

## **James Hadley Chase Complete Collection**

On a dark, sinister night, a woman is found wandering around Paris' 4th arrondissement suffering from amnesia. This appears at first to be a simple case of a missing person turned up - until the initials of the leading Chinese atomic scientist are found tattooed on her buttock. This is the beginning of a dramatic adventure into the world of international espionage and intrigue with a thrilling and breathtaking conclusion.

When Detective Tom Lepski shot down the runaway killer on his beat in Paradise City, he unleashed a chain of events that would involve two sets of criminals and a honeymoon couple in one of the most exciting nights any of them had seen for a long time. Wilbur Warrenton and his beautiful, grasping wife Maria are on their honeymoon in the luxurious Spanish Bay Hotel when their penthouse suite is the scene of a collision between a gang of jewel thieves intent on stealing the famous Warrenton diamonds and a gang of ransom-hungry Cubans - all determined to get exactly what they want - at any cost ...

When Dave Fenner is hired to solve the Blandish kidnapping, he knows the odds on finding the girl are against him - the cops are still looking for her three months after the ransom was paid. And the kidnapers, Riley and his gang, have disappeared into thin air. But what none of them knows is that Riley himself has been wiped out by a rival gang - and the heiress is now in the

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hands of Ma Grisson and her son Slim, a vicious killer who can't stay away from women, especially his beautiful new captive. By the time Fenner begins to close in on them, some terrible things have happened to Miss Blandish ...

Ex-army musketry trainer, Jay Benson and his wife Lucy's dream of running a shooting school turns sour as the school heads towards certain closure. They need money - quickly, and a lot of it. At the eleventh hour Augusto Savanto, head of a vast corporation in Venezuela, walks into their lives with a proposition they can scarcely refuse - he will pay them \$50,000 to turn his son into an expert marksman, in nine days. Desperate for money they accept the challenge but find themselves in a deadly game of ruthless vendettas and vengeful murder.

Flesh of the Orchid

Believe This . . . You'll Believe Anything

A Novel

You Have Yourself a Deal

**"This is a personal matter. Someone killed my brother. I don't like that. If the police can't take care of it, then I'll bury my own dead." Nick English meant every word, but his efforts to find his brother's killer started a chain reaction of murder and violence that would nearly end his own life. Here is a story of organized blackmail punctuated by sudden and gruesome murder. Written with the punch and speed of a rivet gun, I'll Bury**

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My Dead confirms James Hadley Chase's reputation as a leading writer of all-action, edge-of-your-seat thrillers that demand to be read in a single sitting. Farrell Brannigan, President of the National Californian Bank, is an extremely successful man. So when he builds another bank in an up-and-coming town on the Pacific coast, he is given worldwide publicity, and this new bank is hailed as the 'safest bank in the world'. But Brannigan's success comes at a price and he makes enemies on his way up the ladder. It seems one of them is now set on revenge and determined to destroy both the bank and Brannigan himself.

An old lady's will seems to be causing quite a stir. Suddenly everyone wants to get in on the action, everyone that is, including a master forger, a hospital nurse, a young delinquent, a bank executive and, to make matters worse, a professional killer. With such ingredients, a showdown seems inevitable and James Hadley Chase adds enough suspense to keep you guessing right up to the very last page.

Jerry Stevens, an out-of-work bit-part movie actor, is offered a job at a thousand dollars a day to impersonate John Merrill Ferguson, one of the richest and

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most powerful men in the world. Ferguson needs to finish a secret deal but hungry journalists are continually watching every move he makes. In order to complete it, Ferguson needs a 'stand-in'. For Stevens, the money is beyond his wildest dreams. But from the moment Steven's steps into Ferguson's shoes, he is thrown into a nightmare of intrigue, murder and stark terror.

Just a Matter of Time

You Can Say That Again

Just the Way It Is / Blonde's Requiem

Have This One on Me

Two early unabridged Chase thrillers from 1940. As Jarrolds, Chase's British publisher, says, "his breakneck stories, filled with wicked twists and turns, are a mystery reader's delight." Vintage gangster fiction at its best.

The Esmaldi necklace was worth about \$350,000: one hundred matched diamonds the size of garden peas, set in platinum. The sort of necklace people would murder for ... And Al Barney, beachcomber and layabout, knew its history - a tale of hate, jealousy and violence; of beautiful, wanton women and the most cunningly devised jewel robbery ever.

