SPECTACULAR

Iris Johansen

Mind Game

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author comes a new explosive thriller.

Mind Game takes Jane MacGuire back to Scotland where she continues her search for the treasure she’s been chasing for years. But now she’s being plagued by dreams of a girl in danger. Who is this girl, and what is she trying to tell Jane? And will Jane figure it out before it’s too late—for her and the mysterious young woman? Things are further complicated when Seth Caleb comes back into Jane’s life. This time he’s the one in trouble, and Jane will find herself pulled unexpectedly into his world as she fights to save him.

With the adventure, intrigue, and explosive energy that Iris Johansen fans love, Mind Game is a high-octane thriller that readers won’t be able to put down.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• From the #1 New York Times bestselling author comes a new explosive thriller.
• This book features fan favorites Jane MacGuire and Seth Caleb.
• Iris Johansen knows how to engage her fans and keep them wanting more. Her Facebook fan page has more than 100,000 fans and is constantly growing.

“The Johansens power-up the emotional stakes in this page-turning thriller that cements Michaels’ reputation as a force to be reckoned with.” —Booklist on The Naked Eye

ALSO AVAILABLE:

SUPER LEAD

C. J. Box

Paradise Valley

A riveting novel from the New York Times bestselling and Edgar-Award winning author.

Investigator Cassie Dewell is on the hunt for a serial killer known as The Lizard King. Working for the sheriff’s department, Cassie has set what she believes is the perfect trap, but it goes horribly wrong, and the blame falls to Cassie. Disgraced, she loses her job. At the same time, Kyle, a troubled kid Cassie has taken under her wing, has disappeared, telling everyone he is going on a long-planned adventure. Kyle’s grandmother begs Cassie to find him and she agrees—all the while planning a new trap for The Lizard King. But Cassie is now a lone wolf, and Kyle’s disappearance may have a more sinister meaning than anyone realizes. With no allies, no support, and only her own wits to rely on, Cassie must take down a killer who is as ruthless as he is cunning.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• In hardcover, Paradise Valley debuted at #4 on the New York Times bestseller list and remained on the list for three weeks.
• Box has been climbing the lists with each new release and building momentum and audience at a stellar rate.
• Paradise Valley continues the Highway Quartet. C.J. Box fans love his standalones but they adore his series.
• C.J. Box won the Edgar Award for Best Novel with Blue Heaven. He has also won the Anthony, Macavity, Gumshoe, and Barry awards, and was a finalist for the Edgar and the LA Times Book Prize.

"Thrilling plot, evocative setting, deep characterization; this book has them all."
—Reviewing the Evidence

ALSO AVAILABLE:

SPOTLIGHT

Emily March

The Christmas Wishing Tree


A man who loves adventure and the open sea, Devin Murphy returns for a short Christmas trip to his small hometown of Eternity Springs. Immersed in the joy and magic of the holiday season all around him, he doesn’t hesitate to play along when a young boy phones Santa to ask for a very special wish. Devin never guesses that a wrong number has the potential to make everything in his life so right.

Jenna Stockton adopted Reilly when he needed a mother and she intends to keep him safe. A small town across the country called Eternity Springs seems like a good place to hide from their past without any complications —until sexy Santa himself discovers her secrets. When Devin proposes a daring plan to face down the danger together and defeat it once and for all, she is tempted. Maybe Devin really is capable of making wishes come true? Perhaps in a Christmas wish they’ll both find the miracle they’ve been looking for all along…

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• First Kiss of Spring hit the USA Today bestseller list at #81 and the Publishers Weekly list at #14.
• Emily March continues to receive rave reviews. She has a starred review from Booklist, and rave reviews from Publishers Weekly and RT Book Reviews.
• The Christmas Wishing Tree combines a gripping, emotional story and heartwarming romance wrapped in a beautiful Christmas package that begs to be picked up off the shelf.
• Perfect for fans of Susan Mallery and Robyn Carr.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

The First Kiss of Spring | 2/18 | 9781250131706 | $7.99 / $10.50 Can.
LEAD

Erica Spindler

The Other Girl

From the New York Times bestselling author comes a chilling new thriller about a ritualistic murder of a college professor

Officer Miranda Rader of the Harmony, Louisiana Police Department is known for her passion and integrity—but that wasn’t always so. She was brought up on the wrong side of the tracks, and trouble had a way of following Miranda wherever she’d go. But she worked hard to prove herself and earn the respect of her community. Today, when crisis strikes, everyone knows that Miranda is on the case.

The grisly murder of a popular local college professor is no exception. When Miranda is called to lead the investigation, she makes it her personal business to see that justice is served. But in her search for the truth she makes a chilling discovery: a faded newspaper clipping about a terrible incident from her past—a crime that no one believed had happened, the screams of a girl they believed did not exist. Then another local turns up dead. This time, it’s the retired police officer who took Miranda’s statement all those years ago. Two killings of two very different men who on the surface have nothing in common but for one woman: Miranda.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• Erica Spindler is an established award-winning, New York Times bestselling author with a long track record of writing outstanding novels of suspense. She proves time and time again that she is a master of the genre.
• This chilling thriller about a ritualistic murder of a college professor, sends a small town cop back into the trauma she thought she’d put behind her.
• Erica is well known and loved in her Louisiana hometown. Her novels, most of which take place there, are rich with local atmosphere and Southern gothic tension.

