

Slater And Norman Mystery Novels Box Set Two Slater And Norman Mystery Novels Box Sets Book 2

When bereaved mother Lizzie Becker comes to Slater and Norman for help it looks like a simple case of someone with a sick mind sending a malicious text message. Then it becomes clear the message has been sent from a mobile phone that went missing two years ago when Lizzie's daughter, Lilly, died in a car crash. As the detectives look into the circumstances of Lilly's death they soon find they're in the middle of a convoluted investigation that seems to throw up more questions than answers. At every turn, they encounter a tangled web of lies and deceit that seems designed to throw them off the scent and lead them in new directions. Finally, despite the fog of confusion they seem to have stumbled upon the answer, but as they close in on their suspect they realise they've been misled yet again and the race to catch a suspect becomes a race to prevent a murder!

Twenty-five years ago, the Leiston School Adventure Group headed into an Upper Peninsula wilderness for a winter camping adventure. They ended up stranded and cut off for days by a huge winter storm. When they were finally rescued, hungry and frostbitten, their chaperone was missing and so were the facts.

Lily Thornton, daughter of the Duke of Breckenridge, unwittingly finds herself a suspect in a rash of jewelry thefts. In order to clear her name, she teams up with her best friend Emily's brother, the handsome Colin Dymoke, to find the real thief. To make matters worse, Lily's scheming former fiance keeps turning up and causing trouble while making Lily question her own self-worth. Thankfully, she has Colin by her side to help and protect her. As they work to solve the mystery, Lily fights her growing feelings for Colin, who is considered one of England's most eligible bachelors. Having been hurt in the past, she's reluctant to entrust her heart to someone again. Before long, the two of them are caught up in a web of intrigue and deception. They need to clear Lily's name before she and her family are ruined and all hope for romance with Colin is lost.

Her knight in shining armour or her kidnapper? Allie has loved Jay forever. But he sent her away when she was eighteen and forced her to live her own life, away from the street and the gangs. Away from him. It had hurt, but she 'd done it. For ten years she'd built a career and a life separate from him. Now he's back and he wants what belongs to him. Furious that Allie was hurt while out of his protection, Jay decides it's time to bring the woman he loves home where she belongs. Whether she wants to come or not. He whisks her off to his mountain fortress where she'll be safe and sets about arranging a new life for her. A life with him. He's done lurking in the shadows, watching but never touching. She was always his. The difference is, now she knows it. Will Allie quietly accept her new life and let her old one go? Or will she fight the man she's loved her entire life because she can't risk losing herself again... This book is standalone and guaranteed HEA, NO cheating, NO cliffhanger. Just a hot alpha male who knows what he wants! Sizzling dark mafia romance. Read at your own risk!

Deceptive Appearances

Twisted Perception

The Kidney Donor

A Brilliant Deception

The Cutting

How to Change Someone's Mind

A trade paperback collection of 16 short stories, some new, some published before, all together for the first time, featuring Tess Monaghan, New York Times Bestselling author Laura Lippman's acclaimed private eye For the first time together in one collection is a mix of brand new Tess Monaghan short mysteries as well as previously published, award-winning short stories. Split into three parts—Girls Gone Wild (seven stories about girls behaving badly); Other Cities, Not My Own (four stories about places outside of Baltimore); My Baby Walks the Streets of Baltimore (four stories and a profile)—the inimitable Tess Monaghan, along with some old friends and new faces, is back solving crime.

11 Book in the Sheriff Ray Elkins mystery series. The story is set in northwest lower Michigan.

When DS Dave Slater is called from his bed in the middle of the night, he is horrified to find that the flat belonging to his colleague, DS Norman Norman, has been set alight. His relief at being told Norman wasn't inside at the time quickly turns to concern, as no trace of the missing officer can be found. As the minutes stretch into hours, and DS Slater starts to dig into the circumstances surrounding Norman's disappearance, he discovers that the involvement of a mysterious Russian man could mean Norman is in an even more dangerous situation than first feared. With a new DI in charge - who just so happens to be a woman - and more twists and turns than a rollercoaster, DS Slater faces a race against time to find Norman before it's too late.

