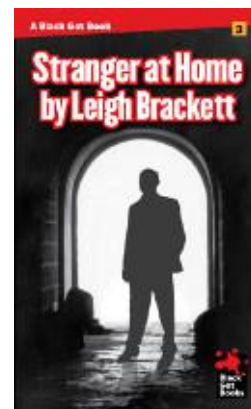
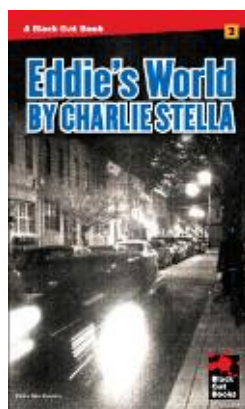
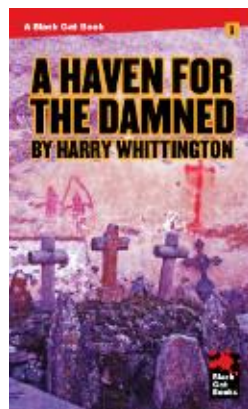


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The first three Black Gat books will arrive in about ten days, and the response has been so positive, we've decided to automatically send them to all Stark House Crime Club members. So if you really *don't* want them—one member already had the Charlie Stella book in hardback—let us know this week.

Once again, the three books are **A Haven for the Damned** by Harry Whittington, **Eddie's World** by Charlie Stella and **Stranger at Home** by Leigh Brackett, writing as George Sanders. All three in mass market for \$9.99 each.



The August Black Gat book will be **The Persian Cat** by John Flagg, a post-WWII thriller set in Teheran where an agent is playing a deadly cat-and-mouse game with a wealthy and corrupt financier and his wife. It positively reeks of Cold War cynicism. This book was also the very first Gold Medal paperback thriller back in 1950, numbered 103 after three previous anthologies and a non-fiction book on gangsters. This was the book that kicked it into high gear for Fawcett Publications, and we hope it works a little magic for us as well.



### **Black Gat #4: The Persian Cat by John Flagg**

**978-1933586-90-8 \$9.99**

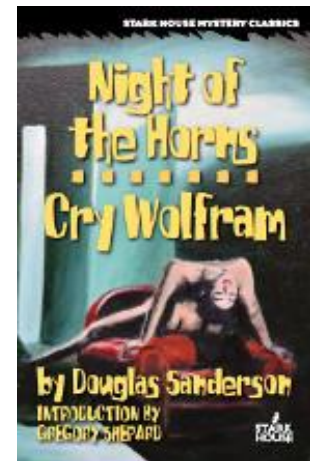
John Flagg was the pen-name for John Gearon, author of the shadowy suspense novel, **The Velvet Well**, in 1946. He wrote a series of espionage/detective mysteries featuring another post-WWII agent named Hart Muldoon, who travelled around the Mediterranean area solving mysteries and thwarting international crimes. The last Muldoon novel appeared in 1961 when the author was 76.

His writing era was the 1950s, and though he hasn't been in print for over 50 years, we feel it's time to bring him back. His books aren't remotely PC—between his antiquated representation of sexual foreplay and the sometimes crudely drawn gay villains, reading Flagg today is a real time trip—but they display a consistently bleak noir tone and a real flair for international intrigue.

### **Night of the Horns / Cry Wolfram by Douglas Sanderson**

**978-1-933586-72-4 \$20.95**

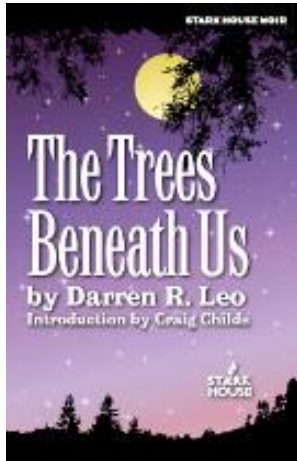
Continuing with the allure of foreign places, the next Stark House two-fer, **Night of the Horns/Cry Wolfram** by Douglas Sanderson, offers two more books fraught with action and clever double-crosses. Sanderson frequently wrote as Malcolm Douglas and Martin Brett, but these two books were actually published under his real name, at least in England. Here in the States, **Night of the Horns** was published as **Murder Comes Calling** under the Douglas pseudonym by Gold Medal Books. And **Cry Wolfram** was marketed as **Mark it for Murder**, a more user-friendly title for those unaware that “wolfram” is another word for tungsten.



These two edge-of-the-seat thrillers are due in June. It's been nine years since our last Sanderson reprint—way too long—and we promise to bring other Sandersons back to print more quickly next time. He's a favorite of ours, and like Flagg, overdue for reprint. Sanderson also wrote a series of great hardboiled detective mysteries featuring Montreal P.I., Mike Garfin. Canadian publisher Richochet Books is reprinting two of these Garfin books beginning with **Hot Freeze** in September 2015, followed by **Blondes are My Trouble**. We suggest you check this publisher out as well. Sanderson was a master at frantic, hard-hitting action, told with intelligence and style.

And in July, we have the final volume in Peter Rabe's Daniel Port series to offer, plus a special reprint of Barry N. Malzberg's comic masterpiece, **Underlay**. But that, as they say, is another story...

One final P.S. for June: as members of the Crime Club know, Stark House specializes in vintage crime fiction. Occasionally we publish a new book by a new author, but always within the rough parameters of the crime world. This summer we're publishing a first book by a new author—



**The Trees Beneath Us** by Darren R. Leo, the story of one man's journey of self-discovery on the hike to Hell down the Appalachian Trail. Pushing the boundaries a bit, we called it an eco-noir. And simply put, when we were encouraged to read it, we fell immediately in love with it. It may not be a crime book, but it feels like it.

**The Trees Beneath Us by Darren R. Leo**

**978-1-933586-73-1 \$15.95**

Leo is a hiker himself and knows the secrets of the trail as well as those of the heart. One of his biggest fans is Charlie Stella, who says: "His debut novel is simply brilliant. It is humorous and poignant and above all else, it is an important novel everyone should read." Craig Childs, outdoor writer of such modern classics as **House of Rain** and **Soul of Nowhere**, provides the introduction.

If you're a member of the Crime Club and would like to receive a copy of the book in addition to the Sanderson book, just drop us a line. We would love to share this one with you.

Greg Shepard, publisher



**Bring back the mystery!**