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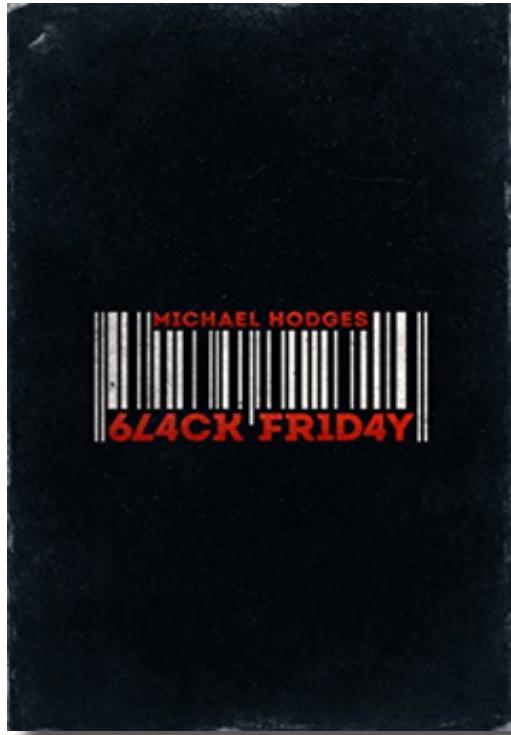
Black Friday

Michael Hodges

Severed Press

"Black Friday is a glorious work of literature. I know we're only three months into 2017, but I can undoubtedly state that Black Friday is one of the best horror novels of the year. Five stars." - Horror Novel Reviews

In the vein of *The Breakfast Club* and *The Mist*, a kleptomaniac, unemployed IT guy, a shopaholic, and an unhinged meth dealer become trapped by alien forces in a super mall on Black Friday.



Christmas miracles can happen, and for kleptomaniac Jared, the miracle comes the day after, on Black Friday. While crazed shoppers are running amok for the deal of a lifetime at the local mega-mall, Jared is busy stealing the small stuff, and today it's never been easier.

That is until all the lights go out.

Soon Jared finds himself alone in the best place to be alone, until he and a ragtag group of troubled misfits try to leave for the night and discover some force has trapped them inside the mall. Worse, they're not alone.

To escape, Jared and his newfound friends have to tear their way through a maze of specters, komodo dragons, and horrific creatures all while trying to wrestle with their own haunted pasts, leading up to a bizarre final confrontation — and first contact — with life from beyond the stars.

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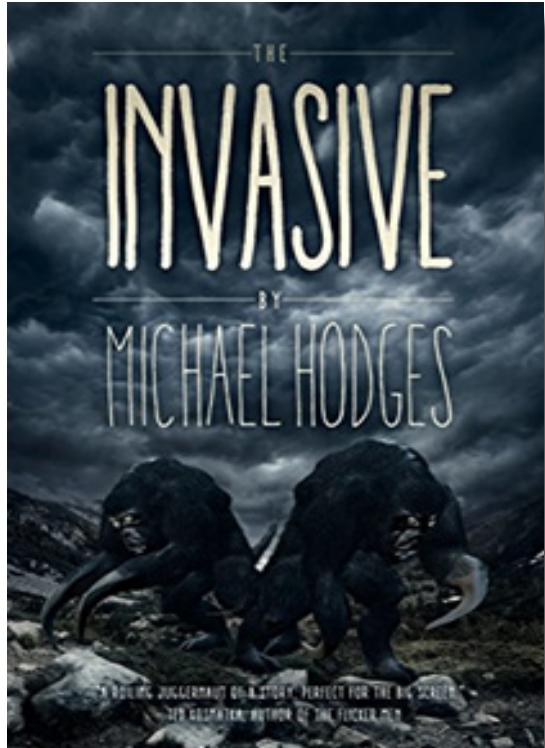
The Invasive & The Invasive II

Michael Hodges

Severed Press

*"A roiling juggernaut of a story, perfect for the big screen." - Ted Kosmatka,
author of *The Flicker Men* and writer for Valve Software.*

A couple discovers that invasive species from another planet are taking over their beloved Apex Mountains and with the help of a mountain man, a dog, and native grizzlies and eagles, fight to defend their turf.



Bishop is trapped deep inside Montana's Apex Valley along with his injured wife, a shotgun-wielding stranger named Colbrick, and a sneaking suspicion he's never making it back to Chicago. Things no man has seen before haunt the woods. Strange animal species creep behind pine trees, some of them with flashing red tags that blink faster and faster. Giant birds mimic the sound of humans and lord over the sky. Leaf-shaped creatures attack anything that moves and flash vivid colors across their glistening backs.

As Bishop and his companions scramble across the Montana wilderness, they find human remains and animal carcasses littering the woods. The small town of Elmore is empty, the windows broken and streaked with blood. Trout Bridge—their only way out—is blocked by abandoned cars, none that were inbound.

With the strange animal species closing in, Bishop realizes his group must take a stand. He's got a plan, and maybe they've got one last shot before the invasive species spread to the rest of the U.S.

