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# **Hard Cash Valley**

A Novel

**Brian Panowich** 

# Return to McFalls County and Bull Mountain in *Hard Cash Valley*, where Brian Panowich weaves another masterful tale of Southern Noir.

Dane Kirby is a broken man and no stranger to tragedy. As a life-long resident and ex-arson investigator for McFalls County, Dane has lived his life in one of the most chaotic and crime-ridden regions of the south. When he gets called in to consult on a brutal murder in a Jacksonville, Florida, motel room, he and his FBI counterpart, Special Agent Roselita Velasquez, begin an investigation that leads them back to the criminal circles of his own backyard.

Arnie Blackwell's murder in Jacksonville is only the beginning – and Dane and Roselita seem to be one step behind. For someone is hacking a bloody trail throughout the Southeast looking for Arnie's younger brother, a boy with Asperger's Syndrome who possesses an unusual skill with numbers that could make a lot of money and that has already gotten a lot of people killed—and has even more of the deadliest people alive willing to do anything it takes to exploit him.

As Dane joins in the hunt to find the boy, it swiftly becomes a race against the clock that has Dane entangled in a web of secrets involving everyone from the Filipino Mafia to distrusting federal agents to some of hardest southern outlaws he's ever known.

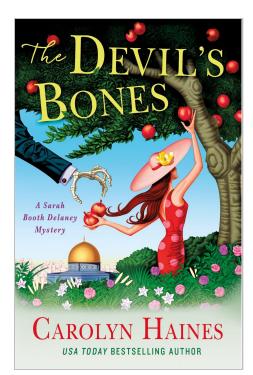
### PRAISE

"The action is fierce, the characters are brutal, the dialogue is filthy and the writing is so good it brings hot tears to your eyes." —Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times Book Review* on *Like Lions* 

"A book filled with unforgettable characters and a tension that heightens with every chapter." —*The Wall Street Journal* on *Like Lions* 

"Brian Panowich makes a triumphant return to Bull Mountain, Georgia, in his second novel, "Like Lions," as he continues to mix crime fiction with a violent family drama, perfectly melding characters with a sense of place . . . "Like Lions" moves at a brisk clip, leading to a stunning, yet believable, finale." —*Associa*...

BRIAN PANOWICH is an award-winning author, a Georgia firefighter, and a father to four incredible children. His first novel, *Bull Mountain*, was a *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize finalist, ITW Thriller Award winner for Best First Novel, Southern Book Prize winner, and a finalist for both the Anthony and the Barry Awards. He lives in Georgia with his family.



### FICTION / MYSTERY & Detective / Cozy

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## **The Devil's Bones**

A Sarah Booth Delaney Mystery

Carolyn Haines

### The latest novel in the series that Kirkus Reviews characterizes as "Stephanie Plum meets the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" featuring sassy Southern private investigator Sarah Booth Delaney.

As Sarah Booth sees it, Easter weekend is a time to celebrate life in all its many forms. So when the newly-pregnant Tinkie invites her and Cece on a girls' trip to Lucedale, Missisippi to celebrate that spring has official sprung, Sarah Booth can't resist. Plans include facials, food, and a trip to the incredible Garden of Bones—a miniature Holy Land with recreations of all parts of the Middle East—for their Sunrise Easter Services led by biblical scholar, gardener, and creator of the Gardens Daniel Reynolds.

Unfortunately for Sarah Booth and the gang, someone doesn't seem appreciate this season of new life. Easter morning has just dawned when the trio find themselves at the Mount of Olives—with a dead body at their feet.

Reynolds identifies the dead man as local lawyer Perry Slay, who was well known for his sly and underhanded dealings. Perry had rubbed plenty of people the wrong way, and now it looks like someone has rubbed him out...

Because being a PI apparently means never being on vacation, Sarah Booth and her friends must now find a way to resurrect the truth from a list of suspects as long as the River Jordan, reveal the devil in disguise, and—if they're lucky—find a moment to enjoy a few chocolate bunnies before more bodies pile up like pillars of salt.

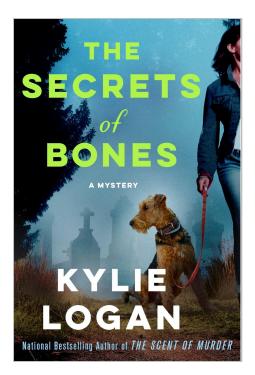
### PRAISE

"Distinctive characters and an atmospheric setting elevate this paranormal cozy. Series fans and newcomers alike will be satisfied."—*Publishers Weekly* on *Game of Bones* 

"A dark mystery, effectively framed by its well-drawn Mississippi Delta setting." —*Booklist* on *Game of Bones* 

"A sure pleaser in both the mystery and the romance department. If you like a satisfying cozy Southern whodunit, *Charmed Bones* fits the bill."—*RT Book Reviews* 

CAROLYN HAINES is the author of the Sarah Booth Delaney Mysteries. She is the recipient of both the Harper Lee Distinguished Writing Award and the Richard Wright Award for Literary Excellence. Born and raised in Mississippi, she now lives in Semmes, Alabama on a farm with more dogs, cats, and horses than she can possibly keep track of.



#### FICTION / MYSTERY & Detective / Women Sleuths

Minotaur Books | 5/5/2020 9781250180599 | **\$26.99** / **\$36.50 Can.** Hardcover with dust jacket | 336 pages | Carton Qty: 20 8.6 in H | 5.5 in W | 1.3 in T | 0.9 lb Wt

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# **The Secrets of Bones**

A Mystery

Kylie Logan

### Second in a new series from national bestselling author Kylie Logan, *The Secrets of Bones* is a riveting mystery following Jazz Ramsey as she trains a cadaver dog.

Assembly Day at St. Catherine's dawns bright and cloudless as professional woman gather from all around Ohio to talk to the schoolgirls about their careers ranging from medicine, to NASA, to yoga. Jazz Ramsey has also signed up to give the girls a taste of her lifelong passion: cadaver dog training. Her adorable new puppy Wally hasn't been certified yet, so she borrows the fully-trained Gus from a friend and hides a few bones in the unused fourth floor of the school for him to find.

