

# A Bloody Habit

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## A Bloody Habit

It is 1900, the dawn of a new century. Even as the old Queen's health fails, Victorian Britain stands monumental and strong upon a mountain of technological, scientific, and intellectual progress. For John Kemp, a straight-forward, unimaginative London lawyer, life seems reassuringly predictable yet forward-leaning, that is, until a foray into the recently published sensationalist novel Dracula, united with a chance meeting with an eccentric Dominican friar, catapults him into a bizarre, violent, and unsettling series of events. As London is transfixed with terror at a bloody trail of murder and destruction, Kemp finds himself in its midst, besieged on all sides—in his friendships, as those close to him fall prey to vicious assault by an unknown assassin; in his deep attraction to an unconventional American heiress; and in his own professional respectability, for who can trust a lawyer who sees things which, by all sane reason, cannot exist? Can his mundane, sensible life—and his skeptical mind—withstand vampires? Can this everyday Englishman survive his encounter with perhaps an even more sinister threat—the white-robed Papists who claim to be vampire slayers?

## Brother Wolf

For Athene Howard, the only child of renowned cultural anthropologist Charles Howard, life is an unexciting, disillusioned academic project. When she encounters a clairvoyant Dominican postulant, a stern nun, and a recusant English nobleman embarked on a quest for a feral Franciscan werewolf, the strange new world of enchantment and horror intoxicates and delights her—even as it brings to light her father's complex past and his long-dormant relationship with the Church of Rome. Can Athene and her newfound compatriots battle against the ruthless forces of darkness that howl for the overthrow of civilization and the devouring of so many wounded souls? In this sister novel to A Bloody Habit, the incomparable Father Thomas Edmund Gilroy, O.P. returns to face occult demons, gypsy curses, possessed maidens, and tormented werewolves, accompanying a charming neo-pagan heroine in her earnest search for adventure and meaning.

## Bloody Jack

"While disguised as a boy, Jacky Faber experiences adventure and romance on the high seas"--

## Detailed summary and analysis of The Power of Habit.

### The Habit of Love

When the amoral and cynical "J" takes up his pen to describe Magdalen Montague, he little realizes the dramatic changes that will soon be wrought in his life. His fascination for this mysterious woman catapults him into a harrowing encounter with Catholicism, conversion, and discipleship. Through the letters, intimate portraits of four souls appear: the loquacious letter-writer "J," his virulently antireligious recipient, "R," the weird, silent servant Domokos Juhász, and Magdalen Montague herself. Across the turbulence of the first four decades of the twentieth century, including two world wars, the mysterious correspondents in *The Letters of Magdalen Montague* present a profound portrait of humanity's quest for God.

### The Letters of Magdalen Montague

'Truly terrific' Richard Ford 'Dickens for the twenty-first century' Roddy Doyle 'A powerful, gripping tale' Sunday Times A man hanging on by a thread. A city about to snap. From the acclaimed author of *The North Water* comes an epic story of revenge and obsession. Manchester, 1867 Two men, haunted by their pasts. Driven by the need for justice. Blood begets blood. In a fight for life and legacy. Stephen Doyle arrives in Manchester from New York. He is an Irish-American veteran of the Civil War and a member of the Fenians, a secret society intent on ending British rule in Ireland, by any means necessary. Now he has come to seek vengeance. James O'Connor has fled grief and drink in Dublin for a sober start in Manchester as Head Constable. His mission is to discover and thwart the Fenians' plans. When his long-lost nephew arrives on his doorstep, he never could have foreseen how this would imperil his fragile new life – or how his and Doyle's fates would come to be intertwined. The rebels will be hanged at dawn, and their brotherhood is already plotting revenge. Praise for *The North Water*, longlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2016 'Brilliant, fast-paced, gripping. A tour de force of narrative tension and a masterful reconstruction of a lost world' Hilary Mantel 'Utterly convincing and compelling... A startling achievement' Martin Amis 'Riveting and darkly brilliant... McGuire has an extraordinary talent' Colm Toibin 'Has exceptional power and energy' Sunday Times 'A stunning novel that snares the reader from the outset and keeps the tightest grip until the bitter end' Financial Times 'A vivid read, full of twists, turns, period detail and strong characters' The Times 'Terrific – McGuire's use of the pitiless, fearsomely beautiful Arctic landscape as a theatre for enduring questions is inspired' Daily Mail 'McGuire has a sure and unwavering touch... a writer of exceptional craft and confidence' Irish Times

### The Abstainer

The never before told story behind the legend of Count Dracula! The story of the Count's greatest love, Mina Harker, and the bloodthirsty vampire hunters whose cruel pursuit drove the master of the night to actions ever more ruthless. The Count Dracula sets the record straight ... The first in the Saberhagen Dracula series.

