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### Requiem for the Card Catalog

Aydan Kelly has reluctantly accepted her unwanted role as an undercover agent. When she finds evidence that the government murdered her husband to manipulate her, the betrayal drives her on a quest to uncover the truth.

### Tell Me No Spies

Meet Detective Sergeant Alicia Friend. She's nice. Too nice to be a police officer, if she's honest. Now assigned to DI Donald Murphy's team, the annoyingly-perky detective finds herself in the grip of a northern British winter, investigating the kidnap-murders of two young women - both strikingly similar in appearance. When a third is taken, they have less than a week to chip away the secrets of a high-society family, and uncover the killer's objective. But Richard - the father of the latest victim - believes the police are not moving quickly enough, so launches a parallel investigation, utilising skills honed in a dark past that is about to catch up with him. As Richard's secret actions hinder the police, Alicia remains in contact with him, and even starts to fall for his charms, forcing her into choices that will impact the rest of her life. For a chilling serial killer thriller with a quirky main character, pick up His First His Second today! >>> Reviews CrimeFictionLover.com "An intriguing mix of police procedural and serial killer thriller, that will tease, involve and unnerve you. An entertaining and intriguing debut." Undercover Book Reviews: "Want a book with twists and turns? This is the one. It will not disappoint." AUTHOR Q&A Q: Alicia Friend is kind of an oddball, isn't she? A: I'd say she's unique. She knows who she wants to be and she doesn't compromise, but most police officers she meets are dour and grumpy, and she sees how that impacts their personal lives. She doesn't want to be as hard-nosed as many women sleuths in fiction, so radiates the sort of perkiness that sometimes

grates on her fellow officers. But it's who she is. Q: Despite having a quirky woman sleuth as main character, the novel goes to some dark places. A: Yes. I found that at one point I was trying to include ALL my research, and I'm really aiming for a thrill ride as much a straight police procedural. I originally included the sort of forensic details you get with Patricia Cornwell or Kathy Reichs, but it wasn't right for this book. I keep it as accurate as possible, but it's about the characters and how they uncover secrets, both externally and within the police. Q: So who is your ideal reader? A: Fans of serial killer books in general. If you like James Patterson, PJ Tracy or Steven James, Mark Billingham or Ian Rankin, Alicia Friend's series could be worth checking out. Q: What levels of violence and bad language are there? A: Some of the violence is graphic, but the language that goes as strong as references to one's posterior and some faecal synonyms, if you get my meaning. No "F" or "C" words, as I don't think Alicia's audience appreciates that. Q: And how, exactly, do you come up with a character like Alicia? A: She is based on a real person. But very loosely. The essence is there, although I had to invent certain aspects for dramatic effect. The parts from real life are: a ditzy, perky outer shell, yet possesses a fierce intelligence, true dedication, and being brilliant at her job. Q: So the real Alicia Friend isn't a serving police officer? A: No, she isn't. And if she was, I certainly wouldn't say so here. Alicia Friend Books In Order: His First His Second In Black In White With Courage With Fear A Friend in Spirit To Hide To Seek A Flood of Bones

### **PET-CT: Rare Findings and Diseases**

This helpful guide provides practicing engineers, students, and researchers with a systematic, up-to-date introduction to the fundamental concepts, challenges, and state-of-the-art developments in WDM optical networks. The authors rely extensively on real-world examples and draw on the latest research to cover optical network design and provisioning in far greater depth than any other book.

### **Optical Network Design and Planning**

Meg Daniels and Andy Beck—better together at the Jersey Shore! But while Andy slaves away at a hotel-casino security job, Meg is doing her best to sleep late, limit her exercise, and get plenty of sand between her toes. Too much free time on this gal's hands always spells trouble, and this time it comes courtesy of Andy's old pal Johnny Angelini, a would-be Rat Packer who channels Frank Sinatra nightly at the hotel bar. Johnny was just an infant in 1964 when the Democratic Convention came to town and his mother, Betty Boyle, vanished without a trace. Intrigued, Meg hits the Boardwalk running to solve the 50-year-old case and bring some closure for Johnny. As she doggedly tracks down and interviews surviving witnesses, involving a former senator with powerful ties, she stumbles on a twisted cover-up. One of Meg's suspects is intent on keeping the Boyle case cold—even if that means icing a meddlesome Jersey girl along with it.

## **Trouble in Mudbug**

Two women have gone missing in two weeks: the first, found dead, was slashed and dumped in a back alley in Boston. The second was discovered by a child in a Swan Boat Ride. As fear intensifies, Hunter, the head of the FBI Behavioral Unit, calls his star criminal profiler, Tracy Wrenn, to help on the case. Even though she had plans to become engaged that evening, Tracy quickly cancels her plans and rushes to Boston to help. A beautiful, young professor of criminal psychology, Tracy has become renowned for her success at cracking cases no one else can. With her unusual insights and unique point of view, she is relentless at probing the inner minds of murderers. When a third woman goes missing, and when Tracy finds herself in danger, everything intensifies. In a shocking turn of events, Tracy finds out more not only about the killer, but about herself--and learns that nothing is what it seems. Book #2 in The Killing Game will be released soon.

