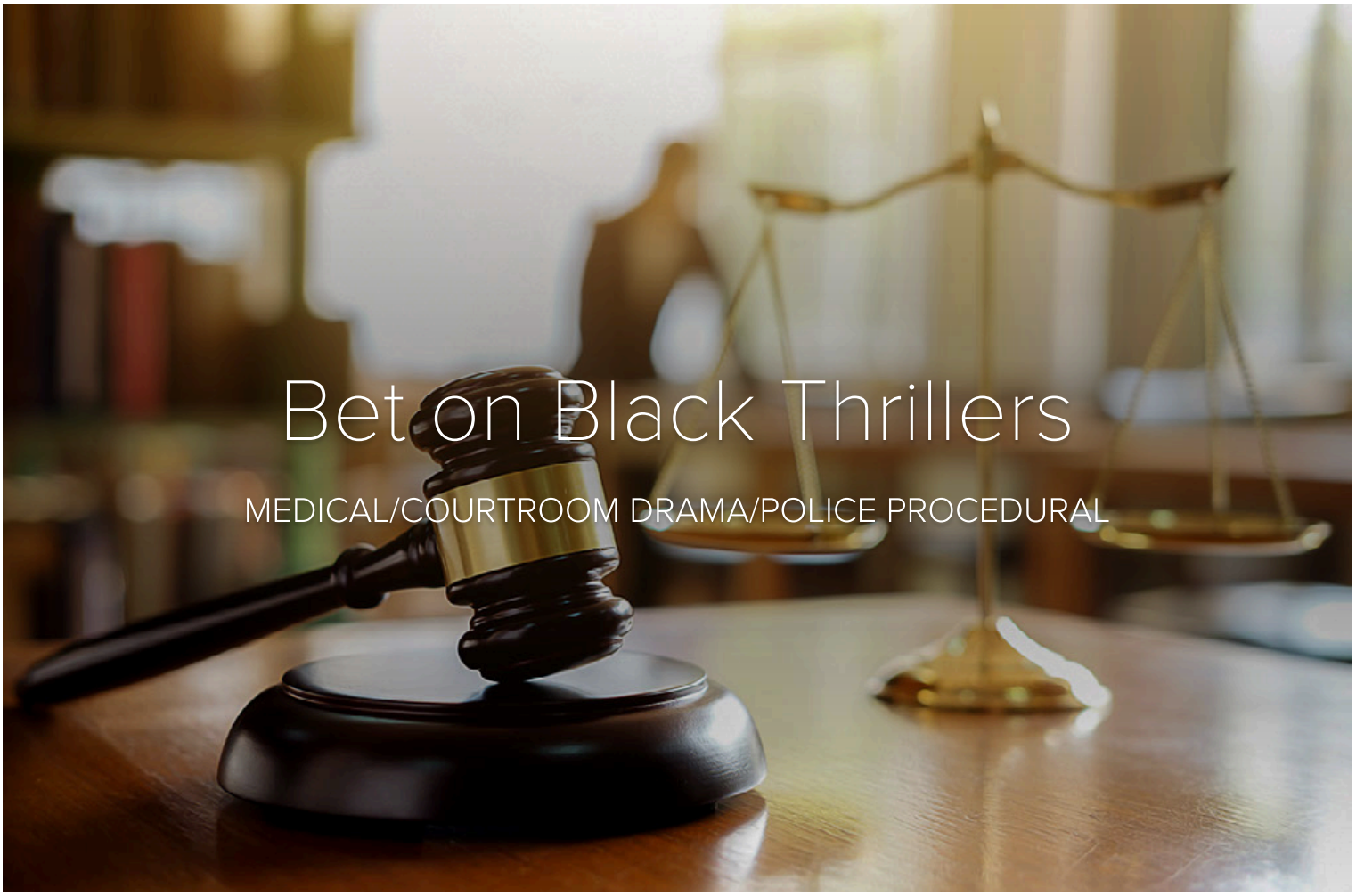
