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### **KEY=BOYFRIEND - KAELYN SCHNEIDER**

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#### **ABSOLUTE BOYFRIEND**

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*VIZ Media LLC* Shy high school student Riko Izawa aches for a boyfriend but guys just won't look her way. Then one day she signs up for a three-day trial of a mysterious "lover figurine," and the next thing she knows, a cute naked guy is delivered to her doorstep--and he wants to be her boyfriend! Has Riko died and gone to heaven? The cute naked guy turns out to be smart, super nice, stylish and a gourmet chef. Plus, he looks like a million bucks. Trouble is, that's about what he's going to cost Riko because she didn't return him in time!

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#### **ABSOLUTE BOYFRIEND**

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*VIZ Media LLC* Another woman has kissed Night, reinitializing his system to accept her as his new girlfriend. Riiko hunts down the apartment where Night is staying with his new lady, frantic to find him before he is fully "imprinted" and she loses her chance with him forever. -- VIZ Media

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#### **ABSOLUTE BOYFRIEND**

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*VIZ Media LLC* Rejected way too many times by good-looking (and unattainable) guys, shy Riiko Izawa goes online and signs up for a free trial of a mysterious Nightly Lover "figure." The very next day, a cute naked guy is delivered to her door, and he wants to be her boyfriend! Has Riiko died and gone to heaven? The cute guy turns out to be sweet, smart, a great cook, and lots more. And he looks like a million bucks, which is what he's going to cost Riiko if she doesn't return him in time... -- VIZ Media

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#### **ABSOLUTE BOYFRIEND**

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*Viz* Riko aches for a boyfriend, but nobody is interested, so she orders a mysterious "lover figurine," and soon a naked young man who wants to be her boyfriend is delivered to her doorstep.

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#### **ABSOLUTE BOYFRIEND**

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*VIZ Media LLC* While out on a date with Night, Riiko meets a boy who looks like her first crush from elementary school--Toshiki Murakami. Even though she's with Night, Toshiki seizes the opportunity to steal a kiss from Riiko.

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### **ARATA: THE LEGEND, VOL. 24**

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*VIZ Media LLC* Arata Hinohara's greatest foes, the Six Sho, have challenged him at every step on his quest. This has now led to a potentially deadly confrontation between one of the most powerful of the Six Sho, Ameeno, and Ameeno's son, Nasake, one of Hinohara's most loyal companions. Yet this is only the prelude to a devastating attack from yet another quarter that, to Hinohara's amazement, echoes historical events from the modern world! -- VIZ Media

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### **CERES: CELESTIAL LEGEND, VOL. 9**

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**PROGENITOR**

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*VIZ Media LLC* "Naughty Girls Who Hit Their Husbands Must Be Punished..." Shocked to learn (from Aki, of all people!) that the entire "Tôya Mizuki" personality is false--a fiction, a cipher without a past of any kind--Tôya struggles to find his own identity. If he doesn't know who he is, how can he help Aya? Elsewhere, while Aya recedes into herself, heartbroken and distraught over her separation with Tôya, Ceres must deal with a bitter and increasingly mad Miori, who blames Aya for everything. Will Aya emerge and face Miori's accusations...or leave her to Ceres? Later, Aki--still fully possessed by the "progenitor," the forefather of all the Mikage--launches a new scheme to claim Aya...his woman. -- VIZ Media

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**STEPPING ON ROSES**

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*VIZ Media LLC* Poor Sumi Kitamura... Her irresponsible older brother Eisuke keeps bringing home orphans for her to take care of even though they can barely afford their own basic needs! Just when Sumi's financial problems become dire, wealthy Soichiro Ashida enters her life with a bizarre proposition: he'll provide her with the money she so desperately needs if she agrees to marry him. But can Sumi fool high society into thinking she's a proper lady? Moreover, is it worth giving up everything for this sham of a marriage? -- VIZ Media

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**ARATA: THE LEGEND**

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*VIZ Media LLC* Hinohara was once friends with his tormentor Kadowaki, just as Shinsho rivals Kannagi and Akachi used to be close comrades. Now all Kadowaki wants is to make Hinohara submit to him, and he'll go to any length to make this happen. But when Kadowaki seeks an alliance with Akachi, he gets more than he bargained for! -- VIZ Media

