

Patient Zero A Medical Thriller

Dr. Mackenzie Hagan, a disease detective and epidemiologist at the CDC-Atlanta and Nathan Hunter, an off-the-books operative for the mysterious Project Artemis within the Department of Defense, who have crossed the globe in search of clues, have realized that this infectious disease is like no other, and with the jihadists implementing the plague as a tool of bioterror, there is not just one Patient Zero, but thousands. Can a cure be found? Will the politicians who are responsible for protecting our nation from all forms of enemies warn the public? Is it too late? Just a few of the many questions posed in this second book of the Pandemic series.

#1 AMAZON BESTSELLING MEDICAL THRILLER Red Sparrow meets Inferno in Matt Miksa's debut which electrifies a Cold War spirit with fresh, modern-day expertise as our heroes wrestle society's darkest nightmares. In a far-flung Tibetan village, prayer flags flap against whitewashed houses and a majestic monastery stretches to heaven. It's Shangri-La--the earthly paradise--until a stranger staggers out of the forest and collapses into a bloody, lifeless mass. He's the first victim of a crippling epidemic, but he's no ordinary man. Olen Grave, an American intelligence officer, heads directly into the hot zone to investigate. Posing as a journalist, he joins the Chinese research team, led by a headstrong female virus hunter, Dr. Zhou Weilin. Together, the unlikely allies discover that Patient Zero was a spy who deliberately infected himself. But why? Who did he work for? As Olen and Dr. Zhou rush to uncover the shocking truth behind the epidemic, they unravel a twisted conspiracy that reaches from Beijing's great halls to Washington's corridors of power. With the superpowers now at the brink of war, the fate of the world will rest on the duo's shoulders.

In the wake of a pandemic virus that rapidly spreads throughout the world killing millions of people, Dennis and Andi Jensen flee the ensuing panic and escape to the mountains while scientist Cara Porter makes a potentially fatal mistake in her laboratory. By the author of Wave. 12,500 first printing.

"Paul Farmer brings his considerable intellect, empathy, and expertise to bear in this powerful and deeply researched account of the Ebola outbreak that struck West Africa in 2014. It is hard to imagine a more timely or important book." –Bill and Melinda Gates "[The] history is as powerfully conveyed as it is tragic . . . Illuminating . . . Invaluable." –Steven Johnson, The New York Times Book Review In 2014, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea suffered the worst

epidemic of Ebola in history. The brutal virus spread rapidly through a clinical desert where basic health-care facilities were few and far between. Causing severe loss of life and economic disruption, the Ebola crisis was a major tragedy of modern medicine. But why did it happen, and what can we learn from it? Paul Farmer, the internationally renowned doctor and anthropologist, experienced the Ebola outbreak firsthand—Partners in Health, the organization he founded, was among the international responders. In Fevers, Feuds, and Diamonds, he offers the first substantive account of this frightening, fast-moving episode and its implications. In vibrant prose, Farmer tells the harrowing stories of Ebola victims while showing why the medical response was slow and insufficient. Rebutting misleading claims about the origins of Ebola and why it spread so rapidly, he traces West Africa's chronic health failures back to centuries of exploitation and injustice. Under formal colonial rule, disease containment was a priority but care was not – and the region's health care woes worsened, with devastating consequences that Farmer traces up to the present. This thorough and hopeful narrative is a definitive work of reportage, history, and advocacy, and a crucial intervention in public-health discussions around the world.

The Innocents

The Canton Connection: A Jake Maguire Mystery

An Eco-Thriller

A Thriller

The Hot Zone

Was it murder? Was it horribly botched surgery - accidental malpractice? Was someone in the great Boston medical centre -violating the Hippocratic oath? No one knows exactly. . . Only one doctor is willing to push his way through the mysterious maze of hidden medical data and shocking secrets to learn the truth. This explosive medical thriller is vintage Michael Crichton - with the breathtaking blend of riveting suspense and authentic medical detail that has made him one of today's most fascinating writers.

