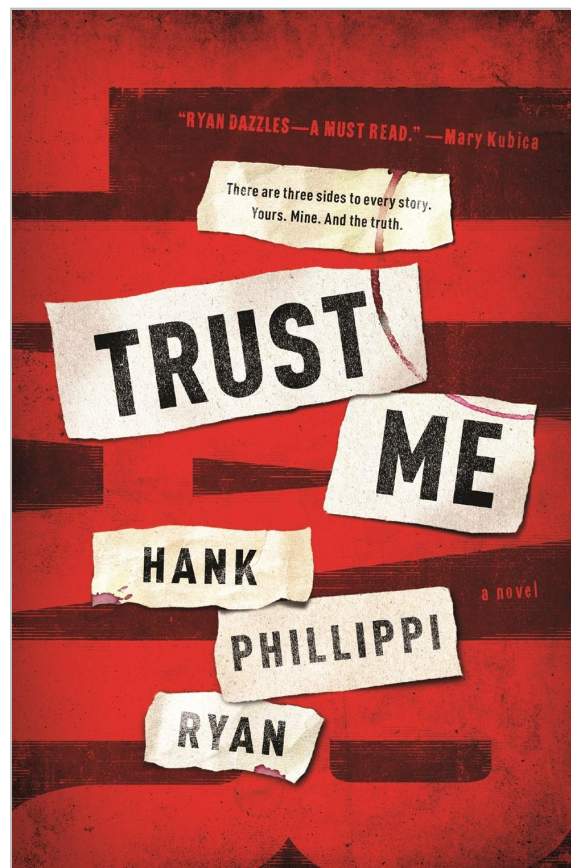
PRAISE

“Mesmerizing! Hank Phillippi Ryan has outdone herself in this taut thriller of damaged lives, uneasy alliances and deadly cat and mouse. Who can you trust indeed? It will take you till the final page to figure out!”-- Lisa Gardner

“The tension mounts at a blistering pace, while Ryan dazzles on the page, weaving a sinister story that readers won’t be able to put down. A must read!”—Mary Kubica

“A riveting story of guilt and deception, *Trust Me* is a tense and twisting psychological thriller that explores the shifting perception of the truth. Chilling, suspenseful, and impossible to put down.”—Megan Miranda

**“I couldn’t put it down! Undeniably, Hank Phillippi Ryan’s best yet! I can’t wait to put it into my customer’s hands.”
—Joanne Berg, owner of Mystery to Me**



FICTION / THRILLERS / SUSPENSE

Forge Books | 8/28/2018

9780765393074 | \$25.99 / \$33.99 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 400 pages | Carton Qty:
24

9.3 in H | 6.1 in W

Other Available Formats:

Ebook ISBN: 9780765393081

Audio ISBN: 9781250299635

Audio ISBN: 9781250299628

Nomad

James Swallow

Ian Fleming meets John Le Carre in this international bestseller and world-spanning espionage thriller.

Marc Dane is an MI6 agent at home behind a computer screen, one step away from the action. When a brutal attack on his team leaves Dane the only survivor—and with the shocking knowledge that there are traitors inside MI6— he's forced into the front line.

Matters spiral out of control when the evidence points toward Dane as the perpetrator of the attack. Accused of betraying his country, he must race against time to clear his name. With nowhere to turn to for help and no one left to trust, Dane must rely on the elusive Rubicon group and their operative Lucy Keyes. Ex U.S. Army, Keyes also knows what it's like to be an outsider, and she's got the skills that Dane needs.

A terrorist attack is coming, one bigger and more deadly than has ever been seen before. With the eyes of the security establishment elsewhere, only Keyes and Dane can stop the attack before it's too late.

JAMES SWALLOW is an author and scriptwriter with over fifteen years of experience in fiction, television, radio, journalism, new media, and video games. He is a three-time *New York Times* bestselling author of thirty-eight novels with over 750,000 books currently in print, in nine different worldwide territories. He was nominated by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts for his writing on the critically acclaimed *Deus Ex: Human Revolution*, 2013's blockbuster video game with over 2.18 million copies sold.