The girls are impressed when Gus easily finds the first bone, but then Gus heads confidently to a part of the floor where Jazz is sure no bones are hidden—at least not any that she's put there. But Gus is a professional, and sure enough, behind a door that no one has opened in ages, is a human skeleton. Jazz recognizes the necklace the skeleton is wearing, and that it belonged to Bernadette Quinn, an ex-teacher at the school who'd quit her job abruptly one Christmas break. But now it seems Bernadette never left the school at all, and her hiding place makes it clear: this was murder.

Bernadette in life had been a difficult personality, and so there are a plethora of suspects inside the school and out of it. As Jazz gets closer to the truth she can't help but wonder if someone might be dogging her footsteps...

### PRAISE

Praise for The Scent of Murder:

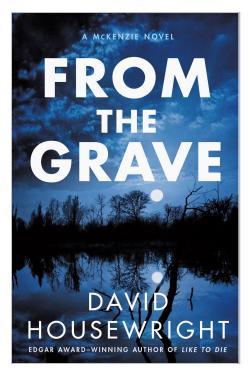
"Logan makes a confident stride from cozies into a harder edge story with this solid series launch. Readers will hope to see a lot more of Jazz and Luther." —*Publishers Weekly* 

"The debut in a new series by the prolific Logan has shoals of red herrings and a nice touch of romance."

—Kirkus

"Dog lovers will enjoy the relationship between Jazz and her pets, and they'll learn something about cadaver dogs as Jazz brings a killer to justice." *—Booklist* 

KYLIE LOGAN is the national bestselling author of the Jazz Ramsey Mysteries, The League of Literary Ladies Mysteries, the Button Box Mysteries, the Chili Cook-Off Mysteries, and the Ethnic Eats Mysteries.



### FICTION / MYSTERY & Detective / Hard-Boiled

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### **From the Grave**

A McKenzie Novel

**David Housewright** 

# A past case comes back to haunt Minnesota P.I. McKenzie as a stolen sum of money threatens to resurface.

Once a police detective in St. Paul, Minnesota, Rushmore McKenzie became an unlikely millionaire and an occasional unlicensed private investigator, doing favors for friends. But this time, he finds himself in dire need of working on his own behalf.

His dear friend and first love Shelby Dunston attends a public reading by a psychic medium with the hope of connecting with her grandfather one final time. Instead, she hears McKenzie's name spoken by the psychic in connection with a huge sum of stolen—and missing—money. Caught in a world of psychic mediums, with a man from his past with a stake in the future, and more than one party willing to go to great and deadly lengths to get involved, McKenzie must figure out just how much he's willing to believe—like his life depends on it—before everything takes a much darker turn.

### PRAISE

"A smart, beautifully crafted entertainment." -Booklist on Dead Man's Mistress

"A fast-moving, dialogue-driven tale so effortlessly and irresistibly spun." —*Kirkus Reviews* on *Like to Die* 

"Nearly impossible to put down." — Publishers Weekly

"All hell breaks loose in... Edgar-winning Housewright's very strong McKenzie series. Greatly enhancing the story are the fascinating details." —*Booklist* (starred review) on *Stealing the Countess* 

DAVID HOUSEWRIGHT has won the Edgar Award and is the three-time winner of the Minnesota Book Award for his crime fiction. He is a past president of the Private Eye Writers of America (PWA). He lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

# THE HALL HALL SISTER SANDIE JONES

#### FICTION / THRILLERS / Domestic

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## **The Half Sister**

Sandie Jones

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Hello Sunshine Book Club pick *The Other Woman*, comes a domestic suspense novel about a family who is forever changed when a stranger arrives.

Kate and Lauren. Sisters who are always there for each other.

But as they gather for their weekly Sunday lunch, a knock on the door changes everything.

The new arrival, Jess, claims to be their half-sister, but that would mean the unthinkable: that she's the secret daughter of their beloved father Harry, who has recently died.

Their mother is devastated, and sisters Kate and Lauren refuse to believe Jess.

But as the fall-out starts it's clear that they are all hiding secrets, and perhaps this family isn't as perfect as they appear.

Where there was truth, now there are lies and only one thing is certain: their half-sister's arrival has ruined everything.

### PRAISE

Praise for The First Mistake:

"Riveting . . . The twisty plot builds to a shocking conclusion. This puzzler reinforces Jones's status as a rising suspense star." —*Publishers Weekly* 

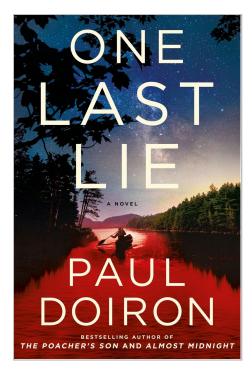
"Jones surprises everyone with the revelations in her powerful climactic close. A provocative view of trust, placed and misplaced." —*Booklist* 

Praise for The Other Woman:

"One of the most twisted and entertaining plots." -Reese Witherspoon

"*The Other Woma*n is an absorbing thriller with a great twist. A perfect beach read." —Kristin Hannah

SANDIE JONES has worked as a freelance journalist for more than twenty years and has written for publications including the *Sunday Times*, *Woman's Weekly*, and the *Daily Mail*. She lives in London with her husband and three children. *The Other Woman* was her debut novel and a Reese Witherspoon x Hello Sunshine Book Club pick.



#### FICTION / MYSTERY & Detective / traditional

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Almost Midnight: A Novel 7/2019 | 9781250102416 Hardcover with dust jacket | \$27.99 / \$37.99 Can.

### **One Last Lie**

A Novel

Paul Doiron

### The disappearance of Mike Bowditch's beloved mentor reveals an ominous connection to a 15-year-old cold case in the new thriller from bestselling Edgar Award finalist Paul Doiron.

