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Gender Roles and Political Contexts in Cold War Spy Fiction - Sian MacArthur 2022-11-15

This book analyses the gender roles and political contexts of spy fiction narratives published during the years of the Cold War. It offers an introduction to the development of spy fiction both in England and in the United States and explores the ways in which issues such as the atomic bomb, double agents, paranoia, propaganda and megalomania manifest themselves within the genre. The book examines the ongoing marginalization of women within spy fiction texts, exploring the idea that this unique period in global history is responsible for the active promotion and celebration of masculinity and male superiority. From James Bond to Jason Bourne, the book evaluates the ongoing enforcement of patriarchal ideas and oppressions that, in the name of national security and patriotic duty, have contributed to the development of a genre in which discrimination and bias continue to dominate.

The Matlock Paper - Robert Ludlum 2015-02-24

The name on the computer screen is James Barbour Matlock, college professor and Vietnam veteran. He's Washington's choice to stop a far-reaching conspiracy in an undercover assignment destined to put his neck against the razor's edge of danger. But the faceless men behind the scenes don't care if it means savaging the woman he loves or trapping him in a maze of unrelenting terror. They just care about one thing: Matlock is the perfect man for the job—and the reason why is disturbing, explosive, and extremely deadly.

Praise for Robert Ludlum and *The Matlock Paper* "A sure winner . . . fast paced, suspenseful, and bound to keep you turning the pages."—The Denver Post "A 110% story all in overdrive . . . Ludlum writes better and better."—Kirkus Reviews "Suspense, violence, and total readability."—Chicago Tribune

The Road to Gandolfo - Robert Ludlum 2012-08-14

"Don't ever begin a [Robert] Ludlum novel if you have to go to work the next day."—Chicago Sun-Times War hero and infamous ladies' man General MacKenzie Hawkins is a living legend. His life story has even been sold to Hollywood. But now he stands accused of defacing a historic monument in China's Forbidden City. Under house arrest in Peking with a case against him pending in Washington, this looks like the end of Mac's illustrious career. But he has a plan of his own: kidnap the Pope. What's the ransom? Just one American dollar—for every Catholic in the world. Add to the mix a slew of shady "investors," Mac's four persuasive, well-endowed ex-wives, and a young lawyer and fellow soldier who wants nothing more than to return to private life, and readers have in their hands one relentlessly irreverent page-turner. "Ludlum stuffs more surprises into his novels than any other six-pack of thriller writers combined."—The New York Times BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Robert Ludlum's *The Bourne Identity*.

The Road to Omaha - Robert Ludlum 2012-08-14

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Potboilers - Mr Jerry Palmer 2008-02-21

Potboilers looks at the many forms of popular narrative - in print, film and TV. It considers the ways in they have been analysed in literary criticism, sociology, communications, media and cultural studies. The book introduces and summarizes two decades of debate about mass-produced fictions and their position within popular culture. It assesses the methods that have been used in these debates, focussing both on narrative analysis and the communications process. It explores generic conventions, the role of commercial strategies, and the nature of the audience with reference to crime fiction, soap opera, romance and TV sitcom. Distinctions between 'high' and 'low' culture have relegated many popular forms to the trash-can of 'great' literature. This book takes stock of the methods and concepts used to analyse popular culture and argues for a non-elitist approach to the study of literature, film and television.

A New Zealand Adventure - Jan Thorburn

The Parsifal Mosaic - Robert Ludlum 2015-06-02

Michael Havelock's world died on a moonlit beach on the Costa Brava as he watched his partner and lover, double agent Jenna Karas, efficiently gunned down by his own agency. There's nothing left for him but to quit the game, get out. Then, in one frantic moment on a crowded railroad platform in Rome, Havelock sees Jenna. Racing around the globe in search of his beautiful betrayer, Havelock is now marked for death by both U.S. and Russian assassins, trapped in a massive mosaic of treachery created by a top-level mole with the world in his fist: Parsifal. Praise for Robert Ludlum and *The Parsifal Mosaic* "[Robert] Ludlum's narrative imagination is a force of nature."—The New York Times "As fast-paced and absorbing as any he's written."—Newsday "The suspense never lets up."—The Atlanta Journal-Constitution "A crackling good yarn."—Los Angeles Times Book Review

The Bourne Identity - Robert Ludlum 2010

The man has been shot many times. Who wants to kill him, and why? The man can't remember. As he begins to learn about his past, he becomes even more confused. Does he have a future? Or will he be killed before he knows who - or what - he really is?

