Lightning A Chilling Thriller Full Of Suspense And Shocking Secrets

“Once again, Megan Miranda has crafted the perfect summer thriller. The Last House Guest is twisty and tense, with a pace that made my heart race. An edge-of-your-seat, up-all-night read.” —Riley Sager, New York Times bestselling author of The Last Time I Lied “No one can be trusted in the latest chilling thriller from master of suspense, Megan Miranda. The Last House Guest is a lightning-fast mystery, full of menace and unexpected twists and turns that will have readers on the edge of their seats. A riveting read!” —Mary Kubica, New York Times bestselling author of The Good Girl “This searing small-town...explores the complexities of female friendship and the picturesque fictions that money can buy. Miranda delivers a clever, stylish mystery that will seize readers like a riptide.” —Publishers Weekly (starred review) Littleport, Maine, has always felt like two separate towns: an ideal vacation enclave for the wealthy, whose summer homes line the coastline; and a simple harbor community for the year-round residents whose livelihoods rely on service to the visitors. Typically, fierce friendships never develop between a local and a summer girl—but that's just what happens with visitor Sadie Loman and Littleport resident Avery Greer. Each summer for almost a decade, the girls are inseparable—until Sadie is found dead. While the police rule the death a suicide, Avery can’t help but feel there are those in the community, including a local detective and Sadie’s brother, Parker, who blame her. Someone knows more than they’re saying, and Avery is intent on clearing her name, before the facts get twisted against her. Another thrilling novel from the bestselling author of All the Missing Girls and The Perfect Stranger, Megan Miranda’s The Last House Guest is a smart, twisty read with a strong female protagonist determined to make her own way in the world.

A gifted musician relates the events of 1967 that impacted his family and friends, from his indomitable "piano man" grandfather and struggling singer single mother to the everyday saints and sinners who shaped his life.

Inspector Jimmy Perez takes his fiancé home to Fair Isle, the tiny island he comes from, to meet his parents. The island is a magnet for bird watchers, who congregate at the local inn and lighthouse. When a local married celebrity, who had an eye for the lads, is murdered, Perez discovers that the suspects are very close to him indeed. With a sensational ending destined to create much buzz in the mystery world, Blue Lightning will thrill suspense fans everywhere. This series is the basis for the hit BBC show Shetland, starring Douglas Henshall, which attracted over 12 million viewers in its first two nights on the air.

A group of seemingly unrelated people experiences sensations of numbing terror and fear and, groping their way toward one another, discover their sinister, shared secrets in a chilling climax that changes their lives forever. Reissue.

Sole Survivor

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Lightning Strike

Or, A Year in the Country

Two perps--one a serial killer and the other a rapist who revisits his victims--test the limits of the 87th Precinct's detectives as they race to catch these maniacs loose on the city's streets. "McBain has the ability to make every character believable--which few writers these days can do." --Associated Press "McBain forces us to think twice about every character we meet...even those we thought we already knew." --New York Times Book Review

Dean Koontz, the bestselling master of suspense, invites you into the shocking world of Moonlight Cove—where four unlikely survivors confront the darkest realms of human nature. The citizens of Moonlight Cove, California, are changing. Some are losing touch with their deepest emotions. Others are surrendering to their wildest urges. And the few who remain unchanged are absolutely terrified—if not brutally murdered in the dead of night...

An instant New York Times bestseller, this prequel to the acclaimed Cork O’Connor series is “a pitch perfect, richly imagined story that is both an edge-of-your-seat thriller and an evocative, emotionally charged coming-of-age tale” (Kristin Hannah, #1 New York Times bestselling author) about fathers and sons, small-town conflicts, and the events that shape our lives forever. Aurora is a small town nestled in the ancient forest alongside the shores of Minnesota’s Iron Lake. In the summer of 1963, it is the whole world to twelve-year-old Cork O’Connor, its rhythms as familiar as his own heartbeat. But when Cork stumbles upon the body of a man he revered hanging from a tree in an abandoned logging camp, it is the first in a series of events that will cause him to question everything he took for granted about his hometown, his family, and himself. Cork’s father, Liam O’Connor, is Aurora’s sheriff and it is his job to confirm that the man’s death was the result of suicide, as all the evidence suggests. In the shadow of his father’s official investigation, Cork begins to look for answers on his own. Together, father and son face the ultimate test of choosing between what their heads tell them is true and what their hearts know is right. In this “brilliant achievement, and one every crime reader and writer needs to celebrate” (Louise Penny, #1 New York Times bestselling author), beloved novelist William Kent Krueger shows that some mysteries can be solved even as others surpass our understanding.