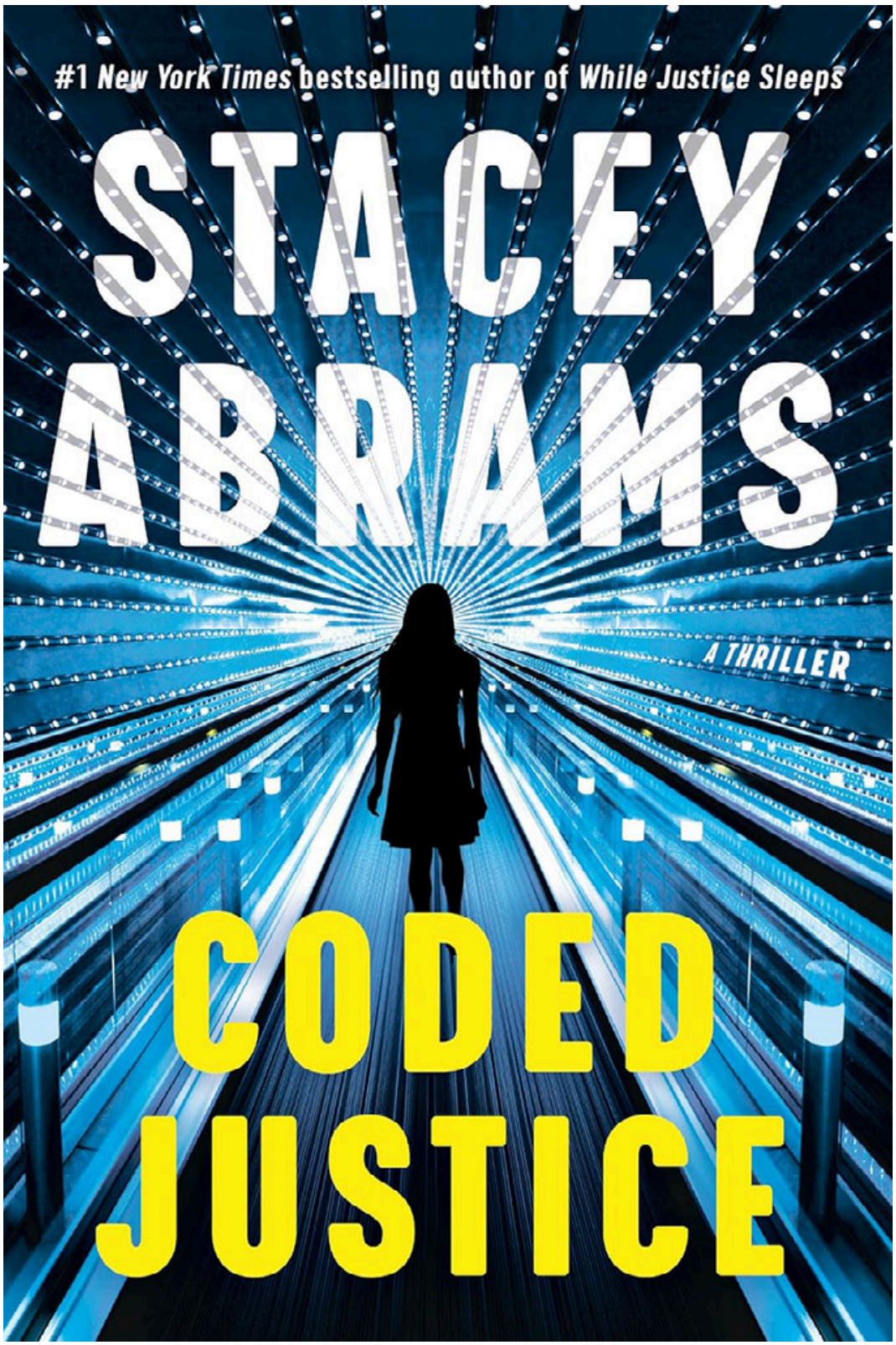

