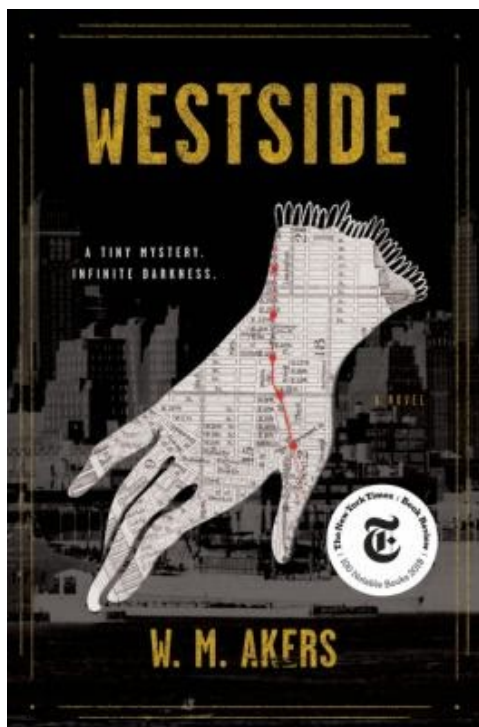


## *Reading List for Hard-boiled Mysteries*

This document is a companion to the slideshow movie for Hard-boiled Mysteries in our Fiction Collection. Listed below are the authors, titles, title formats, and the hyperlinks to each item. The items can be found in our Library catalog in hard copy format or as eBooks or eAudiobooks in our Library databases. One Library database is eLibraryNJ, the other is Hoopla. If you are experiencing problems accessing Hoopla content via the included links, please copy and paste the URL in to your browser.



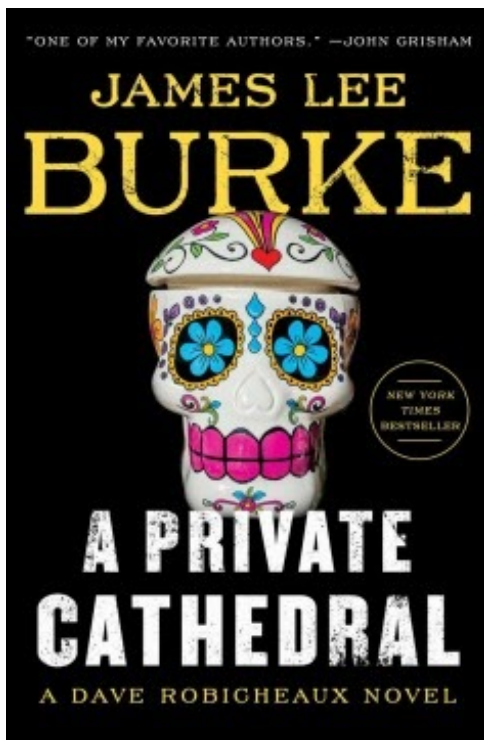
### Westside

by W. M. Akers

Library Catalog (Book)

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A young detective who specializes in "tiny mysteries" finds herself at the center of a massive conspiracy in this beguiling historical fantasy set on Manhattan's Westside--a peculiar and dangerous neighborhood home to strange magic and stranger residents.



A Private Cathedral  
by James Lee Burke

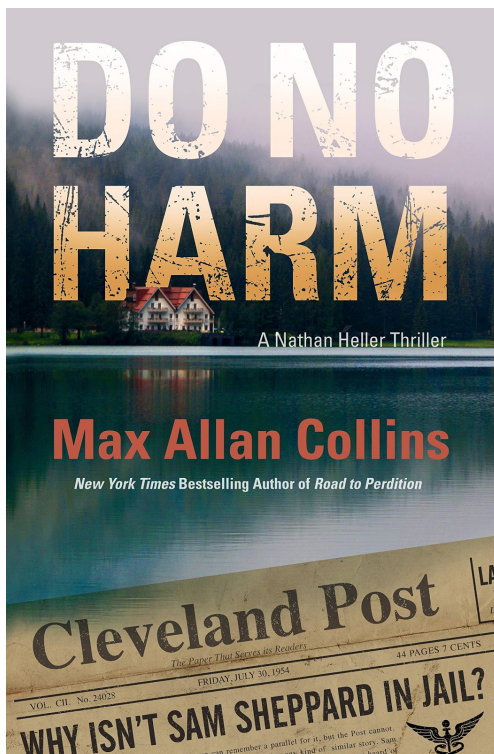
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Isolde Balangie tells Detective Dave Robicheaux that her parents have given her to the Shondell patriarch to be used as a sex slave. Seeking to uncover why, Robicheaux gets too close to both Isolde's mother and her father's mistress. As retribution, the elder Balangie orders a mysterious assassin to go after Robicheaux. This is book #23 of the Dave Robicheaux series.

