

Sleeping Beauties

International bestselling author Jo Spain's third Inspector Tom Reynolds mystery puts him and his task force in the crosshairs of one of most sinister killers yet. The inspector frowned and examined the earth under the trees. As he scanned the glade, his stomach lurched. One, two, three, four. Five, counting the mound of earth disturbed under the tent. Somebody had cleared the earth of its natural layer and sown their own flowers. In five places. Five graves. A young woman, Fiona Holland, has gone missing from a small Irish village. A search is mounted, but there are whispers. Fiona had a wild reputation. Was she abducted, or has she run away? A week later, a gruesome discovery is made in the woods at Ireland's most scenic beauty spot-the valley of Glendalough. The bodies are all young women who disappeared in recent years. DI Tom Reynolds and his team are faced with the toughest case of their careers-a serial killer, who hunts vulnerable women, and holds his victims captive before he ends their lives. Soon the race is on to find Fiona Holland before it's too late...

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what might happen if women disappeared from the world of men?

'Five stars' Amazon reviewer 'What a read!' Amazon reviewer 'I was engrossed right from the start and read it in one long, very satisfied sitting' Amazon reviewer THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF WITH OUR BLESSING AND BENEATH THE SURFACE RETURNS WITH A BRAND NEW SERIAL-KILLER THRILLER. The inspector frowned and examined the earth under the trees. As he scanned the glade, his stomach lurched. One, two, three, four. Five, counting the mound of earth disturbed under the tent. Somebody had cleared the earth of its natural layer and sown their own flowers In five places Five graves A young woman, Fiona Holland, has gone missing from a small Irish village. A search is mounted, but there are whispers. Fiona had a wild reputation. Was she abducted, or has she run away? A week later, a gruesome discovery is made in the woods at Ireland's most scenic beauty spot - the valley of Glendalough. The bodies are all young women who disappeared in recent years. D.I. Tom Reynolds and his team are faced with the toughest case of their careers - a serial killer, who hunts vulnerable women, and holds his victims captive before he ends their lives. Soon the race is on to find Fiona Holland before it's too late. . . 'Deft plotting and expert handling of tension make for an intelligent mystery' Guardian

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The 'Sleeping Beauties' – an array of neglected Bugattis, Lancias, Ferraris, Alfa Romeos, Cords and Aston Martins on a rural French estate – have fascinated car lovers worldwide since 1983, when they were immortalised in a sequence of photographs taken by Herbert W Hesselmann. For 25 years, the full story behind the collection and its fate has remained untold ... until now.

A neurologist's insightful and compassionate look into the misunderstood world of psychosomatic disorders, told through individual case histories It's happened to all of us: our cheeks flush red when we say the wrong thing, or our hearts skip a beat when a certain someone walks by. But few of us realize how much more dramatic and extreme our bodies' reactions to emotions can be. Many people who see their doctor have medically unexplained symptoms, and in the vast majority of these cases, a psychosomatic cause is suspected. And yet, the diagnosis of a psychosomatic disorder can make a patient feel dismissed as a hypochondriac, a faker, or just plain crazy. In *IS IT ALL IN YOUR HEAD?* neurologist Suzanne O'Sullivan, MD, takes us on a journey through the world of psychosomatic illness, where we meet patients such as Rachel, a promising young dancer now housebound by chronic fatigue syndrome, and Mary, whose memory loss may be her mind's way of protecting her from remembering her husband's abuse. O'Sullivan reveals the hidden

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stresses behind their mysterious symptoms, approaching a sensitive topic with patience and understanding. She addresses the taboos surrounding psychosomatic disorders, teaching us that "it's all in your head" doesn't mean that something isn't real, as the body is often the stand-in for the mind when the latter doesn't possess the tools to put words to its sorrow. She encourages us to look with compassion at the ways in which our brains act out, and to question our failure to credit the intimate connection between mind and body. A fictional account of a Jewish family's journey from Nazi Germany to post-World War II South Africa, this breathtaking novel follows their everyday struggles living in Johannesburg in the 1950s. Through the voices of Hannah, the daughter of the house, her mother Susan, grandmother Leah, and domestic worker Sina, the story explores the cultural and generational parallels and differences and the unraveling of a family. The stories of Leah in the shtetl in Lithuania, Sina in her village outside Pietersburg, and Hannah in a quiet Johannesburg suburb are told in a compassionate narrative that is both disturbing and illuminating.

