

Club Blue Orchid

Stuart Woods brings back small-town police chief Holly Barker—and her extraordinary Doberman, Daisy—for another exhilarating adventure in this New York Times bestseller. When Holly Barker's wedding festivities are shattered by a brutal robbery, she vows to find the culprits. With nothing to go on but the inexplicable killing of an innocent bystander, Holly discovers evidence that leads her into the midst of a clan whose members are as mysterious as they are zealous. Holly's father, Ham, a retired army master sergeant, is her ticket into their strange world. What he finds there boggles the mind and sucks them all—Holly, Ham, and Daisy—into a whirlpool of crazed criminality from which even the FBI can't save them...

Life in a Black Community details and explores the Jim Crow era in Annapolis, Maryland. It recounts the tactics blacks used to gain equal rights, details the methods whites employed to deny or curtail their rights, and explores a range of survival and advancement strategies used by black families.

'Fracas at the Blue Orchid' is a novel which deals with some adult topics in a light-hearted and humorous manner. It is 'easy reading'. It features in a relaxed, West Country sort of way, the complicated and intertwined lives of a group of friends that are all members of the Penwithian Coracle Sailing Club. The story centres on their adventures and that of their acquaintances. It shows how lives in this coastal village move in a semi-chaotic fashion through many hilarious twists and turns as they all proceed, relentlessly and inevitably, towards 'Fracas at the Blue Orchid'. Much to their total amazement, our unlikely heroes find themselves, in common with the other members of the stag party, arrested, thrown into police cells, interviewed, charged and finally convicted.

'Life's A Ball' charts the ups and downs of a football experience that has rarely been dull! Ian Liversedge's story comes from the very heart of the game - the manager's office, the dug-out, the boot room and the treatment table. Ian describes his relationships with managers and players at every level from non-league to international as well as the changing role of a physiotherapist in a sport that has become ever-more intense. There are many anecdotes about a lifestyle away from the football pitch that Ian found both attractive and magnetic. He has blazed a trail and the book deals honestly with his shortcomings, including encounters with the police and the adverse effect on his family life.

Once, they were engaged, now they're enemies. Until they meet again in Paris at a secret BDSM club for the world's uber wealthy. They may hate each other for what happened in their past, but their sexual chemistry makes them perfect D/s partners. When the real world intrudes and the past repeats itself, Solomon leaves, but Vivienne isn't going to let the only man she's ever loved walk away without a fight. They're perfect together, and terrible for one another. They swear

it's the last time, but fate—and a billionaire friend with a private jet—are about to intervene. Locked away together, they'll have to decide if love is enough... ..and if they're willing to promise forever.

Is the pen mightier than the sword? Canadian journalist Hadley Reed thinks so, and his hard-hitting pieces spare no one, regardless of importance. But even Hadley is taken aback when the U.S.A., Canada's mighty neighbor to the south, becomes the subject of the biggest scoop he's ever had. The dangers of confronting such a superpower and exposing its seamier side in international affairs, have consequences beyond anything he can foresee.

Benvenuti al Club Blue Orchid, dove ogni vostro desiderio verrà esaudito!Un animo pieno di cicatrici è ciò che Ruben, giovane barista del Club Blue Orchid, nasconde alla gente. Ha una meta da raggiungere e lo vuole fare senza mai voltarsi indietro. Un fantasma, un sicario che si muove tra le ombre della vita è ciò che Tristan vuole dimenticare di essere, ogni volta che entra in quel locale a luci rosse parigino. Gli bastano poche ore, pochi attimi per evadere dalle sue prigioni.Un "desiderio" a cui non si può dire di no, ballerine e spogliarellisti pronti a donare piacere e una Parigi di peccati. Questi sono gli ingredienti che condurranno i due protagonisti tra le mura di un passato che non perdona. Se solo quelle ali fossero fatte per volare...

L'ultima traccia dell'esistenza di Lynda Korin è la registrazione video di una telecamera di sicurezza all'ingresso di Stoke Point, uno dei punti panoramici più suggestivi sulla costa del Devonshire. I fotogrammi la ritraggono alla guida della sua auto in procinto di varcare l'unico ingresso, poi più nulla. L'automobile viene ritrovata incustodita, nessun'altra testimonianza del passaggio di Lynda in quel luogo. Wendy Fisher, sorella della donna, incarica delle indagini il detective David Raker, specializzato nella ricerca di persone scomparse. A quanto pare Lynda, vedova del noto e controverso regista Robert Hosterlitz, era venuta a conoscenza di segreti inquietanti sulla vita del marito, verità scioccanti che avrebbero potuto spingerla a gesti estremi. Raker sa che la pista da seguire per arrivare a lei va ricercata nel passato di Hosterlitz. Quello che non può immaginare è l'abisso di meschinità e orrore in cui le loro esistenze sono cadute, fino a portarli a un tragico e inquietante presente. Una nuova indagine per David Raker, un viaggio pericoloso a ritroso nel tempo, fino all'origine del male.

