



Hi-Lo Books From BC

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by Judith Graves

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tagged : law & crime, extreme sports, values & virtues

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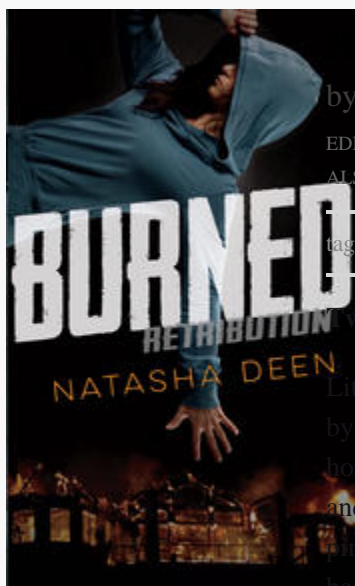
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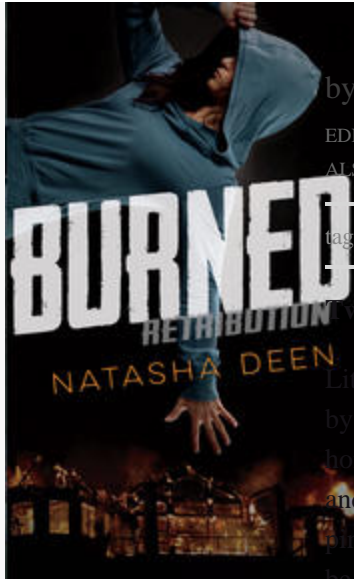
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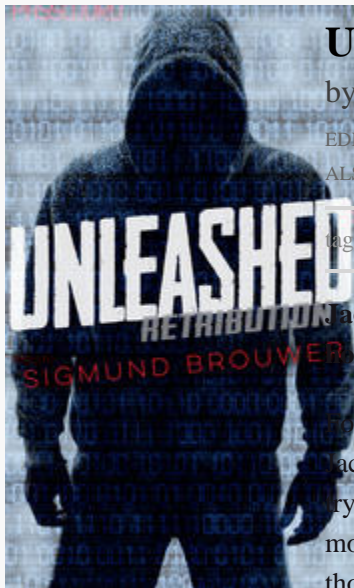
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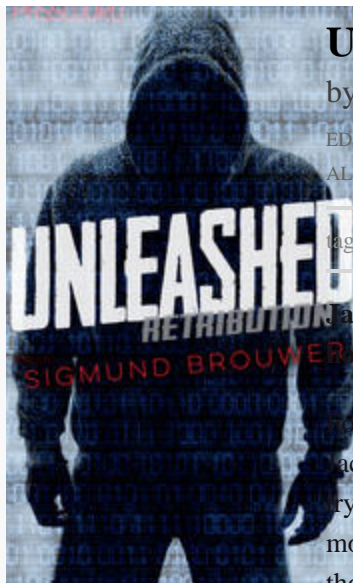
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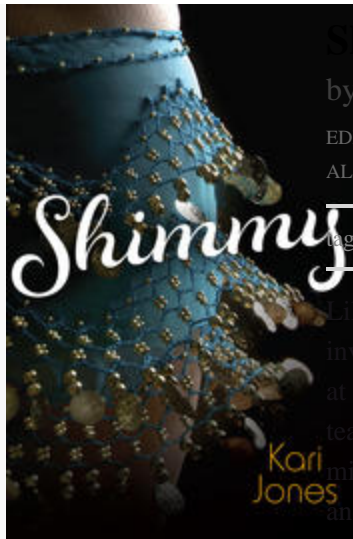
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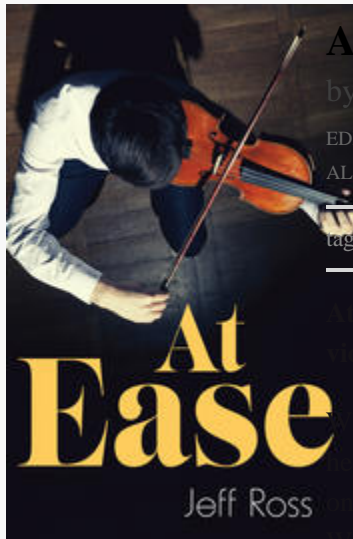
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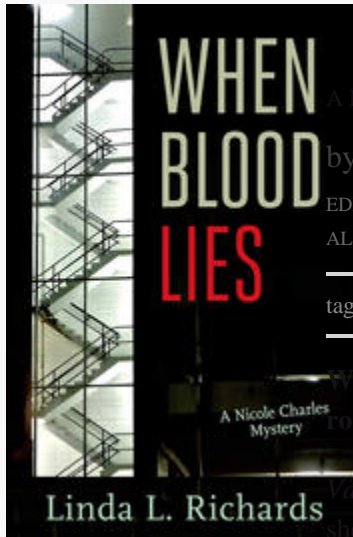
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When Blood Lies

