

Sworn To Silence

Operation: Midnight Escape by Linda Castillo released on Dec 06, 2005 is available now for purchase.

RETIREMENT FOR ONE COWBOY MEANT GETTING BACK UP ON THE SADDLE All Bo Ruskin wanted was to forget his tragic past and to reclaim his quiet cowboy life. Instead, he had orders to protect Special Agent Rachael Armitage. Furious and frustrated, Rachael would rather die than abandon her dangerous mission. For even in the safety of Bo's Montana ranch, an international crime lord was out to grant her wish. Drawn to this mysterious, hardened cowboy from her past, Rachael was certain Bo was hiding something. But first she'd have to learn the lay of the land if she were to live to learn the truth. Riding horseback through the wilderness, would these two desperadoes go down in a blaze of glory—or passion?

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Police Chief Kate Burkholder returns in this follow-up to "Sworn to Silence," immersing the reader once again into the world of the Amish with a chilling story that is both a fast-paced thriller and an intriguing psychological puzzle.

She had no name, no memory, nothing but the knowledge that she was pregnant and someone wanted her dead. Her only hope was John—the rescue medic who'd saved her life, the Good Samaritan who'd vowed to keep her safe, the sexy stranger who was stealing her heart. Her hero.

When the fatal accidents of three Amish farmers are proven to be murders, former Amish woman Kate investigates a possible link between the killings and recent hate crimes, a case that is complicated by a dark secret and her precarious relationship with agent John Tomasetti. 125,000 first printing.

New York Times bestselling author Linda Castillo has become renowned for her nail-biting novels of romantic suspense. Now she delivers an electrifying thriller about a secret that could mean one woman's demise... Until now, no one has suspected the truth about down-to-earth bookseller Julia Wainright. But the arrival of six threatening letters indicates someone has discovered her secret—and wants her to pay for her sins... Ever since he accidentally killed a fellow officer, ex-cop John Merrick has been tormented by the mistakes of his past. Now, called upon to repay a favor, he will do anything to keep Julia Wainright safe. To do that, though, he'll first have to figure out what she's hiding... As the threats escalate, Julia and John must find a way to trust each other. Because if they don't, a twisted stalker will make sure all the gruesome things he's promised will come true...

Jim Tracy's Sworn to Silence is an unforgettable story of two American lawyers who did the unprecedented. They searched for, found, and photographed the lifeless bodies of their client's victims and then kept it secret. They did so in the face of unendurable pressure from the authorities and the victims' families, who suspected the lawyers knew more than they were saying. When the American public eventually learned of the lawyers' actions, they were horrified, outraged, and vengeful. People could not fathom how two attorneys—fathers of teenage girls themselves—and supposed officers of the law, could conduct themselves in a manner seemingly beyond any concept of humanity. Today, this landmark legal case is studied and analyzed in law schools worldwide. These events have been indelibly marked in Tracy's mind since he was eight years old; in fact, he was present at the scene of New York state's largest manhunt after the killer broke into Tracy's father's hunting camp in the Adirondack Mountains. In Sworn to Silence, Tracy weaves together a true crime narrative that should rank with some of the most compelling American crime stories of modern times. He does so while taking you—the reader—on a page-turning journey back to the early 1970s, unveiling an American serial killer most people have never heard of.

Re-read Book 2 in the romantic suspense series Operation: Midnight by New York Times bestselling author Linda Castillo. Special Agent Jake Vanderpol swore he'd buried all tender feelings for Leigh Michaels. Until he learned that the arms dealer she'd testified against six years ago had escaped. Suddenly the memories were back... memories of urgent kisses in hiding. But after what happened, would she trust him to save her? Danger just exploded from her past with the same raw male power that first drew Leigh to her former agent-protector. Then Jake used her as bait to get his man, and she'd fled into witness protection. Now a killer wants revenge. But who will shield her heart from the only man she'd ever let touch her—body and soul? Originally published in 2005.

Sworn To Silence by Vickie York released on Apr 24, 1997 is available now for purchase.

