

FICTION:

FALLEN by David Maine

From the author of *The Preservationist* comes the legend of Cain and Abel, told in reverse chronological order (the book ends with Adam and Eve's expulsion from the Garden of Eden). *Fallen* is the story of the first sin, the first murder, and the first dysfunctional family.

Praise for *The Preservationist*:

"A voice that is clear, distinct and (remarkable, under the circumstances) dry.... It is an elegant, inventive book and in no way a cynical one, despite the author's keen appreciation of the incongruous..."—Janet Maslin, *New York Times*, June 28, 2004

"*The Preservationist* is funny, tender, intelligent, energetic, irreverent, and worshipful. It is an enormous juggling act of families, animals and faith, and it kept me engaged through every page."—Ann Patchett, author of *Bel Canto*

- *The Preservationist* published as *The Flood* by Canongate UK and long-listed for *The Guardian's* Best First Book
- Also sold to Germany/Luebbe (2 books), Spain/Santillana, Japan/Sony, Norway/Dinamo and Holland/Prometheus
- Quotes on *The Preservationist* from Ann Patchett, Jim Fergus, Tracy Chevalier, India Edghill, and Jincy Willett
- Rave reviews in the *New York Times*, *People* magazine, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Time* magazine, *O* magazine, Toronto's *Globe and Mail*, starred *Publishers Weekly* and others
- July Booksense Pick
- Fall 2005, manuscript available

UPSTATE by Kalisha Buckhanon

A modern day *The Color Purple* and *The Catcher in the Rye*, *Upstate* is an absolutely stunning, powerful first novel filled with tragedy, struggle, love and triumph. Kalisha Buckhanon, an award-winning first-time author, is at the start of a major career.

"Heartbreaking and true. . .I'd read it again just for the power of the language."—Dorothy Allison, National Book Award finalist and national bestselling author of *Bastard Out of Carolina* and *Cavedweller*

"A literary gem. *Upstate* is a stunning debut. Completely unforgettable."—E. Lynn Harris, *New York Times* bestselling author of *What Becomes of the Brokenhearted*

- Sold to John Murray Ltd in the UK, to be published as a lead title in April 2005
- SMP lead title, Fresh Fiction selection, 8-city author tour, National radio and print publicity and a print advertising campaign
- Quotes from Sapphire, Dorothy Allison, Zelda Lockhart, Darnella Ford, Achy Obejas, and E. Lynn Harris
- January 2005, galleys available, 256 pages

THE ILLUMINATOR by Brenda Rickman Vantrease

Set in 14th-century England, this first novel will appeal to fans of Margaret George and Sarah Dunant.

“A wonderful novel—a tumultuous panorama of Wycliffe's and Chaucer's England, with an absolutely compelling and irresistible heroine.”—Max Byrd, author of *Grant*

“For those of you who remember, and have missed her, it was like finding a new book by the late Anya Seton. It especially reminded me of her masterpiece *Katherine*.”
—Margaret George, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Autobiography of Henry VIII*

- SMP Fresh Fiction selection, print advertising campaign
- Sold in Germany/Bertelsmann (2 book-deal), Italy/Sonzogno, France/Belfond, Spain/Ed Maeva, Portugal/Bertrand, Holland/Unieboek, Greece/Livanis, Czech Republic/Alpress, and Japan/Shinchosha
- Quotes from Max Byrd, Charmaine Craig, Margaret George, Terry Kay, Valerie Miner, and Frances Sherwood
- March 2005, galleys available, 416 pages

HEDWIG AND BERTI by Frieda Arkin

Thirty-five years after publishing her critically acclaimed first novel *The Dorp*, Frieda Arkin returns to the literary world with a darkly humorous novel begun under the tutelage of Andre Dubus.

“I was thoroughly taken with this wonderful novel....You have in your hands a work of art that will endure.”—Joseph Hurka, author of *Fields of Light* (Pushcart Editors' Book Award)

- Reminiscent of early John Irving (e.g. *Hotel New Hampshire*)
- Quotes from Peter Orner, Jincy Willet, Joseph Hurka, and Elinor Lipman
- Thomas Dunne Books, January 2005, manuscript available, 272 pages

SOMETHING BLUE by Emily Giffin

Meet Darcy in *Something Borrowed*: Perfect guy. Perfect shoes. Perfect job. Perfect life. Meet Darcy in *Something Blue*: No guy. Not enough money for shoes. And a baby on the way!

Praise for *Something Borrowed*:

“Emily Giffin brings a fresh new voice to women's fiction. *Something Borrowed* is a deftly written and convincing tale of a friendship gone comically—and at times poignantly—awry.”—Meg Cabot, author *The Princess Diaries*

- *New York Times* bestselling author on target to be the next Jennifer Weiner
 - *Something Borrowed* sold to UK/Random House, Germany/Rowohlt, France/Ja'i Lu (2 books), Holland/House of Books, Poland/Bertelsmann Media, and Indonesia/Binarupa Aksara Publishers
 - Quotes for *Something Borrowed* from Marian Keyes, Valerie Frenkel, Lauren Weisberger, and Meg Cabot
 - *Something Borrowed* serialized in *Complete Woman* magazine and a rave review in *Entertainment Weekly*
 - June 2005, 384 pages
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THE BACHELORETTE PARTY by Karen McCullah Lutz

A compulsively readable, hilarious first novel by the co-writer of the hit movie *Legally Blonde* about getting dumped, getting lucky, and getting what you want. It's an absolute romp—ask us about the 30-year old protagonist's 19-year old love interest—with a twist ending. From the editor of *The Nanny Diaries*, this is the perfect book for anyone who has ever tried to help liven up a truly terrible social event!