My body might be allergic to the sun, but it sure isn't allergic to the seven hot-as-sin men who have turned from friends into my lovers. My illness prevents me from being out in the sun. Last time I ignored it, I nearly died, so when I announce that I'm going to Iceland to film a

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documentary about Sasha Snow, everyone thinks I've lost my marbles. Luckily for me, my next-door neighbor and six of my brother's best friends agree to sail across the ocean with me. Until now, I never viewed the men as anything other than my brother's friends, but as I watch them work the sailboat, their muscles bunching, sweat glistening on their skin, my desire awakens. Suddenly, I wonder what it would be like to lie underneath them. Apparently, my seven sailors harbor the same forbidden thoughts, because they confess that they are eager to share me. How can I resist seven, well-built men with perfect abs, chiseled faces, and passionate lips? It's impossible. Their touches and kisses make me feel like I'm in paradise. But paradise is short-lived. As I attempt to film illegal business practices for my documentary, I'm exposed to the sun and fall into a coma. Like Sleeping Beauty, I must hope that one of my seven princes will awaken me. Will the seven princes manage to bring Sleeping Beauty back to life?

Following a period of privatization and restructuring, commercial banks in Central and Eastern Europe and, more recently, in the Balkans have rapidly expanded their lending to the private sector. This paper describes the causes of this expansion, assesses future trends, and evaluates its policy implications. It concludes that bank credit to the private sector is likely to continue rising faster than GDP in the next few years throughout the region, picking up also in countries where so far it has been stalled. Although this growth should be regarded as a structural and positive development, policymakers will have to evaluate carefully its implications for

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macroeconomic developments and financial stability. Based on the horror novel by Stephen King and Owen King and adapted by Rio Youers (The Forgotten Girl) and Alison Sampson (Hit Girl, Winnebago Graveyard)! A strange sleeping sickness, known as Aurora, has fallen over the world, and strangest of all, it only affects women. In the small town of Dooling, a mysterious woman has walked out of the woods; she calls herself Eve and leaves a trail of carnage behind her. More mysterious: she's the only woman not falling asleep. There has been a tremendous amount of attention paid to the rising levels of depression, anxiety, cutting, and relationship aggression in girls over the past 50 years. But what if these issues aren't the real problem? What if adolescent girls don't have poor self esteem? What if we've got it all wrong? What if we have missed the forest for the trees? In this eye-opening book based on 30 years of successful work with girls, Dr. Tim Jordan M.D. shines a light on what is really going on with girls as they undergo their normal transformation from girl to woman during adolescence. Using fairy tales and real stories of girls from his practice and camps, Sleeping Beauties will help you become aware of the needs girls have in areas like emotions, friendship struggles, self-quieting, finding their passions, body image, and stress. And he shows how parents can best support their daughters during this crucial stage of development.

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In this wildly entertaining collaboration, novelists Owen King and Mark Jude Poirier team up with illustrator Nancy Ahn to present a wickedly funny graphic novel about an alien invasion on a college campus. Stacey, a brilliant, overachieving astrobiology major at Fenton College, had planned on just another lonely Spring Break on campus. But when a hurricane batters the small college town, downing power lines and knocking out cell phone reception, Stacey and her friends are stranded with no way to communicate with the outside world at the worst possible moment: in the midst of an alien invasion. As space insects begin to burrow into students and staff, transforming them into slobbering, babbling monsters, a conglomeration of misfits must band together to prevent the infestation from spreading. Meanwhile, Stacey's long-stifled romantic feelings for her friend Charlotte begin to surface, while the professor she had admired and respected becomes the students' worst enemy. Illustrated with enormous wit and dynamism—mixing classic tropes from science fiction, indie comics, B-movies, and campus culture—this graphic novel is something different, a large-scale action/adventure story as seen from the point-of-view of a contemporary, realistic heroine. The result is a funny and singular work

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unlike anything else you've ever read.

