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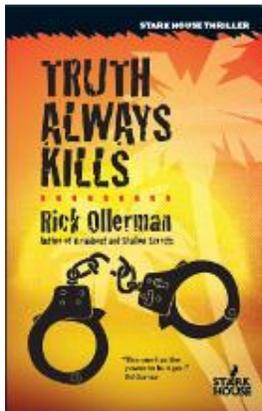
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Stark House Crime Club members have already received news of the two extra books for November and December—*Only the Wicked* by Gary Phillips, the 5<sup>th</sup> Black Gat Book; and another Sax Rohmer mystery two-fer. We hope this system of emailing members ahead of time to ask them if they want these extra books clears up any confusion we created by increasing our Stark House output.

It remains to be seen whether we can keep up this pace. While we want to branch out beyond the noir reprints we are known for, we also don't want to lose any of our dedicated readers along the way. Presumably, these readers like a nice mix of authors and styles as much as we do. Still and all, next year will see even more variety in the form of a collection of three Harry Whittington westerns in one volume; a prison autobiography; a collection of vintage Egyptian supernatural tales; a biography of John D. MacDonald; and a legal novel by Mercedes Lambert published when she was still calling herself Douglas Anne Munson. It should be an interesting year.



Rick Ollerman

Truth Always Kills

978-1-933586-82-3

\$17.95

This year goes out with a bang in December with the second publication by Rick Ollerman, a new novel called *Truth Always Kills*. Last year we published his first two novels in one volume—*Turnabout/Shallow Secrets*—and garnered a lot of great praise, including *Booklist*'s concluding statement, “all the slam-bang anyone could want.”

Ollerman's new one, also set in Florida, tells the story of a conflicted cop who has had to make a hard decision that not only impacts on the rest of his life, but causes it to spiral out of control. Jeff Prentiss is a cop in departmental trouble. He knows his wife is being stalked, but feels helpless to do anything about it. Does he report it and bring undue attention to himself, or should he take matters into his own hands, and damn the consequences? It's a very human story, and Rick brings a lot of compassion to it.

Ollerman is also still writing introductions for us as well. His contribution to next February's release of the Malcolm Braly autobiography, *False Starts*, is as interesting as the book itself. More on that next year.

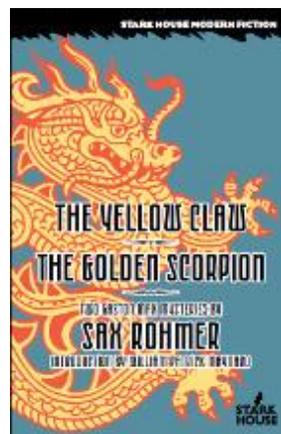
For now, we've got one more book coming up this year, a reprint of two early Sax Rohmer classic mysteries featuring the Parisian sleuth, Gaston Max. Like Sherlock Holmes, Max is a master of disguise, and in *The Yellow Claw* and *The Golden Scorpion* he matches wits with a group of Asian villains not too dissimilar to that stalwart of pulp peril, Fu Manchu. William Patrick Maynard has been writing *new* Fu Manchu thrillers since 2009, and has generously contributed an informational introduction to our Rohmer two-fer which tells you everything you need to know about these old-fashioned-fun mysteries.

Sax Rohmer

The Yellow Claw / The Golden Scorpion

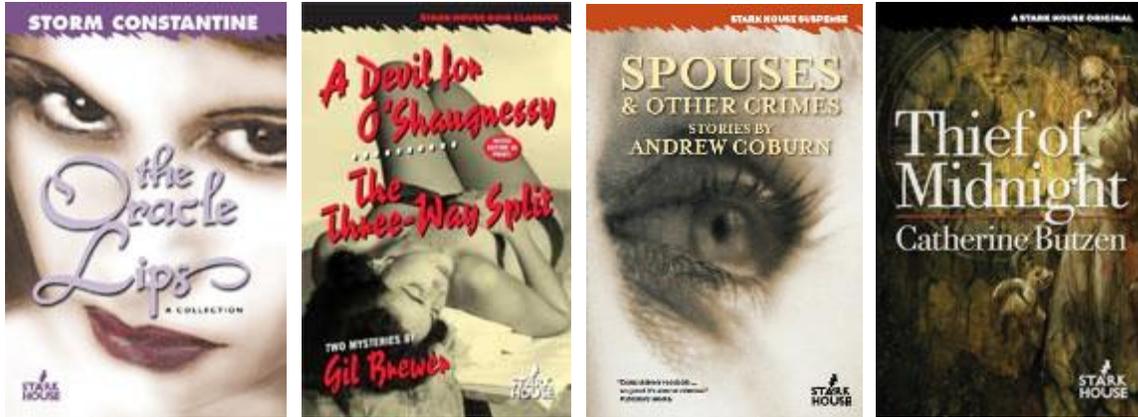
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\$19.95



And that brings us to the end of 2015. It's not quite December, but in the spirit of the season, we're going to make a handful of our overstocked books available for FREE to any newsletter recipient who is willing to pay the \$3 shipping cost for the first book, plus \$1 for each additional book. Just reply to our email address — [griffinskye3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:griffinskye3@sbcglobal.net) — and let us know which of the following you want and where to send them, and we'll bill you via paypal for the shipping cost only. Here's the list:

- 📖 Snowbound/Games – Bill Pronzini
- 📖 A Devil for O'Shaugnessy/The Three-Way Split – Gil Brewer
- 📖 Dogtown/Soultown – Mercedes Lambert
- 📖 Underground/Collected Stories – Russell James
- 📖 A Shot in the Dark/Shell Game – Richard Powell
- 📖 Thief of Midnight – Catherine Butzen
- 📖 The Vengeance Man – Dan Marlowe/Park Avenue Tramp – Fletcher Flora/The Prettiest Girl I Ever Killed – Charles Runyon
- 📖 Spouses & Other Crimes – Andrew Coburn
- 📖 The Beat Generation & the Angry Young Men – edited Feldman & Gartenberg
- 📖 Midnight Road - Jada M. Davis
- 📖 The Unfinished Crime/The Girl Who Had to Die – Elisabeth Sanxay Holding
- 📖 The Oracle Lips: A Collection – Storm Constantine
- 📖 Anatomy of a Killer/A Shroud for Jesso – Peter Rabe



And with that sale of a baker's dozen Stark House books, we bid you adieu for the month. Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!

Cheers,

Greg Shepard, publisher

Stark House Press

**Bring back the mystery!**