“A raunchy, raucous joy-ride of a book!”—Jennifer Weiner, author of *Little Earthquakes*

- SMP Fresh Fiction selection, national broadcast and print publicity, author appearances in NY and LA
- Sold to Holland/House of Books, and Germany/Luebbe
- Quotes from Jennifer Weiner, Selma Blair, Heather Graham, Jane Heller, Amanda Brown, and Peter Horton
- Serial sale to *Complete Woman*
- February 2005, galleys available, 240 pages

THE TIARA CLUB by Beverly Brandt

The members of the Tiara Club—grown women who in their teens and twenties competed in beauty pageants—are determined to help their newest member win the coveted Shrimp Queen crown. With one member's wedding on the horizon and a few hard-to-keep secrets, all the Tiara Club can do is to try to maintain their poise, their friendships, and their sense of humor.

- For fans of Sophie Kinsella, Marian Keyes, Haywood Smith and Kathryn Scholes
- Trade paperback, Summer 2005, manuscript available, 304 pages

SO FLY by Giselle Zado Wasfie

Sophie moves from Michigan to the big city, looking to make it as a music journalist and struggling to break into the testosterone-fueled music scene. *So Fly* will appeal to the burgeoning hip-hop generation, both because of its subject, and because Sophie is not your typical chick-lit heroine.

- A young, female Nick Hornby
- For fans of *Bling* by Erica Kennedy and Anna Maxted's work
- Trade paperback, May 2005, manuscript to come, 256 pages

HONK IF YOU LOVE REAL MEN by Julie Elizabeth Leto, Claire Alexander, Pamela Britton, and Susan Donovan

Wanted: Real Men. Must be irresistible, good with their hands, and know how to handle any situation...in or out of the bedroom. *Honk If You Love Real Men* is a collection of four contemporary erotic novellas featuring some of the brightest up-and-coming names in contemporary romance and erotic romance.

- For fans of the *Bad Boy* anthologies from Brava Publishing
 - Trade paperback, August 2005, manuscript to come
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LIGHT OF HOPE by Robert Vaughan

Galen Scobey lost all hope after his wife's death seven years ago. With no time for love and no patience for holiday joy, he doesn't balk when work takes him to a small Alaskan town over Christmas. Ellie Springer came to Alaska looking for adventure and recovery from her last romantic disaster, but now finds herself siding with some of the local villagers in a fight to keep Galen and his oil company out of their majestic town. An uplifting tale of love, second chances, hope...and even a Christmas miracle.

- For fans of *The Christmas Shoes*, *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans, and *Christmas, Present* by Jacquelyn Mitchard
- Vaughan's *The Valkyrie Mandate* was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize
- Vaughan is the author of over 250 titles and a member of the Writers' Hall of Fame
- Forge Books, November 2004, galley available, 208 pages

SARAH'S QUILT by Nancy E. Turner

Sequel to the much-loved novel *These is My Words* (Regan Books, 1998) which won the Arizona Author Award, and was a finalist for the Willa Cather Literary Award and garnered rave reviews.

The homespun wisdom of Sarah Prine (a character based on the author's great-grandmother) sees her through a life-threatening drought, a new romance, and the great San Francisco earthquake.

"Nancy Turner has scored again. *Sarah's Quilt* is even better than *These Is My Words*, and that's saying a lot."— Tony Hillerman

- *These is My Words* sold in the UK/ Hodder, Sweden/Forum, Denmark/ Cicero, and Holland/House of Books
- Quotes for *These is My Words* from Rosamunde Pilcher and Mary Stewart
- Quotes for *Sarah's Quilt* from Michael Blake, Sandra Dallas, Don Coldsmith and Tony Hillerman
- Thomas Dunne Books, May 2005, manuscript available, 416 pages

THE AMBASSADOR'S SON by Homer Hickam

With a hint of James Michener (who makes a cameo appearance in this novel), *New York Times* bestselling author Homer Hickam gives us the second book in his World War II trilogy. Captain Josh Thurlow teams up with a PT boat commander named Jack Kennedy on a devil-may-care mission in the South Pacific.

"Fear, courage, cynicism, lust and adrenalin propel this imaginary two-week episode...."—Nigel Hamilton, author of *JFK: Reckless Youth*

"With this tale of the South Pacific, Homer Hickam establishes himself as an heir to such greats as James Jones and Herman Wouk."—James Bradley, author of *Flags of Our Fathers*

- *New York Times* bestselling author for memoirs set in Coalwood, West Virginia
- 6-city author tour, Print Advertising Campaign, National Broadcast, Radio, and Print Publicity
- For fans of Herman Wouk and Pat Conroy
- Praise for *The Keeper's Son* from Nelson DeMille, Stephen Coonts, and Robert Morgan
- Thomas Dunne Books, March 2005, manuscript available, 352 pages

THE LION OF ST. MARK by Thomas Quinn

This is the first novel in a trilogy that tells of the bitter and enduring conflict between two powerful Venetian noble families. The families' struggle is set during Venice's epic war against the powerful Ottoman Turks, and so it is that these two families must temper their personal actions in the conflict with their devotion and loyalty to their beloved republic.

