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Scoundrels & Scotch

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Bastards & Whiskey (Top Shelf, Book One)

A Dark Billionaire Romance

Alta Hensley I sit amongst the Presidents, Royalty, the Captains of Industry, and the wealthiest fucks in the world. We own Spiked Roses—an exclusive, membership only establishment in New Orleans where money or lineage is the only way in. It is for the gentlemen who own everything and never hear the word no. Sipping on whiskey, smoking cigars, and conducting multi-million dollar deals in our own personal playground of indulgence, there isn't anything I can't have... and that includes HER. I can also have HER if I want. And I want. *BASTARDS & WHISKEY is a dark billionaire romance. If you don't like a sprinkle of shock, a dash of taboo, and a heavy dose of dirty, then don't take a sip of this TOP SHELF cocktail. Keywords: Dark billionaire romance, mafia romance, romantic suspense, enemies to lovers, contemporary romance, steamy romance, billionaires romance, gothic romance suspense, arranged marriage romance, romantic thriller suspense books, crime boss romance, dark romance series, new adult contemporary romance, dark romance, action adventure romance, dark mafia romance, complete romance series, Alta Hensley, secret society romance, captive romance, capture and indentured, dominance and submission, Free Book, free first in series

Villains & Vodka (Top Shelf, Book Two)

A Dark Billionaire Romance

Alta Hensley My life is one long fevered dream, balancing between being killed or killing. The name Harley Crow is one to be feared. I am an assassin. A killer. The villain. I own it. I choose this life. Hell, I crave it. I hunger for it. The smell of fear makes me hard and is the very reason the blood runs through my veins. Until I meet her... Marlowe Masters. Her darkness matches my own. In my twisted world of dancing along the jagged edge of the blade... She changes everything. No weapon can protect me from the kind of death she will ultimately deliver. *Villains & Vodka is a dark billionaire romance. If you don't like a splash of shock, a dash of taboo, and a heavy dose of dirty, then don't take a sip of this TOP SHELF cocktail. Keywords: Dark billionaire romance, mafia romance, romantic suspense, enemies to lovers, contemporary romance, steamy romance, billionaires romance, gothic romance suspense, arranged marriage romance, romantic thriller suspense books, crime boss romance, dark romance series, new adult contemporary romance, dark romance, action adventure romance, dark mafia romance, complete romance series, Alta Hensley, secret society romance, captive romance, capture and indentured, dominance and submission

Devils & Rye

Alta Hensley Forbidden fruit tastes the sweetest. It had been years since I had seen her. Years since I last saw those eyes with pure, raw innocence. So much time had passed since I lusted after what I knew I should resist. But she was so right. And I was so wrong. To claim her as mine was breaking the rules. Boundaries should not be broken. But temptation weakens my resolve. With the pull of my dark desires... I know that I can't hide from my sinful thoughts—and actions—forever. *Devils & Rye is a dark billionaire romance. If you don't like a splash of shock, a dash of taboo, and a heavy dose of dirty, then don't take a sip of this TOP SHELF cocktail.

One Good Earl Deserves a Lover

The Second Rule of Scoundrels

Harper Collins Lady Philippa Marbury is . . . odd The brilliant, bespectacled daughter of a double marquess cares more for books than balls, for science than the season, and for laboratories than love. She's looking forward to marrying her simple fiancé and living out her days quietly with her dogs and her scientific experiments. But before that, Pippa has two weeks to experience all the rest—fourteen days to research the exciting parts of life. It's not much time, and to do it right she needs a guide familiar with London's darker corners. She needs . . . a Scoundrel She needs Cross, the clever, controlled partner in London's most exclusive gaming hell, with a carefully crafted reputation for wickedness. But reputations often hide the darkest secrets, and when the unconventional Pippa boldly propositions him, seeking science without emotion, she threatens all he works to protect. He is tempted to give Pippa precisely what she wants . . . but the scoundrel is more than he seems, and it will take every ounce of his willpower to resist giving the lady more than she ever imagined.