The Road to Omaha - Robert Ludlum 2014-10-28

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day.”—Chicago Sun-Times

Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell - David Michaels 2004-12-07

In response to the growing use of sophisticated digital encryption to conceal potential threats to the United States, the National Security Agency has ushered forth the new dawn of intelligence-gathering techniques. The top-secret initiative is dubbed Third Echelon. Its existence denied by the U.S. government, Third Echelon deploys a lone field operative. He is sharp, nearly invisible, and deadly. And he has the right to spy, steal, destroy, and assassinate to protect American freedoms. His name is Sam Fisher. He is a Splinter Cell®.

The Bourne Identity - Robert Ludlum 2010-01-05

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE His memory is a blank. His bullet-ridden body was fished from the Mediterranean Sea. His face has been altered by plastic surgery. A frame of microfilm has been surgically implanted in his hip. Even his name is a mystery. Marked for death, he is racing for survival through a bizarre world of murderous conspirators—led by Carlos, the world's most dangerous assassin. Who is Jason Bourne? The answer may kill him. “[Robert] Ludlum stuffs more surprises into his novels than any other six-pack of thriller writers combined.”—The New York Times

The Bourne Ultimatum - Robert Ludlum 2012-06-26

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The Chancellor Manuscript - Robert Ludlum 2012-08-14

Did J. Edgar Hoover die a natural death? Or was he murdered? When a group of high-minded and high-placed intellectuals known as Inver Brass detect a monstrous threat to the country in Hoover's unethical use of his scandal-ridden private files, they decide to do away with him—quietly, efficiently, with no hint of impropriety. Then bestselling thriller writer Peter Chancellor stumbles onto information that makes his previous books look like harmless fairy tales. Now Chancellor and Inver Brass are on a deadly collision course, spiraling across the globe in an ever-widening arc of violence and terror. All roads lead to a showdown that will rip the nation's capital apart—leaving only one damning document to survive. Praise for Robert Ludlum and *The Chancellor Manuscript* “[*The Chancellor Manuscript*] exerts a riveting appeal, as it seems to justify our worst nightmares of what really goes on in the so-called intelligence community in Washington.”—The New York Times Book Review “Ludlum stuffs more surprises into his novels than any other six-pack of thriller writers combined.”—The New York Times “Powerhouse momentum . . . as shrill as the siren on the prow car.”—Kirkus Reviews “A complex scenario of inventive double-crossing.”—Chicago Sun-Times BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Robert Ludlum's *The Bourne Identity*.

Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Treachery - Brian Freeman 2022-05-24

The world's most ruthlessly efficient assassin, Jason Bourne, has carved a bloody swathe through all his opponents but now he's facing the one force he can't defeat—his own past—in the latest thrilling entry in

Robert Ludlum's New York Times bestselling series. Three years ago, Jason Bourne embarked on a mission in Estonia with his partner and lover, a fiery Treadstone agent code-named Nova. Their job was to rescue a Russian double agent who'd been smuggled out of St. Petersburg in the midst of an FSB manhunt. They failed. The Russian died at the hands of a shadowy assassin known only by the nickname Lennon. Now everything has changed for Bourne. Nova is gone, killed in a mass shooting in Las Vegas. Bourne is a lone operative, working in the shadows for Treadstone, when he's called in for a new mission in London—to prevent another assassination masterminded by Lennon. But nothing about this mission is what it seems. As Bourne engages in a cat-and-mouse game with Lennon across the British countryside, he discovers that everything he thought he knew about the past was a lie. And with the body count rising, he comes to an inevitable conclusion: Some secrets should stay buried.

Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Sacrifice - Brian Freeman 2022-07-26

Jason Bourne tackles a global media conspiracy in the latest electrifying entry in Robert Ludlum's #1 New York Times bestselling series. Jason Bourne has faced many killers before, but none as dangerous or as cruelly inventive as the assassin who calls himself Lennon. Bourne thought he had Lennon cornered in Iceland, only to have the killer escape in a fiery explosion. Now Lennon's trail leads Bourne to New York and then to Washington - and the body count rises with each deadly encounter. But who is Lennon working for? Bourne believes the assassin has a shadowy new employer called the Pyramid. The only clue to the group's agenda is a young German woman murdered in Washington on her way to a covert meeting. But the woman's entire identity turns out to be a lie, and news reports of her death have been strangely twisted and suppressed. Finding the truth about this woman may be Bourne's only chance to catch Lennon - and uncover the conspiracy behind the Pyramid. But the chase comes with high stakes. Bourne's former lover, journalist Abbey Laurent, is digging into the mystery too, and Jason's perilous battle against Lennon and the Pyramid will soon put Abbey in the assassin's crosshairs. Bourne will need to use every bit of his tradecraft and his genius for mayhem to expose this web of lies and murder before Lennon kills the woman he loves.

Cinema, Memory, Modernity - Russell J.A. Kilbourn 2013-10-18

Since its inception, cinema has evolved into not merely a 'reflection' but an indispensable index of human experience - especially our experience of time's passage, of the present moment, and, most importantly perhaps, of the past, in both collective and individual terms. In this volume, Kilbourn provides a comparative theorization of the representation of memory in both mainstream Hollywood and international art cinema within an increasingly transnational context of production and reception. Focusing on European, North and South American, and Asian films, Kilbourn reads cinema as providing the viewer with not only the content and form of memory, but also with its own directions for use: the required codes and conventions for understanding and implementing this crucial prosthetic technology — an art of memory for the twentieth-century and beyond.

The Accident Man - Tom Cain 2008-01-31

Breathlessly paced, international in scope, and featuring one of the most intriguing heroes in recent fiction, Tom Cain's smashing debut surprises the reader at every turn. A thriller that explores the secret of Princess Diana's death, *The Accident Man* imagines the man who may have killed her. For a certain sum of money, Samuel Carver can arrange a death. A ruptured gas line, an automobile crash, a fall from a window—anything can be made to look like an accident. But when Carver is set up, betrayed, and pursued by the very forces that hired him, he must execute his most daring feat yet.

The Scarlatti Inheritance - Robert Ludlum 2004

In Washington, word is received that an elite member of Nazi High Command is willing to defect and divulge information that will shorten the war. But his defection entails the release of the ultra top-secret file on the Scarlatti Inheritance - a file whose contents will destroy many of the Western world's greatest and most illustrious reputations if they are made known...

The Icarus Agenda - Robert Ludlum 2014-04-29

Colorado Congressman Evan Kendrick is trying to live out his term quietly when a political mole reveals his deepest secret: Kendrick was the anonymous hero who freed the hostages held by Arab terrorists in the American embassy in Masqat, and then silently disappeared. Now, brought into the light, Kendrick is a

target, pursued by the terrorists he once outwitted. Together with the beautiful woman who saved his life, Kendrick enters a deadly arena where the only currency is blood, where frightened whispers speak of violence yet to come, and where the fate of the free world may ultimately rest in the powerful hands of a mysterious figure known only as the Mahdi. Praise for Robert Ludlum and *The Icarus Agenda* “[Robert] Ludlum is light-years beyond his literary competition in piling plot twist upon plot twist, until the mesmerized reader is held captive. . . . Ludlum pulls out all the stops.”—Chicago Tribune “[An] intricate story of conspiracies within conspiracies . . . Once you start reading you just can’t stop.”—Library Journal “Readers will be hooked.”—The New York Times

