

## Devils Garden Ace Atkins

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The Forsaken Bantam Classics  
From the critically acclaimed, award-nominated author comes a new noir crime classic about one of the most notorious trials in American history. Critics called Ace Atkins's *Wicked City* "gripping, superb" (Library Journal), "stunning" (The Tampa Tribune), "terrific" (Associated Press), "riveting" (Kirkus Reviews), "wicked good" (Fort Worth Star-Telegram), and "Atkins' best novel" (The Washington Post). But *Devil's Garden* is something else again. San Francisco, September 1921: Silent-screen comedy star Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle is throwing a wild party in his suite at the St. Francis Hotel: girls, jazz, bootleg hooch... and a dead actress named Virginia Rappe. The D.A. says it was Arbuckle who killed her--crushing her under his weight--and brings him up on manslaughter charges. William Randolph Hearst's newspapers stir up the public and demand a guilty verdict. But what really happened? Why do so many people at the party seem to have stories that conflict? Why is the prosecution hiding witnesses? Why are there body parts missing from the autopsied corpse? Why is Hearst so determined to see Fatty Arbuckle convicted? In desperation, Arbuckle's defense team hires a Pinkerton agent to do an investigation of his own and, they hope, discover the truth. The agent's name is Dashiell Hammett, and he's the book's narrator. What he discovers will change American legal history--and his own life--forever. "The historical accuracy isn't what elevates Atkins' prose to greatness," said The Tampa Tribune. "It's his ability to let these characters breathe in a way that few authors could ever imagine. He

doesn't so much write them as unleash them upon the page." You will not soon forget the extraordinary characters and events in *Devil's Garden*.

One True Sentence Macmillan

Paris, 1924. A city teeming with would-be poets, writers, and painters. Hector Lassiter, fledgling author and best friend of Ernest Hemingway, is crossing the Pont Neuf when he hears a body fall into the icy Seine — the first in a string of brutal murders of literary magazine editors that throw a shroud over the City of Light. Frantic to stop the killings, Gertrude Stein gathers the most prominent crime and mystery writers in the city, including Hector and the dark, mysterious crime novelist Brinke Devlin. Soon, Hector and Brinke are tangled not only under the sheets, but in a web of murders, each more grisly than the next. As he is drawn deeper into the hunt, Hector finds himself torn between three women with hidden agendas and dark imaginations. When Hector learns that the murders may be the work of a strange cult of writers who are targeting the literary set, Hemingway, Hector, and Brinke must scramble to find the killer before they become the next victims. *A Moveable Feast* meets *The Dante Club* in this exquisite mystery that takes readers from the cafés of Montparnasse, through the historic graveyards of Paris, to the smoky backrooms of bookstores and salons. As dark as the shadowy banks of the Seine and as addictive as absinthe, this unforgettable book will grab you and never let go.

**The Sinners** Severn House Publishers Ltd

2012 Florida Book Awards, Silver Medal for Florida Non-Fiction "FANTASTIC. If I did not know most of the main players I would have thought the author had a vivid and twisted imagination."--Paul Martin Brown, author of *Wild Orchids of Florida* "A fascinating true story of obsession, greed, and lust for the unobtainable. Reminds me a great deal of *The Maltese Falcon*. This rare flower is definitely the stuff that dreams are made of."--Ace Atkins, author of *Devil's Garden* and *Infamous* "Pittman has captured the extreme competition, unique characters, and general insanity that often typify the orchid world. *The Scent of Scandal* exemplifies how passion and profit can overrule common sense and the law."--Scott Steward, former

associate editor, *North American Native Orchid Journal*  
After its Peruvian discovery in 2002, *Phragmipedium kovachii* became the rarest and most sought-after orchid in the world. Prices soared to \$10,000 on the black market. Then one showed up at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, where every year more than 100,000 people visit. They come for the lush landscape on Sarasota Bay and for Selby's vast orchid collection, one of the most magnificent in the world. The collision between Selby's scientists and the smugglers of *Phrag. Kovachii*, a rare lady's slipper orchid hailed as the most significant and beautiful new species discovered in a century, led to search warrants, a grand jury investigation, and criminal charges. It made headlines around the country, cost the gardens hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations, and led to tremendous internal turmoil. Investigative journalist Craig Pittman unravels this tangled web to shine a spotlight on flaws in the international treaties governing trade in endangered wildlife--which may protect individual plants and animals in shipping but do little to halt the destruction of whole colonies in the wild. *The Scent of Scandal* unspools like a riveting mystery novel, stranger than anything in Susan Orlean's *The Orchid Thief* or the film *Adaptation*. Pittman shows how some people can become so obsessed--with beauty, with profit, with fame--that they will ignore everything, even the law.

