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### Mockingbird Vol. 1

"INDELIBLE IN THE HIPPOCAMPUS" Maude's plan to disrupt the Patriarchy is temporarily thwarted. BUT EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY IN THE END. WE PROMISE.

### Love Kills

FBI profiler Sayer Altair hunts a brilliant serial killer with a dangerous obsession in *Caged*, a gripping thriller from debut author Ellison Cooper. In a residential Washington, D.C. neighborhood, a young woman's body is found in the basement of an abandoned house--starved to death in a cage, along with the video footage of a dark and deadly ritual. The victim is identified as the daughter of a prominent D.C. politician, and it falls to the FBI to track down the unconscionable psychopath who murdered her. FBI special agent Sayer Altair would rather conduct research on criminality than catch actual criminals. But when she's offered a promotion hinging on her next assignment, she reluctantly accepts the "Cage Killer" case. Taunted by a photo of another victim at the mercy of this vicious killer, Sayer and her team are driven to put an end to these grisly homicides. During the investigation, clues emerge connecting the murders to Sayer's past. Now, the stakes are personal, and the deeper Sayer is drawn into the deadly web, the more she believes she is the only one who can uncover the killer's identity. Told with devastating detail, shocking twists and unrelenting suspense, Cooper proves her exceptional ability to entertain and enthrall.

### Faithless in Death

Damaged Portland detective Archie Sheridan spent ten years tracking Gretchen Lowell, a beautiful serial killer, but in the end she was the one who caught him. Two years ago, Gretchen kidnapped Archie and tortured him for ten days, but instead of killing him, she mysteriously decided to let him go. She turned herself in, and now Gretchen has been locked away for the rest of her life, while Archie is in a prison of another kind---addicted to pain pills, unable to return to his old life, powerless to get those ten horrific days off his mind. Archie's a different person, his estranged wife says, and he knows she's right. He continues to visit Gretchen in prison once a week, saying that only he can get her to confess as to the

whereabouts of more of her victims, but even he knows the truth---he can't stay away. When another killer begins snatching teenage girls off the streets of Portland, Archie has to pull himself together enough to lead the new task force investigating the murders. A hungry young newspaper reporter, Susan Ward, begins profiling Archie and the investigation, which sparks a deadly game between Archie, Susan, the new killer, and even Gretchen. They need to catch a killer, and maybe somehow then Archie can free himself from Gretchen, once and for all. Either way, *Heartsick* makes for one of the most extraordinary suspense debuts in recent memory.

## **And When She Was Good**

Brad Meltzer--author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *The Book of Fate*--returns with his most thrilling and emotionally powerful novel to date. In Chapter Four of the Bible, Cain kills Abel. It is the world's most famous murder. But the Bible is silent about one key detail: the weapon Cain used to kill his brother. That weapon is still lost to history. In 1932, Mitchell Siegel was killed by three gunshots to his chest. While mourning, his son dreamed of a bulletproof man and created the world's greatest hero: Superman. And like Cain's murder weapon, the gun used in this unsolved murder has never been found. Until now. Today in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Cal Harper comes face-to-face with his family's greatest secret: his long-lost father, who's been shot with a gun that traces back to Mitchell Siegel's 1932 murder. But before Cal can ask a single question, he and his father are attacked by a ruthless killer tattooed with the ancient markings of Cain. And so begins the chase for the world's first murder weapon. What does Cain, history's greatest villain, have to do with Superman, the world's greatest hero? And what do two murders, committed thousands of years apart, have in common? This is the mystery at the heart of Brad Meltzer's riveting and utterly intriguing new thriller

## **The Butterfly Mosque**

Cecelia looks like a peasant girl and lives in a village so small that it's not even on the map. But she knows that secretly, she is the true princess, hidden away as a baby to be kept safe from the enemies of the kingdom. A commoner named Desmia was placed on the throne as a decoy. Cecelia has always known that when it was safe, she would be taken out of hiding and returned to her rightful place on the throne. Then danger finds her in her village, and Cecelia has to act. With the help of her best friend Harper, she decides to take matters into her own hands, relieve Desmia of the crown, and take up her own rule. But when they venture from their small village to the capital city and into the famed Palace of Mirrors, Harper and Cecelia discover that all is not as it seems, and that they have placed themselves in more danger than ever before.

