

## Dangerous Waters

Global competitive pressures and a relentless drive for productivity and profitability improvement are features of virtually all modern organisations. Staying in front requires a faster and smarter performance each year, with continuous improvement in all commercial activities a constant requirement for business success. Yet employees, who ultimately turn business plans into profit reality, are themselves under more pressure than ever before. Social, domestic and economic responsibilities place growing and conflicting demands on limited time. Physical ill health and damaged wellbeing are frequently the largely invisible result, with huge competitive and financial implications for the companies who employ these workers. Health has moved from welfare to a wealth issue. The effective management of employee health and wellbeing is therefore set to become a point of differentiation for companies who need to go on delighting their customers and shareholders alike. This book is a guide through "dangerous waters". It is written to help you understand the real commercial benefits of improving employee wellbeing and how, if this area is neglected it can, despite all the information systems, all the forecasting skills and all the business acumen, sink the organisation. In addition, the authors assert that it is companies who recognise and proactively manage these very real threats in order to improve employee health and wellbeing, who will unleash the enormous potential for increased productivity, profitability and creativity that lies within each one of their employees. Dangerous Waters provides: \* A practical guide for managers in gaining an understanding the extent and true cost of current employee ill health \* Clear guidelines on building towards a strategy for corporate health and therefore corporate wealth improvement \* An integrated approach to the management of attendance, quality, innovation and customer service No manager, be they Chief Executive, Human Resources, Senior or Line can afford to miss the message of this book.

A chronological history of African-American life and thought represents a broad written and oral tradition and includes evidence of an African presence in America predating Columbus, brief historical introductions to each piece, and biographical notes. Original. The Archmage rules the island of wizards and has banned the use of magecraft in warfare, but there are corsairs raiding the Caladhrian Coast, enslaving villagers and devastating trade. Barons and merchants beg for magical aid, but all help has been refused so far. Lady Zurenne's husband has been murdered by the corsairs, and a man she doesn't even know stands watch over her and her daughters. Corrain, former captain and now slave to the corsairs, knows that Zurenne's guardian is a rogue wizard. If Corrain can only escape, he'll see justice done. Unless the Archmage's magewoman, Jilseth, catches the renegade first... Wendy O'Darby and her friends discover that the stories of the squirming cactus, the giant alligators in the sewers, and other urban folktales are true in their hometown of Fairfield.

True-crime writer Leah Nash is reluctantly drawn into a modern family drama with a very old story to tell. Bryan Crawford's murder is the perfect crime: no witness, no weapon, no indication that his death is anything other than the result of diabetes complications. That's what the medical examiner says. That's what the autopsy proves. And that's what the killer is counting on. But when new

evidence surfaces, crime writer Leah Nash is pulled into the investigation, and all bets are off. Leah quickly zeroes in on the dysfunctional dynamics of the Crawford family. Beneath the happy fable they tell the world lies a dark tale of jealousy, greed, and revenge. Bryan's wife, his daughter, his sister, and his stepson each have secrets to hide. Every one of them have reasons to want Bryan dead. And they are all going to great lengths to keep Leah from the truth. Then Leah makes a shocking discovery, and is propelled into a confrontation with the killer. It's a fight she must win to save someone she loves. But time is running out. As raging flood waters surge forward, Leah acts. The consequences will change her life forever...and you will never guess how.

\_\_\_\_\_ Praise for Dangerous Waters "Leah is the best type of female character...strong, independent, and intelligent. [she]...encourages the reader to follow her wherever she goes, and I intend to do just that." -Laura Snider, author of *Unsympathetic Victims* "Leah is smart and motivated with a healthy sense of humor. She narrates her story with a good balance between action, conversation, and introspection." -Foreword Reviews

While sailing alone one night in the shipping lanes across one of the busiest waterways in the world, John Burnett was attacked by pirates. Through sheer ingenuity and a little bit of luck, he survived, and his shocking firsthand experience became the inspiration for *Dangerous Waters*. Today's breed of pirates are not the colorful cutthroats painted by the history books. Unlike the romantic images from yesteryear of Captain Hook, Long John Silver, and Blackbeard, modern pirates can be local seamen looking for a quick score, highly trained guerrillas, rogue military units, or former seafarers recruited by sophisticated crime organizations. Including new, up-to-date information for the paperback edition, *Dangerous Waters* is both a dauntless investigation and an epic, breathtaking modern tale of the sea.

