

The Orchid Thief Book Pt00

An action-packed thriller about two men living very different lives: one, a successful corporate consultant; the other, a former CIA agent known only as "Pilgrim," whose current assignment for a fringe espionage agency is so treacherous he doesn't trust even his own boss. Ben Forsberg is a successful corporate consultant who is mourning the murder of his new bride. "Pilgrim" is a former CIA agent who is weary from the long years of living in the shadows. When Ben's business card turns up in the pocket of a dead hit man, Ben and Pilgrim, two complete strangers, realize that they've been framed in an elaborate setup. Unsure who to trust-and pursued by a brutal and vengeful killer-the unlikely partners have no choice but to work together to discover who's targeted them for elimination-and why. But with everything at stake, Ben has no idea that Pilgrim is harboring some shocking secrets of his own-secrets that will soon force Ben to confront the blurred line between best friends and bitter enemies.

Fiendish Codex II Tyrants of the Nine Hells

Texas herb shop owner and part-time private eye China Bayles sets out to catch a Halloween night killer when one of her friends turns up dead at witching hour. By the author of *Thyme of Death*.

"Kemal Kayankaya is the ultimate outsider among hard-boiled private eyes." —Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times Book Review* OVER 1 MILLION COPIES SOLD WORLDWIDE To rescue a kidnapped prostitute, Kemal Kayankaya must face some of Germany's most depraved and dangerous criminals. Fortunately, some of them are his friends... Love is never easy—especially when your girlfriend is an illegal Thai prostitute who has been kidnapped

(again) by a gang of sex traffickers. Fortunately for the hapless fiance?, wisecracking gumshoe Kemal Kayankaya is on the case. The son of a Turkish garbage collector, he knows a thing or two about living in the ethnic fringes of the ugliest German city of them all: Frankfurt. Kayankaya plunges into the city's underbelly, where the police don't care if you live or die, and the powerful view an illegal alien as just another paycheck. One Man, One Murder populates its pages with unforgettable characters, whip-smart dialogue, and a connoisseur's collection of grim details. But it is Arjouni's dead-on description of contemporary Europe's racial politics, vacuous nationalism, and so- cial injustice that make his novels rise above the rest.

Sam Durrell, alias Major Shan, finds himself stuck in a Chinese hellhole and his face physically altered when he is betrayed by someone he had trusted

Features facts about famous authors, favorite characters, and elusive plots

Dr. Frigo is a change of scene for acclaimed spy thriller writer Eric Ambler, moving from the European theater to an equally intriguing Caribbean political stage. Dr. Ernesto Castillo has shunned politics and shut himself off from the world since his father, a Central American leader, was assassinated years ago. In fact his cool, detached demeanor has earned him the nickname Dr. Frigo. The doctor is more than content to live quietly on a small island, keeping busy with his practice and his mistress . . . but now his late father's political party comes calling. Its rising leader, Manuel Villegas, hopes to put Dr. Castillo to work as his physician and as a rallying figure for the elder Castillo's supporters, who are still numerous and necessary to help Villegas win power

in a planned coup. Ignoring the advice of his mistress, whose marriage to a French intelligence officer made her an expert player of political games, the doctor unwisely stumbles his way forward, risking his profession—and then his life.

Essays by game designers and producers survey the top one hundred hobby games of the last fifty years, describing familiar and offbeat games of all types, including roleplaying, collectible card, miniature, war, and board.

This supplement for the D&D game presents the definitive treatise on devils and their malefic home. Along with information about the physiology, psychology, society, and schemes of devils themselves, you'll find feats, spells, items and tactics commonly employed by these infernal creatures and those who oppose them.

H.R.F Keating, author of *The Perfect Murder* and mystery reviewer for the Times of London, offers a concise commentary on the finest mystery books ever written. From Poe's tales of mystery and imagination to P.D. James's *A Taste for Death*, Keating delivers a highly-readable evaluation of the 100 authors and their masterpieces. This collection is a must for all devoted mystery readers. "Something to offer almost everyone. If you are only just embarking on a life of crime fiction...a reliable guide." -The New York Times "Remarkably balanced and highly entertaining." -Library Journal "Keating, himself a mystery writer of note, has compiled a truly standout survey...This is a gold mine of lively writing, sensible insights and easy-going erudition." -The Philadelphia Inquirer "Ideal browsing fare." -Booklist

