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A Common Pornography

2010-01-19

for beauty honesty sheer weirdness and a haunting evocation of place kevin sampsell is my favorite oregon writer ken kesey chuck palahniuk make some room on the shelf sean wilsey author of oh the glory of it all kevin sampsell s a common pornography is a memoir told in vignettes that captures the history of one dysfunctional american family an extension of a 2003 memory experiment of the same name a common pornography weaves recollections of small town youth with darker threads from his family s story including incest madness betrayal and death a regular contributor to dave egger s the believer and mcsweeney s sampsell has written the kind of book where you want to thank the author for helping you feel less alone with being alive jonathan ames author of wake up sir and the double life is twice as good

I Made an Accident

2022-07-19

kevin sampsell likes secrets in the short story collection beautiful blemish sampsell dives deep into the human psyche to reveal the layers of secret desire loneliness and hope buried in our hearts the stories in beautiful blemish display an american voice that mixes humor experimentation and unflinching pathos to full effect book jacket

Beautiful Blemish

2005-02-01

fiction creamy bullets is a new book of short stories by kevin sampsell with creamy bullets kevin sampsell has created a weirdly sexual but wholly believable universe in just the briefest bursts of words each story is a savory gem capturing the gripping little deviant moments of life get off on his characters those working class anti heroes that roam the pacific northwest or get off on his tight like your uncle s wallet prose you can t lose with this book jami attenberg

Creamy Bullets

2008

this is between us kevin sampsell s utterly engrossing debut novel is a confessional tale of love between two resilient people who have staked their hearts on each other chronicling five years of a troubled romance this is between us offers an intimate view of one couple s struggle from the illicit beginnings of sexual obsession to the fragile architecture of a pieced together family full of sweet moments emotional time bombs unexpected humor and blunt sexuality the daily life of this man and woman both recently divorced with children and baggage in tow emerges in all of its complexity in this utterly engrossing debut novel kevin sampsell delivers a confessional tale of love between two resilient people who have staked their hearts on each other

This Is Between Us

2013-11-12

an unexpected collaboration between kevin sampsell and emma jon michael frank makes for an existential story for all ages we re not sure what to call sean the stick is it an existential children's tale a weird book for all ages is it a story about a person who becomes best friends with a stick is it a love story about nature nature versus nurture this beautiful hardcover book combines a kevin sampsell short story told in simple yet emotionally vast short sentences with colorful drawings by emma jon michael frank an artist whose celebrated works of vulnerability humor and empathy have garnered their work an enthusiastic and growing audience over the years

Sean the Stick

2024-01-16

2008-04-01

2018-02-08

love and rockets new stories 1 reboots the ongoing love and rockets comic to a fat all new annual graphic novel length package that will be available in bookstores jaime launches the new format with a superhero yarn penny century has acquired superpowers but is half mad with grief and rampaging through the galaxy a motley group of superheroes assemble to try to stop her only the first half of the saga it combines jaime s razor sharp characterization and superlative art with wildly inventive kirby style action gilbert hernandez has these stories tamanny rookie cop vs demonic drug users papa a turn of the century story involving a traveling businessman the new adventures of duke and sammy superpowered martin and lewis impostors in outer space the tender room into the wild as re imagined by beto chiro el indio written by third brother mario hernandez and never say never a kangaroo gets lucky in las vegas

Love and Rockets

2008-09-15

istanbul noir presents stories from a city at once ancient and modern asian and european postcard perfect and simmering with rage istanbul straddles the divide of europe and asia and its polyglot population of 12 million seethes with political religious and sexual tensions as shown in the 16 stories in this strong entry in akashic s noir anthology series a welcome complement to the mostly historical mysteries set in istanbul publishers weekly akashic books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book brand new stories by müge iplikçi behçet Çelik ismail güzelsoy lydia lunch hikmet hükümenoglu riza kiraç sadik yemni baris müstecaplioglu yasemin aydinoglu feryal tilmaç mehmet bilâl inan Çetin mustafa ziyalan jessica lutz tarkan barlas and algan sezgintüredi

Istanbul Noir (Akashic Noir)

