

The Darkest Night

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Dean Koontz's *The City*. With each of his #1 New York Times bestsellers, Dean Koontz has displayed an unparalleled ability to entertain and enlighten readers with novels that capture the essence of our times even as they bring us to the edge of our seats. Now he delivers a heart-gripping tour de force he's been waiting years to write, at once a love story, a thrilling adventure, and a masterwork of suspense that redefines the boundaries of primal fear—and of enduring devotion. Amy Redwing has dedicated her life to the southern California organization she founded to rescue abandoned and endangered golden retrievers. Among dog lovers, she's a legend for the risks she'll take to save an animal from abuse. Among her friends, Amy's heedless devotion is often cause for concern. To widower Brian McCarthy, whose commitment she can't allow herself to return, Amy's behavior is far more puzzling and hides a shattering secret. No one is surprised when Amy risks her life to save Nickie, nor when she takes the female golden into her home. The bond between Amy and Nickie is immediate and uncanny. Even her two other goldens, Fred and Ethel, recognize Nickie as special, a natural alpha. But the instant joy Nickie brings is shadowed by a series of eerie incidents. An ominous stranger. A mysterious home invasion. And the unmistakable sense that someone is watching Amy's every move and that, whoever it is, he's not alone. Someone has come back to turn Amy into the desperate, hunted creature she's always been there to save. But now there's no one to save Amy and those she loves. From its breathtaking opening scene to its shocking climax, *The Darkest Evening of the Year* is Dean Koontz at his finest, a transcendent thriller certain to have readers turning pages until dawn.

A brazen, methodical killer strikes on New Year's Eve and LAPD detective Renée Ballard and Harry Bosch must join forces to find justice for the victim in a city scarred by fear and social unrest. There's chaos in Hollywood at the end of the New Year's Eve countdown. Working her graveyard shift, LAPD detective Renée Ballard waits out the traditional rain of lead as hundreds of revelers shoot their guns into the air. Only minutes after midnight, Ballard is called to a scene where a hardworking auto shop owner has been fatally hit by a bullet in the middle of a crowded street party. Ballard quickly concludes that the deadly bullet could not have fallen from the sky and that it is linked to another unsolved murder—a case at one time worked by Detective Harry Bosch. At the same time, Ballard hunts a fiendish pair of serial rapists, the Midnight Men, who have been terrorizing women and leaving no trace. Determined to solve both cases, Ballard feels like she is constantly running uphill in a police department indelibly changed by the pandemic and recent social unrest. It is a department so hampered by inertia and low morale that Ballard must go outside to the one detective she can count on: Harry Bosch. But as the two inexorable detectives work together to find out where old and new cases intersect, they must constantly look over their shoulders. The brutal predators they are tracking are ready to kill to keep their secrets hidden. Unfolding with unstoppable drive and nail-biting intrigue, *The Dark Hours* shows that "relentless on their own, Ballard's and Bosch's combined skills...could be combustible" (Los Angeles Times).

It Takes A Cop Like Jack Murphy To Find Justice . . . Jack Murphy knows a setup when he sees one. Proving it makes his day. Especially when it involves his own partner. Lured into a trap, Evansville P.D. Detective Liddell Blanchard is accused of murdering a cop who was investigating a shadowy voodoo cult. Justice is murky enough in the swamplands of Louisiana, but when a purported descendent of Marie Leveaux menaces a murder investigation, the gumbo really hits the fan. Corruption comes with the territory. But there are darker forces at play—and only Murphy can see the light . . . Praise for Rick Reed and his novels "A jaw-dropping thriller."-Gregg Olsen "As authentic and scary as crime thrillers get."-Nelson DeMille "Rick Reed knows the dark side as only a real life cop can, and his writing crackles with

authenticity."-Shane Gericke "Put this on your must-read list."-John Lutz "Det. Jack Murphy tracks killers through a political maze of lies, deception and dishonor that leads to a violent, pulse-pounding climax."-Robert S. Levinson "Reed thrusts the boundaries of his story forward to bring us along on a ride we won't soon forget!"-Suspense Magazine "Reed gives the reader a genre story worth every minute and every penny spent."-Book Reporter

