SPECTACULAR

Phillip Margolin

The Third Victim

*New York Times* bestseller Phillip Margolin launches a brand new series with his most compelling, surprising thriller in years

A woman stumbles onto a dark road—tortured, battered, and bound. She tells a horrific story about being kidnapped. But she was the lucky one—two other women, with similar burns and bruises, were found dead. A prominent local attorney named Alex Mason is arrested when the victim identifies his house as the one in which she was held captive.

Regina Barrister is a legendary criminal defender who has taken on the impossible task of defending Alex Mason, but she’s got a secret, one that threatens her skill, her reputation, and her clients. She’s. A young lawyer, Robin Lockwood, has just started working for Regina. The Mason trial is her first big one. Increasingly, she’s worried her boss’s behavior and the details in the case against their client don’t quite add up.

With surprising twist after twist until the shocking ending, *The Third Victim* is *New York Times* bestselling Phillip Margolin at his very best.

**KEY SELLING POINTS:**

- Phillip Margolin is a major author who has had a long string of national bestsellers, in all formats.
- *The Third Victim* is a contemporary legal thriller/crime novel that is right in Margolin's wheelhouse and his best work in years. His long-time fans will be thrilled at this return to form.
- Margolin's strongest sales, both in book retail and mass merchandise accounts, in both the U.S. and Canada, have been in mass market. After a strong relaunch in hardcover, we expect Margolin's sales to be as good as or better than they were in the recent past.

"Margolin continues his return to the exceptional form of his early novels with this gripping, tightly plotted, and smoothly written legal thriller... A winner from a veteran genre author." — *Booklist* on *The Third Victim*

“Margolin knows how to pack in the thrills!” — Tess Gerritsen
SUPER LEAD

Allison Brennan

Too Far Gone


Things finally seem to be going well for FBI Agent Lucy Kincaid. She's just finished training for Hostage Rescue, her husband's relationship with his son is back on track, and her tense relationship with her boss, Rachel Vaughn, has become much more bearable. That is, until her first hostage case throws everything off track.

When a man who appears under the influence and mentally unstable holds a group of people hostage and dies in a shootout with the FBI, Lucy is assigned to investigate what happened. His descent doesn't make any sense - he was an upstanding citizen a year ago and only started declining after a series of blackouts and strange occurrences. Even his autopsy seems suspicious, and the body has been cremated without the proper approval. As Lucy investigates, she realizes that this story may be more complicated than she thinks, and that her own life might be in danger.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• All of Allison Brennan's Lucy Kincaid books that we've published have hit the New York Times bestseller list, and we're leveraging this success for Allison's next books in the series.
• Make Them Pay debuted at #15 on the New York Times Combined Print and eBook Fiction bestseller list and at #29 on the USA Today bestseller list.
• We have a long-term commitment to Allison Brennan's career and publish her in both mass market and hardcover, based on her sales trends and the quality of her work.
• Terrific new package for this fan favorite series.
• Perfect for readers of Lisa Jackson.

Praise for Poisonous
"Longtime bestselling author Allison Brennan reaches new heights in Poisonous, and this smart, sophisticated entry in the Maxine Revere series raises her to the level of Lisa Gardner and Harlan Coben." — Providence Journal

“A fast-paced, suspenseful read with interesting characters and sinister twists that keep you turning the pages for more.” — Karin Slaughter, author of Pretty Girls
SPOTLIGHT

Barbara Taylor Bradford

Secrets of Cavendon

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author, a stunning, epic novel featuring the characters of the beloved Cavendon series.

For years things have run smoothly at Cavendon Hall, with very few quarrels, dramas, or upsets among the Inghams and the Swanns. But since the end of World War II, things have changed. The Secrets of Cavendon picks up in the summer of 1949, with the new generation of the estate at the forefront of the scandal and intrigue. With romance, betrayal, heartbreak, and possible murder threatening to tear them apart, the Inghams and Swanns will have to find a way to come together and protect each other in the face of threats they never could have predicted.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• Secrets of Cavendon is Bradford in her element - an Edwardian saga set in the same time period as A Woman of Substance.
• Readers will be clamoring to revisit the characters they know and love from Cavendon Hall, The Cavendon Women, and The Cavendon Luck - and to know how the series ends!
• Cavendon Hall hit #16 on the New York Times hardcover fiction list.