Not my thing is a powerful, compulsive novel of betrayal and death from James

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Hadley Chase, the master of mystery and adventure. Ruthless tycoon Sherman Jamison is determined to have an heir. He will let nothing stand in his way. Yet, not only is his wife unable to provide him with a child, but as a devout Catholic she will not consent to the divorce her husband so desperately wants. And so Jamison decides to get rid of her ... permanently.

Veda Rux, a beautiful blonde, known professionally as a stripper, steals a priceless Cellini dagger from the safe in millionaire Lindsay Brett's home. Her agent, Cornelius Gorman, approaches Floyd Jackson, a private investigator and first-rate blackmailer, and asks him to return the dagger before the theft is discovered. Jackson should have known there was something wrong with the whole situation, but, blinded by the beauty of Veda and more money than he had ever seen, he agreed to the proposition. From the moment he fell in love with Veda, his doom was sealed—he was caught up in a relentless intrigue that made him a cat's-paw for murder.

An Ear to the Ground

Cade

Believed Violent

A Can of Worms

**From the author of the twenty-five-million-copy**

**bestseller The Shack comes a captivating new novel destined to be one of the most talked-about books of the decade. Eve is a bold, unprecedented exploration of the Creation narrative, true to the original texts and centuries of scholarship—yet with breathtaking discoveries that challenge traditional beliefs about who we are and how we’re made. Eve opens a refreshing conversation about the equality of men and women within the context of our beginnings, helping us see each other as our Creator does—complete, unique, and not constrained by cultural rules or limitations. When a shipping container washes ashore on an island between our world and the next, John the Collector finds a young woman inside—broken, frozen, and barely alive. With the aid of Healers and Scholars, John oversees her recovery and soon discovers that her genetic code connects her to every known race. No one would guess what her survival will mean... No one but Eve, Mother of the Living, who calls her “daughter” and invites her to witness the truth about her own story—indeed, the truth about us all. As The Shack awakened readers to a personal, non-religious understanding of God, Eve will free us from faulty interpretations that have corrupted human relationships since the Garden of Eden. Thoroughly researched and exquisitely written, Eve is a masterpiece that will inspire readers for generations to come. Crazy millionaire Kester Weidmann believes money can buy everything - even life and death. So when his brother dies, Weidmann**

seeks the services of a voodoo expert to bring him back to life. He finds Rollo, a crooked nightclub owner who seizes the opportunity for the biggest con of the century. But Rollo had not reckoned for the involvement of Celie, his exotic mistress, and Butch, the nightclub's bouncer. And he had certainly not reckoned they would decide the Weidmann fortune was more important than his own neck....

**Tiger By The Tail** is the story of how Kenway Holland, a respectable married bank official, jeopardises his happiness and his future for one night of midsummer madness. The sudden temptation to hide the traces while his wife is away lands Holland up to his neck in a vortex of political intrigue and murder. Set against a background of gangster politicians, blackmailers, gunmen and hard-boiled characters, the action of this explosive thriller takes place over a period of only thirty hours. But what hours they are!

**James Hadley Chase (Rene Brabazon Raymond)** was born in London in 1906 and started his career as a bookseller. With the aid of a dictionary of American slang and reference books on the American underworld he wrote his first novel, **NO ORCHIDS FOR MISS BLANDISH**, over six weekends. The book achieved remarkable popularity and became one of the best-sold books of the decade. **FLESH OF THE ORCHID** is a wild, thrill-ride of a sequel to **NO ORCHIDS**. Taking up the story 22 years later, the central figure is once again a Blandish girl, but **Carol Blandish is not the helpless victim**

**that her mother was. Indeed, she is a volatile blend of simmering sexuality, strained innocence and hair-trigger cruelty. Her explosive outbursts of savage violence make her a force to be reckoned with. Escaping from a mental institute during a raging storm, and definitely off her meds, Carol Blandish is soon pursued by a seedy cast of characters who all want a piece of the Blandish fortune. The novel bristles with crazy plot twists, edge-of-the-seat suspense and intriguing low-life's who mix it up for an immensely enjoyable read.**

