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**The Devil's Stepdaughter Julia**

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Pulitzer Prize-winning author Julia Keller, takes us back into beloved prosecuting attorney Bell Elkins's past. The year Bell turns eleven, she's living with a foster family in the beautiful but poverty-stricken mountains of West Virginia, and Keller draws a heartbreaking portrait of the time in Bell's life that shaped her into a woman who believes in fierce justice and fighting back.

*A Friend of the Family* Lauren Grodstein 2010-11-09 Pete Dizinoff, a skilled and successful New Jersey internist, has a loving and devoted wife, a network of close friends, an impressive house, and, most of all, a son, Alec, now nineteen,

on whom he has pinned all his hopes. But Pete hadn't expected his best friend's troubled daughter to set her sights on his boy. When Alec falls under her spell, Pete sets out to derail the romance, never foreseeing the devastating consequences. In a riveting story of suburban tragedy, Lauren Grodstein charts a father's fall from grace as he struggles to save his family, his reputation, and himself.

*In the Bleak Midwinter* Julia Spencer-Fleming 2007-04-01 It's a cold, snowy December in the upstate New York town of Millers Kill, and newly ordained Clare Fergusson is on thin ice as the first female priest of its

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small Episcopal church. The ancient regime running the parish covertly demands that she prove herself as a leader. However, her blunt manner, honed by years as an army pilot, is meeting with a chilly reception from some members of her congregation and Chief of Police Russ Van Alostyne, in particular, doesn't know what to make of her, or how to address "a lady priest" for that matter. The last thing she needs is trouble, but that is exactly what she finds. When a newborn baby is abandoned on the church stairs and a young mother is brutally murdered, Clare has to pick her way through the secrets and silence

that shadow that town like the ever-present Adirondack mountains. As the days dwindle down and the attraction between the avowed priest and the married police chief grows, Clare will need all her faith, tenacity, and courage to stand fast against a killer's icy heart. In the Bleak Midwinter is one of the most outstanding Malice Domestic winners the contest has seen. The compelling atmosphere—the kind of very cold and snowy winter that is typical of upstate New York—will make you reach for another sweater. The characters are fully and believably drawn and you will feel like they are your old friends and find yourself

rooting for them every step of the way.

**A Killing in the Hills** Julia Keller  
2012-08-21 For only \$6.99: In *A Killing in the Hills*, a powerful, intricate debut from Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Julia Keller, a mother and a daughter try to do right by a town and each other before it's too late. What's happening in Acker's Gap, West Virginia? Three elderly men are gunned down over their coffee at a local diner, and seemingly half the town is there to witness the act. Still, it happened so fast, and no one seems to have gotten a good look at the shooter. Was it random? Was it connected to the spate of drug violence

plaguing poor areas of the country just like Acker's Gap? Or were Dean Streeter, Shorty McClurg, and Lee Rader targeted somehow? One of the witnesses to the brutal incident was Carla Elkins, teenaged daughter of Bell Elkins, the prosecuting attorney for Raythune County, WV. Carla was shocked and horrified by what she saw, but after a few days, she begins to recover enough to believe that she might be uniquely placed to help her mother do her job. After all, what better way to repair their fragile, damaged relationship? But could Carla also end up doing more harm than good—in fact, putting her

own life in danger? \*BONUS  
CONTENT: This edition of A  
Killing in the Hills includes a  
new introduction from the  
author and a discussion guide  
**Woods Runner** Gary Paulsen  
2010 From his 1776  
Pennsylvania homestead,  
thirteen-year-old Samuel, who is  
a highly-skilled woodsman, sets  
out toward New York City to  
rescue his parents from the  
band of British soldiers and  
Indians who kidnapped them  
after slaughtering most of their  
community. Includes historical  
notes.