## **WDM Optical Networks**

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Jana DeLeon brings you the first book in the Ghost-in-Law series. Family can be the death of you Scientist Maryse Robicheaux thought that a lot of her problems had gone away with her mother-in-law's death. The woman was rude, pushy, manipulative and used her considerable wealth to run herd over the entire town of Mudbug, Louisiana. Unfortunately, death doesn't slow down Helena one bit. DEA Agent Luc Lejeune is wondering what his undercover assignment investigating the sexy scientist has gotten him into - especially as it seems someone wants her dead. Keeping his secrets while protecting Maryse proves to be easier than fighting his attraction for the brainy beauty. Trouble in Mudbug is a humorous mystery and contemporary romance set in the bayous of southern Louisiana. It is the first book in the New York Times bestselling Ghost-in-Law series. Trouble in Mudbug has a cozy mystery feel and features a strong heroine turned amateur sleuth, a sexy hero, and a ghost unlike any you've ever heard of. It appeals to fans of light paranormal, paranormal romance, cozy mysteries and also to fans of the Stephanie Plum series by Janet Evanovich. Trouble in Mudbug is a free ebook at Google Play. "Southern wit at its best!" - NYT Bestselling author Gemma Halliday "Sinfully funny!" - NYT Bestselling author CC Hunter/Christie Craig "DeLeon is excellent at weaving comedy, suspense and spicy romance into one compelling story." - RT Book Reviews "I don't know where she comes up with this funny stuff, but I can't wait to read the next book..." - Night Owl Reviews "Jana DeLeon has a breezy style with enough of a comic touch to leave you smiling." - The Romance Reader "Son of a gun, we're having fun in the bayou!" - Fresh Fiction "The quirky characters keep the action moving..." - Barbara Vey, Publisher's Weekly Blogger To learn more about Jana and her books visit her at: <http://janadeleon.com> [@JanaDeLeon](http://facebook.com/janadeleonauthor)

## **Over Their Heads**

Learn advanced optical design techniques from the field's most respected guide Honed for more than 20 years in an SPIE professional course taught by renowned optical systems designer Robert E. Fischer, *Optical System Design, Second Edition* brings you the latest cutting-edge design techniques and more than 400 detailed diagrams that clearly illustrate every major procedure in optical design. This thoroughly updated resource helps you work better and faster with computer-aided optical design techniques, diffractive optics, and the latest applications, including digital imaging, telecommunications, and machine vision. No need for complex, unnecessary mathematical derivations—instead, you get hundreds of examples that break the techniques down into understandable steps. For twenty-first century optical design without the mystery, the authoritative *Optical Systems Design, Second Edition* features: Computer-aided design use explained through sample problems Case studies of third-millennium applications in digital imaging, sensors, lasers, machine vision, and more New chapters on optomechanical design, systems analysis, and stray-light suppression New chapter on polarization including lots of really useful information New and expanded chapter on diffractive optics Techniques for getting rid of geometrical aberrations Testing, tolerancing, and manufacturing guidance Intelligent use of aspheric surfaces in optical design Pointers on using off-the-shelf optics Basic optical principles and solutions for common and advanced design problems

### **Missing You in Atlantic City**

Jack has a secret. One he's kept hidden from his best friend Emma... When she calls in a favor, asking Jack to perform in a pirate fetish fantasy at the nightclub she manages, Emma inadvertently opens Pandora's box—for both of them. As portraying a dominant pirate forces more of Jack's secret desires to light, Emma finds herself enmeshed in sensual explorations of BDSM, wax play, bondage and sex in public that leave her questioning her vanilla existence. When a second heated interlude on the stage finds her submitting to Jack, Emma suspects she'll never find her way back to her simple missionary lifestyle. But with Jack in control...she's not sure she wants to.

### **The Black Kachina**

First Published in 1995. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

### **Little Girl Lost**

Austin Carr is a homeless stockbroker. Sort of. He's a salesman. Living on 100% commission during a recession and with child support payments can lead to getting kicked out of your apartment, having your car repossessed and living in a camper. Not even a real camper. A beat up old pickup with one of those camper toppers on it. Which he parks in the lot at Luis's Mexican Restaurant where he also takes advantage of the shower in the employee dressing room. His biggest client

has health issues, the client's wife is coming on to him, another client is super pissed about an investment and wants to get revenge, and his supervisor is ready to take him down by any means necessary. Determined to make enough money to meet the child support payments and get to see his kids again, Austin gets mixed up with a redhead which leads to illegal bond and money transfers and in the course of less than two weeks is run down by a car, beat up, his manager tries to shoot him, is buried in sand at the water's edge with the tide coming in, then he's kidnapped and finally becomes the victim of attempted murder by Bluefin (yes, the fish). And when he sneaks in to watch his daughter's swim meets, Austin wears nothing but a speedo.

