

# Max Allan Collins

**Max Allan Collins** (born March 3, 1948) is an American mystery writer, noted for his graphic novels. His work has been published in several formats and his *Road to Perdition* series was the basis for a film of the same name. He wrote the *Dick Tracy* newspaper strip for many years and has produced numerous novels featuring the character as well.

## Biography

### Writing career

Collins has written novels, screenplays, comic books, comic strips, trading cards, short stories, movie novelizations and historical fiction. He wrote the graphic novel *Road to Perdition* (which was developed into a film in 2002), created the comic book private eye *Ms. Tree*,<sup>[1]</sup> and took over writing the *Dick Tracy* comic strip from creator Chester Gould.<sup>[2]</sup> Collins briefly wrote the *Batman* comic book in 1987 and crafted a new origin for the Jason Todd character.<sup>[3]</sup> Collins and artist Terry Beatty created *Wild Dog* at DC that same year in a self-titled limited series. The character later appeared as a feature in the *Action Comics Weekly* anthology.<sup>[4]</sup> As of 2016, *Wild Dog* became a recurring character in the Arrow television series and is portrayed by actor Rick Gonzalez.<sup>[5]</sup>

Another Collins contribution to the *Batman* franchise was scripting the English-language translation of *Batman: Child of Dreams* in 2003.<sup>[6]</sup> He wrote books to expand on the *Dark Angel* TV series. He has written books and comics based on the TV series franchise *CSI*. In 2006 he wrote *Buried Deep* (also released as "Bones Buried Deep"), based on the TV series *Bones*.<sup>[7]</sup>

He has written two sequel novels to *Road to Perdition*: *Road to Purgatory* and *Road to Paradise*. He wrote three more graphic novels starring the characters from *Road to Perdition*. These graphic novels, called collectively *On the Road to Perdition*, form the basis of the film.<sup>[8]</sup>

He co-founded the International Association of Media Tie-in Writers with Lee Goldberg.<sup>[9]</sup> The IAMTW is an organization for writers of tie-ins and novelizations.<sup>[10]</sup>

Collins studied in the Iowa Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa.<sup>[11]</sup>

### Max Allan Collins



Max Allan Collins early in his career (1982)

<b>Born</b>	March 3, 1948 <div>Muscataine, Iowa, U.S.</div>
<b>Pen name</b>	Barbara Allan, Patrick Culhane
<b>Genre</b>	Mystery in the following media: <u>novels</u> , <u>screenplays</u> , <u>comic books</u> , <u>comic strips</u> , <u>short stories</u> , and <u>historical fiction</u> .
<b>Notable works</b>	<i>Road to Perdition</i>
<b>Notable awards</b>	<u>Inkpot Award</u> 1982 <u>Shamus Award</u> 1984 and 1992
<b>Spouse</b>	Barbara Collins
<b>Children</b>	1
<b>Website</b>	
<u>maxallancollins.com</u> ( <u>http://maxallancollins.com</u> )	

Collins is a fan of the mystery writer Mickey Spillane from childhood and later became close friends with him. The two collaborated on a comic book series in the 1990s called *Mike Danger*. Upon Spillane's death in 2006, Collins was entrusted to finish various uncompleted works by Spillane including *Dead Street*, *The Big Showdown*, and an ongoing series of Mike Hammer novel completions, beginning with *The Goliath Bone* in 2008. To date, Collins has completed thirteen Spillane Hammer novels, with the most recent being *Kill Me If You Can*, published in 2022.<sup>[12]</sup>

In 2021, he and Canadian actor/writer Dave Thomas teamed to write the sci-fi mystery novel *The Many Lives of Jimmy Leighton*.<sup>[13]</sup>

## Movies and music

In addition to his work as a writer, Collins has written and directed four movies: *Mommy*, *Mommy 2: Mommy's Day*, *Real Time: Siege at Lucas Street Market*, and *Eliot Ness: An Untouchable Life* (based on his Edgar Award-nominated play).<sup>[7]</sup> All four were produced independently on location in Collins' hometown of Muscatine, Iowa. The first three are available on DVD—separately or in the *Black Box* set—from Troma Team Video, and the Ness film is distributed by VCI Entertainment. The DVD release of *Real Time: Siege at Lucas Street Market* being notable for being one of the first films to take advantage of the multi-angle feature on DVD players, thus giving viewers the opportunity to watch the story unfold from different viewpoints.