When you can't sleep, there's always NIGHTS. The Night People are safe at last. After all the ugly pranks and vicious murders, things have finally returned to normal. The friends who are left are trying to forget and move on, taking comfort by meeting up late-night at their old hang out, Nights. It was the ancient spirit of Angelica Fear that caused all the trouble. And now she's been destroyed once and for all. Burned in a fire. But if it's true that the horror is dead, what did Angelica mean when her voice cried out from the flames?... "The Evil Lives!"

It's the mid-to-late 1800s and the British have banished Wajid Ali Shah--the nawab of Awadh in Lucknow--to Calcutta. To the sound of the soulful melody of the sarangi, the mercurial courtesan Laayl-e Aasman is playing a dangerous game of love, loyalty, deception, and betrayal. Bajrangi and Kundan, bound by their love for each other and for Laayl-e, struggle to keep their balance. Ranging across generations and geography, the scale of Laayl-e's story sweeps the devil, a crime lord, and many other remarkable characters into a heady mix. Mirror of the Darkest Night is almost an aberration in Mahasweta Devi's oeuvre. Known for her activism and hard-hitting indictment of social inequalities, she pays close attention to detail in this sparkling novel. It offers a rare glimpse of Devi's talent for telling the sort of story she normally eschewed--and it's a cracker of a tale.

Rich and epic Historical Fiction set against the backdrop of the Great Famine and the Irish Diaspora. Perfect for fans of Winston Graham and Ken Follett.

To silence the voices in her head, Ashlyn Darrow arrives in Budapest where she, seeking help from men rumored to have supernatural abilities, is drawn to their most dangerous member, Maddox, who is trapped in a hell of his own. Original.

Investigative journalist for WSMV-TV in Nashville, Jeremy Finley's debut thriller explores what happens to people's lives when our world intersects with the unexplainable. "The lights took him." When the seven-year-old grandson of U.S. Senator vanishes in the woods behind his home, the only witness is his older brother who whispers, "The lights took him," and then never speaks again. As the FBI and National Guard launch a massive search, the boys' grandmother Lynn Roseworth fears only she knows the truth. But coming forward would ruin her family and her husband's political career. In the late 1960s, before she became the quiet wife of a politician, Lynn was a secretary in the astronomy department at the University of Illinois. It was there where she began taking mysterious messages for one of the professors; messages from people desperate to find their missing loved ones who vanished into beams of light. Determined to find her beloved grandson and expose the truth, she must return to the work she once abandoned to unravel the existence of a place long forgotten by the world. It is there, buried deep beneath the bitter snow and the absent memories of its inhabitants, where her grandson may finally be found. But there are forces that wish to silence her. And Lynn will find how far they will go to stop her, and how the truth about her own forgotten childhood could reveal the greatest mystery of all time. Jeremy Finley's debut *The Darkest Time of Night* was hailed by *People* magazine and the *NY Post* as one of the best books of the summer of 2018, was named to the *Lariat* list as one of the top 25 outstanding books of the year, and described by NPR as "a hugely satisfying, while still mystifying, suspense novel." June 2018 SIBA Okra Selection

Inspired by the childhood of real-life astronaut Chris Hadfield and brought to life by Terry and Eric Fan's lush, evocative illustrations, *The Darkest Dark* will encourage readers to dream the impossible. Chris loves rockets and planets and pretending he's a brave astronaut, exploring the universe. Only one problem--at night, Chris doesn't feel so brave. He's afraid of the dark.

But when he watches the groundbreaking moon landing on TV, he realizes that space is the darkest dark there is--and the dark is beautiful and exciting, especially when you have big dreams to keep you company.

