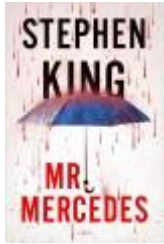


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## Best Novel

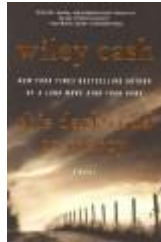


### Fiction King -- *Mr. Mercedes*

Months after a crazed hit-and-run driver kills several attendees at a Midwestern job fair, a depressed retired cop and two unlikely allies join forces to find and stop the killer, who has sent a letter threatening another attack.

### Fiction Cash -- *This Dark Road to Mercy*

After their mother dies unexpectedly, 12-year-old Easter and her 6-year-old sister Ruby are kidnapped by their errant father Wade, while their court appointed guardian races against time to find them before a vengeful killer does.

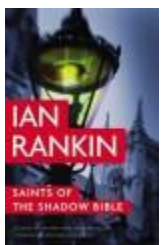


### Fiction Hayder -- *Wolf*

After a vagrant finds a dog wandering alone carrying a scrap of paper with the words "HELP US" attached to its collar, Caffery races against time to find the dog's owners, while a wealthy local family, held hostage in their remote home, fight for their lives.

### Fiction Neville -- *The Final Silence*

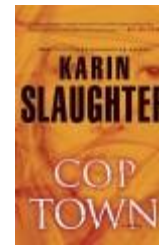
Jack Lennon investigates a possible connection between him being the lead suspect in a murder investigation and the recently discovered twisted legacy of a new client's uncle.



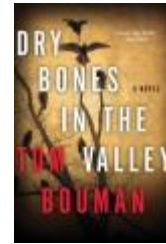
*Saints of the Shadow Bible* by Ian Rankin  
Reinstated on the force, demoted, and with a chip on his shoulder, Rebus reteams with internal affairs officer Malcolm Fox to solve a cold case from thirty years ago.

### Fiction Slaughter -- *Cop Town*

Atlanta, 1974. It's Kate Murphy's first day on the job, and the Atlanta Police Department is seething after the murder of an officer. Soon, she finds herself teamed with agenda-seeking Maggie Lawson in a manhunt for the killer.



## Best First Novel



### Fiction Bouman -- *Dry Bones in the Valley*

The lone police officer in a rural Northern Pennsylvania town finds trouble on the heels of the gas drilling which has brought money, crime, and drugs into the territory, and must investigate a murder that tears at old wounds.

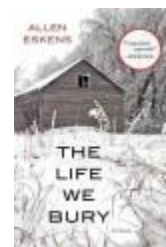
### Fiction Dahl -- *Invisible City*

Investigating the murder of a Hasidic Jewish woman who, because of religious laws, will be buried without an autopsy, journalist Rebekah Roberts intercedes to prevent the woman's killer from getting away with the crime.



### Fiction Eskens -- *The Life We Bury*

Carl is a dying Vietnam veteran--and a convicted murderer. With only a few months to live, he has been medically paroled to a nursing home, after spending thirty years in prison for the crimes of rape and murder.



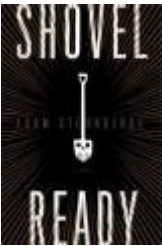
### Fiction McKenzie -- *Bad Country*

A recluse retired from the rodeo circuit, P.I. Rodeo Grace Garnet comes face-to-face with true hatred when he is hired by an elderly woman to discover who murdered her grandson, even though she seems strangely uninterested in the results.



### Fiction Sternbergh -- *Shovel Ready*

Working as a hit man on the ravaged streets of New York City after a dirty bomb is unleashed on Times Square, Spademan takes an assignment to kill the daughter of a powerful evangelist only to discover that his mark holds a shocking secret and that his client hides a more sinister agenda.