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**ALICE 19TH, VOL. 4**

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**UNREQUITED LOVE**

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*VIZ Media LLC* Jealousy makes the heart grow darker and Mayura's envy of Alice and Kyô's developing relationship makes her vulnerable to being devoured by Darva, dark mistress of the Maram words. Neo Lotis Masters, Alice and Kyô are the only ones who have even a chance against Darva, but are they strong enough to go up against this most formidable of enemies? -- VIZ Media

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**ARATA: THE LEGEND**

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*VIZ Media LLC* On the exile island of Muroya, Hinohara learns of a terrible incident that occurred there over half a century ago and now threatens to occur again! His weapon, the god sword Tsukuyo, may be the only way to stop history from repeating itself, but unleashing its power in this case may be a lot more complicated and far riskier than ever before! -- VIZ Media

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**CERES CELESTIAL LEGEND**

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**WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE SUMMER**

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*Simon and Schuster* The summer after her first year of college, Isobel "Belly" Conklin is faced with a choice between Jeremiah and Conrad Fisher, brothers she has always loved, when Jeremiah proposes marriage and Conrad confesses that he still loves her.

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**FUSHIGI YÛGI: GENBU KAIKEN**

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*VIZ Media LLC* During their journey Chamka and Takiko come upon a burning house. Chamka tries to save a young girl's life and demonstrates his special power: to freeze things in ice! The effort weakens Chamka however, and he must stay in the village to recuperate. The girl's family offers shelter, but her father sells Chamka out to the bandits who are hunting him. That's when Limdo reenters the picture... -- VIZ Media

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**HOW TO BE A 3% MAN, WINNING THE HEART OF THE WOMAN OF YOUR DREAMS**

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*Lulu Press, Inc* Dear Friend, This book teaches you the hidden secrets to completely understand women. It covers both the dating world and long term relationships. You will learn how to meet and date the type of women you've always dreamed of. The best part is you can do this while remaining who you truly are inside. The book teaches you how to create sexual attraction in women & get women to chase

& pursue you! It takes you step by step with easy to follow instructions. You will be able to meet women anytime, anyplace, & anywhere...this will give you choice with women. Whether you are single & searching or already with your dream lady, my book has the secrets most men will never know about women.

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## HEAT WAVE

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*Tor Teen Heat Wave* is the explosive finale to the thrilling and “uproariously funny” (Sophie Gonzales) Extraordinaries trilogy by New York Times and USA Today bestselling author TJ Klune! Nick, Seth, Gibby, and Jazz are back in action bringing justice, protection, and disaster energy to the people of Nova City. An unexpected hero returns to Nova City and crash lands into Nick's home, upturning his life, his family, and his understanding of what it means to be a hero in the explosive finale of the thrilling and hilarious Extraordinaries trilogy by New York Times bestselling author TJ Klune. Praise for *The Extraordinaries* An Indie Bestseller! An Indie Next Pick! A Gold Nautilus Book Award Winner! “Half a love-letter to fandom, half self-aware satire, and wholly lovable. I haven't read anything quite like this before!” —Sophie Gonzales, author of *Only Mostly Devastated* “The most down-to-earth book about superheroes I've ever read. I laughed, I cried, and I had a smile on my face the entire time I was reading it.” —Mason Deaver, bestselling author of *I Wish You All the Best* At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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## ARATA: THE LEGEND

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*VIZ Media LLC* Both Arata of the Hime and Arata Hinohara come under attack by members of the Six Sho, a group from Hinohara's world who found themselves in the other, gained great power, and now wish to return home for reasons more sinister than just being homesick. Arata of the Hime is tasked with protecting his classmate and friend Oribe, who turns out to be a lot more than either of them suspected, while Arata Hinohara faces perhaps his greatest challenger yet among the Six Sho—Isora, who wields the power of the written word! -- VIZ Media

