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Drifting House

Ava Lee is a petite young Chinese-Canadian forensic accountant who works for an elderly Hong Kong-based 'Uncle'. In tracking millions of dollars across continents

the stakes are often high, sometimes violent and always shady, but Ava Lee's razor-sharp intelligence and unorthodox rules of engagement allow her to succeed where traditional methods have failed. This is a novel full of suspense, with an equally fascinating heroine.

The Disciple of Las Vegas

The sixth installment in the wildly popular Ava Lee series from Arthur Ellis Award winner, Ian Hamilton. Ava has been in Hong Kong looking after Uncle. She has also set up an investment company with May Ling Wong and her sister-in-law, Amanda Yee. One of their first investments — a furniture company owned by two sisters in Kota Kinabalu, Borneo — runs into immediate problems with a Dutch customer. Ava goes to the Netherlands to investigate, but her life is threatened when she is confronted by a gang of local thugs in Borneo. Out of the shadows comes a mysterious man from Shanghai . . .

The Man Who Wouldn't Die

Alex Gilly's *Death Rattle* is a riveting thriller for fans of Don Winslow's *The Border*. A death in a migrant detention center leads officer Nick Finn and his wife, human-rights lawyer Mona Jimenez, to investigate the prison's account of what happened.

Trouble is, the company that runs the prison is on the verge of signing a billion-dollar procurement contract with Homeland Security. And there are people in this world for whom a billion dollars is worth a whole lot more than one human life. Or even three. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

An Object of Beauty

The acclaimed and captivating true story of two restless society girls who left their affluent lives to “rough it” as teachers in the wilds of Colorado in 1916. In the summer of 1916, Dorothy Woodruff and Rosamond Underwood, bored by society luncheons, charity work, and the effete men who courted them, left their families in Auburn, New York, to teach school in the wilds of northwestern Colorado. They lived with a family of homesteaders in the Elkhead Mountains and rode to school on horseback, often in blinding blizzards. Their students walked or skied, in tattered clothes and shoes tied together with string. The young cattle rancher who had lured them west, Ferry Carpenter, had promised them the adventure of a lifetime. He hadn't let on that they would be considered dazzling prospective brides for the locals. Nearly a hundred years later, Dorothy Wickenden, the granddaughter of Dorothy Woodruff, found the teachers' buoyant letters home, which captured the voices of the pioneer women, the children, and other unforgettable people the women got to know. In reconstructing their journey,

Wickenden has created an exhilarating saga about two intrepid women and the “settling up” of the West.

The Imam of Tawi-Tawi

The first book in a gripping new Ava Lee spin-off series featuring fan-favourite Uncle Chow Tung and his ascendancy to the head of the Triad gang in Fanling, Hong Kong, 1969. The Dragon Head of the Fanling Triad has died and there is a struggle to replace him among senior members of the gang. Normally, the Deputy Mountain Master is next in line, but this one is weak and ineffectual and has only survived because of the protection of the Dragon Head. Up to this point, the Fanling Triad has operated in relative isolation from neighbouring gangs, but the Dragon Head's death has drawn attention to the area -- and to its wealth. Other gangs start to make threatening moves and it's obvious to the senior members of the Fanling Triad that they need a leader who can fend off the threats, unite the membership, and maintain their prosperity. There are several candidates. The least conspicuous is the White Paper Fan, their young administrator. His name is Chow Tung, but many of those who work with him already refer to him as "Uncle" .

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Erasing Memory

Forensic accountant Ava Lee attempts to rescue her half-brother and his business partner from a bad real estate deal in Macau that involves gangsters posing as developers.

The Princeling of Nanjing

In the latest installment of the Ava Lee novels, Ava becomes embroiled in a violent war between feuding gangs vying for control of the Wanchai territory in Hong Kong. Ava is in Shanghai visiting her ailing friend, the Mountain Master Xu, when a triad war breaks out in Hong Kong. Sammy Wing, an old enemy of Ava's who has twice tried to kill her, has enlisted the aid of his nephew Carter — the new Mountain Master of Sha Tin — to reclaim control of his old territory, Wanchai, from Xu's men. There is nothing subtle about the Wings' methods. Xu's most trusted enforcer, Lop, has been shot, and six of his street soldiers kidnapped. The Wings threaten to execute them unless Xu's men vacate Wanchai immediately. Ava steps in to broker a settlement, and the Wings respond by sending her a box containing six fingers — and a twelve-hour deadline. As the violence and tension mount, Ava is driven to the edge, and she is forced to devise a plan that will bring her face-to-face with Sammy and Carter Wing. The only question is who will pull the trigger first?

