

POLITICAL INTRIGUE AND TERRORISM

Common to these sub genera are many of the characteristics of the spy/espionage sub genera and the disaster sub genre, with frequent overtones of science fiction. The intent of the author is usually to make angry comment about the international political scene. Some of the books are national in background, usually with international political implications. Agencies such as the CIA are often featured. The threat of terrorism is pervasive. This sub genre is not yet defined by prototypes, but until time tells, this writer would pick Robert Littell's *The Amateur* and Ross Thomas's *The Mordida Man*. The examples here show how involved these stories are with current political problems and situations. It will be interesting to observe how changing world politics affect surviving interest in some of these novels.

The Cain Conversion by Richard Aellen [F/AEL]

This novel is a multi-layered narrative of intrigue, revenge and retribution and of a man at war with his own mind and the forces that would use him to disrupt the world's delicate new balance. A harrowing conclusion, as unexpected as it is ingenious, will linger in the readers' minds long after the last page has been turned.

Shall We Tell the President? By Jeffrey Archer [LP/F/ARC][F/ARC]

It is March of 1983 and Edward Moore Kennedy has been the duly elected President of the United States for over two years. It is the time to push his tough gun control bill through Congress. There are interests who have extremely strong reasons for seeing the bill defeated, among them, a U.S. senator. By chance the FBI learns of a plot; four people have already been killed. The Bureau has no idea, however, which of the one hundred senators is involved. It falls to Special Agent Marc Andrews to find out.

Riding the Snake by Stephen J. Cannell [F/CAN]

When his younger brother, a prominent lawyer and political power broker, turns up dead, L.A. playboy Wheeler Cassidy joins forces with Tanisha Williams, a beautiful but troubled cop, to investigate and uncovers a violent Chinese criminal conspiracy reaching to the highest levels of American government.

Rainbow Six by Tom Clancy [CAS/F/CLA][F/CLA]

In a novel of military intrigue, formidable ex-Navy SEAL John Clark takes on a world-threatening band of terrorists.

The Teeth of the Tiger by Tom Clancy [LP/F/CLA][F/CLA]

When a terrorist leader and a drug warlord form a dangerous alliance, three new Hendley Associates agents – FBI agent Dominic Caruso, his Marine captain brother Brian and their cousin, Jack Ryan, Jr. – encounter unexpected dangers.

The Double Man by William S. Cohen and Gary Hart [F/COH]

Would the KGB ever plot terrorist attacks against high-ranking American officials on American soil? Could a United States senator turn out to be a “mole” working for the Soviet Union? In this fast moving thriller, we learn what happens when ideologues turn their country’s secret service operations to their own goals. Both the Director of the CIA and a KGB colonel fear that Tom Chandler is getting too close to the secrets that could destroy them. Both know that he must be stopped.

The Red Horseman by Stephen Coonts**[F/COO]**

As the infrastructure of the Soviet Union crumbles before the world's eyes, twenty thousand tactical nuclear weapons, once under the command of the Soviet military, are now up for grabs and U.S. intelligence believes they may soon appear on the open market, available to the highest bidder. Rear Admiral Jake Grafton is dispatched to Moscow and his assignment is to ensure that the weapons are destroyed before they disappear into a terrorist pipeline pointed south, toward the Middle East. Unofficially Grafton has learned that there are those in his own government who would prefer to see his mission fail and go to any length to stop it. The countdown to Armageddon may have already begun and the only thing Grafton knows for sure is his rear flank is dangerously exposed. He has been targeted for assassination and the conspiracy is clearly stamped: Made in America.

Deep Six by Clive Cussier**[CAS/F/CUS][F/CUS]**

Dirk Pitt, a ladies' man and daring adventurer, is up against a sinister Asian shipping family and a Soviet plot to use the president of the United States for its own purposes through mind control.