When DS Dave Slater is the victim of a botched investigation, he quickly gets bored of sitting at home twiddling his thumbs, but when his boss hands him a case to be investigated 'discreetly', Slater sees a chance to redeem himself. As he delves into the missing person case, Slater discovers there could be some link between a girl leading a double life and the police officers who made him a scapegoat for their own failings. When he is nearly pushed under a London bus, he realises the stakes are even higher than he had imagined. Joined by fellow scapegoat Norman Norman, Slater is plunged into a tangled web of corruption, blackmail, deception...and possibly the most cunning murder he has ever seen. But can he and Norman wade through the ever-widening pool of suspects to find the killer?

A Financial Espionage Thriller

Every Fear

Downfall

A Ray Elkins Thriller

Toast

Two Lovers, Two Murders. Too Many Secrets.

Detective Sergeant Dave Slater is fed up. His girlfriend is off travelling the world, his trusty partner Norman could be retiring, and to top it all off, his boss has assigned him a rookie to babysit. He finds himself wondering if being a police officer is for him anymore. And then he picks up the phone to the case that no police officer ever wants to deal with- a missing eight-year-old girl. When little Chrissy's body is found curled-up in nearby woodlands, DS Slater and the rest of the team are plunged into an investigation that sees them delve back into history in a bid to solve the mystery of Wild Boar Woods. Can they find Chrissy's killer? And could they uncover an even larger crime in the process? Slater only knows one thing - it's up to him to find the truth.

Enjoy this small town paranormal cozy mystery series with an amateur sleuth by author Ada Bell. Aly doesn't believe in

psychics. Too bad she just had a vision. Future scientists don't have visions. Aly's got enough on her plate, with finishing her degree and taking care of her nephew and starting her new job at the antique store while drooling over the owner's gorgeous son. No visions. Alas, the universe doesn't care what Aly believes. When she turns 21, she starts to feel psychic impressions left on objects. A disorienting power for someone surrounded by antiques. Then cranky customer Earl is killed, and Aly's new boss Olive is the prime suspect. She's also the only person who can help Aly understand her unexpected superpowers. Who hated Earl enough to kill? Police would rather make a quick arrest than investigate, so it's up to Aly to clear Olive's name. Shady Grove is reeling from the first murder in decades, but no one seems to know anything. If Aly gets her hands on the right object, she might be able to see what happened. Can she learn to control her visions before the killer sets their sights on her? Welcome to Shady Grove: where science meets seances. *Mystic Pieces* is the first book in the Shady Grove Psychic Mystery series, which is perfect for readers who like small towns, antiques, supernatural sleuths, and slightly nerdy STEM heroines. Okay, really nerdy heroines. Fans of Stella Bixby, Annabel Chase, Amy Boyles, Lily Harper Hart, and Samantha Silver will definitely all under this small town's spell. Praise for *Mystic Pieces*: "Mystic Pieces is a charming, humorous, and original mystery that weaves a tale of murder and self-discovery with heart, family, and psychic visions." - Reader's Favorite "This was a solid start to this paranormal cozy mystery series. I had fun reading this one. I liked the inclusion of Aly's psychic powers and how she tried to use them to help solve the mystery. It made sense how she got involved and how she went about figuring out who had done it. And I liked how natural and realistic instead forced some of the coincidences felt. The mystery kept me guessing, although the murderer wasn't too big of a surprise there were some nice twists along the way and I was never quite sure who the murderer was. I liked Aly as a main character and reading about her and her powers. I liked the side characters and how each had their own personality that made it easy to remember. All in all I really enjoyed this book and look forward to the next book in the series!" - Lola's Book Reviews "A cute and cozy introduction to the quirky and devoted characters, *Mystic Pieces* is the perfect first installment to the Shady Grove Psychic Mystery Series." - Literary Lioness