### **Come Up and Get Me**

Using strategic supply chain network design, companies can drive consistent dramatic savings throughout their global supply chains. Logistics experts at IBM and Northwestern University have brought together the rigorous principles and the practical applications supply chain designers need to improve the flow of physical products across the globe.

### **Kentucky Basketball's Big Blue Machine**

When RCMP officer John Kane shoots the man who tried to carjack her, Aydan Kelly thinks her safe life has been restored, but her problems are only beginning. As Kane's investigation progresses, Aydan is horrified to discover her would-be abductor was part of an international ring of spies, and Kane has found evidence that makes Aydan look like a collaborator.

### **Spinetinger Magazine Fall 2017**

In this long-awaited autobiography, Kittinger joins author Craig Ryan to document an astonishing career exploring aeronautical feats and propelling Americans into space using the world's oldest flying machine the balloon.

### **Dance of Death**

Beauty Meets Beast in San Francisco Accepting employment as a governess after hard times hit her family, medieval scholar Rosalind Hawkins is surprised when she learns that her mysterious employer has no children, no wife, and she is not to meet with him face to face. Instead, her duties are to read to him, through a speaking tube, from ancient manuscripts in obscure, nearly-forgotten dialects. A requirement for the job was skill in translating medieval French, and she now understands the reason for that requirement, and assumes her unseen employer's interest in the descriptions of medieval spells and sorcery is that of an eccentric antiquary. What she does not realize is that his interest is anything but academic.

He has a terrible secret and is desperately searching for something that can reverse the effects of the misfired spell which created his predicament. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

### **Black Jack**

Looks at professional football player Mark Sanchez, focusing on his successful career and the work that he does to help inner city children and children with diabetes.

### **Invitation to Die (The Killing Game--Book 1)**

### **Never Say Spy**

Collection and resource data bases in bibliographic management; The effects of automation on organizational change, staffing, and human relations in catalog departments; The disposable catalog; The automated catalog and the demise of the cataloging mystique or, here comes the catalog the people always wanted maybe; Effect of national networking on catalog management decisions; The flexibly automated catalog: budgets, services and the varied catalogs at the Los Angeles county public library; Management experience with COM catalogs in a large academic library; Constituency concerns in OCLC management: user, library, network, OCLC; Shelf-list conversion: management pitfalls and opportunities.

### **The Fire Rose**

The drugs are missing and four lives are about to collide. Clyde just wanted to make a little extra cash on the side to raise his new baby. Now his life and the lives of his wife and newborn daughter are in jeopardy. Brent just wanted to do his job and be left alone. Now he's in a race against time for his life. Sean just wanted to escape the crime he committed in Detroit. Now he's stumbled into another. The money he embezzled is nothing compared the load of narcotics that fell into his lap. And Skeeter? Well, Skeeter wants the drugs back, and he'll use any means necessary to get them. When these four are let loose on a mad scramble to locate the drugs, they cut a path of mayhem and bloodshed across Virginia. Inept would-be criminals clash with ruthless drug dealers in a violent weekend where no one is safe. The only certainty: Everyone is in over their heads. "Hard boiled pulp, hot off the press. The writing team of JB Kohl and Eric Beetner give the middle finger to polite crime writing and splatter the pages of Over Their Heads with foul mouthed, two-fisted action delivered in a hail of bullets. Neo-noir, transgressive fans will cheer. Drawing room mystery readers may need smelling salts. Don't say you weren't warned." -Anonymous-9, author of Hard Bite and Bite Harder "Over Their Heads is a stripped down hot-rod of a

novel. JB Kohl and Eric Beetner keep things fast and tight, with a gasp or a laugh on pretty much every page as an assortment of would-be badasses try to track down some missing drugs. It's a comedy of errors, scored with the sound of gunfire." -Jake Hinkson, author of *The Big Ugly* "Over Their Heads is a real tour-de-force from the writers that brought you *One too Many Blows to the Head*. A full-blown crime noir that will keep you on the edge of your seat " -Bill Craig, author of the *Marlow Key West Mysteries* and the *Decker P.I. mysteries*

### **System of the Modern Roman Law**

When a top-secret weapon goes missing on Colonel Maggie Black's watch, her honor and her career are on the line. There were airmen who said the Air Force's best female combat pilot would never be the same after losing her arm in Iraq, but state-of-the-art prosthetics have made Maggie better than new, and she's not about to lose what she battled so hard to regain. But finding her experimental missile won't be easy—thanks to the revenge-fueled ambitions of Asdrubal Torres, whose hallucinatory encounter with the Great Spirit challenges him to refill Lake Cahuilla, the ancient inland sea that once covered much of Southern California. To fulfill his blessed mission, Torres needs wizardry and weaponry, and the Great Spirit provides both: Magic, in the form of a celebrated shaman's basket returned to the tribal museum by San Diego reporter Jordan Scott; Might, in the form of Maggie Black's top-secret weapon that falls from the sky. From that moment, it's a race against time for Maggie and Jordan, who together must stop Torres from destroying Hoover Dam—and turning the Colorado River into a tsunami that would kill hundreds of thousands and wipe out the Southwest's water supply. In the final showdown, it's Maggie who must disarm the stolen missile's trigger—one-handed or not—and save the day.

