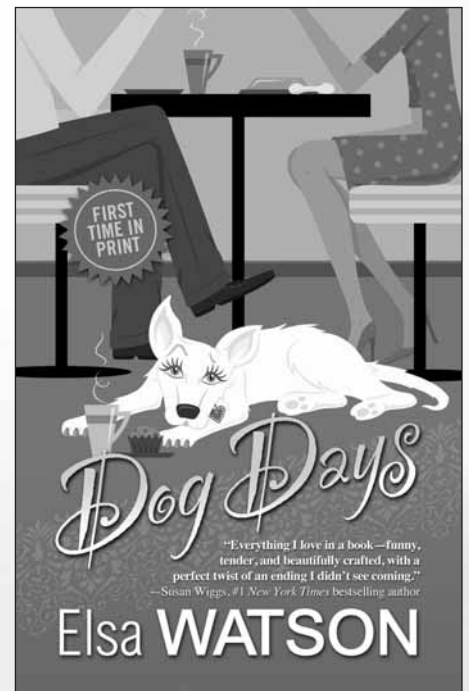


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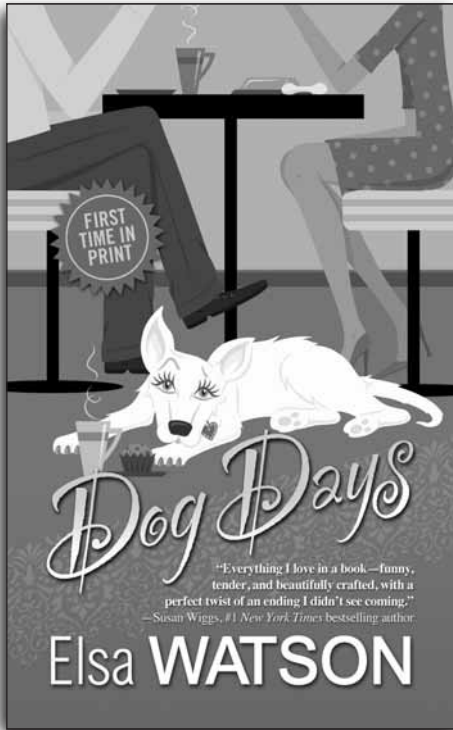


"Dog Days is everything I love in a book."

—SUSAN WIGGS,

#1 NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLING AUTHOR



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 Author residence: Bainbridge Island, WA
 Author comparison: Jennifer Cruise,
 Heather Webber,
 Kristan Higgins

Elsa Watson

DOG DAYS

Mass Market Original
 First time in print!

"Dog Days is everything I love in a book: funny, tender, beautifully crafted, and cleverly plotted, with a perfect twist of an ending I didn't see coming."

—SUSAN WIGGS, #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Struggling café owner Jessica Sheldon volunteered to be the chairperson of Woofinstock, Madrona's annual dog festival, to overcome her reputation as "number one dog hater" in her dog crazy Northwestern town. Determined to prove her dog-loving credentials, Jessica rescues Zoe, a stray white German shepherd—and in the process the two are struck by lightning.

Jessica wakes to discover paws where her feet should be, and watches in horror as her body staggers around the town square.... Zoe and Jessica have switched bodies.

Learning to live as a dog is difficult enough, but Jessica's real worry is saving her café from financial ruin. To complicate matters, she's falling hard for Max, the town veterinarian.

It's clear that Zoe is thrilled to live life on "human terms," thoroughly relishing all of the fun and food Woofinstock has to offer. But Zoe is also anxious to use her new human skills to find her missing family—who may not want her back. And Jessica needs to confront a complicated figure from her past before she can move on with her life.

Jessica and Zoe will need to learn from each other to set things right, and possibly find acceptance and love in the bargain.

KEY POINTS

- A fun, playful story that will appeal to dog lovers and readers of women's fiction and romance.
- Explores themes of trust, families—biological, foster, and the kind one builds for oneself—mothers and daughters, animal rescue, friendship, and love.
- Elsa Watson's short work has appeared in the *Writers' Journal*, *Snowy Egret*, and *Renaissance Magazine*.
- www.elsawatson.net
- Will be followed in February 2013 by the mass market release of *The Love Dog* (978-0-7653-6809-6).

PRAISE FOR DOG DAYS

"Drop everything and read this book! Watson's rendering of the inner life of a dog is pitch perfect. Zoe and Jessica are an unforgettable and unique take on the buddies by accident story. Brava!"

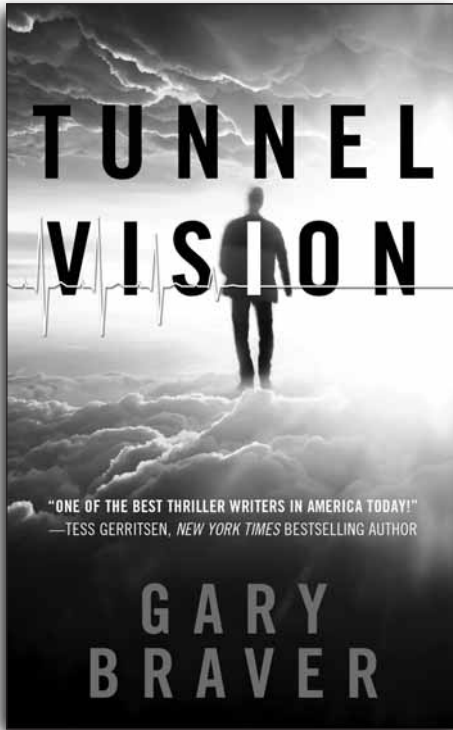
—SUSAN WILSON, NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *ONE GOOD DOG*

"A doggone good story, told with humor, warmth, and insight."

