



FALL/WINTER 2018 PUBLICATION LIST

INCLUDING TITLES FROM OUR IMPRINTS AND DIVISIONS



A Note from the Publisher...

We have a diverse line-up of titles this Fall and Winter, spanning from our usual genres of crime fiction, mysteries and thrillers, to our first memoir of the legendary Les Edgerton and our first reference book, a critical analysis of the work of pulp novelist David Goodis.

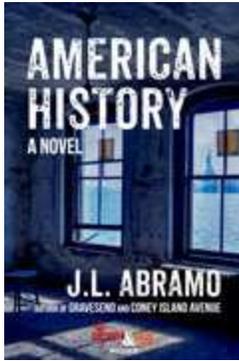
The new year starts strong with the first stand-alone thriller from the prolific Eric Beetner, a new Penns River crime novel by Dana King, an unusual anthology consisting of immigrant short stories and poetry edited by Katherine Tomlinson and Chris Rhatigan, the third and final entry in Love & Bullets novella trilogy by Nick Kolakowski, and much, much more.

In the following pages, we invite you to take a look at what is coming from the Down & Out Books publishing family in late 2018 and early 2019.

—Eric Campbell, Publisher

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AMERICAN HISTORY

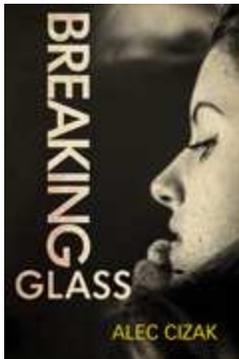
J.L. Abramo

Down & Out Books
September 3, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$18.95
eBook Formats: \$8.99
978-1-946502-70-4

A panoramic tale, as uniquely American as Franklin Roosevelt and Al Capone...

Crossing the Atlantic Ocean and the American continent, from Sicily to New York City and San Francisco, the fierce hostility and mistrust between the Agnello and Leone families parallel the turbulent events of the twentieth century in a nation struggling to find its identity in the wake of two world wars.



BREAKING GLASS

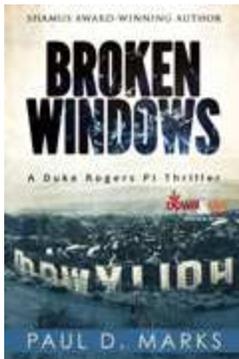
Alec Cizak

ABC Group Documentation
September 7, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$14.95
eBook Formats: \$2.99
978-1-948235-24-2

Chelsea Farmer is in hell. She's addicted to opiates. She participates in home invasions with her fellow junkies to feed her habit.

As her friends grow increasingly violent, Chelsea realizes she needs to escape before her friends do something none of them will be able to walk away from...



BROKEN WINDOWS

A Duke Rogers P.I. Novel

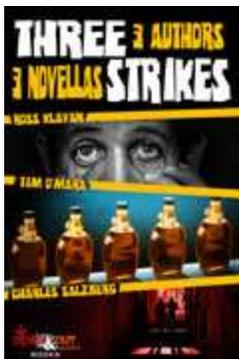
Paul D. Marks

Down & Out Books
September 10, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$18.95
eBook Formats: \$8.99
978-1-948235-07-5

Amid the controversial political storm surrounding California's notorious anti-illegal alien Proposition 187, private eye Duke Rogers and his very unPC sidekick Jack take on the case of Carlos, a murdered undocumented day worker.

Their mission catapults them through a labyrinth of murder, intrigue and corruption of church and state that hovers around the immigration debate in this searing sequel to the explosive Shamus-Award winning novel *White Heat*.



THREE STRIKES

Three Authors, Three Novellas

Ross Klavan, Tim O'Mara, and
Charles Salzman

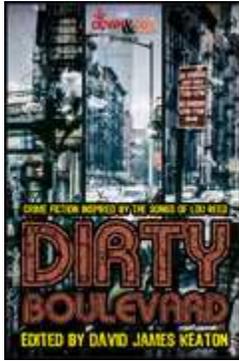
Down & Out Books
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Trade Paperback: \$18.95
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978-1-948235-25-9

I Take Care of Myself in Dreamland: In 1970's New York City, a wounded vet tries to recapture a strange, mystical experience and meets instead with people who see him as a tool for murder.

