



FALL/WINTER 2019 PUBLICATION LIST

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A Note from the Publisher...

We're very excited to feature a strong line-up of titles being published by Down & Out Books and its publishing family.

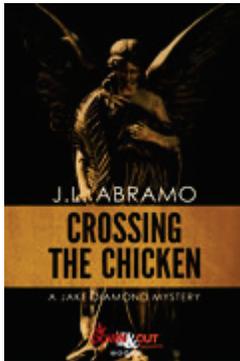
September starts with three PI novels by established authors in the genre: J.L. Abramo's 5th Jake Diamond mystery, *Crossing the Chicken*; Mark Coggins' 7th August Riordan mystery, *The Dead Beat Scroll*; and the first in a new series by Robert J. Randisi, *The Headstone Detective Agency*. Several anthologies are coming out, including two based in Texas—*The Eyes of Texas* edited by Michael Bracken and *Denim, Diamonds and Death*, the Bouchercon 2019 anthology edited by Rick Ollerman. And a lot more!

In the following pages, we invite you to take a look at what is coming from the Down & Out Books publishing family during Fall 2019 and Winter 2019/2020.

—Eric Campbell, Publisher

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CROSSING THE CHICKEN

A Jake Diamond Thriller

J.L. Abramo

Down & Out Books

September 9, 2019

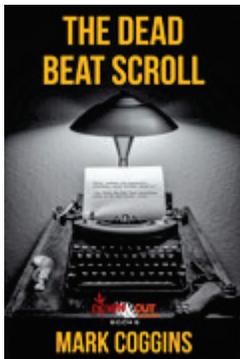
Trade Paperback: \$12.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-030-2

eBook: \$4.99

Vinnie “Strings” has been double-crossed, shot and left for dead at a crime scene, and framed as chief suspect in the murder of an influential businessmen.

Jake Diamond has a strong dislike of the *double-cross*. If asked why the chicken crossed the road, Jake would suggest the road had *crossed the chicken*. Jake frantically scrambles to find answers before the case is closed with Vinnie taking the fall.



THE DEAD BEAT SCROLL

An August Riordan Mystery

Mark Coggins

Down & Out Books

September 16, 2019

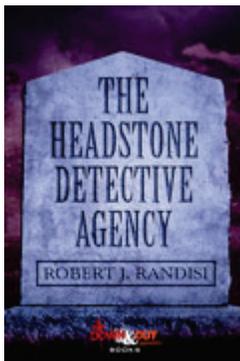
Trade Paperback: \$17.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-031-9

eBook: \$7.99

Private investigator August Riordan’s quest to avenge the death of his old partner drops him in the missing person case his partner was working when he died.

An alluring young woman named Angelina is looking for her half-sister, but what Riordan finds instead is a murderous polyamorous family intent on claiming a previously unknown manuscript from dead Beat writer Jack Kerouac.



THE HEADSTONE DETECTIVE AGENCY

Robert J. Randisi

Down & Out Books

September 16, 2019

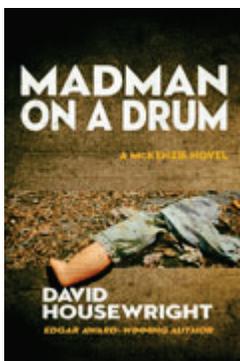
Trade Paperback: \$13.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-032-6

eBook: \$5.99

John Headston is a private detective who, early in his career, was very successful, running a 12-man operation called THE HEADSTONE DETECTIVE AGENCY, mainly because the guy who painted the name on the door added the “e” at the end without realizing it was wrong.

Headston is now 50, and the agency is down to just him. In his past he had run-ins with not only the law, but with the New York State Agency who had licensed him. As a result he spent some time in jail, and had his license revoked. Now he has it back, and is trying to get started again.