Collins has written and performed music with his rock band, *Crusin'*.<sup>[14]</sup>

## Political views

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Collins is a Democrat, describing his political views thus: "I think of myself as slightly left of center, but my father thought of himself as slightly right of center, when he was slightly right of Genghis Khan. So who knows? I do know that I veer left when the right is getting out of hand, which they frequently do."<sup>[15]</sup>

## Personal life

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Collins and his wife, Barbara, have a son, Nathan.<sup>[7]</sup>

In 2008, the band he started in 1966 in Muscatine, Iowa—the Daybreakers—was inducted into the Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.<sup>[16][17]</sup> Ten years later, in 2018, Collins was again inducted into the Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame as a member of the band *Cruisin'*.<sup>[18][19]</sup>

## Awards

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Collins received an Inkpot Award in 1982.<sup>[20]</sup> He won the Shamus Award in 1984 and 1992.<sup>[21]</sup>

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### Quarry series

This series features a former U.S. Marine sniper turned professional assassin after returning from the Vietnam War in 1973.

- *Quarry* (a.k.a. *The Broker*) (1976)
- *Quarry's List* (a.k.a. *The Broker's Wife*) (1976)
- *Quarry's Deal* (a.k.a. *The Dealer*) (1976)
- *Quarry's Cut* (a.k.a. *The Slasher*) (1977)
- *Quarry's Vote* (a.k.a. *Primary Target*) (1987)
- *Quarry's Greatest Hits* (contains 'Primary Target' and a short story) (2003)
- *The Last Quarry* (2006)
- *The First Quarry* (2008)
- *Quarry In The Middle* (2009)
- *Quarry's Ex* (2010)
- *The Wrong Quarry* (2014)
- *Quarry's Choice* (2015)
- *Quarry In The Black* (2016)
- *Quarry's Climax* (2017)
- *Killing Quarry* (2019)
- *Quarry's Blood* (2022)



Collins with Leslie Nielsen in 1982

Cinemax created a TV adaptation of *Quarry*. Written by Michael D. Fuller and Graham Gordy based loosely on the book series, the project centers on a Marine marksman who, upon returning home from Vietnam in 1972, finds himself shunned by those he loves and demonized by the public. The disillusioned vet is quickly recruited into a network of contract killers and corruption spanning the Mississippi River.<sup>[22][23]</sup> The show was cancelled in May 2017.<sup>[24]</sup>

## ***Nolan series***

This series features a professional thief, similar to and apparently inspired by Richard Stark's "Parker" character, who operates in the Midwest.

- *Bait Money* (1981)
- *Blood Money* (1981)
- *Fly Paper* (1981)
- *Hush Money* (1981)
- *Hard Cash* (1981)
- *Scratch Fever* (1982)
- *Spree* (1987)
- *Mourn the Living* (1999) Collins's first written novel, but not published until 1999)
- *Two for the Money* (omnibus reprint of the first two books *Bait Money* and *Blood Money*) (2004)
- *Skim Deep* (2020)
- *Double Down* (omnibus reprint of the third and fourth books *Fly Paper* and *Hush Money*) (2021)
- *Tough Tender* (omnibus reprint of the fifth and sixth books *Hard Cash* and *Scratch Fever*) (2022)

- *Mad Money* (omnibus reprint of the seventh and eighth books *Spree* and *Mourn the Living*) (2023)

## Mallory series

The Mallory series is about a mystery writer in Iowa who solves crimes.

- *The Baby Blue Rip-Off* (1983)
- *No Cure for Death* (1983)
- *Kill Your Darlings* (1984)
- *A Shroud for Aquarius* (1985)
- *Nice Weekend for a Murder* (1986)

## Nathan Heller series

Collins' longest running series and arguably his best known work is his Nathan Heller series. Heller is a Chicago private investigator who gets involved in famous crimes and meets famous people of the 1930s and 1940s, including Orson Welles, Frank Nitti, and Sally Rand. The first novel in this historical fiction series, *True Detective*, won the 1984 Shamus Award for Best P.I. Hardcover from the Private Eye Writers of America. Collins won his second Shamus in 1992 for the Heller novel *Stolen Away*,<sup>[21]</sup> an account of the Lindbergh kidnapping. His 1999 novel *Flying Blind* sees Heller investigate the disappearance of Amelia Earhart, along the way becoming romantically involved with her. With the release of *Chicago Confidential*, Collins moved the action into the 1950s. *Target Lancer*, about an alleged attempt to assassinate John F. Kennedy in Chicago just weeks before the actual assassination in Dallas, was published in November 2012.