**Si Klegg, Book 6** John McElroy  
2021-01-18

**Bitter River** Julia Keller  
2013-09-03 In the next stunning

novel from Pulitzer Prize-  
winning Julia Keller, following  
the popular A Killing in the Hills,  
a pregnant teenager is found  
murdered at the bottom of a  
river. Phone calls before dawn  
are never good news. And  
when you're the county's  
prosecuting attorney, calls from  
the sheriff are rarely good  
news, either. So when Bell  
Elkins picks up the phone she  
already knows she won't like  
what she's about to hear, but  
she's still not prepared for this:  
16-year-old Lucinda Trimble's  
body has been found at the  
bottom of Bitter River. And  
Lucinda didn't drown—she was  
dead before her body ever hit  
the water. With a case like that,

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Bell knows the coming weeks are going to be tough. But that's not all Bell is coping with these days. Her daughter is now living with Bell's ex-husband, hours away. Sheriff Nick Fogelson, one of Bell's closest friends, is behaving oddly. Furthermore, a face from her past has resurfaced for reasons Bell can't quite figure. Searching for the truth, both behind Lucinda's murder and behind her own complicated relationships, will lead Bell down a path that might put her very life at risk. In *Bitter River*, Pulitzer Prize-winner Julia Keller once again weaves a compelling, haunting mystery against the stark beauty and extreme poverty of

a small West Virginia mountain town.

**Sorrow Road** Julia Keller

2016-08-23 "From the small towns of Appalachia they came, the young men who joined the fight for liberty in World War II. Now they are elderly, and some of them--like Harmon Strayer, father of prosecutor Bell Elkins's former law school classmate--suffer from Alzheimer's. When Harmon dies in an Alzheimer's care facility from what appear to be natural causes, Bell confronts a mystery that brims with questions about memory, grief and the lethal cost of burying the past. During a winter of record snow and cold, Bell and the people of Acker's

Gap, West Virginia, face isolation and hardship--and the threat from a killer who preys upon the old and the sick and the helpless"--

*A Killing in the Hills* Julia Keller

2013-03 What is happening in Acker's Gap, West Virginia?

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*Summer of the Dead* Julia Keller

2014-08-26 High summer in

Acker's Gap, West Virginia—but

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no one's enjoying the rugged natural landscape. Not while a killer stalks the small town and its hard-luck inhabitants. County prosecutor Bell Elkins and Sheriff Nick Fogelson are stymied by a murderer who seems to come and go like smoke on the mountain. At the same time, Bell must deal with the return from prison of her sister, Shirley—who, like Bell, carries the indelible scars of a savage past. In *Summer of the Dead*, the third Julia Keller mystery chronicling the journey of Bell Elkins and her return to her Appalachian hometown, we also meet Lindy Crabtree—a coal miner's daughter with dark secrets of her own, secrets that

threaten to explode into even more violence. Acker's Gap is a place of loveliness and brutality, of isolation and fierce attachments—a place where the dead rub shoulders with the living, and demand their due. [A Killing in the Hills](#) Julia Keller 2018-06-05 What's happening in Acker's Gap, West Virginia? Three elderly men are gunned down over their coffee at a local diner, and seemingly half the town is there to witness the act. Still, it happened so fast, and no one seems to have gotten a good look at the shooter. Was it random? Was it connected to the spate of drug violence plaguing poor areas of the country just like Acker's Gap?

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debut from Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Julia Keller, a mother and a daughter try to do right by a town and each other before it's too late.

**Dark Mind Rising** Julia Keller  
2018-11-13 Pulitzer Prize-winning author Julia Keller continues her Dark Intercept science fiction series with *Dark Mind Rising*, a thrilling, speculative murder mystery set in a chilling future where citizens believe they're free after years of emotional surveillance only to discover a killer is targeting their deepest fears. When the state is no longer watching, what will you give to feel safe? *New Earth*, 2296.

