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THE RICHEST PRIZE IN RACING. THE PERFECT MOTIVE TO KILL. Jeff Hinkley, a British Horseracing Authority investigator, has been seconded to the US Federal Anti-Corruption in Sports Agency (FACSA) where he has been asked to find a mole in their organisation, an informant who is passing on confidential information to fix races. Jeff goes in search of answers, taking on an undercover role as a groom on the backstretch at Belmont Park racetrack in New York. But he discovers far more than he was bargaining for, finding himself as the meat in the sandwich between FACSA and corrupt individuals who will stop at nothing, including murder, to capture the most elusive and lucrative prize in the world – the Triple Crown. The Francis brand of thrillers are bigger and bolder for a new generation! Praise for Felix Francis: 'The Francis flair is clear for all to see' Daily Mail 'From winning post to top of the bestseller list, time after time' Sunday Times 'The master of suspense and intrigue' Country Life 'A tremendous read' Woman's Own Meet Robert B. Parker's iconic Police Chief Jesse Stone It's been a long time since Jesse Stone left LA, and still longer since the tragic injury that ruined his chances for a major league baseball career. When Jesse is invited to a reunion of his old Triple-A team at a hip New York city hotel, he is forced to grapple with his memories and regrets over what might have been. Jesse left more behind him than unresolved feelings about the play that ended his baseball career. The darkly sensuous Kayla, his former girlfriend and current wife of an old teammate is there in New York, too. As is Kayla's friend, Dee, an otherworldly beauty with secret regrets of her own. But Jesse's time at the reunion is cut short when, in Paradise, a young woman is found murdered and her boyfriend, a son of one of the town's most prominent families, is missing and presumed kidnapped. Though seemingly coincidental, there is a connection between the reunion and the crimes back in Paradise. As Jesse, Molly, and Suit hunt for the killer and for the missing son, it becomes clear that one of Jesse's old teammates is intimately involved in the crimes. That there are deadly forces working below the surface and just beyond the edge of their vision. Sometimes, that's where the danger comes from, and where real evil lurks. Not out in the light - but in your blind spot. 'Robert B. Parker is one of the greats of the American hard-boiled genre' - Guardian Look out for the other novels in the Jesse Stones series published by No Exit Press: Night Passage, Trouble in Paradise, Death in Paradise, Stone Cold, Sea Change, High Profile, Damned If You Do, Robert B. Parker's Blind Spot, Robert B. Parker's The Devil Wins, Robert B. Parker's Debt to Pay, Robert B. Parker's The Hangman's Sonnet, Robert B. Parker's Colorblind and Robert B. Parker's The Bitterest Pill Finished all the Jesse Stone mysteries? Search for the Spenser series and the Sunny Randall series to meet Robert B. Parker's other iconic detectives! Gamble is the latest Dick Francis novel and the first solo novel by Felix Francis. Nick Foxtan once won the Grand National, but a terrible accident cut his racing career short. Years later, he is returning to Aintree - as a spectator - when he once more finds himself the centre of attention. Minutes before the big race, Nick's colleague, financial adviser Herb Kovak, is shot dead and the gunman vanishes into the crowd. The police want answers but Nick can't explain why anyone would want Herb dead. Yet when he finds a threatening message crumpled in Herb's coat, Nick begins questioning all he knows about his friend. And on learning that he is the benefactor of Herb's will, Nick is certain that something is not right. A fact confirmed when Nick discovers he's next in the killer's firing line. From Felix Francis, the bestselling co-author (with Dick Francis) of Dead Heat and Even Money comes Gamble, the latest Dick Francis novel. Set in the cut-throat world of horse racing, Gamble is an enthralling thriller packed full of suspense, mystery and intrigue. Packed with all the hair-raising suspense and excitement readers know and love from Dick Francis, Gamble is Felix Francis's most heart-pounding thriller yet. Praise for the Dick Francis novels: 'The Francis flair is clear for all to see' Daily Mail 'Spare, efficient and unflashy . . . inexorably draws you in' Daily Telegraph 'The master of suspense and intrigue' Country Life 'Still the master' Racing Post Felix Francis is the younger son of thriller-writing legend, Dick Francis, with whom he co-wrote the four most recent Dick Francis Novels, Dead Heat, Silks, Even Money and Crossfire, with Felix taking an increasingly greater role in the writing. Sadly Dick died in February 2010 but his work will live on through Felix. Gamble is Felix's first