Daedalus Mole wants to make the best of a bad situation. The plan: fly his unwanted passenger, Erin, to her destination, squeeze her for every last penny, then immediately find refuge in the nearest pub. Unfortunately, when the galaxy is on the verge of economic collapse and your passenger has a bounty the size of a planet on her head, there's only so much another drink can do to help. Daedalus soon finds himself playing babysitter to someone stronger, angrier and far more dangerous than he is. On top of that: the booze is running out, his ship's AI won't stop trying to kill him, and he's having to pretend very hard that he hasn't started hearing voices in his head.

The first book in the bestselling series that has garnered over a million readers across the globe. Retired homicide detective Thomas Prescott is reluctant to read the bestselling true-crime thriller, *Eight in October*. After all, it was his case, and he doesn't need to be reminded of the gruesome details. The book dubbed the serial killer, Tristen Grayer—The MAINEiac. Grayer is allegedly dead, but only Prescott knows the truth: Grayer is alive and lurking in the shadows. On October 1st, the

anniversary of the first murder, *The MAINEiac* resurfaces, killing someone special from Prescott's past. Suddenly, it's déjà vu for Prescott, except this time the women closest to him begin to fall victim. With the help of his former flame, Bangor chief medical examiner, Dr. Caitlin Dodds, Prescott must race against the clock to stop Grayer from completing his encore. The books in *The Thomas Prescott Series* can be enjoyed in any order, so grab *Unforeseen* and get started today.

A Body of Confusion

D.C. Noir 2

Unforeseen (Thomas Prescott Book 1)

The World's Greatest Unsolved Crimes

All the Pieces

Truth Unveiled

When a stranger stops to help her while she is stranded on the road during a bad storm, Karen Harding enters a realm of terror and hopelessness when her so-called "savior" takes her hostage, keeping her captive in the darkness as he prepares to kill her. Original.

Packed with page-turning cliff hangers and thrilling suspense, Road to Rumour takes the reader into a ten-year marriage at breaking point and explores how one woman deals with family, men and the threat of violence. Constance Harvey-Fairchild runs the Lion's Den Hotel in a small, remote community. Her marriage is falling apart, her husband is lying, and there is some truth to the rumour that she is having an affair. Then hikers discover the remains of two bodies in nearby Black Mountain and bring the remains to the hotel. One of the skulls shows signs of murder and a local man links the gruesome find to a forty-year-old mystery - the disappearance of a woman and child. Trying to piece together what is left of her marriage, the skulls go missing, and Connie finds herself at the centre of a dangerous game to destroy the past and keep the identity of a killer hidden. This small town murder-mystery of +70,000 words will keep you enthralled from beginning to end with a guaranteed, mind-blowing finish.

What happens if you arrive at the Pearly Gates before your time? F.B.I Agent Bentley Clanton finds out the hard way as he is directed to a little-known area devoted to correcting glitches in the longevity system. The Returns Department specializes in finding appropriate bodies for "early arrivals" before sending them back to earth. It seemed an acceptable solution until Bentley realizes his new body includes long velvety ears, four stubby legs with giant paws, and a tail. Helping him adjust to life as a Basset Hound is his rookie Guardian Angel, along with three other canine Returns. Laugh along as a delightful Golden Retriever, a feisty Chihuahua,

