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ONE OF THE MOST ACCLAIMED BOOKS OF THE YEAR NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY Washington Post • NPR • Financial Times • The Guardian • Booklist • New Statesman • Daily Telegraph • Irish Times • Dallas Morning News • Sunday Times • New York Post "A big, sprawling, ultimately stunning crime tableau." – Janet Maslin, New York Times "You can't ask for more emotionally moving entertainment." – Stephen King "One of the best thriller writers on the planet." – Esquire The explosive, highly anticipated conclusion to the epic Cartel trilogy from the New York Times bestselling author of The Force What do you do when there are no borders? When the lines you thought existed simply vanish? How do you plant your feet to make a stand when you no longer know what side you're on? The war has come home. For over forty years, Art Keller has been on the front lines of America's longest conflict: The War on Drugs. His obsession to defeat the world's most powerful, wealthy, and lethal kingpin—the godfather of the Sinaloa Cartel, Adán Barrera—has left him bloody and scarred, cost him the people he loves, even taken a piece of his soul. Now Keller is elevated to the highest ranks of the DEA, only to find that in destroying one monster he has created thirty more that are wreaking even more chaos and suffering in his beloved Mexico. But not just there. Barrera's final legacy is the heroin epidemic scourging America. Throwing himself into the gap to stem the deadly flow, Keller finds himself surrounded by enemies—men who want to kill him, politicians who want to destroy him, and worse, the unimaginable—an incoming

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administration that's in bed with the very drug traffickers that Keller is trying to bring down. Art Keller is at war with not only the cartels, but with his own government. And the long fight has taught him more than he ever imagined. Now, he learns the final lesson?there are no borders. In a story that moves from deserts of Mexico to Wall Street, from the slums of Guatemala to the marbled corridors of Washington, D.C., Winslow follows a new generation of narcos, the cops who fight them, street traffickers, addicts, politicians, money-launderers, real-estate moguls, and mere children fleeing the violence for the chance of a life in a new country. A shattering tale of vengeance, violence, corruption and justice, this last novel in Don Winslow's magnificent, award-winning, internationally bestselling trilogy is packed with unforgettable, drawn-from-the-headlines scenes. Shocking in its brutality, raw in its humanity, *The Border* is an unflinching portrait of modern America, a story of—and for—our time.

Buried in the bowels of one of the several intelligence agencies in the US government is an office of clandestine medical personnel. Their mission is to analyze the health and mental state of international persons of interest and report their findings to America's policymakers. The team is on call 24/7 to comment on and analyze any written observations, pictures or videos of such persons of interest that may come into the hands of the U.S. government. The goal is to provide timely information to policymakers and negotiators so that the United States of America may achieve maximum success in dealing with the people concerned. Usually this is done in the safe confines of the Agency walls, but sometimes the analysts are forced to place themselves in harms way. Through it all and despite the circumstances, their Code of Honor is to Do No Harm.

This is the 10th book in the Neptune King series. In *The Case of the Amnesiac Client*

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Neptune's maid introduces him to Mary North a troubled young woman working as a maid with no memory and a vague impression that everything is not quite right. He figures it's a case for K&J. Intrigue, deception and imposters lead them to France and back again to high society in search for her real identity. In *The Case of the French Blackmailer*, Shark's sins come back to haunt him when Monique, the French waitress he met while on the trail of the Shadow in France turns up with a baby, claiming it is his and threatening to tell Lord Evans unless he pays. Shark is shocked and desperate and turns to Neptune for help, while hoping to keep the whole sordid affair secret from Rachel and Becky, but he underestimates the women in his life. In *The Case of the Deadly Sleepwalker* Lisa Hatherly is arrested for murdering her neighbour in her sleep! Philip Briton, Neptune's solicitor hires the boys to investigate. The evidence looks black against her—her footprints in the snow to and from the dead woman's house, the dead woman's jewels hidden in her wardrobe and her own admission that she'd had an argument with the deceased and was sleep walking that night with her soaked slippers matching the prints. Neptune's boutique is being robbed in *The Case of the Shoplifting Shop Assistant*, and it doesn't take him long to find the culprit. Meantime, Shark's family have arrived from Australia in time to celebrate Christmas with his friends in his new house.