In his sensational novel The Descent, Jeff Long created a world of stunning terror and adventure, "an imaginative tour de force" (Jon Krakauer). Now he imagines a scenario so vivid, so haunting, it anchors his place among storytelling masters. YEAR ZERO An archaeological manhunt is raging in the holy land -- a hunt for the historical Jesus. For Nathan Lee Swift, a young American field researcher and expectant father, the line between noble discovery and the plunder of ruins is sacred -- until the night he crosses it. At a Roman landfill beneath the crucifixion grounds known as Golgotha, Nathan Lee

yields to his professor's greed and turns common grave robber. His world -- his unborn daughter -- seems lost to him. Hundreds of miles away, on the remote Greek island of Corfu, a wealthy collector pries open his latest black-market purchase -- a fourteen-inch holy relic containing a vial of blood dating back to the first century -- and unleashes a two-thousand-year-old plague. As the pandemic explodes from the Mediterranean basin and threatens to devour humankind, Nathan Lee gets a chance at redemption. He embarks on an Odyssean journey back to the United States to find his family. Skirting the edges of the world, Nathan Lee's path finally leads him to New Mexico, where the greatest minds of science have converged at Los Alamos to find a vaccine. There Nathan Lee meets Miranda Abbot, a nineteen-year-old prodigy. As the cure continues to elude them, Miranda launches a desperate final strategy: the use of human lab rats cloned from the year zero. Nathan Lee, the thief of bones, comes face-to-face with men made from the very relics he looted, one of whom claims to be Jesus Christ, but may also be Patient Zero. Combining the scientific precision of The Andromeda Strain with the intensity of classic adventure epics, Jeff Long takes readers on a riveting voyage through the rubble of earthquake-torn Jerusalem, the serenity of the high Himalayas, and the eerie sanctuary of Los Alamos. With Long's characteristic originality, Year Zero races against the apocalyptic clock, creating a maze of twists, astonishing atmosphere, and the clash of science and faith.

In the bestselling tradition of Richard Preston's now-classic medical thriller The Hot Zone and reminiscent of the blockbuster films Outbreak and Contagion, a fast-paced, page-turning thriller set in India about a deadly disease and the heroic efforts to contain the plague before it's too late... In the courtyard of a Hindu temple in Switzerland, a woman collapses in the arms of a visiting Indian journalist, her body reduced to a puddle of blood. Never before has anyone seen anything like this. Three months later, all over Mumbai, men, women and children are ravaged by a disease that begins with initially mild symptoms—that swiftly progress until an ultimately gruesome death. Who will it hit next? And where did it come from? As the rogue microbe wreaks its bloody havoc—striking rich and poor, young and old—chaos ensues. Thousands try to flee the city, including the most powerful man in the country. Can this deadly plague be stopped? After all, all that stands between the city and apocalypse is a ragged team of doctors, civil servants, and scientists. But their intervention may be too little, too late. Suspenseful and gripping from the first page to the last, Bombay Fever is a meticulously researched novel—too plausible to ignore and too chilling to put down—from one of India's most talented writers.

The fight to defeat new, deadly pathogens never ends. Each time we achieve a victory, the battleground shifts. There is a new outbreak, a new virus, a new enigma. The microbes are not lurking in search of human prey. We find them. From the imaginative mind of international bestselling author, Bobby Akart, comes a series ripped from today's headlines. Meet the

Virus Hunters, the disease detectives on the front line of a never-ending battle to save humanity from viruses one-billionth our size. "Akart is a master of suspense, keeping us on the edge of our seats. But, he does it with fact-based fiction that would scare even the most hardened readers." The hunt for Patient Zero sends Dr. Harper Randolph to a faraway land. As she presses forward to discovering the truth, she's chased by a government trying to hide the truth. She follows the evidence to the first kill, but are all the answers there? "There are very few authors who consistently deliver novels that I simply have to finish within 48 hours of their release, but Bobby Akart is one of those authors." From Beijing to Tibet to Kathmandu, the Virus Hunters draw closer to revealing the origin of the mysterious, deadly disease. Dr. Harper Randolph and her new partner, Dr. Li Kwon will soon learn the dead keep their secrets. Secrets that should remain buried as deep as possible. "Bobby Akart has a knack for making you want to keep turning those pages to see what happens next, right to the end of the book!" Mr. Akart has delivered up-all-night thrillers to readers in 245 countries and territories worldwide. His new Virus Hunters novels will give you pause and remind you that we're in a global war for survival against an unseen foe. SPECIAL DEDICATION: Finally, this series is dedicated to the Virus Hunters - the disease detectives, shoe-leather epidemiologists of the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service who work tirelessly to keep these deadly infectious diseases from killing us all. Thank you!