A Texas Ranger faces off with terrorists while trapped inside a small-town courthouse during a blizzard—from the author of the Red River mysteries. It’s a stunning attack, lightning quick and chilling in its execution. A merciless gang of terrorists seizes the Presidio County Courthouse in the midst of the worst blizzard West Texas has seen in a century. Loaded down with enough fire power to outfit an army, the attackers slaughter dozens, take all survivors hostage, and assume complete control. The nation—and the U.S. government—are at their mercy. Or so they think. They don’t know that a seasoned Texas Ranger is also inside the courthouse. Sonny Hawke has hauled in some of America’s Most Wanted. Now he’s up against his most dangerous adversary yet. Sonny likes his chances. The enemy is his to take down—one by one. Until he’s face-to-face with the ruthless mastermind gunning for our very freedom . . . First in the series and perfect for fans of Die Hard! Praise for the Spur Award–winning Reavis Z. Wortham and His Novels “Think: Elmore Leonard meets James Lee Burke.” —Jeffery Deaver “Wortham is the real thing.”—C.J. Box “The most riveting thriller all year!” —John Gilstrap “Entertaining and emotionally engaging.” —T. Jefferson Parker “A masterful and entertaining storyteller.” —Ellery Queen’s Mystery Magazine

Mangrove Lightning

And Other Chilling Tales

Creepy Archives

A Thriller

Strangers

The debut novel from the author of Rooster and The Isle. In the shadowy world of international espionage and governmental black ops, when a group of American spies go bad and inadvertently unleash an ancient malevolent force that feeds on the fears of mankind, a young family finds themselves in the crosshairs of a frantic supernatural mystery of global proportions with only one man to turn for their salvation. Combine the intricate, plot masters Tom Clancy and Robert Ludlum, add a healthy dose of Clive Barker's dark and brooding occult horror themes, and you get a glimpse into the supernatural world of international espionage that the chilling new horror novel Mister White is about to reveal. John C. Foster's Mister White is a terrifying genre-busting suspense shocker it was meant to be and will, once and for all, answer the question you dare not ask: "Who is Mister Whit "The most thrilling thing about Foster's sweeping thriller Mister White is how well it's written. If the idea is to put powerful words to paper, then Foster does it. And if the idea is to then use those words to pulley-up walls around a willing reader, trapping him or her in the world of Mister White, Foster does that, too." -- Josh Malerman, New York Times bestselling author of Bird Box "Mister White [is] a brilliant amalgamation of Tinker Tailor Soldi mouse espionage thriller, over the top 80s implacable-force-of-nature slasher yarn, and reality-refracting supernatural-occultist creepfest." -- Shawn Macomber, Rue Morgue "Mister White is a potent and hypnotic brew that blends horror, espionage and mystery. Foster has written the kind of book that keeps the genre fresh and alive and will make fans cheer. Books like this are the reason I love horror fiction." -- Ray Garton, Grand Master of Bram Stoker Award-nominated author of Live Girls and Scissors "John C. Foster's Mister White is a lightning-paced, globetrotting mashup of espionage, adventure and truly disturbing occult horror. Fun and nasty in all the right places." -- Paul Tremblay, New York Times bestselling author of A Head Full of Ghosts Proudly presented by Grey Matter Press, the home of multiple Bram Stoker Award-nominated volumes of horror. Grey Matter Pr

Thrive

In the sequel to Desert Places, Andrew Thomas is still in hiding after seven years, framed for a series of horrific murders committed by his psychotic brother, until his former girlfriend, Karen Prescott, becomes part of a nightmarish new series of crimes. 25,000 first printing.