Workers in Alexandria are excavating for a new building when they discover the ruins of an old tomb, and all work crashes to a halt. According to federal law in Egypt, all discoveries must be properly catalogued by archeologists and this tomb has unusual relics and representations, apparently contemporary with Alexander the Great. Daniel Knox's first love is history and archeology, specifically on Alexander the Great. When he pisses off a local mobster on the coast of Egypt, he heads to Alexandria to an archaeology colleague's apartment to hide out for a while. He learns his friend is getting to participate on the dig for this newly discovered tomb. Sneaking in with his friend, Daniel sees signs that the find is far bigger than anyone realizes and might hold clues to finally unravelling one of the world's greatest mysteries: Where is Alexander the Great buried? In his lifetime, Alexander was beloved as a god, and across the Mediterranean, everyone wanted to be close to him. Upon his death, there was a mad scrabbling among his former allies to secure his empire for themselves. Even now, nearly 2500 years later, Alexander is still being fought over. With the discovery of this tomb and the revelation of its relics, the race is on to find Alexander. Rival archeologists, Egyptian officials, and Macedonian nationalists all scurry and scramble, attacking each other along the way as they hunt for a glorious prize--the body of Alexander the Great.

Master thriller writer Campbell Armstrong delivers a chilling espionage novel about an intrepid American who tries to stop the Russians from launching a terrifying mind-

control weapon John Rayner is perplexed, angry, and grief stricken; his brother Richard, a powerful diplomat in London, has just died. While some believe that it was suicide, Rayner suspects something more sinister. A State Department official with a stalled career, Rayner has no way to force an official investigation. But as Rayner looks into it himself, he uncovers an international network dedicated to murder, torture, mind control, and the planning of an unprecedented attack that could cost the world its freedom.

All the girls at Cresswell High want the handsome, rich, and smart Brad Forester, but when Cassie Arthur lands him, she soon realizes that evil lurks behind his dreamy exterior and that dating him may cost her life.

"[Rennie Airth's] meticulously detailed procedural mysteries are beautifully written . . . well worth reading, and rereading."—Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times* Book Review Rennie Airth's *The Decent Inn of Death* is forthcoming. On a freezing London night in 1944, Rosa Novak is brutally murdered during a blackout. Scotland Yard suspects the young Polish refugee was the victim of a random act of violence and might have dropped the case if former police investigator John Madden hadn't been her employer. Madden feels he owes it to Rosa to find her killer and pushes the investigation, uncovering her connection to a murdered Parisian furrier, a member of the Resistance, and a stolen cache of

diamonds. Delivering the atmospheric writing and compelling characters that have already established Rennie Airth as a master of suspense as well as style, this long-awaited third installment in the John Madden series is historical crime writing at its best.

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Written by an outstanding authority and profusely illustrated, this is a

comprehensive study of the Indians that lived from Yakutat Bay in Alaska to the northern coast of California. Originally published in the Anthropological Handbooks Series of The American Museum of Natural History, this volume vividly recreates the complexities and attainments of this unique culture of aboriginal America. The author first describes the land, people, and prehistory of the area and then considers each aspect of the culture: social structures and marriage customs, economy and technology, religion, rituals, art, wars, and feuds. Philip Drucker, an authority on the ethnology of the Pacific Coast, was educated at the University of California and was formerly with the Bureau of American Ethnology of The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Illustrated with over 70 drawings

A deadly web of deceit ensnares two spies with a complicated personal history in this electrifying tale of World War II Eva Bernhardt was a naive twenty-year-old when the rakish spymaster William Hobbs seduced her into working for the British secret service. Now, a year later, she is a tough and cynical operative stationed in Berlin, her hatred of the Nazis matched only by her distrust of the man who abandoned her to the whims of MI6. Tasked with discovering Hitler's plans for invading France, Eva unearths what appears to be a vital piece of information. What she doesn't realize is that the Germans know she is a spy and

are using her to mislead the Allies. It is up to Hobbs to rescue Eva and prevent a military disaster. Standing in his way are her seething resentment and two of the Gestapo's most sinister agents. From one astonishing plot twist to the next, *A Game of Spies* is a riveting story of cloak-and-dagger intrigue in the tradition of Eric Ambler and John le Carré.

Find your Destiny. The savage Titans have escaped their eternal prison to wage war with the Gods once more. Their battles in the Overworld have spilled over to ours. Armed with abilities and weapons granted by their divine parents, the Scions stand as humanity's only defense.

