

Rebecca Cantrell: Award-Winning Suspense Novelist

Rebecca Cantrell's Hannah Vogel mystery/thriller novels have won the Bruce Alexander and Macavity awards and been nominated for the Barry and RT Reviewers Choice awards; her critically-acclaimed cell phone novel, iDrakula, was nominated for the APPY award and listed on Booklist's Top 10 Horror Fiction for Youth. She and her husband and son just left Hawaii's sunny shores for adventures in Berlin. Find Rebecca Cantrell on Facebook, Twitter, and at www.rebeccacantrell.com.

The Hannah Vogel Series

A Trace of Smoke

Even though hardened crime reporter Hannah Vogel knows all too well how tough it is to survive in 1931 Berlin, she is devastated when she sees a photograph of her brother's body posted in the Hall of the Unnamed Dead. Ernst, a cross-dressing lounge singer at a seedy nightclub, had many secrets, a never-ending list of lovers, and plenty of opportunities to get into trouble.

Hannah delves into the city's dark underbelly to flush out his murderer, but the late night arrival of a five-year-old orphan on her doorstep complicates matters. The endearing Anton claims that Hannah is his mother... and that her dead brother Ernst is his father.

As her investigations into Ernst's murder and Anton's parentage uncover political intrigue and sex scandals in the top ranks of the rising Nazi party, Hannah fears not only for her own life, but for that of a small boy who has come to call her "mother."

A Night of Long Knives

Journalist Hannah Vogel has vowed to never again set foot in her homeland of Germany while the Nazis are still in power. She has good reason: three years ago in 1931, she kidnapped her "son," Anton, from the man claiming to be his father--Ernst Rohm, head of the Nazis' SA. A powerful man not to be trifled with, Hannah knows that Rohm will never stop searching for them.

Hannah is asked to write about a zeppelin journey from South America to Switzerland, but Switzerland turns out to be too close. The zeppelin is diverted to Munich, where Hannah and Anton are kidnapped and, to Hannah's horror, separated.

It's unlucky timing for Rohm, however. Hitler has ordered the execution of Rohm and hundreds of his storm troopers and is determined to wipe out any remaining traces of his name. The Night of the Long Knives has begun.

When Rohm is killed before Hannah can ascertain Anton's whereabouts, she desperately enlists all of her remaining sources and friends to locate Anton before the Nazis do. And the Gestapo is closing in...

Thrilling and powerful, *A Night of Long Knives* breathtakingly recreates a shattered and betrayed city as it plunges into darkness.

A Game of Lies

Journalist Hannah Vogel returns in *A Game of Lies* by award-winning author Rebecca Cantrell.

In preparation for the 1936 Berlin Olympics, the Nazis rid the streets of anti-Semitic material and other propaganda and present a peace-seeking face to the world. Journalist and part-time spy for the British, Hannah Vogel, shudders to think what lies under the temporary coat of gloss.

Posing as travel reporter Adelheid Zinsli, lover of SS officer Lars Lang, Hannah has been collecting Nazi secrets from Lang and smuggling them back to Switzerland. Wanted by the SS, her travel in and out of Germany has always been fraught with danger.

Surrounded by former colleagues who could identify her, Hannah tries to keep a low profile while reporting on the Games as Adelheid. Her relationship with Lang gets more complicated as he sinks into alcoholism; the whispers she hears about his work in the SS give her chills. Whose side is he on?

Hannah meets her mentor, Peter Weill, at the Olympic Stadium, but before he can reveal information that will expose the Nazis, he dies in front of her. Hannah suspects poison.

Hannah must discover who killed Weill and get his secret package out of the country before the Olympics end and the Nazis tighten their noose...and before her true identity is revealed. And her partner may be the one about to expose her...

A City of Broken Glass

In Rebecca Cantrell's *A City of Broken Glass*, journalist Hannah Vogel is in Poland with her son Anton to cover the 1938 St. Martin festival when she hears that 12,000 Polish Jews have been deported from Germany. Hannah drops everything to get the story on the refugees, and walks directly into danger.

Kidnapped by the SS, and driven across the German border, Hannah is rescued by Anton and her lover, Lars Lang, who she had presumed dead two years before. Hannah doesn't know if she can trust Lars again, with her heart or with her life, but she has little choice. Injured in the escape attempt and wanted by the Gestapo, Hannah and Anton are trapped with Lars in Berlin. While Hannah works on an exit strategy, she helps to search for Ruth, the missing toddler of her Jewish friend Paul, who was disappeared during the deportation.