### **Deadly Stillwater**

Bartter surveys 250 American science-fiction stories, and American SF novels--with occasional overlaps of stories made into episodic novels--that have some relationship, often direct, sometimes marginal, to atomic weapons and their effects. . . . Highly recommended for popular literature collections. Choice Divided into three principal parts, *The Way to Ground Zero* begins by exploring *The Way to Hiroshima*. Through a detailed analysis of the works included, Bartter reveals the sociopolitical assumptions that authors took for granted and develops a method by which these assumptions can be disclosed. She shows that encoded in these fictions we can find the patterns that led us to create and use the atomic bomb. In the second section, Bartter looks at the deeper assumptions on which these sociopolitical assumptions rest, focusing particularly on those which perpetuate considerations of nuclear war--both in science fiction and in actual policy making. Finally, Bartter explores alternative assumptions proposed by innovative science fiction writers. Throughout, an attempt is made to forge a deeper understanding of the ways in which science fiction both reflects and influences human and international relations. Students of science fiction and of literature and politics will find Bartter's work enlightening,

provocative reading. Bartter argues that a close examination of American fiction, particularly science fiction, can offer important new insights into the events surrounding the bombing of Hiroshima in 1945. The use of an atomic bomb to end the war followed a scenario long established in science fiction--defeating our enemy with a super-weapon developed by native technological genius. By examining the interrelationship between this persistent plot-device and the development and use of a real super-weapon, Bartter sheds new light on the transactional role of literature and real life. Her analysis is based on a comprehensive theory of human nature, substantiated by exhaustive research in science fiction archives and libraries and covers a large number of stories--both well-known and relatively obscure--featuring super weapons or super war and published by American authors.

### **Reach for the Spy**

From USA Today bestselling author Robert Swartwood, a heart-pounding conspiracy thriller of riveting mystery and suspense. A message courier pushed into the path of a train. A young woman commits a terrible act of violence. A family man puts a gun to his head. John Smith suspects these aren't random events — someone engineered them. But who — or what? And why is John Smith their next target? PRAISE FOR LEGION AND ROBERT SWARTWOOD "Legion is an excellent thriller that does what most thrillers set out to do. Keep the readers hooked with a fast paced story, sprinkled heavily with jaw-dropping twists that end on a climax, which will leave the readers wanting more." —Fantasy Book Critic "Robert Swartwood is the next F. Paul Wilson — if F. Paul Wilson's DNA was spliced with Michael Marshall Smith. If you haven't yet read Swartwood, you're missing out." —Brian Keene "Robert Swartwood is a sharp writer, his prose lean and mean as a razor blade. He notches up the tension from chapter to chapter like a master story-teller, keeping you reading long into the night." —The Man Eating Bookworm

### **The Big Splash**

As if things aren't bad enough in Penns River, development and funding of a new religious-themed mall grinds to a halt when heavily-armed assassins cut down five leaders of the town's fledgling drug trade while eating lunch in the food court. The television minister behind the mall has associates not normally associated with a ministry, outside drug gangs may be muscling into town, and the local mob boss could have an angle of his own. The cops have this and all the usual local activity to contend with in a story that extends beyond the borders of Penns River. Praise for RESURRECTION MALL "Dana King's Resurrection Mall is a patchwork of desperation from a depressed river town written with genuine style and grit." —Reed Farrel Coleman, New York Times bestselling author of What You Break "Another thoughtful, taut, suspense filled novel from one of America's best new writers, the great Dana King." —Adrian McKinty, author of the Sean Duffy trilogies "Resurrection Mall is a brilliant crime novel that deserves to win every award in sight. One of the best of the year." —Tim