## **Kill You Twice**

Looks back at the author's past, when she lived on an Iowa communal farm and was called Snowbird, detailing her life as a hippie and her mother's more recent bout with skin cancer

## The Girl In Between

With the Beauty Killer Gretchen Lowell locked away behind bars once again, Archie Sheridan—a Portland police detective and nearly one of her victims—can finally rest a little easier. Meanwhile, the rest of the city of Portland is in crisis. Heavy rains have flooded the Willamette River, and several people have drowned in the quickly rising waters. Or at least that's what they thought until the medical examiner discovers that the latest victim didn't drown: She was poisoned before she went into the water. Soon after, three of those drownings are also proven to be murders. Portland has a new serial killer on its hands, and Archie and his task force have a new case. Reporter Susan Ward is chasing this story of a new serial killer with gusto, but she's also got another lead to follow for an entirely separate mystery: The flooding has unearthed a skeleton, a man who might have died more than sixty years ago, the last time Portland flooded this badly, when the water washed away an entire neighborhood and killed at least fifteen people. With Archie following the bizarre trail of evidence and evil deeds to catch a killer and possibly regain his life, and Susan Ward close behind, Chelsea Cain—one of today's most talented suspense writers—launches the next installment of her bestselling series with an electric thriller.

## Caged

Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. Bobbi Morse, the former Avenger known as Mockingbird, goes solo in her own incredible adventures! With a scientific mind and a lethal mastery of martial arts, she's one of the most versatile, in-demand assets at Maria Hill's disposal - that makes her ideal for investigating strange goings-on in S.H.I.E.L.D.'s own medical and recovery network. And when Lance Hunter's undercover gig at the London Hellfire Club goes south, Mockingbird sets off, battle staves at the ready, to save him - and the Queen of England! From helping out a teen driven bonkers by her own new powers, to doing a little dog-sitting, Bobbi shows that she's a woman of many talents as bestselling author Chelsea Cain and artist Kate Niemczyk make Mockingbird sing! COLLECTING: MOCKINGBIRD: S.H.I.E.L.D. 50TH ANNIVERSARY 1, MOCKINGBIRD 1-5.

## Wild Child

Bryn Reyes is a real life sleeping beauty. Afflicted with Klein-Levin Syndrome, she suffers episodes of prolonged sleep that steal weeks, and sometimes even months, from her life. But unlike most KLS patients, she doesn't spend each episode in a catatonic state or wake up with no recollection of the time she's missed. Instead, Bryn spends half her life in an alternate reality made up of her memories. For Bryn, the past is a place, until one day a boy she's never met before washes up on the illusory beach of her dreams with no memory of who he is. But the appearance of this strange boy isn't the only thing that's changed. Bryn's symptoms are worsening, her body weakening as she's plagued by hallucinations even while awake. Her only hope of finding a cure is to undergo experimental treatment created by a German specialist. But when Dr. Banz reveals that he knows more about her strange symptoms than he originally let on, Bryn learns that the boy in her head might actually be the key to understanding what's happening to her, and

worse, that if she doesn't find out his identity before it's too late, they both may not survive.

## 21st Century Dead

Attempting to recover from her lover's death on a Caribbean island, ace crime reporter Britt Montero teams up with the Cold Case Squad on a murder investigation while simultaneously tracking down a serial killer who is targeting honeymooners. By the author of *Shadows*. Reprint.

## Kick Back

Detective Archie Sheridan just has to get through the next few days, then his birthday and Halloween will be over. But with escaped serial killer Gretchen Lowell on the loose, the investigation into the murder of a DEA agent demanding his attention, and journalist Susan Ward showing up at his apartment needing a favour, it's going to be a long weekend. Soon Archie finds himself crashing a masked ball on a private island owned by Jack Reynolds, a notorious local drug kingpin. By morning, Archie is back on pain killers, a guest is dead and Archie quickly realizes that little is what it seems. One thing is clear: Gretchen is back, and Archie's nemesis and sometimes lover has something special in mind for the birthday boy, something she's been planning for a long, long time. On Halloween Eve, with time running out, and the life of someone close to Archie on the line, Archie knows his only chance is to give Gretchen exactly what she wants. But Gretchen will prove more horrifying, and unpredictable, than Archie could ever imagine...

