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Author name: Sandra Balzo
Book title: *FROM THE GROUNDS UP*
Publisher: Severn House
ISBN #: 978-0-7278-6830-5

When Maggy Thorsen's coffee house, Uncommon Grounds, is virtually obliterated by a snowstorm, she and her friend Sarah resolve to reopen - and Maggy's found the perfect spot near the train station, just in time for the opening of the new commuter route. But when Sarah's uncle dies suddenly, in the first of a series of "accidents," it's clear that someone doesn't want Uncommon Grounds to reopen. Maggy, however, has no intention of yielding . . .

Author name: Sandra Balzo
Book title: *BREWED, CRUDE and TATTOOED*
ISBN #: 978-0727867353
Publisher: Severn House

It's May first and in Wisconsin that means the daffodils and hyacinths are poking up their heads. Unfortunately, it also means they may freeze their little buds off. The freak snowstorm arrives without warning or so it seems to Maggy Thorsen, co-owner of the coffeehouse Uncommon Grounds. Trapped, Maggy ventures out into the service corridor looking for sustenance, only to find the body of Way Benson, local developer and owner of the mall. Maggy's discovery unearths other refugees of the storm, most of them with reasons to kill the arrogant Way. Cut off by the snow, Maggy has to be content to leave Way to become a corpse-sicle. Content, that is, until another member of their intrepid little group is killed and the coffee - sans electricity - gets even colder than the bodies.

Author name: Sandra Balzo
Book title: *BEAN THERE, DONE THAT*
Publisher: Severn House
ISBN #: ISBN 978-0-7278-6653-0

Here's a tip: if your ex-husband's mistress-cum-missus asks for your help in proving that he cheated on her while he was married to you, just say no. And, whatever you do, don't invite her in for a cup of coffee...

"Wine?" coffeehouse owner Maggy Thorsen offers, moving aside reluctantly to let the home-breaking Rachel into her living room and her life. When the new Mrs. Thorsen

disappears that same evening, Maggy finds herself embroiled in a murder investigation involving Rachel's hotelier family - Milwaukee's answer to the Hiltons. Torn between her desire to see her former husband fry and her need to protect their son's college fund, Maggy decides to search out the truth, both about Rachel and the other other woman.

Author name: Sandra Balzo
Book title: *GROUNDS FOR MURDER*
ISBN #: ISBN 978 07278 65496
Publisher: Severn House

At a scaldingly competitive trade show in Milwaukee for the coffee industry, egos and tempers are steaming over such burning issues as store rivalries, product quality and employee-poaching. But events reach a head when coffeehouse owner Maggy Thorsen discovers a body under a table at the conference center. As the reluctant conference coordinator -- and a potential suspect - Maggy must track the murderer, save her coffeehouse, and -- hopefully - put some froth into her love life...

Author name: James O'Neal (pen name for James O. Born)
Book title: *THE DOUBLE HUMAN*
Publisher: TOR
ISBN #: 978-0765320155

An accessible police story set in Florida's near future when budgets are slashed and resources scarce. Detective Tom Wilner is on the trail of a serial killer who appears to have been killing for fifty years. The novel is appropriate for teens to adult with mild language and sexual innuendo. The social commentary and violence is more mature.

Author name: Don Bruns
Book title: *BAHAMA BURNOUT*
Publisher: Oceanview Publishing
ISBN #: 978-1-933515-20-5 Hardcover

Bahama Burnout is another story, another island paradise, but all in a day's work for rock and roll reporter Mick Sever. Mick heads to Nassau, Bahamas, home of the legendary Highland Studios, known for pumping out hits that burn up the charts. Highland is where the magic happens or rather, where the magic *happened* until a devastating fire destroyed the entire studio. No one knows how the fire started, who started it or whose body was found among the charred remains. Some say the studio's haunted, some say it's cursed, but one thing is for sure: someone or something wants to stop the music. A smashed guitar and erased tracks send a subtle warning, but murder? That's an entirely different tune. If Mick doesn't act fast, Highland Studios, and everything and everyone in its path, could go up in smoke.

