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Kaunitz and Enlightened Absolutism

1753-1780 May 26 2022 Author of the diplomatic revolution of 1756 and brilliant foreign minister of the Austrian Empire, Wenzel Anton Kaunitz, State Chancellor of the Habsburg Monarchy (1753-1792), emerges from this study as the key figure in the development of enlightened absolutism and the guiding spirit behind the modernization of the state.

Married to the Rogue Aug 24 2019 Free to follow her heart...just not to her husband! Deborah needs a husband to protect her from the scandal breaking over her head; Christopher Halland, a radical and ambitious member of parliament, needs a wife to get at his fortune and Gosmere Hall. It is the perfect marriage of convenience. Or is it? She should have been warned off by the fury in his eyes on their first encounter when he almost rode over her. And by the whispered rumors of his women and loose living. Instead, she thrives as the lady of Gosmere Hall and her calm soothes her volatile husband throughout quarrels with his grandfather, and even when his black-sheep cousin, accused of murder, turns up wounded in the cellar. However, falling in love was not part of their agreement - at least not with each other - and they have to overcome many misunderstandings before happiness is within their reach. Only then, her scandal rears its ugly head once more, and the arrival of the reptilian Lord Barden threatens to ruin everything, and even take Deborah's life.

The Medical World of Early Modern France Jul 28 2022 The Medical World of Early Modern France recounts the history of medicine in France between the sixteenth century and the French Revolution. Physicians, surgeons and apothecaries are centre-stage, and the study provides an overview of long-term changes in

their ideas about medicine and their craft. Other denizens of the medical world - quacks, charlatans, wise women, midwives, herbalist and others - are also brought into the analysis, which is set within the broader context of social, economic, demographic and cultural change. The breadth of the chronological and analytical framework, and the depth of the archival research behind it, makes this a unique account of the evolution of medical ideas and practices in one of the major countries of early modern Europe.

A Very Naughty Xmas Oct 07 2020 This sexy anthology includes five stories written by some of the biggest names in erotic romance. Please enjoy, but sensitive readers beware, the contents may be so hot you get singed! **SHARE ME** by Olivia Cunning, NYT & USA Today Best-Selling Author Lindsey longs for an amazing Christmas Eve with her favorite band, Sole Regret, and spends one snowy night with two generous rock stars who love to share their gifts. **JINGLE BALL** by Cari Quinn, USA Today Best-Selling Author This Christmas, rocking the office holiday party has taken on a whole new meaning... **LIGHT ME UP** by Cherrie Lynn, NYT & USA Today Best-Selling Author She's dreaming of a little sparkle in her stocking this year. He's planning a night that's anything but silent... **AN INDECENT PROPOSITION** by Stephanie Julian Two men. One Woman. Half a million dollars. One very indecent proposition. **CHRISTMAS IS COMING** by Raven Morris The best gifts are all tied up with a bow...

The Dogs of Winter May 02 2020 The sequel to *The Birds That Stay* - hailed by the New York Journal of Books as "a fascinating and gripping tale of suspense" and the Globe and Mail as one of "Ten thrillers that will keep you on the edge of your seat". Says Ann Cleeves of the new book: "it's about power and powerlessness in the dead of winter. And more than that, it's a rollicking good read." *The Dogs of Winter* begins after a howling snowstorm envelops Montreal, and the body of a young woman is discovered in its wake. The only clue to her identity is the photograph in her pocket, and on it, the phone number of Detective Inspector Romeo Leduc. Meanwhile, Marie and Romeo are busy navigating their deepening relationship, and a student at Marie's college is the victim of a terrible assault. While Romeo begins to think that the dead woman may be linked to violence against several homeless people in the city, the search for justice in both cases is thwarted by societal apathy and ignorance, even as the killer is stalking the frigid streets of Montreal, preying on and terrorizing its most vulnerable citizens.

Air Apr 24 2022 This remarkable novel is about the effects of a new communications technology, Air, that works without power lines or machines. As pervasive technology ensures the rapid spread of pop culture and information access, few corners of the planet remain untouched. One of those few is Kizuldah, Karzistan - a tiny rice-farming village, predominantly Chinese Buddhist but with a

strong Muslim presence, among whom sharply intelligent though illiterate Mae Chung, a self-styled fashion expert guiding the village women in dress, make-up and hairstyling, is an informal leader. When the UN decides to test the radical new technology Air, Mae is boiling laundry and chatting with elderly Mrs Tung. The massive surge of Air energy swamps them, and when the test is finished, Mrs Tung is dead, and Mae has absorbed her 90 years of memories. Rocked by the unexpected deaths and disorientation, the UN delays fully implementing Air, but Mae sees at once that her way of life is ending. Half-mad, struggling with information overload, the resentment of much of the village, and a complex family situation, she works fiercely to learn what she needs to ride the tiger of change.