Jammed: Smuggling maple syrup can be stickier than it seems.

The Maybrick Affair: On the eve of America's entry into World War II, young reporter works a story that has possible international ramifications as it's tied to a well-publicized British murder case and a notorious serial killer.



DIRTY BOULEVARD
Crime Fiction Inspired by the Songs of Lou Reed
David James Keaton, editor

Down & Out Books
September 13, 2018
Trade Paperback: \$14.95
eBook Formats: \$6.99
978-1-948235-49-5

Inspired by the outcasts, outlaws, and other outré inhabitants of rock legend Lou Reed's songbook, *Dirty Boulevard* traffics in crime fiction that's sometimes velvety and sometimes vicious, but always, absolutely, rock & roll.

Inside, you'll find stories from the fire escapes to the underground, stories filled with metal machine music, stories for gender-bending, rule-breaking, mind-blasting midnight revelries and drunken, dangerous, dark nights of the heart.

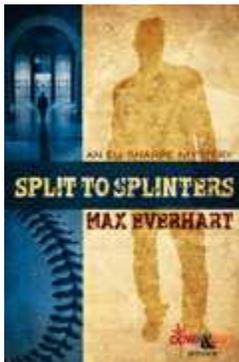


DESPERATE TIMES CALL
Hector Duarte, Jr.

Shotgun Honey
September 14, 2018
Trade Paperback: \$13.95
eBook Formats: \$5.99
978-1-64396-000-5

The world can be a difficult place to navigate. Society constantly works to pull us away from what's important. We spend most of our time working for a check, that we might only enjoy 25% of. What happens when someone has enough and decides to push back? When they decide to embrace their destiny? Tragic as it may be.

How do we answer when Desperate Times Call?



SPLIT TO SPLINTERS
An Eli Sharpe Mystery
Max Everhart

Down & Out Books
September 17, 2018
Trade Paperback: \$15.95
eBook Formats: \$6.99
978-1-948235-26-6

When a highly valuable piece of baseball memorabilia goes missing, Jim Honeycutt, a Hall of Fame pitcher, enlists the services of Eli Sharpe, a private detective specializing in professional athletes.

Sharpe takes the case, but is quickly awash in a sea of suspects, all of the fairer sex: four lovely yet scheming daughters and their equally lovely mother, not to mention Honeycutt's business partner/mistress, who just so happens to be Mrs. Honeycutt's best friend. The culprit has to be someone in Jim's circle. So how difficult can it be to expose them?

Reissue



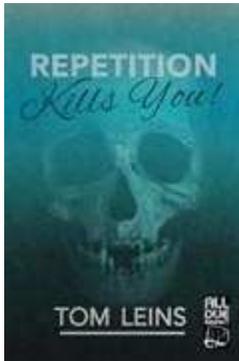
THE SPYING MOON
Sandra Ruttan

Down & Out Books
September 17, 2018
Trade Paperback: \$17.95
eBook Formats: \$7.99
978-1-948235-27-3

When a popular local teenager is found dead Constable Kendall Moreau must put aside her personal agenda and her disappointment to solve the murder.

Shunned by her team and trapped in a town she doesn't want to be in, Moreau is hindered by prejudice and local politics in her search for answers.

Can she discover the truth before another teenager dies?



REPETITION KILLS YOU

Tom Leins

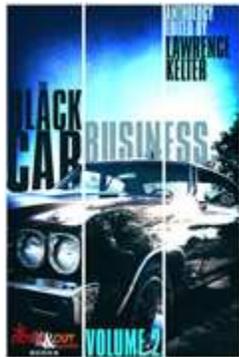
All Due Respect
September 21, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$10.95
eBook Formats: \$4.99
978-1-948235-28-0

Repetition Kills You comprises 26 short stories, presented in alphabetical order, from ‘Actress on a Mattress’ to ‘Zero Sum’. The content is brutal and provocative: small-town pornography, gun-running, mutilation and violent, blood-streaked stories of revenge.

