LEAD FICTION

Larry Bond

Fatal Thunder

Three men uncover a plot to launch nuclear weapons at China's port cities in this heart-pounding military thriller

India and Pakistan are stalemated in a war that India launched to "remove the threat of terrorism, once and for all." But India's early successes have stalled and with the coming spring, the tide may turn against them. A small but powerful group of Indian senior military officers and civilian security officials, without the knowledge of the rest of the Indian government, have decided to strike at China, Pakistan's backer and India's recent enemy in the Littoral Alliance War (*Shattered Trident*). The conspirators plan a bold attack that will leave Pakistan without a patron and protector. India could then finish their military campaign sure of success. To avoid any blame for the attack, the group has obtained Russian-made nuclear warheads from a renegade Russian arms merchant with access to the stolen weapons. Fitted to standard Russian torpedoes and delivered covertly by INS *Chakra*, the warheads will shatter China's economy.

Girish Samant, until recently the captain of *Chakra*, discovers hints of the far-reaching conspiracy and seeks aid from an old enemy, the only person he can trust: skipper of the USS *North Dakota*, Jerry Mitchell.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* Larry Bond is extremely respected in the military and technothriller genres for his real-life scenarios and war gaming knowledge. His expertise in the subjects on which he writes adds a level of authenticity to his novels that makes them truly excel
* After collaborating with Tom Clancy on *Red Storm Rising*, Larry began a successful career in writing and game design and has authored over a dozen books, including novels, anthologies, and non-fiction titles. Several of his books became *New York Times* bestsellers

“Clancy fans should already have Bond on their reading list, and this is one of his best yet.”
—Booklist

"Guaranteed to scare the hell out of you.... Loose nukes are on the march, and you won't be able to put Fatal Thunder down till the last page."
Elmer Kelton

After the Bugles and Llano River

Two novels from seven-time Spur Award–winning author Elmer Kelton, "truly a Texas legend" (former Texas Governor Rick Perry)

After the Bugles
Joshua Buckalew has left behind the deserted battlefields that claimed his brother Thomas. The war with Mexico has cost him much, but it has also given him a strong bond to the land and to the Mexican families who stood with him against the tyrannies of Santa Anna. Josh is travelling with Ramon Hernandez, his best friend and the man who had fought with him. Where they are going, he isn't quite sure. His home is in ashes—burned by either the retreating Texans or the advancing Mexican Army—and the land is full of bandits and opportunists who would happily shoot Ramon simply because he is Mexican. Exiles in the land they had fought to liberate, Josh and Ramon struggle to rebuild their lives after the bugles.

Llano River
When former cattle man Dundee wanders into the town of Titusville, he's broke, tired, and itching for a fight. Instead, he gets a job offer from none other than the top man in town, John Titus. Titus recruits Dundee to find out who's rustling his extensive herd of cattle. But for Titus, it isn't enough that Dundee find the missing cattle. He wants to place the blame on a specific person: Blue Roan Hardesty, a one-time friend turned sworn enemy of the powerful Titus clan. All Titus needs is hard proof, and Dundee is just the man to get it.

What Dundee uncovers creates a shooting war out of a simmering feud...with him in the middle.

KEY SELLING POINTS:
* Elmer Kelton, author of over forty novels, was the winner of a record seven Spur Awards. He was also voted "The Greatest Western Writer of All Time" by the Western Writers of America in 1995
* Kelton was given his own holiday—Elmer Kelton Day—by the Texas State Legislature in appreciation for his contributions to western literature

"Kelton truly deserves to be made one of the immortals of literature."
—El Paso Herald-Post
LEAD FICTION

Steve Alten

Meg: Hell's Aquarium

The most fearsome predators in history...are no longer history.

The Philippine Sea Plate: The most unexplored realm on the planet. Hidden beneath its primordial crust lies the remains of the Panthalassa, an ocean that dates back 220 million years. Vast and isolated, the Panthalassa is inhabited by nightmarish sea creatures long believed extinct.

Tanaka Institute, Monterey, CA: Four years have passed since Angel, the seventy-six-foot, 100,000 pound Megalodon, birthed a litter of pups far too numerous and aggressive to keep in one pen. Fortunately, a Dubai royal prince who is building the largest aquarium in the world seeks to purchase two of the "runts"—if Jonas Taylor's twenty-one-year-old son, David, will be their handler. Jonas reluctantly agrees, and David is off to Dubai for the summer of his life, not realizing that he is being set up to lead an expedition that will hunt down and capture the most dangerous creatures ever to inhabit the Earth!

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* MEG HITS THE BIG SCREEN: MEG: A Novel of Deep Terror is currently in production at Warner Bros., to be directed by Eli Roth, with a release date in summer 2017

* NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES: All of Alten's MEG novels have been NYT bestsellers. MEG: A Novel of Deep Terror was a New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and Publishers Weekly bestseller. The Trench, Alten's second book, was a USA Today and New York Times bestseller, as was Tor's Primal Waters and Hell's Aquarium

* CLASSROOM FAVORITE: In addition to being a bestselling author, Alten is also founder and director of Adopt-An-Author, a free nationwide teen reading program used in thousands of classrooms across the country

"An adrenaline-pumping thriller...the perfect antidote to a sunny day at a crowded beach."
—New York Post on MEG: A Novel of Deep Terror

"Hellishly riveting...an utterly amazing climax."
—Kirkus Reviews on MEG: A Novel of Deep Terror