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MARKETING

Plans:

- Prepublication trade and consumer buzz campaign
- National consumer print and online advertising across multiple platforms
- Major ARC distribution
- Author appearance at Thrillerfest
- Extensive review coverage and features
- Online campaign to include podcasts, interviews, reviews and giveaways
- Digital promotion across Forge's extensive online platforms

PRAISE

"Unputdownable. A must-read." —Wilbur Smith

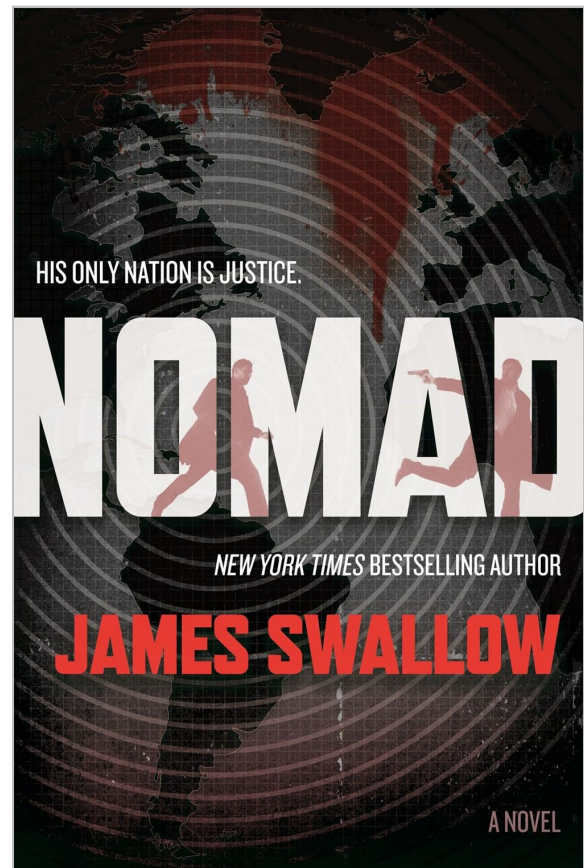
"Ian Fleming meets John Le Carre: vivid and gritty with nonstop action." —David Hagberg

"Very enjoyable." —*The Guardian*

"Exciting." —*The Sun*

"Right on the money, bang up to date, *Nomad* is a scorching romp for grown up boys. A killer of a thriller." —Jon Wise, *Weekend Sport*

"In Marc Dane, James Swallow has created a wonderfully unlikely hero who can outfox the best of the best. A pulse-pounding thriller of the highest order." —Ward Larsen, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Cutting Edge*



FICTION / THRILLERS / ESPIONAGE

Forge Books | 9/11/2018

9780765395115 | \$26.99 / \$34.99 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 464 pages | Carton Qty:
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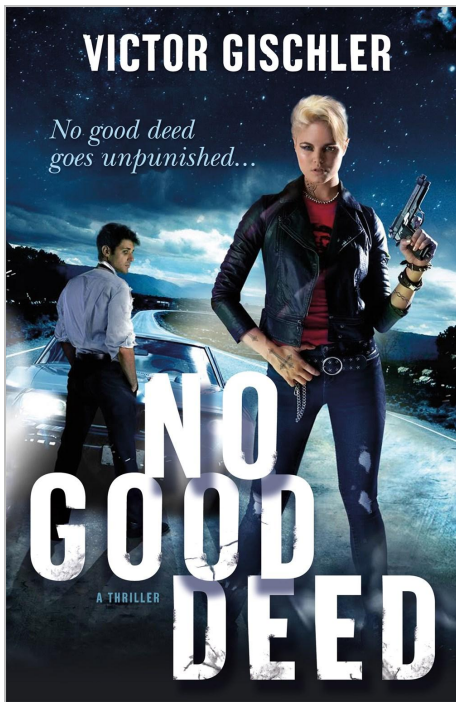
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Other Available Formats:

Ebook ISBN: 9780765395139

Audio ISBN: 9781250299697

Audio ISBN: 9781250299680



**FICTION / THRILLERS /
ESPIONAGE**

Forge Books | 9/4/2018

9781250106698 | \$25.99 / \$33.99 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 288 pages | Carton

Qty: 24

8.3 in H | 5.4 in W

Other Available Formats:

Ebook ISBN: 9781250106704

Audio ISBN: 9781250300836

Audio ISBN: 9781250300829

MARKETING

Plans:

- Targeted advertising to mystery/thriller readers across multiple formats
- Review attention
- Digital promotion across Tor/Forge's extensive online platforms

No Good Deed

Victor Gischler

A non stop thriller about how a man trying to do a good deed gets caught up in things way over his head.

Francis was running late for work when he found the suitcase and the odd card with an email on it. He knew he shouldn't bother but he couldn't resist. Now Francis is dodging bullets and doing his best to stay alive, wishing he had never bothered with that suitcase full of clothes.