solo Dick Francis Novel. Felix trained as a physicist and spent seventeen years teaching A level physics before taking on the role as manager to his father, and then as author. He lives in Oxfordshire. Refusal is the new Dick Francis novel from bestseller, Felix Francis. When Sir Richard Stewart, chair of the horse racing authority, demands ex-investigator Sid Halley examines some suspicious races, he is given a firm no. Sid retired six years ago - and nothing will make him go back. But he's wrong. Next day, Sir Richard is found dead. Then Sid's six-year-old daughter goes missing and he receives an anonymous call: declare the alleged race-fixing clean, or else. With his family in danger, how can Sid refuse? But this anonymous foe has underestimated the guile and determination of Sid Halley. Extreme situations demand extreme solutions and Sid will do anything to get his life back, or die trying. The work of thriller master Dick Francis continues through his son

Felix's solo efforts: *Bloodline*, *Gamble*, and now *Refusal*. Praise for Dick Francis and Felix Francis: 'From winning post to top of the bestseller list, time after time' *Sunday Times* 'The Francis flair is clear for all to see' *Daily Mail* 'The master of suspense and intrigue' *Country Life* 'Nail-biting, suspenseful' *Choice* Felix Francis is the younger son of thriller-writing legend, Dick Francis, with whom he co-wrote the four most recent Dick Francis Novels, *Dead Heat*, *Silks*, *Even Money* and *Crossfire*, with Felix taking an increasingly greater role in the writing. Sadly Dick died in February 2010 but his work will live on through Felix. *Refusal* is Felix's third solo Dick Francis novel. Felix trained as a physicist and spent seventeen years teaching A-level physics before taking on the role as manager to his father, and then as author. He lives in Oxfordshire. The latest searing, intrigue-filled blockbuster from the Champion Storyteller Antifascist literature repurposed Nazi stereotypes to express opposition. These stereotypes became adaptable ideological signifiers during the political struggles in interwar Germany and Austria, and they remain integral elements in today's cultural imagination. *Flying Finish* is a classic novel from Dick Francis, one of the greatest thriller writers of all time. Amateur jockey Lord Henry Grey decides on a whim to join the bloodstock market, transporting racehorses around the world. And when he meets the glamorous Gabriella in Italy, he is sure he's hit the good life. That is, until a horse unexpectedly dies in transit and a colleague vanishes. Then Grey discovers that both his predecessors also went missing in curious circumstances - and begins to doubt the wisdom of his career change. Either he turns detective or his own disappearance could be next . . . Packed with intrigue and hair-raising suspense, *Flying Finish* is just one of the many blockbuster thrillers from legendary crime writer Dick Francis. Other novels include the huge bestsellers *Dead Heat*, *Under Orders* and *Silks*. The Dick Francis legacy continues through his son Felix Francis: *Refusal* is his latest novel, following *Bloodline* and *Gamble*. Praise for the Dick Francis novels: 'The narrative is brisk and gripping and the background researched with care . . . the entire story is a pleasure to relish' *Scotsman* 'Dick Francis's fiction has a secret ingredient - his inimitable knack of grabbing the reader's attention on page one and holding it tight until the very end' *Sunday Telegraph* 'Still the master' *Racing Post* 'The master of suspense and intrigue' *Country Life* Dick Francis was one of the most successful post-war National Hunt jockeys. The winner of over 350 races, he was champion jockey in 1953/1954 and rode for HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, most famously on Devon Loch in the 1956 Grand National. On his retirement from the saddle, he published his autobiography, *The Sport of Queens*, before going on to write forty-three bestselling novels, a volume of short stories (*Field of 13*), and the biography of Lester Piggott. Dick Francis died in February, 2010, at the age of 89, but he remains one of the greatest thriller writers of all time. *Dead Cert* is a classic mystery from Dick Francis, one of the greatest thriller writers of all time. 'Admiral met the fence perfectly. He rose to it as if flight were not only for birds. And he fell.' Alan York's friend, jockey Bill Davidson, was killed in Admiral's fall. After the race, York visits the fence and discovers a coil of wire lying beside the fence post and signs of where the wire had been attached. The fall was no accident - but murder. Unable to convince the police of this, York is forced to turn amateur sleuth and is soon on the trail of a ruthless gang of race-fixers operating out of Brighton. Now Alan's caught in a new race: find the gang's leaders before the gang catches up with him . . . Packed with intrigue and hair-raising suspense, *Dead Cert* is just one of the many blockbuster thrillers from legendary crime writer Dick Francis. Other novels include the huge bestsellers *Dead Heat*, *Under Orders* and *Silks*. The Dick Francis legacy continues through his son Felix Francis: *Refusal* is his latest novel, following *Bloodline* and *Gamble*. 