A Nicole Charles Mystery

by Linda L. Richards

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tagged : women sleuths, crime, amateur sleuth

When Blood Lies is the second novel in a series of mysteries featuring rookie reporter Nicole Charles.

Vancouver Post gossip columnist Nicole Charles is only slightly put out when she discovers she's been downsized. She figures she's lucky to still have a job. It just means she needs to get a desk so she can work out of her apartment. But the desk she buys at auction proves to have more history than she'd anticipated, and the cache she finds in a secret compartment in that desk has links to ...

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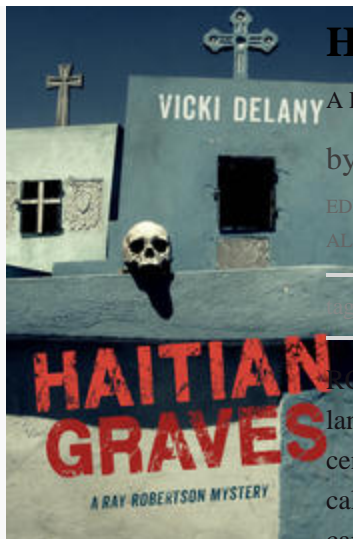
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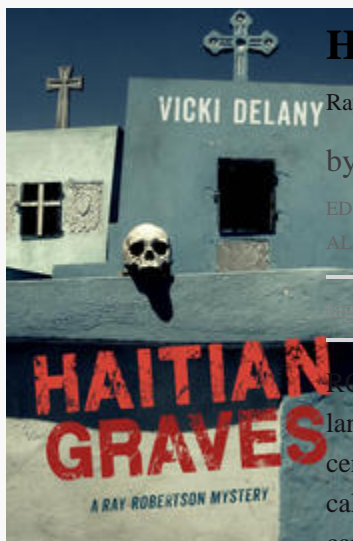
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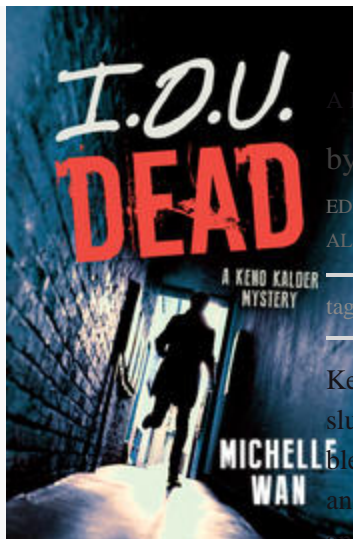
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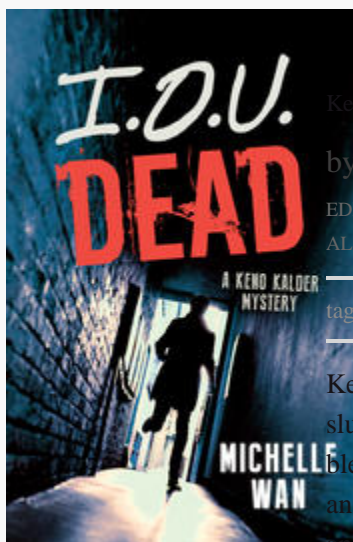
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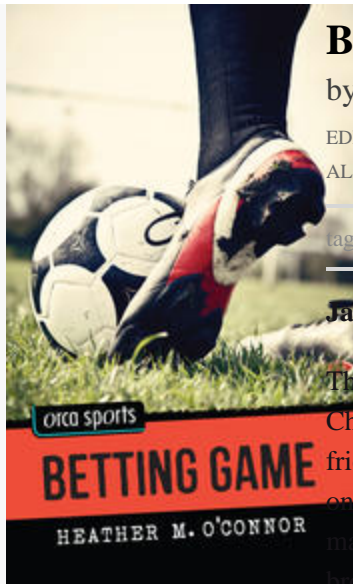
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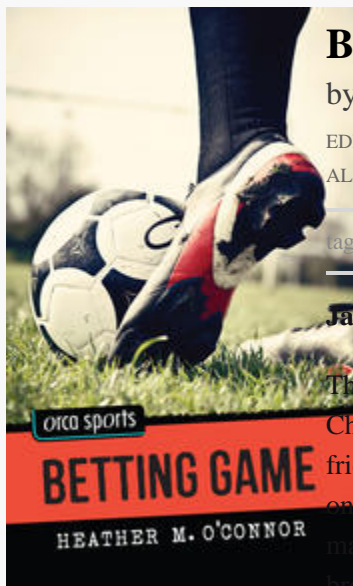
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The Goddaughter Caper

