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are drawn into an unknown world and left with feelings of horror, compassion, and even understanding. Edited by renowned author Joyce Carol Oates, who has led various writing workshops in correctional institutions across America, *Prison Noir* features stories by Christopher M. Stephen, Sin Soracco, Scott Gutches, Eric Boyd, Ali F. Sareini, Stephen Geez, B.M. Dolarman, Zeke Caligiuri, Marco Verdoni, Kenneth R. Brydon, Linda Michelle Marquardt, Andre White, Timothy Pauley, Bryan K. Palmer, and William Van Poyck. "These are stories that resonate with authenticity and verve and pain and truth. Any collection edited

by the National Book Award – winning author Oates deserves attention, but the contributors are deft and confident, and great writers without her imprimatur . . . Authentic, powerful, visceral, moving, great writing." —*Library Journal* "All the stories, set within jailhouse walls, explore anguish, lunacy, and sometimes, a desire for redemption. Others offer an unsettling and unvarnished look at life in the clink . . . Perhaps most importantly, the book gives inmates a voice: their own." —*Fine Books & Collections Berlin Noir* Akashic Books "Dennis Lehane advises us not to judge the

genre by its Hollywood images of sharp men in fedoras lighting cigarettes for femmes fatales standing in the dark alleys... [Lehane] writes persuasively of the gentrification that has...left people feeling crushed." --*New York Times*, on *Boston Noir* "The contributor list is delightfully quirky... The collection's unifying element is a deep understanding of Boston's Byzantine worlds of race and class--as

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seen terrifyingly in Andre Dubus's tale of milltown resentment and pampered preppies."

--Boston Globe, on *Boston Noir 2: The Classics* and *Boston Noir & Boston Noir 2: The Complete Set* combines all twenty-five stories from best seller *Boston Noir*, edited by Dennis Lehane, and its sequel, *Boston Noir 2: The Classics*, edited by Lehane, Mary Cotton, & Jaime Clarke; featuring Lehane's own "Animal Rescue," the basis for the

motion picture *The Drop*, and twenty-four classic noir stories set throughout Boston.

**Alabama Noir**

Akashic Books  
This Bram Stoker Award-winning collection is "certain to stick in your mind long after you've turned the last page" (St. Louis Post-Dispatch). Includes "Big Momma," a finalist for the International Thriller Writers Award for Best Short Story Here are six of Joyce Carol Oates's most "frightening—and deeply disturbing—short stories" (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette). In the titular story, a boy becomes obsessed with his cousin's doll

after her tragic death.

As he grows older, he begins to collect "found dolls" from surrounding neighborhoods . . . each with its own sinister significance. In "Gun Accident," a teenage girl is delighted to house-sit for her favorite teacher, until an intruder forces his way inside—changing more than one life forever. The collection closes with the taut tale of a mystery bookstore owner whose designs on a rare bookshop in scenic New Hampshire devolve into a menacing game with real-life consequences. "At the heart of each story is a predator-prey relationship, and what makes them so terrifying is that most of us can easily

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picture ourselves as the prey, at least at some time during our lives” (Minneapolis Star-Tribune). “Everything she writes, in whatever genre, has an air of dread, because she deals in vulnerabilities and inevitabilities, in the desperate needs that drive people . . . to their fates. A sense of helplessness is the essence of horror, and Oates conveys that feeling as well as any writer around.” —Terrence Rafferty, The New York Times Book Review “One of the stranger parts of the human condition may be our deep fascination, and at times troubling exploration, of the darker aspects of our nature . . . No other author explores the ugly, and at times, blazingly

unapologetic underbelly of these impulses quite like Joyce Carol Oates in *The Doll-Master*.” —Pittsburgh Post-Gazette “In her new collection . . . [Oates] relishes moments of gothic melodrama, while rooting them firmly in grindingly ordinary American lives.” —The Guardian “Oates convincingly demonstrates her mastery of the macabre with this superlative story collection . . . This devil’s half-dozen of dread and suspense is a must read.” —Publishers Weekly, starred review [\*A Darker Shade of Noir\*](#) Akashic Books Sixteen storytellers shed light on the

darkness that lurks in the California city in this fun collection of crime tales. Akashic Books continues its award-winning series of original noir anthologies, launched in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir. Each book comprises all-new stories, each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the respective city. With stories by: Barry Gifford, Jim Nisbet, Lexi Pandell, Lucy Jane Bledsoe, Mara Faye Lethem, Thomas Burchfield,

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glad that many of these tales are fun in a way that traditional noir isn't."