Trapped in Nazi Germany with her son just days before Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, Hannah knows the dangers of staying any longer than needed. But she can't turn her back on this one little girl, even if it plunges her and her family into danger.

The Order of the Sanguines

The Blood Gospel

In their first-ever collaboration, James Rollins joins forces with award-winning suspense novelist Rebecca Cantrell in *The Blood Gospel*, a gothic tale explosive in its revelation of a secret history. A trio of investigators—a military forensics expert, a Vatican priest, and an archaeologist—are thrust into a race to recover a tome holding the secrets to Christ's divinity. But the enemy who hounds them is like no other, a force of ancient evil directed by a leader of impossible ambitions and incalculable cunning.

City of Screams

In *City of Screams: A Short Story Exclusive*, Sergeant Jordan Stone and his crack forensic team are called to investigate the horrific massacre of an archaeology team in the war-torn ruins of Afghanistan. But the discovery of a survivor will shatter all the team knows about life and death.

The iMonster Series

iDrakula

The classic vampire story that started it all gets new life for a generation of connected teens.

18-year-old Jonathan Harker is diagnosed with a rare blood disorder after visiting a Romanian Count. His girlfriend Mina and a pre-med student named Van Helsing team up to investigate the source of the disease. The teenagers discover a horrifying truth: the Count is a vampire. The harrowing events unfold through

emails, text messages, web pages, Twitter feeds, and instant messaging—the natural modernization of Bram Stoker's original *Dracula*, which was written in letters, diary entries, and news clippings.

iFrankenstein

Frankenstein jolts to life for the wired generation!

Following her critically-acclaimed *iDracula*, award-winning author Bekka Black breathes life into a modern re-telling of *iFrankenstein*, using only text messages, web browsers, tweets, and emails.

Homeschooled teenager Victor Frankenstein is determined to write his own ticket to independence: a chatbot to win the prestigious Turing prize and admission to the high tech university of his choice. He codes his creation with a self-extending version of his own online personality and unleashes it upon the internet. But soon he begins to suspect his virtual clone may have developed its own goals, and they are not aligned with Victor's. The creature has its own plan, fed by a growing desire to win darker and more precious prizes: unfettered power and release from loneliness.

As the creature's power and sentience grows and its increasingly terrible deeds bleed over from the online world into the real one, Victor must stop his creation before his friends and humanity pay the ultimate price.

Books on Writing

Making Story: 21 Writers on How They Plot

It's often said that everyone has a book inside him or her -- but how do you plot it? In *MAKING STORY*, edited by the Edgar- and Macavity-nominated author Timothy Hallinan, twenty-one novelists—who have written more than 100 books among them and sold hundreds of thousands of copies—talk about how they go about turning an idea into a plot, and a plot into a book. *MAKING STORY* offers practical, experience-based advice from people who have repeatedly sat down to write a good book and succeeded in doing just that.

The writers who will help you to create your story are Michael Stanley, Kelli Stanley, Yrsa Sigurdardottir, Jeffrey Siger, Zoe Sharp, Stephen Jay Schwartz, Mike Orenduff, Debbi Mack, Wendy Hornsby, Gar Anthony Haywood, Timothy Hallinan, Leighton Gage, Jeremy Duns, Bill Crider, Meredith Cole, Jeffrey Cohen, Rebecca Cantrell, Rachel Brady, Lisa Brackmann, Cara Black, and Brett Battles. This is an indispensable book for aspiring authors and the first in a series, each focusing on a different writing challenge.

Now Write! Mysteries: Suspense, Crime, Thriller, and Other Mystery Fiction Exercises from Today's Best Writers and Teachers

The essential handbook for writers of whodunits, techno- thrillers, cozies, and everything in between-featuring never-before- published personal writing exercises from some of today's bestselling and award-winning mystery writers.

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No other mystery-writing guide offers the road tested wisdom of so many award-winners and bestselling authors in one place.

Anthologies

First Thrills

New York Times bestselling author Lee Child and the International Thriller Writers, Inc. present a collection of remarkable stories in *First Thrills*. Showcasing many of the organization's bestselling authors as well as rising stars in the genre, here are twenty-five brand-new, never-before published, stories packed with murder, mystery, and mayhem.

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- A priest who comes face to face with his wife's murderer on death row.
- A confederate soldier comes home to his love, but changed by more than just the war....he comes back wrong.
- The discovery of a flying saucer in the deep sea brings one man to the brink of a massive revelation.

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