LEAD FICTION

Larry Bond

Lash-Up

An explosive thriller from New York Times bestselling author Larry Bond

GPS satellites are vital to the US military. They allow units to navigate confidently over trackless wastes and can direct aircraft and weapons to within feet of their targets.

When China provokes a military crisis with the United States and then starts shooting down GPS satellites, Ray McConnell, an engineer at the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, knows he must act quickly. Without the satellites America's military capabilities will be crippled and China will gain an enormous advantage in any future conflict. The only way the satellites can be protected is from orbit, so McConnell's team of soldier-scientists must construct an armed spacecraft capable of knocking weapons out of the sky. The fate of the nation depends on their success.

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 nonfiction titles

"Bond proves once again why he ranks as one of today's top writers of military action thrillers." --Publishers Weekly

"Larry Bond's fertile imagination and technical knowledge are second to none; Lash-Up is a peek into a future that may become all too real, all too quickly."

--Stephen Coonts, New York Times bestselling author of Saucer: Savage Planet

ALSO AVAILABLE:

David Black

Fast Shuffle

An old-school PI is plunged into danger and conspiracy in this gripping mystery from TV screenwriter and producer David Black

Harry Dickinson is a used car salesman who believes he is a 1940s private detective. The people around him think he's unstable and are becoming fed up with his behavior. His investigative instincts prove sharper than they realize, however, when his attempt to track down a missing woman leads to a case that is far more complex--and more dangerous--than he imagines.

Harry witnesses a murder, but no one believes him. Turning to the authorities only makes things worse. With Harry and his girlfriend, Friday, on the run--hunted by the police, the killer, and even Harry's friends and relatives--their chances for survival look grim. But the man everyone believes is crazy may be the only one who can crack the case.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

*Black has published ten books and more than 150 articles in magazines including The Atlantic, The New York Times Magazine, Harper's, and Rolling Stone
*Among his many television credits, Black has written and produced episodes of Law & Order, Miami Vice, and CSI: Miami

"A wild ride from beginning to end." --Carl Bernstein, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist

"David Black is a master storyteller of our times. Fast Shuffle...is a gem, a primer on the private eye novel." --James Grady, New York Times bestselling author of Last Days of the Condor

"Anyone who loved Chandler's Long Goodbye will flip for David Black's souped-up super-literate take on the post-modern private eye in Fast Shuffle." --Ron Rosenbaum, author of Explaining Hitler and The Shakespeare Wars
Journey of the Dead and The Undertaker's Wife

Two westerns from Spur Award-Winning author Loren D. Estleman

**Journey of the Dead**
When Pat Garrett killed Billy the Kid, he had no idea what a terrible emotional price he would pay. Haunted by memories of Billy, Garrett wanders the New Mexico desert in a fruitless pursuit of peace. Deep in the same desert, an ancient Spanish alchemist searches for the fabled philosopher's stone.

**The Undertaker's Wife**
The Wild West claimed many lives; it was Richard Connable's job to bury the dead. As the undertaker's wife, Lucy, tells of the bittersweet adventures that took them from the Barbary Coast to Will Bill Hickok's Kansas to the blizzards of Montana, she reflects on the tragedies that shaped their marriage and reveals the heart of a woman whose love can transcend death.

**KEY SELLING POINTS:**
* Loren D. Estleman has won four Shamus Awards, five Spur Awards, three Western Heritage Awards, and the Private Eye Writers of America Lifetime Achievement Award. He was also nominated for the 2013 Nero Award
* Estleman is the author of more than seventy novels, and he has acquired a loyal cult readership across the United States and in Europe. His work has appeared in twenty-three languages
* This will appeal to readers of westerns and historicals

Praise for Loren D. Estleman

"A rollicking tale with characters Mark Twain would be proud to call his own."
--Denver Post on The Undertaker's Wife

"His dialogue rivals that of the late Elmore Leonard."
--Booklist

"A true professional, a writer of a sort increasingly rare...so given to his work as to spontaneously combust to genius." --The Boston Globe

"Estleman could rewrite the Ann Arbor phone book and I'd pay to take a peek."
--Chicago Sunday Tribune
Steve Alten

Vostok

*New York Times* bestselling author Steve Alten presents a crossover novel combining characters from his two most popular series

East Antarctica: The coldest, most desolate location on Earth. Two-and-a-half miles below the ice cap is Vostok, a six thousand square mile liquid lake, over a thousand feet deep, left untouched for more than fifteen million years. Now, marine biologist Zachary Wallace and two other scientists aboard a submersible tethered to a laser will journey 13,000 feet beneath the ice into this unexplored realm to discover Mesozoic life forms long believed extinct—and an object of immense power responsible for the evolution of modern man.