"Never trust a man without secrets." These are the last words retired game warden Charley Stevens speaks to his surrogate son, Warden Investigator Mike Bowditch, before the old man vanishes without explanation. Mike suspects his friend's mysterious departure has to do with an antique warden badge that recently resurfaced at a flea market — a badge connected to a cold case from Charley's past that the Maine Warden Service would rather forget.

Fifteen years ago, a young warden was sent on an undercover mission to infiltrate a notorious poaching ring and never returned. He was presumed dead, but his body was never recovered. Desperate to find Charley before he meets a similar fate, Mike's investigation brings him to the miles of forest and riverside towns along the Canadian border—but he soon learns that even his fellow wardens have secrets to keep. And Charley's past isn't the only one coming to light; his daughter, Stacey, has resurfaced to search for her missing father, and Mike must grapple with the return of the woman he once thought was gone forever.

Forced to question his faith in the man he sees as a father, Mike must reopen a cold case that powerful people—one of whom may be a killer—will do anything to keep closed.

### PRAISE

Praise for Paul Doiron and the Mike Bowditch mysteries:

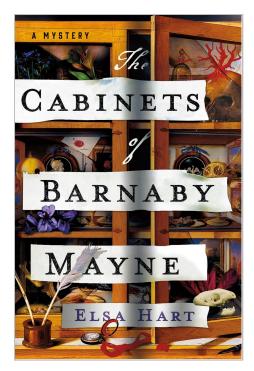
"Doiron captures the stark beauty of his setting." —*New York Times Book Review* for *Stay Hidden* 

"The characters are well drawn, the Maine landscape is vividly portrayed, and Bowditch pursues his passion to protect the innocent and bring evil doers to justice regardless of personal cost." —*Associated Press* for *Almost Midnight* 

"Doiron...[ramps] up the tension slowly until the story reaches can't-put-it-down velocity." —*Library Journal* for *Almost Midnight* 

"Breathless pacing, dark humor, wildlife, and vivid characters." —*Boston Globe* for *Widowmaker* 

"As always with a Doiron novel, the characters ar...



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# **The Cabinets of Barnaby Mayne**

A Mystery

Elsa Hart

# From the author of the acclaimed Li Du novels comes an atmospheric new mystery series.

**London, 1703.** In a time when the old approaches to science coexist with the new, one elite community attempts to understand the world by collecting its wonders. Sir Barnaby Mayne, the most formidable of these collectors, has devoted his life to filling his cabinets. While the curious-minded vie for invitations to study the rare stones, bones, books, and artifacts he has amassed, some visitors come with a darker purpose.

For Cecily Kay, it is a passion for plants that brings her to the Mayne house. The only puzzle she expects to encounter is how to locate the specimens she needs within Sir Barnaby's crowded cabinets. But when her host is stabbed to death, Cecily finds the confession of the supposed killer unconvincing. She pays attention to details—years of practice have taught her that the smallest particulars can distinguish a harmless herb from a deadly one—and in the case of Sir Barnaby's murder, there are too many inconsistencies for her to ignore.

To discover the truth, Cecily must enter the world of the collectors, a realm where intellect is distorted by obsession and greed. As her pursuit of answers brings her closer to a killer, she risks being given a final resting place amid the bones that wait, silent and still, in the cabinets of Barnaby Mayne.

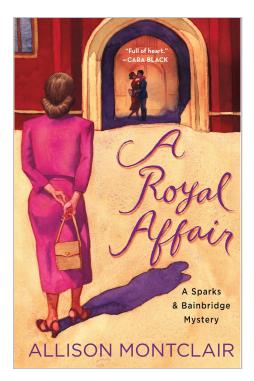
### PRAISE

"The plot increases in complexity with every chapter." —*The Washington Post* on *City of Ink* 

"Enjoyable...intriguing...*The White Mirror* has much of the charm and excitement of a snowbound Agatha Christie mystery, along with the refined sensibility of centuries-old Chines poetry and painting, in which surface reality seems both tactile and transparent." —*The Wall Street Journal* 

"Elsa Hart and her protagonist, Li Du, deserve a place in every collection." —Louise Penny on *Jade Dragon Mountain* 

ELSA HART is the author of three acclaimed mystery novels set in eighteenth-century China. The most recent, *City of Ink*, was one of Publishers Weekly's Best Books of 2018. She was born in Rome, but her earliest memories are of Moscow, where her family lived until 1991. Since then she has lived in the Czech Republic, the U.S.A., and China. She earned a B.A. from Swarthmore College and a J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law.



### FICTION / MYSTERY & Detective / Historical

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# A Royal Affair

A Sparks & Bainbridge Mystery

Allison Montclair

### More goes wrong than could be imagined when Iris Sparks and Gwendolyn Bainbridge of The Right Sort Marriage Bureau are unexpectedly engaged to dig into the past of a suitor of a royal princess

In London 1946, The Right Sort Marriage Bureau is just beginning to take off and the proprietors, Miss Iris Sparks and Mrs. Gwendolyn Bainbridge, are in need of a bigger office and a secretary to handle the growing demand. Unfortunately, they don't yet have the necessary means. So when a woman arrives—a cousin of Gwen's—with an interesting and quite remunerative proposition, they two of them are all ears.

The cousin, one Lady Matheson, works for the Queen in "some capacity" and is in need of some discreet investigation. It seems that the Princess Elizabeth has developed feelings for a dashing Greek prince and a blackmail note has arrived, alluding to some potentially damaging information about said prince. Wanting to keep this out of the palace gossip circles, but also needing to find out what skeletons might lurk in the prince's closet, the palace has quietly turned to Gwen and Iris. Without causing a stir, the two of them must now find out what secrets lurk in the prince's past, before his engagement to the future Queen of England is announced. And there's more at stake than the future of the Empire —there is their potential new office that lies in the balance.