- For fans of Steven Pressfield, Simon Scarrow, and Michael Curtis Ford
- Thomas Dunne Books, Summer 2005, manuscript available, 336 pages

TYRANNOSAUR CANYON (tentative title) by Douglas Preston

With all the exhilaration and excitement of an Indiana Jones movie, Doug Preston (author of *The Codex*) tells the story of a sixty-million year-old dinosaur, who has been listening and thinking the entire time he's been pent up in the rocks of Colorado. Now that the fossil has been unearthed, it contains an amazing clue to dinosaur extinction. Two factions battle to control the fossil: scientists and a doomsday religious sect determined to start the human race anew.

Praise for *The Codex*:

"Preston doesn't cheat his readers out of a fast-paced, clever adventure."—*Entertainment Weekly* on *The Codex*

- For fans of Preston/Childs books and the works of Matthew Reilly
- Six-figure first year sales (in units) on *The Codex* in the U.S.
- *The Codex* sold to Germany/Droemer, Spain/Plaza y Janes, Italy/Sonzogno, Czech/Alpress, Bulgaria/Koala, and Reader's Digest Condensed in UK, Australia, New Zealand, Southeast Asia, Norway, and Hungary
- Forge Books, September 2005, manuscript to come, 356 pages

Please don't forget these SMP fiction titles on submission with our co-agents:

- *Gettysburg* and *Grant Comes East* by Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen
- *The Virgin* by Eric Barmack

MINOTAUR CRIME and SMP THRILLERS:

LOCKED DOORS by Blake Crouch

In this stunning sequel to *Desert Places*, a psychopath lures victims to an eerie, rambling house on a deserted island on one of North Carolina's Outer Banks.

Praise for *Desert Places*:

"Pulses with adrenaline from start to finish. Blake Crouch is one of the most exciting new writers I've read in years."—Val McDermid, author of *The Last Temptation*

"...a whacked out combination of Stephen King and Cormac McCarthy."—Pat Conroy, author of *My Losing Season*

- For fans of Harlan Coben and Mark Nykanen
- *Desert Places* sold to Germany/Ullstein (2 book deal)
- *Desert Places* quotes from Gregg Hurwitz, Val McDermid, and Pat Conroy
- Thomas Dunne Books, May 2005, manuscript available, 288 pages

THE NANNY MURDERS by Merry Bloch Jones

In the tradition of Mary Higgins Clark and Iris Johansen, this is a truly creepy, deliciously written woman-in-jeopardy novel from a wonderful new talent. There is a killer in Philadelphia dismembering a growing number of terrified nannies, and it is up to the single mother next door to find out who the killer is before she becomes the next victim.

"...a brooding, suburban nightmare with twists and turns to the very last page."—Faye Kellerman, author of *Street Dreams*

- For fans of Iris Johansen and Mary Higgins Clark
- Sold to Germany/Droemer
- Thomas Dunne Books, May 2005, manuscript available, 288 pages

SORROW'S ANTHEM by Michael Koryta

Michael Koryta's debut, *Tonight I Said Goodbye*, won the SMP/Private Eye Writers of America for Best First Novel. This is the second book in his prize-winning Lincoln Perry series.

Praise for *Tonight I Said Goodbye*:

"...the emergence of a unique talent."—Ken Bruen, Edgar nominated author of *The Guards*

- For fans of George Pelecanos and Robert Crais
- We have first offer in Germany
- *Tonight I Said Goodbye* quotes from Lee Child, Steve Hamilton, SJ Rozan and Ken Bruen
- Thomas Dunne Books, Fall 2005, manuscript to come

THE ROGUES' GAME by Milton Burton

A gritty thriller with all the noir elements: a man with a past, a bombshell blonde, and a corrupt sheriff all mixed with oil, money, poker and whiskey...it's a lethal combo that makes for a fantastic read!

"Milton Burton writes with a ruthless charm rivaling the great Raymond Chandler....Hard to believe it's a first novel."—Kinky Friedman, author of *The Prisoner of Vandam Street*

- For fans of Jim Thompson
- Quotes from James Hime, Kinky Friedman, Elmer Kelton, and Ben Rehder
- Thomas Dunne Books, July 2005, manuscript available, 320 pages

STILL RIVER by Harry Hunsicker

This terrific first mystery features a hard-nosed Dallas detective with the unfortunate name of Lee Henry Oswald.

"Great new noir...if this doesn't light you up, seek immediate medical help."—Lee Child, author of *Die Trying* and *The Enemy*

- For fans of the movie *Chinatown* and authors Robert B. Parker and Lee Child
- Quotes from Ben Rehder, Lee Child and Rick Riordan
- A Minotaur First selection
- Thomas Dunne Books, May 2005, manuscript available

EIGHT OF SWORDS by David Skibbins

David Skibbins, the first gentleman to win the SMP/Malice Domestic contest, proves that "traditional mysteries" are far from the polite dead-vicar-in-the-library stories that coined the phrase. Warren Ritter works from a street stall reading tarot cards for curious passing tourists. How he becomes a believer himself – or does he? – will intrigue readers who believe – or do they? – in the cards themselves.

