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On the heels of *Under Orders*, Francis once again proves himself a master. Wow. (BOOKLIST) Max Moreton is a rising culinary star until his guests fall victim to severe food poisoning and then a bomb blast rips through the luncheon he's catering. Two close calls are too close for comfort, and Max vows to protect his name, and himself, before it's too late. From the acclaimed master of mystery and suspense comes the story of a self-imposed outcast who must refresh his detection skills in order to save himself and his family.

#1 WASHINGTON POST BESTSELLER • "Jonathan Kellerman's novels are an obsession; once started it is hard to quit."—Orlando Sentinel Tanya Bigelow was a solemn little girl when Dr. Alex Delaware successfully treated her obsessive-compulsive symptoms. Now, at nineteen, Tanya returns with a curious request: that Delaware investigate her aunt's deathbed confession of murder. While Delaware doubts that Patty Bigelow was capable of such a horrific act, he agrees to look into the matter. Armed with only the vaguest details, Delaware and LAPD detective Milo Sturgis retrace Patty's and Tanya's nomadic and increasingly puzzling life. Then a very real murder tears open a terrifying tunnel into the past, where secrets—and bodies—are buried. As the tension mounts, Delaware and Sturgis

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uncover a tangled history of desperation, vengeance, and death—a legacy of evil that refuses to die. Praise for *Obsession* “The characters are rich, the story’s well-plotted and you won’t stop reading.”—*Boston Herald* “Filled with Kellerman’s psychological insight and action-packed drama.”—*Toronto Sun*

Nick 'Foxy' Foxton's career as a world class jockey is on a perfect track until a near fatal accident cuts his dream brutally short. But when he returns to Aintree years later, nothing can prepare him for what unfolds.

The Danger

A Dick Francis Novel

Odds Against

10-Lb Penalty

About Face

***Shell-shocked after losing a foot during his tour in Afghanistan, Captain Tom Forsyth returns to his estranged mother's house. His mother has always put horses first and family last. But now she's being blackmailed for a hefty sum every week and being forced to make her horses lose. Using the skills he honed in the military, Tom sets out to find and defeat a hidden enemy before his mother's reputation is ruined, and he ends up back in the crossfire.***

***Ned Talbot is a small-time bookmaker on the edge of giving it all up when his world is turned upside down by a man who claims to be his father, long thought dead. And when the mysterious stranger is murdered, Ned feels compelled to find out exactly what is going on. But the more he discovers, the***

**longer the odds become for his survival.**

**Convinced that one of his closest friends, a renowned racer, is behind a series of violent acts, Sid Halley faces the most troubling case of his career and becomes the target of backlashing fans and media representatives.**

**A superbly crafted collection of thirteen tightly plotted tales that treats readers to murder, mystery, and mayhem in the world of horseracing. "Few things are more convincing than Dick Francis at a full gallop."—Chicago Tribune With his remarkable blend of unrelenting suspense, finely tuned narrative, and lean, stylish prose, New York Times bestselling author Dick Francis proves that he is as much a master of the short story as he is of the novel in this thrilling collection.**

**Dick Francis's Bloodline**

**Whip Hand**

**The Sound Pattern of English**

**Dead Heat**

**Dick Francis's Damage**

**Jefferson Hinkley is back in the newest thriller in the Dick Francis tradition, this time on a special mission to the United States to investigate a conspiracy involving the biggest horse races in the country. Jeff Hinkley, investigator for the British Horseracing Authority, has been seconded to the US Federal Anti-Corruption in Sports Agency (FACSA) where he has been asked to find a mole**

*in their organization—an informant who is passing on confidential information to those under suspicion in American racing. At the Kentucky Derby, Jeff joins the FACSA team in a raid on a horse trainer's barn at Churchill Downs, but the bust is a disaster, and someone ends up dead. Then, on the morning of the Derby itself, three of the most favored horses in the field fall sick. These suspicious events can be no coincidence. In search of answers, Jeff goes undercover as a groom on the backstretch at Belmont Park racetrack in New York. But he discovers far more than he was bargaining for: corrupt individuals who will stop at nothing—including murder—to capture the most elusive prize in world sport, the Triple Crown. A lawyer and amateur jockey is torn between doing what's right and what will keep him alive in this New York Times bestselling thriller from Dick and Felix Francis. Geoffrey Mason wasn't terribly disappointed when his client Julian Trent was found guilty. Despite being paid handsomely as Trent's defense counsel, he believes*

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Trent needs to be locked up for a good long time. He only wishes it had happened more quickly—if the trial had ended just a bit earlier, Mason could have made it to the Foxhunter Steeplechase and fulfilled his longtime dream as an amateur jockey. But not long afterward, Trent is set free when witnesses and jurors start recanting—under intimidation, Mason suspects. Remembering Trent's threats at the time of his conviction, Mason is none too happy. And things only get worse when one of Mason's fellow jockeys is found dead...