The Apocalypse Watch - Robert Ludlum 2012-08-14

American agent Harry Latham has penetrated the fortresslike mountain hideaway of the Brotherhood of the Watch, a neo-Nazi organization that was born in the days after the fall of the Third Reich. But on the eve of his most spectacular success, after three years in deep cover, Harry disappears. Drew Latham, Special Officer for Consular Operations in Paris, is frantic to discover his older brother’s fate. But when Drew receives the good news that Harry has surfaced, gut-twisting doubts arise. For Harry has emerged with an explosive document: a list of secret supporters of the Brotherhood, among them high-ranking officials of the United States and its allies. But is it legitimate? The search for the truth about Harry and the growing Nazi threat will plunge Drew into a labyrinth of deceit and death. And whoever makes it out alive will hold the fate of the free world in his hands. Praise for Robert Ludlum and *The Apocalypse Watch* “A powerful, exploding novel . . . vintage Ludlum in fine form.”—Booklist “If a Pulitzer Prize were awarded for escapist fiction, Robert Ludlum undoubtedly would have won it. Ten times over.”—Mobile Register “Bloody great fun.”—Kirkus Reviews BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Robert Ludlum’s *The Bourne Identity*.

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The Matarese Circle - Robert Ludlum 2012-08-14

An international circle of killers, the Matarese will undoubtedly take over the world within just two years. Only two rival spies have the power to stop them: Scofield, CIA, and Talanekov, KGB. They share a genius for espionage and a life of explosive terror and violence. But though these sworn enemies once vowed to terminate each other, they must now become allies. Because only they possess the brutal skills and ice-cold nerves vital to their mission: destroy the Matarese. Praise for Robert Ludlum and *The Matarese Circle* “A blockbuster . . . Ludlum’s best.”—The Wall Street Journal “A spellbinder.”—The Dallas Morning News “Ludlum stuffs more surprises into his novels than any other six-pack of thriller writers combined.”—The New York Times “Don’t ever begin a Ludlum novel if you have to go to work the next day.”—Chicago Sun-Times BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Robert Ludlum’s *The Bourne Identity*.

The Scorpio Illusion - Robert Ludlum 2012-08-14

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • “Don’t ever begin a Ludlum novel if you have to go to work the next day.”—Chicago Sun-Times Tyrell Hawthorne was a naval intelligence officer—one of the best—until the rain-swept night in Amsterdam when his wife was murdered, an innocent victim of the games spies play. Now he’s called out of retirement for one last assignment. For Hawthorne is the only man alive who can track down the world’s most dangerous terrorist. Amaya Bajaratt is beautiful, elusive, and deadly—and she has set in motion a chilling conspiracy that a desperate government cannot stop. With his life and the life of the president hanging in the balance, Hawthorne must follow Bajaratt’s serpentine trail, a path of seduction, betrayal, and the looming threat of death. Racing from a millionaire recluse’s fortress to the social whirl of Palm Beach, from the Oval Office to treacherous Caribbean waters, Hawthorne will uncover a sinister network of well-placed men and women who exist to help this consummate killer—and the shattering truth behind the Scorpio Illusion. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Robert Ludlum’s *The Bourne Identity*. “Breakneck . . . readability.”—The New York Times Book Review “A high-voltage tale

of drama and suspense.”—The Denver Post

The Ludlum Triad - Robert Ludlum 1989

The first collection of Ludlum's works ever to be published, this omnibus contains three of his most famous and bestselling thrillers, *The Holcroft Covenant*, *The Matarese Circle*, and *The Bourne Identity*, unavailable in hardcover elsewhere.

Machine Wars - Michael Pryor 2014-04-01

The Bourne Identity meets *The Terminator* in this fast-paced technothriller for boys aged 10 to 14. Unknown to the world, a superintelligence has emerged – and it wants to eliminate Bram Argent . . . The superintelligence can control any machine connected to the net, and it uses them as its unstoppable agents to achieve its ends. And the superintelligence is paranoid. Controlling the entire world is its only way to ensure its own existence. Bram’s mother is a high-level computer scientist. She’s been investigating the possibility of the emergence of a superintelligence and she has evidence. But the superintelligence has become aware of her – and decided she needs to be eliminated. Now she's in hiding. Bram must flee and find his parents – while being hunted by every machine on the planet. His friend Stella is caught up in the pursuit and becomes a target because of their friendship. Together, they must survive in an interconnected world where any machine might instantly become a lethal predator . . .