The cast list includes sex offenders, serial killers, bare-knuckle fighters, carnies and corrupt cops. And a private eye with a dark past—and very little future.

Welcome to Paignton Noir.



THE BLACK CAR BUSINESS VOLUME 2

Lawrence Kelter, editor

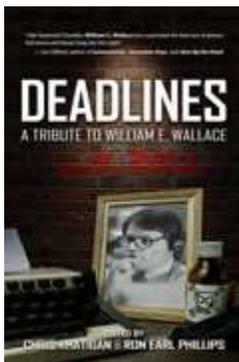
Down & Out Books
September 24, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$15.95
eBook Formats: \$7.99
978-1-948235-29-7

The black car is following you and your life will never be the same...

It’s the sedan just within sight that seems to be mimicking your speed and movements as you walk down the dark deserted street late at night. As the hairs rise on the back of your neck you wonder, who is behind the wheel and what is the driver’s intent?

It’s The Black Car Business and its presence means your life is about to abruptly change.



DEADLINES

A Tribute to William E. Wallace

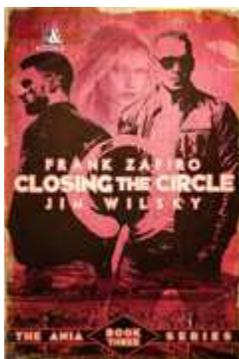
Chris Rhatigan and Ron Earl Phillips, editors

co-published by Shotgun Honey and All Due Respect
September 28, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$16.95
eBook Formats: \$6.99
978-1-946502-48-3

Deadlines is a tribute anthology dedicated to the memory of writer and crime fiction enthusiast, William E. Wallace. All proceeds of this publication will be donated to the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund in the name of William E. Wallace.

Contributors: Preston Lang, Jen Conley, Joe Clifford, Will Vi-haro, Paul D. Brazill, Patricia Abbott, Rob Pierce, Sean Craven, Eric Beetner, Sarah M. Chen, Nick Kolakowski, S.W. Lauden, Scott Adlerberg, Gary Phillips, Renee Asher Pickup, Eryk Pruitt, Todd Morr, Travis Richardson, Anonymous-9, Sean Lynch, Alec Cizak, Greg Barth, C. Mack Lewis.



CLOSING THE CIRCLE

The Ania Series Book 3

Frank Zafiro and Jim Wilsky

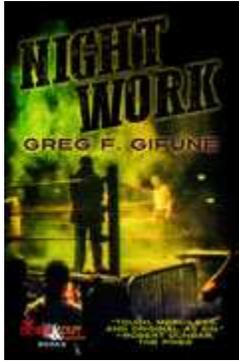
Down & Out Books
October 1, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$16.95
eBook Formats: \$6.99
978-1-948235-31-0

The circle is closing on all of them...

John Pearse is a loss recovery agent for an insurance agency. When a set of crown jewels that his company paid out on resurface in the middle of a Russian/Polish mafia war in Chicago, Pearse is sent in to find and recover the diamonds.

Standing in his way are gangsters, grifters, and cops, but the biggest obstacle will be the sexy Ania, who has managed to stay one step of everyone else...until now.



NIGHT WORK

Greg F. Gifune

Down & Out Books

October 8, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$17.95

eBook Formats: \$7.99

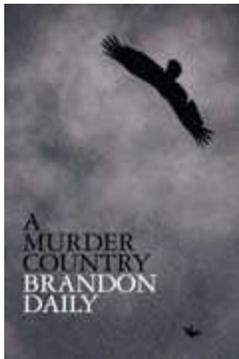
978-1-948235-32-7

Reissue

In the secret worlds of organized crime and the independent professional wrestling circuit of the 1990s, no one is immune to the con, the violence, the hunger for power and respect, the lust and the darkness.

How far would you go for money and supremacy? Who would you betray? What could you tolerate? How much would you sacrifice?

Frank Ponte is about to find out...



