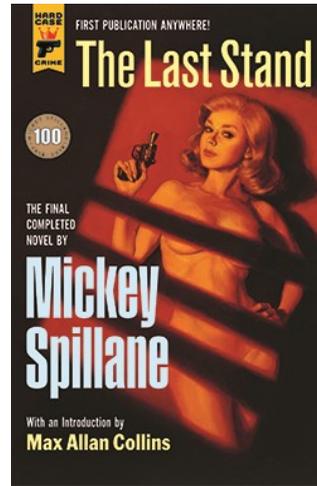


A Hard Case of Crime

A Book Discussion Series Winter 2022



The Last Stand
By Mickey Spillane
Monday, May 9, 2022
7:00-8:00 P.M.

Spillane, a Mystery Writer of America Grand Master and the creator of the iconic Mike Hammer detective series, completed his final manuscript, *The Last Stand*, before his death in 2006. To mark the centenary of his birth it was published twelve years later in 2018 by Hard Case Crime.

Pilot Joe Gillian is forced to land his airplane in the desert where he meets Native American Sequoia Pete. Together the two trek 50 miles across the dessert to Pete's reservation. Along the way Joe discovers an ancient arrowhead of an unknown substance—and a potential source of limitless energy—forcing them to stay one step ahead of the FBI and ruthless gangsters intent on their find.

The Milford Public Library's Winter 2022 book discussions will be four pulp novels by popular authors. We'll be discussing the novels *Easy Go* by Michael Crichton (writing as John Lange), *The Cocktail Waitress* by James M. Cain, *The Colorado Kid* by Stephen King, and *The Last Stand* by Mickey Spillane.

Our meetings will be held in the Community Room from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on: Monday, February 14, 2022; Monday, March 14, 2022; Monday, April 11, 2022; and, Monday, May 9, 2022.

Registration for this series begins on Monday, January 3, 2022. To register for one or more discussions:

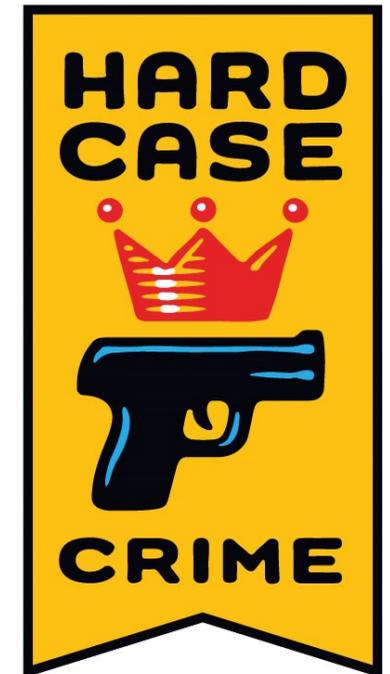
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- Call the Adult Services department at 248-684-0845, option 3, or
- Register online.

Books and/or books-on-CD can be reserved for participants. Books and books-on-CD are subject to availability.

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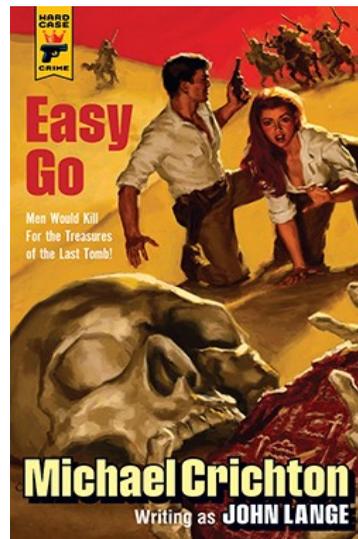
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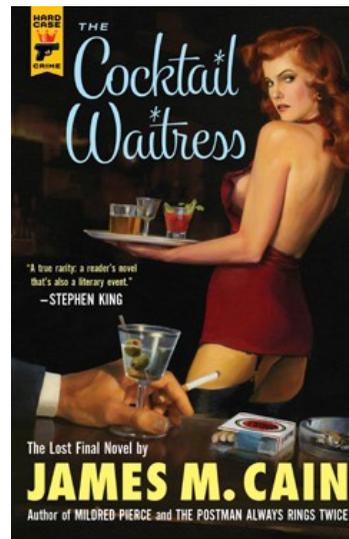


Easy Go

By Michael Crichton,
(writing as John Lange)

Monday, February 14, 2022
7:00-8:00 P.M.

Before he made a name for himself, Crichton published 8 novels between 1966 and 1972 under the name “John Lange” to help support his way through Harvard Medical School. *Easy Go*, Crichton’s 3rd pseudonymous novel, follows an archaeology professor’s search for the lost tomb of a Pharaoh once he discovers clues to its location in ancient hieroglyphics. With a team of thieves and smugglers he plans to find and plunder the burial site. But even if they find the treasure, can they escape with it . . . and with their lives?

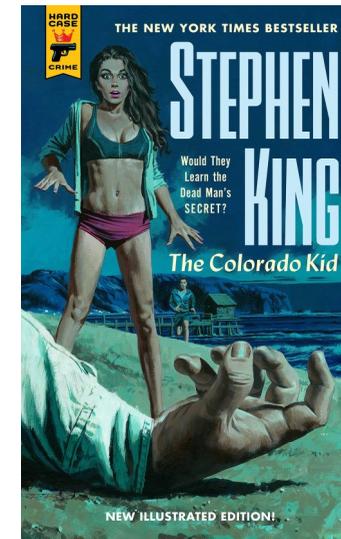


The Cocktail Waitress

By James M. Cain

Monday, March 14, 2022
7:00-8:00 P.M.

One of America’s most celebrated crime writers, Cain’s final novel was stashed away and forgotten after his death in 1977 at the age of 85. Thirty-five years later it was brought to the attention of the publisher of Hard Case Crime, who tracked it down and edited it for publication. Cain’s first-person confessional tale is told from the viewpoint of Joan Medford, a young woman left widowed & destitute following the death of her abusive husband, which garners interest from the police. Forced to take a job as a waitress, she soon remarries a wealthy older man, until he too dies under suspicious circumstances.



The Colorado Kid

By Stephen King

Monday, April 11, 2022
7:00-8:00 P.M.

Asked to write a blurb for Hard Case Crime, King instead contributed a novel to the nascent publisher, the first of three so far. On an island off the coast of Maine, a man is found dead with no ID on his body. Only the determined work of a pair of newspapermen and a graduate student in forensics turns up any clues; but, it's more than a year before the man is identified. And that's just the beginning of the mystery. Because the more they learn about the man and the baffling circumstances of his death, the less they understand. Was it an impossible crime? Or something stranger still . . . ?