- *True Detective* (November 1983)
- *True Crime* (December 1984)
- *The Million-Dollar Wound* (February 1986)
- *Neon Mirage* (February 1988)
- *Stolen Away* (May 1991)
- *Dying in the Post-War World* (October 1991) – Novella
- *Carnal Hours* (April 1994) (about Harry Oakes' murder)
- *Blood and Thunder* (August 1995) (about Huey Long's assassination)
- *Damned in Paradise* (October 1996)
- *Flying Blind* (August 1998)
- *Majic Man* (September 1999)
- *Angel in Black* (March 2001)
- *Kisses of Death: A Nathan Heller Casebook* (Crippen & Landru, June 2001) – Short story collection
- *Chicago Confidential* (June 2002)
- *Bye Bye, Baby* (August 2011)
- *Chicago Lightning: The Collected Nathan Heller Short Stories* (October 2011)
- *Triple Play: A Nathan Heller Casebook* (April 2012) – Includes "Dying in the Post-War World", "Kisses of Death", and "Strike Zone"
- *Target Lancer* (November 2012)
- *Ask Not* (2013)
- *Better Dead* (2016)

- *Do No Harm* (2020)
- *The Big Bundle* (January 2023)
- *Too Many Bullets* (October 2023)

## Eliot Ness series

This series of novels is about real life Untouchable Eliot Ness's career as Director of Public Safety in Cleveland.

- *The Dark City* (1987)
- *Butcher's Dozen* (1988)
- *Bullet Proof* (1989)
- *Murder by the Numbers* (1993)
- *An Eliot Ness Mystery Omnibus* (2020) - contains all four novels in one volume
- *Eliot Ness and the Mad Butcher: Hunting America's Deadliest Unidentified Serial Killer at the Dawn of Modern Criminology* (2020) - co-written with A. Brad Schwartz
- *Scarface and the Untouchable: Al Capone, Eliot Ness, and the Battle for Chicago* (2020) - co-written with A. Brad Schwartz

## Dick Tracy series

- *Dick Tracy* (May 1990), film novelization
- *Dick Tracy: The Secret Files* (June 1990), Editor (with Martin H. Greenberg), also contains short story *Not a Creature Was Stirring*
- *Dick Tracy and the Nightmare Machine* with Dick Locher (January 1991) – comic strip collection
- *Dick Tracy Goes to War* (February 1991) – novel
- *Dick Tracy Meets His Match* (February 1992) – novel
- *Dick Tracy: The Collins Casefiles Volume 1* (October 2003) – comic strip collection
- *Dick Tracy: The Collins Casefiles Volume 2* (October 2004) – comic strip collection
- *Dick Tracy: The Collins Casefiles Volume 3* (January 2005)- comic strip collection

## Novelizations

- *In the Line of Fire* (1993)
- *Maverick* (1994)
- *I Love Trouble* (1994)
- *Waterworld* (1995)
- *Air Force One* (1997)
- *U.S. Marshals* (1998)
- *Saving Private Ryan* (August, 1998)
- *The Mummy* (May 1999)
- *U-571* (2000)
- *The Mummy Returns* (2001)
- *The Scorpion King* (2002)
- *Windtalkers* (April, 2002)

- *I-Spy* (October 2002)
- *The Pink Panther* (July 2005)
- *American Gangster* (2007)
- *The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor* (July 2008)
- *The X-Files: I Want to Believe* (July 2008)
- *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra* (2009)
- *G.I. Joe: Above and Beyond* (2009)

## Road to Perdition series

Title	Author	Release Date
<i>Road to Perdition</i>	Max Allan Collins with <u>Richard Piers Rayner</u>	June 1998
<i>Road to Perdition</i> Movie tie-in novel	Max Allan Collins	June 2002
<i>On the Road to Perdition Book 1: Oasis</i>	Max Allan Collins with <u>José Luis García-López</u> and <u>Josef Rubinstein</u>	May 2003
<i>On the Road to Perdition Book 2: Sanctuary</i>	Max Allan Collins with José Luis García-López and <u>Steve Lieber</u>	December 2003
<i>On the Road to Perdition Book 3: Detour</i>	Max Allan Collins with José Luis García-López and Steve Lieber	July 2004
<i>Road to Perdition: On the Road</i> (*)	Max Allan Collins with José Luis García-López and Josef Rubinstein/Steve Lieber	December 2004
<i>Road to Purgatory</i>	Max Allan Collins	December 2004
<i>Road to Paradise</i>	Max Allan Collins	December 2005
<i>Return to Perdition</i>	Max Allan Collins	August 2011 <sup>[25]</sup>
<i>Road to Perdition: The New Expanded Edition</i> (Novel)	Max Allan Collins	November 2016 <sup>[26]</sup>

(\*) Note: *Road to Perdition: On the Road*, is a single-volume collection of *On the Road to Perdition* Books 1–3.