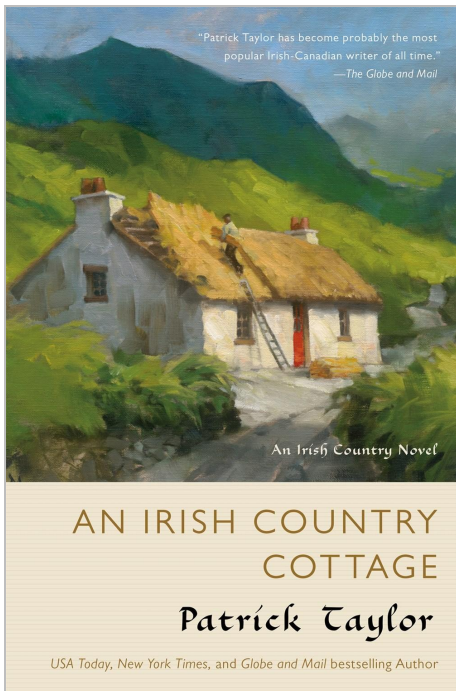
PRAISE

"A fine, fun novel. I had a great time reading this book. I'd recommend it to anyone." —Scott Pratt, author of the bestselling Joe Dillard series

"I'd call it an edge-of-your-seat thriller but it's more: Gischler has set the whole chair on fire." —Matthew FitzSimmons, bestselling author of *The Short Drop*

"Fast, funny, and filled with thrills." —Sean Doolittle, Barry Award-winning author of *The Cleanup*

VICTOR GISCHLER is a former English professor and the author of *Gun Monkeys*, *The Pistol Poets*, *Suicide Squeeze*, and *Shotgun Opera*. He lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Visit him at victorgischler.blogspot.com.

**FICTION / MEDICAL**

Forge Books | 10/16/2018

9780765396815 | \$25.99 / \$33.99 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 352 pages | Carton

Qty: 20

9.3 in H | 6.1 in W

Other Available Formats:

Ebook ISBN: 9780765396822

Audio ISBN: 9781427299109

Audio ISBN: 9781427299093

MARKETING

Plans:

- National consumer advertising across multiple platforms
- Review attention
- Giveaways
- Digital promotion across Forge's extensive online platforms

An Irish Country Cottage

Patrick Taylor

A charming entry in Patrick Taylor's beloved internationally bestselling Irish Country series

The New Year brings challenges and changes to the colorful Irish village of Ballybucklebo. The Christmas holidays have barely passed before a fire engulfs the humble thatched cottage housing Donal Donnally and his family. Although the family escapes the blaze more or less unsinged, Donal, his wife, their three small children, and their beloved dog find themselves with nothing left but the clothes on their back.

Good thing Doctors O'Reilly and Lavery are on hand to rally the good people of Ballybucklebo to come to their aid. Rebuilding the cottage won't be quick or easy, but good neighbors from all walks of life will see to it that the Donallys get back on their feet again, no matter what it takes.

Meanwhile, matters of procreation occupy the doctors and their patients. Young Barry Lavery and his wife, Sue, frustrated in their efforts to start a family, turn to modern medicine for answers. O'Reilly must tread carefully as he advises a married patient on how to avoid another dangerous pregnancy.

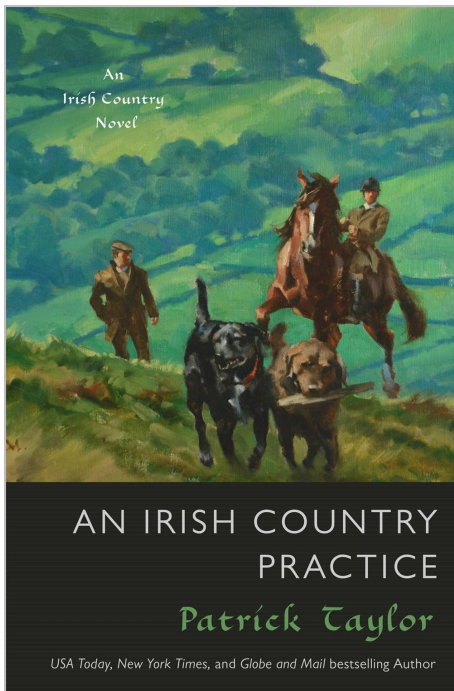
As a new and tumultuous decade approaches, sectarian divisions threaten to bring unrest to Ulster, but in Ballybucklebo at least, peace still reigns and neighbors look after neighbors.

PRAISE

"Gentle humor, deeply emotional stories drawn from everyday life." —Kirkus Reviews on *An Irish Doctor in Love and at Sea*

"Deeply steeped in Irish country life and meticulous in detail, the story is the perfect companion for a comfy fire and a cup of tea or a pint of bitter. A totally wonderful read!" —Library Journal, starred review, on *An Irish Doctor in Peace and at War*

PATRICK TAYLOR, M.D., was born and raised in Bangor County Down in Northern Ireland. Dr. Taylor is a distinguished medical researcher, offshore sailor, model-boat builder, and father of two grown children. He lives on Saltspring Island, British Columbia.
www.patricktaylor.ca



An Irish Country Practice

Patrick Taylor

The next charming entry in Patrick Taylor's bestselling Irish Country series!