Navy fighter pilot Tim Johnson returns home to South Florida from Vietnam in 1973 with a plan. In order to execute it he will need the help of his younger brother Tommy and his less than scrupulous friends but trying to keep things a secret and off the radar of law enforcement may be harder than he thinks. Based on events and accounts, *A Time to Hustle* is a gripping pulse pounding ride into the illegal and dangerous underworld of the narcotics trade in the 1970's. This story is fiction. It is loosely based on actual events that happened a long time ago.

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Retired federal agent Joe Nicoletti is ready for a change. He dreams of moving far from Washington, D.C. and living a quiet life. Moving to Missoula seems to be a dream come true. He never dreamed he'd become the suspect in a high profile murder case, forcing him to undertake the most important investigation of his life. But dreams can turn into nightmares when there is Murder in Missoula. A suspense novel of love and attraction, both natural and perverse, friendship and sacrifice, of innocence protected only by the premonition of evil, telepathy, dreams as harbingers of events yet to come, fate and destiny. All wrapped in this fast paced novel of murder and suspense.

Colin has yet another argument with his wife and storms out of the house with the intention of watching the remaining half of a football match in his local pub. However, he is knocked down by a car whilst crossing a road. And, That is just the start of his troubles...

EXPERIENCE THE MADNESS. ENTER THE FILES. June, 2007. Black Force -- a new division of the U.S. military that officially does not exist -- has its first operative. Jason King, a young prodigy who accelerated up through the ranks at an unprecedented rate, is tasked with proving his worth as a solo warrior. In Mexico, Joaquin Ramos has made a name for himself out of the blood of his enemies. The twenty-eight-year-old cartel leader hacked a path through anyone who dared to interfere with his newfound monopoly on the billion-dollar online drug trade,

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capitalising on the archaic nature of the existing empire in Tijuana. He's new school. So is King. With doubts swirling amongst those who know of Black Force's existence, King heads into the city's decrepit underworld alone, intent on tearing the cartel apart from the inside. Still largely inexperienced, it doesn't take long for his plans to fall to pieces... Outnumbered. Outgunned. Just the way he likes it. CARTEL is the explosive first entry in the prequel series, "The Jason King Files." Read "The Jason King Series" for more relentless thrills, exclusively on Amazon.

JASON KING IN PARADISE...After a lifetime of raising hell, King uses earnings collected over a lengthy and chaotic career in government black-ops to purchase a mountaintop villa on the island of Corsica. He coasts through a peaceful existence as the owner of a seaside bar in the serene Bay of Calvi...Then, after a sudden and violent chain of events, he resurfaces on the radar. His old unit -- a clandestine special ops division known only as Black Force -- deem him a danger to society, classifying his retirement as a colossal failure. They send their most dangerous active operative to Corsica ... to put him away for good. What happens when Jason King meets his match? THE JASON KING NOVELS ISOLATED - Book 1 IMPRISONED - Book 2 RELOADED - Book 3

"Now I am become Death, destroyer of worlds." Dr. Grace Llewellyn quotes Oppenheimer as her creation takes its first breath. Moments later, a US military strike team hits her laboratory in suburban Maryland. Markus Stebbings is hiding terminal brain cancer, hoping to remain alive and a part of Delta long enough to die for something that matters. The mission to destroy a domestic terrorist cell in possession of a nuclear bomb sounds like the opportunity he is looking for, until he realizes that his targets are not terrorists, and that what they have is

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something infinitely more dangerous than a bomb. On the run with Grace and the device she calls Prometheus, Markus finds himself pitted against the full might of US intelligence and military forces as they mount the biggest manhunt ever conducted on American soil. He quickly learns that Prometheus represents a technological advancement so profound that it can alter the course of history. What he doesn't know is that there is another such device already in play, and that he, Grace and Prometheus are all that stand between it and the end of human civilization as we know it.