Author name: Don Bruns
Book title: *STUFF TO SPY FOR*
Publisher: Oceanview Publishing
ISBN #: 978-1-933515-22-9 Hardcover

Stuff To Spy For features best friends James Lessor and Skip Moore stuck in dead-end jobs, living in their ratty apartment in Carol City, Florida but dreaming of hitting the big time. It seems those dreams are finally within reach when Skip lands a job to install a state-of-the-art security system for Synco Systems. There's a huge

commission but plenty of strings attached. James and Skip resurrect their entrepreneurial dreams and go into the business of being spies. The spymobile, their beloved rattletrap box truck is on its last legs, and they'll have to spend a small fortune on spy equipment, but there's no business like spy business. But in this spy game, James and Skip may be the ones who get played . . . or worse.

Author name: Don Bruns
Book title: *ST BART'S BREAKDOWN*
Publisher: Oceanview Publishing
ISBN #: 978-1-933515-68-7 Trade Paper

St Bart's Breakdown involves sun, sand, and a psychopath, it's a deadly mix. Rock and roll journalist Mick Sever is back with a new assignment: interview music legend Danny Murtz. Murtz's walls are lined with gold and platinum records, but his closet is full of skeletons. Known for producing an unbelievable string of hits, Murtz is also tied to a string of disappearances. Seems a number of Murtz's romantic conquests have vanished into thin air. Now that meddling Mick Sever is digging too deep. If Danny Murtz has his way, Mick will only need a one-way ticket to paradise. If Mick isn't careful, his next column will be an obituary – *his* obituary.

Author name: Don Bruns
Book title: *STUFF DREAMS ARE MADE OF*
Publisher: Oceanview Publishing
ISBN #: 978-1-933515-67-0 Trade Paper

In ***Stuff Dreams are Made Of*** chasing after this dream could be the stuff of nightmares for James Lessor and Skip Moore. When Reverend Preston Cashdollar and his traveling tent revival come to town, James and Skip reinvent themselves — as Holy Rollers. But these two aren't seeking salvation; they're seeking the Almighty dollar. With a few modifications to the truck, "Less or Moore Catering" is ready to roll, and the entrepreneurs are born again, intent on making a mint by selling meager meals to the hungry masses. Cashdollar may preach about seeing the light, but his organization has a dark side of greed, corruption, and murder. As James and Skip seek the truth, they'll learn that the stuff dreams are made of may be their worst nightmare. They'll either need to keep the faith, or run like the devil.

Author name: Don Bruns
Book title: *STUFF TO DIE FOR*
Publisher: Oceanview Publishing
ISBN #: 978-1-933515-69-4 Trade Paper

Stuff To Die For best friends James Lessor and Skip Moore are hardly on the fast track. They find chasing the American dream could leave them running for their life! James and Skip aren't upwardly mobile, but they're about to get *literally* mobile when James spends a surprise inheritance on a white box truck. An investment in the future, he surmises, as these two are starting a business. *Moore and Lessor, or Lessor and Moore. Have truck, will haul.* But the fledgling business takes a shocking turn when James and Skip unload the contents of their first moving job and find some unexpected cargo... As James and Skip scramble to stay one step ahead of the perpetrators of a gruesome crime, they'll learn that there is some stuff you should never touch – and some stuff to die for – in this witty, gritty mystery about big dreams, big ideas – and big trouble.

Author name: Don Bruns
Book title: *SOUTH BEACH SHAKEDOWN*
Publisher: Oceanview Publishing
ISBN #: 978-1-933515-02-1 Hard Cover

South Beach Shakedown, someone is about to make a killing in the music industry. Why would songwriting legend Gideon Pike mysteriously disappear just when he is about to turn his 30-year career into a multi-million dollar profit? Music columnist Mick Sever is looking for answers and his missing friend in the gritty backrooms of South Beach's biggest nightclubs, dodging suicide speedboats and running from sniper fire. Whoever gets to Gideon first will either save him or pull the trigger. The deadly race is on!