From the New York Times bestselling author "With a reckless heroine who puts everything on the line in blind pursuit of justice, the action remains at fever pitch the whole way through." Press Association "Another knock-out job. I love this series." Alex Kava The sound of a scream in the early morning dawn leads to a case that will change Kate Burkholder's life irrevocably... When the police arrive at the Amish farmstead in Painters Mill they can't imagine the horror that awaits them. An entire family slaughtered: the men shot, the young women tortured and killed. The Amish are peace-loving, gentle folk and the town is shocked by what appears to be a particularly brutal - and random killing. But is it random? Every family has its secrets. Kate knows that better than anyone. And as she and Agent John Tomasetti dig deeper into the victims lives they discover a young woman who was living a lie. A girl who had to live in silence. With her own past resonating - Kate knows she has to maintain some distance. From the case, and from Tomasetti. She knows what could happen if she gets too close. But when she puts herself in the line of fire - she realizes that, this time, there may be no going back. PRAISE FOR LINDA CASTILLO "Absolutely stunning . . . A perfectly crafted thriller" Lisa Scottoline "Think the movie Witness and add just a touch of the Coen brothers' Fargo and you have the feel for this brilliant, nail-biting thriller" Daily Mail "Continues to explore the Amish way of life with a fast-paced mystery" Kirkus Reviews

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"The Gingerich barn burns to the ground in the middle of the night and eighteen-year-old Daniel is missing. When Daniel's body is found inside--burned alive-- Chief of Police Kate Burkholder's investigation of the murder of the well-liked young Amish man reveals a plethora of secrets and a chilling series of crimes"--

In the sleepy rural town of Painters Mill, Ohio, the Amish and "English" residents have lived side by side for two centuries. But

sixteen years ago, a series of brutal murders shattered the peaceful farming community. In the aftermath of the violence, the town was left with a sense of fragility, a loss of innocence. Kate Burkholder, a young Amish girl, survived the terror of the Slaughterhouse Killer but came away from its brutality with the realization that she no longer belonged with the Amish. Now, a wealth of experience later, Kate has been asked to return to Painters Mill as Chief of Police. Her Amish roots and big city law enforcement background make her the perfect candidate. She's certain she's come to terms with her past—until the first body is discovered in a snowy field. Kate vows to stop the killer before he strikes again. But to do so, she must betray both her family and her Amish past—and expose a dark secret that could destroy her.

When Deputy Sheriff Jake Madigan was called to duty to bring in an escaped convict, he thought it would be a routine search-and-rescue mission. He was wrong. Turns out capturing Abby Nichols was a cinch compared to hauling her out of the Rocky Mountains during a treacherous blizzard. His pretty-as-sin prisoner was not the hardened criminal he had expected but a violet-eyed seductress who could almost make him forget his by-the-book ways. Jake knew that come hell or high water he would turn this woman over to the authorities once the storm passed. So why was he dodging bullets on her behalf and buying into her claim of innocence? Why was he so willing to warm her shivering body with his heated caresses? Why was he foolishly falling for his fugitive?

From the New York Times bestselling author "No one who picks up Kate's stunning sixth case, a marriage of thriller and police procedural, will put it down unfinished." Kirkus Reviews Everyone in Painters Mill knows the abandoned Hochstetler farm is haunted. But only a handful of the residents remember the terrible secrets lost in the muted/hushed whispers of time—and now death is stalking them, seemingly from the grave. On a late-night shift, Chief of Police Kate Burkholder is called to the scene of an apparent suicide—an old man found hanging from the rafters in his dilapidated barn. But evidence quickly points to murder and Kate finds herself chasing a singularly difficult and elusive trail of evidence that somehow points back to the tragedy of that long ago incident. Meanwhile, Kate has moved in with state agent John Tomasetti and for the first time in so long, they're both happy; a bliss quickly shattered when one of the men responsible for the murders of Tomasetti's family four years ago is found not guilty, and walks away a free man. Will Tomasetti be pulled back to his own haunted past? When a second man is found dead - also seemingly by his own hand—Kate discovers a link in the case that sends the investigation in a direction no one could imagine and revealing the horrifying truth of what really happened that terrible night thirty-five years ago, when an Amish father and his four children perished—and his young wife disappeared without a trace. And, as Kate knows - the past never truly dies ... in *The Dead Will Tell* by Linda Castillo ... PRAISE FOR LINDA CASTILLO "Absolutely stunning . . . A perfectly crafted thriller" Lisa Scottoline "Think the movie *Witness* and add just a touch of the Coen brothers' *Fargo* and you have the feel for this brilliant, nail-biting thriller" Daily Mail "Continues to explore the Amish way of life with a fast-paced mystery" Kirkus Reviews

