LEAD FICTION

Douglas Preston

The Kraken Project

Wyman Ford is back in this thrilling new novel from New York Times bestselling author Douglas Preston

NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center is designing a probe which will be dropped into the Kraken Mare, a methane sea on Titan, where it will embark on a journey of exploration. But things at Goddard go awry, and the AI program in the probe called "Dorothy" flees to the internet. Wyman Ford is tapped to track down the software with the help of Dorothy’s creator, Melissa Shepherd. As they trace Dorothy in cyberspace, they realize horrific experiences in the wasteland of the Internet have changed her—and they learn she's being pursued by a pair of Wall Street high-frequency traders who want to turn her into an algorithmic-trading slave-bot. Dorothy jumps out of the Internet into a child’s toy robot to hide. But is she bent on doing good—or on wiping out the human race?

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• The Kraken Project was a New York Times bestseller in hardcover.
• The Kraken Project features the same protagonist from Blasphemy and Impact, Wyman Ford, former CIA agent and monk, now a special agent for the scientific advisor to the president.
• Impact, Preston's last solo novel, spent six weeks on The New York Times bestseller list.
• The Relic, Preston's and Child's first Pendergast novel, has sold over 1,000,000 copies and was made into a #1 box office hit movie.
• This latest novel from Preston explores a proposed mission to Titan, a journey possible with existing NASA technology.

"A very entertaining thriller… Bravo." —Booklist, starred review

"As chilling as it is provocative… Preston at his finest!" —James Rollins, New York Times bestselling author of The Eye of God

"The most wildly original novel you are ever likely to read." —Stephen Coonts, New York Times bestselling author of Pirate Alley
Clarence E. Mulford

The Bar-20 Three and Tex

A continuation of the original saga of Hopalong Cassidy: two complete novels in one low-priced edition

Bar-20 Three

When Hopalong and Red hear that Johnny Nelson has been knocked over the head and robbed of a big chunk of cash over in Mesquite, they race to his aid—and are immediately framed for a bank robbery. Then the trouble really begins....

Tex

Tex Ewalt was educated before he came west and can quote Shakespeare, philosophy, and the Bible, which spices up his conversation some. He's gotten restless again and hopes to hook up with Hopalong Cassidy and Red Connors. On the way he takes the train south to the mining town of Windsor, Kansas and decides to stay a while and make some money playing poker. Windsor, though, is run by Gus Williams, an old enemy. The chaos that ensues leads to a fight between the miners and the railroad--and more than one gunfight.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• Hopalong Cassidy is a household name and an American legend.
• Fifty-four films were made about Hopalong Cassidy, as well as a TV series, radio show, comic books, and a plethora of merchandising.
• Mulford’s westerns introduced one of the most popular and well-known fictional characters of the 20th century and inspired The Rustlers of West Fork (1991, Bantam), which spent eight weeks on the New York Times bestseller list.

"The story would not improbably take any prize which might be awarded for the maximum amount of gun play, gunpowder, murder, and sudden death."
—The Springfield Republican on Bar-20 Three

"Mulford was a master." —Roundup Magazine

ALSO AVAILABLE:
The Man From Bar-20 and Johnny Nelson | 10/14 | 9780765377784 | $9.99
Hopalong Cassidy and Bar-20 Days | 7/14 | 9780765377777 | $9.99
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The Codex

A page-turning thriller by the New York Times bestselling author of The Kraken Project

A notorious treasure hunter and tomb robber, Maxwell Broadbent accumulated over a half a billion dollars’ worth of priceless art, gems, and artifacts before vanishing—along with his entire collection. Robbery is suspected, but the truth is far stranger: As a challenge to his three sons, Broadbent has buried himself and his treasure somewhere in the world, hidden away like an ancient Egyptian pharaoh. If the sons wish to claim their fabulous inheritance, they must find the tomb. The race is on, but the three brothers are not the only ones competing for the treasure. With so much at stake, as well as an ancient Mayan codex that may hold a cure for cancer and other deadly diseases, others join the hunt—and some will stop at nothing to claim the grave goods.