—Publishers Weekly

**Trinidad Noir**

Akashic Books Accra joins Lagos, Nairobi, Marrakech, and Addis Ababa in representing the African continent in the Noir Series arena. "The anthology Accra Noir edited by Nana-Ama Danquah captures the hustle of several distinctive neighborhoods of Ghana's capital." --The Millions, included in Nadia Owusu's Year in

Reading (2020) "Thirteen tales of the trouble people find in the capital city of Ghana when they're trying to make a buck...There's plenty of noir to go around in this all-too-sad volume about people struggling to get by." --Kirkus Reviews, Starred review "This spine-chilling 13-story collection offers an opportunity to 'consider the context, beware of a pretext, search for a subtext' on living--and dying--in a major metropolis consumed by poverty and desperation." --Shelf Awareness

for Readers, STARRED Review "Superb...Each story reaffirms how fundamental 'place' is to the noir genre and how the locale shapes the story as much as the characters themselves...Strongly recommended." --Library Journal "This welcome volume in the Akashic noir series, set in Ghana, hits plenty of the expected bleak notes and classical noirish phrasings." --Publishers Weekly "There's good writing as well as a strong sense of place and culture, and the reader will

absorb a side of Accra that doesn't make it into the tourist brochures." --New York Journal of Books "Within this new book, the authors who share their many stories do so in a much revealing way about Accra, a city of allegories, one of the most dynamic and diverse places in the world." --Exclusive Magazine "I was blown away by these stories, and would encourage lovers of noir fiction to try these out. They are gritty enough to fill your noir needs." --The Cyberlibrarian Akashic Books

continues its award-winning series of original noir anthologies, launched in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir. Each book comprises all new stories, each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the respective city. Brand-new stories by: Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond, Kwame Dawes, Adjoa Twum, Kofi Blankson Ocansey, Billie McTernan, Ernest Kwame Nkrumah Addo, Patrick Smith, Anne Sackey, Gbontwi Anyetei, Nana-Ama Danquah, Ayesha Harruna Attah, Eibhlín Ní Chléirigh, and

Anna Bossman. From the introduction by Nana-Ama Danquah: Accra is the perfect setting for noir fiction. The telling of such tales--ones involving or suggesting death, with a protagonist who is flawed or devious, driven by either a self-serving motive or one of the seven deadly sins--is woven into the fabric of the city's everyday life... Accra is more than just a capital city. It is a microcosm of Ghana. It is a virtual map of the nation's soul, a complex geographical display of its

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indigenous presence, the colonial imposition, declarations of freedom, followed by coups d'état, decades of dictatorship, and then, finally, a steady march forward into a promising future... Much like Accra, these stories are not always what they seem. The contributors who penned them know too well how to spin a story into a web...It is an honor and a pleasure to share them and all they reveal about Accra, a city of allegories, one of the most dynamic and diverse places

in the world. East Jerusalem Noir Akashic Books An Oprah Book Club® selection A New York Times Notable Book The Mulvaney's are blessed by all that makes life sweet. But something happens on Valentine's Day, 1976—an incident that is hushed up in the town and never spoken of in the Mulvaney home—that rends the fabric of their family life...with tragic consequences. Years later, the youngest son attempts to piece together the fragments of the Mulvaney's former glory, seeking to uncover and understand the

secret violation that brought about the family's tragic downfall. Profoundly cathartic, this extraordinary novel unfolds as if Oates, in plumbing the darkness of the human spirit, has come upon a source of light at its core. Moving away from the dark tone of her more recent masterpieces, Joyce Carol Oates turns the tale of a family struggling to cope with its fall from grace into a deeply moving and unforgettable account of the vigor of hope and the power of love to prevail over suffering. "It's the novel closest to my heart....I'm deeply moved that Oprah Winfrey has selected this novel

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for Oprah's Book Club, a family novel presented to Oprah's vast American family."—Joyce Carol Oates

**Palm Springs Noir** Grove/Atlantic, Inc. A death-row inmate gives her confession—a hair-raising tale of sex, drugs and murder across Oklahoma—in this "vividly realized" novel (The New York Times Book Review). Marjorie Standiford has quite a story to tell. And on the eve of her execution for a sensational murder spree, she's giving every detail, just as she remembers them, to the famous novelist who has come to record it all. Of course, Marjorie

contends that she didn't do any killing. That was all Lamont, her boyfriend, and Natalie, their girlfriend, while Marjorie got high and took care of the baby. But she was in it just the same, careening across the desert plains of Oklahoma, fueled by lust, crime, cars, drugs—speed in all its forms. The Speed Queen is the story of a terrifying voyage into the dark soul of America's Heartland. From acclaimed author Stewart O'Nan—selected by Granta as one of the Best Young American Novelists—this is "classic American noir" in the tradition of James M. Cain (San Francisco