Author name: Kathy Carmichael
Book title: *DIARY OF A CONFESSIONS QUEEN*
ISBN #: 9781605420950
Publisher: Medallion Press

Confessions writer Amy Crosby has put her life on hold for the last seven years after the disappearance of her husband, Dan. In writing for "True Lies Magazine," guilt-ridden Amy takes on the abilities her fictional characters confess to, such as the time she thought she was psychic after researching clairvoyants. With fatalistic acceptance of the craziness in her life, she uses humor to cope; but when the home Dan bought for them is about to be foreclosed, her only answer is his having him declared legally dead and using his life insurance policy. Her home is safe—that is, until she receives a blackmail note. Equal parts mystery and humor, this novel is sure to keep readers guessing—and laughing—until the end.

Author name: Kathy Carmichael
Book title: *HOT FLASH*
ISBN #: 9781934755037
Publisher: Medallion Press

Calm, cool, and premenopausal? In this laugh-out-loud story about self discovery and coming to terms with aging, forty-year-old Jill Morgan Storm sets out to find the man of—if not her dreams, her son's college tuition. Thanks to survey responses from couples celebrating significant anniversaries, she's discovered the secret to a successful marriage: a man who travels. When she "auditions" traveling salesmen, she's hoping for one week of marital bliss, three weeks off, and a monthly paycheck. Will she find herself *and* the man of her schemes?

Author name: Nancy J. Cohen
Book title: *KILLER KNOTS: A Bad Hair Day Mystery*
ISBN #: 978-0-7582-1225-2
Publisher: Kensington

Florida hairstylist Marla Shore hopes for a romantic interlude with her fiancé on their first Caribbean cruise, but troubled waters lie ahead when their dinner companions disappear one-by-one. Then Marla learns a killer is along for the ride. Onboard art auctions, ports of call, and sumptuous buffets beckon, but she ignores temptation and musters her snooping skills to expose the culprit. She'd better find him fast, before her next shore excursion turns into a trip to Davy Jones's locker.

Author name: Nancy J. Cohen
Book title: *PERISH BY PEDICURE: A Bad Hair Day Mystery*
ISBN #: 978-0-7582-1224-5
Publisher: Kensington

Beauty shows are not usually known for cold-blooded murder, but that's exactly the case when Luxor Products company director Christine Parks is found dead in her hotel room. Suspect number one is Marla's college roommate, Georgia Rogers. Marla sets out to clear Georgia's name, and it's soon apparent that the list of people who hated Christine is longer than a pop diva's hair extensions. Behind the dazzling, high-platform hair tricks of Florida's hottest beauty show lurks a dark heart of corruption, greed, and killer-takes-all ambition. And if Marla isn't careful, she just may end up on the wrong end of a murderer's very skilled hands. Features scenes in Florida Keys, Fort Lauderdale, and North Miami Beach.

Author name: Nancy J. Cohen
Book title: *DEAD ROOTS: A Bad Hair Day Mystery*
ISBN #: 978-0-7582-0658-9
Publisher: Kensington

Marla's family reunion at a haunted Florida resort turns up dead bodies instead of fond memories. She and her fiancé, Detective Dalton Vail, launch another murder investigation in the midst of Thanksgiving dinner. Features scenes on Florida's west coast between Naples and Fort Myers.

Author name: Nancy J. Cohen
Book title: *SILVER SERENADE: A Futuristic Romance*
ISBN #: 978-1-6015-4782-8
Publisher: The Wild Rose Press

A beautiful assassin and a desperate fugitive join forces to catch a terrorist and prevent an intergalactic war.

