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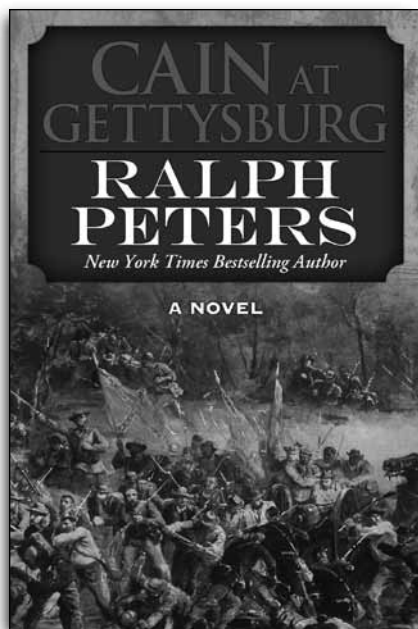
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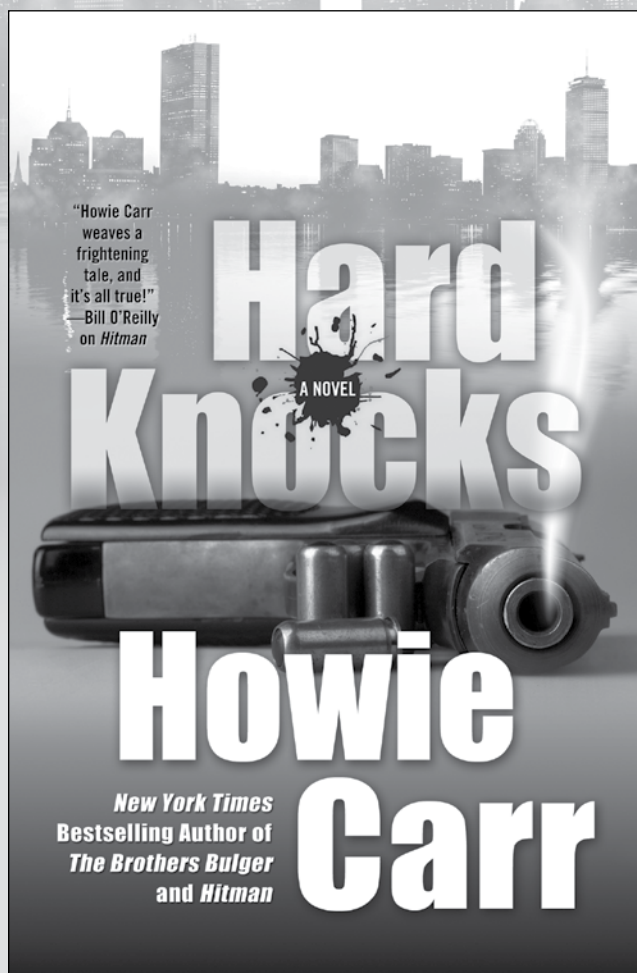
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BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *AMERICAN TABLOID*  
AND *L.A. CONFIDENTIAL*, ON *HITMAN*



**HOWIE CARR** is a columnist for the *Boston Herald* and author of *The Brothers Bulger*, which spent eleven weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list, and the *New York Times* bestseller *Hitman: The Untold Story of Johnny Martorano, Whitey Bulger's Enforcer and the Most Feared Gangster in the Underworld*. Carr hosts a daily four-hour radio talk show that is syndicated throughout New England. Carr has won a National Magazine Award, and in 2008 he was elected to the National Radio Hall of Fame. Carr lives in suburban Boston.