2008-11-01

pittsburgh noir roars forth exploring the hidden underworld of what has often been called the most livable city in america despite pittsburgh being labeled the country s most livable city the fictional citizens populating the 14 high quality stories in akashic s noir anthology centered on the steel city have the same dreams frustrations passions and vices as

anyone else publishers weekly perfect for adventurous book groups and for travelers seeking the less rosy side of the cities they re planning to visit library journal akashic books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book brand new stories by stewart o nan hilary masters lila shaara rebecca drake kathleen george paul lee k c constantine nancy martin kathryn miller haines terrance hayes carlos delgado aubrey hirsch tom lipinski and reginald mcknight from the introduction by kathleen george when the steel business faltered and died the smoky city reinvented itself as a white collar urban site fueled by its thriving universities it had been a place so dark with pollution in the steel days that men carried clean shirts with them to work in order to change during the day now you can see the hills the rivers the rhythmic skyline and as the cameras are fond of displaying at sports events the city is now glittering and beautiful what is pittsburgh to noir and noir to pittsburgh we certainly have our rough streets and grisly murders but dark crime stories depend on something in addition to killing the best examples of the genre revolve around private moralities and private law they are the stories of people pushing against real or imagined oppression in pittsburgh noir as in most of the novels and films that gave the genre its name the real story is the dark underbelly of existence the fear and guilt and rebellion and denial in regular people the woman buying groceries the man grilling hot dogs their secret lives

Pittsburgh Noir (Akashic Noir)

2011-05-17

denver enters the noir series arena with a wide range of mile high misgivings and perils denver noir presents an impressive range of perspectives and observations between the writers and their characters you ll encounter dozens of distinct and compelling relationships with this place maybe you ll start to see our city and even yourself in new ways denver north star denver noir is a fascinating exploration of this sunny city s dark side mountain views a roughneck gold rush past and stories of murder and mayhem make this anthology a must read for anyone curious about denver and its environs like the countless entries before it akashic books allows an editor to craft an anthology filled with stories varying in tone and perspective new york journal of books akashic books continues its award winning series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each book comprises all new stories each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the respective city brand new stories by peter heller barbara nickless cynthia swanson mario acevedo francelia belton r alan brooks d l cordero amy drayer twanna latrice hill manuel ramos mark stevens mathangi subramanian david heska wanbli weiden and erika t wurth

Denver Noir (Akashic Noir)

2022-05-03

a collection of sinister stories set in kansas city features contributions from such noted mystery authors as daniel woodrell nancy pickard and j malcolm garcia

Kansas City Noir

2012-10-02

discover the darker side of the garden state with this anthology of gritty mystery stories akashic books continues its award winning series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each volume is compromised of all new stories each one set in a distinct location within the geographical area of the book in new jersey noir a star studded cast of authors sifts through the hidden dirt of the garden state featuring brand new stories and a few poems by joyce carol oates jonathan safran foer robert pinsky edmund white michael carroll richard burgin pulitzer prize winner paul muldoon sheila kohler c k williams gerald stern lou manfredo s a solomon bradford morrow jonathan santlofer jeffrey ford s j rozan barry n malzberg bill pronzini hirsh sawhney and robert arellano praise for new jersey noir oates s introduction to akashic s noir volume dedicated to the garden state with its evocative definition of the genre is alone worth the price of the book highlights include lou manfredo s soul anatomy in which a politically connected rookie cop is involved in a fatal shooting in camden s j rozan s new day newark in which an elderly woman takes a stand against two drug dealing gangs and jonathan santlofer s lola in which a struggling hoboken artist finds his muse poems by c k williams paul muldoon and others plus photos by gerald slota enhance this distinguished entry publishers weekly it was inevitable that this fine noir series would reach new jersey it took longer than some readers might have wanted but oh boy was it worth the wait more than most of the entries in the series this volume is about mood and atmosphere more than it is about plot and character it should go without saying that regular readers of the noir series will seek this one out but beyond that the book also serves as a very good introduction to what is a popular but often misunderstood term and style of writing booklist starred review a lovingly collected assortment of tales and poems that range from the disturbing to the darkly humor

New Jersey Noir

2011-11-01

nelson algren richard wright and patricia highsmith are just three of the iconic authors included in this outstanding volume