Author name: Ann Turner Cook
Book title: *MICANOPY IN SHADOW*
ISBN #: 978-0-595-46301-5
Publisher: IUniverse

A small town hears a young mother's cries for help, but turns away. In time, she is all but forgotten, but not by the young daughter she has left behind nor by the child's mysterious benefactor. More than 80 years later, Hope Losterman wants answers about her mother's terrible fate. She enlists her granddaughter and amateur sleuth Brandy O'Bannon. Do the dead have tales to tell? A medium offers an eerie warning, but Brandy risks all to pursue the truth. As she peels back layers of deceit, she learns that much in Micanopy is not what it seems. What she find will change everything for Brandy, her grandmother, and a picturesque town that guards an ugly secret.

Author name: Leighton Gage
Book title: *DYING GASP*
ISBN #: 978-1569476130
Publisher: Soho Crime

Mario Silva and his Brazilian Federal Police colleagues travel to an Amazonian hell and battle one of Brazil's gravest social problems - the enforced prostitution of young girls.

Author name: Leighton Gage
Book title: *BURIED STRANGERS*
ISBN #: 978-1569475140
Publisher: Soho Crime

In São Paulo, the largest city in the Southern Hemisphere, more cops are killed each year than in all of the United States, Canada and the UK combined. Not all of them are entirely innocent victims.

Author name: Leighton Gage
Book title: *BLOOD OF THE WICKED*
ISBN #: 978-1569474709
Publisher: Soho Crime

Brazil's rural countryside is anything but peaceful. Conflicts between the owners of great estates and the landless cost many lives, thousands in the last decade alone. It's a tragic situation that lends itself to a fascinating story.

Author name: Vicki Hinze
Book title: *FORGET ME NOT*, Book 1 in the Crossroads Crisis Center series
ISBN #: ISBN-10: 1602857237 ISBN-13: 978-1602857230 (Hardcover)
Publisher:

Seagrove Village, Florida's Crossroads Crisis Center owner Benjamin Brandt was a content man—in his faith, his work, and his family. Then in a flash, everything he loved was snatched away. His wife and son were murdered, and grief-stricken Ben lost faith. Determination to find their killers keeps him going, but after three years of dead ends and torment, his hope is dying too. Why had he survived? He'd failed to protect his family. Now, a mysterious woman appears at Crossroads seeking answers and help—a victim who eerily resembles Ben's deceased wife, Susan. A woman robbed of her identity, her life, of everything except her faith—and Susan's necklace. The connections between the two women mount, exceeding coincidence, and to keep the truth hidden, someone is willing to kill. Finding out who and why turns Ben and the mystery woman's situation from dangerous to deadly. Their only hope for survival is to work together, to trust each other, and face whatever they discover head on, no matter how painful. But will that be enough to save their lives?

Author name: Jonathon King
Book title: *THE STYX*
ISBN#: 978-0-9817036-5-7
Publisher: Middle River Press

It is legend, the burning of The Styx. For over a century the destruction of a black community on the then blossoming new island of Palm Beach has been folklore. Now

an award-winning mystery writer brings the tale - and 1890s Florida - to life in a historical novel of intrigue, murder and social awakening during the fledgling years of the emerging state.

Author name: Diane Gilbert Madsen
Book title: *A CADGER'S CURSE*
ISBN #: 9780738718927
Publisher: Midnight Ink

Lippy ex-academic DD McGill uncovers murky business ethics and priceless Robert Burns artifacts that lead to murder, counterfeiting and killer on her tail. Due to a slight miscalculation, she's set to be blown to bits on New Year's Eve unless her rare book dealer friend who's passionate about puzzles and her quirky Aunt who's passionate about Scotland can help her escape.