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TAYLOR, M.D.,**  
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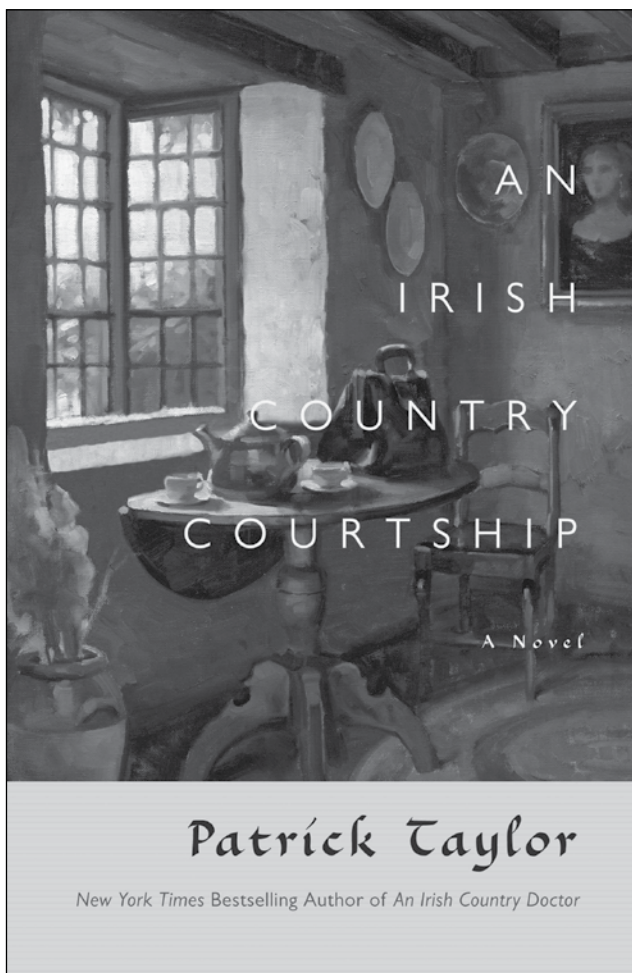
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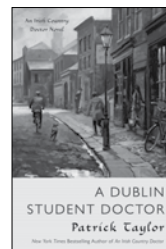
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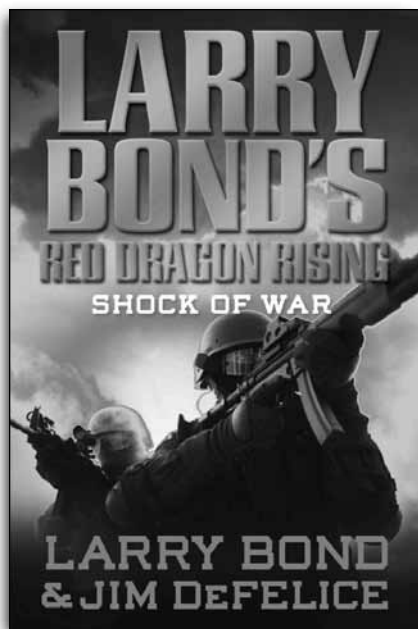
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**ROBERT FITZPATRICK** spent twenty-plus years as an FBI agent and chief in a career highlighted by his involvement in the Martin Luther King, Jr. killing, and the ABSCAM investigation in Miami that resulted in the indictments of numerous public officials. He played a key role in the famed "Mississippi Burning" investigation and recovered the rifle that was used in the MLK assassination that ultimately led to the arrest of James Earl Ray.

**JON LAND** is the critically acclaimed author of numerous bestselling works of fiction, including *Strong Enough to Die*, *Strong Justice*, and *Strong at the Break*, featuring female Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong. He lives in Providence, Rhode Island.

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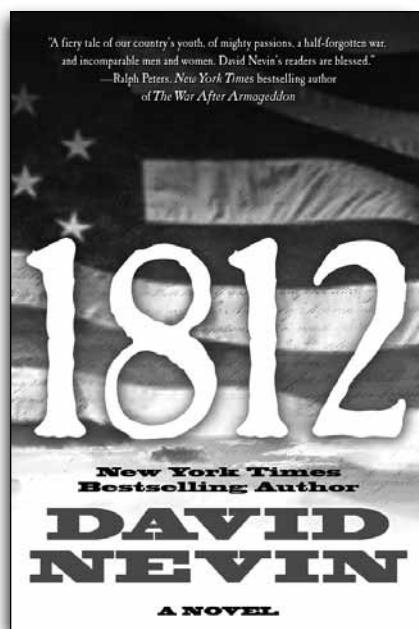
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**JIM DeFELICE** is the author of many military thrillers and is a frequent collaborator with Stephen Coonts, Larry Bond, and Richard Marcinko, among other *New York Times* bestselling authors. His solo novels include *Leopards Kill*, *Threat Level Black*, and *War Breaker*. He lives in New York.