Chronicle). **Oakland Noir** Akashic Books "All the heavy hitters, from Michael Connelly in Los Angeles to Joyce Carol Oates in suburban New Jersey . . . an important anthology."—The New York Times Book Review (Editors' Choice) Features Dennis Lehane's story "Animal Rescue," the inspiration for the movie *The Drop* starring Tom Hardy. Launched with the summer 2004 award-winning bestseller *Brooklyn Noir*, the groundbreaking Akashic Noir series now includes over sixty volumes and counting. The stories in *USA Noir* "represent the best

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of the U.S.-based anthologies, and the list of contributors include virtually anyone who's made the best-seller list with a work of crime fiction in the last decade . . . a must-have anthology" (Booklist, starred review). Featuring stories by: Dennis Lehane, Don Winslow, Michael Connelly, George Pelecanos, Susan Straight, Jonathan Safran Foer, Laura Lippman, Pete Hamill, Joyce Carol Oates, Lee Child, T. Jefferson Parker, Lawrence Block, Terrance Hayes, Jerome Charyn, Jeffery Deaver, Maggie Estep, Bayo Ojikutu, Tim McLoughlin, Barbara DeMarco-Barrett, Reed Farrel

Coleman, Megan Abbott, Elyssa East, James W. Hall, J. Malcolm Garcia, Julie Smith, Joseph Bruchac, Pir Rothenberg, Luis Alberto Urrea, Domenic Stansberry, John O'Brien, S.J. Rozan, Asali Solomon, William Kent Krueger, Tim Broderick, Bharti Kirchner, Karen Karbo, and Lisa Sandlin. One of Zoom Street Magazine's Favorite Books of 2014 One of "100 Best Books for Readers Young and Old," HispanicBusiness.com "Perhaps the single most impressive feature of the collection is its range of voices, from Joyce Carol Oates' faux innocent young

family to Megan Abbott's impressionable high school kids to the chorus of peremptory voices S.J. Rozan plants in a haunted thief's head. Eat your heart out, Walt Whitman: These are the folks who hear America singing, and moaning and screaming."—Kirkus Reviews  
**The Doll-Master**  
Akashic Books Presents a collection of short mystery stories set in the state of New Jersey by such authors as Bradford Morrow, Sheila Kohler, Richard Burgin, and Alicia Ostriker.  
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Oates assembles an outstanding cast of authors-including Margaret Atwood, Tananarive Due, and Megan Abbott-to explore, subvert, and reinvent one of the most vital subgenres of horror. Featuring brand-new stories by: Margaret Atwood, Tananarive Due, Joyce Carol Oates, Megan Abbott, Aimee Bender, Cassandra Khaw, Lisa Lim, Elizabeth Hand, Valerie Martin, Raven Leilani, Sheila Kohler, Joanna Margaret, Lisa Tuttle, Aimee LaBrie, and Yumi

Dineen Shiroma. **WHILE THE COMMON BELIEF** is that "body horror" as a subgenre of horror fiction dates back to the 1970s, Joyce Carol Oates suggests that Medusa, the snake-haired gorgon in Greek mythology, is the "quintessential emblem of female body horror." In *A Darker Shade of Noir: New Stories of Body Horror by Women Writers*, Oates has assembled a spectacular cast to explore this subgenre focusing on distortions to the human body in the most fascinating of

ways. "Should we know nothing of the female monsters of antiquity," Oates writes in her introduction to the volume, "still we would know that body horror in its myriad manifestations speaks most powerfully to women and girls. To be female is to inhabit a body that is by nature vulnerable to forcible invasion, susceptible to impregnation and repeated pregnancies, condemned to suffer childbirth, often in the past early deaths in childbirth and in the aftermath of

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childbirth."  
Black Dahlia & White Rose  
Akashic Books  
"A city with a rich noir past looks beyond its history to an equally unsettling present" in this anthology of original noir fiction set in Berlin (Kirkus Reviews). From Christopher Isherwood to Philip Kerr, the long and rich tradition of noir fiction set in Berlin can make the genre a daunting challenge for contemporary German authors. But rather than retread the well-worn ground of interwar and Cold War history, the

authors represented in Berlin Noir set their tales in the 21st century: a time of immigration, internet cafes, and AirBnB. Here you will find stories of moneyed libertines in upscale Grunewald, class tensions in the traditionally working-class district of Wedding, a marauding killer in Schöneberg, and more unrest in the German Capital. Berlin Noir features brand-new stories by Zoë Beck, Ulrich Woelk, Susanne Saygin, Robert Rescue, Johannes