—SHEILA ROBERTS, BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *ON STRIKE FOR CHRISTMAS*



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Gary Braver

TUNNEL VISION

"Gary Braver is one of the best thriller writers in America today!" —TESS GERRITSEN, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *ICE COLD*

What if you didn't have to die to know if there's a heaven? And what if the evidence could get you killed?

Twenty-five-year-old Zack Kashian has a biking accident on the Boston streets and lapses into a coma. When he suddenly snaps awake at Easter, months later, muttering the Lord's Prayer in the original Aramaic, the media is suddenly abuzz about the "Miracle Man's" revival. Religious fanatics flock to his hospital bedside.

Zack's revival also catches the attention of a small group of neuroscientists who hire him for secret research in near-death experiences. Their objective: to determine if there is anything to the claims of trips down tunnels into the celestial light, of meetings with dead relatives and heavenly beings. In other words: Is there an afterlife, or is it all neurobiology?

If they can verify the existence of the afterlife and, by extension, God, that would be the greatest religious discovery ever, and one that could unite the world in faith. But dark forces also take an interest in "Miracle Man" Zack. To some, near-death experiences are not glimpses of heaven, but blasphemous deceptions by Satan himself, and they will stop at nothing to disrupt the experiments.

KEY POINTS

- *Tunnel Vision* has it all: high drama, mystery, plot twists, narrow escapes, and big issues.
- *Tunnel Vision* is one of the very few thrillers to explore the phenomena of near-death experiences.
- *Tunnel Vision* pits science against religion, and one religion against other religions—all in the name of answering the two greatest questions of human existence: Is there life after death? And is there a God?
- A well-researched page-turner with fascinating and realistic science.
- *Flashback* received a 2006 Massachusetts Book Honors Award for Fiction.
- Gary Braver's *Elixir* was optioned for film by Ridley Scott Productions (*Alien*, *Blade Runner*, *Thelma & Louise*, *Gl Jane*) and was a Nebula and Edgar Award nominee.

PRAISE FOR TUNNEL VISION

"A wonderfully frightening and insightful tale." —RAY BRADBURY

"A tantalizing premise, stylish prose, sharply etched characters, and tension that ratchets up degree by degree.... With *Tunnel Vision* Braver not only hits the mark, he demolishes it."

—STEVE BERRY, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE VENETIAN BETRAYAL*

"Fascinating and scary, *Tunnel Vision* goes one step beyond, between life and death. It grabbed me and educated me."

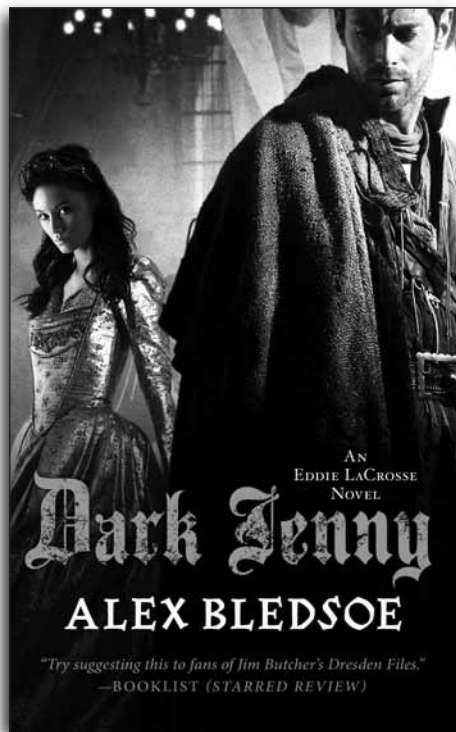
—DAVID MORRELL, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *THE NAKED EDGE*

ALSO AVAILABLE

Skin Deep (Tor MM, 4/09, 978-0-7653-4854-8, \$7.99/\$9.99)



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Alex Bledsoe

DARK JENNY

★"Try suggesting this to fans of Jim Butcher's Dresden Files."

—BOOKLIST, STARRED REVIEW

Freelance Sword Jockey Eddie LaCrosse is in the wrong place at the wrong time while conducting an undercover investigation on the island kingdom of Grand Bruan. When a poisoned apple kills a member of the queen's personal guard, Eddie becomes the prime suspect in the murder. He must do some fast talking to keep his head attached to his shoulders. Trying to clear his name and find the real killer, Eddie becomes embroiled in a nasty political scandal. Someone is trying to ruin Queen Jennifer, and they don't care who they kill along the way.

The more Eddie digs, the more twisted the lies become, until Eddie finds himself caught between two opposing armies. The fate of the entire kingdom lies in his hands.

Murder, betrayal, and magic—just another day on the job for Sword Jockey Eddie LaCrosse.

KEY POINTS

- Follow up to *Burn Me Deadly* (3/12, 978-0-7653-6204-9).
- *Dark Jenny*, *The Sword-Edged Blonde*, and *Burn Me Deadly* all received starred *Publishers Weekly* reviews.
- Can be read as a stand-alone.
- Bledsoe incorporates elements from both hard-boiled mystery and heroic fantasy, and his novels will appeal to fans of both genres.
- This is the third novel in a fantasy detective series.
- The next Eddie LaCrosse novel, *Wake of the Bloody Angel* (978-0-7653-2745-1), will be released in trade paperback in July 2012.