Two years after the destruction

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of a universal surveillance system called the Intercept, New Earth struggles to keep crime under control. The citizens are free, but not protected. Violet Crowley, the eighteen-year-old daughter of New Earth's founder, has opened Crowley & Associates, a private detective agency, to handle the overflow from the overburdened police force. Violet's first case—a death written off as a suicide—becomes an obsession. Soon a series of similar deaths leads Violet to believe the Intercept is not only still running—it's in the hands of a killer. “In this fast-paced book, Julia Keller shows she’s at the

top of her game—and her game is creating chills and absolute terror.” —New York Times bestselling author R.L. Stine  
The Dark Intercept #1 The Dark Intercept #2 Dark Mind Rising #3 Dark Star Calling The Tablet of Saptur (novella) At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

*What Painting Is* James Elkins  
2004-11-23 Unlike many books on painting that usually talk about art or painters, James Elkins’ compelling and original work focuses on alchemy, for like the alchemist, the painter seeks to transform and be transformed by the medium. In

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What Painting Is, James Elkins communicates the experience of painting beyond the traditional vocabulary of art history. Alchemy provides a magical language to explore what it is a painter really does in her or his studio - the smells, the mess, the struggle to control the uncontrollable, the special knowledge only painters hold of how colours will mix, and how they will look. Written from the perspective of a painter-turned-art historian, What Painting Is is like nothing you have ever read about art.

*Sorrow Road* Julia Keller

2016-08-23 In 1944, three young men from a small town in West Virginia are among the

American forces participating in D-Day, changing the fortunes of the war with one bold stroke. How is that moment aboard a Navy ship as it barrels toward the Normandy shore related to the death of an old man in an Appalachian nursing home seventy-two years later? In *Sorrow Road*, the latest mystery from Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Julia Keller, two stories—one set in the turbulent era of World War II and one in the present day—are woven together to create a piercingly poignant tale of memory and family, of love and murder. Bell Elkins, prosecuting attorney in Acker's Gap, West Virginia, is asked by an old acquaintance

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to look into the death of her beloved father in an Alzheimer's care facility. Did he die of natural causes—or was something more sinister to blame? And that's not the only issue with which Bell is grappling: Her daughter Carla has moved back home. But something's not right. Carla is desperately hiding a secret. Once again, past and present, good and evil, and revenge and forgiveness clash in a riveting story set in the shattered landscape of Acker's Gap, where the skies can seem dark even at high noon, and the mountains lean close to hear the whispered lament of the people trapped in their shadow.

Mr. Gatling's Terrible Marvel

Julia Keller 2008-05-29 A

provocative look at the life and times of the man who created the original weapon of mass destruction Drawing on her investigative and literary talents, Julia Keller offers a riveting account of the invention of the world's first working machine gun. Through her portrait of its misunderstood creator, Richard Jordan Gatling—who naively hoped that the overwhelming effectiveness of a multiple-firing weapon would save lives by decreasing the size of armies and reducing the number of soldiers needed to fight—Keller draws profound parallels to the scientists who would unleash

America's atomic arsenal half a century later. The Gatling gun, in its combination of ingenuity, idealism, and destructive power, perfectly exemplifies the paradox of America's rise in the nineteenth century to a world superpower.

*Out of the Deep I Cry* Julia Spencer-Fleming 2007-04-01 Award winning author Julia Spencer-Fleming does it again in this third mystery featuring Rev. Clare Fergusson and Sheriff Russ Van Alstyne in the small town of Millers Kill, N.Y. As the small town's gossip increasingly speculates about the Rev.'s ambiguous relationship with the married Sheriff, a more urgent problem

is the disappearance of the doctor of Millers Kill's free clinic, a town institution with roots in events from the 20s and 30s. Digging into the roots of these disturbing happenings, Russ and Clare find that painful events from the town's past can still roil the peace of Millers Kill. *Out of the Deep I Cry* is a 2005 Edgar Award Nominee for Best Novel.