*and Flamboyant Westie join Bentley to form an unlikely brotherhood of crime-fighting heroes. The Returns takes you on a fun-loving, junk food eating adventure through the exciting streets of New Orleans during Mardi Gras.*Selected as an Indie Book of the Day award winner**Read what others are saying about The Returns:“Hugely enjoyable, Very clever, and HIGHLY entertaining! It gives the term “good fun” a whole new twist!” L. Cooper – So, I Read This Book Today“A MUST read for dog lovers!” D. Feyen – More Than A Review“A book to keep you smiling from cover to cover! -Amazon Review“Best book I have read in ages. This would be a wonderful book to be made into a movie!” -Amazon ReviewThe Returns is recommended for readers age 12 – 112!Cover by Holly Madison of Whimsical Graphix. Editing by Leiah Cooper of So, I Read This Book Today. It's been a slow start to business for private detectives and former police officers Dave Slater and Norman Norman, so when the case of a young woman's disappearance arrives on their desk, they're hopeful it could be just the break they need. But it soon becomes clear that the man who reported her missing has his own secrets and motivations to hide - and with mysterious photographs, false IDs, and an unidentified body in the mortuary, a simple missing persons case becomes a tangled web involving local businessmen, undercover journalists, and conspiracies. Will Slater and Norman be able to solve the mystery - and manage to stay safe - after finding themselves on the dark and seedy side of Tinton?*

Destination Wedding

The Invisible Man

A Lillie Mead Historical Mystery

The Red Telephone Box

Murder in Adland

Jungle Up

Toast is Nigel Slater's truly extraordinary story of a childhood remembered through food. In each chapter, as he takes readers on a tour of the contents of his family's pantry—rice pudding, tinned ham, cream soda, mince pies, lemon drops, bourbon biscuits—we are transported... His mother was a chops-and-peas sort of cook, exasperated by the highs and lows of a temperamental stove, a finicky little son, and the asthma that was to prove fatal. His father was a honey-and-crumpets man with an unpredictable temper. When Nigel's widowed father takes on a housekeeper with social aspirations and a talent in the kitchen, the following years become a heartbreaking cooking contest for his father's affections. But as he

slowly loses the battle, Nigel finds a new outlet for his culinary talents, and we witness the birth of what was to become a lifelong passion for food. Nigel's likes and dislikes, aversions and sweet-toothed weaknesses, form a fascinating backdrop to this exceptionally moving memoir of childhood, adolescence, and sexual awakening. A bestseller (more than 300,000 copies sold) and award-winner in the UK, *Toast* is sure to delight both foodies and memoir readers on this side of the pond—especially those who made such enormous successes of Ruth Reichl's *Tender at the Bone* and Anthony Bourdain's *Kitchen Confidential*.

This financial geopolitical thriller, deals with Paul Sense, a portfolio manager entrapped by a rogue CIA agent, looking to destabilize the Islamic Republic of Iran. The unwanted mission takes the hero from London, New York, and Geneva to Dubai. The novel mixes the espionage genre with a financial backdrop and romance with tragic setbacks. Most characters are everyday individuals rising to unwilling hero status for seeking to do the right thing.

When Joe Dalgetty is found dead at home, a postmortem reveals he died of a heart attack, and with no suspicious circumstances to suggest otherwise, he becomes just another statistic. Neighbour Rosie Hewitt isn't convinced, and when Joe's house, and then her own, are broken into, she tries to persuade the police something's not right, but with a burglar targeting pensioner's houses they don't think Rosie's case is anything special. Whatever the police might think, Rosie knows she's right, and she's heard there are two ex-police officers who are starting a detective agency. Maybe they will be prepared to listen to her. It's not long before Slater and Norman uncover their first anomaly: Joe Dalgetty might have been 62 years old, but officially, he didn't exist until five years ago! And that's just the start. In a case involving a robbery that happened almost 30 years ago, an old London gangster, a protected witness, false identities, and two dead schoolboys from the sixties, it's difficult for Slater and Norman to work out who's really who, and what's really going on.