PRAISE FOR DARK JENNY

- ★"Bledsoe's clever combination of noir and myth makes for an engaging story, and placing investigator Eddy at the center offers a fresh twist.... Fans of Bledsoe's other blends of fantasy and noir will love his latest, and new readers will be able to jump right in." —BOOKLIST, STARRED REVIEW
- ★"A perfect blend of Arthurian legend and hard-boiled detecting... Bledsoe skillfully combines humor, action, deduction, and emotion to make the material fresh and engaging for fans of both fantasy and noir." —PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, STARRED REVIEW

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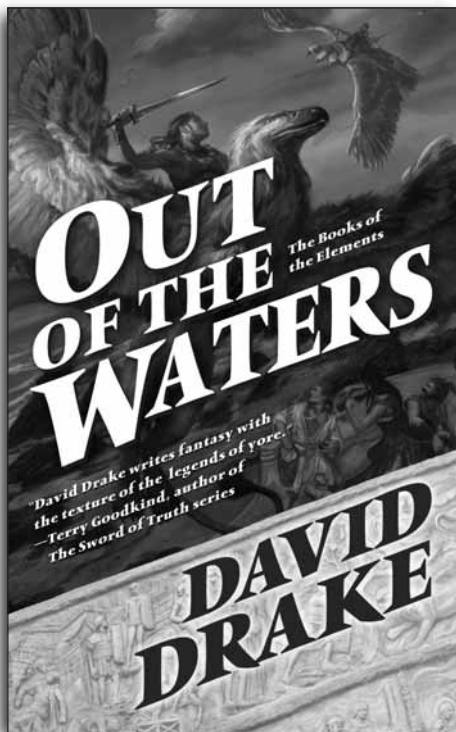
Burn Me Deadly (Tor MM, 3/12, 978-0-7653-6204-9, \$7.99/\$9.99)

The Sword-Edged Blonde (Tor MM, 7/09, 978-0-7653-6203-2, \$6.99/\$8.99)

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 Author comparison: Jim Butcher



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 Author residence: Pittsboro, NC
 Author comparison: Raymond E. Feist,
 George R. R. Martin,
 Robin Hobb

David Drake

OUT OF THE WATERS

The second novel of the highly acclaimed The Books of the Elements series

The wealthy Governor Saxa, of the great city of Carce, has generously subsidized a theatrical/religious event. During this elaborate staging of Hercules founding a city on the shores of Lusitania, dark magic turns the panoply into a chilling event. The sky darkens and the waves crash in the flooded arena. A great creature rises from the sea: a huge, tentacled horror on snake legs. It devastates the city, much to the delight of the crowd.

A few in the audience, although not Saxa, understand that this was not mere stagecraft, but something much darker and more dangerous. If all signs are being read right, this illusion could signify a dreadful intrusion of supernatural powers into the real world. Saxa's son, Varus, has been the conduit for such an event once before. This new novel is as powerful and elaborate as that fantastic theatrical event, a major fantasy for this year.

KEY POINTS

- *Out of the Waters* is the second book in an all-new fantasy series from Drake.
- Drake reads works in Latin and knows his historical background extremely well, giving a sense of authenticity to his fantasy world of Carce, which is based on ancient Rome.
- This book should appeal to David Drake's existing audience and to all epic fantasy fans.
- *Master of the Cauldron*, in hardcover, was tracked by the *New York Times*.
- Drake is an attorney who has written military SF and also fantasy stories since the early 1970s.
- www.david-drake.com

PRAISE FOR *THE LEGIONS OF FIRE*

"Drake keeps the action moving. Recommended for all action fantasy fans, not least because three of the four protagonists are on the verge of adulthood, which promises a bildungsroman atmosphere throughout the succeeding volumes."

—BOOKLIST

"Drake vividly recreates the attitudes of patrician Romans in this fantasy tale... Fans of fantasy and historical fiction will enjoy the decidedly noncontemporary characters and their adventures."

—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

"Drake is one of the best fantasy writers this genre has ever produced."

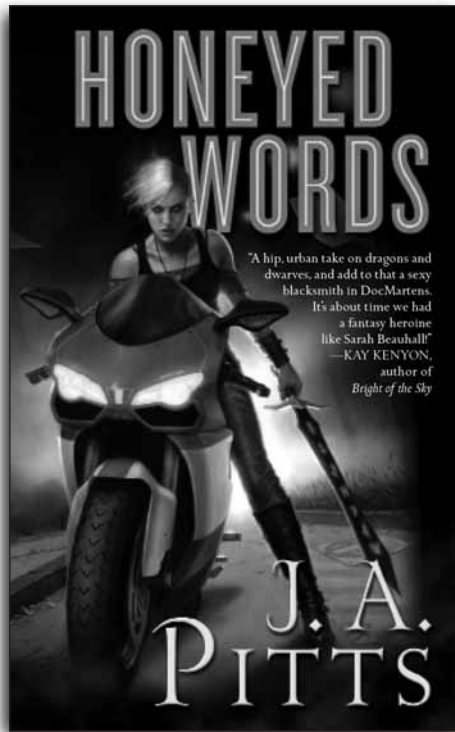
—ERIC FLINT, AUTHOR OF 1632

ALSO AVAILABLE

The Books of the Elements
The Legions of Fire (Tor MM, 5/11, 978-0-7653-6045-8, \$7.99/\$9.99)

