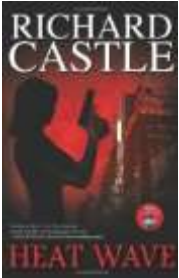


The Nikki Heat novels

by “Richard Castle”

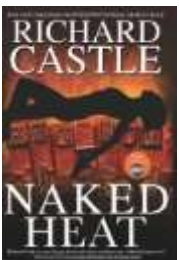


Heat Wave [2009]

A New York real estate tycoon plunges to his death on a Manhattan sidewalk. A trophy wife with a past survives a narrow escape from a brazen attack. Mobsters and moguls, with no shortage of reasons to kill, trot out their alibis. And then, in the suffocating grip

of a record heat wave, comes another shocking murder and a sharp turn in a tense journey into the dirty little secrets of the wealthy. Secrets that prove to be fatal. Secrets that lay hidden in the dark until one NYPD detective shines a light.

Mystery sensation Richard Castle, blockbuster author of the wildly best-selling Derrick Storm novels, introduces his newest character, NYPD Homicide Detective Nikki Heat. Tough, sexy, professional, Nikki Heat carries a passion for justice as she leads one of New York City's top homicide squads. She's hit with an unexpected challenge when the commissioner assigns superstar magazine journalist Jameson Rook to ride along with her to research an article on New York's Finest. Pulitzer Prize-winning Rook is as much a handful as he is handsome. His wise-cracking and meddling aren't her only problems. As she works to unravel the secrets of the murdered real estate tycoon, she must also confront the spark between them. The one called heat.



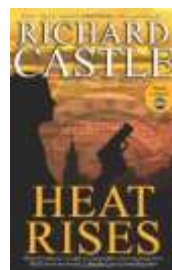
Naked Heat [2010]

When New York's most vicious gossip columnist, Cassidy Towne, is found dead, Heat uncovers a gallery of high-profile suspects, all with compelling motives for killing the most feared muckraker in

Manhattan.

Heat's murder investigation is complicated by her surprise reunion with superstar magazine journalist Jameson Rook. In the wake of their recent breakup, Nikki would rather not deal with their raw emotional baggage. But the handsome, wise-cracking, Pulitzer Prize-winning writer's personal involvement in the case forces her to team up with Rook anyway. The residue

of their unresolved romantic conflict and crackling sexual tension fills the air as Heat and Rook embark on a search for a killer among celebrities and mobsters, singers and hookers, pro athletes and shamed politicians. This new explosive case brings on the heat in the glittery world of secrets, cover-ups, and scandals.



Heat Rises [2011]

The bizarre murder of a parish priest at a New York bondage house opens Nikki Heat's most thrilling and dangerous case so far, pitting her against New York's most vicious drug lord, an arrogant CIA contractor, and a shadowy death

squad out to gun her down. And that is just the tip of the iceberg that leads to a dark conspiracy reaching all the way to the highest level of the NYPD.

But when she gets too close to the truth, Nikki finds herself disgraced, stripped of her badge, and out on her own as a target for killers, with nobody she can trust. Except maybe the one man in her life who's not a cop: reporter Jameson Rook. In the midst of New York's coldest winter in a hundred years, there's one thing Nikki is determined to prove: Heat Rises.



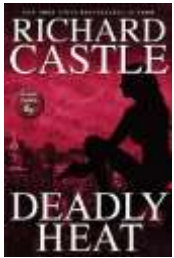
Frozen Heat [2012]

NYPD Homicide Detective Nikki Heat gets more mystery than she imagined, when she arrives at her latest crime scene. The body of an unidentified woman has been found stabbed to death and stuffed inside a suitcase

left sitting in a freezer truck. A startling enough death, but an even bigger shock comes when this new homicide surprisingly connects to the unsolved murder of detective Heat's own mother. Killed gruesomely, the Jane Doe on ice launches Heat on a dangerous and emotional investigation, rekindling the cold case that has haunted her since she turned nineteen. Paired once again with her romantic and investigative partner, top journalist Jameson Rook, Heat works to solve the mystery of the body in the suitcase while she is forced to confront unexplored

areas of her mother's background – areas Nikki has been afraid to confront before, but now must.

