LEAD FICTION

W. Bruce Cameron

The Dog Master

In this sweeping epic, the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of A Dog's Purpose tells the story of the first dog

Thirty thousand years ago, ice was storming the planet. Among the species forced out of the trees and onto the steppes was modern man. They stood on the brink of extinction...but had a unique advantage over other species, a new technology--domesticated wolves.

Only a set of extraordinary circumstances could have transformed one of these fierce creatures into a hunting companion, a bodyguard, a soldier, and a friend. The Dog Master by W. Bruce Cameron is an evocative glimpse of prehistory, an emotional coming-of-age saga, a thrilling tale of survival against all odds, and the exciting, imaginative story of the first dog.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* CAMERON MAJOR MOTION PICTURES: A Dog's Way Home is soon to be a major motion picture, and this edition of The Dog Master will likely release during promotion for the film (more details TK). Universal Pictures released Amblin Entertainment and Walden Media's A Dog's Purpose in 2017 to great success, bringing thousands of new fans to Cameron's work.
* #1 USA TODAY AND NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR: Cameron's popular fiction has made many appearances on prominent bestseller lists, such as more than 100 appearances on The New York Times Best Sellers List with 10 appearances in the #1 position as well as 50 weeks on the USA Today list.
* ONLINE PRESENCE: Cameron has a wildly popular Facebook fan page with 360,000+ fans.

"There's much imagination here...interesting speculative history with a satisfying conclusion, one opening the door for a sequel or series."
--Kirkus Reviews on The Dog Master

"The Dog Master is a unique, vivid story of how canine companionship came to be and in no small way, saved humanity as a species; a truly inspired read."
--The Huffington Post
Jon Land

Strong to the Bone

Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong takes on neo-Nazis in this installment of the critically acclaimed Caitlin Strong series

1944: Texas Ranger Earl Strong investigates a triple murder inside a Nazi POW camp in Texas.

The Present: His granddaughter, fifth-generation Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong, finds herself pursuing the killer her grandfather never caught in the most personal case of her career—a conspiracy stretching from that Nazi POW camp to a modern-day neo-Nazi gang.

A sinister movement has emerged from the shadows of history, determined to undermine the American way of life. Its leader, Armand Fisker, has an army at his disposal, a deadly bio-weapon, and a reputation for being unbeatable. But he’s never taken on the likes of Caitlin Strong and her outlaw lover, Cort Wesley Masters.

To prevent an unspeakable cataclysm, Caitlin and Cort Wesley must win a war the world thought was over.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* AWARD-WINNING SERIES: Strong Rain Falling (2013) and Strong Darkness (2014) both won an International Book Award and a USA Best Book Award, the former in the Mystery-Suspense category and the latter in the Thriller category. Strong Justice and Strong at the Break were named Top Thrillers of the Year by Library Journal in 2010 and 2011 respectively.

* COMPELLING FEMALE PROTAGONIST: Caitlin Strong is "one of the toughest female protagonists in crime fiction" (Booklist), a powerful Texas Ranger who holds her own in a traditionally male-dominated profession.

“Blasts right out of the chute and the twists and action don’t stop until the final page.” —CJ Box

“Land employs the very best elements of thriller and mystery.... readers are going to be blown away by Caitlin Strong’s latest adventure.” —Mark Greaney

“A slam-bang, can't-put-it-down thriller that’s as timely as it is terrific.” —Lisa Scottoline

“The best of the Strong series...a must-read.” —Booklist
Elmer Kelton

Stand Proud and Eyes of the Hawk

Two classic tales of western history, told by one of the most critically acclaimed writers of the American west.

Stand Proud
Frank Claymore is cantankerous, stubborn, and intolerant—just the qualities that make him a success as an open-range cattle rancher on the West Texas frontier. Stand Proud follows Claymore from the time of the Civil War to the dawn of the twentieth century—through marriage, births, deaths, and a creeping change in the society that once hailed him as a hero, and which later has him condemned as a despoiler and tried for murder.

Eyes of the Hawk
Thomas Canfield descends from a line of Texas’s earliest settlers. A proud man with a fierce-eyes stare, he inspires the Mexicans of Stonehill, Texas to call him el gavilan—“the hawk.” When Branch Isom—an insolent, dangerous newcomer—seeks to build his fortune at Canfield’s expense, an all-out feud ensues, hurling the town toward a day of reckoning that will shake the entire town to its very roots.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* Eyes of the Hawk, winner of the Spur Award for Best Western Novel, is an outstanding tale of Texas—filled with authentic characters and history, and telling the story of the outstanding courage and determination of the men and women who challenged an unyielding wilderness to build a frontier legend.