Hallinan, author of the Poke Rafferty, Junior Bender, and Simeon Grist mystery series. “Dana King’s Resurrection Mall draws you in from the beginning, like sipping a fine single malt that opens wonderfully in the glass and you have to keep sipping until the end. King has a skillful grasp on character and dialogue, and that, along with his rock-solid police procedure, makes for a gripping, authentic read. I am a big fan of the Penns River series, and I want more.” —David Swinson, author of The Second Girl. “Along with Worst Enemies and Grind Joint, Resurrection Mall elevates Dana King’s masterful Penns River crime series into the best hard-nosed police procedural since TV’s The Wire. Fun, gripping and thought-provoking, this third entry firmly plants ace Detective Ben ‘Doc’ Dougherty in the ring with heavyweight crime-stoppers Elvis Cole, Alex Cross and Jack Reacher. All of King’s characters burst with no-nonsense, rural Pennsylvania life, but the author dives deepest into the most realistic and engaging crew of municipal cops I’ve encountered since Joseph Wambaugh. Don’t miss it!” —Jack Getze, author and Fiction Editor for Spinetinger Magazine. “Complex characters, smooth dialogue and a hell of a plot make this one a winner. Rest easy, Ross Macdonald. The torch has been passed.” —Terrence McCauley, author of Sympathy for the Devil and A Murder of Crows.

### **Played to Death**

Discover cutting-edge developments in electric power systems Stemming from cutting-edge research and education activities in the field of electric power systems, this book brings together the knowledge of a panel of experts in economics, the social sciences, and electric power systems. In ten concise and comprehensible chapters, the book provides unprecedented coverage of the operation, control, planning, and design of electric power systems. It also discusses: A framework for interdisciplinary research and education Modeling electricity markets Alternative economic criteria and proactive planning for transmission investment in deregulated power systems Payment cost minimization with demand bids and partial capacity cost compensations for day-ahead electricity auctions Dynamic oligopolistic competition in an electric power network and impacts of infrastructure disruptions Reliability in monopolies and duopolies Building an efficient, reliable, and sustainable power system Risk-based power system planning integrating social and economic direct and indirect costs Models for transmission expansion planning based on reconfiguration capacitor switching Next-generation optimization for electric power systems Most chapters end with a bibliography, closing remarks, conclusions, or future work. Economic Market Design and Planning for Electric Power Systems is an indispensable reference for policy-makers, executives and engineers of electric utilities, university faculty members, and graduate students and researchers in control theory, electric power systems, economics, and the social sciences.

### **Big Slick**

Presenting a comprehensive overview of the design automation algorithms, tools, and methodologies used to design

integrated circuits, the Electronic Design Automation for Integrated Circuits Handbook is available in two volumes. The first volume, EDA for IC System Design, Verification, and Testing, thoroughly examines system-level design, microarchitectural design, logical verification, and testing. Chapters contributed by leading experts authoritatively discuss processor modeling and design tools, using performance metrics to select microprocessor cores for IC designs, design and verification languages, digital simulation, hardware acceleration and emulation, and much more. Save on the complete set.

### **Big Numbers**

This book takes a pragmatic approach to deploying state-of-the-art optical networking equipment in metro-core and backbone networks. The book is oriented towards practical implementation of optical network design. Algorithms and methodologies related to routing, regeneration, wavelength assignment, sub rate-traffic grooming and protection are presented, with an emphasis on optical-bypass-enabled (or all-optical) networks. The author has emphasized the economics of optical networking, with a full chapter of economic studies that offer guidelines as to when and how optical-bypass technology should be deployed. This new edition contains: new chapter on dynamic optical networking and a new chapter on flexible/elastic optical networks. Expanded coverage of new physical-layer technology (e.g., coherent detection) and its impact on network design and enhanced coverage of ROADM architectures and properties, including colorless, directionless, contentionless and gridless. Covers 'hot' topics, such as Software Defined Networking and energy efficiency, algorithmic advancements and techniques, especially in the area of impairment-aware routing and wavelength assignment. Provides more illustrative examples of concepts are provided, using three reference networks (the topology files for the networks are provided on a web site, for further studies by the reader). Also exercises have been added at the end of the chapters to enhance the book's utility as a course textbook.

### **Economic Market Design and Planning for Electric Power Systems**

THE SERIES WITH OVER 1.5 MILLION DOWNLOADS and 17,000+ REVIEWS New York Times & USA Today Bestselling McRyan Mystery Series Two girls gone An abduction is just the beginning in a case of betrayal and revenge that will ultimately strike at the soul of the St. Paul Police Department. The ruggedly handsome Mac McRyan, a fourth-generation cop, is faced with a complicated brazen daytime kidnapping, a media storm surrounding the case, and political scrutiny. From the searing streets of St. Paul to the murky waters of the St. Croix River, DEADLY STILLWATER is a book you won't be able to put down until its last gripping minute. Vince Flynn described Roger Stelljes as "A powerful new thriller voice." Fans of John Sandford, David Baldacci and James Patterson will enjoy this fast-moving story of murder, greed, and treason; the cast of colorful characters, and its setting in and around historic St. Paul, Minnesota. Deadly Stillwater is being offered as a free book as an introduction to the McRyan Mystery Series. To receive a free copy of a McRyan Mystery Series spin-off episode as soon as it

is published enter your email address at [www.RogerStelljes.com](http://www.RogerStelljes.com) More from the Mac McRyan Mystery Series: FIRST CASE: Murder Alley (novella) THE ST. PAUL CONSPIRACY - USA Today Bestseller DEADLY STILLWATER - Free FIRST DEADLY CONSPIRACY - Books 1-3 box set - New York Times & USA Today Bestseller ELECTING TO MURDER FATALLY BOUND - USA Today Bestseller BLOOD SILENCE - USA Today Bestseller NEXT GIRL ON THE LIST - New release!

