LEAD FICTION

Jon Land

Strong Light of Day

Caitlin Strong faces her deadliest foe yet in the story NYT bestselling author Steve Berry calls a "pitch-perfect winner."

Over the years, fifth generation Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong has taken on all manner of criminals and miscreants. But nothing has prepared her for an investigation that pits her against ruthless billionaire oilman Calum Dane, whose genetically engineered pesticide may have poisoned a large swath of the state.

How that poisoning is connected to the disappearance of thirty high school students from a Houston prep school, as well as a herd of cattle that has been picked clean to the bone, presents Caitlin with the greatest and most desperate challenge of her career. The common denominator in these apparently disparate events is a new and deadly enemy capable of destroying the US economy and killing millions. It is a foe that will take far more than bullets to bring down, and Caitlin must stop it before it’s too late.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

*We have several additional Caitlin Strong novels under contract, with the next hardback scheduled for publication in December 2016. Each book in the series can be enjoyed as a stand-alone
*This is an award-winning series. Strong Rain Falling received the 2014 International Book Award and the 2013 USA Best Book Award for Mystery/Suspense. Strong Darkness received the 2014 USA Books Best Book Award and the 2015 International Book Award for Thriller

"An adrenaline-packed, tension soaked thrill ride that’s a topnotch addition to an already terrific series."
--Lisa Gardner, New York Times bestselling author of Crash and Burn

"More than a few bombshell revelations and jaw-dropping plot twists will satisfy longtime series fans." --Publishers Weekly

"An intelligent thriller that combines the insight and subtlety of the great literary masters with the vivid imagery and heart-pounding action of a big-screen blockbuster."
--New York Journal of Books
Richard S. Wheeler

Snowbound and Eclipse

Two stories of renowned American explorers in one low-priced edition, from master of the western novel Richard S. Wheeler

Snowbound
American explorer John Frémont embarks on a quest to find a railway route to the west along the 38th parallel. His fourth expedition, into the American west in the dead of winter, proves more challenging than anticipated. Trapped, snowbound, in the Colorado mountains, Frémont must battle the frigid elements in a harrowing journey over the backbone of the continent. This novel of desperate danger and fierce courage is a survival saga par excellence—a struggle of man against man, man against nature, and man against himself.

Eclipse
Lewis and Clark made history with their epochal first crossing of the North American continent. Upon their return, plain-spoken William Clark enjoys his fame, marries his childhood sweetheart, and settles in St. Louis as superintendent of the nation's Indian affairs. His black manservant, York, forces him to confront the nature of slavery and question the society that condones it. Meriwether Lewis, a man of courage and brilliant intellect, returns from the Pacific a changed man. Something terrible has happened to him, a disease with no name that erodes his health and threatens to destroy his mind—and his honor. Eclipse is an exploration of triumph and tragedy told in the authentically rendered voices of two of the greatest American explorers.

KEY SELLING POINTS:
* Snowbound won the Spur Award for Best Novel in 2011
* Rather than romanticizing the past in his biographical fiction, Wheeler adds authenticity by exploring his characters' flaws as well as their strengths

"A dramatic and colorful epic."
--Publishers Weekly on Snowbound

"A haunting novel about hubris and its consequences."
--Larry McMurtry, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Lonesome Dove, on Snowbound

"A riveting re-creation of the tragic final years of an American legend."
--Booklist on Eclipse
LEAD FICTION

Keith Korman

End Time

Three people face down a mysterious government organization in a search for missing persons in this dark, apocalyptic thriller

A government bio-lab experiment goes hideously wrong, infecting people with scientifically-programmed madness. Random kidnappings of women and girls proliferate throughout the land. Some people suddenly succumb to horrifically-virulent viruses while others become able to read minds. What is happening to the country--and the planet?

Mysteriously summoned to confront these frightening questions, a LA cop, a Lakota Sioux, and a space scientist are thrown together on a bizarre cross-country quest. The answers they seek lie with a pair of children with extraordinary powers. Children who will determine humanity's fate--obliteration or salvation.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* End Time is a surreal, darkly detailed apocalyptic thriller that combines biotechnology, neuroscience, religion, superstition, ghosts, aliens, and more into a serious and enthralling plot
* Keith Korman is an agent who knows the business and has represented many nationally known writers of fiction and non-fiction at his family's literary agency, Raines & Raines

“A stunning apocalyptic thriller in the tradition of The Stand and Left Behind!”
--Steve Alten, New York Times bestselling author of The Omega Project

"The complicated puzzle of a plot is pleasantly twisty, and the ending feels satisfyingly correct.”
--Publishers Weekly
LEAD FICTION

Jonathan Maberry

Deadlands: Ghostwalkers

From *New York Times* bestselling author Jonathan Maberry, the first of three media tie-in novels based on the hit RPG, *Deadlands*

Welcome to the Weird West, where steely-eyed gunfighters rub shoulders with mad scientists and dark, unnatural forces. Where the Great Quake of 1868 has shattered California into a labyrinth of flooded sea-canyons...and a mysterious super-fuel called "ghost rock" spaws as much war and strife as it has exotic steampunk devices.

In *Ghostwalkers*, a homeless Civil War veteran, literally haunted by his bloody past, comes to the struggling town of Hope Falls where he becomes embroiled in a deadly conflict between the imperiled community and a diabolically brilliant inventor/ alchemist who is building awesome new weapons of mass destruction...and raising an army of zombies!