Spiked Roses (The Complete Top Shelf Series)

A Dark Billionaire Collection

Alta Hensley For the first time ever, the bestselling Top Shelf series is available in one collection. Bastards & Whiskey, Villains & Vodka, Scoundrels & Scotch, Devils & Rye, Beasts & Bourbon, and Sinners & Gin are now in one book! Do you dare take a dark sip? They are the Presidents, Royalty, the Captains of Industry, and the wealthiest men in the world. They

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Disaster Girl

Tule Publishing **The only thing she knows better than walking into a disaster is digging herself out of one. Tess Greene knows disaster—dating disasters, computer disasters, family disasters, you name it. But just when her life is finally almost perfect, she's targeted by an internet celebrity who runs a revenge porn site admired by douchebags across the country. She has one month before the entire world will have an up-close-and-personal view of her sexual history. Tess has always handled everything on her own, but for this disaster, she needs backup. Max Hampshire, a brilliant hacker, is exactly the lifeline Tess needs. What she doesn't need is Max himself. She does not need his quick wit, sexy black-framed glasses, or all-around sweetness. The last guy who helped Tess left with his life crushed and his heart broken, so she knows that staying far away from Max would be safer for everyone. But safety isn't really an option when dealing with sleazy predators—or love...**

The Wisteria Society of Lady Scoundrels

Penguin **A New York Times Notable Book of 2021 “The kind of book for which the word “rollicking” was invented.”—New York Times Book Review A prim and proper lady thief must save her aunt from a crazed pirate and his dangerously charming henchman in this fantastical historical romance. Cecilia Bassingwaite is the ideal Victorian lady. She's also a thief. Like the other members of the Wisteria Society crime sorority, she flies around England drinking tea, blackmailing friends, and acquiring treasure by interesting means. Sure, she has a dark and traumatic past and an overbearing aunt, but all things considered, it's a pleasant existence. Until the men show up. Ned Lightbourne is a sometimes assassin who is smitten with Cecilia from the moment they meet. Unfortunately, that happens to be while he's under direct orders to kill her. His employer, Captain Morvath, who possesses a gothic abbey bristling with cannons and an unbridled hate for the world, intends to rid England of all its presumptuous women, starting with the Wisteria Society. Ned has plans of his own. But both men have made one grave mistake. Never underestimate a woman. When Morvath imperils the Wisteria Society, Cecilia is forced to team up with her handsome would-be assassin to save the women who raised her--hopefully proving, once and for all, that she's as much of a scoundrel as the rest of them.**

Between the Devil and Desire

Harper Collins **London's most notorious rogue—decadent, depraved, forbidden The ladies of the ton won't stop whispering about deliciously wicked Jack Dodger—once a thieving street urchin, now the wealthy owner of London's most exclusive gentleman's club. There's no pleasure he hasn't enjoyed, no debauchery the handsome scoundrel won't provide for the lords who flock to his house of carnal intrigue. London's most virtuous lady—honorable, uncorrupted, and all too human Olivia, Duchess of Lovington, would never associate with such a rogue. So when Jack is named sole heir to the duke's personal possessions, the beautiful, well-bred lady is outraged. Now, Olivia is forced to share her beloved home with this despicable man. Caught between the devil and desire But Olivia's icy disdain is no match for Jack's dangerous charm. His touch awakens desire. His kiss demands surrender. She will struggle to bar Jack from her heart . . . but her body, coveting divine release, will not let her bar him from her bed.**

Kept Bride (The Secret Bride Series, Book Two)

A Dark Arranged Marriage Romance

Alta Hensley **My history is forbidden. My story, dark and twisted. My future decided. I know I don't belong in this decadent world—his world. Money, power, and dark secrets surround me now. I submit to it all to be his perfect obedient wife. They stalk my every move, watching me, judging me. I'm in the same prison just with different guards. But all I care about**

is him. His eyes, his touch, his hold over me. I'm forever his kept bride, even though they all try to steal me away. Keywords: Dark billionaire romance, mafia romance, romantic suspense, enemies to lovers, contemporary romance, steamy romance, billionaires romance, gothic romance suspense, arranged marriage romance, romantic thriller suspense books, crime boss romance, dark romance series, new adult contemporary romance, dark romance, action adventure romance, dark mafia romance, complete romance series, Alta Hensley, secret society romance, captive romance, capture and indentured, dominance and submission, captive bride, taken bride