A dead woman identified through DNA can't walk into a police station and identify herself. Or can she? When DI Sarah Southall sends DS Norman Norman to the beach where a man was seen walking into the sea, it looks as if they have a suicide on their hands. Locals say only a fool would walk into the sea at this time of year. The man's clothes are still on the beach where he left them, and he has been gone for hours. It seems almost certain he has been swept away by the powerful currents. But with no body, and no-one reported missing, they have no idea who he is! The next day a skull is uncovered by builders, and when

the body is identified it appears there may be a link between the gruesome discovery and the man who appears to have committed suicide. Just as things seem to be making sense, the suspected suicide is found to be alive, and the person identified as the owner of the skull comes forward to prove they are also very much alive. Norman and Southall must find their way through a sea of conflicting stories and confusion to find out what's really going on.

Killer Twist

What's in a Name?

Rabbits

As Sure as Death & Taxes

The Secret of Wild Boar Woods

Because You're Mine

“Please find me, Thomas! Please!” Two years ago, Dr. Gina Brady broke Thomas Prescott’s heart, but now her panic-stricken satellite phone call starts it beating again with a fury. Thugs kidnapped the good doctor from the remote jungle village where she was working, and now the retired homicide detective’s expert skills are desperately needed to save her. Led by a colorful, but perhaps untrustworthy local guide, Prescott journeys deep into the Bolivian Amazon, plunging into a world where the only thing more dangerous than the gun-toting drug traffickers and the ruthless tribesmen, is the jungle itself. When Gina’s trail leads to a chance encounter with an archaeological expedition, the search for the missing doctor takes on even deadlier consequences. But Prescott will not relent in this punishing quest until, once again, he holds Gina in his arms. The books in The Thomas Prescott Series can be enjoyed in any order, so grab *Jungle Up* and get started today.

When reporter Jason Wade investigates the kidnapping of the Colson baby, he discovers that the Colsons, a seemingly perfect family with no enemies, are linked to an unsolved murder, plunging him into a vast criminal underground where his life and the baby's hangs in the balance. Original.

A deadly underground game might just be altering reality itself in this all-new adventure set in the world of the hit *Rabbits* podcast. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE WALL STREET JOURNAL • “A wild ride . . . impossible to put down.”—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

It’s an average work day. You’ve been wrapped up in a task, and you check the clock when you come up for air—4:44 p.m. You check your email, and 44 unread messages have built up. With a shock, you realize the date is April 4—4/4. And when you get in your car to drive home, your odometer reads 44,444. Coincidence? Or have you just seen the edge of a rabbit hole? *Rabbits* is a mysterious alternate reality game so vast it uses the entire world as its canvas. Since the game started in 1959, ten iterations have appeared and nine winners have been declared. The identities of these winners are unknown. So is their reward, which is whispered to be NSA or CIA recruitment, vast wealth, immortality, or perhaps even the key to the secrets of the universe itself. But the deeper you get, the more dangerous the game becomes. Players have died in the past—and the body count is rising. And now the eleventh round is about to begin. Enter K—a *Rabbits* obsessive who has been trying to find a way into the game for years. That path opens when K is approached by billionaire Alan Scarpio, rumored to be the winner of the sixth iteration. Scarpio says that something has gone wrong with the game and that K needs to fix it before Eleven starts, or the whole world will pay the price. Five days later, Scarpio is declared missing. Two weeks after that, K blows the deadline: Eleven begins. And suddenly, the fate of the entire universe is at stake.

Can anyone really be taken at face value? In February 2008 Julie Harris left home to spend the weekend with an old friend. Several weeks later her battered body was found on a caravan site in Wales. Her husband was later found guilty of her murder and sentenced to life in prison. Steve Harris always protested his innocence, and now, ten years later, evidence has come to light that suggests he may well have been wrongly convicted. Slater and Norman are tasked with the job of uncovering the truth, but with a widening pool of suspects, and a shrinking list of potential witnesses, can they discover what really happened on that fateful weekend and catch the real killer? *Wrongly Convicted* is the twelfth book in P.F. Ford's Slater and Norman Mystery series. Buy this book today if you like an intriguing plot and engaging characters.