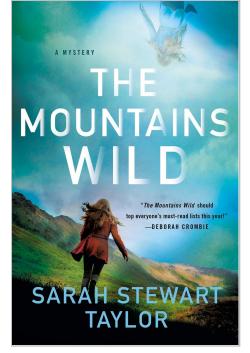
### PRAISE

"Stellar...Both leads are complex, well-developed characters, whose penchant for humorous byplay never comes at the expense of the plot...Fans of Maisie Dobbs and Bess Crawford will be delighted." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"Fans of M. C. Beaton will relish the wit, and followers of Susan Elia MacNeal and Jacqueline Winspear will enjoy the depth and the period detail. Readers will want to get on the reserve list for the next Iris and Gwen adventure!" *—Booklist* 

"The Right Sort of Man Marriage Bureau's debut is exactly the right sort to have readers hoping for a second date!" *—Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

ALLISON MONTCLAIR grew up devouring hand-me-down Agatha Christie paperbacks and James Bond movies. As a result of this deplorable upbringing, Montclair became addicted to tales of crime, intrigue, and espionage. She now spends her spare time poking through the corners, nooks, and crannies of history, searching for the odd mysterious bits and transforming them into novels of her own.



#### FICTION / MYSTERY & Detective / International Mystery & Crime

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# **The Mountains Wild**

### A Mystery

Sarah Stewart Taylor

### In a series debut for fans of Tana French and Kate Atkinson, set in Dublin and New York, homicide detective Maggie D'arcy finally tackles the case that changed the course of her life.

Twenty-three years ago, Maggie D'arcy's family received a call from the Dublin police. Her cousin Erin had been missing for several days. Maggie herself spent weeks in Ireland, trying to track Erin's movements, working beside the police. But it was to no avail: no trace of her was ever found.

The experience inspired Maggie to become a cop. Now, back on Long Island, more than 20 years have passed. Maggie is a detective and a divorced mother of a teenager. When the Gardaí call to say that Erin's scarf has been found and another young woman has gone missing, Maggie returns to Ireland, awakening all the complicated feelings from the first trip. The despair and frustration of not knowing what happened to Erin. Her attraction to Erin's coworker, now a professor, who never fully explained their relationship. And her determination to solve the case, once and for all.

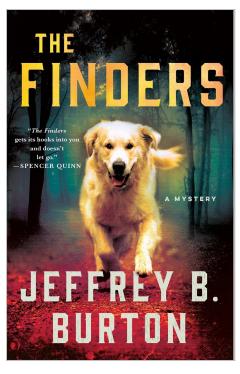
A lyrical, deeply drawn portrait of a woman—and a country—over two decades—*The Mountains Wild* introduces a compelling new mystery series from a mesmerizing author.

### PRAISE

"With its evocative Dublin setting, lyrical prose, tough but sympathetic heroine, and a killer twist in the plot, Sarah Stewart Taylor's *The Mountains Wild* should top everyone's must-read lists this year!"— *New York Times* bestselling author Deborah Crombie

"Atmospheric and lyrical, THE MOUNTAINS WILD is that rare thing — a riveting thriller with a beating heart. In this beautifully wrought portrait of love and family, secrets and lies, Sarah Stewart Taylor dives deep into character, all the while ratcheting up the suspense, page by gripping page, through to the stunning end." — *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa Unger

SARAH STEWART TAYLOR is the author of the Sweeney St. George series and a forthcoming novel that will be the first in a new series about an American police detective in Ireland. She grew up on Long Island, was educated at Middlebury College and Trinity College, Dublin and she lived in Dublin, Ireland in the mid-90s. She now lives with her family on a farm in Vermont where they raise sheep and grow blueberries. You can visit her online at www.SarahStewartTaylor.com.



### FICTION / MYSTERY & Detective / Amateur Sleuth

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### **The Finders**

A Mystery

Jeffrey B. Burton

# The beginning of a fast-paced new series featuring a heroic golden retriever cadaver dog named Vira and her handler, Mason Reid.

Mason "Mace" Reid lives on the outskirts of Chicago and specializes in human remains detection. He trains dogs to hunt for the dead. Reid's coming off a difficult year—mourning the death of a beloved springer spaniel as well as the dissolution of his marriage. He adopts a rescue dog with a mysterious past—a golden retriever named Vira. And when Reid begins training Vira as a cadaver dog, he comes to realize just how special the newest addition to his family truly is...

Suddenly, Reid and his prize pupil find themselves hurled into a taxing murder case, which will push them to their very limits. Paired with determined Chicago Police Officer Kippy Gimm, Mace must put all his trust in Vira's abilities to thwart a serial killer who has now set his sights on Mace himself.

### PRAISE

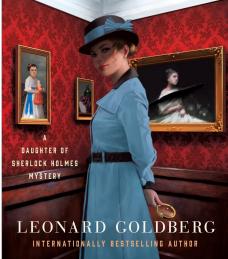
"The first in a new series, *The Finders* boasts a compelling roller-coaster ride of a plot, but ultimately the star of the show is Vira, a fierce beauty of a canine that dog lovers will find impossible to resist." —Paula Munier, USA TODAY bestselling author of *A Borrowing of Bones* 

"Sharp, determined and intuitive, Vira the golden retriever is the Sherlock Holmes of cadaver dogs." —Neil S. Plakcy, author of the Golden Retriever mystery series

"Unique voice and compelling characters, both human and canine, make *The Prey Grounds* a terrific thriller. —Margaret Mizushima, author of the award-winning *Burning Ridge: A Timber Creek K-9 Mystery* 

JEFFREY B. BURTON is the author of *The Chessman* and *The Eulogist*. He is an active member of Mystery Writers of America, International Thriller Writers and the Horror Writers Association and lives in St. Paul, Minnesota with his family.