Along Came a Rogue

Forever **THE WICKEDEST SECRET . . .** Major Nathaniel Grey is free to bed whomever he wants, whenever he chooses, and that's exactly how he likes it. His only loyalties are to country and the two friends he served with—brothers he'd do anything for. So when one of them is gravely injured and asking for his little sister, Grey will move heaven and earth to bring her home. He's greeted not by the gangly girl he remembers, but a stunningly beautiful woman holding a loaded musket. And he's utterly captivated by her . . . **IS A SECRET SEDUCTION** Once upon a time, Emily would have loved nothing more than a stolen hour with her brother's best friend, the dashing officer who captured her heart and soul. But things are different now—and so is she. Gone is the eager young woman who believed in love. In her place is a widow weighed down with secrets who desperately needs to disappear before they're revealed. But Grey's sinfully sexy smile offers protection unlike anything she's ever known, tempting her to risk everything . . . even her heart.

The Hammer and the Blade

An Egil & Nix Novel

Del Rey For readers of Brent Weeks, Joe Abercrombie, Peter V. Brett, and Scott Lynch comes the first book in a fantastic, hilarious new sword-and-sorcery series that puts a clever new twist on the golden age of epic fantasy. Robbing tombs for fun and profit might not be a stable career, but Egil and Nix aren't in it for the long-term prospects. Egil is the hammer-wielding warrior-priest of a discredited god. Nix is a roguish thief with just enough knowledge of magic to conjure up trouble. Together, they seek riches and renown, yet often find themselves enlisted in lost causes—generally against their will. So why should their big score be any different? The trouble starts when Nix and Egil kill the demonic guardian of a long-lost crypt, nullifying an ancient pact made by the ancestors of an obscenely powerful wizard. Now the wizard will stop at nothing to keep that power from slipping away, even if it means freeing a rapacious beast from its centuries-old prison. And who better than Egil and Nix—the ones responsible for his current predicament—to perform this thankless task? Praise for *The Hammer and the Blade* and Paul S. Kemp “A gripping tale [with] the feeling of a classic Dungeons & Dragons campaign.”—Publishers Weekly “Most heroes work up to killing demons. Egil and Nix start there and pick up the pace.”—Elaine Cunningham, author of the Thorn Trilogy “Kemp delivers sword and sorcery at its rollicking best, after the fashion of Fritz Leiber’s *Fafhrd* and the *Gray Mouser*.”—Library Journal

The Heather Moon (The Border Rogues Series, Book 3)

ePublishing Works! Half-Scots and half gypsy, beautiful Tamsin Armstrong boldly raids across the Border with her kinsmen—until she is captured and held hostage by William Scott, a laird with royal ties. Amid plots and counterplots, Tamsin and William discover a powerful attraction. Then fate thrusts them into a diabolical scheme to abduct the infant, queen of Scots, and a grave danger that could destroy them all. **AWARDS:** Nominated for Romantic Times Reviewer's Choice Award, Best Medieval **REVIEWS:** "A brilliantly woven tale of history and romance, as lush as a tapestry." ~Romance Fiction Forum "Overflows with a masterful command of history. A must for fans of Scottish romances." ~Kathe Robin, Romantic Times "King is a master storyteller." ~RT Book Reviews **THE BORDER ROGUES**, in series order *The Raven's Wish* *The Raven's Moon* *The Heather Moon* **THE CELTIC NIGHTS**, in series order *The Stone Maiden* *The Swan Maiden* *The Sword Maiden* *Laird of the Wind* **OTHER TITLES** by Susan King *The Black Thorne's Rose*

Beasts & Bourbon

Alta Hensley My royal blood flows black with twisted secrets. I am a beast who wears a crown. Heir to a modern kingdom cloaked in corruption and depravities. The time has come to claim my princess. An innocent hidden away from my dark world. Till now. Her initiation will require sacrifice and submission. There is no escaping the chains which bind her to me.