A MURDER COUNTRY

Brandon Daily

ABC Group Documentation

October 12, 2018

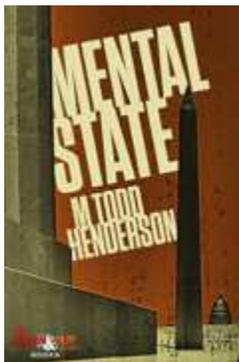
Trade Paperback: \$12.95

eBook Formats: \$2.99

978-1-948235-30-3

Reissue

Set in Appalachia at the end of the 19th century, three men—Josiah Fuller, a seventeen year old who sets off to revenge his parents' murders; William Corvin, a man running from a violent past; and The Rider, the man who killed Josiah's parents—are forced to confront the violent world they live in and understand how each action they make has consequences they cannot fully realize.



MENTAL STATE

M. Todd Henderson

Down & Out Books

October 15, 2018

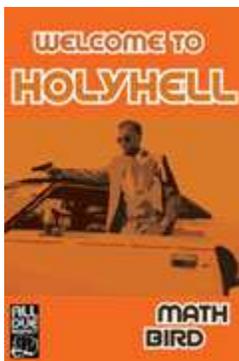
Trade Paperback: \$17.95

eBook Formats: \$7.99

978-1-948235-33-4

When conservative law professor Alex Johnson is found dead from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound at his house in Chicago, everyone thinks it is suicide. Everyone except his brother, Royce, an FBI agent.

As Agent Johnson peels back layers of mystery in his rogue investigation, the brother he never really knew emerges. Clues lead from the ivy-covered elite university and the halls of power in Washington to the gritty streets of Chicago and Lahore, Pakistan. Ultimately, Agent Johnson must face the question of how far he is willing to go to catch his brother's killer.



WELCOME TO HOLYHELL

Math Bird

All Due Respect

October 19, 2018

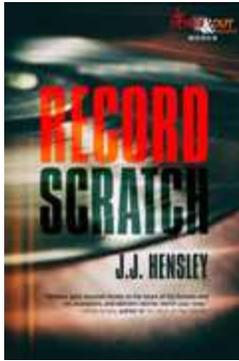
Trade Paperback: \$14.95

eBook Formats: \$5.99

978-1-948235-34-1

Finding that briefcase full of cash, in the scorching summer of 1976, seemed the answer to all young Jay's prayers. So did the magnetic pull of a stranger who rolled into town shortly after. But what Jay didn't bargain for were the harsh truths of life that followed.

Welcome to HolyHell, set in the borderlands of northeast Wales, is a coming-of-age story about loneliness, hope, the past that haunts us, and the fear of growing older.



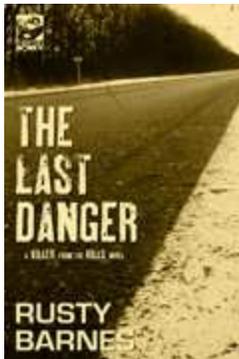
RECORD SCRATCH
A Trevor Galloway Thriller
J.J. Hensley

Down & Out Books
October 22, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$16.95
eBook Formats: \$7.99
978-1-948235-35-8

Somewhere there exists a vinyl record with twelve songs recorded by the legendary Jimmy Spartan. Trevor Galloway has been hired to solve Spartan's murder and recover his final songs.

When his client terminates their first meeting by taking her own life, Galloway's journey takes him into the arms of an old flame, the crosshairs of familiar enemies, and past the demons in his own mind.



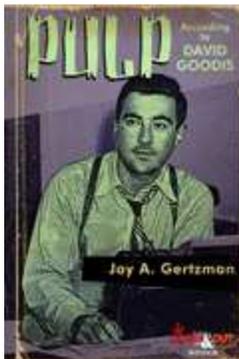
THE LAST DANGER
A Killer from the Hills Novel
Rusty Barnes

Shotgun Honey
October 26, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$14.95
eBook Formats: \$5.99
978-1-64396-001-2

Three months after a shootout with the renegade Pittman family robbed him of his brother, Matt Rider is trying to put his life back together. He ends up muling drugs across the Canadian border for the Pittman family in order to save his daughter and wife from an even worse fate, even as he betrays them.