Once, not too long ago, there was just a single Irish country doctor tending to the lively little village of Ballybucklebo: Doctor Fingal Flahertie O'Reilly. Now his thriving practice is growing by leaps and bounds.

Not only has O'Reilly taken a new trainee under his wing, Doctor Connor Nelson, he's also added a spirited Labrador puppy to his ever-expanding household at Number One Main Street. Meanwhile, his trusted partner, young Doctor Barry Laverty, finds himself wondering if he's truly ready to settle down and start a family with his lovely fiancée, Sue.

As the doctors cope with domestic and professional challenges, they also look after their patients and their ailments, including a mysterious cough, a housewife whose frequent "accidents" may have a disturbing cause, and a respected colleague who might be succumbing to an old vice.

All is not sickness and worry, however. There's plenty of joy and merriment to be found as well, from a visiting circus to racing to sailing . . . and maybe even a happy ending or two.

PRAISE

"Gentle humor, deeply emotional stories drawn from everyday life." —*Kirkus Reviews on An Irish Doctor in Love and at Sea*

"Deeply steeped in Irish country life and meticulous in detail, the story is the perfect companion for a comfy fire and a cup of tea or a pint of bitter. A totally wonderful read!" —*Library Journal, starred review, on An Irish Doctor in Peace and at War*

PATRICK TAYLOR, M.D., is the author of the Irish Country books, including *An Irish Country Doctor*, *An Irish Country Village*, *An Irish Country Christmas*, *An Irish Country Girl*, and *An Irish Country Courtship*. Taylor was born and raised in Bangor, County Down, in Northern Ireland. After qualifying as a specialist in 1969, he worked in Canada for thirty-one years. He now lives on Saltspring Island, British Columbia.
www.patricktaylor.ca

FICTION / MEDICAL

Forge Books | 10/16/2018
9780765382764 | \$15.99 / \$19.99 Can.
 Trade Paperback | 400 pages | Carton Qty: 20
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Other Available Formats:

Hardcover ISBN: 9780765382757
 Audio ISBN: 9781427287366
 Ebook ISBN: 9781466889217
 Audio ISBN: 9781427287373

MARKETING

Plans:
 -National consumer advertising across multiple platforms
 -"New in Paperback" features
 -Digital promotion across Forge's extensive online platforms

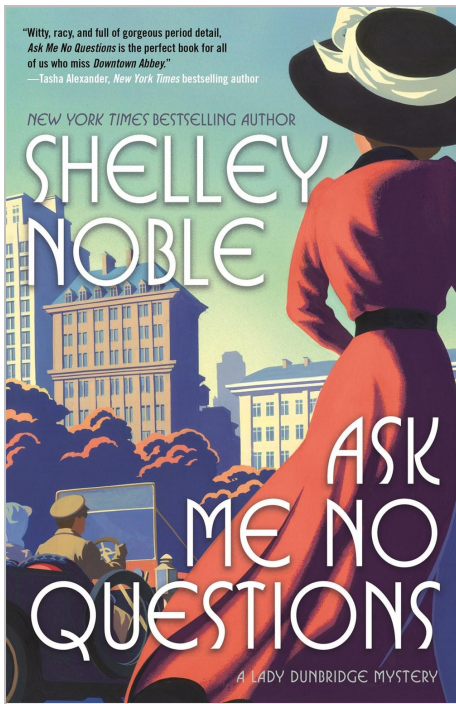
ALSO AVAILABLE

Fingal O'Reilly, Irish Doctor: An Irish Country Novel

10/2014 | 9780765335258
 Trade Paperback | \$15.99 / \$17.99 Can.

An Irish Country Courtship: A Novel

1/2012 | 9780765321756
 Trade Paperback | \$14.99 / \$16.99 Can.



**FICTION / MYSTERY &
DETECTIVE / HISTORICAL**

Forge Books | 10/16/2018

9780765398710 | \$25.99 / \$33.99 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 352 pages | Carton
Qty: 20

8.3 in H | 5.4 in W

Other Available Formats:

Ebook ISBN: 9780765398703

Audio ISBN: 9781250300751

Audio ISBN: 9781250300768

MARKETING

Plans:

- Targeted consumer advertising to mystery/thriller readers across multiple platforms
- Author appearance at fall tradeshows
- Extensive review coverage
- Online campaign to include podcasts, interviews, reviews and giveaways
- Digital promotion across Forge's extensive online platforms

Ask Me No Questions

A Lady Dunbridge Mystery

Shelley Noble

Miss Fisher meets Downton Abbey in this brand new mystery series from New York Times bestselling author Shelley Noble.

A modern woman, Lady Dunbridge is not about to let a little thing like the death of her husband ruin her social life. She's ready to take the dazzling world of Gilded Age Manhattan by storm.