Surrendering to my torment, as well as my protection, is her only path to survival. In the end... She will be forever mine. *Beasts & Bourbon is a dark billionaire romance. If you don't like a splash of shock, a dash of taboo, and a heavy dose of dirty, then don't take a sip of this TOP SHELF cocktail.

Traditional Love

Lazyday Publishing, LLC Is finding true love as simple as finding a strong man who spansks? In hopes that she can rebuild her broken life, Neely moves back to her hometown and becomes roommates with her best friend, Caine. Living together they soon discover that their feelings go far beyond just friendship. Neely is surprised to learn that Caine believes in spanking as a way of life. He lives and passionately upholds a lifestyle known as Domestic Discipline. He is a man who believes in loving, cherishing and spanking his women! But can Neely let go, and trust in Caine? Can she submit to his way of life, and emerge herself in his like minded group of friends? Is Domestic Discipline just what Neely needs? Or will the uncertainty of the lifestyle tear them apart?

Sinners & Gin

Alta Hensley My power is absolute. My rules are law. Structure. Obedience. Discipline. I am in charge, and what I say goes. Black and white with no gray. No one dares break the rules in my dark and twisted world... until her. Until she makes me cross my own jagged lines. She's untouched. Perfection. Pure. Forbidden. She tests my limits in all ways. There is only one option left. I will claim her as mine no matter how many rules are broken.

Always Been Mine

Josephine Walker doesn't do drama. All her life she has taken the safe route and done what was expected; she married her college sweetheart, found a great job, had two beautiful children and settled in to her little piece of perfection to live out her life. She was happy with the mundane. The only thing that seems out of place is her best friend Matt; he is as funny, crazy and impulsive as she is sarcastic, dependable and predictable. Matt's life is loud and full of chaos. Jo knows his past is as dark as his tattoos, that his secrets are buried for a reason, but all she can see is that he's always got her back. When her marriage falls apart, Matt swoops in to help Jo pick up the pieces. At least, that's what he planned to do. But, Jo has other plans. She's done playing it safe, done caring what other people think. She wants wild and crazy; and as much as she tries to ignore it, she wants Matt. Together they have to answer the ultimate question; can a man and a woman, who are as close as they are, ever truly be just friends? Jo adores Matt, she trusts him completely. But, will she risk everything, including their friendship, to take a chance on love with the bad boy that could destroy her heart?

Albion's Seed

Four British Folkways in America

Oxford University Press This fascinating book is the first volume in a projected cultural history of the United States, from the earliest English settlements to our own time. It is a history of American folkways as they have changed through time, and it argues a thesis about the importance for the United States of having been British in its cultural origins. While most people in the United States today have no British ancestors, they have assimilated regional cultures which were created by British colonists, even while preserving ethnic identities at the same time. In this sense, nearly all Americans are "Albion's Seed," no matter what their ethnicity may be. The concluding section of this remarkable book explores the ways that regional cultures have continued to dominate national politics from 1789 to 1988, and still help to shape attitudes toward education, government, gender, and violence, on which differences between American regions are greater than between European nations.

The French Revolution

Mechanical Failure

Simon and Schuster **A smooth-talking ex-sergeant, accustomed to an easygoing peacetime military, unexpectedly re-joins the fleet and finds soldiers preparing for the strangest thing—war. The two hundred years' (and counting) peace is a time of tranquility that hasn't been seen since...well, never. Mankind in the Galactic Age had finally conquered war, so what was left for the military to do but drink and barbecue? That's the kind of military that Sergeant R. Wilson Rogers lived in before he left the fleet to become a smuggler. But it turns out that smuggling is hard. Like getting-arrested-for-dealing-with-pirates-and-forced-back-into-service kind of hard. It doesn't seem so bad—the military was a perpetual tiki party anyway—but when Rogers returns after only a year away, something has changed. These are soldiers—actual soldiers doing actual soldier things like preparing for a war that Rogers is sure doesn't exist. Rogers vows to put a stop to all this nonsense—even if it means doing actual work. With an experienced ear for military double-speak, Zieja has created a remarkable and sarcastic adventure.**