Robert Ludlum's The Treadstone Exile - Joshua Hood 2022-01-25

Former Treadstone Operative Adam Hayes finds himself at the center of a web of warring factions and high-level secrets in the second novel in the Treadstone series, the newest addition to the Robert Ludlum universe. After the revival of Operation Treadstone, former agent Adam Hayes has retreated to Africa, determined to leave the black-ops CIA program behind for good. As a former Treadstone operative, Hayes knows just how destructive the program can be, as it turns government agents into nearly superhuman assassins. But his quiet life in Africa changes irrevocably when, while attempting to complete a charitable mission in Burkina Faso, Hayes is attacked by extremists. Forced to make an unexpected landing, his plane is damaged and he is left in a hornet's nest of trouble. In order to get back in the air, Hayes agrees to transport a passenger—Zoe Cabot, the daughter of a tech baron—to a small coastal city. But just after Hayes completes his flight, Zoe is kidnapped. During his search for Zoe, Hayes runs afoul of multiple enemies, including a rogue Treadstone operative, all of whom are searching for him—and for the information about a wire transfer of millions of dollars bound for the relief effort in Burkina Faso. In an action-packed, twisty showdown, Hayes must outrun the factions that are hunting him, and prevent the theft of the much-needed millions from one of Africa's poorest nations.

Robert Ludlum's the Treadstone Resurrection - Joshua Hood 2020

The first novel in an explosive new series inspired by Robert Ludlum's Bourne universe, *The Treadstone Resurrection* introduces an unforgettable hero and the shadowy world that forged him... Treadstone made Jason Bourne an unstoppable force, but he's not the only one. Operation Treadstone has nearly ruined Adam Hayes. The top-secret CIA Black Ops program trained him to be an all but invincible assassin, but it also cost him his family and any chance at a normal life. Which is why he was determined to get out. Working as a carpenter in rural Washington state, Adam thinks he has left Treadstone in the past, until he receives a mysterious email from a former colleague, and soon after is attacked by an unknown hit team at his job site. Adam must regain the skills that Treadstone taught him—lightning reflexes and a cold conscience—in order to discover who the would-be killers are and why they have come after him now. Are his pursuers enemies from a long-ago mission? Rival intelligence agents? Or, perhaps, forces inside Treadstone? His search will unearth secrets in the highest levels of government and pull him back into the shadowy world he worked so hard to forget.

Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Evolution - Brian Freeman 2021-05-25

America's most enduring hero, Jason Bourne, returns in a propulsive, fresh story for the Bourne canon that tests old skills—and uncovers new ones. After the death of his lover in a mass shooting, secret agent Jason Bourne is convinced that there is more to her murder than it seems. Worse, he believes that Treadstone—the agency that made him who he is, that trained him, is behind the killing. Bourne goes rogue, leaving Treadstone behind and taking on a new mission to infiltrate and expose an anarchist group, Medusa. But when a congresswoman is assassinated in New York, Bourne is framed for the crime, and he finds himself

alone and on the run, hunted by both Treadstone and the tech cabal that had hired him. In his quest to stay one step ahead of his enemies, Bourne teams up with a journalist, Abbey Laurent, to figure out who was behind the frame-up, and to learn as much as he can about the ever-growing threat of the mysterious Medusa group. As more and more enemies begin to hunt Bourne, it's a race against the clock to discover who led him into a trap . . . and what their next move may be.

The Osterman Weekend - Robert Ludlum 2015-06-30

In Zurich . . . in Moscow . . . in Washington, D.C. . . . the machinery has already been set in motion. In a quiet suburb, an odd assortment of men and women gather for a momentous weekend. At stake is nothing less than the very existence of the United States of America—and, with it, the future of the entire free world. Praise for Robert Ludlum and *The Osterman Weekend* “Shattering . . . [The Osterman Weekend] will cost you the night and the cold hours of the morning.”—The Cincinnati Enquirer “Ludlum stuffs more surprises into his novels than any other six-pack of thriller writers combined.”—The New York Times “Powerhouse momentum . . . as shrill as the siren on the prowl car.”—Kirkus Reviews “A complex scenario of inventive double-crossing.”—Chicago Sun-Times