Author Name: Neil S. Plakcy
Book title: *MAHU*
ISBN#: 1593500823
Publisher: Alyson Books

Kimo Kanapa'aka's world turns upside down in *Mahu*. At 32, the hero of Māhū has reached the pinnacle of his profession, detective on the Honolulu Police Department's homicide squad, based at the Waikīkī station. But a difficult murder case, as well as turmoil in his personal life, is about to threaten everything he has worked for. A life-threatening drug bust makes Kimo realize that it's time to stop lying to himself. He's drawn to the Rod and Reel Club, a gay bar in Waikīkī, where he has a couple of beers and begins the long process of accepting his attraction to other men. Leaving the club, though, he stumbles onto two men dropping a dead body in an alley, and he launches himself into a nightmare where his private life becomes public news.

Author Name: Neil S. Plakcy
Book title: *MAHU SURFER*
ISBN#: 1593500076
Publisher: Alyson Books

A finalist for the 2007 Lambda Literary Award for Best Gay Mystery. Mahu Surfer, Neil Plakcy's second mystery novel, sends openly gay Honolulu homicide detective Kimo Kanapa'aka back to his surfing past. Rather than announce Kimo's public return to the HPD after the events of Mahu, his new boss asks the former competitive surfer to go undercover on Oahu's North Shore to find the killer of three young surfers. In his return to the North Shore, Kimo discovers trouble in paradise, from an epidemic rise in the use of crystal meth to increasing pressure on real estate prices.

Author Name: Neil S. Plakcy
Book title: *MAHU FIRE*
ISBN#: 1593500793
Publisher: Alyson Books

A finalist for the 2008 Lambda Literary Award for Best Gay Mystery. Six months have passed since Honolulu homicide detective Kimo Kanapaka'a's return to Honolulu from his undercover assignment on the North Shore. He's becoming more comfortable with his visibility as Honolulu's only openly gay homicide detective, including mentoring a group of gay teens. Kimo, his family and friends are attending a local

charity event in support of gay marriage when a bomb disrupts the gala. Kimo is determined to find out who feels strongly enough against the issue to kill-- but it's possible that his high profile will stand in his way.

Author Name: Neil S. Plakcy
Book title: *MAHU VICE*
ISBN#: 1593501110
Publisher: Alyson Books

About a year and a half has passed since the flames engulfed Waahila Ridge State Park at the end of *Mahu Fire*. During that time, Kimo and Mike dated for about six months, but the pressures on them increased to the point where their relationship ended. But when a fire breaks out at a shopping center Kimo's father used to own, and a young boy is killed, they are forced to work together-- and to acknowledge that the embers of their relationship are still hot. But a lot stands in the way of their getting together once more, including a mysterious man who knows how to exploit Kimo's sexual fantasies, Mike's identity issues, and a deadly little thing called murder.

Author Name: Sharon Potts
Book title: *IN THEIR BLOOD*
ISBN#: 978-1-933515-62-5
Publisher: Oceanview Publishing

Born into a life of privilege, Jeremy Stroeb, a twenty-two-year-old drifter, crashes back to brutal reality when his parents are murdered. Jeremy returns to his Miami Beach home to take care of his kid sister and assume the responsibilities he's been avoiding his entire life. When the police have no viable suspects, Jeremy decides to get on the get on the inside of his parents lives hoping to find who may have had a motive for killing them. But in doing so, Jeremy learns that his parents weren't the people he had always believed them to be.

Author name: Deborah Sharp
Book title: *MAMA DOES TIME: A Mace Bauer Mystery*
ISBN#: 978-07387-13298
Publisher: Midnight Ink

The debut of this funny series, set in Florida's rodeo-and-ranching belt, introduces "Mama," a serial bride with a Southern drawl and a taste for sherbet-colored pantsuits. When a body turns up in the trunk of Mama's convertible, Himmarshee's newest detective -- a hotshot Miami transplant -- seems convinced she's the killer. To save Mama from the slammer (just like a tacky lyric in a country song), Mace and her sisters must wrangle the truth from their small town neighbors and track down the real culprit.