"There is no one writing sagas like Bradford, and no one but the grand mistress delivers this kind of unforgettable, sweeping, dramatic read...This is the kind of series saga fans crave, and Bradford delivers!" —RT Book Reviews on The Cavendon Luck

"It is the remarkable characters readers will carry in their hearts." —RT Book Reviews on The Cavendon Women

"An evocative and captivating story, filled with fascinating and compelling characters, drama, intrigue, love, passion, and revenge." —Daily Mail on Cavendon Hall

ALSO AVAILABLE:
LEAD

Sarah Addison Allen

First Frost

A magical novel from the New York Times bestselling author of Lost Lake featuring characters from her beloved novel Garden Spells

Featuring characters from her beloved novel Garden Spells, Sarah Addison Allen's new novel picks up ten years after that eventful summer when Claire Waverly's wild half-sister returned to Bascom and Claire met her now-husband Tyler. Things have settled down and Claire finds she has slipped into a place of tightly sequestered sameness. It's comfortable. She likes it. But when her father Russell shows up he brings information that Claire doesn't want to hear that will challenge everything she thought she knew about herself. Filled with Allen's characteristic magic and warmth, this novel will reveal how the people who come into your life may not be the ones you expect, but they're there for a reason. And they don't change your one true voice, they make it louder.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• In hardcover First Frost debuted at #4 on the New York Times bestseller list and Lost Lake debuted at #5.
• Sarah Addison Allen’s debut novel, Garden Spells, sold 100,000 in hardcover and 75,000 in trade paper.
• First Frost sold over 90,000 in all formats.
• Sarah Addison Allen is a natural at social media and has over 94,000 Facebook fans.

"Lost Lake is a love note to second chances, hopeful and entrancing, and I couldn't put it down." —Joshilyn Jackson

"This endearing tale just may be Allen's wisest work yet." —Booklist (starred review) on Lost Lake

"Readers will want to release their cares and woes for full immersion in this novel's magical setting." —Library Journal on Lost Lake

"Light, sweet and sparkly." —Kirkus on Lost Lake

ALSO AVAILABLE:

SPECIAL RELEASE

Louise Penny

Bury Your Dead

Now in mm premium, #1 NYT bestseller Bury Your Dead is "sophisticated and moving—her best yet.” —People (4 stars)

It is Winter Carnival in Quebec City, bitterly cold and surpassingly beautiful. Chief Inspector Armand Gamache has come not to join the revels but to recover from an investigation gone hauntingly wrong. But violent death is inescapable, even in the apparent sanctuary of the Literary and Historical Society.

Meanwhile, Gamache is receiving disquieting letters from the village of Three Pines, where beloved Bistro owner Olivier was recently convicted of murder. "It doesn't make sense," Olivier's partner writes every day. "He didn't do it, you know."

As past and present collide in this astonishing novel, Gamache must relive a terrible event from his own past before he can begin to bury his dead.

"Penny hits every note perfectly in what is one of the most elaborately constructed and remarkably moving mysteries in years.” —Booklist (starred review)

"Few writers in any genre can match Penny's ability to combine heartbreak and hope in the same scene." —Publishers Weekly (starred review)

"Brilliantly provocative and will appeal to fans of literary fiction, as well as to mystery lovers.” —Library Journal (starred review)

"Bring on the awards.” —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

ALSO AVAILABLE:
The Brutal Telling | 6/16 | 9781250109118 | $7.99
Caitlin Crews

A True Cowboy Christmas

It doesn't get better than smoking hot cowboys from *USA Today* bestselling author Caitlin Crews!