The Aquitaine Progression - Robert Ludlum 2012-08-14

“You won’t be able to put it down. (Don’t ever begin a Ludlum novel if you have to go to work the next day).”—Chicago Sun-Times In Geneva, American lawyer Joel Converse meets a man he hasn’t seen in twenty years, a covert operative who dies violently at his feet, whispering words that hand Converse a staggering legacy of death: “The generals . . . they’re back . . . Aquitaine!” Suddenly Converse is running for his life, alone with the world’s most shattering secret. Pursued by anonymous executioners to the dark corners of Europe, he is forced to play a game of survival by blood rules he thought he’d long left behind. One by one, he traces each thread of a lethal progression to the heart of every major government, a network of coordinated global violence that no one believes possible—no one but Converse and the woman he once loved and lost, the only two people on earth who can wrest the world from the iron grasp of Aquitaine. “Ludlum at his best.”—Publishers Weekly **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from Robert Ludlum’s *The Bourne Identity*.

Penguin Books and political change - Dean Blackburn 2020-11-12

Founded in 1935 by a young publisher disillusioned with the class prejudices of the interwar publishing trade, Penguin Books set out to make good books available to all. The ‘Penguin Specials’, a series of current affairs books authored by leading intellectuals and politicians, embodied its democratising mission. Published over fifty years and often selling in vast quantities, these inexpensive paperbacks helped to shape popular ideas about subjects as varied as the welfare state, homelessness, social class and environmental decay. Using the ‘Specials’ as a lens through which to view Britain’s changing political landscape, Dean Blackburn tells a story about the ideas that shaped post-war Britain. Between the late-1930s and the mid-1980s, Blackburn argues, Britain witnessed the emergence and eclipse of a ‘meritocratic moment’, at the core of which was the belief that a strong relationship between merit and reward would bring about social stability and economic efficiency. Equal opportunity and professional expertise, values embodied by the egalitarian aspirations of Penguin’s publishing ethos, would be the drivers of social and economic progress. But as the social and economic crises of the 1970s took root, many contemporary thinkers and politicians cast doubt on the assumptions that informed meritocratic logic. Britain’s meritocratic moment had passed.

The Cry of the Halidon - Robert Ludlum 2015-09-01

Alex McAuliff has received an offer he can’t refuse: two million dollars for a geological survey of Jamaica. All Dunstone Limited requires is his time, his expertise, and his absolute secrecy. No one—not even McAuliff’s handpicked team—can know of Dunstone’s involvement. But British Intelligence is aware of the deal, and they’ve let Alex in on a secret of their own: The last survey team Dunstone dispatched to Jamaica vanished without a trace. Now it’s too late to turn back. Alex already knows about Dunstone—which means he knows too much. From the moment he lands in Jamaica, Alex is a marked man. On an island paradise where a beautiful woman might be a spy and every move could be his last, Alex’s only clue to survival is a single mysterious word: Halidon. Praise for Robert Ludlum “Don’t ever begin a Ludlum novel if you have to go to work the next day.”—Chicago Sun-Times “Ludlum stuffs more surprises into his novels than any other

six-pack of thriller writers combined.”—The New York Times

I Just Want My Pants Back - David Rosen 2007-08-07

Now a new MTV series, from acclaimed director and executive producer Doug Liman (“Mr. and Mrs. Smith,” “Swingers,” “Go,” “The Bourne Identity”) Jason Strider is a twentysomething young man with an English degree from an Ivy League university, a very small apartment in New York, a vapid job as a receptionist at a casting agency—and no particular idea what to do with his life. On most evenings he gets stoned and goes out, sometimes with his long-time best friend and wingman Tina and sometimes alone, if not to get laid then at least to get hammered enough to really regret it the next day and be late for work. Then one night Jason has athletic, appliance-assisted intercourse with a cute girl named Jane—and ends up lending her his favorite Dickies jeans. Many unanswered e-mails and text messages later, he is reduced to the plaint “I just want my pants back.” How he does, in a most unexpected way, find those pants and how he is forced to face his immaturity—and mortality—are at the heart of this smart, raunchily comic and deeply affecting novel.