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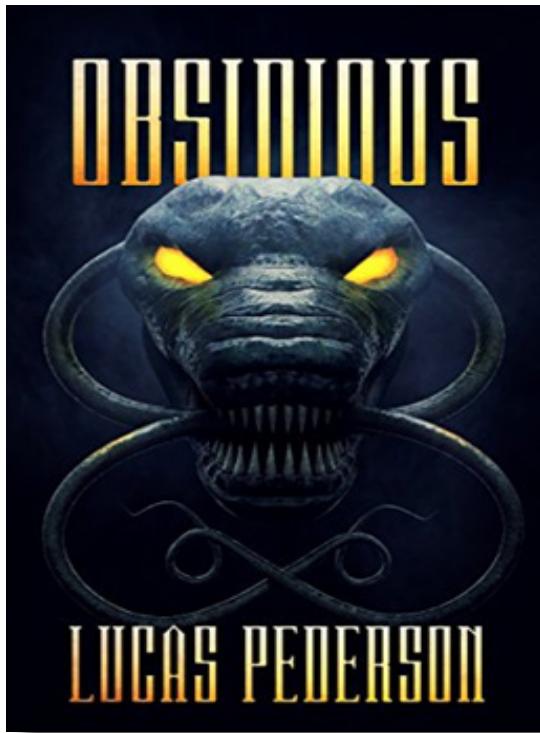
Obsidious

Lucas Pederson

Severed Press

A Sergeant and her Special Ops friends take their kids on a camping trip, but soon realize they're the ones being hunted when they stumble upon an area of the Iowa wilderness overrun by light-bending interdimensional creatures hungry for blood.

Sometimes, the membranes between worlds thins and something slips through...



Taking their kids on a hunting trip to Maker's Woods, Sergeant Kris Jensen and her Special Ops friends, Brooke and Melanie, soon realize they are the ones being hunted.

When one of the kids goes missing they search the area, finding a nest with ravenous creatures that move very fast and bend light to appear invisible. But the creatures aren't the only danger. One of Kris's friends gets black goo on her and becomes infected with an obsidious interdimensional spore.

As a covert military base sends out units to neutralize the interdimensional threat, Kris, her son, the kids, and friends fight to survive against an enemy ripped from a loved one that will stop at nothing to infect them and overrun our world with its offspring.

Kris battles the ultimate nightmare. One that refuses to end and might ultimately destroy her and the entire human race.

Lucas Pederson is the author of short stories and novels. His most recent short story will appear in the Horror Library Vol. 6 anthology in April 2017. He lives in a small Iowa town with his family and huskie (aka werewolf), and let's not ask him what he keeps in his basement...

The Black Series

Paul E. Cooley

Severed Press

The Leviathan meets The Thing

An exploration rig finds the largest underwater oil field ever and as they race to claim their prize, they soon discover their drilling has awakened an alien threat that has been living in the ocean floor for eons.



The Arrival, book 2 - Trapped in their labs, scientists at a Houston laboratory, must find a way to fight a creature that defies chemistry, physics, and biology.

Outbreak, book 3 - When a CDC-quarantined hospital falls, Houston SWAT is sent in to secure the facility, but find an oily menace attempting to escape and infect the world.

Under 30,000 feet of water, the exploration rig Leaguer has discovered an oil field larger than Saudi Arabia, with oil so sweet and pure, nations would go to war for the rights to it. But as the team starts drilling exploration well after exploration well in their race to claim the sweet crude, a deep rumbling beneath the ocean floor shakes them all to their core. Something has been living in the oil and it's about to give birth to the greatest

threat humanity has ever seen.

"The Black" is a techno/horror-thriller that puts the horror and action of movies such as Leviathan and The Thing right into readers' hands. Ocean exploration will never be the same."

Paul Elard Cooley produces free psychological thriller and horror podcasts, essays, and reviews available from Shadowpublications.com and iTunes with thousands of subscribers. He has been a guest on such notable podcasts as Podioracket, John Mierau's "Podcast Teardown," Geek Out with Mainframe, Shadowcast Audio, and Vertigo Radio Live. In 2010, his short story Canvas and novella Tattoo were nominated for Parsec Awards.

Tattoo became a Parsec Award finalist. He has collaborated with New York Times Bestselling author Scott Sigler on the series "The Crypt" and co-wrote the novella "The Rider." In addition to his writing, Paul has contributed his voice talents to a number of podiofiction productions. He is a co-host on the renown Dead Robots' Society writing podcast.

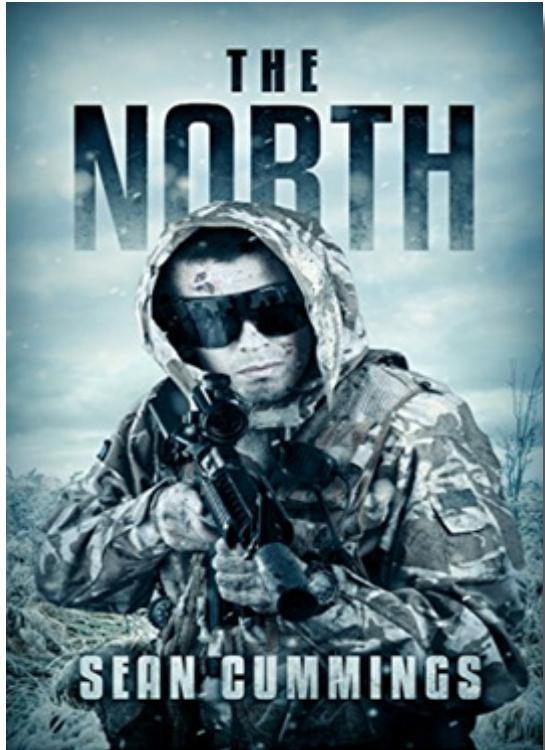
The North

Sean Cummings

Severed Press

Red Dawn meets *The Road* with zombies

A teen militia is outgunned, outnumbered and out of time. There's a weak signal from Sanctuary Base and it's supposed to be zombie-free, but between them there's more than a thousand miles to cover, biting, unforgiving cold, armed survivalists, legions of the living dead, and someone called SUNRAY.



