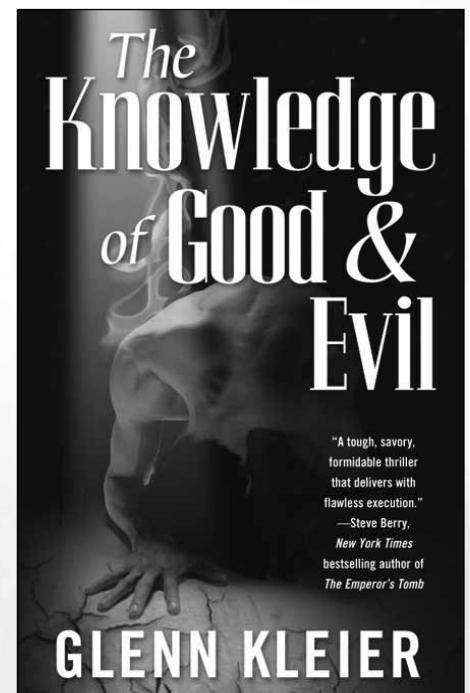


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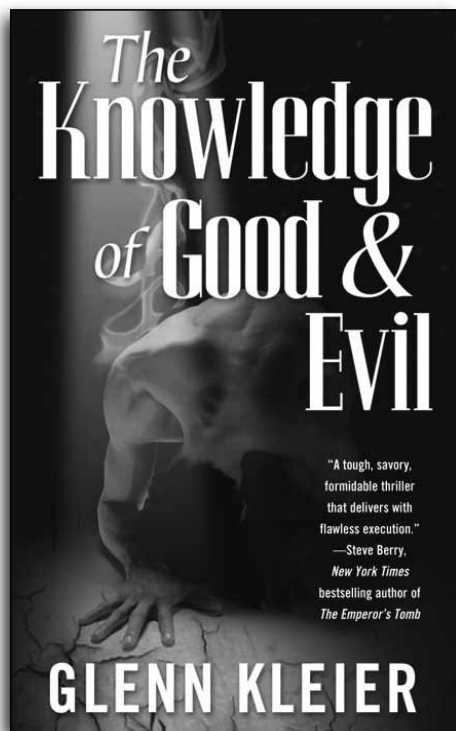
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**"Glenn Kleier is a pro."**

—STEVE BERRY, *NEW YORK TIMES*

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## Glenn Kleier

### THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD & EVIL

**A defrocked priest embarks on an epic odyssey through the afterlife in search of answers to life's Ultimate Question**

**I**an Baringer has never fully recovered from losing his parents in a horrific accident. Despite the help of Angela Weber, the brilliant psychologist who loves him, Ian is in the grip of an obsession—he must know if the soul survives death.

Incredibly, he's found a way to cross over to the other side and return with Knowledge of the Great Beyond...but it may be a knowledge that will doom us all. For a secret brotherhood is sworn to destroy all who attempt the dangerous journey and Ian and Angela have but one hope to survive. They must defy the gates of heaven and hell to steal a Knowledge hidden from the world since the dawn of creation.

#### KEY POINTS

- *The Knowledge of Good & Evil* is an innovative, high-concept stand-alone thriller.
- Centers around the universal struggle of man's belief in God, explored through the dueling viewpoints of defrocked priest Ian Baringer and his agnostic fiancée, Angela Weber.
- In the tradition of *The Da Vinci Code*, *The Knowledge of Good & Evil* is a globe-trotting lost-document thriller that combines themes of religion, fine art, and crises of faith.
- The eBook edition is stuffed with bonus features: high quality images of the classic paintings referred to throughout the text.
- Kleier's previous novel, *The Last Day*, netted 80,000 hardcovers.
- Glenn Kleier was born in Louisville, Kentucky. He is an accomplished writer of fiction.

#### PRAISE FOR GLENN KLEIER

**"*The Knowledge of Good & Evil* is a tough, savory, formidable thriller layered with plenty of angst and adventure. Glenn Kleier is a pro who delivers his promising premise with a flawless execution."**

—STEVE BERRY, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE PARIS VENDETTA*

**"A fantastical puzzle of mystery upon mystery set against the broad tapestry of a fierce, diabolical running battle that actually culminates in heaven and hell. I defy anybody to put this one down!"**

—DAVID HAGBERG, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE EXPEDITER*  
ON *THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD & EVIL*

**"A thrilling summer read that will appeal to *Da Vinci Code* fans."**

—THE ROANOKE TIMES ON *THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD & EVIL*

**"The story's fast pace and lively prose style propel readers through the book... A very entertaining novel."**

**"Kleier's...undeniably gripping second spiritual thriller is bound to provoke just as many arguments as his controversial first novel, *The Last Day*."**

—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY ON *THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD & EVIL*