Robert Ludlum's The Treadstone Transgression - Joshua Hood 2023-01-10

A blown mission and a dead team leave Adam Hayes the last loose thread in a tapestry of betrayal in this latest high stakes international thriller from the world of Robert Ludlum. The most pressing issue on Adam Hayes' mind is planning his son's upcoming 5th birthday party. After years of operating in the world's most dangerous spots for Treadstone, he's ready to call it quits, but the feeling isn't mutual. Levi Shaw, Treadstone's director, calls Hayes back for one more mission. "It's a walk in the park. You don't even have to go in with the strike team. I just need you to set up the safe house. You'll be home in time to pick up the birthday cake." But nothing is ever easy where Treadstone is concerned. When the mission is blown only Hayes is left alive, and everyone, it seems, is determined to correct that oversight.

The Road to Gandolfo - Robert Ludlum 2014-12-30

War hero and infamous ladies’ man General MacKenzie Hawkins is a living legend. His life story has even been sold to Hollywood. But now he stands accused of defacing a historic monument in China’s Forbidden City. Under house arrest in Peking with a case against him pending in Washington, this looks like the end of Mac’s illustrious career. But he has a plan of his own: kidnap the Pope. What’s the ransom? Just one American dollar—for every Catholic in the world. Add to the mix a slew of shady “investors,” Mac’s four persuasive, well-endowed ex-wives, and a young lawyer and fellow soldier who wants nothing more than to return to private life, and readers have in their hands one relentlessly irreverent page-turner. Praise for Robert Ludlum “Don’t ever begin a [Robert] Ludlum novel if you have to go to work the next day.”—Chicago Sun-Times “Ludlum stuffs more surprises into his novels than any other six-pack of thriller writers combined.”—The New York Times

The Bourne Supremacy - Robert Ludlum 2012-05-29

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Reenter the shadowy world of Jason Bourne, an expert assassin still plagued by the splintered nightmares of his former life. This time the stakes are higher than ever. For someone else has taken on the Bourne identity—a ruthless killer who must be stopped or the world will pay a devastating price. To succeed, the real Jason Bourne must maneuver through the dangerous labyrinth of international espionage—an exotic world filled with CIA plots, turncoat agents, and ever-shifting alliances—all the while hoping to find the truth behind his haunted memories and the answers to his own fragmented past. This time there are two Bournes—and one must die.

Mystery and Suspense in Creative Writing - Jacek Dąbala 2012

Mystery and Suspense in Creative Writing presents a systematic analysis of a very important aspect of writing by integrating it with journalistic, media, and communication studies. The book examines the specific rules for creating intrigue and suspense, and confronts their universal features with selected literary texts. The individual texts emphasize the importance of understanding the emotions through transformation of various archetypes. The rules postulated by creative writing for building drama and tension in such texts often deal with this profound issue. They are thus not an end in themselves, but actually lead to more mature writing. Therefore, they essentially contribute to developing one's creative talent and communication skills. The paradigm of creative writing serves to shape the creativity of students of various disciplines, including not only literary studies and journalism, but also such diverse areas as medicine and information technology. (Series: International Studies in Hermeneutics and Phenomenology -

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Half Bad - Sally Green 2014

In modern-day England, where witches live alongside humans, Nathan, son of a White witch and the most powerful Black witch, must escape captivity before his seventeenth birthday and receive the gifts that will determine his future.

Trevayne - Robert Ludlum 2015-09-29

Fearless and incorruptible, Andrew Trevayne is a self-made millionaire, former undersecretary of state, and current head of one of the nation's most prestigious foundations. Now, at the express wish of the president, Trevayne undertakes an investigation into the "secret government"—and is soon swept up in a tidal wave of

intrigue and danger. Beyond the corridors of official power he discovers a nightmare maze where billionaires mingle with Mafia dons, where sinister forces are poised to enact a chilling conspiracy, where Congress and even the presidency itself can be bought and sold, where survival hinges on a hair trigger. In this world, a man like Trevayne can easily become a pawn, an enemy—or a king. Praise for Robert Ludlum and Trevayne "A taut novel that spares no one."—The New York Times "Brilliant . . . a story of power, intrigue, ambition, greed, corruption, and horror."—King Features Syndicate "Don't ever begin a Ludlum novel if you have work the next day."—Chicago Tribune "A fascinating, meaty spine tingler."—Library Journal