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# 1812

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From the *New York Times* bestselling author,  
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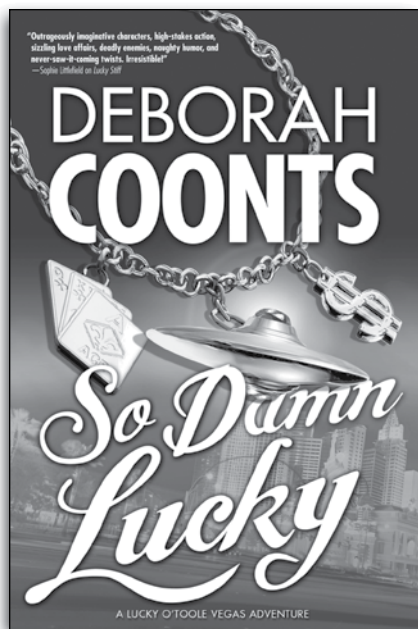
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**"This is chick-lit gone wild and sexy, lightly wrapped in mystery and tied up with a brilliantly flashing neon bow.... *Wanna Get Lucky?* hits the proverbial jackpot."**

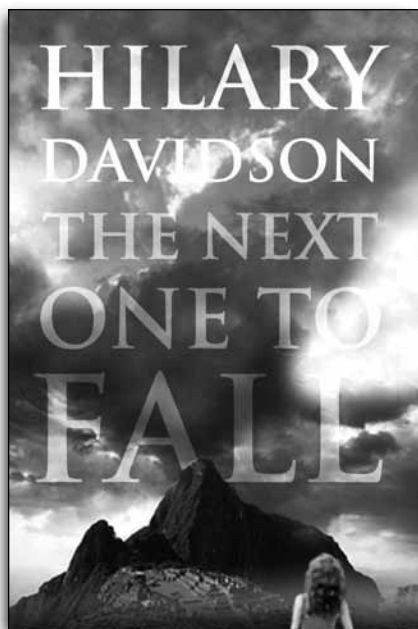
—BOOKLIST

**"Funny, fast-paced, exuberant and brilliantly realized."**

—SUSAN WIGGS, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR, ON *WANNA GET LUCKY?*

DEBORAH COONTS's mother tells her she was born in Texas a very long time ago, though she's not totally sure—her mother can't be trusted. But she was definitely raised in Texas on barbeque, Mexican food, and beer. She currently resides in Las Vegas, where family and friends tell her she can't get into too much trouble. Silly people. Coonts has built her own business, practiced law, flown airplanes, written a humor column for a national magazine, and survived a teenager.

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## The Next One to Fall

### HILARY DAVIDSON

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**"[A] razor-sharp mystery debut."**

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Hilary Davidson's new mystery, *The Next One to Fall*, takes place three months after the events of *The Damage Done*. Travel writer Lily Moore has been persuaded by her closest friend, photographer Jesse Robb, to visit Peru. Jesse is convinced that the trip will lure Lily out of her dark mood caused by loss and betrayal. Then, just after they arrive at the Inca fortress of Machu Picchu, a tourist dies.

While witnesses agree that no one was near the woman when she fell, Lily becomes increasingly convinced that the death was no accident. The odd behavior of the woman's three traveling companions increases her suspicion. When the Peruvian police show no interest in pursuing the investigation, Lily decides to take matters into her own hands—over Jesse's objections. In doing so, she sets in motion a chain of events with devastating consequences for everyone involved.