“[A] heated romantic thriller…strong personalities make for some wonderfully tense revelations.” —Publishers Weekly on The First Wife

ALSO AVAILABLE:
Becky Masterman

A Twist of the Knife

Ex-FBI agent Brigid Quinn is back—staking family and friendship to save a man on death row.

Heroes and villains—they’ve all got family. That’s one lesson Brigid Quinn learned during her three decades in the FBI. And ex-FBI agents have family, too. Case in point: Brigid’s father, who’s just ended up in the hospital. Going home to Florida is never a treat for Brigid, who greatly prefers her new life and husband in Tucson. But at least she can connect with her former colleague Laura Coleman, who was once nearly killed saving Brigid’s life.

Today, Laura is trying to exonerate Marcus Creighton, who is on death row for the murder of his family. It’s a famous—and dangerous—case. And Laura could use all the help she can get.

As Brigid tries to manage the drama of her father’s health, her vaguely accusatory mother, and her conveniently scarce brother, she can’t help but wonder about her own family secrets. Seeing is not always believing—and what if Creighton is innocent after all? Isn’t the truth always hardest to see when it’s close to home? The case is growing ever more convoluted as new evidence comes to light, and Brigid and Laura must race to find the truth...before it’s too late.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• Brigid Quinn, who Janet Maslin has called "the most original new female character to anchor a crime series in years," tells a first-person narrative that is irresistibly smart and moving, with powerful prose and page-turning action.
• A Twist of the Knife has gotten raves from NPR’s "Morning Edition," The Boston Globe, and authors such as Gilly Macmillan and Linda Castillo.
• Masterman’s previous novels received blurbs from Gillian Flynn and Lisa Gardner, raves from The Washington Post, The New York Times and starred reviews from Library Journal and Publishers Weekly. The debut novel in this series, Rage Against the Dying, was a finalist for the Edgar award, Macavity, Barry, Anthony and CWA Gold Dagger, and was an Indie Next Pick.

“A gripping third entry of this powerhouse series.” —The Boston Globe
Dalton Fury

Execute Authority

The explosive conclusion to the *New York Times* bestselling series.

Kolt “Racer” Raynor and his Delta Force squadron are in Greece, providing VIP security for the controversial new American President on his desperate mission to hold the NATO alliance together. Then, the unimaginable happens: Just as the President is arriving, an assassin’s bullet takes the life of the Greek prime minister. The President is safe—but Raynor recognizes the killer by his grisly signature: a bullet through his target’s left eye.

Forbidden by law from operating on American soil, Raynor will have to bend the rules until they break, risking everything in order to run the assassin down before he can strike again. But what Raynor doesn’t realize is that the legendary sniper’s true mission is hunting him. . .

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• This is a *New York Times* bestselling series with a strong, loyal following that continues to grow.
• The author was a Delta Force operator and he brought authenticity to these novels about a Delta Force operator. Spec Ops continues to be in the news as these elite soldiers perform dangerous missions, rescue hostages and write books at a dizzying pace.
• Everyone from bestselling authors (Brad Thor, James Rollins) to reviewers has praised this series which continues to delight thriller fans and critics alike.

"Feverishly paced... Fury isn't afraid to portray a flawed hero." -Library Journal on *One Killer Force*

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Nancy Naigle

Christmas Joy

A heartwarming Christmas story about family, friendship and finding love...soon to be a Hallmark feature film!

Joy Holbrook might be all work and no play, but that changes when her Aunt Ruby takes a fall that lands her in a rehabilitation center before the holidays. Joy takes a leave of absence from her job as a market researcher to run the family farm, even though the timing may hinder her chance at garnering the promotion of her dreams.

Ben Andrews isn’t your average accountant. He also happens to be the handiest man in Crystal Falls. He’s helped his elderly neighbor, Ruby Johnson, decorate for the annual Christmas Home Tour—and win—the last several years. He’s not about to let some drop-in niece break their winning streak.

Ruby seems overly concerned about Joy being able to handle Molly. Under the impression she’s referring Molly the bunny that is one of the menagerie of animals, Joy’s not worried at all until the next morning when a little girl named Molly shows up. For the sake of her aunt, Joy is forced to partner with Ben while Ruby is on the mend to help with preparation for the Christmas tour and, in the process finds her career-focused heart dreaming of a family.

Will the magic of Christmas help her to open her heart and find her everlasting joy?