MADMAN ON A DRUM

A McKenzie Novel

David Housewright

Down & Out Books

September 23, 2019

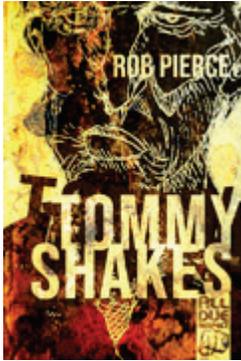
Trade Paperback: \$16.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-021-0

Reissue

Homicide cop Bobby Dunston’s daughter has been kidnapped, taken in broad daylight on a city street in the middle of September. The kidnappers demand a million dollars and force Dunston to get the ransom from his friend Rushmore McKenzie.

It soon becomes apparent to both of them that one of the kidnappers is childhood pal Scottie, a once aspiring drummer now gone astray, and that the kidnapping is payback for “crimes” they committed in their past.



TOMMY SHAKES

Rob Pierce

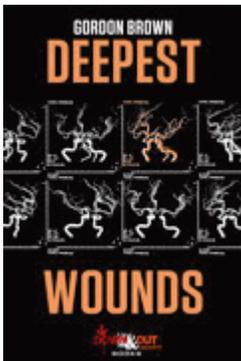
All Due Respect
September 27, 2019

Trade Paperback: \$14.95
ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-034-0
eBook: \$5.99

Tommy Shakes is a career criminal, and not a very good one. He's a drunk who convinces himself that his wife will stay with him if he brings home enough money.

He pulls a big robbery but one of his crew kills a local gangster working security.

Now the whole crew is wanted for murder, and the law is the least of their problems.



DEEPEST WOUNDS

A Craig McIntyre Thriller
Gordon Brown

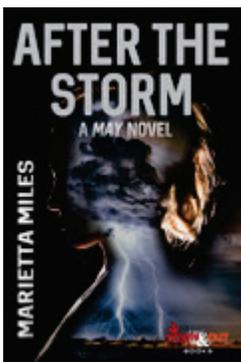
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September 30, 2019

Trade Paperback: \$16.95
ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-015-9
eBook: \$6.99

Craig McIntyre, ex-military turned bodyguard, has a powerful, uncontrollable affliction: his mere presence transforms people's darkest thoughts into action.

Chased by bounty hunters, McIntyre finds himself the key to a deadly game of life or death when, in a remote corner of Scotland, he uncovers an insidious US government project to harvest the body parts of the world's most famous and infamous people.

Reissue



AFTER THE STORM

Marietta Miles

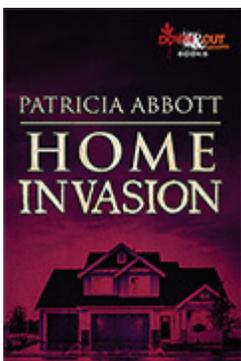
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September 30, 2019

Trade Paperback: \$9.95
ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-035-7
eBook: \$4.99

After a killing storm Folly Island is left unlivable. May has become a refugee. Drifting and wandering. In this foggy chaos she treads to keep her head above water and to steady poor Tommy, a boy who might be too far gone to rescue.

Meanwhile...four hundred miles away, a disregarded teenager and his unwilling sister run from the consequences of his violent proclivities. In a gassed-up Mustang, they head east, to the crystal coast, where they can hide and start over. Just like everyone else.

After the storm comes a different danger.



HOME INVASION

Patricia Abbott

Down & Out Books
October 7, 2019

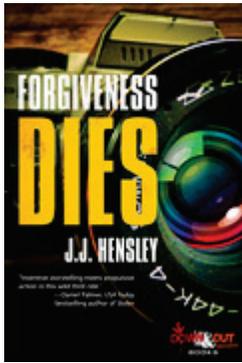
Trade Paperback: \$16.95
ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-036-4
eBook: \$6.99

This novel in stories looks at two generations of the Batch family over forty years, and the ways in which alcohol, petty crime, poor parenting, and bad choices have had a negative impact on them.

Each story in the book advances their journey by a number of years.

The stories can stand alone but read together tell a tale that is both unique and familiar.