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## DARK WATERS

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*Penguin* An Indie Bestseller! Filled with chills, New York Times bestselling author Katherine Arden's latest installment in the creep-tastic Small Spaces Quartet is sure to haunt. Until next time. That was chilling promise made to Ollie, Coco and Brian after they outsmarted the smiling man at Mount Hemlock Resort. And as the trio knows, the smiling man always keeps his promises. So when the lights flicker on and off at Brian's family's inn and a boom sounds at the door, there's just one visitor it could be. Only, there's no one there, just a cryptic note left outside signed simply as —S. The smiling man loves his games and it seems a new one is afoot. But first, the three friends will have to survive a group trip to Lake Champlain where it's said Vermont's very own Loch Ness monster lives. When they're left shipwrecked on an island haunted by a monster on both land and sea, Brian's survival instincts kick in and it's up to him to help everyone work together and find a way to escape. One thing is for sure, the smiling man is back and he wants a rematch. And this time Brian is ready to play.

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## DENGEKI DAISY

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*VIZ Media LLC* After orphan Teru Kurebayashi loses her beloved older brother, she finds solace in the messages she exchanges with DAISY, an enigmatic figure who can only be reached through the cell phone her brother left her. Meanwhile, mysterious Tasuku Kurosaki always seems to be around whenever Teru needs help. Could DAISY be a lot closer than Teru thinks? One day at school, Teru accidentally breaks a window and agrees to pay for it by helping Kurosaki with chores around school. Kurosaki is an impossible taskmaster though, and he also seems to be hiding something important from Teru... -- VIZ Media

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## AN ABSOLUTE BLOODY DISASTER

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*An Absolute Bloody Disaster* Charlotte Novik is a typical 19-year-old girl: she has an obnoxious older brother, friends who drive her crazy, a giant mansion overlooking the San Francisco Bay, and a refrigerator filled with blood bags. Oh, and did she mention she's a vampire? Because that's kind of important. When Charlotte accidentally kills someone on a busy street in broad daylight, she unwittingly sets off a string of similar murders throughout the city. Not only do these murders seem somehow connected to her, but also to an ancient vampire whose revenge-laden shadow has loomed over her family for centuries. Haunted by her best friend's death (and, subsequently, her murderer), Charlotte and her derelict family are forced to hunt down the killer before he threatens the exposure of vampire-kind. After all, what could go wrong? Especially with the gaggle of college kids who keep infiltrating their plans, and the golden human boy who can't seem to leave her alone.

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## FUSHIGI YŪGI, VOL. 17

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*VIZ Media LLC* A Beloved Fantasy From One Of Japan's Top Creators Prolific shōjo ("girls") comics artist Yuu Watase has created a wonderfully exciting, funny, and heartfelt tale of a normal junior-high-school girl who is transported into a fictional version of ancient China. She encounters base villains and dashing heroes, and still manages to worry about her grades and where her next banquet is coming

from. THE BELOVED ROMANTIC FANTASY SERIES CONTINUES! Just when Miaka thought her adventures as a priestess in ancient China were over, the god Suzaku reappeared to send her on a new quest. Miaka must reenter The Universe of the Four Gods and collect the seven magic stones that contain the lost memories of her soulmate Taka... or risk losing him forever! Demon When the demon god Tenkô steals the four stones that Miaka has already collected, is all hope lost for the return of Taka's memories? And will Tenkô's manipulation of Taka and Miaka's friends slowly drive wedges between them and ensure their defeat? Once again, it's up to Miaka to keep two worlds from falling under the dominion of the ultimate evil!

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## **FEMALE CHAUVINIST PIGS**

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### **WOMEN AND THE RISE OF RAUNCH CULTURE**