Virus Hunters 2

Politics, People, and the AIDS Epidemic

Year Zero

Profile of a Killer Virus

Solving the Mysteries of Deadly Epidemics

***Instant National Bestseller In this explosive new thriller from international bestselling author Daniel Kalla, an experimental vaccine is deployed to battle a lethal outbreak—until patients start dying of unknown causes. An ordinary day The city of Seattle is stunned when a deadly bacteria tears through a nearby Bible camp. Early tests reveal the illness is a form of meningitis, and the camp's residents are among its most vulnerable victims: children and teenagers. A new vaccine Facing a rapidly rising death rate, Seattle's chief public health officer, Lisa Dyer, and her team quickly take all steps necessary to contain the devastating outbreak. And when further testing reveals that the strain of the bacteria is one that caused catastrophic losses in Iceland six months before, Lisa decides to take a drastic step: she contacts Nathan Hull, vice president of a pharmaceutical company that is doing final-phase trials on a viable vaccine, and asks him to release it early for use on the city's population. An epidemic in the making Lisa gets the go-ahead on her controversial plan, despite the protests of dubious government officials, anti-vaxxers, and even those on her own team. Vaccine clinics roll out across the city, and the**

risky strategy appears to be working, leaving Lisa, Nathan, and thousands of others breathing a sigh of relief. Until people start dying from mysterious and horrific causes—and the vaccine itself is implicated. But what if science isn't to blame? And so it begins, the disease enters on the quiet feet of *The Innocents*. It invades each and every one of us. But, they say, plagues are like fires. At some point, they burn themselves out. Or not. **FEAR AND RUMOR CAN BE FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE VIRUS ITSELF.** A new post-apocalyptic fiction series from best selling author Bobby Akart. An exciting new series based on the hit family game *Pandemic* begins with a deadly disease breaking out in darkest Peru - it's up to a crack team of experts to find the source before it spreads, in this taut airport thriller. Bodhi Patel is the brand new Lead Epidemiologist for the world's top epidemic specialists, Global Health Agency, but there's no time to settle in: his new boss, Helen Taylor, deploys GHA to contain a mysterious new killer virus spreading into Brazil. On the ground they learn that the virus is loose in a region controlled by a heavily armed drug warlord, and the race against time to discover a cure just got a whole lot tougher. Meanwhile, Bodhi finds himself with a newly reshuffled team still smarting from the changes, including his ex - the last person he expected to be working with.

An examination of the AIDS crisis exposes the federal government for its inaction, health authorities for their greed, and scientists for their desire for prestige in the face of the AIDS pandemic.

A Novel

A Post-apocalyptic Medical Thriller

Affliction Z

Lost Immunity

Pandemic

A tsunami strikes a small island in the Pacific Ocean, leaving destruction and utter madness in its wake. After the natural disaster, CDC epidemiologist Dr. Madeline Hamilton and her fiancé, FBI operative Quinn Traynor, go to Nalowale Island to investigate a deadly outbreak of unknown origin. Victims become aggressive and irrational, suffering from insomnia, hallucinations, and even death. But not everyone cooperates with the agents' efforts to save lives. Devon Wheeler's fortune depends on completing construction of the Azure Cove Resort. He's hiding something, and he'll do whatever it takes to open the luxury complex on time, even if it means concealing critical information related to the outbreak. When all communications to and from the island shut down and the wilderness illness climbs toward a calamitous crash, Madeline uncovers something terrifying and impossible. Under quarantine conditions and without the help of modern equipment, Madeline and Quinn must make sense of a bizarre outbreak that will forever change the world's understanding of viral pathogens. With time running out, that understanding may come at an incredible price. This is the explosive third adventure in the FBI & CDC Thriller Series by USA Today bestselling author Jenifer Ruff. Mystery and medical

thriller fans of James Patterson, Michael Crichton, and James Rollins will love *Only One Wave: The Tsunami Effect*. "Only One Wave is a gripping thriller led by captivating characters and an enthralling story that will wash over you, page after page. In this haunting account of the aftermath of a tsunami, Jenifer Ruff takes you to ground zero of the disaster's mighty power, wrapping it with a haunting mystery. I loved every minute of it." -Timothy Browne - USA Today Best-Selling Author

Imagine a killer with the infectiousness of the common cold and power of the Black Death. Imagine something so deadly that it kills out 90% of those it touches. Imagine an organism against which there is no defence. But you don't need to imagine. Such a thing exists. It is a virus and its name is Ebola. *The Hot Zone* tells what happens when the unthinkable becomes reality: when a deadly virus escapes from the rain forests of Africa, crosses continents and infects a monkey house ten miles from the White House. Ebola is that real. It has the power to decimate the world's population. Try not to panic. It will be back. There is nothing you can do...