Chicago Noir

2015

peter farrelly s story the saturday night before easter sunday has been nominated for an edgar award for best short story named a favorite book of 2015 by scott mackay at rhode island public radio even providence s signature public art has a dark side in providence noir akashic which includes a story called waterfire s smell tonight by pablo rodriguez each tale in this anthology edited by ann hood is set in a different part of the city pulitzer prize winner elizabeth strout s story takes place at trinity repertory company thomas cobb whose novel crazy heart was made into a movie with jeff bridges tees up at triggs memorial golf course and dumb and dumber co writer and co director peter farrelly a graduate of providence college sets his story in the elmhurst neighborhood near his old college stomping grounds boston globe providence of course has a history of crime the mob corruption and other goodies in this collection of 15 stories we are given a darkly hued tour of the city in all its nooks and crannies by such excellent writers as hood herself john searles bruce desilva peter farrelly elizabeth strout hester kaplan and others each with their own style tone and sly approach that will keep you reading waiting for the sudden murder the end of troubled relationships the discovery of bones a wonderful collection providence journal akashic books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book featuring brand new stories by john searles elizabeth strout taylor m polites hester kaplan robert leuci amity gaige peter farrelly pablo rodriguez bruce desilva marie myung ok lee luanne rice dawn raffel thomas cobb lashonda katrice barnett and ann hood anyone who has spent time in providence rhode island knows that lurking in the shadows are many sinister noir elements and characters the city is ripe for this volume and akashic is proud to have recruited the amazing ann hood as editor the impressive contributor list conveys the caliber of providence noir which joins cape cod noir boston noir and boston noir 2 the classics in sketching a dark and alternative portrait of these new england locales from the introduction by ann hood providence was founded in 1636 by a rogue named roger williams williams escaped here when massachusetts was ready to deport him back to england in the almost four hundred years since we ve become infamous for all sorts of crimes and misdemeanors including serving as home base for the patriarca crime family for decades my very own uncle eddie i can hear mama rose screaming at me he wasn t a blood relative he was related through marriage was gunned down in the silver lake section of town in 1964 just a year after he drove me in his white cadillac convertible in a parade as the newly crowned little miss natick the writer geoffrey wolff told me that once he went to a barber in princeton new jersey and the barber asked him where he was from providence wolff told him the barber put down his scissors raised his hands in the air and said providence don t shoot i ve asked fourteen of my favorite writers to contribute short stories to providence noir we have stories to make you shiver stories to make you think stories that will show you my beautiful noirish city in a way it s never been highlighted before

Providence Noir (Akashic Noir)

2015-05-11

in a thrilling tilt a whirl of crime and drama smith has carefully chosen writers concerned with the true nature of the small suburban borough electric literature staten island may be new york city s forgotten borough but it ranks high up on the list of places known for organized crime if that wasn t enough to boost its noir reputation there are its haunted mansion hate crimes and cropsey urban legend dark deeds will always find a home on this side of the verrazano bridge and they give staten island a character all its own staten

island noir includes editor patricia smith s robert l fish memorial award winning short story when they are done with us which was also selected for inclusion in the best american mystery stories 2013 you ll find more tales by bill loehfelm s j rozan ted anthony todd craig ashley dawson bruce desilva louisa ermelino binnie kirshenbaum michael largo mike penncavage linda nieves powell shay youngblood and eddie joyce it s not enough for noir to be dark it s got to be bad ass its words its decaying and horrible beauty have got to hit you like a spiked heel dragged from your guts to your gullet it s got to twist the hot knife of passion in that soft space right below your belly while pumping bullets into your heart it s got to make you bleed staten island noir features some dusky and drop dead gorgeous gems emphasis on the dead that do just that grub street daily an exceptionally strong anthology publishers weekly starred review

Staten Island Noir

2012-11-06

palm springs now joins los angeles san diego orange county san francisco oakland and berkeley in california's noir series arena contrary to popular belief noir doesn't require a bleak city street for its setting nor water for that matter noir thrives on secrets lies and lust all flowing plentifully through the jewel in the coachella valley's fragile crown for all the playfulness of the genre and the location the wisecracks and the kidney shaped pools there is an unmanageable darkness waiting to seep in like so much blood in the pool water los angeles times akashic books continues its award winning series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each book comprises all new stories each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the respective city brand new stories by t jefferson parker janet fitch eric beetner kelly shire tod goldberg michael craft barbara demarco barrett rob roberge j d horn eduardo santiago rob bowman chris j bahnsen ken layne and alex espinoza

Palm Springs Noir (Akashic Noir)

2021-07-06

addis ababa is a sprawling melting pot of cultures where rich and poor live side by side in relative harmony until they don't mazza mengistes story dust ash flight has won the 2021 edgar award for best short story presented by the mystery writers of america several of the 14 stories here most of them striking and accomplished involve post revolution loss guilt and revenge some are surreal fitting for a culture where as mengiste writes in her introduction there are men who live in the mountains of ethiopia and can turn into hyenas washington post akashic books continues its award winning series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each book comprises all new stories each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the respective city brand new stories by mazza mengiste adam reta mahtem shiferraw linda yohannes sulaiman addonia meron hadero mikael awake lelissa girma rebecca fisseha solomon hailemariam girma t fantaye teferi nigussie tafa hannah giorgis and bewketu seyoum