### The Dracula Tape

*What to Do When Bad Habits Take Hold* provides the keys to escape from a variety of pesky habits. Engaging examples, lively illustrations, and step-by-step instructions teach essential habit-busting strategies, targeting everything from nail biting and thumb sucking to shirt chewing, hair twirling, and more. This interactive self-help book is the complete resource for educating, motivating, and empowering children to set themselves free.

### What to Do When Bad Habits Take Hold

After a car crash stole both her family and her memory, Grace Stanton likes to keep things simple. No sleepovers, never date a guy more than a month, and never, ever fall in love. Which is exactly why Grace avoids Bad Habit's lead guitarist, Brody Scott, at all costs. The sexy-as-hell musician has "trouble" tattooed all over him. Brody knows he doesn't deserve an amazing woman like Grace but there's something between them that's more than chemistry. He'll just have to hide the secret that haunts his worst dreams. But when fate plays a cruel hand, it threatens his last chance at redemption... and the life of the woman he loves.

### Sin with Me

"I couldn't put it down ... like a jilted lover, when I reached the end I wanted more" Danielle Goldstein, Time Out Love Virtually is a funny, fast-paced and utterly absorbing novel, with plenty of twists and turns, about a love affair conducted entirely by email. "Write to me, Emmi. Writing is like kissing, but without lips. Writing is kissing with the mind." It begins by chance: Leo receives emails in error from an unknown woman called Emmi. Being polite he replies, and Emmi writes back. A few brief exchanges are all it takes to spark a mutual interest in each other, and soon Emmi and Leo are sharing their innermost secrets and longings. The erotic tension simmers, and it seems only a matter of time before they will meet in person. But they keep putting off the moment - the prospect both excites and unsettles them. And after all, Emmi is happily married. Will their feelings for each other survive the test of a real-life encounter? And if so, what then? Translated from the German by Jamie Bulloch and Katharina Bielenberg

### Love Virtually

For students to benefit from lessons, they must attend, listen, and try their best. But at times, almost all teachers struggle to manage classroom behavior, and to motivate students to learn. Drawing on decades of research on behavioral science, this book offers teachers practical strategies to get students learning. The key is students' habits. This book reveals simple, powerful ways to help students build habits of success. Harry Fletcher-Wood shows how teachers can use behavioral science techniques to increase motivation and improve behavior. He offers clear guidance on topics such as using role models to motivate students, making detailed plans to help students act, and building habits to ensure students keep going. The book addresses five challenges teachers face in encouraging desirable behavior: Choosing what change to prioritize Convincing students to change Encouraging students to commit to a plan Making starting easy Ensuring students keep going Workshops, checklists and real-life examples illustrate how these ideas work in the classroom and make the book a resource to revisit and share. Distilling the evidence into clear principles, this innovative book is a valuable resource for new and experienced teachers alike.

### Habits of Success: Getting Every Student Learning

Still, to say that it all began when Sophie Mol came to Ayemenem is only one way of looking at it . . . It could be argued that it actually began thousands of years ago. Long before the Marxists came. Before the British took Malabar, before the Dutch Ascendancy, before Vasco da Gama arrived, before the Zamorin's conquest of Calicut. Before Christianity arrived in a boat and seeped into Kerala like tea from a teabag. That it really began in the days when the Love Laws were made. The laws that lay down who should be loved, and how. And how much.

### The God of Small Things

Before settling down to a new life in Italy with her fiancé, Catriona decides to lay her past to rest by meeting up with her previous partners. But on the morning of her wedding, Cat is arrested for murder. Not just one murder, but three. All of the victims were her ex-boyfriends, and all of them were viciously mutilated. So now she's in jail, and the woman who is writing her biography has interviewed many people in Cat's life. But no one is telling the truth. This is an ingenious and compelling page-turner, full of twists and dark humour from an intriguing and stylish writer with a growing fanbase.