- SMP Minotaur/Malice Domestic Winner for Best Traditional Mystery
- Previous winners include Julia Spencer-Fleming, Joyce Krieg, Donna Andrews, and Cathy Pickens
- A Minotaur First selection
- Thomas Dunne Books, April 2005, manuscript available, 288 pages

THE FOUR COURTS MURDER by Andrew Nugent

Against a strongly delineated background of Ireland and her people, Andrew Nugent has concocted a suspenseful, first mystery with very likeable homicide detectives who hunt down the killer of a judge in the magnificent (**and actual**) Four Courts building in Dublin. Andrew Nugent is a Benedictine monk and former Dublin lawyer.

- For fans of Andrew Greeley and P.C. Doherty
- Thomas Dunne Books, May 2005, manuscript available, 240 pages

A GLADIATOR DIES ONLY ONCE: The Further Investigations of Gordianus the Finder by Steven Saylor

A Gladiator Dies Only Once, the second collection of the award-winning Gordianus stories, is set in the seventeen years between the events of Saylor's first novel, *Roman Blood*, and his third, *Catilina's Riddle*.

"Three groups of readers will find these stories irresistible: history buffs who appreciate Saylor's careful research into Roman politics and Roman mores, fans of his novels, and anyone who appreciates leisurely, literate storytelling."—*Kirkus Review*

- For fans of Lindsey Davis
- Previous Saylor titles sold to UK/Constable & Robinson, Holland/De Boekerij, France/Le Masque, Greece/Enalios, Poland/Rebis, Portugal/Quetzal, Czech/Alpress, Serbia/Mono & Manana, Russia/Olma Press
- For ten books, Steven Saylor has received starred PW reviews and excellent trade reviews
- Watch out for *Roma*, a stand-alone due in Winter 2006!
- June 2005, manuscript available, 288 pages

Please don't forget these mystery, crime, and thriller titles on submission with our co-agents:

- *Skin River* by Steven Sidor
- *Tonight I Said Goodbye* by Michael Koryta
- *A Taint in the Blood* by Dana Stabenow
- *Flat Crazy* by Ben Rehder
- *Wanted* by Kim Wozencraft

SCIENCE FICTION and FANTASY

ALECTOR'S CHOICE: The Fourth Book of the Corean Chronicles by L.E. Modesitt, Jr.

Set a thousand years earlier than the events of Modesitt's *Legacies* trilogy, *Alector's Choice* is the first of three books that unfurl the dramatic early history of Corus, including the seeding of human life there by the Alectors.

- Previous Modesitt titles sold to Germany/Heyne, Poland/Rebis, Russia/Ast, Bulgaria/Bard, France/Editions Mnemos and Italy/Armenia
- Tor Books, June 2005, manuscript available, 496 pages

BEST OF THE BEST: 20 Years of *The Year's Best Science Fiction* by Gardner Dozois

We could call this ultimate science fiction anthology the *crème de la crème!* *The Best of The Year's Best Science Fiction*. Notable contributors will include Ursula LeGuin, Michael Swanwick, Bruce Sterling, Gregory Benford, Nancy Kress, William Gibson, Greg Bear, Joe Haldeman, Gene Wolfe, Robert Silverberg, Stephen Baxter and many more.

- Previous titles sold in the UK/Constable Robinson, Greece/Anubis, China/Science Fiction World, Korea/Signosa, Czech/Laser, and Russia/Azbooka
- February 2005, manuscript available, 672 pages

FOUR AND TWENTY BLACKBIRDS by Cherie Priest

Four and Twenty Blackbirds is both a ghost story and a voodoo mystery. While decidedly capable of giving you the creeps, the story is infused with a refreshing spunkiness and interesting, believable characters . . . Fans of supernatural horror should keep an eye on Cherie Priest!

- First book in a trilogy
- Tor Books, September 2005, manuscript available

"*Four and Twenty Blackbirds* is a rare bird, the novel you wish you'd written yourself—excellent!"—C.J. Henderson, award-winning author of *The Things That Are Not There*

GIL'S ALL FRIGHT DINER by A. Lee Martinez

Welcome to Gil's All Night Diner, where zombie attacks are a regular occurrence and you never know what might be lurking in the freezer . . . For fans of humorous fantasy, vampires and werewolves, this is a gory, sexy, and flat-out hilarious romp that will tickle your funny-bone, before ripping it out of its socket!

- For fans of Terry Pratchett and Piers Anthony
- Tor Books, May 2005, manuscript available, 288 pages

WHEN THE BEAST RAVENS by E. Rose Sabin

In this exciting conclusion to the fantasy trilogy that began with *A School for Sorcery* and *A Perilous Power*, Gray Becq returns to the Lesley Simonton School for the Magically Gifted. No sooner has Becq adjusted himself to the familiar surroundings when a series of horrible accidents occur. Suspicion falls on Gray. Could he have brought a demon back with him from the Dire Realm? To find the truth, Gray will have to confront the most powerful demon he has ever faced: the one that lies within.