**"One of the most intriguing tales of the decade!"**

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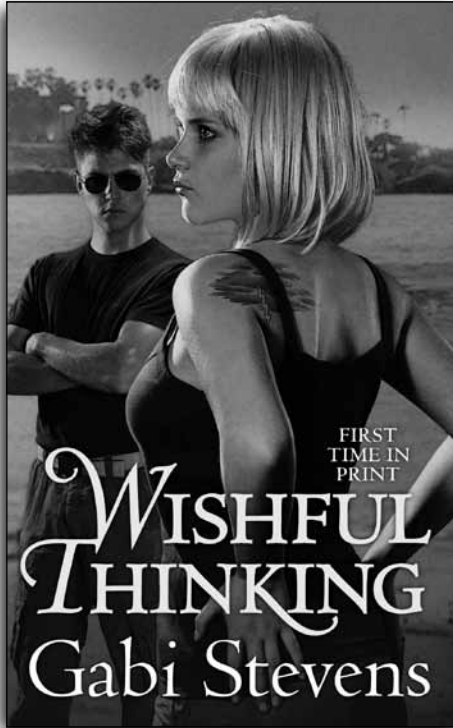
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# Gabi Stevens

## WISHFUL THINKING

The third book in Stevens's Time of Transition paranormal romance series

**F**ree-spirit Stormy Jones-Smythe is a master weaver and upcoming artist. The discovery that she's also a fairy godmother is a major interruption in her life, then, in this, the third book and final book of the Time of Transition series.

Stormy's transition is anything but smooth. With all the trouble the Council has faced with the previous two choices, they aren't taking any chances with her. The Council assigns a Guard to prevent Stormy from going the same route as the first two godmothers. The magical world forces its boundaries and expectations on her, but luckily even a rigid and strict bodyguard can't contain her exuberance.

At the same time, Hunter Merrick, the Guard who has sworn loyalty to the Council, is determined to carry out his duty and keep Stormy under control.

### KEY POINTS

- *Wishful Thinking* is the third book in Gabi Stevens's Time of Transition trilogy.
- Each book in the trilogy features a heroine who discovers on her twenty-seventh birthday that she has magical powers and has been chosen by fate to be a fairy godmother, with training commencing immediately.
- The trilogy falls into a lighter paranormal romance category.
- Gabi Stevens is an award-winning historical author, with a taste for adventure and humor.

### PRAISE FOR *THE WISH LIST*

"Will appeal to fantasy fans and contemporary romance lovers alike."

—RT BOOK REVIEWS

"A wickedly funny and delightfully sexy story." —THE ROMANCE READER

"An incredible story filled with romance, suspense, and some utterly delightful magical beings." —HUNTRESS REVIEWS

"An entertaining read, which drew me in and had me rooting for the characters. I'll be looking forward to the next book in the series." —ONCE UPON A ROMANCE

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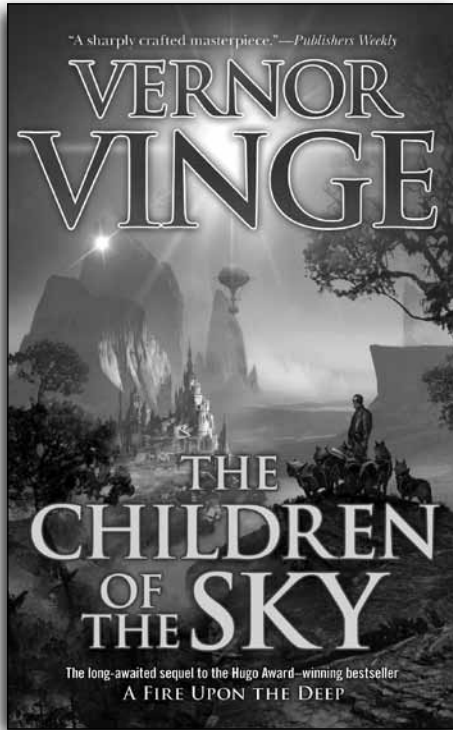
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 Author comparison: ..... David Weber

## ALSO AVAILABLE

*Rainbows End*  
 (Tor MM, 4/07, 978-0-8125-3636-2, \$7.99/\$9.99)  
*A Deepness in the Sky*  
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*A Fire Upon the Deep*  
 (Tor MM, 2/93, 978-0-8125-1528-2,  
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# Vernor Vinge

## THE CHILDREN OF THE SKY

At last, the direct sequel to the Hugo Award-winning bestseller *A Fire Upon the Deep*!

Ten years have passed on Tines World, where Ravna Bergnsdot and a number of human Children ended up after a disaster that nearly obliterated humankind throughout the galaxy. Ravna and the pack animals for which the planet is named have survived a war, and Ravna has saved more than one hundred Children who were in cold-sleep aboard the vessel that brought them.

While there is peace among the Tines, there are those among them—and among the humans—who seek power...and no matter the cost, these malcontents are determined to overturn the fledgling civilization that has taken root since the humans landed.

### KEY POINTS

- The *Children of the Sky* is the long awaited direct sequel to *A Fire Upon the Deep*.
- Can also be read as a stand-alone.
- *A Fire Upon the Deep* won the Hugo Award for Best Novel.
- Vinge has also won Hugo Awards for *A Deepness in the Sky*, *Rainbows End*, and for the novella "Fast Times at Fairmont High."
- Vinge is a professor of Computer Science and Mathematics at San Diego State University, is considered a master in his field, and is much sought after to speak at various conventions and for his views and advice.