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Dick Francis died in February, 2010, at the age of 89, but he remains one of the greatest thriller writers of all time. As one of the youngest-ever winners of the Grand National, Nick "Foxy" Foxton was enjoying his career as a world-class jockey. It was on perfect track-until a near-fatal accident cut his dream brutally short. When he returns to Aintree as a spectator years later, nothing can prepare him for what unfolds.--From book jacket. Captain Thomas Forsyth's tour of Afghanistan is cut brutally short when he's badly wounded by an IED - Improvised Explosive Device, a roadside bomb. Tom's world is torn apart by the injury - the Army is his life. Six months of recuperation leave is a daunting prospect - but not as bleak as the probability of never rejoining his regiment. Tom returns to Lambourn, to his childhood home, where his mother is a racehorse trainer and the 'First Lady' of racing. Never having seen eye to eye with his parents, Tom doesn't expect a hero's welcome - but even he's not prepared for the reception that awaits him. When his mother's prize horse finishes a disappointing last place in a race he should have won, Tom discovers that the training business is on the edge, and facing a threat far more dangerous than a run of bad form. Tom finds himself on a very different, but just as deadly, battlefield where his military skills are tested... kill or be killed? The British country house has long been regarded as the jewel in the nation's heritage crown. But the country house is also an expression of wealth and power, and as scholars reconsider the nation's colonial past, new questions are being posed about these great houses and their links to Atlantic slavery. This book, authored by a range of academics and heritage professionals, grew out of a 2009 conference on 'Slavery and the British Country house: mapping the current research' organised by English Heritage in partnership with the University of the West of England, the National Trust and the Economic History Society. It asks what links might be established between the wealth derived from slavery and the British country house and what implications such links should have for the way such properties are represented to the public today. Lavishly illustrated and based on the latest scholarship, this wide-ranging and innovative volume provides in-depth examinations of individual houses, regional studies and critical reconsiderations of existing heritage sites, including two studies specially commissioned by English Heritage and one sponsored by the National Trust. Jefferson Hinkley is back in the

newest thriller in the Dick Francis tradition, this time on a special mission to the United States to investigate a conspiracy involving the biggest horse races in the country. Jeff Hinkley, investigator for the British Horseracing Authority, has been seconded to the US Federal Anti-Corruption in Sports Agency (FACSA) where he has been asked to find a mole in their organization—an informant who is passing on confidential information to those under suspicion in American racing. At the Kentucky Derby, Jeff joins the FACSA team in a raid on a horse trainer's barn at Churchill Downs, but the bust is a disaster, and someone ends up dead. Then, on the morning of the Derby itself, three of the most favored horses in the field fall sick. These suspicious events can be no coincidence. In search of answers, Jeff goes undercover as a groom on the backstretch at Belmont Park racetrack in New York. But he discovers far more than he was bargaining for: corrupt individuals who will stop at nothing—including murder—to capture the most elusive prize in world sport, the Triple Crown. \*\*\*Thrillers that race from the very first page\*\*\* 'Felix Francis' novels gallop along splendidly' Jilly Cooper 'From winning post to top of the bestseller lists' Sunday Times It is said that everyone over a certain age can remember distinctly what they were doing when they heard that President Kennedy had been assassinated, or that Princess Diana had been killed in a Paris car crash, but I, for one, could recall all too clearly where I was standing when a policeman told me that my wife had been murdered. Bill Russell is acting as a volunteer steward at Warwick races when he confronts his worst nightmare – the violent death of his much-loved wife. But worse is to come when he is accused of killing her and hounded mercilessly by the media. His