**Praise for *The Damage Done*:**

**"Grabs you by the throat and doesn't let go till the end."**

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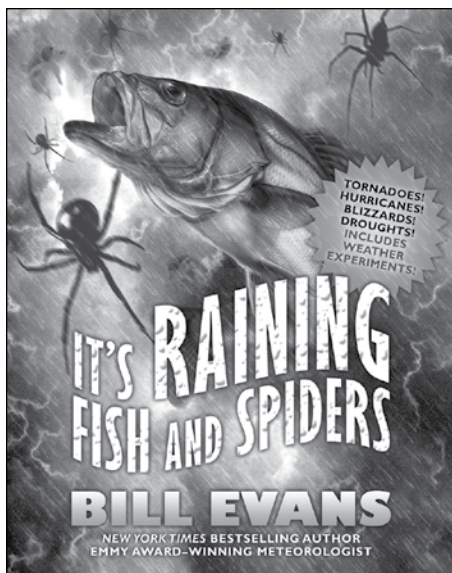
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**HILARY DAVIDSON** is a travel journalist and the author of eighteen nonfiction books. Her short fiction has won a Spinezingler Award and is included in anthologies such as *A Prisoner of Memory*, *The Year's Finest Crime and Mystery Stories*, and *Blood, Guts, and Whiskey*. Originally from Toronto, she has lived in New York City since October 2001.

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**An amazing, astonishing, terrifying look at weather from a *New York Times* bestselling author who is a multiple Emmy Award–winning meteorologist!**



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One of the things Bill Evans enjoys the most is talking to young people about weather. Middle-schoolers in particular, Evans says, are deeply interested in the natural world and in weather.

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Evans also tells his most exciting personal weather stories: flying with the Hurricane Hunters, riding pell-mell through Tornado Alley with storm chasers, and visiting the coldest place on Earth. The book includes simple weather experiments that can be performed at home without expensive equipment.

Extensively researched, fact-filled, and packed with charts, tables, illustrations, and amazing photographs, *It's Raining Fish and Spiders* is an entertaining and educational addition to the library of anyone interested in weather, science, and the natural world.

**"Evans knows his topic so well, way beyond tomorrow morning's temperatures."**

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**BILL EVANS** has won many Emmy Awards as Senior Meteorologist for WABC. He can be seen regularly on *Good Morning America* and *ESPN Sports Center*. Evans can be heard nationally on the ABC Radio Network, Martha Stewart Living Radio, ESPN Radio, and in the New York metropolitan area on WPLJ. In addition to teaching adult classes on weather and forecasting, Evans speaks at dozens of elementary and middle schools every year, talking to students about weather and meteorology. *It's Raining Fish and Spiders* grew out of the keen interest of these students. Evans, who was recently awarded a honorary Doctorate in Letters of Humanity by Dowling college, lives in Connecticut.

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# Other Eyes

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**W**hen archaeologist Blue Eriksen's book *Goddess* shot to bestsellerdom, no one was more surprised than Blue herself. Now she's studying ancient sites across the world, looking for evidence of the use of hallucinogens in long-dead religions. She believes that one of these substances may prevent or cure drug addiction. Surely that's a good thing—so why is someone trying to kill her?

Leeuwarden Associates is the cover name for a deeply secret international organization that facilitates the production, delivery, and sale of illegal drugs worldwide. Leeuwarden considers Blue a threat to their drug empire and sends one of their enforcers to kill her. As she prepares for an isolated dig high in the Peruvian mountains, Blue has no idea that she is being hunted.