### PRAISE FOR *THE CHILDREN OF THE SKY*

★ "One of the genre's most accomplished writers and storytellers, Vinge has crafted a tale that should captivate his fans and win him a larger and well-deserved audience." —LIBRARY JOURNAL, STARRED REVIEW

"A sharply crafted masterpiece." —PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

"Imagine bootstrapping a fallen civilization into transcendence using nothing but a collection of hive-mind Machiavellis, a crippled hyperadvanced spaceship, and a pack of surly, scheming orphaned adolescents. Oh, and then there's the vengeful god ramscooping itself to relativistic speeds a mere thirty light years away. Vinge's explosive imagination and deft storytelling make epics sail past like hummingbirds—you'll steal daytime moments to read more, and lie awake at night contemplating what you've read."

—CORY DOCTOROW, BESTSELLING AND AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR  
 OF *LITTLE BROTHER*

"Vernor Vinge's stories and novels have always surprised and entertained me, and *The Children of the Sky* carries on that grand tradition!"

—GREG BEAR, BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *HALO®: CRYPTUM*

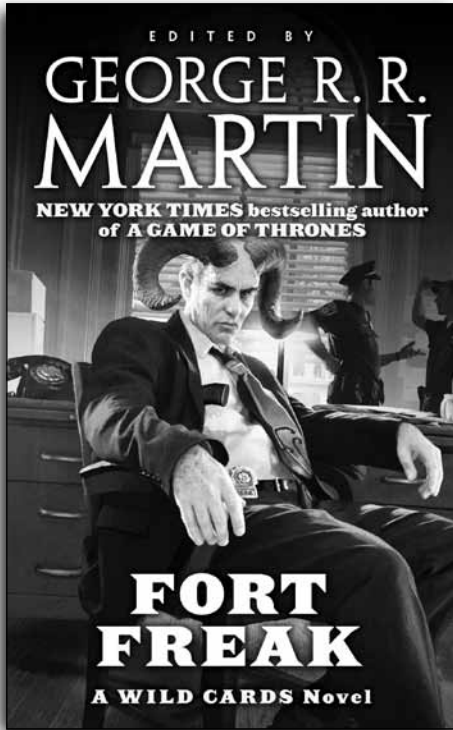
"No one has ever crafted a more complex, fascinating, and strangely realistic alien race than Vernor Vinge's marvelous Tines."

—DAVID BRIN, BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE POSTMAN* AND *STARTIDE RISING*



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# George R. R. Martin, editor

## FORT FREAK

From the #1 *New York Times* bestseller, the latest in a new generation of Wild Cards tales

In 1946, an alien virus that rewrites human DNA was accidentally unleashed in the skies over New York City. It killed ninety percent of those it infected. Nine percent survived, mutated into tragically deformed creatures. And one percent gained superpowers. The Wild Cards shared-universe series, created and edited by *New York Times* #1 bestseller George R. R. Martin (called “the American Tolkien” by *Time*), is the tale of the history of the world since then—and of the heroes among the one percent.

Now, in the latest Wild Cards mosaic novel, we get to know the hard-bitten world of Manhattan’s Fifth Precinct—or “Fort Freak,” as cops and malefactors alike call the cop-shop where every other desk sergeant, detective, and patrol officer is more than human.

Featuring original work by writers such as Cherie Priest, author of the bestselling *Boneshaker*; Paul Cornell, Hugo-nominated comic book and *Doctor Who* writer; David Anthony Durham, winner of 2009’s John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer; and many others, *Fort Freak* is one of the strongest offerings yet in the ongoing Wild Cards project.

### KEY POINTS

- This, the twenty-first Wild Cards book, begins a new cycle in the series.
- Originally begun in 1986, the Wild Cards series earned a reputation among connoisseurs for its smart reimagining of the superhero idea, a concept that has gained even more popularity with television shows like *Heroes*.
- All the Wild Cards books are collaborative “mosaic novels,” meant to be read as a single book with one continuous story line. Martin, who has been passionately devoted to the Wild Cards project for twenty years, is the overall series editor and works with each submitted chapter to ensure it fits the tale.
- George R. R. Martin is the award-winning author of the *New York Times* bestselling series *A Song of Ice and Fire*. *A Dance with Dragons*, Martin’s most recent installment, was an immediate #1 bestseller.
- Martin’s *Song of Ice and Fire* was adapted by HBO into the hit series *Game of Thrones*, which will be coming back for a second series in 2012.
- *TIME* magazine lauded Martin as “the American Tolkien.”
- [www.georgerrmartin.com](http://www.georgerrmartin.com)
- [www.wildcardsbooks.com](http://www.wildcardsbooks.com)

### PRAISE FOR THE WILD CARDS

**“Delicious... Everything I’d hoped for in a new Wild Cards book. The character interactions and plot twists have exactly the complexity, surprise, and unsentimental realism I’d expect out of a George R. R. Martin project.”**

—AUSTIN GROSSMAN, AUTHOR OF *SOON I WILL BE INVINCIBLE*, ON *INSIDE STRAIGHT*

### ALSO AVAILABLE

- Suicide Kings* (Tor MM, 1/11, 978-0-7653-5714-4, \$7.99/\$9.99)
- Busted Flush* (Tor MM, 12/09, 978-0-7653-5713-7, \$7.99/\$9.99)
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 Author residence: ..... Falmouth, England  
 Author comparison: ..... George R. R. Martin,  
                                     Stephen R. Donaldson

## Steven Erikson

### THE CRIPPLED GOD

*Book Ten of The Malazan Book of the Fallen*

#### The final installment in the *New York Times* bestselling series, *The Malazan Book of the Fallen*

**S**avaged by the K'Chain Nah'Ruk, the Bonehunters march for Kolanse, where waits an unknown fate. Tormented by questions, the army totters on the edge of mutiny, but Adjunct Tavore will not relent. One final act remains, if it is in her power, if she can hold her army together, if the shaky allegiances she has forged can survive all that is to come. Tavore Paran of House Paran means to challenge the gods—if her own troops don't kill her first.