# THE ART OF DECEPTION



### FICTION / MYSTERY & Detective / Historical

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# **The Art of Deception**

A Daughter of Sherlock Holmes Mystery

Leonard Goldberg

"Suspenseful and entertaining, with many twists and turns....This is one of the best Sherlock Holmes series since Laurie R. King's Mary Russell books." *—Historical Novel Society* 

In the west end of London, an apparently crazed individual is on the loose, breaking into art galleries and private homes to slash valuable paintings of women. Despite Scotland Yard's best efforts, the criminal remains at large and continues on his destructive path.

When Joanna and the Watsons are called in to solve the mystery, they soon discover that although the canvases have been slashed, their backings remain pristine, with no cuts or scratches. The criminal, it seems, is no mere vandal—he's searching for something hidden behind the portraits.

Suspicion soon falls on two skilled art restorers who previously worked at the gallery where all the vandalized art was purchased. When Joanna finds the body of one in a bricked off fireplace at the gallery, the other is left as the prime suspect. But then he's discovered dead as well. Luckily, Joanna has a plan for ensnaring the criminal once and for all. But it must not fail, or more paintings—and lives—will be lost.

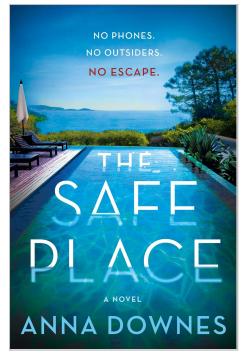
*USA Today* bestselling author Leonard Goldberg returns with another puzzling case for the daughter of Sherlock Holmes to unravel in this exciting mystery sure to be enjoyed by fans of Sherlock Holmes as well Laurie R. King and Charles Finch.

### PRAISE

"Fans of all things Sherlock-ian will delight in Joanna, so like her father and already training her schoolboy son, Johnny, in the methods that have solved so many cases like this exceptionally tricky one." —*Kirkus Reviews* on *The Disappearance of Alistair Ainsworth* 

"Fans of the original mysteries will get a chuckle out of the antic language, and there is a mercurial Mary Poppins appeal to this not-to-be-trifled-with heroine that will appeal to fans beyond Baker Street." *—Booklist* 

LEONARD GOLDBERG is the *USA Today* bestselling author of the Joanna Blalock medical thrillers. His novels have been translated into a dozen languages and were selections of the Book of the Month Club, French and Czech book clubs, and The Mystery Guild. They were featured as *People*'s "Page-Turner of the Week" and at the International Book Fair. After a long career affiliated with the UCLA Medical Center as a Clinical Professor of Medicine, he now lives on an island off the coast of Charleston, SC.



### FICTION / THRILLERS / SUSPENSE

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### **The Safe Place**

A Novel

Anna Downes

Superbly tense and oozing with atmosphere, Anna Downes' debut *The Safe Place* is the perfect summer suspense; a deft examination of the lengths we'll go to protect the facade of a perfect life.

Emily Proudman's life is in chaos. She's just lost her acting agent and her job in one miserable day.

Scott Denny has a problem. Even though he's a successful CEO, neither his business acumen nor vast wealth can come close to fixing it. He's at a breaking point. Until he meets Emily.

Emily is friendly and agreeable.

Emily is desperate.

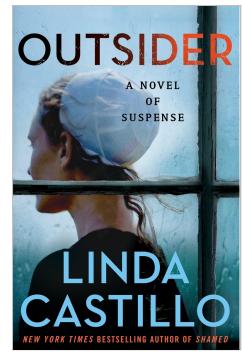
Emily is perfect.

Scott offers Emily what seems the perfect summer job as a housekeeper and nanny on his remote French estate. Emily is quickly enchanted by his lovely wife Nina, and even his strange young daughter, and falls headlong into this apparent paradise.

But before long, Emily realizes that Scott and his wife are hiding dangerous secrets. And if Emily doesn't play along, the beautiful place they call home might turn out to be a prison from which none of them will ever escape.

A compelling collision of Lisa Jewell's morally complex family dynamics and Ruth Ware's modern gothic vibes, *The Safe Place* is a deliciously sinister suspense novel that will also have you longing for wine-soaked summer days in a French villa by the sea.

ANNA DOWNES was born and raised in Sheffield, UK, but now lives just north of Sydney, Australia with her husband and two children. She worked as an actress before turning her attention to writing. She was shortlisted for the Sydney Writers Room Short Story Prize (2017) and longlisted for the Margaret River Short Story Competition (2018). *The Safe Place* was inspired by Anna's experiences working as a live-in housekeeper on a remote French estate in 2009-10.



### FICTION / MYSTERY & Detective / Police Procedural

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### **Outsider**

A Novel of Suspense

Linda Castillo

# Linda Castillo follows her instant NYT bestseller, *Shamed*, with *Outsider*, an electrifying thriller about a woman on the run hiding among the Amish.

While enjoying a sleigh ride with his children, Amish widower Adam Lengacher discovers a car stuck in a snowdrift and an unconscious woman inside. He calls upon Chief of Police Kate Burkholder for help, and she is surprised to recognize the driver: fellow cop and her former friend, Gina Colorosa.

Years before, Kate and Gina were best friends at the police academy and patrol officers in Columbus, but time and distance have taken them down two very different paths. Now, Gina reveals a shocking story of betrayal and revenge that has forced her to run for her life. She's desperate for protection, and the only person she can trust is Kate—but can Kate trust her? Or will Gina's dark past put them all in danger?

As a blizzard bears down on Painters Mill, Kate helps Gina go into hiding on Adam's farm. While the tough-skinned Gina struggles to adjust to the Amish lifestyle, Kate and state agent John Tomasetti delve into the incident that caused Gina to flee. But as Kate gets closer to the truth, a killer lies in wait. When violence strikes, she must confront a devastating truth that changes everything she thought she knew not only about friendship, but the institution to which she's devoted her life.