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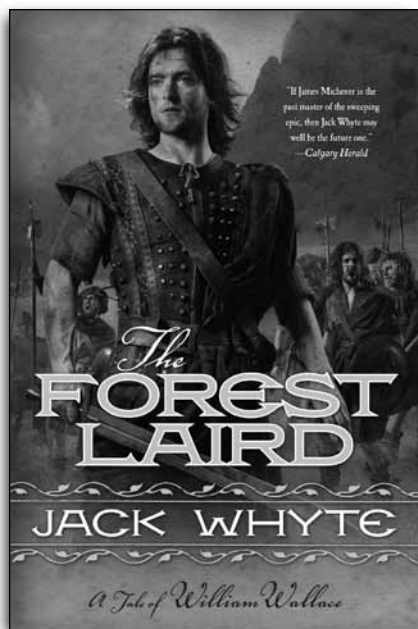
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**JACK WHYTE** was born and raised in Scotland and has lived in Canada since 1967. He has been an actor, orator, singer, and poet at various stages of his life, and was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters for his contribution to Canadian popular fiction. Whyte is the author of the internationally bestselling *Dream of Eagles* series and the *Templar* trilogy. He lives in Kelowna, British Columbia.

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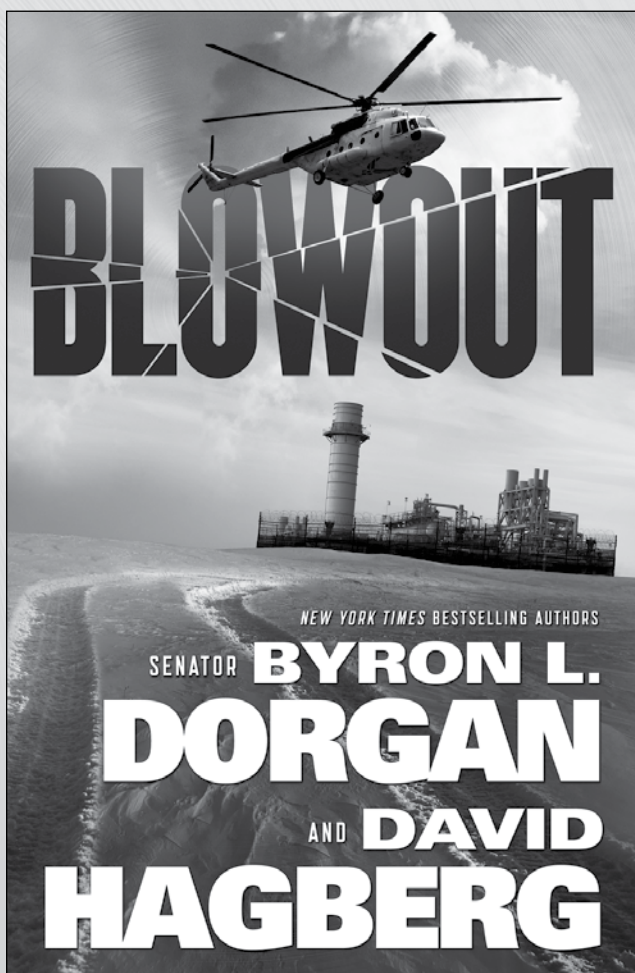