### Bloody Women

\*\*\*WINNER OF REDDIT FANTASY'S BEST NOVEL OF 2018 AWARD\*\*\* \*\*\*WINNER OF FANTASY FACTION'S BEST FANTASY BOOK OF 2018 AWARD\*\*\* \*\*\*WINNER OF THE 2018 BOOKNEST FANTASY AWARD FOR BEST TRADITIONALLY PUBLISHED NOVEL\*\*\* 'Bloody Rose solidifies what Kings of the Wyld proved. Eames writes like a hurricane and has a voice like no one else in this genre' Sam Sykes 'Kings of the Wyld was fun, but Bloody Rose is gods-damned epic . . . one of the best books of the year' Fantasy Hive \*\*\*\*\* Tam Hashford is tired of working at her local pub, slinging drinks for world-famous mercenaries and listening to the bards sing of adventure and glory in the world beyond her sleepy hometown. When the biggest mercenary band of all rolls into town, led by the infamous Bloody Rose, Tam jumps at the chance to sign on as their bard. It's adventure she wants-and adventure she gets as the crew embark on a quest that will end in one of two ways: glory or death. IT'S TIME TO TAKE A WALK ON THE WYLD SIDE \*\*\*\*\* Reviews for the series: 'I laughed and wept and worried a lot and had the most tremendous time reading Bloody Rose. Eames is a gifted and entertaining storyteller' Kevin Hearne, author of The Iron Druid Chronicles 'Bloody Rose is bloody brilliant! It is a book that will

make you remember why you fell in love with reading in the first place' The Tattooed Book Geek 'Eames once again hits the perfect balance of humor and heart, irreverent references and real emotion' Django Wexler 'A rollicking, page-turning, edge-of-your-seat road-trip of a book . . . wonderful' John Gwynne 'Absolutely awesome . . . Full of heroes, humor, and heart' Jon Hollins 'Eames' narrative voice is one of the best in this generation of fantasy authors' The Quill to Live 'Brings brazen fun and a rock & roll sensibility to the fantasy genre' Sebastien de Castell 'An entertaining, brilliantly crafted adventure . . . with just the right amount of grit and wit' Bibliosanctum 'George R. R. Martin meets Terry Pratchett' BuzzFeed

### Bloody Rose

Somerset Maugham Award winner: Dark early fiction by the author of Nutshell—"A splendid magician of fear" (The Village Voice Literary Supplement). Taut, brooding, and densely atmospheric, the stories here show us how murder can arise out of boredom, perversity from adolescent curiosity—and how sheer evil can become the solution to unbearable loneliness. These short fiction pieces from the early career of the New York Times—bestselling and Man Booker Prize—winning author of Atonement and On Chesil Beach are claustrophobic tales of childhood, twisted psychology, and disjointed family life as terrifying as anything by Stephen King—and finely crafted with a lyricism and an intensity that compels us to confront our secret kinship with what repels us. "A powerful talent that is both weird and wonderful." —The Boston Sunday Globe "Ian McEwan's fictional world combin[es] the bleak, dreamlike quality of de Chirico's city-scapes with the strange eroticism of canvases by Balthus. Menace lies crouched between the lines of his neat, angular prose, and weird, grisly things occur in his books with nearly casual aplomb." —The New York Times

### First Love, Last Rites

The word-of-mouth bestseller \* Published in more than 30 countries \* 3 million copies sold worldwide Are you stressed out, overbooked and underwhelmed by life? Fed up with pleasing everyone else before you please yourself? Finding it hard working from home? Then it's time to stop giving a f\*\*k, and care less to get more. This irreverent and practical book explains how to rid yourself of unwanted obligations, shame, and guilt - and give your f\*\*ks instead to people and things that make you happy. From family dramas to having a bikini body, the simple 'NotSorry Method' for mental decluttering will help you unleash the power of not giving a f\*\*k and will free you to spend your time, energy and money on the things that really matter. 'The anti-guru' Observer 'Absolutely blinding. Read it. Do it.' Mail on Sunday 'Genius' Cosmopolitan 'I love Knight's book even before I start reading . . . Works a charm' Sunday Times Magazine 'Life-affirming . . . The key practice she advocates is devising for yourself a "fuck budget" . . . It's a beautiful way of streamlining your psyche' Lucy Mangan, Guardian ALSO AVAILABLE FROM SARAH KNIGHT: YOU DO YOU: how to be who you are and use what you've got to get what you want AND Get Your Sh\*t Together - the New York Times bestseller helping you organise the f\*\*ks you want and need to give