As a young child, becoming a beautiful bride seemed like the ultimate fairy-tale dream. But for Alex Payne, the fantasy of marriage has transformed into a shattering nightmare. Facing constant verbal abuse, sexual violence, and intimidation from her husband Greg, Alex has become a broken shell of the person she used to be. And since Greg slaughtered her beloved puppy Beatrice, she's even more terrified than ever to leave. When Alex learns Greg has been unfaithful, she finally shares her entire story with her best friend Elise, who has also experienced the horror of an abusive relationship. With the help of Elise's boyfriend David, the trio devise a cunning plan to rescue Alex from her misery for good. But with a serial killer on the loose, this grand escape becomes more dangerous than Alex ever imagined-between a deranged murderer roaming the streets and a husband who has already threatened to kill her if she ever attempts to leave, will she manage to survive brutality at home and live to enjoy a new life of freedom?

A lone sniper. Eight million targets. An entire city on edge... A mysterious sniper is

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killing random New York City citizens at the same time every day. Detective Joe Bannon and his partner Hannah Trimble follow the trail of clues down repeated blind alleys. With citizens fearing to venture outside, the streets of Manhattan have become nearly deserted. When the sniper begins escalating the profile of his targets, higher level government agencies are pulled in. But the shooter always seems to be one step ahead of the law and slips away whenever the authorities get close. As copycat killings begin spreading to other cities across the U.S., the President hatches a dangerous plan to trap the killer. Can Joe and Hannah catch the assassin before he executes the most closely guarded man in history? Catch the excitement - read the reader reviews: "The best thriller I've read in the last 12 months." "Gripping page turner." "Nonstop scary thrill ride." "Couldn't put it down." "The best of the best." "McLeay: A star is born." "A remarkable work." "You need to read this one." Get your pulse pounding today with this unputdownable thriller!

Book 3 of 3 in A Pat Tierney Mystery (3 Book Series) Murder, jealousy, fraud, deceit-welcome to cottage country! Financial planner Pat Tierney's dream vacation in cottage country turns into a nightmare when the body of an elderly woman is discovered in a storage locker. Pat's friend, Bruce Stohl, is the murdered woman's son, and when he is pegged by police as their prime suspect, Pat rallies to find his mother's killer. Meanwhile, a con artist has targeted cottages in the area, and vacationers are arriving, only to learn they are victims of a rental scam. When disgruntled renters show up at her

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door, Pat fears for her family's safety. Now she must navigate treacherous waters to protect those who are dear to her.

“A rich, sensual, bewitching adventure of good vs. evil with love as the prize.”

~Publisher's Weekly on ETERNITY 300 years ago, Raven St. James was hanged for witchcraft. But she revives among the dead to find herself alive. She is an Immortal High Witch, one of the light. A note from her mother warns that there are others, those of the Dark, who preserve their own lives by taking the hearts of those like her. Duncan Wallace's forbidden love for the secretive lass costs him his life. 300 years later, he loves her again, tormented by hazy memories of a past that can't be real. She tells him of another lifetime, claims to be immortal. Though he knows she's deluded, he can't stay away. And the Dark Witch after her heart is far closer than either of them know. If you liked the TV Series HIGHLANDER, you will LOVE this series. Don't miss Book 2, INFINITY. “A hauntingly beautiful story of a love that endures through time itself.”

~New York Times Bestselling Author, Kay Hooper “This captivating story of a love that reaches across the centuries, becomes as immortal as the lover's themselves, resonates with timeless passion, powerful magic, and haunting heartbreak.”

~BN.com's official review

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Destiny Allen, a Web designer for software giant Scenaria Security Systems, finds herself involved in a deadly puzzle that blurs the boundaries between the virtual and the

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real. At stake: the infrastructure of modern America. Her resources: Dina Gustafson, a college friend, and Karl Lustig, an Israeli technology journalist with friends in dark places. The challenge: sort the good guys from the bad before the lights go out. A fast-paced technology thriller, *Web Games* is about real risks and virtual worlds, about Internet threats as close as tomorrow's nightly news, and about the ever-escalating warfare between black-hat hackers and modern society.