In this sequel to *The Loch* and prequel to the upcoming *MEG: Nightstalkers*, *New York Times* bestselling author Steve Alten offers readers a crossover novel that combines characters from two of his most popular series.

**KEY SELLING POINTS:**

*NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES: Alten combines two of his most popular stories: *The Loch* and MEG. 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. *Vostok* is a sequel to *The Loch* and prequel to the forthcoming *MEG: Nightstalker*

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

*ENGAGED AUTHOR: 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 exuberant, potboiling action thriller. The shark attack scenes...are numerous and exciting. Fans should devour it." --*Publishers Weekly* on *MEG: Primal Waters*

"Alten's imaginative tale will keep readers turning the pages" --*Booklist* on *MEG: Primal Waters*
MEDIA TIE-IN

W. Bruce Cameron

A Dog's Purpose

The New York Times and USA Today bestseller, soon to be a major motion picture!

The beloved fifty-two week New York Times bestseller, A Dog's Purpose is soon to be a feature film from DreamWorks Studios in association with Walden Media! This remarkable story of one endearing dog's search for his purpose is directed by Academy Award-nominated director Lasse Hallström and stars Dennis Quaid, Britt Robertson, K.J. Apa, Juliet Rylance, and Peggy Lipton.

Heartwarming, insightful, and often laugh-out-loud funny, A Dog's Purpose is not only the emotional and hilarious story of a dog's many lives, but also a dog's-eye commentary on human relationships and the unbreakable bonds between man and man's best friend. This moving and beautifully crafted story teaches us that love never dies, that our true friends are always with us, and that every creature on earth is born with a purpose.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

*FILM BUZZ: DreamWorks has started production on A Dog's Purpose movie, starring Dennis Quaid, Britt Robertson, and Peggy Lipton and directed by Academy Award-nominated director Lasse Hallström. The screenplay was written by the author, Cathryn Michon, and Audrey Wells and is being produced by Gavin Polone

*BESTSELLING BOOK: A Dog's Purpose was on the NYT list for fifty-two weeks! It hit many bestseller lists, including USA Today, NPR, LA Times, and Publishers Weekly

*INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS: A Dog's Purpose has been translated into twenty languages and has been published in twenty-nine countries

*ONLINE PRESENCE: Cameron has a wildly popular Facebook fan page with 325,000+ fans

Praise for A Dog's Purpose

"An amazing book. I laughed and smiled and cried. Wise... and sure to open the hearts of all who read it. Bailey has much to teach us about a dog's love of liberty." --Alice Walker, Pulitzer Prize winning author of A Color Purple

"I loved the book and I could not put it down. It really made me think about the
The first role-playing fiction novel by grandmaster Andre Norton, this book returns in mass market

In 1976 Andre Norton was invited to play a new sort of adventure game by its creator. It was the game that launched the role-playing game industry, Dungeons & Dragons. The creator, E. Gary Gygax, was the head of TSR Industries, the company he formed to sell his game.

Gygax played the game with Andre, introducing her to his world of Greyhawk where she took part in an imaginative session of world building, role-playing, and fantasy adventuring, after which she returned home and wrote the novel *Quag Keep*, a tale of six adventurers from our world who journey from our world to the city of Greyhawk in order to aid a wizard and unlock the secrets of the stronghold of Quag Keep.

**KEY SELLING POINTS:**

*POPULAR, CRITICALLY-ACCLAIMED AUTHOR: Andre Norton is one of the icons of SFF, and her work still draws in fans old and new to golden age science fiction and fantasy*

*HIGH FANTASY CLASSIC: This is the first D&D-based novel, that kicked off this popular subgenre of tie-in books*

*CROSS-PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY: This book can be cross-promoted with *Return to Quag Keep*

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*For Quag Keep:*

"Fantasy lovers will relish Norton's latest." -- *ALA Booklist*

"A good book for anyone who can experience the strong pull of fantasy." -- *Signal* (International Reading Association)