David Simmons is on a mission to save his eight-year-old sister. In a smoldering world infested with walking cadavers, the survivors of Simmons infantry reserve unit are going hatches down in a pair of armored personnel carriers and everyone knows that it's only a matter of time until their fuel runs dry.

There's more than a thousand miles of biting, unforgiving cold, armed survivalists and legions of the living dead standing in their way.

They're outgunned, outnumbered and out of time.

This tense thriller offers a terrifying and brutal vision of survival in a post-apocalyptic world where the bonds of friendship and family are the only things left that are worth fighting for.

Sean Cummings is a bestselling author *POLTERGEEKS* and *STUDENT BODIES* published by Angry Robot Books. He writes fantasy ranging from traditional urban fantasy (*Shade Fright*, *Funeral Pallor*) to a blend of dark fantasy and superheroes. (*Marshall Conrad: A Superhero Tale*)

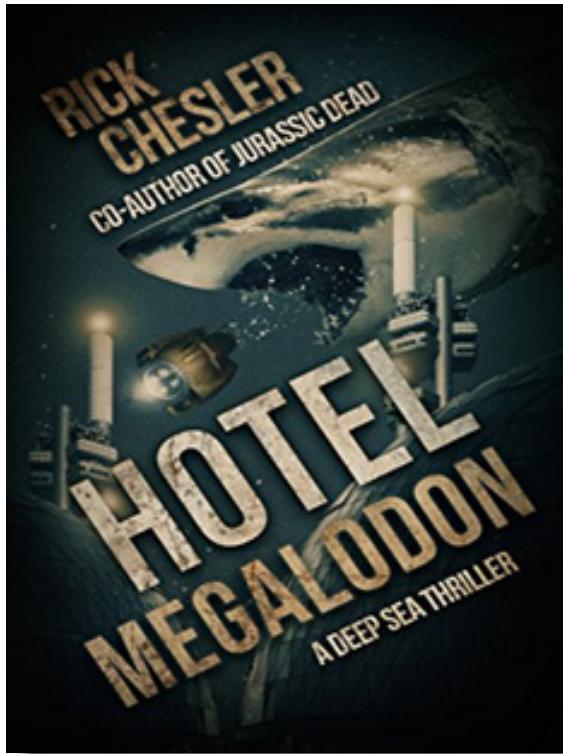
Hotel Megalodon

Rich Chesler

Severed Press

"This is action-packed, bloody, and absolutely ridiculous! I loved it." – Outlaw Poet

When a host of the world's richest and most famous people gather for the grand opening of a luxury underwater hotel, a hungry megalodon that has been disturbed by the building process decides to see if the 1% don't just live better, but if they taste better, too.



An underwater luxury hotel on a gorgeous tropical island is set for an extravagant opening weekend with the world watching. The only thing standing in the way of a first-rate experience for the jet-setting VIPs is an unscrupulous businessman and sixty feet of prehistoric shark. As the underwater complex is besieged by a marauding behemoth, newly minted marine biologist Coco Keahi must face off against the ancient predator as it rises from the deep with a vengeance. Meanwhile, a human monster has decided he would be better off if Coco were one of the creature's victims.

Rick Chesler holds a Bachelor of Science in marine biology and can often be found diving, boating or traveling to research his next thriller idea. A former contractor for the U.S. Dept. of Commerce and the State of Hawaii, he currently lives in South Florida with his family, at the edge of the Bermuda Triangle.

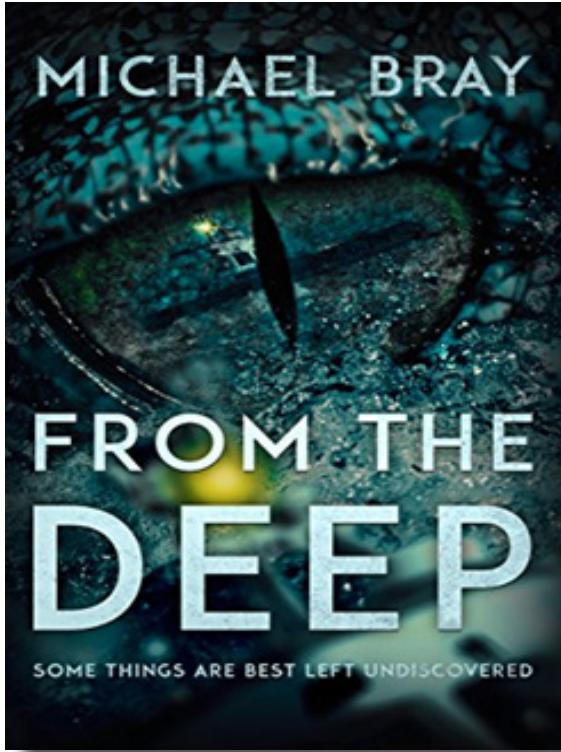
From The Deep

Michael Bray

Severed Press

Seeking redemption and to clear his name, a crab fisherman joins a government scientist to track down and kill the sea monster who murdered his family, but soon discovers the government has other plans.