Lord of the Isles
The Mirror of Worlds (Tor MM, 11/08, 978-0-7653-5117-3, \$7.99/\$9.99)
Master of the Cauldron (Tor MM, 3/06, 978-0-8125-6170-8, \$7.99/\$10.99)
Goddess of the Ice Realm (Tor MM, 7/04, 978-0-8125-7541-5, \$7.99/\$10.99)
Mistress of the Catacombs (Tor MM, 8/02, 978-0-8125-7540-8, \$7.99/\$9.99)
Servant of the Dragon (Tor MM, 8/00, 978-0-8125-6494-5, \$7.99/\$9.99)
Queen of Demons (Tor MM, 6/99, 978-0-8125-6493-8, \$7.99/\$9.99)
Lord of the Isles (Tor MM, 8/98, 978-0-8125-2240-2, \$6.99/\$8.99)





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 978-0-7653-2468-9
 Author residence: Seattle, WA
 Author comparison: Jim Butcher,
 Patricia Briggs

J. A. Pitts

HONEYED WORDS

"Norse mythology comes into the modern world in this amusing debut...there's enough entertainment and romantic tension to keep readers interested in the planned sequels."

—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY ON *BLACK BLADE BLUES*

Sarah Beauhall is a blacksmith, has a night job as props manager for a low-budget movie, and spends her free time fighting in a medieval reenactment group. Her world falls apart when she discovers that dragons are real and live among us as shape-shifters; in fact, they have been the secret masters of our world from time immemorial. On top of all this, it appears that Sarah has managed to reforge an ancient sword that everyone suddenly wants...and those who don't want the weapon want Sarah to take on her destiny and become humanity's savior.

As Sarah tries to make her way in this new world, she discovers just how little she knows of reality. Fairies and dwarves and giants abound, the fault line of the Pacific Northwest is rife with ancient Norse magic. Odin appears with ravens at his side and cryptic advice for the fledgling heroine. And the cherry on the sundae? The discovery that Sarah's girlfriend is from a family that has been battling these forces for generations, and that they look to Sarah as their last best hope.

What's a girl to do when the powers of the world decide that you're responsible for cleaning up a magical mess?

KEY POINTS

- The second novel in a hot urban fantasy series by debut author J. A. Pitts.
- All the forthcoming books in this series can be read as stand-alones.
- This will appeal to fans of Jim Butcher and Patricia Briggs.
- Features strong female and LGBT characters.
- J. A. Pitts is a graduate of the Oregon Coast Writers Workshop and holds degrees in English and Library Science.
- The next hardcover in this series, *Forged in Fire* (978-0-7653-2469-6), is scheduled for June 2012.

PRAISE FOR *BLACK BLADE BLUES*

"A hip, urban take on dragons and dwarves packed with great one-liners like 'Troll at two o'clock.' Add to that, a sexy blacksmith in Doc Martens. It's about time we had a fantasy heroine like Sarah Beauhall!"

—KAY KENYON, AUTHOR OF *BRIGHT OF THE SKY*

"Endlessly entertaining. A colliding mix of action and ancient myth—yet sexy with a dash of tongue-in-cheek humor. Not to be missed!"

—BARB AND J. C. HENDEE, AUTHORS OF *THE NOBLE DEAD SAGA*

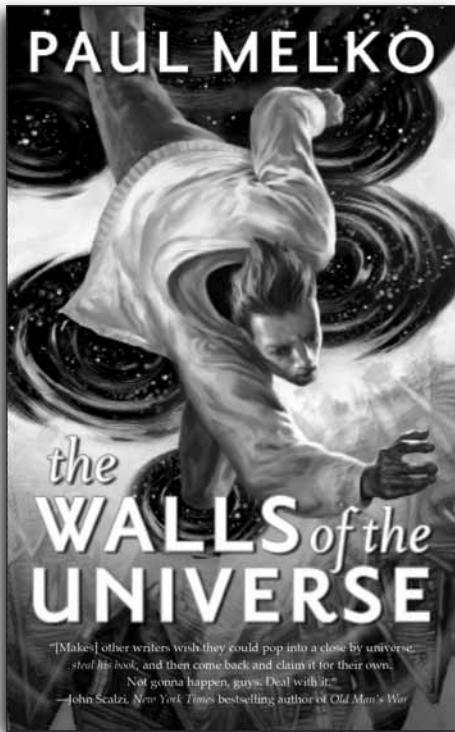
ALSO AVAILABLE

Black Blade Blues (Tor MM, 4/11, 978-0-7653-6409-8, \$7.99/\$9.99)



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LEAD SCIENCE FICTION



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 Author residence: Westerville, OH
 Author comparison: Robert Sheckley,
 Keith Laumer,
 Charles Stross

Paul Melko

THE WALLS OF THE UNIVERSE

★"An adventure with both brains and heart... With imagination and sympathy, Melko makes the journey genuinely exciting and leaves plenty of room for future exploits."

—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, STARRED REVIEW

John Rayburn thought all of his problems were the mundane ones of an Ohio farm boy in his last year in high school. Then his doppelgänger appeared, tempted him with a device that let him travel across worlds, and stole his life from him. John soon finds himself caroming through universes, and, when the device breaks, unable to return home. John settles in a new universe to unravel the machine's secrets and fix it.

Meanwhile, his doppelgänger tries to exploit the commercial technology he's stolen from other Earths: the Rubik's Cube! John's attempts to lie low in his new universe backfire when he inadvertently introduces pinball. It becomes a huge success. Both actions draw the notice of other, more dangerous travelers, who are exploiting worlds for ominous purposes. Fast-paced and exciting, this is SF adventure at its best from a rising star.

KEY POINTS

- This is hard SF.
- YA-okay, with main characters that are teenagers/college age.
- The novella, "The Walls of the Universe" was a Nebula Award and Hugo Award finalist.
- Melko's first novel, *Singularity's Ring*, won the 2009 Locus Award for best first novel.

