



## Press Release

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### Justin Gustainis Joins the Robot Horde

We are delighted to announce our latest signing, bringing a stunning series of books set in the harassed police department of a city full of vampires and werewolves.

Angry Robot has signed urban fantasy author Justin Gustainis for a new series set in Scranton, Philadelphia, in a world where supernatural beings are part of everyday life. Stan Markowski is a Detective Sergeant on the Scranton PD's Supernatural Crimes Investigation Unit. As Stan puts it in the first book, *Hard Spell*: "When a vampire puts the bite on an unwilling victim, or some witch casts the wrong kind of spell, that's when they call me. My name's Markowski. I carry a badge."



Justin Gustainis said, "I'm tremendously pleased to be associated with one of the most dynamic publishers in speculative fiction today, and I look forward to selling enough books to put a smile on that robot's face."

The first title in this sensational series, *Hard Spell*, will be published by Angry Robot in spring 2011, in both the UK and USA.

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More information on Angry Robot can be found at [angryrobotbooks.com](http://angryrobotbooks.com).

Angry Robot is a new independent genre publisher, bringing you the best in new SF, F and WTF?! Our first titles hit the stores in the UK and Australia on 1st July 2009. We debut in the US and Canada in September 2010, with distribution by Random House.

Justin Gustainis was born in north-east Pennsylvania in 1951. He attended college at the University of Scranton, a Jesuit university that figures prominently in several of his writings. After earning both Bachelor's and Master's degrees, he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the US Army. Mr Gustainis currently lives in Plattsburgh, New York and is a Professor of Communication at Plattsburgh State University. His recent series of urban fantasy investigations starring Quincey Morris and Libby Chastain now runs to three titles. His website is [justingustainis.com](http://justingustainis.com).

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