Something has awoken.



Roused from its slumber following an Antarctic ice quake, an immense beast has risen from the depths. Dwarfing even the mighty blue whale, the gargantuan wonder of evolution takes charge of the oceans, setting a catastrophic chain of events in motion.

Henry Rainwater is a rookie crab fisherman trying to make his own way in life. After surviving an encounter with the beast which sees his father and the rest of the crew of their family boat killed, Rainwater becomes a recluse, deathly afraid of the creature which lurks in the ocean.

The only man that believes Rainwater is Andrews, an ambitious scientist charged by the government to investigate the existence of the creature. Rainwater soon finds out that Andrews has different motivations for locating the beast.

Driven to find his redemption and clear his name, Henry must overcome his terror and set out to sea in order to track down and kill the creature, in the hope of finding it before Andrews and his unhinged superior, Russo can put their own plan into action, one which could have terrible repercussions for the entire human race...

Michael Bray is a bestselling horror novelist. Several of his titles are currently being translated into multiple languages and options for movie and Television adaptations under negotiation for others.

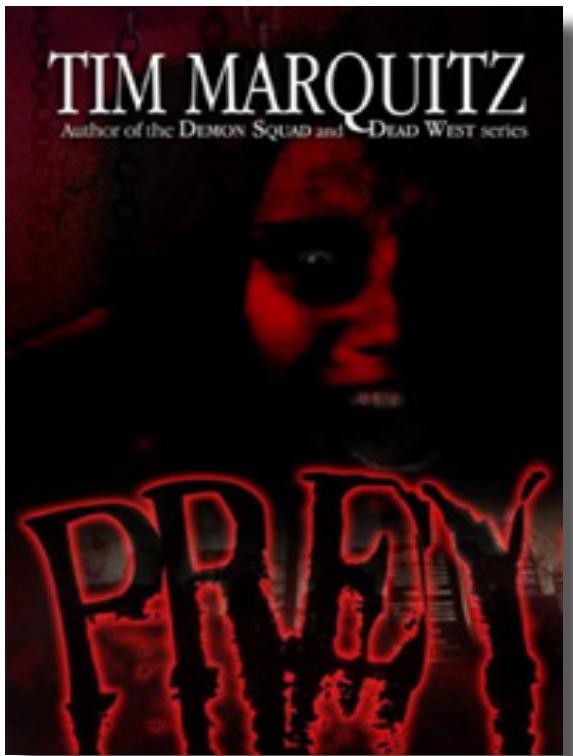
Prey & Anathema

Tim Marquitz

Ragnarok Publications

"Tim Marquitz is one of those rare, fearless writers who isn't bound by genres and conventions. Whether it's irreverent spoofing like War God

Rising, the gritty urban fantasy of Demon Squad, sprawling epic (if grim) fantasy, or straight up horror, the man can do it all like a badass chameleon. It takes talent to master any one of these, but few writers make genre jumping look so effortless. Also, I suspect he doesn't sleep." - Jeff Salyards, author of the Bloodsounder's Arc



Prey - A young, homeless man arrested for a gruesome crime; a respected politician bound for higher office; detective Shane Calvin finds himself caught in the middle as two seemingly disparate lives collide, the weight of their secrets threatening to destroy them all.

Anathema - Chemist Jerrod Dawkins has lost everything: his job, his reputation, and his family. After a failed suicide attempt, he learns that an envious co-worker masterminded his downfall, and he vows revenge. Jerrod manufactures a virus and turns it loose on his former friend, unleashing far more than he intended.

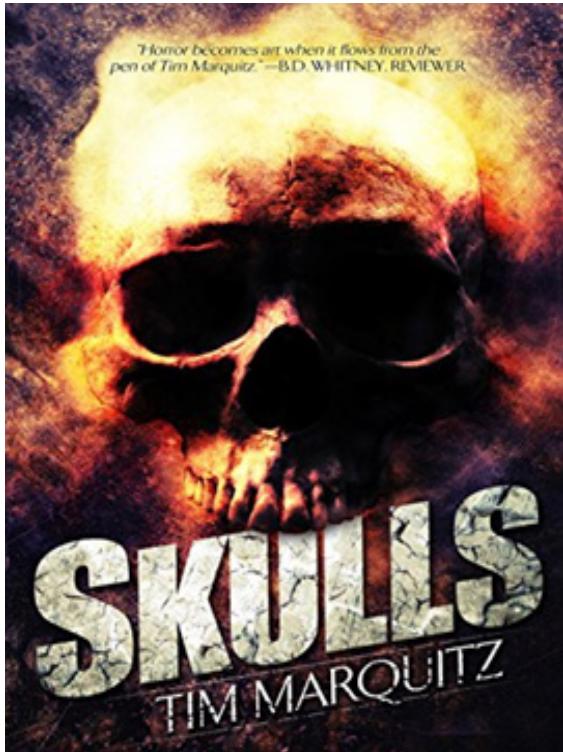
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Skulls

Tim Marquitz

Ragnarok Publications

When Jacob stumbles upon a bunker full of skulls he discovers he can watch the owner's death through the eye sockets, but soon just watching may not be enough...