- For fans of Harry Potter and His Dark Materials series by Philip Pullman
- Rights to entire trilogy available from SMP!
- *A School for Sorcery* sold to Holland/Bzztoh
- Tor Books, January 2005, manuscript available, 288 pages

BLACK BRILLION: A Novel of the Archonate by Matthew Hughes

This is a far-future romp in the manner of Jack Vance that takes a serious turn into metaphysical fantasy. Belo, a foolish, idealistic, young officer in the interstellar police force, finds himself partnered with Luff Imbry, a criminal rogue he has just arrested, who has been forcibly enlisted into the police by the corrupt Commander. Their adventures are marked by the ironic counter-play between the jaded and cynical thief, who in fact means no harm, and is willing to change sides easily, and the idealist, who bravely keeps putting his foot in his mouth, and the both of them in danger.

- For fans of Jack Vance and Kage Baker's *The Anvil of the World*
- Tor Books, November 2004, finished copies available, 288 pages

NON FICTION, MEMOIR and NARRATIVE NON-FICTION:

MAGICAL THINKING: True Stories by Augusten Burroughs

Publishing phenomenon and household name Augusten Burroughs' break-out bestseller *Running with Scissors* reinvented and redefined the memoir. *Dry* proved he could do it again. And now, with this collection, he sets a new standard for the personal essay.

Augusten's next book of essays is entitled *Possible Side Effects*. SMP just signed a major, six-figure deal with this author for three more books, so we'll continue to grow him for a long time to come!

"Augusten Burroughs shows why he is the memoirist-of-the-moment with his harrowing and laugh-out-loud new essay collection..."—*Vanity Fair* on *Magical Thinking*

- *Running with Scissors* has now spent 69 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list as a Picador trade paperback
- Previous titles have been sold in UK/Atlantic Books, Australia/Hodder Headline, Germany/Rowohlt, France/Passage du Marais, Italy/Dell'Arca, Holland/Unieboek, Sweden/Bra Bocker, Japan/Basilico, Poland/Sonia Draga, Serbia/L.P. Draganic, Hungary/Ulpheus-haz Kiado, Thailand/Amarin, and Indonesia/P.T. Canary
- October 2004, Finished copies available, 288 pages

TEXAS HOLD 'EM: How I Was Born in a Manger, Died in the Saddle, and Came Back as a Horny Toad by Kinky Friedman

Texas Hold 'Em is composed of provocative essays, lists, quizzes and humorous sidebars. Kinky considers it his duty to educate Texans and non-Texans alike about the customs and habits of his native state. Kinky Friedman is a former country music star, *Texas Monthly* columnist, and author of a successful mystery series. He is seriously campaigning to be the Governor of Texas in the 2006 elections.

Praise for Kinky Friedman:

"The Mother Teresa of literature."—Willie Nelson

"Sometimes he's outrageous. Most of the time, he's outrageously funny."—*People* magazine

- June 2005, manuscript to come, 256 pages

CLUB GEORGE: The Birth of a Birdwatcher by Bob Levy

This is a very witty memoir about the author's adventures in Central Park with George, a particularly charismatic red-winged blackbird who develops a posse of devoted fans. Written with the advice of leading biologist and ornithologist Ken Yasukawa, the book combines solid science with stylish prose and stunning photographs.

- For fans of *The Big Year* by Mark Obmascik
- Thomas Dunne Books, Summer 2005

DIVIDED MINDS: Twin Sisters and Their Journey through Schizophrenia by Pamela Spiro Wagner and Carolyn S. Spiro, M.D.

Divided Minds is the dual memoir of identical twins (now 52), one of whom faces a life sentence of schizophrenia, and the other who became a psychiatrist, after growing up in the shadow of her more “brilliant” twin. Told in the alternating voices of the sisters, this is a heartbreaking account of the depths of madness, as well as the depths of ambivalence and love between sisters.

- For fans of *A Beautiful Mind* by Sylvia Nasar and *Girl, Interrupted* by Susanna Kaysen
- August 2005, manuscript available, 320 pages

WHAT IT USED TO BE LIKE by Maryann Burk Carver

Maryann Carver spent 20 years with Raymond Carver, raising a family and watching her complex, dynamic husband evolve into a major American writer. *What It Used to Be Like* is an intimate literary memoir (many of Raymond’s stories were based on real-life incidents) featuring unpublished photos, and insider gossip about the literary world of the 1960’s and ‘70’s.

- For fans of Raymond Carver and comparable to Joyce Johnson’s *Kerouac*
- July 2005, proposal available

TINY DANCER: Zubaida’s Journey by Anthony Flacco

When Zubaida Hasan, a 9-year-old Afghan girl, accidentally fell into a kerosene fire, her father refused to give up on his burned and dying daughter. An American Green Beret who saw Zubaida and her father on the street offered his help—against standing orders!—and took her to the U.S. Medics for examination. This is a heartwarming and yet harrowing story of disparate people coming together to help one injured little girl.

- Featured on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, and news shows around the world
- For readers of *Burned Alive* by Marie-Therese Cuny Souad and *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi
- Please visit the wonderful website www.grossmanmed.com/zubaida
- Thomas Dunne Books, Fall 2005, proposal available

WHY ANIMALS SLEEP SO CLOSE TO THE ROAD: And Other Lies I Tell My Children by Susan Brady Konig

Susan Konig hilariously and poignantly describes the trials and tribulations of the move from city life to suburban life in this charming memoir of family. Her writing will leave you both nodding in commiseration at her failures to bake cookies from scratch, and snickering with her at her newfound love of a minivan.