Un phénomène inexplicable s'empare des femmes à travers la planète : une sorte de cocon les enveloppe durant leur sommeil et si l'on tente de les réveiller, on prend le risque de les transformer en véritables furies vengeresses. Bientôt, presque toutes les femmes sont touchées par la fièvre Aurora et le monde est livré à la violence des hommes. A Dooling, petite ville des Appalaches, une seule femme semble immunisée contre cette maladie. Cas d'étude pour la science ou créature démoniaque, la mystérieuse Evie échappera-t-elle à la fureur des hommes dans un monde qui les prive soudainement de femmes ?

THE TOP TEN BESTSELLER SHORTLISTED FOR THE RICHARD AND JUDY SEARCH FOR A BESTSELLER COMPETITION 'After a dramatic and brutal opening, Jo Spain's amazing debut, *With Our Blessing*, settles into a very satisfying murder mystery steeped in recent Irish history' Amazon Reviewer It's true what they say . . . revenge is sweet. 1975 A baby, minutes old, is forcibly taken from its devastated mother. 2010 The body of an elderly woman is found in a Dublin public park in the depths of winter. Detective Inspector Tom Reynolds is on the case. He's convinced the murder is linked to historical events that took place in the notorious Magdalene Laundries. Reynolds and his team follow the trail to an isolated convent in the Irish countryside. But once inside, it becomes disturbingly clear that the killer is amongst them . . . and is determined to exact further vengeance for the sins of the past. Discover more DI Tom Reynolds with the next instalments of the acclaimed series, *Beneath the Surface* (book 2) and *Sleeping Beauties* (book 3).

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Three surreal, erotically charged stories from Nobel Prize winner Yasunari Kawabata. In the three long tales in this collection, Yasunari Kawabata examines the boundaries between fantasy and reality in the minds of three lonely men. Piercing examinations of sexuality and human psychology—and works of remarkable subtlety and beauty—these stories showcase one of the twentieth century's great writers—in any language—at his very best. *Sleeping Beauties* A Novel Simon and Schuster

This official graphic novel adaptation of the horror novel by Stephen King and Owen King is a haunting interpretation of the chilling, timely bestseller. A bizarre sleeping sickness, called Aurora, has fallen over the world. Its victims can't wake up. And all of them are women. As nations fall into chaos, those women still awake take desperate measures to stay that way, and men everywhere begin to give in to their darkest impulses. Meanwhile, in the small town of Dooling, a mysterious woman has walked out of the woods; she calls herself Eve and leaves a trail of carnage in her wake.

Strangest of all, she's the only woman who can wake up. In Sweden, hundreds of refugee children fall into a state that resembles sleep for months or years at a time. In Le Roy, a town in upstate New York, teenage girls develop involuntary twitches and seizures that spread like a contagion. In the U.S. Embassy in Cuba, employees experience headaches and memory loss after hearing strange noises during the night. These are only a few of the many suspected culture-bound psychosomatic syndromes—specific sets of symptoms that exist in a particular culture or environment—that affect people throughout the world. In *The Sleeping Beauties*, Dr. Suzanne O'Sullivan—an award-winning Irish neurologist—investigates psychosomatic disorders, traveling the world to visit communities suffering from these so-called mystery illnesses. From a derelict post-Soviet mining town in Kazakhstan to the

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Mosquito Coast of Nicaragua to the heart of the María Mountains in Colombia, O'Sullivan records the remarkable stories of syndromes related to her by people from all walks of life. Riveting and often distressing, these case studies are recounted with compassion and humanity. In examining the complexity of psychogenic illness, O'Sullivan has written a book of both fascination and serious concern as these syndromes continue to proliferate around the globe.