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• Hallmark loves Nancy Naigle and all three of her books, Christmas Joy, Hope at Christmas and Dear Santa have been put into development with Christmas Joy premiering Fall 2018. This mass market edition will feature a new cover and a burst to tie into the movie.
• Hallmark has expanded their Christmas programming and has added extensive promotion and social media presence to their films. Watching a Hallmark movie has become an event!
• Christmas Joy is a heartwarming story that touches on the comfort of tradition, and the magic of the season. It will be a perfect addition to our Christmas List.
• Perfect for fans of Sheila Roberts and Donna Van Liere.

"An exhilarating holiday romance." Library Journal
Auralee Wallace

Haunted Hayride with Murder

Erica Bloom and Otter Lake Security are once again on the case in the next installment in the hilarious Otter Lake mystery series.

Is there a ghost on the loose in Otter Lake, or is there a more earthly explanation for murder?

Autumn has hit Otter Lake, New Hampshire and nothing can stop Erica Bloom’s love for everything the season has to offer: changing leaves, apple cider, warm sweaters…not to mention her rekindled friendship with Sheriff Grady Forrester is getting cozy.

But Halloween thrills turn to real-life terror when a murder, and a local ghost story, put a chill on all of Erica’s plans.

Spooky tales aside, the family of the deceased suspect an earthlier culprit than the ghost of a long dead witch, so they hire Erica Bloom and the rest of Otter Lake Security to expose the killer. Will they be able to lay this ghost to rest? Or will this witch hunt be their last? Auralee Wallace brings her signature charm to the sixth book in her Otter Lake mystery series!

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• Sony Pictures Television has optioned the rights to Skinny Dipping with Murder, the first book in the Otter Lake mystery series!
• The Otter Lake mystery series is full of humor, charming characters, and a delightful dose of murder.
• Kirkus calls Auralee’s writing “Witty, contemporary and winning.” We’ve also received great blurbs from bestselling mystery authors Denise Swanson and Diane Kelly.

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Donna Andrews

How the Finch Stole Christmas!

Andrews writes “firmly in the grand tradition of Agatha Christie’s Christmas books” (Toronto Globe and Mail).

Meg’s husband has decided to escalate his one-man show of Dickens’ A Christmas Carol into a full-scale production with a large cast including their sons Jamie and Josh as Tiny Tim and young Scrooge and Meg helping as stage manager.

When a famous, though slightly over-the-hill, actor comes to town to play the starring role of Scrooge, no one expects that he’s bringing a lot of baggage and enemies with him.

Like Andrews’ previous Christmas books Six Geese a-Slaying, Duck the Halls, and The Nightingale Before Christmas, How the Finch Stole Christmas! is guaranteed to put the "ho ho hos" into the holidays of cozy lovers everywhere with its gut-bustingly funny mystery.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• Donna Andrews has a sizable, loyal audience that is always eager for the next installment in the series.
• Andrews has won numerous awards including the Agatha, Anthony, and Barry awards, a Romantic Times award for best first novel, and four Lefty and two Toby Bromberg awards for funniest mysteries.
• Donna continues to get tons of positive coverage for her books, much of which highlights her talent for crafting comedic mystery.
• Hardcover tie-in to Lark, The Herald Angels Sing, coming in October 2018.

"Andrews manages her large cast with dexterity and drops clues to the culprits’ identity, but the ending will catch most readers by surprise." —Publishers Weekly on How the Finch Stole Christmas!

ALSO AVAILABLE:

David Rosenfelt

The Twelve Dogs of Christmas

A Christmas mystery, featuring reluctant criminal defense lawyer Andy Carpenter and his faithful golden retriever, Tara.

Defense lawyer Andy Carpenter usually tries to avoid taking on new cases at all costs. But this time, he’s happy—eager, even—to take the case that’s just come his way. Andy’s long-time friend Martha “Pups” Boyer takes in stray puppies that the local dog rescue center can’t handle, raises them until they’re old enough to adopt, and then finds good homes for them. Not everyone admires the work Pups does as much as Andy does, however. With Christmas just around the corner, one of Pups’s neighbors has just reported Pups to the city for having more than the legal number of pets in her home under the local zoning laws.

Andy happily takes Pups’s case, and he feels confident in a positive outcome. Who could punish someone for rescuing puppies, after all, especially at Christmastime? But things get a lot more complicated when Randy Hennessey, the neighbor who registered the complaint against Pups, turns up dead. Pups had loudly and publicly threatened Hennessey after he filed his complaint, and Pups was also the one to find his body. All the evidence seems to point to Pups as the killer, and suddenly Andy has a murder case on his hands. He doesn’t believe Pups could be guilty, but as he starts digging deeper into the truth behind Hennessey’s murder, Andy may find himself facing a killer more dangerous than he ever imagined.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- This is a Christmas-themed mystery, and it did tremendously well in both hardcover and trade paperback formats.
- David Rosenfelt, a former President of Marketing for Tri-Star Pictures and an author with over a dozen books under his belt, knows how to market himself and his series.
- Adorable dogs and Christmas cheer is a winning combination in mass market.
- Hardcover tie-in to Deck the Hounds, coming October 2018.

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