- Erma Bombeck for a new generation
- Thomas Dunne Books, May 2005, manuscript available, 304 pages

**INSIDE THE CRIPS: Colton Simpson's Life Inside
L.A.'s Most Notorious Gang by Colton Simpson with
Ann Pearlman**

Colton Simpson was “jumped into” the notorious L.A. Crips when he was ten-years old – he ran the length of an alley through a hail of bullets and he was in the gang. Years later, while in jail, he became the only member reportedly allowed to quit the Crips. *Inside the Crips* covers gang life of the author, with astonishing detail about robbery, murder, and a young man's dawning realization that his own life is worth more than the fierce code of conduct each gang member must obey.

- Foreword by rap artist and actor Ice-T
- August 2005, manuscript to come, 256 pages

POP-CULTURE, MUSIC, and CELEBRITY:

FANTASTIC: The Life of Arnold Schwarzenegger by Laurence Leamer

Bestselling author Laurence Leamer has interviewed Schwarzenegger's closest associates, including his elementary school friends in Austria, his mentors, bodybuilding competitors, lifelong friends, first serious girlfriend, political rivals, agents, publicists and producers for this book. There may be some cut-and-paste bios in the works, but this is the most significant, intimate biography in progress.

- Intimate, but not authorized! Over three hours of taped interviews just since the Republican Convention
- Written by the bestselling biographer of the Kennedy family
- Author's previous titles, *Sons of Camelot* and *The Kennedy Women*, both hit the printed *New York Times* bestseller list
- June 2005, sample chapters available, 320 pages

KISS ME LIKE A STRANGER: My Search for Love and Art by Gene Wilder

For over thirty years, Gene Wilder has been a comic genius of stage and screen (think of *Bonnie and Clyde* and *The Producers*). He's also a writer, having worked with Mel Brooks on the screenplays for *Young Frankenstein* and *Blazing Saddles* and on many projects of his own. Many comedians have made successful transition into literary genres, including Michael Palin, Julian Fellowes, Steve Martin, and Stephen Fry. *Kiss Me Like A Stranger* will appeal to everyone who appreciates the irony that humor is often fueled by loneliness and love.

- Gene Wilder and Mel Brooks are globally popular
- For fans of Stephen Fry
- March 2005, manuscript available, 288 pages

CHAPLIN AND AGEE: A Friendship of Famous Men by John Wranovics

Chaplin and Agee is the first book to chart the unusual friendship between James Agee, author of Pulitzer Prize-winning titles *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* and *A Death in the Family*, and Charlie Chaplin, who immortalized the character of The Little Tramp. Their friendship is chronicled with exceptional vividness thanks to previously unpublished letter and photographs. In print here is Agee's first screenplay, *The Scientist and the Tramp*, recovered only recently. Note to film buffs: *The Scientist and the Tramp* would have revived The Little Tramp as the only survivor of a nuclear disaster!

- For film buffs, Chaplin fans, Agee fans, Hollywood in the 1940s and 1950s
- Never before published material!
- Palgrave Macmillan USA, May 2005, manuscript available, 288 pages

GODZILLA ON MY MIND: Fifty Years of the King of Monsters by William Tsutsui

This year, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of his first appearance on the screen, the original, uncut version of Godzilla was released in American theaters to the delight of Sci-Fi and B-Movie fans everywhere. Now, Bill Tsutsui, a life-long fan and historian, takes a light-hearted look at the big, green, radioactive lizard, revealing how he was born and how he became a megastar. With humorous anecdotes, *Godzilla on My Mind* explores his lasting cultural impact on the world. This book is sure to be welcomed by pop culture enthusiasts, fans, and historians alike.

- Coincides with the 50th anniversary of Godzilla's first on-screen appearance
- The big green guy is a global cult phenomenon!
- Palgrave Macmillan USA, October 2004, Finished copies available, 176 pages

THE JACK RYAN AGENDA: Policy and Politics in the Novels of Tom Clancy—An Unauthorized Analysis by William Terdoslavich

The Jack Ryan Agenda will examine this brand name dynamo's work in the context of the real world where patriot games are a clear and present danger and the sum of all fears are executive orders without remorse.

- In the bestselling tradition of *The Magic of Harry Potter*, *The Biology of Star Trek*, and *The Science of Superman*
- Forge Books, May 2005, manuscript available, 272 pages

BELLE & SEBASTIAN: Just a Modern Rock Story by Paul Whitelaw

The first full account of the enigmatic rock group Belle and Sebastian. Aside from being the first biography on this notoriously press-shy band, *Belle & Sebastian* will include exclusive in-depth interviews with the band, as well as personal photos and cover art from lead singer Stuart Murdoch.

- Sold to UK/Helter Skelter Books
- Not officially authorized, but being done with cooperation with the band
- Trade paperback, August 2005, proposal available, 256 pages

Please don't forget these SMP non-fiction titles on submission with our co-agents:

- *Metallica: This Monster Lives* by Joe Berlinger
- *Magical Mystery Tours* by Tony Bramwell
- *Can't Stop Won't Stop* by Jeff Chang

HISTORY, POLITICS, and CURRENT AFFAIRS:

THIRTEEN YEARS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

by Efraim Halevy

Written by the former director of Mossad, *Thirteen Years that Changed the World* covers the period from the first Gulf War to the recent American occupation of Iraq. Halevy's book will describe how intelligence and governmental policy need to interact in the new global landscape to contain terrorism in Beslan, Madrid, New York and elsewhere. His practical recommendations will be uncompromising and controversial, but also grounded in the harsh realities of the past and future.