Young teenager Rab Burnside lives with Jesse his competitive brother and Buttons, their quixotic grandfather, on the windswept shores of Newfoundland during Queen Anne's War. One day, Buttons spots a mysterious ship sailing toward shore, doomed to crash on the shoals. Rab and Jesse scramble to save it and set in motion a series of events that take them on the trip of a lifetime. With a newly found ship and a family heirloom, a steel cutlass that can be used for maximum good or ill, the resourceful and determined Rab and Jesse, the youngest sailors of the Queen's Navy, and Buttons set off to rid the world of a crafty pirate named Captain Smallbeer. The mission takes the small band around the world, where they often come face-to-face with the sinister captain, who steals the powerful cutlass. From the Sahara to the pampas to China, they must survive storms, battles and betrayal. Can Rab ever capture the evil pirate Captain Smallbeer, who vows never to give up the Lost Cutlass?

In this frighteningly believable thriller from New York Times bestselling author and master storyteller Tosca Lee, an extinct disease emerges from the melting Alaskan permafrost and causes madness in its victims. For recent apocalyptic cult escapee Wynter Roth, the end she'd always been told was coming. When Wynter Roth finally escapes from New Earth, a self-contained doomsday colony in the American prairie, she emerges into a world poised on the brink of madness as a mysterious outbreak of rapid early onset dementia spreads across the nation. As Wynter struggles to start over in a world she's been taught to regard as evil, she finds herself caught in a conspiracy with the apocalypse she's feared all her life—until the night her sister shows up at her doorstep with a set of medical samples. That night, Wynter learns there's something far more sinister at play: that the prophet they once idolized has been toying with the fate of mankind, and that these samples are key to understanding the disease. Now, as the power grid fails and the nation descends into chaos, Wynter must find a way to get the samples to a lab in Colorado. Uncertain who to trust, she takes up with former military nurse Miller, who has his own reasons for wanting to get close to the samples in her possession, and to Wynter, herself. Filled with suspense, conspiracy, romance, and questions of whom—and what—to believe, *The Line Between* is a high-octane story of survival and redemption in a world on the brink of madness, from "the queen of psychological twists" (New York Times bestselling author Steena Holmes).

Ebola and the Ravages of History

Pandemic: Patient Zero

Only One Wave

A Case of Need

House of a Million Rooms

New York Times-bestselling author Robin Cook takes on the cutting-edge world of gene-modification in this pulse-pounding medical thriller. When an unidentified, seemingly healthy young woman collapses suddenly on the New York City subway upon reaching the hospital, her case is an eerie reminder for veteran medical examiner Jack Stapleton of the 1918 flu pandemic. Fearful of a repeat on the one hundredth anniversary of the nightmarish contagion, Jack autopsies the woman within hours of her demise and discovers some striking anomalies: first, that she has had a heart transplant, and second, that, against all odds, the heart matches that of the transplanted heart. Although the facts don't add up to influenza, Jack must race against the clock to identify the woman and determine what kind of virus could wreak such havoc--a task made more urgent when two other victims suffer similar rapid death. But nothing makes sense until his investigation leads him into the fascinating realm of CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing biotechnology that's captured the imagination of the medical community. . . and the attention of its most unethical practitioners. Drawn into the dark underbelly of the organ transplant market, Jack will come face-to-face with a megalomaniacal businessman willing to risk human lives in order to conquer a lucrative new frontier in medicine--and if Jack's not careful, the next victim could be his own.

Something dark lurks in the wilds of Southern Nigeria. An experiment has gone horribly wrong and threatens to wipe out all of humanity from Earth. 3rd Ranger Battalion, Bravo Company is sent in to assist, clean up the mess before it gets out of control. They've vanished. Sean Ryder is an Air Force Pararescueman. Attached to SEAL Team 8, he believes he is on a routine medical recovery mission. Less than half an hour after landing in Nigeria, he knows that is not the case. And the further his mission takes him, the harder it becomes to get out alive. Patient Zero is the first book in the zombie apocalypse / post-apocalyptic series. Affliction Z: "Estimated Publishing Dates: " Affliction Z: Book Two - May, 2013 Affliction Z: Book Three - Late Summer/Early Fall, 2013 Affliction Z: Book Four - TBD The Sickness of Ronald Winters: A Novella - June, 2013 Untitled: A First Person Account of the End of the World - Z - TBD

Botching a major surgery when his ambition for a prestigious job gets the better of him, Steve Mitchell learns that a patient who died under mysterious circumstances was targeted by a sociopath who holds information capable of destroying Steve's family. 100,000 first printing.

Not since Pandemic have we seen a thriller like this from bestselling author Daniel Kalla: The plague has hit Italy. Can Dr. Vaughn find the source in time to save the world? No person is left unscathed, no family untouched. Death grows insidious. Dr. Vaughn, an infectious diseases expert with NATO, is urgently summoned to Genoa by an ex-lover to examine a critically ill patient.