They took the job to escape the world They didn't expect the world to end. *Kasker Rampart*: a derelict refinery platform moored in the Arctic Ocean. A skeleton crew of fifteen fight boredom and despair as they wait for a relief ship to take them home. But the world beyond their frozen wasteland has gone to hell. Cities lie ravaged by a global pandemic. One by one TV channels die, replaced by silent wavebands. The Rampart crew are marooned. They must survive the long Arctic winter, then make their way home alone. They battle starvation and hypothermia, unaware that the deadly contagion that has devastated the world is heading their way...

A reference and overview of the genre of crime fiction, primarily covering the 1950s onwards, although major earlier writers, such as Agatha Christie and Raymond

Chandler, also have entries.

Nominated for the Hercule Poirot Award: Commissioner Pieter Van In must find the link between members of a satanic conspiracy and a young woman's death. A young woman is found dead in the canal outside her Bruges apartment building. But what seems like a clear-cut suicide evolves into something much more complex when Commissioner Pieter Van In uncovers the girl's involvement in a satanic sect. Who is the mysterious Venex, and why does he inspire such devotion from his disciples? Complicating the investigation further, Van In's boss allows beautiful journalist Saartje Maes to profile the case, sparking tension with the commissioner's expectant wife, District Attorney Hannelore Martens. As a horrific tragedy shocks the city, Van In seems to be surrounded by secrets. And though exposing them will lead him to the truth, it will also pit him against the very police force to which he's devoted his life. A Belgian national bestseller, *The Fourth Figure* has been reprinted in Dutch seventeen times. It is the 4th book in the Pieter Van In Mysteries, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

Forty poems portraying the moods, sensations, and experiences of childhood. The crime appeared as easily solved as it was wicked. A Grub Street printer, his family, and two apprentices brutally murdered in their sleep. A locked building. And at the scene, a raving mad poet brandishing a bloody axe. Surely the culprit had been found, and justice would be swift and severe. But to Sir John Fielding, justice was more

than finding a culprit -- it was finding the truth. Aided by thirteen-year-old Jeremy Proctor, Fielding decided to investigate further. And the truth behind the apparently solved Grub Street massacre was more evil -- and more deadly -- than the dastardly crime itself . . .

"Entertaining and authoritative, this alphabetically arranged companion is an indispensable reference guide to crime and mystery writing. Unique in its biographical and critical treatment of major detective writers, it is a comprehensive digest to the genre. The "Able Criminal", as defined by noted criminologist Frits Krom, strikes with no discernible pattern or method, and flies below the radar of crime syndicates and law enforcement agencies alike. He is virtually uncatchable—but Krom is willing to try. He knows that Paul Firman, the director of an ostensibly legitimate international investment firm, is in fact an expert in tax avoidance and a textbook Able Criminal. Surprisingly, Firman agrees to submit to an interview with Krom and his two colleagues at his secluded villa on the French Riviera. He's more than a little curious about what they really want from him and confident he can avoid implicating himself. But it soon becomes evident that the host and his guests are under siege by a third party, one whose motives and violent intentions are unclear. If they are to survive, the criminal and the criminologists will have to band together. The Siege of the Villa Lipp is a classic Eric Ambler tale of suspense in which a man thrust into a high-stakes situation, far outside of his usual expertise, finds himself at the mercy of forces beyond his control.

"The definitive source for all the essential and entertaining lists every mystery writer, collector, and fan must have."--Cover.

A history of walking over the British countryside.

His name was Colonel Alexi Kaminov, Sam Durell knew all too well his grim reputation as a top Russian agent. She was Nadia, the perfect secret agent. Now, suddenly, Kaminov wanted to defect, and Durell was the one man he trusted.

Bruce Murphy's Encyclopedia of Murder and Mystery is a comprehensive guide to the genre of the murder mystery that catalogues thousands of items in a broad range of categories: authors, titles, plots, characters, weapons, methods of killing, movie and theatrical adaptations. What distinguishes this encyclopedia from the others in the field is its critical stance.

Seeing a man abuse a girl, Peter Howard intervenes and he and the girl flee. She was kidnaped to work as a sex slave, but she cannot remember her hometown. Afraid the police will do nothing, Howard tries to find the parents himself while eluding the abductors.

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