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Mystery Writers of America Presents Vengeance - Mystery Writers of America, Inc. 2012-04-03

When a different kind of justice is needed---swift, effective, and personal---a new type of avenger must take action. VENGEANCE features new stories by bestselling crime writers including Lee Child, Michael Connelly, Dennis Lehane, and Karin Slaughter, as well as some of today's brightest rising talents. The heroes in these stories include a cop who's seen too much, a woman who has been pushed too far, or just an ordinary person doing what the law will not. Some call them vigilantes, others claim they are just another brand of criminal. Edited and with an introduction by Lee Child, these stories reveal the shocking consequences when men and women take the law into their own hands. Full list of contributors: Alafair Burke Lee Child Michael Connelly Mike Cooper Brendan DuBois Jim Fusilli Michelle Gagnon Darrell James C.E. Lawrence Dennis Lehane Steve Liskow Rick McMahan Adam Meyer Dreda Say Mitchell Michael Niemann Twist Phelan Zoë Sharp Karin Slaughter Orest Stelmach Anne Swardson Janice Law Trecker

Dark Matter - Blake Crouch 2016-07-26

A mindbending, relentlessly surprising thriller from the author of the bestselling Wayward Pines trilogy. "Are you happy with your life?" Those are the last words Jason Dessen hears before the masked abductor knocks him unconscious. Before he awakens to find himself strapped to a gurney, surrounded by strangers in hazmat suits. Before a man Jason's never met smiles down at him and says, "Welcome back, my friend." In this world he's woken up to, Jason's life is not the one he knows. His wife is not his wife. His son was never born. And Jason is not an ordinary college physics professor, but a celebrated genius who has achieved something remarkable. Something impossible. Is it this world or the other that's the dream? And even if the home he remembers is real, how can Jason possibly make it back to the family he loves? The answers lie in a journey more wondrous and horrifying than anything he could've imagined—one that will force him to confront the darkest parts of himself even as he battles a terrifying, seemingly unbeatable foe. *Dark Matter* is a brilliantly plotted tale that is at once sweeping and intimate, mind-bendingly strange and profoundly human—a relentlessly surprising science-fiction thriller about choices, paths not taken, and how far we'll go to claim the lives we dream of.

First Drop - Zoe Sharp 2007-08-28

Working as a bodyguard for the personal security agency run by her ex-lover, Sean Mayer, Charlie Fox's latest assignment, babysitting Trey Pelzer, the teenage son of a wealthy Florida computer programmer, is complicated by the disappearance of Trey's father and his entire entourage, including Sean. Reprint.

Bleed For Me - Michael Robotham 2010-06-10

The fourth book in the Joe O'loughlin series, from bestselling author Michael Robotham. Ray Hegarty, a highly respected former detective, lies dead in his daughter Sienna's bedroom. She is found covered in his blood. Everything points to her guilt, but psychologist Joe O'Loughlin isn't convinced. Fourteen-year-old Sienna is Joe's daughter's best friend - Joe has watched her grow up and seen the troubled look in her eyes. Against the advice of the police, he launches his own investigation, embarking upon a hunt that will lead him to a predatory schoolteacher; a conspiracy of silence and a race hate trial that is captivating the nation. With dark psychological twists and heart-stopping tension, *Bleed For Me* is a page-turner thriller and undoubtedly Robotham's best yet.

Bones In the River - Zoe Sharp 2020

Driving on a country road late at night, you hit a child. There are no witnesses. You have EVERYTHING to lose. What do you do? The traditional Appleby Horse Fair hosts the largest gathering of Gypsies and Travellers in Europe. The sudden influx of more than 40,000 visitors into the small Lakeland town has always caused its share of problems, with strained relations between off-comers and locals. But it's also known as a good time to settle old scores. This year, the Fair brings with it with the

discovery of two bodies near the River Eden--one very recent and another a long time buried. As CSI Grace McColl and Detective Nick Weston search for answers, old secrets are revealed, old wounds are reopened, and tensions threaten to erupt into violence. While someone much closer to home is trying to get away with murder... The follow-up to *DANCING ON THE GRAVE*, the first of the Lakes Thriller Trilogy, this is a self-contained story featuring: CSI Grace McColl. She is forty, amicably divorced from her husband, Max. Born in the Lakes, she was always a keen photographer, who trained as a crime scene investigator after her photographs were used to help a guilty man go free and he later caused a woman's death. Grace still feels she has much to make amends for. She hides her emotions behind a calm façade that can make her sometimes appear cold. She lives in Orton village, with a Weimaraner called Tallie. Detective Constable Nick Weston. He is thirty-two, living with his partner, Lisa, a hairdresser, with whom he has a volatile relationship, and a young daughter, Sophie. Nick worked in Firearms in Manchester and then undercover for the Met in London. After he was compromised and almost beaten to death on an undercover op, Lisa persuaded him to transfer up to her native Cumbria, where he is considered an outsider among his colleagues. Nick is still coping with some of the mental and physical after-effects of his experiences. **READER REVIEWS:** "Unique characters and superb writing... I highly recommend." "Another book from Zoë Sharp with strong female protagonists that is hard to put down." "I love all of Ms Sharp's writing and while Charlie Fox will always be my favourite, the more I read of this pair the more I like them." "Zoë Sharp has shown what a versatile writer she is by changing from her blockbuster Charlie Fox series (which you should read if you haven't), to these books about a CSI." "Grace McColl is an endearing, smart and fascinating lead character as well and I look forward to the projected third novel in this trilogy. Grab this one as soon as it comes out--and if you haven't read *DANCING ON THE GRAVE*, grab that one too." "As rich and fascinating as I expected with the added plus of the engaging new (to me) characters of CSI Grace McColl and Detective Nick (Weston). They're intriguing alone and compelling together." "Sharp can be counted upon for providing admirable female characters against the backdrops of casual misogyny and domestic abuse and doing so with a light touch." "I love the Charlie Fox series by Zoë Sharp, and didn't think this novel could be as good as those, but now that I have read *BONES IN THE RIVER*, I actually like it even better!" "Thoroughly enjoyed the book. I could not put it down. Zoë Sharp never disappoints." "I was instantly hooked." "It's a cracking story, by a gifted author and I can't wait for more from either series. Highly recommended." "I'm an enormous fan of Sharp's Charlie Fox, the ex-army turned bodyguard, who stars in 13 novels and who is my vote for the best ever female main..."