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"Raiders of the Lost Ark meets The Amazing Race! A fast-paced, clever adventure."
—Entertainment Weekly (A-)

"Preston keeps the adventure high, springing plenty of nifty surprises along the way."
—People (3 ½ stars)

"Fascinating characters, exotic jungle scenery, and surprising twists make this nonstop thrill ride well worth deciphering. For all fiction collections."
—Library Journal

"A fun dig with just a touch of Indiana Jones." —Kirkus Reviews
LEAD FICTION

Gary Kriss

The Zodiac Deception

An unforgettable thrill ride through the dark heart of World War II Germany

Summer, 1942: The con man known as David Walker didn't exactly volunteer, but OSS chief Wild Bill Donovan convinced him that serving his country by posing as German astrologer Peter Kepler was a better use of his time than going to prison for impersonating a Yale University professor. "Kepler's" mission: use his skills in illusion, sleight of hand, and deception to persuade Heinrich Himmler to assassinate Adolph Hitler.

From Berlin to Paris to Cairo; from Hitler's Eagle Nest to Himmler's Wewelsburg Castle, Kepler walks a tightrope of deceit, playing on the high command's fascination with the occult to penetrate the highest levels of Nazi power.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A fast-paced thriller set during WWII.
- Rigorously detailed, realistic World War II background.
- Fascinating portraits of German high command—Hitler, Goebbels, Himmler, Goering.
- Compelling, suspenseful story loaded with great set piece scenes.
- Strong female characters: a fearless German Underground member who has become a favorite of the Fuhrer; another who is a risk-anything daredevil in the French Foreign Legion, who thumbs her nose at the Germans while desperately avoiding capture.
- The first of a series.

"Intriguing…a World War II thriller in the grand old style, but with fresh new twists."
—Lee Child, New York Times bestselling author

"A refreshingly inventive, exciting WWII thriller. It's unlike anything you've read before."
—David Morrell, New York Times bestselling author of Murder as a Fine Art

"A taut historical thriller."
—Lisa Gardner, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Touch and Go
People of the Morning Star

The saga of the North American equivalent of ancient Rome begins

The city of Cahokia, at its height, covered more than six square miles and included structures more than ten stories high. Warriors and traders roamed from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. What force on earth would motivate hundreds of thousands of people to build an incredible city? A religious miracle: the Cahokians believed that the divine hero Morning Star had been resurrected in the flesh. But not all is stable in glorious Cahokia. An attempt is made on the living god's life. Now it is up to Morning Star's aunt, Matron Blue Heron, to keep it quiet until she can uncover the plot and bring the culprits to justice. If she fails, Cahokia will be torn asunder in warfare, rage, and blood as civil war consumes them all.

Key Selling Points:

- The mystery of who tried to kill the living god lies at the heart of the political maneuvering among the great houses of the Cahokian Empire and will appeal to fans of suspense and thrillers.
- The North America’s Forgotten Past series has sold over 6.4 million copies in the United States.
- The Gears return to the civilization they explored in People of the River (1993) with archaeological research that has revolutionized understanding of the great site at Cahokia.
- People of the Morning Star has the potential to launch a series set in the great Cahokian Empire, an empire that changed North America the same way that Rome transformed Europe.
- The Gears are tireless self-promoters.

"Sure to keep readers turning the pages... Plenty of anthropological, archaeological, and historical detail." —Booklist on The Dawn Country

"Rich in cultural detail...."—Kirkus Reviews on People of the Longhouse
People of the Silence

A gripping saga from bestselling authors W. Michael Gear and Kathleen O'Neal Gear

At its pinnacle in A.D. 1150 the Anasazi empire of the Southwest would see no equal in North America for almost eight hundred years. Yet even at this cultural zenith, the Anasazi held the seeds of their own destruction deep within themselves.

On his deathbed, the Great Sun Chief learns a secret: In a village far to the north is a girl whom the Great Sun decrees must at all costs be killed. Fleeing for her life, young Cornsilk is befriended by Poor Singer, a curious youth seeking to touch the soul of the Katchinas. Together, they undertake the perilous task of staying alive long enough to discover her true identity. But time is running out for them all—a desperate killer stalks them, one who is willing to destroy the entire Anasazi world to get to her.

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• The North America's Forgotten Past series has sold over 6.4 million copies in the United States.
• In hardcover, People of the Thunder was a New York Times bestseller, and People of the Raven was the winner of the 2005 Spur Award for Best Western Novel.
• The Gears are tireless self-promoters.