Groschupf, Ute Cohen, Katja Bohnet, Matthias Wittekindt, Kai Hensel, Miron Zownir, Max Annas, Michael Wuliger, and Rob Alef. Translated from German by Lucy Jones. *New Jersey Noir* Mariner Books  
This rich compilation of Joyce Carol Oates's letters across four decades displays her warmth and generosity, her droll and sometimes wicked sense of humor, her phenomenal energy, and most of all, her mastery of the lost art of letter writing.

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## **Prague Noir**

Akashic Books  
An anthology of  
the best mystery  
short stories  
published in 2017  
selected by best-  
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Louise Penny.

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Abbott, Raven  
Leilani, Aimee  
Bender, Lisa  
Lim, Cassandra  
Khaw, Elizabeth  
Hand, Valerie  
Martin, Sheila  
Kohler, Joanna  
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**The Speed Queen**  
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In keeping with the tradition of the Noir series, Boston Noir 2 is made up of the works of several celebrated authors whose work is tied together by a common setting. After the massive success of the first Boston Noir, bestselling author Dennis Lehane is back as curator for another anthology of crime stories set in Boston. The Boston Noir 2 collection features reprints of the classic chilling short stories and novel excerpts that brought the world of noir to its knees. Contributors include Pulitzer winners Joyce Carol Oates and John Updike.

*Joyce Carol*

*Oates: Letters to a Biographer*

Ecco

Discover the darker side of the Garden State with this anthology of gritty mystery stories. Akashic Books continues its award-winning series of original noir anthologies, launched in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir. Each volume is comprised of all-new stories, each one set in a distinct location within the geographical area of the book. In New Jersey

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Noir, a star-studded cast of authors sifts through the hidden dirt of the Garden State. Featuring brand-new stories (and a few poems) by Joyce Carol Oates, Jonathan Safran Foer, Robert Pinsky, Edmund White & Michael Carroll, Richard Burgin, Pulitzer Prize-winner Paul Muldoon, Sheila Kohler, C.K. Williams, Gerald Stern, Lou Manfredo, S.A. Solomon, Bradford Morrow, Jonathan Santlofer, Jeffrey Ford, S.J.

Rozan, Barry N. Malzberg & Bill Pronzini, Hirsh Sawhney, and Robert Arellano. Praise for New Jersey Noir “Oates’s introduction to Akashic’s noir volume dedicated to the Garden State, with its evocative definition of the genre, is alone worth the price of the book . . . Highlights include Lou Manfredo’s “Soul Anatomy,” in which a politically connected rookie cop is involved in a fatal shooting in Camden; S.J.

Rozan’s “New Day Newark,” in which an elderly woman takes a stand against two drug-dealing gangs; and Jonathan Santlofer’s “Lola,” in which a struggling Hoboken artist finds his muse . . . Poems by C.K. Williams, Paul Muldoon, and others—plus photos by Gerald Slota—enhance this distinguished entry.” —Publishers Weekly “It was inevitable that this fine noir series would reach New Jersey. It took

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longer than some readers might have wanted, but, oh boy, was it worth the wait . . . More than most of the entries in the series, this volume is about mood and atmosphere more than it is about plot and character . . . It should go without saying that regular readers of the noir series will seek this one out, but beyond that, the book also serves as a very good introduction to what is a popular but often

misunderstood term and style of writing.”  
—Booklist, Starred Review  
“A lovingly collected assortment of tales and poems that range from the disturbing to the darkly humorous.”  
—Shelf Awareness  
*Cutting Edge*  
Akashic Books  
In West Jerusalem Noir—published simultaneously with East Jerusalem Noir—the Akashic Noir Series visits one of the world's most complex locales, in this volume from the

perspective of Israeli writers  
From the editor's introduction: "This anthology offers a fictional tour of Jerusalem, this time through the lens of the noir genre. Not all the stories in this book include a detective, a femme fatale, or a dead body. In fact, a significant number of the writers chose to avoid these genre staples. And yet the stories—each taking place in a different part of the city—sketch a dark imagined map of the city, where religious mystery dwells alongside the quotidian,