Addis Ababa Noir (Akashic Noir)

2020-08-04

brooklyn noir came first in 2004 and now 15 years later houston noir 14 stories of intrigue betrayal and death set from tanglewood to third ward penned by current or former houston authors goes on sale houston chronicle akashic books s long running noir series tasks writers with imagining the dark sides of their communities spinning gritty shocking tales atop the local landscape recently the publisher tapped writer and former houston poet laureate gwendolyn zepeda to serve as editor on a collection of stories about her native bayou city the end result is houston noir out this month whose 14 entries explore the murder betrayal and brujería lurking everywhere from river oaks to the ship channel to a trailer park off fm 1960 houstonia magazine houston is a city on the rise when it comes to crime fiction something about all those lonely highways gravity defying overpasses and drastic urban sprawl and of course the crime rate make houston a perfect setting for noir this port city of close to five million residents is ready for a new reputation as a world capital of literature and we re here to support akashic s new collection of noir tales from texas s most complex city crimereads included in the best new crime fiction of may 2019 with sprawl and serial killers houston noir packs a mean punch houston noir is a welcome addition to the city s slowly filling bookcase texas observer editor gwendolyn zepeda has cannily divided the collection into four separate areas of the city which only serves to multiply a reader s certainty like the sodden sheet covering a much lacerated corpse all of houston is pretty much dripping with crime best to experience it we suggest only between the covers of this new paperback austin chronicle akashic books continues its award winning series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each book comprises all new stories each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the respective city brand new stories by tom abrahams robert boswell sarah cortez anton disclafani stephanie jaye evans wanjiku wa ngugi adrienne perry pia pico reyes ramirez icess fernandez rojas sehba sarwar leslie contreras schwartz larry watts and deborah d e e p mouton from the introduction by gwendolyn zepeda in a 2004 essay hunter s thompson described houston as a cruel crazy town on a filthy river in east texas with no zoning laws and a culture of sex money and violence it s a shabby sprawling metropolis ruled by brazen women crooked cops and super rich pansexual cowboys who live by the code of the west which can mean just about anything you need it to mean in a pinch for what it s worth that quote is now posted on a banner somewhere downtown and regularly gleefully repeated by our local feature writers houston is a port city on top of a swamp and yes it has no zoning laws and that means it s culturally diverse internally incongruous and ever changing at any intersection here i might look out my car window and see a horse idly munching st augustine grass and within spitting distance of that horse i might see a spa that s an obvious brothel a house turned drug den or a swiftly rising bayou that might overtake a car if the rain doesn t let up overall this collection represents the very worst our city has to offer for residents and visitors alike but it also presents some of our best voices veteran and emerging to any reader lucky enough to pick up this book

Houston Noir (Akashic Noir)

2019-05-07

traverses texas finding evidence of the hard boiled sultry and disreputable throughout the state think of the book as a sort of criminal travelogue booklist if everything is bigger in texas then that includes the boldness of the criminals who call the state home from large urban centers to the cajun gulf coast there is big money to be made running guns drugs and catering to the greedy and disillusioned each distinctive region can claim its own special brand of outlaw in lone star noir you ll find stories by james crumley joe r lansdale claudia smith ito romo luis alberto urrea david corbett george wier sarah cortez jesse sublett dean james tim tingle milton t burton lisa sandlin jessica powers and bobby byrd this isn t j r ewing s lone star state this is the texas of chicken shit bingo enron scamsters and a feeling that what happens in mexico stays in mexico so what defines texas noir who knows but you better pray that blood doesn t stain your belt buckle the austin chronicle