**Come Easy - Go Easy**

**The World in My Pocket**

**Meet Mark Girland**

**Tiger by the Tail**

*International jewel thief, Paul Hater, knows a secret that everyone wants to know - and will go to any lengths to uncover. How long can he remain silent? When Hater is arrested in possession of a stolen necklace, the police use every possible means to persuade him to reveal the location of the rest of the collection. He remains silent and so begins his twenty-year prison sentence. Having exhausted all their leads, the International Detective Agency, acting on behalf of the insurers, must patiently await Hater's release before they can hope to find out more. But just as his day of release approaches, Hater is kidnapped by a ruthless international gang determined to force the secret from him and prepared to go to any lengths to do so....*

*You Never Know With Women* Harlequin

*Successful dramatist Victor Dermott rents an isolated ranch-house in the Nevada Desert. For two months all is ideal, then one bright summer morning he wakes to find his dog, his guns, his*



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*servant vanished - and the telephone dead. The terror has begun ... 'Agonising tension sustained throughout a first-rate story'*  
*Evening Standard*

*Johnny Bianda is a man with a dream. He wants to own a boat off the coast of Florida and he only needs \$186,000 to buy it. He steals the money from his firm, knowing that one day they'll notice and one day they'll kill him for it - after all, it is the Mafia. But for Johnny Bianda, the risk is worth taking and he knows it will be at least a year before they catch up with him.... Unfortunately for Bianda, the knock on his door comes sooner than he thinks.*

*Like a Hole in the Head*

*Have a Change of Scene*

*More Deadly Than the Male*

*One Bright Summer Morning*

**A man will do almost anything when a rich and beautiful woman offers him fifty thousand dollars just to make a telephone call. But when that telephone call is part of a fake kidnap plan to extract five hundred thousand dollars from one of the richest men in the world, only a sucker would gamble on the deal paying off in his favour. Harry Barber is a sucker. After three and a half years in jail for a crime he didn't commit, with no job and no money, he is the perfect target of a brilliant plan to frame him for the brutal murder of a young girl.**

**When Chet Carson broke jail he thought he'd found a safe hideout in a lonely filling station. But instead he finds himself caught up in a dangerous threesome - an elderly owner, his gorgeous wife, Lola, and a safe with a fortune inside, which Lola wants. Her chance comes when she uncovers Chet's identity and threatens him with jail unless**

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**he opens the safe. Chet is in dead trouble. If he lands in prison again he'll be crucified, but if he opens the safe Lola will pin the rap on him anyway. Somehow there has to be a third way ...**

**When Claude Kendrick, owner of a shadily run art gallery in Paradise City, is approached by Ed Haddon, the King of art thieves, to find a buyer for a priceless icon of Catherine the Great, he believes his dreams have come true. Herman Radnitz, a multimillionaire, is the man prepared to pay six million dollars for the stolen art, but there's a catch: Radnitz wanted the icon delivered to Zurich as part of the deal. To his joy, Kendrick learns of a couple travelling to Europe. All he has to do is make sure the icon is planted on them unawares. But he's picked the wrong couple ...**

**The Russians will pay \$4,000,000 for the top secret formula to a revolutionary new metal ...and the CIA will do anything to stop them. American inventor Dr Paul Forrester is the man that both sides want. He alone can decipher the vital code but, for two years, Forrester has been in a mental asylum - ever since that bloody day when he walked in on his beautiful wife and her lover. So it's Nona Jacey, Forrester's former lab assistant, who becomes a helpless pawn in the power struggle to possess the scientist. Because she is the only person that holds the key to unlocking Forrester's mind ...**

**Just Another Sucker**

**My Laugh Comes Last**

**You Never Know With Women**

**Not My Thing**

***George Fraser is a lonely man, and a bored man. But he has exciting dreams. In his***

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*dreams, he lives in a thrilling world of gangsters, guns, fast cars and beautiful women. And of course, in his dreams, he is the toughest gangster of them all. George Fraser prefers his dream world to his real, ordinary life so he begins to boast about it, pretending that he is, in fact, a hardened and ruthless gangster. But George Fraser boasts to the wrong people and suddenly his dream world becomes all too real.*