When race caller and television presenter Mark Shillingford calls a race in which his twin sister, Clare, an accomplished jockey, comes in second when she could have won, he believes the worst: that she deliberately lost, and the race was fixed. When Mark confronts Clare with his suspicions, she storms off—and it's the last time Mark sees her alive. Hours later, Clare jumps to her death from the balcony of a London hotel. Devastated and guilt-ridden over her death, Mark goes in search of answers. Why would Clare

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throw a race? What led her to take her own life? Or was it not suicide at all? In the second Ed Eagle novel, #1 New York Times bestselling author Stuart Woods delivers a compulsively readable thriller full of crosses and double-crosses, featuring a shrewd criminal lawyer and his black widow of a wife... Santa Fe lawyer Ed Eagle fell in love with the seductive Barbara Kennerly and married her—against his better judgment. Turns out that Ed should have listened to his intuition. On the morning of his fortieth birthday, he awakens to find that Barbara has vanished, and his money has been wired to the Cayman Islands. Barbara, it appears, drugged his birthday wine, neatly cleaned him out and then fled to Mexico, where she can't be extradited. And as if that weren't bad enough, when Ed arrives at work that morning he discovers that he's been assigned a new client: Joe Big Bear, a part-time mechanic charged with a triple homicide, who, Ed soon discovers, may also be embroiled in Barbara's plot...  
To the Hilt  
Silks

**Come to Grief**

**Break In**

**Cherry Bomb**

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*Sid knows the perils of racing all too well, but in his day jockeys didn't usually cross the finish line with three .38 rounds in the chest-which is how he found Huw Walker, the winner of a coveted race only a few hours earlier. Now Halley's quest for answers will push him to his very limits-both on and off the track.*

*A thriller that races from the very first page, Hands Down is about one man's search for the truth and how far he will go to find it . . .*

*A classic mystery from Dick Francis, the champion of English storytellers. Champion*

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jockey Sid Halley retired from racing when his hand was smashed in a fall. Now he works as a private detective - which is proving to be no less dangerous to life and limb. Recuperating from a bullet wound, Sid is asked by his father-in-law to look into some potentially shady activity involving Seabury racecourse and a ruthless property dealer. But the closer Sid gets to those determined to get their hands on Seabury, the more he finds himself in harm's way. The odds are against him - but that's exactly when Sid is at his best... Praise for Dick Francis: 'As a jockey, Dick Francis was unbeatable when he got into his stride. The same is true of his crime writing' Daily Mirror 'Dick Francis's fiction has a secret ingredient - his inimitable knack of grabbing the reader's attention on page one and holding it tight until the very end' Sunday Telegraph 'The narrative is brisk and gripping and the background researched with care . . . the entire story is a pleasure to relish' Scotsman 'Francis writing at his best' Evening Standard 'A regular winner . . . as smooth, swift and lean as ever' Sunday Express 'A super chiller and killer' New York Times Book Review Dick Francis was one of the most successful post-war National Hunt jockeys. The winner of over 350 races, he was champion jockey in 1953/1954 and rode for HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, most famously on Devon Loch in the 1956 Grand National. On his retirement from the saddle,

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*Obsession*

*The Essentials of Interaction Design*

*Dick Francis's Gamble*

*Numerical Algorithms*

**THRILLERS THAT RACE FROM THE VERY FIRST PAGE . . . 'Felix Francis' novels gallop along splendidly'**  
Jilly Cooper ' From winning post to top of the bestseller lists ' Sunday Times Miles Pussett is a former steeplechase jockey. Now he gets his adrenalin rush from riding down the Cresta Run, a three-quarter-mile Swiss ice chute, head first, reaching speeds of up to eighty miles per hour. Finding himself in St Moritz during the same weekend as White Turf, when high-class

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horseracing takes place on the frozen lake, he gets talked into helping out with the horses. It is against his better judgement. Seven years before, Miles left horseracing behind and swore he would never return. When he discovers something suspicious is going on in the races, something that may have a profound impact on his future life, Miles begins a search for answers. But someone is adamant to stop - and they'll go to any lengths to do it . . . Praise for Felix Francis's novels ' As usual with a Francis, once I opened the book, I didn ' t want to put it down... Felix ' s resolution is darker and more shocking than his father would ever have contemplated, but reflects grittier times and changing tastes in fiction ' Country Life ' He has become his own man as a purveyor of murder mysteries' The Racing Post 'The Francis flair is clear for all to see' Daily Mail 'From winning post to top of the bestseller list, time after time' Sunday Times 'The master of suspense and intrigue' Country Life 'A tremendous read' Woman's Own

