**Tough Guys**

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- Butcher, Jim *Storm Front* A crime fighting wizard in modern day Chicago. (Book One in the *Dresden Files Series*)

- Child, Lee *The Killing Floor* Introducing Jack Reacher, an ex-military policeman accused of murder. (Book One in the *Jack Reacher Series*)

- Combs, Harry *Brules* and its sequel *The Scout* are westerns telling the story of mountain man Cat Brules.

- Connelly, Joe *Bringing out the Dead* Frank Pierce is an EMS medic working in the harsh environment of Hell’s Kitchen.

- Cornwell, Bernard *Sharpe’s Tiger* Sharpe is a soldier in this gritty book set in the Napoleonic Wars. (Book One in the *Sharpe Series* chronology)

- Cussler, Clive *Mediterranean Caper* A high tech thriller featuring underwater adventurer Dirk Pitt. (Book One in the *Dirk Pitt Series*)

- Dexter, Pete *The Paperboy* Reporter Ward James returns to his rural Florida hometown to investigate an old murder case.

- Dunning, John *Booked to Die* An ex-homicide detective opens a used bookstore, but finds dead bodies as well as books. (Book One in the *Cliff Janeway Series*)

- Griffin, Nicholas *The Requiem Shark* William’s adventures begin when his ship is captured by the pirate “Black Bart” Roberts.

- Griffin, W.E.B. *Men in Blue* When one of their own is killed in the line of duty, the Philadelphia Police Department goes after his killers. (Book One in the *Badge of Honor Series*)

- Heinlein, Robert A. *Starship Troopers* A recruit of the future goes through the toughest boot camp in the universe.

- Hemingway, Ernest *The Sun Also Rises* Hemingway’s spare writing style illuminates the Spanish Civil War.

- Higgins, Jack *Eye of the Storm* Seasoned terrorist Sean Dillon is hired to assassinate the British Prime Minister. (Book One in the *Sean Dillon Series*)

Koepf, Michael  *The Fisherman's Son*  
Drifting in a life raft, Neil Kruger reflects on his harsh life as a commercial fisherman.

L'Amour, Louis  *Radigan*  
When Angelina Foley hires gunfighters to drive him off his ranch, Radigan fights back.

McCarthy, Cormac  *All the Pretty Horses*  
In 1948, 16-year-old John Grady Cole leaves his Texas home to ride south to Mexico. (Book One in the *Border Trilogy*)

McCord, John S.  *Walking Hawk*  
In 1885, Dan Walker is on the run after killing the men who tried to murder his brother.

MacDonald, John D.  *The Deep Blue Good-by*  
A classic series with a beach bum private eye who only takes cases when he’s out of cash. (Book One in the *Travis McGee Series*)

Mailer, Norman  *The Naked and the Dead*  
This gritty story follows an army platoon of foot soldiers fighting for possession of the Japanese-held island of Anopopei.

O’Brien, Patrick  *Master and Commander*  
A chronicle of the friendship between the captain and the ship’s doctor on a British man-o-war during the Napoleonic Wars. (Book One in the *Aubrey/Martin Series*)

Parker, Robert B.  *The Godwulf Manuscript*  
Spenser is hired by a Boston university to locate a stolen manuscript. (Book One in the *Spenser Series*)

Silva, Daniel  *The Unlikely Spy*  
In WWII England, Alan Vicary is in charge of a group of “turned” German spies who feed misinformation to Germany.

Thayer, James Stewart  *White Star*  
Owen Gray, a former U.S. Marine sniper in Vietnam, wants to forget the past, but an unknown sniper starts murdering people around him.

Wilson, F. Paul  *The Tomb*  
Repairman Jack fixes situations. This case is the recovery of a stolen necklace with an ancient curse. (Book One in the *Repairman Jack Series*)

Wister, Owen  *The Virginian*  
A classic Western saga set on the Wyoming frontier.

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