PRAISE FOR PAUL MELKO

"Make[s] other writers wish they could pop into a close by universe, steal his book, and then come back and claim it for their own. Not gonna happen, guys. Deal with it." —JOHN SCALZI

"A distinctive vision of a post-singularity future.... Melko gives us an absorbing tour of a world where humanity isn't what it used to be."

—CHARLES STROSS ON *SINGULARITY'S RING*

"Bursts forth like a new universe exploding into being; a major book that happens to also be the debut novel of a stellar new talent."

—ROBERT J. SAWYER, HUGO AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF *ROLLBACK* ON *SINGULARITY'S RING*

"Melko is clearly an up-and-comer, and this is a distinctive debut."

—KIRKUS REVIEWS ON *SINGULARITY'S RING*





DC Comics

BATMAN: SUPER-VILLAINS STRIKE

A Choose-Your-Fate Adventure Book

Who is responsible for the bizarre crimes targeting Gotham City?

Batman's instincts tell him that Catwoman, The Riddler, Mr. Freeze, and Poison Ivy are all involved. But how could that be? They are all behind bars at Arkham Asylum. Batman knows these super-villains would never agree to work together...or would they?

Is a copycat criminal to blame? How could one person be in all these places at once? Follow the clues with Batman and then make your own choices for how the story will go. Can you help Batman solve this mystery? Will you be able to put the criminal—or criminals—behind bars and save Gotham City from chaos?

These DC Super Hero “interactive” stories will incorporate fabulous DC art along with puzzles and games to guide the reader through multiple outcomes of the story. The puzzles and games will appear at random chapter endings providing clues to help the reader decide where to go next. Familiar interactive elements, for readers otherwise absorbed with online games and other digital devices, these original concept books will add a new level of excitement and challenge for the reader.

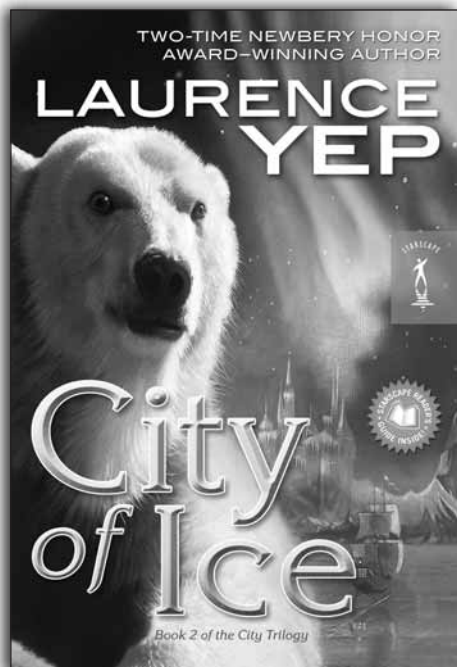
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 Age: Eight to twelve
 Territory: US CAN
 Origin: Original

KEY POINTS

- Timed to coincide with the release of the next Batman movie: *The Dark Knight Rises*, starring Christian Bale and Anne Hathaway, in July 2012.
- A series of puzzle books that combines the appeal of interactive games with three of DC Comics's most popular licensed characters: Batman, Wonder Woman, and Superman.
- Contains twenty puzzles and DC illustrations for readers to solve as they work their way through the adventure.
- Major motion pictures are in development for a Wonder Woman release and a Superman release, with the Batman motion picture and franchise continuing.
- Animated features are in development for Batman and Wonder Woman.
- These books are for ages eight to twelve.



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 Author comparison: Rick Riordan,
 Elizabeth Haydon

Laurence Yep

CITY OF ICE

Two-time Newbery Honor Award–winning author Laurence Yep thrills young readers with the second book in his epic City Trilogy

From the islands of Hawaii, Scirye and her loyal companions pursue the villainous Mr. Roland and evil dragon Badik all the way to the city of Nova Hafnia in the icy Arctic Circle. With the help of a trader, Prince Tarkhun, and his daughter Roxanna, the companions chase Roland and Badik into the vast and desolate Wastes. Scirye and her friends are determined to stop Mr. Roland from getting his hands on the second of the Five Lost Treasures of Emperor Yü, which will give him the power to alter the very fabric of the universe. But few who enter the Wastes ever return, and Scirye must call on the spirit of the North for help. As wild and unpredictable as the Arctic itself, will the spirit turn out to be friend or foe?

KEY POINTS

- The second book in Yep's City Trilogy.
- Fills the need for multicultural fantasy featuring characters, mythological settings, and elements that are not exclusively from the Western tradition.
- Middle-grade fantasy for ages ten and up.
- Will include a reader's guide.
- *City of Fire*, the first book in the trilogy, is an American Library Association Teen Top Ten nominee—one of twenty-five titles that was nominated by and voted on by teens across the country.
- *City of Fire* was also a Fall 2009 Kid's Indie Next selection, a Kansas State Reading Circle selection, and was an Amazon.com "Best Book of September Selection."
- In addition to two Newbery Honor Awards, Mr. Yep has received numerous other accolades, including the Laura Ingalls Wilder Medal from the American Library Association for a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children (2005); Visiting Artist, Kennedy Center (2002); and an NEA Fellowship (1990).
- Laurence Yep has been one of the most preeminent Asian-American authors for children and young adults for thirty years.

PRAISE FOR CITY OF ICE

"Sings and crackles with as much detail and action as the first.... New readers have enough clues to feel instantly at home. Makes a great read-aloud, too." —BOOKLIST

"Readers...will be eager to read more about Scirye's adventures."