She's stunned to discover that the illness is a recurrence of the Black Death. Alana soon suspects bioterrorism, but her counterpart, Byron Menke, disagrees. In their desperate hunt to track down Patient Zero, they stumble across an 800-year-old monastery and a medieval journal that might hold the secret to the present-day outbreak. With the lethal disease spreading with no end in sight, it's a race against time to uncover the truth before millions die.

A Pandemic Novel

Blood of the White Bear

Patient Zero

We All Fall Down

Ebola

Assigned to a brutal murder case on an idyllic bike trail near Washington, DC, young FBI special agent Jake Maguire fears the death is linked to an imminent cyber attack. Yet nobody in the U.S. Government seems willing to act. Delving into the highly secretive bulwark of national security agencies and flirting with a provocative and beautiful cyber expert, he stirs up powerful forces and is shocked to see his name on the FBI's Most Wanted list. Jake must summon his inner strength and keep a clear mind as he risks his life and his career to uncover a plot destined to take everyone down.

Welcome to the hot zone! Caught in a raging pandemic, disease detectives put it all on the line to find Patient Zero. Through all the coughing, choking and misery of a killer virus on the loose, public health officials must combat Chinese secrecy, U.S. drug company interests and a criminal coverup to stop the disease in its tracks. But are they too late? Enjoy this close-up, clinical look at an unfolding disaster, with a Chinese city in crisis, relationships lost, international criminal justice in action, and a medical community's desperate search for Patient Zero. "This novel sparkles!" - author Henry D. Smith

Dr. Rachel Bisette is drawn to the Four Corners to lead the search for a vaccine against a lethal pandemic. One elusive indigenous woman, Eva Yellow Horn, carries the gift of immunity. In her search for Eva, Rachel discovers power beyond science, the secret of an environmental disaster, and the truth of her parents' death. We always want to believe history happened to those in the past. Many aspects of historical events were unforeseen. However, not this one. Warnings had been issued, yet the world was unprepared for the invisible enemy that threatened to kill us all. WELCOME TO THE NEXT GLOBAL WAR From the imaginative mind of international bestselling author, Bobby Akart, comes a series ripped from today's headlines. Meet the Virus Hunters, the disease detectives on the front line of a never-ending battle to save humanity from viruses one-billionth our size. "Scientifically accurate, top notch entertainment and electrifying excitement ..." Deadly outbreaks of diseases make headlines, but not at the start. Every pandemic begins small, subtle, and in faraway places. When it arrives, it spreads across oceans and continents, like the sweep of nightfall, killing

millions, or even billions. The hunt for a silent killer continues in this heart-pounding, page-turning thriller. Not even a doctor's white coat is protection from this virus that's one-billionth our size. Dr. Harper Randolph searches for evidence and her gut tells her the answers lie in one of the most secretive places on the planet - China. "Characters are well developed, a plot that is intriguing and a novel that educates the reader at the same time. Most highly recommended!" - Amazon Hall of Fame Reviewer With the help of a new partner, she follows the clues and enters the mysterious world of China's underground where both allies and enemies await. The stakes get higher the closer she gets to Patient Zero. Will she find the origin of this novel virus threatening the planet? Will she be silenced by those whose secrets resulted in a global pandemic in the recent past? Bobby Akart has delivered up-all-night thrillers to readers in 245 countries and territories worldwide. His new Virus Hunters novels will give you pause and remind you that we're in a global war for survival against an unseen foe. "Bobby Akart writes a scientific thriller better than anyone else." SPECIAL DEDICATION: Finally, this series is dedicated to the Virus Hunters - the disease detectives, shoe-leather epidemiologists of the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service who work tirelessly to keep these deadly infectious diseases from killing us all. Thank you!

Covid Patient Zero

And The Band Played on

Fevers, Feuds, and Diamonds

Patient Zero (Revised Edition)

The Passage

LOCUS Magazine: A Best Book of 2017! I am Anda, and the lake is my mother. I am the November storms that terrify sailors and sink ships. With their deaths, I keep my little island on Lake Superior alive. Hector has come here to hide from his family until he turns eighteen. Isle Royale is shut down for the winter, and there's no one here but me. And now him. Hector is running from the violence in his life, but violence runs through my veins. I should send him away, to keep him safe. But I'm half human, too, and Hector makes me want to listen to my foolish, half-human heart. And if I do, I can't protect him from the storms coming for us. Three friends go against their parents' wishes and enter the old house that's been sitting abandoned on the edge of town for over a hundred years, and quickly realize getting back out isn't simply a matter of turning around.