Fifty tales of spine-chilling horror from the pen of Kevin G. Bufton, each told in under a thousand words, these dark and twisted slices of flash fiction will curdle the very marrow in your bones. From the unseen beast of 'In the Darkness' to the dental nightmares of 'Pulling Teeth', Dark Lightning: 50 Flashes of Fearsome Fiction, brings you bite-sized chunks of fear and dread, from the undisputed master of micro horror.

Gather up your wooden stakes, your blood-covered hatchets, and all the skeletons in the darkest depths of your closet, and prepare for a horrifying adventure into the darkest corners of comics history. Dark Horse Comics further corners the market on high-quality horror storytelling with one of the most anticipated releases of the decade - a hardcover archive collection of the legendary Creepy Magazine!

Wood Leighton

Grigori

The Other Black Girl

Woman Last Seen

Night Chills

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A Good Morning America and Read with Marie Claire Book Club Pick and a People Best Book of Summer Named a Most Anticipated Book of 2021 by Time, The Washington Post, Harper’s Bazaar, Entertainment Weekly, Marie Claire, Bustle, BuzzFeed, Parade, Goodreads, Fortune, and BBC ??Named a Best Book of 2021 by Time, The Washington Post, Esquire, Vogue, Entertainment Weekly, The Boston Globe, Harper’s Bazaar, and NPR ????Urgent, propulsive, and sharp as a knife, The Other Black Girl is an electric debut about the tension that unfurls when two young Black women meet against the starkly white backdrop of New York City book publishing. Twenty-six-year-old editorial assistant Nella Rogers is tired of being the only Black employee at Wagner Books. Fed up with the isolation and microaggressions, she’s thrilled when Harlem-born and bred Hazel starts working in the cubicle beside hers. They’ve only just started comparing natural hair care regimens, though, when a string of uncomfortable events elevates Hazel to Office Darling, and Nella is left in the dust. Then the notes begin to appear on Nella’s desk: LEAVE WAGNER. NOW. It’s hard to believe Hazel is behind these hostile messages. But as Nella starts to spiral and obsess over the sinister forces at play, she soon realizes that there’s a lot more at stake than just her career. A whip-smart and dynamic thriller and sly social commentary that is perfect for anyone who has ever felt manipulated, threatened, or overlooked in the workplace, The Other Black Girl will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very last twist.

Enter the thrilling, chilling hall of fun, where Count Gravy has lots of amusing tricks to keep children entertained. It’s not too scary--for those willing to confront the skull cave, mouth manglers, and other deliciously spine-tingling puzzles! The headless horseman has lost his head--but if kids use theirs, he’ll put himself back together again. Dr. Finkenschnoz needs a few extra volts to get things moving; charge him up by finding the correct path from the storm clouds to his lightning rod. Solve monstrous riddles, play "ghoul golf” to outwit the bogeyman, do creepy crosswords, and give two nerve-racking word searches a try. Patrick Merrell, author and illustrator of the Charlie and Wilbur maze books and the Maze Madness series, has done it again!

LIFE Magazine is the treasured photographic magazine that chronicled the 20th Century. It now lives on at LIFE.com, the largest, most amazing collection of professional photography on the internet. Users can browse, search and view photos of today’s people and events. They have free access to share, print and post images for personal use.