This Is How We Fly May 14 2021 *"Truly enchanting."--Kirkus Reviews (starred review) A loose retelling of Cinderella, about a high-school graduate who--after getting grounded for the whole summer--joins a local Quidditch league and finds her footing, perfect for fans of *Dumplin'*, *Fangirl*, and everyone who's read and adored Harry Potter. 17-year-old vegan feminist Ellen Lopez-Rourke has one muggy Houston summer left before college. She plans to spend every last moment with her two best friends before they go off to the opposite ends of Texas for school. But when Ellen is grounded for the entire summer by her (sometimes) evil stepmother, all her plans are thrown out the window. Determined to do something with her time, Ellen (with the help of BFF Melissa) convinces her parents to let her join the local muggle Quidditch team. An all-gender, full-contact game, Quidditch isn't quite what Ellen expects. There's no flying, no magic, just a bunch of scrappy players holding PVC pipe between their legs and throwing dodgeballs. Suddenly Ellen is thrown into the very different world of sports: her life is all practices, training, and running with a group of Harry Potter fans. Even as Melissa pulls away to pursue new relationships and their other BFF Xiumiao seems more interested in moving on from high school (and from Ellen), Ellen is steadily finding a place among her teammates. Maybe Quidditch is where she belongs. But with her home life and friend troubles quickly spinning out of control--Ellen must fight for the future that she wants, now she's playing for keeps. Filled with heart and humor, Anna Meriano's YA debut is perfect for fans of *Dumplin'* and *Hot Dog Girl*. Praise for *This is How We Fly*: *"Readers will find much to appreciate about Ellen's fresh, relatable journey to define herself on her own terms." -- Publishers Weekly (starred review) "A timely coming-of-age story with a unique Quidditch twist."--School Library Journal "Anna Meriano's *This is How We Fly* is a delightful treat of a book that will make you want to grab your broom and go! A story of a young woman at a crossroads summer, this tale tackles the growing pains of late adolescence - family struggles, changing friendships, new crushes -

with so much grace and heart. See you on the pitch!" - Jennifer Mathieu, author of *The Liars of Mariposa Island* and *Moxie* "This is How We Fly breathes new life into a sport and retelling we think we know and lets them bake beneath the Texas sun. Anna Meriano has written one of the most authentic teen voice I've read in years."--Nina Moreno, author of *Don't Date Rosa Santos* "This is How We Fly is, at its heart, about fierce friendships, flirty beaters, and firsts. Anna Meriano takes the magical fairytale of Cinderella and gives it a bookish twist. Ellen is an existential crisis on a broom and I love her." - Ashley Poston, National Bestselling Author of *Geekerella* "Meriano adeptly weaves questions of identity, friendship and family into this delightful summer tale about the thrilling world of club Quidditch. At times both hilarious and heartbreaking, this incredible story is sure to leave you flying high."--Jennifer Dugan, author of *Hot Dog Girl* and *Verona Comics Daughters of Ruin* Sep 05 2020 As a war begins, four princesses of enemy kingdoms who were raised as sisters must decide where their loyalties lie: to their kingdoms, or to each other.

