Rabbit Shine

Jake Eliam spent a lifetime in baseball, until a chance turn that led him into the Atlanta neighborhood known as *ChickenBone*, where he ended up a part time private investigator thanks to a timely meeting with the man everybody called Catfish, the owner of the legendary 3 Pigs BBQ. When the top big league prospect for the Atlanta Peaches is killed in a car accident, the city mourns …But was it an accident? So in between his part time job of making custom baseball bats in his shop in ChickenBone, Eliam is hired to find out the truth. Along the way he runs into a wealthy former member of Congress with a penchant for quoting scriptures, two rednecks named Tater and Booger, an ex-con hired killer who scrapes up dead chickens for a living, a tattooed stripper, a flop eared dog named Chance, and a former sheriff turned moonshiner. And the truth gets lost in a mix of greed, ambition, jealousy, regret, and murder.

Hoochy Koochy

After a long season of making baseball bats all Jake Eliam wants to do is relax and watch the World Series. But when his friend Catfish calls with what he says is easy money, his other job as a Private Investigator intervenes. Catfish's former fraternity brother is looking for his own payday if can reunite all the original players in his 'One Hit Wonder' college band and is willing to pay big bucks to track down the one missing member, the lead guitar player. The only lead, his classic Fender that went missing at the same time. The trail meets up with a late night DJ, a beautiful hippie turned wealthy housewife, a stoned drummer with a shaky trigger finger, a mysterious son of the Dixie Mafia and a church where snakes are served up along side apple pie. The search ends up on a snake farm run by a fellow named Sweet Thang who has a penchant for old TV shows and speaking in rhymes. As secrets come crawling out like copperheads, Jake Eliam begins to think he just might end up a 'One Hit Wonder' himself.

MudCat Moon

Billy Ray Kincaid is in the catbird seat. He owns a TV Sports Network that showcases Cissy, a sexy young sideline reporter and televises the top college football game each week. But the self proclaimed turnaround artist went cheap and now BTSN is about to go bust. Enter Jake Eliam, a lifetime baseball man, who scrapes by making baseball bats on the edge of a train yard known as ChickenBone. When cash runs low his best friend Catfish, the owner of the 3 PIGS BBQ, steps in with hot pulled pork, cold cash and work as a private investigator. When Alabama faces Georgia in the biggest game of the year, Catfish wrangles Jake to play bodyguard to Cissy who is the subject of an unusual stalker. The easy payday soon turns into a blocked punt of greed and deception. As the trail winds to the old Dixie Dew Pickle Factory in the North Georgia mountains, Jake rounds up his friends and a team of misfits including a drunken former Bulldog they call Dumptruck and a reclusive ex-con named Boobytrap. His ragtag team has time to run one last play on 4th and long or end up permanently benched.

BirdDog Boogie

Sammy 'Shoestring' Stubbs wasn't a very good Major League ballplayer, but he was a Hall of Fame thief. During his short time in the big leagues, Shoestring stole every piece of baseball memorabilia from teammates and opponents that he could get his greedy hands on. Back home in Georgia, a nasty poker game turned into a double murder and Shoestring and his loot disappeared. Decades later, the scout who signed him has a lead on where it all might be hidden. Enter Jake Eliam, a former player turned PI, who teams up with an odd cast of characters that would rival any baseball team to track down the treasure. The cast includes his best friend Catfish, a wise worm farmer, a nosy reporter who dresses like a surfer, a bounty hunter named after Jerry Lee Lewis, a strip club owner that resembles the Fat Elvis and a guide famous for burning down a burger joint. Toss in a 150 year old ghost along with deep secrets hidden beneath a mysterious and dangerous shoals and you have got yourself one Southern Fried BirdDog Boogie.

SweetTater Tango

Catfish Wilson is a football man. Jake Eliam is a baseball man. The Southern Nights Baseball League needs investors, so Catfish switches sports to become part owner of the Tully City TaterHeads. Despite sensing a bad mojo, Jake signs on as Manager for a fat paycheck. The brains behind the league, Billy Bonz, cares more about pig races, ticket gate monkeys and beer nights than baseball. During the biggest promotion of the summer, a legendary car from a famous TV Show barrels through the outfield fence and disappears into the night. Jake is forced to lead a new team to find the expensive ride or nobody will earn a penny. Sugar, the leadoff hitter, drives his own Bandit car. The cleanup hitter, ex-con BoDilly, hangs out with a beer drinking hog. Joined by a demolition derby duo, Polecat and RoadKill, and a rouge FBI agent, the lineup of misfits must face some high heat from a dangerous back-woods clan, a corrupt Sheriff and the Tully City Peanut King. With two out in the ninth, they have one last chance to steal a win or end up on the wrong end of a suicide squeeze.

