

Spotlight on Texas Books

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Angel of Death (DT 7043) by Jay Brandon. To the African-American community in San Antonio, Malachi Reese is a saint, a community leader, a man who feeds the hungry and houses the homeless. To San Antonio District Attorney Chris Sinclair, Reese is the Angel of Death: a vicious killer possessed by the need for power. Determined to see justice done, Sinclair overcomes incredible odds to see Reese convicted of murder and sentenced to Death Row. But Malachi Reese has not been defeated. From Death Row, he threatens to destroy Sinclair, to take him to the very top and cast him back down. *Heavy violence.*

Asian Texans (DT 7046) by Marilyn Dell Brady. Readers are introduced to the languages, religions, and cultures of those who immigrated to the Lone Star state from Asia. Organized by region, the book discusses the lives and contributions of Chinese, Japanese, East Indian, Korean, Vietnamese, Filipino, Laotian, and Cambodian Texans.

Bad Blood: Lucius Dodge and the Redlands War (DT 6981) by Jimmy Lee Butts. Lucius "By God" Dodge walks tall and carries a big twelve-gauge shotgun not to mention three pistols, a derringer, and a bowie knife. The Texas Ranger will need all of these weapons and more after undertaking a highly dangerous mission. *Some sex, heavy profanity and violence.*

European Texans (DT 7052) by Allan O. Kownslar. This book highlights the contributions of those who immigrated to the Lone Star State from all over Europe. Readers are introduced to the life and culture of French, English, Scottish, Irish, Dutch, Belgian, Swiss, Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, German, Wend, Polish, Czech, Hungarian, Italian, Greek, and Slavic Texans.

Justice Betrayed: A Double Killing in Old Santa Fe (DT 7000) by Ralph Melnick. Angelina Jaramillo, the eighteen-year-old daughter of a prominent New Mexico family, was raped, bludgeoned, and stabbed to death in her bedroom on November 16, 1931. Thomas Johnson, an African American laborer with a prison record in four states, was convicted of the crime and executed. Now, more than seventy years later, this meticulously researched account of the case substantiates a longstanding rumor that the wrong man was put to death. Johnson's conviction and electrocution were used to conceal the embarrassing identity of the actual killer.

Lyndon B. Johnson (DT 7082) by Charles Peters. Few figures in American history are as compelling and complex as Lyndon Baines Johnson, who became master of the U.S. Senate in the 1950s and succeeded John F. Kennedy in the White House after Kennedy's assassination. Part of the Kennedy-Johnson administration from 1961 to 1968, and a keen observer of Washington politics for over five decades, Charles Peters offers an inside look at the legislative wizardry that led to historic triumphs like the Voting Rights Act and the personal insecurities that led to the tragedy of Vietnam.

A Novel Way to Die (DT 7075) by Karen Hanson Stuyck. When the body of bestselling mystery novelist Katherine March is discovered in her Austin home, the cause of death is presumed to be a heart attack. But an autopsy reveals that the sixty-year-old author died of an injected overdose of a potent anti-anxiety drug - a murder technique straight from one of Katherine's own novels. Katherine's daughter, criminology professor Molly Patterson, must push aside her longstanding resentment of her secretive, workaholic mother to uncover what really happened. *Some violence.*

Pepperfish Keys: A Detective Barrett Raines Mystery (DT 7040) by Darryl Wimberley. The investigation into Senator Baxter Stanton's money laundering on behalf of local drug kingpin Eddy DeLeon ends badly for Florida state cop Barrett Raines, who becomes the Judas goat when a judge dismisses the case for lack of credible evidence. Then, when Beth Ann, the senator's daughter, is murdered, Raines improbably catches the case and finds an unexpected ally in television reporter Sharon Fowler, Raines's most virulent critic when he investigated the senator. *Heavy sex, profanity and violence.*

Rio Ganges (DT 6899) by David Theis. A young photographer and his family, traveling to a new life in Mexico following the wife's infidelity and his responding botched suicide attempt, encounter a complex, secretive world of casual violence and moral insubstantiality. When his wife leaves him for their wealthy patron, Dan is overwhelmed with anger and guilt. His subsequent quest to regain his family and redeem his life takes him deep into the heart of Mexico City, to an eccentric pension that provides sanctuary for a group of international misfits. *Some sex, profanity and violence.*

Roundup! (DT 7026) by Paul Andrew Hutton, editor. An anthology of short stories and essays together with a few poems written by twenty-seven of today's top Western writers. In addition, a western novella, "The Big Guns" by Andrew Fenady, is included.

Vietnam Veterans: Chicanos Recall the War (DT 6927) by Lea Ybarra. One of the most decorated groups that served in the Vietnam War, Chicanos fought and died in numbers well out of proportion to their percentage of the United States' population. Yet despite this, their wartime experiences have never received much attention in either popular media or scholarly studies. To spotlight and preserve some of their stories, this book presents substantial interviews with Chicano Vietnam veterans and their families that explore the men's experiences in combat, the war's effects on the Chicano community, and the veterans' postwar lives. *Contains some sex, heavy profanity and heavy violence.*

Writing Austin's Lives: A Community Portrait (DT 7042) by the People of Austin. The University of Texas Humanities Institute presents a living history that you won't find in any guidebook or newspaper, the stories of Austin's many lives as seen through the eyes and told in the voices of its people. This collection of 127 essays was written by people of every age, every neighborhood, every ethnicity, people in comfort, in transition, in trouble, experienced writers, and those who never thought they had a story to tell, or someone to listen.