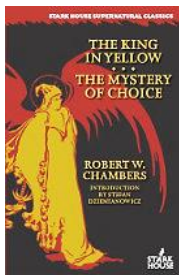


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Let's start with the classics. As we mentioned in a separate email, we've published another supernatural treasure this month, two story collections from Robert W. Chambers—the book he is most famous for, *The King in Yellow*, combined with a follow-up collection of horror tales called *The Mystery of Choice*. Both of these collections were originally published in the late 1800s, when Chambers was still a young art student, unaware that his true calling lay in the realm of letters.

These two books form Volume 1 of “The Complete Weird Fiction of Robert W. Chambers,” with a new introduction by Stefan Dziemianowicz. Our previous Chambers volume, *The Slayer of Souls/The Maker of Moons*, will eventually be reprinted as Volume 4. In between will be stories from *The Tracer of Lost Persons*, *The Tree of Heaven*, *In Search of the Unknown* and *Police!* If you enjoy classic weird fiction inspired by the Decadents—tales of decay and madness, retribution and cosmic dread—you should enjoy Chambers. For this first volume, we've even used the original cover art from the F. Tennyson Neely hardback edition of *The King in Yellow*, which Chambers designed himself.



Robert W. Chambers
The King in Yellow / The Mystery of Choice
 978-1-933586-77-9 \$19.95

This book will not automatically ship to Crime Club members, so if you would like a copy, let us know. Many already have. And besides, if H. P. Lovecraft loved it, how can you go wrong?

The big news of the month for crime fiction fans is that our Gil Brewer book is nearly ready to go the printer. This one, our fourth volume of Brewer, includes three **previously unpublished** novels from the master of sexy, frantic action thrillers. A disgraced artist is framed for murder, a private detective is hired as the perfect patsy and a serial killer stalks the Florida streets in these unearthed treasures from the feverish mind of Gil Brewer. *The Erotics* and *Angry Arnold* were written in the 1970s when Brewer was having a hard time selling to the changing paperback market with his brand of short, snappy noir.

The real treat here is a detective novelette called *Gun the Dame Down*, written in the late 1940s when Brewer was first trying to break into the paperback market. The original editor, finding much here that was too spicy for the times, crossed out a lot of Brewer's scenes. When we got a hold of a copy of this original typewritten manuscript—with the title *You'll Get Yours* written next to Brewer's suggested title—we decided to reinstate

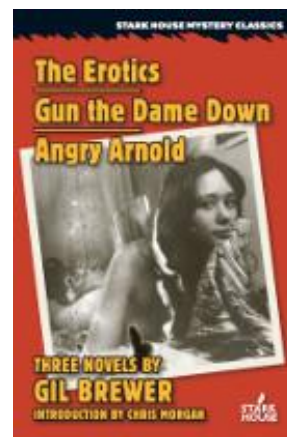
these scenes. So what you're getting here is pure, unfiltered Brewer, with all the violence and sexual shenanigans left in.

We've already gotten some reviews of *Gun the Dame Down*, all favorable. Brewer didn't write much detective fiction. *Wild* is the only other one that immediately comes to mind. What Brewer puts his detective through in a quick 24 hours never happened to Sam Spade, that's for sure. The 1970s novels are pretty cool, too. We also have new introductions by *Los Angeles Review of Books* critic Chris Morgan and Nancy Brewer McKean, Gil's sister. A bonanza of Brewer for August!

Gil Brewer

The Erotics/Gun the Dame Down/Angry Arnold

978-1-933586-88-5 \$20.95



Coming up in the fall we have a new Abby Marquise dark fantasy from Catherine Butzen called *Fell the Angels*, which is a sequel to her first novel, *Thief of Midnight*. Plus a reprint of Andrew Coburn's *The Babysitter*, an early novel of his that has been out of print for way too long. And if that isn't enough, we also have coming up: two from Lionel White, our fifth Black Gat book by Gary Phillips, a new thriller by Rick Ollerman, two suburban thrillers by H. Vernor Dixon, and lots more. We'll fill you in on these in the coming months.

In the meantime, we hope everyone is enjoying their summer. We have a brief Summer Sale of seven overstocked books which we are willing to let go for \$5 each plus media mail shipping. As always, they are all just a little bit shop worn, but have never been read, and looking for a new home...

- The Face of the Earth by Algernon Blackwood
- Spouses & Other Crimes by Andrew Coburn
- Gang Girl/Sex Bum by "Don Elliott"
- Lust Queen/Lust Victim by "Don Elliott"
- Ghosts & Gamblers by E. Phillips Oppenheim
- Daniel Port Omnibus 1 by Peter Rabe
- North Beach Girl/Scandal in the Sand by John Trinian

Unfortunately, when you deal with a distributor as we do, you sometimes get returns back you can no longer sell as new. That's what these books are, new but with either crinkled corners or a light crease or two. While supplies last....



We also want to mention that the Featured Book of the Month on our website is now *Speak of the Devil/The Obstinate Murderer* by Elisabeth Sanxay Holding. Normally \$17.95, it is discounted this month only to \$13.46.

And finally, a plug for the new Publisher's Blog which appears every Friday, rain or shine. The ramblings and ruminations of yours truly. Whether the world needs another blog or not, we're tossing our hat into the ring, and would love to hear your feedback.

<http://www.starkhousepress.com/blog>

One more thing: not that we get obsessed by these kind of things, but we couldn't help noticing that we are very near to publishing our 100th volume of Stark House books (not counting the Black Gats and a couple sideline projects). Hard to believe we've actually produced that many books in 16 years. Maybe we should buy a birthday cake and blow out some candles. Or toast some bubbly at least. At any rate, it's been an interesting trip so far, and thanks for all your support!

—Greg Shepard, publisher
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Bring back the mystery!