Beauty Plus Pity

In the latest thrilling novel in the Ava Lee series, Ava launches an investigation into a fraudulent investment scheme that sends her around the globe on the trail of illegal diamonds, drug smuggling, and offshore banking. Ava and Pang Fai are in Toronto to attend a party at the home of Ava's mother, Jennie Lee. When Ava's best friend, Mimi, fails to appear, Ava goes looking for her. She finds Mimi at home, distraught over the death of her father, who has taken his own life after losing the family's savings in a fraudulent investment scheme. Moved to avenge this tragedy and recover the stolen money, Ava launches an investigation that takes her to cities on three continents. As she tracks the money, Ava is thrust into the underworld of illegal diamond trading, international drug smuggling, and the world's most secretive offshore banking haven. Along the way, a number of Ava's old friends offer their assistance—from her business partner, May Ling Wong, to her ge ge, the Mountain Master of Shanghai, Xu. Most poignant of all, Ava is visited in her dreams by Uncle, who offers her much-needed guidance as she confronts a new face of power and corruption.

The Deadly Touch of the Tigress

1980: A pivotal year in modern Chinese history as Premier Deng Xiaoping begins

what he intends to be the transformation of China into an economic superpower. The most visible evidence of Deng's policy is the creation of Special Economic Zones, and one has been set up in Shenzhen, next door to Hong Kong and on Fanling's doorstep. Among Triad leaders, Uncle is the only one who recognizes that Deng's intentions could have profound repercussions on their organizations. To protect his gang and their interests, he acts to not only minimize the negative impact, but to turn events to his advantage.

The Water Rat of Wanchai

The hilarious New York Times bestseller “sharply observes the lives of globe-trotting, overindulging investment bankers” (Entertainment Weekly). “Some chick asked me what I would do with 10 million bucks. I told her I’d wonder where the rest of my money went.” —@GSElevator For three years, the notorious @GSElevator Twitter feed offered a hilarious, shamelessly voyeuristic look into the real world of international finance. Hundreds of thousands followed the account, Goldman Sachs launched an internal investigation, and when the true identity of the man behind it all was revealed, it created a national media sensation—but that’s only part of the story. Where @GSElevator captured the essence of the banking elite with curated jokes and submissions overheard by readers, Straight to Hell adds John LeFevre’s own story—an unapologetic and darkly funny account of a career as a globe-conquering investment banker spanning New York, London, and

Hong Kong. *Straight to Hell* pulls back the curtain on a world that is both hated and envied, taking readers from the trading floors and roadshows to private planes and after-hours overindulgence. Full of shocking lawlessness, boyish antics, and win-at-all-costs schemes, this is the definitive take on the deviant, dysfunctional, and absolutely excessive world of finance. “Shocking and sordid—and so much fun.” —Daily News (New York) “LeFevre’s workplace anecdotes include tales of nastiness, sabotage, favoritism, sexism, racism, expense-account padding, and legally questionable collusion.” —The New Yorker

Eyes of a Child

Lacey Yeager is young, captivating, and ambitious enough to take the NYC art world by storm. Groomed at Sotheby's and hungry to keep climbing the social and career ladders put before her, Lacey charms men and women, old and young, rich and even richer with her magnetic charisma and liveliness. Her ascension to the highest tiers of the city parallel the soaring heights--and, at times, the dark lows--of the art world and the country from the late 1990s through today.

The Diamond Queen of Singapore

The prequel to the wildly popular Ava Lee series. Young Ava Lee is a forensic

accounting who has just opened her own private firm. One of her clients, Hedrick Lo, has been swindled of more than a million dollars by a Chinese importer named Johnny Kung. Desperate, Lo persuades Ava to find and retrieve the monies owed. Ava goes to Hong Kong, where she plunges into the dangerous underground collection business and meets a man who will forever change her life . . .