### **Planning Fiber Optics Networks**

Tells how clutches & transmissions work - gear, friction, & hydrostatic. Gives basics of service & repair of major types of drives, transmission, transaxles, & clutches used in compact equipment. Includes troubleshooting guides. It provides the reader with a list of skills & knowledge that should be learned with each chapter. CONTENTS: Basic principles, clutches, mechanical transmissions, hydrostatic transmissions, belt & chain drives, differentials, final drives, power take-offs, service & maintenance & troubleshooting.

### **The Way to Ground Zero**

"I'd been a grown-up since age twelve, when my father strangled my mother and took my family, my home, my cat, and any chance at ever having a normal life away from me." The teenage daughter of a killer. "Kevin thinks he's a millionaire. This jar of pennies weighs a ton, so Kevin thinks he must be rich, but there's no connection between weight and value. Kevin's father is proof of that." What happens when Santa threatens to put Kevin on the naughty list? A divorced dentist. A former prostitute. A retired cop. An escaped convict. The daughters of a drunk. These are just some of the characters who bare their souls in this issue of Spinetingler Magazine. How does unimaginable loss redefine a teenager's life? What does it take for a mother who's barely coping with life to learn to appreciate her son? What could cause fifty-year-old secrets to surface? What truths will surface when our diverse cast of characters faces their defining moments? Join us on journeys fascinating and unforgettable.

### **Deadly Stillwater - Thriller**

The treacherous, hormone-soaked hallways of Franklin Middle School are the setting for this sharp, funny noir novel about tough guys and even tougher girls. "The Frank" is in the clutches of a crime syndicate run by seventh-grader Vinny "Mr. Biggs" Biggio, who deals in forged hall passes and blackmarket candy. Double-cross him and your number is punched by one of his deadly water gun-toting assassins. One hit in the pants and you are in "the Outs" forever. Matt Stevens is a proud loner with his own code of justice. He's avoided being pulled into Vinny's organization until now: Mr. Biggs has offered him a job he can't resist, even if it means bringing down one of his oldest friends. Nominated for an Edgar Award in 2009, The Big

Splash revitalizes the noir novel while delivering a terrific, addictive mystery that crackles with wit and excitement. Awards and praise for The Big Splash 2009 Edgar Award nomination "Jack Ferraiolo shines a light on middle school and reveals what we've always suspected: It's a sinister place ruled by crime bosses and thugs. The Big Splash will make you laugh out loud." --Jeff Kinney, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Diary of a Wimpy Kid "Entertaining and thrilling." --New York Times Book Review "An ingenious premise: junior high noir. . . . Twists and curve balls keep readers guessing; extended jokes will keep them laughing." --Publishers Weekly, starred review "Well paced, funny, and suspenseful, with some real commentary on bullying and mob mentality." --School Library Journal "If middle school has an 'underworld,' this book is The Godfather and The Maltese Falcon all rolled into one. Better still, it's funny, and not just a little." --Gordon Korman, author of Born to Rock

### **Resurrection Mall**

"We deal in blood, friend." With those prophetic words, John "Big Slick" Elder, a professional killer with an unbendable set of ethics, finds himself trapped between the harsh concrete will of a brutal boss of bosses and Slick's own never-broken boundaries on what he will or won't do for money. Slick had vowed never to work in Ohio, for very personal reasons, yet now he's found himself in that great flat state with his work-partner, Thumper, and at the beck and call of a very violent criminal underworld boss who forces them to carry out on a very unusual errand, one that he claims involves no violence and appears harmless at first. The question is, will Slick and Thumper figure out the end game behind this simple chore in time, and are they prepared for what it will reveal about who they are, as men? The thrilling followup to Elijah Drive's debut mystery novel BULLETS. "Razor sharp writing, crackling dialogue, characters that jump off the page and slap you in the face. In BIG SLICK, Elijah Drive delivers a compulsively readable thriller that held me captive until the last page. Can't wait to read the next one." -Dwayne Alexander Smith - FORTY ACRES. "An emotional roller coaster of a novel that manages to be profound, moving and completely surprising. A rarity for a thriller, BIG SLICK shocks you by exploring the mystery of the characters in addition to the situation they're trapped in." -Ato Essandoh - HBO's VINYL, DJANGO UNCHAINED, BLOOD DIAMOND, CBS's ELEMENTARY, BBC America's COPPER.