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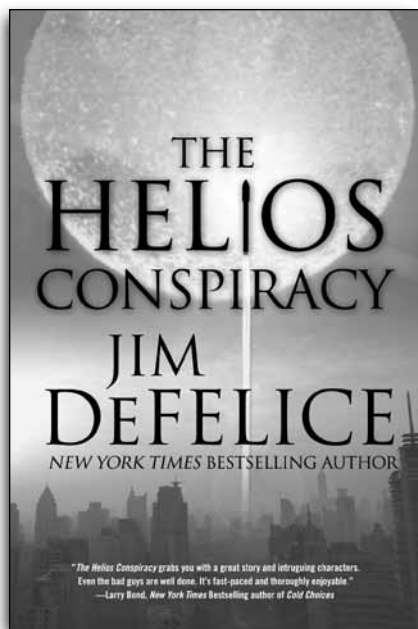
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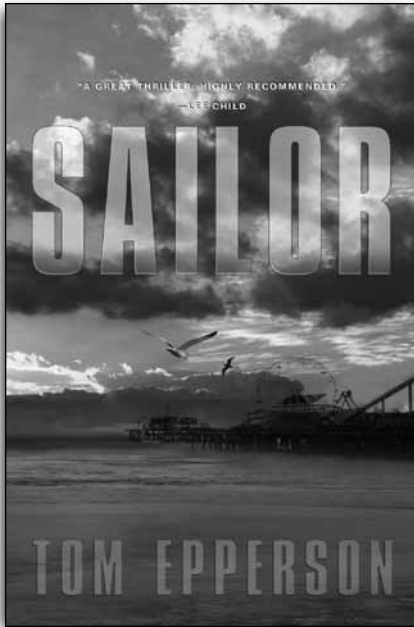
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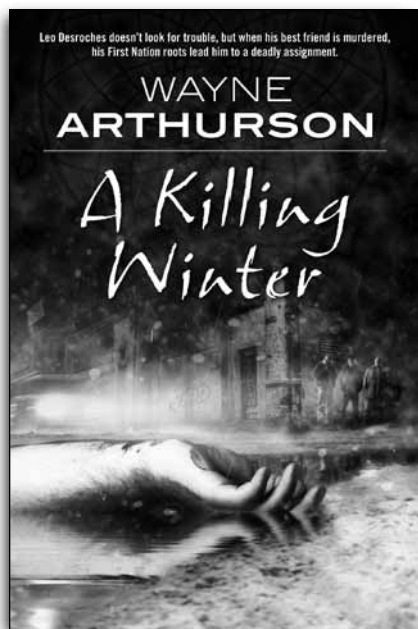
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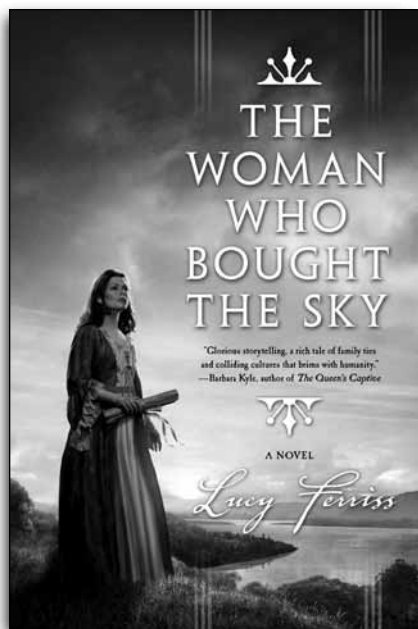
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**WAYNE ARTHURSON**, bestselling author of the first Leo Desroches mystery *Fall from Grace*, is, like his protagonist, the son of Cree and French Canadian parents. He has worked as a newspaper reporter, a drummer in a rock band, and as a freelance journalist. He lives in Edmonton, Canada.

