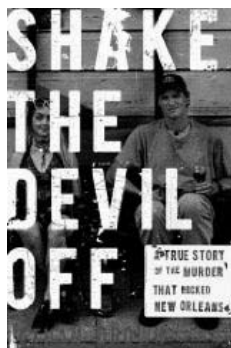


# Librarian's Picks

## Horror, Vampires, and True Crime

September's Librarian's Picks are horror, vampire, and true crime story. Neck-biting, darkness-gathering, and blood-curdling is all the rage, and these titles cover all things horrifying and supernatural.

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### HORROR, VAMPIRES, AND TRUE CRIME

\_\_\_\_ Bartlett, Allison Hoover 364.1628 09836284

#### **MAN WHO LOVED BOOKS TOO MUCH**

Riverhead Books (09/2009) T **\$24.95**  
1594488916 9781587670831

John Charles Gilkey stole books (even from libraries) simply because he loved them, and journalist Bartlett tracks the man who tracked down Gilkey.

\_\_\_\_ Bentley, Barbara 364.1523 08340595

#### **DANCE WITH THE DEVIL: A TRUE STORY OF MARRIAGE TO A PSYCHOPATH**

Berkley (11/2008) P **\$16.95**  
0425221180 9780425221181

Her marriage to retired Navy admiral John Perry seemed almost too good to be true. Because it was. At the start of her relationship with the intelligent and worldly John Perry, Barbara Bentley couldn't believe her luck. When things didn't add up, she struggled to ignore her doubts. She kept trying to put the pieces together unaware that some of them were simply missing. Even as he drained her credit, dodged her questions, manipulated her and misled her, she stayed with him, suppressing her growing suspicions. Ultimately he would try to kill her, proving himself not a protector and provider, but a predator.

\_\_\_\_ Brown, Ethan 364.1523 09828842

#### **SHAKE THE DEVIL OFF: A TRUE STORY OF THE MURDER THAT ROCKED NEW ORLEANS**

Henry Holt (09/2009) T **\$25.95**  
0805088938 9780765323385

After years of military service, including in Iraq, Zackery Bowen returned home to New Orleans and two part-time jobs. Just weeks before Hurricane Katrina he met Addie Hall. In October 2006, Bowen committed suicide by jumping from a rooftop, leaving a note behind that directed police to Addie's body. It was, according to police, the most gruesome crime in the city's history, and left people asking why. As the author discovered, it was the result of a soldier having been failed by the military he served.

\_\_\_\_ Chadwick, Bruce 364.1523 08981957

#### **I AM MURDERED: GEORGE WYTHE, THOMAS JEFFERSON, AND THE KILLING THAT SHOCKED A NEW NATION**

Wiley (01/2009) T **\$24.95**  
0470185111 9780451462749

Hinging on hit-and-miss forensics, the unreliability of medical autopsies, the prevalence of poisoning, race relations, slavery, and the law, Sweeney's trial serves as a window into early 19th-century America. Its particular focus is on Richmond, part elegant state capital and part chaotic boomtown riddled with vice, opportunism, and crime. As Wythe lay dying, his doctors insisted that he had not been poisoned, and Sweeney had the nerve to beg him for bail money.

\_\_\_\_ Coen, Jeff 364.1523 09493077

#### **FAMILY SECRETS: THE CASE THAT CRIPPLED THE CHICAGO MOB**

Chicago Review Press (04/2009) T **\$24.95**  
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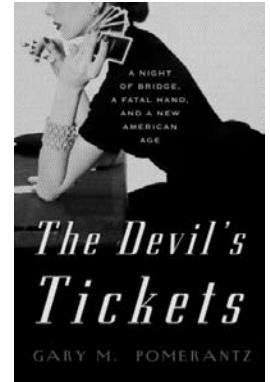
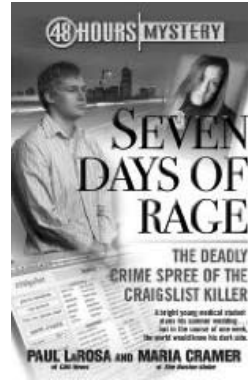
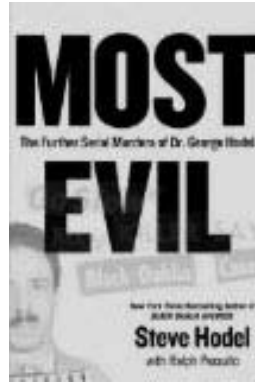
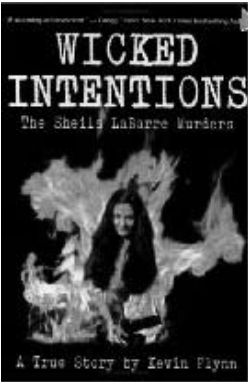
Painting a vivid picture of the scenes both inside and outside the courtroom and re-creating events from court transcripts, police records, interviews, and notes taken day after day as the story unfolded in court in 2007. This narrative accurately portrays cold-blooded and sometimes incompetent killers and their crimes.