Life, death, and war on the home front. Two women join forces against a powerful opponent, nature itself.

This concise guidebook outlines threats, legal drivers and questions to pose management concerning a corporation's data governance efforts. Includes a sample PowerPoint slide presentation and detailed endnotes.

While Mark Twain remains one of our most quintessentially American writers, the actual boyhood experiences that fueled his most enduring literature remained largely unexplored—until now. Twain's early years were a decidedly un-innocent time, marked by deaths of friends and family and his father's bankruptcy. Twain dealt with those personal tragedies through humor and the tall tale. From the time that a ten-year-old Samuel Clemens lit out on his own and boarded his first Mississippi steamer to his first encounter with a traveling "mesmerizer" (which ignited his lifelong penchant for acting and spectacle), from the brooding sense of guilt and fear of eternal damnation inculcated into him at church to the superstitions and stories of witchcraft he learned from the blacks on his farm, Powers unforgettably shows how Mark Twain was shaped by the distinctly American landscape, culture, and people of Hannibal, Missouri. Jay Parini, the celebrated biographer of Robert Frost, called *Dangerous Water* "a long-needed evocation of the boyhood of the man who invented boyhood for all time. . . . An immensely shrewd and deeply engaging book, a great gift to all of us who love Twain."

A journalist and professional seaman paints a chilling portrait of the new piracy, a nefarious and deadly brand of crime plaguing the high seas.

For David Philpott, a successful middle-aged land-developer, the rebellion against his "perfect" life begins innocently enough with his decision

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to buy a bicycle. Soon he is cycling several miles a day before breakfast; then he decides to bicycle to his annual Florida vacation. The next stop is riding across Canada. This bike journey only whets Philpott's appetite for adventure, however, and soon he becomes preoccupied with the ultimate challenge: a solo sail around the world. From Halifax he sails to Bermuda, the Caribbean, and then out into the Atlantic. During the endless days on the water, Philpott goes back over his life, his attitudes, his accomplishments and dissatisfactions, in a rite of passage that turns into catastrophe when a storm wrecks his boat, leaving him helpless and drifting, running out of food and water, and coming to grips with the increasing certainty that he will die alone at sea.

Documents the race to seal the BP well in the Gulf of Mexico, describing how Deepwater Horizon challenged the world's leading scientists and engineers to stop the leak and discover why it exploded in the first place.

In this tale of piracy, sex, and people-smuggling in Australian waters, two men down on their luck decide to begin a life of crime by smuggling people and drugs from Asia to Australia. One of the men is ex-navy, while the other was dismissed from Customs for security breaches. They decide to use their combined knowledge to steal a yacht in Queensland and use it to transport their illegal cargo—drugs, people, or both. Along the way they meet and recruit a beautiful partner. Unfortunately for them, the accidental manslaughter of a federal policeman forces their premature life in exile in Indonesia.

The Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939 underlined the importance of the sea as the supply route to both General Franco's insurgents and the Spanish Republic. There were attempted blockades by Franco as well as attacks by his Italian and German allies against legitimate neutral, largely British, merchant shipping bound for Spanish Republican ports and challenges to the Royal Navy, which was obliged to maintain a heavy presence in the area. The conflict provoked splits in British public opinion. Events at sea both created and reflected the international tensions of the latter 1930s, when the policy of appeasement of Germany and Italy dissuaded Britain from taking action against those countries' activities in Spain, except to participate in a largely ineffective naval patrol to try to prevent the supply of war material to both sides. The book is based on original documentary sources in both Britain and Spain and is intended for the general reader as well as students and academics interested in the history of the 1930s, in naval matters and in the Spanish Civil War.