Awaiting Tavore and her allies are the Forkrul Assail, the final arbiters of humanity. Drawing upon an alien power terrible in its magnitude, they seek to cleanse the world, to annihilate every human, every civilization, in order to begin anew. They welcome the coming conflagration of slaughter, for it shall be of their own devising, and it pleases them to know that, in the midst of the enemies gathering against them, there shall be betrayal.

#### KEY POINTS

- This is the final of the ten-book series. Each novel is a stand-alone tale, but all follow continuing characters.
- The novels of the Malazan Book of the Fallen are beautifully written, dark, adult fantasies with complex, surprising plotlines.
- In trade paperback, *The Crippled God* debuted at #12 on the *New York Times* bestseller list.
- *Dust of Dreams* was also a *New York Times* bestseller.
- Each of Erikson's novels get picked up by the Science Fiction Book of the Month Club.
- Erikson's previous novels in the Malazan Book of the Fallen series have met with widespread international acclaim and have established him as a major voice in the world of fantasy fiction.
- We will continue publishing Steven Erikson with novellas set in the Malazan World, an upcoming omnibus set outside the Malazan World, as well as prequels and sequels to the Malazan series.

#### PRAISE FOR STEVEN ERIKSON

"Erikson is a master of lost and forgotten epochs, a weaver of ancient epics."

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"Erikson has no peer when it comes to action and imagination, and joins the ranks of Tolkien and Donaldson in his mythic vision and perhaps then goes one better."

—SFSITE.COM

#### ALSO AVAILABLE

The Malazan Book of the Fallen

*Dust of Dreams* (Tor MM, 12/10, 978-0-7653-4886-9, \$9.99/NCR)  
*Toll the Hounds* (Tor MM, 8/09, 978-0-7653-4885-2, \$9.99/\$10.99)  
*Reaper's Gale* (Tor MM, 2/09, 978-0-7653-4884-5, \$9.99/\$10.99)  
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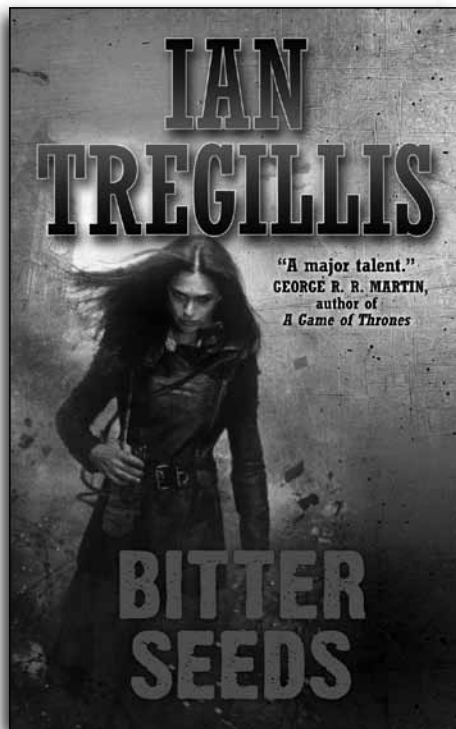
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 Alan Moore

## Ian Tregillis

### BITTER SEEDS

**It's 1939. The Nazis have supermen, the British have demons, and one perfectly normal man gets caught in between**

**R**aybould Marsh is a British secret agent in the early days of the Second World War, haunted by something strange he saw on a mission during the Spanish Civil War: a German woman with wires going into her head who looked at him as if she knew him.

When the Nazis start running missions with people who have unnatural abilities—a woman who can turn invisible, a man who can walk through walls, and the woman Marsh saw in Spain who can use her knowledge of the future to twist the present—Marsh is the man who has to face them. He rallies the secret warlocks of Britain to hold the impending invasion at bay. But magic always exacts a price. Eventually, the sacrifice necessary to defeat the enemy will be as terrible as outright loss would be.

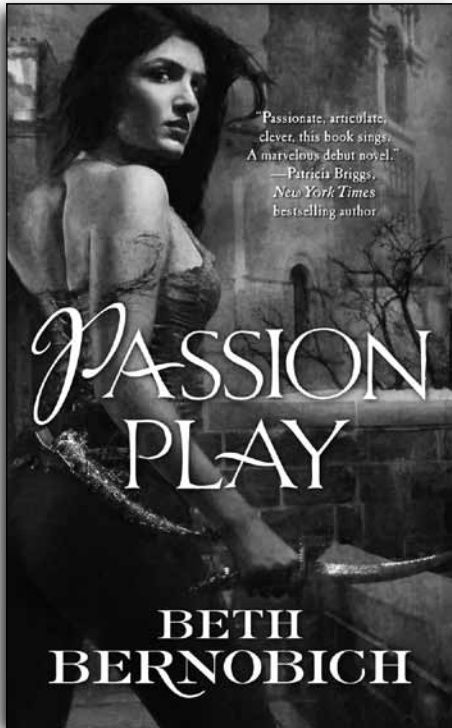
Alan Furst meets Alan Moore in the opening of an epic of supernatural alternate history, the tale of a twentieth century like ours and also profoundly different.