Lone Star Noir

2010-10-19

nineteen authors share mystery stories set in new york city s largest borough in this anthology akashic books continues its award winning series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each book is comprised of all new stories each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book queens becomes the fourth new york city borough to enter the arena in this riveting collection edited by defense attorney and acclaimed fiction writer robert knightly with stories by denis hamill malachy mccourt maggie estep edgar award winner megan abbott robert knightly liz martínez jill eisenstadt mary byrne tori carrington shailly p agnihotri k j a wishnia victoria eng alan gordon beverly farley joe guglielmelli and glenville lovell includes the story bucker s error winner of the 2009 edgar award robert l fish memorial award praise for queens noir the ethnically diverse new york borough of queens is the setting for this solid entry in akashic s noir anthology series brooklyn noir etc with protagonists ranging from a young woman out for revenge denis hamill s under the throgs neck bridge to a trigger happy cop protecting her cousin from an abusive ex husband stephen solomita s crazy jill saves the slinky the husband and wife team writing as tori carrington weighs in with a gritty whodunit set in a greek diner in last stop ditmars the standout by far is hollywood lanes by megan abbott the song is you a bleak and masterful story of passion and betrayal set in a forest hills bowling alley there s plenty to enjoy here for akashic completists and anyone who s ever cheered or jeered the mets publishers weekly

Queens Noir

2008-01-01

a sobering experience the power of this collection comes from the voices of these authors voices suffused with rage despair and madness the new york times book review this anthology with stories set in different prisons across the us presents an absolutely new perspective on prison literature from a killer s confession to a desire for redemption from stories of new cell mates to prison snitches this collection of tales runs the gamut of emotions settings and voices readers are drawn into an unknown world and left with feelings of horror compassion and even understanding edited by renowned author joyce carol oates who has led various writing workshops in correctional institutions across america prison noir features stories by christopher m stephen sin soracco scott gutches eric boyd ali f sareini stephen geez b m dolarman zeke caligiuri marco verdoni kenneth r brydon linda michelle marquardt andre white timothy pauley bryan k palmer and william van poyck these are stories that resonate with authenticity and verve and pain and truth any collection edited by the national book award winning author oates deserves attention but the contributors are deft and confident and great writers without her imprimatur authentic powerful visceral moving great writing library journal all the stories set within jailhouse walls explore anguish lunacy and sometimes a desire for redemption others offer an unsettling and unvarnished look at life in the clink perhaps most importantly the book gives inmates a voice their own fine books collections

Prison Noir

2014-08-11

featuring short edgy fiction on the emerald city s seamy underbelly seedy characters private detectives and the like from all over urban seattle kitsap daily news early seattle was a hardscrabble seaport filled with merchant sailors longshoremen lumberjacks rowdy saloons and a rough and tumble police force not immune to corruption and graft now it s home to big businesses and a flourishing art theatre and club scene seattle s evolution to high finance and high tech has simply provided even greater opportunity and reward to those who might be ethically morally or economically challenged crooks in other words seattle noir features stories by g m ford skye moody r barri flowers thomas p hopp patricia harrington bharti kirchner kathleen alcalá simon wood brian thornton lou kemp curt colbert robert lopresti paul s piper and stephan magcosta you ll find tales of a wealthy couple whose marriage is filled with not so quiet desperation a credit card scam that goes over limit femmes fatales and hommes fatales a group of mystery writers whose fiction causes friction a native american shaman caught in a web of secrets and tribal allegiances sex lies and slippery slopes stories that reflect seattle s ethnic diversity as well as tales from its rough past to its glory days of boeing starbucks and microsoft publishers weekly a new collection of stories all set in seattle with characters that break the mold in many of the seattle noir stories it s the heroes not the subsidiary characters that are african american native american hispanic american the seattle times

Seattle Noir

2009-06-01

authors whose dark take on humanity would be familiar to the likes of cornell woolrich and jim thompson story after story offers haunting images publishers weekly starred review the more you watch moscow the more it looks like a huge chameleon that keeps changing its face and it isn t always pretty following akashic books international success with london noir delhi noir paris noir and others the noir series explores this fabled and troubled city s darkest recesses moscow noir features stories by alexander anuchkin igor zotov gleb shulpyakov vladimir tuchkov anna starobinets vyacheslav kuritsyn sergei samsonov alexei evdokimov ludmilla petrushevskaya maxim maximov irina denezhkina dmitry kosyrev andrei khusnutdinov and sergei kuznetsov sordid crimes gangsters and other underworld characters sometimes supernatural themes and a hefty body count the best stories in the collection have some reverberations of a hoary past on the everyday life of a neighborhood it is hard to over emphasize the power of the locations described in some of these stories mostlyfiction book reviews this anthology is an attempt to turn the tourist moscow of gingerbread and woodcuts of glitz and big money inside out bookslut i am particularly struck by how it is the shortest stories here that seem the most fresh bold and interesting there we see often impressionistic touches in the prose or plotting and some really impressive exploration of theme in particular i would recommend in the new development and the point of no return as highlights mysteries ahoy

