

Frankfurt 2011 Hotlist Titles

Fiction

Deryn Collier | Confined Space [The Cooke Agency] (Fiction, Mystery)

- Shortlisted for the 2010 Arthur Ellis Award for Best Unpublished First Crime Novel
- An ex-military commander suffering from post-traumatic stress finds refuge as coroner in a small mountain town on the US border, expecting to do no more than make cups of tea for newly bereaved widows, until a body is found disintegrating at the local brewery
- Will appeal to readers of Julia Spencer-Fleming and Louise Penny
- Rights: World, excl. English Canada (Simon & Schuster); MS available November 2011; Pub date Fall 2012

Gemma Files | A Tree of Bones: Volume Three of the Hexslinger Series [ChiZine] (Dark Fantasy, Horror)

- The highly anticipated final installment in the Black Quill Award-winning Hexslinger series
- Volume One, *The Book of Tongues*, was shortlisted for a Bram Stoker Best Novel award and a Spectrum Award
- Aliette de Bodard meets *Deadwood* in a dark fantasy series that *Fangoria* magazine calls, “truly one-of-a-kind”
- Rights: World, excl. English North America (ChiZine); MS available November 2011; Pub date May 2012

Shree Ghatage | Thirst [The Cooke Agency] (Fiction, Historical)

- The much-anticipated follow-up to the internationally published *Brahma's Dream*, a Kiriyama Notable Book
- For fans of *Brick Lane* by Monica Ali and *The Circle of Reason* by Amitav Ghosh
- A wounded Indian man awakes in a Welsh pub during WWII with no recollection of who he is—as his memory gradually returns to him, his story of passion, an arranged marriage, and a family secret are revealed
- Rights: World, excl. English Canada (Doubleday Canada); MS available November 2011; Pub date May 2012

Tasneem Jamal | Where the Air is Sweet [The Cooke Agency] (Fiction, Literary)

- Pre-empted by HarperCollins Canada, a staggering multi-generational debut novel set in Idi Amin's Uganda
- After creating successful lives for themselves in Africa, an idealistic Indian man and three generations of his family face the abrupt and heart-breaking loss of everything they've worked for as the country descends into chaos and murder under Amin
- For readers of *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese, *The In-Between World of Vikram Lall* by M.G. Vassanji and *House of Sand and Fog* by Andre Dubus III
- Inspired by the personal experiences of the author and her extended family
- Rights: World, excl. English Canada (HarperCollins Canada); MS available November 2011; Pub date Spring 2013

Wayne Johnston | A World Elsewhere [Knopf Canada] (Fiction, Historical)

- Beloved author Wayne Johnston returns to the territory of his #1 national bestseller *The Colony of Unrequited Dreams* with this epic novel, inspired in part by the Vanderbilt family and the fabled palace, Biltmore
- Long-listed for the Scotiabank Giller Prize 2011, this sweeping tale takes readers from St. John's to Princeton to North Carolina at the close of the nineteenth century, following the complicated and at times treacherous relationship between father, son, friend—and the suspected murder of a child
- For readers of Michael Cox, Michael Crummey and Annie Proulx
- Rights: World, excl. English Canada (Knopf Canada), UK & Commonwealth (Jonathan Cape); MS available; Pub date August 2011

Karen Lord | Best of All Possible Worlds [The Cooke Agency] (Science Fiction)

- Sold in two-book deals—at simultaneous auction—in the US to Betsy Mitchell (Del Rey) and UK to Jo Fletcher (Jo Fletcher Books/Quercus)
- The survivors of a planetary disaster find their future in peril as they launch a desperate search through the scattered colonies of a new world for suitable mates and a new home in order to save their race from annihilation
- Author's debut novel *Redemption in Indigo* has been shortlisted for the 2011 World Fantasy Award, selected for the Locus Recommended Reading List 2010, and named one of the Amazon.com Top 10 Science Fiction & Fantasy Editor's Pick 2010
- For readers of *Brown Girl in the Ring* by Nalo Hopkinson, *Black Glass* by Karen Joy Fowler and Ursula K. Le Guin
- Rights: World, excl. English North America (Del Rey/Random House) and UK/Commonwealth (Jo Fletcher Books/Quercus Publishing); MS available November 2011; Pub date Spring 2013