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*Simon and Schuster* A classic work on gender culture exploring how the women's movement has evolved to Girls Gone Wild in a new, self-imposed chauvinism. In the tradition of Susan Faludi's *Backlash* and Naomi Wolf's *The Beauty Myth*, New York Magazine writer Ariel Levy studies the effects of modern feminism on women today. Meet the Female Chauvinist Pig—the new brand of “empowered woman” who wears the Playboy bunny as a talisman, bares all for Girls Gone Wild, pursues casual sex as if it were a sport, and embraces “raunch culture” wherever she finds it. If male chauvinist pigs of years past thought of women as pieces of meat, Female Chauvinist Pigs of today are doing them one better, making sex objects of other women—and of themselves. They think they're being brave, they think they're being funny, but in *Female Chauvinist Pigs*, Ariel Levy asks if the joke is on them. In her quest to uncover why this is happening, Levy interviews college women who flash for the cameras on spring break and teens raised on Paris Hilton and breast implants. She examines a culture in which every music video seems to feature a stripper on a pole, the memoirs of porn stars are climbing the bestseller lists, Olympic athletes parade their Brazilian bikini waxes in the pages of *Playboy*, and thongs are marketed to prepubescent girls. Levy meets the high-powered women who create raunch culture—the new inking women warriors of the corporate and entertainment worlds who eagerly defend their efforts to be “one of the guys.” And she traces the history of this trend back to conflicts between the women's movement and the sexual revolution long left unresolved. Levy pulls apart the myth of the Female Chauvinist Pig and argues that what has come to pass for liberating rebellion is actually a kind of limiting conformity. Irresistibly witty and wickedly intelligent, *Female Chauvinist Pigs* makes the case that the rise of raunch does not represent how far women have come, it only proves how far they have left to go.

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## **WHAT I LOVED**

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### **A NOVEL**

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*Henry Holt and Company* A powerful and heartbreaking novel that chronicles the epic story of two families, two sons, and two marriages Siri Hustvedt's *What I Loved* begins in New York in 1975, when art historian Leo Hertzberg discovers an extraordinary painting by an unknown artist in a SoHo gallery. He buys the work; tracks down the artist, Bill Wechsler; and the two men embark on a life-long friendship. Leo's story, which spans twenty-five years, follows the evolution of the growing involvement between his family and Bill's—an intricate constellation of attachments that includes the two men; their wives, Erica and Violet; and their children, Matthew and Mark. The families live in the same building in New York, share a house in Vermont during the summer, keep up a lively exchange of thoughts and ideas, and find themselves permanently altered by one another. Over the years, they not only enjoy love but endure loss—in one case sudden, incapacitating loss; in another, a different kind, one that is hidden and slow-growing, and which insidiously erodes the fabric of their lives. Intimate in tone and seductive in its complexity, the novel moves seamlessly from inner worlds to outer worlds, from the deeply private to the public, from physical infirmity to cultural illness. Part family novel, part psychological thriller, *What I Loved* is a beautifully written exploration of love, loss, and betrayal—and of a man's attempt to make sense of the world and go on living.

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## **VAMPIRE KNIGHT OFFICIAL FANBOOK**

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*VIZ Media LLC* A comprehensive profile book of the hit series *Vampire Knight*! Reads R to L (Japanese Style), for T+ audiences. Can't get enough of *Vampire Knight*? Delve into the world of your favorite vampires with this official fanbook filled with insider information about the hit series. Includes a *Cross Academy* student ID card, glossy color pages, character design sketches, storyboards and an exclusive interview with *Vampire Knight* creator Matsuri Hino!

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## **SOPHIE'S WORLD**

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### **A NOVEL ABOUT THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY**

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*Farrar, Straus and Giroux* One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a

correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

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### HE'S NOT MY BOYFRIEND

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*Jackie Lau Books* Now that her cousin has tied the knot, Iris Chin—structural engineer, party girl, and queen of kitchen disasters—is the last single grandchild. Her mother and grandmother are desperate to play matchmaker, though Iris doesn't understand why. They had miserable marriages, and she doesn't want to be like them. She enjoys her independence, thank you very much. One-night stands are more her style. Unfortunately, she soon discovers that she's working on a project with her latest one-night stand, Alex Kwong, a construction supervisor. She's determined to stay professional on the construction site, but things get off to a bad start when Alex lets slip to a co-worker that they slept together. To make matters worse, Iris is now living with her grandmother, who keeps stealthily setting her up on dates and sticking her nose where it doesn't belong, and her mother is just as bad. But more than anything, it's her unwanted feelings for Alex that are derailing her plans to have an exciting single life...