Moscow Noir

2010-06-01

this book is a chance to get a fix on some of india s best crime writers the globe and mail toronto these fourteen original stories from some of india s most outstanding literary talents take you into a world of sex in parks male prostitution and vigilante rickshaw drivers set in a city plagued by religious riots soulless corporate dons and murderous servants this collection offers bone chilling mesmerizing take on the country s chaotic capital where opulence and poverty clash and old world values and the information age wage a constant battle brand new stories by irwin allan sealy omair ahmad radhika jha ruchir joshi nalinaksha bhattacharya meera nair siddharth chowdhury mohan sikka palash krishna mehrotra hartosh singh bal hirsh sawhney tabish khair uday prakash and manjula padmanabhan like the rest of this superb series brooklyn noir l a noir toronto noir etc we are introduced to the city by stories set in locations iconic to the city in the case of delhi that means we go to some very dark spots indeed the globe and mail toronto delhi noir has no lack of true to life characters getting twisted mangled and discarded which is why like the proverbial train wreck even as you cringe you won t be able to look away san francisco chronicle

Delhi Noir

2009-08-01

the stories in this noir anthology are as raw and diverse as the city of mumbai itself humming with the feel for the city s pulse and patter the national today mumbai is like any other asian city on the rise with gigantic construction cranes winding atop upcoming skyscrapers and malls right wing violence failing electricity and water supplies overcrowding and the ever looming threat of terrorist attacks these are some of the gruesome realities that mumbai s middle and working classes must deal with every day while the city s super rich zip from roof to roof in their private choppers abandoned by its wealthy mistreated by its politicians and administrators mumbai continues to thrive primarily because of the helpless resilience of its hardworking upright citizens the stories in mumbai noir depict the many ways in which the city s ever present shadowy aspects often force themselves onto the lives of ordinary people what emerges is the sense of a city that despite its new name and triumphant tryst with capitalism is yet to heal from the wounds of the communal riots of the 1990s and from all the subsequent acts of havoc wreaked within its precincts by both local and outside forces mumbai noir features stories by annie zaidi r raj rao abbas tyrewala avtar singh ahmed bunglowala smita harish jain sonia faleiro altaf tyrewala namita devidayal jerry pinto kalpish ratna riaz mulla paromita vohra and devashish makhija

Mumbai Noir

2012-02-28

zagreb s noirish underbelly comes from a new nation familiar with both war and war crimes mr sršen s handpicked selections are anything but ordinary new york journal of books eastern european history is filled with noir ish and harrowing tales and zagreb the capital city of croatia certainly has its fill layers of trauma from its war years soccer hooliganism and a shadowy balkan underground all contribute to the city s transient and inconstant character editor ivan sršen has curated a diverse powerful and dramatic group of stories that offer tremendous insight into the perspectives of contemporary croatians zagreb noir features translated stories by ivan vidić josip novakovich andrea Žigić dolenec robert perišić mima simić pero kvesić nada gašić zoran pilić ružica gašperov darko milošić nora verde ivan sršen neven ušumović and darko macan zagreb croatia its culture and its touchstones will be terra incognita for many u s readers notable is nora verde s she warrior in which a young woman s carefully planned anarchist activities are smacked down by a triple helping of reality publishers weekly the stories shed light on a sickness that stirs within society s boundaries readers will easily glean that this sickness is not exclusive to zagreb sršen reveals the ugly truth about human nature that burrows under the surface in war torn countries the examiner san francisco

Zagreb Noir

2015-10-12

the dark side of the lion city is explored in a thrilling anthology that gives plenty of new and unfamiliar voices a chance to shine san francisco book review the island city state of singapore harbors unique customs and traditions largely unknown to the west a booming economy and embrace of conformity overshadow its gambling dens red light districts and a collective passion for ghostly and gory tales now in singapore noir some of its best contemporary authors delve into its seedy side including three winners of the singapore literature prize simon tay writing as donald tee quee ho colin cheong and suchen christine lim whose contribution was named a finalist for the private eye writers of america shamus award for best p i short story eleven more tales showcase the talents of colin goh philip jeyaretnam cheryl lu lien tan monica bhide s j rozan lawrence osborne ovidia yu damon chua johann s lee dave chua and nury vittachi singapore with its great wealth and great poverty existing amid ethnic linguistic and cultural tensions offers fertile ground for bleak fiction tan has assembled a strong lineup of singapore natives and knowledgeable visitors for this volume exploring the dark side of a fascinating country publishers weekly