ANYTHING FOR HIS CHILD... Search-and-rescue leader Buzz Malone thought losing the only woman he'd ever loved was the worst blow life could deal. He was wrong. Finding out that he had a son—a son his ex-wife, Kelly, had kept secret—was worse. Especially when that child was lost in the Rocky Mountains, pitted against a raging forest fire. Tirelessly trekking through the mountains with Buzz by her side, Kelly soon realized that the wilderness wasn't the only thing on fire. For the passion that had always flared between them now burned hotter than ever. If they ever made it through this ordeal alive, Kelly vowed to face an even greater challenge—convincing Buzz to give their love another try!

It was a night like no other...darker, longer and totally unforgettable Sara Douglas watched as Nick Tyson emerged from the heavy rain. In his face she saw little of the boy she once knew. She'd returned to Cape Darkwood to research her parents' murder. And stop the nightmares. Was Nick just another terrifying dream--or a flesh-and-blood man who would leave her breathless? Chief of police now, pain etched Nick's rough face, colored his eyes navy blue. He'd lost someone, too, but while Sara ran, Nick had nowhere else to go. Instead, he patrolled a divided town whose secrets lay dormant at the bottom of the cliffs. Nick wouldn't let that be Sara's fate, no matter how much it pained him to see her again. Together their investigation mounted and led them to horrifying consequences--but more lethal than the case was their undeniable and deadly desire for each other.--

When a rash of violence and murder is attributed to her revolutionary new antidepressant, Dr. Elizabeth Barnes must join forces with Detective Sergeant Adam Boedecker, whose brother was a victim of this deadly phenomenon, to find the truth and stop the madness. Original.

IN THE NEWS: Ex-navy search and rescue pilot Drew Evans FAMILY HISTORY: His adopted brother is one of the genetically engineered Extraordinary Five DEEPEST SECRET: Haunted by the only mission he failed

Now the subject of the Lifetime original movie, *An Amish Murder Sworn to Silence* is the first in Linda Castillo's New York Times bestselling Kate Burkholder series. Some secrets are too terrible to reveal. Some crimes are too unspeakable to solve. . . . In Painters Mill, Ohio, the Amish and "English" residents have lived side by side for two centuries. But sixteen years ago, a series of brutal murders shattered the peaceful farming community. A young Amish girl named Kate Burkholder survived the terror of the Slaughterhouse Killer . . . but ultimately decided to leave her community. A wealth of experience later, Kate has been asked to return to Painters Mill as chief of police. Her Amish roots and big-city law enforcement background make her the perfect candidate. She's certain she's come to terms with her past—until the first body is discovered in a snowy field. Kate vows to stop the killer before he strikes again. But to do so, she must betray both her family and her Amish past—and expose a dark secret that could destroy her.

'After a little while he called the other boy over. Did the same to him. I heard everything. Father Smyth was a priest, a good man ... But I knew that some rule had been broken' Brendan was an eleven-year-old altar boy when he first met Father Smyth. When the abuse began, he didn't know what to do - surely he should trust a priest? But he knew he wasn't the only victim, and his worst nightmare was that his sisters would be next. It was three years before he plucked up the courage to tell another priest. An inquiry was quickly called, in which Brendan was sworn to secrecy. But the abuse didn't stop. Instead, Father Smyth continued to prey on other children for two more decades until he was finally convicted, in the 1990s, of over 130 counts of child sexual abuse. This shocking memoir tells how, for years, a priest's abuse was ignored by the Catholic Church - and how one brave small boy stood up for justice.