Contemporary Aesthetics Jan 22 2022

The Clinton Wars Jun 26 2022 An invaluable history of an extraordinary presidency, and the chronicle of a generation's political odyssey When in 1997 Bill Clinton appointed Sidney Blumenthal as a senior advisor, the former writer was catapulted into the front lines of the Clinton wars. From his first day in the White House until long after his appearance as the only presidential aide ever to testify in an impeachment trial, Blumenthal acted in or witnessed nearly all the battles of the Clinton years. This major book—part history, part memoir—is the first inside account we have of the presidency of William Jefferson Clinton. The Clinton Wars begins in 1987, when Blumenthal first met Bill and Hillary Clinton. His chronicle of Clinton's first presidential campaign and first term draws on his experiences as confidant to both the President and the First Lady, and is enriched with previously unpublished revelations about both. This remarkable personal interpretation goes far in explaining the polarizing nature of Clinton's presence on the national scene. The narrative of Clinton's second term is even more dramatic. Blumenthal takes special note of the battle that was waged within the media between the President's detractors and defenders, which he expands into a vivid picture of Washington society torn apart by warring factions. But he does not neglect the wars fought on other fronts—in Kosovo, against Congress, and for economic prosperity. His remarkable book ends with the inside story of the fight to elect Al Gore in 2000 and extend the legacy of the Clinton-Gore Administration. Every page of this unrivaled, authoritative book, with its intimate insights into Clinton's personality and politics, attests to Blumenthal's literary skill, profound understanding of politics, and unique perspective on crucial events of our recent past. *The Clinton Wars* is a lasting contribution to American history.

Vengeance Bound Dec 09 2020 The Goddess Test meets Dexter in an edgy, compelling debut about one teen's quest for revenge...no matter how far it takes her. Amelie Ainsworth is not alone in her head. Bound to a deal of desperation made when she was a child,

Amelie's mind houses the Furies—the hawk and the serpent—lingering always, waiting for her to satisfy their bloodlust. After escaping the asylum where she was trapped for years, Amelie knows how to keep the Furies quiet. By day, she lives a normal life, but by night, she tracks down targets the Furies send her way. And she brings down Justice upon them. Amelie's perfected her system of survival, but when she meets a mysterious boy named Niko at her new school, she can't figure out how she feels about him. For the first time, the Furies are quiet in her head around a guy. But does this mean that Amelie's finally found someone who she can trust, or are there greater factors at work? As Amelie's mind becomes a battlefield, with the Furies fighting for control, Amelie will have to decide which is worse: denying the only man she might ever love, or subjecting him to the fate the Furies want for him?

Breaking You Jan 10 2021 They say there is always a calm before the storm. A time when you think you're safe, protected from the destruction that you know is going to eventually come. Harper was that calm. And I? I was the motherfucking storm. As kids we were best friends. She was the light to my darkness. I used to protect her from her bullies, now I'll become her most feared one. Seeing her for the first time after three years was like a bucket of ice water being poured on me. It chilled me to the bone, making me irrational, angry. No longer is she a little girl but a grown woman with curves and eyes that pierce my black soul. No one knows the darkness that lingers under the surface. All they see is my smile, my charismatic charm. I'm the all American golden boy. Having her back in my life is awakening something inside of me. She reminds me of everything good, everything I'll never have, and I refuse to let her stay. She has to go and the only person dark enough, dirty enough to scare her away is me... Breaking Harper isn't as easy... I thought I knew everything, turns out others are just as good at hiding their secrets as I am. Damaged, dark and falling off the deep end. Will I break her? Will I break us? "Sometimes the scariest monsters aren't those that hide in the dark. Sometimes they're the ones hidden right in plain sight... like me." **This is a standalone DARK bully romance. This book contains scenes that may be triggering to some readers. This is not a YA romance novel and should be read by those only 18+ or older. **

Ruthless Savior Mar 12 2021 A dark romance from USA Today bestselling author Julia Sykes My pretty little captive thinks she can run from me. She doesn't understand how ruthless I truly am... Guarding my lovely hostage has become my obsession. I protect Marisol from the vicious men in my brutal cartel, including myself. I've kept the promise I made to my boss on the night of her capture: No one touches her. But she runs from me at the first opportunity, escaping the safe cage I built for her. I've denied myself for far too long. She's made the mistake of believing I'm gentle and forgiving. There's nothing gentle about what I intend to do to her once I catch her, and she'll have to beg for my forgiveness. I've spent endless nights imagining so many delicious ways to torment her. Now that she's defied the cartel, I can indulge all of my twisted desires. I'll never

let her escape me again. Marisol is mine. Keywords: dark romance, capture fantasy, antihero, kidnapping, romantic suspense, standalone

Black Stone Heart Oct 26 2019 A broken man, Khraen awakens alone and lost. His stone heart has been shattered, littered across the world. With each piece, he regains some small shard of the man he once was. He follows the trail, fragment by fragment, remembering his terrible past. There was a woman. There was a sword. There was an end to sorrow. Khraen walks the obsidian path.