#### KEY POINTS

- *Hellboy* meets *Raiders of Lost Ark*.
- This is alternate history with a fantasy/occult twist, but it reads like a thriller.
- *Bitter Seeds* is Tregillis's debut novel, and the first book in a trilogy.
- Tregillis is a member of the Wild Cards writing collective, directed by George R. R. Martin.
- Tie-in with the hardcover release of Tregillis's next book, *The Coldest War* (7/12, 978-0-7653-2151-0).



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## Beth Bernobich

### PASSION PLAY

**"*Passion Play*, indeed. Passionate, articulate, clever, this book sings right along. Byzantine politics seldom combine so well with great characters. A marvelous debut novel."**

—PATRICIA BRIGGS, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Ilse Zhalina is the daughter of one of Melnek's more prominent merchants. She has lived most of her life surrounded by the trappings of wealth and privilege. Many would consider hers a happy lot. But there are dark secrets, especially in the best of families. Ilse has learned that for a young woman of her beauty and social station, to be passive and silent is the way to survive.

When Ilse finally meets the older man she is to marry, she realizes that he is far crueler and more deadly than her father could ever be. Ilse chooses to run. This choice will change her life forever.

And it will lead her to Raul Kosenmark, master of one of the land's most notorious pleasure houses...and who is, as Ilse discovers, a puppetmaster of a different sort altogether. Ilse discovers a world where every pleasure has a price and there are levels of magic and intrigue she once thought unimaginable. She also finds the other half of her heart.

#### KEY POINTS

- This vivid and sensual debut is the first book in a new fantasy series.
- Features a strong female protagonist.
- Unlike most fantasies set in a European tradition, *Passion Play* has many multicultural elements.
- Will appeal to fans of Jacqueline Carey.
- *Passion Play* won the *RT Book Reviews* 2010 Reviewer's Choice Award for Best Epic Fantasy.
- Bernobich's short stories have appeared in publications such as *Asimov's*, *Interzone*, *Postscripts*, *Strange Horizons*, and *Sex in the System*.
- [www.beth-bernobich.com](http://www.beth-bernobich.com)

#### PRAISE FOR *PASSION PLAY*

**"*Passion Play* is, in my estimation, a brilliant debut novel—the author details her environment and terrain with a sure hand and an excellent vocabulary. All is linked to the two protagonists who give us a poignant love story. Please write a sequel, Beth Bernobich!"** —ANNE MCCAFFREY

**"*Passion Play* immediately plunges you into a deep world of past lives and magic... the layers are crafted so masterfully that you can't put the book down to climb out of the story."** —L. A. BANKS, AUTHOR OF THE VAMPIRE HUNTRESS LEGENDS SERIES

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### ALSO AVAILABLE

*Halo: The Flood*  
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*Halo: The Fall of Reach*  
 (Tor MM, 7/11, 978-0-7653-6729-7, \$7.99/\$9.99)  
*Halo: Evolutions Volume Two*  
 (Tor MM, 12/10, 978-0-7653-6695-5,  
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*Halo: Evolutions Volume One*  
 (Tor MM, 11/10, 978-0-7653-5475-4,  
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*Halo: The Cole Protocol*  
 (Tor MM, 11/09, 978-0-7653-5472-3,  
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*Halo: Ghosts of Onyx*  
 (Tor MM, 4/07, 978-0-7653-5470-9, \$7.99/\$9.99)



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## Eric Nylund

### HALO: FIRST STRIKE

The definitive edition of the novel that bridges the story of *Halo*<sup>®</sup>: *Combat Evolved* and *Halo*<sup>®</sup> 2

**R**ounding out Tor's series of reissues of the original three Halo novels, this newly edited and revised edition of *First Strike* is a must-have for all Halo fans. Featuring author Eric Nylund at the helm, this tale bridges the events that take place in the game *Halo: Combat Evolved* (as novelized in *The Flood*) and its blockbuster follow-up, *Halo 2*.

After destroying the first Halo, Master Chief and Cortana attempt to voyage back home among a myriad of deadly Covenant attacks. With a battle weary squad, that includes the last of the Spartan-II survivors and the program's creator, Dr. Catherine Halsey, *First Strike* delivers an action-packed space opera told against the backdrop of one of the richest and most complex Science Fiction franchises of our time.