Chicago, 1947. Private investigator "Matt" McBride runs afoul of corrupt politicians, vicious mobsters and a trigger-happy Texan femme fatale to prove that the "suicide" of his best friend was murder. Matt's perilous journey to track down the killer nearly dead-ends in a motor home on collision course with a cargo plane.

A mysterious messenger delivers four invitations for a round of golf to the elite of society. These four avid golfers use their power and wealth to shape life to their own depraved reality at the expense of others. The golf course is in a remote part of the world and kept secret from the public. The messenger visits a senator, army colonel, a professional baseball player and a wealthy surgeon. His presence terrifies each person he visits but they accept the exclusive invitation despite their instincts. The golfers look forward to a long weekend to indulge in the opulent amenities of the golf club but the distinguished director of the club has other plans. A lifetime membership to the club is the prize for winning the golf match. When they meet their caddies, they realize their power and wealth can't save them from the sinister secret of Goat Trails Golf Club.

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A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity, it dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stand in its path. Agatha Christie Amelia Bell is thrust into every mother's worst nightmare. A child who is fatally ill and no one knows of a vaccine that will cure him. Her son was one of the first infected with the virus that changed life and the world as we know it. Her son transformed into a monster with a ravenous appetite for human flesh. Believing he will become healthier if she feeds him what he craves, she enlists the help of her alter ego "Mrs. Kim" to provide what he desires. Mrs. Kim is first introduced in the novel "Winter's Salvation." Both stories take place simultaneously, and it is not necessary to read one before the other.

The pleasant atmosphere at a dude ranch darkens with the unwelcome appearance of an ex-Hollywood western star who enjoys causing trouble. Money issues, secrets from the past, and a star-struck young woman provide plenty of motives for the Sheriff when a murder occurs. "The dude ranch was well-run-the scenery was magnificent-but suggestions of tragedy were in the clear mountain air. The appearance of Spike Noland, "Lothario of the Lariat" and ex-Hollywood actor, brought to light secrets hidden for many years. An old murder charge in which the ranch owner had been involved draws guests and friends into the circle of events, as Noland lives up to his reputation as a 'bad' performer. A smoothly written mystery, its plot is completely developed and its characters are neither bizarre nor trite." (F.A.P., Rochester, NY, Democrat and Chronicle, 1955) Murder in Jackson Hole was first published in 1955. For additional classic crime fiction, visit CoachwhipBooks.com.

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Sean Murphy, a responsible, doting husband, father, and provider, executes his impulsive plan to kidnap a wealthy infant heir. His wife Kathryn and their two toddler daughters, Nichole and Lauren, are unknowing participants in this perfect crime. Sean rents a cozy, secluded cottage to provide a relaxing summer for his family, and they welcome the unexpected, beautiful baby boy that Sean brings home to join their lazy days by the lake. Sean's arrangements are unfolding as the perfect crime, or are they? Are his plans as seamless and foolproof as he believes? He takes every precaution, or does he? Will the Winslows ever hold their baby again? Will Kathryn discover her husband's covert activities? Deemed a "riveting crime story that had my full attention" by retired New York Police Department Chief Michael Scagnelli, "Ransom By Mail" is a suspenseful fiction that will keep you engaged until the final page. Paul R. Payton's first novel will captivate human nature and the conflict of resentment, revenge, and wealth resurfacing and influencing reasoning, life choices, and life's finale in a thriller with twists and turns that no one expects.

When Anthony Schumacher decided to run for a full term as President of the United States, one thing was abundantly clear - the Democrats would pull out all the stops to defeat him at the polls. Democratic presidential nominee Rosita Sanchez and her running mate, General T.D. Graham, know their best hope of winning is to convince the American people that President Schumacher is a danger to the country and they are the only hope for world peace. And they believe they have the perfect plan to carry them to victory on Election Day. But one other thing was also very clear - the Islamic terrorists are well aware the biggest obstacle in their quest for world domination is President Schumacher. And they will do everything in their power to see him dead. When one of the 9/11 masterminds is put to death by the government, the enraged

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terrorists enter into an unholy alliance with Mexican drug cartels to see to it that President Schumacher and his FBI are never again able to wage war on their jihad and drug trafficking across the southern border. With all the chaos in the capital, the nation wonders whether President Schumacher will win the election, or more importantly, whether he will live to see another day.

