

***QUARRY* COMING TO TELEVISION – AND RETURNING TO BOOKSTORES!**

Hard Case Crime to Publish Max Allan Collins' Original
QUARRY Novels in Advance of Debut of New Cinemax TV
Series

New York, NY; London, UK (April 21, 2015 – A new Cinemax drama series based on Max Allan Collins' popular novels about a Marine who returns home after serving in Vietnam and gets drawn into a network of killing and corruption began production last month in New Orleans and Tennessee, the cable network announced. In advance of the show's debut, Hard Case Crime, the award-winning line of pulp-styled crime novels from editor Charles Ardai and publisher Titan Books, will publish brand new editions of Collins' five original *Quarry* novels – the first editions to appear in stores in almost 30 years. The five books – *Quarry*, *Quarry's List*, *Quarry's Deal*, *Quarry's Cut*, and *Quarry's Vote* – will all feature cover paintings by legendary illustrator Robert McGinnis.

Hard Case Crime has been publishing new books in the *Quarry* series since 2006, when *Road to Perdition* author Collins revived the series after a two-decade hiatus with *The Last Quarry*. Five more novels have followed, including *The First Quarry*, *Quarry in the Middle*, *Quarry's Ex*, *The Wrong Quarry*, and this year's *Quarry's Choice*. However, the first five *Quarry* novels, originally published between 1976 and 1987, have been available only in ebook and print-on-demand editions.

Editor Ardai worked closely with Collins to restore the text of the original published versions of the five books, correcting decades-old errors and restoring missing text, making the Hard Case Crime editions definitive.

“*Quarry* is our most popular series character,” said Ardai, “and when

the TV series starts airing, millions more people will discover him. We're thrilled to give them the ability to find all the Quarry novels under one roof, in gorgeous Hard Case Crime editions, and to enable fans of the show to discover more about their new favorite professional killer."

Max Allan Collins commented, "I created Quarry in 1971 at the Writers Workshop in Iowa City, where I was swimming against the tide writing noir fiction. The golden age of paperback suspense was winding down, even as Vietnam was refusing to. That the art of Robert McGinnis, who painted the covers of Mickey Spillane novels and James Bond movie posters, might ever grace a book of mine seemed a dream impossible to come true. What a thrill to be wrong."

About Hard Case Crime

Called "the best new American publisher to appear in the last decade" by Neal Pollack in *The Stranger*, Hard Case Crime has been nominated for and/or won numerous honors since its inception including the Edgar, the Shamus, the Anthony, the Barry, the Spinetinger, and the Ellery Queen Award. The series' books have been adapted for film and television, including the TV series *Haven*, which will shortly complete its fifth season on SyFy. Recent Hard Case Crime titles include James M. Cain's never-before-published final novel, *The Cocktail Waitress*; eight novels written by Michael Crichton under the pseudonym "John Lange"; *Thieves Fall Out*, a lost novel by Gore Vidal; and *Brainquake*, the final novel of writer/filmmaker Samuel Fuller. Hard Case Crime is published through a collaboration between Winterfall LLC and Titan Publishing Group. www.hardcasecrime.com

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primarily in the areas of science fiction, fantasy, horror, steampunk and crime. Recent crime and thriller acquisitions include Mickey Spillane and Max Allan Collins' all-new Mike Hammer novels, the Matt Helm series by Donald Hamilton, and the entire backlist of the Queen of Spy Writers, Helen MacInnes. Titan Books also has an extensive line of media- and pop culture-related non-fiction, graphic novels, and art and music books. The company is based at offices in London, but operates worldwide, with sales and distribution in the U.S. and Canada being handled by Random House. www.titanbooks.com