Havana Lost - Libby Fischer Hellmann 2013-08

Third Strike - Zoe Sharp 2011-03-14

Bodyguard and ex-Special Forces soldier Charlie Fox is slowly recovering from gunshot wounds but is desperate to prove herself to her new boss. Little does she know there's a personal matter on the horizon that's going to take up all of her attention - her father is in trouble and needs her help. It seems he has upset the wrong crowd and they're using increasingly violent methods to systematically destroy the man's immaculate reputation. It's up to Charlie to find out why and stop the situation from getting seriously out of hand...

The Last Time She Died - Zoë Sharp 2021-10-20

She came back on the day of her father's funeral, ten years after she vanished. But she can't be who she says she is... When Blake disappeared as a teenager, on a cold dark night, her father never reported her missing. She is presumed dead. Now, ten years later, a young woman with white-blonde hair sits comfortably in the family living room and smiles at the shocked faces around her. "Don't you recognise me?" she says. "I'm Blake." Detective John Byron isn't sure whether

she's telling the truth. But as he investigates, he soon realises no one is happy to see her. And the people who should be welcoming her back with open arms know she can't be Blake. Because they killed her the night she vanished... Didn't they? From the bestselling author of the Charlie Fox books, *The Last Time She Died* will have you gripped until the last mind-blowing page. Fans of Cara Hunter, Kendra Elliot and Rachel Abbott will love this action-packed crime thriller. Readers are hooked by *The Last Time She Died*: 'Wow!! Just wow!!... This book is brilliant! More than brilliant, amazing!!!... Absolutely gripping, addictive and captivating... I was absolutely hooked from the first page to the last. I had a complete shock at the twists... Love, love, loved all the characters!!!' NetGalley reviewer 'Oh My GOD. What is this book?? I could not put it down!... Kept me up until the wee hours! Read this!' LauraReviews88, ★★★★★ 'Well, I was all in on this one... I loved our main characters... Was totally involved in our mystery... Happy that it seems to be the start of a series and I'm completely on board!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★ 'Phenomenal... Killer book - literally!... I can't wait for the next instalment in this five-star series!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★ 'WOW, did not see that ending coming. Kept me hooked all the way through.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★ 'Thrilling and I was hooked from the beginning! I'm very excited to look out for the next book in the series!' @readwith_brooke 'Engrossing and entertaining... Twists and turns keeping me on the edge of my seat... I rushed through this book, eager to turn the pages... I can't wait for the next book in the series!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★ 'Fabulous... Fast paced, great character development with an excellent plot... I couldn't have asked for a better book!' Goodreads reviewer 'I was totally blown away... Brilliant... You definitely have to read it, can't recommend it enough.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★ 'A mind-blowing, tale-twisting, suspenseful, thrill ride.' Goodreads reviewer 'Just amazing, gripping... The twists and turns kept throwing me off track and the ending, oh my goodness... A must-read... Such a page turner.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★ 'A whirlwind of a novel... I was glued to the pages, never knowing what was coming next... I was mightily impressed.' NetGalley reviewer 'Wow... Amazing, gripping, really cannot express how the twists and turns kept throwing me off track and the ending, oh my goodness... Definitely a must-read... Such a page turner.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★ 'I was sitting, relaxed, on the sofa when I started to read this book but after reading the first chapter I was sitting on the edge of it and I stayed there the whole time.' B for Book Review, ★★★★★ 'Incredible...It blew my socks off... Full of tension and suspense, I couldn't think about putting it down, I had to know what happened.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse - Charlie Mackesy 2019-10-29

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER · WALL STREET JOURNAL BESTSELLER · USA TODAY BESTSELLER "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse is not only a thought-provoking, discussion-worthy story, the book itself is an object of art." - Elizabeth Egan, *The New York Times* From British illustrator, artist, and author Charlie Mackesy comes a journey for all ages that explores life's universal lessons, featuring 100 color and black-and-white drawings. "What do you want to be when you grow up?" asked the mole. "Kind," said the boy. Charlie Mackesy offers inspiration and hope in uncertain times in this beautiful book, following the tale of a curious boy, a greedy mole, a wary fox and a wise horse who find themselves together in sometimes difficult terrain, sharing their greatest fears and biggest discoveries about vulnerability, kindness, hope, friendship and love. The shared adventures and important conversations between the four friends are full of life lessons that have connected with readers of all ages.

The Girls of Slender Means (New Directions Classic) - Muriel Spark 1998-04-17

"Long ago in 1945 all the nice people in England were poor, allowing for exceptions," begins *The Girls of Slender Means*, Dame Muriel Spark's tragic and rapier-witted portrait of a London ladies' hostel just emerging from the shadow of World War II. Like the May of Teck Club itself—"three times window shattered since 1940 but never directly hit"—its lady inhabitants do their best to act as if the world were back to normal: practicing elocution, and jostling over suitors and a single Schiaparelli gown. The novel's harrowing ending reveals that the girls' giddy literary and amorous peregrinations are hiding some tragically painful war wounds. Chosen by Anthony Burgess as one of the Best Modern Novels in the *Sunday Times* of London, *The Girls of Slender Means* is a taut and eerily perfect novel by an author *The New York Times* has called "one of this century's finest creators of comic-metaphysical entertainment."