From the decadence of high society balls, to the underbelly of Belmont horse racing, romance, murder, and scandals abound. Someone simply must do something. And Lady Dunbridge is happy to oblige.

PRAISE

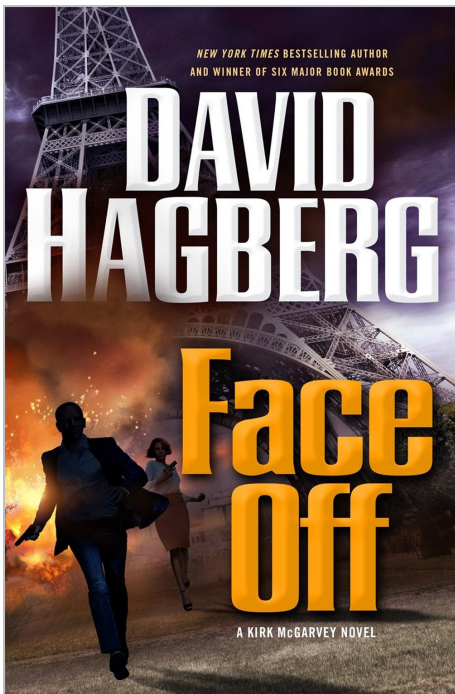
"Witty, racy, and full of gorgeous period detail, *Ask Me No Questions* is the perfect book for all of us who miss *Downtown Abbey*." —Tasha Alexander, *New York Times* bestselling author

"Told with wit and humor...a spirited and spunky addition to the ranks of aristocratic women sleuths of the early 20th century." —*New York Times* bestselling author Rhys Bowen

"This first book in a new series is deftly plotted, well-researched, sharp with wit, and teases at the possibility of future romance. Highly intriguing and entertaining." —Anna Lee Huber, bestselling author of the *Lady Darby Mysteries*

"Sparkles from start to finish!" —Tessa Arlen, author of the *L...*

SHELLEY NOBLE is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Lighthouse Beach*, *The Beach at Painter's Cove*, and *Whisper Beach*. A former professional dancer and choreographer for stage, television, and film, she's a member of Sisters-in-Crime, Mystery Writers of America, Women's Fiction Writers Association, and Liberty States Fiction Writers. Noble lives at the Jersey shore and is always on the lookout for lighthouses and murder plots.



FICTION / THRILLERS / ESPIONAGE

Forge Books | 10/9/2018
 9780765384911 | \$25.99 / \$33.99 Can.
 Hardcover with dust jacket | 336 pages | Carton
 Qty: 20
 9.3 in H | 6.1 in W

Other Available Formats:
 Ebook ISBN: 9780765386007
 Audio ISBN: 9781250313096

MARKETING

Plans:
 - Targeted advertising to mystery/thriller readers across multiple formats
 - Review attention
 - Digital promotion across Tor/Forge's extensive online platforms

ALSO AVAILABLE

End Game: A Kirk McGarvey Novel
 8/2017 | 9780765369994
 Mass Market | \$9.99 / \$13.99 Can.

The Fourth Horseman: A Kirk McGarvey Novel
 1/2017 | 9780765370006
 Mass Market | \$9.99 / \$13.99 Can.

Face Off

David Hagberg

Kirk McGarvey races to stop WWII in this installment of David Hagberg's *New York Times* bestselling series

New York Times bestselling author David Hagberg is particularly adept at crafting compelling and timely thrillers. *Face Off* is no exception; this novel will appeal directly to his core audience, though as with the rest of this series, readers need not be familiar with McGarvey to enjoy it.

Kirk McGarvey is lurching in the Eiffel Tower when terrorists attempt to bring the Paris icon down. He springs into action to stop the attack, only to find there's a much larger plot at stake. One that aims to force the incompetent US President out by pitting him against Russia.

But Vladimir Putin is eager to avoid World War III. When a missing Russian nuclear weapon is found heading to the US, Putin enlists McGarvey's help to stop it.

The stakes couldn't be higher, and the outcome couldn't be more in doubt. Only McGarvey stands a chance of intervening before it's too late, in a race against time across Paris, Istanbul, Moscow, and Washington, D.C.

