

Short biography

Sara Paretsky revolutionized the mystery world in 1982 when she introduced V.I. Warshawski in *Indemnity Only*. Paretsky challenged a genre where women typically were vamps or victims. Hailed by critics and readers, *Indemnity Only* was followed by twenty more best-selling Warshawski novels published in 30 countries.

V.I. reflects Paretsky's passion for social justice, with strong advocacy for literacy and reproductive rights. In 1986 she created Sisters in Crime, earning her Ms. Magazine's Woman of the Year award. Other awards include the British Crime Writers Cartier Diamond Dagger for lifetime achievement; the Mystery Writers of America Grand Master; and several honorary doctorates.

Books in order of publication (*indicates one not in V.I. Warshawski series)

Indemnity Only	(1982)
Deadlock	(1984)
Killing Orders	(1985)
Bitter Medicine	(1987)
Blood Shot / Toxic Shock	(1988)
*Ghost Country (novel)	(1988)
Burn Marks	(1990)
Guardian Angel	(1992)
Tunnel Vision	(1994)
*Windy City Blues (V.I. collections)	(1995)
*A Taste of Life and Other Stories (short story collection)	(1995)
Hard Time	(1999)
Total Recall	(2001)
Blacklist	(2003)
Fire Sale	(2005)
*Bleeding Kansas (novel)	(2007)
The Brothers Karamazov (afterword)	(2007)
*Writing in an Age of Silence (non-fiction)	(2007)
Hardball	(2009)
Body Work	(2010)
*Photo Finish (novella)	(2011)
Breakdown	(2012)
Critical Mass	(2013)
Brush Back	(2015)
*Words, Works, and Ways of Knowing (non-fiction)	(2016)
Fallout	(2017)
*Wildcat (novella)	(2017)
*Taste of Life (novella)	(2017)
*Death on the Edge (novella)	(2018)
*Unloaded, vol. 2 (introduction)	(2018)

Shell Game (2018)
Dead Land (2020)
*Love & Other Crimes (short story collection) (2020)
Overboard (2022)
*Ends of Justice (2022)
Pay Dirt (2024)

Recent Interviews and talks

[A conversation with Sara Paretsky, author of "Pay Dirt," a V.I. Warshawski novel \(youtube.com\)](#)

At the American Writers Museum 4/18/24

[Sara Paretsky - "Pay Dirt" Book Launch \(youtube.com\)](#)

At the Lawrence Public Library, KS 4/25/24

[Sara Paretsky: 2019 National Book Festival | Library of Congress \(loc.gov\)](#)

At the Library of Congress, National Book Festival, 2019