Life held little interest for Jacob...until he found death.

Abused and neglected Jacob's only solace comes when he is alone in the woods or in the arms of his new girlfriend. But when he stumbles across a hidden bunker filled with human skulls he learns what true suffering is. Drawn to examine the skulls he finds there is more than just empty blackness behind their lifeless stares. Through their eyes, he watches them die.

With every glance he witnesses another murder, the memories of the dead playing out inside his mind until reality becomes a blur. A primal cruelty awakening Jacob returns to the morbid comfort of the skulls, over and over again. But when he happens upon a fresh skull, a victim tortured and slain for his amusement alone, he knows his time has come. Face to face with death Jacob must choose whether to resist the darkness that dwells inside or condemn himself forever, murdering his innocence on the edge of an axe.

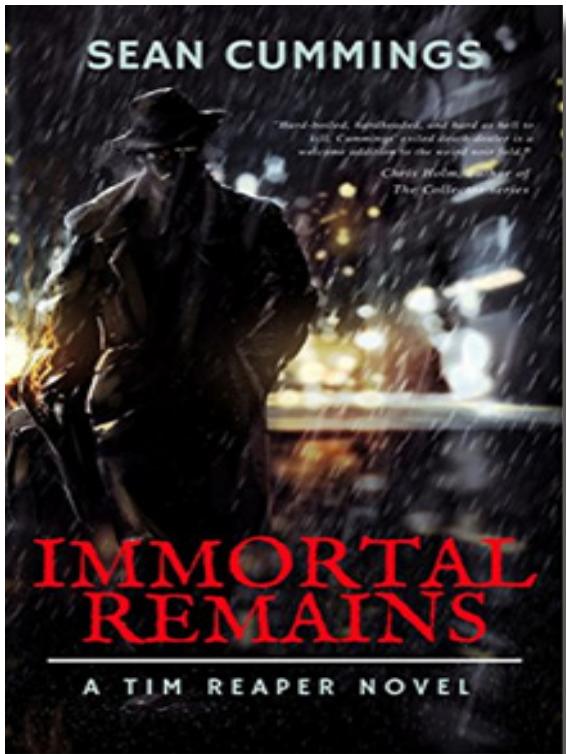
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Immortal Remains

Sean Cummings

Back Alley Books

An exiled grim reaper named Tim spends his immortal years on earth hunting serial killers, especially those with a penchant for children...and cats.



He's not a detective and he doesn't give a crap if your spouse is cheating on you. Human and supernatural beings avoid him like the plague because if you get too close he'll gleefully tell you the time and date of your own demise and that's before he punches you in the face.

For nearly one hundred years, Tim Reaper (yes, that's what he calls himself) has been living as a fixer, a rum runner, an enforcer and occasionally, a gumshoe. He hasn't aged a day because of his habit of borrowing the bodies of the recently deceased. (A convenient trick when you're on the lam.) Banished to the human world for tinkering with the natural order of life and death, he's kept himself busy with a peculiar hobby: ending the lives of murderers and serial killers alike.

Except now, the bodies are piling up in Mexico City, Boston and the port city of Halifax. In fact, someone just found a corpse at the shipping terminal and it's not entirely human. Called on by the Holy See to put an end to the madness, Reaper is about to learn that this particular serial killer has a hate-on for heavenly bodies and even the Supreme Being will pay the bounty if it means saving humanity from the abyss.

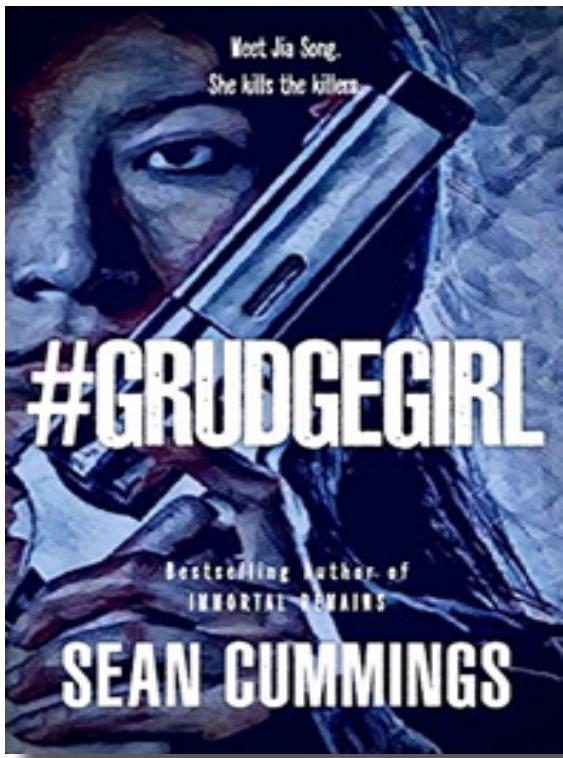
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#GrudgeGirl

Sean Cummings

Back Alley Books

A woman who sees ghosts can no longer stand by while the restless dead know who their killers are.



Meet Jia Song. She kills the killers.

At twenty-one, she should be finishing university and entering a profession. That was her parent's plan for her life. That's how everything was supposed to be. Unfortunately, nobody asked Jia what she wanted to do. And even if they had bothered, she'd be in a mental institution by now if they ever found out about the things she sees every time she closes her eyes at bedtime.