When a thunderstorm rolls into the sky and bolts of lightning strike the earth, a demon emerges from the dark abyss of the hell. Unaware of the impeding blood bath, eighteen-year-old Jennifer, sleeps in her bed. There are unexplained lights in the woods outside her home and mysterious figures dance around her bed emerging from the dark abyss of cupboard. Are they trying to warn her? Or are they the hyenas of dark world? Waiting for the demon to rip apart her soul so they can get to enjoy the crumbs of her tender heart.Following her cousin Cindy's death, Jennifer, inherits a wristwatch. Jennifer doesn't believe in ghosts and demons, but it's hard to ignore the unease that grows when she wears the watch. As the watch ticks, the demon comes alive past mid night. Jennifer realizes she has been bestowed with a power, the power to travel back and forth in time. But can she outsmart the demon? Can she stop demon from satisfying his insatiable hunger for blood and death? To solve the riddles of the watch and condemn the demon back to hell, Jennifer must delve into the deep buried grisly secrets of the past and future. In her chase against the time, Jennifer realizes she's become the prey to something deeply unnatural and intensely sadistic. She must undergo extreme pain, fear and misery at the hands of a malevolent spirit. The demon lurks in the shadows of time, intending to kill her loved ones and claim her very soul. The occult horror explores how trauma, deceit and forsaken love can leave psychological wounds on the person. When the thin line between hallucination and reality erodes it leaves the person questioning their very identity. The surreally terrifying, and heart wrenching horror thriller story is a perfect chilling read for horror enthusiasts!

The Hour of Blood and Death

The Shadow Man

When Time Is Your Enemy - a Horror Thriller Story

Odd Thomas

Lightning in a Mirror

"Yet another stick of literary dynamite from Adele Parks: chilling, gripping and entirely unputdownable." —Lisa Jewell, New York Times bestselling author HAPPY. MARRIED. MISSING. Leigh Fletcher: happily married stepmom to two gorgeous boys goes missing on Monday. Her husband, Mark, says he knows nothing of her whereabouts. She went to work and just never came home. Their family is shattered. Kai Janssen: married to wealthy Dutch businessman Daan and vanishes the same week. Kai left their luxurious penthouse and glamorous world without a backward glance. She seemingly evaporated into thin air. Daan is distraught. Detective Clements knows that people disappear all the time—far too frequently. Most run away from things, some run toward and others are taken but find their way back. A sad few never return. These two women are from very different worlds. Their disappearances are unlikely to be connected. And yet, at a gut level, the detective believes they might be. How could these women walk away from their families, husbands and homes willingly? Clements is determined to unearth the truth, no matter how shocking and devastating it may be. #1 Sunday Times bestselling author Adele Parks returns with her most provocative, compelling book to date. Check out these other gripping novels by Adele Parks: I Invited Her In Lies, Lies, Lies Just My Luck

Meet Odd Thomas, the unassuming young hero of Dean Koontz’s dazzling New York Times bestseller, a gallant sentinel at the crossroads of life and death who offers up his heart in these pages and will forever capture yours. “The dead don’t talk. I don’t know why.” But they do try to communicate, with a short-order cook in a small desert town serving as their reluctant confidant. Sometimes the silent souls who seek out Odd want justice. Occasionally their otherworldly tips help him prevent a crime. But this time it’s different. A stranger comes to Pico Mundo, accompanied by a horde of hyena-like shades who herald an imminent catastrophe. Aided by his soul mate, Stormy Llewellyn, and an unlikely community of allies that includes the King of Rock ’n’ Roll, Odd will race against time to thwart the gathering evil. His account of these shattering hours, in which past and present, fate and destiny, converge, is a testament by which to live—an unforgettable fable for our time destined to rank among Dean Koontz’s most enduring works.

Alex Toth, Al Williamson, Wally Wood, John Severin, Russ Heath, and Bernie Wrightson construct weird and wonderful stories, steeped in supernatural dread and nuclear paranoia, populated by tragic characters, and riddled with deadly, ironic twists. This volume also features an interview between comics historian S.C. Ringgenberg and cover artist extraordinaire Ken Kelly! Collecting issues #78 to #83 of Creepy. * Contains original stories written and drawn by Alex Toth! * Featuring "In Deep," Richard Corben's devastating full-color tale of survival at sea.

#1 New York Times bestselling author Dean Koontz unleashes a contagion on a small Maine town—one that triggers the darkest desires of the soul. Designed by top scientists and unleashed in a monstrous conspiracy, night chills are seizing the men and women of Black River—driving them to acts of rape and murder. The nightmare is real. And death is the only cure...