She was terrorized, afraid, and desperate for help. But her hopeless pleas would never be answered. No one would come to her rescue. Now her body lays lifeless, floating in the water. The girl could not escape the deadly and sinister secrets that Windsor Island holds... It's been a year since the body of FBI agent Emma Griffin's ex-boyfriend was found on the beach. His death remains as mysterious as ever, the truth has yet to be revealed. Emma still cannot escape the feeling of guilt, regret, and grief that follows her daily. Until a girls night with her best friend brought an unexpected surprise. A week-long-all-expense paid vacation to an exclusive island resort. Being in paradise should be the perfect way to clear her mind... But, when a body turns up and girls start to go missing. Disturbing secrets about the resort are coming to the surface. Turns out paradise is just an illusion, and the truths behind the dangers on this island are far more disturbing than Emma and her friends could ever imagine. Emma isn't content to let any secrets lie hidden. She's going to find the culprit behind the murder and the disappearance. Even if it means she gets taken too. Will Emma be able to survive "paradise" and get off the island alive? Dangerous Waters is the first book in the Emma Griffin FBI series, it can be read as a standalone.

Army National Guard Colonel Sawyer Kincaid has served her time dueling with death in the deserts of Africa. Now that she's home, the only sand she wants to see is on the beach in South Florida. Too bad Tropical Storm Leo, swiftly gaining strength out over the Atlantic, is about to draw her in to another life or death war, this time on home soil. Dr. Dara Sims has too many critical patients in the intensive care units at

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Miami Memorial to consider evacuation, no matter how determined the battle-hardened colonel is to make her. As far as Dara is concerned, evacuate is just another word for abandon. When a state of emergency becomes a state of siege waged by Leo, all she can do is hope the rising waters relent before she loses everyone, herself included.

Investigating the discovery of the body, Sergeant Holly Rudd knows she's an unwelcome presence in the close-knit community of Bamfield. But she doesn't expect the residents to be spooked by the mere sight of her. What rattles Holly even more, though, is her overwhelming desire for diver and former Special Forces soldier Finn Carver. Finn has no doubt that the corpse he found while diving was a victim of foul play — just as there's no doubt that he wants Holly. Now the two will have to come together to outwit a criminal who's already gotten away with murder.

The shamelessly sexy man with the bold gaze and the wicked pirate's smile commanded Camille Hartley's attention from the moment she saw him. Rogan Broderick was just the sort of love 'em and leave 'em type she avoided at all costs, but they shared a mysterious inheritance, and she couldn't evade him. Rogan's legacy could be worth millions--or nothing. But someone had already killed for it--and Camille could be next in line. The green-eyed beauty refused to believe in the danger--and though she evoked a riptide of unsettling feelings in commitment-shy Rogan, his instinct to protect outweighed his will to fight the desire to claim her forever as his own....

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Determined to focus on work rather than books, as his father had, twelve-year-old Patrick Waters leaves Belfast as a steward on the Titanic, but the very wealthy Harry Widener arranges to tutor him, drawing Patrick into association with thieves seeking Harry's very rare edition of Francis Bacon's Essays.

"The best book ever written about the terrifying business of single-handed sailing . . . As tight and gripping as The Perfect Storm or Into Thin Air." (San Francisco Chronicle). Godforsaken Sea is the hair-raising account of the world's most demanding, dangerous, and deadly sailing race—following the field of the 1996–1997 Vendée Globe through a grueling four-month