The Dragon Head of Hong Kong

"One of my favorite new mystery series, perfect escapism."—Sarah Weinman, National Post Fifty million dollars has disappeared into thin air from the accounts of one of the richest men in the Philippines, Tommy Ordonez. His one hope is Ava Lee—sleek, capable forensic accountant and sleuth. With the help of her Triad-connected partner, Uncle, Ava follows the money trail from San Francisco to Costa Rica to the casinos and illegal gambling dens of Las Vegas. Meanwhile, a vengeful adversary from Ava's past has put out a contract on her life, and the shadowy hit man is close at her heels every step of the way. Will Ava recover the stolen cash without stepping into the crosshairs of a growing list of enemies? The first book of an electrifying new series, Ian Hamilton's *The Disciple of Las Vegas* introduces Ava Lee: a deadly martial artist with a taste for luxury and a mind like a steel trap.

The Goddess of Yantai

Fourteen-year-old Cynthia Bigge woke one morning to discover that her entire family—mother, father, brother—had vanished. No note, no trace, no return. Ever. Now, twenty-five years later, she'll learn the devastating truth. Sometimes it's better not to know. . . . Cynthia is happily married with a young daughter, a new family. But the story of her old family isn't over. A strange car in the neighborhood, untraceable phone calls, ominous "gifts"—someone has returned to her hometown to finish what was started twenty-five years ago. And no one's innocence is guaranteed, not even her own. By the time Cynthia discovers her killer's shocking identity, it will again be too late . . . even for goodbye. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Linwood Barclay's No Safe House.

The Disciple of Las Vegas (Large Print 16pt)

From the author of Poldark, the bestselling book and hit television series. Winston Graham's Angell, Pearl and Little God follows three people's mutual desire and suspicion. Was it Pearl Friedel's fault she was beautiful? If she had been plain, William Angell, the self-indulgent solicitor and lover of beautiful things, would never have given her the chance to escape the tedium of everyday life. It was a very satisfactory arrangement – until Little God stepped in. An ambitious boxer with a vicious reputation, he wanted Pearl for himself, no matter what the cost . . .

Beach Strip

Winner of the Arthur Ellis Award for Best First Novel A CBC Bookie Award: Mystery and Thriller, Finalist A Quill & Quire Book of the Year An Amazon.ca Editors' Pick In the first electrifying book of the series, Ian Hamilton introduces us to Ava Lee — the smartest, most stylish heroine in crime fiction since Lisbeth Salandar. Ava Lee is a young Chinese-Canadian forensic accountant who works for an elderly Hong Kong-based “Uncle,” who may or may not have ties to the Triads. At 115 lbs., she hardly seems a threat. But her razorsharp intellect and resourcefulness allows her to succeed where traditional methods have failed. In *The Water Rat of Wanchai*, Ava travels across continents to track \$5 million owed by a seafood company. But it's in Guyana where she meets her match: Captain Robbins, a huge hulk of a man and godfather-like figure who controls the police, politicians, and criminals alike. In exchange for his help, he decides he wants a piece of Ava's \$5 million action and will do whatever it takes to get his fair share...

The Vanishing Year

First of 2 exclusive bundles, including books 1 and 2 of the wildly popular Ava Lee Series plus the never before published prequel. This bundle includes: In *The Water Rat of Wanchai*, Ava travels across continents to track \$5 million owed by a

seafood company. But it's in Guyana where she meets her match: Captain Robbins, a huge hulk of a man and godfather-like figure who controls the police, politicians, and criminals alike. In exchange for his help, he decides he wants a piece of Ava's \$5 million action and will do whatever it takes to get his fair share . . . In *The Disciple of Las Vegas*, forensic accountant Ava Lee is hired by the richest man in the Philippines to recover \$50 million from a Canadian land swindle. With the billionaire's reputation on the line, she follows the money from Vancouver to Las Vegas, to the Costa Rican accounts of the Moneida, a First Nations band that owns *The River*, a poker web site. After uncovering an illegal online gambling ring, she confronts one of the world poker greats, David "The Disciple" Douglas, and his partner, Jeremy Ashton. Meanwhile, Jackie Leung, an old target of Uncle's and Ava's, has made it rich. He wants revenge, and he's going after Ava to get it. Young Ava Lee is a forensic accounting who has just opened her own private firm. One of her clients, Hedrick Lo, has been swindled of more than a million dollars by a Chinese importer named Johnny Kung. Desperate, Lo persuades Ava to find and retrieve the monies owed. In *The Dragon Head of Hong Kong*, we follow Ava as she plunges into the dangerous underground collection business and meets a man who will forever change her life . . .

