AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

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Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

107 books · 6 series · List updated November 14, 2026

- ☐ 1968 *Star Quest*
  Novel
  His first novel, half of an Ace Double paperback.
- ☐ 1969 *Fear That Man*
  Novel
- ☐ 1969 *The Fall of the Dream Machine*
  Novel
- ☐ 1970 *Anti-Man*
  Novel
- ☐ 1970 *Beastchild*
  Novel
- ☐ 1970 *Dark of the Woods*
  Novel
- ☐ 1970 *Hell's Gate*
  Novel
- ☐ 1970 *Soft Come the Dragons*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1970 *The Dark Symphony*
  Novel
- ☐ 1971 *The Crimson Witch*
  Novel
- ☐ 1972 *A Darkness in My Soul*
  Novel
- ☐ 1972 *Starblood*
  Novel
- ☐ 1972 *The Flesh in the Furnace*
  Novel
- ☐ 1972 *Time Thieves*
  Novel
- ☐ 1972 *Warlock*
  Novel

- [ ] 1972 *Writing Popular Fiction*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1973 *A Werewolf Among Us*
  Novel
- [ ] 1973 *Demon Seed*
  Novel
  His first bestseller, helped by the 1977 film.
- [ ] 1973 *Hanging On*
  Novel
- [ ] 1973 *The Haunted Earth*
  Novel
- [ ] 1974 *After the Last Race*
  Novel
- [ ] 1975 *Nightmare Journey*
  Novel
- [ ] 1976 *Night Chills*
  Novel
- [ ] 1977 *The Vision*
  Novel
- [ ] 1980 *Whispers*
  Novel
  His acknowledged breakthrough.
- [ ] 1981 *How to Write Best Selling Fiction*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1983 *Phantoms*
  Novel
- [ ] 1984 *Darkfall*
  Novel
  Also published as Darkness Comes.
- [ ] 1985 *Twilight Eyes*
  Novel
- [ ] 1986 *Strangers*
  Novel
  His first hardcover bestseller.
- [ ] 1987 *Watchers*
  Novel
- [ ] 1988 *Lightning*
  Novel
- [ ] 1988 *Oddkins*
  Children's book

- [ ] 1989 *Midnight*
  Novel
- [ ] 1990 *The Bad Place*
  Novel
- [ ] 1991 *Cold Fire*
  Novel
- [ ] 1992 *Hideaway*
  Novel
- [ ] 1993 *Dragon Tears*
  Novel
- [ ] 1993 *Mr. Murder*
  Novel
- [ ] 1994 *Dark Rivers of the Heart*
  Novel
- [ ] 1994 *Winter Moon*
  Novel
  Rewritten from Invasion, a short novel first published under the pen name Aaron Wolfe.
- [ ] 1995 *Icebound*
  Novel
  A revision of Prison of Ice, first published under the pen name David Axton.
- [ ] 1995 *Intensity*
  Novel
- [ ] 1995 *Strange Highways*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1996 *Beautiful Death*
  Nonfiction

Santa's Twin

Series · 2 books · 1996–2004

- [ ] 1996 *Santa's Twin*
  Book 1 · Children's book
- [ ] 2004 *Robot Santa*
  Book 2 · Children's book

- [ ] 1996 *Ticktock*
  Novel
- [ ] 1997 *Sole Survivor*
  Novel

Moonlight Bay

Series · 2 books · 1998–1999

- ☐ 1998 *Fear Nothing*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 1999 *Seize the Night*
  Book 2 · Novel

- ☐ 1999 *False Memory*
  Novel
- ☐ 2000 *From the Corner of His Eye*
  Novel
- ☐ 2001 *One Door Away from Heaven*
  Novel
- ☐ 2001 *The Paper Doorway: Funny Verse and Nothing Worse*
  Children's book
- ☐ 2002 *By the Light of the Moon*
  Novel
- ☐ 2003 *Every Day's a Holiday*
  Children's book

Odd Thomas

Series · 8 books · 2003–2015

Odd Interlude is a novella set between the fourth and fifth novels.

- ☐ 2003 *Odd Thomas*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 2005 *Forever Odd*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 2006 *Brother Odd*
  Book 3 · Novel
- ☐ 2008 *Odd Hours*
  Book 4 · Novel
- ☐ 2012 *Odd Interlude*
  Book 4.5 · Novella
- ☐ 2012 *Odd Apocalypse*
  Book 5 · Novel
- ☐ 2013 *Deeply Odd*
  Book 6 · Novel
- ☐ 2015 *Saint Odd*
  Book 7 · Novel

- [ ] 2003 *The Face*
  Novel
- [ ] 2004 *Life Expectancy*
  Novel
- [ ] 2004 *The Taking*
  Novel

Frankenstein

Series · 5 books · 2005–2011

- [ ] 2005 *Prodigal Son*
  Book 1 · Novel · with Kevin J. Anderson
- [ ] 2005 *City of Night*
  Book 2 · Novel · with Ed Gorman
- [ ] 2009 *Dead and Alive*
  Book 3 · Novel
- [ ] 2010 *Lost Souls*
  Book 4 · Novel
- [ ] 2011 *The Dead Town*
  Book 5 · Novel

- [ ] 2005 *Velocity*
  Novel
- [ ] 2006 *The Husband*
  Novel
- [ ] 2007 *The Darkest Evening of the Year*
  Novel
- [ ] 2007 *The Good Guy*
  Novel

Odd Thomas graphic novels

Series · 3 books · 2008–2012

Graphic-novel prequels to the Odd Thomas novels.

- [ ] 2008 *In Odd We Trust*
  Graphic novel · with Queenie Chan
- [ ] 2010 *Odd Is on Our Side*
  Graphic novel · with Fred Van Lente
- [ ] 2012 *House of Odd*
  Graphic novel

- [ ] 2008 *Your Heart Belongs to Me*
  Novel

- ☐ 2009 *A Big Little Life: A Memoir of a Joyful Dog Named Trixie*
  Memoir
- ☐ 2009 *Breathless*
  Novel
- ☐ 2009 *I, Trixie, Who Is Dog*
  Children's book
- ☐ 2009 *Relentless*
  Novel
- ☐ 2010 *Trixie and Jinx*
  Children's book
- ☐ 2010 *What the Night Knows*
  Novel
- ☐ 2011 *77 Shadow Street*
  Novel
- ☐ 2013 *Innocence*
  Novel
- ☐ 2014 *The City*
  Novel
- ☐ 2015 *Ashley Bell*
  Novel

Jane Hawk

Series · 5 books · 2017–2019

- ☐ 2017 *The Silent Corner*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 2017 *The Whispering Room*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 2018 *The Crooked Staircase*
  Book 3 · Novel
- ☐ 2018 *The Forbidden Door*
  Book 4 · Novel
- ☐ 2019 *The Night Window*
  Book 5 · Novel

- ☐ 2020 *Devoted*
  Novel
- ☐ 2020 *Elsewhere*
  Novel
- ☐ 2021 *The Other Emily*
  Novel

- [ ] 2022 *Quicksilver*
  Novel
- [ ] 2022 *The Big Dark Sky*
  Novel
- [ ] 2023 *After Death*
  Novel
- [ ] 2023 *The House at the End of the World*
  Novel
- [ ] 2024 *The Bad Weather Friend*
  Novel
- [ ] 2024 *The Forest of Lost Souls*
  Novel
- [ ] 2025 *Going Home in the Dark*
  Novel
- [ ] 2026 *The Friend of the Family*
  Novel