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A Clash of Daggers National Geographic Books

INTRODUCTION The early Chinese believed that jade had an immortality of its own and was impervious to decay. For them there was no substance nobler, purer, more durable, more pre-eminently suitable for the fashioning of religious emblems and the embodiment of dogma. Round jade, as round a kernel, the whole body of early Chinese civilisation crystallised. And yet they were not the first discoverers or users of jade, for the Babylonians made seal cylinders of jade, and Professor Elliott Smith believes that the Turkestan jade mountains and rivers were first worked by miners from Mesopotamia who, passing on legends about the magical qualities of jade, infected the Chinese with their beliefs. From the third millennium he says, the mines on the S.E. of the Caspian were being exploited and contact was established between Babylonians, Elamites, and the population of Turkestan. But however early the contacts, assumed or established, we can state truthfully that the Chinese made jade particularly and everlastingly their own, embodying in it their traditions, their religion, their administrative system. They may have derived their belief in the life-giving properties of jade from the Elamites, or have come to attach a magical value to its presence from the Babylonian miners, but for neither of these peoples was it the vehicle of supernatural beliefs, and, penetrate as far back as we may into pre-history, we cannot find a time in China in which jade was not used for religious purposes. What perhaps emphasises the peculiar position of jade in Chinese culture is the fact that other early peoples used jade, although for them it had no significance greater or even as great as gold or pearls. Jade was dug and worked in many parts of Europe. Hatchets have been found in Switzerland, nephrite celts in South Italy and France, Germany, Dalmatia, and Hungary. Jade celts, too, were discovered by Schliemann at Hissarlik, but by no people save the Chinese has jade been made the nucleus and the shrine of a civilisation-although its use was distributed in Turkestan, Persia, Siberia, India, Lake Baikal, and Japan, and to a minor degree the substance was prized by most Asiatic peoples. It is only during the last two decades that collectors have begun to realise the

enormous importance of jade. Dr. Laufer broke new ground when, in 1912, he published his great work, xde, A Study in Chinese Archzology and Religion. His object in writing this book was rather ethnological than artistic. He himself calls it a contribution to the l Anthropology, Encyclopzdia Britannica.....

Canary BookShots

For college student Emily Sheppard, the thought of spending a summer alone in New York is much more preferable than spending it in France with her parents. Just completing her freshman year at Callister University, Emily faces a quiet summer in the city slums, supporting herself by working at the campus library. During one of her jogs through the nearby cemetery while visiting her brother Bills grave, Emily witnesses a brutal killingand then she blacks out. When Emily regains consciousness, she realizes shes been kidnapped by a young crime boss and his gang. She is hurled into a secret underworld, wondering why she is still alive and for how long. Held captive in rural Vermont, she tries to make sense of her situation and what it means. While uncovering secrets about her brother and his untimely death, Emily falls in love with her very rich and very dangerous captor, twenty-six-year-old Cameron. She understands its a forbidden love and one that wont allow her to return to her previous life. But love may not be enough to save Emily when no one even knows she is missing.

Hell and Gone Mulholland Books

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The House Husband Ember

Police Sergeant William South has a good reason to shy away from murder investigations: he is a murderer himself. A methodical, diligent, and exceptionally bright detective, South is an avid birdwatcher and trusted figure in his small town on the rugged Kentish coast. He also lives with the deeply buried secret that, as a child in Northern Ireland, he may have killed a man. When a fellow birdwatcher is found murdered in his remote home, South's world flips. The culprit seems to be a drifter from South's childhood; the victim was the only person connecting South to his early crime; and a troubled, vivacious new female sergeant has been relocated from London and assigned to work with South. As our hero investigates, he must work ever-harder to keep his own connections to the victim, and his past, a secret. The Birdwatcher is British crime fiction at its finest; a stirring portrait of flawed, vulnerable investigators; a meticulously constructed mystery; and a primal story of fear, loyalty and vengeance. **Longlisted for the Theakston Old Peculier

Crime Novel of the Year

Danny Clinch Mulholland Books

Alone, they are driven vigilantes. Together they are a force to be reckoned with. Witness the beginnings of the Birds of Prey team, as Oracle (the former Batgirl, Barbara Gordon) teams up with ex-Justice Leaguer Black Canary and other female heroes of the DC Universe in globetrotting adventures in espionage. Black Canary goes undercover to expose the truth behind a corporate conspiracy. Oracle must send in reinforcements, but will this save Black Canary or doom her? Plus, the Birds of Prey invade Santa Prisca to stop a slavery ring while helping to overthrow the local government. Collected for the first time in chronological order: BLACK CANARY/ORACLE: BIRDS OF PREY #1, SHOWCASE '96 #3, BIRDS OF PREY: MANHUNT #1-4, BIRDS OF PREY: REVOLUTION #1, BIRDS OF PREY: WOLVES #1 and BIRDS OF PREY: BATGIRL #1.