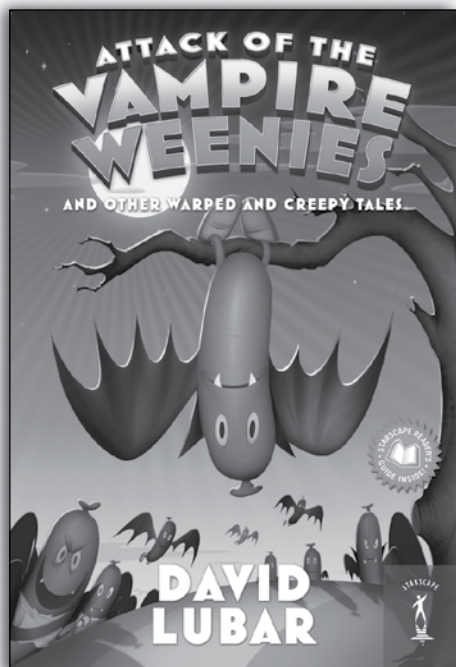
#### KEY POINTS

- Newly edited and revised edition of the novel that bridges the events of the first game, *Halo: Combat Evolved* (and *The Flood* novelization), and its sequel, *Halo 2*.
- This will serve as the definitive edition of this book and feature a new cover that will align it with the most up-to-date Halo branding and a new introduction.
- This continues the story line established in *The Fall of Reach* (MM, 7/11, 978-0-7653-6729-7, \$7.99/\$9.99), and *The Flood* (MM, 3/12, 978-0-7653-6730-3, \$7.99/\$9.99), and is the prequel to *Halo: Ghosts of Onyx* (MM, 4/07, 978-0-7653-5470-9, \$7.99/\$9.99). *Halo: Glasslands* (TPB, 11/11, 978-0-7653-3040-6, \$15.99/\$18.50) continues this plot thread.
- Features the game's iconic hero, Master Chief, and his remaining Spartan-IIs, the AI Cortana and the creator of the Spartan-II program, Dr. Catharine Halsey, among other Halo characters.
- The most recent Halo novel, *Halo: Cryptum*, spent seven weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list.
- All of the previous Halo books have been bestsellers: In trade paperback, *Halo: Evolutions* spent three weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list, and *Halo: The Cole Protocol* was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for eight weeks and was a *USA Today* bestseller for six weeks. *Halo: Contact Harvest* debuted at #3 on the *New York Times* bestseller list, where it spent eleven weeks. It was also a bestseller in Canada. *Halo: Ghosts of Onyx*, in both its mass market and trade paperback editions, was a top *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller.
- Two new Halo novels are scheduled for late 2011 and early 2012: *Halo: Glasslands* by Karen Traviss, and the next in the Forerunner series by Greg Bear, *Halo: Primordium* (HC, 1/12, 978-0-7653-2397-2, \$25.99/\$29.99).
- When it launched on September 14, 2010, *Halo: Reach*, the videogame, sold 3.3 million units and earned \$200 million its opening day, a significant increase from the \$170 million earned by *Halo 3* in 2007.
- The Halo franchise has grown into a global entertainment phenomenon, selling more than 26 million units worldwide, logging more than 1.8 billion player hours connected to Xbox LIVE, and spawning action figures, toys, *New York Times* bestselling books, graphic novels, apparel, and much more.



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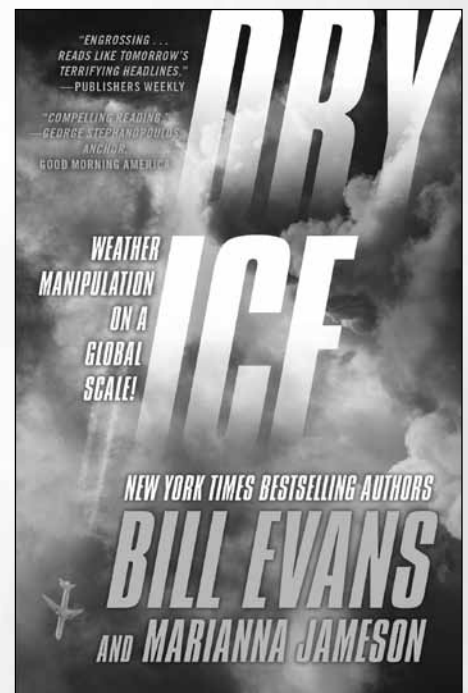
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**“Lubar keeps the pace changing and injects plenty of humor.... All in all the gathering assays out as rich in eye-rollers, groans and mild chills.”** —KIRKUS REVIEWS

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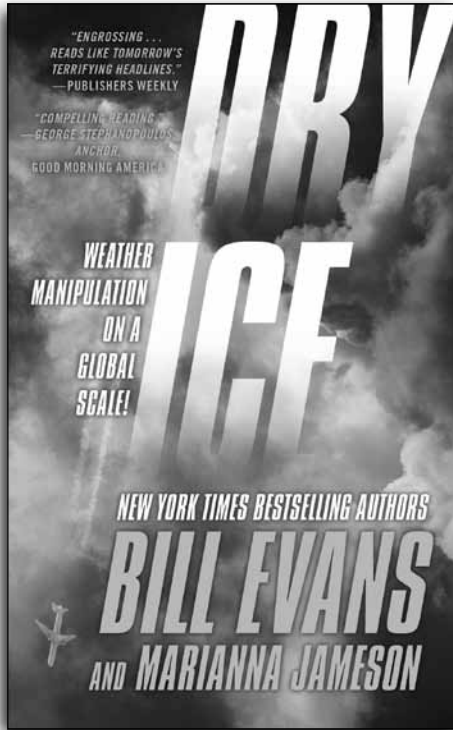
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When Greg strikes a secret deal with the Pentagon, Flint executives decide to replace him with the beautiful and ultra-intelligent Tess Beauchamp, who'd had a brief affair with Greg's second-in-command, Nik Forde, ten years before.

