

## Ira Levin's Groundbreaking Novels and Plays Find New Home with Blackstone Publishing

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The deal was negotiated by Blackstone Publishing Head of New Business Development Rick Bleiweiss and WME literary agent Mel Berger. Including pop-culture staples such as *Rosemary's Baby*, *A Kiss Before Dying*, and *The Stepford Wives*, Blackstone recognized the everlasting impact that Levin's work continues to make in worldwide entertainment, nodding to their influence on works from *The Handmaid's Tale* to *Get Out*.

The genre-defining works of novelist-playwright Ira Levin (1929-2007) include such indelible titles as *Rosemary's Baby*, *The Stepford Wives*, *The Boys from Brazil*, and *Deathtrap* – the fifth longest-running play in Broadway history. At home in nearly every genre – horror (*Rosemary's Baby*), crime (Edgar-winning *A Kiss Before Dying*), science fiction (*This Perfect Day*), comedy (*No Time For Sergeants*), even a Broadway musical (*Dra! The Cat!*) – Levin's enduring works continue to resonate with readers and audiences, acting as iconic cultural and creative touchstones.

Bleiweiss says of the deal: "I am ecstatic to have acquired Ira Levin's classic works, which to me are among the greatest novels and plays ever written. Many were groundbreaking when they were originally published and they all are still vibrant and incredibly readable today. Levin's canon is a wonderful addition and companion to our catalogs of the works of Gabriel Garcia Marquez, James Clavell, Leon Uris, HP Lovecraft, and many other of the world's most important authors. With our new publications of Levin's works, the reading public can once again be scared, thrilled, amused, challenged, and captivated by his incredible novels and plays."

Through Levin's official website [IraLevin.org](http://IraLevin.org), his estate adds: "We're thrilled that under Blackstone's banner, readers will finally be able to experience all of Ira Levin's stage plays alongside his novels. We're especially excited by the serendipitous timing, given that – just as *Rosemary's Baby* helped launch modern horror, and *The Stepford Wives* presaged the (ongoing) backlash against women's rights – his astonishingly prescient science fiction novel *This Perfect Day* has much to say about the perils of a future ruled by AI."

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Blackstone is set to publish a new edition of *Rosemary's Baby* on October 3, 2023, followed by a hardcover collector's edition in January 2024.

Forthcoming Publications:

ROSEMARY'S BABY - October 3, 2023

A KISS BEFORE DYING - February 6, 2024

THE STEPFORD WIVES - March 5, 2024

THE BOYS FROM BRAZIL - April 2, 2024

SLIVER - May 7, 2024

THIS PERFECT DAY - June 4, 2024

SON OF ROSEMARY - September 3, 2024

DEATHTRAP - January 2025

VERONICA'S ROOM - February 2025

CRITIC'S CHOICE - March 2025

BREAK A LEG - April 2025

CANTORIAL - May 2025

DR. COOK'S GARDEN - June 2025

GENERAL SEEGER - July 2025

INTERLOCK - August 2025

NO TIME FOR SERGEANTS - September 2025

NOTEBOOK WARRIOR - October 2025

### **About Blackstone Publishing**

Founded in 1987, Blackstone continues to pioneer new and creative ways to bring stories to life. With multiple New York Times Best Sellers, Grammy award-winning audio productions, and three books placed on the New York Times Best Books of the Year list, Blackstone has firmly positioned itself as one of America's fastest growing and respected publishing houses. A true independent, privately owned publisher, with offices on both coasts, Blackstone is home to a vibrant and eclectic community of storytellers and story lovers, offering hundreds of new titles each month to its catalog of 19,000+ books. The authors published are as varied as the books themselves, with works by some of the biggest names in literature including Gabriel García Márquez, Ayn Rand, Ian Fleming, George Orwell, Robert Heinlein, James Clavell, as well as more contemporary authors like Neil deGrasse Tyson, Karin Slaughter, Don Winslow, Robert Downey Jr., Jeneva Rose, Norman Reedus, R.L. Stine, and many more.

### **About IraLevin.org**

Founded in 2009, and turning 15 in 2024, IraLevin.org features a wealth of biographical information, work excerpts, photos, interviews, fun facts, and curated links - even a 'Levin Listening Room' with songs and music inspired by his works. Highlights include the special features *Rosemary's Baby Album* and *Building Stepford Wives*, plus a new photo gallery featuring never-before-seen photos of Levin on location at the Dakota with the cast of 1968's *Rosemary's Baby*.

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