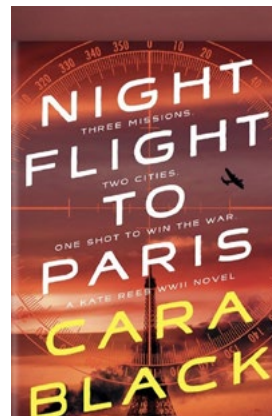




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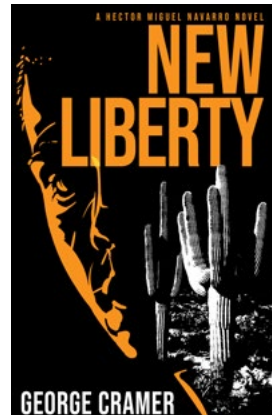
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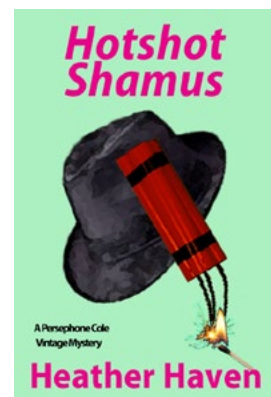




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*A Place of Fog and Murder* is her Noir-Punk mystery, bringing a fantasy sci-fi 1930s San Francisco to life with her tough-as-nails femme-fatale-detective, Lou Tanner P.I.

Her newest novel, *The Skin Thief*, is set in the Four Corners region of Colorado, not too far from where she grew up.

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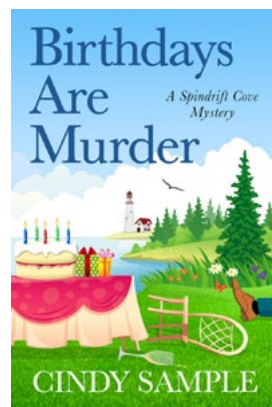
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