ButterBean ShingALing

Bobby Springs was a rising star. His 1960s Carolina Beach Music band already had one hit song on the college fraternity circuit. On the verge of stardom, he was given a chance to write and record his own music at a mysterious and legendary recording studio, buried deep in the swamp lands of South Georgia. His new song never saw the light of day. The night he finished it, Springs took his own life, a head-first dive off a water tower. Decades later, Sax Simpson, who played horns on the song, and hung onto long lingering doubts about what happened, teams with a reporter to find out…Suicide or Murder. Enter Jake Eliam, in debt and indebted to the reporter, he joins forces with his best friend Catfish, the old sax man, the reporter, a fast-talking music man named Elvis, and a grizzled backwoods fishing guide. Digging up bones, they must tangle with the most powerful man in South Georgia, plus a swamp filled with angry gators, and Jake is not sure which one is the most dangerous.

DEAD RED DINGER

Percy Dean Boone was as stubborn and mean as the Texas bulls he wrangled as a kid. In the Minors, he threw a blazing fastball, but his bad temper, fights, drinking and way too many flat fastballs sent him home. Jake Eliam, a former teammate, had lost touch with Boone until he showed up out of the blue begging Jake to help find his missing daughter. Unfortunately, she had fell into the dark world of one of the richest and most corrupt men in the South. Setting up camp in a haunted cabin, deep in a snowy hollow near the Georgia-Tennessee line, Jake, Catfish and Alex plan a risky rescue. Joined by a sassy County Sheriff, a drunken timber man who toys with explosives, his pal, Dipstick, who collects snakes, his trusted friend Buddy Lee and a familiar FBI agent, Jake sets out to help his old bullheaded teammate. He was not sure what worried him the most. The ghosts, the snakes or if Percy Dean Boone would throw another flat fastball.

CATDADDY COWPATTY

Jake Eliam had just packed up the last box of custom baseball bats he turns out every season for Minor League teams when his best friend and benefactor Bobby 'Catfish' Wilson comes looking for a favor. Back in his hometown, his goddaughter is on the verge of losing her third-generation family farm and being threatened into selling out. Catfish offers Jake a hefty payday, a place to stay and good food to help as a bodyguard. Only after he agrees, does he find out the body he will be guarding is not a person. Jake, his friend Alex, Catfish and his goddaughter Molly set out to save the farm, joined by a guitar picking farmhand called Corncob, Peaches, a mysterious, philosophical pig farmer, and Kitten, a former Prom Queen. The hometown journey takes a turn toward danger as they face off against big money, a powerful man Catfish has hated since high school and his dope running son. All of which leaves Jake wondering if people are right when they say, you can't go home again.

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Percy Blue was smart enough to understand a third string Quarterback at Ole Miss would not lead to the NFL, so he took a different turn and his name was soon a byline on newspapers from Memphis, to Chicago and Atlanta, where his hard-hitting investigative reporting put him on the front page. Corruption was his game, but one powerful man from the college town of Athens, Georgia flipped the story, used his power to frame Blue on drug charges, landing him in jail. With the help of a hard-nosed Detective, he was released, charges dropped, but NO newspaper anywhere would touch him. Taking pity, the detective set Percy up shop in the football loving town as a Private Investigator. When a beautiful young lady showed up with yet another cheating husband case, he almost turned her down, until he learned this case was his ONE chance for another dance with the man who ruined his career. He gets help from his do-it-all friend Pooch, Lucy, a former colleague, Otis, an old hippie who smokes poison plants, a huge former NFL Player, called Mudflap, who now runs a Redneck Rodeo Fun Park and Pops, the owner of a bar and long time music man who spent most of his life with the greats of Memphis soul music. His friends believe they has one more chance to dig up enough dirt to even the score.

The question? Will Percy Blue end up six feet under himself before he can dig up enough dirt to uncover long hidden secrets.