PRAISE

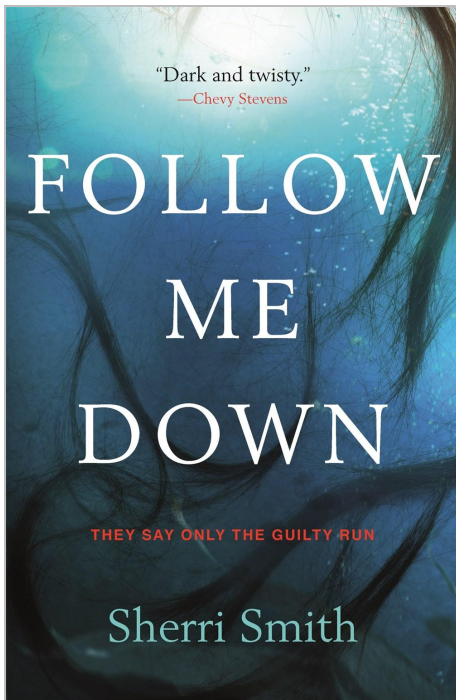
"Hagberg edges out Tom Clancy for commander of our uniquely American, military based thrillers and espionage novels: high-concept plot, non-stop action, insider knowledge of how things work out there in our complicated, high-combat world." —James Grady, *New York Times* bestselling author

For Tower Down:

"Hits the reader like a jack hammer from page one and never slows down." —William S. Cohen, Former Secretary of Defense and *New York Times* bestselling author

"Original, vibrant, and intelligent." —Steve Berry, *New York Times* bestselling author

DAVID HAGBERG is a former Air Force cryptographer who has traveled extensively in Europe, the Arctic, and the Caribbean, and has spoken at CIA functions. He has published more than seventy novels of suspense, including *Tower Down*, *End Game*, and the bestselling *Allah's Scorpion*, *Dance with the Dragon*, and *The Expediter*. He makes his home in Sarasota, Florida.



Follow Me Down

A Novel

Sherri Smith

***Follow Me Down* is a rare find—a gutsy, visceral, and beautifully crafted psychological thriller for fans of *Sharp Objects* and *The Silent Sister*.**

Mia Haas has built her life far from the North Dakota town where she grew up, but when she receives word that her twin brother is missing, she is forced to return home. Back to the people she left behind, the person she used to be, and the secrets she thought she'd buried.

Once hailed as the golden boy of their town, and now a popular high school teacher, Lucas Haas disappears the same day the body of one of his students is pulled from the river. Trying to wrap her head around the rumors of Lucas's affair with the teen, and unable to reconcile the media's portrayal of Lucas as a murderer with her own memories of him, Mia is desperate to find another suspect.

All the while, she wonders: If he's innocent, why did he run? As Mia reevaluates their difficult, shared history and launches her own investigation into the grisly murder, she uncovers secrets that could exonerate Lucas—or seal his fate. In a small town where everyone's lives are intertwined, Mia must confront her own demons if she wants to get out alive.

PRAISE

"No one can be trusted. This engrossing page turner will keep you guessing right up to the delicious ending."—Diane Chamberlain, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Silent Sister*

"*Follow Me Down* is a clever and remarkable debut that pulled me in from the very first page, then kept me engrossed all the way to the end with a dark and twisty plot and a town that's a living breathing character of its own."—*New York Times* bestselling author Chevy Stevens

When not writing SHERRI SMITH spends time with her family and two rescue dogs, and restores vintage furniture that would otherwise be destined for the dump. She lives in Winnipeg, Canada, where the long, cold winters nurture her dark side. *Follow Me Down* is her first thriller.

FICTION / THRILLERS / PSYCHOLOGICAL

Forge Books | 10/9/2018

9780765386717 | \$14.99 / \$18.99 Can.

Trade Paperback | 352 pages | Carton Qty: 24
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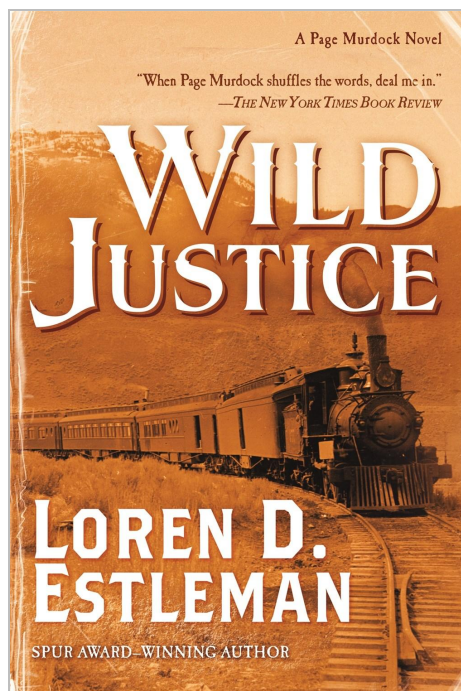
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Ebook ISBN: 9780765386724

MARKETING

Plans:

- Targeted advertising to mystery/thriller readers across multiple formats
- Review attention
- Digital promotion across Tor/Forge's extensive online platforms

**FICTION / WESTERNS**

Forge Books | 11/6/2018

9781250197092 | \$26.99 / \$34.99 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 208 pages | Carton

Qty: 20

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Other Available Formats:

Ebook ISBN: 9781250197191

MARKETING

Plans:

- Consumer advertising
- Digital promotion across Tor/Forge's extensive online platforms

Wild Justice

Loren D. Estleman

A riveting western novel from Spur Award-winning author Loren D. Estleman

In the spring of 1896, after thirty years spent dispensing justice in Montana, Judge Harlan Blackthorne expires, leaving Deputy U.S. Marshal Page Murdock, his most steadfast officer, to escort his remains across the continent by rail.