## Disaster series

- *The Titanic Murders* (April 1999)
- *The Hindenburg Murders* (June 2000)
- *The Pearl Harbor Murders* (May 2001)
- *The Lusitania Murders* (November 2002)
- *The London Blitz Murders* (May 2004)

- *The War of the Worlds Murder* (July 2005)

## **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation novels**

Title	Author	Release Date
<i>Double Dealer</i>	Max Allan Collins	November 2001
<i>Sin City</i>	Max Allan Collins	October 2002
<i>Cold Burn</i>	Max Allan Collins	April 2003
<i>Body of Evidence</i>	Max Allan Collins	November 2003
<i>Grave Matters</i>	Max Allan Collins	October 2004
<i>Binding Ties</i>	Max Allan Collins	April 2005
<i>Killing Game</i>	Max Allan Collins	November 2005
<i>Snake Eyes</i>	Max Allan Collins	September 2006
<i>Mortal Wounds</i> *	Max Allan Collins	October 2006

- Note: *Mortal Wounds*, is a trade paperback omnibus which collects *Double Dealer*, *Sin City*, and *Cold Burn* into a single volume.

## **CSI: Miami novels**

Title	Author	Release Date
<i>Florida Getaway</i>	Max Allan Collins	August 1, 2003
<i>Heat Wave</i>	Max Allan Collins	July 5, 2004
<i>Exotic Racing Bombers Of Death</i>	Max Allan Collins	June 19, 2003

## **Criminal Minds novels**

Title	Author	Release Date
<i>Jump Cut</i>	Max Allan Collins	November 6, 2007
<i>Killer Profile</i>	Max Allan Collins	May 6, 2008
<i>Finishing School</i>	Max Allan Collins	November 4, 2008

## **Jack & Maggie Starr series**

A mystery series set in and around the American comic book industry during the tail end of the Golden Age of Comic Books

- *A Killing in Comics* (May 2007) – A murder mystery set around a fictionalized version of the Superman ownership dispute
- *Strip for Murder* (May 2008) – A fictionalized version of the Al Capp/Ham Fisher feud and Fisher's suicide

- *Seduction of the Innocent* (June 2013) – A murder mystery set around a fictionalized version of Frederic Wertham's crusade against comic books

## J.C. Harrow Series

- *You Can't Stop Me* (2010)
- *No One Will Hear You* (2011)

## Other television novels

- *NYPD Blue: Blue Beginning* (1995)
- *NYPD Blue: Blue Blood* (1997)
- *Dark Angel: Before the Dawn* (2002)
- *Dark Angel: Skin Game* (2003)
- *Dark Angel: After the Dark* (2003)
- *Bones: Buried Deep* (2006)

## With Mickey Spillane

- *Dead Street* (2007)
- *The Goliath Bone* (2008) - Mike Hammer
- "The Big Switch" - (2009) - Mike Hammer short story
- *The Big Bang* (2010) - Mike Hammer
- "A Long Time Dead" (2010) - Mike Hammer short story
- "Grave Matter" (2010) - Mike Hammer short story in *Crimes by Moonlight*
- *Kiss Her Goodbye* (2011) - Mike Hammer
- *The Consummata* (2011)
- *Lady, Go Die!* (2012) - Mike Hammer
- "Skin" (2012) - Mike Hammer e-book short story
- *Complex 90* (2013) - Mike Hammer
- "So Long, Chief" (2013) - Mike Hammer short story
- *King of the Weeds* (2014) - Mike Hammer
- "It's in the Book" (2014) - Mike Hammer e-book short story
- *Kill Me, Darling* (2015) - Mike Hammer
- "Fallout" (2015) - Mike Hammer short story
- *The Legend of Caleb York* (2015)
- *Murder Never Knocks* (2016) - Mike Hammer
- "A Dangerous Cat" (2016) - Mike Hammer short story
- *The Big Showdown* (2016) - A Caleb York story
- *A Long Time Dead: A Mike Hammer Casebook* (2016) - reprints Mike Hammer short stories and e-book short stories
- *The Will to Kill* (2017) - Mike Hammer
- *The Bloody Spur* (2018) - A Caleb York story
- *Killing Town* (2018) - Mike Hammer
- *Murder, My Love* (2019) - Mike Hammer