A. Lee Martinez | Emperor Mollusk vs. The Sinister Brain [The Cooke Agency] (Science Fiction Fantasy)

- The author's ninth novel in the comic fantasy realm
- Intergalactic Menace. Destroyer of Worlds. Conqueror of Other Worlds. Mad Genius. Ex-Warlord of Earth. Not bad for a guy without a spine
- For readers of Douglas Adams and Terry Pratchett; *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* meets *Megamind*
- Author has had four novels optioned for film
- Rights: World, excl. English (Orbit/Hachette) and World English audio (Audible); MS available; Pub date March 2012

Derryl Murphy | Napier's Bones [ChiZine] (Science Fiction)

- What if, in a world where mathematics could be magic, the thing you desired most was also trying to kill you?
- In this “winking’ *Da Vinci Code* for the math set”, Dom, a numerate, someone able to see and control numbers and use them as a form of magic, is on the run across three countries on two continents, with two unlikely companions in tow and a numerate of unfathomable strength hot on his tail
- Sure to appeal to readers of Tim Powers, Neal Stephenson, and Neil Gaiman
- Rights: World, excl. English North America; MS available; Pub date March 2011

Lilian Nattel | Web of Angels [The Cooke Agency] (Upmarket Women's Fiction)

- The shocking new novel by the award-winning internationally published author of *The River Midnight*, sold into nine territories
- When a pregnant teenage girl takes her own life, the well-concealed multiple personalities of the protagonist lead her to a shocking discovery of the girl's motivations
- For fans of Jodi Picoult, Alice La Plante's *Turn of Mind* and Lisa Genova's *Left Neglected*
- Rights: World excl. English Canada (Random House Canada); edited MS available; Pub date February 2012

David Nickle | Eutopia: A Novel of Terrible Optimism [ChiZine] (Horror)

- A chilling debut horror novel from David Nickle, winner of the Bram Stoker award
- Following the popular and critically acclaimed horror collection *Monstrous Affections*, *Eutopia* is set in 1911, Cold Springs Harbour, New York, where a shadowy government body is sending its agents to catalogue the infirm, the insane, and the criminal—with an eye to a cull, for the betterment of all
- For readers of Albert Sanchez Pinol's *Cold Skin* and Caleb Carr's *The Alienist*
- Rights: World, excl. English North America (ChiZine); pages available; Pub date April 2011

Kurt Palka | Patient Number 7 [McClelland & Stewart] (Fiction, Literary)

- A lead title for McClelland & Stewart
- An extraordinary and unexpected story of war inspired by a true story and a wealth of family documents
- A funeral in a small Austrian town prompts a married woman to reflect upon her life—part family saga, part war story, and a moving meditation on the nature of good, evil, and the resilience of love
- For readers of John Wray's *The Right Hand of Sleep* and Hans Fallada's *Every Man Dies Alone*
- Rights: World, excl. English Canada (McClelland & Stewart); MS available; Pub date April 2012

Nancy Richler | The Imposter Bride [The Cooke Agency] (Fiction, Historical)

- Sold at auction in the US, Holland and Italy, this is the story of Lily Azerov, a mysterious European immigrant who disappears after the birth of her first child, leaving few clues to her identity
- Author's first novel since the publication of the international bestseller *Your Mouth is Lovely*, published in a dozen territories around the world
- Author's previous novels have been nominated for the Arthur Ellis Award for best new crime fiction and the Adei Wizo Literary Award in Italy
- For fans of *The Russian Winter*, Amy Bloom and Kate Furnival
- Rights: World, excl. English Canada (HarperCollins Canada), US (St Martin's Press), Netherlands (Orlando), Italy (Piemme); MS available; Pub date September 2012

Tanis Rideout | Above All Things **[McClelland & Stewart]** (Fiction, Literary)