"Two words: Jurassic Shark."
—Los Angeles Times on MEG: A Novel of Deep Terror
Lawrence Watt-Evans

Above His Proper Station

Second novel in a fantasy series set in a world of sorcerous aristocrats. Based on the tales of Rafael Sabatini's Scaramouche

Anrel Murau, also known as the notorious revolutionary Alvos the Orator, is a wanted man. Returning to the Lume, capital of the Walasian Empire, to hide, Anrel seeks refuge in The Pensioners' Quarter, a poverty-stricken den of thieves, murderers, and con men. Barely scraping out an existence, Anrel never forgets the justice he seeks or the woman he lost. When Anrel's new home is destroyed by the city guards in an unheard of show of deadly force, he has no other choice but to reveal his alter-ego to an old acquaintance, Lord Blackfield, and hope the nobleman's connections with the delegates of the Grand Council can bring the perpetrators to justice.

But the persona of Alvos the Orator, hero of the people, has taken on a life of its own and many factions within the Grand Council seek a way to harness his loyal followers' political might for their own ends. Now, Anrel must navigate a spider’s web of intrigue if he hopes to at last clear his name and achieve final retribution against his enemies once and for all.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR: Watt-Evans was awarded the Hugo award for Best Short Story

“If you like swords, sorcery, and interplay between characters, this is the book for you.”
—SFRevu on The Ninth Talisman

“[With] plenty of intrigue and magic, this book is sure to satisfy the author’s many fans, as well as lovers of epic fantasy in the tradition of L. E. Modesitt, Jr., and Terry Goodkind.”
—Publishers Weekly on The Dragon Society

“Veteran SF and fantasy author Watt-Evans (The Obsidian Chronicles) displays his command of the fantasy genre in this fast-paced, fluidly told sequel to The Wizard Lord.”

—Library Journal on The Ninth Talisman
George R. R. Martin, Gardner Dozois

Dangerous Women 2

A stellar collection of new work from some of the bestselling authors of our day

Writes Gardner Dozois in his introduction, "Here you'll find no hapless victims who stand by whimpering in dread while the male hero fights the monster or clashes swords with the villain, and if you want to tie these women to the railroad tracks, you'll find you have a real fight on your hands. Instead, you will find sword-wielding women warriors, intrepid women fighter pilots and far-ranging spacewomen, deadly female serial killers, formidable female superheroes, sly and seductive femmes fatale, female wizards, hard-living Bad Girls, female bandits and rebels, embattled survivors in Postapocalyptic futures, female Private Investigators…and many more."

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* Dangerous Women 2 features an entirely new 28,000-word "Outlander" novella by New York Times bestselling author Diana Gabaldon
* It also includes stories by Lev Grossman, Sharon Kay Penman, S. M. Stirling, Sam Sykes, Caroline Spector, and Nancy Kress
* This is an anthology spanning fantasy, science fiction, and straight historical fiction
* George R. R. Martin is one of the bestselling authors of fantasy today. Gardner Dozois is an acclaimed science fiction and fantasy editor who has won the Hugo Award for his editorial work fifteen times

"A splendid cross-genre anthology featuring original stories by a number of writers, male and female."
—Los Angeles Times

"The wide selection of authors guarantees something to please almost every reader's tastes."
—Library Journal starred review

"Explores the heights that brave women can reach and the depths that depraved ones can plumb."
—Publishers Weekly starred review

"Bold and deadly female characters of many genres stride through the pages of this massive anthology."
Robert J. Sawyer

Hominids

The first book of his major SF trilogy of parallel worlds

Award-winning author Robert Sawyer never fails to deliver imaginative originality, unique scientific extrapolation, and great stories.

*Hominids*, the first book of the Neanderthal Parallax, is a story of parallel worlds, ours, and another in which Neanderthals, not homo sapiens, became the dominant intelligent species. In that world, Neanderthal civilization has reached heights of culture and science comparable to our own, but very different in detail and philosophy. During a risky physics experiment deep in a mine in Canada, a Neanderthal physicist, Ponter Boddit, is accidentally transferred to our universe, where another experiment is taking place in the same mine. He is captured and studied, alone and bewildered, a stranger in a strange land.

Back home, Ponter's research partner is left with a messy lab, a missing body, suspicious people all around, and a murder trial that he can't possibly win because he doesn't know what happened. Talk about a scientific challenge! When luck, curiosity, imagination, and inventiveness combine to save the day, it's not the end at all but a new beginning, with two worlds eager to learn more about what links them and what holds them apart.

**KEY SELLING POINTS:**

* Sawyer is a national bestseller in Canada
* He continues to be well known for the network series *Flashforward*, based on the novel of the same name
* A former publicist, Sawyer has been successful at getting media coverage in his native Canada, including a full-length feature in *Maclean's* magazine
* Sawyer won the Nebula Award in 1995 for his novel *Terminal Experiment*. His novels continue to be nominated for the Nebula and Hugo awards
* This is hard SF with lots of mainstream appeal

"Sawyer is a writer of boundless confidence and bold scientific extrapolation."
—The New York Times

"*Hominids* is anthropological fiction as its best."
—W. Michael Gear & Kathleen Gear *USA Today* bestselling authors of *Raising Abel*

"It's hard to think of a modern science fiction author with dreams as vast as those of the internationally acclaimed Robert J. Sawyer."

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