"Elmer Kelton is a Texas treasure.” —El Paso Herald-Post

“Voted 'the greatest Western writer of all time' by the Western Writers of America, Kelton creates characters more complex than L'Amour's.” —Kirkus Reviews

“Elmer Kelton writes of early Texas with unerring authority.” —Fort Worth Star-Telegram
LEAD FICTION

Sylvia Day, S. J. Day

Eve of Destruction

The Marked trilogy continues in this steamy urban fantasy by the #1 New York Times and USA Today bestselling author

For Evangeline Hollis, a scorching one-night stand has led to a divine punishment—the Mark of Cain.

Now reunited, Eve and Cain are working on transitioning their insatiable desire into a tentative new relationship even as she struggles to become a full-fledged Mark—one of thousands of sinners forced to hunt demons as penance. When her training class goes on a field trip to an abandoned military base, things take a dark turn: There’s a demon hidden among them, killing off Eve’s classmates one by one.

To make a bad situation more dangerous, Eve’s body is still adapting to the Mark and the new abilities and challenges that came with it—such as uncontrollable bloodlust…which seems to be inciting another kind of lust altogether.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

*Sylvia Day is best known for her megabestselling Crossfire erotic romance series. The Crossfire books have exploded onto the market since release of the first book. Reflected in You (October 2012) hit #1 on the New York Times print and eBook combined list before the print version was even available and sold 286,000 eBooks in its first week on sale.

*The Marked trilogy is urban fantasy, hence the penname "S. J. Day." The plot is quite different, but the romantic content is comparable to the Crossfire books. Fans of the Crossfire books will quickly see the similarities.

*We first published the trilogy in mass market in May, June, and July of 2009.

"Great characters and terrific storytelling in a hot-blooded adrenaline ride. A keep-you-up-all-night read."—Patricia Briggs, New York Times bestselling author

"When we last saw new 'Mark' Eve Hollis she was on the precipice of life and death, so thankfully Day wastes no time jumping back into the fray. This trilogy has a complex mythos that continues to place legendary siblings Cain and Abel at odds. Plenty of action keeps the middle book racing along. Day has a genuine flair for urban fantasy!"—RT Book Reviews
LEAD FANTASY

Mercedes Lackey, James Mallory

Blade of Empire

The war has begun, but the Elves are fighting the wrong enemy in this exciting epic fantasy by two USA Today bestselling authors

USA Today and New York Times bestselling authors Mercedes Lackey and James Mallory continue The Dragon Prophecy series, which began with Crown of Vengeance.

The Elven War Prince Runacarendalur Caerthalien leads a rag-tag group into battle. For centuries, the Elves have hunted the Otherfolk—minotaurs, gryphons, dryads, and more—considering them beasts. But once Runacar discovers they have a complex society, he takes it as his mission to help them reclaim their lands from his former friends and allies.

Blade of Empire is a tale of loyalty and betrayal, of love and loss, of sacrifice and salvation, an epic fantasy that will appeal to readers of Lackey's Valdemar novels as well as fans of Robin Hobb or Diana Gabaldon.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* NEW BOOK IN BESTSELLING SERIES: Blade of Empire is the second book in The Dragon Prophecy, the third trilogy in Lackey and Mallory's bestselling fantasy series. Previous bestsellers in this series are The Phoenix Transformed (NYTimes), When Darkness Falls (NYT, and To Light a Candle (USA Today).

* SERIES GROWTH POTENTIAL: While sales on our Lackey and Mallory titles are solid, we have room to grow them. Our titles feature the same blend of fantasy elements and creatures, strong action, and three-dimensional characters as Lackey's popular Valdemar books.

* MORE TO COME: We own a final book in this trilogy and a separate, standalone Lackey and Mallory collaboration.

"A narrative motif fit for a Technicolor swashbuckler."—Kirkus Reviews on Crown of Vengeance

"Strong characters and a compelling plot make this a sure selection for fantasy fans."—Library Journal on Crown of Vengeance
Steven Brust

Hawk

An entry point into the New York Times bestselling Vlad Taltos series

Years ago, Vlad Taltos came from the East to make his way as a human amidst the impossibly tall, fantastically long-lived natives of the Dragaeran Empire. He joined the Jhereg, one of the seventeen Dragaeran Houses that handles the Empire's vices: gambling, rackets, organized crime. He became a professional assassin. He was good at it.

But that was then, before Vlad and the Jhereg became mortal enemies.