Birds of Prey: Murder and Mystery DC

Hawkeye, the world's greatest marksman, is reunited with his ex-wife - super-spy Mockingbird! Thought dead for years, Mockingbird is eager to punch some bad guys. But when Clint tags along on her mission, can they ignore their feelings long enough to save the day? Or will old foes Crossfire and the Phantom Rider destroy them first? Plus, when Mockingbird is targeted for death along with Hawkeye's former flame the Black Widow, Hawk and Mock must discover who's killing Marvel's superspies...and the shock ending will leave Clint blindsided!

COLLECTING: NEW AVENGERS: THE REUNION 1-4, HAWKEYE & MOCKINGBIRD 1-6, WIDOWMAKER 1-4, HAWKEYE: BLINDSPOT 1-4, HAWKEYE & MOCKINGBIRD SAGA

Hell and Gone Dc Comics

The West of the late 1800s is a lonely place. Margaret Thomas lives that loneliness. Alone, after the shooting death of her sheriff husband that she blames on herself and searches for solace in a liquor bottle. Then one day a miracle arrives in a telegram informing her that the bank robber who shot her husband has been arrested. She is invited to the trial. But that judicial proceeding is all the way across the wild United States and she's a former easterner now living in Missouri. Margaret must make this journey for her husband's sake and, if she is ever to live again, assuage the guilt that's been haunting her since the day he was gunned down. Ride with Margaret Thomas as she reveals this frightening tale from her point of view. A strong woman and the bloody West meet in this unforgettable epic adventure in the tradition of True Grit.

Birds of Prey (2011-) #15 Dc Comics

"Engrossing . . . beautifully written and carefully crafted . . . [a] work that explores the healing power of truth."—The Boston

Globe For seventeen years, a rural community in Kansas has faithfully tended the grave of an anonymous teenage girl christened the Virgin of Small Plains. And some claim that, perhaps owing to the girl's intervention, strange miracles and unexplainable healings have occurred. Slowly, word of the legend spreads. But what really happened in that snow-covered field almost two decades ago, when the girl's naked, frozen body was found? Why did young Mitch Newquist disappear the day after the shocking discovery, leaving behind his distraught girlfriend, Abby Reynolds, and their best friend, Rex Shellenberger? Now Mitch has returned to Small Plains, reigniting simmering tensions and awakening secrets. Never having resolved her feelings for Mitch, Abby is determined to uncover the startling truth about his departure. The three former friends must confront the ever-unfolding consequences of the night that forever changed their lives—and the life of their small town. Praise for *The Virgin of Small Plains* "Nancy Pickard . . . has evolved into a writer of substantial literary power. . . . [She] has fashioned a novel that accurately reflects the secrets and silences locked deep within the hearts of all small-town Midwesterners."—The Denver Post "Tantalizing . . . Pickard writes with insight and compassion about an unresolved crime that continues to haunt a farming community."—The New York Times Book Review "A class act . . . Pickard has a talent for adding depth to a story that conveys a sense of place and history."—Orlando Sentinel "Crisply written, this new novel about loss of faith, trust, and innocence is utterly absorbing."—Tucson Citizen

Birds of Prey Vol. 1 Abrams

A man driven to the brink, blacklisted and left brutally changed must crawl through the wreckage of his life to defeat a gang of deadly criminals hell-bent on setting the streets of Philadelphia aflame. Fueled by rage and empowered by years of experience upholding the law, the new Black Hood is a visceral, conflicted and flawed urban vigilante--but he's also the city's last hope. A gritty, modern crime noir tale that introduces readers to the newest--and deadliest--hero in the Dark Circle Comics lineup.

Secret Dead Men Mulholland Books

The first of three explosive pulp thrillers arriving back-to-back from cult crime fiction sensation and Marvel Comics scribe Duane Swierczynski. Charlie Hardie, an ex-cop still reeling from the revenge killing of his former partner's entire family, fears one thing above all else: that he'll suffer the same fate.

Languishing in self-imposed exile, Hardie has become a glorified house sitter. His latest gig comes replete with an illegally

squatting B-movie actress who rants about hit men who specialize in making deaths look like accidents. Unfortunately, it's the real deal. Hardie finds himself squared off against a small army of the most lethal men in the world: The Accident People. It's nothing personal-the girl just happens to be the next name on their list. For Hardie, though, it's intensely personal. He's not about to let more innocent people die. Not on his watch.

Vanishing Games iUniverse

Invisible creatures are attacking the school, and a 12-year-old boy is the only one who can stop them in this fun, hilarious middle grade novel. Okay, so maybe Bartholomew Bean is only a hero in the video game app he created. But if he reveals his identity as the genius behind the game, he'll become the most popular kid in school! Or he could secretly use the game to get back at his bullies . . . Press Button A: Reveal Press Button B: Revenge Which would you choose?

Torn Apart IDW Publishing

In a tricky dilemma, the Birds of Prey must show mercy to a would-be white-collar criminal-but their act of compassion brings them to the attention of extortionist Savant, a man who claims he can outthink Oracle and outfight Black Canary! Plus, Black Canary is sent to China on a mission of mercy and runs into Lady Shiva! But Shiva has an agenda of her own, while making Canary an offer that could change the course of her life. Collects Birds of Prey #56-67.