To become a king of the underworld at long last, William must resist an irresistible beauty—or a curse will ensure his end... A merciless prince feared by all... Cursed by a vengeful witch, William of the Dark will die if he ever falls in love—murdered by the woman who steals his heart. His lone shot at redemption is a book filled with indecipherable code. Break the code, break the curse. Now, centuries later, he's condemned to a string of one-night stands...until he finds the only woman in the worlds able to set him free. A rare creature of myth and power... One of the last living unicorn shifters, Sunday "Sunny" Lane works from the shadows as a cryptanalyst, on the run from assassins and poachers. Then the darkly seductive William abducts her, holding her captive in Hell. The closer they get, the more she hungers for his touch...and the stronger a mystical desire to kill him becomes... But which desire will prove stronger—lust or death? And who will give in first?

They were once the beautiful immortal warriors created by the hands of gods. But now, "love" is for them the greatest "sin," their punishment for breaking a great taboo. Before he realizes it, Maddox has fallen deeply in love with Ashlyn. However, his fellow warriors suspect that Ashlyn is a trap sent by their enemies and doubt her motives, watching her every action carefully. With the allegations that have surfaced against Ashlyn, it's looking truer than ever that love between an immortal warrior and a normal human is doomed from the start. But Maddox can neither trust her completely, nor let her get away. What will he do?

The epic conclusion in the blood-poundingly brilliant Department 19 series, from bestselling author, Will Hill.

Darkwing Duck, the famous secret agent, discovers that Taurus Bulba, his archenemy, has hired twelve imposters to convince the police that Darkwing is now a crook

Dr. Herron Keyon Gaston examines the intersectionality of race, gender and class in American society and the ways in which one's status and privilege serves to impede or advance one's progress based on one's ontological and phenotypical makeup. The crux of this book is to chronicle Dr. Gaston's incarceration experience and to shed light on the grueling judicial process. The book details Dr. Gaston's nine-month stint in the criminal justice system in Florida after being falsely accused of sexual assault, and the impact this experience has had on his life. Dr. Gaston speaks candidly about how his incarceration experience and the blistering repercussions of his arrest have served as a roadblock to securing a plethora of personal and professional opportunities. Despite the insurmountable challenges formally incarcerated individuals face, Dr. Gaston demonstrates to readers that, with hope and resilience, one does not have to be defined by one's circumstances--but rather one's commitment to picking up the pieces and to keep moving forward. About the Author Author Dr. Herron Keyon Gaston is an American public intellectual, theologian, political activist, social critic, author, lecturer, pastor and an Ivy League university administrator. A product of the Deep South, Dr. Gaston has witnessed firsthand racial disparities and the disparate treatment people of color often experience within the criminal justice system and our broader society.

To survive the Holocaust, a young Jewish woman must pose as a Christian farmer's wife in this unforgettable novel from USA Today bestselling author Jennifer Robson—a story of terror, hope, love, and sacrifice, inspired by true events, that vividly evokes the most perilous days of World War II. It is the autumn of 1943, and life is becoming increasingly perilous for Italian Jews like the Mazin family. With Nazi Germany now occupying most of her beloved homeland, and the threat of imprisonment and deportation growing ever more certain, Antonina Mazin has but one hope to survive—to leave Venice and her beloved parents and hide in the countryside with a man she has

only just met. Nico Gerardi was studying for the priesthood until circumstances forced him to leave the seminary to run his family's farm. A moral and just man, he could not stand by when the fascists and Nazis began taking innocent lives. Rather than risk a perilous escape across the mountains, Nina will pose as his new bride. And to keep her safe and protect secrets of his own, Nico and Nina must convince prying eyes they are happily married and in love. But farm life is not easy for a cultured city girl who dreams of becoming a doctor like her father, and Nico's provincial neighbors are wary of this soft and educated woman they do not know. Even worse, their distrust is shared by a local Nazi official with a vendetta against Nico. The more he learns of Nina, the more his suspicions grow—and with them his determination to exact revenge. As Nina and Nico come to know each other, their feelings deepen, transforming their relationship into much more than a charade. Yet both fear that every passing day brings them closer to being torn apart . . .