Bet on Black Thrillers
MEDICAL/COURTROOM DRAMA/POLICE PROCEDURAL

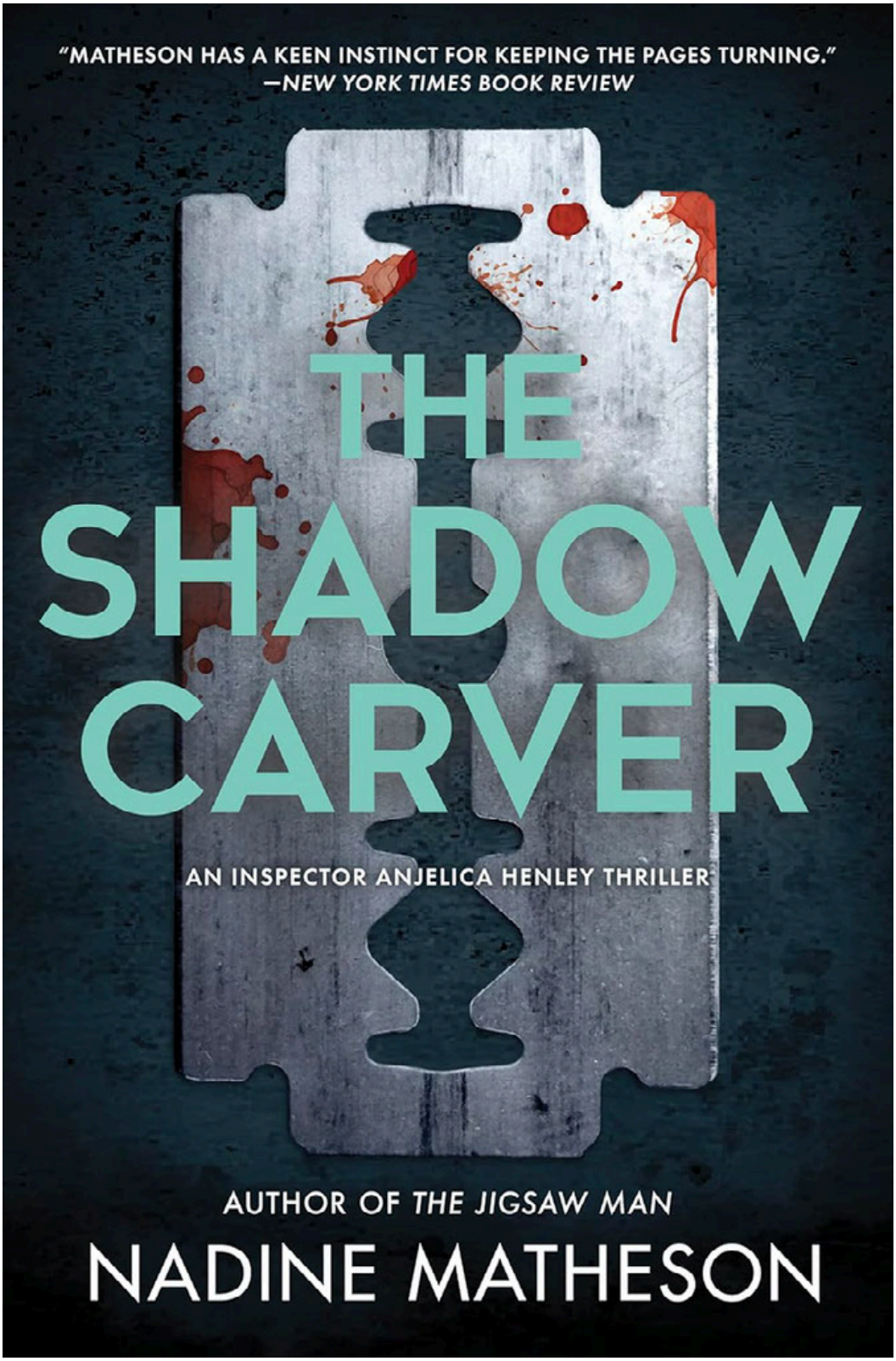


The third installment in the Avery Keene series

In the latest installment, Avery Keene is employed to investigate a health-care tech company that plans to go public in two weeks. The upper echelons of the company did their due diligence to ensure nothing would negatively impact their IPO. However, when one of their VP's, Elisha Hibner dies unexpectedly, an attorney, on the company's roster, takes the extra step to protect their IPO and the company.

As Avery Keene learns what Camasca's agenda is, she is supportive. Elisha Hibner was an algorithms genius, who used his talent to break the code that the white, patriarchal medical industry uses to deny Black people adequate medical treatment. As she gets further into the investigation, she learns of a nefarious AI bot that is behind the misdiagnoses and a culprit, within the company, who is willing to kill to ensure a successful IPO and fat payday.

I was surprised to see AI show up in this legal thriller, but it fit right into place as a sinister character, willing to prescribe unnecessary medicine and create false diagnosis just like human doctors but maybe not for greed. However, the people who created the bot definitely had greed on their minds and the company was willing to pay at the expense of humans.