*A Haunting of the Bones* Julia Keller 2014-12-02 From Pulitzer Prize-winning author Julia Keller comes *A HAUNTING OF THE BONES*, another suspenseful and provocative story that will keep readers up all night... Bell Elkins, prosecuting attorney for Raythune C1ounty, West

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Virginia, had always believed what she'd been told: Her mother abandoned the family when Bell and her sister, Shirley, were children. Later, Teresa Dolan died somewhere out West. And then comes a shattering discovery. During an excavation in a remote area of the county, a skeleton is found. DNA testing proves it is related to DNA already on file: that of a convicted felon named Shirley Dolan. Along with the age and approximate time of death, the DNA link leads to a chilling conclusion: These are the remains of Bell's mother, Teresa Dolan. She didn't run away. She was here all along. And further examination reveals

that she was a homicide victim. Bell automatically pins the blame on her late father, Donnie Dolan. But evidence emerges that it could not have been him. And so Bell must solve the most agonizingly personal case of her career: Who murdered her mother?  
**Secret Remains** Jennifer Graeser Dornbush 2020-01-07  
A cold case murder, a grisly discovery, and a viper's nest of resentment, betrayal, and dirty secrets converge in this mystery perfect for fans of Kathy Reichs and Jayne Ann Krentz. It's been 12 years since Sandi Parkman went missing after being dropped off at home by her schoolmate, Nick Larson, now

the Sheriff of Freeport, Michigan. When a construction crew unearths Sandi's bones--along with Nick's letterman jacket and one of his hairs--Nick becomes suspect number one in the murder. Dr. Emily Hartford, the daughter of Freeport's medical examiner, is called in to investigate, but the case is about to get personal. Nick was Emily's high school love, and now she has to either clear his name--or contend that he's the killer. As she delves into the case, a host of other suspects emerge: a coterie of Nick's jock friends from high school; Sandi's sister, Tiffany, now a dancer at a local strip club; and James

VanDerMuellen, a trust funder who's recently returned to Freeport. As the autumn skies darken over Freeport and the holiday season looms, Emily must sift through more than Sandi's brittle bones to solve the case. Can she exonerate Nick--and rekindle their long-smoldering romance? The race is on to find the truth.

**Fast Falls the Night** Julia Keller  
2018 In the next powerful mystery from Julia Keller, a murder investigation leads West Virginia prosecuting attorney Bell Elkins to the shattering truth about her own past. Based on a real-life event, Pulitzer Prize-winner Julia Keller's latest Bell Elkins novel *Fast Falls the*

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Night takes place in a single 24-hour period, unfurling against the backdrop of a shattering personal revelation that will change Bell's life forever. The first drug overdose comes just after midnight, when a young woman dies on the dirty floor of a gas station bathroom. To the people of the small town of Acker's Gap, West Virginia, it is just another tragedy. It is sad--but these days, depressingly familiar. But then there is another overdose. And another. And another. Prosecutor Bell Elkins soon realizes that her Appalachian hometown is facing its starkest challenge yet: a day of constant heroin overdoses from a batch tainted with a

lethal tranquilizer. While the clock ticks and the bodies fall, Bell and her colleagues desperately track the source of the deadly drug--and engage in fierce debates over the wisdom of expending precious resources to save the lives of self-destructive addicts.

The Bell Elkins Series, Thus Far Julia Keller 2016-03-08 In her powerful, intricate Bell Elkins series, Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist Julia Keller weaves haunting mysteries against the stark beauty and extreme poverty of a small West Virginia mountain town. Here together for the first time in an eBook bundle are her critically acclaimed Bell Elkins

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novels: A Killing in the Hills  
When prosecuting attorney Bell Elkins's daughter, Carla, witnesses a shooting at a local diner, she realizes that she might be able to identify the shooter. What better way to repair a fragile, damaged relationship with her mother than to help her do her job? Bitter River 16-year-old Lucinda Trimble's body is found at the bottom of Bitter River—but she didn't drown, she was dead before she hit the water. Searching for the truth behind both Lucinda's murder and her own complicated relationships leads Bell down a path that puts her life at risk. Summer of the Dead Bell Elkins and Sheriff