### The Life-Changing Magic of Not Giving a F\*\*k

After cheating death twice in one night, confessing her true nature to her werewolf soul mates and being asked to kill one of her closest friends, Secret took a much-needed vacation. By running away. Now she's back in town-dragged kicking and screaming-determined to clear Holden Chancery's name. Right after she finds out what he's accused of. It shouldn't be hard-Holden has a habit of using their new and scintillating psychic bond to break into her thoughts and dreams at some very, shall we say, awkward moments. Just a few things stand in her way: a secretive Tribunal leader, a group of would-be vampire slayers and two werewolf boyfriends who refuse to let her operate in her customary lone-wolf style. Even less amusing are the terrifying creatures that someone is using in an attempt to gain control of the council. Even for this out-of-the-ordinary bounty hunter, it's a challenge with potentially deadly teeth. Warning: Contains an ever-plucky heroine with no shortage of weapons, super-hot mind games, an ever-complicated love triangle and one hell of a creepy amusement park.

### A Bloody Good Secret

The Number One bestselling crime series featuring Dr Tony Hill, hero of TV's Wire in the Blood. The award-winning Val McDermid is at the height of her powers in this tense masterclass in psychological suspense.

## Beneath the Bleeding (Tony Hill and Carol Jordan, Book 5)

25th ANNIVERSARY EDITION • From the bestselling author of *The Passenger* and the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Road*: an epic novel of the violence and depravity that attended America's westward expansion, brilliantly subverting the conventions of the Western novel and the mythology of the Wild West. Based on historical events that took place on the Texas-Mexico border in the 1850s, *Blood Meridian* traces the fortunes of the Kid, a fourteen-year-old Tennessean who stumbles into the nightmarish world where Indians are being murdered and the market for their scalps is thriving. Look for Cormac McCarthy's latest bestselling novels, *The Passenger* and *Stella Maris*.

## Blood Meridian

THESE HABITS WILL MAKE YOU EXTRAORDINARY. Twenty years ago, author Brendon Burchard became obsessed with answering three questions: 1. Why do some individuals and teams succeed more quickly than others and sustain that success over the long term? 2. Of those who pull it off, why are some miserable and others consistently happy on their journey? 3. What motivates people to reach for higher levels of success in the first place, and what practices help them improve the most After extensive original research and a decade as the world's leading high performance coach, Burchard found the answers. It turns out that just six deliberate habits give you the edge. Anyone can practice these habits and, when they do, extraordinary things happen in their lives, relationships, and careers. Which habits can help you achieve long-term success and vibrant well-being no matter your age, career, strengths, or personality? To become a high performer, you must seek clarity, generate energy, raise necessity, increase productivity, develop influence, and demonstrate courage. The art and science of how to do all this is what this book is about. Whether you want to get more done, lead others better, develop skill faster, or dramatically increase your sense of joy and confidence, the habits in this book will help you achieve it faster. Each of the six habits is illustrated by powerful vignettes, cutting-edge science, thought-provoking exercises, and real-world daily practices you can implement right now. If you've ever wanted a science-backed, heart-centered plan to living a better quality of life, it's in your hands. Best of all, you can measure your progress. A link to a free professional assessment is included in the book.

## High Performance Habits

Offers practical insights into why nice people never win and how people should adapt their own behavior to improve their chances of success in our competitive world. This book describes what it really takes to be wealthy, powerful and successful in life and uses humorous anecdotes, true stories and examples.

## Secret Habits of Successful Bastards

When we first meet Pearl - young in years but advanced in her drinking - she's sitting at a hotel bar in Florida, throwing back gin and tonics. Cradled in the crook of her arm is her infant son. But the relief she feels at having fled her abusive husband, and the Northeastern island his family calls home, doesn't last for long. Soon she's being shepherd back. The island, for Pearl, is a place of madness and pain, and her drinking might dull the latter but it spurs on the former. Through the lens of Pearl's fragile consciousness, readers encounter the horror and triumph of both childhood and motherhood. With language that flits between exuberance and elegy, the plainspoken and the poetic, Joy Williams has created a modern fairy-tale, entirely original and entirely consuming.