Traditional Chinese edition of *Fallen* - a youth romance of a supernatural sort. In Traditional Chinese. Distributed by Tsai Fong Books, Inc. *Midnight Tango* by Linda Castillo released on May 16, 2016 is available now for purchase.

From Linda Castillo, the New York Times bestselling author of *SWORN TO SILENCE* and *AMONG THE WICKED*, this collection of stories featuring Chief of Police Kate Burkholder combines three amazing novellas for the first time together at a discounted price. Long Lost After closing a difficult case, Kate Burkholder and John Tomasetti look forward to some down time, but their relaxation is cut short by rumors that the old house where they're staying is haunted by a girl who disappeared twenty years earlier, leaving nothing behind but some bloody clothes by the river and rumors of a volatile relationship. Swept up in the girl's story, and a need for justice, Kate and John begin looking into the mysterious disappearance. A Hidden Secret When a baby—only hours old—is discovered on the Amish bishop's front porch in Painter's

Mill, Ohio, Chief of Police Kate Burkholder is called in to investigate. The newborn is swaddled in an Amish crib quilt, and the only other item found with the child is a hand-carved wood rattle, which Kate also recognizes as Amish. With the rattle and quilt as the only clues, Kate must call upon her own Amish roots, and with the help of state agent John Tomasetti, search the Amish and "English" communities of Painters Mill for clues to unravel the poignant, puzzling mystery. Seeds of Deception Readers get a glimpse into Chief of Police Kate Burkholder's past and her Amish roots: Fourteen year old Katie Burkholder has been tasked with picking apples in Zimmerman's Orchard with her best friend Mattie when a group of older "English" boys, known troublemakers, interrupt. Mattie, no stranger to trouble herself, disappears into the old barn with one of the boys, and moments after they both run out, the Zimmerman's barn is consumed by fire. Katie suspects the boy had something to do with the blaze, but he denies it. When the facts don't add up, Katie begins her own investigation—and she doesn't like what she finds. Will her friendship with Mattie survive the truth?

A debut thriller comparable to PJ Tracey

New York Times bestselling author Linda Castillo immerses readers in the world of the Amish in this chilling series that is equal parts fast-paced thriller and intriguing psychological puzzle. Sworn to Silence Sixteen years ago, a brutal serial killer left a trail of victims before vanishing into thin air. Now, he may have returned, and only one woman can stop him—but can she solve the case without revealing a terrible secret that links her to the original murders? Pray for Silence In the quiet town of Painters Mill an Amish family of seven has been found slaughtered on their farm. Police chief Kate Burkholder and her small force have few clues, no motive, and no suspect. Breaking Silence What appears to be a gruesome accident that left three people dead turns more sinister when evidence of foul play emerge. Together with agent John Tomasetti, Kate searches for answers and uncovers a dark secret at work beneath the placid surface of this idyllic Amish community.

A NATURAL DISASTER SHEDS SOME LIGHT ON A DECADES-OLD MURDER IN THE LATEST THRILLER FROM NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR LINDA CASTILLO. When a tornado tears through Painters Mill and unearths human remains, Chief of Police Kate Burkholder is tasked with the responsibility of identifying the bones and notifying the family. When evidence emerges that the death was no accident, Kate soon finds herself plunged into a thirty-year-old case that takes her deep into the Amish community to which she once belonged. "Remarkable. . . hidden family secrets and unlikely murderers turn the serene landscape into fertile ground for this chilling tale."—Publishers Weekly Meanwhile, turmoil strikes close to home as Kate's budding relationship with state agent John Tomasetti reaches the breaking point. Can they weather the storm that threatens to tear them apart? Under siege from an unknown assailant—and her own personal demons—Kate digs deep into the case only to discover proof of an unimaginable atrocity, a plethora of family secrets and the lengths to which people will go to protect their own. "castillo skillfully weaves the attitudes and habits of the Amish...[a] clear, dramatic portrait."—BBookpage