Nick Fogelsong are stymied by a murderer who seems to come and go like smoke on the mountain. Meanwhile Lindy Crabtree, a coal miner's daughter, is keeping dark secrets of her own, secrets that threaten to explode into even more violence. Last Ragged Breath Royce Dillard doesn't remember much about the day his parents—and one hundred and twenty-three other souls—died in the 1972 Buffalo Creek disaster. Now Dillard is fighting for his life one more time: He's on trial for murder. Prosecutor Bell Elkins faces her toughest challenge yet in this haunting story of vengeance, greed and the fierce struggle for

social justice. Included along with these full-length novels are Julia Keller's compelling Bell Elkins stories, *The Devil's Stepdaughter*, *A Haunting of the Bones*, *Ghost Roll*, and *Evening Street*.

[Summer of the Dead \(Bell Elkins, Book 3\)](#) Julia Keller

2014-08-14 As the heat rises, they must face the danger to come... Julia Keller brings us *Summer of the Dead*, the third novel to feature the intrepid Bell Elkins. Perfect for fans of Dennis Lehane and Henning Mankell. 'A suspenseful, superbly executed plot that displays a depth rarely seen in mystery fiction' - Booklist The first death came unexpectedly.

An old man attacked outside his home, his murder a shock to the town. Then the second death came and with it fear. For Raythune County's prosecuting attorney Bell Elkins, the inexplicable killings in Acker's Gap are all she can think about. Everything - the oppressive summer heat, her absent daughter, her troublesome sister - fades into the background as she tries to work out who is responsible. As tensions escalate, and suspects begin to emerge, Bell will have to face demons from her own past as she comes head-to-head with a killer bent on destroying all those who stand in their way... What readers are

saying about Julia Keller: 'Keller astounds me with her characterization, beautiful descriptions and absorbing plots' 'A compelling read' 'Five stars'

**Bitter River (Bell Elkins, Book 2)** Julia Keller 2013-09-03  
Concealed beneath the water, her body wants to be found... Bell Elkins returns in Bitter River, the gripping second instalment from Pulitzer prize winner Julia Keller. Perfect for fans of Dennis Lehane and Linwood Barclay. 'Julia Keller's lyrical and evocative prose in Bitter River propels the novel until all you can do is hang on until the final page. Her sense of place is spot-on and

bittersweet' - C.J. Box Acker's Gap, West Virginia: a high-school student - sixteen, full of promise, and pregnant - is found murdered in a car at the bottom of the Bitter River. Her death devastates the community, but one among them must be responsible. Bell Elkins, Raythune County's prosecuting attorney, is determined to bring the killer to justice. But someone else has their own agenda. Amid the shadow of the Appalachian Mountains, another act of violence is about to strike. As Bell and Sheriff Nick Fogelsong work to uncover the truth, one thing is certain: no one can truly understand Acker's Gap until

they are in the thick of it. Bell returned to her hometown to make a difference. But just how much is she willing to risk? What readers are saying about Julia Keller: 'Julia Keller creates brilliant characters' 'Keller's style of writing is poetic and dramatic. It is incredibly unusual. She seamlessly weaves the story-lines together' 'Five stars'

*Last Ragged Breath (Bell Elkins 4)* Julia Keller 2016-04-07 His body was found mutilated. On the outskirts of the town he was there to help. Who killed him and why? A high-end resort being built on the outskirts of Acker's Gap, West Virginia, a town desperate for jobs and

prosperity, should have been welcome. But following the Buffalo Creek disaster of 1972, where a coal company's mistake tragically claimed the lives of many Raythune County's citizens, opinions and tensions are running high. When Ed Hackel, Mountain Magic's marketing manager, is found brutally murdered, suspicion quickly falls on Royce Dillard. An acknowledged loner orphaned by the disaster, Dillard had made his opposition clear by refusing to sell a parcel of his land deemed critical by the developers for access to the resort. With all evidence pointing to Dillard, Bell Elkins, the County's prosecuting

attorney, feels she has no choice but to charge him. When a person dies his last ragged breath always tells the truth -- but is the truth always what it seems to be?