Reissue

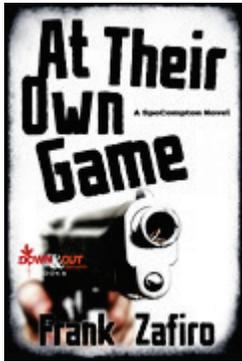


FORGIVENESS DIES
A Trevor Galloway Thriller
 J.J. Hensley

Down & Out Books
 October 14, 2019
 Trade Paperback: \$16.95
 ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-038-8
 eBook: \$6.99

Upon being released after being incarcerated in a psychiatric facility, former narcotics detective and unlicensed PI Trevor Galloway has no idea how to begin picking up the pieces of his shattered life.

When he's hired to investigate threats against a controversial presidential candidate and handed a stack of photos that may hold all the clues, he finds himself racing against time, running from mercenaries, and holding on to his last shred of sanity.



AT THEIR OWN GAME
A SpoCompton Crime Novel
 Frank Zafiro

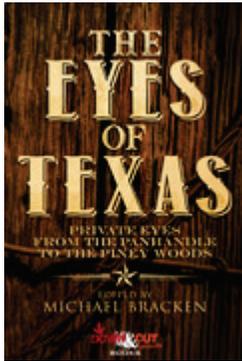
Down & Out Books
 October 14, 2019
 Trade Paperback: \$15.95
 ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-039-5
 eBook: \$6.99

Jake Stankovic has been dealing safely in stolen property but times are tough, so he risks a drug deal. The deal goes bad. Then Jake must deal with a vengeful detective, a possible turncoat in his crew, and a woman from a long past affair who suddenly reappears.

And Jake Stankovic used to be a cop.

Now he must get his money back, keep the girl, and beat everyone involved at their own game.

Reissue

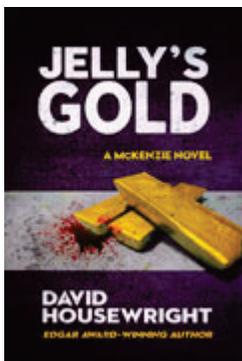


THE EYES OF TEXAS
Private Eyes from the Panhandle to the Piney Woods
 Michael Bracken, editor

Down & Out Books
 October 21, 2019
 Trade Paperback: \$18.95
 ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-040-1
 eBook: \$7.99

Texas has it all, from bustling big cities to sleepy small towns, and law enforcement alone can't solve every crime. That's where private eyes come in. They take the cases law enforcement can't—or won't.

The Eyes of Texas features seventeen original tales of Lone Star State private eyes from Dallas to Houston to small towns throughout the state.



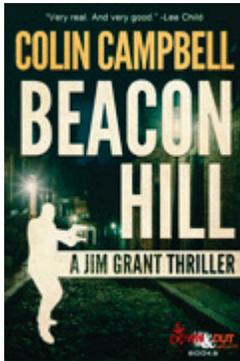
JELLY'S GOLD
A McKenzie Novel
 David Housewright

Down & Out Books
 October 21, 2019
 Trade Paperback: \$16.95
 ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-022-7

Frank "Jelly" Nash was dead. And since the notorious bank robber was shot in the head in 1933 during a daring escape attempt, he was deader than most. So why was he sending letters and emails to Rushmore McKenzie, asking the retired cop, unexpected millionaire, and unlicensed P.I. for help?

To answer the question, McKenzie joins forces with Ivy, a beautiful woman from his past—and her boyfriend—in a frantic search for \$8 million in gold that Jelly stole just before his death. But they aren't the only ones looking.

Reissue



BEACON HILL
A Jim Grant Thriller
Colin Campbell

Down & Out Books
October 28, 2019

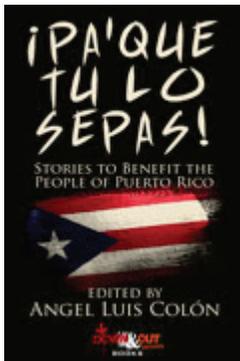
Trade Paperback: \$15.95
ISBN: 978-1-948235-91-4
eBook: \$5.99

Reissue

Jim Grant is back in Boston, working the nightshift for Sam Kincaid at Jamaica Plain.

After saving a kidnapped child and attending a shooting in Beacon Hill, Grant runs into trouble when the wealthy target doesn't want to complain and Grant's bosses try and shut him down.

Then the case turns personal and the stakes really go through the roof.