## Sweetheart

Kristine Barnett's son Jacob has an IQ higher than Einstein's, a photographic memory, and he taught himself calculus in two weeks. At nine he started working on an original theory in astrophysics that experts believe may someday put him in line for a Nobel Prize, and at age twelve he became a paid researcher in quantum physics. But the story of Kristine's journey with Jake is all the more remarkable because his extraordinary mind was almost lost to autism. At age two, when Jake was diagnosed, Kristine was told he might never be able to tie his own shoes. *The Spark* is a remarkable memoir of mother and son. Surrounded by "experts" at home and in special ed who tried to focus on Jake's most basic skills and curtail his distracting interests—moving shadows on the wall, stars, plaid patterns on sofa fabric—Jake made no progress, withdrew more and more into his own world, and eventually stopped talking completely. Kristine knew in her heart that she had to make a change. Against the advice of her husband, Michael, and the developmental specialists, Kristine followed her instincts, pulled Jake out of special ed, and began preparing him for mainstream kindergarten on her own. Relying on the insights she developed at the daycare center she runs out of the garage in her home, Kristine resolved to follow Jacob's "spark"—his passionate interests. Why concentrate on what he couldn't do? Why not focus on what he could? This basic philosophy, along with her belief in the power of ordinary childhood experiences (softball, picnics, s'mores around the campfire) and the importance of play, helped

Kristine overcome huge odds. The Barnetts were not wealthy people, and in addition to financial hardship, Kristine herself faced serious health issues. But through hard work and determination on behalf of Jake and his two younger brothers, as well as an undying faith in their community, friends, and family, Kristine and Michael prevailed. The results were beyond anything anyone could have imagined. Dramatic, inspiring, and transformative, *The Spark* is about the power of love and courage in the face of overwhelming obstacles, and the dazzling possibilities that can occur when we learn how to tap the true potential that lies within every child, and in all of us. Praise for *The Spark* “[An] amazing memoir . . . compulsive reading.”—*The Washington Post* “*The Spark* is about the transformative power of unconditional love. If you have a child who’s ‘different’—and who doesn’t?—you won’t be able to put it down.”—Sylvia Nasar, author of *A Beautiful Mind* “Love, illness, faith, tragedy and triumph—it’s all here. . . . Jake Barnett’s story contains wisdom for every parent.”—*Newsday* “This eloquent memoir about an extraordinary boy and a resilient and remarkable mother will be of interest to every parent and/or educator hoping to nurture a child’s authentic ‘spark.’”—*Publishers Weekly* “Compelling . . . Jake is unusual, but so is his superhuman mom.”—*Booklist* “*The Spark* describes in glowing terms the profound intensity with which a mother can love her child.”—Andrew Solomon, author of *The Noonday Demon* and *Far from the Tree* “Every parent and teacher should read this fabulous book!”—Temple Grandin, author of *Thinking in Pictures* and co-author of *The Autistic Brain*

## One Kick

Furnishes helpful self-help guidance for the harried modern-day superhero, with practical advice on such topics as costume choice and self-esteem, x-ray vision and guilt, getting along with a sidekick, how to thrive in a team environment, how to deal with a secret identity at work, fear of flying, and more. Original. 25,000 first printing.

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## **The Archie Sheridan and Gretchen Lowell Series, Books 4-6**

America has a rich history of creating unique sayings and phrases, here are collected some of the finest. Many of the earliest books, particularly those dating back to the 1900s and before, are now extremely scarce and increasingly expensive. We are republishing these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions, using the original text and artwork.

### **Sweetheart**

Eisner-nominated and New York Times bestselling thriller writer CHELSEA CAIN returns to comics with a new ONGOING SERIES! A mutation in Toxoplasmosis causes menstruating women to turn into ferocious killer wildcats—easily provoked and extremely dangerous. As panic spreads and paranoia takes root, the fate of the world rides on the shoulders of one twelve-year-old girl. Part *Cat People*, part *The Handmaid's Tale*, *MAN-EATERS* will have everyone talking. From the creative team behind the Eisner-nominated series *Mockingbird*: writer CHELSEA CAIN, artist KATE NIEMCZYK, colorist RACHELLE ROSENBERG, letterer JOE CARAMAGNA, and joined by LIA MITERNIQUE, KATIE LANE, and STELLA GREENVOSS. This September the cat wants in.

