

## Winter 2013 Spotlight on Texas Books – Digital cartridge only

### **Ballad of Rocky Ruiz: A Luis Montez Mystery #1 (DT 6987) by Manuel Ramos.**

This mystery introduces Luis Montez, an aging Chicano activist and attorney whose practice and personal life are on the rocks. Twenty years ago, a gang attacked Montez's former compatriots in the Chicano student movement and shot down their leader, Rocky Ruiz. Now the survivors are in danger. *Some sex, profanity, heavy violence.*

**Fit to Die (DT 7005) by Karen Hanson Stuyck.** Lauren Prescott is fifty, fat (according to her husband) and flat broke after he empties their bank account, closes his dental practice, and leaves town without a word of explanation. To land a magazine job, Lauren is writing a profile of a fitness guru who died while jogging, a death that looks increasingly suspicious the more she probes. Now Lauren must penetrate the brutal reality behind these two men's public facades, unaware that a killer is also working with a deadline – to murder her. *Heavy profanity, some violence.*

### **Ghost of a Chance: A Sheriff Dan Rhodes Mystery (DT 7031) by Bill Crider.**

Sheriff Dan Rhodes of Blacklin County, Texas, knows that times may change, but people are still people, some good, some bad, and most things can be explained with a little common sense – even the ghost haunting his jail. Could it be the same ghostly culprit looting the local cemetery? When Ty Berry, the president of one of two feuding historical societies, is found shot dead in a freshly dug grave, Rhodes decides the crime is of a more earthly nature.

**How Perfect Is That (DT 7041) by Sarah Bird.** Blythe Young's recent divorce from Trey Dix has left her outside the protective bubble of Austin's high society. As her catering business goes broke and the IRS starts to chase her down, Blythe seeks a haven at Seneca House, the housing co-op where she lived 10 years ago during college. *Some profanity.*

**Twelve Mighty Orphans (DT 7025) by Jim Dent.** The Masonic Home, an orphanage outside Fort Worth, became a high-school football dynasty in Depression-era Texas. Despite having virtually no equipment or uniforms, and despite their linemen often being outweighed by 50 pounds, the Mighty Mites, as they came to be known, reached the Texas state semifinals three times and the championship game once. Dent produces a riveting narrative from the saga of the Mites and their innovative coach, Rusty Russell, who compensated for his team's physical shortcomings with imaginative formations and trick plays. *Violence and some profanity.*

### **Unlikely Lavender Queen: A Memoir of Unexpected Blossoming (DT 7029) by**

**Jeannie Ralston.** In 1990, Jeannie Ralston was a successful magazine writer and bona fide city girl from New York City. By 1994, she had called off an engagement, married Robb, a National Geographic photographer, and was living in Blanco, Texas, population 1,600 on a 200-acre farm. Ralston and her husband started the now-thriving lavender industry in the Texas Hill Country.