Singapore Noir

2014-05-12

this excellent anthology of noir fiction set in canada s city of glass features all new stories by linda l richards sam wiebe yasuko thanh and more quill quire starred review for many people vancouver is a city of affluence athleisure and craft beer but if look a little closer at this gentrified paradise you ll find the old saying holds true behind every fortune there s a crime hidden beneath vancouver s gleaming glass skyscrapers are shadowy streets where poverty drugs and violence rule the day these fourteen stories of crime and mayhem in the pacific northwest offer an entertaining mix of wily pros moody misfits bewildered bystanders and a touch of the supernatural kirkus vancouver noir features the arthur ellis award winning story terminal city by linda l richards and the arthur ellis award finalist wonderful life by sam wiebe it also includes entries by timothy taylor sheena kamal robin spano carleigh baker dietrich kalteis nathan ripley yasuko thanh kristi charish don english nick mamatas s g wong and r m greenaway

Vancouver Noir

2018-11-06

in this chilling portrait of america s sin city lady luck is just as likely to dispense cold hard cash as a cold hearted killing akashic books continues its groundbreaking series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each story is set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the city of the book brand new stories by john o brien david corbett scott phillips nora pierce tod goldberg bliss esposito felicia campbell jaq greenspon josé skinner pablo medina christine mckellar lori kozlowski vu tran celeste starr preston l allen and janet berliner

Las Vegas Noir (Akashic Noir)

2008-05-01

to travel through the 19 works of poetry and prose in this remarkable anthology is to experience trinidad and tobago through a kaleidoscopic lens publishers weekly starred review two of trinidads top writers masterfully curate this literary retrospective of the nation s best writing over the past century from authors who were largely part of the literary wave that swept in with trinidadian independence in 1962 though trinidad noir the classics encompasses a variety of moods and themes it winds up capturing the uniquely trinidadian character influenced by the waning days of the colonial world an era rife with crime violence enslavement and indentureship the selections highlight the often heroic individuals of the underclass in this anthology you ll find reprints of classic stories and poems by clr james derek walcott samuel selvon eric roach vs naipaul harold sonny ladoo michael anthony willi chen earl lovelace robert antoni elizabeth nunez ismith khan lawrence scott wayne brown jennifer rahim elizabeth walcott hackshaw sharon millar barbara jenkins and shani mootoo lovelace and antoni offer a subversive take on island culture whether history repeats itself or progress is stalled by people s infinite capacity to get in their own ways these 19 reprinted tales offer a bittersweet perspective on the cussedness of human nature kirkus reviews holds strong appeal for fans of noir and literary writing library journal

Trinidad Noir

2017-05-02

eighteen authors share dark mysteries set on the sunny caribbean island in this anthology akashic books continues its award winning series of original noir anthologies launched in 2004 with brooklyn noir each book is compromised of all new stories each one set in a distinct neighborhood or location within the geographic area of the book as reflected herein the caribbean provides no shelter from the delicious terror of noir fiction features brand new stories by robert antoni elizabeth nunez lawrence scott ramabai espinet shani mootoo kevin baldeosingh vahni capildeo willi chen lisa allen agostini keith jardim reena andrea manickchand tiphanie yanique and more praise for trinidad noir the volumes in akashic s locale based noir anthology series set outside north america dublin noir etc offer more variety than those set in different major u s cities and this one is no exception the editors

brief but insightful introduction makes clear that the sun and sea tourist image of the republic of trinidad and tobago is at odds with the country's political climate of excess and corruption and an element of society afloat in drugs and guns the two standouts are keith jardim's mystical the jaguar and lawrence scott's prophet in which a series of child disappearances in a small but corrupt community builds to an appropriately bleak ending publishers weekly

Trinidad Noir

2008-08-01

the much anticipated entry of spain into the akashic noir series arena

Barcelona Noir (Akashic Noir).

