LEAD FICTION

Jon Land

Black Scorpion

*The Seven Sins'* Michael "The Tyrant" Tiranno returns to take on a human trafficking cabal in this pulse pounding action-thriller

Five years have passed since Michael Tiranno saved the city of Las Vegas from a terrorist attack. With the emergence of an all-powerful human trafficking organization called Black Scorpion, he must leap into action once more.

Black Scorpion is exploiting and ravaging innocents all across the globe. America--and Michael--are its newest targets. Scarlett Swan, an archaeologist searching for the origin of the ancient relic that both defines and empowers Michael, is taken hostage by the organization. To save the country, and the woman he loves, Michael must embrace his true destiny and become the Tyrant reborn, a dark knight who can triumph over ultimate evil and stop Black Scorpion from plunging Las Vegas into chaos and anarchy and undermining the entire United States.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* Black Scorpion: *The Tyrant Reborn* is the second novel in the series featuring Las Vegas adventurer and mogul, Michael "The Tyrant" Tiranno, following *The Seven Sins: The Tyrant Ascending* (Forge, 2008)
* A major production for a feature film is in active development in Hollywood based on the franchised character of Michael Tiranno, The Tyrant. *Black Scorpion* and *The Seven Sins* have also been licensed to DC Comics for comic books and graphic novel publications worldwide
* Since the 2008 publication of *The Seven Sins: The Tyrant Ascending*, Jon Land has built up his own brand thanks to his Caitlin Strong series that has attracted rave review coverage. The *Los Angeles Review of Books* called him "one of the best all-out action writers in the business."

"Paging through *Black Scorpion*, readers may get the sense that they are witnessing a new literary phenomenon emerge.... The Tyrant is a great concept, and Jon Land skillfully explores the character amid a heart-pounding adventure that will keep readers turning the pages." --New York Journal of Books

"Fans of Land and action adventure will find this to be just the ticket for a long plane ride or a trip to the beach." --Booklist
Mike Blakely

Summer of Pearls and Spanish Blood

Two memorable novels from Spur Award-winning author Mike Blakely at one low price

Summer of Pearls

The coming of the railroad nearly spelled the end of the riverboat community of Port Caddo until the Great Caddo Lake Pearl Rush of 1874. Ben Crowell remembers it well: that summer, he fell in love. That autumn, Judd Kelso, a local riverboat owner, was killed. The pearl rush was over within a few months, but Judd Kelso's murder remained unsolved, and only Ben Crowell seemed interested in finding out who killed Kelso and why.

Spanish Blood

In 1870, Bart Young heads for the New Mexico Territory, where he has heard men are making fortunes overnight in land speculation on the old Spanish grants. He expects to be rich before the year is out. But the ranchers are stubborn, the local officials are corrupt, and Bart isn't the first hopeful to arrive. His dream seems a lost cause . . . until he stumbles onto evidence of a lost grant bigger than he could have ever imagined: the entire Sacramento Mountain Range.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

*Blakely is the award-winning author of eighteen novels. He is also a recording artist who has performed all over the world and regularly performs throughout his native state of Texas

*Summer of Pearls won the 2001 Spur Award for the Western Novel

"An almighty narrative talent." --Booklist

"Blakely writes with a beauty that rivals the Big Bend country." --Terry C. Johnston, author of The Plainsmen Series, on Spanish Blood

"The well-developed and carefully defined characters, the detailed setting, and the humor and adventure make this . . . totally satisfying." --School Library Journal on Summer of Pearls
Neal Griffin

Benefit of the Doubt

A brilliant debut by a veteran police officer: "an action-packed crime thriller featuring well-drawn characters."—Library Journal

Neal Griffin is a twenty-five year veteran of law enforcement. He's seen it all, from routine patrols to drug enforcement to homicide investigations, from corrupt cops to men and women who went far above and beyond the call of duty.

Benefit of the Doubt is a gripping thriller that exposes the dark underbelly of policing in small-town America, where local police departments now deal with big-city crimes and corruption.

Ben Sawyer was a big-city cop, until he nearly killed a helpless suspect in public view. Now a detective in the tiny Wisconsin town where he and his wife grew up, Ben suspects that members of the Newburg PD are taking payoffs from local drug lords. He investigates as quietly as possible, but soon draws attention from department higher-ups who fear Ben will expose their secrets.

