

The Pain Nurse

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In *The Pain Nurse* (Poisoned Pen Press, 978-1-59058-624-2), Jon Talton manages to make a big city hospital seem as creepy as a haunted mansion. A SAVAGE KILLER IS ON THE LOOSE, a knife-wielding derelict sneaks into the hallways, the staffers are involved in more soapy relations than General Hospital, and a cop crippled from spinal surgery plays cat-and-mouse with his ex-partner in the dark corridors of the basement. Gritty, creepy stuff. (July / August 2009)

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