\_\_\_\_ Conway, J. North 364.1552 09330887

#### **KING OF HEISTS: THE SENSATIONAL BANK ROBBERY OF 1878 THAT SHOCKED AMERICA**

Lyons Press (08/2009) T **\$24.95**  
1599215381 9781595584014

When one thinks of bank robberies in the 1800s, visions of the Dalton Gang come to mind. On Oct. 27, 1878, the most sensational bank robbery in American history took place not in the Wild West but in New York City at the Manhattan Savings Institution where \$3 million in cash and securities were stolen. Conway tells the story of society architect George Leonidas Leslie, who planned the heist, those who carried out the robbery, how they did it, and how they were captured.



\_\_\_\_ Flynn, Kevin 364.1523 09004866  
**WICKED INTENTIONS: THE SHEILA LABARRE MURDERS: A TRUE STORY**  
New Horizon Press (12/2008) T \$24.95  
0882823418 9780882823386

When investigators were called to the secluded farm of Sheila LaBarre, they found the dismembered and incinerated remains of her young lover. LaBarre would plead insanity to this and other murders. Flynn presents a spellbinding true story of obsession and vigilantism carried to a deadly extreme.

\_\_\_\_ Heidenry, John 364.154 09278907  
**ZERO AT THE BONE: THE PLAYBOY, THE PROSTITUTE, AND THE MURDER OF BOBBY GREENLEASE**  
St. Martin's Press (07/2009) T \$25.99  
0312376790 9780312376796

In 1953, Bobby Greenlease, son of a wealthy automobile dealer, was kidnapped and murdered by Carl Austin Hall, a former ex-con, and Bonnie Heady, a prostitute, after extorting \$600,000 ransom from the elder Greenlease. This is the story of that event, for which the two grifters would eventually be executed, strapped together in the same gas chamber.

\_\_\_\_ Hodel, Steve 364.1523 09836519  
**MOST EVIL: THE FURTHER SERIAL MURDERS OF DR. GEORGE HODEL**  
Dutton (09/2009) T \$26.95  
0525951326 9780470185513

Former LAPD Detective Steve Hodel shares the strange, fascinating life of his father Dr. George Hill Hodel, who is believed to have been responsible for the infamous Black Dahlia murder. He also sheds light on the man's further crimes in what has become a portrait of one of the most active previously undetected serial killers in American history. Using never-before seen visual, circumstantial, and forensic exhibits, he turns the spotlight on a man who continued to kill late into his long life of 91 years.

\_\_\_\_ James, Laura 364.1523 09458174  
**LOVE PIRATE AND THE BANDIT'S SON: MURDER, SIN, AND SCANDAL IN THE SHADOW OF JESSE JAMES**  
Union Square Press (05/2009) T \$19.95  
1402760698 9781400051625

Sparks flew when gold digger Dr. Zeo Zoe Wilkins and Jesse James, Jr., the son of America's most legendary outlaw, crossed paths. The result: a tale of sex, deceit, money, and murder, grippingly told by noted true-crime blogger Laura James.

\_\_\_\_ Larosa, Paul 364.1523 09952616  
**SEVEN DAYS OF RAGE: THE DEADLY CRIME SPREE OF THE CRAIGSLIST KILLER**  
Pocket Books (09/2009) T \$25.00  
1439172390 9781416552277

When Manhattan model and masseuse Julissa Brisman went to meet a client at a Boston hotel on April 14, 2009, she thought she would be leaving with enough money to buy her little sister's school books. Instead, she became the victim of Philip Markoff, now referred to as the Craigslist killer. While she paid with her life, some of his other victims were luckier. Markoff, a 22-year-old med student, was arrested on April 16, and is now being held without bail awaiting trial for murder.