- French deal pending
- Fall 2005, proposal available with confidentiality agreement

GREENSPAN'S FRAUD: How Nearly 20 Years of His Economic Policies as Fed Chairman Have Undermined the Global Economy by Ravi Batra

In this hard-hitting exposé, international bestselling author Ravi Batra (author of two *New York Times* bestsellers including *The Great Depression of 1990*) takes sharp aim at Greenspan's policies since he came to power two decades ago. *Greenspan's Fraud* explores Greenspan's influences and motivations and the shocking discrepancies between his words and actions, while revealing how his policies have national and global impact on economics and individuals.

- Previous titles sold to Japan/Tokuma, France/Economica, Holland/Omega Boek, Italy/Sperling & Kupfer, Brazil/Livavia Cultura, Sweden/Prisma, Israel/Triwaks Enterprises, and Norway/Mercury Media
- Palgrave Macmillan USA, Spring 2005, manuscript available in October, 256 pages

WHERE THE RIGHT WENT WRONG by Patrick J. Buchanan

Patrick Buchanan chronicles how a tiny cabal hijacked U. S. foreign policy, and may have ignited a "war of civilizations" with the Islamic world that will leave America's military mired in Middle East wars for years to come.

"...it's not hard to agree at least partially with his hard hits on the neo-cons urging George W. Bush to disaster as well as the coarsening of popular culture—a true toboggan slide into a mud-pit of everything."—Columnist Liz Smith

- Currently a *New York Times* bestseller!!!
- Previous title *Death of the West* sold to Spain/Kion, Germany/ Bonus, Czech/Mlada Fronta, France/Economica, Russia/AST, Taiwan/Wen Yuan, Japan/Seiko Shobo, Korea/Crimson Books, Arabic/Obeikan, Croatia/Kapitol, and Poland /"Wektory" Jozef-Bialek
- Thomas Dunne Books, September 2004, finished copies available, 304 pages

SAUDI ARABIA EXPOSED: Inside a Kingdom in Crisis by John R. Bradley

Saudi Arabia: oil, terrorism, Islamic fundamentalism, and a crucial American ally. As the only Western journalist to have extensively worked in the Saudi Kingdom, John R. Bradley is uniquely able to expose the turmoil that is shaking the House of Saud to its foundations. From the heart of the secretive Islamic kingdom's urban centers to its most remote mountainous terrain, he provides intimate details and reveals underlying regional, religious and tribal rivalries.

- Palgrave Macmillan USA, June 2005, manuscript available, 256 pages

THE FUTURE OF MEN by Marian Salzman, Ira Matathia and Ann O'Reilly

The trend-spotting trio at global powerhouse advertising agency Euro RSCG who created the international bestseller *Next* and coined the term "metrosexual" explore the new definition of "Man" and what it means for businesses and the genders of today and in the future.

- For fans of Naomi Klein's *No Logo*
- Palgrave Macmillan USA, September 2005, manuscript to come

AMAZON GRACE by Mary Daly

Amazon Grace is a follow-up to Daly's *Quintessence*. In this book, Daly weaves quantum theory with radical feminism and challenges women to see themselves as Life-Savers and Life-Enhancers during the current Global Ecological Collapse. Discussing nanotechnology, the eugenics movement, and the strength of Wild Women on Earth, Daly offers her fans yet another fascinating, unique, quixotic, and confrontational view of the world in which we live.

- Daly's title *Beyond God the Father* has sold over 200,000 copies
- Palgrave Macmillan USA, January 2006, proposal available, 256 pages

BORN TO RULE: The Lives of the Five Reigning Granddaughters of Queen Victoria -- Alexandra of Russia, Marie of Romania, Victoria Eugenie of Spain, Sophie of Greece, and Maud of Norway by Julia Gelardi

“A wonderful story and an enormously impressive piece of research. Julia Gelardi has drawn together the stories of these five queens and kinswomen to give fresh perspective on the turbulent early decades of the twentieth century.”—Sarah Gristwood, author of the critically acclaimed *Arabella: England’s Lost Queen*

“Five cousins. Five fascinating lives. Julia Gelardi writes about her subjects with verve and passion.”—Dr Amanda Foreman, author of *Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire*

- For fans of Hugo Vickers, Carolly Erickson and Leonie Frieda
- Sold to UK/Headline
- Quotes from Leonie Frieda, Hugo Vickers, Anne de Courcy, Amanda Foreman, and Sarah Gristwood
- March 2005, galleys available, 544 page

TRIPPING THE PROM QUEEN by Susan Shapiro Barash

Susan Shapiro Barash, author of previous books on specific female relationships (i.e. first and second wives, older and younger sisters), interviewed over 500 women for her *magnum opus*, *Tripping the Prom Queen*. Women are hard-wired to measure themselves against others, and—sometimes unknowingly—engage in

- Competition (“I’m going to do better than you.”)
- Envy (“You have what I want.”)
- Jealousy (“You have what I want and I don’t want you to have it!”)