Will his conscience or his instincts win out?



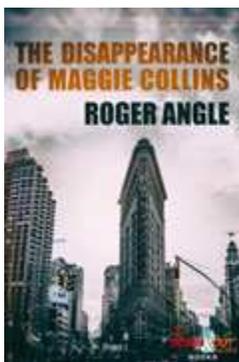
PULP ACCORDING TO DAVID GOODIS
Jay A. Gertzman

Down & Out Books
October 29, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$19.95
eBook Formats: \$8.99
978-1-948235-36-5

Pulp According to David Goodis delineates the noir profundity of the author's work in the context of Franz Kafka's narratives. Goodis' precise sense of place, and painful insights about the indomitability of fate, parallel them. Both writers mix realism, the disorienting, and the dreamlike; both dwell on obsession and entrapment; both describe the protagonist's apparent degeneration.

Other elements covered in this critical analysis of Goodis's work include his Hollywood script-writing career, how he departs from pulp crime conventions, and his major noir preoccupations: nobility and perseverance under stress, failure to combine trust with sexual desire, and the stifling trap of familial obligation.



THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MAGGIE COLLINS
Roger Angle

Down & Out Books
October 31, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$18.95
eBook Formats: \$8.99
978-1-946502-19-3

Maggie is a hot young mixed-race NYPD detective, half Puerto Rican, half black and all bombshell. Love and lust follow her wherever she goes. She volunteers to go undercover to catch a serial killer.

"Don't get in the car," her lieutenant says. But of course, she gets into the car.

The killer thinks he is in love, but his idea of love is a little strange.



101

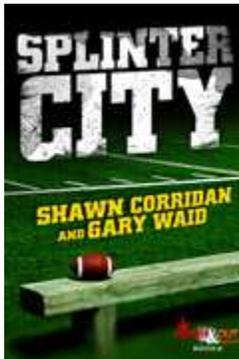
Tom Pitts

Down & Out Books
November 5, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$17.95
eBook Formats: \$8.99
978-1-948235-38-9

On the cusp of legalization, Jerry Bertram runs afoul of some San Francisco bikers in the marijuana game. He flees straight up Highway 101 to Humboldt County to hide deep in the hills with a reclusive enigmatic pot farmer named Vic. But trouble finds Jerry no matter where he goes and soon a pack of bikers, a pair of stone killers, and a Russian pot tycoon named Vlad the Inhaler are all hot on Jerry's trail.

When Jerry and his protectors are chased off the mountain and back down the 101 to a showdown back in the Bay, he learns Vic is much more than his host; he's a mentor, his mother's hero, and the toughest man he's ever met.



SPLINTER CITY

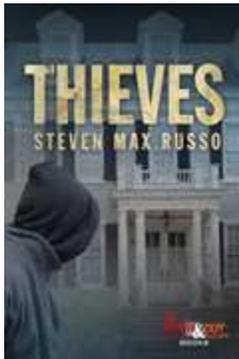
Shawn Corridan and Gary Waid

Down & Out Books
November 12, 2018

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eBook Formats: \$7.99
978-1-948235-39-6

After nearly two decades in prison, high school gridiron great Dan Parrish returns to his hometown in rural Kansas with nothing more than a duffle bag and a desire to quietly get on with his life.

But picking up the pieces in a place where he was once revered isn't as easy as he hoped, especially for a convicted felon in the Bible Belt. And in no time Dan has landed squarely in the crosshairs of an old, high school nemesis, the unctuous Judge Rick Hunter who warns Dan to "leave Echo now or be sent back where you came from."



THIEVES

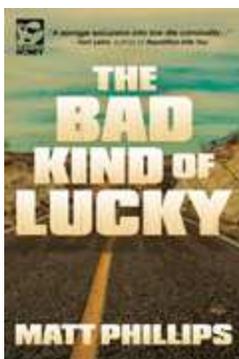
Steven Max Russo

Down & Out Books
November 12, 2018

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Esmeralda works for a housecleaning service during the day and as a restaurant hostess at night. She has drive and ambition. What she doesn't have is money. One night she casually mentions a "what if" scenario to a co-worker, a white trash drifter who recently moved to New Jersey from south Florida, and a plan is hatched.