The long journey is interrupted from time to time by station stops for the public to pay its respects, and for various marching bands to serenade the departed with his favorite ballad, "After the Ball." This gives Murdock plenty of opportunity to reflect upon the years of triumphs and tragedies he's seen firsthand, always in the interest of bringing justice to a wilderness that he, his fellow deputies, and the judge played so important a role in its settlement.

As the funeral train chugs through prairie, over mountains, and across rivers once ruled by buffalo herds, Indian nations, trappers, cowboys, U.S. Cavalry, entrepreneurs, and outlaws representing every level of heroism, sacrifice, ambition, and vice, *Wild Justice* provides a capsule history of the American frontier from its untamed beginnings to a civilization balanced on the edge of a new and unpredictable century.

PRAISE

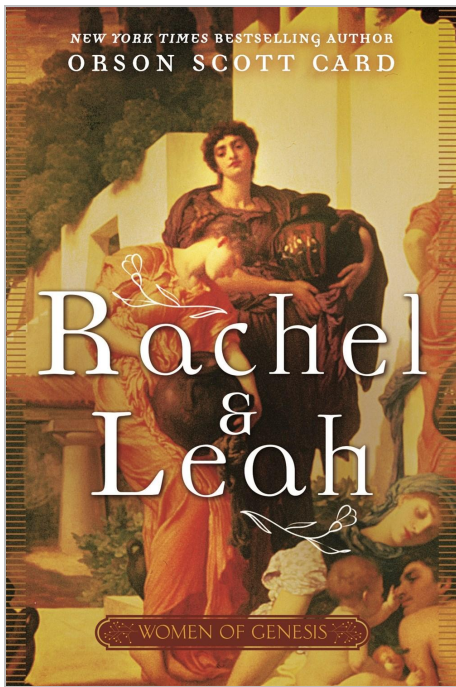
"Loren Estleman is my hero."—Harlan Coben

"A fast-paced western with action on every page."—Historical Novel Society on *Cape Hell*

"Estleman delivers his tall tale with dollops of western lore, elegant prose, and crisp, tongue-in-cheek dialogue."—*Booklist* on *The Long High Noon*

"An exciting western loaded with intrigue, suspense, and clever plot twists. One of Estleman's best, a smart, tightly wrapped story."—*Publishers Weekly* on *The Book of Murdock*

LOREN D. ESTLEMAN has written more than seventy books—historical novels, mysteries, and westerns. Winner of four Shamus Awards, five Spur Awards, and three Western Heritage Awards, he lives in Central Michigan with his wife, author Deborah Morgan.

**FICTION / RELIGIOUS**

Forge Books | 11/13/2018
 9780765399328 | \$16.99 / \$22.50 Can.
 Trade Paperback | 416 pages | Carton Qty: 24
 8.3 in H | 5.4 in W

Other Available Formats:
 Ebook ISBN: 9780765399335
 Audio ISBN: 9781250311849

MARKETING

Plans:
 - Consumer advertising
 - Digital promotion across Tor/Forge's extensive online platforms

ALSO AVAILABLE

Rebekah: Women of Genesis (A Novel)
 7/2018 | 9780765399342
 Trade Paperback | \$15.99 / \$20.99 Can.

Sarah: Women of Genesis (A Novel)
 3/2018 | 9780765399205
 Trade Paperback | \$16.99 / \$22.50 Can.

Rachel and Leah

Orson Scott Card

A unique reimagining of the lives of two extraordinary biblical women from bestselling author Orson Scott Card

Tracing their lives from childhood to maturity, Card shows how the women of Genesis change each other—and are changed again by the holy books that Jacob brings with him.

Leah is the oldest daughter of Laban, whose "tender eyes" prevent her from fully participating in the daily work of her nomadic family. Rachel is the spoiled younger daughter, the petted and privileged beauty of the family—or so it seems to Leah.

There is also Bilhah, an orphan who is not quite a slave but not really a family member, a young woman desperately searching to fit in, and Zilpah, who knows only how to use her beauty to manipulate men as she strives to secure for herself something better than the life of drudgery and servitude into which she has been born.

Into the desert camp comes Jacob, a handsome and charismatic kinsman who is clearly destined to be Rachel's husband. But that doesn't prevent the other women from vying for his attention.

Ambition, jealousy, fear, and love motivate them as they compete to win the regard of Jacob, heir to the spiritual birthright of Abraham and Isaac.