"An exciting, skillfully crafted, and fast-paced story. A fine addition to their fascinating series." —Publishers Weekly on People of the Silence

"Rich in cultural detail. Both longtime fans and newcomers will be satisfied. Another fine entry in an ambitious, long-running series."
—Kirkus Reviews on People of the Longhouse
Cyador’s Heirs

The new novel in the New York Times bestselling Saga of Recluce

After the fall of Cyador, its survivors have reestablished themselves in Cigoerne, a fertile country coveted by neighbors in less hospitable lands. Young Lerial, the second son of Duke Kiedron, lives in the shadow of his older brother Lephi, the heir to their father's realm. Lerial's future seems set: He will one day command his brother's forces in defense of Cigoerne, serving at his older sibling's pleasure. But when Lerial is sent abroad to learn the skills and wisdom he will need to fulfill his future duties, he begins a journey that brings out his true potential: He is one of those rare beings who can harness both Order and Chaos. And as war finally engulfs the fringes of Cigoerne, Lerial's growing mastery of Order and Chaos is tested to its limits, and his own.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• Modesitt's Recluce series is his most popular series; this novel is another entry point into the world.
• Like all the Recluce books, this is YA-okay.
• Natural Ordermage was a New York Times bestseller.
• Modesitt is a strong self-promoter for his bestselling fantasies.
• Modesitt enjoys a strong crossover Romance audience.
• www.lemodesittjr.com

"Astonishingly relevant. A classic tale of good versus evil, a subject that will never be obsolete." —San Francisco Book Review on The Magic of Recluce

"I especially enjoy the type of series which builds upon itself, going backward and forward in time, changing perspectives and viewpoints. A fine example of this type of fiction is L. E. Modesitt Jr.’s Recluce series."
—Alexce Douville, Sun Herald (North Port, FL)
Quick Fix

The second installment of the original urban fantasy series starring human chameleon Ciel Halligan

Ciel Halligan, an aura adaptor, is working at the National Zoo with her boyfriend, Billy, and his young sister, Molly. It's supposed to give Ciel time to work out relationship issues. But instead, Molly has already begun to show signs of being an adaptor...by taking on the form of a baby orangutan—and adaptors can only project human auras. Worse, Molly can't change herself back.

Escaping from the zoo with their new baby orang, Ciel and Billy head for NYC and Ciel's brother James, a non-adaptor scientist who's determined to crack the aura adaptor genetic code. But when Billy winds up in jail Ciel begins to suspect Molly's unusual adapting ability is more than just a fluke. Who's been experimenting on Molly?

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• A refreshing new kind of supernatural "creature"—an aura adaptor, who can shift appearances to look like any human she comes into contact with.
• Should also appeal to readers of paranormal romance, especially humorous writers like MaryJanice Davidson and Katie MacAlister.
• Linda Grimes is a former English teacher and ex-actress now channeling her love of words and drama into writing. She grew up in Texas and currently resides in northern Virginia with her husband.
• www.lindagrimes.com

Praise for In a Fix

"Bright, fizzy, sexy and amusing—the perfect antidote to an attack of post-summer blues." —Kirkus Reviews

"Fans of both hard and soft fantasy and crime drama will love [the] protagonist’s spunky, irreverent attitude as well as Grimes’s character-building skills and unusual storyline." —Library Journal, starred review

"This deliciously sexy and fun-filled romp simply is a must-read." —RT Book Reviews, 4 ½ stars, Top Pick!
LEAD SCIENCE FICTION

Jane Lindskold

Artemis Awakening

Artemis Awakening is one of the very best things she's ever done, and I enjoyed it enormously." —David Weber

Artemis is a pleasure planet created by a technologically advanced human empire that provided its richest citizens with a veritable Eden to play in. All tech was concealed and the animals (and humans brought to live there) were bioengineered to help the guests enjoy their stay… But the Empire was shattered in a horrific war; centuries later humanity has lost much of the advanced technology and Artemis is a fable told to children. Until young archeologist Griffin Dane finds hints that send him on a quest to find the lost world. After crashing his ship, he encounters the Huntress Adara and her psych-linked companion, the puma Sand Shadow. Their journey will lead Dane to discover the planet’s secrets…and perhaps provide a key to give unimagined power back to mankind.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

• Jane Lindskold is a New York Times bestseller whose Wolf books have amassed a huge and loyal fan base.
• This title also features the human/animal connection, which will work with that audience.
• The book features a strong female character.

"Lindskold is one of those hidden treasures of American letters."
—Charles de Lint

"In Artemis Awakening I followed the adventures of the humans and demiurges with great interest. I can't wait for the sequel!" —Vernor Vinge

"A glorious visit to a lost world." – Jack McDevitt

"Embracing and building on tradition, the work is a promising series launch."
—Publishers Weekly
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