Before long, Ben is off the force. His wife is in jail, accused of murder. Ben's only ally is another outcast, a Latina rookie cop. Worse, a killer has escaped from jail with vengeance on his mind, and Newburg--and Ben Sawyer--in his sights.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* Benefit of the Doubt was an in-house favorite long before hardcover publication
* Benefit of the Doubt was included in the debut section of the Winter Institute Buzz Book (Spring/Summer 2015 Adult)
* Audio rights sold to Brilliance
* Many readers commented on Griffin's ability to create believable and sympathetic men and women protagonists
* Griffin's second novel, A Voice from the Field, which features Tia Suarez from Benefit of the Doubt, is currently scheduled for winter 2016

"Benefit of the Doubt needs none--there is no doubt that this fine debut novel is the sure-handed work of an exciting new author." —Don Winslow, New York Times bestselling author
Andre Norton, Mercedes Lackey

The Elvenbane

The Elvenbane is an exciting tale of magic and politics, involving humans, elves, and dragons written by two masters of fantasy!

Possessed of great magical abilities, the Elvenlords can change the very world around them to suit their will. They rule their human slaves with an iron hand—but they also fear them. According to an ancient prophecy, one day the Elvenbane—a person half-elf and half-human—will be born, and the elvenlords will be overthrown.

Neither the elves nor the desperate humans know that the prophecy was created by a third, hidden race: the dragons. The dragonkin love to secretly manipulate the elven society... and they get a fresh chance when a human woman, pregnant by an Elvenlord, flees into their desert domain. Her child, raised by the dragons, is the fabled Elvenbane, a false prophecy come true.

When Shana comes into her power and steps forward to claim her destiny, the world trembles.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* The Elvenbane was a finalist for the Nebula Award and won the Science Fiction Book Club's Book of the Year Award
* YA-okay: Shana is a teenager and many readers report first having read this book when they were in their teens
* While first in a series, The Elvenbane is a complete story that can be read entirely on its own
* As a sign of this book's enduring popularity, it has a 3.91 rating on GoodReads, with more than 11,000 ratings and more than 170 reviews

"A fine coming-of-age adventure. One of the season's liveliest and most appealing fantasy epics." --Publishers Weekly

"A splendid blend of the talents of two excellent storytellers!" --Anne McCaffrey, New York Times bestselling author

"Engaging...enjoyable...an entertaining adventure." --Kirkus Reviews

"A brisk, glittering yarn that packs as much action, suspense, and twisting of conventions into one novel as many writers invest in whole trilogies." --Amazing Stories
LEAD SCIENCE FICTION

Ben Bova

Mercury and Prometheans

Two SF classics, now available together for the first time

Mercury

The planet closest to our Sun is a barren, heat-scorched world. But there are those who hope to find wealth in its desolation. Saito Yamagata seeks to generate power to propel starships into deep space. Astrobiologist Victor Molina is searching for evidence of life. Bishop Elliot Danvers has been sent to keep close tabs on Molina. But all three of these men are blissfully unaware of their shared history, of their connection to the collapse of a geosynchronous space elevator a generation ago, and of the man who now seeks his revenge.

Prometheans

Discover the pioneers whose technologic genius fuels our dreams—and our future. The man who tamed hurricanes and the man whose vision of orbital immortality lost him all he loved on Earth. The day politics, media, and bioengineering met, and the day an assassin took aim on the stars... Tomorrow belongs to Prometheans.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* Two classic hard SF novels available together for the first time
* Ben Bova is an author with forthcoming titles and a strong backlist. This is an opportunity to give his backlist fresh attention
* Previous premium trim doubles have done well for us

"Bova's impressive series on human exploration of the Solar System turns to the planet nearest the Sun.... Briskly paced into the bargain, this superior entry in one of the classic hard-sf sagas going is pretty much a guaranteed crowd-pleaser." --Booklist on Mercury

"I believe that by far the science fiction author who will have the greatest effect on the scientific world and the world as a whole is Ben Bova." --Ray Bradbury
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“Sheer bravado storytelling that turns ink and paper into pure adrenaline.”

—James Rollins, New York Times bestselling author

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