The Story of a Boy's Hunger

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The Second Death of Daedalus Mole

The Dying Hour

A Ghostwriter Mystery

The Wrong Man

In the sleepy Hampshire town of Tinton, major crime is rare, and DS Slater and colleague Norman Norman find themselves with nothing to investigate except a flasher and an illiterate counterfeiter. Things are so quiet, Slater even arranges to go on his long-awaited date with bombshell waitress Jelena. But things can change in a matter of seconds, and a dog walker's discovery of a battered body near a local woodland sends Slater and Norman hurrying to the scene. Before they know it, they have three dead bodies on their hands - and the victims are all related. But with 15 years between the murders, is this just a bizarre coincidence, or could the murders be linked? And with tensions rising within their close-knit team, can Slater and Norman keep it together to solve their latest mystery?

Two murders. A kidnapped journalist. Can one reporter stop a crime spree before it hits too close to home? England, 1923. Crime reporter Lillie Mead has just returned from sabbatical in France and is ready to get back to work. She hasn't even had time to unpack before a body turns up at an annual rowing regatta and she is once again knee deep in the thick of it. Racing against the clock to discover a missing story and reveal a sinister past, Lillie finds herself firmly entrenched in a complicated history of events. As she attempts to unravel the threads while balancing her increasingly complicated personal life, Lillie's entire future is threatened. Will this lone reporter uncover the pieces of the story and stop a murderer in his tracks? *All the Pieces* is the fifth standalone book in the Lillie Mead Historical Mystery Series. If you like determined sleuths, the Roaring Twenties, and sinister twists, then you'll love Lisa Zumpano's captivating whodunit. Buy *All the Pieces* to expose the truth today!

6 has a problem. Everyone knows that 7 is always after him. Word on the street is that 7 ate 9. If that's true, 6's days are numbered. Lucky for him, Private I is on the case. But the facts just don't add up. It's odd. Will Private I put two and two together and solve the problem . . . or is 6 next in line to be subtracted?

In this anthology, uncover a century of dark mystery stories set in America's mighty capital. Akashic Books continues its award-winning series of city-based noir anthologies launched in 2004 with *Brooklyn Noir*. Each book is comprised of stories set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city in the book. The original *D.C. Noir*, a groundbreaking collection of new fiction by sixteen different writers, displayed the curatorial prowess of bestselling author George Pelecanos. In *D.C. Noir 2: The Classics*,

Pelecanos once again assembles an enchanting array of dark and subversive stories, this time selecting the very best of Washington's historical literary legacy. Classic reprints from: Edward P. Jones, George Pelecanos, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Richard Wright, Langston Hughes, James Grady, Julian Mayfield, Marita Golden, Elizabeth Hand, Julian Mazon, Ward Just, Jean Toomer, Roach Brown, Larry Neal, and others. Praise for D.C. Noir 2 "By broadly interpreting what constitutes noir, Pelecanos has been able to include writers as diverse as Langston Hughes and Ward Just in this high-quality reprint anthology. In his introduction, Pelecanos describes his vision of "a century-long overview of D.C. fiction that would focus on issues of race, ethnicity, politics, class, and the attendant struggles and changes that occurred in various eras of our history." —Publishers Weekly

The Returns

A Novel

Two Remarkable Scientists and Their Dueling Visions to Shape Tomorrow's World

Inspector Skelgill Investigates

Just a Coincidence

The Wizard and the Prophet

When bad news from her past ends up in the morgue, can she prove it's a crime before she lands in the adjoining grave? Dr. Samantha Jenkins knows well the bitter taste of betrayal. So the last thing she needs at her bestie's wedding is an interrogation into her own broken engagement. But her fears turn to shock on the morning of the big day when the bride's brother drops dead? Though she privately suspects the victim lost his battle with drugs, Samantha promises her friend she'll verify the cause of death. But after she discovers an incriminating document and a near fatal accident stinks of sabotage, the physician-turned-sleuth is certain she's hot on the trail of a killer. Can Samantha foil a murderer's plans before she's next on the slab? Truth Unveiled is the suspenseful first book in the Dr.

