



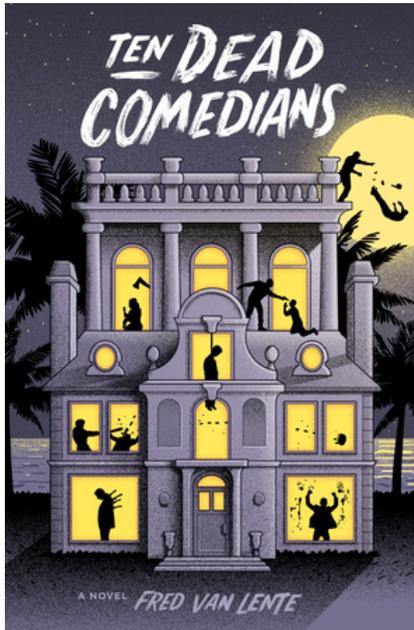
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TARGET CONSUMER:

- **Primary:** Readers of dark mysteries
- **Secondary:** Fans of stand up comedy
- **Other:** Fans of author's previous work (incl. Cowboys vs Aliens)

This hilarious pastiche of Agatha Christie's AND THEN THERE WERE NONE embraces all the classic conventions of the Golden Age of Mystery -- with a thoroughly contemporary cast of characters!

After starring in a hit TV comedy show and a string of blockbuster movies, Dustin Walker was one of the biggest names in Hollywood--until one day he just walked away from everything. A decade later, he invites ten different comedians to his private island retreat for a weekend of comic brainstorming. There's Billy the Contractor, a "blue collar" comic who performs with a Glock holstered on his waist "because the 2nd amendment says I can!" There's Janet Kahn, the aging Las Vegas icon famous for her nasty insults. There's even Orange Baby Man, the most-loathed prop comic in America.

But within hours of arriving on a seemingly deserted Pacific island, these comics learn there is more to Dustin's offer than meets the eye -- and soon the murders begin.

This hilarious homage brings all of the classic tropes of the world's most famous mystery novel into the 21st century. It's also a fascinating look at the twisted psychology of stand-up comedians everywhere.

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BISAC 1: Fiction - Thrillers - Crime

BISAC 2: Fiction - Humorous - Black Humor

BISAC 3: Fiction - Mystery & Detective - General

Page Count: 336 **Trim Size:** 5-1/4 x 8

Carton Count: 40

Publicity and Marketing

- 3-city author tour (NYC; Chicago; San Diego)
- National Print Outreach
- Goodreads giveaways
- Online Media Campaign (paid and unpaid)

- A funny spin on a timeless story. AND THEN THERE WAS NONE (first published as 10 Little Indians) is frequently ranked among the top ten highest-selling novels of all time, with a reported 100 million copies in print.
- 10 DEAD COMEDIANS is not just a comic novel -- it's also a well-crafted "fair play" mystery in its own right. Somehow 1 of these 10 comedians is secretly murdering all the others -- but how? And why? If you pay attention to the clues, you just might figure it out!
- Features a Clue-style map of the entire mansion, secret passageways and all.
- Hilarious comic monologues of each of the characters periodically interrupt the narrative.

"Fred Van Lente speaks with the rapid buoyancy of an enthusiast, and he can't help going off on a series of tangents before navigating to whatever his point is. A popular culture maven ... intimately familiar with the fascinating and bizarre construct that is mainstream comics storytelling."- VICE

"Some of the funniest material you'll read in any format." -- Hollywood Reporter on Archer & Armstrong

"Wild stuff...one of the best high-concept pairings ever."--Entertainment Weekly on Archer & Armstrong

"The achievement of the writer Fred Van Lente and the artist Ryan Dunlavey ... is visualizing [thinkers] in intensely goofy but intellectually rigorous ways."--New York Times Book Review on Action Philosophers

"Funny, goofy, and educational, this ... Xeric Award recipient belongs in all academic libraries and in the adult collections of public libraries."--Library Journal on Action Philosophers

Author Bio: Fred Van Lente is the #1 New York Times bestselling, award-winning writer of comics like *Odd Is on Our Side* (with Dean R. Koontz), *Archer & Armstrong* (Harvey Award nominee, Best Series and Special Award for Humor) and *Action Philosophers!* (American Library Association Best Graphic Novel for Teens). He co-wrote the original graphic novel *Cowboys & Aliens* (with Andrew Foley), the basis for the feature film. His last mystery was the Quirk Books title *TEN DEAD COMEDIANS*. His many other titles include *X Men Noir*, *Weird Detective* (Dark Horse 2016), *Resurrectionists*, *The Comic Book History of Comics*, *The Incredible Hercules* (with Greg Pak), *Taskmaster*, *Marvel Zombies* and *The Amazing Spider-Man*.

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