Smokey

Evernight Publishing **Just out of a bad marriage, Ava isn't looking for love. She's ready to live her own life in a new town, opening a bakery. She never expected to cross paths with Smokey, the dangerous president of the Hell's Bastards MC. Smokey wants the curvy blonde sitting alone at the bar, and he always gets what he wants. From the start, he explains it's just sex, nothing else. Ava doesn't expect more and promises herself she won't fall in love with the bad biker, but Smokey gets under her skin. He can't let her go, and now he thinks she works for his enemy. The pain of his punishment will stay with her forever. When the truth comes out, Smokey knows he's hurt the only woman he's ever cared about. After he loses her, he has no choice but to win her back. Ava won't give in, though. He hurt her, shattered her trust, and destroyed her heart. How can he win what he broke?**

The Glass Castle

A Memoir

Simon and Schuster **Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.**

Seeing Like a State

How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed

Yale University Press **“One of the most profound and illuminating studies of this century to have been published in recent decades.”—John Gray, New York Times Book Review Hailed as “a magisterial critique of top-down social planning” by the New York Times, this essential work analyzes disasters from Russia to Tanzania to uncover why states so often fail—sometimes catastrophically—in grand efforts to engineer their society or their environment, and uncovers the conditions common to all such planning disasters. “Beautifully**

written, this book calls into sharp relief the nature of the world we now inhabit.”—New Yorker “A tour de force.”— Charles Tilly, Columbia University

The Devil All the Time

Anchor Now a Netflix film starring Tom Holland and Robert Pattinson A dark and riveting vision of 1960s America that delivers literary excitement in the highest degree. In *The Devil All the Time*, Donald Ray Pollock has written a novel that marries the twisted intensity of Oliver Stone’s *Natural Born Killers* with the religious and Gothic overtones of Flannery O’Connor at her most haunting. Set in rural southern Ohio and West Virginia, *The Devil All the Time* follows a cast of compelling and bizarre characters from the end of World War II to the 1960s. There’s Willard Russell, tormented veteran of the carnage in the South Pacific, who can’t save his beautiful wife, Charlotte, from an agonizing death by cancer no matter how much sacrificial blood he pours on his “prayer log.” There’s Carl and Sandy Henderson, a husband-and-wife team of serial killers, who troll America’s highways searching for suitable models to photograph and exterminate. There’s the spider-handling preacher Roy and his crippled virtuoso-guitar-playing sidekick, Theodore, running from the law. And caught in the middle of all this is Arvin Eugene Russell, Willard and Charlotte’s orphaned son, who grows up to be a good but also violent man in his own right. Donald Ray Pollock braids his plotlines into a taut narrative that will leave readers astonished and deeply moved. With his first novel, he proves himself a master storyteller in the grittiest and most uncompromising American grain.

The Bourbon Kings

Penguin "For generations, the Bradford family has worn the mantle of kings of the bourbon capital of the world. Their sustained wealth has afforded them prestige and privilege--as well as a hard-won division of class on their sprawling estate, Easterly. Upstairs, a dynasty that by all appearances plays by the rules of good fortune and good taste. Downstairs, the staff who work tirelessly to maintain the impeccable Bradford facade. And never the twain shall meet. For Lizzie King, Easterly's head gardener, crossing that divide nearly ruined her life. Falling in love with Tulane, the prodigal son of the bourbon dynasty, was nothing that she intended or wanted--and their bitter breakup only served to prove her instincts were right. Now, after two years of staying away, Tulane is finally coming home again, and he is bringing the past with him. No one will be left unmarked: not Tulane's beautiful and ruthless wife; not his older brother, whose bitterness and bad blood know no bounds; and especially not the ironfisted Bradford patriarch, a man with few morals, fewer scruples, and many, many terrible secrets. As family tensions--professional and intimately private--ignite, Easterly and all its inhabitants are thrown into the grips of an irrevocable transformation, and only the cunning will survive"--