Samantha Jenkins Mysteries series. If you like resilient heroines, fast-paced plots, and intriguing twists, then you'll love Stephanie Kreml's medical whodunit.

When a homeless man is found burned to death in a skip, it seems to police like an open and shut case. After all, it was probably just a tragic accident, wasn't it? But when former Detective Sergeant Dave Slater (now just plain Mr) arrives back from a holiday to Thailand, it's not long before he and former partner Norman Norman get the distinct whiff that something isn't quite right. Why has homeless veteran Ryan suddenly gone missing? And why is he so sure that it should have been him in that skip? And why had the dead man recently had a kidney removed? No longer having the resources and clout of Tinton Police behind them, Slater and Norman must put their detective skills to good use to find the truth before there are more victims

Crime in Corn-Weather, by Mary M. Atwater, is the story of a perfect murder with no corpus delicti and no real clue. The reason for the murder and how the crime was concealed is gradually and skillfully unfolded. It is a realistic portrayal of the effect of a murder on the lives of a community. ('New Books in Brief

Review, ' 1935

This book reveals the astonishing, known facts about real acts of villainy...and it probes the fascinating, missing facts that confound the law and are kept in a file marked 'unsolved'.

ARM and the Woman

A Dr. Samantha Jenkins Mystery

Wrongly Convicted

Death of a Temptress

Road to Rumour

Mystic Pieces

No one bats an eyelid when a bag lady washes up on the shores of Sydney, minus five fingers and decked out in designer couture; nor is anyone too perturbed when socialite Beatrice Musgrave plunges to her death soon after. No one, that is, except ghostwriter and Merlot-lover Roxy Parker. She's been writing Beattie's 'autobiography' and has just stumbled on a secret that's worth killing for.

WHEN A HIGH-FLYING adman is brutally murdered on a company weekend in the English Lake District, Detective Inspector Daniel Skelgill finds himself wrenched from his rural Cumbrian comfort zone. As the investigation unfolds, DI Skelgill is led a merry dance between London and Edinburgh, at every turn confronted by uncooperative suspects – colleagues, wife and lovers of the deceased – each of whom is possessed of motive and opportunity. Is this a crime of passion, a professional hit, or a cleverly calculated killing borne out of greed and jealousy? In this traditional whodunit, the case can only be solved by carefully piecing together the essential clues – but Skelgill is running out of time. The patience of his superiors wears thin, while the actions of an anonymous agent provocateur serve only to advance the moment when the killer must strike again.

From a formidable new voice in suspense fiction comes an edge-of-the-seat story of a homicide detective on the trail of a killer, who slays with exacting precision, and who harbors a terrifying motive. Detective Sergeant Michael McCabe moved from New York City to Portland, Maine, to escape a dark past: both the ex-wife who'd left him for an investment banker, and the tragic death of his brother, a hero cop gone bad. He sought to raise his young daughter away from the violence of the big city . . . so he's unprepared for the horrific killer he discovers, whose bloody trail may lead to Portland's social elite. Early on a September evening, the mutilated body of a pretty teenaged girl, a high school soccer star, is found dumped in a scrap-metal yard. She had been viciously assaulted, but her heart had been cut out of her chest with surgical precision. The very same day a young businesswoman, also a blonde and an athlete, was abducted as she jogged through the streets of the city's west end. McCabe suspects both crimes are the work of the same man---a killer who's targeting the young---who is clearly well-versed in complex surgical procedures, and who may have struck before. Just as the investigation is beginning, McCabe's ex-wife reemerges, suddenly determined to reclaim the daughter she heedlessly abandoned years earlier. With the help of his straight-talking (and, at times,

alluring) partner, Maggie Savage, McCabe begins a race against time to rescue the missing woman and unmask a sadistic killer---before more lives are lost.