### **The Shotgun Rule**

The *Breakfast Club* meets *Pretty Little Liars* in Gretchen McNeil's witty and suspenseful sequel to *Get Even*. The members of *Don't Get Mad* aren't just mad anymore . . . they're afraid. And with Margot in a coma and Bree under house arrest, it's up to Olivia and Kitty to try to catch their deadly tormentor. But just as the girls are about to go on the offensive, Ed the Head reveals a shocking secret that turns all their theories upside down. The killer could be anyone, and this time he—or she—is out for more than just revenge. The girls desperately try to discover the killer's identity as their personal lives are falling apart: Donté is pulling away from Kitty and seems to be hiding a secret of his own, and Olivia's mother is on an emotional downward spiral. The killer is closing in, the threats are becoming more personal, and when the police refuse to listen, the girls have no choice but to confront their anonymous friend . . . or die trying.

### **Evil at Heart**

The first stand-alone thriller by critically acclaimed author Charlie Huston, *The Shotgun Rule* is a raw tale of four teenage friends who go looking for a little trouble—and find it. Blood spilled on the asphalt of this town long years gone has left a stain, and it's spreading. Not that a thing like that matters to teenagers like George, Hector, Paul, and Andy. It's summer 1983 in a northern California suburb, and these working-class kids have been killing time the usual ways: ducking their parents, tinkering with their bikes, and racing around town getting high and boosting their neighbors' meds. Just another typical summer break in the burbs. Till Andy's bike is stolen by the town's legendary petty hoods, the Arroyo brothers. When the boys break into the Arroyos' place in search of the bike, they stumble across the brothers' private industry: a crank lab. Being the kind of kids who rarely

know better, they do what comes naturally: they take a stash of crank to sell for quick cash. But doing so they unleash hidden rivalries and crimes, and the dark and secret past of their town and their families. The spreading stain is drawing local drug lords, crooked cops, hard-riding bikers, and the brutal history of the boys' fathers in its wake. From the Hardcover edition.

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## Heartsick

Already praised as “a writing powerhouse” (USA Today) and “among the select group of novelists who have invigorated the crime fiction arena with smart, innovative, and exciting work” (George Pelecanos), New York Times bestseller Laura Lippman is constantly sending reviewers back to their thesauruses in search of new and greater accolades. Her brilliant stand-alone novel, *And When She Was Good*, only reinforces the fact that she stands tall among today’s bestselling elite—including Kate Atkinson, Tana French, Jodi Picoult, and Harlan Coben (who raves, “I love her books!”) Based on her acclaimed, multi-award-nominated short story “Scratch a Woman,” *And When She Was Good* is the powerfully gripping, intensely emotional story of a suburban madam, a convicted murderer whose sentence is about to be overturned, and the child they will both do anything to keep. Lippman has already won virtually every prize the mystery genre has to offer—the Edgar®, Anthony, Agatha, and Nero Wolfe Awards, to name but a few. They’ll now have to invent a few new awards just to keep up with her.

## Let Me Go

Zach Barrows is a cocky, ambitious White House employee until he's abruptly transferred out and partnered with Nathaniel Cade, a secret agent sworn to protect the president. But Cade is no ordinary civil servant. Bound 140 years ago by a special blood oath, Nathaniel Cade is a vampire. On the orders of the president he defends the nation against enemies far stranger-and even more dangerous-than civilians like Zach could ever imagine.

## The Chronology of Water

Collects *Mockingbird* #6-8, *New Avengers* (2010) #13-14. A top secret mission on behalf of an old friend, a tropical cruise. What could go wrong? Turns out it's a theme cruise -super-hero themed, naturally -a floating comic con. Now Bobbi is trapped on a boat with a thousand cosplayers, caped colleagues she was trying to avoid, an ex-boyfriend who keeps showing up at inopportune times and a rampaging herd of corgis. When a passenger is murdered, Bobbi must play Hercule Poirot to find the killer and confront some uncomfortable truths from her past in the process.

## Dharma Girl

Sampath Chawla, a young postal worker who never feels as though he fits into the small Indian town into which he is born, one day climbs up a tree, only to become a famous holy man.

## Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard

The extraordinary story of a young North American's conversion to Islam and her

ensuing romance with an Egyptian man, *The Butterfly Mosque* is a stunning articulation of a Westerner embracing the Muslim world. After graduating from university, Willow Wilson, a young American — and newly converted Muslim — impulsively accepts a teaching position in Cairo. There, she meets Omar, a passionate young nationalist with a degree in astrophysics. Omar introduces Willow to the bustling city, and through him she discovers a young, moderate nationalist movement, a movement that both wants to divest itself of western influence and regain cultural pride. When the two find themselves unexpectedly in love, despite their deep cultural differences, they decide that they will try to forge a third culture, a new landscape that will embrace some of each of their cultures, and give their fledgling romance some hope of survival. Wilson weaves this engaging personal story with deep insights into faith in a fractured world, and gives westerners rare insight into an important young reform movement. *Butterfly Mosque* is an inspiring account of an unlikely cross-cultural love, and the moving story of two young people working within the boundaries of contemporary religion and culture to forge a life together against the odds. From the Hardcover edition.

## **Palace of Mirrors**

## **Mockingbird Vol. 2**

Chelsea Cain's novels featuring Portland detective Archie Sheridan and serial killer Gretchen Lowell have captivated fans through two nail-biting entries, *Heartsick* and *Sweetheart*, both of them multiweek bestsellers in *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Publishers Weekly*. Gretchen Lowell is still on the loose. These days, she's more of a cause célèbre than a feared killer, thanks to sensationalist news coverage that has made her a star. Her face graces magazine covers weekly and there have been sightings of her around the world. Most shocking of all, Portland Herald reporter Susan Ward has uncovered a bizarre kind of fan club, which celebrates the number of days she's been free. Archie Sheridan hunted her for a decade, and after his last ploy to catch her went spectacularly wrong, remains hospitalized months later. When they last spoke, they entered a détente of sorts---Archie agreed not to kill himself if she agreed not to kill anyone else. But when a new body is found accompanied by Gretchen's trademark heart, all bets are off and Archie is forced back into action. Has the Beauty Killer returned to her gruesome ways, or has the cult surrounding her created a whole new evil? Chelsea Cain continues to deliver heart-stopping thrills and chills in the latest entry in this dynamic bestselling series.

## **Get Dirty**

Tofu casserole, communes, anti-war protests. these are just a few of the hallmarks of a hippie childhood. What became of the children who were denied meat, exposed to free love and given nouns instead of names?

## **American Sayings - Famous Phrases, Slogans And Aphorisms**

Archie Sheridan should be recovering from his past run-ins with serial killer

Gretchen Lowell, yet he's just as haunted as the day she let him go. But when a cyclist comes across a corpse in Mount Tabor Park on the eastern side of Portland, Archie suddenly has a new case to focus on. Then comes a call from an unlikely source. After months of ignoring calls from a doctor at the mental hospital where Gretchen is supposed to be locked away forever, Archie hears that she might have inside knowledge about the new investigation. But is she bluffing just to get close to him, and can he risk losing his only lead? One thing is for sure: Gretchen Lowell is back, and Archie must decide if catching a killer is worth facing his demons one more time.

## **Blood Oath**

This is not your mother's memoir. In *The Chronology of Water*, Lidia Yuknavitch, a lifelong swimmer and Olympic hopeful escapes her raging father and alcoholic and suicidal mother when she accepts a swimming scholarship which drug and alcohol addiction eventually cause her to lose. What follows is promiscuous sex with both men and women, some of them famous, and some of it S&M, and Lidia discovers the power of her sexuality to help her forget her pain. The forgetting doesn't last, though, and it is her hard-earned career as a writer and a teacher, and the love of her husband and son, that ultimately create the life she needs to survive.

## **Confessions of a Teen Sleuth**

"Kick Lannigan has taught herself to be dangerous. She can pick any lock, fire any weapon, throw any knife, and aim a punch at her opponent's trachea. She has also taught herself to be safe. So when enigmatic John Bishop shows up asking her to help him rescue missing kids, Kick has every reason to be wary. He appears to have access to limitless money, high-level contacts, and details of Kick's background long kept sealed by the court. Yet everything he tells her about himself seems to be a lie. Headstrong by nature, suspicious by circumstance, and a smart-ass by self-determination, Kick can't help but see the writing on the wall: together, she and Bishop could make an unstoppable team, willing to do whatever it takes -- legal or not -- to see justice served if they don't kill each other first. For Kick, whose interest in child abduction is deeply personal, it's a gamble worth taking."--Page 4 of cover.