Fifty Flashes of Fearsome Fiction

Wood Leighton, Or, a Year in the Country

Death by Jury

A chilling thriller full of suspense and shocking secrets

Blue Lightning

The No.1 bestselling classic from Dean Koontz, the master of chilling suspense, that will thrill fans of Stephen King and the Odd Thomas series. The first time the lightning strikes Laura Shane is born... The second time it strikes the terror starts... though eight-year-old Laura is saved by a mysterious stranger from the perverted and deadly intentions of a drug-crazed robber. Throughout her childhood she is plagued by ever more terrifying troubles, and with increasing courage she finds the strength to prevail - even without the intervention of her strange guardian. But, despite her success as a novelist, and her happy family life, Laura cannot shake the certainty that powerful and malignant forces are controlling her destiny. Then the lightning strikes once more and shatters her world. The adventure - and the terror - has only just begun...

A computer with human-like qualities of artificial intelligence develops criminal obsessions and takes over the completely automated home of Susan Harris

"Grigori- And Other Chilling Tales," is a collection of four historical/ science fiction thriller novellas: "Grigori"; "Imago"; "Lightning" and "Drums." Grigori- A three-part tale of genetic engineering. On a mysterious order, a group of elite Cold War Soviet Intelligence operatives are sent deep into the Barents Sea, totally oblivious to the terror that lurks in the shadows of the ship's decks. Imago- A night in the City of Darkness A group of bioterrorists showcase their wares in a guarded boardroom in Kowloon Walled City, Hong Kong. However, after the arrival of two uninvited guests, it appears that the presentation is destined to end in disaster. Lightning- Can science go too far? In the wake of the Physics Revolution of the 20th Century, an Austrian polymath questions his Catholic faith after being faced with scientific evidence that fundamentally opposes it. In his search for the truth, he can't help but recall various doctrines of his faith that condemns this kind of behavior. Drums- A secret of the Caribbean Caught in the midst of the War of Spanish Succession, a crew of pirates returning from the Round are forced to take shelter on a secluded island in the equatorial Atlantic. There, they stumble upon the chilling truth of what befell one of Governor Francisco de Bobadilla's finest crews, lost on July 11, 1502.

The final installment in the chilling Fogg Lake trilogy by New York Times bestselling author Jayne Ann Krentz. Olivia LeClair's experiment with speed dating is not going well. First there was the nasty encounter with the date from hell who tried to murder her and now the mysterious Harlan Rancourt—long believed dead—sits down at her table and tells her she's the only one who can help him locate the Bluestone Project’s legendary Vortex lab. This is not what Olivia had in mind when she signed up for the Four Event Success Guaranteed package offered by the dating agency. She doesn't have much choice, though, because her psychic investigation firm works for the mysterious Foundation and Victor Arganbright, the director, is adamant that she assist Harlan. There's just one problem—no one knows Harlan's real agenda. His father once ran the Foundation like a mob organization, and Harlan was destined to be his heir. There's a real possibility Harlan has returned to claim his inheritance. For now, however, it's a case of the enemy of my enemy is my friend because others are after the secrets of the long-lost lab.

Unfortunately for Olivia, the one thing friend and foe have in common is that everyone is convinced she is the key. Her unique psychic talent is required to defuse the ticking time bomb that is Vortex. Neither trusts the other but Olivia and Harlan soon realize they must work together to survive and unlock the Bluestone Project's most dangerous secrets before more innocent people die.