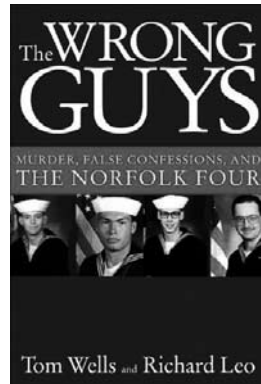
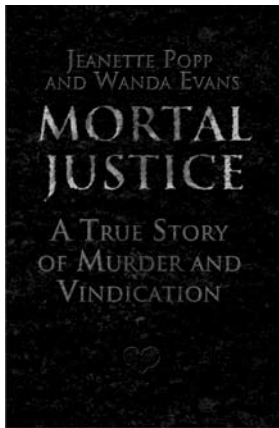
\_\_\_\_ Marrison, James 364.1523 09652760  
**WORLD'S MOST BIZARRE MURDERS: TRUE STORIES THAT WILL SHOCK AND AMAZE YOU**  
John Blake (05/2009) T \$23.95  
1844546675 9781599218113

From the stomach-churning to the truly bizarre, the details of some of history's weirdest and most shocking murder cases are collected in this enthralling volume. The criminals covered here all perpetrated crimes with a peculiar twist, among them Enriqueta Marti, who kidnapped children then boiled away their flesh and crushed their bones to make ingredients for her lucrative "magic potions;" and Randy Kraft, better known as the Scorecard Killer, who was a computer genius by day and a deranged psychopath by night with more than 150 victims to his name. From high-profile murders to long-forgotten slayings, these are the world's most peculiar crimes.

\_\_\_\_ Pomerantz, Gary M. 364.1523 09532781  
**THE DEVIL'S TICKETS: A NIGHT OF BRIDGE: A FATAL HAND, AND A NEW AMERICAN AGE**  
Crown (06/2009) T \$26.00  
1400051622 9780882823416

As the Roaring Twenties' last celebratory peals rang through a nation about to slip into the Depression, Myrtle Bennett, a glamorous Kansas City housewife, killed her philandering husband over a bridge game. At her ballyhooed murder trial, her defense attorney was a two-time Democratic presidential candidate and Pendergast Machineman, James A. Reed. Watching from New York was Ely Culbertson, a tuxedoed boulevardier with a Russian accent and a gorgeous American wife, Josephine, who was his bridge partner. As the P.T. Barnum of the game of bridge, Ely Culbertson offered trial commentary and used the Bennett's story to sell bridge, his instructional books, and himself.

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\_\_\_\_ Popp, Jeanette 364.1523 09285164  
**MORTAL JUSTICE: A TRUE STORY OF MURDER AND VINDICATION**  
New Horizon Press (03/2009) T \$24.95  
0882823388 9780805088939

On a sunny morning, Nancy DePriest, 20, was found naked, raped, and shot in the restaurant where she worked. The crime shocked a nation and was later dubbed by the national press "The Pizza Hut Murder." Nancy's mother, Jeanette Popp, along with Wanda Evans, poignantly recount the senseless crime and a mother's journey to find the killer. As the grief and sorrow pulled her apart, Jeanette learned that Christopher Ochoa had confessed to the crime and implicated his friend Richard Danziger. They were charged and convicted to life terms in 1990, yet over the course of 12 years, another suspect emerged from the shadow who confessed to the murder. Jeanette joins the Innocence Project and struggles to free Ochoa and Danziger, whom she now believes have been wrongly convicted, while bringing the real killer to justice.

\_\_\_\_ Sander, Peter 364.163 09388192  
**MADOFF: CORRUPTION, DECEIT, AND THE MAKING OF THE WORLD'S MOST NOTORIOUS PONZI SCHEME**  
Globe Pequot Press (03/2009) P \$14.95  
1599218119 9781599215389

In the first comprehensive account of this epic scandal, Peter Sander traces Madoff's rise from schoolboy to Wall Street trader, from money maker to money manager. His gripping narrative examines how Madoff built his brand by infiltrating influential circles, how the scheme came unraveled, and how Madoff, a Jew whose arrest has been called "fodder for the bigots," ironically wreaked grievous damage to Jewish organizations in particular.

\_\_\_\_ Wells, Tom 364.1523 08398453  
**THE WRONG GUYS: MURDER, FALSE CONFESSIONS, AND THE NORFOLK FOUR**  
New Press (11/2008) T \$25.95  
1595584013 9781594488917

On July 8, 1997, sailor Billy Bosko, 19, returned to his home in Norfolk, Va., from a naval cruise to find his wife on the floor of their bedroom, raped and stabbed to death. In this story of justice gone awry, four innocent men separately confess to the heinous crime that none of them actually committed. Though the real perpetrator has since been convicted, three of the four remain in prison today, attesting to the powerful role confessions, even false ones, play in our criminal justice system.