The Book of Spies Penguin

Living the quiet life as a professor at Tulane University, ex-football pro Nick Travers's world is turned upside down when a colleague goes missing after he begins doing research on the death of a local jazz legend. By the author of *Leavin' Trunk Blues*. Reprint.

The Drowner Penguin

From the New York Times bestselling author of the Quinn Colson series comes a fast, funny, violent noir novel based on the crimes of George

“Machine Gun” Kelly. In July 1933, a gangster staged the kidnapping-for-ransom of an Oklahoma oilman. He would live to regret it. What started clean soon turns messy as two of “Machine Gun” Kelly’s partners cut themselves into the action, a determined former Texas Ranger makes tracking Kelly his mission, and his wife, ever alert to her own self-interest, starts playing both sides... Set in the first days of the modern FBI, *Infamous* is a passionate blend of historical novel and crime story featuring an unexpected hero, some of the most colorful supporting characters in recent crime fiction, and unforgettable femme fatale Kathryn Kelly—the Lady Macbeth of Depression-era crime.

[White Shadow](#) Open Road Media

In the tradition of *Being Digital* and *The Tipping Point*, Steven Johnson, acclaimed as a “cultural critic with a poet’s heart” (*The Village Voice*), takes readers on an eye-opening journey through emergence theory and its applications. A *NEW YORK TIMES* NOTABLE BOOK A VOICE LITERARY SUPPLEMENT TOP 25 FAVORITE BOOKS OF THE YEAR AN *ESQUIRE* MAGAZINE BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR Explaining why the whole is sometimes smarter than the sum of its parts, Johnson presents surprising examples of feedback, self-organization, and adaptive learning. How does a lively neighborhood evolve out of a disconnected group of shopkeepers, bartenders, and real estate developers? How does a media event take on a life of its own? How will new software programs create an intelligent World Wide Web? In the coming years, the power of self-organization -- coupled with the connective technology of the Internet -- will usher in a revolution every bit as significant as the introduction of electricity. Provocative and engaging, *Emergence* puts you on the front lines of this exciting upheaval in science and thought.

*Devil’s Garden* Vintage

When boxing trainer and long-time friend Henry Cimoli asks for Spenser’s help with a heavy-handed developer who is sending thugs to pressure Henry to sell his beachfront condo, Spenser and his apprentice, Zebulon Sixkill, follow a trail to a beautiful woman, a megalomaniac Vegas kingpin, and plans for a sprawling casino in Boston.

**The Fallen** Hachette UK

From New York Times bestselling author Ace Atkins comes a rollicking crime novel of brazen thieves, good ole boy politicians, truck stop women—and one decent man crazy enough to fight them all... The bank robbers wreaking havoc across the South are carrying out their heists with such skill and precision that they remind Tibbehah County Sheriff Quinn Colson of the raids he once led as an Army Ranger. In fact, their techniques are so like the ones in the *Ranger Handbook* that he can’t help

wondering if the outlaws are former Rangers themselves. And that’s definitely going to be a problem. If Colson stands any chance of catching them, he’s going to need the help of old allies, new enemies, and a lot of luck. The enemies, he has plenty of. It’s the allies and the luck that are in woefully short supply...

**Séance Infernale** Hachette UK

In *Little Green*, Walter Mosley’s acclaimed detective Easy Rawlins returns from the brink of death to investigate the dark side of that haven for Los Angeles hippies, the Sunset Strip. He’s soon back in top form, cruising the gloriously psychedelic mean streets of L.A. with his murderous sidekick, Mouse. They’ve been hired to look for a young black man, Evander “Little Green” Noon, who disappeared during an acid trip. Fueled by an elixir called Gator’s Blood, Easy experiences a physical, spiritual, and emotional resurrection, but peace and love soon give way to murder and mayhem.