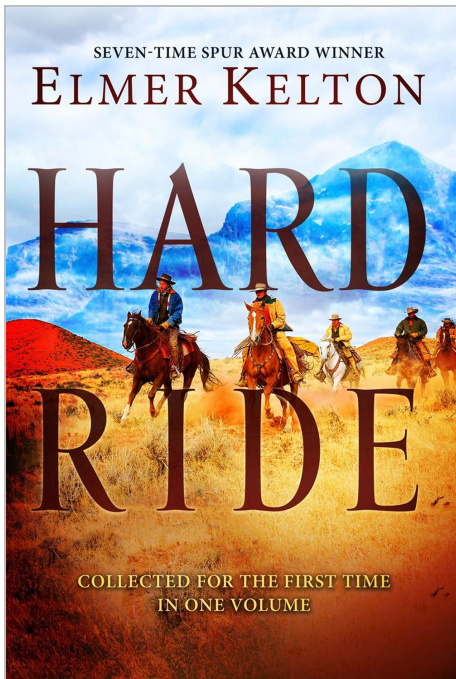
PRAISE

Praise for Sarah

"This series is definitely for those interested in women in the Bible, and in such novels as *The Red Tent*." —KLIATT

"The story moves swiftly, climaxing at several points, such as Abram and Sarai's stay in Egypt when the pharaoh wants to take Sarai as his wife. It is a quick and interesting read.... This is an intriguing story."—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

ORSON SCOTT CARD is best known for his internationally bestselling science fiction novel *Ender's Game* and its many sequels. He has also written contemporary thrillers such as *Empire* and historical novels including the monumental *Saints* and the Bible-based novels *Sarah*, *Rachel and Leah*, and *Rebekah*.

**FICTION / WESTERNS**

Forge Books | 12/4/2018

9781250161284 | \$27.99 / \$36.50 Can.

Hardcover with dust jacket | 416 pages | Carton

Qty: 16

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Other Available Formats:

Ebook ISBN: 9781250161277

MARKETING

Plans:

- Consumer advertising
- Digital promotion across Tor/Forge's extensive online platforms

ALSO AVAILABLE

Jericho's Road and Hard Trail to Follow: Two Novels of the Texas Rangers Series (6 and 7)
1/2018 | 9780765393524

Mass Market | \$9.99 / \$12.99 Can.

After the Bugles and Llano River: Two Classic Westerns

3/2017 | 9780765393395

Mass Market | \$9.99 / \$13.99 Can.

Hard Ride

Elmer Kelton

Bandits, outlaws, romance, and adventure abound in *Hard Ride*, the second-ever collection of tales of the American West from renowned, Spur Award-winning author Elmer Kelton

Bandits, beasts, beauties, rustlers, ranchers, and more ride the trails in Elmer Kelton's superb stories of the West, each an example of the strength and power western spirit. They are marvelous characters all—from a rodeo clown who seeks redemption via romance, to an outlaw who comes to the aid of ranchers with no other recourse to justice. Powerful Western women feature as importantly as the menfolk here, including a cattle buyer's daughter who can hold her own with any man on the trail, a renowned lady outlaw who rules her gang with her gun, and judge's daughter who is determined to end local mob rule, as "the day of the gun is almost over." You will meet characters whose devotions and decisions enthrall you long after you put the book down.

Imbued with an adventurous spirit, *Hard Ride* is filled with many heartfelt glimpses into the authentic experience of the American West. These stories encompass an enormous array of scenes from the early days of the Wild West into the 20th century. Readers of all ages can enjoy these tales, each one filled with a passion for life that's as vast as the Texas prairie.

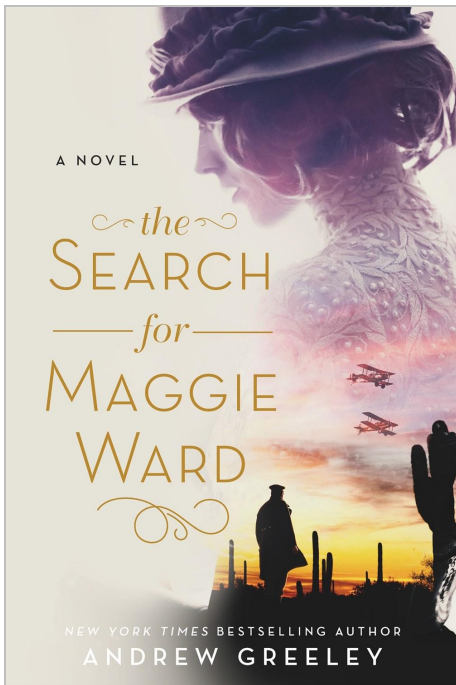
PRAISE

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