Author name: Deborah Sharp
Book title: *MAMA RIDES SHOTGUN: A Mace Bauer Mystery*
ISBN#: 978-07387-13304
Publisher: Midnight Ink

Mama's fixin' to tie the sacred knot of matrimony ... again. But first, she coerces her middle daughter, Mace, to saddle up for some country-gal bonding on the Florida Cracker Trail. The cross-Florida trail ride turns deadly when a wealthy rancher keels

over in his Cow Hunter Chili. A former flame of Mama's (Frankly, who isn't?), Lawton Bramble had a bad ticker and a ton of enemies. Did one of them "spice" his chow? With (despite?) help from her sisters and sexy ex-beau, Mace must corral a low-down varmint who's determined to kill again.

Author name: Deborah Sharp
Book title: MAMA GETS HITCHED: A Mace Bauer Mystery
ISBN #: 978-07387-19221
Publisher: Midnight Ink, July 2010

It may be Mama's fifth trip down the aisle, but that's no call to cut back on the hoopla of the Wedding of the Century in Himmarshee, Fla: A *Gone with the Wind* theme, a ring-bearing Pomeranian, and Mama's long-suffering daughters in Southern-belle gowns with five pounds of ruffles. But what's a Bridezilla to do when her caterer turns up with a knife in his back in the VFW hall? Can daughter Mace find the killer before Mama's Special Day turns deadly?

Author name: Deborah Shlian
Book title: *RABBIT IN THE MOON*
ISBN#: 978-1-933515-14-4
Publisher: Oceanview

Rabbit in the Moon is the story of American-born-and-proud Lili Quan – a young medical doctor, passionately strong in her convictions and views on life. She's also stubbornly avoiding a heritage she'd rather not identify with. Only when her mother dies and asks for her promise does she decide to visit China to discover her roots. When two completely different cultures and secret political agendas collide, Lili slowly learns that her overall importance in a whirlwind of seemingly unconnected events cannot even begin to be imagined. It's an east vs. west, old vs. young, democratic vs. communistic, yin vs. yang struggle for an elusive secret with unlimited and priceless potential. One that men...and even governments...are willing to kill for... the secret of longevity.

Author name: Deborah Shlian
Book title: *DEAD AIR*
ISBN#: 978-1-933515-50-2
Publisher: Oceanview

Talk is cheap, but when this radio host takes action, she may pay the ultimate price. An outspoken, brash, native New Yorker, Sammy Greene isn't afraid to ruffle a few feathers at Ellsford University, her conservative New England college. Host of "The Hot Line", a talk-radio show on campus station WELL, Sammy tackles the toughest, most controversial issues facing Ellsford's students. When Sammy discovers the body of Dr. Burton Conrad, one of Ellsford's most esteemed professors, her journalistic drive kicks in and she sets out to discover what happened to the beloved professor. But when several Ellsford students mysteriously disappear, Sammy realizes she's uncovered the seamy, terrifying underbelly of this prestigious institute of higher education. With the entire campus in peril, and demons from her past close behind, Sammy Greene must race to find answers. Along the way, she'll discover some unlikely allies-and even more unlikely enemies. If Sammy isn't careful, someone is going to make sure that she signs off-for good.

Author name: Lynn Sholes & Joe Moore
Book title: *THE GRAIL CONSPIRACY*
ISBN #: 978-0738707877
Publisher: Midnight Ink/Llewellyn Worldwide

On assignment in the Middle East, television journalist Cotten Stone stumbles upon an archeological dig that uncovers the world's most-sought-after religious relic: the Holy Grail. With his last dying breath, Dr. Gabriel Archer gives it to Cotten, uttering "You are the only one" in a language she's heard from only one other person--her deceased twin sister. What begins as a hot news story for the ambitious young reporter soon turns into a nightmare when the Holy Grail is stolen and strange "accidents" befall her dearest friends. Running for her life, she turns to John Tyler, a priest with firsthand knowledge of religious artifacts, for help. An anonymous source leads them to New Orleans during Mardi Gras, where an abominable experiment is underway that--unless destroyed--promises to unleash an ancient evil upon the Earth.