Pentagon by Allen Drury**[F/DRU]**

Out of the South Pacific with dismaying suddenness comes "The Problem of Nanukuvu" to challenge all of them. The Pentagon is challenged most of all. How it meets the challenge forms the central theme of this unique and powerful novel that is destined to stir red-hot controversy about the Pentagon in the building itself, on Capitol Hill and wherever it is read. Here is the Pentagon in all its notable strengths, its equally notable weaknesses and its sometimes-terrifying inability to climb out of its own morass of service rivalries, wasted money, wasted effort, unnecessary duplications and endless red tape.

Consent To Kill by Vince Flynn**[F/FLY]**

Having earned numerous enemies in his more than fifteen years on the front lines of the war on terror, CIA operative Mitch Rapp is targeted by the influential father of a terrorist who is demanding retribution for his son's death.

Executive Power by Vince Flynn

[F/FLY]

As special advisor on counter terrorism to CIA director Dr. Irene Kennedy, CIZ agent Mitch Rapp is ready to fight the war on terrorism from CIA headquarters rather than the front line. That is, until a platoon of Navy SEALs, sent to the Philippines to save an American family kidnapped by radical Islamic terrorists, is caught in a deadly ambush. The mission had been top secret – so who told the enemy?

The Negotiator by Frederick Forsyth

[CAS/F/FOR][LP/F/FOR][F/FOR]

The plot is forged from one man's conviction that in a world running out of fuel, the U.S. can survive only by gaining absolute control of one of the Mideast's richest oil-producing states. But the recently elected, idealistic president, John Cormack, is about to sign the most sweeping U.S.-Soviet disarmament treaty ever envisioned. A man such as John, committed to peace, would never countenance the takeover of another country's government. Therefore, the president must be stopped. The kidnapping of a young man on a country road in Oxfordshire is the first brutal step in a plan to engineer Cormack's slow and certain destruction. Quinn, the Negotiator is the only man who stands between a leader too shattered to govern and the faceless kidnapers concealed with their victim somewhere in England.

The New Breed by W.E.B. Griffin

[CAS/F/GRI][F/GRI]

The Green Berets are deployed to the Congo in 1962 when a small time military dictator has seized power and a town full of Western hostages. The Russians are ready to make their move into Africa also.

Point of Impact by Stephen Hunter

[F/HUN]

Bob Lee Swagger is one of the best Marine snipers in Vietnam. He can hit you from three-quarters of a mile away before you even hear the shot. Some call him the most dangerous man alive. Now if he can just stay alive. Twenty years later all Bob wants is to be left alone. But he knows more about killing, one-on-one than any other individual in America and that makes him the perfect man for the job. Ram Dyne Security, a shadowy organization with ties to military intelligence and the CIA, has devised the job. They seduce Bob into leaving his hills for one last mission for his country, and unaware until too late that the game is rigged. The plan is executed to perfection until the final moment: Bob alleged lone gunman, has come out of the operation alive and on the run.

The Company by Robert Littell

[F/LIT]

This is a novel of Cold War espionage that traces the struggles of two generations of CIA operatives fighting Communism and battling one another in the complex world of international intrigue.

Here Comes the Sun! by Emilie Baker Loring

[LP/F/LOR]

A sudden storm forces a young woman to take refuge in an old cabin where she encounters a candidate for the state senate, the current state senator, and a web of smuggling, blackmail and political intrigue.

The Bourne Identity by Robert Ludlum [DVD/BOU][CAS/F/LUD][F/LUD]

Bourne is pulled from the sea suffering from amnesia with a pair of bullet wounds in his back. His only clue to his own identity is a bank account number etched on a capsule implanted in his body. He finds the Zurich bank where money, a gun and several passports with different names await. He quickly realizes he can trust no one and offers a German gypsy named Maria ten thousand dollars for a ride to Paris. With Maria's reluctant help, Bourne edges closer to the truth, something CIA officials want concealed at all costs.