Demon Seed

Black Lightning

Lightning

Mister White: A Dark Thriller

Thicker Than Blood

***A Reese Witherspoon x Hello Sunshine Book Club Pick and New York Times bestseller** “Once again, Megan Miranda has crafted the perfect summer thriller.” —Riley Sager, New York Times bestselling author of The Last Time I Lied The summer after a wealthy young summer guest dies under suspicious circumstances, her best friend lives under a cloud of grief and suspicion in this “clever, stylish mystery that will seize readers like a riptide” (Publishers Weekly, starred review) featuring “dizzying plot twists and multiple surprise endings” (The New York Times Book Review). Littleport, Maine, has always felt like two separate towns: an ideal vacation enclave for the wealthy, whose summer homes line the coastline; and a simple harbor community for the year-round residents whose livelihoods rely on service to the visitors. Typically, fierce friendships never develop between a local and a summer girl—but that’s just what happens with visitor Sadie Loman and Littleport resident Avery Greer. Each summer for almost a decade, the girls are inseparable—until Sadie is found dead. While the police rule the death a suicide, Avery can’t help but feel there are those in the community, including a local detective and Sadie’s brother, Parker, who blame her. Someone knows more than they’re saying, and Avery is intent on clearing her name, before the facts get twisted against her. Another thrilling novel from the bestselling author of All the Missing Girls and The Perfect Stranger, Megan Miranda’s The Last House Guest is a smart, twisty read with a strong female protagonist determined to make her own way in the world. “A riveting read…from master of suspense, Megan Miranda,” (Mary Kubica, New York Times bestselling author of The Good Girl) The Last House Guest is a smart, twisty read that brilliantly explores the elusive nature of memory and the complexities of female friendships.*

When the lightning strikes, everything changes... Lightning is a gripping thriller from Dean Koontz, the master of chilling suspense, that will thrill fans of Richard Laymon and Harlan Coben. 'Lightning sizzles. Wow! It's a mix to tingle any reader's fancy' - New York Daily News The first time the lightning strikes, Laura Shane is born... The second time is strikes the terror starts... though eight-year-old Laura is saved by a mysterious stranger from the perverted and deadly intentions of a drug-crazed robber. Throughout her childhood she is plagued by ever more terrifying troubles, and with increasing courage she finds the strength to prevail - even without the intervention of her strange guardian. But, despite her success as a novelist, and her happy family life, Laura cannot shake the certainty that powerful and malignant forces are controlling her destiny. Then the lightning strikes once more and shatters her world. The adventure - and the terror - have only just begun... What readers are saying about Lightning: 'The story takes you from the past to the future; it twists, turns, makes you shiver and touches you' 'With ever-growing suspense, you screech to the end, breathless and disappointed that the story ended' 'Definitely the best Dean Koontz there is'

New Authors and collections. A deluxe edition of original and classic short stories, packed with monsters, vampires and a host of weird creatures. Tales of shadows and voices in the dark from the likes of H.P. Lovecraft, Edgar Allan Poe, Mary Shelley, Bram Stoker, Nathaniel Hawthorne and William Hope Hodgson are cast with previously unpublished stories by some of the best writers of horror today. A dazzling collection of the most gripping tales of horror, vividly told.

Catherine Bailey has been enjoying the single life long enough to know a catch when she sees one. Gorgeous, charismatic and spontaneous, Lee seems almost too perfect to be true. And her friends clearly agree, as each in turn falls under his spell. But what begins as flattering attentiveness and passionate sex turns into raging jealousy, and Catherine soon learns there is a darker side to Lee. His increasingly erratic, controlling behaviour becomes frightening, but no one believes her when she shares her fears. Increasingly isolated and driven into the darkest corner of her world, a desperate Catherine plans a meticulous escape. Four years later, Lee is behind bars and Catherine—now Cathy—compulsively checks the locks and doors in her apartment, trusting no one. But when an attractive upstairs neighbour, Stuart, comes into her life, Cathy dares to hope that happiness and love may still be possible . . . until she receives a phone call informing her of Lee’s impending release. Soon after, Cathy thinks she catches a glimpse of the former best friend who testified against her in the trial; she begins to return home to find objects subtly rearranged in her apartment, one of Lee’s old tricks. Convinced she is back in her former lover’s sights, Cathy prepares to wrestle with the demons of her past for the last time. Utterly convincing in its portrayal of obsession, Into the Darkest corner is an ingeniously structured and plotted tour de force of suspense that marks the arrival of a major new talent.