*The Lady Agnes Mystery*

Andrea Japp 2015-07-13 1304

The Church and the French Crown are locked in a power struggle. In the Normandy countryside, monks on a secret mission are brutally murdered and a poisoner is at large at Clairets Abbey. Young noblewoman Agn's de Souarcy fights to retain her independence but must face the Inquisition, unaware that she is the focus of an ancient quest.

Ghost Roll Julia Keller

2015-06-09 Bell Elkins, prosecuting attorney and small-town heroine of Pulitzer Prize winner Julia Keller's *A Killing in the Hills*, *Bitter River* and *Summer of the Dead*, faces one of her most challenging days in this exclusive digital short story. Featuring an exclusive extract from her new full-length novel *Last Ragged Breath*. For Bell Elkins no day is ever the same. But on this day, for the third day running, Bell has woken up from the same dream. A dream about a boy needing her help, reaching out to her. Bell, always unable to help. Already unsettled, she becomes embroiled, in her role as prosecuting attorney for

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Raythune County, in an investigation into a couple running a local day-care centre, and Bell suspects that her day is only going to get worse. A suspicion that is compounded when she's forced to confront a friend's treachery and a ghost from her past. No day is ever the same, but will Bell be forever changed by this one?

*Evening Street* Julia Keller

2015-12-08 By day, she's a tough-minded prosecutor in Raythune County, West Virginia, a region scarred by poverty and prescription drug abuse. By night, Bell Elkins takes on a softer role. She volunteers at an auxiliary intensive care unit where

nurses deal with the youngest and most vulnerable victims of drug abuse: the children born to mothers addicted to painkillers. The place is known as Evening Street, and it is here Bell comes whenever she can spare the time. She rocks ailing infants to sleep, and she provides what medical science-for all of its marvels-cannot: A simple human touch. One terrifying night, the distraught father of an Evening Street baby breaks into the facility. Gun in hand, he holds the staff hostage and demands a reckoning for a family grudge--with helpless infants only inches away. And so begins a standoff at Evening Street. Bell Elkins is swept up

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into the crisis, as the drama escalates toward a lethal flashpoint. At the center of it all is a baby, only hours old, but already ancient in his knowledge of pain.

**The Cold Way Home** Julia Keller

2019-08-20 "[An] emotion-

charged mystery.... Keller's

sleuths are easy to like and the

murder story is moving; but the

object of fascination here is

Wellwood, a state-run mental

institution with a dark history as

a repository for 'rebellious,

unruly women.'" –The New

York Times Book Review

Pulitzer Prize-winning author

Julia Keller welcomes readers

back to West Virginia, where

her lyrical and moving stories of

the people of her native state have unfolded since *A Killing in*

the Hills, the acclaimed first

novel in the series. Deep in the

woods just outside Acker's Gap,

West Virginia, rises a ragged

chunk of what was once a high

stone wall. This is all that

remains of Wellwood, a

psychiatric hospital for the poor

that burned to the ground

decades ago. And it is here that

Bell Elkins – prosecutor turned

private investigator – makes a

grim discovery while searching

for a missing teenager: A dead

body, marred by a ghastly

wound that can only mean

murder. To solve the mystery of

what happened in these woods

where she played as a child,

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Bell and her partners – former sheriff Nick Fogelson and former deputy Jake Oakes – must confront the tangled history of Wellwood and its dark legacy, while each grapples with a private torment. Based on a true chapter in the troubled history of early treatment for psychiatric illness, *The Cold Way Home* is a story of death and life, of despair and hope, of crime and – sometimes, but not always – punishment.

**Rocket Boys** Homer H. Hickam  
2000 The author traces the boyhood enthusiasm for rockets that eventually led to a career at NASA, describing how he built model rockets in the family garage in West Virginia,

inspired by the launch of the Soviet satellite Sputnik. Reprint.

*The Telltale Lilac Bush and Other West Virginia Ghost*

*Tales* Ruth Ann Musick  
2010-09-12 " West Virginia boasts an unusually rich heritage of ghost tales.