—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

"Readers who enjoy inner conflicts, barbed dialogue, casts replete with supernatural creatures and fantasy epics that don't take themselves too seriously will find it a treat."

—KIRKUS REVIEWS

"Another thrilling, fast-paced and imaginative adventure." —BOOKLOONS.COM

ALSO AVAILABLE

City of Fire (Starscape MM, 8/10, 978-0-7653-5879-0, \$5.99/\$6.99)

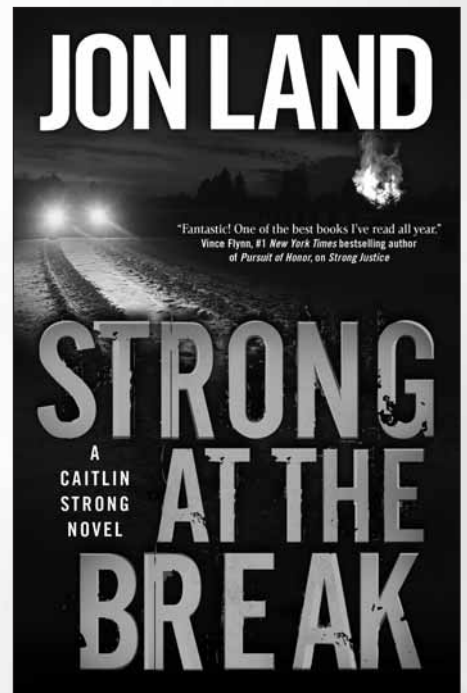


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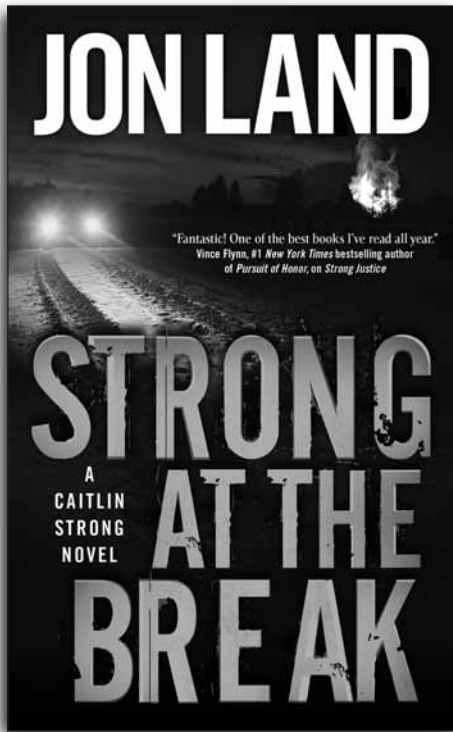
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 \$7.99/\$9.99)

Strong Enough to Die
 (Forge MM, 4/10, 978-0-7653-5115-9,
 \$7.99/\$9.99)

Jon Land**STRONG AT THE BREAK**

A Caitlin Strong Novel

"A riveting, fast-paced story that leaves the reader breathless." —SANDRA BROWN, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Fifth-generation Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong returns in an adventure with roots in a gunfight where her father shot down the cult-like leader of a separatist church. Two decades later, that man's son, Malcolm Arno, has become head of a militia movement bent on unleashing chaos and anarchy across the country. With all the guns and money he needs to wage a second Civil War, nothing seems to be standing in Arno's way. Until he runs afoul of Caitlin Strong.

Already mired in one investigation of drug smuggling over the U.S.-Canadian border and another involving an Iraqi war veteran who claims the army is trying to kill him, Caitlin finds herself embroiled in the search for the kidnapped son of former outlaw Cort Wesley Masters. When the missing boy's trail leads to Malcolm Arno's Texas compound, the three cases converge in an explosion of violence that will put Caitlin to the ultimate test. And the stakes are nothing less than the survival of America as we know it.

KEY POINTS

- Follow-up to *Strong Justice*, the second book in Land's Caitlin Strong series.
- Can be read as a stand-alone novel.
- Title refers to the fact that when one breaks a bone, it heals back stronger than it was before.
- 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*.
- Jon Land is the author of numerous bestsellers, including *The Last Prophecy* and *Blood Diamonds*.
- The next hardcover in the Caitlyn Strong series, *Strong Vengeance* (978-0-7653-3099-4), is scheduled for July 2012.

PRAISE FOR STRONG AT THE BREAK

"Land and his precise writing create an amazing read, combining elements of the best of the Old West and the action thriller. Caitlin seems so real, the reader expects her to walk into the room. And she more than lives up to her last name."

—THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

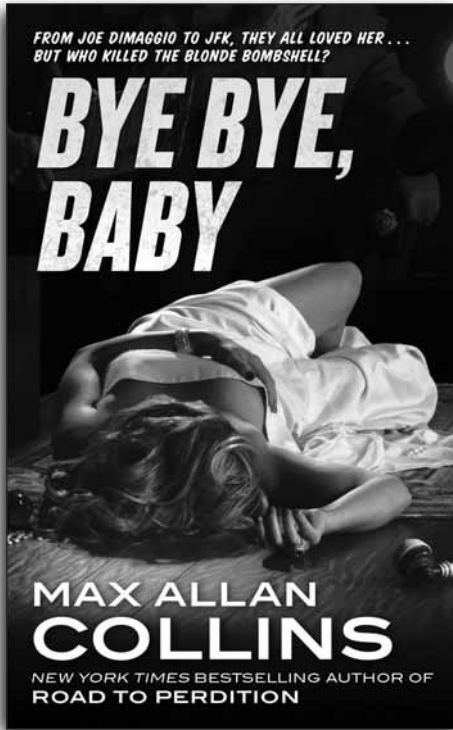
"Plenty of action keeps pages turning along with the fascination of discovering all the pieces connecting and clicking into place to reach the finale." —*RT BOOK REVIEWS*

"A terrific plot, vivid characters, suspense, a fast pace, all the ingredients of a great thriller. Jon Land has crafted a tense page-turning thriller that gave me hours of pleasure and excitement." —*THE STRAND MAGAZINE*

"Caitlin Strong is back, as tough, human and utterly fascinating as ever. Jon Land writes with heart, depth, and precision."