This trilogy is a sequence of books that talk about struggle, work, and above all hope, which begins in a poor Latin country where time seems to pass more slowly. In that place Teresa Perez-Martinez was born, who from a very young age professed a strong love towards God, who was her friend and ally in the moments that required more bravery.

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Destined to be together. Kay of Isca knows Charles St. John is his fated soul mate, but between battle, duty, and saving the world, staying in the same reality, never mind the same bed, is proving a bit more of a challenge than either stubborn man will admit. The malicious armies of Morgan le Fay are gathering, and the chance that one of their friends has already been lost to evil is a real possibility too terrifying to contemplate. Nothing is ever as it seems, but unless Kay can unravel the vile plans centuries in the making, they won't just die before they get a chance to love. They'll die before they get a chance to live.

Vivi Neves had rejected everything her parents hold dear - their heritage, culture, traditions - and their dark family secret: they're haguari - cat people, shapeshifters who turn into jaguars, as their ancestors have done for thousands of years. Now, following the tragic death of her parents, Vivi has finally accepted her birthright and is learning to live life as a shapeshifter.

The first unnerving journey into the twisted world of Darkest Night Stories.

New York Times bestselling author Gena Showalter has enthralled thousands of readers with her Lords of the Underworld series. Enter this darkly sensual world, where the line between good and evil blurs and true love is put to the ultimate test, in the series prequel novella, *The Darkest Fire*. He is the guardian of hell, more monster than man. She is the goddess of oppression, more angel than woman. Together they will enter the flames to battle a dangerous horde of demon lords—and discover a passion

unlike any other... Don't miss this sizzling prequel to Gena Showalter's breathtaking paranormal series *The Lords of the Underworld*! Though they carry an eternal curse, the Lords of the Underworld are irresistibly seductive—and unimaginably powerful... “Showalter at her finest.” —New York Times bestselling author Karen Marie Moning on *The Darkest Night*, the first novel in the *Lords of the Underworld* series. Book 0.5 of *Lords of the Underworld*.

‘Oh my!!!... The plot is amazing. I honestly couldn’t put it down... Fantastic read.’ NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars *A DEAD WOMAN. AN IMPOSSIBLE CRIME*. Casper, Wyoming: 1973. Eleven-year-old Amy Burrige rides with her eighteen-year-old sister, Becky, to the grocery store. When they finish their shopping, Becky's car gets a flat tire. Two men politely offer them a ride home. But they were anything but Good Samaritans. The girls would suffer unspeakable crimes at the hands of these men before being thrown from a bridge into the North Platte River. One miraculously survived. The other did not. Years later, author and journalist Ron Franscell—who lived in Casper at the time of the crime, and was a friend to Amy and Becky—can't forget Wyoming's most shocking story of abduction, rape, and murder. Neither could Becky, the surviving sister. The two men who violated her and Amy were sentenced to life in prison, but the demons of her past kept haunting Becky...until she met her fate years later at the same bridge where she'd lost her sister.

The price of anything is the amount of life you exchange for it...Mia.Mia Romano.A name I can't get out of my head - even though I know I need to.She's the daughter of Vincenzo Romano, my boss and one of the most powerful men in the city. No man has ever gotten close to her, but, as the family's head of security, I'm tasked with keeping her safe.Except her father now has plans for her I can't agree with. I've vowed to protect her from anything the world dares throw at her. When a violent attack forces us closer than we've ever been, I'm not sure I can contain the secrets I've been tasked with keeping from her...In the dark, the monsters hide...Dark Night SeriesSavageViciousBrutalSinfulFierceNote: This Mob/Mafia Bad Boy Romance is full of suspense, steamy romance, action and adventure. It is book 1 of a series so all your questions may not be answered in the first book.