life begins to unravel completely as he loses his job and his home. Even his best friends turn against him, believing him guilty of the heinous crime in spite of the lack of compelling evidence. Bill sets out to clear his name but finds that proving one's innocence is not easy – one has to find the true culprit, and Bill believes he knows who it is. But can he prove it before he becomes another victim of the murderer. Guilty Not Guilty is a journey of greed and jealousy set against the grief of personal tragedy and loss, with many a twist and turn along the way. Praise for Felix Francis's novels: 'As usual with a Francis, once I opened the book, I didn't want to put it down... Felix's resolution is darker and more shocking than his father would ever have contemplated, but reflects grittier times and changing tastes in fiction. Now, what am I going to do for the next 12 months until the next one?' Country Life 'He has become his own man as a purveyor of murder mysteries' The Racing Post 'The Francis flair is clear for all to see' Daily Mail 'From winning post to top of the bestseller list, time after time' Sunday Times 'The master of suspense and intrigue' Country Life 'A tremendous read' Woman's Own On the first day of Royal Ascot, the crowd rejoices in a string of winning favourites. Ned Talbot has worked all his life as a bookmaker – taking over the family business from his grandfather – so he knows not to expect any sympathy from the punters as they count their winnings, and he counts his losses. He's seen the ups and downs before – but, as the big gambling conglomerates muscle in on small concerns like his, Ned wonders if it's worth it any more. When a grey-haired man steps forward from the crowd claiming to be his father, Ned's life is thrown into far deeper turmoil. He'd been told since he was a baby that his parents had died in a car crash. Barely an hour later his newly found father is stabbed by an unknown assailant in the Ascot car park. Blood oozing from his abdomen, he warns Ned: 'Be very careful'. But of whom? Of what? Ned finds himself in a race to solve his father's riddles, a race where coming second could cost him more than even money, it could cost him his life. Suspecting a fixed race when his successful jockey sister comes in third in a competition she could have won, television presenter Mark Shillingford has an explosive argument with his sister and is shocked when she dies in an apparent suicide hours later. By the best-selling author of Gamble. 100,000 first printing. Blood Matters explores blood as a distinct category of inquiry in medieval and early modern Europe and draws together scholars who might not otherwise be in conversation. The iLLamanati have emerged from hidden places of the Earth to shed light on the dark side of human endeavors by collating and publishing literature on the secrets of the Illuminati. Representing the Grand Llama, an omniscient, extradimensional light being who is channeled by our Vice-Admiral, Captain Space Kitten, the iLLamanati is organized around a cast of interstellar characters who have arrived on Earth to wage a battle for the light. Bloodlines of the Illuminati was written by Fritz Springmeier. He wrote and self-published it as a public domain .pdf in 1995. This seminal book has been republished as a three-volume set by the iLLamanati. Volume 1 has the first eight of the 13 Top Illuminati bloodlines: Astor, Bundy, Collins, DuPont, Freeman, Kennedy, Li, and Onassis. Volume 2 has the remaining five of the 13 Top Illuminati bloodlines: Rockefeller, Rothschild, Russell, Van Duyn, and Merovingian. Volume 3 has four other prominent Illuminati bloodlines: Disney, Reynolds, McDonald, and Krupps. Felix Francis continues his father's New York Times- bestselling legacy with another edge-of-your-seat read that's classic Francis. Nicholas "Foxy" Foxtan, a former jockey who suffered a career- ending injury, is out for a day at the Grand National races when his friend and coworker Herb Kovak is murdered, execution style, right in front of him-and 60,000 other potential witnesses. Foxtan and Kovak were both independent financial advisers at Lyall & Black, a firm specializing in extreme-risk investments. As he struggles to come to terms with Kovak's seemingly inexplicable death, Foxtan begins to question everything, from how well he knew his friend to how much he understands about his employer. Was Kovak's murder a case of mistaken identity...or something more sinister? "The astonishing story of one man's breakneck race against time ... and an implacable enemy. An anonymous young woman murdered in a run-down hotel, all identifying characteristics dissolved by acid. A father publicly beheaded in the blistering heat of a Saudi Arabian public square. A notorious Syrian biotech expert found eyeless in a Damascus junkyard. Smoldering human remains on a remote mountainside in Afghanistan. A flawless plot to commit an appalling crime against humanity. One path links them all, and only one man can make the journey. Pilgrim"--