A chilling thriller novel

Hawke's Prey

Locked Doors

Chilling Horror Short Stories

The City

A catastrophic, unexplainable plane crash leaves three hundred and thirty dead -- no survivors. Among the victims are the wife and two daughters of Joe Carpenter, a Los Angeles Post crime reporter. A year after the crash, still gripped by an almost paralyzing grief, Joe encounters a woman named Rose, who claims to have survived the crash. She holds out the possibility of a secret that will bring Joe peace of mind. But before he can ask any questions, she slips away. Driven now by rage (have the authorities withheld information?) and a hope almost as unbearable as his grief (if there is one survivor, are there others?), Joe sets out to find the mysterious woman. His search immediately leads him into the path of a powerful and shadowy organization hell-bent on stopping Rose before she can reveal what she knows about the crash. Sole Survivor unfolds at a heart-stopping pace, as a desperate chase and a shattering emotional odyssey lead Joe to a truth that will force him to reassess everything he thought he knew about life and death -- a truth that, given the chance, will rock the world and redefine the destiny of humanity. BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Dean Koontz's The City.

The ghosts of a 1925 multiple murder stalk Doc Ford in the electrifying new novel in the New York Times-bestselling series. Doc Ford has been involved in many strange cases. This may be one of the strangest. A legendary charter captain and guide named Tootsie Barlow has come to him, muttering about a curse. The members of his extended family have suffered a bizarre series of attacks, and Barlow is convinced it has something to do with a multiple murder in 1925, in which his family had a shameful part. Ford doesn't believe in curses, but as he and his friend Tomlinson begin to investigate, following the trail of the attacks from Key Largo to Tallahassee, they, too, suffer a series of near-fatal mishaps. Is it really a curse? Or just a crime spree? The answer lies in solving a near-hundred-year-old murder...and probing the mind of a madman.

"Koontz is brilliant in the creation of his characters and in building tension." CHICAGO SUN-TIMES In Los Angeles, a hot Hollywood director, high on PCP, turns a city street into a fiery apocalypse. Heroic LAPD officer Jac McGarvey is badly wounded and will not walk for months. His wife and his child are left to fend for themselves against both criminals that control an increasingly violent city and the dead director's cult of fanatic fans. In a lonely corner of Montana, Eduardo Fernandez, the father of McGarvey's murdered partner, witnesses a strange nocturnal sight. The stand of pines outside his house suddenly glows with eerie amber light, and Fernandez senses a watcher in the winter woods. As the seasons change, the very creatures of the forest seem in league with a mysterious presence. Fernandez is caught up in a series of chilling incidents that escalate toward a confronation that could rob him of his sanity or his life--or both. As events careen out of control, the McGarvey family is drawn to Fernandez's Montana ranch. In that isolated place they discover their destiny in a terrifying and fiercely suspenseful encounter with a hostile, utterly ruthless, and enigmatic enemy, from which neither the living nor the dead are safe. BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Dean Koontz's The City.

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Stutter Step

A Novel

The Last House Guest

Lightning

A Short Story by John Lutz Excerpt EDDIE HAYES SLOWED ALMOST TO A STOP AFTER THE FOOTBALL WAS SNAPPED, THEN SPRINTED DOWN THE SIDELINES, WHIRLED AT the fifty-yard line, and there was the ball. Willard, the quarterback, had made a perfect pass, and all Eddie had to do was reach out and pluck the ball from the air as if he were picking fruit. He tucked the football beneath his arm as he spun back toward the opposing team's goal line and broke into a run. The defensive end hadn't been entirely fooled, and Eddie glimpsed him in the corner of his vision, closing in fast for the tackle. That was when Eddie executed his favorite football maneuver, the stutter step. Maybe he liked it because he stuttered himself when he talked, and this was almost like making his halting speech physical in a way that could win football games and acceptance with his classmates. The stutter step was kind of like taking a quick stride and a half without speeding up, keeping your feet going faster than you were, so that on videotape it looked a little like a momentary fast-forward. Eddie was good at it. He broke stride just enough to throw off the defensive end's timing, changed direction, and felt arms slip around his right thigh, then slide down and away. He pulled free and was running full tilt again toward the goal line.

Count Gravy's Horror Hall of Fun

Dark Lightning

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Winter Moon