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### THE BOYFRIEND PROJECT

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*Forever* A smart and delightful romantic comedy featuring fabulous female friendships and "a great love story." --Jasmine Guillory, bestselling author of *Party of Two* Samiah Brooks never thought she would be "that" girl. But a live tweet of a horrific date just revealed the painful truth: she's been catfished by a three-timing jerk of a boyfriend. Suddenly Samiah -- along with his two other "girlfriends," London and Taylor -- have gone viral online. Now the three new besties are making a pact to spend the next six months investing in themselves. No men and no dating. For once Samiah is putting herself first, and that includes finally developing the app she's always dreamed of creating. Which is the exact moment she meets the deliciously sexy Daniel Collins at work. What are the chances? But is Daniel really boyfriend material or is he maybe just a little too good to be true? "A smart, funny digital-age romance about real women living in the real world. Couldn't put it down!" --Abby Jimenez, USA Today bestselling author of *The Happy Ever After Playlist* \*Listed as a Best Book of the Year from: NPR, Cosmopolitan, BuzzFeed, Frolic, Insider, BookRiot\*Book of the Month selection \*LibraryReads selection \*O, The Oprah Magazine: Must-Read Black Romance Novels \*Cosmopolitan: Best Summer Reads 2020 \*Insider: The Best Romance Books of 2020

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### MADE IN ABYSS OFFICIAL ANTHOLOGY - LAYER 1: IRREDEEMABLE CAVE RAIDERS

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*Seven Seas* Don't miss this manga collection of over a dozen short Made in Abyss stories by a variety of creators! Adventure awaits in this official anthology of short manga inspired by the best-selling series! Follow Reg, Riko, Nanachi, and all of your favorites through these harrowing and hilarious tales of monstrous creatures, lost relics, and irresistible fluffiness. Experience the Abyss like you've never seen it before, through the eyes of different creators, each with their own take on this fascinating world and its characters!

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### BOYFRIEND

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*Tuxbury Publishing LLC* The dreamiest player on the Moo U hockey team hangs a flyer on the bulletin board, and I am spellbound: Rent a boyfriend for the holiday. For \$25, I will be your Thanksgiving date. I will talk hockey with your dad. I will bring your mother flowers. I will be polite, and wear a nicely ironed shirt... Now everyone knows it's a bad idea to introduce your long-time crush to your messed-up family. But I really do need a date for Thanksgiving, even if I'm not willing to say why. So I tear his phone number off of that flyer... and accidentally entangle our star defenseman in a ruse that neither of us can easily unwind. Because Weston's family is even nuttier than mine. He needs a date, too, for the most uncomfortable holiday engagement party ever thrown. There will be hors d'oeuvre. There will be faked PDA. And there will be pro-level awkwardness... Boyfriend is a full-length book for Weston and Abbi!

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### THE DARKEST TEMPTATION

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A fortune teller once told Mila she'd find a man who would take her breath away. She refrained from telling her it would be literally while Mila ran for her life. Having always done what is expected of her, Mila dresses the part, only dates college boys with exemplary backgrounds, and doesn't ask questions. Not about her papa's absences or his refusal to let her set foot in her birthplace-Russia. Suffocated by the rules and unanswered questions, Mila does what she's always wanted to. She boards a plane to Moscow. She never expected to fall for a man on the way. One with unexplained wealth, tattoos on his hands, and secrets in his eyes. But it doesn't take long for his caress to become a rough grasp muffling her screams. Revenge is a dish best served cold. Unfortunately, a Russian winter is the coldest of them all, and Mila soon learns the only way to escape intact is to do the impossible and thaw her captor's heart.

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### FAKE OUT

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*Maddox* The reason I rarely go home is three simple words: I'm a liar. When the pressure to marry my childhood sweetheart became too much, I told her I was gay and then fled to New York like my ass was

on fire. Now, five years later and after a drunken encounter, I find myself invited to her wedding. And I have to bring my boyfriend—the boyfriend who doesn't exist because I'm straight. At least, I think I am. Meeting the guy I'm bribing to be my boyfriend for the weekend makes me question everything about myself. Damon When my sister asks me to pretend to be some straight guy's boyfriend, my automatic response is to say no. It's because of guys like him people don't believe me when I tell them I'm gay. But Maddox has something I need. After an injury that cost me my baseball career, I'm trying to leave my playing days behind and focus on being the best sports agent I can be. Forty-eight hours with my sister's best friend in exchange for a meeting with a possible client. I can do this. I just wish he wasn't so hot. Or that he didn't kiss like he means it. Wait ? why is the straight guy kissing me?

