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 Donnelly 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 Laverty 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 Donellys get back on their feet again, no matter what it takes.

Meanwhile, matters of procreation occupy the doctors and their patients. Young Barry Laverty 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.

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Hudson's Kill

A Justice Flanagan Thriller

Paddy Hirsch

The second riveting historical thriller for fans of Caleb Carr and Erik Larsen from NPR reporter & producer Paddy Hirsch, author of The Devil's Half Mile.

New York in 1803 is seething with racial tension, as a mysterious provocateur pits the city’s black and Irish gangs against each other. When a young black girl is found stabbed to death, both Justy Flanagan, now a City Marshal, and Kerry O’Toole, now a school teacher, decide separately to go after the killer. They each find their way to a shadowy community on the fringes of the growing city, where they uncover a craven political conspiracy bound up with a criminal enterprise that is stunning in its depravity. Justy and Kerry have to fight to save themselves and the city, and only then can they bring the girl’s killer to justice.

PRAISE

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The Devil's Half Mile

A Novel

Paddy Hirsch

Fans of Caleb Carr, Erik Larsen, and Gangs of New York will love this riveting historical thriller debut set in 1799 New York City

Seven years after a financial crisis nearly toppled America, traders chafe at government regulations, racial tensions are rising, gangs roam the streets and corrupt financiers make back-door deals with politicians....1799 was a hell of a year.

Thanks to Alexander Hamilton, the United States recovered from the panic on the Devil's Half Mile (aka Wall Street), but the young country is still finding its way. When young lawyer Justy Flanagan returns to solve his father's murder, he exposes a massive fraud the perpetrators are determined to keep secret at any cost. The body count is rising, and the looming crisis could topple the nation.

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A Dog's Promise

W. Bruce Cameron

From W. Bruce Cameron, the #1 NYT and USA Today bestseller of A Dog’s Purpose, comes a heartwarming story about family, second chances, and the unbreakable bonds that unite us.

A Dog's Promise continues the story of Bailey, the good dog whose journey started in A Dog's Purpose (the international hit film) and continued in A Dog's Journey (soon to be a major motion picture in May 2019). This time, Bailey is joined by Lola, another very special dog, who helps Bailey fulfill his promise over the course of several lives.

This charming, wise canine soul brings joy, laughter, and comfort as he unites a family fractured by life's inevitable obstacles. The love and loyalty of these two memorable dogs shows us the incredible power of hope, truth, and unending devotion in this moving novel by award-winning author W. Bruce Cameron.

PRAISE

"Marley & Me combined with Tuesdays with Morrie." — Kirkus Reviews on A Dog's Purpose

"Funny, heartwarming, and touching." — Library Journal, starred review, on A Dog's Purpose

"I loved the book and I could not put it down.” — Temple Grandin, New York Times bestselling author of Animals in Translation, on A Dog's Purpose

W. BRUCE CAMERON is the #1 New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of A Dog's Purpose and A Dog's Way Home (both now major motion pictures), A Dog's Journey (soon to be a major motion picture), The Dog Master, Ellie's Story, Bailey's Story, Shelby's Story, The Dogs of Christmas, The Midnight Plan of the Repo Man, and others. He lives in California.

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An Irish Country Family

Patrick Taylor

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

Before Doctor Barry Laverty joined Doctor Fingal O’Reilly’s practice in the colorful Irish village of Ballybucklebo, he was an intern, working long hours, practicing new medical techniques, falling in love, and learning what is most important in the medical field for a family physician—the bonds of family, friendships, and human kindness.

Years later, Barry practices everything he has learned in Ballybucklebo, a lovely village where neighbor looks after neighbor. And while his own efforts to start a family with his wife Sue have been frustrated, the community around him couldn’t be stronger as they work together to show their solidarity.

Shifting effortlessly between the two time periods, bestselling author Patrick Taylor continues the story of these beloved characters while vividly bringing the daily joys and struggles of this delightful Irish village to life.

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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.