- Sold in a pre-emptive bid to Piemme (Italy)
- A lead title for McClelland & Stewart
- A captivating debut novel in which George Mallory's doomed attempt in 1924 to be the first man to conquer Mt. Everest is set against a day in the life of Mallory's wife, Ruth, as she waits back home in war-scarred England for news
- A novel of obsession, adventure, sacrifice and love for fans of *The Paris Wife* and *Loving Frank*
- Inspired by the real-life stories of George and Ruth Mallory and Sandy Irvine
- Rights: World, excl. English Canada (McClelland & Stewart), US (Amy Einhorn Books), Italy (Piemme); MS available; Pub date March 2012

Michael Rowe | Enter, Night **[ChiZine]** (Horror)

- A return to the classic vampire tale
- In this gritty and violent novel a widow and her family return to the small mining town where she was raised, but a 300-year old horror slumbers there, calling out to the insane and murderous
- Author has won the Lambda Literary Award, the Randy Shilts Award, and the Spectrum Award, and has been a finalist for the National Magazine Award and the International Horror Guild Award
- For readers of Stephen King and Robert McCammon
- Rights: World, excl. English North America (ChiZine); Pub date October 2011

Dennison Smith | The Eye of the Day **[The Cooke Agency]** (Fiction, Literary)

- Pre-empted by Iris Tupholme of HarperCollins in 48 hours, *The Eye of the Day* is poet and novelist Dennison Smith's breakout novel
- Weaves together the lives of two adolescents—one a passive observer from a privileged Princeton background and the other a disfigured labourer from Vermont—taking readers from Vermont and Princeton to Cuba to Turner Valley and finally the Italian Alps in the last days of World War II where one will save the life of the other
- For fans of Joseph Boyden's *Three Day Road*, Stef Penny's *Tenderness of Wolves* and Mary Doria Russell's *A Thread of Grace*
- The novel features real-life personalities such as Greta Garbo, Albert Einstein, Adolf Hitler, and a vividly menacing portrait of the powerful American tycoon, Irénée DuPont, who helped to supply Nazi war machinery in WWII
- Rights: World, excl. English Canada (HarperCollins Canada); MS available December 2011; Pub date Spring 2013

Jack Todd | Rain Falls Like Mercy **[The Cooke Agency]** (Fiction, Literary)

- This soon-to-be-published novel has received starred reviews from *Kirkus*, *Publisher's Weekly*, and *Booklist*
- A gripping tale of brothers, love and murder set against the backdrop of WWII, moving between rural US and the war in the Pacific
- For readers of *Cities of the Plain* by Cormac McCarthy, *From Here to Eternity* by James Jones and *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote
- Rights: World, excl. English North America (Touchstone/Simon & Schuster); Manuscript available; Pub date November 2011

Non-Fiction

Brad Pattison | Puppy Book: A Step-by-Step Guide for Training, Bonding with and Caring for Your Puppy [Random House Canada] (Non-Fiction, Dog Training)

- Canine advocate and training expert Brad Pattison brings his innovative, charismatic tough-love training skills to puppies
- Step-by-step, clear and concise guide to training, bonding, communicating with puppies in the formative years of canines' lives
- Pattinson's acclaimed TV series *At The End of My Leash*, in its sixth season is currently being aired in over 40 countries around the world under different names
- Rights: World, excl. English Canada; Pub date: May 2012

Jena Pincott | Do Chocolate Lovers Have Sweeter Babies? The Surprising Science of Pregnancy [RICK BROADHEAD AND ASSOCIATES] (Health/Pregnancy/Popular Science)

- From the international bestselling author of *Do Gentlemen Really Prefer Blondes*—sold into seventeen countries—comes the highly entertaining antidote to the usual how-to laden books like *What to Expect When You're Expecting*
- Even the most well-informed mothers, fathers, and parents-to-be will be marvelling over the out-of-the-ordinary and intriguing findings in this book. The author answers questions such as: Can exercise make your baby smarter? Does a mother's diet affect a baby's tastes later in life? Do girls cause more morning sickness than boys?
- Rights: World, excl. English North America (Free Press/Simon & Schuster) and Germany (Goldmann); MS available; Pub date October 2011