Death and Deception - Seeley James 2020-07-21

Decorated former Ranger Jacob Stearne must discover why secret cabals are willing to kill for an ancient artifact in the newest addition to Seeley James's sensational Sabel Security series. Jacob and his fiancé Jenny, plan their future during their adventure deep in the Yucatán to repatriate a Mayan artifact. Together they hope to leave the past behind them and start anew. They arrive at the remote excavation site only to have one expert declare their stone age carving a fake and another call it the destroyer of civilizations. While the power of myth is debatable, Jacob and Jenny's good intentions quickly turn dangerous when a murderous executioner comes in search of their relic. Three warring secret societies draw Jacob ever deeper into their competing beliefs forcing him to choose sides. Then a series of events leave him mystified: a hostage who doesn't want to be rescued; freedom fighters who sabotage his efforts; and a professor who reveals far too little of the ancient lore. Everyone wants his help, but no one will tell him why. Sifting through unreliable alliances, Jacob must determine whose cause is just and whose is a myth. As Jacob peels back layers of sinister sects, he uncovers plots against the world's largest economies. With tight security by the finest police, he leaves it to the experts. But his deep concerns lead to a revelation. How can he explain a threat posed an archaic legend without sounding insane? Jacob will need to marshal his extraordinary Ranger skills, and to enlist help from both friends and enemies alike, to root out a diabolically evil plan ... before the few remaining democracies lose their freedoms. The latest installment in Seeley James's highly acclaimed Sabel Security series, this international adventure races from Mayan temples to Chicago mansions to a nail-biting ice climb on the tallest mountain in Germany. But be warned: it'll keep you up all night. READ THE NEXT BLOCKBUSTER BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE DOES. Click now to order! REVIEWS: I fell in love with the characters and can't get enough of them ... I felt every ounce of rage and desperation. -- CarolAnn Review It wasn't only the story that kept me riveted. It was characters that I loved or detested with a passion. --DreamBeast, Vine Voice Jacob and his sidekick god, Mercury are two of the best characters ever created — Secret World Book Club Action packed and impossible to put down. International politics and greed. --Jerry, Kobo I find Sabel Security adventures like finding James Rollins' Sigma Force, Preston & Child's Agent Pendergast, JD Robb's Eve Dallas, Lee Child's Jack Reacher, Steve Berry's Cotton Malone, and David Baldacci's myriad stories rolled into one. - Highly Recommended Books I loved the character of Pia Sabel - there's a girl Charlie Fox would team up with any day! -- Zoe Sharp, author of the Charlie Fox novels A fine thriller with intriguing locations, intricate plot twists and a complex heroine. - Kirkus Reviews *Anatomy: A Love Story* - Dana Schwartz 2022-01-18 *INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER* *INSTANT #1 INDIE BESTSELLER* *INSTANT USA TODAY BESTSELLER* *A REESE'S YA BOOK CLUB PICK* "Schwartz's magical novel is at once gripping and tender, and the intricate plot is engrossing as the reader tries to solve the mystery. She doesn't miss a beat in either the characterization or action, scattering clues with a delicate, precise hand. This is, in the end, the story of the anatomy of the human heart." - Booklist (starred review) Dana Schwartz's *Anatomy: A Love Story* is a gothic tale full of mystery and romance. Hazel Sinnett is a lady who wants to be a surgeon more than she wants to marry. Jack Currer is a resurrection man who's just trying to survive in a city where it's too easy to die. When the two of them have a chance encounter outside the Edinburgh Anatomist's Society, Hazel thinks nothing of it at first. But after she gets kicked out of renowned surgeon Dr. Beecham's lectures for being the wrong gender, she realizes that her new acquaintance might be more helpful than she first thought. Because Hazel has made a deal with Dr. Beecham: if she can pass the medical examination on her own, Beecham will allow her to continue her medical career. Without official lessons, though, Hazel will need more than just her books—she'll need corpses to study. Lucky that she's made the acquaintance of someone who digs them up for a living. But Jack has his own problems: strange men have been seen skulking around cemeteries, his friends are disappearing off the streets, and the dreaded Roman Fever, which wiped out thousands a few years ago, is back with a vengeance. Nobody important cares—until Hazel. Now, Hazel and Jack must work together to uncover the secrets buried not just in unmarked graves, but in the very heart of Edinburgh society.

The Unrepentant - E.A. Aymar 2019-03-04

They never expected her to fight back... Eighteen-year old Charlotte Reyes ran away from an abusive home only to end up tricked, kidnapped, and taken across the country by criminals. Charlotte manages to escape with the help of a reluctant former soldier named Mace Peterson, but she can't seem to shake the gang or the crooked cop paid to bring her

back—alive or otherwise. With nowhere to run and nowhere to hide, Charlotte realizes she only has one option. She has to fight. Set in the Virginia, Maryland, D.C. triangle, *The Unrepentant* combines page-gripping action and black comedy, and provides a no-holds-barred, necessary examination of the dark corners of the human mind. Praise for *THE UNREPENTANT*: “A gut-wrenching crime thriller. Readers who appreciate depth of character alongside gritty nonstop action will be rewarded.” —Publishers Weekly “Savage, nuanced, and infused with Aymar’s signature dry wit, *The Unrepentant* is an enjoyable hard-boiled tale that pulls no punches.” —Jennifer Hillier, author of *Creep and Wonderland* “Gritty and fleet, *The Unrepentant* takes an unflinching look at things that aren’t to be forgiven. Aymar’s storytelling is timely, thoughtful, and well-informed and will stay with you long after *The End*.” —Jamie Mason, author of *Three Graves Full* and *Monday’s Lie* “Brutal, dark and disturbing, Ed Aymar’s *The Unrepentant* packs a punch not easy to forget.” —Zoë Sharp, author of the Charlie Fox crime thriller series “*The Unrepentant* is a powerful, darkly evocative story that features an unforgettable protagonist in the wily Charlotte Reyes. These elements combine to make for a thrilling revenge tale peppered with sharp humor and feeling both timely and timeless. E.A. Aymar has arrived.” —Alex Segura, author of *Blackout* and *Dangerous Ends* “Aymar tackles a horrific problem with unflinching courage and wit. *The Unrepentant* rewards readers with crisp prose, relentless thrills, and characters you’d want on your team in what is, at its core, a modern-day brawl between good and evil. I couldn’t put it down.” —Wendy Tyson, author of *Rooted in Deceit* “*The Unrepentant* is a gripping and unnerving tale about the sex trade, American justice, and what it means to be a hero. E.A. Aymar takes on a taboo subject with honesty and courage.” —Allison Leotta, author of *The Last Good Girl* “A tale of unflinching brutality, told with dark humour and bursting with empathy for both victim and hapless criminal alike, *The Unrepentant* is an action-packed, fast-moving thrill ride sure to leave readers breathless.” —Owen Laukkanen, bestselling author of *The Professionals*