Army Ranger and combat veteran David Rivers has almost completed his final year at West Point when his world is turned upside down by a sudden discharge from military service. Just as David hits rock bottom, three mysterious men appear. They know David's dark secret-that he has murdered in cold blood. And they want him to do it again.

On October 28th 1890 the great wall of the Barsdon Dam gave way, and the Eagle Star reservoir buried the small Arizona town of Jackson Hope under forty feet of water. Men, women and children perished in the devastating flood, nobody survived. For over a hundred years the town lay forgotten at the bottom of a vast lake, but it has been a particularly harsh summer in Arizona, and the town is starting to emerge. Experts will come and survey the land, hoping to prospect for a bright and lucrative new project, but they will get more than they bargained for. Bit by bit they will uncover the truth behind the disaster which wiped a small farming community off the map, and as they do they will learn with devastating consequences that some secrets should stay buried forever.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT?King and Slater have fought and warred all over the globe, from the desolate plains of the Russian Far East to the extreme altitudes of Nepal. Now, chaos strikes them at home - New York goes dark as malicious code infects the power grid in a devastating cyberattack. More than eight million people across the five

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boroughs. No power, no running water, no sanitation. Food supplies will be exhausted within two days, and there's no one to restock the shelves. The government has no solution to the myriad problems that come with a major city losing electricity for a prolonged period. All King and Slater know is the code used to knock out critical substations initiated in the heart of Manhattan, and so begins a harrowing race against the clock to get the lights back on before the city plunges into anarchy. They don't have much time - it doesn't take long for people to panic. As they fight deeper into the bowels of the city, they realise there was a reason New York was targeted. Make as many enemies as they do, and it's bound to catch up to you eventually... What readers are saying about King & Slater: ????? - "Slater and King working together is a whole new adventure. Twice as much death and destruction. Twice as much adventure and excitement." ????? - "Separately, forces to be reckoned with: together, virtually unstoppable." ????? - "Two of the best warriors I've met in a long while. Can't wait to see who they tackle next time." ????? - "It was absolutely fantastic. Loved every minute and I had a hard time putting it down. The action never stops." ????? - "This book was a treat from start to finish. I continue to be amazed by Matt's ability to come up with truly creative situations for our beloved King and Slater to be thrown into." ????? - "I think you'll understand what makes them tick. The deepest part of their hearts are exposed." ????? - "Jason and Will together. What could be better? Powerful, tense, emotional and fast-paced." ????? - "Two minds that are so coordinated makes for excitement whatever they do. Matt's really hit one out of the park with this book." ????? - "The ensuing combat takes on more importance as family, treachery, and the sheer volume of corruption are factored in."

When Carter Diamon, the leader of The Cartel, which controls eighty percent of the cocaine

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industry, dies, his illegitimate son, Carter Jones, takes his place and starts sleeping with the enemy--Miamor, the leader of The Murder Mamas, who wants to take down The Cartel. Original.

Five years before the events of "Isolated", experience the most dangerous operation of Jason King's turbulent career...A drug gang has its production facility buried deep in the heart of the Amazon Rainforest. Sensing that law enforcement are closing in, their mercenaries storm the U.S. embassy in Lima, Peru, taking three American hostages back with them into the jungle. The next day, government black-ops operative Jason King lands in Iquitos. A single-engine plane will fly him into uncharted territory. He will skydive from 14,000 feet into the rainforest, armed to the teeth. He will retrieve the hostages, at any cost. It doesn't take long for all hell to break loose...Hard Impact is a standalone action-thriller, delving into the case files of Black Force soldier Jason King. Read Book 1 in the Jason King series, ISOLATED, at \$0.99 for a limited time only.