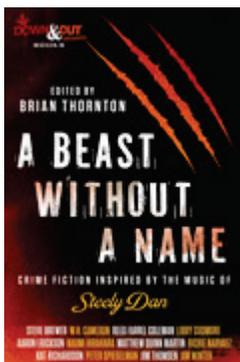
¡PA'QUE TU LO SEPAS!
Angel Luis Colón, editor

Down & Out Books
October 28, 2019

Trade Paperback: \$14.95
ISBN: 978-1-64396-042-5
eBook: \$5.99

Join Latinx writers David Bowles, Désirée Zamorano, Carmen Jaramillo, Hector Acosta, Richie Narvaez, Chantel Acevedo, Jessica Laine, Christopher Novas, Hector Duarte Jr., Alex Segura, and Cina Pelayo as they guide readers through stories of tradition, humor, and pain—all informed by their Latinx roots.

With all proceeds going to The Hispanic Federation, *¡Pa'Que Tu Lo Sepas!* is a love letter to Puerto Rico from the Latinx noir writing community.



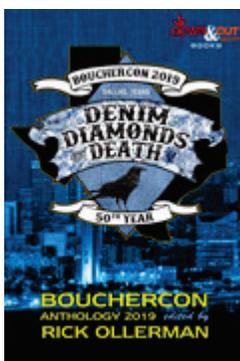
A BEAST WITHOUT A NAME
Crime Fiction Inspired by the Music of Steely Dan
Brian Thornton, editor

Down & Out Books
October 28, 2019

Trade Paperback: \$16.95
ISBN: 978-1-64396-043-2
eBook: \$6.99

A short-story collection by 12 acclaimed crime fiction authors inspired by the music of Steely Dan. Edited by Brian Thornton, it features works by Steve Brewer, W.H. Cameron, Reed Farrel Coleman, Libby Cudmore, Aaron Erickson, Naomi Hirahara, Matthew Quinn Martin, Richie Narvaez, Kat Richardson, Peter Spiegelman, Jim Thomsen and Jim Winter.

A companion work to *Die Behind the Wheel*, also edited by Thornton and inspired by Steely Dan.



DENIM, DIAMONDS AND DEATH
Bouchercon Anthology 2019
Rick Ollerman, editor

Down & Out Books
October 30, 2019

Trade Paperback: \$18.95
ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-065-4
eBook: \$7.99

This anthology offers a fine collection from authors supporting the 50th Anniversary of the Mystery Writers of America's annual Bouchercon World Mystery Convention in Dallas, Texas.

Here are fifteen stories that run the gamut from heists to revenge, intricate plots to secrets uncovered, and more than a few tales that defy easy classification.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the 2019 Bouchercon's official charity, Literary Instruction for Texas (LIFT).



THE BIG CRESCENDO

Jonathan Brown

Down & Out Books

November 4, 2019

Trade Paperback: \$16.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-048-7

eBook: \$6.99

Lou Crasher is a wise cracking, drummer turned P.I. Drop dead gorgeous vocalist Angela, gets her musical instruments stolen. Lou vows to find them.

He manages to uncover a gear-theft ring, a deadly drug cartel and accepts a risky offer from a big time music producer.

Lou's got one shot to get the gear, the girl and live to drum another day.



MAXINE UNLEASHES DOOMSDAY

Nick Kolakowski

Down & Out Books

November 4, 2019

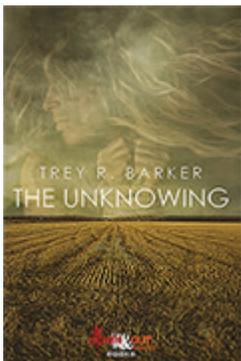
Trade Paperback: \$16.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-049-4

eBook: \$6.99

For much of her life, Maxine tries to escape the legacy of her outlaw family. But when a vicious attack leaves her with nothing, she's forced to become what she's always feared.

Against the unforgiving backdrop of post-apocalyptic America, she'll have to pull off the ultimate heist in order to survive.