circumnavigation of the earth, most of it through the terror of the Southern Ocean. Among the sixteen sailors are the gallant Brit who spends days beating back against the worst seas to save a fellow sailor; the Frenchman who bothers to salvage only a bottle of champagne from his broken and sinking boat; the sailor who comes to love the albatross that trails her for months, naming it Bernard; the sailor who calmly smokes a cigarette as his boat capsizes; and the Canadian who, hours before he disappears forever, dispatches this message: If you drag things out too long here, you're sure to come to grief. Bringing to life hurricane-force winds, six-story waves, icebergs, and deafening noise—and blending maritime history, ocean science, and literary allusions—this true story lays bare the spirit of the men and women who push themselves to the outer limits of human endeavor—even if it means never returning home. “Explores how and why humans feel drawn to the extreme risks and almost inevitable disasters that single-handedly sailing the Southern Ocean entails. . . . Mr. Lundy not only makes stirring narrative drama but also draws the lineaments of an archetypal hero, a human driven by fear, addicted to adrenaline, in need of the edge.” —The New York Times “Godforsaken Sea is one of the best books ever written about sailing. . . . Lundy’s knowledge of sea lore and history is rich, his pace perfect, his intelligence full of energy. He differentiates each sailor with a novelist’s touch.” —Time

Fast on the trail of a wanted man, modern-day bounty hunter Victoria Mason leaps through a waterfall, only to find herself in 1872 Colorado, and continues her desperate hunt for a twisted psychopathic killer despite her attraction to the local marshal. Original. National Readers' Choice Awards finalist in Romantic Suspense Danger once again laps at the shores of Barkley Sound, the Graveyard of the Pacific.... It may be summer, but schoolteacher Anna Silver's trip to the coastal town of Bamfield is anything but a vacation. She's on the run, desperate to stay one step ahead of her father's murderer and determined to track down the one man she's been told to trust: her father's old cell mate, Brent Carver. But when she finds him, she discovers not a kind, elderly artist but a dangerously hot alpha male with blood on his hands. Loyal to the core, Brent would never turn away his friend's daughter when she comes seeking help. He can't deny Anna his protection...just as he can't deny the instantaneous attraction he struggles to keep in check. But as their passion blazes out of control, a sadistic killer is on the hunt to stop Anna from uncovering his dark secrets.

Shark picks up where previous Adrenaline titles such as Rough Water and Deep Blue left off, with a collection focusing on man's terrifying interactions with one of the planet's most frightening beasts—an animal that arouses our most primal fears—fears that were recently brought to the surface by an outbreak of fatal attacks on this country's beaches. From novelists to sailors to oceanographers to divers, man's encounters with sharks have produced a diverse body of gripping, often inspired writing by great names in adventure literature. Along with 16 black-and-white photos, selections feature a wide range of work with an emphasis on thrills and chills, including Peter Matthiessen on the great white shark, Edward Marriott on hunting man-eaters off Nicaragua, Richard Fernicola's account of the 1916 shark attacks that inspired Peter Benchley's Jaws, and Jacques Cousteau's studies of the creatures.

At the height of the Korean War, when delayed orders send Mike Kinkaid to a ship instead of promised Navy flight

training, he must confront the legacy of his father's wartime tragedy. A revenge-seeking senior officer's vendetta challenges Mike in a series of life threatening incidents—an arctic night rescue—dodging floating mines—a downed pilot recovery under enemy fire. His career faces an early end when he runs his ship aground on a night combat mission. Mystery and intrigue surround a lengthy and contentious investigation that threatens court martial and an early end to Mike's dream to fly.