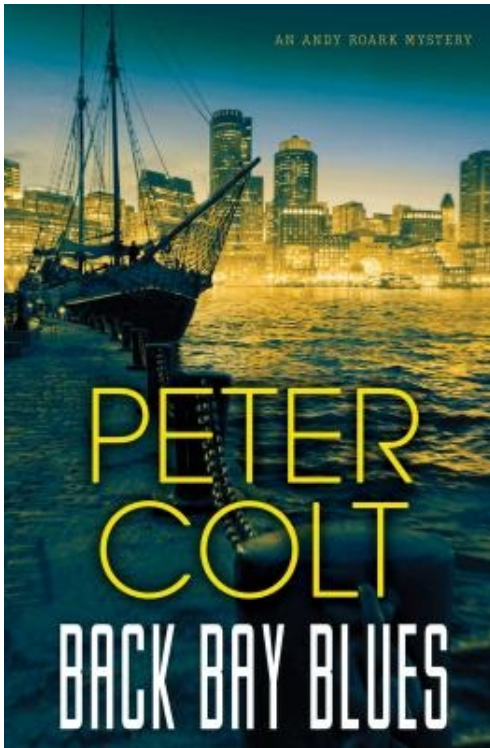


Do No Harm  
by Max Allan Collins

Library Catalog (Book)

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Heller takes on the Sam Sheppard case—a young doctor is startled from sleep and discovers his wife brutally murdered. He claims that a mysterious intruder killed his wife. But all the evidence points to a disturbed husband who has grown tired of married life and yearned to be free at all costs. This is the latest and #17 of the Nathan Heller series.



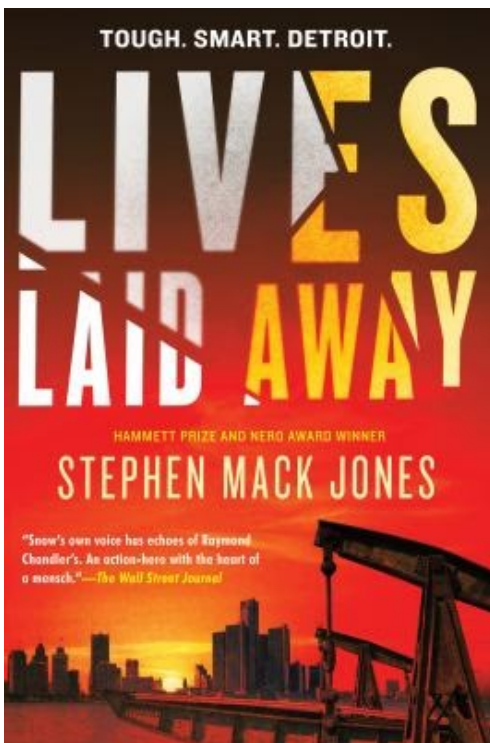
Back Bay Blues

by Peter Colt

Library Catalog (Book)

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Andy's latest case has ties to Vietnam. His new client, a beautiful and enigmatic young Vietnamese woman, hires him to investigate her uncle's murder. Andy discovers a connection to a group of refugees determined to overthrow the communist government. This is the latest (book #2) of the Andy Roark Mysteries.



Lives Laid Away

by Stephen Mack Jones

Library Catalog (Book)

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August's friend Elena, an advocate for undocumented immigrants, recognizes a photo of a young dead woman immediately. She's not the only young woman to have disappeared during an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raid, only to turn up dead a few weeks later. This is the latest book (#2) in the August Snow Mysteries.