Crime scenes associated with child sexual exploitation and trafficking in child pornography were once limited to physical locations such as school playgrounds, church vestibules, trusted neighbors' homes, camping trips and seedy darkly lit back rooms of adult bookstores. The explosion of Internet use has created a virtual hunting ground for sexual predators and has fueled a brisk, multi-billion dollar trade in the associated illicit material. Approximately half of the caseload in computer crimes units involves the computer assisted sexual exploitation of children. Despite the scale of this problem, or perhaps because of it, there are no published resources that bring together the complex mingling of disciplines and expertise required to put together a computer assisted child exploitation case. This work fills this void, providing police, prosecutors and forensic examiners with the historical, legal, technical, and social background for the laws prohibiting child exploitation, in particular, child pornography. The book will

become an indispensable resource for those involved in the investigation, prosecution and study of computer-assisted child sexual exploitation. The book provides a history of child exploitation cases and studies, outlining the roles of technology in this type of crime and the evidence they can contain, and documenting new research performed by the authors. It details how successful undercover Internet operations are conducted, how the associated evidence is collected, and how to use the evidence to locate and apprehend the offender. The heart of this work is a legal section, detailing all of the legal issues that arise in Internet child exploitation cases. A forensic examination section presents evidentiary issues from a technical perspective and describes how to conduct a forensic examination of digital evidence gathered in the investigative and probative stages of a child exploitation case. Citations to related documents are provided for readers who want to learn more about certain issues. Actual case examples from computer assisted child exploitation cases are explored, at all times protecting the privacy of the victims while providing enough detail to educate the reader. In addition to providing guidance on the technical and legal aspects of child exploitation investigations, this work identifies and analyzes trends in this type of crime and helps readers understand the similarities and differences between child predators who take to the Internet and predators who do not. Data from the thirty Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Forces are compiled and reported to provide a deeper understanding of the types of cases, types of offenders and the level of danger they pose to themselves, their victims, and investigating officers. Also, sex offender data from the Offices of Attorneys General in the United States and similar offices in foreign countries are gathered to increase the study sample size, establish controls, and expand the scope of the research to outside of the United States. - The first comprehensive title in this subject area - It will use real cases and examples of criminal behavior and the means to detect it. - Provides guidelines for developing a Field Manual and a Checklist to supplement the investigation and legal process - Establishes a reliable system and legal, procedural-backed protocol by which to conduct an online sexual investigation and collect evidence

Could time spent serving with the UK's Special Forces help a man to save his marriage? For the Love of Brass is the bittersweet autobiography of a family man who loses his way and the heater skelter world he falls into whilst searching for the path to happiness. It is the true story of what happens when dad becomes an infatuated whoremonger, living in a world of guns, drugs and corruption. Moments of despair and frustration merge into hilarity and elation as the journey passes through depravity and the seedy side of drug-fuelled London in the 1990s. Can a life be salvaged from the shards of love and deceit?

“A riveting look at record spinning from its beginnings to the present day . . . A grander and more fascinating story than one would think” (Time Out). This is the first comprehensive history of the disc jockey, a cult classic now updated with five new chapters and over a hundred pages of additional material. It’s the definitive account of DJ culture, from the first record played over airwaves to house, hip-hop, techno, and beyond. From the early development of recorded and transmitted sound, DJs have been shaping the way we listen to music and the record industry. This book tracks down the inside story on some of music’s most memorable moments. Focusing on the club DJ, the book gets first-hand accounts of the births of disco, hip-hop, house, and techno. Visiting legendary clubs like the Peppermint Lounge, Cheetah, the Loft, Sound Factory, and Ministry of Sound, and with interviews with

legendary DJs, *Last Night a DJ Saved My Life* is a lively and entertaining account of musical history and some of the most legendary parties of the century. “Brewster and Broughton’s ardent history is one of barriers and sonic booms, spanning almost 100 years, including nods to pioneers Christopher Stone, Martin Block, Douglas ‘Jocko’ Henderson, Bob ‘Wolfman Jack’ Smith and Alan ‘Moondog’ Freed.” —Publishers Weekly