The Blood Whisperer - Zoë Sharp 2015-10-08

The author of the Charlie Fox series is “at the top of her game” in a thriller featuring a woman far too familiar with the details of death (Harlan Coben). Kelly Jacks had a lover’s bond with evidence. The driest, most antiseptic crime scene would spread open for her, yielding its secrets. And then it all went bad. Framed for an ugly murder, Kelly knew the evidence would clear her . . . and then it didn’t. After years in prison, Kelly now works cleaning up the crime scenes she used to investigate. And once again, she wakes up next to a dead body and clutching a weapon. Remembering nothing. And certain of two things: Evidence doesn’t love her anymore, and someone really wants her behind bars. Praise for Zoë Sharp and *The Blood Whisperer* “Scarily good.” —Lee Child “Zoë Sharp is a master at writing thoughtful action thrillers.” —Meg Gardiner “Sharp is the best kept secret in crime fiction, it’s about time that changed.” —Stuart MacBride “Sharp introduces an intriguing new character in her latest action-packed thriller . . . Kelly Jacks is a real keeper in this book bursting with bondage, Russians, evil crime lords, and corruption.” —Kirkus Reviews

Hard Knocks - Zoë Sharp 2015-10-08

Ex-army. Current badass. Charlie Fox has some knowledge to drop in “one of the very best crime fiction sagas out there” (Chicago Tribune). Who doesn’t love a good British boarding-school story? Well, Charlie Fox for starters, especially now that she’s been dropped in the middle of one. Einsbaden Manor, snuggled deep in the German countryside, isn’t exactly Hogwarts: It specializes in training bodyguards, and it’s in Germany because the British government takes a dim view of some of the techniques it teaches. With her military background and her intimate knowledge of how to take a punch, Charlie hardly needs the lessons, but she does need to find out why an old friend ended his studies at Einsbaden—and his life—with a hail of bullets in his back. And of course, there’s a second question: Will Charlie figure out how to graduate without following her mate’s example? Praise for Zoë Sharp and the Charlie Fox series “If Jack Reacher were a woman, he’d be Charlie Fox.” —Lee Child, #1 New York Times bestselling author “Zoë Sharp is one of the sharpest, coolest, and most intriguing writers I know. She delivers dramatic, action-packed novels with characters we really care about.” —Harlan Coben, #1 New York Times bestselling author “The bloody bar fights are bloody brilliant and Charlie’s skills are formidable and for real.” —The New York Times “As action-packed and streamlined as the Suzuki the main character, a self-defense expert, rides. Zoë Sharp has an apt last name.” —David Morrell, New York Times bestselling author

Absence of Light - Zoë Sharp 2015-10-08

Natural disaster. Unnatural death. Welcome to Charlie Fox’s life. In this riveting crime thriller series, “Zoë Sharp and Charlie Fox both kick ass” (Mark Billingham, international bestselling author). There you were, just minding your own business, and suddenly the earth split beneath your feet. Everything good, everything familiar tumbles around you in busted shards, or it’s ash, or is on fire. That’s the scene of the earthquake where Charlie’s working, helping to dig out the living and ID the dead. But it’s an all-too-apt metaphor for her personal life, which has shifted in an eye-blink from *Getting’ By* to *Full-On Catastrophic*. Again. Nothing is ever easy for Charlie, including finding evidence of a murder among the rubble. “Crackling . . . The razor-edged action builds to a clever, poignant closing twist.” —Publishers Weekly Praise for Zoë Sharp and the Charlie Fox series “If Jack Reacher were a woman, he’d be Charlie Fox.” —Lee Child, #1 New York Times bestselling author “Zoë Sharp is one of the sharpest, coolest, and most intriguing writers I know. She delivers dramatic, action-packed novels with characters we really care about.” —Harlan Coben, #1 New York Times bestselling author “The bloody bar fights are bloody brilliant and Charlie’s skills are formidable and for real.” —The New York Times “As action-packed and streamlined as the Suzuki the main character, a self-defense expert, rides. Zoë Sharp has an apt last name.” —David Morrell, New York Times bestselling author

Road Kill - Zoë Sharp 2015-10-08

A twisty crime thriller that has “the must-read heroine of mystery” heading for a crash—from the award-winning author of *First Drop* (Ken Bruen). For Charlie Fox, motorcycles have been a means of escape and a source of power. But now they’ve turned on her: A bike accident has left her best friend for dead. And as Charlie pokes around—was it an accident?—her beloved bike starts looking less like a symbol of freedom and more like an avatar of rage. And Charlie herself is a moving target. “It’s really quite impossible to put this book down, but what really makes this (and the whole series) shine is how Charlie’s kickass skills are rooted in her own femininity and character.” —Sarah Weinman, *Confessions of an Idiosyncratic Mind* “There’s a high-octane climax to this entertaining story, in which Charlie once more displays her courage and ingenuity.” —The Sunday Telegraph Praise for Zoë Sharp and the Charlie Fox series “If Jack Reacher were a woman, he’d be Charlie Fox.” —Lee Child, #1 New York Times bestselling author “Zoë Sharp is one of the sharpest, coolest, and most intriguing writers I know. She delivers dramatic, action-packed novels with characters we really care about.” —Harlan Coben, #1 New York Times bestselling author “The bloody bar fights are bloody brilliant and Charlie’s skills are formidable and for real.” —The New York Times “As action-packed and streamlined as the Suzuki the main character, a self-defense expert, rides. Zoë Sharp has an apt last name.” —David Morrell, New York Times bestselling author