Though they carry an eternal curse, the Lords of the Underworld are irresistibly seductive—and unimaginably powerful... Don't miss a single book in this stunning paranormal series from New York Times bestselling author Gena Showalter! Forced to his knees in agony whenever he speaks the truth, Gideon can recognize any lie—until he captures Scarlet, a demon-possessed immortal who claims to be his long-lost wife. He doesn't remember the beautiful female, much less wedding—or bedding—her. But he wants to...almost as much as he wants her. But Scarlet is keeper of Nightmares, too dangerous to roam free. A future with her might mean ultimate ruin. Especially as Gideon's enemies draw closer—and the truth threatens to destroy all he's come to love.... Book 6 of *Lords of the Underworld*. Originally published in 2010.

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AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! From Ann Cleeves—New York Times bestselling and award-winning author of the Vera and Shetland series, both of which are hit TV shows—comes the stunning new Vera Stanhope novel, *The Darkest Evening*. "Ann Cleeves is one of my favorite mystery writers."—Louise Penny "As a huge fan of both the Shetland and Vera series of books, I had high expectations for Cleeves' latest. . . . A stunning debut for Cleeves' latest crimefighter."—David Baldacci on *The Long Call* On the first snowy night of winter, Detective Inspector Vera Stanhope sets off for her home in the hills. Though the road is familiar, she misses a turning and soon becomes lost and disorientated. A car has skidded off the narrow road in front of her, its door left open, and she stops to help. There is no driver to be seen, so Vera assumes that the owner has gone to find help. But a cry calls her back: a toddler is strapped in the back seat. Vera takes the child and, driving on, she arrives at a place she knows well. Brockburn is a large, grand house in the wilds of Northumberland, now a little shabby and run down. It's also where her father, Hector, grew up. Inside, there's a party in full swing: music, Christmas lights and laughter. Outside, unbeknownst to the revelers, a woman lies dead in the snow. As the blizzard traps the group deep in the freezing Northumberland countryside, Brockburn begins to give up its secrets, and as Vera digs deeper into her investigation, she also begins to uncover her family's complicated past.

'A first-rate romantic thriller that has adrenaline to spare' Publishers Weekly USA Today bestselling author Megan Erickson turns up the heat in her sexy and thrilling *Wired & Dangerous* romantic suspense series. Bodyguard Jock Bosh has one job: keep Fiona Madden safe. Safe from the men who've been hunting her. Safe from the bastard responsible for ruining her life. And with the attraction sizzling white-hot between them, that means keeping Fiona safe from him too. Fiona has spent the past decade on the run. Her survival is the single greatest weapon she's had against the men out to destroy her. Until Jock. Now, with him by her side, she finally has a chance to bring them down. But when her enemies make their next move and Jock puts himself in the line of fire, Fiona realizes that there's more at stake than just her life - she's also risking her heart. The *Wired & Dangerous* series *Zero Hour Darkest Night Final Day*

Reyes is a man possessed. Bound by the demon of pain, he is forbidden to know pleasure. Yet he craves a mortal woman, Danika Ford, more than breath and will do anything to claim her—even defy the gods. Danika is on the run. For months she's eluded the Lords of the Underworld, immortal warriors who won't rest until she and her family have been destroyed. But her dreams are haunted by Reyes, the warrior whose searing touch she can't forget. Yet a future together could mean death to all they both hold dear.... And be sure to check out the latest book in the irresistibly seductive Lords of the Underworld series, *The Darkest Torment*, featuring the fierce warrior Baden who will stop at nothing to claim the exquisite human with the power to soothe the beast inside him...