Tripping the Prom Queen creates a new language to describe universal feelings seldom explored.

- This book takes up where *Queen Bees and Wannabes* left off
- Proposal available November 15
- Winter 2006

Please don’t forget these SMP non-fiction titles on submission with our co-agents:

- *John Fitzgerald Kennedy* by Michael O’Brien
- *First Friend* by Katherine Rogers
- *A Little Work* by Z. Paul Lorenc
- *Evidence of Harm* by Dr. David Kirby
- *Why I Wore Lipstick* by GERALYN LUCAS

SELF-HELP/HEALTH//PARENTING/BUSINESS:

THE EMOTIONAL TOOLKIT: 7 Essential Strategies that Women Need to Create Happier Lives by Darlene Mininni, Ph.D.

Darlene Mininni teaches women techniques to identify troubling feelings, using emotions as a guide to understanding deeper needs. In her new book, she provides seven proven “tools” to change the chemicals that influence feelings in a woman’s body, and with these tools, women will learn to reduce the duration of unhappy emotions and decrease the distress they create. The author has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and a master’s degree in public health, and for fifteen years she was an educator and behavioral health specialist at UCLA.

- **March 2005, manuscript available, 288 pages**

ORGANIZING FOR YOUR BRAIN TYPE: The Power of Living Your Own Style at Home and the Office by Lanna Nakone

An astute, practical, and accessible guide that explains once and for all why all those organizing books only help 25% of us, presented with quizzes and descriptions to figure out which “brain type” you are, along with tailored and specific advice that will actually work for you, from a professional organizer and consultant.

- **May 2005, proposal available, 224 pages**

WHAT IT TAKES: SPEAK UP, STEP UP, MOVE UP: A Modern Woman’s Guide to Success in Business by Amy Henry

Amy Henry, the last woman standing in Donald Trump’s hit reality show, “The Apprentice,” tells you all the secrets she’s learned from a successful career in male-dominated industries. It is packed with real-life examples and practical advice and strategies, including:

- Don’t cry in the boardroom—manage your emotions.
- Yes, there is an Old Boys’ network—join it on your terms.
- Speak up—confidence isn’t arrogance.
- Stop apologizing—men don’t do it, why should you?
- Money-it’s not what you need, it’s what you’re worth.

- **Foreword by Donald Trump**
- **Sold to Czech/Prah Nakladatelstvi**
- **Amy Henry was the last woman standing on Trump’s hit reality show “The Apprentice,” which is now being shown in territories around the world**
- **September 2004, finished copies available, 240 pages**

**SECRETS TO WINNING AT OFFICE POLITICS:
How to Achieve Your Goals and Increase Your
Influence at Work by Marie McIntyre, Ph.D.**

- Turn adversaries into allies
- Counter colleagues' power plays
- Develop an influence strategy
- Cope with quirky bosses and annoying co-workers
- Achieve personal and professional goals
- Be the "winner" personality type (as opposed to "martyr" or "sociopath"!)

- For fans of *Nice Girls Don't Get the Corner Office* plus men, too!
- May 2005, manuscript available, 256 pages

This practical, realistic and lively book describes how to get ahead and stay there. It will appeal to both men and women at all levels in business.

**ARE YOU NORMAL ABOUT FOOD? by Bernice
Kanner**

When it comes to food and eating, how do you fit in? Do you share the habits and tastes of most people in this food-obsessed society? The fact is, when it comes to feasting and feeding, we are a fascinating bunch. For example, many of us let our pets eat off our ice cream cones, and more men than women will drink straight from the carton! This is a fun, fact-filled book on how we nibble and nosh by the best-selling author of *Are You Normal?*.

- Previous title *Are You Normal About Sex, Love, and Relationships* has sold more than 10,000 copies since publication in January 2004
- Sold to *Redbook*, *New York Post*, and the *Daily News* for serialization
- Trade paperback, April 2005, manuscript available, 144 pages

**SHORT-TERM TRADING IN THE NEW STOCK
MARKET by Toni Turner**

Toni Turner, one of the few women with a high profile in the day-trading world, has written an easy-to-follow book that covers all you need to know to control your portfolio and begin short-term trading in the 21st century. It covers:

- What the new global stock market looks like.
- How to lower risks and increase gains.
- A survey of new financial products.
- How to formulate your own trading business plan.

- Comparable to Christopher Farrell's *The Day Trader's Survival Guide: How to be Consistently Profitable in the Short-Term Markets* (HarperBusiness) and Michael Parness' *Rule the Freakin' Markets* (SMP)
- July 2005, manuscript available, 288 pages

Please don't forget these SMP self-help/ health/ parenting/business titles on submission with our co-agents:

- *Traveling Hopefully* by Libby Gill
- *Love Signals* by David Givens
- *How to Change Anybody* by David Lieberman
- *Signing Smart with Babies and Toddlers* by Michelle Anthony and Reyna Lindert
- *Nurturing the Shy Child* by Barbara and Gregory Markway
- *Krav Maga* by David Kahn
- *Hot Plants* by Chris Kilham
- *Going Corporate* by Jared Shapiro and Brad Embree
- *65 Successful Harvard Business School Essays* by The Harbus