## **Man-Eaters #6**

In the new Eve Dallas police thriller from #1 New York Times-bestselling author J. D. Robb, what looked like a lover's quarrel turned fatal has larger—and more terrifying—motives behind it The scene in the West Village studio appears to be classic crime-of-passion: two wineglasses by the bed, music playing, and a young sculptor named Ariel Byrd with the back of her head bashed in. But when Dallas tracks down the wealthy Upper East Side woman who called 911, the details don't add up. Gwen Huffman is wealthy, elegant, comforted by her handsome fiancé as she sheds tears over the trauma of finding the body—but why did it take an hour to report it? And why is she lying about little things? As Eve and her team look into Gwen, her past, and the people around her, they find that the lies are about more than murder. As with sculpture, they need to chip away at the layers of deception

to find the shape within—and soon they're getting the FBI involved in a case that involves a sinister, fanatical group and a stunning criminal conspiracy.

## Can I Give My Husband Back?

'I laughed and laughed my way through this book from start to finish!! I found it so funny that I rolled from one laugh straight to into another one for most of the book! I loved this book so much I finished it in a day - I think that tells you everything you need to know!! Fab, fab, fab!!' Stardust Book Reviews, ★★★★★ It's normal to prefer getting a filling at the dentist to spending time with your husband, right? I thought I was sorted on the life front. I was a heart surgeon with a loving partner and two gorgeous little girls. Except my husband's version of 'loving' is lying, cheating and sleeping his way around London. Which means I definitely deserve a refund. Unfortunately, moving on isn't that simple. Just because I know how to operate on a heart doesn't mean I know how to fix my broken one. Plus, I lost the receipt for him years ago so I'm definitely getting short changed. But now I'm single, am I ready to mingle? There are a few minor issues: 1) The last time I went on a date double denim was in fashion and my eyebrows were horrendously overplucked. 2) Men wear stupidly skinny jeans now. 3) I don't know how to use dating apps but at least I don't have to get changed out of my pyjamas. 4) Sometimes the most promising thing you have in common with a guy is a shared love of prawns. 5) I don't know whether to open a date with 'hi' or 'hello' or 'hey' and once I ended up saying 'howdy'. Everything happens for a reason, they say. There's plenty more fish in the sea. But what happens when everything falls apart and you haven't got a clue how to go fishing? An absolutely hilarious and utterly relatable tale for anyone who has ever survived a nightmare relationship, felt a little lonely or nursed a broken heart with wine and carbs. This feel-good novel will get you back on your feet and genuinely laughing out loud. Perfect for fans of Why Mummy Drinks, Sophie Randal and Sophie Kinsella. Readers absolutely love Can I Give My Husband Back?: 'The BEST book I have read for a long time! A book has never made me laugh like this one Made me laugh until I couldn't breathe, I had tears rolling down my face and I had to force myself to put it down for a bit to recover. This book has it all: it's laugh-until-you-risk-passing-out funny, it made me cry, the characters are highly relatable and I loved every second of it... If I could give it more than 5 stars I would!' Goodreads Reviewer, 'A side-splittingly hilarious romp that had me wiping away tears I was laughing so much... It's just as well that I was in lockdown and I couldn't read this book anywhere in public because I was laughing so hard, I would have surely embarrassed myself... Wickedly funny, deliciously witty and a joy from start to finish.' Bookish Jottings, ★★★★★ 'OMG... LOVED IT!!!... Just pure LOL all the way through... A MUST-READ for when you could do with a laugh!' The Book Girls, ★★★★★ 'Oh my goodness... Made me laugh so much my sides hurt... Definitely the pick-me-up and anxiety-buster I needed.' Little Miss Book Lover 87, ★★★★★ 'Brilliant... It's not often that a proclaimed "laugh out loud" book makes me do so, yet laugh out loud I did.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★ 'Had me chuckling out loud and I think I almost actually jumped off my chair at one point.' This Hannah's Life 'Had me in stiches.' B for Bookreviewer, ★★★★★ 'Jam packed with so so many laugh out loud moments, honestly I just couldn't stop laughing. Also I found this very easy to read and it only took me 2 days to read, it was that good I just flew through it!' Jessica Book Biz, ★★★★★ 'An unputdownable, hilarious and over-the-top read that entertained me for a whole day non-stop...