Author name: Lynn Sholes & Joe Moore
Book title: *THE LAST SECRET*
ISBN #: 978-0738709314
Publisher: Midnight Ink/Llewellyn Worldwide

In this riveting follow-up to *The Grail Conspiracy*, famed journalist Cotten Stone is at the top of her craft until one of her discoveries is proven to be a hoax. Without a steady job, credibility, or a shred of self-respect, the struggling reporter fades from the limelight. A year later at a famous Inca site, she unearths a crystal tablet that predicts the Great Flood and another final "cleansing" -- yet to take place -- to be led by the daughter of an angel. According to the Venatori -- an ancient society of spiritual warriors -- a series of these sacred tablets exist . . . and the last one holds the key to surviving Armageddon. Racing to recover this last secret before the Fallen Ones, Cotten comes face to face with her terrifying destiny, a legacy to battle the Son of the Dawn until the End of Days.

Author name: Lynn Sholes & Joe Moore
Book title: *THE HADES PROJECT*
ISBN #: 978-0738709307
Publisher: Midnight Ink/Llewellyn Worldwide

It was forged by the seventh generation grandson of Adam, used to pierce the side of Christ at the Crucifixion, and possessed by some of history's most powerful men—Constantine, Attila the Hun, Charlemagne, Adolf Hitler, Harry Truman. Now the ancient relic is about to be used again. This time by the Forces of Evil to bring mankind to its knees. From a secret tunnel beneath the Kremlin, to the Secret Archives of the Vatican, to the guarded treasury vault of the Ethiopian church housing the Ark of the Covenant, Cotten Stone, the daughter of an angel, races to find the Holy Lance before it falls into the hands of her mortal enemy, the Son of the Dawn. For the relic itself is made from the rarest element on earth, a material needed to power the Hades Project. Time is running out as Cotten confronts the man who now holds in his hand the destiny of the world, a man who died over 85 years ago.

Author name: Lynn Sholes & Joe Moore
Book title: *THE 731 LEGACY*
ISBN #: 978-0738713175
Publisher: Midnight Ink/Llewellyn Worldwide

It devastated the earth thousands of years ago. Its remnants are scattered across the human genome waiting to be reassembled into a deadly viral killer. Now a new generation of suicide bombers will use the virus to kill with something as innocent as a cough. Everyone is a target. No one can survive. Only one person can stop the heinous plot and its mastermind. From the Amazon rainforest to the remote hills of West Virginia, to a secret passage beneath a medieval castle, to the darkest place on earth—North Korea—Cotten Stone must prevent the greatest threat to mankind since the Black Plague. In doing so, she uncovers Unit 731, the long-buried atrocity of WWII, exposes one of the most disturbing secrets in America's history, and pays the ultimate price—selling her soul to the Forces of Darkness. Time is running out as the Legacy of Unit 731 threatens all mankind.

Author name: Phyllis Smallman
Book title: *MARGARITA NIGHTS*
ISBN#: 978-1-55278-699-4
Publisher: McArthur & Co. Toronto

The Sherri Travis series is set on Florida's west coast, just south of Sarasota. Bartender Sherri Travis's estranged husband, Jimmy, is murdered and Sherri is the chief suspect. Sherri digs through the debris of Jimmy's life, discovering more than a few people who wanted Jimmy dead, making her the murderer's next target.