Sam Hicks: ex-SAS, no ties, no family, and nothing to lose. Darwyn: his former Sergeant. Umata: a deadly female operative from Israeli Special Forces. They're the perfect team to go deep undercover and take down Darkwater, the outfit that's made private military contractor Jason King a billionaire, profiteering from war the world over. Because King isn't content with just riches; he wants power. His next step? Fascist empire. Amazing Améziane's wild yet thoroughly researched world of tough-talking mercs, pop-art layouts, twisty plots, and pop-cultural references are a must for fans of hardcore action from "Strike Back" to "The Losers." AN ARMY OF TWO FOR THE AGES...Jason King and Will Slater, the two most

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lethal operatives in government history, are out on their own. They've been through their personal journeys into hell, but they unite in New York City as brothers in arms. So begins a vigilante crusade against the city's morally bankrupt inhabitants. But their private war doesn't last long... Sometimes you can't escape the past, no matter how hard you try. They're revisited by old government contacts with an agenda, and soon enough they're fighting tooth and nail to prevent the destabilisation of the entire country. Outnumbered, overwhelmed, beat down, battered, broken - it's just another day at the office. Witness the unification of the two baddest men on the planet... What readers are saying about King & Slater: "?????" - "Slater and King working together is a whole new adventure. Twice as much death and destruction. Twice as much adventure and excitement." "?????" - "One hell of a ride from the very beginning to a fantastic finish." "?????" - "Two of the best warriors I've met in a long while. Can't wait to see who they tackle next time." "?????" - "Both characters retain their richness of personality, yet share their intellectual disdain for the evil in the world." "?????" - "This book was a treat from start to finish. I continue to be amazed by Matt's ability to come up with truly creative situations for our beloved King and Slater to be thrown into." "?????" - "This was one of those late night page turners that you would give up sleep for with no problem." "?????" - "Matt has taken the best of

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Jason King and the best of Will Slater and combined it into a new format, yet kept his hard-hitting action and surprising twists."

A Spectacular Enhancement to the Skill System Mythic Skills introduces a system of skill exploits that take the basic tasks your skills allow you to perform and dials them up to amazing levels. In addition, every skill in the Pathfinder Roleplaying Game Core Rulebook also gets brand-new skill exploits, as well as greater exploits that only the most skilled masters would even attempt. This book contains rules for using these enhanced skills with mythic characters but also provides an alternative system for use in non-mythic Pathfinder campaigns! This system allows your characters to focus on their skills as a key part of their character construction and to invest more of their character's abilities in their character itself, rather than the character's gear or magical tools. You can use these rules generally with mythic characters, allowing them to attempt all manner of skill-based exploits, or you can limit the ability to pull off these amazing skill stunts to those mythic characters that have really invested in making their skills a key part of their character's identity. The mythic rules offer an opportunity to magnify what makes a character special, and the skills they choose to hone as part of their background narrative and throughout the course of the campaign should be just as important in defining them as their marvelous magic and

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fabulous feats. With Mythic Skills in your hands, your skills will be just as spectacular!"

They say curiosity killed the cat; nosy reporter Angelique learns that the danger applies to her as well when she stumbles upon rich socialite Kyle Abernathy's murderous cult. She's protected by Matthew Knight, alcoholic ex-FBI agent – but will Knight's past catch up to him before he can stop the evil and powerful Abernathy?

A man patiently watches a group of young girls walk home from school, waiting for the perfect moment to take the one child he has designated as his next victim. However, what this predator does not know is that he, too, is being stalked. There is someone in the shadows—a trained Citizen—who is ready to make sure that the child under his assigned protection is never harmed. One pedophile, one abuser, one killer at a time; this Citizen and others like him will take a stand against those who prey on the weak and the innocent.