"For the fantasy lover, it easily ticks the boxes for an enjoyable time sink. Furthermore, for the D&D enthusiast who is interested in the Greyhawk setting, it is almost irresistible and I cannot help but recommend it to folk of this ilk." -- Dave Corby, SFCrowsnest.org.uk

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*For Andre Norton:*


Elizabeth Haydon

The Hollow Queen

A heartbreaking tale of love and valor in the USA Today bestselling Symphony of Ages series

Beset on all sides by the forces of the merchant emperor Talquist, the Cymrian Alliance finds itself in desperate straits. Rhapsody herself has joined the battle, wielding the Daystar Clarion, leaving her True Name in hiding with her infant son. Ashe tries to enlist the aid of the Sea Mages. Within their Citadel of Scholarship lies the White Ivory tower, a spire that could hold the key to unraveling the full extent of Talquist's machinations. Achmed journeys to the reportedly unassailable palace of Jierna Tal to kill emperor Talquist—all the while knowing that even if he succeeds, it may not be enough to stop the momentum of the war. As they struggle to untangle the web of Talquist's treachery, the leaders of the Cymrian alliance are met with obstacles at every turn. Rhapsody soon realizes that the end of this war will come at an unimaginable price: the lives of those she holds dearest.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* In this eighth book of the bestselling Symphony of Ages series, the forces of the Cymrian Alliance and the merchant emperor Talquist meet to do battle
* Book seven, The Merchant Emperor, received a starred review from Publishers Weekly, continuing the series's stellar streak
* The ninth and final novel in the series will publish in June 2016
* Following book nine, we will launch a new fantasy trilogy from Haydon
* The Symphony of Ages has over three-quarters-of-a-million copies in print. The Symphony of Ages consists of the original Rhapsody Trilogy (Rhapsody, Prophecy, Destiny), two stand-alone "bridge" novels (Requiem for the Sun and Elegy for a Lost Star), and The War of the Known World Trilogy (The Assassin King, The Merchant Emperor, and The Hollow Queen)

"Haydon's long-awaited return to her Symphony of Ages series is a brilliant tapestry of familial sacrifice and adversity in a land of music and dragons.... With taut plotting and unforgettable characters, Haydon's latest will easily enchant new readers."

--Publishers Weekly, starred review on The Merchant Emperor

"A story that's both grand and intimate but never predictable.... Haydon moves all the pieces into place for the next volume." --Publishers Weekly, starred review
LEAD SCIENCE FICTION

Ben Bova

Power Surge

Six-time Hugo winner Ben Bova brings us a gripping political thriller on the cutting-edge of science and technology

The science advisor to a newly-elected freshman senator, Jake has crafted a comprehensive energy plan that employs innovative new technologies to make America the world's leader in energy production while simultaneously boosting the economy and protecting the environment. The facts--and the science--are on Jake's side, but his plan soon runs afoul of entrenched special interests, well-funded lobbies, cynical bureaucrats, pork-barrel politics, and one very powerful US Senator.

To keep his plan alive and secure a sustainable future for America, Jake needs a crash course in the way Washington really works. Everyone keeps telling him that his plan has no hope of succeeding, but Jake is determined to prove them wrong even if it kills him...something that certain hostile parties may be all too happy to arrange.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* Science thriller set in the present day
* Bova has an insider's knowledge of the world of corporate science, and a scientist's understanding of the technical issues facing us
* The issue of alternative fuel sources is an extremely timely and increasingly important one, especially with the upcoming election year

"Sexy, intriguing, and timely." --Booklist on Power Play

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

The Memory of Earth and The Call of Earth

The first two volumes of The Homecoming Saga now available together for the first time

The Memory of Earth
High above the planet Harmony, the Oversoul watches. Its task, programmed so many millennia ago, is to guard the human settlement on this planet—to protect this fragile remnant of Earth from all threats. To protect them, most of all, from themselves.

The Call of Earth
As Harmony's Oversoul grows weaker, a great warrior has arisen to challenge its bans. His name is Moozh, and he has won control of an army using forbidden technology. Now he is aiming his soldiers at the city of Basilica, that strong fortress above the Plain.

KEY SELLING POINTS:
*MM DOUBLE AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME: The first two books of the critically acclaimed Homecoming Saga are now available together for the first time
*NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR: A new generation of fans will now be introduced to one of Card's most acclaimed series

"Superb." --Publishers Weekly on The Call of the Earth

"A thoroughly enjoyable piece of storytelling." --Chicago Tribune
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