## The Changeling

Coaching is an essential skill for leaders. But for most busy, overworked managers, coaching employees is done badly, or not at all. They're just too busy, and it's too hard to change. But what if managers could coach their people in 10 minutes or less? In Michael Bungay Stanier's *The Coaching Habit*, coaching becomes a regular, informal part of your day so managers and their teams can work less hard and have more impact. Coaching is an art and it's far easier said than done. It takes courage to ask a question rather than offer up advice, provide an answer, or unleash a solution. Giving another person the opportunity to find their own way, make their own mistakes, and create their own wisdom is both brave and vulnerable. It can also mean unlearning our "fix it" habits. In this practical and inspiring book, Michael shares seven transformative questions that can make a difference in how we lead and support. And, he guides us through the tricky part - how to take this new information and turn it into habits and a daily practice. -Brené Brown, author of *Rising Strong* and *Daring Greatly*

years of experience training more than 10,000 busy managers from around the globe in practical, everyday coaching skills, Bungay Stanier reveals how to unlock your peoples' potential. He unpacks seven essential coaching questions to demonstrate how---by saying less and asking more---you can develop coaching methods that produce great results. - Get straight to the point in any conversation with The Kickstart Question - Stay on track during any interaction with The AWE Question - Save hours of time for yourself with The Lazy Question, and hours of time for others with The Strategic Question - Get to the heart of any interpersonal or external challenge with The Focus Question and The Foundation Question - Finally, ensure others find your coaching as beneficial as you do with The Learning Question A fresh, innovative take on the traditional how-to manual, the book combines insider information with research based in neuroscience and behavioural economics, together with interactive training tools to turn practical advice into practiced habits. Dynamic question-and-answer sections help identify old habits and kick-start new behaviour, making sure you get the most out of all seven chapters. Witty and conversational, The Coaching Habit takes your work--and your workplace--from good to great.

### The Coaching Habit

Asher and Briar are attracted even though the odds are against them.

### Bad Habit

Utopia is a work of fiction and socio-political satire by Thomas More published in 1516 in Latin. The book is a frame narrative primarily depicting a fictional island society and its religious, social and political customs. Many aspects of More's description of Utopia are reminiscent of life in monasteries.

### Utopia

Virgil Flowers will have to watch his back – and his mouth – as he investigates a culture war turned deadly in this tense page-turner from the master of pulse-pounding thrillers. At the local state university, renowned Professor Quill goes to the library one night – and winds up dead. With no suspects, no prints, no murder weapon – not even a time of death – Virgil Flowers is brought in to investigate. Flowers discovers that, prior to his death, Quill had sparked a feud between two departments at the university. Each side carries their views to extremes, and Flowers soon realises he's dealing with people who, on this particular issue, are functionally crazy. Somewhere among this group of diametrically opposed zealots lurks a murderer. But with no leads, little evidence and the media breathing down his neck, can Flowers find him before he kills again? \* \* \* Praise for John Sandford and the Virgil Flowers novels \* \* \* 'John Sandford knows all there is to know about detonating the gut-level shocks of a good thriller' The New York Times Book Review 'Sandford has always been at the top of any list of great mystery writers. His writing and the appeal of his lead character are as fresh as ever' The Huffington Post 'Sandford is consistently brilliant' Cleveland Plain Dealer 'Along the way to the satisfying ending, Virgil displays the rough humor and rough justice that make him such an appealing character' Publishers Weekly on Deep Freeze 'A knowing portrait of small-town life layered into a very well plotted mystery. Virgil understands that, in small towns, no one ever outgrows high school... One of the very best novels in a superior series' Booklist (starred review) on Deep Freeze 'Add a gripping storyline, a generous helping of exquisitely conceived characters and laugh-out-loud humor that produce explosive guffaws, not muted chuckles, and you're in for the usual late-night, don't-even-think-of-stopping treat when Flowers hits town' Richmond Times-Dispatch on Deep Freeze 'An outstanding novel' Publishers Weekly (starred review) on Escape Clause 'Perfect entertainment' Kirkus Reviews on Escape Clause