The Black Hood, Vol. 1 Dc Comics

Detective Del Farmer is investigating a murder. But the usual suspects are all in his head. "Believe in nothing, believe in Hell, believe in the Brain Hotel... Secret Dead Men is the most inventive, uplifting, hilarious, moving novel since *Catcher in the Rye*" -- Ken Bruen Del Farmer isn't your ordinary hardboiled private eye. Instead of collecting fingerprints or clues, he collects souls of the recently dead. His latest dead guy, Brad Larsen, might just be the key to destroying Farmer's longtime nemesis, The Association. Of course, Farmer is sadly mistaken. Larsen isn't offering up the goods. An FBI agent unstuck in time is toying with him. A mysterious couple keeps trying to kill him. Another job-a mundane babysitting gig that pays the bills-is threatening to steer him way off course into a violent hell of sexual deceit, fractured identities and cheap apartment toilets.

Your Kiss Might Kill Penguin

Indulging in harmless flirting with the pretty blonde he meets in a Philadelphia airport bar, a married Jack Easley is stunned when she tells him that she has poisoned his drink and will only give him the antidote if he remains close to protect her from the relentless assassin, double-crossing spy, eccentric crime scene cleaners, and other perils threatening her life. Reprint. 17,500 first printing.

Crow's Row Pinnacle Books

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Birds of Prey Vol. 2: Your Kiss Might Kill Canary

FUN & GAMES AND HELL & GONE COME FULL CIRCLE IN THE HARDIE SERIES'

ASTONISHING CONCLUSION. Charlie Hardie finds himself in a steel box, tubes and wires attached to his body, trapped inside a satellite parked in orbit 500 miles above the Earth. He's got a year's supply of food, air, water, and no communication back to Earth, and must complete his 12 months' duty or his wife and son will have an "accident." But when someone all-too-familiar docks on the satellite, informs Hardie he's sitting in a veritable zero-G vault containing the world's most dangerous secrets, and forces a crash-landing in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, Hardie must decide whether he's come face-to-face with the partner he needs to save his family--or with his nemesis. After years of exile, Hardie's arming up....and heading home.

The Birdwatcher Macmillan

Harry Posehn is the best dad, the best husband...well, maybe not. Detective Teaghan Beaumont is getting closer and closer to discovering the truth about Harry Posehn. But there's a twist that she--and you, dear reader--will never see coming. BookShots LIGHTNING-FAST STORIES BY JAMES PATTERSON Novels you can devour in a few hours Impossible to stop reading All original content from James Patterson

Tribesmen Mulholland Books

Girl Gangs, Biker Boys, and Real Cool Cats is the first comprehensive account of how the rise of postwar youth culture was depicted in mass-market pulp fiction. As the young created new styles in music, fashion, and culture, pulp fiction shadowed their every move, hyping and exploiting their behaviour, dress, and language for mass consumption and cheap thrills. From the juvenile delinquent gangs of the early 1950s through the beats and hippies, on to bikers, skinheads, and punks, pulp fiction left no trend untouched. With their lurid covers and wild, action-packed plots, these books reveal as much about society's deepest desires and fears as they do about the subcultures themselves. Girl Gangs features approximately 400 full-color covers, many of them never reprinted before. With 70 in-depth author interviews, illustrated biographies, and previously unpublished articles from more than 20 popular culture critics and scholars from the US, UK, and Australia, the book goes behind the scenes to look at the authors and publishers, how they worked, where they drew their inspiration and--often overlooked--the actual words they wrote. Books by well-known authors such as Harlan Ellison and Lawrence Sanders are discussed alongside neglected obscurities and former bestsellers ripe for rediscovery. It is a must read for anyone interested in pulp fiction, lost literary history, retro and subcultural style, and the history of postwar youth culture. Contributors include Nicolas Tredell, Alwyn W. Turner, Mike Stax, Clinton Walker, Bill Osgerby, David Rife, J.F. Norris, Stewart Home, James Cockington, Joe Blevins, Brian Coffey, James Doig, David James Foster, Matthew Asprey Gear, Molly Grattan, Brian Greene, John Harrison, David Kiersh, Austin Matthews, and Robert Baker.

Unbelievably Boring Bart Marvel

Jamie DeBroux's boss has called a special meeting for all "key personnel" at 9:00 a.m. on a hot Saturday in August. When Jamie arrives, the conference room is stocked with cookies and champagne. His boss smiles and tells his employees, "We're a cover for a branch of the intelligence community. And we're being shut down." Jamie's boss then tells everyone to drink some champagne, and in a few seconds they'll fall asleep---for good. If they refuse, they'll be shot in the head. Escape is not an option. Jamie's boss has shut down the elevators and rigged the fire towers with chemical bombs. Panic sets in, chaos erupts, and no one is sure whom to trust. Jamie quickly realizes that there's only one way he's ever going to

see his family again: the hard way.