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The History of the National Association of Colored Womens Clubs, Inc., Edited by LaVonne Jackson Leslie With a new introduction by the editor In highlighting the history of the oldest black womens organization in the United States, *The History of the National Association of Colored Womens Clubs, Inc.*, written by scholar Dr. Charles Wesley, provides a comprehensive insight into the historical achievements and activities of the organization from its creation to 1984. The book offers an interesting history of how the organization evolved and functioned nationwide into one of the most respectable black organization. It is highly recommended for readers interested in understanding the role of black women in uplifting the black community through community service involvement with programs focusing on childcare, education, and social services. The clubwomen established local, state, and regional chapters nationwide. *The History of the National Association of Colored Womens Clubs, Inc.*, utilizes the organizations conference reports, minutes, and National Notespublication, as primary sources to depict how the clubs carried out their goals and operated in society to make a difference. The voices of the pioneer women in the National Association of Colored Womens Clubs, Inc., can be envisioned by reading this pivotal work. Their achievements are noteworthy in our history. They have inspired women in the organization to continue to be involved in carrying out its mission by upholding its motto, lifting as we climb. This book prepares the foundation for the next edition focusing on the history of the organization to the present.

Dottie Dodgion is a jazz drummer who played with the best. A survivor, she lived an entire lifetime before she was seventeen. Undeterred by hardships she defied the odds and earned a seat as a woman in the exclusive men’s club of jazz. Her dues-paying path as a musician took her from early work with Charles Mingus to being hired by Benny Goodman at Basin Street East on her first day in New York. From there she broke new ground as a woman who played a “man’s instrument” in first-string, all-male New York City jazz bands. Her inspiring memoir talks frankly about her music and the challenges she faced, and shines a light into the jazz world of the 1960s and 1970s. Vivid and always entertaining, *The Lady Swings* tells Dottie Dodgion's story with the same verve and straight-ahead honesty that powered her playing.

This tale of a singer’s kidnapping in 1920s Harlem is “the best kind of historical mystery” (Lee Child). Lanie Price, a Harlem society columnist, witnesses the brutal nightclub kidnapping of the “Black Orchid,” a sultry, seductive singer with a mysterious past. When hours pass without a word from the kidnapper, puzzlement grows as to his motive. After a gruesome package arrives at Price’s doorstep, the questions change. Just what does the kidnapper want—and how many people is he willing to kill to get it? Evil hides behind the genteel facades of affluent Strivers’ Row, and stalks the

ballroom of a famous drag party, in this “dark, sexy” mystery set during the Harlem Renaissance (Publishers Weekly). “Lanie has the makings of a strong series heroine. Walter Mosley fans, in particular, should look for more from this promising crime writer.” —Booklist “Black Orchid Blues works as a study of class and race, plus the debilitating effects of grief, the question of identity and the far-reaching impact of family secrets . . . Walker has a crystal clear eye for what motivates people as she explores disparity and desperation.” —South Florida Sun-Sentinel “Put a Bessie Smith platter on the Victrola, and go with the flow on this mystery/romance/history mix.” —Library Journal

At the Black Orchid Club, adventurous women who yearn for the pleasures of exotic, even kinky sex can quench their desires in discreet and luxurious surroundings. Having tasted the fulfilment of unique and powerful lusts, one such adventurous woman learns what happens when the need for limitless indulgence becomes an addiction.

As the custodian of the oracular bookstore Abernathy’s, Helena has faced any number of challenges in learning her new role. But when the store begins giving out false prophecies, Helena comes up against her greatest challenge yet: how can she fix Abernathy’s when she doesn’t truly know how it works? Armed only with a few special talents and her desire to protect her magical charge, Helena navigates the treacherous depths of the magical world, where secret enemies lurk behind illusions capable of fooling even the most powerful of magical entities. Helena is the only one who can see past those illusions, but will her abilities prove strong enough to save the oracle?

This is the second series of short stories of various genres. These tales I wrote between 2003 and 2010. I abandoned short story writing to concentrate on novels, and with suggestions from friends, decided to publish them. I experimented with genres unfamiliar to me, including comedy, romance and drama. The book mainly comprises of horror and thrillers; subjects now second nature to me. Some of the stories concern human emotion, and just how cruel society can be. I hope you enjoy the book and would appreciate any feedback or reviews. Thank you. Anthony Hulse.

Louis Nowra burrows beneath the sensationalist Underbelly ‘sex and sin’ narrative, revealing stories and a cast of characters – some household names others little-known - that not even a writer could conjure up. Kings Cross is a no-holds barred place, where backpackers, prostitutes, strippers, chefs, mad men, poets, beggars, booksellers, doctors, gangsters, sailors, musicians, drug traffickers, eccentrics, judges and artists live side by side. Part flaneur, part historian and part eyewitness, Louis Nowra is the best possible guide to a place both real, and a state of mind.