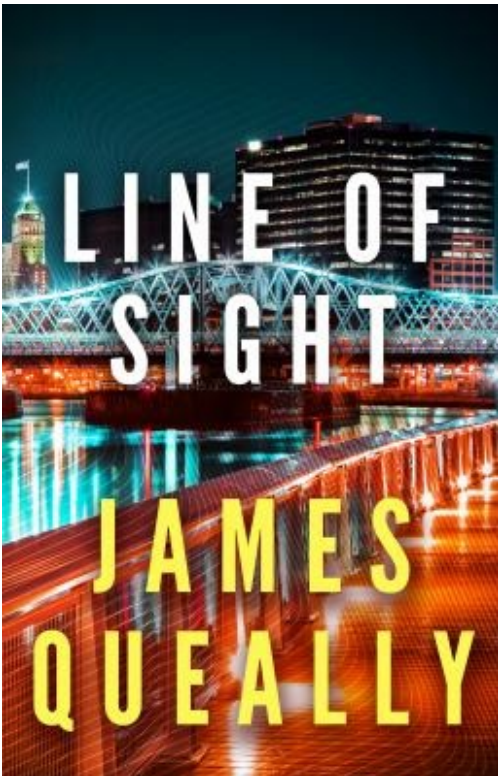


Trouble is What I Do  
by Walter Mosley

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Detective Leonid McGill is forced to confront the ghost of his felonious past when a nonagenarian Mississippi bluesman is targeted by an infamous assassin. This is the latest book (#6) in the Leonid McGill mysteries.



Line of Sight  
by James Queally

Library Catalog (Book)

[Link to Book](#)

A newly minted PI is shown a video by an activist, which shows the same kind of questionable use-of-force that had set New York City, Ferguson, and Cleveland on fire in recent years. The PI, Russell Avery, discovers that the young Black man who filmed the video is dead, and the more questions Russell asks, the less his cop buddies like him.