And what she's been forced to do about it.

Her "little problem" began when she was seventeen. One ghost at a time, the spirits of murdered women come to her. They fill her dreams with nightmare imagery of their killings. Each horrifying vision continues night after night until Jia hunts the killers and brings justice to the dead.

She's been on the road now for four years, living under everyone's radar. Jia knows there are police in three major cities looking for the person Twitter users have named the #GRUDGE GIRL. But what she doesn't know is that someone is on her tail. Someone who is also haunted by the dead. Someone who bears witness in their own dreams to gruesome killings at the hands of young Asian

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**FANTASY, URBAN FANTASY,
SUPERNATURAL**

Once a Gypsy

Danica Winters

Diversion Books

In the vein of Downton Abbey for the world of Gypsies... Irish Traveller and clairvoyant Helena is trapped by the strict traditions of her family, but when she's meets a mysterious man, passions ignite, giving her the courage to pursue her dreams.



The Irish setting to this story was a breath of fresh air! The Traveller Traditions of this story really made it! The characters come alive in this wonderful Irish Gypsy novel!

Night Owl Reviews

Helena has never fit in with her Irish Traveller family. Aside from her opposition to marriage and her determination to attend university, Helena has the gift of the Foresight, the ability to see the future.

Graham is the groundskeeper at a manor in Adare, Ireland. Though the estate appears idyllic, it holds dark secrets, and despite his own supernatural gifts, Graham can't solve Adare Manor's problems by himself. Desperate for help, Graham seeks out a last resort: Helena, whose skills are far greater than she knows.

When he promises to teach her to control her powers, Helena resists, afraid of the damage her abilities might do and her increasing attraction to the handsome groundskeeper. Her entire way of life is at risk: Any involvement, especially romantic, with non-gypsies like Graham is forbidden. But fate has other plans for Helena's clairvoyance—and her relationship with Graham....

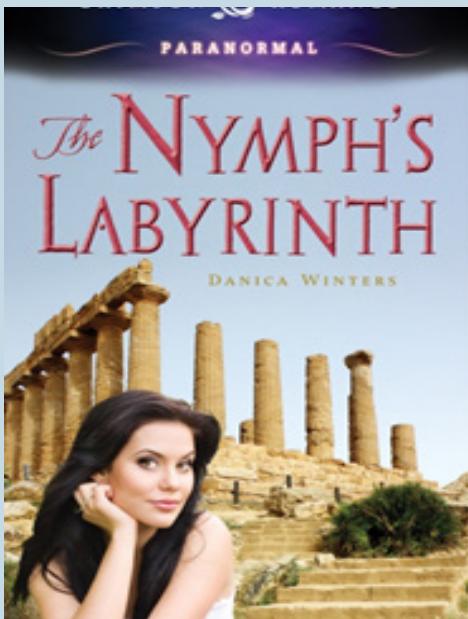
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The Nymph's Labyrinth

Danica Winters

Simon & Schuster

A secret sisterhood of nymphs have hidden through the ages until they're discovered by an archaeologist who sets them on a course of exploration, discovering their forbidden passion while exposing deadly secrets...



"Tragedies are as old as Greek civilization, so it's no surprise that THE NYMPH'S LABYRINTH takes a tragic turn, but author Danica Winters keeps us reading with the promise of love surviving the twists of an older kind of magic." – Fresh Fiction

A world shrouded in mystery and intrigue, the Sisterhood of Epione must not be exposed.

A Shape-shifting nymph, Ariadne, is tasked with keeping the truth of her group's existence and their ancient mysteries far out of reach of an American archeologist and his troublemaking son. When forgotten and forbidden passions are awakened, Ariadne is forced to make a choice—fall in line and continue to be overrun and pushed down by the sisterhood, or follow her heart and put everyone's lives in danger.

Can she have the man she loves or will the pressure and secrets of the past keep her from her heart's desire?

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Desert Wolf: Alpha Company

Molly Evans

St. Martin's Press

"Brenda Hampton [Molly Evans] writes with two rules: Make them double over laughing then make them squirm in sensuous pleasure. And she does both with powerful, no-holds-barred punches. I can't wait to see what she comes up with next!" - Darynda Jones, New York Times bestselling author of the Charley Davidson series and The Darklight Trilogy

An elite military unit of were-wolves battle drug runners and rival packs in the desert of New Mexico all while trying to keep a human veterinarian from finding out their secret and the leader of the pack's heart.

There's a wolf on the loose and his name is Victor Stone, commander of an elite group of former soldiers who just happen to be werewolves. Since leaving the battlefields in the Middle East their mission has changed from killing. Now, they rescue. They still get the bad guys. And they always get the girl.

A rogue group of shifters has set up a drug, gun and human trafficking ring in the New Mexico desert. The only thing standing in their way is the Alpha Company. After they kidnap Stone's would-be mate, it is on.

Nothing will stop Victor Stone from driving his enemies out of the territory. For now, saving his mate is the only thing that matters. With his group of specially trained band of wolf-brothers, he takes her back, makes her his mate and Alpha Company is out to settle the score.

