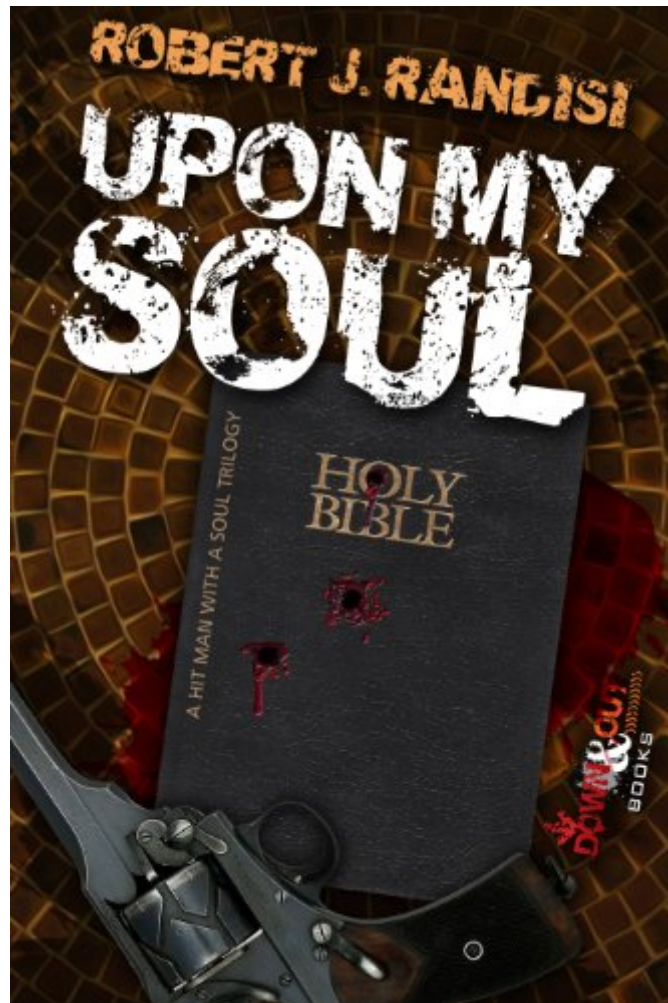


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Three years ago, Sangster, a hitman, woke up and discovered he had a soul and decided to retire to New Orleans. Now, his former life has finally caught up with him. And they want him back or the alternative is his death. To truly escape his past, Sangster must decide between saving his soul or eliminating the threat the only way he knows how. "Leave it to master-storyteller Robert Randisi to come up with a soulful new spin on the hitman genre. Sangster is a unique addition to the ranks of killers for hire." —Max Allan Collins, creator of QUARRY "Randisi is a masterful writer . . . " —James W. Hall "Randisi is a master of the genre. He's one of the best." —Michael Connelly "A skilled, uncompromising writer, Randisi knows which buttons to press — and how to press them." —John Lutz

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Customer Reviews

Robert Randisi is one of my absolute favorite living authors, right up there with Silva, Connelly,

Nice tale of a hitman named Sangster that wakes up one morning and finds he has a soul, a conscience, and retires, disappearing. Three years later his old handler finds him and wants him to come back to work, not believing the retirement story. A refusal and an attempt on his life angers Sangster, though not as much as the death of a friend. Now he has to make a decision on whether to break his vow never to kill again, believing it might take his soul back. His soul searching takes him to an unorthodox religious person for advice. Sangster worries that killing will take him back to a world he left. But to do nothing won't work. The old handler won't stop. A fine novel by one of the best in the business. A lot of inside jokes for those in the know. One alias he uses is Richard Stark. Another Westlake. There is a character named B. Good who has an Elmore working for him. First of three and I look forward to the next.

As many excellent hitman novels as there have been over the years, Lawrence Sanders' *Upon My Soul* comes to mind. Lawrence Sanders' Keller series and Max Allan Collins' Quarry series come to mind. You wouldn't think there would be much left to do with the sub-genre. But you'd be wrong, as Robert J. Randisi's new novel *UPON MY SOUL* proves quite handily. Sangster, the protagonist of this novel, was an efficient, highly skilled killer for hire until the morning he woke up and realized he had a soul. This discovery led him to retire from the business, and he's spent the last several years leading a quiet, peaceful life in Louisiana. But people at that deadly level of the underworld usually aren't allowed to walk away, as readers of Peter Rabe's Daniel Port novels and Ennis Willie's Sand series (not to mention the Butcher men's adventure novels) know very well. Sangster's past catches up to him in bloody fashion, and he's forced to choose between preserving his new-found soul by honoring his vow not to kill again or avenging several brutal murders for which he feels some responsibility. It's a dangerous conundrum, and Randisi uses it to ratchet up a considerable amount of suspense. As usual in a Bob Randisi novel, *UPON MY SOUL* is very fast-paced, but it's not quite as dialogue-driven as some and is a bit more reflective, which works very well. Sangster is an interesting and sympathetic protagonist, despite his ruthless background, and the supporting cast is good, too, especially a Jamaican cab driver in Las Vegas who becomes an unlikely ally and an elderly butler who is more than he seems. There are some nice twists in the plot as well. *UPON MY SOUL* is a fine crime novel, and I'm glad to report that it's also the first in a trilogy. I'm looking forward to reading more about Sangster's continuing struggle for his soul.

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