Lying for Money

How Legendary Frauds Reveal the Workings of the World

Scribner An entertaining, deeply informative explanation of how high-level financial crimes work, written by an industry insider who’s an expert in the field. The way most white-collar crime works is by manipulating institutional psychology. That means creating something that looks as much as possible like a normal set of transactions. The drama comes later, when it all unwinds. Financial crime seems horribly complicated, but there are only so many ways you can con someone out of what’s theirs. In *Lying for Money*, veteran regulatory economist and market analyst Dan Davies tells the story of fraud through a genealogy of financial malfeasance, including: the Great Salad Oil swindle, the Pigeon King International fraud, the fictional British colony of Poyais in South America, the Boston Ladies’ Deposit Company, the Portuguese Banknote Affair, Theranos, and the Bre-X scam. Davies brings new insights into these schemes and shows how all frauds, current and historical, belong to one of four categories (“long firm,” counterfeiting, control fraud, and market crimes) and operate on the same basic principles. The only elements that change are the victims, the scammers, and the terminology. Davies has years of experience picking the bones out of some of the most famous frauds of the modern age. Now he reveals the big picture that emerges from their labyrinths of deceit and explains how fraud has shaped the entire development of the modern world economy.

A Man Called Ove

A Novel

Simon and Schuster When a new, chatty, young couple and their two daughters move in next door, Ove's well-ordered, solitary world turns upside down.

As an Earl Desires

Zondervan USA Today bestselling and Rita Award-winning author Lorraine Heath has created a lush, emotional love story. Camilla Hutchenson, countess, sponsor, darling of the ton, has reached a staggering level of social power. But one man has managed to distract her attention from her schedule of charity endeavours and teas—and not just because he holds the deed to her estate. The man in question, Archibald Warner, is the new Earl of Sachse. Though at first meeting he suspects his new ward of being nothing more than a social bit of fluff, the more time passes, the more he finds himself drawn to her. But there is something she is hiding from him, and she hesitates to show him her real heart, even though she wishes she could learn to trust him with it. For somehow she knows . . . if only she can give him the chance, he will teach her everything she could hope to learn about love.

The Free Bastards

Del Rey The long-awaited war has come in the sweeping conclusion to the Lot Lands trilogy—another irresistibly swashbuckling, swaggering, foul-mouthed fantasy from the author of *The Grey Bastards*. “[A] rip-roaring, shelf-bending conclusion . . . nothing short of an adventure fantasy masterwork.”—Kirkus Reviews (Best Books of the Year) War has come to the Lot Lands—and Oats stands upon the frontline. The Hisparthan armies on the horizon are mighty, bolstered by divine champions, dread sorcerers, and gunpowder. It's almost more than the half-orc rebellion can hope to repel. But Oats has won impossible fights before. He's a thriceblood, after all, more orc than man. And he hasn't forgotten how to kill. He'll stack the bodies high for his chief and his brethren, if that's the price of freeing the Lots from human tyranny. Besides, the invading forces are getting a damned sight more than they bargained for. They're not facing a handful of half-orc hoofs, but a true army—one forged from all the peoples of the Lots. At its head are Fetching, in full command of the ruinous power that runs through her veins, and Jackal, armed with the blessings of a dead god. Yet Oats can't help but find his faith wavering. Once the strongest Bastard, he soon realizes that in this battle, even the strength of a thriceblood is easily conquered. And after a grievous loss strikes, he begins to fear that this war will lead the Lots not to freedom but to ruin. So when another path to peace beckons, he has no choice but to walk it. Even if it means betting the Lots' fate, and his own, on the promises of the Bastards' wiliest adversary—and making a perilous journey into the heart of Hispartha itself. Brimming with all the epic battles, surprising sorcery, and fiendish twists a Bastards fan could wish for, alongside unforgettable moments for characters old and new, *The Free Bastards* builds a new future for the Lots—even as it gives our beloved trio of Jackal, Fetching, and Oats the rousing, blood-soaked sendoff they deserve.