**The Letter Writer** Simon and Schuster

In the first of a new mystery series, we meet Nora Best as she flees her old life, cheating husband and all, and takes to the road with an Airstream trailer. Nora Best is the envy of her friends. She’s just turned fifty and has traded in her home with *The Perfect-Ass Husband* for an Airstream trailer and an adventure of a lifetime across the US. But during their leaving party, Nora finds her husband in a compromising position with a friend. Storming out of the party she jumps into her truck with no idea how to tow the Airstream or where she’s going. Nora ends up in a campground in the mountains of Wyoming, drowning her sorrows with its managers, Brad and Miranda. When she is woken by a frantic Miranda after Brad has disappeared and bloodstains have been found around the campsite, Nora finds herself caught up in an adventure she could never have expected . . . facing a charge of murder.

**Infamous** Modern Library

In this novel from New York Times bestselling author Ace Atkins, criminals new and old battle for control of Tibbehah county, and the one man standing in their way is sheriff Quinn Colson. The Pritchards had never been worth a damn—an evil, greedy family who made their living dealing drugs and committing mayhem. Years ago, Colson’s late uncle had put the clan’s patriarch in prison, but now he’s getting out, with revenge, power, and family business on his mind. To make matters worse, a shady trucking firm with possible ties to the Gulf Coast syndicate has moved into Tibbehah, and they have their own methods of intimidation. With his longtime deputy Lillie Virgil now working up in Memphis, Colson finds himself having to fall back on some brand-new deputies to help him out, but with

Old West-style violence breaking out, and his own wedding on the horizon, this is without a doubt Colson’s most trying time as sheriff. Cracks are opening up all over the county, and shadowy figures are crawling out through them—and they’re all heading directly for him.

*Robert B. Parker’s Wonderland* Penguin

*Devil’s Garden* Penguin

**Wicked City** Corsair

Fans of *Justified* and James Lee Burke will love Mississippi lawman Quinn Colson in this Edgar® Award Nominee for Best Novel from the author of *The Ranger*... When Army Ranger Quinn Colson, the new sheriff of Tibbehah County, is called out to investigate a child abuse case, what he finds is a horrifying scene of neglect, thirteen empty cribs, and a shoe box full of money. Janet and Ramon Torres seem to have skipped town—but Colson’s sure they’ll come back for the cash. Meanwhile, Colson’s sister has returned—clean and sober for good, she says. His friend Boom has been drinking himself into oblivion and picking fights at the local bar. And his old flame is pregnant. But Colson can’t focus on his personal problems. He and Deputy Lillie Virgil are convinced that Janet and Ramon have a taste for guns, drugs, and human trafficking. Soon Colson and Virgil find a link between the fugitive couple and a drug cartel that controls most of the Texas border, taking their investigation far beyond the rough hills of northeast Mississippi...

**The Broken Places** Simon and Schuster

‘One of the great series in the history of the detective story’ *New York Times* Book Review There’s trouble in Paradise, Massachusetts... Jesse Stone is an ex LA cop who has taken the job of police chief in Paradise, Massachusetts... and things are getting strange in Paradise. Stone is called to the junior high school when reports of lewd conduct by the school’s principal, Betsy Ingersoll, filter into the station. Ingersoll claims she was protecting the propriety of her students when she inspected each girl’s undergarments in the locker room. Jesse would like nothing more than to see Ingersoll punished, but her high-powered attorney husband stands in the way. At the same time, the women of Paradise are faced with a threat to their sense of security with the emergence of a tormented voyeur. Initially, he’s content to peer through windows, but as times goes on, he becomes more reckless. It’s up to Jesse to catch him, before it’s too late. ‘When it comes to detective novels, 90 per cent of us admit he’s an influence, and the rest of us lie about it’ Harlan Coben, bestselling author of *Run Away* Harper Collins Sheriff Quinn Colson and his former deputy Lillie Virgil find themselves on opposite sides of a case for the first time after a woman is found dead

and three delinquent teens go on the run. Before he was an Army Ranger who came home to become Tibbehah County Sheriff and take down a corrupt system, Quinn Colson was a kid who got into trouble--a lot of it. So when juvenile delinquent TJ Byrd insists that she doesn't know who killed her mother—an unreliable addict who has disappeared—Quinn's inclined to believe her. But no one else does--not the town, not the sheriff in a neighboring county, not her mother's older boyfriend, and certainly not Quinn's friend and former deputy, U.S. Marshal Lillie Virgil. The Byrd family has always been trouble, and sixteen-year-old TJ is known for petty theft, fighting, and general hellraising. She's also no fool, and when she senses she's about to take the fall for her mother's murder, TJ, her boyfriend, her best friend, and her nine-year-old brother go on the run. As Lillie Virgil tracks the kids across a trail of burglaries, stolen cars and even a kidnapping, intent on bringing TJ to justice, Quinn sets out to find the truth back in Tibbehah. Someone has gone to a lot of violent trouble to make TJ and her friends the logical target of the investigation. It's easy, and who cares about a bunch of lawless kids? As the bloody evidence against TJ piles up, Quinn knows someone truly evil is at work here--and that puts TJ and her friends in more danger than they can imagine.