Gray Everett is the only cowboy in his family with a heart. The oldest of the three Everett brothers, he’s the only one who is trying to keep his family’s cattle land from the fat-cat investors looking to turn it into cookie-cutter condos. Never mind the fact that he’s been raising his daughter alone since his impetuous, wild wife crashed her car years ago and left him a single father. He wants to keep the land in his family and work it the way they’ve always done, but in order to do that, he needs more land. Land from the farm next to his. And in order to get it, he may have to strike a deal with the down-to-earth beauty next door…

Abby Douglas grew up on the farm down the road from the Everetts and has been in love with stern, uncompromising Gray all her life. She never expected him to notice her—what kind of cowboy goes after the plain Jane girl-next-door like her? But when Gray proposes they marry in order to combine land, Abby knows in her heart she can’t refuse. All she has to do is make sure he never finds out how long she’s loved him. But being married to the cowboy of her dreams makes that a whole lot easier said than done…

KEY SELLING POINTS:

HOT CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE: Cowboys are hot in contemporary romance and sell well in both p and e.

Caitlin Crews is a *USA Today* bestselling author who knows how to write hot romance that readers love!

We have two more amazing *Cold Creek Cowboy* books under contract.
Linda Greenlaw

**Slipknot**


When Jane moves back to Green Haven, the sleepy Maine fishing community where she was born, it’s to escape the seamy crime scenes and unsavory characters that crossed her path in Miami. Surely whatever crimes are committed in touristy, idyllic down-east Maine won’t involve anything as nasty as what she saw in Florida. It’s a bit of a shock, then, when Nick Dow, the town drunk, turns up dead, and it’s not the simple accident that everyone assumes it to be. The more Jane digs, the more confused she gets. Only two things are certain: Nothing is what it seems; and the whole town is in each other’s business. But it’s not until Jane impulsively hops on a boat with the killer—a boat that suddenly heads out to sea—that things become downright dangerous...

As she proved in *The Hungry Ocean*, no one knows the sea like Linda Greenlaw. And as she proved in *The Lobster Chronicles*, no one spins better tales of Maine village life. This first installment in Greenlaw’s mystery series features everything readers want: a great setting, wonderful characters, an authentic and original detective—and a story that will keep them on the edge of their seats.

“Greenlaw proves that she’s as skillful a mystery writer as she is a fishing boat captain—and that’s saying a lot. A fantastic read!” —Sebastian Junger

“Greenlaw, author of nonfiction bestsellers such as *The Lobster Chronicles*, has no trouble finding her sea legs in... this swiftly paced yarn.” —Entertainment Weekly

“A sleepy Maine town, the local drunk found dead, a detective asking too many questions... No, not *Murder, She Wrote*—it’s [Greenlaw’s] first foray into mystery, and it’s riveting.” —People

**MARKETING**

New in Paperback Mentions
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Author Facebook: /LindaGreenlawBooks (7.9k followers)

**ALSO AVAILABLE:**
Anna Bennett

First Earl I See Tonight

A charming, delightful new regency romance series from author on the rise, Anna Bennett!

She needed a husband of convenience. She got her one true love instead...

Miss Fiona Hartley’s huge dowry should have ensured that finding a husband would be quick. True, she’s a tad older than the average debutante, and spends too much time sketching brutally honest character portraits. She desperately needs a husband so she can access her dowry, lest the man blackmailing her reveals a secret that would ruin her family. So desperate in fact, that she’s willing to do the unthinkable—propose marriage to the most surly, irritable gentleman in town...

As a matter of principle, David Gray, the Earl of Somerdale, avoids two types of women: those who are obviously desperate, and those who are stark-raving mad. And it soundly appears Miss Fiona Hartley is both. Yet David can’t help but be drawn to her, and gives her a test—if she can spend one week in his dilapidated estate—the same one that caused his previous fiancée to jilt him—then he’ll consider her proposal. But as the week goes on, Fiona’s refreshing wit find a way into his heart. What started out as a marriage of convenience has turned into love...but will Fiona have him for the rest of her days?