### PRAISE

### Praise for Outsider:

"[A] fast-paced, suspense-building ride, showing the character development and sensitivity to the Amish culture that mark Castillo's masterful crime fiction." *–Booklist* (starred)

"Bestseller Castillo's suspenseful 12th Kate Burkholder mystery...Castillo presents a loving, realistic portrait of Amish life. Readers will hope Kate has a long career." —*Publishers Weekly* 

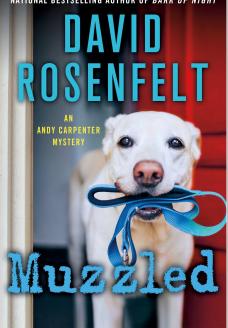
Praise for Linda Castillo and the Kate Burkholder novels:

"Electrifying." — Publishers Weekly

"A captivating story by a gifted storyteller." — The Washington Book Review

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### NATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF BARK OF NIGHT



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### Muzzled

An Andy Carpenter Mystery

**David Rosenfelt** 

### In David Rosenfelt's newest Andy Carpenter mystery, Muzzled, Andy and his beloved golden retriever, Tara, are back on the case as a favor to a friend.

Andy Carpenter is a lawyer who would rather not practice law. He'd rather spend his time working with the Tara Foundation, his dog rescue organization, and being with his family and his two dogs, Tara and Sebastian. But when Andy's friend Beth Morris asks him for a favor that involves both dogs and his lawyerly expertise, he can't say no.

Beth's mission is to find the owners of stray dogs. She and Andy have worked together on countless cases over the years. But what Beth brings to Andy isn't a run-of-the-mill request. One of her current strays, a sweet yellow lab named Lucy, belonged to a murder victim— in fact, the man and two of his colleagues died in an explosion a few weeks ago. But now Beth needs Andy's help: the "murdered" owner contacted her, and he wants his dog back. The man claims his life is in danger, and that's why he disappeared. As much as Andy doesn't want to get involved—anything to avoid a new case—he can't help but come to the rescue of a man who'd risk everything, even his life, to reunite with his dog.

Once again, David Rosenfelt delivers suspense and laughter in equal measure in another engaging mystery from "one of the most unforgettable voices in the genre." (Associated Press)

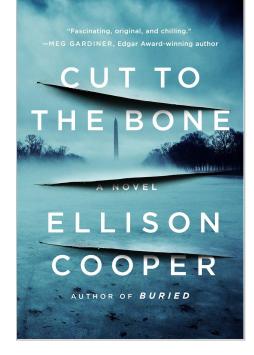
### PRAISE

"One of the most unforgettable authors in the genre." —Associated Press

"Reading the "Andy Carpenter" series by David Rosenfelt is dangerous. The books should come with warnings: "Read with Caution, Extremely Addicting."" -Huffington Post

"One of the best hooks ever by an author who specializes in them . . . Even dog haters should lap it up." -Kirkus Reviews on Bark of Night

David Rosenfelt is the Edgar-nominated and Shamus Award-winning author of twenty Andy Carpenter novels, most recently Dachshund Through the Snow; nine stand-alone thrillers; two non-fiction titles; and The K Team, the first in a new series featuring some of the characters from the Andy Carpenter series. After years of living in California, he and his wife moved to Maine with twenty-five of the four thousand dogs they have rescued.



### FICTION / THRILLERS / CRIME

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# **Cut to the Bone**

A Novel

Ellison Cooper

### A bus full of high school students has disappeared from Washington D.C. and FBI neuroscientist Sayer Altair must hunt down the culprit who has a link to her own past.

After grieving the death of her fiancé and almost losing her job, Agent Sayer Altair is finally starting to rebuild her life. Her research into the minds of psychopaths is breaking new ground and her strange little family is thriving. But Sayer's newfound happiness is threatened when she is called in to investigate a girl's body left inside a circle of animal figurines below a cryptic message written in blood. When they discover that the dead girl is one of twenty-four missing high school students, Sayer quickly realizes that nothing in this case is what it seems.

As the investigation draws her in to a tangled web of fake identities and false leads, the trail soon begins to point directly to her own life. Now, Sayer must confront her painful past to uncover her connection to the deranged killer if she hopes to save the missing teens and protect everything that she loves.

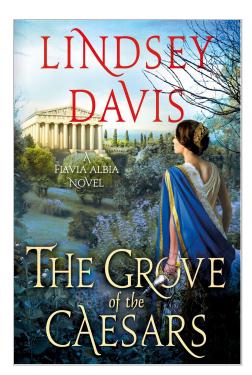
### PRAISE

"Forensic mystery fans who enjoy deciphering clues...will be entertained by this pathologically twisted tale...A good choice for fans of Patricia Cornwell and Kathy Reichs." —*Library Journal* on *Caged* 

"... A natural for devotees of Patricia Cornwell's Kay Scarpetta. This one will leave fans waiting for more." —*Booklist* on *Buried* 

"Fascinating, original, and chilling. Ellison Cooper's terrific novel cost me sleep—which is exactly what I want a thriller to do." —Meg Gardiner, Edgar Award-winning author, on *Buried* 

**ELLISON COOPER** has a Ph.D. in anthropology from UCLA, with a background in archaeology, cultural neuroscience, ancient religion, colonialism, and human rights. She has conducted fieldwork in Central America, West Africa, Micronesia, and Western Europe. She has worked as a murder investigator in Washington DC, and is a certified K9 Search and Rescue Federal Disaster Worker. She now lives in the Bay Area with her husband and son.



### FICTION / MYSTERY &

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# **The Grove of the Caesars**

A Flavia Albia Novel

Lindsey Davis

### In the sacred grove of Julius Caesar, something deadly stirs in the undergrowth—a serial killer has claimed another victim.

At the feet of her adoptive father, renowned private informer Marcus Didius Falco, Flavia Albia learned a number of important rules. First and foremost —always keep one's distance from the palace, nothing good comes from that direction. But right behind it—murder is the business of the *Vigiles*, best to leave them to it.

Having broken the first rule more often than she'd like, it's no surprise to anyone when she finds herself breaking the second one. The public gardens named after the Caesars is a place nice girls are warned away from and when a series of bodies are uncovered, it seems that a serial killer has been haunting the grove for years. The case is assigned to one Julius Karus, a cohort of the Vigiles, but Albia is convinced that nothing will come of his efforts. Out of sympathy for the dead women and their grieving relatives, Albia decides to work with the vile Karus and bring the serial killer to justice.