Originally West Virginians told these hundred stories not for idle amusement but to report supernatural experiences that defied ordinary human explanation. From jealous rivals and ghostly children to murdered kinsmen and omens of death, these tales reflect the inner lives—the hopes, beliefs, and fears—of a people. Like all folklore, these tales reveal much of the history of the

region: its isolation and violence, the passions and bloodshed of the Civil War era, the hardships of miners and railroad laborers, and the lingering vitality of Old World traditions.

**Summer of the Dead** Julia Keller

2014-08-26 Hunting an elusive killer who is terrorizing the citizens of Acker's Gap during a West Virginia summer, county prosecutor Bell Elkins and Sheriff Nick Fogelsong find the case complicated by a coal miner's secretive daughter and the prison release of Bell's sister. By the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Bitter River.

**Successful Presentation Skills**

Andrew J. Bradbury 2006 A

good presentation involves effective communication and is essential for business success.

This guide addresses the common problems people face--overcoming nerves, handling visual aids, and shaping the presentation itself.

*Shunning Sarah* Julie Kramer

2012-08-07 An insular Amish town . . . A secret that won't stay buried . . . Minneapolis's star investigative reporter Riley

Spartz is constantly in search of her next TV sweeps piece.

When she hears that a young boy is trapped at the bottom of a sinkhole, she smells ratings.

Little does she know just how big the story will be--not only does it involve a tragic murder,

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but the local Amish community as well. Once Riley is on the case, though, she sees that solving it will be anything but easy. When Riley finds a clue the cops have missed, she uncovers a dark web of fraud and deception in the community—driven by motives as old as the Bible: sex and money. Riley will stop at nothing to bring the killer to justice, and she is determined to do so before anyone—including herself—becomes the next target.

**A Killing in the Hills (Bell Elkins, Book 1)** Julia Keller 2012-08-30  
In a town ravaged by deception, can one woman make a

difference? From Pulitzer-prize winner Julia Keller comes *A Killing in the Hills*, the first in a series featuring prosecuting attorney Bell Elkins, set in the beautiful, crime-ridden town of Acker's Gap. Perfect for fans of Linwood Barclay and Henning Mankell. 'A terrific debut - atmospheric, suspenseful, assured. I hope there's more to come in the story of Bell Elkins and Acker's Gap' - Laura Lippman Nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, visitors see only Acker's Gap's stunning natural beauty. But for those living there it's a different story. The mountain roads harbour secret places, perfect for making the prescription

drugs that tempt its desperately poor. Bell Elkins left a broken teenager, savaged by a past she couldn't forget. But, as prosecuting attorney for Raythune County, Bell is back and determined to help clean up the only home she has ever known. As winter sets in and her daughter is witness to a shocking triple murder, Bell finds her family in danger. Can she uncover the truth before her world is destroyed again? What readers are saying about *A Killing in the Hills*: 'A mesmerizing book' 'The intertwined plots play out against a beautiful portrayal of this rural area, a wonderfully conveyed portrait' 'I am an avid

thriller reader and in my opinion this ranks among the best of them'

**The Dark Intercept** Julia Keller

2017-10-31 *The Dark Intercept*

by Julia Keller is the beginning

of a “riveting” (Emmy

Laybourne) science fiction

adventure that challenges the

voluntary surrender of liberties

for the perception of safety.

When the state controls your

emotions, how hard will you

fight to feel free? In a radiant

world of endless summer, the

*Intercept* keeps the peace.

