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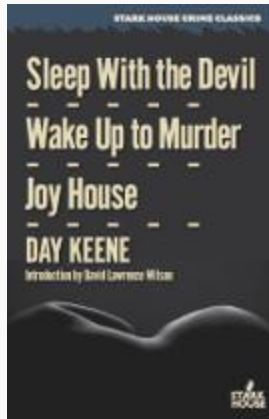
April at Stark House is short and sweet. We have a 3-fer to offer by Day Keene called *Sleep With the Devil / Wake Up to Murder / Joy House*. Three character-driven stories of deception and desperation. Plus a new introduction by David Laurence Wilson. And a sexy cover to boot.

Two of these Keene novels were originally published by Lion Books. *Sleep With the Devil* and *Joy House* were both originally published by Lion back in 1954, and *Wake Up to Murder* by Avon Books in 1952. The kicker here is that Wilson was given access to the Day Keene manuscripts, and came up with a new, slightly different version of *Joy House*, before it was edited by Lion Books. And that is the version we are offering our readers here.

The changes aren't major. It's more a matter of emphasis. A phrase here, a sentence there, little telling touches that Keene included in his submission to Lion that were excised at the time. Wilson discusses some of these changes in his introduction, which tends to focus on this particular book, it being his favorite Keene novel. As always, Wilson's introduction is chock full of information on Keene, and we're pleased to be able to make it part of the package.

Booklist, one of our favorite review venues, recommends the book and succinctly summed up the plots thusly:

Sleep With the Devil, the first of these tales, features a grifter posing as a Bible salesman. He's about to steal a fortune. Then something from his past appears. *Wake Up to Murder* tells of a decent fellow pushed to violence by the corruption around him. The ending is a shock to everybody. *Joy House* reads like a James Cain novel as two evil people con each other. Their virtues aside, these novels should be recommended to nostalgia lovers and noir fans. —Don Crinklaw



Day Keene

Sleep With the Devil / Wake Up to Murder / Joy House

978-1-944520-20-5 \$21.95

And since this newsletter is designed for brevity this month, I will leave you with a quick list of sale books to whet the appetite before the Keene book arrives at the end of the month. The following are, as always, slightly damaged returns, many of them in ones, and available on a strictly first come, first served basis. Reply to this newsletter if you're interested via griffinskye3@sbcglobal.net, and you will be billed for the book plus media mail shipping via **Paypal**.

The Girl on the Bestseller List by Vin Packer (Black Gat: \$5)

Anatomy of a Killer / A Shroud for Jesso (\$6)

Johnny Porno by Charlie Stella (\$6)

The Unfinished Crime / The Girl Who Had to Die by Elisabeth Sanxay Holding (\$6)

Mad Dog Barked by Rick Ollerman (\$7)

Lust Queen / Lust Victim by Don Elliott/Silverberg (\$7)

One is a Lonely Number by Elliott / Black Wings Has My Angel by Chaze (\$7)

The Bleeding Scissors / The Evil Days by Bruno Fischer (\$7)

He Won't Need It Now / The Dead Stay Dumb by James Hadley Chase (\$7)

Something in the Shadows / Intimate Victims by Vin Packer (\$9)

The Autumn Dead / The Night Remembers by Ed Gorman (\$9)

Ancient Egyptian Supernatural Tales ed by Jonathan Lewis (\$9)

And that's it until next month. Thanks for your continued interest and your ongoing support. If

you have any comments or suggestions, feel free to send them to griffinskye3@sbcglobal.net.
Always a pleasure to hear from you!

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