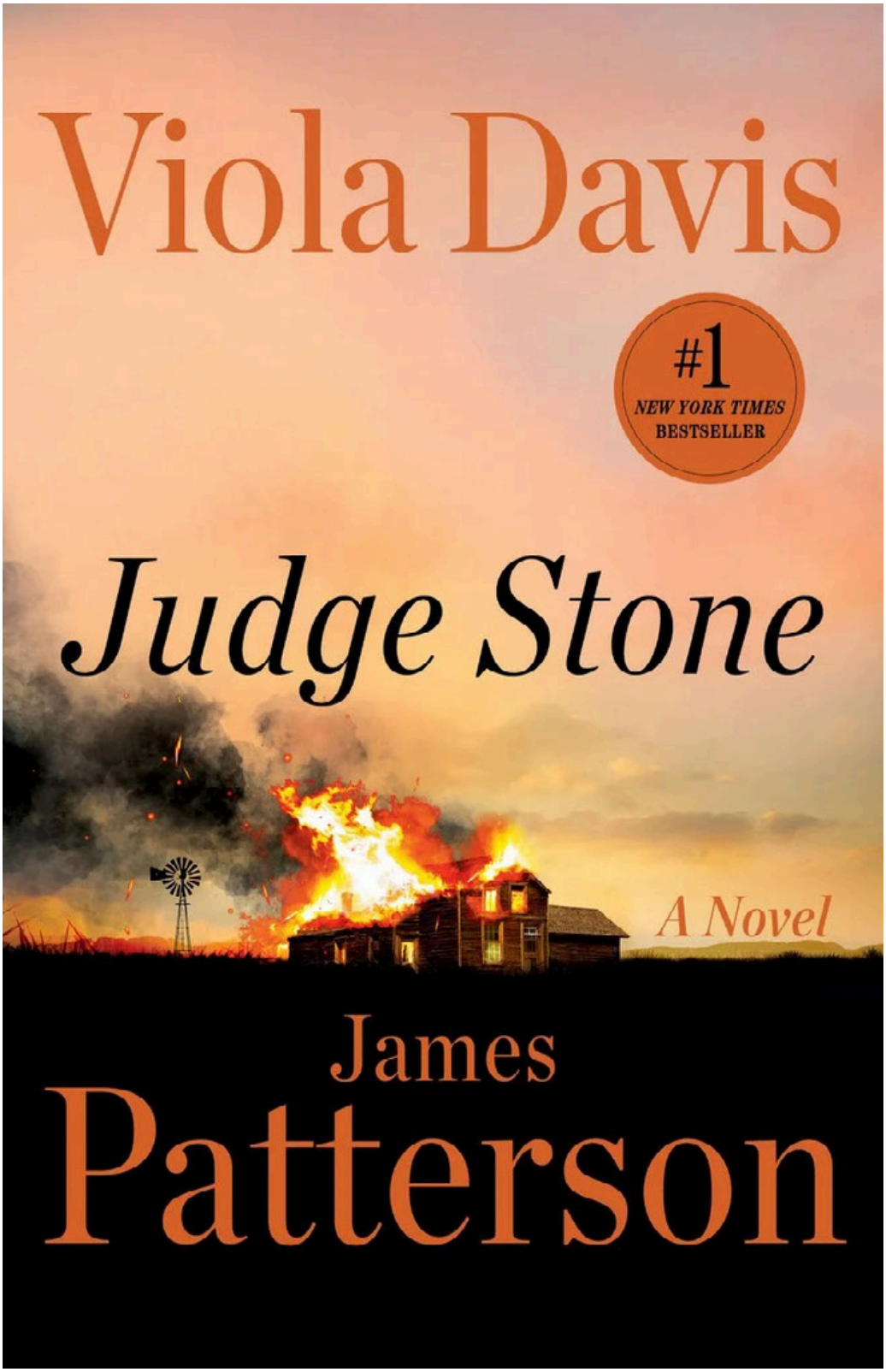
The fourth installment in the Detective Inspector Anjelica Henley series

Nadine Matheson is a British lawyer turned author known for thriller novels, The Jigsaw Man and The Kill List.

In her current release, The Shadow Carver follows a police investigation into the murder of a serial killer who was recently released from prison. His style of murdering was not seen for a period of time, and then copycat murders started emerging, prompting investigators to look into past murders.

The closer they get to the identity of the serial killer's murderer, the more things don’t seem as they are. Could the person the killer would have the police believe committed the crimes, be helping the police solve the crime?

Because this is a police procedural, it involves a large cast, making it difficult to connect with the characters. This is not my typical thriller, for that reason however I did enjoy the narration and how the investigation wrapped up.