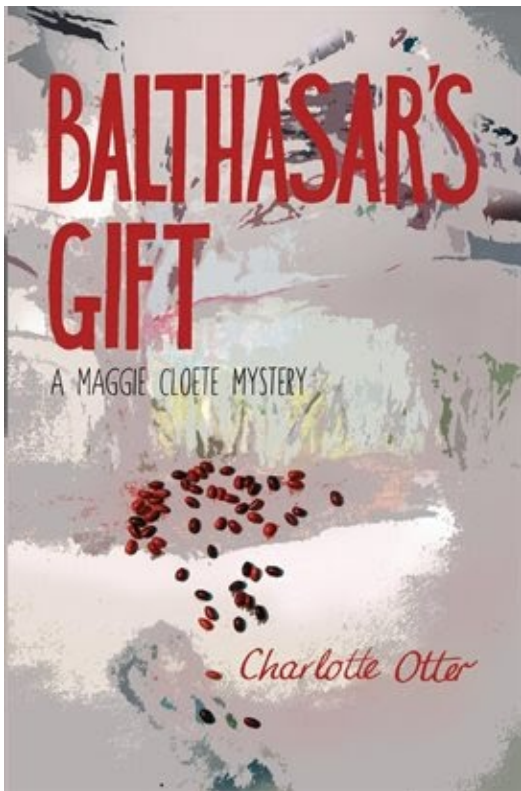




Turn on the Heat  
by Erle Stanley Gardner

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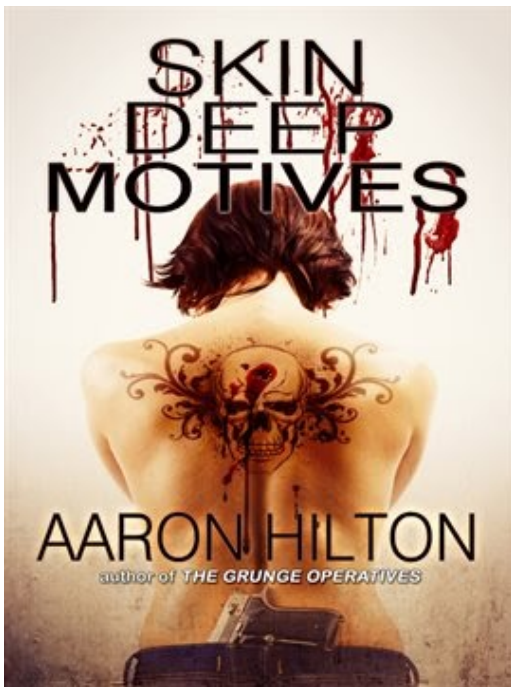
Hired by a mysterious 'Mr. Smith' to find a woman who vanished 21 years earlier. Donald Lam finds himself facing a sadistic cop, a desperate showgirl, a duplicitous client, and one very dogged (and beautiful) newspaper reporter.



Balthasar's Gift  
by Charlotte Otter

Hoopla (eBook)  
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Maybe it was an error for crime reporter Maggie Cloete to ignore the call from an AIDS worker, before someone put four bullets in his chest. Balthasar's Gift continues in the tradition of pacy, hard-boiled South African crime fiction. This is book #1 of the Maggie Cloete series.



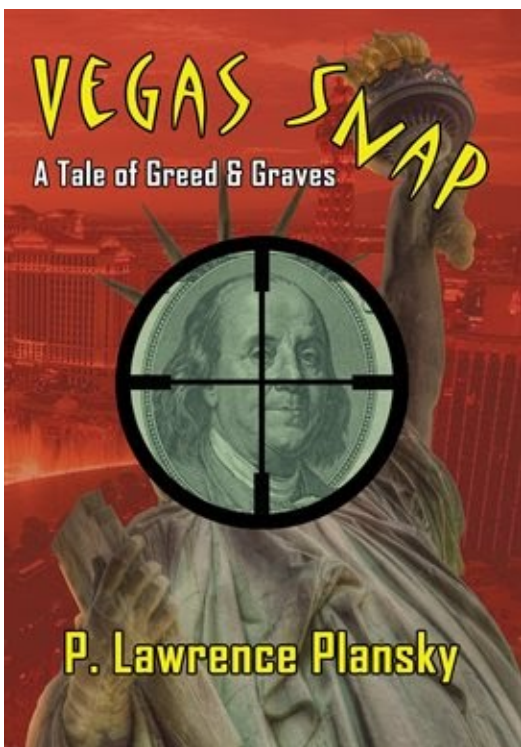
Skin Deep Motives

by Aaron Hilton

Hoopla (eBook)

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A pair of disenchanted private investigators probe a murder that hits them where they live and breathe, the killing of the tattoo artist that inked their first tats.



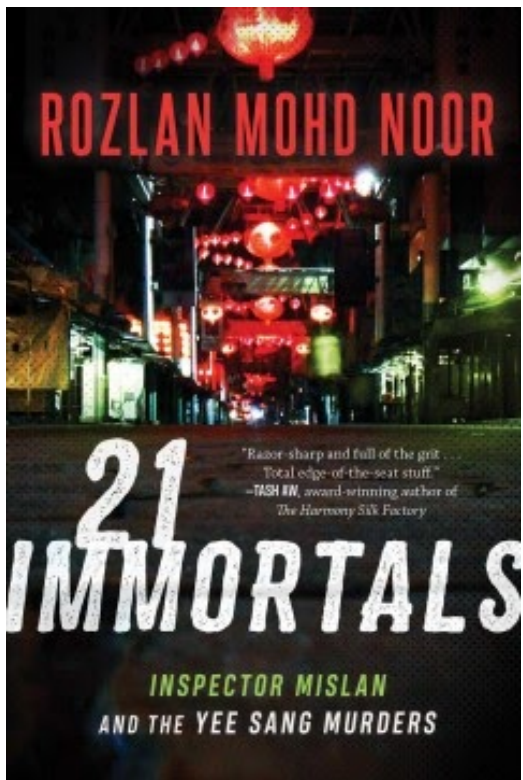
Vegas Snap

by P. Lawrence Plansky

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Set in glitzy Las Vegas, this mystery novel unravels two grotesque crimes. Relive the heady days of the U.S. real estate bubble when corrupt lenders - and many other players -- dealt painful fraud that led to the country's financial bust of 2008.