It is November 20, 1977, when Mohammad first gazes at the snowcovered airstrip at JFK International Airport. Anxiety overwhelms him as he stares at the gray sky. He is now two oceans away from his ordinary life in Pakistan. As Mohammad makes his way through immigration and then on to a plane destined for Dallas, Texas, he realizes his life will never be the same again. In a state where cowboy hats and drawls are the way of life, everything seems strange to

Mohammad. With the help of his friend Rashid, Mohammad finds work at a factory. Despite his struggles to fit into a new culture, all seems well—until a blonde co-worker catches his eye. Carla is opinionated, independent, and equally as infatuated with Mohammad. But there is only one problem—Carla is Christian. Soon after Mohammad and Carla fall in love, he reveals a secret past; almost immediately, their religious and cultural differences begin to cause a rift in their relationship. Just as Mohammad finally finds love and acceptance, Carla walks away. Now Mohammad must decide whether he is willing to risk his faith, his values, and his family in order to win Carla back.

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The truth won't set me free—but it will probably get me killed ... As Gin Blanco, aka the assassin the Spider, I'm used to having a target on my back. But ever since I started investigating the secret society known as the Circle, that target seems bigger than ever. Still, I'm trying to relax and enjoy the events leading up to my friends' wedding when I learn that an old enemy has returned to Ashland. And that's the just beginning of my latest nightmare. Soon, I have Circle goons watching my every move, but I have no choice but to continue searching for a key piece of evidence against the evil group. The deeper I dig, the more horrifying secrets I uncover, and the more dangerous things become for me and my friends. Just when I think I finally have a handle on things, a shocking revelation shatters my heart and leaves me with an ugly realization—that betrayal is the sharpest sting of all ...

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Set in Brighton over the bank holiday weekend of 1964, an ambitious and handsome young detective named Vince Treadwell is sent down to solve a murder and catch the elusive and powerful gangster, Jack Regent. In the tangled web of the crime, Vince falls for Jack's beautiful girlfriend, Bobbie LaVita, and discovers the truth about their own dark pasts. Kiss Me Quick goes behind the headlines of rioting Mods and Rockers, and into the deadly world of a secret Corsican crime organization, a burgeoning drug trade, police corruption, pornography rackets, and the dark side of the music business. With its elaborate and compelling plot, a cast of deliciously treacherous and vividly drawn characters, this page turning thriller introduces us to the dangerous world of Vince Treadwell.

Raised as sisters, Orchid and Valentia Lederer, two motherless girls, grow to begin careers as recording artists, but Valentina's dark beauty and talent catapult her to stardom and tear her from her sister. Original.

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This book covers the history and present-day realities of the epidemic of child sexual exploitation and the law enforcement efforts to combat it. Written from the perspective of those who have spent their careers investigating, prosecuting, and adjudicating these cases, the authors provide fresh, practical thinking to this challenging legal area.

The Macquarie Dictionary Eighth Edition is nationally and internationally regarded as the standard reference on Australian English. An up-to-date account of our variety of English, it not only includes words and senses peculiar to Australian English, but also those common to the whole English-speaking world. The Eighth Edition features: - a comprehensive record of English as it is used in Australia today - more than 3500 new entries such as algorithmic bias, cancel culture, deepfake, eco-anxiety, hygge, influencer, Me Too, ngangkari, single-use, social distancing - thousands of updated entries to reflect changing perspectives relating to the environment, politics, technology and the internet - illustrative phrases showing how a word is used in context - words and phrases from regional Australia - etymologies of words and phrases - extensive usage notes - foreword by Kim Scott, multi-award-winning novelist.

Through stark observations and visceral experiences, *Blood Orchid* begins Charles Bowden's dizzying excavation of the brutal, systemic violence and corruption at the roots of American society. Like a nightmarish fever dream that turns out to be our own reality, Bowden visits dying friends in skid row apartments in Los Angeles, traverses San Francisco byways lined with clubs and joints, and roams through village bars and streets in the Sierra Madre mountains. In these wanderings resides a yearning for the understanding of past and present sins, the human penchant for warfare, abuse, and oppression, and the true war between humanity, the industrialized world, and the immense tolls of our shared land. Deeply personal, hauntingly prophetic, and bracingly sharp, the start to Bowden's harrowed quest to unearth our ugly truths remains strikingly poignant today.

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