A Gina Gallo Mystery

by Melodie Campbell

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tagged : women sleuths, humorous, amateur sleuth

In *The Goddaughter Caper*, Gina Gallo finds herself embroiled in her family's shady dealings when a body turns up at her uncle's restaurant. But it's just the beginning of her problems. Strange things keep happening in Steeltown. A body shows up in the trunk of Gina's car. Another is mistakenly shipped to her cousin Nico's new store. And then Gina and Nico stumble across a stash of empty coffins! Worse, everything mysteriously points to her own retired relatives from the Holy Cannoli Reti ...

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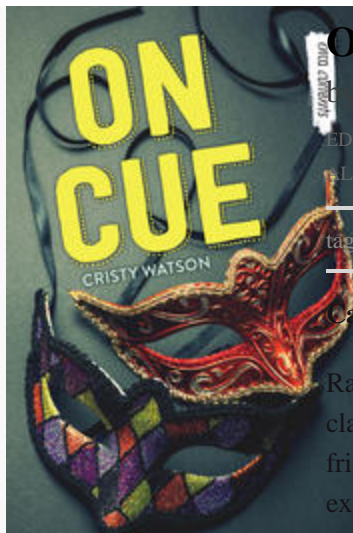
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tagged : special needs, theater

Randi wants to be an actress and is excited about practicing her craft in drama class. So she is devastated to learn the program has been cut. When her friends put together a successful proposal to have drama class taught as an extracurricular activity, Randi is thrilled. Until the reality sinks in. Extracurriculars are scheduled after school, and after school Randi is expected to take care of her special-needs brother. Can Randi find a way to make it all work out?

