

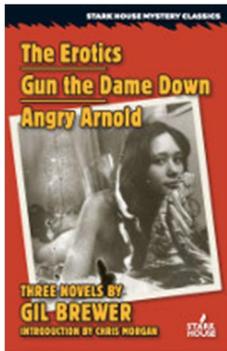
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September is almost gone, but we still have a new Stark House title for you. This month we're proud to release three previously unpublished Gil Brewer manuscripts in one volume: *The Erotics/Gun the Dame Down/Angry Arnold*.



**Gil Brewer**

***The Erotics/Gun the Dame Down/Angry Arnold***

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

The first and third books were written during the 1970s, after Brewer's career had peaked and the paperback market was drying up for his kind of frantic noir thriller -- which is not to say that they aren't great fun to read. *The Erotics* probably would have been given a different title if Gold Medal, or even Banner Books had published it. Sex plays a part in the novel, as it does in every Brewer book, but the main character is no more "erotic," or sex obsessed, than any other Brewer hero. The title is more of a tease than anything else. But we left it as Brewer wrote it, and hope you enjoy the retro mania of it.

*Angry Arnold* is Brewer's serial killer book. As provocative as *The Erotics* may seem as a title, *Angry Arnold* is more of an understatement. Arnold positively seethes with anger, mainly against pretty women, and more often than not, anyone who gets in his way. It's something different for Brewer, creating a main character who isn't so much an obsessed loser, like many of his characters, but a certifiable maniac who wears the perfect disguise of affability. Brewer may have been ahead of the curve on this one. Read it and see if you agree.

The second book in our collection, *Gun the Dame Down*, is the real treasure, an early novel from the late 1940s, written when Brewer was still finding his voice. As we mentioned in the last newsletter, the original editor didn't care

for Brewer's sex scenes, and cut most of the juicy bits out. We reinstated them. Hope you enjoy the results.



**Catherine Butzen**

***Fell the Angels***

**978-1-933586-89-2 \$17.95**



Next month, we offer a new title in the Abby Marquise series, *Fell the Angels* by Catherine Butzen, a fantasy noir mashup set in modern-day Chicago. The story involves a group known as the Society for the Security of Reality, who are making the world safe for humanity by scotching the nefarious plots of other-worldly beasts like boogymen, werewolves, ghouls and faeries. Or, in this case, a rogue group of selkies. It reads a bit like a detective novel, and should appeal to anyone who doesn't mind a dash of dark fantasy in their mystery novels. Butzen's previous novel, *Thief of Midnight*, introduces the characters, but really, you don't have to have read it to enjoy *Fell the Angels*.

However, just to whet the appetite, if anyone wants a copy of *Thief of Midnight* for \$4 (freight-free), just reply via [griffinskye3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:griffinskye3@sbcglobal.net), and we'll bill you via paypal and send you a copy immediately.

*Fell the Angels* will ship simultaneously with *The Babysitter* by Andrew Coburn, making October a chockablock month. *The Babysitter* is Coburn's second novel, and a favorite of ours. A babysitter is murdered, and her young charge has been kidnapped. The trail leads from a local university to a Boston coffee shop to a dilapidated house in the suburbs, as secret after secret is unearthed and revealed to the light of day.

And, just to brag a bit, we should mention that *The Babysitter* will also be our 100<sup>th</sup> Stark House book. Seems like yesterday, etc., etc....

In all fairness to Stark House Crime Club members, you may not want both books in October, and we understand this. If not, simply reply to [griffinskye3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:griffinskye3@sbcglobal.net) and let us know which book you would prefer to receive. You will only receive the books you want this month. If you want both books, do nothing and we will send them out to you.



For those of you attending Bouchercon this year, keep your eyes peeled for Stark House author Rick Ollerman. Rick informs us that he won't be sitting in on any panels, but he will definitely be showing his face and making the rounds. Copies of *Turnabout/Shallow Secrets* will be available in the Dealers' Room, of course.

In the meantime, the Featured Book of the Month on our website is now *Liz/Syndicate Girl* by Frank Kane. Normally \$20.95, it is discounted this month to only \$15.71 if you buy it via our website: [www.starkhousepress.com](http://www.starkhousepress.com).

If all goes according to plan, we will publish twenty-two books this year. Last year we published seventeen books. In 2013, we published seven books. Each year we try to push ourselves a little bit further. Twenty-two books seems like a lot considering the short staff we work with. But it's been a fun year so far, and we'll talk about it some more next month.

Recent contracts signed: next year will see more from Charlie Stella, John Trinian, Elisabeth Sanxay Holding, Fletcher Flora and Malcolm Braly. This year isn't over, and next is already filling up with interesting projects.

'Til next month....

Greg Shepard, publisher

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