Dangerous Waters An Adventure on the Titanic Macmillan

Ship of Smoke and Steel is the launch of Django Wexler's cinematic, action-packed epic fantasy Wells of Sorcery trilogy. In the lower wards of Kahnzoka, the great port city of the Blessed Empire, eighteen-year-old ward boss Isoka enforces the will of her criminal masters with the power of Melos, the Well of Combat. The money she collects goes to keep her little sister living in comfort, far from the bloody streets they grew up on. When Isoka's magic is discovered by the government, she's arrested and brought to the Emperor's spymaster, who sends her on an impossible mission: steal Soliton, a legendary ghost ship—a ship from which no one has ever returned. If she fails, her sister's life is forfeit. On board Soliton, nothing is as simple as it seems. Isoka tries to get close to the ship's mysterious captain, but to do it she must become part of the brutal crew and join their endless battles against twisted creatures. She doesn't expect to have to contend with feelings for a charismatic fighter who shares her combat magic, or for a fearless princess who wields an even darker power. “Truly epic, fierce, and exhilarating, Ship of Smoke and Steel will capture you and lock you away. With magical combat sequences fit for the big screen, the action is almost as breathtaking as the intrigue.” —Morgan Rhodes, New York Times bestselling author of the Falling Kingdoms series At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Riley Burke has it all: a successful advertising agency, a beautiful house, a trim sailboat, and a gorgeous wife. But no longer sure of his wife's love, he begins an affair, the first in their ten-year marriage. As Riley and his would-be lover wait on the dock in Newport Harbor for the launch to his boat, a young man nearby is attacked by a brutal thug. When Riley intervenes, he finds himself inextricably drawn into a chain of events that will change his life forever; he finds himself, suddenly, in dangerous waters. Following a chilling, bewildering trail of deception and murder, he confronts the devastation brought about by his own betrayal and forms a terrible plan for justice. If only he can just stay one step ahead of the police and the killer. If only he can stay one step ahead of his friends. But he soon learns the price to save the tattered remains of all that he loves may cost him everything—including his life.

Nearly two years have passed since the events which took place in the first set of books, The Maura DeLuca Trilogy... Maura has finally made peace with her transformation into a creature she never imagined could be real...much less one

she might become. With her newfound existence comes the benefit of family, friends and allies who fill her life and heart with a love like she has never experienced during all the years she has lived with her melancholy, but loving, mother. But along with the most welcome comradery, all manner of new challenges arise—many of them deadly. One of Maura's new enemies, her auntie, Aldiva, cannot accept the young changeling as a member of her family. Aldiva's treachery and murderous intent result not only in her own capture but that of her mate, Gregor—Maura's beloved uncle and caregiver. Grown weary of waiting for her kin to concoct a plan of rescue, Maura plots a return to the Pacific Rainforest, accompanied solely by her blood-bonded mate, to face his elven kin and negotiate the vampire couple's release. But...as so often before in her past, events do not always play out the way Maura intends. She will soon discover that Ron's elven kin pose an even greater threat than she dreamed possible. Presented with impossible choices, again and again, Maura will find herself placed at the most perilous collection of crossroads to ever mark her path. One careless misstep could draw her away, forever, from all she holds dear...or even snuff out her life, entirely. ??? If you love books about vampires, elves, pixies, demons, angels and other fantastic creatures, *Red Tide: Dangerous Waters* is sure to keep you reading far into the night. This series isn't your typical YA tale of vampires. Full of mystery, suspense and danger, this urban fantasy thriller delivers just enough romance & humor to accompany the elements of dark fantasy, served with a side of the supernatural. Maura's story are novels certain to become classic paranormal and fantasy tales. The first series is not only for teen & young adult readers but has been well-received by many adult readers, as well. Maura doesn't live in Castle Dracula in Transylvania, but readers will discover a strong female protagonist that readers have come to love.

For Emily Waters, a nature-loving, small-town girl with an overprotective father, heading off to Boston University to study conservation biology is a dream come true--until a chance encounter catapults her into a mythical world she'd do anything to escape. The latest victim in a rash of abductions near campus, Emily is brutally attacked before being rescued by a powerful new friend. She survives the ordeal, only to find herself held captive and presented with an impossible choice. While preparing for the unimaginable life she must now embrace clues soon emerge that Emily may not be entirely human, and her physical transformation awakens goddess-like powers that her new family cannot begin to explain. Dealing with her human first love, the not-so-platonic relationship with her coven -sister, - and her new vampire sort-of-boyfriend further complicates matters, not to mention being secretly hunted by the psychopaths who attacked her. And as the only known offspring of a once all-powerful race, the climactic battle is only the beginning of her journey. Tragedy seems to follow Jeanne Le Page around . . . Can she really go through it again and survive? Jeanne Le Page is lucky to be alive ... 15 years ago she was almost killed in a boating accident which brought heart-breaking family tragedy.