**KEY SELLING POINTS:**

* *Deadlands: Ghostwalkers* is the first of three novels based on *Deadlands*, an award-winning "Weird Western" role-playing game (RPG)
* Maberry is a *New York Times* bestselling and multiple award-winning author, best known for his Joe Ledger novels from St. Martin’s Press (including *Patient Zero*) and his award-winning Rot & Ruin zombie books for young adults (the first which is now being developed into film)
* *Deadlands* remains one of the most successful RPGs in history, with continuous sales and updated editions since 1996

"This has to be one of the best traditional zombie tales I’ve ever read... This is a zombie book for the ages." --*Seattle Post Intelligencer*, on *Dead of Night*

"The delineation between man and monster, survivor and victim is fiercely debated in Maberry’s thoughtful, postapocalyptic coming-of-age tale...In turns mythic and down-to-earth, this intense novel combines adventure and philosophy to tell a truly memorable zombie story, one that forces readers to consider them not just as flesh-eating monsters or things to be splattered, but as people." --*Publishers We..."
MEDIA TIE-IN

David Mack

24: Rogue

An all-new 24 adventure by *New York Times* bestselling author

David Mack

The time is 8:00 PM.

Jack Bauer is a man without a country, a fugitive hunted by the most powerful nations in the world. He lives on the run, survives by his wits, and finds purpose in his exile by waging a one-man war against those who profit from the death and suffering of others.

On a self-imposed crusade to destroy the criminal empire of international arms dealer Karl Rask, Jack has infiltrated the crew of one of Rask's freighters. But his mission is disrupted when the ship is hijacked by a band of suspiciously well-informed pirates off the coast of Somalia.

As Jack fights to free the ship, he discovers a deadly secret hidden in its hold: a prize the pirates were hired to steal, and one that could be used to ignite a world war—unless Jack captures it first.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

*This is the second of three tie-in novels to the hit Fox TV show 24, which returned for an all-new season in Summer 2014*

*The new season is set in London and picks up four years after the events of season eight. As with our first book, 24: Deadline, this book will fill in some of those missing years. The format mimics that of the TV show—the book equals twenty-four hours in Jack's life, just as each season of the show is twenty-four hours*

*David Mack is a *New York Times* bestselling, veteran tie-in author. He came highly recommended after his work on a variety of *Star Trek* tie-ins, and he's a huge fan of the show. He says it's long been on his bucket list to write a Jack Bauer story*
Cindy Dees, Bill Flippin

The Sleeping King

An epic fantasy by *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author Cindy Dees

Bestselling author Cindy Dees has won a Golden Heart Award, two RITAs for Category Suspense and Adventure, and has also twice snared RT's Series Romantic Suspense of the Year.

But as much as she love romances, Cindy's other passion has been fantasy gaming. For almost twenty years she's been the story content creator for Dragon Crest, one of the original live action role-playing games. She wanted to do an epic fantasy based on it, with the blessing and input of Dragon Crest founder Bill Flippin.

*The Sleeping King* is the first in an epic fantasy series, featuring the best of the genre: near immortal imperial overlords, a prophecy of a sleeping elven king who's said to be the savior of the races...and two young people who are set on a path to save the day.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

*BESTSELLING AUTHOR: Cindy Dees is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of over fifty books, with an impressive social media presence, including more than 110,000 Twitter followers, 15,000 Facebook fans, and 5,000 fans on Goodreads

*FASCINATING LIFE STORY: Dees is an Air Force Vet, and was the youngest female pilot in Air Force history, has flown supersonic jets as well as the C-5 Galaxy, the world's largest airplane, and fought in the First Gulf War

*GAME TIE-IN: *The Sleeping King* is based in the world of Dragon Crest, one of the oldest live action role-playing games (LARPs) in existence. Dees has served as the story creator and has worked with Bill Flippin, the founder of Dragoncrest, in writing *The Sleeping King*

"There's action and hot attraction galore in this addition to the Love in 60 Seconds series. Dees does a terrific job of advancing the overall series while lending her unique talent to her vibrant individual contribution."

--RT Book Reviews on *The 9-Month Bodyguard*

"A solid, suspenseful plot, tormented, vulnerable characters and beautiful, compelling writing will keep you turning the pages."

--RT Book Reviews on *Deadly Sight*
LEAD SCIENCE FICTION

Ben Bova

Death Wave

Six-time Hugo Award winner Ben Bova chronicles the saga of humankind's expansion beyond the solar system

In Ben Bova's previous novel New Earth, Jordan Kell led the first human mission beyond the solar system. They discovered the ruins of an ancient alien civilization. But one alien AI survived, and it revealed to Jordan Kell that an explosion in the black hole at the heart of the Milky Way galaxy has created a wave of deadly radiation, expanding out from the core toward Earth. Unless the human race acts to save itself, all life on Earth will be wiped out.

When Kell and his team return to Earth, many years after their departure, they find that their world has changed almost beyond recognition. Not only has a second wave of greenhouse flooding caused sea levels to rise, but society has been changed by the consequences of the climate shift. Few people want to face Jordan Kell's news. He must convince Earth's new rulers that the human race is in danger of extinction unless it acts to forestall the death wave coming from the galaxy's heart.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* Bova uses cutting-edge scientific discoveries to craft compelling near-future stories. In this case "extrasolar planets": planets outside our solar system
* Six-time winner of the Hugo Award
* Named Grand Master by the Science Fiction Writers of America

"Bova proves himself equal to the task of showing how adversity can temper character in unforeseen ways."
—The New York Times

"Bova gets better and better, combining plausible science with increasingly complex fiction."
—Daily News (Los Angeles)

"[Bova's] excellence at combining hard science with believable characters and an attention-grabbing plot makes him one of the genre's most accessible and entertaining storytellers."
—Library Journal
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