Author name: Phyllis Smallman
Book title: *SEX IN A SIDECAR*
ISBN #: 978-155-278-8318
Publisher: McArthur & Co. Toronto

Florida has two seasons. The rainy season brings hurricanes, the dry season delivers tourists- both can be nasty. Sherri Travis is tending bar at the Bath and Tennis Club where two women have been murdered. A rich socialite decides to commit suicide by being the next victim but first she has to identify the murderer. There are more than enough suspects among the staff. At the head of the list is a charming chef, who wants to cook up something hot with Sherri, and a pool boy who delivers more than fresh towels. With hurricane Myrna raging into the Gulf, the murdered tourist at her feet, and a fallen palm blocking the only road off the island, Sherri battles to stay alive while the murderer stalks the underbrush.

Author name: Phyllis Smallman
Book title: *A BREWSKI FOR THE OLD MAN*
ISBN #: 978-155-278-8363
Publisher: McArthur & Co. Toronto

Secrets have a way of unraveling and sometimes the past doesn't stay dead. Ray John Leenders, the brutal man who tried to rape Sherri Travis when she was thirteen returns to Jacaranda, living with a single mother of a teenage daughter, And Sherri's father, Tully Jenkins, resurfaces. From a fashion show at the Royal Palms to the swamp, memories bring murder and mayhem to paradise.

Author name: Diane A.S. Stuckart
Book title: *THE QUEEN'S GAMBIT: A Leonardo da Vinci Mystery*
ISBN#: 0425219232
Publisher: Berkley Prime Crime

The Renaissance court of the Duke of Milan is a place of pageantry and, sometimes, murder. Court artist Leonardo da Vinci already has his hands full with putting on a living chess match as a spectacle to honor the visiting French ambassador, only to find himself charged with discovering who murdered the duke's cousin during the festivities. Leonardo is assisted in his sleuthing by his trusted apprentice, Dino...in reality, a young woman named Delfina disguised as a boy in order to study painting with the great master. The pair infiltrate the inner chambers of the court in search of a killer but find their every move checkmated. Soon it's not only a question of solving the crime, but of surviving what becomes a frightening endgame that might end in two more murders.

Author name: Diane A.S. Stuckart
Book title: *PORTRAIT OF A LADY: A Leonardo da Vinci Mystery*
Publisher: Berkley Prime Crime
ISBN#: 0425225739

When serving women of the Duke of Milan's young cousin, the Contessa Caterina, begin taking their own lives, the duke once again seeks out Leonardo da Vinci's help. The court artist must learn if these deaths are all suicides, or something far more sinister, as the constant specter of Tarot cards makes them appear. But it's up to Leonardo's trusted apprentice to go undercover disguised as a servant girl to learn more about the contessa and her doings. The masquerade proves easy, given that "Dino" is actually the young woman, Delfina, who passes herself off as a youth in order to study painting in Leonardo's workshop. But Delfina finds herself growing far too close to the volatile young contessa...and far too friendly with the contessa's secret lover, the captain of the duke's guard. When Caterina's Tarot cards again point to murder, Delfina fears she might be the next victim.

Author name: Diane A.S. Stuckart
Book title: *A BOLT FROM THE BLUE: A Leonardo da Vinci Mystery*
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Delfina begins to doubt the role she's taken on, disguising herself as a boy so that she might serve as an apprentice to Leonardo da Vinci. But when Leonardo brings a new master into the workshop to assist on a secret project, she is overjoyed. The new master is her own father, a renowned cabinet-maker who will help Leonardo construct his greatest invention ever...a flying machine. Then one of the other apprentices is cruelly murdered by a crossbow fired by an unseen hand, and the plans to Leonardo's creation are found clutched in his dead fingers. Leonardo leaves court to advise the traveling Duke of Milan that this treachery might be the beginning of a war, and in his absence his fears are proved right. Delfina's father and the flying machine both vanish overnight, with the clues pointing to a former ally of the duke as instigator of the crime. Without Leonardo to guide her and uncertain whom she can trust, Delfina takes charge. She puts together a ragtag band of servants to search out her missing father and the flying machine, hoping in the process to unmask the killer of her friend lest she also fall victim to a bolt from the blue.

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