The Ecology of a City and Its People

The heart-pounding first installment of the MacNeice Mysteries, featuring a

sophisticated detective solving the horrific murder of a beautiful young violinist — perfect for fans of Peter Robinson’s Alan Banks series. Detective Superintendent MacNeice is returning from a pilgrimage to his wife’s grave when he’s called to a crime scene of singular and disturbing beauty. A young woman in evening dress lies gracefully posed on the floor of a pristine summer cottage so that the finger of one hand regularly interrupts the needle arm of a phonograph playing Schubert’s Piano Trio. The only visible mark on her is the bruise under her chin, which MacNeice recognizes: it is the mark that distinguishes dedicated violinists, the same mark that once graced his wife. The murder is both ingenious and horrific, and soon entangles MacNeice and his team in Eastern Europe’s ancient grievances...

Fate

From pirates singing Ricky Martin to mob hits carried out with samurai swords, Bertil Lintner offers a fascinating look at organized crime in the Asia Pacific. Both Western and Asian pundits assert that shady deals are an Asian way of life. Some argue that corruption and illicit business ventures - gambling, prostitution, drug trafficking, gun running, oil smuggling - are entrenched parts of the Asian value system. Yet many Asian leaders maintain that their cities are safer than Sydney, Amsterdam, New York, and Los Angeles. Making use of expertise gained from twenty years of living in Asia, Lintner exposes the role crime plays in the countries

of the Far East. In *Blood Brothers*, he takes you inside the criminal fraternities of Asia, examining these networks and their past histories in order to answer one question: How are civil societies all over the world to be protected from the worst excesses of increasingly globalised mobsters?

Blood Brothers

The seventh novel in the Ava Lee series finds Ava caught up in the election for the chairmanship of the Triad Societies. It's been three months since Uncle's passing, and Ava is finally ready to begin her new life as a partner with May Ling Wong and her sister-in-law Amanda in their Three Sisters venture capital firm. Ava travels to Shanghai to hear a pitch on a new investment possibility: the creation of a fashion line by Clark and Gillian Po. She also meets with the mysterious Xu, a young man Uncle had been mentoring and who is the head of the triad in Shanghai. Xu makes an audacious business proposal that she and May Ling are compelled to consider. Meanwhile, separately and privately, he confides to Ava that he intends to run for the chairmanship of the Triad Societies and attempts to recruit her as his adviser. Against her will, Ava becomes enmeshed in triad warfare and her future is threatened...

Angell, Pearl and Little God

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This insightful book provides a comprehensive survey of urban development in Hong Kong since 1841. Pui-yin Ho explores the ways in which the social, economic and political environments of different eras have influenced the city's development. From colonial governance, wartime experiences, high density development and the return to Chinese sovereignty in 1997 through to contemporary challenges, this book explores forward-looking ideas that urban planning can offer to lead the city in the future. Evaluating the relationship between town planning and social change, this book looks at how a local Hong Kong identity emerged in the face of conflict and compromise between Chinese and European cultures. In doing so, it brings a fresh perspective to urban research, providing historical context and direction for the future development of the city. Hong Kong's urban development experience offers not only a model for other Chinese cities but also a better understanding of Asian cities more broadly. Urban studies scholars will find this an exemplary case study of a developing urban landscape. Town planners and architects will also benefit from reading this comprehensive book as it shows how Hong Kong can be taken to the next stage of urban development and modernisation.

The Couturier of Milan

International bestselling author Ian Hamilton returns with a riveting new novel featuring fan-favourite Uncle Chow Tung, who is called upon to end a violent turf

war between rival gangs and stop a new organized-crime bureau of the Hong Kong Police from eliminating the triad societies once and for all. Hong Kong, 1995. Two years before Hong Kong is to be returned to the People's Republic of China, the Communist government has its eye on the New Territories, and tensions are running high among the triads. A turf war breaks out in Macau and quickly spreads to Hong Kong. In response, the Organized Crime Triad Bureau of the Hong Kong Police, backed by the Chinese government, begins a major crackdown on gang activities. Several triad leaders ask Uncle to intervene and bring an end to the violence. As Uncle begins mediation talks, his own territory of Fanling is attacked by a neighbouring gang. At the root of the tensions is a fear of what will become of Hong Kong after the Communists take over. When Uncle expresses these concerns about the future to Lin Huning, his partner in China, his response comes as a surprise and leads to an unexpected outcome that will have a lasting effect for decades to come.