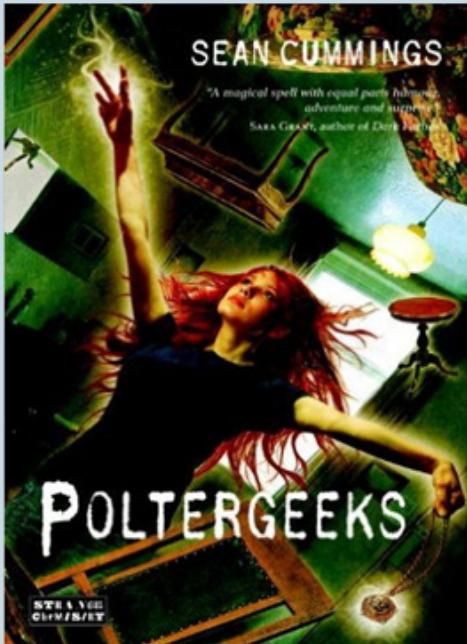
Brenda Hampton has published twelve novels with HarperCollins / Harlequin under the name Molly Evans. She currently resides in New Mexico.

Poltergeeks

Sean Cummings

Strange Chemistry/Angry Robot Books

The spunky daughter of a witch must confront the rise of poltergeist activity in her hometown, all while facing all the typical drama of high school.



"Poltergeeks rattles along at a fair old clip, shooting out thrills and spills and quite a few good jokes along the way. All this is carried off with an enviably light touch that makes Sean Cummings not just a good YA writer, but a good writer whatever genre he chooses to work in." - Gary McMahon, author of PRETTY LITTLE DEAD THINGS

15-year-old Julie Richardson is about to learn that being the daughter of a witch isn't all it's cracked up to be. When she and her best friend and uber-geek, Marcus, witness an elderly lady jettisoned out the front door of her home, it's obvious to Julie there's a supernatural connection. The house is occupied by a poltergeist and to reclaim it, Julie's going to have to exorcise the spirit. Of course, she'll need her mother's help and what teenager in their right mind wants that? Surely, she can do this on her own - right...?

But there's a whisper of menace behind increasing levels of poltergeist activity all over town. After a large-scale paranormal assault on Julie's high school, her mother falls victim to Endless Night - a dark spell that rips her mom's soul from her mortal body. Now it's a race against time to find out who is responsible or Julie won't just lose her mother's soul, she'll lose her mother's life.

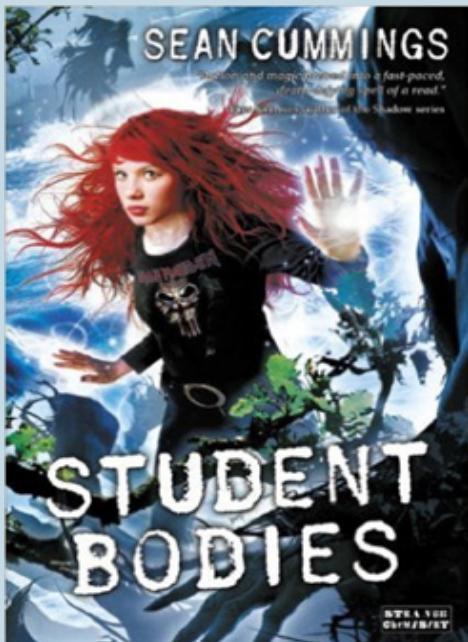
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Student Bodies: A Poltergeeks Novel

Sean Cummings

Strange Chemistry/Angry Robot Books

When the most popular kid at school mysteriously dies spunky teenage witch Julie Richardson is drawn into a dangerous cult's plot and quell rampaging supernatural larvae that feed on humanity's souls.



"Student Bodies is GHOSTBUSTERS meets SABRINA THE TEENAGE WITCH with a dash of X-FILES. A magical spell with equal parts humour, adventure and surprise." - Sara Grant, Author of Dark Parties

Whoever said being a teenage witch would be easy? For fifteen-year-old Julie Richardson and the city's resident protector from supernatural evil, the Left Hand Path doesn't give a damn if you've found true love for the first time in your life. There's someone lurking the halls of Crescent Ridge High School with enough malice to unleash an epidemic of Soul Worms – supernatural larvae that feed on the very fabric of a victim's humanity.

After witnessing the death of one of the most popular kids at school, Julie and über genius boyfriend Marcus find themselves in a race against time to find out who is behind the attacks. All the evidence points to a horrifying plot at the City Weir during the Winter Solstice; the place where icy waters of the Bow River and a thunderous spillway will mean the deaths of more than a hundred of Julie's classmates.

If she has any hope of saving their lives, she'll need a little help from a coven of white witches and an Aboriginal mage whose snarky attitude is matched only by her magical prowess.

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ROMANCE, ROMANTIC

COMEDY

Semper Fi Cowboy

Heather Long

Pocket/Simon & Schuster

"I have long been a fan of Heather Long books. She's an amazing writer who pulls you into her stories and doesn't let go until the very end of another satisfying and enjoyable story. Semper Fi Cowboy is yet another wonderful read from this very talented author." - Carole Mortimer,
USA Today Best Selling Author of over 200 books

A Leatherneck by any other name can still kick ass... a former marine returns home to turn his father's failing ranch around only to meet the local veterinarian who isn't willing to change the way she's been running the place.

Captain Tanner Wilks, honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps, returns home to find his family ranch failing after his retired Marine Colonel father's latest heart attack. Worse, Julia Heller, the sexy new girl in town who he spent a hot night with, appears as the resident veterinarian.