A young Mexican couple narrowly escapes the Juarez Cartel by fleeing across the border into Texas, only to be run down in the desert by the Cartel's most brutal thugs. Rescued by a mysterious local who takes them to the safety of his family's ranch, the c

The notorious drug trafficking kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is now

imprisoned in the United States awaiting trial, following the Mexican government's decision to extradite him to the United States on January 19, 2017, the day before President Trump took office. Guzmán is charged with operating a continuing criminal enterprise and conducting drug-related crimes as the purported leader of the Mexican criminal syndicate commonly known as the Sinaloa cartel. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) maintains that the Sinaloa cartel has the widest reach of any transnational criminal organization into U.S. cities. In November 2016, in its National Drug Threat Assessment, the DEA stated that Mexican drug trafficking groups are working to expand their presence, particularly in the heroin markets inside the United States. Over the years, Mexico's criminal groups have trafficked heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana, and increasingly the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl. Mexico's drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) have been in constant flux. By some accounts, in 2006, there were four dominant DTOs: the Tijuana/Arellano Felix organization (AFO), the Sinaloa cartel, the Jurez/Vicente Carrillo Fuentes organization (CFO), and the Gulf cartel. Since then, the more stable large organizations have fractured. In recent years, the DEA has identified the following organizations as dominant: Sinaloa, Los Zetas, Tijuana/AFO, Jurez/CFO, Beltrán Leyva, Gulf, and La Familia Michoacana. In some sense,

these organizations might be viewed as the "traditional" DTOs, although the 7 organizations appear to have fragmented to at least 9 (or as many as 20) major organizations. New crime groups have emerged since Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto's inauguration in December 2012, so he has faced an increasingly complex crime situation. The major DTOs and new crime groups have furthered their expansion into such illicit activity as extortion, kidnapping for ransom, and oil siphoning, posing a governance challenge to President Peña Nieto as daunting as that faced by his predecessors. Former Mexican President Felipe Calderón (2006-2012) initiated an aggressive campaign against Mexico's drug traffickers that was a defining policy of his government and one that the DTOs violently resisted. Operations to eliminate DTO leaders sparked organizational change that led to significant instability among the groups and continued violence. Such violence appears to be rising again in Mexico. More than 2,000 homicides were registered in January 2017, more than in any January since the government began publishing national crime data in the late 1980s. Although the Mexican government no longer estimates organized crime-related homicides, some independent analysts have claimed that murders linked to organized crime may have exceeded 100,000 since 2006, when President Calderón began his campaign against the DTOs. Mexico's government reported

that the annual number of all homicides in Mexico declined after Caldern left office in 2012 by about 16% in 2013 and 15% in 2014, only to rise in 2015 and 2016. In 2016, the Mexican government reported a 22% increase in all homicides to 22,932, almost reaching the high point of nearly 23,000 murders in 2011, Mexico's most violent year. The 115th Congress remains concerned about security conditions inside Mexico and the illicit drug trade. The Mexican DTOs are the major wholesalers of illegal drugs in the United States and are increasingly gaining control of U.S. retail-level distribution. This report examines how the organized crime landscape has been significantly altered by fragmentation and how the organizational shape-shifting continues. For more background, see CRS Report R41349, U.S.-Mexican Security Cooperation: The Mrida Initiative and Beyond and CRS In Focus IF10400, Heroin Production in Mexico and U.S. Policy.

A TWO-MAN CRUSADE THROUGH MEXICO'S BADLANDS...Will Slater is on the hunt. Three months ago he found a list belonging to drug-slinging gangster Dwayne Griggs. A collection of blackmail, pictures of unspeakable horrors. He's not going to stop until the men in the photos are dead and buried. He's already mown through five of them. The sixth poses a problem. Kian Grant, an ex-televangelist preacher with murky ties to the Boston underworld, knows