### Bloody Genius

Inspired by her mother's stories of war and Nigeria's folktale traditions, Under the Udala Trees is Chinelo Okparanta's deeply searching, powerful debut about the dangers of living and loving openly

### Under the Udala Trees

After her debut with the widely praised stories in Blood and Milk, Sharon Solwitz offers us her first, darkly radiant, full-length novel. Bloody Mary, which takes its title from the childhood game, tells the story of socially adept, 12-year-old Hadley and her protective mother. They live a privileged life in the Chicago neighborhood of Lakeview, but soon find themselves in a state of chaos and flux. Writing with her signature, edgy prose and ironic humor, Solwitz demonstrates that happiness "isn't our birthright" and that "we have to work for it and even then we can't be sure." We are led to consider our own degree

of complicity in the hard times that seem to fall from nowhere. "A flair for dark comedy and the ability to turn on a dime are prized qualities for these unpredictable characters; time and again, their intrepid investigations lead them into uncharted territory where bizarre dramatic action seems to be the only possible move. Solwitz's fine-toothed examinations of complex emotional states are dead on...."—The New York Times Book Review Sharon Solwitz's first collection of stories, *Blood and Milk*, won the 1998 Carl Sandburg Prize from Friends of the Chicago Public Library, the prize for adult fiction from the Society of Midland Authors, and was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award. Her short stories, published in such magazines as *TriQuarterly*, *Mademoiselle*, and *Ploughshares*, have won numerous awards, including the Pushcart Prize, the Katherine Anne Porter Prize, and grants and fellowships from the Illinois Arts Council. Currently, along with her husband, poet Barry Silesky, she has worked as fiction editor of *Another Chicago Magazine*. She teaches fiction at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana.

### Bloody Mary

The year is 1869. A brutal triple murder in a remote community in the Scottish Highlands leads to the arrest of a young man by the name of Roderick Macrae. A memoir written by the accused makes it clear that he is guilty, but it falls to the country's finest legal and psychiatric minds to uncover what drove him to commit such merciless acts of violence. Was he mad? Only the persuasive powers of his advocate stand between Macrae and the gallows. Graeme Macrae Burnet tells an irresistible and original story about the provisional nature of truth, even when the facts seem clear. His *Bloody Project* is a mesmerising literary thriller set in an unforgiving landscape where the exercise of power is arbitrary.

### His Bloody Project

The most gripping marriage thriller since *Gone Girl*..

### Before We Met

'Groundbreaking and gripping' Sunday Times A BLOODY MESSAGE As DI Nicola Tanner investigates what appears to be a series of organised killings, her partner Susan is brutally murdered, leaving the detective bereft, and vengeful. A POWERFUL ALLY Taken off the case, Tanner enlists the help of DI Tom Thorne to pursue a pair of ruthless killers and the broker handing out the deadly contracts. A CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE As the killers target their latest victim, Thorne takes the biggest risk of his career and is drawn into a horrifying and disturbing world in which families will do anything to protect their honour. From number one bestseller Mark Billingham comes a masterful, intense crime novel that pits DI Tom Thorne against an evil beyond comprehension, yet shockingly real. \_\_\_\_\_  
'One of the great series of British crime fiction' The Times 'Billingham is a world-class writer' Karin Slaughter

### Love Like Blood

When Emily is kidnapped and ordered to transplant the Machinist's consciousness into one of his creations, Finley Jayne and her friends are forced to work with Jack Dandy, who compels Finley to evaluate her feelings for Griffin.

### Personal reminiscences of the habits of animals

"A modern interpretation of a golden age detective novel, in the spirit of Agatha Christie and other writers of crime of the interwar period. A very satisfying homage." –Paul C.W. Beatty, award-winning author of *Children of Fire* and member of the Crime Writers' Association It's 1927 and Great Britain is sweltering in an unprecedented heatwave. On the morning after her eightieth birthday party, Lady Fitzhugh is discovered bound and butchered in her bed, with her family and staff the prime suspects... Whilst holidaying at nearby Meadowford Village, Detective Dermot Carlyle is asked to help investigate the brutal murder. The clues all point to a robbery gone wrong, but Dermot suspects that there is more to the horrific crime. The Fitzhughs' secrets take Dermot along a path linking some of the biggest events of the British Colonial Empire – from India to Africa, to the dark days of the Great War itself. As more murders take place, Dermot is racing against time to discover the killer's identity. What are the family hiding, why did Lady Fitzhugh have to die, and what horror was committed in the colonies that led to this trail of death and deceit?