It isn't long before Esmeralda finds herself trapped by both circumstance and greed, forced to defend herself against one of her partners in crime, who she quickly discovers is far more dangerous than she ever thought possible.



THE BAD KIND OF LUCKY

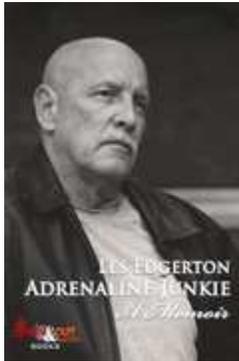
Matt Phillips

Shotgun Honey
November 16, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$14.95
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978-1-64396-002-9

Remie Miken is starting over after a bad run. He's got a crappy apartment in the big city and a job hustling burgers. One night Remmie makes nice with a neighborhood gangster. So begins his quixotic pursuit of a whore-on-the-run and ten grand in cash.

The Bad Kind of Lucky is a twisted comedic noir that follows Remmie straight into the void.



ADRENALINE JUNKIE

A Memoir

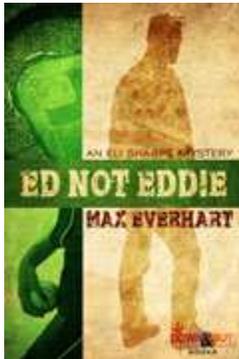
Les Edgerton

Down & Out Books
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Adrenaline Junkie is more than a renowned, multi-award-winning author entertaining with his life history. Les Edgerton understands that backstory matters. It influences the present. So he journeyed through his past seeking answers for why he was the way he was. Seeking answers for his thrill-seeking, devil-may-care, often self-destructive, behaviors. Seeking a sense of personal peace.

So settle back. Meet a real-life, twenty-first-century Renaissance man. A real-life adrenaline junkie.



ED, NOT EDDIE

An Eli Sharpe Mystery

Max Everhart

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Ed Leviner, a young female pitcher who's broken every collegiate pitching record, is desperate to make it to the major leagues. But someone in the idyllic Southern town of Cook, South Carolina, has threatened to kill her if she pitches in her next big game. Which is in a few days. Which doesn't give private eye and ex-ballplayer Eli Sharpe much time to identify the source of these threats.

Though local law enforcement is oddly unhelpful, Eli is not alone in his search for answers. The TV news team covering the protests is headed up a beautiful anchorwoman from Eli's past. As usual, Eli is busy raising hackles in a town where there's more than one mad dog in disguise.



THE BIG MACHINE EATS

Beau Johnson

Down & Out Books
November 26, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$14.95
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978-1-948235-54-9

Bishop Rider is a man trying to save himself by saving others. His struggle continues here, where life will chew you up and swallow you down if you come unprepared.

Bishop's adventures, along with a few sequels to *A Better Kind of Hate*, make up the bulk of *The Big Machine Eats*.

Are you hungry? Good. Because life always is.



SKIN & BONES

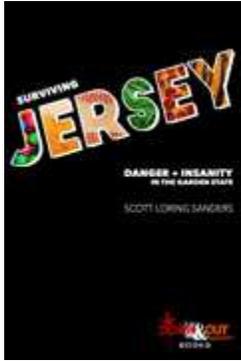
Dana C. Kabel, editor

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From a host of bestselling and award-winning authors come the stories from the darkest corners of their imaginations featuring one of the most abhorrent acts of mankind: cannibalism!

Featuring stories from Lawrence Block, Stuart Neville, Jason Starr, Dave Zeltserman, Charles Ardai, Joe Clifford, Rob Hart, Richie Narvaez, Thomas Pluck, Patricia Abbot, Terrence McCauley, Tim Hall, S.A. Solomon, Bill Crider, Angel Luis Colón, Tess Makovesky, Marietta Miles, Ryan Sayles, Liam Sweeny, Glenn Gray, and Dana C. Kabel.