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## **SOVEREIGN ATTACHMENTS**

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### **MASCULINITY, MUSLIMNESS, AND AFFECTIVE POLITICS IN PAKISTAN**

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*Univ of California Press* Sovereign Attachments rethinks sovereignty by moving it out of the exclusive domain of geopolitics and legality and into cultural, religious, and gender studies. Through a close reading of a stunning array of cultural texts produced by the Pakistani state and the Pakistan-based Taliban, Shenila Khoja-Moolji theorizes sovereignty as an ongoing attachment that is negotiated in public culture. Both the state and the Taliban recruit publics into relationships of trust, protection, and fraternity by summoning models of Islamic masculinity, mobilizing kinship metaphors, and marshalling affect. In particular, masculinity and Muslimness emerge as salient performances through which sovereign attachments are harnessed. The book shifts the discussion of sovereignty away from questions about absolute dominance to ones about shared repertoires, entanglements, and co-constitution.

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## **ASIAN COMICS**

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*Univ. Press of Mississippi* Grand in its scope, Asian Comics dispels the myth that, outside of Japan, the continent is nearly devoid of comic strips and comic books. Relying on his fifty years of Asian mass communication and comic art research, during which he traveled to Asia at least seventy-eight times and visited many studios and workplaces, John A. Lent shows that nearly every country had a golden age of cartooning and has experienced a recent rejuvenation of the art form. As only Japanese comics output has received close and by now voluminous scrutiny, Asian Comics tells the story of the major comics creators outside of Japan. Lent covers the nations and regions of Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. Organized by regions of East, Southeast, and South Asia, Asian Comics provides 178 black-and-white illustrations and detailed information on comics of sixteen countries and regions—their histories, key creators, characters, contemporary status, problems, trends, and issues. One chapter harkens back to predecessors of comics in Asia, describing scrolls, paintings, books, and puppetry with humorous tinges, primarily in China, India, Indonesia, and Japan. The first overview of Asian comic books and magazines (both mainstream and alternative), graphic novels, newspaper comic strips and gag panels, plus cartoon/humor magazines, Asian Comics brims with facts, fascinating anecdotes, and interview quotes from many pioneering masters, as well as younger artists.

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## **FUSHIGI YUGI, THE MYSTERIOUS PLAY**

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The first Shentso-Pao treasure from the northern country of Bei-jia was stolen from Miaka, and the only treasure left is in the western country of Xi-Lang - and both Miaka and her friend-turned-mortal-enemy Yui are intent on getting the treasure for themselves! But Xi-Lang isn't a frozen wasteland of forgotten dreams and ghosts like Bei-jia. It's a vibrant, living desert country, whose inhabitants are veterans of the last clash between priestesses and gods!

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## **MAISON IKKOKU: LEARNING CURVES**

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### **THE FLOWERS OF EVIL - COMPLETE, 3**

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*Vertical Inc* After the climactic incident during the festival, we are sent to a completely new locale, 3 years later. Takao and Nakamura have been forcibly separated. Takao is now living with his parents in the suburbs of the big city, and they mostly act like a normal, happy family. Takao is in a new school, and a typical middling student. And while he's as awkward as ever, he's made some friends. Even more intriguingly—Takao may have found a girl to open up to. As with Nakamura, this girl can see there's more to Takao than meets the eye. But this time, she's the one who reintroduces him to literature...