**THRILLERS THAT RACE FROM THE VERY FIRST PAGE . . .** 'Felix Francis' novels gallop along splendidly' Jilly Cooper 'From winning post to top of the bestseller lists' Sunday Times Miles Pussett is a former steeplechase jockey. Now he gets his adrenalin rush from riding down the Cresta Run, a three-quarter-mile Swiss ice chute, head first, reaching speeds of up to eighty miles per hour. Finding himself in St Moritz during the same weekend as White Turf, when high-class horseracing takes place on the frozen lake, he gets talked into helping out with the horses. It is against his better judgement. Seven years before, Miles left horseracing behind and swore he would never return. When he discovers something suspicious is going on in the races,

something that may have a profound impact on his future life, Miles begins a search for answers. But someone is adamant to stop - and they'll go to any lengths to do it . . . Praise for Felix Francis's novels 'As usual with a Francis, once I opened the book, I didn't want to put it down... Felix's resolution is darker and more shocking than his father would ever have contemplated, but reflects grittier times and changing tastes in fiction' Country Life 'He has become his own man as a purveyor of murder mysteries' The Racing Post 'The Francis flair is clear for all to see' Daily Mail 'From winning post to top of the bestseller list, time after time' Sunday Times 'The master of suspense and intrigue' Country Life 'A tremendous read' Woman's Own A synoptic interpretation of the rulers and elites in Eurasia from the fourteenth to the eighteenth century. Things are hotting up in this gripping thriller from bestselling author Felix Francis 'Grabs you from the start and keeps you hooked. A fast-paced book that you can't put down' 5\*\*\*\*\* READER REVIEW 'A great story, suspenseful with lots of twists and turns' 5\*\*\*\*\* READER REVIEW \_\_\_\_\_ Jefferson Hinkley is back. Operating as an undercover investigator for the British Horseracing Authority, Jeff is approached by the multiple-champion jockey, Dave Swinton, to discuss the delicate matter of his losing races on purpose. Little does Jeff realise that his visit to Swinton's house will result in a brutal attempt on his life. Shortly after Jeff narrowly escapes a certain and grisly death, the charred body Dave Swinton is found in his burnt-out car at a deserted beauty spot in Oxfordshire. The police think it's suicide, but Jeff is not so sure. He starts to investigate those races that Swinton could have intentionally lost, but soon discovers instead that there are those who would prevent him from doing so, at any cost . . . \_\_\_\_\_ Praise for Dick Francis and Felix Francis: 'From winning post to top of the bestseller list, time after time' Sunday Times 'The Francis flair is clear for all to see' Daily Mail 'The master of suspense and intrigue' Country Life A lawyer and amateur jockey defends a champion jockey accused of killing a fellow rider. Discourses on Livy is the founding document of modern republicanism, and Harvey C. Mansfield and Nathan Tarcov have provided the definitive English translation of this classic work. Faithful to the original Italian text, properly attentive to Machiavelli's idiom and subtlety of thought, it is eminently readable. With a substantial introduction, extensive explanatory notes, a glossary of key words, and an annotated index, the Discourses reveals Machiavelli's radical vision of a new science of politics, a vision of "new modes and orders" that continue to shape the modern ethos. "[Machiavelli] found in Livy the means to inspire scholars for five centuries. Within the Discourses, often hidden and sometimes unintended by their author, lie the seeds of modern political thought. . . . [Mansfield and Tarcov's] translation is careful and idiomatic."—Peter Stothard, The Times "Translated with painstaking accuracy—but also great readability."—Weekly Standard "A model of contemporary scholarship and a brave effort at Machiavelli translation that allows the great Florentine to speak in his own voice."