*INSTANT NATIONAL BESTSELLER Detectives dig into the dark side of Toronto when a serial killer targets homeless people camped out near one of the city's most exclusive enclaves in this latest crime thriller from bestselling author Robert Rotenberg. Exactly what is one person's death worth? For decades, the Humber River Golf Course has been one of the city's most elite clubs. All is perfect in this playground for the rich, until homeless people move into the pristine ravine nearby, and tensions mount between rich and poor and reach a head when two of the squatters are brutally murdered. The killings send shockwaves through the city, and suspicion immediately falls upon the members of the club. Protests by homeless groups and their supporters erupt. Suddenly the homelessness problem has caught the attention of the press, politicians, and the public. Ari Greene, now the head of the homicide squad, leaves behind his plush new office and, with his former protégé Daniel Kennicott in tow, returns to the streets to investigate. Meanwhile, Greene's daughter, Alison, a dynamic young TV journalist, reports on the untold story of extreme poverty in Toronto. With all the attention focused on the murders, pressure is on Greene to find the killer—now. He calls on his old contacts and his well-honed instincts to pursue the killer and save the city and the people he loves. But then a third body is found. A riveting page-turner ringing with authenticity, *Downfall* is a scathing look at the growing disparity between rich and poor in Canada's wealthiest city.

Gales of November

A Kenny Elliot Mystery

The Classics

CRIME IN CORN-WEATHER

When Diana Woods is found stabbed to death in her kitchen, DS Slater and DS Norman Norman are plunged into another major investigation. The finger of suspicion quickly points at Diana's estranged husband, Ian - a bully who regularly abused his wife. But as Slater learns more, he begins to wonder if everything is as it seems. When a new suspect appears on the scene, it seems that Slater's instincts were right. But the evidence seems just a bit too convenient, and Slater and Norman have to face the possibility that their suspect is being framed - and they could be back to square one.

"In forty years, Earth's population will reach ten billion. Can our world support that? What kind of world will it be? Those answering these questions generally fall into two deeply divided groups-Wizards and Prophets, as Charles Mann calls them in this balanced, authoritative, nonpolemical new book. The Prophets, he explains, follow William Vogt, a founding environmentalist

who believed that in using more than our planet has to give, our prosperity will lead us to ruin. Cut back! was his mantra. Otherwise everyone will lose! The Wizards are the heirs of Norman Borlaug, whose research, in effect, wrangled the world in service to our species to produce modern high-yield crops that then saved millions from starvation. Innovate! was Borlaug's cry. Only in that way can everyone win! Mann delves into these diverging viewpoints to assess the four great challenges humanity faces-food, water, energy, climate change-grounding each in historical context and weighing the options for the future. "-- Porter, Oklahoma holds a dark secret, and troublesome dreams plague Tulsa Police Detective, Kenny Elliot, who grew up in the small town. When a bizarre catapults Elliot into his past, he's brought face-to-face with the fabric of his nightmares. A shiny necklace dangles from the rearview mirror of the vehicle where Lagayle Zimmerman, the victim, is discovered. Nine years earlier, in Porter, a similar necklace swung from the mirror of a Mustang that harbored the mutilated bodies of Elliot's friends, Jonathan Alexander (Johnnie Boy), and Marcia Barnes. Most of the town believed Elliot killed his classmates, but no arrest was made. Risking his job and his sanity, Elliot digs into his past to solve the murders and expose the truth. Have you ever convinced a family member to change their vote over the Thanksgiving dinner table? Have you managed to change someone's mind on any important topic? I have not. Until I learned the secret. This book is not about how to win arguments. After ten years of talk radio, I've learned how to do that: talk louder and sound more confident. But it was only recently that I discovered how to actually change people's minds. These are very different things. If you believe that the world would be a better place if more people agreed with you, this insight will help you. I wrote this book to be read in about an hour. You can use the advice right away.