When you have to kill the same terrorist twice in one week there's either something wrong with your world or something wrong with your skills... and there's nothing wrong with Joe Ledger's skills. And that's both a good, and a bad thing. It's good because he's a Baltimore detective that has just been secretly recruited by the government to lead a new taskforce created to deal with the problems that Homeland Security can't handle. This rapid response group is called the Department of Military Sciences or the DMS for short. It's bad because his first mission is to help stop a group of terrorists from releasing a dreadful bio-weapon that can turn ordinary

people into zombies. The fate of the world hangs in the balance....

The world is grappling with an issue of enormous scale and human impact. In the arms race with deadly pathogens, there can be no final peace. The only question is whether we fight well or poorly. Defeat means massive disruptions to our daily lives, huge losses economically, and death. From the imaginative mind of international bestselling author, Bobby Akart, comes a series ripped from today's headlines. Meet the Virus Hunters, the disease detectives on the front line of a never-ending battle to save humanity from viruses one-billionth our size. Coming May 2020 - the Virus Hunters trilogy. "Few books or writers have captured my attention like Bobby Akart." Mr. Akart has delivered up-all-night thrillers in his forty-plus novels. His new Virus Hunters novels will give you pause and remind you that we're in a global war for survival against an unseen foe. With a Bobby Akart novel, "You are there. Feeling what they feel. Anger, joy, love, mourning. You feel it all. Not everyone can write a book like this. It takes a special writer to make you feel a book." The entire Virus Hunters trilogy is available for preorder and will release this summer from May through August. SPECIAL DEDICATION: Finally, this series is dedicated to the Virus Hunters - the disease detectives, shoe-leather epidemiologists of the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service who work tirelessly to keep these deadly infectious diseases from killing us all. Thank you!

A Medical Thriller

Virus Hunters 3

Virus Hunters 1

The Vines

A Shadow Industry, a Deadly Disease

The Andromeda Strain meets The Stand in this startling and stunning thriller that brings to life a unique vision of the apocalypse and plays brilliantly with vampire mythology, revealing what becomes of human society when a top-secret government experiment spins wildly out of control. At an army research station in Colorado, an experiment is being conducted by the U.S. Government: twelve men are exposed to a virus meant to weaponize the human form by super-charging the immune system. But when the experiment goes terribly wrong, terror is unleashed. Amy, a young girl abandoned by her mother and set to be the thirteenth test subject, is rescued by Brad Wolgast, the FBI agent who has been tasked with handing her over, and together they escape to the mountains of Oregon. As civilization crumbles around them, Brad and Amy struggle to keep each other alive, clinging to hope and unable to comprehend the nightmare that approaches with great speed and no mercy. . .

Award-Winner of the Cross Genre category and Award-Winning Finalist of the Mystery/Suspense, Historical Fiction, and General Fiction categories of the 2021 International Book Awards In the shadows of New York City lies the

abandoned, forbidden North Brother Island, where the remains of a shuttered hospital hide the haunting memories of century-old quarantines and human experiments. The ruins conceal the scarred and beautiful Cora, imprisoned there by contagions and the doctors who torment her. When Finn, a young urban explorer, arrives on the island and glimpses this enigmatic woman through the foliage, intrigue turns to obsession as he seeks to uncover her past--and his own family's dark secrets. By unraveling these mysteries, will he be able to save Cora? Or will she meet the same tragic ending as the thousands who've already perished on the island? The Vines intertwines North Brother Island's horrific and elusive history with a captivating tale of love, betrayal, survival, and loss.

*Now in paperback. An award-winning investigative journalist's horrifying true crime story of America's deadliest drug contamination outbreak and the greed and deception that fueled it. Two pharmacists sit in a Boston courtroom accused of murder. The weapon: the fungus *Exserohilum rostratum*. The death count: 100 and rising. Kill Shot is the story of their hubris and fraud, discovered by a team of medical detectives who raced against the clock to hunt the killers and the fungal meningitis they'd unleashed. "Bloodthirsty" is how doctors described the fungal microbe that contaminated thousands of drug vials produced by the New England Compounding Center (NECC). Though NECC chief Barry Cadden called his company the "Ferrari of Compounders," it was a slapdash operation of unqualified staff, mold-ridden lab surfaces, and hastily made medications that were injected into approximately 14,000 people. Once inside some of its human hosts, the fungus traveled through the tough tissue around the spine and wormed upward to the "deep brain," our control center for balance, breath, and the vital motor functions of life. Now, investigative journalist Jason Dearen turns a spotlight on this tragedy--the victims, the heroes, and the perpetrators--and the legal loopholes that allowed it to occur. Kill Shot forces a powerful but unchecked industry out of the shadows.*

Behind the headlines on cloning--Dr. Robin Cook blends fact with fiction in one of his most terrifying bestsellers...