No Time for Goodbye

"Hot Art traces Joshua Knelman's five-year immersion in the shadowy world of art theft, which takes him from Egypt to Los Angeles, New York to London, and back again, through a web of deceit, violence, and corruption. With a cool, knowing eye, Knelman delves into the lives of professionals such as Paul, a brilliant working-class kid who charmed his way into a thriving career organizing art thefts and running

loot across the United Kingdom and beyond, and LAPD detective Donald Hrycyk, one of the few special investigators worldwide who struggle to keep pace with the evolving industry of stolen art. As he becomes more and more immersed in this world, Knelman learns that art theft is no fringe activity--it has evolved into one of the largest black markets in the world, which even Interpol and the FBI cannot contain. Sweeping and fast-paced, *Hot Art* is a major work of investigative journalism and a thrilling joyride into a mysterious criminal world"--

Straight to Hell

"I'd rather laugh in bad taste than cry in good taste." That's how Josie Marshall deals with the death of her detective husband, Gabe, found naked outside their home on the beach with a bullet in his brain. Everyone calls it suicide. Josie knows it isn't . . . but fears it could be. After all, she had provided Gabe with a motive. The clues are so strong that even Josie begins to believe Gabe shot himself. But when a horrific slaying occurs literally at her feet, she knows Gabe was murdered, and her determination to prove it carries her toward dark corners of the beach strip and exposes the darker sides of its residents. Fending off her fears with humour and outrage, she encounters a drug-crazed drifter, an organized-crime boss with romance on his mind, a woman with a murderous past and a pervert who's been frequenting her garden shed. When a chance remark leads Josie to the astonishing truth of Gabe's death, her story takes a shocking turn that no one could have seen

coming.

Fortune

The past - ecological background; Ecological perspectives; Land, nature and people; Life conditions and biopsychic state in early Hong Kong; The present - Hong Kong in the 1970s; Conceptual framework; Modern Hong Kong - an overview; Extrasomatic energy; Energy in the Hong Kong food system; Nutrients and water supply in Hong Kong; The built environment and transportation; The population; Material aspects of human experience; Social relationships and some important intangibles; Behavioural aspects of human experience; Environment, life style and health: problems and principles; The future - human ecological imperatives; The future of urban settlements; Life conditions check list; Common behavioural tendencies; Biosocial survey.

The Water Rat of Wanchai + The Dragon Head of Hong Kong

The eighth novel in the Ava Lee series finds Ava caught in a labyrinth of high-level political corruption. Ava is in Shanghai for the launch of the PÖ clothing line. She has invited Xu, and over the course of the glitzy event and a late-night dinner, she detects a certain hesitancy in him. He later confides that the Tsai family, headed

by Tsai Lian, the governor of Jiangsu Province and a “princeling” — he is the son of a general who was on the Long March with Mao and a member of China’s power elite — is trying to force him and his triad organization back into the drug business. Xu is already paying millions of dollars a year to various Tsai businesses, but the family wants more and thinks the new venture can deliver it. Xu believes this move would lead to his eventual destruction and feels he has nowhere to turn. If he opposes them, they will crush him. If he goes along with them, he thinks that inevitably the police and military will hunt him down. Ava sets out to help Xu deter the Tsai family. As she digs into the breadth and depth of the family’s wealth and corruption, she gets caught up in a huge tangled web, extending all the way to the U.S. and the U.K., where it reaches the top echelons of political power.