—Choice Bury Yourself in This Foul Book... The final Clanbook Is reserved for the Giovanni, who are final in so many things. Baptized in blood and treachery, this sinister clan of incestuous necromancers worms its way through the Jihad while feigning noninvolvement. Whether gutting companies or animating corpses, the Giovanni is a power to be reckoned with. It's an Offer You Can't Refuse! Clanbook: Giovanni provides players and Storytellers with all the pertinent details of this clan, from its bloody history to its shadowy ultimate goals, from its connections in the Mafia to its powers over the world of the dead. \*\*\*Thrillers that race from the very first page\*\*\* 'Felix Francis' novels gallop along splendidly' Jilly Cooper 'From winning post to top of the bestseller lists' Sunday Times Harrison Foster is a lawyer by training but works as a crisis manager for a London firm that specializes in such matters. Summoned to Newmarket after a fire in the Chadwick Stables slaughters six very valuable horses, including the short-priced favourite for the Derby, Harry (as he is known) finds there is far more to the 'simple' fire than initially meets the eye. For a start, human remains are found amongst the equestrian ones in the burnt-out shell. All the stable staff are accounted for, so who is the mystery victim? Harry knows very little about horses, indeed he positively dislikes them, but he is thrust unwillingly into the world of Thoroughbred racing where the standard of care of the equine stars is far higher than that of the humans who attend to them. The Chadwick family are a dysfunctional racing dynasty, with the emphasis being on the nasty. Resentment between the generations is rife and sibling rivalry bubbles away like volcanic magma beneath a thin crust of respectability. Harry represents the Middle-Eastern owner of the Derby favourite and, as he delves deeper into the unanswered questions surrounding the horse's demise, he ignites a fuse that blows the volcano sky-high, putting him in grave jeopardy. Can Harry solve the riddle before he is overcome by the toxic emissions from the eruption and is bumped off by the fallout? 'As usual with a Francis, once I opened the book, I didn't want to put it down... Felix's resolution is darker and more shocking than his father would ever have contemplated, but reflects grittier times and changing tastes in fiction. Now, what am I going to do for the next 12 months until the next one?' Country Life 'The latest annual offered from Felix Francis shows he has largely escaped from the shadow of his late father... He has become his own man as a purveyor of murder mysteries' The Racing Post Praise for Felix Francis's novels: 'The Francis flair is clear for all to see' Daily Mail 'From winning post to top of the bestseller list, time after time' Sunday Times 'The master of suspense and intrigue' Country Life 'A tremendous read' Woman's Own 'Sadly, death at the races is not uncommon. However, three in a single afternoon was sufficiently unusual to raise more than an eyebrow.' It's the third death on Cheltenham Gold Cup Day that really troubles super-sleuth Sid Halley. Former champion jockey Halley knows the perils of racing all too well – but in his day, jockeys didn't usually reach the finishing line with three .38 rounds in the chest. But this is precisely how he finds jockey Huw Walker – who, only a few hours earlier, had won the coveted Triumph Hurdle. Just moments before the gruesome discovery, Halley had been called upon by Lord Enstone to make discrete enquiries into why his horses appeared to be on a permanent losing streak. Are races being fixed? Are bookies taking a cut? And if so, are trainers and jockeys playing a dangerous game with stakes far higher than they realise? Halley's quest for answers draws him ever deeper into the darker side of the race game, in a life-or-death power play that will push him to his very limits – both professionally and personally. In his first new novel for six years, Dick Francis returns to prove once again that he is the Grand Master of thriller writing. The digital copies of this book are available for free at First Fruits website. [place.asburyseminary.edu/firstfruits](http://place.asburyseminary.edu/firstfruits) Foreword Children of outstanding parents often have difficulty being objective about the ones who gave them birth. There may be no greater illustration of this than the

understanding of American Methodists about their founding father, Francis Asbury. His fate among his own people has been largely one of neglect. Yet he is one of the most important men in the history of the Christian church, particularly in the development of American Christianity. John Wesley sent Francis Asbury, a young man of 26, to the American colonies in 1771. At that time there were four Methodist preachers in the thirteen colonies caring for about three hundred people. By 1813, three years before Asbury's death, official Methodist records report 171,448 white and 42,850 African-American members "in full society." By that time, according to historian Mark Noll, one out of every eight Americans—some one million persons—were attending Methodist camp meetings each year. Noll continues by insisting that by 1860, Methodism had become "the most pervasive form of Christianity in the United States." Methodism, as no other single religious tradition, helped shape the character of American religious life. The key to it all was Francis Asbury. Yet his story is largely unknown, especially among his own spiritual children.