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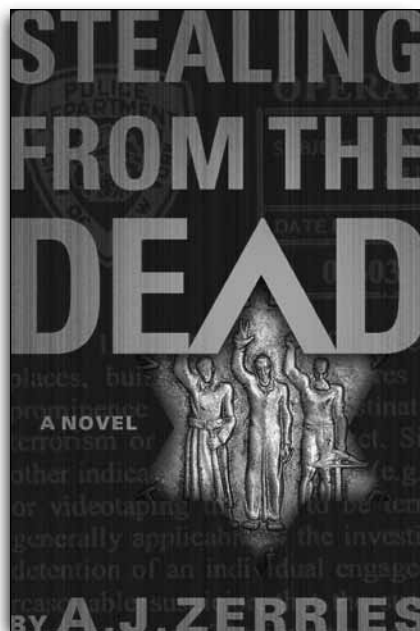
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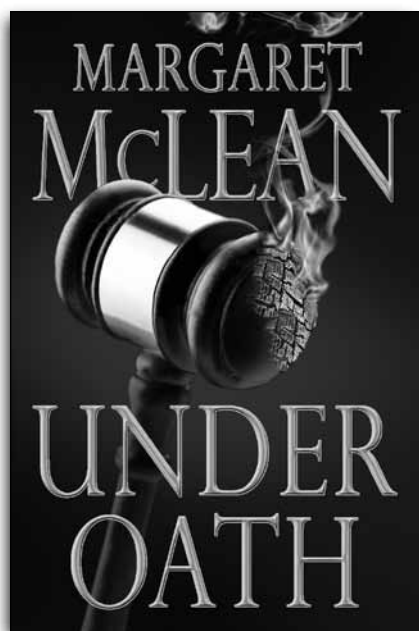
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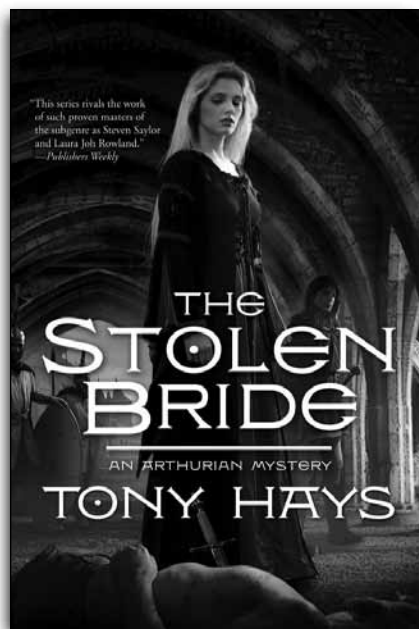
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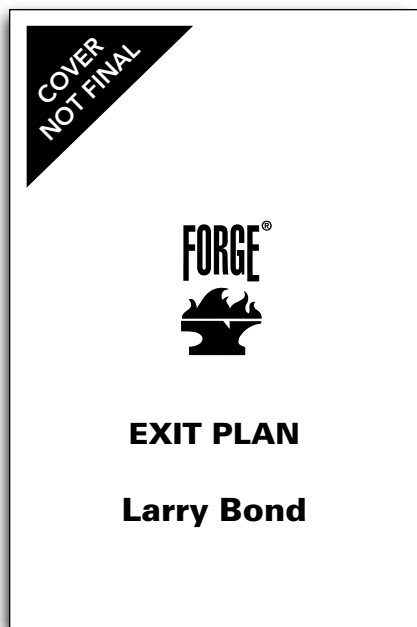
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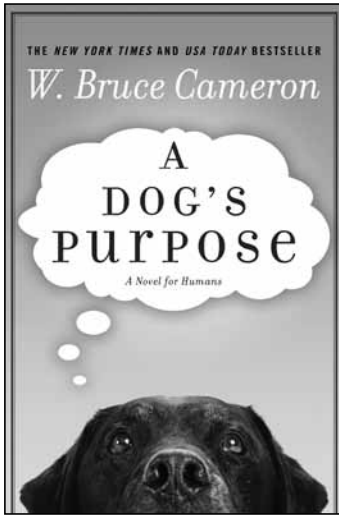
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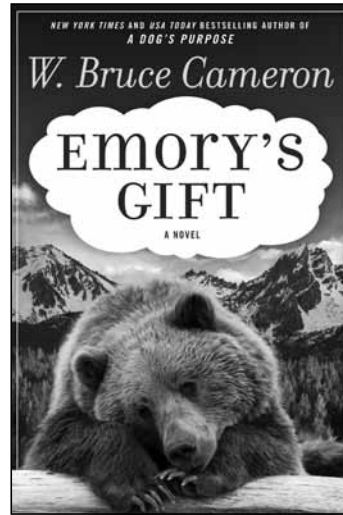
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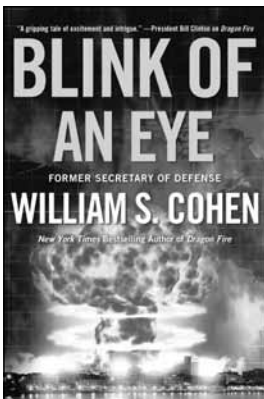