—CARLA NEGGERS, *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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 Author residence: Muscatine, IA
 Author comparison: Dashiell Hammett,
 Raymond Chandler,
 Elmore Leonard

Max Allan Collins

BYE BYE, BABY

From the bestselling author of *Road to Perdition*, an explosive novel unraveling the conspiracy to murder immortal screen icon Marilyn Monroe

It's 1962, and Twentieth Century Fox is threatening to fire Marilyn Monroe. The blond goddess hires Nate Heller, private eye to the stars, to tap her phone so she will have a record of their calls in case they take her to court. When Heller starts listening, he uncovers far more than nasty conversations. The CIA, the FBI, the Mafia—even the Russians—are involved in actions focused on Marilyn. She's idolized by women, desired by men, but her private life is...complicated...and her connection to the Kennedys makes her an object of interest to some parties with sinister intentions.

Not long after Heller signs on, Marilyn winds up dead of an overdose. The detective feels he owes her, and the Kennedys, with whom he busted up corrupt unions in the 1950s. But now, as Heller investigates all possible people—famous, infamous, or deeply cloaked—who might be responsible for Marilyn's death, he realizes that what has become his most challenging assignment may also be the end of him.

KEY POINTS

- Max Allan Collins based this novel on heavily researched facts, including police reports, Marilyn Monroe's death certificate, and well-documented conversations from interviews.
- This novel features Collins's signature PI Nathan Heller, but is a stand-alone.
- Collins is the bestselling author of crime fiction including *Road to Perdition* and the *Perdition Saga*, and the award-winning novel based on the film *American Gangster*. He has won two Shamus Awards for his Nathan Heller novels. He also wrote the Dick Tracy comic strip for fifteen years, and is an independent filmmaker.
- www.maxallancollins.com

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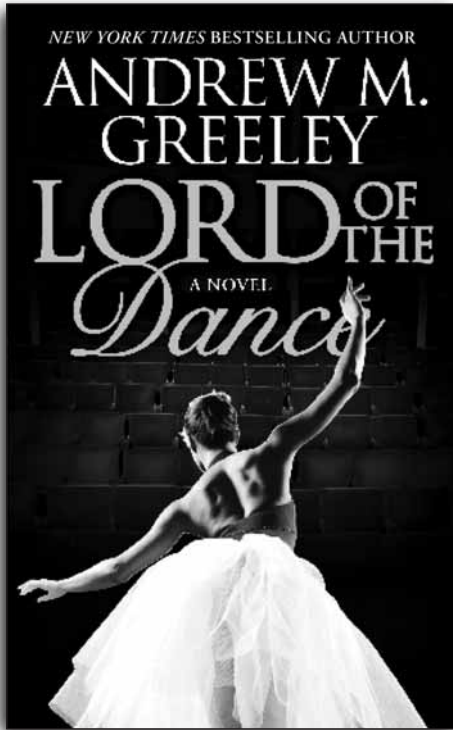
- ★ "Excellent... Collins convincingly portrays the real-life players in the drama, who include Jimmy Hoffa and Frank Sinatra. Readers with a taste for hard-boiled roman à clef will hope that more Heller is in the offing."
 —PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, STARRED REVIEW
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KEY POINTS

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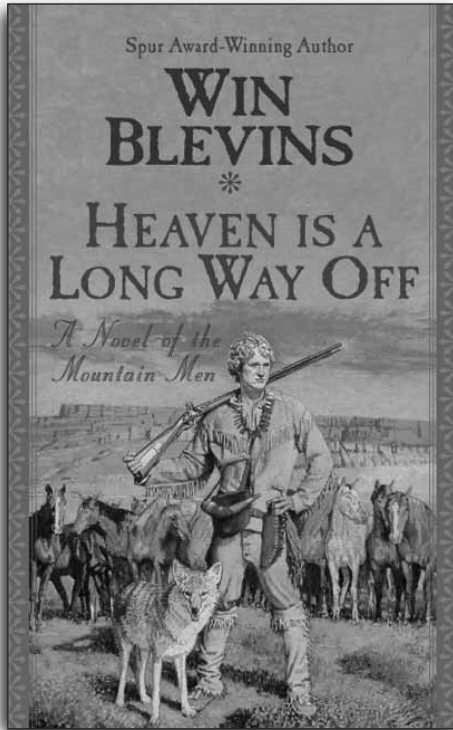
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Win Blevins

HEAVEN IS A LONG WAY OFF

A Novel of the Mountain Men

Spur Award–winning author Win Blevins advances the saga of Sam Morgan’s rise to formidable Rocky Mountain trapper and adventurer

Sam Morgan, once a young Philadelphia runaway, now a seasoned fur trapper and mountain man, faces the most daunting task of his adventuresome life. It is 1827 and he, along with the trapping brigade commanded by Jedediah Smith, has been expelled from Mexican California. Only a few months earlier, Sam’s beloved Crow Indian wife, Meadowlark, died in childbirth, and he had to leave his baby daughter behind—but only temporarily. He is determined to return to the California coast to find his daughter and return her to Meadowlark’s village.