Tess doesn't have long to worry about the difficulties of a workplace relationship. Greg has barely left Antarctica—escorted by Flint security—when his secret, encrypted computer programs activate, sending fatal weather across the globe. Tess and Nik must crack Greg's code and stop TESLA before the United States government launches a nuclear missile at the TESLA base.

**KEY POINTS**

- Based on real meteorological science, in *Dry Ice* the authors present weather manipulation on a global scale.
- *Category 7* was a *New York Times* bestseller in mass market.
- Bill Evans is a multiple Emmy Award-winning, nationally known meteorologist in New York City. He can be heard on a regular basis on WPLJ Radio, and is a meteorologist for WABC-TV. He has appeared on *Good Morning America* and ESPN's *SportsCenter*, along with many other television programs.
- Marianna Jameson's extensive experience as a senior technical writer and editor in the aerospace, defense, software, and environmental engineering industries brings an insider's edge to *Dry Ice*. She is also the author of two award-winning novels, *My Hero* and *Big Trouble*.

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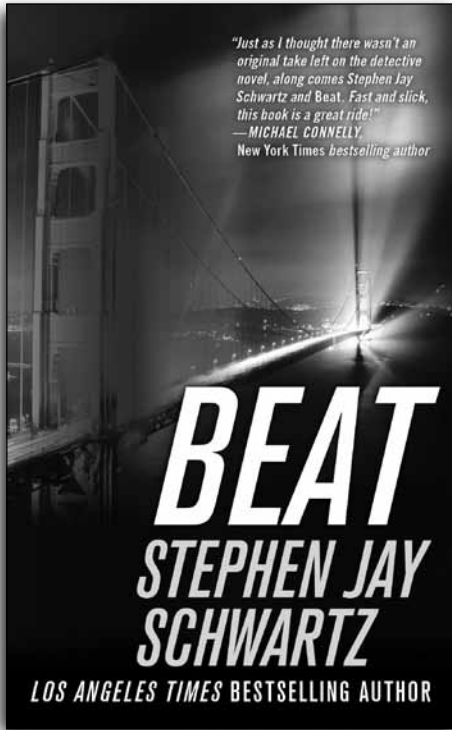
"Evans skillfully wields his knowledge of meteorology to develop weather as a compelling and fearsome character in the action of the story. Bad weather has never been this good!" —SAM CHAMPION, ABC-TV WEATHER EDITOR

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# Stephen Jay Schwartz

## BEAT

The second installment in the dark, personal journey of Hayden Glass, LAPD Robbery and Homicide detective... and sex addict

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His search for this woman leads him to a massive sex slave trade, run by the Russian mafia, and protected by a group of powerful and corrupt San Francisco cops. Glass gets co-opted by the FBI to aid in their investigation...but his presence is doing much more harm than good.

### KEY POINTS

- *Beat* is the sequel to *Boulevard*, a noir crime thriller about a sex-addicted detective navigating the gritty underworld of prostitution (and murder) in San Francisco. It can be read as a stand-alone novel.
- Schwartz's first book, *Boulevard*, was a *Los Angeles Times* bestseller.
- The author spent months in San Francisco researching the dark underbelly of the city, and it comes across in an authentic narrative of San Francisco crime.
- Schwartz also performed extensive research to capture the LAPD realistically, including interviews with cops and ride-alongs.
- Schwartz worked for years in the film industry as Director of Development for Wolfgang Petersen (*In the Line of Fire*, *The Perfect Storm*). He developed major motion pictures including *Air Force One* and *Outbreak*.
- [www.stephenjayschwartz.com](http://www.stephenjayschwartz.com)

### PRAISE FOR BEAT

"Beat is an old-fashioned nail-biter that the not-too-squeamish aficionado of the hard-boiled genre will enjoy." —KIRKUS REVIEWS

"The soiled hero's relentless interrogation of his motives for pursuing Cora will make it hard for like-minded readers to put down his odyssey unfinished." —BOOKLIST

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"Just as I thought there wasn't an original take left on the detective novel, along comes Stephen Jay Schwartz and *Beat*. Fast and slick, this book is a great ride!"

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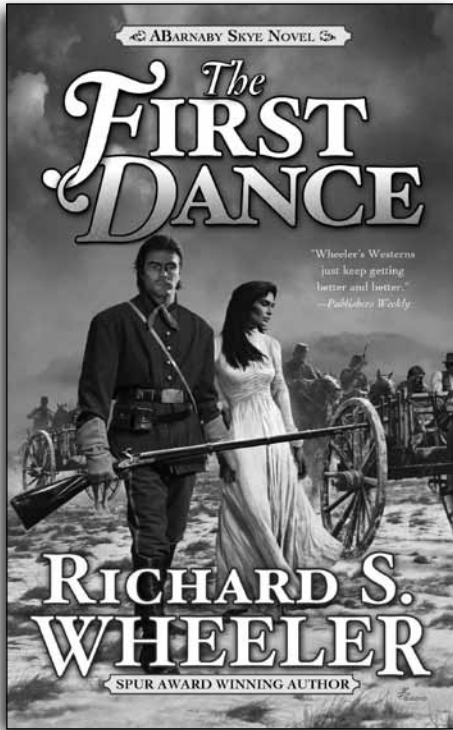
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Though they have been torn apart, Therese and Dirk share a powerful bond and a common cause: the desire to help the displaced Métis find a home. Their love pulls them toward reconciliation and new hope for Therese's people.