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something's coming. Before Slater can even approach his suburban mansion, Grant is gone, fleeing south over the border to the mountain town of Durango. Slater knows exactly what that means. Cartel ties. Doesn't mean he'll let it slide. If Grant was hoping Slater would let it go, he picked the wrong enemy. Slater enlists the only man willing to help wage war with hordes of soulless killers in a barren land, and together he and Jason King set off in relentless pursuit of a grifter who'll get what's coming...What readers are saying about King & Slater: ????? - "Slater and King working together is a whole new adventure. Twice as much death and destruction. Twice as much adventure and excitement."????? - "Separately, forces to be reckoned with: together, virtually unstoppable."????? - "Two of the best warriors I've met in a long while. Can't wait to see who they tackle next time."????? - "It was absolutely fantastic. Loved every minute and I had a hard time putting it down. The action never stops."????? - "This book was a treat from start to finish. I continue to be amazed by Matt's ability to come up with truly creative situations for our beloved King and Slater to be thrown into."????? - "I think you'll understand what makes them tick. The deepest part of their hearts are exposed."????? - "Jason and Will together. What could be better? Powerful, tense, emotional and fast-paced."????? - "Two minds that are so coordinated makes for excitement whatever they do. Matt's really hit one out of the park with

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Tytti Vertainen has a new job as Editor at the Tapiolinna Times, but before she can unpack her pot plant, an islander comes to her in distress. A mysterious spiritual healer has arrived on the island and started to visit cancer patients. Rumour has it, she has been called there by a saint in a vision to heal the sick, but the patients have started to die and possibly not of natural causes. When the spiritual healer refuses to talk, Tytti's lie detector begins to yo-yo. Who is this stranger and what does she really want? This is no normal case and Tytti will be forced to be as cunning as her adversary in order to find out what the hell is

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bent on preserving Julia's secret. 'The Strategist' chronicles Camille Grisham's struggle to find redemption in the face of tragedy and strength in the midst of ever-present danger. She will eventually find both, but not before colliding head-on with a past that she wants nothing more than to leave behind. Book I of the Circle Trilogy Book II 'The Second Circle' will be available Spring 2014

Someone is sending a message to Congressman Grant Copeland and bodies are turning up with striking similarities. A single shot to the head. A single word written on a piece of fabric left in the victims' mouths. The BAU team at FBI's Washington Field Office is asked to consult. Special Agent Kate Reid and Agent Vasquez work under SSA Jameson now that Nick Scarborough has been transferred to Quantico. With Kate in the process of applying for a transfer to join him, this investigation is crucial as she is assessed by her potential new supervisor, SSA Noah Quinn. The case, however, is thrown into disarray when Detective Anthony Phelps, an unwitting participant in this joint investigation, attempts to shut out Kate and her team. Determined to get to the bottom of Phelps' motivation, Kate begins to lose focus on the victims and instead shifts her resources to discovering what the detective is hiding and why he seems hell-bent on protecting the congressman. With leads running dry, Agent Jameson issues Kate an ultimatum. Back off the detective and return her attention to finding the killer, or risk denial for the highly-coveted position at Quantico. Will Kate listen to her head or her heart? Robin Mahle continues the action-packed and thrilling Kate Reid series with this

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latest installment. Book 7 promises to bring greater challenges for our heroine and a choice that could alter her future once again. For more information, visit Robin's website: www.robinmahle.com

CAN THEY KEEP THEM ALL SAFE? One afternoon in Boston, everything changes. Two abduction attempts on separate sides of the city. A van tries to snatch Tyrell, and two men approach Violetta and Junior in a public park. All at once, it's Code Red. King and Slater don't know who's targeting them, or why, but they have an endless list of enemies from decades spent eviscerating hostiles. It could be anyone. Whoever this rogue force is, they've found a way around every preventative measure. They've done what not even the government could do: tracked down Jason King and Will Slater. Somehow. Some way. And by coming after their families, they've crossed a line you'd have to be clinically insane to step over. What readers are saying about King & Slater: ????? - "Slater and King working together is a whole new adventure. Twice as much death and destruction. Twice as much adventure and excitement." ????? - "Separately, forces to be reckoned with: together, virtually unstoppable." ????? - "Two of the best warriors I've met in a long while. Can't wait to see who they tackle next time." ????? - "It was absolutely fantastic. Loved every minute and I had a hard time putting it down. The action never stops." ????? - "This book was a treat from start to finish. I continue to be amazed by Matt's ability to come up with truly creative situations for our beloved King and Slater to be thrown into." ????? - "I think you'll understand what makes them tick.

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