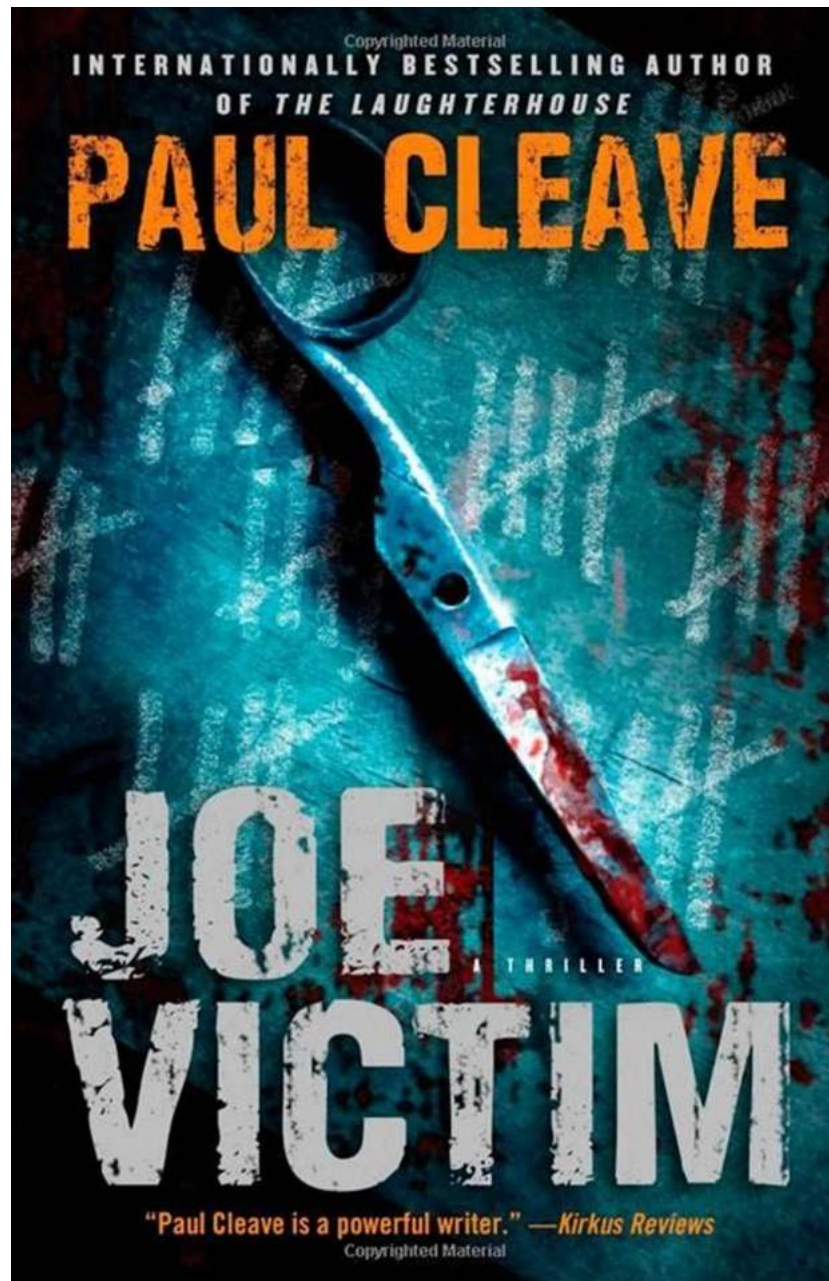


## Joe Victim: A Thriller Set in Christchurch - A Dark Tale of Crime and Noir



Welcome to the dark underbelly of Christchurch, where the shadows hold secrets, and danger lurks around every corner. In the gripping thriller, **Joe Victim**, readers are transported into a world of crime, mystery, and noir that will keep them on the edge of their seats.

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## A Complex Protagonist: Joe Victim

Meet Joe Victim, a strong-willed and mysterious character at the heart of this thrilling story. Joe is a man haunted by his past, and as the narrative progresses, layers of his identity are peeled away, revealing a complex and deeply flawed individual. As the reader delves deeper into Joe's journey, they will find themselves questioning his choices and motives, making for a more immersive and thought-provoking reading experience.

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## **In**

In **Joe Victim**, readers will find themselves entangled in a thrilling web of crime, mystery, and noir. From the atmospheric setting of Christchurch to the complex protagonist, this novel offers a captivating reading experience that will stay with you long after you turn the final page. So, prepare yourself for a dark journey into the heart of crime and immerse yourself in the captivating world of **Joe Victim**.



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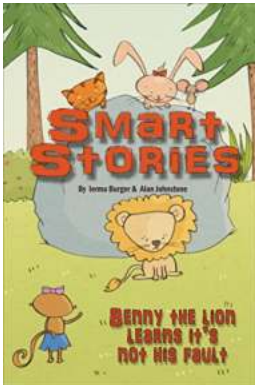
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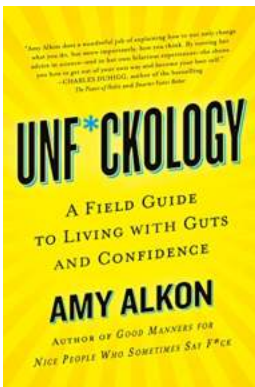
But others know Joe as the infamous Christchurch Carver and they want to see him dead. There's Melissa, Joe's accomplice in one of the murders, who plans on shooting him on his way to the courthouse before he gets a chance to start talking. Then there's Raphael, whose daughter was one of the Carver's victims. Though he's tried to move on with life as the leader of a counseling group for grieving family members, he'd like nothing more than to watch Joe pay. Finally there's Carl Schroder, the ex-detective who locked Joe up and is determined to put things right for the case of his career.

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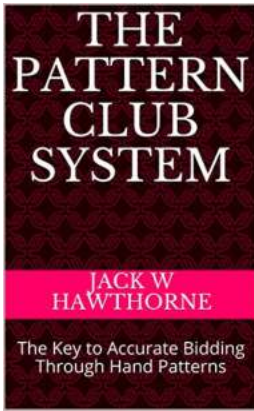
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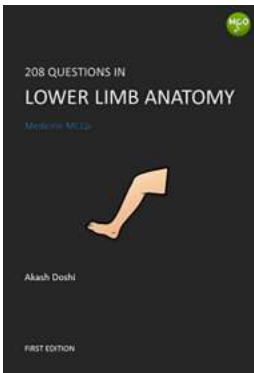
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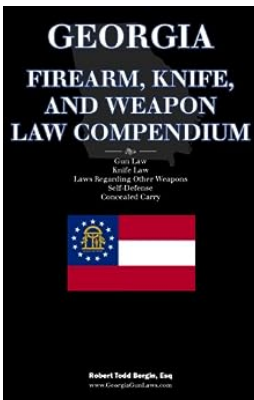
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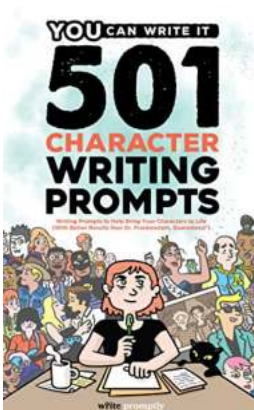
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