21 Immortals  
by Rozlan Mohd Noor

Library Catalog (Book)  
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Inspector Mislan is a reluctant and hard-boiled lead investigator in what looks like a 'perfect crime' involving triad members with powerful connections at the 'top', enough to get away with murder. Apart from having to contend with an ingenious bunch of criminals, he has to overcome resistance within his own force.

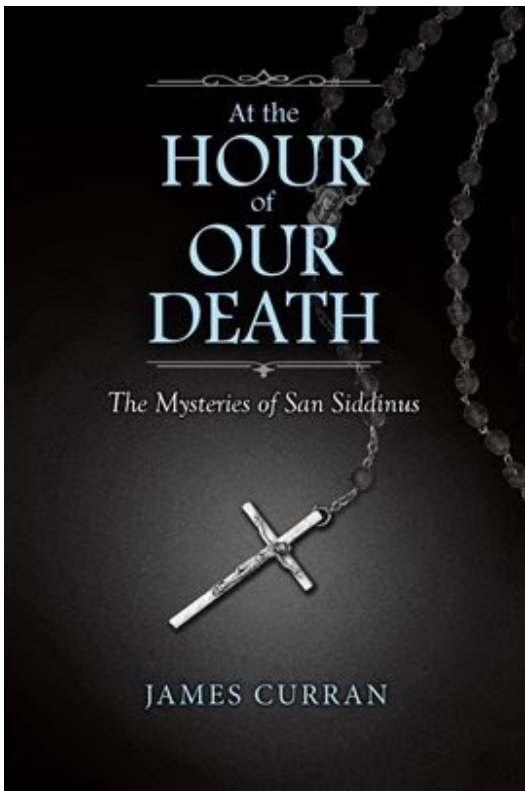


Burdened by Guilt  
by Michiko Katsu

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Detective Mike Anderson must rely on the insights of attractive English Professor Suzanne Kelly to help him solve the mystery when the dismembered body of a murder victim is found with a note from a classic work of literature. Drained of blood and chopped into pieces the note is his only clue.





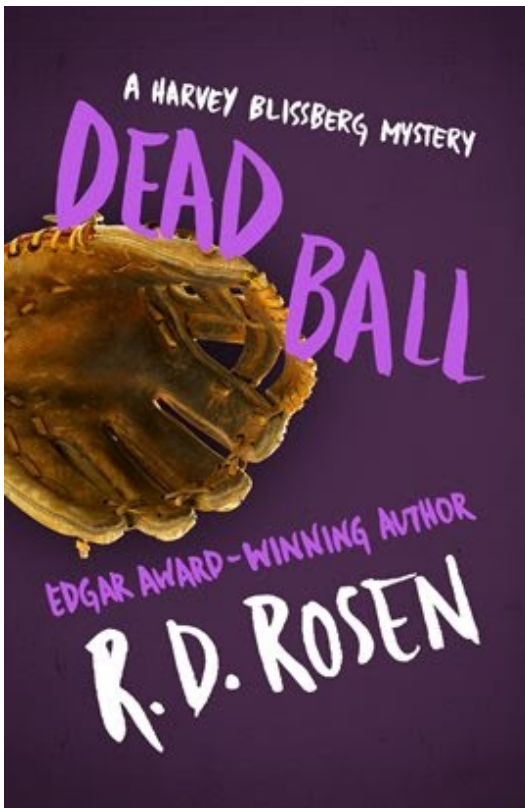
At the Hour of Our Death

by James Curran

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Micah Connaught is a jaded priest confronted with a crisis of faith: Is there any reason to believe in people? After discovering a girl was murdered near his church and a police department that couldn't care less, "Father Mick" embarks on a dangerous quest to find her killer in a city that likes being dirty.



