

# Aliens & Alibis Books

## December

### This and That

--- I have no idea where this year has gone. My mind boggles at the fact that we are almost to the end of 2005. It's a busy time of year for most people so, if you find yourself bogged down by shopping and writing holiday cards and all the other stuff on your list, come by the store, sit in a comfortable chair and let the cats' purring drown out your thoughts of 'what still needs to be done'. Of course, if you buy a book or three in the process we won't object.

--- **SIGNING** --- We are having a signing on Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 PM with author Randy Rawls. Randy writes the Ace Edwards, Dallas PI series. One book in the series, JINGLE'S CHRISTMAS, involves Ace in case with Jingles, Santa's Chief Elf for North Texas Operations. For more information about Randy and his series, check out his web site [www.randyrawls.com](http://www.randyrawls.com). We will have copies of that book and all the others in the series.

--- We have added two more magazines to the list of those that we carry – THE STRAND and CEMETERY DANCE. Both were added as a result of customer suggestion. We do listen.

--- For those of you who aren't familiar with THE STRAND MAGAZINE, it carries fiction, interviews, reviews and articles. The fiction in this issue is by Jonathan Gash, Alexander McCall Smith, Michael Kurland, Simon Brett and Bill Pronzini, The interview is with P. D. James.

--- CEMETERY DANCE is directed at the Horror genre. The magazine combines fiction, interviews and articles. The fiction section in this issue includes an excerpt from THE COLORADO KID by Stephen King.

--- If you can't decide what to get a reader on your gift list, a gift certificate is always appreciated. If the recipient wants a book other than the genres we carry, we'd be glad to place an order for their choice. Also remember, if it's a mystery author that you are buying for, there are some good titles at [www.KillerBooks.org](http://www.KillerBooks.org) -- good books that should be getting more attention.

--- Since I'm sure you are busy with holiday errands, I'm going to make this relatively short. I do want to note two bestseller lists and remember that, if we don't have the book in stock, we can order it and usually have it here in the store in 2 or 3 days.

The first list is from the Science Fiction/Fantasy Independent booksellers:

hardcovers:

- 1) A FEAST FOR CROWS by George R.R. Martin
- 2) KNIFE OF DREAMS by Robert Jordan
- 3) ANANSI BOYS by Neil Gaiman
- 4) MEMORIES OF ICE by Steven Erikson

- 5) SEEKER by Jack McDevitt
- 6) ELDEST by Christopher Paolini
- 7) AT ALL COSTS by David Weber
- 8) FIFTY DEGREES BELOW by Kim Stanley Robinson
- 9) GRAVE SIGHT by Charlaine Harris
- 10) THUD! by Terry Pratchett

mass market paperbacks:

- 1) WINDFALL by Rachel Caine
- 2) KITTY AND THE MIDNIGHT HOUR by Carrie Vaughn
- 3) ACCESS DENIED by Donna Andrews
- 4) SHADOW OF SAGANAMI by David Weber
- 5) MIDNIGHT MASS by F. Paul Wilson
- 6) EMERALD SEA by John Ringo
- 7) KRIS LONGKNIFE: DEFIANT by Mike Shepard
- 8) THE DECOY PRINCESS by Dawn Cook
- 9) DAYS OF INFAMY by Harry Turtledove
- 10) GABRIEL'S GHOST by Linnea Sinclair

trade paperback:

- 1) GHOSTS OF ALBION: ACCURSED by Golden and Benson
- 2) CLASS DIS-MYTHED by Asprin & Nye
- 3) DESIGNATED TARGETS by John Birmingham
- 4) SWORD OF ORION by Lee & Miller

game related:

- 1) PROMISE OF THE WITCH KING by R.A. Salvatore
- 2) WARHAMMER: GAUNT'S GHOSTS: HIS LAST COMMAND by Dan Abnett

And from the Independent Mystery Booksellers Association:

hardcovers:

- 1) CONSENT TO KILL by Vince Flynn
- 2) SPECTRES IN THE SMOKE by Tony Broadbent
- 3) THE LINCOLN LAWYER by Michael Connelly
- 4) GRAVE SIGHT by Charlaine Harris
- 5) THE MAN WITH THE IRON-ON BADGE by Lee Goldberg
- 6) SHROUD OF THE THWACKER by Chris Elliott
- 7) DELETE ALL SUSPECTS by Donna Andrews
- 8) FALL OF A PHILANDERER by Carola Dunn
- 9) DERMAPHORIA by Craig Clevenger
- 10) THE FIREMAKER by Peter May

paperbacks:

- 1) SOLOMON VS. LORD by Paul Levine
- 2) NOW YOU SEE ME ... by Rochelle Krich
- 3) ACCESS DENIED by Donna Andrews
- 4) SPEAK NOW by Margaret Dumas
- 5) BURIED STUFF by Sharon Fiffer
- 6) NO CLUE AT THE INN by Kate Kingsbury
- 7) DEAD GIVEAWAY by Leann Sweeny
- 8) MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S SCREAM by Jill Churchill
- 9) A MOURNING WEDDING by Carola Dunn
- 10) MURDER ON BLACK FRIDAY by P.B. Ryan