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## FUSHIGI YÛGI, VOL. 14

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*VIZ Media LLC* A Beloved Fantasy From One Of Japan's Top Creators Prolific shōjo ("girls") comics artist Yuu Watase has created a wonderfully exciting, funny, and heartfelt tale of a normal junior-high-school girl who is transported into a fictional version of ancient China. She encounters base villains and dashing heroes, and still manages to worry about her grades and where her next banquet is coming from. THE BELOVED ROMANTIC FANTASY SERIES CONTINUES! When Miaka was whisked away into the pages of a mysterious old book, she began a dual existence, divided between her life as an ordinary schoolgirl in modern Japan and her role as a priestess in a fictional version of ancient China. Priestess Miaka and her Celestial Warriors saved the earth from destruction, and in the wake of their triumph, Miaka believed that the world of the book was closed to her forever... but she was wrong! Suzaku's Prophet The voice of the god Suzaku is invading Miaka's thoughts, and she is given a new mission: to restore the balance of power between the four gods. To do it, Miaka must defeat a new foe—a rising, monstrous power with ambitions to take over all of the universes!

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## PROPHET

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*Orion Manga* comes to the UK mainstream for the first time.

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## GLOBAL TRENDS 2030

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## ALTERNATIVE WORLDS

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*Createspace Independent Publishing Platform* This publication covers global megatrends for the next 20 years and how they will affect the United States. This is the fifth installment in the National Intelligence Council's series aimed at providing a framework for thinking about possible futures and their implications. The report is intended to stimulate strategic thinking about the rapid and vast geopolitical changes characterizing the world today and possible global trajectories during the next 15-20 years by identifying critical trends and potential discontinuities. The authors distinguish between megatrends, those factors that will likely occur under any scenario, and game-changers, critical variables whose trajectories are far less certain. NIC 2012-001. Several innovations are included in *Global Trends 2030*, including: a review of the four previous *Global Trends* reports, input from academic and other experts around the world, coverage of disruptive technologies, and a chapter on the potential trajectories for the US role in the international system and the possible the impact on future international relations. Table of Contents: Introduction 1 Megatrends 6 Individual Empowerment 8 Poverty Reduction 8 An Expanding Global Middle Class 8 Education and the Gender Gap 10 Role of Communications Technologies 11 Improving Health 11 A MORE CONFLICTED IDEOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE 12 Diffusion of Power 15 THE RISE AND FALL OF COUNTRIES: NOT THE SAME OLD STORY 17 THE LIMITS OF HARD POWER IN THE WORLD OF 2030 18 Demographic Patterns 20 Widespread Aging 20 Shrinking Number of Youthful Countries 22 A New Age of Migration 23 The World as Urban 26 Growing Food, Water, and Energy Nexus 30 Food, Water, and Climate 30 A Brighter Energy Outlook 34 Game-Changers 38 The Crisis-Prone Global Economy 40 The Plight of the West 40 Crunch Time Too for the Emerging Powers 43 A Multipolar Global Economy: Inherently More Fragile? 46 The Governance Gap 48 Governance Starts at Home: Risks and Opportunities 48 INCREASED FOCUS ON EQUALITY AND OPENNESS 53 NEW GOVERNMENTAL FORMS 54 A New Regional Order? 55 Global Multilateral Cooperation 55 The Potential for Increased Conflict 59 INTRASTATE CONFLICT: CONTINUED DECLINE 59 Interstate Conflict: Chances Rising 61 Wider Scope of Regional Instability 70 The Middle East: At a Tipping Point 70 South Asia: Shocks on the Horizon 75 East Asia: Multiple Strategic Futures 76 Europe: Transforming Itself 78 Sub-Saharan Africa: Turning a Corner by 2030? 79 Latin America: More Prosperous but Inherently Fragile 81 The Impact of New Technologies 83 Information Technologies 83 AUTOMATION AND MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES 87 Resource Technologies 90 Health Technologies 95 The Role of the United States 98 Steady US Role 98 Multiple Potential Scenarios for the United States' Global Role 101 Alternative Worlds 107 Stalled Engines 110 FUSION 116 Gini-out-of-the-Bottle 122 Nonstate World 128 Acknowledgements 134 GT2030 Blog References 137 Audience: Appropriate for anyone, from businesses to banks, government agencies to start-ups, the technology sector to the teaching sector, and more. This publication helps anticipate where the world will be: socially, politically, technologically, and culturally over the next few decades. Keywords: *Global Trends 2030* Alternative Worlds, global trends 2030, *Global Trends* series, National Intelligence Council, global trajectories, global megatrends, geopolitics, geopolitical changes

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## JUST ONE COOKBOOK

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