The Bourne Supremacy by Robert Ludlum [DVD/BOU][CAS/F/LUD][F/LUD]
[LP/F/LUD]

Jason Bourne has abandoned his life as a CIA assassin and has been traveling beneath the agency's radar. He has been able to reconnect with Marie, the woman he loves. But Bourne is still haunted by vivid dreams and troubling memories of his days as a killer and he's not really certain how much really happened and how much is a product of his imagination. When Bourne is led out of hiding by circumstances beyond his control, he must reconcile his past and present as he struggles to keep Marie out of harm's way and foil an international incident with dangerous consequences.

The Bourne Ultimatum by Robert Ludlum [CAS/F/LUD][F/LUD]

Bristling with high-voltage excitement on every page, this novel is the author's greatest thriller so far, engaging the reader with mounting suspense as the deadly antagonists circle each other in an ever-narrowing confrontation.

The Icarus Agenda by Robert Ludlum [CAS/F/LUD][LP/F/LUD][F/LUD]

This novel is a masterly episode in the eternal struggle between good and evil, freedom and manipulation, played out in a tight, electrifying story that ranges from the Arabian desert to the inner sanctums of Washington power; from terrorist enclaves abroad to terrorist violence at home; from the hotel suites of the very rich to the private islands of the even richer; from profound layers of deception to bonds of loyalty that cannot be broken; from the horror of cold-blooded murder and insatiable greed to the splendor of newfound love.

The Last Red August by Alexei Malashenko [M/MAL]

A Soviet journalist and policy analyst who knows the political turmoil of his country from the inside, is a thinly veiled roman a clef that suggests what brought about the coup and even more revealingly, what caused it to fail. An industrialist, caught up in the conspiracy to topple the government, represents the establishment. His son, an academic, joins the reformers. A chance remark at dinner indicates to the son that there will be a coup and that his father knows when. The ensuing battle between the camps is as ugly as it is deadly and it is played out against the backdrop of an enormous, decaying Moscow, wilting beneath the August heat.

The League of Night and Fog by David Morrell [F/MOR]

After forty years, the Night and Fog seems to have resumed its reign of terror. Old men are disappearing; a secret arms deal is about to take place; a cardinal is viciously murdered. As Saul and Drew pursue their separate goals, their paths converge until, at the heart of the Eternal City, in the Vatican gardens, they meet. Each has skills that complement the other. Together, on an epic quest, they must confront the Night and Fog and discover its terrible secret.

Suspicion Of Rage by Barbara Parker [LP/F/PAR][F/PAR]

Visiting the Cuban home of her husband, Anthony, Gail learns about Anthony's divided loyalties between his Revolution – supporting family and dissident writer friends, one of whom has a son who is part of a plot to assassinate a Cuban general.

Liars and Tyrants and People Who turn Blue by Barbara Paul [M/PAU]

Shelby Kent has a very special gift – one that baffles modern science, unnerves her husband and makes her the police department's most valuable asset. She is a human lie detector; a talent discovered when as a child she occasionally noticed a faintly glowing pink aura surrounding her father. Her engagement as a special consultant in the crime lab begins a series of extraordinary adventures culminating in a request for her services at a UN inquiry into a most peculiar method of peacekeeping. Soon it appears that someone intends to cut her career fatally short.

The Devil's Banker by Christopher Reich [CAS/F/REI]

When the CIA and British intelligence uncover a terrorist plot of unprecedented proportions, they discover that the only way to thwart the conspiracy is to follow a perilous money trail, wherever it may lead, to the source of evil.

The Last Days by Joel C. Rosenberg [LP/F/ROS][F/ROS]

White House advisor Jon Bennett, his CIA partner Erin McCoy, and the Secretary of State head for the Middle East to negotiate an historic Arab-Israeli peace plan, but terrorists will do anything to stop peace.

The Dossier by Pierre Salinger and Leonard Gross [LP/F/SAL]

This best selling action packed suspense tale starts with an American newsman in Europe starting a yearlong leave of absence. A phone call changes everything as he stumbles onto the story of a lifetime – one that may cost him his life. He learns of a dossier of sinister power, one that will touch not only the French presidential candidate, but also friends and enemies dating to the WWII Resistance. But the document is in Moscow, deep in the vaults of the KGB. Now all he has to do is to get it out.