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claustrophobic hubbub of the Central Bus Station . . . The stories included in West Jerusalem Noir could not have taken place anywhere else. They reflect national, religious, and socioeconomic tensions inherent to the city and sketch an image of a concrete, contemporary, and complicated Jerusalem." Featuring brand-new stories by: Yiftach Ashkenazi, Ilana Bernstein, Emanuel Yitzhak Levi and Guli Dolev-Hashiloni, Liat Elkayam, Asaf Schurr, Yardenne Greenspan, Ilai

Rowner, Zohar Elmakias, Ilan Rubin Fields, Nano Shabtai, Yaara Shehori, Tafat Hacoheh-Bick, Nadav Lapid, Tehila Hakimi, and Oded Wolkstein. West Jerusalem Noir is being published simultaneously with East Jerusalem Noir, edited by Rawya Jarjoura Burbara. The companion volume explores the city with brand-new stories by Palestinian authors. **Boston Noir & Boston Noir 2: The Complete Set** Akashic Books This "excellent anthology" of noir

fiction set in Canada's City of Glass features all-new stories by Linda L. Richards, Sam Wiebe, Yasuko Thanh and more (Quill & Quire, starred review). For many people, Vancouver is a city of affluence, athleisure, and craft beer. But if look a little closer at this gentrified paradise, you'll find the old saying holds true: behind every fortune there's a crime. Hidden beneath Vancouver's gleaming glass skyscrapers are shadowy streets where poverty, drugs, and violence rule the

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day. These fourteen stories of crime and mayhem in the Pacific Northwest offer an entertaining “mix of wily pros, moody misfits, bewildered bystanders, and a touch of the supernatural” (Kirkus). Vancouver Noir features the Arthur Ellis Award-winning story “Terminal City” by Linda L. Richards, and the Arthur Ellis Award-finalist “Wonderful Life” by Sam Wiebe. It also includes entries by Timothy Taylor, Sheena Kamal, Robin Spano, Carleigh Baker, Dietrich

Kalteis, Nathan Ripley, Yasuko Thanh, Kristi Charish, Don English, Nick Mamatas, S.G. Wong, and R.M. Greenaway. **Boston Noir 2** Akashic Books Alabama joins Mississippi as fertile Deep South soil for the Noir Series. “The Good Thief” by Ravi Howard has been selected for inclusion in Best American Mystery and Suspense 2021! “A beautifully engineered anthology of 16 crime and mystery stories that are heavy on setting, atmosphere, and

human emotion.”  
--Mystery Scene  
"Each story springs from a particular place, actual streets, honkytonks or stomping grounds any Alabamian may have walked."  
--Tuscaloosa News  
One of the Southern Review of Book's Best Southern Books of April 2020  
One of Alabama.com's 10 recent books with Alabama ties you'll want to read  
"Alabama Noir is known for its fertile deep-south perspective and encounters troubles and foibles galore as well as darkness in many forms."  
--Birmingham

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Times "Short fiction is alive and well in Alabama...There is not a single story unworthy of this collection infused with Alabama settings, and all readers will find tasty literary morsels to their liking." --Alabama Writers' Forum "If the darkness suits you, there's a new anthology to suit your shadowy heart...[Alabama Noir] holds 16 tales packed with sinister ambition, iniquity, revenge and the prices we pay for our schemes." --Lagniappe Weekly "Alabama Noir presents a group of stories

diverse in their approach, their subject matter, their sub-genre, their influences, and their political perspective, and it can be fascinating to see how those varied influences intersect." --Another Chicago Magazine "Banish any boredom with a descent into Alabama Noir." --Southern Review of Books "The 16 tales in this entertaining Akashic noir anthology cover the entire state of Alabama...The flaws are few and far between, and as is so often the case for the series, each contributor

consistently embraces the setting." --Publishers Weekly "Especially and unreservedly recommended." --Midwest Book Review Akashic Books continues its award-winning series of original noir anthologies, launched in 2004 with Brooklyn Noir. Each book comprises all new stories, each one set in a distinct location within the geographic area of the book. Brand-new stories by: Ace Atkins, Tom Franklin, Anita Miller Garner, Suzanne Hudson, Kirk Curnutt, Wendy Reed,

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Michelle Williams. The Birmingham, in the  
Richmond, 2016 biography affluent suburbs of  
Winston Groom, Hank by Mark Mobile, in a  
Ravi Howard, Ribowsky paints a cemetery in  
Thom Gossom Jr., dark picture of the Montgomery, and  
Brad Watson, musician's short, even on the  
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