Mesmerism: The Discovery of Animal Magnetism: English Translation of Mesmer's Historic Mémoire Sur La Découverte Du Magnétisme An Aug 29 2022 In 1779, Franz Anton Mesmer wrote an 88-page book, *Mémoire sur la découverte du magnétisme animal*, to which he appended his famous 27 Propositions. The adjective "mesmeric", the substantive "mesmerism", and the verb to "mesmerise" have not changed their meanings since they first became current-posterity's unique tribute to a unique man.

How to Draw an Object Feb 08 2021 Filled with colorful illustrations and step-by-step explanations, *How to Draw an Object* is a foolproof introduction to the art of sketching. Equal parts inspiration and tutorial, the delightful drawings are sure to have even the shyest artists reaching for a sketchbook. The book begins with simple explanations of drawing fundamentals--how to use perspective and draw basic shapes like cubes, cylinders, and cones. From there newly minted sketch artists will learn how to transform those simple components into realistic drawings. A cylinder becomes a many layered wedding cake festooned with frosting while a cone is transformed into a martini, a butterfly net, or a sea shell. Soon readers will see that even the most complicated drawing is really only a collection of basic shapes. The book also includes a range of more specific tips and tricks, such as how to mimic the drape of fabric when drawing clothes or add texture. *How to Draw an Object* will give anyone who's ever wanted to learn to draw the confidence to pick up a pencil and begin!

Seven Ways to Kill a King Apr 12 2021 She was born a princess. They made her an assassin. Myrina of Stormskeep should be dead. The seven self-crowned, murderous kings of the Storm Queen's Realm thought she was killed in their massacre. But Myrina lives, and while she draws breath, she plots their end: One will appear an accident. Two a coincidence. By three, they will know. But vengeance rarely goes according to plan. The worst of the kings holds her sister--rightful queen and heir to the kingdom--captive. If Lettie isn't freed before she comes into her magic, the kings will hold her power as well. Myrina can let nothing stop her. With the help of her loyal bloodsworn Cassius, the shadow princess will have her revenge. Vowed to enact retribution and rescue her sister with no more than her wits and a sword--and the last of her queensguard--this sweet and slightly stabby YA fantasy is perfect for fans of *Shielded* and *The Princess Will Save You*.

Beautiful Decay Sep 17 2021 Possessing the ability to cause everything she touches to rot away, Ellie avoids others until a newcomer

reveals himself to be a death-controlling necromancer with whom Ellie battles a zombie and a group of supernatural evildoers.

[Kill Me Softly](#) Jan 02 2023 Mirabelle's past is shrouded in secrecy, from her parents' tragic deaths to her guardians' half-truths about why she can't return to her birthplace, Beau Rivage. Desperate to see the town, Mira runs away—and discovers a world she never could have imagined. In Beau Rivage, nothing is what it seems—the strangely pale girl with a morbid interest in apples, the obnoxious playboy who's a beast to everyone he meets, and the chivalrous guy who has a thing for damsels in distress. Here, fairy tales come to life, curses are awakened, and ancient stories are played out again and again. But fairy tales aren't pretty things, and they don't always end in happily ever after. Mira has a role to play, a fairy tale destiny to embrace or resist. As she struggles to take control of her fate, Mira is drawn into the lives of two brothers with fairy tale curses of their own...brothers who share a dark secret. And she'll find that love, just like fairy tales, can have sharp edges and hidden thorns.

[The Symptoms of My Insanity](#) Jul 16 2021 "Run like the dickens . . . and order this bad boy right now!"—MTV's Hollywood Crush Blog A laugh-out-loud, bittersweet debut that offers "a female Woody Allen for the teenage set" -- Kirkus Reviews Izzy is a hypochondriac with enormous boobs that won't stop growing, a mother with a rare disease who's hiding something, a best friend who appears to have undergone a personality transplant, and a date with an out-of-her-league athlete who just spilled Gatorade all over her. Yes, Izzy Skymen has a hectic life. But what Izzy doesn't realize is that these are only minor symptoms of life's insanity. When she discovers the people she trusts most are withholding from her the biggest secrets, things are about to get epic--or is it epidemic? For fans of Louise Rennison, Sarah Mlynowski, and Stephanie Perkins comes a "hilarious . . . generous book . . . Should succeed in putting any reader's problem into a wider, and funnier, perspective."--Booklist [Operation Bailey Birthday](#) Aug 05 2020 LAKE STARLIGHT BUZZ WHEEL PRESS RELEASE: Rumor around town is a certain matriarch of the Bailey family is having a BIG BIRTHDAY! It's even spurred a few of the Bailey kids to return home to celebrate with their beloved great-grandmother, Dori. In fact, now that there are twenty-six Bailey great-grandchildren the event is going to be overflowing with laughter and love. Also... I heard that Piper & Rayne have been speaking to some of the kids (i.e. Calista, Maverick, Easton, Brinley and Palmer) and so we're getting some special POV's. I can't wait to report my findings the day after the party!