British investigator Jefferson Hinkley is back in this compelling Dick Francis thriller by the New York Times–bestselling author of Crisis. In his role as an undercover investigator for the British Horseracing Authority, Jeff Hinkley is approached by a multi-time champion jockey to discuss the delicate matter of losing races on purpose. Little does he know that the call will set off a lethal chain of events, including the apparent suicide of the jockey and an attempt on Hinkley ' s own life. Never one to leave suspicious events alone, Hinkley begins investigating the jockey and the races he may have thrown. But there are others out there who intend to

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prevent his inquiry from probing further...at any cost. Neil Griffon, while in temporary charge of his father's stables, is abducted by two men. Their motive is to force Griffon to allow an inexperienced jockey to ride the best horse in the Derby. Griffon decides to handle this situation alone and discovers he has the ability to defend the yard and himself from disaster.

Dick Francis, the bestselling master of mystery and suspense, takes you into the thrilling world of horse racing. Sid Halley ' s career as a jockey - and his marriage - were brought to a sudden end by a heartbreaking accident. His glory days are over, but now, as a private investigator, he still finds a certain satisfaction in successfully solving a case. His latest one, though, could prove to be his undoing. Rosemary Casper, wife of an elite racehorse trainer, has begged for his help in figuring out why her husband ' s most promising horses have been performing so poorly. Halley thinks she ' s overreacting at first. Then hints of deceit and brutal danger make him think twice... Praise for Dick Francis ' Francis captures our attention and holds us spellbound... all the breathless pace we have come to expect of this superb writer. ' NYT Book Review ' Few match Francis for dangerous flights of fancy and pure inventive menace ' Boston Herald ' [Francis] has the uncanny ability to turn out simply plotted yet charmingly addictive mysteries ' Wall Street Journal

School Days

Field of Thirteen

The Prince of Beverly Hills

Front Runner

### Short Straw

Numerical Algorithms: Methods for Computer Vision, Machine Learning, and Graphics presents a new approach to numerical analysis for modern computer scientists. Using examples from a broad base of computational tasks, including data processing, computational photography, and animation, the textbook introduces numerical modeling and algorithmic design

New York Times bestselling author Felix Francis continues his father's legacy of suspense-driven fiction with Dick Francis's *Damage...* Undercover investigator Jeff Hinkley is assigned by the British Horseracing Authority to look into the activities of a suspicious racehorse trainer, but as he's tailing his quarry, Jeff bears witness to a bloody murder. Could it have something to do with the reason the trainer was banned in the first place—the administration of illegal drugs to his horses? Soon it's discovered that many more horses have tested positive for stimulants—and an unknown person starts making demands, threatening to completely destroy the integrity of the racing industry. To protect the sport itself, Jeff must uncover the perpetrator. But he's up against someone who will stop at nothing to prevail. When a string of kidnappings rocks the horse racing world, Andrew Douglas is brought in to recover the missing—without becoming the next victim. Steeplechase jockey Christmas "Kit" Fielding has

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had more than his share of close calls both on and off the course. But trouble hits close to home when a grudge between his family and his sister's in-laws turns into a blood feud.

Damage

An Annotated Guide to Novels in Series

A classic racing mystery from the king of crime

Pulse

Dead Cert

A classic mystery from Dick Francis, the champion of English storytellers. Seventeen-year-old Benedict Juliard's ambitions of becoming a steeplechase jockey are dashed when he's falsely accused of taking drugs. For his estranged father, however, this is an opportunity. A wealthy businessman running for a parliamentary by-election in Dorset, Juliard Senior needs all the help he can get - especially when the campaign moves from mudslinging to something more deadly. Now young Benedict has to grow up fast, not only to find out who is trying to harm his father's chances of election but also to keep him alive long enough to stay in the race... Praise for Dick Francis: 'As a jockey, Dick Francis was unbeatable when he got into his stride.

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he confronts his worst nightmare--the violent death of his much-loved wife. But, the aftermath proves much worse when he is accused of killing her and then hounded mercilessly by the media. Losing his job and in danger of losing his home too, Bill's life begins to unravel completely. Even his best friends turn against him, thinking him guilty of the heinous crime, despite the lack of any compelling evidence. As Bill sets out to clear his name, he finds that proving one's innocence isn't easy. He believes he can track down the true culprit, but can he prove it before he becomes the murderer's next victim? Guilty Not Guilty is a journey of greed and jealousy set against the grief of personal tragedy, with many a twist and turn along the way.