KEY SELLING POINTS:

*Key Selling Points: FIRST BOOK IN A BRAND-NEW SERIES: This is the first book in the Debutante Diaries series, a high-concept, trope-filled series that hits all the right buttons for the historical romance regency reader!

*HUGE GROWTH IN SALES: Anna Bennett's sales have more than quadrupled in p and doubled in e from her first book, My Brown-Eyed Earl to her second book, I Dared the Duke. This is an author on the rise!

*CLEVER TITLE AND PACKAGING: The most successful historical romances today have fun, clever titles and sweet, charming packaging. Anna Bennett's books fit perfectly into this vein, and with the title FIRST EARL I SEE TONIGHT, we are sure to catch readers' eyes!

"Fans of Regency romance authors Eloisa James, Tessa Dare, and Mary Jo
Valerie Bowman

Kiss Me at Christmas

The Christmas season has hit Regency London in the next installment in the Playful Brides series!

It’s the Christmas season, and the Playful Brides series embraces holiday cheer, and forbidden love, with a dash of mystery!

The aristocrats in Regency London are shaken by a series of crimes plaguing them during the holiday season. The chill in the air isn’t just from the first hints of snow, and the Christmas spirit hasn’t hit society.

Daffin Oakleaf, a Bow Street Runner, one of London’s first official police force, is on the case, but realizes he needs some assistance questioning members of London high society to solve the crimes.

When he enlists help from the granddaughter of a duke, the lovely Lady Regina, sparks soon burn between them, despite their class differences. But could a romance between them ever work?

This next Playful Brides installment from Valerie Bowman is sweet, heartwarming, and filled with exciting action and sweeping romance that she does best!

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR: The Unexpected Duchess and The Accidental Countess have been nominated for the Kirkus Prize, and Never Trust a Pirate (5/2017), was on Amazon’s Best Books of 2017 So Far list, a B&N Best of the Month pick, and was awarded the RT Seal of Excellence. The Right Kind of Rogue (10/2017) hit the Ingram list at #21 for its first week on sale.

- MARKET READY ROMANCE: This new novel has everything Regency romance readers love: London at Christmas, a granddaughter of a duke looking for adventure, and forbidden love.

- Perfect for fans of Sarah MacLean

"Thrilling, delicious, and suspenseful." — Kirkus Reviews on Never Trust a Pirate

"Wonderful, sprightly repartee, a fast pace and delightful characters blend together in another enthralling Bowman romance. Always smart and sassy, Bowman’s heroines delight in piquing the hero; taunting and tempting." — RT Book Reviews (Top Pick!) on Never Trust a Pirate

"An engaging literary treat for all romance readers who don’t take their
David L. Golemon

The Supernaturals

The *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Event Group* paranormal thriller just in time for Halloween

Named One of Riffle's Ten Best Haunted House Books of All Time

Summer Place, a retreat for the rich and famous in the pristine Pocono Mountains, seems the very essence of charm and beauty, but behind the yellow and white trimmed exterior lurks an evil. Years ago, Professor Gabriel Kennedy’s investigation into this evil destroyed his career. Now, a ghost-hunting TV series producer is determined to make the retreat the centerpiece of a Halloween broadcast. To do it, she needs help from the one man who's faced it. Disgraced in the academic community, Kennedy wants nothing to do with the show, but Summer Place has other plans. As its power grows, Kennedy along with the paranormal ghost hunting team The Supernaturals, sets out to confront—and if possible, destroy—the evil presence.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• NEW TWIST ON THE PARANORMAL: Golemon puts a fresh spin on horror with as much scientific explanation as possible.
• ONLINE PRESENCE: Golemon has his own website (EventGroupFiles.com), and he's active in the world of sci-fi/action/adventure blogs and sites. We will make the most of this with interviews and promotions.
• BIG FANBASE: Golemon has a large readership already from *The Event Group* and will likely pull in new fans from both series.
• JUST IN TIME FOR HALLOWEEN: Supernaturals will be timed perfectly to coincide with the most paranormal holiday of them all.