[The Last Girl Scout](#) Sep 25 2019 The past lies like a nightmare over the world. Two hundred years after the War when atomic fire rained from the skies and burned the world to cinders, human civilization has had time to rebuild within the burned-out husk of Old America. But the old terrors of the past still persist, and while some work to build a better world, others still dream of reclaiming the glory of the Old World. In southern Appalachia, political commissar Magnolia Blackadder is sent on a mission into the irradiated Exclusion Zone of

Old DC, where an evil that humanity thought it had vanquished centuries ago is waking up and rebuilding its strength. Along the way, she meets a strange woman with terrible secrets and an unspeakable past, and as they forge a bond and brave the terrors of the wasteland together, she learns that some demons are not so easily exorcised, and that some stones are better left unturned. In this her debut novel, award-winning author Natalie Ironside delivers a new vision of the post-apocalypse, a tale of adventure, terror, love, and that most basic and most powerful of all human desires: Freedom.

Neoconservatism Mar 24 2022

Neoconservatism is the movement that has provided the intellectual foundation for the resurgence of American conservatism in our time. And if neoconservatism can be said to have a father or an architect, that person is Irving Kristol. Neoconservatism is the most comprehensive selection of Kristol's influential writings on politics and economics, as well as the best of his now-famous essays on society, religion, culture, literature, education, and - above all - the "values" issues that have come to define the neo-conservative critique of contemporary life. These essays provide an unparalleled insight into the 50-year development of Kristol's social and political ideas, from an uneasy socialism tempered with religious orthodoxy, to a vigilant optimism about the future of the American experiment. Those already familiar with Kristol's work will especially enjoy the new autobiographical essay that introduces this volume; it is sprinkled with personal recollections about such luminaries as Lionel Trilling, Leo Strauss, Saul Bellow, Sidney Hook, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and historian Gertrude Himmelfarb (who is also Mrs. Kristol). Those relatively new to Kristol's writings will be treated to some of the most lucid, insightful, entertaining, and intellectually challenging essays of our time.

[Skye's Sanctuary](#) Jun 14 2021 The fifth book in International Bestselling Author Nikita Slater's dark dystopian world, The Sanctuary Series. I am Skye, and this is my Sanctuary now. I will rule this land with Wolfe at my side and build a future for our citizens. Together, we will seek the cure to the dreaded Death Kiss, explore the eastern Sanctuaries and create a lasting peace for those who call Sanctuary home. We will take back this apocalypse and rise once more. Skye's Sanctuary is the fifth book in The Sanctuary series and the final book in Skye and Wolfe's story. The Road to Wolfe and Skye's Sanctuary can be read as a duet, but for the full reading experience, it is recommended that the entire series be read in order. This book is a dark dystopian romance with sensitive subject matter that may offend some readers, please read at your own risk.

[Things We Didn't Say](#) Jul 04 2020 Headstrong Johanna Berglund, a linguistics student at the University of Minnesota, has very definite plans for her future . . . plans that do not include returning to her hometown and the secrets and heartaches she left behind there. But the US Army wants her to work as a translator at a nearby camp for German POWs. Johanna arrives to find the once-sleepy town exploding with hostility. Most patriotic citizens want nothing to do with German soldiers laboring in their fields, and they're not afraid to criticize those who work at the camp as well. When

Johanna describes the trouble to her friend Peter Ito, a language instructor at a school for military intelligence officers, he encourages her to give the town that rejected her a second chance. As Johanna interacts with the men of the camp and censors their letters home, she begins to see the prisoners in a more sympathetic light. But advocating for better treatment makes her enemies in the community, especially when charismatic German spokesman Stefan Werner begins to show interest in Johanna and her work. The longer Johanna wages her home-front battle, the more the lines between compassion and treason become blurred--and it's no longer clear whom she can trust.