Now 31, Jeanne is returning reluctantly to the Island of Guernsey following the death of her beloved Grandmother. Struggling for breath as the ferry nears the Island, Jeanne feels a dark foreboding overwhelm her as hazy memories of that terrible day resurface. Only back on the Island to sell her inheritance - her Grandmother's old cottage - she has no intention of sticking around to pick up her old life. But the cottage holds a secret, dating back to World War II, and Jeanne becomes drawn into discovering more. Then, shortly after her arrival, a chance meeting with an old teenage crush leads her to thoughts of love. Jeanne is forced to face her demons, reliving the tragedy as her lost memory returns. The truth is finally revealed, endangering Jeanne's life for a second time... Dangerous Waters is a heart-warming contemporary romance that captures the reader's imagination, written in a style compared to that of Maeve Binchy.

1812: With her guardian planning to remarry, 20-year-old Phoebe Dymond finds she is no longer welcome in his Falmouth home and is soon hustled aboard the packet ship Providence bound for Jamaica and an arranged marriage. A skilled herbalist and midwife, Phoebe clashes with ship's surgeon, Jowan Crossley. But their professional antagonism evolves into mutual respect and a deepening attraction neither dare acknowledge. Following a skirmish with a French privateer, Providence is robbed of crew by a Royal Navy frigate and arrives to find the island facing a slave revolt and Kingston flooded with French refugees. Escorted by Jowan to the plantation of which she will be mistress, terrifying events force Phoebe to relinquish all hope of the happiness she has glimpsed. But her journey is not yet over...

Tragedy. Romance. Intrigue. Channing Michaels is a billionaire thanks to a little help in the beginning from a man he never knew, his rich paternal grandfather. Beth Stattler is a young college student who applies for the job as Channing's personal assistant. She gets more than just the job from the gorgeous man. The only problem is Channing's wife has gone missing after a storm seemingly took her overboard while the couple was sailing. He wants her declared dead, but no one else does. The search for her body continues, making it impossible for him to move forward in the open with Beth. The question remains, is his wife really dead? And is Beth really the woman he thinks she is. Is practically everyone in his life out to get him? Or is Channing Michaels losing his mind?

"It began as a mystery involving a dead whale and a missing calf. It turned into a quest to protect endangered whales from a brutal threat. Along the way, biologist Moira Brown found herself inspired--and sometimes amazed--by a remarkable whale named Calvin."--page 4 of cover.

She may not be who she thinks she is... Following her parents' deaths, Elle Devereaux's world crumbles. With their company bankrupt and under Federal investigation, Elle is forced to pack up a few personal mementos from her happy childhood home and discovers something that triggers a disturbing memory. Research leads her to a Facebook plea from a woman looking for her long ago abducted sister, and Elle's door to the past cracks open. She needs answers, but will the strong, serious and far too sexy PI who takes her case lead her to her sister or to heartbreak? Police detective turned private investigator Gabe Sandoval is skeptical when a woman claiming to possibly be his partner's abducted sister arrives at their firm. He's protective of his partner, who's about to be married, and has run interference with imposters too many times to count. His years as a big city cop bathed him in cynicism, but Elle is filled with a light that he lost long ago. As they search for



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answers, Gabe worries he may lose more than he finds. And the case takes a dangerous turn. Can they find the answers before the past steals their happily ever after?

**SOME SECRETS ARE MEANT TO STAY BURIED** Laura Webber is determined to uncover the truth behind her parents' murders. But after being interviewed about the unsolved case, she's abducted and dumped in the Mississippi River with a warning to stop digging up the past. With her life in jeopardy, she knows that her former fiancé, Brad Austin, is the only person she can turn to for help. The cold-case detective has spent years trying to forget Laura, yet he can't turn her away. But before Brad can wrap her in his protection, will their reunion be cut short by a killer threatening to silence Laura forever? *The Cold Case Files: Uncovering secrets of the past*

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