### **Urban and Regional Planning**

This is the fourth edition of the classic text for students of urban and regional planning. It gives a historical overview of the developments and changes in the theory and practice of planning, throughout the entire twentieth century. This extensively revised edition follows the successful format of previous editions. Specific reference is made to the most important British developments in recent times, including the devolution of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, the establishment of the Mayor of London and the dominant urban sustainability paradigm. Planning in Western Europe, since 1945, now

incorporates new material on EU-wide issues as well as updated country specific sections. Planning in the United States since 1945, now discusses the continuing trends of urban dispersal and social polarisation, as well as initiatives in land use planning and transportation policies. The book looks at the nature of the planning process at the end of the twentieth century and looks forward to the twenty-first century.

### **Electronic Design Automation for Integrated Circuits Handbook - 2 Volume Set**

Plan and implement fiber optic networks Effectively design and deploy bandwidth-rich networks for major types of data traffic. Covering both short-reach and long-haul networks, Planning Fiber Optic Networks provides full details on all major fiber optic parameters and includes appropriate background theory and design calculations. You will find guidelines for optimizing SONET/SDH and Ethernet networks, setting up network topologies, minimizing signal loss and impairments, and using dark fiber. Real-world examples are included throughout this practical guide. Understand signal propagation in a single-mode fiber Plan an optical loss budget Maintain an acceptable optical signal-to-noise ratio (OSNR) Learn about the effects of chromatic dispersion (CD) and polarization mode dispersion (PMD) Expand fiber capacity using wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) Reduce fiber nonlinear impairments Perform fiber characterization to ensure optimal quality and performance Test Ethernet and SONET/SDH networks Plan point-to-point and ring fiber topologies Lease or purchase dark fiber

### **Supply Chain Network Design**

Deadly Stillwater: A compelling crime thriller By (Mac McRyan Mystery Series Book)

### **Optical System Design, Second Edition**

Electronic design automation (EDA) is among the crown jewels of electrical engineering. Without EDA tools, today's complex integrated circuits (ICs) would be impossible. Doesn't such an important field deserve a comprehensive, in-depth, and authoritative reference? The Electronic Design Automation for Integrated Circuits Handbook is that reference, ranging from system design through physical implementation. Organized for convenient access, this handbook is available as a set of two carefully focused books dedicated to the front- and back-end aspects of EDA, respectively. What's included in the Handbook? EDA for IC System Design, Verification, and Testing This first installment examines logical design, focusing on system-level and micro-architectural design, verification, and testing. It begins with a general overview followed by application-specific tools and methods, specification and modeling languages, high-level synthesis approaches, power estimation methods, simulation techniques, and testing procedures. EDA for IC Implementation, Circuit Design, and Process

Technology Devoted to physical design, this second book analyzes the classical RTL to GDS II design flow, analog and mixed-signal design, physical verification, analysis and extraction, and technology computer aided design (TCAD). It explores power analysis and optimization, equivalence checking, placement and routing, design closure, design for manufacturability, process simulation, and device modeling. Comprising the work of expert contributors guided by leaders in the field, the Electronic Design Automation for Integrated Circuits Handbook provides a foundation of knowledge based on fundamental concepts and current industrial applications. It is an ideal resource for designers and users of EDA tools as well as a detailed introduction for newcomers to the field.

### **Power Trains**

A Shamus Award Finalist and Named Best Mystery in the 2015 Next Generation Book Awards A body in a rundown Opera House. A missing manuscript A dark family secret. Still suffering nightmares from a case that ended tragically, brilliant freelance crime consultant Scott Drayco considers retiring from crime solving altogether. When a former client bequeaths Drayco a rundown Opera House in a Virginia seaside town, he figures he'll arrange for a quick sale of the place while nursing his battered soul in a peaceful setting near the shore. What he doesn't count on is finding a dead body on the Opera House stage with a mysterious "G" carved into the man's chest. With hopes for a quick sale dashed and himself a suspect in the murder, Drayco digs into very old and very dangerous secrets to solve the crime and clear his name. Along the way, Drayco must dodge a wary sheriff, hostility over coastal development, and the seductive wife of a town councilman - before the tensions explode into more violence and he becomes the next victim. EDITORIAL REVIEWS: "Lawson uses the gothic features of the abandoned Opera House to great effect, creating an atmospheric background for the crimes and the solving of them, all of it accompanied with music that's almost like another character. The pace never sagged and it kept me enthralled." - Long and Short Reviews "Lawson's book was so good, I read it twice from beginning to endThe citizens of Cape Unity are as diverse and multi-layered as any person living in the large cities, and Lawson portrayed them splendidly." - Reader's Favorite Reviews "The storyline here is nicely structured, and creatively ties together two murder mysteries, which occurred decades apart. The small town setting is ideal, the lead character engaging, and the supporting cast interesting and diverse. Overall, a solid start to this series." - Omnimystery News "A nice tight mystery in a realistic setting. Totally enjoyable." - Terrie Farley Moran, national bestselling author of the Read 'Em and Eat Mystery Series Category Keywords: free, freebie, vigilante justice, crime fiction, FBI agents, murder, private detective, suspense, mysteries, thrillers, mystery & detective, private investigator series, detective novel series, literary mystery, murder mystery series, serial killers, small town mysteries, vengeful, mystery series, thriller books, crime books, suspense books, best mystery novels, J.A. Jance, Tana French, Louise Penny, Karin Slaughter