Facing relentless danger as someone targets her for the next kill, Nikki's search will unearth painful family truths, expose a startling hidden life, and cause Nikki to reexamine her own past. Heat's passionate quest takes her and Rook from the back alleys of Manhattan to the avenues of Paris, trying to catch a ruthless killer. The question is, now that her mother's cold case has unexpectedly thawed, will Nikki Heat finally be able to solve the dark mystery that has been her demon for more than ten years?



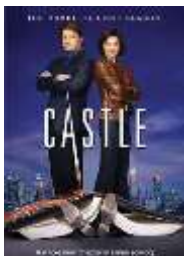
Deadly Heat [2013]

Immediate follow-up to [Frozen Heat](#). Determined to find justice for her mother, top NYPD Homicide Detective Nikki Heat continues to pursue the elusive former CIA station chief who ordered her execution over

a decade ago. For the hunt, Nikki teams once again with her romantic partner, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist Jameson Rook. Their quest for the old spy and the motive behind the past murder unearths an alarming terror plot - which is anything but ancient history. It is lethal. It is now. And it has already entered its countdown phase.

Complicating Heat's mission to bring the rogue spy to justice and thwart the looming terror event, a serial killer begins menacing the Twentieth Precinct, and her homicide squad is under pressure to stop him, and soon. The murderer, known for his chilling stealth, singles out Nikki as the exclusive recipient of his taunting messages, then names her as his next victim.

Castle – The TV Series



Castle – Complete Season One [10 episodes – 2009]

They are partners, whether she likes it or not. **Castle: The Complete First Season** is the romantic, clever dramedy that is reminiscent of **Moonlighting** with romantic tension

between Castle, a crime novelist and Detective Beckett as they work in a unique way to solve crimes and mysteries.

Bonus Features Include: *Hardboiled*: Genesis of the show, *Chemistry*: Experience Nathan and Stana's chemistry on and off the screen, bloopers, deleted scenes, commentaries



Castle – Complete Season Two [24 episodes – 2009-2010]

TV's most engaging and unlikely crime-solving duo is back in the spectacular second season of ABC's *Castle*. The banter flies faster than the bullets in this unique series, loaded with drama, romance, and laughs.

Best-selling mystery novelist Rick Castle's unique approach to crime solving may have won over Detective Kate Beckett, but after crossing her, Castle is going to have to do his best work to get her back on his side. Relive all your cases in this 5-disc set. Packed with never-before-seen bonus features, including inside secrets from the set, this collection is a must-have for every Castle fan. Bonus Features Include:

- *On the Set with Seamus & Jon* - Go behind the scenes with Castle's resident comedians, Seamus Dever and Jon Huertas, as they reveal secrets of the set.
- *On Location with Nathan* - Nathan Fillion introduces us to some of his favorite crew members and demonstrates some interesting tricks of the trade
- *Manhattan's Most Unusual Murders* - Discover how the production team stages murders using research, props, and special effects with inside stories from the producers, actors, and set designers.
- Deleted Scenes
- Misdemeanors: Bloopers & Outtakes
- And Much More

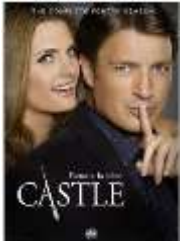


Castle – Complete Season Three [24 episodes – 2010-2011]

Famous mystery novelist Richard Castle and NYPD Detective Kate Beckett return for the suspenseful Third Season of ABC's brilliantly funny series, *CASTLE*. Enjoy every inspired idea and flirtatious moment, as this fiery duo solve the strangest homicides New York has to offer. It's the most entertaining season yet as Castle's wildly funny storytelling skills work their way into every case. Between his mixed-up partnership with Beckett and his relationships with his diva mother and his clever daughter, Alexis, Castle is always on his toes. Crime fighting has never been this much fun! Get on the beat and relive every wild and witty moment in this 5-disc DVD set. Bonus Features Include:

- Deleted Scenes And Bloopers
- *Murder They Wrote* -- Follow This Roundtable Discussion As Icons From The World Of Mystery-Solving Discuss Tricks Of The Trade With *CASTLE* Star Nathan Fillion And Executive Producers Andrew Marlowe And Rob Bowman

- *CASTLE Goes Hollywood* -- "To Love And Die In L.A." Spend Time With Cast And Crew As Castle And Beckett Take L.A. By Storm
- *Murder Board 101* -- Victims, Persons Of Interest, Evidence And Clues...Find Out What It Takes To Develop This "Character" Each Week
- Cast And Crew Commentary
- Music Video -- "Get On The Floor"



**Castle – Complete Season Four
[23 episodes – 2011-2012]**

She's armed. He's dangerous. Relive every exciting investigation with TV's most unlikely partners in crime! Own each episode and bring home even more Castle and Beckett

with exclusive Bonus Features on ABC's *Castle: The Complete Fourth Season* on DVD. Bonus Features Include:

Fillion And Friends: *CASTLE Goes Radio* -- Tune In As Nathan And Friends Perform Before A Live Audience In A Show Broadcast In The Style Of An Old-Time Radio Drama



**Castle – Complete Season Five
[24 episodes – 2012-2013]**

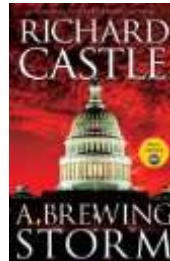
Together at last! After four seasons of sparring and heated banter, TV's dynamic crime-solving team finds romance in ABC's *Castle: The Complete Fifth Season*. Relive all

23 unforgettable episodes, complete with never-before-seen bonus features only available on DVD, in this spectacular five-disc set. Now that Castle and Beckett ("Caskett") have finally given into their true feelings for each other, how will it affect their work together? As they try to keep their new relationship under wraps from their co-workers, the unlikely duo must track down the murderer of Beckett's mother, find the perpetrator of a major conspiracy, and untangle a line of investigation that links Castle to a ritualistic killing. The action and passion heat up like never before in the brilliant fifth season of ABC's *Castle*!

[*Castle* is currently airing its sixth season during 2013-2014]

The Derrick Storm novels

These stories feature the character of "Derrick Storm", and are supposedly the novel series that "Richard Castle" was writing when the TV series *Castle* premiered in 2009. Author Castle had just killed off the Storm character and decided to start the new *Nikki Heat* series.



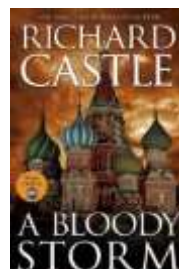
A Brewing Storm [2012] [ebook novella only]

When Derrick Storm needed to leave the CIA, he couldn't just retire. He had to fake his own death. So when his former boss calls in an old favor that will bring Storm out of early retirement and back to Washington to investigate a high-profile kidnapping, he knows there must be more at stake than the life of a senator's son. Working alongside, but not exactly with, bombshell FBI investigator April Showers, Storm must make sense of a confusing flurry of ransom notes and a complicated web of personal relationships and international politics. He'll get to the bottom of the kidnapping, but the storm is still brewing... [*Storm Surge*: Part 1 of 3]



A Raging Storm [2012] [ebook novella only]

Days after being brought out of retirement to investigate a kidnapping, Derrick Storm has a dead US senator on his hands, an assassin to track down, and nearly six billion dollars' worth of gold bars--hidden by the Communist Party somewhere in the former USSR--to uncover. Teaming up again with FBI agent April Showers, Storm must talk to Ivan Petrov, a secretive millionaire who has ties to the assassination, coordinates for the gold, and a mole leaking information to the Russian government from within his inner circle. And while the CIA mission is getting heated, it's nothing compared to the growing sexual tension between Storm and Showers... [*Storm Surge*: Part 2 of 3]



A Bloody Storm [2012] [ebook novella only]