Foresight

“The Vanishing Year is a stunner. A perfectly compulsive read that's impossible to put down.” –Mary Kubica “A chilling, powerful tale of nerve-shattering suspense.” –Heather Gudenkauf Nominated for "Best Mystery & Thriller" by Goodreads Choice Awards 2016 Zoe Whittaker is living a charmed life. She is the beautiful young wife to handsome, charming Wall Street tycoon Henry Whittaker. She is a member of Manhattan’s social elite. She is on the board of one of the city’s most prestigious philanthropic organizations. She has a perfect Tribeca penthouse in the city and a gorgeous lake house in the country. The finest wine, the most up-to-date fashion,

and the most luxurious vacations are all at her fingertips. What no one knows is that five years ago, Zoe's life was in danger. Back then, Zoe wasn't Zoe at all. Now her secrets are coming back to haunt her. As the past and present collide, Zoe must decide who she can trust before she—whoever she is—vanishes completely. A “dark, twisty, edge-of-your-seat suspense” (Karen Robards), *The Vanishing Year* combines the classic sophistication of Ruth Rendell and A.S.A. Harrison with the thoroughly modern flair of Jessica Knoll. Told from the point-of-view of a heroine who is as relatable as she is enigmatic, *The Vanishing Year* is an unforgettable new novel by a rising star of the genre.

The Ava Lee Series Bundle 1

A man has been found dead, a gun still wedged in his mouth. It looks like Ricardo Arias killed himself but the physical evidence tells a different story. The police investigation turns up all sorts of troubling data—a bitter estrangement between Ricardo and his wife, Terri; an ugly custody battle over their six-year-old daughter, Elena; charges of child molestation. And before long there's a murder suspect: San Francisco defense attorney and political hopeful Christopher Paget. But where's the motive? It could be that Paget is Terri's new lover. Or that Paget's own teenage son is the one who's accused of abusing Elena. But a series of long-hidden secrets—on both sides of the case—are slowly rising to the surface and threaten to explode in the courtroom, where the final verdict will be delivered. Where the truth about

what really happened to Ricardo Arias will either be revealed—or buried for good

The Mountain Master of Sha Tin

An Asian American man meets the sister he never knew he had: a wistful novel about family, loss, and forgiveness.

Forever and a Death

Hired by a Chinese powerbroker who has been cheated out of millions by an art forger, forensic accountant Ava Lee traces the forgeries to several international cities where she uncovers a web of corruption that threatens her life.

The Red Pole of Macau

The fifth installment in the wildly popular Ava Lee series exposes the dark world of money laundering and the Italian mob. Ava begins an investigation into what she thinks is a Ponzi scheme. The trail leads her to a bank in Indonesia that is run by a Scot, but in actuality is a front for an elaborate money-laundering operation for Italian mobsters. The relationship between Ava and the Scotsman turns nasty and personal. Meanwhile, Uncle's health problems become apparent...

Hot Art

Mary DiNunzio is trying to make partner in her cutthroat Philadelphia law firm. She's too busy to worry about the crank phone calls that she's been getting—until they fall into a sinister pattern. Mary can't shake the sensation that someone is watching her. Following her every move. Then the shadowboxing turns deadly, and she has to fight for something a lot more important than a partnership—her life.

The Wild Beasts of Wuhan

In the latest installment of the Ava Lee novels, Ava must infiltrate the seedy world of the Chinese film industry to protect the woman she loves. Ava travels to Beijing for the premiere of Mao's Daughter, the latest film starring her secret lover, Pang Fai. After the screening, a distraught Fai tells Ava that she is being blackmailed by senior officials of the China Movie Syndicate, who seek sexual favours in return for their continued support of Fai's career and films. When Fai resists, the threats become increasingly menacing and include the release of scandalous videos of the young Fai that could end her career entirely. Working alongside Fai and several of her friends, Ava delves deep into the dark side of the Chinese film industry in an attempt to liberate her lover from the grasp of the Syndicate. But can Ava save Fai from her memories?