For the Sake of the Game: Stories Inspired by the Sherlock Holmes Canon - Laurie R. King 2018-12-04

In a sensational follow-up to *Echoes of Sherlock Holmes* and *In the Company of Sherlock Holmes*, a brand-new anthology of stories inspired by the Arthur Conan Doyle canon. For the Sake of the Game is the latest volume in the award-winning series from New York Times bestselling editors Laurie R. King and Leslie S. Klinger, with stories of Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Watson, and friends in a variety of eras and forms. King and Klinger have a simple formula: ask some of the world’s greatest writers—regardless of genre—to be inspired by the stories of Arthur Conan Doyle. The results are surprising and joyous. Some tales are pastiches, featuring the recognizable figures of Holmes and Watson; others step away in time or place to describe characters and stories influenced by the Holmes world. Some of the authors spin whimsical tales of fancy; others tell hard-core thrillers or puzzling mysteries. One beloved author writes a song; two others craft a melancholy graphic tale of insectoid analysis. This is not a volume for readers who crave a steady diet of stories about Holmes and Watson on Baker Street. Rather, it is for the generations of readers who were themselves inspired by the classic tales, and who are prepared to let their imaginations roam freely. Featuring Stories by: Peter S. Beagle, Rhys Bowen, Reed Farrel Coleman, Jamie Freveletti, Alan Gordon, Gregg Hurwitz, Toni L. P. Kelner, William Kotzwinkle and Joe Servello, Harley Jane Kozak, D. P. Lyle, Weston Ochse, Zoe Sharp, Duane Swierczynski, and F. Paul Wilson.

The Magic of Lemon Drop Pie - Rachel Linden 2022-08-02

“Heartfelt, heartwarming, joyful, and uplifting. You can’t go wrong with a Rachel Linden book.” —#1 New York Times bestselling author Debbie Macomber An uplifting novel about a heartbroken young pie maker who is granted a magical second chance to live the life she didn’t choose. . . . from the bestselling author of *The Enlightenment of Bees*. Lolly

Blanchard's life only seems to give her lemons. Ten years ago, after her mother's tragic death, she broke up with her first love and abandoned her dream of opening a restaurant in order to keep her family's struggling Seattle diner afloat and care for her younger sister and grieving father. Now, a decade later, she dutifully whips up the diner's famous lemon meringue pies each morning while still pining for all she's lost. As Lolly's thirty-third birthday approaches, her quirky great-aunt gives her a mysterious gift—three lemon drops, each of which allows her to live a single day in a life that might have been hers. What if her mom hadn't passed away? What if she had opened her own restaurant in England? What if she hadn't broken up with the only man she's ever loved? Surprising and empowering, each experience helps Lolly let go of her regrets and realize the key to transforming her life lies not in redoing her past but in having the courage to embrace her present.

Deep Down Dead - Steph Broadribb 2016-10-15

Shortlisted for: ****The Kathy Reichs Award for Fearless Female Character**** ****The Cat Amongst the Pigeons Award for Most Exceptional Debut**** ****FINALIST IN THE INTERNATIONAL THRILLER WRITERS AWARDS FOR BEST FIRST NOVEL**** Part-time Florida bounty-hunter Lori Anderson isn't a superhero ... she's a single mum with a lot on her plate. But when her family is threatened, she'll stop at nothing to seek justice, and keep them safe... 'A real cracker' Mark Billingham 'My kind of book' Lee Child 'Like *Midnight Run*, but much darker ... really, really good' Ian Rankin Six states. Three days. One chance to save her child... Lori Anderson is as tough as they come, managing to keep her career as a fearless Florida bounty hunter separate from her role as single mother to nine-year-old Dakota, who suffers from leukaemia. But when the hospital bills start to rack up, she has no choice but to take her daughter along on a job that will make her a fast buck. And that's when things start to go wrong. The fugitive she's assigned to haul back to court is none other than JT, Lori's former mentor - the man who taught her everything she knows ... the man who also knows the secrets of her murky past. Not only is JT fighting a child exploitation racket operating out of one of Florida's biggest amusement parks, Winter Wonderland, a place where 'bad things never happen', but he's also mixed up with the powerful Miami Mob. With two fearsome foes on their tails, just three days to get JT back to Florida, and her daughter to protect, Lori has her work cut out for her. When they're ambushed at a gas station, the stakes go from high to stratospheric, and things become personal.

Breathtakingly fast-paced, both hard-boiled and heart-breaking, *Deep Down Dead* is a simply stunning debut from one of the most exciting new voices in crime fiction. Praise for the Lori Anderson Series 'This is romping entertainment that moves faster than a bullet' *Sunday Express* 'If you like your action to race away at full tilt, then this whirlwind of a thriller is a must' *Sunday People* 'Lively' *Sunday Times* 'An impressive thriller, the kind of book that comfortably sits alongside seasoned pros at the top of their game. Sultry and suspenseful, it marks a welcome first vow for an exceptional new voice' *Good Reading Magazine* 'Suspense, action, romance, danger and a plot that will keep you reading into the wee small hours. I loved it' Lisa Gray, *Daily Record* 'Fresh, fast and zinging with energy' *Sunday Mirror* 'Readers will cheer her every step of the way' *Publishers Weekly* 'Just a whole hell of a lot of fun' *New Books Magazine* 'Fresh, compelling and beautifully written' S.J.I. Holliday 'Fast-paced, engaging and hugely entertaining' Simon Toyne 'Brilliant and pacy' Steve Cavanagh 'A hell of a thriller' Mason Cross 'A blistering debut' Neil Broadfoot 'If you love romantic suspense, you'll love this ride' Alexandra Sokoloff 'A stunning debut from a major new talent' Zoë Sharp 'One of my favourite debut novels for a long, long time' Luca Veste 'A gritty debut that will appeal to Sue Grafton fans' Caroline Green 'Crazy good ... full-tilt action and a brilliant cast of characters' Yrsa Sigurðardóttir 'The pace moves at breakneck speed. The writing style is accomplished and real and this is quite simply one of the best debut novels I have ever read' Angela Marsons