THE UNKNOWING

Trey R. Barker

Down & Out Books

November 11, 2019

Trade Paperback: \$18.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-033-3

eBook: \$7.99

When a young girl is found dead in a cornfield, it falls to Sheriff's Deputy Wes Spahn to bring her home to her parents.

But will doubts that have lingered since his failure in his first case ten years earlier leave him unable to find her killer?



LET IT SNOW

Nigel Bird

Down & Out Books

November 11, 2019

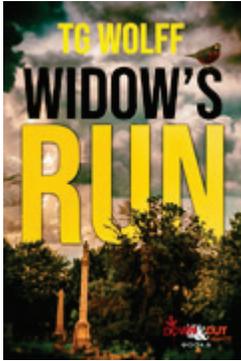
Trade Paperback: \$16.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-047-0

eBook: \$6.99

A police officer is murdered while talking down a suicidal teenager. A rhino is killed at the zoo and has its horn removed. The biggest store in the city is robbed by a mannequin and record snowfall has created chaos within the police department.

It's going to be one hell of a Christmas.



WIDOW'S RUN

TG Wolff

Down & Out Books

November 11, 2019

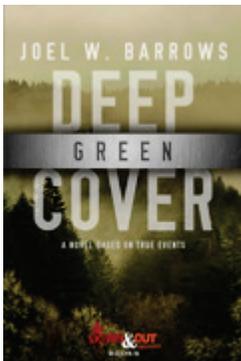
Trade Paperback: \$16.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-948235-94-5

eBook: \$6.99

Newly widowed, Diamond resurrects her CIA cover to unearth the truth behind her husband's death. Following the stink greed leaves in its wake reveals big lies and ugly truths.

Murder is filthy business. Good thing Diamond plays dirty.



DEEP GREEN COVER

Joel W. Barrows

Down & Out Books

November 18, 2019

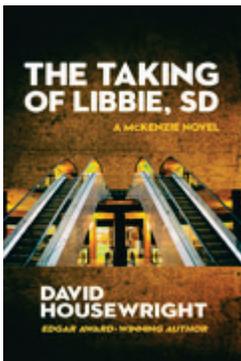
Trade Paperback: \$18.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-046-3

eBook: \$7.99

ATF Special Agent David Ward infiltrates the world of radical environmentalists. The Earth Martyrs Brigade will stop at nothing to destroy those corporations and individuals that they deem a threat to Mother, their worshipful name for Mother Earth.

Ward joins the group, befriending its cultish followers, only to learn that their plans for destruction and anarchy far exceed anything he could have imagined.



THE TAKING OF LIBBIE, SD

A McKenzie Novel

David Housewright

Down & Out Books

November 18, 2019

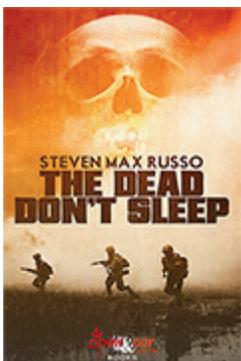
Trade Paperback: \$16.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-023-4

Reissue

Rushmore McKenzie is a retired cop, an unexpected millionaire and, occasionally, an unlicensed private investigator. So, it isn't the biggest surprise in the world when he's attacked and kidnapped from his home—McKenzie has more than a few enemies out there with a grudge against him.

But it is a surprise when it turns out his kidnapping is a case of mistaken identity...



THE DEAD DON'T SLEEP

Steven Max Russo

Down & Out Books

November 18, 2019

Trade Paperback: \$17.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-051-7

eBook: \$7.99

Some things can't be forgotten, nor forgiven. Frank Thompson, a Vietnam veteran from Maine has a chance encounter with a stranger.

Now, three old comrades plot revenge against the man they claim killed one of their own over 40 years ago. A squad of aging psychopathic killers once directed by the CIA plot to kill the professional soldier who led them all those years ago.



THE STONE CARRIER

Robert Ward

Down & Out Books

November 25, 2019

Trade Paperback: \$16.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-052-4

eBook: \$6.99

Terry Brennan is a top freelance reporter for many of the best mags in New York. All he needs to take the next step is a big novel. Unfortunately, it looks like it might be based on his own demise, as he is suspected of killing his best friend.