### KEY POINTS

- Barnaby Skye is the most long-lasting of Western heroes, and there is a loyal following. Skye has been called "the Horatio Hornblower of the Rocky Mountains." This is the 19th novel in the series.
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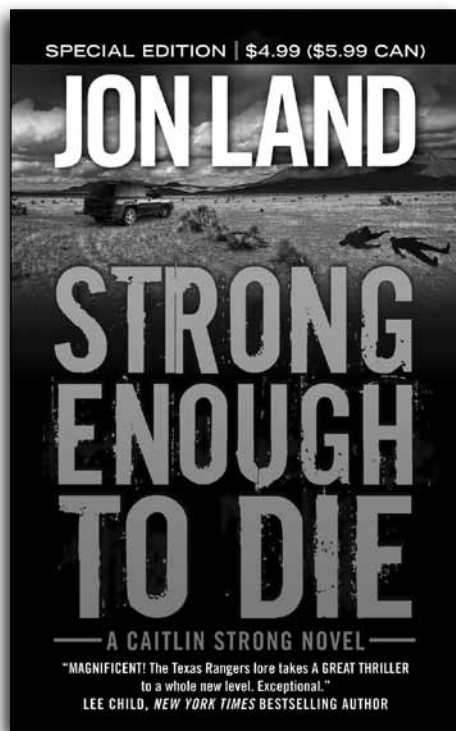
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## Jon Land

### STRONG ENOUGH TO DIE

*A Caitlin Strong Novel*

**"Magnificent! The Texas Rangers lore takes a great thriller to a whole new level. Exceptional."**

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Caitlin Strong is a fifth-generation Texas Ranger, proud to wear the badge of her father and grandfather—until a deadly shoot-out causes her to question her calling. Five years later Caitlin is still trying to purge herself of guilt born of the actions that ended her Ranger career. But a shattering discovery will reopen old wounds and Caitlin's renewed investigation into the truth behind the bloody desert firefight uncovers a terrifying plot that reaches into every home and threatens the very core of the country. Her only hope for success—and survival—is to team up with Cort Wesley Masters, an outlaw who has every reason to want her dead. But he also holds the key to the truth she desperately seeks in the anguished brain of an amnesiac torture victim.

#### KEY POINTS

- \$4.99 value priced edition.
- *Strong Enough to Die* is the first book in Jon Land's Caitlin Strong series.
- Caitlin Strong is a female Texas Ranger and a thriller hero, unique concepts in the contemporary book marketplace.
- *Strong Enough to Die* has been optioned as a film/television property to Michel Shane of Hand Picked Films, who also produced the films *I, Robot* and *Catch Me, If You Can*.
- Jon Land is the author of numerous bestsellers, including *The Last Prophecy*, and *Blood Diamonds*.

#### PRAISE FOR *STRONG ENOUGH TO DIE*

**"Land, a better writer than most who work in the genre, lays the story down in a tight, vivid prose style."** —*THE ASSOCIATED PRESS*

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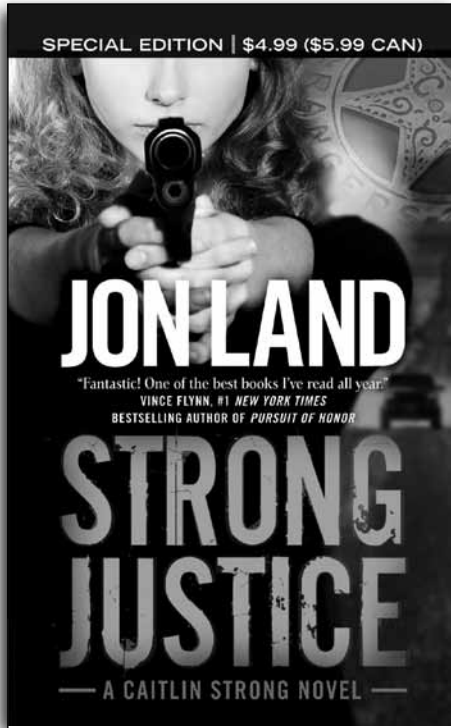
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Pursuing the killer brings Caitlin to a sleepy Texas town suddenly riddled by violence and to the site of a major water find. The connection between these two disparate places lies buried beneath the plains of West Texas: a deadly weapon with the potential to give a new enemy the means to terrorize the United States.

Her grandfather's past collides violently with Caitlin's present as she fights to save her world in the same border town where he fought to save his. Caitlin will learn, just as he did, that only strong justice can save the day. But this time, outmaneuvered and outgunned, even that may not be enough to keep Caitlin Strong—and the country itself—alive.

#### KEY POINTS

- \$4.99 value priced edition.
- Follow-up to *Strong Enough to Die*, the first book in Land's Caitlin Strong series.
- Can be read as a stand-alone novel.
- Caitlin Strong is a female Texas Ranger and a thriller hero, unique concepts in the contemporary book marketplace.
- *Strong Enough to Die* was ranked #1 in *The Dallas Morning News*. It has been optioned as a film/television property to Michel Shane of Hand Picked Films, who also produced the films *I, Robot* and *Catch Me, If You Can*.
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#### PRAISE FOR *STRONG JUSTICE*

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