A Boston Globe Best Book of 2014 Everyone in Painters Mill knows the abandoned Hochstetler farm is haunted. But only a handful of the residents remember the terrible secrets lost in the muted/hushed whispers of time--and now death is stalking them, seemingly from the grave. On a late-night shift, Chief of Police Kate Burkholder is called to the scene of an apparent suicide--an old man found hanging from the rafters in his dilapidated barn. But evidence quickly points to murder and Kate finds herself chasing a singularly difficult and elusive trail of evidence that somehow points back to the tragedy of that long ago incident. Meanwhile, Kate has moved in with state agent John Tomasetti and for the first time in so long, they're both happy; a bliss quickly shattered when one of the men responsible for the murders of Tomasetti's family four years ago is found not guilty, and walks away a free man. Will Tomasetti be pulled back to his own haunted past? When a second man is found dead--also seemingly by his own hand--Kate discovers a link in the case that sends the investigation in a direction no one could imagine and revealing the horrifying truth of what really happened that terrible night thirty-five years ago, when an Amish father and his four children perished--and his young wife disappeared without a trace. And, as Kate knows--the past never truly dies . . . in The Dead Will Tell by Linda Castillo

Adoptee and successful entrepreneur Addison Fox unwittingly becomes the target of a killer out to extinguish her entire family when she initiates a search for her biological roots, and only burnt-out investigator Randall Talbot can save her life. Original.

While trying to prosecute a case that could make her career, assistant D.A. Kate Megason receives threatening messages regarding a brutal attack from the past that left her sister brain damaged, and turns to P.I. Frank Matrone to discover if this is the same madman or a new threat. Original.

Agent: Robert Davidson Mission: Pinpoint exact location of the missing agent in Rebelia. Deepest Secret: He's never recovered from the horror of watching the woman he loved die. Robert Davidson thought he could handle returning to Rebelia, the war-ravaged country that nearly cost him his life—and had cost him Lily Scott, the passionate journalist he'd fallen in love with. But nothing could have prepared him for the shock of finding Lily still alive—with a child. With Lily's and her son's life in danger, Robert must set aside his jealousy—and desire—in order to protect the only woman he's ever loved. But Lily has one more secret—which will change his life forever.

The New York Times bestselling series hailed as "gripping" (People magazine) and "compelling" (USA Today) returns with Police Chief Kate Burkholder called to the scene of a horrific tragedy on a peaceful Amish farm. The Slabaugh family are model Amish farmers, prosperous and hardworking, with four children and a happy extended family. When the parents and an uncle are found dead in their barn, it appears to be a gruesome accident: methane gas asphyxiation caused by a poorly ventilated cesspit. But in the course of a routine autopsy, the coroner discovers that one of the victims suffered a head wound before death--clearly, foul play was involved. But who would want to make orphans of the Slabaughs' children? And is this murder somehow related to a recent string of shocking hate crimes against the Amish? Having grown up Amish, Kate is determined to bring the killer to justice. Because the other series of attacks are designated hate crimes, the state sends in agent John Tomasetti, with whom Kate has a long and complex relationship. Together, they search for the link between the crimes--and uncover a dark secret at work beneath the placid surface of

this idyllic Amish community. Chock full of twists and chills and set against the unusual world of the Amish, this series "will delight fans of Chelsea Cain and Thomas Harris" (USA Today).