Dead Ball

by R.D. Rosen

Hoopla (eBook)

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Fifteen years after retiring from baseball, Harvey Blissberg is tracked down by his former team's owner. The team's star, Moss Cooley, is on the verge of shattering Joe DiMaggio's "unbreakable" fifty-six-game hitting streak. But Cooley has been receiving racist threats. Would Blissberg mind playing bodyguard for a while? This is #5 in the Harvey Blissberg series.



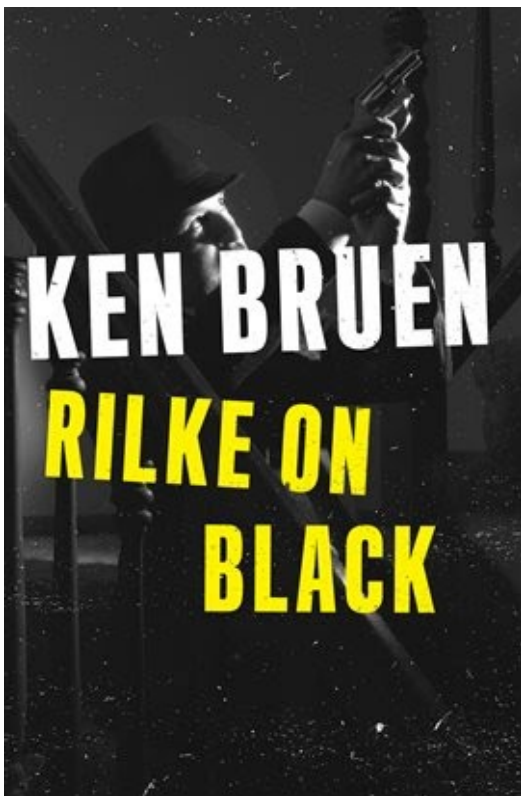


Ring Game  
by Pete Hautman

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Joe Crow is draws on his investigative skills when he becomes mixed up in a dispute between Hyatt Hilton, a coke dealer-turned-cult leader, and the members of his cult. This is the last of the Joe Crow series (#4).

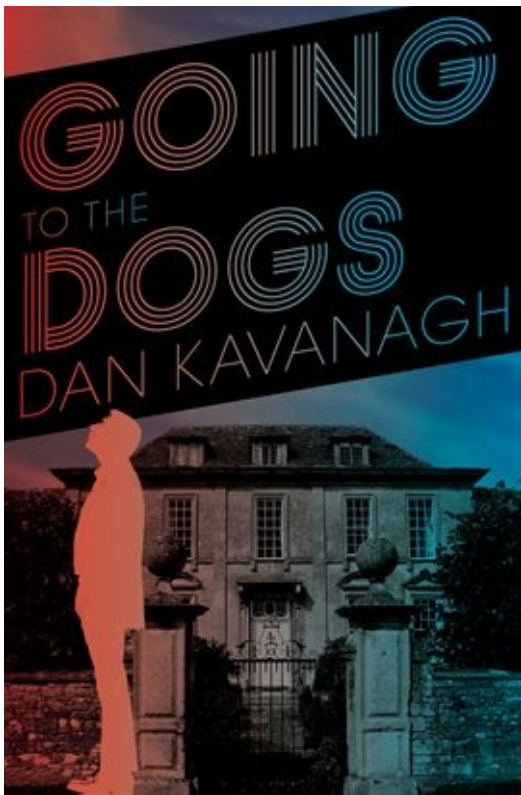


Rilke on Black  
by Ken Bruen

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In south London, an unlikely gang of kidnapers hatches a plot. Their prey is a powerful local businessman with an obsession for the poet Rilke. The thing is, each kidnapper has a very different agenda, which means it's only a matter of time before the joking stops and the violence takes over.