Derrick Storm is back--this time with a crack team of ghost CIA operatives. These former agents have all faked their own deaths and now work for the CIA on a strictly secret basis, taking on dangerous and illegal jobs the agency may not officially carry out. They're headed to the Molguzar Mountains

to look for sixty billion dollars' worth of gold hidden by the KGB before the collapse of the Soviet Union, and taking a perilous detour to rescue FBI agent April Showers from a sociopathic torturer. But Storm's loyalties are put to the test as the mission begins to unravel into a bloody mountaintop showdown, and he and Showers must find out the hard way that their assignment may not be what they thought it was... [Storm Surge: Part 3 of 3]



Storm Front [2013]

Four years after he was presumed dead, Derrick Storm--the man who made Richard Castle a perennial bestseller--is back in this rip-roaring, full-length thriller.

From Tokyo, to London, to Johannesburg, high-level bankers are being gruesomely tortured and murdered. The killer, caught in a fleeting glimpse on a surveillance camera, has been described as a psychopath with an eye patch. And that means Gregor Volkov, Derrick Storm's old nemesis, has returned. Desperate to figure out who Volkov is working for and why, the CIA calls on the one man who can match Volkov's strength and cunning--Derrick Storm.

With the help of a beautiful and mysterious foreign agent--with whom Storm is becoming romantically and professionally entangled--he discovers that Volkov's treachery has embroiled a wealthy hedge-fund manager and a U.S. senator. In a heated race against time, Storm chases Volkov's shadow from Paris, to the lair of a computer genius in Iowa, to the streets of Manhattan, then through a bullet-riddled car chase on the New Jersey Turnpike. In the process, Storm uncovers a plot that could destroy the global economy--unleashing untold chaos--which only he can stop.

The Graphic Novels

These graphic novels also feature the character of Derrick Storm, and therefore have only minimal connections to the Nikki Heat novels, but are integral to the Castle TV series.



Richard Castle's Deadly Storm [2011]

CASTLE fans rejoice! For the first time anywhere, CASTLE's titular hero Derrick Storm comes to life in the pages of this all-new graphic novel. This "adaptation" of Derrick Storm's first novel adventure takes our hero from the gritty world of the

private eye all the way to the globe-hopping intrigue of the CIA. Eisner Award-winning Marvel Architect Brian Bendis and red hot Osborn writer Kelly Sue DeConnick worked closely with CASTLE creator Andrew Marlowe to create the one thing millions of CASTLE fans have been asking for: Their first real Derrick Storm adventure. A wall-to-wall, gritty, witty, globe-hopping detective thrill ride for fans of the hit TV show starring Nathan Fillion and Stana Katic, as well as fans of darn good comic books.



Richard Castle's Storm Season [2012]

The sequel to the critically acclaimed, best-selling graphic novel Richard Castle's Deadly Storm! In this "adaptation" of Derrick Storm's second novel, the private investigator is hired to bug the hotel suite of an African head of state - but what should have been a routine mission quickly spirals out of control when Storm overhears a woman's terrifying scream on the wire. Plagued by the victim's helpless cry, Storm - despite an ominous warning - investigates. Soon, he'll discover an international conspiracy reaching further than he ever imagined - and perhaps the truth about Clara Strike, a CIA agent the world thinks is dead! Richard Castle's Storm Season reunites the lauded writing duo of Brian Michael Bendis and Kelly Sue DeConnick (Richard Castle's Deadly Storm) for their second Castle story, and the dynamic artwork of rising star Emanuela Lupacchino (X-Factor) brings the world of Derrick Storm to life like never before.



Richard Castle's A Calm Before Storm [2013]

The Derrick Storm adaptations continue in an all-new miniseries based on the hit ABC show Castle! Derrick Storm's gruesome discovery winds up drawing him into an international spectacle. Who is The Fear? What does he want with Derrick? And why is Derrick's father next on his hit list? As the international situation in New York continues to degrade, Derrick Storm reaches out to the one person who may be able to help him: his former handler, Clara Strike. But even if she responds, will she be with him or against him? Don't miss the espionage thriller has comic book and Castle fans raving!

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