The cops and Nicky Baines, Harlem's most violent drug dealer are closing in. And even some of his reporter buddies don't believe his alibis. All he can do is keep on running, and trying to find out who the real killer is before he's shot down for good.



SKUNK TRAIN

Joe Clifford

Down & Out Books

December 2, 2019

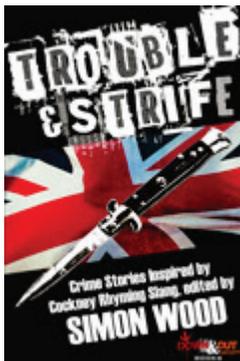
Trade Paperback: \$15.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-055-5

eBook: \$6.99

Drawing on novels featuring teenage protagonists such as *Rule of the Bone* and *Catcher in the Rye*, *Skunk Train* is a modern-day love story set against the backdrop of the NorCal marijuana trade.

It is a fast-paced, YA thriller, which tests the bonds of family and shows the lengths desperate people will go to keep a secret and protect the ones they love.



TROUBLE AND STRIFE

Simon Wood, editor

Down & Out Books

December 9, 2019

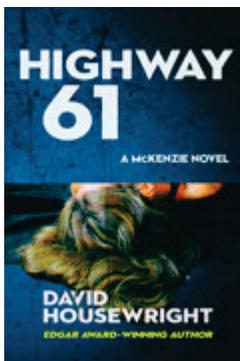
Trade Paperback: \$15.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-056-2

eBook: \$5.99

Welcome to the world of Cockney rhyming slang, where what is said means something completely different than it sounds. Originally, it was a coded language created by criminals for deceiving undercover police officers during Victorian times.

For *Trouble and Strife*, those coded and colorful phrases became the inspiration for eleven killer crime stories.



HIGHWAY 61

A McKenzie Novel

David Housewright

Down & Out Books

December 16, 2019

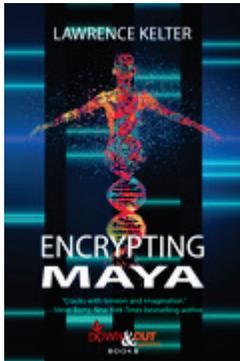
Trade Paperback: \$16.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-024-1

Reissue

Rushmore McKenzie is a former cop, current millionaire, and an occasional unlicensed P.I. who does favors for friends. Yet he has reservations when the daughter of his girlfriend Nina Truhler asks him to help her father, Nina's ex-husband Jason Truhler, a man in serious trouble.

McKenzie soon discovers that Truhler was set up in a modified honey trap. But Truhler's version of events wasn't exactly the truth, either. And McKenzie soon finds himself trapped in the middle of a very serious game involving teenage prostitution with some of the most powerful men in the state on one side and some of the deadliest on the other.



ENCRYPTING MAYA

Lawrence Kelter

Down & Out Books

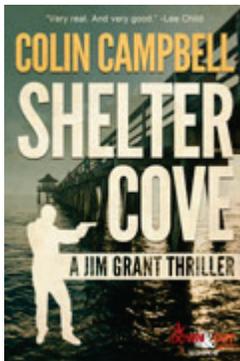
December 16, 2019

Trade Paperback: \$18.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-069-2

eBook: \$7.99

As Maya and Josh, two exceptional kids who set out to change the world, work to stem the tide of an imminent global disaster they face challenges both personal and professional and are beset upon by forces that seem to defy explanation—a shadowy figure drifts in and out of their lives over the course of decades causing irreparable damage, and the powers who once turned to them for help now seem to conspire against them.



SHELTER COVE

A Jim Grant Thriller

Colin Campbell

Down & Out Books

December 30, 2019

Trade Paperback: \$15.95

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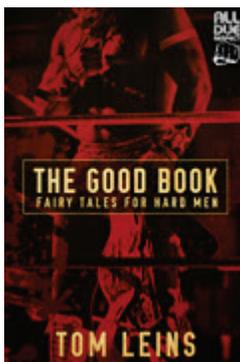
eBook: \$5.99

Trouble comes in threes.