In the world of the Lux, secrets thrive, lies shatter, and love is undeniable. #1 New York Times, USA Today, and internationally bestselling author Jennifer L. Armentrout brings her trademark drama and intrigue to a new romantic YA science fiction series with *The Darkest Star*. A girl pulled into a world she doesn't understand finds herself confronted by long buried secrets, a betrayal that could tear her life apart...and Armentrout's most swoonworthy book boyfriend yet. Seventeen-year-old Evie Dasher knows firsthand the devastating consequences of humanity's war with the aliens. When she's caught up in a raid at a notorious club known as one of the few places where humans and the surviving Luxen can mingle freely, she meets Luc, an unnaturally beautiful guy she initially assumes is a Luxen...but he is in fact something much more powerful. Her growing attraction for Luc will lead her deeper and deeper into a world she'd only heard about, a world where everything she thought she knew will be turned on its head...

Jamie Carpenter's father is dead, his mother is missing, and he was just rescued by an enormous creature named Frankenstein. Now Jamie is pulled into a secret organization responsible for policing the supernatural, founded more than a century ago by Abraham Van Helsing. . . . Department Nineteen takes us through history, across Europe, and beyond - from the cobbled streets of Victorian London to prohibition-era New York, from the icy wastes of Arctic Russia to the treacherous mountains of Transylvania. Part modern thriller, part classic horror, it's packed with mystery, mayhem, and a level of suspense that makes a Darren Shan novel look like a romantic comedy.

Some secrets refuse to stay hidden. Lacey Daughtry's perfect weekend is interrupted by tragic news of her brother's murder in the line of duty. Plagued by a rash of mysterious phone calls, she turns to her brother's best friends and fellow officers for protection...and comfort. Spending time in close contact with Mason and Tyler, the two men she's dreamed of since her first girlhood crush, seems like the answer to a prayer. Especially when they begin to explore the desire she's harbored for so long. But the partners are holding out on Lacey. Determined to suppress the most extreme facets of their lust, they agree to settle for sharing the woman they crave while concealing their desire for each other. Until Lacey cracks their resolve, unleashing a torrent of emotions that threatens to distract them when they can least afford it. Their blossoming relationship is complicated by secrets. And the only way to evade the killer threatening their lives is to bare their souls in the darkest hours of the night. Or everything will come crashing down, just before the dawn. Warning: After reading this book you'll never look at a pair of hot cops, a cemetery or a can of Spaghetti-O's the same way again.

Collects: *The Darkest Night* #1-2. Those crimson eyes look like they want nothing more

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This is the story of the intense despair and spiritual emptiness that threatened Catherine Marshall's marriage, her health, and her life--and of the devastating discovery that ultimately brought her peace through a new and greater appreciation of God's love and will.

"A gem of a book, easily the best I've read this year. A contemporary police procedural with a literary edge. I was rooting for the flawed, but deeply compassionate Melchor Marin from the first page to the last. Highly recommended" M W Craven
A Terra Alta Investigation. Winner of Spain's biggest literary prize - the Premio Planeta
When Melchor goes to investigate the horrific double-murder of a rich printer and his wife in rural Cataluna nothing quite adds up. The young cop from the big city, hero of a foiled terrorist attack, has been sent to Terra Alta till things quieten down. Observant, streetwise and circumspect, Melchor is an also an outsider. The son of a Barcelona prostitute who never knew his father, Melchor rapidly fell into trouble and was jailed at 19, convicted of driving for a Colombian drug cartel. While he was behind bars, he read Hugo's Les Miserables, and then his mother was murdered. Admiring of both Jean Valjean and Javert - but mostly the relentless Javert - he decided to become a policeman. Now he is out for revenge, but he can wait, and meanwhile he has discovered happiness with his wife, the local librarian, and their daughter, who is, of course, called Cossette. Slowly at first, and then more rapidly once ordered to abandon the case, he tracks the clues that will reveal the larger truth behind what appears at first to be a cold-blooded, professional killing. Translated from the Spanish by Anne McLean

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