[More Forensics and Fiction](#) - D P Lyle 2012-04-01

This compilation of medical and forensic science questions from crime writers around the world provides insight into medical and forensic science as well as a glimpse into the writer's creative mind. How do hallucinogenic drugs affect a blind person? Will snake venom injected into fruit cause death? How would you perform CPR in a helicopter? What happens when someone swallows razor blades? How long does it take blood to dry? Can DNA be obtained from a half-eaten bagel? D. P. Lyle, MD, answers these and many more intriguing questions. The book is a useful and entertaining resource for writers and screenwriters, helping them find the information they need to frame a situation and write a convincing description. TV viewers, readers who enjoy crime

fiction, and those who want to know more about forensic science can keep up with the news and understand the science behind criminal investigation. From traumatic injuries to the coroner's office, the questions and answers are divided into five parts, making it a compendium of the incredible information that lies within the world of medicine and forensics.

Fifth Victim - Zoë Sharp 2013-01-09

New in paperback, the fierce and charismatic Charlie Fox must choose between her duty to her client or her desire to avenge her lover's attacker. With the life of her lover, Sean, still hanging in the balance, former Special Forces soldier turned bodyguard, Charlie Fox, throws herself into her only means of escape—her work. On Long Island, the playground of New York's wealthy and privileged, she is tasked with protecting the wayward daughter of rich businesswoman, Caroline Willner. It seems that an alarming number of the girl's circle of friends have been through kidnap ordeals, and Charlie quickly discovers that the girl herself, Dina, is fascinated by the clique formed by these former victims. Is that why she seems to be going out of her way to invite capture? Charlie worries that Dina's thrill-seeking tendencies will put both of them in real danger. But just as her worst fears are realized, Charlie receives devastating personal news. The man who put Sean in his coma is on the loose. She is faced with the choice between her loyalties to her client and avenging Sean, but the two goals are soon inextricably linked. The decisions Charlie makes now, and the path she chooses to follow, will have far-reaching consequences.

Hunted - Elizabeth Heiter 2013-12-31

Criminal profiler Evelyn Baine, a rising star in the FBI, becomes the hunted when the Bakersville Burier, a serial killer who hunts young women and displays them, half-buried, deep in the woods, vows to make this case her last. Original.

[Dancing on the Grave](#) - Zoe Sharp 2018

DANCING ON THE GRAVE is a new standalone set in the English Lake District, from the award-winning author of the Charlie Fox crime thriller series. 'A sniper with a mission... A young cop with nothing to lose... A CSI with everything to prove... And a teenage girl with a terrifying obsession...'

Fox Hunter - Zoe Sharp 2021-01-08

FOX HUNTER: #12. 'Charlie Fox can never forget the men who put a brutal end to her army career, but swore a long time ago she would never go looking for them. Now she doesn't have a choice.'

The Apothecary - Maile Meloy 2011-10-04

It's 1952 and the Scott family has just moved from Los Angeles to London. Here, fourteen-year-old Janie meets a mysterious apothecary and his son, Benjamin Burrows - a fascinating boy who's not afraid to stand up to authority and dreams of becoming a spy. When Benjamin's father is kidnapped, Janie and Benjamin must uncover the secrets of the apothecary's sacred book, the Pharmacopoeia, in order to find him, all while keeping it out of the hands of their enemies - Russian spies in possession of nuclear weapons. Discovering and testing potions they never believed could exist, Janie and Benjamin embark on a dangerous race to save the apothecary and prevent impending disaster. Together with Ian Schoenherr's breathtaking illustrations, this is a truly stunning package from cover to cover.

The Pleasures of Sin - Jessica Trapp 2009-05-05

She'll Give Her Heart To No One. . . Banished to her family's castle tower for refusing to marry, Lady Brenna spends her days indulging her secret passion for painting provocative works of art. If they are discovered, Brenna knows she will hang. But her life changes the day England's most notorious privateer James Vaughn, the Earl of Montgomery, arrives to claim Brenna's younger sister as his bride. Brenna knows her sister will be no match against such a man. To save her, Brenna dons the wedding veil and marries the brute herself. . . Except The Man Who Completely Arouses Her. . . Known as The Enforcer, James Montgomery has been charged with ridding the land of rebels disloyal to the king. He's not amused to learn he's been tricked into marrying the wrong sister. In retaliation, he decides to tempt his new wife until she begs to be taken to his bed. Yet, James soon finds that it is he who is enticed. But when a secret about Brenna is revealed, James discovers that all of his love may not be enough to save her. . .

Fox Hunter: A Charlie Fox Thriller - Zoë Sharp 2017-08-08

In the latest novel in this energetic series, ex-special forces soldier Charlie Fox finds herself on a mission to the Iraqi countryside to track down a missing comrade-in-arms. Special forces soldier-turned-bodyguard Charlotte "Charlie" Fox can never forget the men who put a brutal end to her military career, but a long time ago she vowed she

would not go looking for them. Now she doesn't have a choice. Her boss Sean Meyer is missing in Iraq, where one of those men was working as a private security contractor. When the man's butchered body is discovered, Charlie fears that Sean may be pursuing a twisted vendetta on her behalf. Charlie's "close protection" agency in New York needs this dealt with—fast and quiet—before everything they've worked for goes to ruins. They send Charlie to the Middle East with very specific instructions: Find Sean Meyer and stop him—by whatever means necessary. At one time Charlie thought she knew Sean better than she knew herself, but it seems he's turned into a violent stranger. Always ruthless, is he really capable of such savage acts of slaughter? As the trail grows ever more bloody, Charlie realizes that she is not the only one after Sean and, unless she can get to him first, the hunter may soon become the hunted.