### Fiction Weaver -- *Murder at the Brightwell*

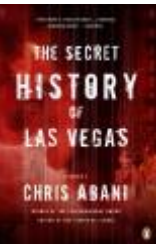
Regretting her marriage to a notorious playboy, wealthy young Amory Ames agrees to help her former fiance, Gil Trent, prevent his sister's marriage to a disreputable man, only to be embroiled in a murder investigation that places her relationships and safety in jeopardy.



## Best Paperback Original

### Fiction Abani -- *The Secret History of Las Vegas*

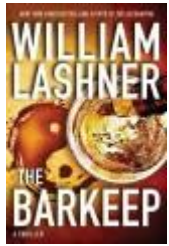
Determined to solve a series of murders before he retires, Detective Salazar turns to Sunil Singh, a South African transplant who specializes in psychopaths, to help determine if a pair of conjoined twins he apprehended are the killers.



### PB Gaylin -- *Stay With Me*

Unable to recall the night of her sister Clea's mysterious disappearance 28 years earlier despite having a perfect memory, Brenna Spector finds her obsession with finding the truth hitting too close to home when her own teenage daughter goes missing.

**Fiction Lashner -- *The Barkeep: A Novel of Zensense***



Justin Chase is the perfect barkeep, tending bar as he lives his life, in a state of Zen serenity. At least until Birdie Grackle, a yellow-haired, foul-mouthed alcoholic from Texas, walks into his bar, orders a Mojito, and confesses to being the hit man who murdered Justin's mother, a crime for which his father is serving a life sentence.

**Fiction McPherson -- *The Day She Died***

After meeting and growing close to Gus King and his family, strange things start happening to Jessie Constable, and she begins to investigate what happened to Gus' wife.



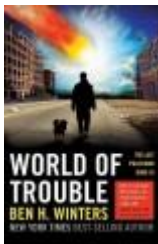
**Fiction Turner -- *The Gone Dead Train***



After his previous case left him questioning everything he believed, Detective Billy Able becomes immersed in a murder investigation that has connections to a series of crimes dating back to the civil rights movement.

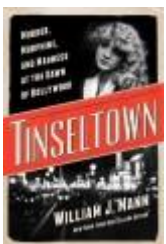
**Fiction Winters -- *World of Trouble***

With just days left before an asteroid collides with Earth, Detective Hank Palace has one last case to solve, locating his missing sister, Nico, but his search leads to a series of shocking revelations.



**Best Fact Crime**

**364.1523 Mann -- *Tinseltown: Murder, Morphine, and Madness at the Dawn of Hollywood***



A narrative account of the unsolved murder of popular Motion Picture Directors Association president William Desmond Taylor draws on recently released FBI files to consider a host of potential suspects against a backdrop of Roaring Twenties Hollywood.

**364.1523 Cook -- *Kitty Genovese: The Murder, the Bystanders, the Crime that Changed America***



Recounts the events of March 13, 1964, when a young woman in Queens was slain in plain sight of witnesses who heard her cries for help but chose not to get involved.

**995 Hoffman -- *The Savage Harvest: A Tale of Cannibals, Colonialism, and Michael Rockefeller's Tragic Quest for Primitive Art***



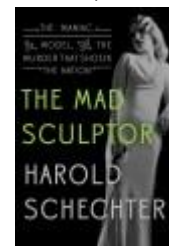
Retracing Rockefeller's steps, journalist Carl Hoffman traveled to the jungles of New Guinea to solve a decades-old mystery and illuminate a culture transformed by years of colonial rule.

**92 Biography Johnson -- *The Other Side: A Memoir***



A gripping account of a passionate-turned-abusive relationship follows the author as she, held prisoner by her ex-boyfriend, found the courage to escape and the strength to recover from unspeakable violence.

**364.1523 Schechter -- *The Mad Sculptor: The Maniac, the Model, and the Murder that Shook the Nation***



An account of a brutal triple homicide in Depression-era New York draws on archival records to profile the killer, a disturbed young sculptor, while documenting the nationwide manhunt, tabloid scandals, and courtroom dramas surrounding the case.

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