Schroder

A Novel

Twelve A lyrical and deeply affecting novel recounting the seven days a father spends on the road with his daughter after kidnapping her during a parental visit. Attending a New England summer camp, young Eric Schroder—a first-generation East German immigrant—adopts the last name Kennedy to more easily fit in, a fateful white lie that will set him on an improbable and ultimately tragic course. SCHRODER relates the story of Eric's urgent escape years later to Lake Champlain, Vermont, with his six-year-old daughter, Meadow, in an attempt to outrun the authorities amid a heated custody battle with his wife, who will soon discover that her husband is not who he says he is. From a correctional facility, Eric surveys the course of his life to understand—and maybe even explain—his behavior: the painful separation from his mother in childhood; a harrowing escape to America with his taciturn father; a romance that withered under a shadow of lies; and his proudest moments and greatest regrets as a flawed but loving father. Alternately lovesick and ecstatic,

Amity Gaige's deftly imagined novel offers a profound meditation on history and fatherhood, and the many identities we take on in our lives--those we are born with and those we construct for ourselves.

Fahrenheit 451

A Novel

Simon and Schuster A totalitarian regime has ordered all books to be destroyed, but one of the book burners suddenly realizes their merit.

Paper Towns

A&C Black Special edition slipcase edition of John Green's Paper Towns, with pop-up paper town. From the bestselling author of *The Fault in our Stars*. Quentin Jacobsen has always loved Margo Roth Spiegelman, for Margo (and her adventures) are the stuff of legend at their high school. So when she one day climbs through his window and summons him on an all-night road trip of revenge he cannot help but follow. But the next day Margo doesn't come to school and a week later she is still missing. Q soon learns that there are clues in her disappearance . . . and they are for him. But as he gets deeper into the mystery - culminating in another awesome road trip across America - he becomes less sure of who and what he is looking for. Masterfully written by John Green, this is a thoughtful, insightful and hilarious coming-of-age story.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

Quirk Books Read the #1 New York Times best-selling series before it continues in *A Map of Days*. Bonus features • Q&A with author Ransom Riggs • Eight pages of color stills from the film • Sneak preview of *Hollow City*, the next novel in the series A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience. As our story opens, a horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a deserted island for good reason. And somehow—impossible though it seems—they may still be alive. A spine-tingling fantasy illustrated with haunting vintage photography, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* will delight adults, teens, and anyone who relishes an adventure in the shadows. “A tense, moving, and wondrously strange first novel. The photographs and text work together brilliantly to create an unforgettable story.”—John Green, New York Times best-selling author of *The Fault in Our Stars* “With its *X-Men: First Class*-meets-time-travel story line, David Lynchian imagery, and rich, eerie detail, it's no wonder *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* has been snapped up by Twentieth Century Fox. B+”—*Entertainment Weekly* “‘Peculiar’ doesn’t even begin to cover it. Riggs’ chilling, wondrous novel is already headed to the movies.”—*People* “You’ll love it if you want a good thriller for the summer. It’s a mystery, and you’ll race to solve it before Jacob figures it out for himself.”—*Seventeen*

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Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil

Vintage **NATIONAL BESTSELLER** • “Elegant and wicked.... [This] might be the first true-crime book that makes the reader want to book a bed and breakfast for an extended weekend at the scene of the crime.” —*The New York Times* Book Review Shots rang out in Savannah's grandest mansion in the misty, early morning hours of May 2, 1981. Was it murder or self-defense? For nearly a decade, the shooting and its aftermath reverberated throughout this hauntingly beautiful city of moss-hung oaks and shaded squares. John Berendt's sharply observed, suspenseful, and witty narrative reads like a thoroughly engrossing novel, and yet it is a work of nonfiction. Berendt skillfully interweaves a hugely entertaining