SURVIVING JERSEY

Danger + Mayhem in the Garden State

Scott Loring Sanders

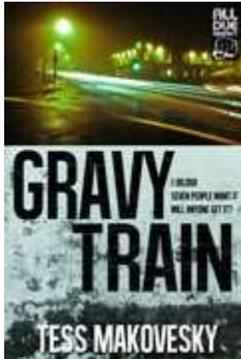
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Just your average New Jersey childhood? Not exactly.

A circus tiger attack, a schoolmate's abduction, heartbreaking addicts, and a few close encounters with the seedier sides of humanity. Scott Loring Sanders' suburban adolescence overflowed with perils: bone-crushing water slides, hitchhiking serial killers, a chilling collision in a '71 Impala.

From his tough, complex father to Sanders' own reckoning of fatherhood and alcohol after leaving the Garden State, *Surviving Jersey* is a tour-de-force exploration of the risks that shape America's youth.



GRAVY TRAIN

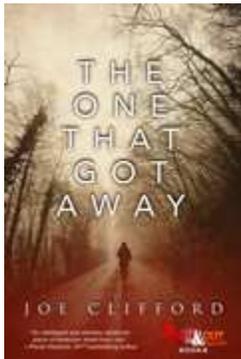
Tess Makovesy

All Due Respect
November 30, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$16.95
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978-1-64396-006-7

Crime pays. So barmaid Sandra thinks when she overhears details of a betting scam and wins herself and fat husband Mike eighty thousand pounds. But they've reckoned without mugger Lenny, lying in wait outside the betting shop door. And he's reckoned without a top-notch car thief, his own devious boss, a fellow gang-member with a grudge, and Sandra's unpleasant almost-Uncle George.

Chaos ensues as a whole bunch of disparate—and desperate—characters chase the bag of money around Birmingham's back streets.



THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

Joe Clifford

Down & Out Books
December 3, 2018

Trade Paperback: \$17.95
eBook Formats: \$7.99
978-1-948235-42-6

In the early 2000s, a string of abductions rocked the small upstate town of Reine, New York. Only one girl survived: Alex Salerno. The killer was sent away. Life returned to normal. No more girls would have to die. Until another one did.

In the modern vein of *Girl on the Train* and *The Bone Collector*, *The One That Got Away* is a dark, psychological thriller, featuring a compelling, conflicted heroine and a page-turning narrative that races toward its final, shocking conclusion.



HARBINGER

The Ania Series Prequel

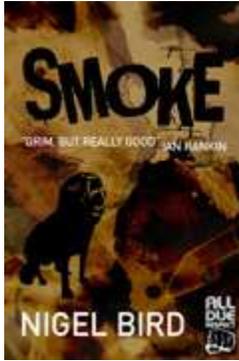
Frank Zafiro and Jim Wilsky

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On the sunny Gulf Coast of Florida, lifelong friends and fishing charter boat partners, Boyd Tomlin and Hicks Ledoux, are in desperate need of money. They consider smuggling drugs as a solution.

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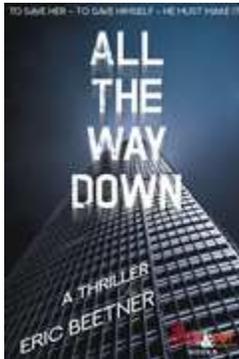
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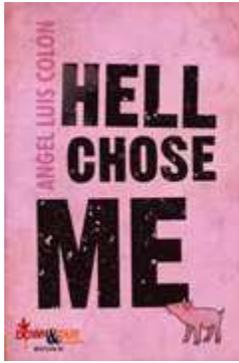
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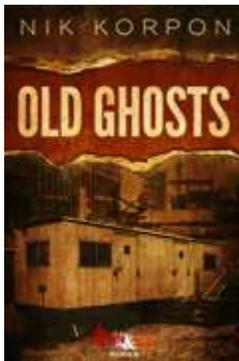
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