If Cole Thornton had recognized that he might have avoided much of what was to come. He could have moved on before Shelter Cove became a killing jar instead of a safe haven. Before the bodies on the beach and the shootings.

And before Jim Grant came looking for him.

Reissue



THE GOOD BOOK

Fairy Tales for Hard Men

Tom Leins

All Due Respect

January 10, 2020

Trade Paperback: \$10.95

ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-054-8

eBook: \$4.99

The Good Book is an interlinked, 21-story collection that takes place between 1980 and 1999 and focuses on the stars of the Testament Wrestling Alliance.

These stories are grubby, hardboiled tales that explore the lives of desperate men—men who can't leave their rivalries in the ring. In Testament, every action has a reaction, every feud ends in carnage and the road to hell is paved with dead wrestlers.



A DARK HOMAGE

A Delilah Percy Powers Mystery

Wendy Tyson

Down & Out Books

January 20, 2020

Trade Paperback: \$17.95

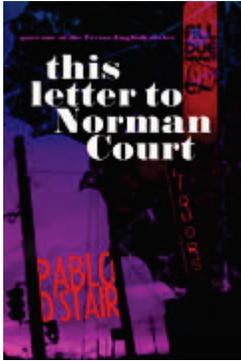
ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-074-6

eBook: \$7.99

What do a sex tape, a venture capital firm, a secret society of women, and a Catholic nun have in common? Murdered author Miriam Cross.

As Delilah Percy Powers and her staff of female detectives—a militant homemaker, an ex-headmistress, and a former stripper—investigate Miriam's death, they discover a dark criminal underworld. The team takes on Miriam's fight for justice, battling wits against a sadistic killer and putting their own lives at risk.

Reissue



THIS LETTER TO NORMAN COURT

The Trevor English Series
Pablo D'Stair

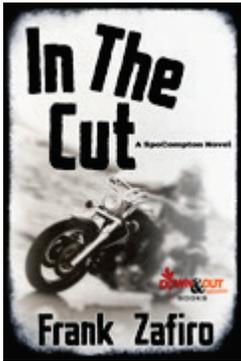
All Due Respect
January 24, 2020

Trade Paperback: \$9.95
ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-095-1
eBook: \$4.99

Reissue

When petty crook Trevor English is offered two thousand dollars to deliver a letter cross-country, the choice seems simple—money up front, no way to go wrong.

And when he finds this correspondence is something several parties would pay to get their hands on, the choice seems even simpler—take what he can, while he can, from who he can...and disappear.



IN THE CUT

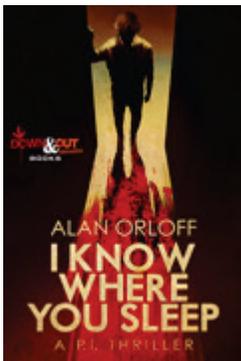
A SpoCompton Crime Novel
Frank Zafiro

Down & Out Books
January 27, 2020

Trade Paperback: \$15.95
ISBN-13: 978-1-64396-075-3
eBook: \$5.99

Boone's quest to join the Iron Brotherhood outlaw motorcycle gang comes to a head after a dangerous encounter he faces on the club's behalf. His reward comes with even greater danger, in the form of drugs, violence, and dark relationships.

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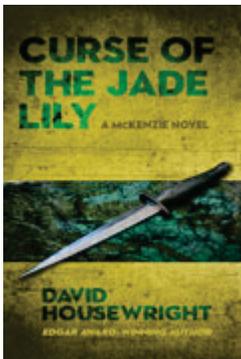
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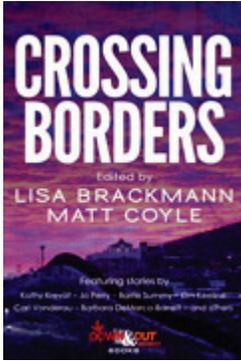
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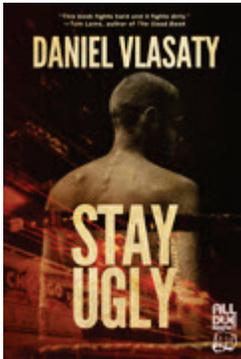
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