\_\_\_\_ Banks, L.A. F 09919597  
**VAMPIRES: DRACULA AND THE UNDEAD LEGIONS**  
Moonstone (09/2009) P \$14.95  
1933076550 9781933076553

Moonstone follows up its fang-favorite monster anthology, *Werewolves: Dead Moon Rising*, with this second installment, focusing on those enigmatic creatures of the night, Vampires! Two extra-sized special Dracula stories serve to open and close this collection of ten all-new vampire tales by some of the industry's favorite horror writers.

\_\_\_\_ Blatty, William Peter F 09045716  
**ELSEWHERE**  
Cemetery Dance (03/2009) T \$25.00  
1587670836 9781556527814

An incredible haunted house novel from William Peter Blatty, the legendary author of *The Exorcist!* Disturbing, unsettling, chilling, and laced with a nasty streak of dark humor, *Elsewhere* is a must-have for all fans of dark fiction.

\_\_\_\_ Cottam, Francis F 09278850  
**THE HOUSE OF LOST SOULS**  
Thomas Dunne Books (07/2009) T \$24.99  
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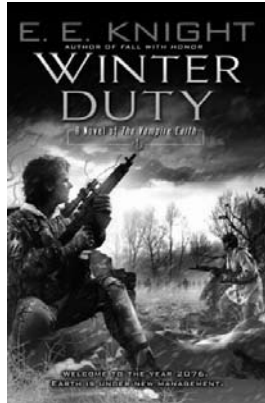
Four students had entered the derelict Fischer House only four weeks before, but already one had committed suicide and the other three were descending into madness. Nick Mason's sister was one of them. To save her, he joined ranks with Paul Seaton, who had survived a visit to the house a decade ago, and now had to read an old journal written by a beautiful photographer in the 1920s in order to unravel the house's mystery and save Mason's sister.

\_\_\_\_ Eden, Cynthia F 09008713  
**IMMORTAL DANGER**  
Brava (04/2009) P \$14.95  
0758226063 9780525951322

Maya Black patrols the streets of L.A. keeping the city safe from demons, werewolves, and assorted nocturnal scum. Something Maya knows a thing or two about. She's a vampire, and not thrilled about it. Adam Brody hopes Maya is as dangerous as they say she is. He needs her to help rescue his niece Cammie from a ruthless band of vamps, and he's willing to pay in blood. Trusting her is another matter.

\_\_\_\_ Elrod, P.N. F 09890246  
**DARK ROAD RISING: A NOVEL OF THE VAMPIRE FILES**  
Ace (09/2009) P \$15.00  
044101755X 9780441017553

Vampire P.I. Jack Fleming is playing babysitter to Gabriel "Whitey" Kroun, a newly created vampire with deadly secrets. As Jack investigates Kroun's undead state, he gets caught between Kroun's violent outbursts and the syndicate who want to eliminate them both. This leaves Jack vulnerable to an old enemy who is determined to unlock the secrets of his vampire immortality.



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Feehan, Christine F 09888098  
**DARK SLAYER**  
 Berkley (09/2009) T \$25.95  
 0425229734 9780425229736

Ivory, a rare Carpathian female, has been protected all her life by her brothers. After she frees the mage Razvan from his prison cave, they must flee, as it has made them enemies of Carpathian hunters and vampires. Sensing that Razvan is more than he appears, Ivory vows to go against the entire Carpathian race if need be to save the man she's come to love.

Gischler, Victor F 09544577  
**VAMPIRE A GO-GO: A NOVEL**  
 Touchstone (09/2009) P \$14.00  
 1416552278 9781402760693

This satirical take on the modern horror story finds the protagonist, Allen, a hapless grad student, in danger of flunking out of school. There's not much that can be done to salvage his GPA, except to redeem himself by accompanying an eccentric professor and his wife on a research trip to a castle in Prague. What Allen doesn't know is that he'll end up in a hunt for a supernatural device that can restore humanity to the undead.

Green, Chris Marie F 09550267  
**PATH OF RAZORS**  
 Ace (08/2009) P \$14.00  
 0441017207 9780441017201

Mean girls come in all forms, including undead. London couldn't be further from L.A., but stuntwoman-turned-vampire hunter Dawn Madison knows that her job hasn't changed: find the local vampire Underground and wipe it out. She and her team have located the vamps' lair at a private girls' school and now they have the undead on the run. But the vicious pack is starting to realize its greatest threat may be from within its own ranks. Meanwhile, Dawn finds her psychic powers and urge to hunt growing. And as unrest rocks the Underground, Dawn begins to fall prey to her own dark desires.