Discover the classic mystery from Dick Francis, one of the greatest thriller writers of all time 'Brilliant . . . I was riveted from the first to the last page' 5\*\*\*\*\* Reader Review 'Banker has it all: murder, heroics, low tricks and high finance. I highly recommend it' 5\*\*\*\*\* Reader Review 'Intelligent, well-

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paced, will grip you to the end' 5\*\*\*\*\*  
Reader Review \_\_\_\_\_ Tim Ekaterin has a lot of money. Unfortunately, it belongs to other people, and it is his job to invest it wisely, or get fired. And right now he's taken a big risk: using £5 million to stud a champion racing stallion. When the resulting foals have birth defects, Tim is worried and decides that there may be something else going on at the stables. And when one of those helping with the horses is murdered, his suspicions are confirmed. Now it's not just about money, but about life and death. Determined to get answers, Tim puts himself in danger's path to discover the truth . . . Packed with intrigue and hair-raising suspense, Banker is just one of the many blockbuster thrillers from legendary crime writer Dick Francis. Praise for Dick Francis: 'As a jockey, Dick Francis was unbeatable when he got into his stride. The same is true of his crime writing' Daily Mirror 'The narrative is brisk and gripping and the background researched with care . . . the entire story is a pleasure to relish' Scotsman 'Dick Francis's

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Brash detective Rick Barron enters the infamous Hollywood fast lane in this thriller from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Stone Barrington series. Los Angeles, 1939. It's Hollywood's Golden Age, and Rick Barron is a suave and sharp detective on the Beverly Hills force. After a run-in with his captain, he finds himself demoted, but soon lands a job on the security detail for Centurion Pictures, one of the hottest studios. The white knight of such movie stars as Clete Barrow, the British leading man with a penchant for parties, and Glenna Gleason, a peach of a talent on the verge of superstardom, Rick is dubbed "the Prince of Beverly Hills" by society columnists. But when he

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unearths a murder cover-up and a blackmail scam, he finds himself up against West Coast wise guys whose stakes are do-or-die...

Even Money

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Under Orders

Reflex

Methods for Computer Vision, Machine Learning, and Graphics

**Jeff Hinkley works as an undercover investigator for the British Horseracing Authority. Mostly, it's just a case of exposing a horse-doping scandal or uncovering a few suspicious bets. But when the banned trainer Jeff's been following murders a bookie in cold blood right before his very eyes everything changes . . . With both the police and Jeff's bosses demanding answers, the situation escalates rapidly. He soon learns that entire race meeting have been filled with drugged horses. Worse still, the perpetrator vows he will not stop until horseracing is ruined - unless he's paid a king's ransom. Jeff, using all his contacts and undercover skills, must discover who is behind it. On the**

line are his reputation and career -  
and soon his life. 'From winning post  
to top of the bestseller list, time.'

Sunday Times

Dead Cert is a classic mystery from  
Dick Francis, one of the greatest  
thriller writers of all time. 'Admiral  
met the fence perfectly. He rose to it  
as if flight were not only for birds.  
And he fell.' Alan York's friend,  
jockey Bill Davidson, was killed in  
Admiral's fall. After the race, York  
visits the fence and discovers a coil  
of wire lying beside the fence post and  
signs of where the wire had been  
attached. The fall was no accident -  
but murder. Unable to convince the  
police of this, York is forced to turn  
amateur sleuth and is soon on the trail  
of a ruthless gang of race-fixers  
operating out of Brighton. Now Alan's  
caught in a new race: find the gang's  
leaders before the gang catches up with  
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Francis died in February, 2010, at the age of 89, but he remains one of the greatest thriller writers of all time. A jockey unravels nasty secrets of corruption, blackmail, and murder in this mystery from grand master of crime fiction Dick Francis. Longtime jockey Philip Nore is no hero. But when he begins to suspect that a racetrack photographer's fatal accident was really murder, he sets out to discover the truth and trap the killer. Slowly, he unravels some nasty secrets of corruption, blackmail and murder—and unwittingly sets himself up as the killer's next target... "Reflex enthralls."—The New York Times

New York Times-bestselling author Felix Francis is back with this thrilling adventure in the Dick Francis tradition. A smartly-dressed man has been found unconscious at the local racecourse and is rushed to the hospital, where he subsequently dies. But who is he? Where does he come from? He had no form of identification on him, and no one claims the body. Doctor Chris Reynolds, a specialist who treated the deceased—and who struggles

**with mental health issues—is intrigued by the nameless dead man, obsessed even, and starts asking questions. However, someone doesn't want the questions answered and will go to any lengths to prevent it, including an attempted murder. But when no one will believe that someone tried to kill Chris, the doctor is left with no option but to discover who the nameless man was and why he died...preferably before following him into an early grave.**

**Bonecrack**

**An Alex Delaware Novel**

**Crossfire**

**Sequels**

**Dick Francis's Refusal**

When ex-jockey Sid Halley becomes convinced that one of his closest friends--and one of the racing world's most beloved figures--is behind a series of shockingly violent acts, he faces the most troubling case of his career.