In this spectacular father/son collaboration, Stephen King and Owen King tell the highest of high-stakes stories: what might happen if women disappeared from the world of men? All around the world, something is happening to women when they fall asleep; they become shrouded in a cocoon-like gauze. If awakened, if the gauze wrapping their bodies is disturbed, the women become feral and spectacularly violent... In the small town of Dooling, West Virginia, the virus is spreading through a women's prison, affecting all the inmates except one. Soon, word spreads about the mysterious Evie, who seems able to sleep - and wake. Is she a medical anomaly or a demon to be slain? The abandoned men, left to their increasingly primal devices, are fighting each other, while Dooling's Sheriff, Lila Norcross, is just fighting to stay awake. And the sleeping women are about to open their eyes to a new world altogether...

"A riveting exploration of the phenomenon of psychosomatic disorders, mass hysteria, and other culture-bound syndromes occurring around the world."--Publisher's description.

Sleeping Beauties USA honours rusted and forgotten automotive treasures that have been found parked alongside the highways of America, waiting to be discovered again. Rather than showcasing typically brilliant, highly rebuilt show queens, the book instead explores the transience and inherent

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beauty of a car's life, captured through stunning and evocative photography.

Like her much-acclaimed previous novels, Susanna Moore's *Sleeping Beauties* is set in Hawaii, whose shimmering beauty and melancholy traditions are both seductive and dangerously hard to leave. Or so they prove for Clio, who marries a well-known Hollywood actor--providing her with the promise of escape from the entanglements of island life.

After airing on the "Today Show" in September 2009, the photographers portraits of sleeping babies caused a national sensation. Here, their lens has captured newborns as they inhabit magical dreamscapes.

This book addresses a fascinating set of questions in theoretical physics which will both entertain and enlighten all students, teachers and researchers and other physics aficionados. These range from Newtonian mechanics to quantum field theory and cover several puzzling issues that do not appear in standard textbooks. Some topics cover conceptual conundrums, the solutions to which lead to surprising insights; some correct popular misconceptions in the textbook discussion of certain topics; others illustrate deep connections between apparently unconnected domains of theoretical physics; and a few provide remarkably simple derivations of results which are not often appreciated. The connoisseur of theoretical physics

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will enjoy a feast of pleasant surprises skilfully prepared by an internationally acclaimed theoretical physicist. Each topic is introduced with proper background discussion and special effort is taken to make the discussion self-contained, clear and comprehensible to anyone with an undergraduate education in physics.

This “wonderfully funny” novel goes behind the scenes at a British beauty salon (Vogue). Tabitha’s Beauty Parlour is a haven. The women who cross its portals enter a gentle, perfumed world, hoping for a touch of transformation. For Tabitha, the power of being beautiful—or at least at little less dumpy and dowdy—is the intangible, invaluable product she has to offer her customers. But when Chloe, Tabitha’s trainee, sets out to prove that she can give her clients the makeover of a lifetime, the quest for feminine perfection achieves hilarious consequences. “A sharply observed social satire . . . wacky yet profound . . . Be wary, this book won’t do much for your laughter lines.” —Chic “A clever and funny novel.” —The Times (London)

THE STORIES: FOB is told in a style that moves quickly between myth and reality, with the characters occasionally speaking directly to the audience.

Grace and Dale are cousins, living in the Los Angeles area and attending college. Dale is fully Ame

Disgruntled at not being invited to the princess's

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christening, the wicked fairy casts a spell that dooms the princess to sleep for a hundred years, until a prince awakens her with a kiss.

Birkan Tore gives practical advice about how you can really wake up to be yourself and really shine with your own beauty and power. The book deals with three important relationships: your relationships with yourself, your beliefs, and your life. Birkan wants you to understand the important changes that you most personally and truthfully wish to make in these relationships. Along with insights about the deeper meanings of time, beauty, money, and balance, Birkan gives realistic instructions on how you can let these ideas and needs more positively shape your image of self. Although he speaks in real-life language about the material world you face, he also discusses the spiritual truths that are actually the fundament of reality. He asks you to truly comprehend and embrace not only your beliefs, but also the power with which your beliefs can change the worldly circumstances of your life. Finally, he applies the ideas of personal affirmation and belief manifestation to your daily actions.