Knight, E. E. F 09546219  
**WINTER DUTY: A NOVEL OF THE VAMPIRE EARTH**  
 Roc (07/2009) T \$24.95  
 0451462742 9780446505581

Major David Valentine and his fugitive battalion are the remnants of an expeditionary force shattered in its long retreat from disaster in the Appalachians. Between a raging blizzard, bands of headhunters, and the need to recover wounded soldiers lost during the retreat, Valentine is in for the toughest winter of his life. And Valentine is losing allies fast. Some of the clans in the region have declared themselves in favor of the Kurians, throwing Kentucky into civil war. But the Kurian overlords have determined that the region isn't worth the effort of another conquest. Their order: extermination.

Kyogoku, Natsuhiko F 07756453  
**SUMMER OF THE UBUME**  
 Vertical (08/2009) P \$16.95  
 1934287253 9781934287255

In Japanese folklore, a ghost that arises from the burial of a pregnant woman is an Ubume. *The Summer of Ubumeis* is the first of Japan's hugely popular Kyogokudo series, which has nine titles and four spinoffs thus far. Akihiko "Kyogokudo" Chuzenji, the title's hero, is an exorcist with a twist: he doesn't believe in ghosts. To circumnavigate his clients' inability to come to grips with a problem being their own, he creates fake supernatural explanations that he the exorcises by way of staged rituals. His patients' belief that he has vanquished the ghost creating their problems cures them. In this first adventure, Kyogokudo must unravel the mystery of a woman who has been pregnant for 20 months and find her husband, who disappeared two months into the pregnancy.

Lumley, Brian F 09289445  
**NECROSCOPE: HARRY AND THE PIRATES**  
 Tor Books (07/2009) T \$23.99  
 0765323389 9780758226068

Even after Harry's story was done, Brian Lumley continued to write books about Harry's legacy and the other Necrosopes who inherited his weird talents. But Harry himself would not go quietly into that darkness that lies beyond an author's imagination, and now Lumley has written three new novellas about Harry and his supernatural adventures, which are published for the first time in the United States.

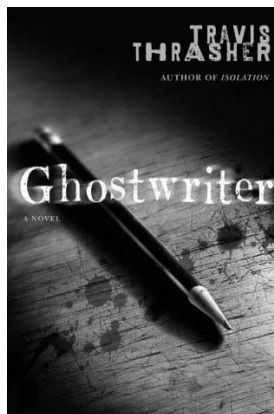
McCormack, Derek F 09754156  
**THE SHOW THAT SMELLS**  
 Little House On The Bowery (07/2009) P \$15.95  
 1933354712 9781933354712

Elsa is a powerful Parisian dress designer and a vampire. She wants to make Carrie look beautiful, smell beautiful, and then she wants to eat her! Will Carrie survive as her slave? Will Jimmie be cured? Starring a host of Hollywood's brightest stars, including Coco Chanel, Lon Chaney, and The Carter Family, *The Show that Smells* is a thrilling tale of hillbillies, high fashion, and horror!



Oyeyemi, Helen F 09473661  
**WHITE IS FOR WITCHING**  
 Nan A. Talese Books (06/2009) T \$25.00  
 0385526059 9780385526050

As a child, Miranda Silver developed pica, a rare eating disorder that causes its victims to consume nonedible substances. The death of her mother when Miranda is 16 exacerbates her condition; nothing, however, satisfies a strange hunger passed down through the women in her family. And then there's the family house in Dover, England, converted to a bed-and-breakfast by Miranda's father. Dover has long been known for its hostility toward outsiders. But The Silver House manifests a more conscious malice toward strangers, dispatching those visitors it despises. Enraged by the constant stream of foreign staff and guests, the house finally unleashes its most destructive power.



Thrasher, Travis F 09232222  
**GHOSTWRITER**  
 Faithwords (05/2009) P \$13.99  
 0446505587 9780446505581

Horror novelist Dennis Shore, now a widower with his daughter in college out of state, is an empty nester for the first time. Suddenly struck by a paralyzing case of writer's block with a deadline looming, he becomes desperate and claims someone else's writing as his own. Then Cillian Reed, the author of the stolen manuscript, contacts him. What begins as a case of harassment quickly spirals into something far more deadly and he finds the horror he's spent writing about has suddenly become his reality.

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