The sixth Jack Daniels mystery opens at a funeral. While Jack stands graveside, tears in her eyes, her cell phone rings. It's the killer, escaped maniac Alex Kork, taunting Jack, drawing her ever further into a twisted game of cat and mouse. Because, while Alex is more than willing to kill random victims, Jack is her true prey. But which woman wants revenge more?--From publisher description.

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A horrifying school shooting draws Boston PI Spenser into a harrowing investigation in this thriller by New York Times bestselling author Robert B. Parker. When a Massachusetts boy is accused of mass murder, his socially prominent grandmother is convinced of his innocence and is willing to fight for him. But based on the boy's resigned attitude and the evidence stacked against him, Spenser isn't convinced of anything—except that there's trouble ahead...

A guide to series fiction lists popular series, identifies novels by character, and offers guidance on the order in which to read unnumbered series.

Together Alone

Guilty Not Guilty

Banker

Northwest Africa

Hands Down

***The true story of a modern-day Swiss Family Robinson who make the ultimate sea-change for a new life on a desert island. After travelling the world alone in his handmade boat, Scottish adventurer Ron Falconer still yearns to live his dream - to escape to a desert island. But when he falls in love with Anne, a strong-willed Frenchwoman, it looks like the dream may remain just that. Two children later, Anne's ready to try it. When the Falconer family arrive at their new home, tiny Caroline Atoll in the Pacific, they quickly discover that life in***

***paradise isn't easy. Shark-infested waters, crafty rats, giant crabs and flesh-eating ants - it's sink or swim for Ron and Anne, as they struggle to live off the land and raise their children without the things many of us take for granted. In Together Alone Ron Falconer celebrates the pristine island wilderness of Caroline Atoll in loving detail. Both an adventure and a love story, it's an insightful, poignant and truly fascinating tale of how one man's dream to live alone in paradise becomes very much an extraordinary family affair.***

***The assault on North Africa on 8 November 1942 led to a bitter conflict that finally culminated in the defeat of the Axis forces in Tunisia seven months later. The campaign was, for the U.S. Army, a school in coalition warfare and an introduction to enemy tactics.***

***The essential interaction design guide, fully revised and updated for the mobile age About Face: The Essentials of Interaction Design, Fourth Edition is the latest update to the book that shaped and evolved the landscape of interaction design. This comprehensive guide takes the worldwide shift to smartphones and***

**tablets into account. New information includes discussions on mobile apps, touch interfaces, screen size considerations, and more. The new full-color interior and unique layout better illustrate modern design concepts. The interaction design profession is blooming with the success of design-intensive companies, priming customers to expect "design" as a critical ingredient of marketplace success. Consumers have little tolerance for websites, apps, and devices that don't live up to their expectations, and the responding shift in business philosophy has become widespread. About Face is the book that brought interaction design out of the research labs and into the everyday lexicon, and the updated Fourth Edition continues to lead the way with ideas and methods relevant to today's design practitioners and developers. Updated information includes: Contemporary interface, interaction, and product design methods Design for mobile platforms and consumer electronics State-of-the-art interface recommendations and up-to-date examples Updated Goal-Directed Design**

***methodology Designers and developers looking to remain relevant through the current shift in consumer technology habits will find About Face to be a comprehensive, essential resource. Six years ago, private investigator Sid Halley retired. He'd been harassed, beaten, shot, even lost a hand—enough was enough. For the sake of his wife and new daughter, he gave up that life, and he thought nothing would ever lure him back into the game. He thought wrong. Sir Richard Stewart, chairman of the racing authority, begs Sid to investigate a series of dodgy races. Sid refuses. Then Sir Richard is found dead under suspicious circumstances. And then a man with an Irish accent contacts Sid, telling him to deliver a whitewashed report about the suspected race-fixing...or else. At first Sid ignores these warnings. But as the intimidation tactics escalate—and his own family comes under threat—Sid realizes he must meet his enemy head-on...or he might pay the ultimate price for his refusal. Triple Crown***