It falls on Tanner's shoulders to turn the ranch around and keep an eye on his father before he falls victim to another heart attack.

But Julia's made a home for herself at the ranch and doesn't appreciate Tanner coming in and making drastic changes. Even if he's hot as hell and can make her quiver with just a look.

Ousting her may give Tanner the power he needs to put his family back on top, but first he has to wrestle with his own heart

USA TODAY Bestselling author Heather Long writes for HarperCollins / Harlequin and Pocket / Simon & Schuster.

Gamble on Engagement: McMaster the Disaster Series

Rachel Astor

Audible/Amazon Publishing

Ewan MacGregor's The Ghost Writer has met J. Lo's The Wedding Planner in this hilarious romp through London's celebrity scene.



Josie McMaster is on the move to London for a top-secret stint as a ghost-biographer for a high-profile celebrity. It's her dream job; she's got a beautiful place to stay in the English countryside, full access to the celebrity, and three months to complete the best ghostwritten autobiography anyone has ever seen.

In true McMaster the Disaster fashion, Josie tumbles head-first into scandal, apparently more than just an average ghostwriter in the eyes of this new celebrity. Not to mention she has never written a biography, but... how hard could it really be?

Of course, the paparazzi isn't helping matters, constantly publicizing the 'when will Jake Hall pop the question' betting pool, which is completely ridiculous considering she and Jake have only been dating a short while...or is it?

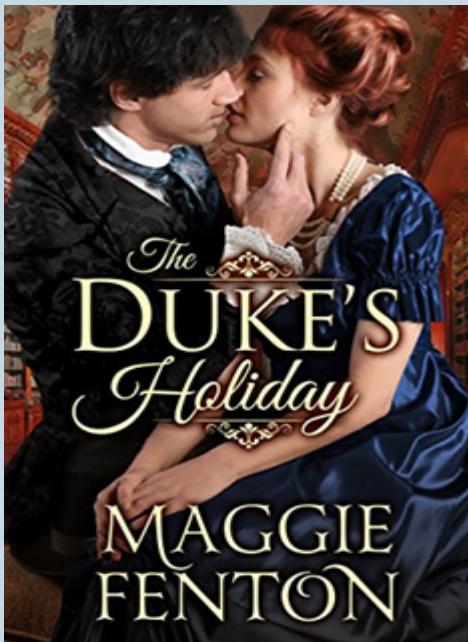
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The Duke's Holiday: A Regency Romp

Maggie Fenton

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A controlling Duke returns to his abandoned estate to discover a rebellious young woman has taken up residence in his home, and someone is hunting her.



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The cold, precise Duke of Montford demands things his way: neatly ordered, in place, and adhering closely to the rules. So, he is furious when he learns that the tenant of his ducal estate has been dead for a year, and a stranger has been running the Honeywell business—which, by contract, is now Montford’s. When he arrives in Yorkshire to investigate, he discovers that the estate is being run by an unruly, tomboyish woman—and a bluestocking at that!

Fiery redhead Astrid Honeywell is independent and educated. She’s been handling the Honeywell family business for years. And she’s not about to relinquish it to anyone—not even Montford—because of some archaic contract.

Montford and Astrid have an instant hatred for one another...and an undeniable, unspeakable attraction. They must resist this improper desire—after all, Montford has a fiancée in London. But when Astrid’s life is placed in terrible danger, Montford finds he may be willing to risk everything to save her.

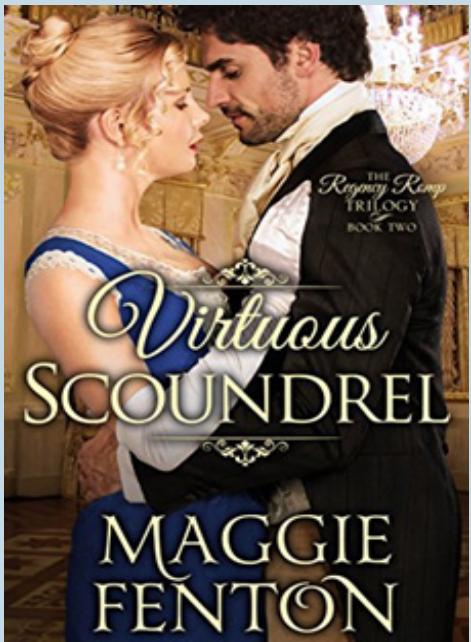
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Virtuous Scoundrel: A Regency Romp

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Sebastian Sherbrook, a self-proclaimed scoundrel and the newly minted Marquess of Manwaring, returns to London after his estranged uncle dies, intent on reforming his rakish image once and for all. Yet through no fault of his own, he's soon embroiled in the biggest scandal of the Season, and his secret plans to court the only woman he's ever wanted are in shambles.

Lady Katherine Manwaring knows her poor opinion of her late husband's nephew isn't about to change, even if the Times has dubbed him “The Singlemost Beautiful Man In London.” When fate casts Sebastian upon her mercy, however, she learns two shocking truths: he may not be the scoundrel his reputation suggests, and he's hopelessly in love... with her.

But an irate squire, an even more irate dog, several dawn appointments, meddling friends, and a touch of blackmail aren't the only things that stand in the way of their happy ending. Can Katherine accept Sebastian's love—and will he still want her if he learns her own dark secret?

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