Dennis F. Kinlaw, *Founder Francis Asbury Society* Steven Scott is relatively new to horses. He takes up horse racing as a hobby—a hobby that soon brings him a threat of death. Vasily Rudich examines dissidence under Nero from both historical and psychological perspectives and inquires into the balance of the universal and historically conditioned components of political behaviour. The careers of numerous dissident individuals and their attempts at accommodation to a hostile reality are discussed. Things are hotting up in this latest thriller from bestselling author Felix Francis, in his fifth solo novel *Front Runner*. Jefferson Hinkley is back. Operating as an undercover investigator for the British Horseracing Authority, Jeff is approached by the multiple-champion jockey, Dave Swinton, to discuss the delicate matter of his losing races on purpose. Little does Jeff realise that his visit to Swinton's house will result in a brutal attempt on his life. Shortly after Jeff narrowly escapes a certain and grisly death, the charred body Dave Swinton is found in his burnt out car at a deserted beauty spot in Oxfordshire. The police seem think it's a suicide but Jeff is not so sure. He starts to investigate those races that Swinton could have intentionally lost, but soon discovers instead that there are those who would prevent him from doing so, at any cost. Praise for Dick Francis and Felix Francis: 'From winning post to top of the bestseller list, time after time' *Sunday Times* 'The Francis flair is clear for all to see' *Daily Mail* 'The master of suspense and intrigue' *Country Life* 'I wondered if I was dying. I wasn't afraid to die but, such was the pain in my gut, I wished it would happen soon.' The night before the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket sees the great and the good of the horse-racing community gathered for a prestigious black-tie Gala dinner. It is a fitting testament to the glamour of the occasion that top chef Max Moreton is cooking the evening's meal. Max is something of a celebrity in Newmarket circles. He is founder of the racing town's favourite Michelin-starred restaurant, the Hay Net. However, spending the night retching in the throes of agony is the last thing Max expects. But much worse is to come...his food is suspected of putting twenty-four of the dinner guests in hospital. Max's pride and professionalism tells him all is not as it seems. Within hours, Max's restaurant is forcibly closed, his reputation teeters on the brink of ruin, and a court case looms. But the day is far from over, and soon Max Moreton finds himself desperately fighting for more than just his livelihood... *Dead Heat* is the latest searing, intrigue-filled blockbuster from the Grand Master of thriller writing. "Jeff Hinkley is an undercover investigator for the British Horseracing Authority. He secretly follows a banned racehorse trainer through the crowds at the Cheltenham Racing Festival only to witness a bloody murder taking place right in front of his eyes. Could it have something to do with the reason the trainer was banned in the first place - the administration of illegal drugs to his horses? Then many more horses test positive for prohibited stimulants and someone starts making demands or else he will completely destroy the integrity of the racing industry. Jeff is tasked with finding the perpetrator and limiting the damage to the sport but discovers that he is up against an individual who will stop at nothing to prevail. Add to that a family situation that appears to be out of control and running downhill fast, and Jeff's mental and physical wellbeing is tested to the very limit, even his life is put on the line"-- The stakes are higher than ever in *Damage*, the fourth solo novel from Top Ten bestseller Felix Francis. Jeff Hinkley, undercover investigator for the British Horseracing Authority, is looking into the shady activities of a racehorse trainer. But as he's tailing his quarry through the Cheltenham Racing Festival, the last thing he expects to witness is a gruesome murder. Could it have something to do with the reason the trainer was banned in the first place - the administration of illegal drugs to his horses? Days later, it's discovered that many more horses test positive for prohibited stimulants, a scandal that could throw horse-racing into disrepute. It's no surprise when the BHA receives a demand - pay up or face the consequences. In order to limit the damage to the sport, it's critical that Jeff find the perpetrator . . . but he'll soon learn he's up against someone who will stop at nothing to prevail . . .

Praise for Dick Francis and Felix Francis: 'From winning post to top of the bestseller list, time after time' *Sunday Times* 'The Francis flair is clear for all to see' *Daily Mail* 'The master of suspense and intrigue' *Country Life* Another great best-selling mystery from the grand master of the genre... When race caller and television presenter Mark Shillingford calls a race in which his twin sister, Clare, an accomplished and successful jockey, comes in second when she could have won, he believes the worst: that she lost on purpose, and the race was fixed. That night, Mark confronts Clare with his suspicions, she storms off after an argument - and it's the last time Mark sees her alive. Hours later, Clare jumps to her death from the balcony of a London hotel...or so it seems. Devastated and guilty over her death, Mark goes in search of answers. What had led Clare to take her own life? Or was it not suicide at all? Instant New York Times bestseller! The Emmy Award-winning star of *General Hospital* chronicles his astonishing and emotional life journey in this powerful memoir—an inspiring story of success, show business, and family, and his struggle with mental illness. "This shocking true story is *General Hospital* on anabolic steroids." — Mehmet Oz, M.D., Emmy Award-winning host of *The Dr. Oz Show* Maurice Benard has been blessed with family, fame, and a successful career. For twenty-five years, he has played one of the most well-known characters on daytime television: *General Hospital*'s Michael "Sonny" Corinthos, Jr. In his life outside the screen, he is a loving husband and the father of four. But his path has not been without hardship. When he was only twenty, Maurice was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. In *Nothing General About It*, Maurice looks back to his youth in a small town and his tenuous relationship with his father. He describes how his bipolar disorder began to surface in childhood, how he struggled to understand the jolting mood swings he experienced,