"I forgot how much I love a good haunting story! Especially one with such a clever twist!" —Geek News Network on *The Supernaturals*

"A compelling and quite baffling genre-bender" —Booklist on *In the Still of the Night: The Supernaturals II*

It's difficult to ground such fantastic science and weirdness in reality, but Golemon makes it look effortless... tense, terrifying - and worth the investment" —Associated Press on *Ripper*

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Diane Kelly

The Long Paw of the Law

Police officer Megan Luz and her K-9 partner Sergeant Brigit are back on the prowl in the next Paw Enforcement mystery.

When an abandoned baby is found at a local fire station, is it a legal surrender of a child, or is the mother in danger?

Police Officer Megan Luz discovers a cryptic message stitched into the fabric of the baby’s blanket that takes her investigation to a compound for a religious sect at the far reaches of Fort Worth, TX city limits.

Megan, along with her K-9 partner Sergeant Brigit, know there’s something horribly wrong happening inside the ten-foot stone walls of the compound, but with the sect’s high-powered legal team putting Fort Worth PD under fire for a witch hunt, their investigation is blocked at every turn.

Will Megan and Brigit be able to prove that a crime has been committed and bring the wrongdoers to justice? Diane Kelly once again brings humor and a page-turning mystery with The Long Paw of the Law.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• The Long Paw of the Law is the seventh installment in the hilarious Paw Enforcement mystery series, featuring Megan Luz, a rookie cop, and Sergeant Brigit, her fluffy K-9 partner.
• The first book in the series, Paw Enforcement, peaked at #6 on the Ingram bestseller list and stayed there for 2 weeks!
• A quirky cast of characters, action-packed plots and a healthy dose of romance make this series compelling not only for the mystery audience, but also the romance community.
• NEW CONTRACT: This is the first book in a new 6 book contract with Diane. We've signed up more Paw Enforcement books and will be launching a new House Flipping mystery series in Winter 2019.
• Perfect for fans of Blaize Clement and Rita Mae Brown.

“Humor, romance, and surprising LOL moments. What more can you ask for?”
—Romance and Beyond on Diane Kelly's Paw Enforcement series

"Brimming with intelligence, a devious plot and plenty of imagination."
—Romance Junkies on LAYING DOWN THE PAW
Donna Grant

Dragonfire

Passion burns hot in the next Dark Kings novel from New York Times bestseller Donna Grant.

In an effort to help a fellow Dragon King, Roman finds himself in Romania where he encounters a mysterious gypsy who has links to the missing sword Roman is looking for. The more he gets to know of Sabina, the more Roman knows that she is connected to the Dragon Kings as well as the new, shadowy enemies the Kings have. And to learn more, Roman has no choice but to return to the land he once ruled, a land of fire and ice.

Sabina's quiet life is shattered by the arrival of two men she quickly learn aren't just immortal, but Dragon Kings. It's through her brother that she discovers their ancestors are the ones who stole the sword. Wanting to set things right, Sabina agrees to help Roman. She never images it will mean leaving her home for Iceland, overcoming her fear of heights, and realizing she's much stronger than she ever knew. But it's finding love in the arms of a dragon that makes it all worthwhile.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

STRONG, GROWING AUTHOR FOR SMP: Donna Grant is one of SMP's most prolific authors, and has been a staple of paranormal romance. Donna has also more recently branched out into contemporary romance featuring cowboys in Texas. This is an author to watch out in both paranormal and contemporary.

BIG MOMENTUM: This is the book after TORCHED, which followed Ulrik, a huge character in the Dark Kings world. Donna Grant's profile and fandom will be at an all-time high, and this book is sure to benefit from that momentum!

NICE SALES; With clean sell-thrus on the print side and strong sales in e, Donna Grant is an author who continues to do well book after book.

"I haven't been this immersed in a series since JR Ward. Epic. Heartbreaking. Thrilling."--Rachel Van Dyken, #1 New York Times bestseller

"Scorching hot." - Booklist on Blaze
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