### PRAISE

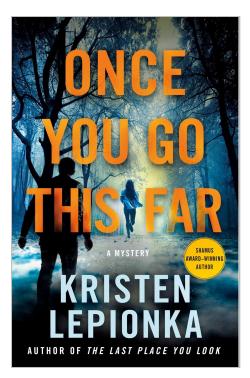
Praise for A Capitol Death:

"Davis does her usual brilliant job of integrating the history of the period, warts and all... a fast-paced and fair whodunit. This entry reinforces her place at the top of the historical mystery pack." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"Delicious...Vivat Flavia!" —*Booklist* (starred review)

"The abundant charm of the heroine and the heavily detailed historical background will hook readers and keep them hooked." *—Kirkus Reviews* 

LINDSEY DAVIS is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling series of historical mysteries featuring Marcus Didius Falco, which started with *The Silver Pigs*, and the mysteries featuring Falco's daughter, Flavia Albia, which started with *The Ides of April*. She has also authored a few acclaimed historical novels, including *The Course of Honour*. She lives in Birmingham, UK.



#### FICTION / MYSTERY & Detective / private Investigators

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# **Once You Go This Far**

A Mystery

Kristen Lepionka

# Shamus-Award-winning author Kristen Lepionka plunges back into danger in her next exciting mystery featuring PI Roxane Weary.

Junior-high school nurse Rebecca Newsome was an experienced hiker--until she plummeted to her death at the bottom of a ravine in a Columbus metro park. Her daughter, Maggie, doesn't believe it was an accident, and Rebecca's ex-husband is her prime suspect. But he's a well-connected ex-cop and Maggie is certain that's the reason no one will listen to her. Roxane quickly uncovers that the dead woman's ex is definitely a jerk, but is he a murderer?

As she pieces together the days before Rebecca died, what Roxane finds doesn't quite add up. From a series of trips to Detroit and across the border to a casino in Windsor, Canada, to strange calls from Rebecca's home to a charismatic political candidate, to a women's health organization, to a secretive church group that seems to have more information about its members than it should, Roxane needs to figure out how everything is connected before a dangerous secret gets someone else killed.

### PRAISE

**Praise for the series:** 

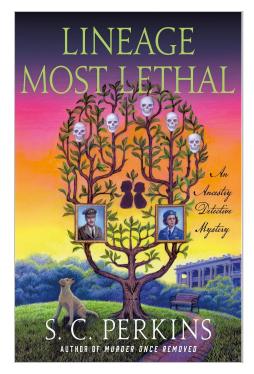
"Kristen Lepionka and Roxane Weary are the best things to happen to the genre in years." —Laura Lippman, *NYT* bestselling author

"Wise, knowing, propulsive, and perfectly pitched. Lepionka is a major new talent." —Lee Child, #1 *NYT* bestselling author

"Action-packed...Lepionka has created an appealing, relatable lead." —*Publishers Weekly* 

"Building to a chilling and surprising conclusion, the third book in Lepionka's Shamus-Award-winning series is both intricately plotted and character-driven, with a complicated protagonist." *—Library Journal* 

KRISTEN LEPIONKA is the Shamus Award-winning and Macavity Award-nominated author of *The Last Place You Look, What You Want to See,* and *The Stories You Tell.* She grew up mostly in her local public library, where she could be found with a stack of adult mysteries before she was out of middle school. Her writing has been selected for multiple publications. She is also the editor of Betty Fedora, a journal for feminist crime fiction, and lives in Columbus, Ohio with her partner and two cats.



### FICTION / MYSTERY & Detective / Cozy

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# Lineage Most Lethal

An Ancestry Detective Mystery

S. C. Perkins

### The captivating second mystery in the Ancestry Detective series, in which Texas genealogist Lucy Lancaster deals with murders in both the past and present.

It's the week before New Year's Eve and genealogist Lucy Lancaster is mixing work and play quite nicely at the boutique Sutton Hotel in Austin, Texas. After two months of research she's finalizing her presentation for hotel heiress Pippa Sutton, her latest client.

Lucy has just arrived back at the hotel after a day of research when a strange man comes staggering toward her. She barely has time to notice his weak, sweaty appearance and broken tooth before he presses a classic Montblanc pen into her hand, whispers, "keep them safe," and collapses at her feet, dead.

Lucy only knows one person who might be able to explain the significance of the pen: her grandpa, who is a collector. But Grandpa has an odd reaction to the sight of the pen, and Lucy can't help but feel that it might have something to do with his experiences during World War II.

When Lucy becomes convinced that her hotel room has been searched and that there's more to the pen—and her grandpa—than meets the eye, she begins to draw connections from the present-day deaths and suspicious behaviors to a group of spies in World War II. Secret codes, old grievances, and traitors seem to hide behind every corner, and as Lucy begins to connect the dots someone seems determined to make sure the Lancaster line ends once and for all.