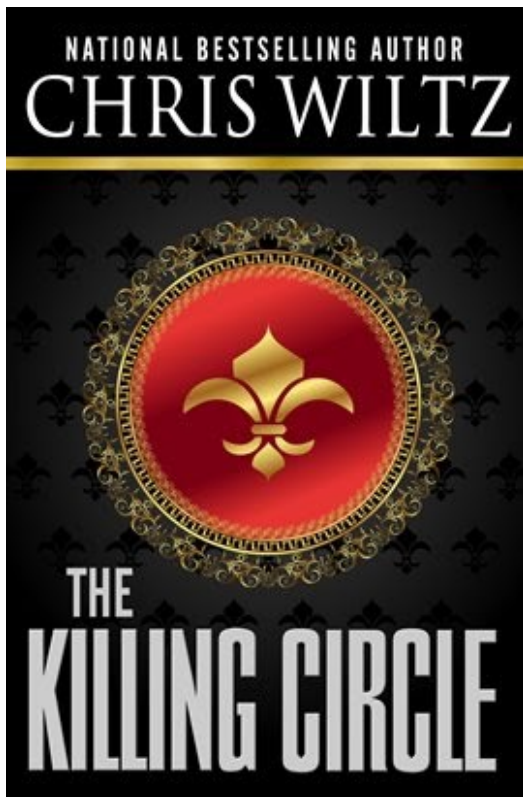


Going to the Dogs  
by Dan Kavanagh

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Vic Crowther's housekeeper found the body. Ricky bled out after crashing through the French windows of the manor's library. Duffy, the security consultant who installed the dodgy burglar alarm, will have to answer for this murder. This is the latest book (#4) of the Duffy series.

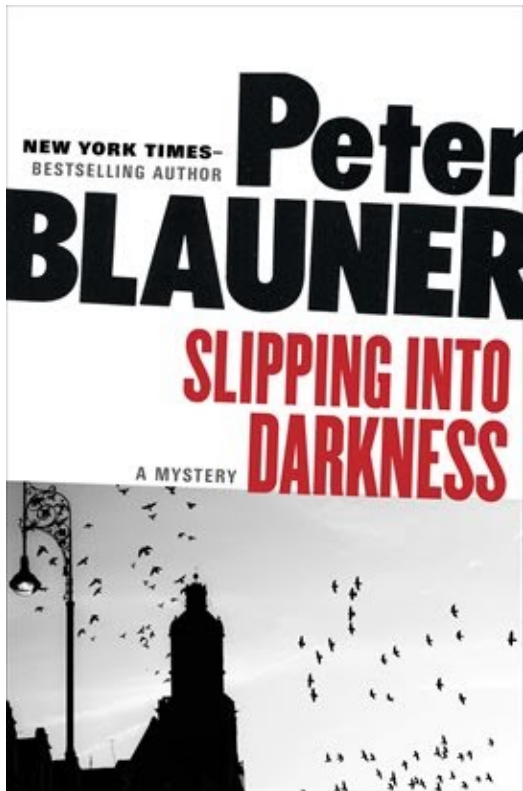


The Killing Circle  
by Chris Wiltz

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What does tough PI Neal Rafferty do when he finds himself falling for the prime suspect in a murder case? The answers, and the truth, may be hiding in the steamy streets and sleazy bars of New Orleans, and Rafferty's got to choose the right one . . . choose between a truth he can live with and one he could end up dying for. This is book #1 of the Neal Rafferty mysteries.

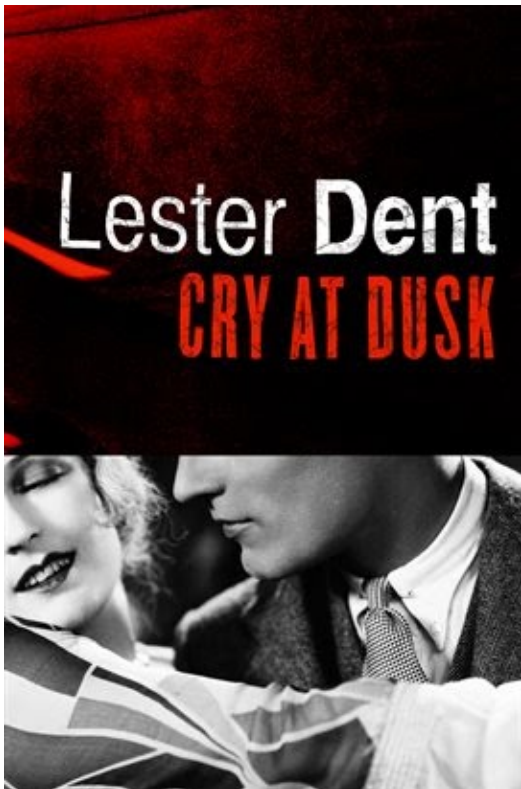


Slipping into Darkness  
by Peter Blauner

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When Allison Wallis was beaten to death, Detective Francis X. Loughlin found the killer--Julian Vega. But when Allison's blood appears at a new crime scene, the old case is called into question.