Bad Turn - Zoe Sharp 2019-09-27

Bad Turn is the latest instalment in Zoë Sharp's highly acclaimed and award-winning Charlotte 'Charlie' Fox crime thriller series. 'Charlie Fox is out of work, out of her apartment and out of options. Why else would she be working for a shady arms dealer?'

Clean Hands - Patrick Hoffman 2020-06-02

A scorching thriller from the author of *The White Van* and *Every Man a Menace*. "Keep your eye on Patrick Hoffman—he's got the right stuff" (James Carlos Blake, author of *The Pistoleer* and *The Ways of Wolfe*). Corporate lawyer Elizabeth Carlyle is under a lot of pressure. Her prestigious New York law firm is working on the most high-stakes case in company history defending a prominent bank. When Elizabeth gets the news that one of her junior associates has lost his phone—and the secret documents that were on it—she needs help. Badly. Enter ex-CIA officer Valencia Walker, a high-priced fixer who gets called in when governments, corporations, and plutocrats need their problems solved discretely. But things get complicated when the missing phone is retrieved: somebody has already copied the documents, and now they're blackmailing the firm. When the situation gets murkier still—hinting that darker forces may be churning below the surface—Elizabeth and Valencia must maneuver and outmaneuver whomever is behind this and, most importantly, keep their hands clean. This is a world of private security, private diplomacy, and private justice. A sharply drawn cast of characters—dirty lawyers, black-market traders, Russian criminals, and extrajudicial actors—all take part in this breakneck tour through New York. Authentic, tense, and impossible to put down, *Clean Hands* gives a vivid look at the connections between corporation, government, and underworld. Praise for Patrick Hoffman "Everything you could want in a thriller—lightning pace, dead-on dialogue, and a twisting, high-torque plot." —Carl Hiaasen on *Every Man a Menace* "Stuffed with truly shocking twists." —Entertainment Weekly on *The White Van*

Fourth Day: A Charlie Fox Thriller (Charlie Fox Thrillers) - Zoë Sharp 2012-01-12

Charlie Fox must use all of her skills in her latest adrenaline-fueled mission - to infiltrate the cult known as Fourth Day. The cult calling itself Fourth Day is well funded and highly jealous of its privacy. Five years ago, Thomas Witney went in to try to get the evidence that the cult's charismatic leader was responsible for the death of Witney's son, Liam. Witney never came out. Now, Charlie Fox and her partner, Sean Meyer, have been assigned to get Witney out, willing or not. But planning and executing a clean, surgical snatch is only the beginning. Five years is a long time to be on the inside, and the man who comes out has changed beyond all recognition.

Burning Down the Fireproof Hotel - Cary Campbell Umhau 2014-12-23

Cary Umhau had everything she'd ever wanted -- beautiful children, a healthy bank account, even, she'd been told, a ticket to heaven. Yet something felt desperately wrong. Somewhere on the road to the American Dream, her happy Christian life had become a fireproof fortress -- one that kept the world's pain at bay but left her all too safe from God's burning love. And she learned that he would do anything to break her out. Including -- it seemed -- breaking her. *Burning Down the Fireproof Hotel* is part memoir, part manifesto for the spacious life that's waiting for all of us beyond our private prisons.

Absence Of Light: #11 Charlie Fox Crime Thriller Mystery Series - Zoë Sharp 2021

"If Jack Reacher were a woman, he'd be Charlie Fox." Lee Child "The last thing they'll do is get us out of here. Can't afford to. We could tell too many stories. Stories they want to stay buried with us..." A major earthquake sees ex-Special Forces soldier-turned-bodyguard Charlie Fox on a transport plane headed for the scene of devastation. Tasked as security advisor to the specialist team at the centre of relief efforts,

Charlie knows the team members put themselves in constant danger as a matter of course. Her job is to find out what kind of other risks they're prepared to take. Her predecessor conveniently died while investigating rumours that the team were stealing from the dead. Now she's been instructed to quietly uncover whether his death was as accidental as the official verdict suggests. Because, if it was an accident, why is everyone so obviously lying to her? Charlie must seek answers amid the shifting and lawless landscape, before there are more than just earthquake victims buried in the rubble... If you like Lee Child but have been looking for strong yet believable female protagonists, who will take down the bad guys without hesitation but who are still human enough to care, then bodyguard Charlie Fox is definitely for you. Readers have found books in this series action-packed thrill rides that kept them glued to the end, well-written, gritty, and hard to put down. A gripping page-turner. Author's Note: This is Book #11 in the Charlie Fox series.

Although I've tried hard to make each of the stories stand alone, inevitably Charlie's history builds up over the course of the novels. If you are new to the series and want to know the full story of Charlie--how she began working with Sean Meyer after their time in the Army--then start at the beginning. If you're more interested in Charlie's career as a close-protection operative, then I'd recommend you begin with Book #4, *FIRST DROP*, when she and her teenage charge find themselves on the run during her first bodyguard job in Florida. PRAISE FOR ZOE SHARP AND CHARLIE FOX "I highly recommend this series!" Ian Rankin "Superb." Ken Bruen "If you haven't read Zoe's books before, do yourself a favour and start now." James Oswald "In Sharp's crackling 11th thriller... the razor-edged action builds to a poignant closing twist." Publishers Weekly "One of the sharpest, coolest, and most intriguing writers I know. She delivers dramatic, action-packed novels with characters we really care about... Zoe Sharp is at the top of her game." Harlan Coben "Sharp's heroine Charlie Fox has to be one of the best characters in the crime thriller genre." Graham Smith, crimesquad "Male and female crime fiction readers alike will find Sharp's writing style addictively readable--one of the very best crime fiction sagas out there." Paul Goat Allen, Chicago Tribune READER REVIEWS "ABSENCE OF LIGHT is as fast-paced and action-packed as any of the Charlie Fox thrillers... I'm a fan of the gutsy bodyguard, a woman who handles her work life brilliantly and brutally." "Charlie Fox! Enough said." "A tour de force of intrigue, skulduggery and hidden identities, with as much action as a Tom Cruise movie and some likeable people (and a dog!)" "An excellent thriller--the adventure doesn't let up from the first page." "Sharp gets better and better. Gripping, as usual. More Charlie Fox, please." "Gripping... Human nature and a natural disaster mixed up in a glorious romp--enjoy!" "A great Charlie Fox fix... Zoe Sharp has created a strong female character with Charlie...