Imaginative, gripping stories, along with the brilliant title novella set in Maine after the 2000 election, carry the weight of real emotion and revelation and showcase the impressive versatility of a rising talent. Owen King is a writer interested in the choices we make when we're most conflicted. A young husband

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must decide whether or not to commit a ghoulish crime; a baseball player in a fantastic 1930s Coney Island is assailed by the guilt of an illicit romance; a nineteenth-century itinerant dentist finds himself snowed in with a group of trappers for a long evening of primitive surgery and laughing gas reveries. Whether they're set in the past or the present, tinged with the macabre, the solemn, or the absurd, all of the stories in this collection carry the weight of real emotion and revelation and showcase King's impressive versatility. In his novella, King tells the story of George, the teenage son of a single mother, and the only grandson of a family of union organizers in Maine. George's grandfather Henry, obsessed with the outcome of the 2000 election, has planted a giant billboard of homage to Al Gore in his front yard that he suspects has been defaced by the paperboy, now a sworn enemy. Meanwhile, George's mother is about to marry Dr. Vic, who, besides being possessed of an almost royal obliviousness, may even have voted for George W. Bush. George is a nervous accomplice to his grandfather's increasingly unhinged behavior, and a righteous adversary at war with his mother over her marriage. George's struggle is a funny and moving parallel for our times: How will we fight? All together, or all alone? Funny, insightful, and always entertaining, *We're All in This Together* launches the career of an extraordinarily talented writer.

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SAM DOLAN is a young man coming to terms with his life in the process and aftermath of making his first film. He has a difficult relationship with his father, B-movie actor Booth Dolan—a boisterous, opinionated, lying lothario whose screen legacy falls somewhere between cult hero and pathetic. Allie, Sam's dearly departed mother, was a woman whose only fault, in Sam's eyes, was her eternal affection for his father. Also included in the cast of indelible characters: a precocious, frequently violent half-sister; a conspiracy-theorist second wife; an Internet-famous roommate; a contractor who can't stop expanding his house; a happy-go-lucky college girlfriend and her husband, a retired Yankees catcher; the morose producer of a true-crime show; and a slouching indie-film legend. Not to mention a tragic sex monster. Unraveling the tumultuous,

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decades-spanning story of the Dolan family's friends, lovers, and adversaries, *Double Feature* is about letting go of everything—regret, resentment, dignity, moving pictures, the dead—and taking it again from the top. Against the backdrop of indie filmmaking, college campus life, contemporary Brooklyn, and upstate New York, Owen King's epic debut novel combines propulsive storytelling with mordant wit and brims with a deep understanding of the trials of ambition and art, of relationships and life, and of our attempts to survive it all.

Ken Haak's *Summer Souvenirs* became the surprise Christmas book of 1985. Now his masterful lens has captured some of the world's most handsome men at their most disarmed and disarming--in the vulnerable purity of slumber. These astounding images of beauty and intimacy are magnificently printed in color and duotone throughout this magnificent book that will be as much a joy to give as to receive. 69 photos, 20 in color.

Twenty-two of today's most talented writers (and comics fans) unite in *Who Can Save Us Now?*, an anthology featuring brand-new superheroes equipped for the threats and challenges of the twenty-first century -- with a few supervillains thrown in for good measure. Edited and with contributions by Owen King (*We're All in This Together*) and John McNally (*America's Report Card*), *Who Can Save Us Now?* enriches the superhero canon immeasurably.

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With mutations stranger than the X-Men and with even more baggage than the Hulk, this next generation of superheroes is a far cry from your run-of-the-mill caped crusader. From the image-conscious and not-very-mysterious masked meathead who swoops in and sweeps the tough girl reporter off her feet; to the Meerkat, who overcomes his species' cute and cuddly image to become the resident hero in a small Midwestern city; to the Silverfish, "the creepy superhero," who fights crime while maintaining the slipperiest of identities; to Manna Man, who manipulates the minds of televangelists to serve his own righteous mission, these protectors (and in some cases antagonizers) of the innocent and the virtuous will delight literary enthusiasts and comic fans alike. With stunning illustrations by artist Chris Burnham, *Who Can Save Us Now?* offers a vibrant, funny, and truly unusual array of characters and their stories.

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