and how a doctor finally saved his life. For years Maurice was relentless in his goal to be a successful actor. But even after he “made it,” he still grappled with terrifying lows, breakdowns, and setbacks, all while trying desperately to maintain his relationship with his wife, who endured his violent, unpredictable episodes. Maurice holds nothing back as he bravely talks about what it was like to be medicated and institutionalized, and of how he learned to manage his manic episodes while on the set of GH. Nothing General About It is also an incredible love story about an enduring marriage that demonstrates what those vows—for better, for worse, in sickness and in health—truly mean. Maurice also pays tribute to the community that has been there for him through thick and thin, and ruminates on the importance of both inherited and created family. A shocking, riveting, and utterly candid memoir of love, adversity, and ultimately hope, Nothing General About It offers insights and advice for everyone trying to cope with mental illness, and is a motivational story that offers lessons in perseverance—of the importance of believing in and fighting for yourself through the darkest times. Nothing General About It includes a 16-page insert featuring approximately 50 photographs. Bloodline is the new Dick Francis novel from bestseller, Felix Francis. When Mark Shillingford commentates on a race in which his twin sister Clare, an accomplished and successful jockey, comes in third, he can't help but be suspicious. As a professional race-caller, he knows she should have won. Did she lose on purpose? Was the race fixed? Why on earth would she do something so out of character? That night, Mark confronts Clare with his suspicions, but she storms off after an explosive argument. It's the last time Mark sees her alive. Hours later, Clare jumps to her death from the balcony of a London hotel . . . or so it seems. Devastated by her death, and almost overcome with guilt, Mark goes in search of answers. What led Clare to take her own life? Or was it not suicide at all . . .? Felix Francis is the younger son of thriller-writing legend, Dick Francis, with whom he co-wrote the four most recent Dick Francis Novels, Dead Heat, Silks, Even Money and Crossfire, with Felix taking an increasingly greater role in the writing. Sadly Dick died in February 2010 but his work will live on through Felix. Gamble was Felix's first solo Dick Francis Novel. Praise for the Dick Francis novels: 'The Francis flair is clear for all to see' Daily Mail 'The novel confirms Francis's seat at the head of crime fiction' Racing Post 'From winning post to top of the bestseller list, time after time' Sunday Times Felix trained as a physicist and spent seventeen years teaching A level physics before taking on the role as manager to his father, and then as author. He lives in Oxfordshire. Flying Finish is a classic novel from Dick Francis, one of the greatest thriller writers of all time. Amateur jockey Lord Henry Grey decides on a whim to join the bloodstock market, transporting racehorses around the world. And when he meets the glamorous Gabriella in Italy, he is sure he's hit the good life. That is, until a horse unexpectedly dies in transit and a colleague vanishes. Then Grey discovers that both his predecessors also went missing in curious circumstances - and begins to doubt the wisdom of his career change. Either he turns detective or his own disappearance could be next . . . Packed with intrigue and hair-raising suspense, Flying Finish is just one of the many blockbuster thrillers from legendary crime writer Dick Francis. Other novels include the huge bestsellers Dead Heat, Under Orders and Silks. The Dick Francis legacy continues through his son Felix Francis: Refusal is his latest novel, following Bloodline and Gamble. Praise for the Dick Francis novels: 'The narrative is brisk and gripping and the background researched with care . . . the entire story is a pleasure to relish' Scotsman 'Dick Francis's fiction has a secret ingredient - his inimitable knack of grabbing the reader's attention on page one and holding it tight until the very end' Sunday Telegraph 'Still the master' Racing Post 'The master of suspense and intrigue' Country Life Dick Francis was one of the most successful post-war National Hunt jockeys. The winner of over 350 races, he was champion jockey in 1953/1954 and rode for HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, most famously on Devon Loch in the 1956 Grand National. On his retirement from the saddle, he published his autobiography, The Sport of Queens, before going on to write forty-three bestselling novels, a volume of short stories (Field of 13), and the biography of Lester Piggott. Dick Francis died in February, 2010, at the age of 89, but he remains one of the greatest thriller writers of all time. Originally published: New York: G.P. Putnam, 2017.

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