Really got me laughing out loud.’ Roving Book Worm ‘Fantastic... My belly hurts from laughing.’ NetGalley Reviewer, ☐☐☐☐ ‘Hilarious! I loved every second of this book.’ Goodreads Reviewer, ☐☐☐☐ ‘I absolutely loved this book! It reminds me of Bridget Jones but better if that's possible.’ The Book Club Africa, ☐☐☐☐ ‘I laughed and laughed my way through this book from start to finish!!... I’ve never found a character that I’ve found so funny as what Lucy is!!... I rolled from one laugh straight to into another one!... An absolute belter of a book!!! I loved this book so much I finished it in a day – I think that tells you everything you need to know!! Fab, fab, fab!!’ Stardust Book Reviews, ☐☐☐☐ ‘I finished it in a mere few hours because I didn’t want to put it down... I haven’t laughed this much while reading a book in a long time!... My only regret is that I devoured it so quickly... This is the perfect book to settle down and relax with on a particularly stressful day. (Or any day really! No matter how you’re feeling, this book is wonderful and you need to read it OK? OK).’ Reading in Autumn ‘Hilarious, laugh-a-minute read! Had me chuckling aloud as I read, much to the consternation of my husband! Frank, funny and full of relatable family dynamics!... A real laugh-out-loud read of a book that I devoured in a day!’ Goodreads Reviewer, ☐☐☐☐

## **The Night Season**

From the author of the critically acclaimed Archie Sheridan and Gretchen Lowell thrillers, here is a heart-stopping ride that Cheryl Strayed (author of #1 New York Times bestseller Wild) called “deeply intelligent and grippingly suspenseful...a wickedly brilliant masterpiece.” Kick Lannigan has taught herself to be dangerous. She can pick any lock, fire any weapon, throw any knife, and aim a punch at her opponent’s trachea. She has also taught herself to be safe. So when enigmatic John Bishop shows up asking her to help him rescue missing kids, Kick has every reason to be wary. He appears to have access to limitless money, high-level contacts, and details of Kick’s background long kept sealed by the court. Yet everything he tells her about himself seems to be a lie. Headstrong by nature, suspicious by circumstance, and a smart-ass by self-determination, Kick can’t help but see the writing on the wall: together, she and Bishop could make an unstoppable team, willing to do whatever it takes—legal or not—to see justice served...if they don’t kill each other first. For Kick, whose interest in child abduction is deeply personal, it’s a gamble worth taking. Critically acclaimed as “excruciating...compelling” (Booklist, starred review) and “a propulsive new thriller” (People), One Kick is an engrossing, entertaining new novel you won’t want to miss.

## **The Complete Archie Sheridan and Gretchen Lowell Series, Books 1 - 6**

Portland detective Archie Sheridan's investigation into the murder of a young woman is compromised by his continuing obsession with serial murderer Gretchen Lowell, the so-called Beauty Killer, who has escaped from prison.

## **Man-eaters**

From New York Times bestselling author Chelsea Cain—the unforgettable Kick

Lannigan negotiates the help of an unlikely partner in the second book in the electrifying series that started with the “edge-of-your-seat thriller,” *One Kick* (Booklist, starred review). Three months following the events of *One Kick*, a secretive arms dealer named Bishop has come seeking Kick’s help to protect a teenage girl under a threat from the past. Bishop believes the young woman is at risk of suffering the same fate as her mother, who disappeared as a teen before miraculously returning home twenty years later. At the time, many believed that there may be something supernatural involved in her mysterious disappearance. Could that be true? As Kick and Bishop join forces to search for clues in the girl’s Florida hometown, they realize there may be even darker—even criminal—secrets at play. Then a body is discovered and throws both women’s identities into question, and Kick and Bishop must combine their expertise to learn the truth. With the heart-stopping suspense, psychological twists, and the atmospheric details readers love, *Kick Back* is Chelsea Cain at her best.

## **The Archie Sheridan and Gretchen Lowell Series, Books 1-3**

"If you are reading this, then I am gone and this manuscript, per my instruction, has been delivered to the writer Chelsea Cain for publication as she sees fit . . ." America's favorite girl detective is back to set the record straight. According to our titian-haired heroine, she was not a fictional character, but an intrepid real-life sleuth who investigated some of the twentieth century's biggest mysteries. And the famous series she starred in was not cooked up by a team of writers, but plagiarized from her exploits by a nosy college roommate—who, not surprisingly, got a whole lot wrong. Here are the daring escapes, brilliant hunches, and dependable stock characters, including interlopers from numerous other beloved series, that have delighted generations of fans. And here, also, are the details of teen-sleuth life that you never saw: the secret romances, reckless driving, minor drinking problems, political action, and domestic drama that have, up till now, remained hidden from these brave detectives' adoring public.