For years, Vlad has run from one end of the Empire to the other, avoiding the Jhereg assassins who pursue him. Now, finally, he's back in the imperial capital where his family and friends are. He means to stay there this time. Whatever happens. And whatever it takes.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

*LONG-ESTABLISHED SERIES: Brust’s Vlad Taltos novels have been published regularly for over thirty years. This is the mass market of #14; the series will run to 19 novels.  
*POPULAR SUBGENRE: This is swashbuckling adventure fantasy, close in feel to Glen Cook or the bestselling Amber novels of Roger Zelazny, but with a close-in sensibility unique to Brust.  
*NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES: Tiassa debuted at #29 and Dzur #30 on the New York Times bestseller list.  
*SERIES COMMITMENT: Books 16 and 17 are under contract to Tor.

"Delightful, exciting, and sometimes brilliant." —Neil Gaiman on Steven Brust

Praise for Hawk

"Another taut, entertaining tale.... Meticulous plotting and a narrative voice that's both rich and arch." —Publishers Weekly on Hawk

"Brust is...a writer who can spin a yarn that keeps you guessing until the end, aware of many precise moving parts all meshing in synchrony to drive a magnificent jeweled watch of a story." —Cory Doctorow, Boing Boing, on Hawk
Glen Cook

The Black Company

The beginning of one of the greatest fantasy epics of our age

Some feel the Lady, newly risen from centuries in thrall, stands between humankind and evil. Some feel she is evil itself. The hard-bitten men of the Black Company take their pay and do what they must, burying their doubts with their dead.

Until the prophesy: The White Rose has been reborn, somewhere, to embody good once more. There must be a way for the Black Company to find her….

So begins one of the greatest fantasy epics of our age—Glen Cook's Chronicles of the Black Company.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* PROVEN AUTHOR: The Black Company has continued to sell since the series initially began in 1984. The omnibus edition containing the first three books continues to sell about 28K copies a year between both print and e.

* LANDMARK AUTHOR: Published between 1984 and 2000, the fourteen volumes of the Black Company series are a landmark of grimdark fantasy starting a trend that continued with A Song of Ice and Fire and Joe Abercrombie. This is military fantasy at its most gritty.

* EXCLUSIVE CONTENT: This new reissue will include an bonus excerpt of the newest entry in the Black Company series, Port of Shadows.

"Cook provides a rich world of assorted races, cultures, and religions; his characters combine the mythic or exotic with the realistic, engaging in absorbing alliances, enmities, and double-crosses." —Publishers Weekly on Bleak Seasons

"Timely and timeless…. The author of the Black Company series brings a stark realism to his tales of imaginary lands." —Library Journal

"Complex and compelling…. It is a powerful fantasy, combining a fast-moving plot with an introduction into this world of patriarchal schism, greedy churchmen and nobles, and cynical soldiers b..."

ALSO AVAILABLE:

LEAD SCIENCE FICTION

Richard Baker

Valiant Dust

Horatio Hornblower and Honor Harrington fans will find a new hero in Sikander North with this explosive new military SF series

In a new military SF series, Richard Baker begins the adventures of Sikander North in an era of great interstellar colonial powers.

Sikander Singh North has always had it easy—until he joins the crew of the Aquilan Commonwealth starship CSS *Hector*. As the ship’s new gunnery officer, and the only Kashmiri officer, he must constantly prove himself better than his Aquilan crewmates, even if he has to use his fists. When the *Hector* is called to help with a planetary uprising, he’ll have to earn his unit’s respect, find who’s arming the rebels, and deal with the headstrong daughter of the colonial ruler—all while dodging bullets.

Sikander’s military career is off to an explosive start—but only if he and CSS *Hector* can survive his first mission.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

* NEW MILITARY SF SERIES: with strong elements of naval history, colonial diplomacy, and colonial powers vying for advantages—an era reminiscent of late 19th-century politics and technology.
* FRESH TAKE ON THE GENRE: drawing inspiration from the scramble for Africa, the Great Game, and the rivalry between European powers before WWI, *Valiant Dust* balances fast-paced battle scenes across star systems with an exploration of cultural heritage and tense colonial relationships.
* MILITARY AND GAMING BACKGROUND: Baker is a former naval officer, an award-winning game designer responsible for *Axis & Allies Naval Miniatures: War at Sea*, and a dedicated history buff with a long background in gaming tie-ins.

“New and extraordinary.... Go read this!”—David Weber

“In the finest tradition of Honor Harrington, Black Jack Geary, and Nicholas Seafort...an exciting new entry that fans of the genre won’t want to miss.”
—Dayton Ward, bestselling author of *24: Trial by Fire*

“Intelligent space opera with lots of vivid action...sociological novel which examines the problems (on both sides) of a 3rd World aristocrat in a 1st World
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