He was her only hope of making it through the night Chase Vickers never knew a day of fear. Then the blackout hit Boston and Lily Garrett, the woman he d loved and walked away from eight months ago, was in danger. He needed to find her but he didn't expect to find her pregnant! Lily had always hated Chase's dangerous life but, on the run in a dark city, he was her one chance for survival. This was one mission where he couldn't fail. Not when his baby's life was at stake Lights Out Dark city, passionate nights

In New York Times bestselling author Linda Castillo's new thriller, a rebellious Amish woman leaves the Plain life, but the secrets she takes with her will lead Chief of Police Kate Burkholder down a dark path to danger and death. When a young woman is found murdered in a Painters Mill motel, Chief of Police Kate Burkholder is shocked to discover she once knew the victim. Rachael Schwartz was a charming but troubled Amish girl who left the fold years ago and fled Painters Mill. Why was she back in town? And who would kill her so brutally? Kate remembers Rachael as the only girl who was as bad at being Amish as Kate was - and those parallels dog her. But the deeper Kate digs into Rachael Schwartz's life, the more she's convinced that Rachael's dubious reputation was deserved. As a child, Rachael was a rowdy rulebreaker whose decision to leave devastated her parents and best friend. As an adult, she was charismatic and beautiful, a rabble-rouser with a keen eye for opportunity no matter who got in her way. Her no-holds-barred lifestyle earned her a lot of love and enemies aplenty - both English and Amish. As the case heats to a fever pitch and long-buried secrets resurface, a killer haunts Painters Mill. Someone doesn't want Rachael's past - or the mysteries she took with her to the grave - coming to light. As Kate digs deeper, violence strikes again, this time hitting close to home. Will Kate uncover the truth and bring a murderer to justice? Or will a killer bent on protecting a terrible past, stop her once and for all - and let the fallen be forgotten?

When an Amish teenager disappears, it's only the beginning . . . 'Becca slogged through a deep drift and stumbled toward the front of the shanty. A padlock hung from the hasp, but it wasn't engaged. Shaking with cold, she shoved open the door. The interior was dark and hushed. The air smelled of kerosene and fish. Out of the wind, it was so quiet she could hear the ice creaking beneath her feet. Her breath puffing out in clouds of white vapour, she pulled out the candle and matches she'd brought from home and lit the wick. The light revealed a small interior with plywood walls and a shelf covered with fish blood and a smattering of silver scales. A lantern sat on the shelf. A coil of rope hung on the wall . . .'

Three teenagers have vanished from Ohio's Amish country. The only thing they have in common, other than their religion, is they are keen to leave the Plain Life. Chief of Police Kate Burkholder is called in to consult by Agent John Tomasetti as her Amish roots will be invaluable in an investigation involving this sectarian society. They travel to the small town of Monongahela Falls to investigate the latest disappearance - that of seventeen-year-old Annie King. The only evidence left behind is a satchel - and a pool of blood. The case moves closer to home for Kate when a young relative, Sadie Miller, vanishes. With her own past resonating, Kate delves into the lives of the missing teens. Soon, a sinister pattern emerges along with a vital clue that changes everything. While following up on a lead, Kate makes an appalling discovery and unearths a secret no one could have imagined--thrusting her into a fight to the death with a merciless killer.

Midnight Run by Linda Castillo released on Oct 24, 2003 is available now for purchase.

Marty Hogan was a good cop, until a shocking case sent her to the razor's edge... A sadistic killer pushed Chicago cop Marty Hogan past her limits—and it was all caught on video. She lost her job, her sense of self, her entire world...until an open detective position in small-town Texas gave her a chance at redemption. But she's about to learn that the past always catches up... Police Chief Clay Settlemyer knows all about mistakes and second chances—he's still earning his own, so he's willing to give Marty the opportunity to prove herself. But when her ex-partner is murdered, it looks like Chicago is coming to small-town Texas with a vengeance! "Castillo's novel resonates with its blend of stalking menace and rich characterization." —Romantic Times, 4 Stars "Linda Castillo writes with power, passion, and a voice you'll never forget!"—New York Times bestselling author Maggie Shayne "OVERKILL is another winner from Linda Castillo. Having a great conflict and creating great characters are just two of the reasons Linda Castillo is quickly becoming one of my go-to authors for romantic suspense. I can't wait to read more." —Romance Junkies "Ripped straight from the headlines and guaranteed to cause...There is a happy ending here, but Castillo makes them work for it. So when it comes, it's worth it." —Paperbackreader.com

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