first-person account of life in this isolated remnant of the Old South with the unpredictable twists and turns of a landmark murder case. It is a spellbinding story peopled by a gallery of remarkable characters: the well-bred society ladies of the Married Woman's Card Club; the turbulent young redneck gigolo; the hapless recluse who owns a bottle of poison so powerful it could kill every man, woman, and child in Savannah; the aging and profane Southern belle who is the "soul of pampered self-absorption"; the uproariously funny black drag queen; the acerbic and arrogant antiques dealer; the sweet-talking, piano-playing con artist; young blacks dancing the minuet at the black debutante ball; and Minerva, the voodoo priestess who works her magic in the graveyard at midnight. These and other Savannahians act as a Greek chorus, with Berendt revealing the alliances, hostilities, and intrigues that thrive in a town where everyone knows everyone else. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* is a sublime and seductive reading experience. Brilliantly conceived and masterfully written, this enormously engaging portrait of a most beguiling Southern city has become a modern classic.

The Stand

Anchor A monumentally devastating plague leaves only a few survivors who, while experiencing dreams of a battle between good and evil, move toward an actual confrontation as they migrate to Boulder, Colorado.

To Capture A Rogue's Heart

A Historical Regency Romance

Blue Rose Romance Formerly titled *To Tame a Scoundrel's Heart* He recruited her to help him find a wife... ..and discovered she was the perfect candidate. Her betrothed cheated on her. Katrina Needham intended to marry her beloved major and live happily-ever-after—until he's seen with another woman. Distraught, and needing a distraction, she agrees to assist the rugged, and dangerously handsome Captain Dominic St. Monté find a wife. So why does she find herself entertaining romantic notions about the privateer turned duke? He believed he was illegitimate. When Nic unexpectedly inherits a dukedom and the care of his young sisters, he reluctantly decides he must marry. Afterward, if his new duchess is willing, he hopes to return to the sea-faring life he craves part-time. If she doesn't agree, he'll have no choice but to give up the sea forever. Will they forsake everything for each other? Nic soon realizes Katrina possesses every characteristic he seeks in a duchess. The more time he spends with the vivacious beauty, the more enamored he becomes. Still, he cannot ask for her hand. Not only is she still officially promised to another, she has absolutely no interest in becoming a duchess, much less a privateer's wife. Can Nic and Katrina relinquish their carefully planned futures and trust love to guide them? _____ This friends to lovers Regency historical by a USA Today bestselling author is a romantic romp that will bring a smile to your face as you watch Nic and Katrina's forbidden romance blossom. If you enjoy reading second chance or romantic comedy stories with a dash of suspense, strong heroines, and spellbinding emotion then you'll adore Collette Cameron's tantalizing THE HONORABLE ROGUES® SERIES. Settle into your favorite reading nook for a rousing romantic adventure you can't put down. Though this book can easily be read as a stand-alone, most readers prefer to read the series in order. THE HONORABLE ROGUES® SERIES: A Kiss for A Rogue A Bride for a Rogue A Rogue's Scandalous Wish To Capture a Rogue's Heart The Rogue and the Wallflower A Rose for a Rogue CHECK OUT COLLETTE'S OTHER SERIES: Castle Brides Heart of a Scot Highland Heather Romancing a Scot Seductive Scoundrels The Blue Rose Regency Romances: The Culpepper Misses Wicked Earls' Club

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A Novel

K Webster From USA Today bestselling author K Webster comes an angsty, dark, and emotional new adult romance standalone! I'm a freak, a misfit, an odd end. Abandoned and unloved. But my happiness is so close I can taste it. Until he shows up. Gorgeous, expensive, and all man. Sad brown eyes and a brilliant smile. And he wants me to go with him. His intentions are hidden. His motives are unclear. Yet, I leave with him because there's no happiness here. What he promises feels too good to be true... A castle. A fortune. And horses too. It's too easy. Nothing in my life has ever been easy. What's the catch? There's always a catch. KEYWORDS: dark romance book full novel, physiological romance, dark romance audio books, happily ever after, romance novels, romantic novels, romantic suspense book, autistic hero book, no cliff hanger, steamy romance book, contemporary romance,

language barrier romance, angsty.