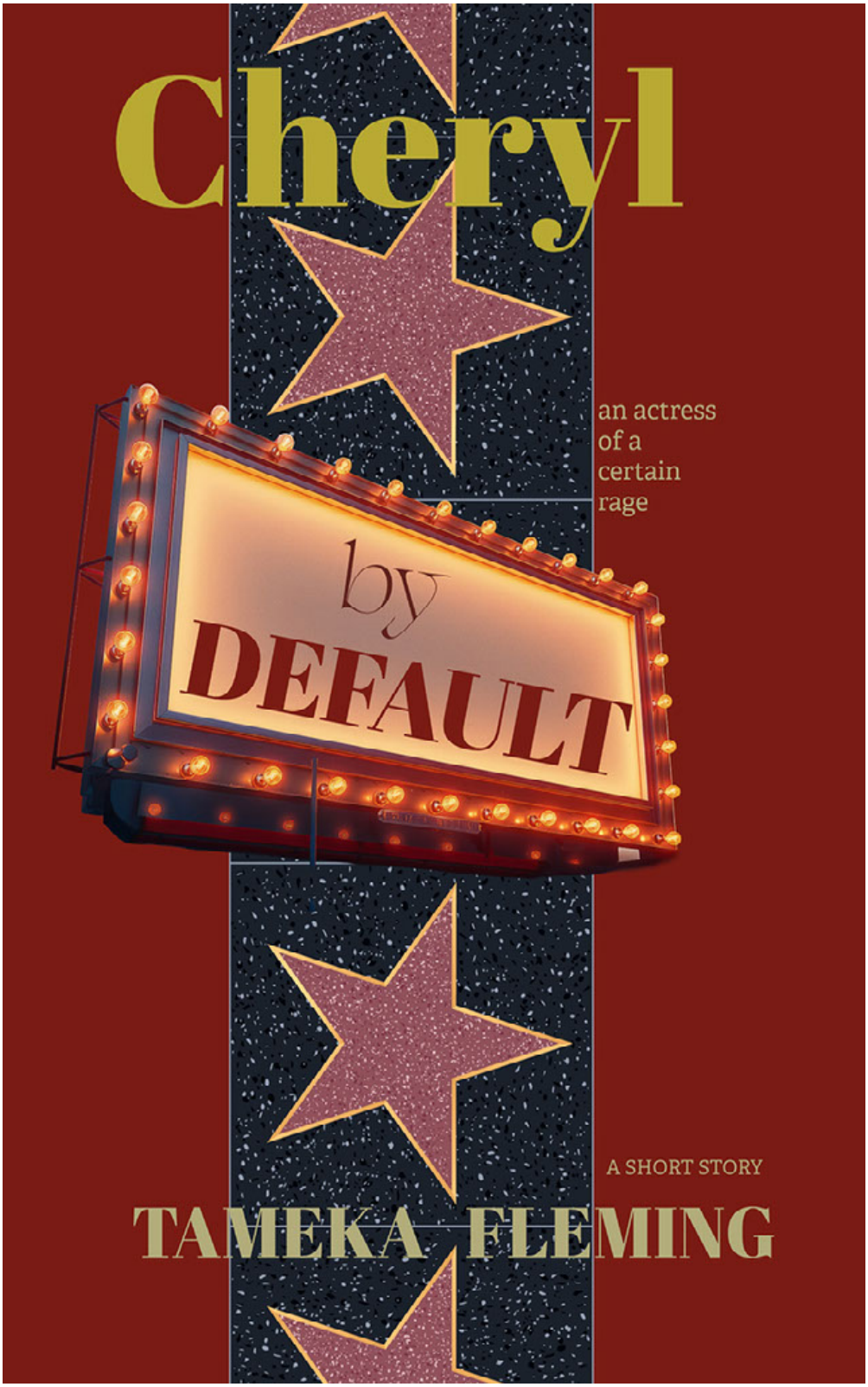


Legal thriller/courtroom drama from actress turned author Viola Davis

We follow Judge Stone presiding over a controversial case in Union Springs, AL, involving a doctor who performed an illegal abortion on a thirteen-year-old girl. The teenage girl alleges she was sexually assaulted by a group of boys but remained hush about the incident because she thought she would not be believed. Until Judge Stone takes an interest in the consent of the sexual act, whether it was an assault or not, to decide if the crime fits the punishment.

In a place like Alabama, where people are deeply rooted in Christian values, on the surface, and upholding Southern patriarchy, a teenage Black girl with an unplanned pregnancy, and no husband by her side, gets no sympathy nor hospitality from her neighbors—whether it resulted from a possible rape or not.

With Judge Stone in a heated reelection and personal problems threatening her livelihood, she just might risk her name and judgeship, during an election year, to come to the aid of a scared teenage girl, whose future will be impacted by this verdict.



An actress of certain rage tries her luck off Broadway

I hope you enjoy these thriller recs by Black authors and if you are in the mood for a contemporary fiction that is short and sweet, perfect for the in between times, check out Cheryl by Default written by yours' truly.

Cheryl Woodlynn is an actress of a certain age, who is adjusting poorly to the “mature age” treatment Hollywood is giving her. She's bitterly hostile to her agent, loathes her youthful competition, and with her longtime fans ghosting her, she’s forced to take the stage until the big screen welcomes her back.

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