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KEY POINTS

- This is the fourth novel in Blevins’s *Rendezvous* series, a historical series set in 1822–1840 America focusing on early pioneers such as mountain men, fur traders, and frontier rogues. It can be read by teenagers as well as adults.
- The first book, *So Wild a Dream*, was the winner of the 2004 Spur Award for Best Novel of the West.
- *Stone Song* won the Spur Award and the Mountains and Plains Booksellers Award for Fiction.
- Win Blevins is an authority on the Plains Indians and the fur-trade era of Western history. His wife, Meredith Blevins (also a Forge novelist) writes original songs based on their books, and he and his wife promote their books with readings, signings, and performances.

PRAISE FOR *HEAVEN IS A LONG WAY OFF*

“The action is sharp and exciting, and Sam’s companions are colorful and eccentric.”

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“Filled with details of the harshness of the times and the relationships between whites and Indians, the novel offers readers a climax exciting enough to satisfy the most demanding fan of the old West.” —SUNDAY DENVER POST & ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS

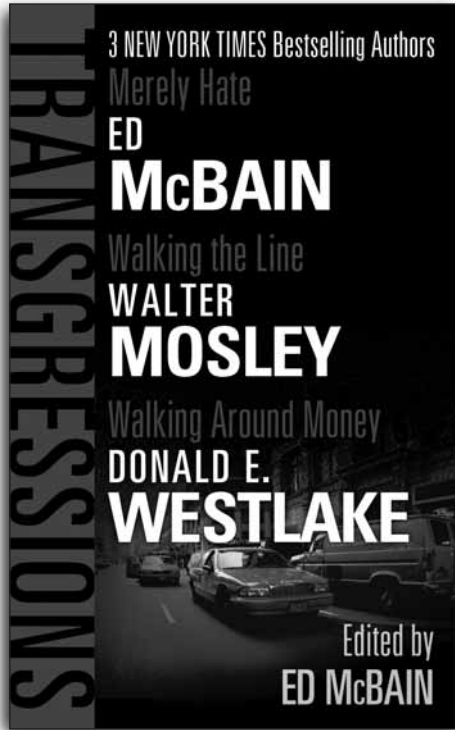
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Ed McBain, Walter Mosley and Donald E. Westlake

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KEY POINTS

- The hardcover of *Transgressions* was originally published in 2005, an anthology including stories by Donald E. Westlake, Anne Perry, Joyce Carol Oates, Walter Mosley, Ed McBain, and Stephen King.
- For the mass markets, *Transgressions* has been divided into four volumes.
- “Merely Hate” continues Ed McBain’s long-running, bestselling 87th Precinct series.
- Walter Mosley is the New York Times bestselling author of the Easy Rawlins series. “Walking the Line” is his first story featuring a new character, Archibald Lawless. Tor will publish Mosley’s *The Gift of Fire / On the Head of a Pin: Two Fragments from Crosstown to Oblivion* (HC, 978-0-7653-3008-6) in May 2012.
- Donald E. Westlake is a three-time Edgar Award-winner and a Mystery Writers of America Grandmaster. He has been dubbed the master of comic crime fiction.
- A reissue of *Transgressions Vol. 2* was released in January 2012 (978-0-7653-4751-0), and a reissue of *Transgressions Vol. 1* was released in March 2012 (978-0-7653-4750-3).

PRAISE FOR TRANSGRESSIONS

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“A thrilling NYC police procedural about a serial killer offing Muslim cabbies.”

—ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY ON “MERELY HATE”

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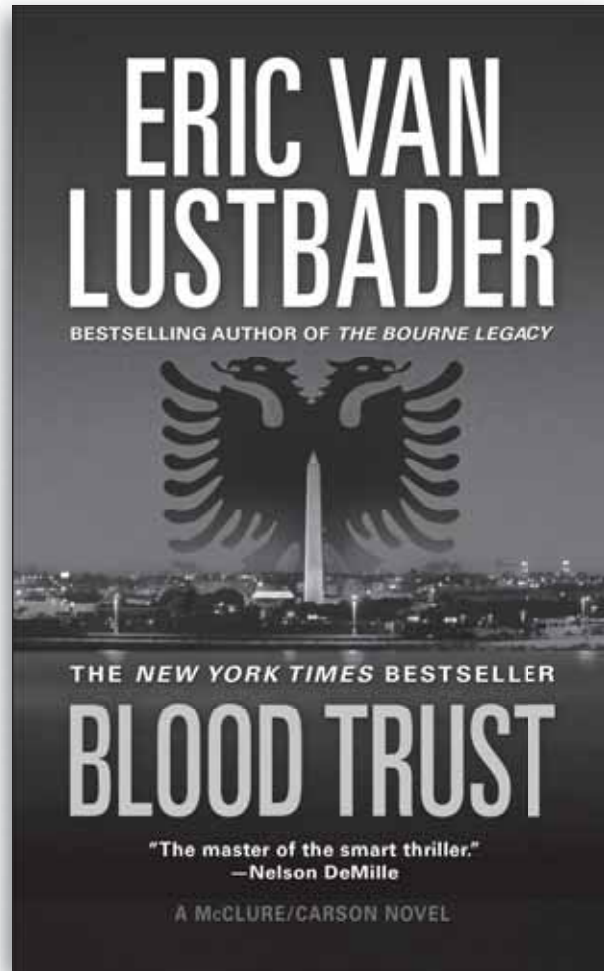
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