Violet Crowley, the sixteen-

year-old daughter of New

Earth’s Founding Father, has

spent her life in comfort and

safety. Her days are easy

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thanks to the Intercept, a crime-prevention device that monitors emotion. But when her long-time crush, Danny Mayhew, gets into a dangerous altercation on Old Earth, Violet launches a secret investigation to find out what he's hiding. An investigation that will lead her to question everything she's ever known about Danny, her father, and the power of the Intercept. Much like the device itself, *The Dark Intercept* will get under your skin. “The Dark Intercept grabbed me from the first page and shook me until the last.” —Emmy Laybourne, author of *Berserker*, *Sweet*, and the *Monument 14* trilogy “A rare, literary feat.” —Gennifer Albin,

New York Times bestselling author of the *Crewel World* trilogy  
**The 19th Wife** David Ebershoff  
2009-06-02 It is 1875, and Ann Eliza Young has recently separated from her powerful husband, Brigham Young, prophet and leader of the Mormon Church. Expelled and an outcast, Ann Eliza embarks on a crusade to end polygamy in the United States. A rich account of her family’s polygamous history is revealed, including how both she and her mother became plural wives. Yet soon after Ann Eliza’s story begins, a second exquisite narrative unfolds—a tale of murder involving a polygamist

family in present-day Utah. Jordan Scott, a young man who was thrown out of his fundamentalist sect years earlier, must reenter the world that cast him aside in order to discover the truth behind his father's death. And as Ann Eliza's narrative intertwines with that of Jordan's search, readers are pulled deeper into the mysteries of love, family, and faith.

Last Ragged Breath Julia Keller  
2015-08-25 From the night-black depths of a coalmine to the sun-struck peaks of the Appalachian Mountains, from a riveting murder mystery to a poignant meditation on the meaning of love and family, the

latest novel in the critically acclaimed series strikes out for new territory: the sorrow and outrage that spring from a real-life chapter in West Virginia history. Royce Dillard doesn't remember much about the day his parents-and one hundred and twenty-three other souls-died in the 1972 Buffalo Creek disaster. He was only two years old when he was ripped from his mother's arms. But now Dillard, who lives off the grid with only a passel of dogs for company, is fighting for his life one more time: He's on trial for murder. Prosecutor Bell Elkins faces her toughest challenge yet in this haunting story of vengeance, greed and the

fierce struggle for social justice. Richly imagined, vividly written and deeply felt, Julia Keller's *Last Ragged Breath* is set in West Virginia, but it really takes place in a land we all know: the country called home.

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Elkins faces her toughest challenge yet in this ... story of vengeance, greed, and the fierce struggle for social justice"--Amazon.com.

East Falls the Night Julia Keller 2017-08-22 "The first drug overdose comes just after midnight, when a young woman dies on the dirty floor of a gas station bathroom. To the people of the small town of Acker's Gap, West Virginia, it is just another tragedy. It is sad--but these days, depressingly familiar. But then there is another overdose. And another. And another. Prosecutor Bell Elkins soon realizes that her Appalachian hometown is facing its starkest challenge yet: a day

of constant heroin overdoses from a batch tainted with a lethal tranquilizer--

**Bone on Bone** Julia Keller

2018-08-21 Bone on Bone, the next powerful chapter in Pulitzer Prize-winner Julia Keller's beloved Bell Elkins series, sends readers headlong into the thick of a mystery as young as today's headlines -- but as old as the mountains that hold these lives in a tight grip. How far would you go for someone you love? Would you die? Would you kill? After a three-year prison sentence, Bell Elkins is back in Acker's Gap. And she finds herself in the white-hot center of a complicated and deadly case --

even as she comes to terms with one last, devastating secret of her own. A prominent local family has fallen victim to the same sickness that infects the whole region: drug addiction. With mother against father, child against parent, and tensions that lead inexorably to tragedy, they are trapped in a grim, hopeless struggle with nowhere to turn. Bell has lost her job as prosecutor -- but not her affection for her ragtag, hard-luck hometown. Teamed up with former Deputy Jake Oakes, who battles his own demons as he adjusts to life as a paraplegic, and aided by the new prosecutor, Rhonda Lovejoy, Bell tackles a case as

poignant as it is perilous, as heartbreaking as it is challenging.

**A Killing in the Hills** Julia Keller  
2012-08-21 Prosecuting attorney Bell Elkins and her

estranged teenage daughter, Carla, try to protect their town and each other in the aftermath of a shocking triple murder committed by an unknown shooter whose identity is gradually realized by Carla.