#### **Tough Guys Don't Dance** Macmillan

“An inventive plot and incisive character studies elevate MWA Grand Master Grafton's twenty-fourth Kinsey Millhone novel...This superior outing will remind readers why this much-loved series will be missed as the end of the alphabet approaches.”—Publishers Weekly (starred review) X: The number ten. An unknown quantity. A mistake. A cross. A kiss... Perhaps Sue Grafton's darkest and most chilling novel, X features a remorseless serial killer who leaves no trace of his crimes. Once again breaking the rules and establishing new paths, Grafton wastes little time identifying this deadly sociopath. The test is whether private investigator Kinsey Millhone can prove her case against him—before she becomes his next victim.

#### **Best Laid Plans** Penguin

The Drowner, one of many classic novels from crime writer John D. MacDonald, the beloved author of Cape Fear and the Travis McGee series, is now available as an eBook. Lucille Hanson left her rich husband, a man who lived casually and loved carelessly. She found a new man, one who appeared to treat her right. Lucille was putting together the pieces of her life, determined not to make the old mistakes, the foolish ones that had almost wrecked her the first time around . . . until all of her hopes came to rest at the bottom of the lake where her body is found. It must have been an accident, most people say. It might have been suicide, others think. But among her mourners, just one person refuses to believe it was anything other than murder. Features a new Introduction by Dean Koontz Praise for John D. MacDonald “The great entertainer of our age, and a mesmerizing storyteller.”—Stephen King “My favorite novelist of all time.”—Dean Koontz “To diggers a thousand years from now, the

works of John D. MacDonald would be a treasure on the order of the tomb of Tutankhamen.”—Kurt Vonnegut “A master storyteller, a masterful suspense writer . . . John D. MacDonald is a shining example for all of us in the field. Talk about the best.”—Mary Higgins Clark

#### **Crossroad Blues** Penguin

From "one of the best crime writers at work today" (Michael Connelly) comes a fast, funny, violent new noir crime classic—a Coen Brothers movie come to life. "Devil's Garden is a remarkable book that succeeds on every level." (Associated Press) He has been compared to Lehane, Ellroy, and Pelecanos, but Ace Atkins' rich, raucous, passionate blend of historical novel and crime story is all his own—and never more so than in *Infamous*. In July 1933, the gangster known as George "Machine Gun" Kelly staged the kidnapping-for-ransom of an Oklahoma oilman. He would live to regret it. Kelly was never the sharpest knife in the drawer, and what started clean soon became messy, as two of his partners cut themselves into the action; a determined former Texas Ranger makes tracking Kelly his mission; and Kelly's wife, ever alert to her own self-interest, starts playing both ends against the middle. The result is a mesmerizing tale set in the first days of the modern FBI, featuring one of the best femmes fatale in history—the Lady Macbeth of Depression-era crime—a great unexpected hero, and some of the most colorful supporting characters in recent crime fiction.

#### **Devil's Garden** Constable

Like fiction, cars take us into a different world: from the tony enclaves of upper crust society to the lowliest barrio; from muscle car-driving con men to hardscrabble kids on the road during the Great Depression; from a psychotic traveling salesman to a Mexican drug lord who drives a tricked-out VW Bus. We all share the roads, and our cars link us together. Including entirely new stories from Michael Connelly, C.J. Box, George Pelecanos, Diana Gabaldon, James Sallis, Ace Atkins, Luis Alberto Urrea, Sara Gran, Ben H. Winters, and Joe Lansdale, *THE HIGHWAY KIND* is a street-level look at modern America, as seen through one of its national obsessions.

#### **Little Green** Penguin

When a former New Orleans Saints teammate's life is threatened by a dangerous group of thugs, Nick Travers races against time to reclaim \$1,000,000 from a street-tough teenage rap prodigy whose loyalties may be untrustworthy. By the author of *Dark End of the Street*. Reprint.