Chromosome 6 is a prophetic thriller that challenges the medical ethics of genetic manipulation and cloning in the jungles of equatorial Africa, where one mistake could bridge the gap between man and ape--and forever change the genetic map of our existence...

The Tsunami Effect

The Gemini Virus

A Joe Ledger Novel

The Accidental Assassin: An International Thriller

The November Girl

Engrossing true stories of the pioneers of epidemiology who risked their lives to find the source of deadly

diseases—now revised to include updated information and a new chapter on Covid-19. More people have died in disease epidemics than in wars or other disasters, but the process of identifying these diseases and determining how they spread is often a terrifying gamble. Epidemiologists have been ignored, mocked, or silenced all while trying to protect the population and identify “patient zero”—the first person to have contracted the disease, and a key piece in solving the epidemic puzzle. Patient Zero tracks the gripping tales of eight epidemics and pandemics—how they started, how they spread, and the fight to stop them. This revised edition combines a brand-new design with updated information and features diseases such as Spanish Influenza, Ebola, and AIDS, as well as a new chapter on Covid-19.

In this ambitious and wildly original debut--part social-political satire, part international mystery--a new virus turns people into something a bit more than human, upending society as we know it. This panoramic fictional oral history begins with one small mystery: the body of a young woman found in an Arizona border town, presumed to be an illegal immigrant, disappears from the town morgue. To the young CDC investigator called in to consult with the local police, it's an impossibility that threatens her understanding of medicine. Then, more bodies, dead from an inexplicable disease that solidified their blood, are brought to the morgue, only to also vanish. Soon, the U.S. government--and eventually biomedical researchers, disgruntled lawmakers, and even an insurgent faction of the Catholic Church--must come to terms with what they're too late to stop: an epidemic of vampirism that will sweep first the United States, and then the world. With heightened strength and beauty and a steady diet of fresh blood, these changed people, or "Gloamings," rapidly rise to prominence in all aspects of modern society. Soon people are beginning to be "re-created," willingly accepting the risk of death if their bodies can't handle the transformation. As new communities of Gloamings arise, society is divided, and popular Gloaming sites come under threat from a secret terrorist organization. But when a charismatic and wealthy businessman, recently turned, runs for political office--well, all hell breaks loose. Told from the perspective of key players, including a cynical FBI agent, an audacious campaign manager, and a war veteran turned nurse turned secret operative, *A People's History of the Vampire Uprising* is an exhilarating, genre-bending debut that is as addictive as the power it describes.

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Hunters, the disease detectives on the front line of a never-ending battle to save humanity from viruses one-billionth our size. "Scientifically accurate, top notch entertainment and electrifying excitement ..." Deadly outbreaks of diseases make headlines, but not at the start. Every pandemic begins small, subtle, and in faraway places. When it arrives, it spreads across oceans and continents, like the sweep of nightfall, killing millions, or even billions. The hunt for a silent killer continues in this heart-pounding, page-turning thriller. Not even a doctor's white coat is protection from this virus that's one-billionth our size. Dr. Harper Randolph searches for evidence and her gut tells her the answers lie in one of the most secretive places on the planet - China. "Characters are well developed, a plot that is intriguing and a novel that educates the reader at the same time. Most highly recommended!" Amazon Hall of Fame Reviewer With the help of a new partner, she follows the clues and enters the mysterious world of China's underground where both allies and enemies await. The stakes get higher the closer she gets to Patient Zero. Will she find the origin of this novel virus threatening the planet? Will she be silenced by those whose secrets resulted in a global pandemic in the recent past? Bobby Akart has delivered up-all-night thrillers to readers in 245 countries and territories worldwide. His new Virus Hunters novels will give you pause and remind you that we're in a global war for survival against an unseen foe. "Bobby Akart writes a scientific thriller better than anyone else." SPECIAL DEDICATION: Finally, this series is dedicated to the Virus Hunters - the disease detectives, shoe-leather epidemiologists of the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service who work tirelessly to keep these deadly infectious diseases from killing us all. Thank you! Mongolia becomes Ground Zero! The future of the world's environment plays out on a remote stage. An American celebrity environmentalist is murdered on a distant mountainside in Mongolia. Washington-based FBI Special Agent Jake Maguire is assigned the case, and thrown into a politically explosive conflict half a world away. But everybody from Foggy Bottom to Langley wants him to fail. Pursuing leads to find his girlfriend, a journalist covering the story who vanishes in Mongolia, Jake attracts international assassins and FBI, CIA, and Interpol warrants for his arrest. In this "powerful" and "gripping" read, the mystery takes the reader on a world-spanning journey, where Asian powerhouses, environmentalists, and the high-tech industry face off against each other. This action-packed and perilous puzzler unspools in the corporate towers of Salt Lake City, the backstreets of DC, the Trans-Siberian Railway, and the lost world of the Mongolian wilderness. Jake must keep his cool, put together all the pieces, and buck his bosses to solve the case, find his girl, and uncover a crime so devastating the world will never be the same again! This murder mystery is based on firsthand experiences gained by the author's years living in Mongolia. "The best book Galt has ever done!" - author Robert L. Zimdahl