Death Rattle

"HBO's Silicon Valley meets The Big Sleep" (Mark Maskell Smith): A hilarious neo-noir send-up of Silicon Valley, penned by an anonymous insider. "DOES FOR SILICON VALLEY WHAT CARL HIAASEN DID FOR FLORIDA." —Tim Dorsey
TIM DORSEY "THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T DIE IS DASHIELL HAMMETT 2.0: THE CLASSIC HARDBOILED DETECTIVE NOVEL, UPDATED FOR 21ST CENTURY SILICON VALLEY AND MADE HILARIOUS." —Brad Parks
Silicon Valley scion Captain Don Donogue is dead under mysterious circumstances. In fact, he might've well have been murdered. Just ask Captain Don himself. He's been sending messages about his suspicious death from beyond the grave. Yep, he's been tweeting from the afterlife. Or so it seems. Could life-after-death be Silicon Valley's latest innovation? Our bodies die but our souls and social media accounts are eternal? This is the mystery that confronts the only sane person left in a region gone mad with greed, William Fitzgerald. Fitch. He's a world-class detective, tough, stoic, carries a big fist and a flip phone. He's a bad fit for Silicon Valley, where the law firms have drive-thru windows manned by barristeristas (who serve instant coffee and instant patents); attractive women aren't MILF's but TELFs (Tech Executives I'd Like To Fund); and couples are so anxious to get into the best free-play kindergartens that they get on the waiting list as soon as they freeze their sperm and eggs for later use. One day, a woman knocks on Fitch's door. She's got a handful of cash and a wild story: She says that her father was Captain Don, or is Captain Don. He was

killed, or maybe not. He's tweeting from beyond. Fitch takes the case and goes into the belly of the valley, discovering that life and death, well, sometimes they're just another transaction.... Original, clever, and hysterical, *The Man Who Wouldn't Die* is the Carl Hiaasen of Silicon Valley and neo-noir at its unforgettable best.

Everywhere That Mary Went

In this next installment of the addictive and award-winning Ava Lee series, Ava uncovers an international terrorism conspiracy rooted in a college in Tawi-Tawi.

The Two Sisters of Borneo

New-World China meets Old-World Italy, as Ava investigates the dark side of the glamorous world of fashion in the latest installment of the Ava Lee Novels. Ava attends London Fashion Week for the launch of the PÖ fashion line, one of the major investments she and her partners in the Three Sisters — May Ling Wong and Amanda Yee — have made over the past year. The show is a success, but perhaps too much of one. It attracts the attention of Dominic Ventola, the principal partner in the luxury fashion conglomerate VLG. When VLG offers to buy the Three Sisters' stake in the company, Ava and her partners decline. A few days later, PÖ comes under attack in the fashion media and a large part of their customer base begins to

abandon them. With the help of Xu, Ava uncovers the dark and complex dynamics between East and West in the global fashion industry, eventually leading to a confrontation between two of the world's biggest crime syndicates.

The Scottish Banker of Surabaya

The Bond That Never Was Two decades ago, the producers of the James Bond movies hired legendary crime novelist Donald E. Westlake to come up with a story for the next Bond film. The plot Westlake dreamed up – about a Western businessman seeking revenge after being kicked out of Hong Kong when the island was returned to Chinese rule – had all the elements of a classic Bond adventure, but political concerns kept it from being made. Never one to let a good story go to waste, Westlake wrote an original novel based on the premise instead – a novel he never published while he was alive. Now, nearly a decade after Westlake's death, Hard Case Crime is proud to give that novel its first publication ever, together with a brand new afterword by one of the movie producers describing the project's genesis, and to give fans their first taste of the Westlake-scripted Bond that might have been.

Making Hong Kong

An unflinching portrayal of the Korean immigrant experience from an extraordinary new talent in fiction. Spanning Korea and the United States, from the postwar era to contemporary times, Krys Lee's stunning fiction debut, *Drifting House*, illuminates a people torn between the traumas of their collective past and the indignities and sorrows of their present. In the title story, children escaping famine in North Korea are forced to make unthinkable sacrifices to survive. The tales set in America reveal the immigrants' unmoored existence, playing out in cramped apartments and Koreatown strip malls. A makeshift family is fractured when a shaman from the old country moves in next door. An abandoned wife enters into a fake marriage in order to find her kidnapped daughter. In the tradition of Chang-rae Lee's *Native Speaker* and Jhumpa Lahiri's *Interpreter of Maladies*, *Drifting House* is an unforgettable work by a gifted new writer.

The King of Shanghai

Get the very first book in the wildly popular Ava Lee series, which includes the prequel — *The Dragon Head of Hong Kong* In the first electrifying book of the series, Ian Hamilton introduces us to Ava Lee — the smartest, most stylish heroine in crime fiction since Lisbeth Salandar. Ava Lee is a young Chinese-Canadian forensic accountant who works for an elderly Hong Kong-based “Uncle,” who may or may not have ties to the Triads. At 115 lbs., she hardly seems a threat. But her razor sharp intellect and resourcefulness allows her to succeed where traditional

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