### **Legion**

When the seventeen-year-old star of the high school softball team vanishes from a small town, the victim's estranged older sister, Bridget Dubois, returns home in order to find her. The only problem is that Bridget has a reputation, and the locals aren't pleased by her reappearance. Without anyone to help her, Bridget must find a way to reconnect with her younger sister before time runs out.

### **EDA for IC System Design, Verification, and Testing**

PET-CT is increasingly being employed in the diagnosis of both oncological and non-oncological patients, yet nuclear medicine physicians may have only limited practical experience of rare diseases and may experience difficulty in recognizing and interpreting rare findings. This unique atlas documents a large number of clinical cases that will help practitioners to identify findings and diseases that, though rare, are sufficiently frequent to be encountered in routine practice. Two types of cases are presented: patients evaluated for rare diseases and patients evaluated for standard diseases in whom atypical PET findings were detected. Each reported case includes a brief description of the clinical history, representative color PET-CT images obtained using FDG or other tracers, and a short explanation of the disease and findings. This atlas will enable practitioners to make conclusive reports of PET-CT scans that would otherwise have been inconclusive.

### **Big Mojo**

Wall Street's miasmal garbage washes up on the Jersey Shore when a small time broker falls in love: Is he attracted to the beautiful lady — or her brother's inside information? Held spellbound by a steamy, auburn-haired woman with a dubious past and a get-rich-quick, insider trading scheme, Austin Carr knocks down a beehive of bad-acting Bonacellis, including the ill-tempered "Mr. Vic" Bonacelli, who wants his redhead back, and local mob lieutenant Angelina "Mama Bones" Bonacelli, architect of a strange and excruciating death trap for the fast-talking stockbroker she calls smarty pants. To survive, Austin must unravel threads of jealousy, revenge and new affections, discover the fate of a pseudo ruby called the Big Mojo and slam the lid on a pending United States of America vs. Austin Carr insider trading case. Can Austin and his Jersey Shore mouthpiece possibly out maneuver the savvy U.S. District Attorney from Manhattan? Will anything matter for Austin ever again if Mama Bones flips that switch? Praise for BIG MOJO ... "Darkly comic and always entertaining — with an outrageous cast of characters including a scheming grandmother and a mysterious redhead. Our engaging hero, fueled by honor and passion, does the best he can in a world where the bad guys seem determined to do him in. Gordon Gekko meets Janet Evanovich in this wry and winning caper — Jack Getze does it again!" — Hank Phillippi Ryan, Agatha, Anthony and Mary Higgins Clark Award winning author of Truth Be Told "If Jack Getze's Austin Carr novels aren't on your must-read list, you don't know what you're missing. Austin Carr's that buddy your wife doesn't like you to hang out with. Fast-talking,

wisecracking, and hard-living, he's the type of guy who swears he's only ever looking for a good time, and yet every night out with him seems to end in a fight. But you can't deny he's got heart — and BIG MOJO is Carr's most epic adventure yet. It's got frame-ups. Insider trading. Stolen jewels. Double-crosses. Triple-crosses. Love potions. Gunplay. And enough outsized characters it could only take place in the great state of New Jersey. So pick it up. Give it a read. But maybe tell the missus you're hanging out with someone else." — Chris F. Holm, author of the Collector Series "There's no way you can lose with an Austin Carr novel with a gorgeous redhead, a character with the moniker of "Mama Bones", a double-crossing business partner, more bad guys than can be seen in one place outside of the White House, and Austin's smart mouth that surely he learned by reading lots of Robert B. Parker's character Spenser ... A truly rollicking, fun, action-filled read with more twists than a fevered revival of Hula Hoop fanatics at a Jersey Shore ballroom ... And then, there's that redhead. Always that redhead ... " — Les Edgerton, author of The Genuine, Imitation, Plastic Kidnapping and others "The irrepressible Austin Carr is back, and he's sly and sardonic as ever. Jack Getze's BIG MOJO is a rollercoaster ride you don't want to miss!" — Hilary Davidson, Anthony Award Winning Author of Blood Always Tells

### **Mark Sanchez**

#### **His First His Second**

Middle-aged bookkeeper Aydan Kelly never wanted to moonlight as an undercover agent, but she doesn't have a choice in the matter. When her trusted co-worker is shot while committing an apparently treasonous act, she embarks on a mission to clear his name. But her secret investigation casts suspicion on the director of operations himself.

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