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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.
FORGE BOOKS
OCTOBER 2019

The Final Day

A John Matherson Novel

William R. Forstchen

The New York Times bestselling third installment in William R. Forstchen’s smash hit One Second After series

It’s been more than two years since an EMP attack wiped out all electricity in the United States and plunged the country into darkness, starvation, and death. After fighting their fair share of battles in their North Carolina mountain town, John Matherson and the people in his community are beginning to restore the technologies and social order that existed prior to the EMP. Then the national government announces that it’s ceding large portions of the country to China and Mexico; that the Constitution is no longer in effect; and that what’s left of the US Army has been deployed to suppress rebellion in the remaining states.

The man sent to confront John Matherson is General Bob Scales, Matherson’s old commanding officer and closest friend from prewar days. Will General Scales follow orders, or might he be the crucial turning point in the quest for a re-united America? When news breaks that members of the federal government knew the EMP attack was coming long before it hit, the government might get exactly what it fears: revolution.

PRAISE

“The best and worst of human nature are on display. . . . Forstchen's knowledge of history and the essentials of technology shine through on every page.” —Ward Larsen, USA Today bestselling author of Assassin's Silence

“Forstchen tells a frightening tale that could easily become reality . . . a chilling dystopian thriller.” —Booklist

WILLIAM R. FORSTCHEN is the New York Times bestselling author of One Second After, One Year After, and The Final Day. He holds a Ph.D. in history from Purdue University, with specializations in military history and the history of technology. Forstchen is currently a faculty fellow and professor of history at Montreat College, near Asheville, North Carolina.
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The Murder of Willie Lincoln

A Novel

Burt Solomon

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Washington City, 1862: The United States lies in tatters, and the Civil War seems without end, despite Abraham Lincoln’s determination to keep his beloved country united. Lincoln’s soul is tested when tragedy strikes the White House: Willie, Lincoln’s eleven-year-old son, the shining light in the president’s life, dies—of typhoid fever, the doctors say.

Then a message arrives, suggesting that murder, not illness, caused Willie’s death. Lincoln asks John Hay, his trusted aide, to investigate. Hay, a boxer and a poet, is an adventurous, irreverent, skeptical, even cynical young man who is as close to Lincoln as a son.

The more Hay unearths, the more daunting his task seems. Suspicions of a secessionist conspiracy within the Executive Mansion itself. A threat to Lincoln’s surviving sons. An extortion attempt against the president’s hellcat of a wife. As the war rages on, John Hay chases the truth of Willie’s murder through the loftiest and lowest corners of Washington City. As he closes in, he discovers just how far Lincoln’s enemies will go to keep him silent.

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The Attempted Murder of Teddy Roosevelt

Burt Solomon

A historical thriller from award-winning political journalist and Washington insider Burt Solomon, featuring Teddy Roosevelt’s near death...accident or assassination attempt?

Theodore Roosevelt had been president for less than a year when, on a tour in New England, his horse-drawn carriage was broadsided by an electric trolley. TR was thrown clear but his Secret Service bodyguard was killed instantly. The trolley’s motorman pleaded guilty to manslaughter and the matter was quietly put to rest.

But was it an accident or an assassination attempt...and would there be another “accident” soon?

The Attempted Murder of Teddy Roosevelt casts this event in a darker light. John Hay, the Secretary of State, finds himself in pursuit of a would-be assassin, investigating the motives of TR’s many enemies, including political rivals and the industrial trusts. He crosses paths with luminaries of the day, such as best-pal Henry Adams, Emma Goldman, J.P. Morgan, Mark Hanna, and (as an investigatory sidekick) the infamous Nellie Bly, who will help Hay protect the man who wants to transform a nation.

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Wild West

Short Stories

Elmer Kelton

Outlaws, rustlers, and adventure abound in the first ever collection of western tales from Spur Award-winning author Elmer Kelton

From rodeos to rustlers, from ranch life to the outlaw trail, Elmer Kelton shows life in Texas as it was back then: simpler, but harder, with danger always present. Readers will meet several unforgettable characters, including a former sheriff who continues to chase bandits, a frontier housewife who protects her home from criminals, a rancher and his wife who protect their adopted son from his abusive biological father, and two women whose argument over a prospective lover leads to a no-holds-barred rodeo barrel race.