2011

it s a collection enhanced by an unerring sense of place that will please the most discriminating lovers of the dark side kirkus reviews it took long enough for akashic s noir series to get to philly now that it has compiled under the shadowy auspices of inquirer literary critic west philly native carlin romano the fun begins philadelphia city paper includes brand new stories by diane ayres cordelia frances biddle keith gilman cary holladay solomon jones gerald kolpan aimee labrie halimah marcus carlin romano asali solomon laura spagnoli duane swierczynski dennis tafoya and jim zervanos carlin romano critic at large of the chronicle of higher education and literary critic of the philadelphia inquirer for twenty five years teaches philosophy and media theory at the university of pennsylvania in 2006 he was a finalist for the pulitzer prize for criticism cited by the pulitzer board for bringing new vitality to the classic essay across a formidable array of topics he lives in university city philadelphia in the only house on his block

Philadelphia Noir

2010

if a mountain man felt compelled to dance how would he do it if koala bears could talk what would they say and what s the right pickup line if you re a necrophiliac maybe i m pretty sure i m not going to get you pregnant in the throes of debates like these we re lucky to have the learned people of mcsweeney s internet tendency america s best low budget humor website and their edifying work from their best looking writers comes this collection of over three hundred lists including signs your unicorn is cheating on you

errors in communication between my hairdresser and me in the form of what i said and what he heard things this city was built on besides rock n roll things this one girl sitting near me in a movie theater said out loud when one of the characters was shown pulling into a gas station future winners of the new yorker cartoon caption contest adjectives rarely used by wine tasters the collected apologies of lawrence h summers president of harvard exactly what i mean when i say my ex girlfriend kristin and i wanted different things from life and much much more

Mountain Man Dance Moves

2006-09-12

crime fiction set in iran including a finalist for the shamus award for best pi short story tehran noir is not only a solid crime collection but an illuminating look into day to day life in the middle east with religious and political implications galore as well as racial tensions bubbling just beneath the surface the stories in tehran noir aren t always easy to read but they are engaging in the extreme san francisco book review includes brand new stories by gina b nahai salar abdoh lily farhadpour azardokht bahrami yourik karim masihi vali khalili farhaad heidari gooran aida moradi ahani mahsa mohebali majed neisi danial haghighi javad afhami sima saeedi mahak taheri and hossein abkenar a stellar and diverse cast of iranian writers a collection such as this is able to bring iran to life for the foreign reader in a way other fiction and non fiction cannot superb popmatters

Tehran Noir

2014-09-15

st louis gets a turn to show its dark side a spirited black hearted collection including a story from new york times bestselling author john lutz kirkus reviews a vibrant midwest metropolis st louis has a rich multicultural history of art and literature both high and low that duality is embraced here in an anthology that spans the reaches of noir from violent criminality to bad luck and bad attitudes st louis noir includes stories by bestselling authors john lutz and scott phillips a poetic interlude featuring poet laureate michael castro and more tales from calvin wilson lavelle wilkins chinn paul d marks colleen j mcelroy jason makansi s l coney laura benedict jedidiah ayres umar lee chris barsanti and l j smith the stories here are uniformly strong regular readers of the noir series know what to expect tightly written tightly plotted mostly character driven stories of murder and mayhem death and despair shadow and shock booklist thirteen tales of grim homicidal happenings plus one poetic interlude set in the streets of the st louis area st louis post dispatch

St. Louis Noir

2016-07-11

keret and gavron masterfully assemble some of israel s top contemporary writers into a compulsively readable collection

Tel Aviv Noir

2014-10-07

travel history and a little bit of lore transports you to the philippines and is filled with riveting and sometimes dark stories of the capital city glamour for the perfect definition of noir look no further than manila the city itself is like a femme fatale sexy complicated and betrayed from its fraught colonial history to its present day incarnation of a teeming metropolis it is a city of extremes posh hotels and slums religious zeal and superstitions corrupt cops and heroic citizens capturing the essence of manila one of the wildest cities on the planet this collection of noir includes stories by lourd de veyra gina apostol budjette tan and kajo baldisimo f h batacan jose dalisay eric gamalinda jessica hagedorn angelo r lacuesta r zamora linmark rosario cruz lucero sabina murray jonas vitman marianne villanueva and lysley tenorio manila practically defines noir as shown by the 14 selections in this excellent anthology the filipino take on noir includes a liberal dose of the gothic and supernatural with disappearance and loss being constants publishers weekly starred review suffice it to say that what the noir series in general and manila noir in particular does so well is to create a 360 degree mosaic of a place by including so many perspectives from so many walks of life manila noir makes manila seem as vibrant and dangerous and exciting and confounding as it really felt to live there lit wrap a collection of stories like akashic s forthcoming manila noir is enough to set a crime fiction addict s mouth watering the new york observer

Manila Noir

2013-06-11

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