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Chromosome 6

The Line Between

Murder in Mongolia

A novella for the times.... WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO TRACK DOWN THE VERY FIRST CASE OF COVID-19 BEFORE THE UNTHINKABLE OCCURS? "Another Wil Mara sensation! This medical thriller is a fascinating tale right in tune with the pandemic that dominates our lives. A page-turner that will take you through a series of twists and turns and have you guessing right up to the last moment." --Dr. Marty Hewlett, Virologist, Professor Emeritus, University of Arizona After a long run of successful crusades to resolve the most tantalizing mysteries of our age--everything from the disappearance of Amelia Earhart and the assassination of JFK to the death of Princess Diana--billionaire sleuth Jason Hammond has been lying low at his New Hampshire estate. But now, in the midst of the deadliest pandemic in over a century, the US government has arrived on Jason's doorstep seeking the kind of help that only he can provide. They're hoping to mobilize his unmatched investigative skills, the considerable resources of his vast empire, and, most of all, his untarnished goodwill in the eyes of the public, to answer what is now the most pressing question on the planet--what is the true origin of Covid-19, aka the 'coronavirus'? Was it really a mutated product of nature, as some insist, or the creation of unhinged minds looking to plunge humanity into a nightmarish era of bioengineered conflict? Tensions between the giants of the global stage are rising fast, with nearly every human life at risk. Can Jason really find the key to ratcheting down this unprecedented degree of geopolitical hostility before the missiles start flying?

The CIA sent Dean Wells to the Middle East to infiltrate terrorist groups, but someone in Washington wants him to fail. A seasoned veteran of the clandestine service, Dean meets in secret with key informants in a major terrorist plot, only to have them die in his hands. Frustrated and angry, Dean learns that he is a wanted man, charged with their murder and disowned by the CIA. Drawn by the dazzling beauty of the land and the passion of the people who dwell there, he puts together an unlikely team of misfits to take on the world's most powerful terrorists. Only if he succeeds in his mission to win the peace can he discover who turned him into...The Accidental Assassin.

First discovered in 1976, and long regarded as an easily manageable virus affecting isolated rural communities, Ebola rocketed to world prominence in 2014 as a deadly epidemic swept through Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia in West Africa. Thousands of people died as the extraordinarily contagious disease spread rapidly from villages to urban centres. Initial quarantine responses proved often too little and too late, and the medical infrastructure of the affected countries struggled to cope. By August 2014, several months after the start of the outbreak, the WHO declared the epidemic a public health emergency and international aid teams and volunteers began to pour in. But halting the epidemic proved to be hugely challenging, not only in terms of the practicalities of dealing with the sheer numbers of patients carrying the highly infectious virus, but in dealing with social and cultural barriers. The author, Dorothy Crawford, visited Sierra Leone while the epidemic was ongoing and met with those on the

frontline in the fight against the virus. In Ebola Crawford combines personal accounts from these brave medical workers with the latest scientific reports to tell the story of the epidemic as it unfolded, and how it has changed our understanding of the virus. She looks at its origin and spread, the international response, and its devastating legacy to the health of those living in the three worst affected countries. She describes the efforts to prevent international spread, the treatment options for Ebola, including the drug and vaccine trials that eventually got underway in 2015, and the sensitive issue of running trials of experimental therapies during a lethal epidemic. Our understanding of the Ebola virus continues to develop as long-term health problems and complications following recovery from the disease are being identified. Epidemics of Ebola or other dangerous microbes will continue to threaten the world regularly. Already concerns have been raised by the possible impact of the Zika virus. What lessons have been learnt from Ebola? How, asks Crawford, might we prevent a repeat of the awful suffering seen in 2014-16?

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Doing Harm