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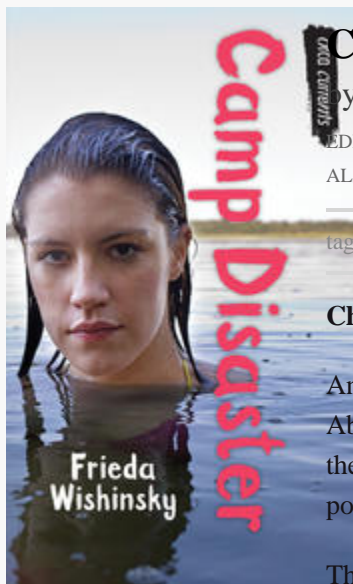
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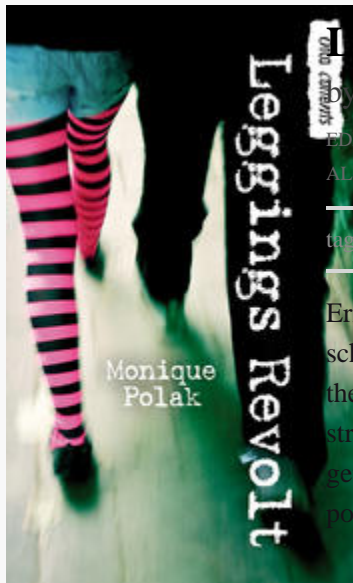
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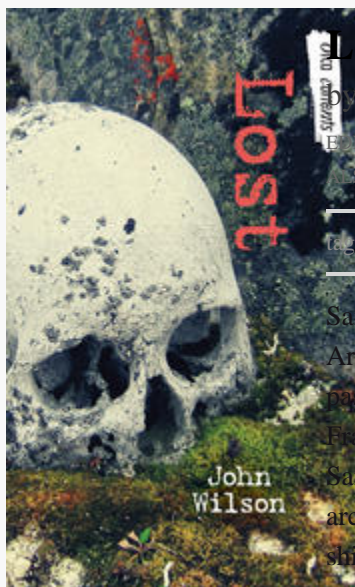
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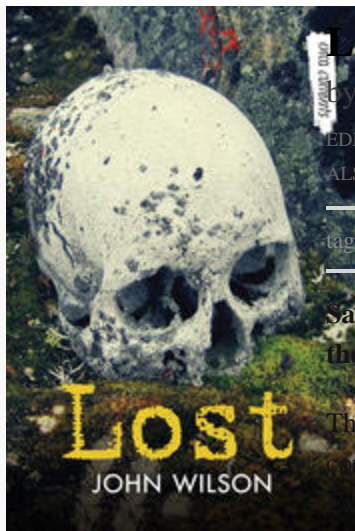
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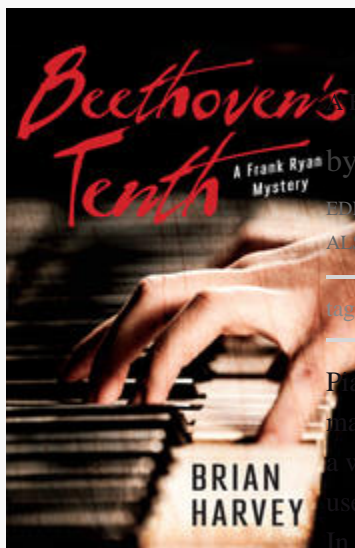
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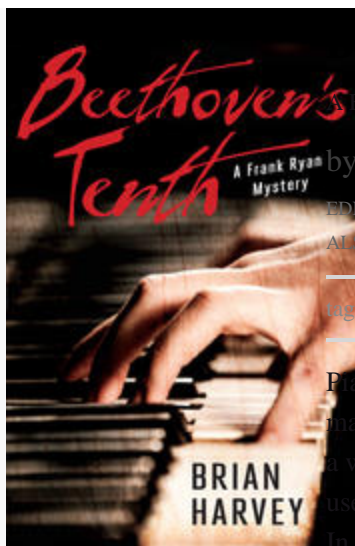
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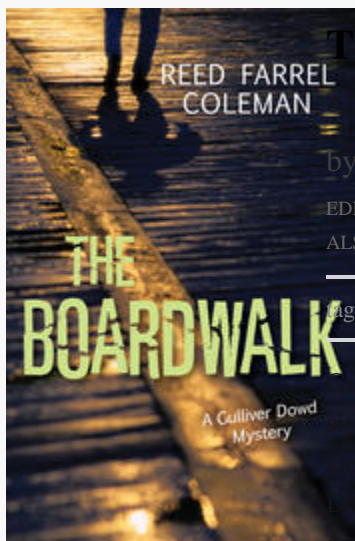
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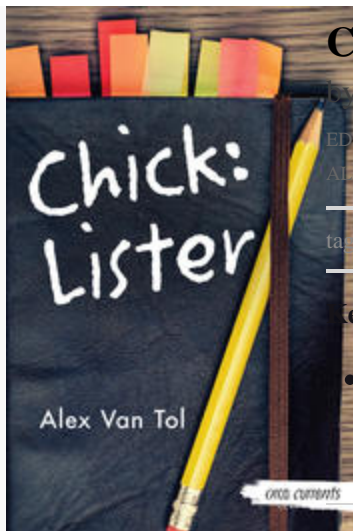
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