*Two hardboiled 1940s novels which have never been previously published in U.S. paperback. In No Business of Mine, an American newspaperman tries to solve a London mystery involving the apparent suicide of his wartime lover. In Miss Shumway Waves a Wand, Chase creates a wild mixture of wisecracking humor and Mexican magic.*

*Eve: mysterious, tantalizing, alluring, wanton. Deep within this desirable but strange girl burns the violent fire that could destroy a man. Clive Thurston had swindled his way to fame. He thought he knew the ropes and women. Maybe he did. But he didn't know Eve, otherwise he'd have realized that he was just another fly stumbling into the deadly web of a woman who was beautiful to look at, but lethal to love.*

*Lucille Aitkin was the kind of woman who encouraged men to run around after her and most men were more than happy to do so - so why did she suddenly want to learn to drive rather than being chauffer-driven in style? And why was Chester Scott's Cadillac covered*

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*with bloodstains on the wrong side? And at the same time, why was patrol officer O'Brien run over on a deserted beach road when he should have been on duty on the highway? It seems that somebody knows how these events are connected, and whoever it is seems intent on blackmail.*

*The Fast Buck*

*Eve*

*I'll Bury My Dead*

*No Business of Mine / Miss Shumway Waves a Wand*

*Clay Burden married his wife Rhonda because he was tired of being on his own. Val had walked out on him - and if he couldn't have Val, maybe marriage might make him forget her. Six years later, working in Paradise City, Clay meets Val again. Married to the sinister Henry Vidal, she's changed: still beautiful and passionate, still compelling, but tense and nervous and driven by odd fears and anxieties. When Clay leaves his job and joins the Vidal empire, what begins as a sneaking feeling of unease hardens into stone cold certainty. Val must be released from the hypnotic influence exerted over her by her husband - even if Clay has to murder to set her free ...*

*Harry Griffin, ace pilot, is kicked out of a job and is destitute. In desperation, he cooks up a plan to hijack a plane mid-flight, and steal three million dollars in diamonds. But when Harry's lover, Glorie, tries to save him from the inevitable consequences, they*

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*end up in a world of thugs, gangsters and murder.*

*This is the job they have all been waiting for. The job that will set them up for life. A million dollars split five ways, who wouldn't be interested? The only catch is that it's the very definition of impossible...or is it? Armed with a brilliant plan, the four men and one woman think they can crack it. But as tensions in the group begin to mount and things start to go wrong, the million dollars feels more out of reach than ever. Even though it is right with them...*

*Somebody is blackmailing Mrs Thorsen's daughter and Mrs Thorsen wants it to stop. She approaches the Acme Detective Agency and enlists the help of Dirk Wallace. But Wallace soon learns that he is way out of his depth and must go it alone if he has any chance to succeed - after all, he is taking on the Mafia....*

*Try This One for Size*

*You've Got It Coming*

*Hit Them Where It Hurts*

*There'S Always A Price Tag*

*Mystery. Set against the City of Prague and Iron Curtain days, the chequered career of Mark Girland, layabout Secret Agent whose weaknesses are money and women.*

*Larry Carr is a diamond expert in need of a break. So when his psychiatrist suggests he has a change of scene, he jumps at the opportunity to*

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*move to Luceville, a struggling industrial town, and become a social worker. This, he thinks, will give him all the rest he needs. But soon he runs into Rhea Morgan, a ruthless, vicious thief who also happens to be extremely attractive. He falls headlong into the criminal world and embarks upon a thrilling, rapid and dastardly adventure ... A tale of addiction and obsession, and the dangers of both. Cade was at the top of his game. He was a photographer wanted by everyone. And then, on a beach in Acapulco, he meets Juana Roca. Despite warnings that she is a danger to men, he proceeds to fall in love. From here things begin to spiral downwards as she saps the will out of him, drink begins to take hold and suddenly the money and the work are no longer there. Private detective Bart Anderson is hired by Russ Hamel, a millionaire author, to shadow his beautiful wife, Nancy. For Hamel has been receiving poison pen letters claiming that his wife has been having an affair. But as Bart's investigation progresses, he discovers that he has opened up a can of worms - for Nancy is not the faithful wife her husband assumes ... 'The thriller maestro of the generation' Manchester Evening News*

*Have a Nice Night*

*Hit and Run*

*No Orchids for Miss Blandish*