Filled with adventure and imbued with a love of the time, the people, and the place, these stories take readers from the earliest days of the Wild West well into the twentieth century, each one embodying a passion for life as wide as Texas sky.

PRAISE

“One of the best of a new breed of Western writers who have driven the genre into new territory.” — The New York Times

“Kelton is a genuine craftsman with an ear for dialogue and, more importantly, an understanding of the human heart.” — Booklist

“You can never go wrong if . . . you pick up a title by Elmer Kelton . . . Kelton’s characters jump off the page, they are so real.” — American Cowboy

ELMER KELTON (1926-2009) was the seven-time Spur Award-winning author of more than forty novels, and the recipient of the Owen Wister Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition to his novels, Kelton worked as an agricultural journalist for forty-two years, and served in the infantry in World War II.
When Old Midnight Comes Along

Loren D. Estleman

A brand new Amos Walker novel from Harlan Coben’s hero, Loren D. Estleman

Amos Walker is hired by Francis X. Lawes, a private-sector mover and shaker in Detroit politics, to prove that his wife, Paula, who disappeared under sinister circumstances shortly more than six years ago, is dead. Francis wants to remarry without having to wait for the seven-year-declaration-of-death rule to kick in.

Walker’s investigation is complicated by the fact that the police still consider Lawes the prime suspect. Worse, the officer who was first on the scene was killed in the line of duty soon after, and his notes on the case disappeared. If Lawes is guilty, Walker asks himself, why would he risk arrest and prosecution by asking a private detective to investigate?

PRAISE

Praise for Black and White Ball

“Full of vivid characters and snappy dialogue, this entry will delight old fans and garner new ones.” — Publishers Weekly

“Estleman writes snappy dialogue…Even his thugs observe personal codes of honor. But the best scenes are the ones narrated by Walker, a man of the people whose retro wisecracks can be crass and cynical or unexpectedly reflective.” — The New York Times Book Review

Loren D. Estleman is author of more than seventy novels. Winner of four Shamus Awards, five Spur Awards, and three Western Heritage Awards, he lives in Michigan with his wife, author Deborah Morgan. www.lorenestleman.com
Empire of Lies

Raymond Khoury

New York Times bestselling author Raymond Khoury’s groundbreaking thriller set in an alternate future where Europe has been conquered by the Ottoman Empire

Istanbul, 1683: Mehmed IV, sultan of the Ottoman Empire, is preparing to lay siege to Vienna, capital of the Holy Roman Empire, when a mysterious visitor arrives in his bedroom—naked, covered in strange tattoos—to deliver a dangerous, world-changing message.

Paris, 2017: Ottoman flags have been flying over the great city for three hundred years, ever since its fall—along with all of Europe—to the empire’s all-conquering army. Notre Dame has been renamed the Fatih Mosque. Public spaces are segregated by gender. And Kamal Arslan Agha, a feted officer in the sultan’s secret police, is starting to question his orders.

Rumors of an impending war with the Christian Republic of America, attacks by violent extremists, and economic collapse have heightened surveillance and arrests across the empire. Tasked with surveying potential threats, Kamal has a heavy caseload—and conscience.

When a mysterious stranger—naked, covered in strange tattoos—appears on the banks of the Seine, Kamal is called in to investigate. But what he discovers is a secret buried in the empire’s past, a secret the Sultan will do anything to silence.

PRAISE

“The best what-if thriller for a long, long time—makes you think, makes you sweat, and makes you choose, between what is and what might have been.” —Lee Child

“In Empire, Raymond Khoury has created an alternative history tale that will blow your mind. A story strung along the centuries that is thoroughly engrossing and one you will long remember.” —David Baldacci

“Raymond Khoury’s Empire is a tour de force in both storytelling and breadth of concept. It is not just an alternate history, but a cautionary tale that directly impacts and reflects upon our time. It is thrilling, disturbing, inspiring, and left me all too often in awe. This book ...”

Raymond Khoury is the New York Times bestselling author of The Last Templar, The Sanctuary, The Sign, The Templar Salvation, The Devil’s Elixir, Rasputin’s Shadow, and The End Game. His novels have been translated into more than forty languages and, in the case of The Last Templar, adapted into a comic book and an NBC television miniseries.
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