Rock Paper Scissors by Steve Samuel [F/SAM]

Three-year-old Sarah Peterson was the only witness to the brutal murder of her father, a CIA agent who was shot at point blank range in a deserted schoolyard near his Virginia home. Thirty-five years later, that little girl has become a high-level agent for the Secret Service – so tough and accomplished that she is tapped by the President for the plum job of head of security for Jack Montgomery, the Secretary of State. This novel will keep you on the edge of your seat until the last heart-pounding page.

False-Face by Marilyn Sharp [F/SHA]

Ms. Sharp sets Owen down in Mexico, amidst the splendors of Uxmal, where he and a group of congressmen suddenly and for no apparent reason have been taken hostage by a band of terrorists. Owen's movements are restricted but he is able to obtain help from the only other CIA agent as good as he, Emma Thatcher. Beware of an assassin named Michelangelo and, if you are ever at a space launch at Cape Kennedy, look carefully at the VIP section of the reviewing stand.

Blindfold Game by Dana Stabenow [NB/M/STA]

As a hijacked Russian freighter loaded with black market plutonium sails undetected towards North America, a CIA analyst uncovers a terrorist plot, a conspiracy that places his estranged wife in the middle of the international crisis.

Pursuit by James Stewart Thayer

[F/THA]

It was a strategy born of desperation and it was brilliant. Adolf Hitler believed that the death of one man, Franklin Delano Roosevelt could save Nazi Germany. Yet how could an assassin get anywhere near Roosevelt in the summer of 1944? Every attempt to insert agents in America had failed. There were thousands of trained, battle hardened Germans in the United States sitting behind the barbed wire of prisoner of war camps. A few managed to escape, only to be quickly recaptured. If one could get away undetected.....

The Last Raven by Craig Thomas

[LP/F/THO][F/THO]

Inside the Russian border with Afghanistan, the wrecked fuselage of a military transport plane lies half submerged in a lake. Everyone on board is dead. The crew burned and all identification was lost. Patrick Hyde, Sir Kenneth Aubrey's top intelligence operative, witnesses this eerie scene and discovers, to his horror, the identity of one of the bodies. The crash is no accident. Instead, it's an expertly planned shoot down.

Out on the Rim by Ross Thomas

[LP/F/THO][F/THO]

Shadowy and well-financed interests want to funnel five million dollars to rebels in the Philippine mountains, to fund the violent revolt against the fledgling Aquino government. But the rebel leader trusts no one but Booth Stallings, a terrorism expert who fought by his side during World War II. Stallings isn't interested in Philippine power squabbles, but he is deeply interested in five million dollars.

The Lions of Lucerne by Brad Thor

[F/THO]

When a group of Secret Service agents is massacred in Utah and the president of the United States is abducted, surviving agent Scot Harvath vows to avenge his murdered colleagues and find the kidnappers.

Shibumi by Trevanian

[F/TRE]

Nicolai Hel uses his nearly superhuman mental and physical prowess to destroy political terrorists and decides to take on The Mother Company itself, a supermonolith of espionage and economic monopoly, in a twenty-fifth anniversary edition of the classic thriller.

Black by Christopher Whitcomb

[F/WHI]

Chosen to join the FBI's most elite group, hostage rescue agent Jeremy Waller finds unexpected challenges in his mission to counter a terrorist mastermind.

Close to the Bone by David Wiltse

[F/WIL]

FBI agent John Becker is back to face Roger Bahoud, a mercurially violent international assassin who has descended on New York City for his latest victim: a visiting diplomat who holds the key to peace in the Middle East. A wild card too unpredictable for the KGB handlers who trained him, Bahoud is employed this time as a mercenary by Islamic fundamentalists.

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LP/F=Large Print Fiction

M=Mystery

CAS=Book on Cassette

NB=New Book