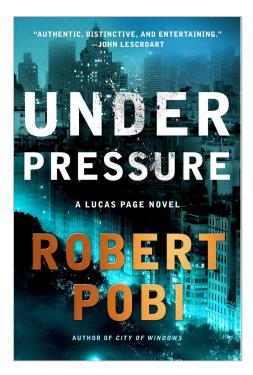
### PRAISE

Praise for Murder Once Removed:

"This debut features an intelligent genealogist detective, a strong supporting cast, some romantic tension, and information about Texas history that should appeal to readers of Rett MacPherson's genealogy mysteries as well as cozy lovers who prefer a dash of history in their mysteries." *—Library Journal* (Starred, Debut of the Month)

"[A] fun debut. Lucy's officemates and other quirky friends add spice to this delightful cozy. Readers will look forward to Lucy's further adventures." —*Publishers Weekly* 

S.C. PERKINS is a fifth-generation Texan who grew up hearing fascinating stories of her ancestry and eating lots of great Tex-Mex. *Murder Once Removed* was the winner of the 2017 Malice Domestic Best First Traditional Mystery competition. She resides in Houston and, when she's not writing or working at her day job, she's likely outside in the sun, on the beach, or riding horses. Visit her website at scperkins.com or follow her on Twitter, Instagram, Goodreads, and Facebook



FICTION / THRILLERS / CRIME Minotaur Books | 8/4/2020 9781250293961 | \$26.99 / \$36.50 Can. Hardcover with dust jacket | 464 pages | Carton Qty: 16 9.3 in H | 6.1 in W

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### **Under Pressure**

A Lucas Page Novel

Robert Pobi

### A series of deadly explosions rock the city of New York and with too many victims and no known motive, the F.B.I. turns to Dr. Lucas Page.

On a beautiful October evening, New York City's iconic Guggenheim Museum is closed for a tech company's private gala. Until an explosion rocks the night, instantly killing 702 people, including every single attendee—yet the damage to the building itself was minimal.

An explosion of that precision was no accident and, in response, the FBI mobilizes its entire team but the sheer number of victims strains their resources. Were all 702 victims in the wrong place at the wrong time, or was there only one target and 701 unlucky bystanders? That many victim files is a staggering amount of data to sort through and Brett Kehoe, Special Agent in Charge of Manhattan, decides that he can't do this without more computational power.

Dr. Lucas Page, astrophysicist, university professor, and former FBI agent, is uniquely suited for this daunting task. Even moreso when the most obvious theory—terrorism—doesn't pan out.

When a second powerful bomb in New York City levels an internet hub, the FBI sees a connection between the two bombings—and starts looking for someone with a grudge against tech companies or technology itself. Lucas, however, thinks the bomber is deliberately misleading the FBI, hiding a more sinister and heartless motive. And he might be the only one who can find and stop him before the city is attacked again.

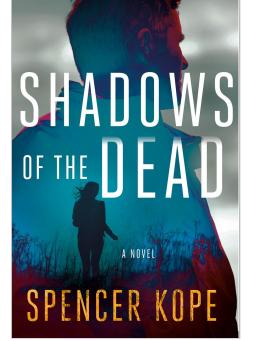
### PRAISE

"*City of Windows* is moving, breathtaking—a great entertainment." —*The Wall* Street Journal

"Exceptional." — Associated Press on City of Windows

"Great plot, great setting ... I loved this." -Lee Child on City of Windows

ROBERT POBI is the author of four previous novels, including *City of Windows*. He lives in Canada.



#### FICTION / MYSTERY & Detective / Police Procedural

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### **Shadows of the Dead**

A Special Tracking Unit Novel

Spencer Kope

### The best tracker in the world, a man with a secret and a special set of skills, must find two nearly untraceable killers before time runs out for their victims.

A woman—abducted and found in the trunk of a car after a high-speed chase regains consciousness in the ICU to reveal two crucial pieces of information: the man who kidnapped her is not the same as the man who left her in the woods, and she's not the first victim—in fact, she is number eight.

Magnus "Steps" Craig is part of the elite three-man Special Tracking Unit of the FBI. Known for his ability to find and follow trails over any surface, Steps is called in on cases that require his unparalleled skills. But there's a secret to his talent. Steps has a kind of synesthesia where he can see the 'essence' of a person—what he calls 'shine'—on everything they've touched.

Brought in to track the driver through a dense forest after the blood hounds have lost his trail, Steps and his partner Jimmy find the driver laughing maniacally, babbling about souls, and hiding a pristinely maintained box of eight posed rats. Now the Special Tracking Unit must chase two villains—through not just the real world, but the dark web as well—tracking an enemy they can't see, as time runs out for the unknown victims.

### PRAISE

"Thriller devotees will devour this unpredictable mystery." —*Library Journal* (starred review) on *Whispers of the Dead* 

"With its deadpan banter and gritty narrative, Kope's second case has a Dirty Harry vibe and finds a sweet noir groove." —*Kirkus Reviews* on *Whispers of the Dead* 

"The twists and turns will leave you breathless!" -Lisa Gardner

SPENCER KOPE is the author of *Collecting the Dead* (a finalist for the Barry Award for Best Thriller) and *Whispers of the Dead*, the first two novels featuring Steps and the Special Tracking Unit. He is also the Crime Analyst for the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office in Washington State. Currently assigned to the Detectives Division, he provides case support to detectives and deputies. He lives in Washington State.

#### NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF TERNS OF ENDEARMENT

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MEG LANGSLOW

MYSTERY

# **The Falcon Always Wings Twice**

A Meg Langslow Mystery

**Donna Andrews** 

### A new side-splitting Meg Langslow mystery from awardwinning, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Terns of Endearment.*

When Meg's grandmother Cordelia hosts a Renaissance Faire at her craft center, the whole family is put to work: Meg handles the blacksmithing, Michael and the boys will be performing, and no one misses the opportunity to dress up in full regalia.

More exciting to Grandfather is the pair of rare falcons he discovers breeding at the fairgrounds. Concerned for their well-being amid all the activity, he appoints himself their protector.

When one of the actors performing at the fair is found dead—an actor suspected of mistreating one of the falcons, among other sins—Grandfather is a prime suspect.

Donna Andrews's long-running Meg Langslow series continues to be beloved by its fans, who loyally buy every new installment. *The Falcon Always Wings Twice* is a perfect new addition, full of laughter, adventure, and Andrews's wonderful cast of wacky characters.

### PRAISE

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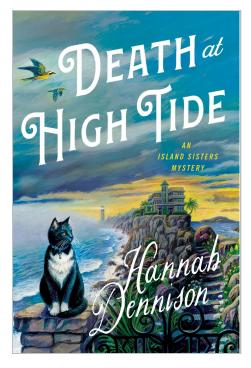
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