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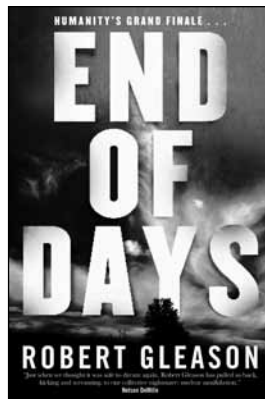
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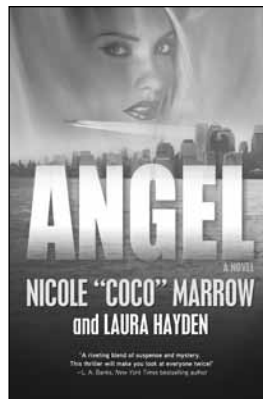
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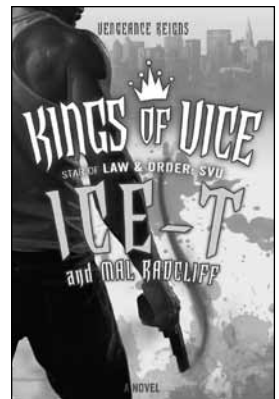
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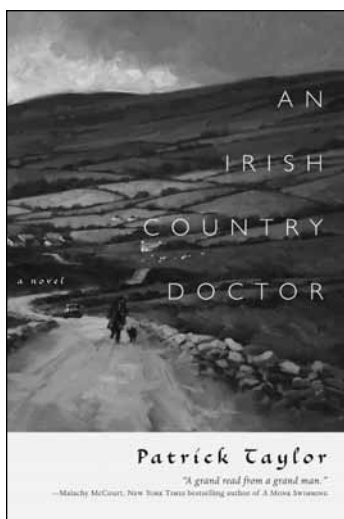
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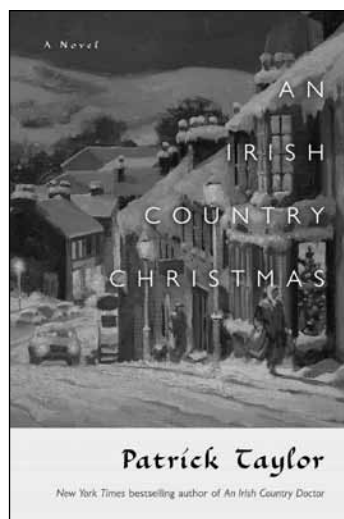
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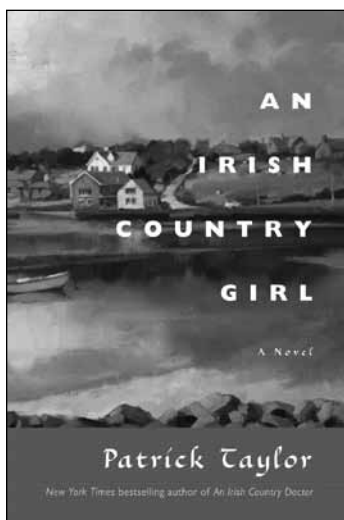
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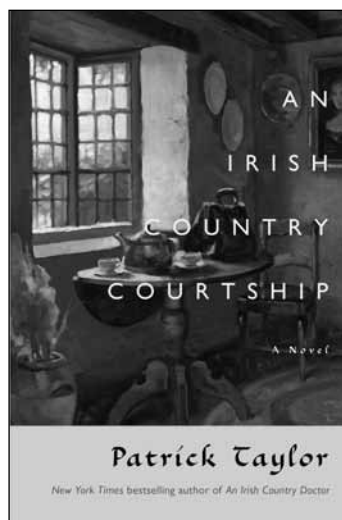
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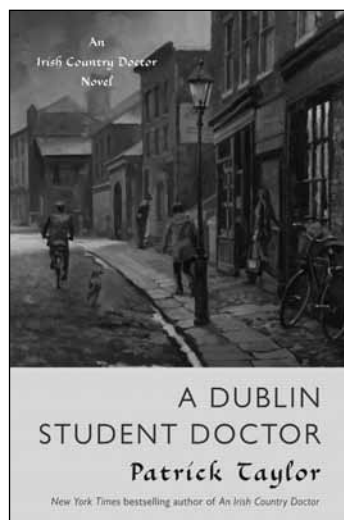
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