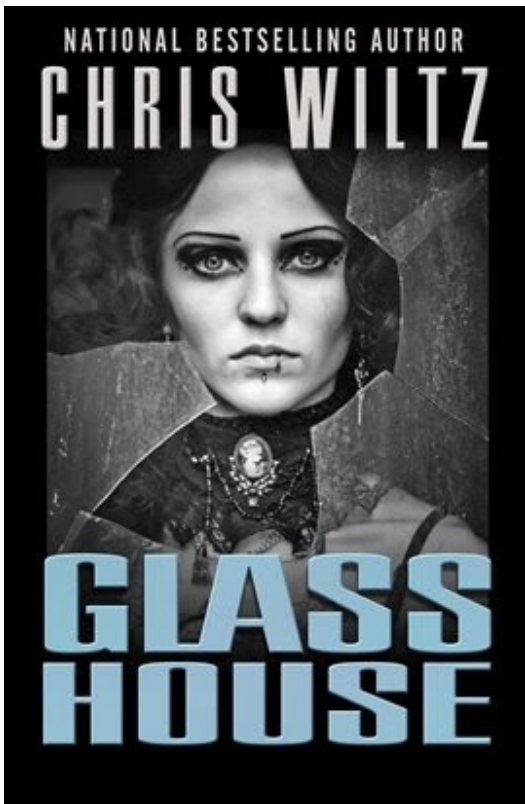


Cry at Dusk  
by Lester Dent

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Johnny Marks knows all about running, and not just because he's a standout on the football field. Ever since he was twelve, he's been raised by his shady Uncle Walter, moving from town to town and using a different name each time, until forged transcripts land him a place at a top-tier college.



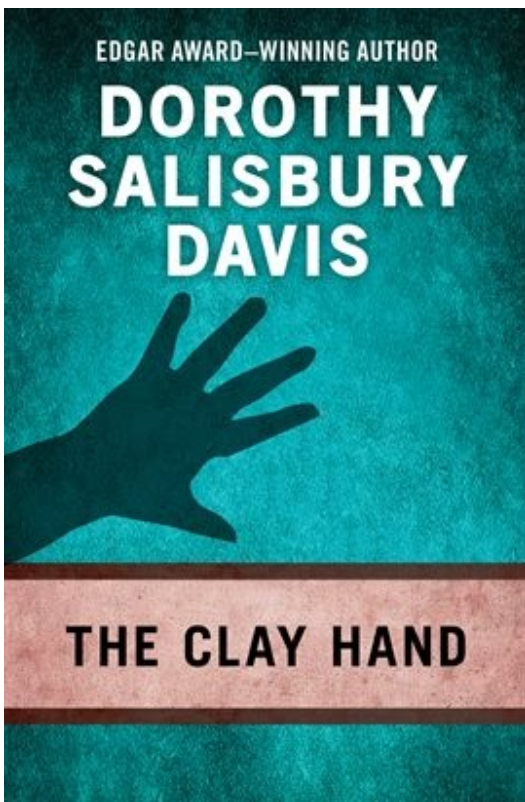
Glass House

by Chris Wiltz

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This is a novel inspired by the true story of a lone policeman who was killed at the edge of one of the most dangerous housing projects in New Orleans.



The Clay Hand

by Dorothy Salisbury Davis

Hoopla (eBook)

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Phil McGovern, the sports editor of an Ohio newspaper, cannot help envying his friend Dick Coffee. But then Dick ends up dead. No one knows what Dick was doing in Winston, WV. No one knows if he jumped or was pushed off a cliff. Phil joins forces with Sheriff Sam Fields to determine if Dick died by accident, suicide, or murder.