## **The Spark**

With *Heartsick*, Chelsea Cain took the crime world by storm, introducing two of the most compelling characters in decades: serial killer Gretchen Lowell and her obsessed pursuer Portland Detective Archie Sheridan. The book spent four weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list and garnered rave reviews around the world. But the riveting story of Archie and Gretchen was left unfinished, and now Chelsea Cain picks up the tale again. When the body of a young woman is discovered in Portland's Forest Park, Archie is reminded of the last time they found a body there, more than a decade ago: it turned out to be the Beauty Killer's first victim, and Archie's first case. This body can't be one of Gretchen's—she's in prison—but after help from reporter Susan Ward uncovers the dead woman's identity, it turns into another big case. Trouble is, Archie can't focus on the new investigation because the Beauty Killer case has exploded: Gretchen Lowell has escaped from prison. Archie hadn't seen her in two months; he'd moved back in with his family and sworn off visiting her. Though it should feel like progress, he actually feels worse. The news of her escape spreads like wildfire, but secretly, he's relieved. He knows he's the only one who can catch her, and in fact, he has a plan to get out from under her thumb once and for all. Chelsea Cain has topped her own bestselling

debut thriller with this unputdownable, unpredictable, edge-of-your-seat read.

## **The Rosary Girls**

The Stoker-award winning editor of the acclaimed, eclectic anthology *The New Dead* returns with *21st Century Dead*, and an all-new lineup of authors from all corners of the fiction world, shining a dark light on our fascination with tales of death and resurrection with ZOMBIES! The stellar stories in this volume includes a tale set in the world of Daniel H. Wilson's *Robocalypse*, the first published fiction by *Sons of Anarchy* creator Kurt Sutter, and a tale of love, family, and resurrection from the legendary Orson Scott Card. This new volume also includes stories also from other award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling authors, such as: Simon R. Green, Chelsea Cain, Jonathan Maberry, Duane Swierczynski, Caitlin Kittredge, Brian Keene, Amber Benson, John Skipp, S. G. Browne, Thomas E. Sniegoski, Hollywood screenwriter Stephen Susco, National Book Award nominee Dan Chaon, and more!

## **The Book of Lies**

**BONUS:** This edition contains an excerpt from Richard Montanari's *The Echo Man*. In his sleek, visceral novels *Deviant Way*, *Kiss of Evil*, and *The Violet Hour*, Richard Montanari slammed into the suspense field like a force of nature. Now Montanari has written an astounding novel that pits two besieged detectives against a fiercely intelligent serial killer. Sprawling beneath the statue of William Penn, Philadelphia is a city of downtrodden crack houses and upscale brownstones. Somewhere in this concrete crazy quilt, one teenage Catholic girl is writing in her diary, another is pouring her heart out to a friend, and yet another is praying. And somewhere in this city is a man who wants these young women to make his macabre fantasy become reality. In a passion play of his own, he will take the girls—and a whole city—over the edge. Kevin Byrne is a veteran cop who already knows that edge: He's been living on it far too long. His marriage failing, his former partner wasting away in a hospital, and his heart lost to mad fury, Byrne loves to take risks and is breaking every rule in the book. And now he has been given a rookie partner. Jessica Balzano, the daughter of a famous Philly cop, doesn't want Byrne's help. But they will need each other desperately, since they've just caught the case of a lifetime: Someone is killing devout young women, bolting their hands together in prayer, and committing an abomination upon their otherwise perfect bodies. Byrne and Balzano spearhead the hunt for the serial killer, who leads them on a methodically planned journey. Suspects appear before them like bad dreams—and vanish just as quickly. And while Byrne's sins begin to catch up with him, and Balzano tries to solve the blood-splattered puzzle, the body count rises. Meanwhile, the calendar is approaching Easter and the day of the resurrection. When the last rosary is counted, a madman's methods will be revealed, and the final crime will be the one that hurts the most. Relentlessly paced and vividly told, *The Rosary Girls* is a smart, emotionally complex, fiercely gripping thriller from an author who takes chances, breaks new ground, and leaves readers haunted and moved long after the last page is turned.

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