- *The Last Stage to Hell Junction* (2019) - A Caleb York story
- *Hot Lead, Cold Justice* (2020) - A Caleb York story
- *Masquerade for Murder* (2020) - Mike Hammer
- *Shoot-Out at Sugar Creek* (2021) - A Caleb York story
- *Kill Me If You Can* (2022) - Mike Hammer

## **Writing as Barbara Allan (with wife Barbara Collins): Trash 'n' Treasure series**

- *Antiques Roadkill* (August 2006)
- *Antiques Maul* (August 2007)
- *Antiques Flee Market* (September 2008)
- *Antiques Bizarre* (March 2010)
- *Antiques Knock-Off* (March 2011)
- *Antiques Disposal* (May 2012)
- *Antiques Chop* (May 2013)
- *Antiques Con* (May 2014)
- *Antiques Swap* (May 2015)
- *Antiques Fate* (May 2016)

## **Other Barbara Allan books**

- *Regeneration* (1999)
- *Murder: His and Hers* (2001)
- *Bombshell* (2004)

## **Writing as Patrick Culhane**

- *Black Hats* (April 2007) – A novel featuring Wyatt Earp and Al Capone in 1920s New York
- *Red Sky in Morning* (August 2008) – A historic mystery set in San Francisco during World War II, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

## **Miscellaneous**

- *Midnight Haul* (1986)
- *Mommy* (1997)
- *Mommy's Day* (1998)
- *Protect and Defend* (1992)
- *Blue Christmas and other Holiday Homicides* (2001) - short story collection
- *Tales of the Slayer* (2002) - co-author, short story collection
- *My Lolita Complex* (2006) - short story collection
- *Deadly Beloved - A Ms. Tree Novel* (See Comics Section) (2007)
- *What Doesn't Kill Her* (2013)
- *Early Crimes* (2013)
- *Supreme Justice* (2014)

- *Fate of the Union* (2015)
- *Murderlized* (2020) with Matthew V. Clemens, 11 short stories
- *Shoot the Moon (and More)* (2021) unpublished crime novel (written in 1974) and two short stories
- *Reincarnal & Other Dark Tales* (2021) short stories
- *The Many Lives of Jimmy Leighton* (2021) with [Dave Thomas](#)

## Comics

### Aardvark-Vanaheim

- *A-V in 3-D* #1 (1984)
- *Ms. Tree* #10–18 (1984–1985)

### AiT/Planet Lar

- *Johnny Dynamite: Underworld* #1 (2003)

### Big Entertainment/Tekno Comix

- *Mickey Spillane's Mike Danger* #1–11 (1995–1996)
- *Mickey Spillane's Mike Danger* vol. 2 #1–10 (1996–1997)

### Dark Horse Comics

- *Harlan Ellison's Dream Corridor* #1 (1995)
- *Johnny Dynamite* #1–4 (1994)

### DC Comics

- *Action Comics Weekly* #601–609, 615–622, 636–641 (1988–1989)
- *Batman* #402–403, #408–412, *Annual* #11 (1986–1987)
- *Batman: Child of Dreams* (2003)
- *Batman: Scar of the Bat* #1 (1996)
- *Ms. Tree Quarterly* #1–8 (1990–1992)
- *Ms. Tree Special* #9–10 (1992–1993)
- *On the Road to Perdition: Detour* (2004)
- *On the Road to Perdition: Oasis* (2003)
- *On the Road to Perdition: Sanctuary* (2004)
- *Road to Perdition* (1998)
- *Who's Who in the DC Universe* #10 (1991)
- *Wild Dog* #1–4, *Special* #1 (1987–1989)

- *Wild Times: Grifter* #1 (1999)

## Eclipse Comics

- *Eclipse Magazine* #1–6 (1981–1982)
- *Ms. Tree* #4–9 (1983–1984)
- *Ms. Tree's Thrilling Detective Adventures* #1–3 (1983)

## First Comics

- *Grimjack* #11 (1985)
- *P.I.'s: Michael Mauser and Ms. Tree* #1–3 (1985)

## IDW Publishing

- *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* #1–5 (2003)
- *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation - Bad Rap* #1–5 (2003)
- *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation: Demon House* #1–5 (2004)
- *CSI: NY - Bloody Murder* #1–5 (2005)

## Marvel Comics

- *Captain America: Red, White & Blue* HC (2002)

## Renegade Press

- *Ms. Tree* #19–50 (1985–1989)
- *Ms. Tree Summer Special* #1 (1986)
- *Ms. Tree's 1950's Three-Dimensional Crime* #1 (1987)
- *Ms. Tree 3-D* #1 (1985)

## Titan Comics

- *Quarry's War* (2018)
- *Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer: The Night I Died* (2018)

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