Killer Instinct - Zoe Sharp 2016-11-07

Charlie Fox teaches self-defense to battered women in a refuge passing on the finer points of roundhouse kicks, running like hell, and breaking a cheekbone when necessary. Her skills come in handy when a rapist appears to be targeting the desperate women at the refuge, and someone with a very nasty line in knife-work starts targeting Charlie's friends.

The Lies We Told - Camilla Way 2018-10-09

The highly acclaimed author of *Watching Edie* returns with a new novel of dark psychological suspense that explores how those closest to us have the most to hide... A daughter Beth has always known there was something strange about her daughter, Hannah. The lack of emotion, the disturbing behavior, the apparent delight in hurting others... Sometimes Beth is scared of her and what she could be capable of. A son Luke comes from the perfect family, with the perfect parents. But one day, he disappears without a trace, and his girlfriend, Clara, is desperate to discover what has happened to him. A life built on lies As Clara digs into the past, she realizes that no family is truly perfect, and uncovers a link between Luke's long-lost sister and a strange girl named Hannah. Now Luke's life is in danger because of the lies once told and the secrets once kept. Can Clara find him before it's too late?

Die Easy - Zoë Sharp 2013-01-08

When a New Orleans fundraiser turns into a deadly hostage crisis, female bodyguard Charlie Fox makes "a Die Hard-inspired stand in the Big Easy" (Kirkus Reviews). Professionally, she's at the top of her game, but her personal life is in ruins. Her lover, bodyguard Sean Meyer, has awoken from a gunshot-induced coma with his memory in tatters. It seems that piecing back together the relationship they shared is proving harder for him than relearning the intricacies of the bodyguard business. Working with Sean again was never going to be easy for Charlie, but a celebrity fundraising event in aid of still-ravaged areas of New Orleans

should have been the ideal opportunity for them both to take things nice and slow. Until, that is, they find themselves thrust into the middle of a war zone. When an ambitious robbery explodes into a deadly hostage situation, the motive may be far more complex than simple greed. Somebody has a major score to settle, and Sean is part of the reason. Only trouble is, he doesn't remember why. And when Charlie finds herself facing a nightmare from her own past, she realizes she can't rely on Sean to watch her back. This time, she's got to fight it out on her own. [Flemington](#) - Violet Jacob 1911

Fox Five Reloaded - Zoe Sharp 2021-08-16

FOX FIVE RELOADED comprises nine highly acclaimed stories by Zoe Sharp, set all over the world. All feature ex-Special Forces soldier turned bodyguard, Charlotte 'Charlie' Fox. In small bites. With sharp teeth.

Book Lovers - Emily Henry 2022-05-03

"One of my favorite authors."—Colleen Hoover An insightful, delightful, instant #1 New York Times bestseller from the author of *Beach Read* and *People We Meet on Vacation*. Named a Most Anticipated Book of 2022 by Oprah Daily • Today • Parade • Marie Claire • Bustle • PopSugar • Katie Couric Media • Book Bub • SheReads • Medium • The Washington Post • and more! One summer. Two rivals. A plot twist they didn't see coming... Nora Stephens' life is books—she's read them all—and she is not that type of heroine. Not the plucky one, not the laidback dream girl, and especially not the sweetheart. In fact, the only people Nora is a heroine for are her clients, for whom she lands enormous deals as a cutthroat literary agent, and her beloved little sister Libby. Which is why she agrees to go to Sunshine Falls, North Carolina for the month of August when Libby begs her for a sisters' trip away—with visions of a small town transformation for Nora, who she's convinced needs to become the heroine in her own story. But instead of picnics in meadows, or run-ins

with a handsome country doctor or bulging-forearmed bartender, Nora keeps bumping into Charlie Lastra, a bookish brooding editor from back in the city. It would be a meet-cute if not for the fact that they've met many times and it's never been cute. If Nora knows she's not an ideal heroine, Charlie knows he's nobody's hero, but as they are thrown together again and again—in a series of coincidences no editor worth their salt would allow—what they discover might just unravel the carefully crafted stories they've written about themselves.

Second Shot - Zoë Sharp 2015-10-08

A woman who beat the odds could lose her life. Enter Charlie Fox. "Today's best action heroine is back with a bang." —Lee Child America and Charlie Fox: It's not a good mix. The bodyguard's first trip to the States began with a bratty kid and went downhill very quickly. This time around the kid is adorable, but Mom—a recent lottery winner—is bratty enough for two. The assignment's no fun (even the weather's lousy), but Charlie can't walk away. There's something about the client's situation that mirrors Charlie's own. She's a tough chick with parent-problems and a conflicted relationship with a former lover. Sound familiar? In *Second Shot*, "Sharp expertly builds the suspense in a nonstop thrill ride" (Publishers Weekly). "Crackles with suspense, crisp prose, plenty of plot twists and a heroine who adds new meaning to the term femme fatale." —Booklist (starred review) Praise for Zoë Sharp and the Charlie Fox series "Zoë Sharp is one of the sharpest, coolest, and most intriguing writers I know. She delivers dramatic, action-packed novels with characters we really care about." —Harlan Coben, #1 New York Times bestselling author "The bloody bar fights are bloody brilliant and Charlie's skills are formidable and for real." —The New York Times "As action-packed and streamlined as the Suzuki the main character, a self-defense expert, rides. Zoë Sharp has an apt last name." —David Morrell, New York Times bestselling author "One of the very best crime fiction sagas out there." —Chicago Tribune