## The Girl with the Iron Touch

Dead Wrong On January 23, 2000, already battered by an ice storm, the rural Alabama resort town of Mentone was about to be struck by an even more terrifying freak catastrophe. Hurling down the highway in a Lincoln Town Car was Hayward Bissell, a 400-pound madman on a murder rampage. Ramming the pickup truck of Don and Rhea Pirch, Bissell lured Don Pirch on to the road, running him down with his car. Dead Reckoning Bissell next targeted the home of James and Sue Pumphrey. After stabbing James Pumphrey in the stomach, Bissell was thwarted by two family dogs, who gave their lives to protect their owners. Their sacrifice bought Pumphrey enough time to get a gun and scare off Bissell--who didn't know the weapon was actually inoperable. Dead End When Bissell was finally stopped, police discovered that he wasn't alone. Occupying the passenger seat beside him was the mutilated, partially dismembered body of his pregnant girlfriend, Patricia Ann Booher. In February 2002, Bissell pled "guilty but insane" and was sent to prison for life. Was he really crazy? Or was he crazy like a fox, turning it on and off to try to beat a death sentence for Booher's murder. . . Includes 16 Pages Of Shocking Photos

## A Habit of the Blood

The Number 1 Bestseller that inspired the hit Netflix series starring Kevin Spacey and Robin Wright. Politics, intrigue and passion in the corridors of power. Chief Whip Francis Urquhart has his hand on every secret in politics - and is willing to betray them all to become prime minister. Mattie Storin is a tenacious young political correspondent. She faces the biggest challenge of her life when she stumbles upon a scandalous web of intrigue and financial corruption at the very highest levels. She is determined to reveal the truth, but she must risk everything to do so... 'This blood-and-thunder tale, lifelike and thoroughly cynical, certainly carries the ring of authenticity . . . a great triumph' Independent

## A Bloody Hot Summer

Silla is damaged and lost since the death of her parents. Nick is the new boy in town with a chilling past of his own. A mysterious spell book steeped in blood magic will bind Silla and Nick together. But at what cost?

## Blood Highway

"A publishing phenomenon" Sunday Times It took me a long time and most of the world to learn what I know about love and fate and the choices we make, but the heart of it came to me in an instant, while I was chained to a wall and being tortured. Shantaram is a novel based on the life of the author, Gregory David Roberts. In 1978 Roberts was sentenced to nineteen years imprisonment as punishment for a series of robberies of building-society branches, credit unions, and shops he had committed while addicted to heroin. In July 1980 he escaped from Victoria's maximum-security prison in broad daylight, thereby becoming one of Australia's most wanted men for what turned out to be the next ten years. For most of this period he lived in Bombay. He set up a free health clinic in the slums, acted in Bollywood movies, worked for the Bombay mafia as a forger, counterfeiter, and smuggler and, as a gun-runner, resupplied a unit of mujaheddin guerrilla fighters in Afghanistan. This is the setting of Shantaram. Apart from having this highly unusual personal background, Greg Roberts is a very gifted writer. His book is a blend of vivid dialogue, unforgettable characters, amazing adventures, and superb evocations of Indian life. It can be read as a vast, extended thriller, as well as a superbly written meditation on the nature of good and evil. It is a compelling tale of a hunted man who had lost everything - his home, his family, and his soul - and came to find his humanity while living at the wildest edge of experience. Gregory David Roberts retired from public life in 2014 to devote time to his family and new writing projects. The Mountain Shadow, sequel to Shantaram, is available now. PRAISE FOR SHANTARAM "A literary masterpiece ... at once erudite and intimate, reflective and funny ... it has the grit and pace of a thriller" Daily Telegraph "Powerful and original ... a remarkable achievement" Sunday Telegraph "Extraordinarily vivid ... a gigantic, jaw-dropping, grittily authentic saga" Daily Mail "At once a high-kicking, eye-gouging adventure, a love saga and a savage yet tenderly lyrical fugitive vision." Time Out Fans of Vikram Seth, John Irving and David Mitchell will love Shantaram.

## House of Cards

Blood Magic