Mesmer and Animal Magnetism Oct 31 2022

A complete biography of Franz Anton Mesmer, including his theory and practice, his influence, and his stormy professional and personal relationships. A source book of 18th century medical history. Fully annotated and indexed.

Islam and the Myth of Confrontation Feb 20

2022 This volume sets out to reject anti-Islamic views of a future dominated by the conflict between "Islam" and "the West". It has been revised to encompass the events of 11 September 2001, spiralling violence in the Middle East and President George Bush's proposed identification of an "axis of evil". Considering the sources of Islamic militancy and analyzing the confrontational rhetoric of both Islamic and anti-Muslim demagogues, Halliday provides an alternative, critical, but cautious, reassessment. The Middle East, he argues, can be treated neither as a distinct nor as a unified region, but must be seen as a set of disparate societies, facing and reacting to the problems of economic development and political change.

[The Prettiest](#) Dec 21 2021 The Prettiest is an incisive, empowering novel by Brigit Young about standing up for yourself and those around you. "All middle school girls AND boys (especially boys!) should read this book." —Alan Gratz, New York Times–bestselling author of Refugee THE PRETTIEST: It's the last thing Eve Hoffmann expected to be, the only thing Sophie Kane wants to be, and something Nessa Flores-Brady knows she'll never be . . . until a list appears online, ranking the top fifty prettiest girls in the eighth grade. Eve, ranked number one, can't ignore how everyone is suddenly talking about her looks—and her body. Sophie, always popular and put together, feels lower than ever when she's bullied for being number two. Nessa isn't on the list at all, but she doesn't care. Or does she? Eve, Nessa, and Sophie are determined to get justice—or at least revenge. But as these unlikely vigilantes become fiercely loyal friends, they discover that the real triumph isn't the takedown. It's the power that comes from lifting one another up. A Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2020 [The Milk of Birds](#) Jan 28 2020 When a nonprofit organization called Save the Girls pairs a fourteen-year-old Sudanese refugee with an American teenager from Richmond, Virginia, the pen pals teach each other compassion and share a bond that bridges two continents.

Mesmerism and the End of the

Enlightenment in France Dec 01 2022 Early in 1788, Franz Anton Mesmer, a Viennese physician, arrived in Paris and began to promulgate a somewhat exotic theory of

healing that almost immediately seized the imagination of the general populace. Robert Darnton, in his lively study of mesmerism and its relation to eighteenth-century radical political thought and popular scientific notions, provides a useful contribution to the study of popular culture and the manner in which ideas are diffused down through various social levels.

The Formidable Earl Oct 19 2021 He's breaking the rules for one woman, and coming dangerously close to falling in love... Simon Nugent, Earl of Fielding, knows he's flawed. He's arrogant, possessive, and haunted by a terrible choice he made long ago. So when a former friend's daughter gives him the chance to do a good deed, he grabs it. Except he'd like to grab her as well and teach her a thing or two about kissing. If only she weren't so damn stubborn. Ida Strong wants one thing - justice on behalf of her father. She has no room for anything else, in spite of her growing and (at times) inexplicable attraction toward a certain earl. But for a woman who knows what betrayal tastes like, placing her trust in others is hard. Risking her heart, would be downright foolish. Until it's the only thing that seems to make sense.

The Girl at the Hanging Tree Feb 29 2020

Be Not Afraid Mar 31 2020 Marin spends a lot of time avoiding things. She avoids thinking about her mother's suicide and what she could have done to prevent it. She avoids looking at people directly—because she can see their pain as bright, colorful shapes. And she avoids Cassie Jackson, who used her in a sinister ritual months ago, although Marin's not exactly sure why. When Cassie stands up at school, screaming, raking her nails down her cheeks, and pointing a finger at Marin, whispering "YOU," Marin's days of avoidance come to an abrupt end. Cassie's older brother believes that Marin holds the secret to Cassie's illness. So they team up to solve the mystery of what Cassie has unleashed. But as they look deeper into the darkness, can Marin trust what she sees? Cecilia Galante, author of *The Patron Saint of Butterflies*, presents a chilling story with horror-movie thrills and nail-biting suspense. Perfect for fans of *American Horror Story*, *Paranormal Activity*, and *The Exorcist*, and readers who love to feel goose bumps. Praise for *Be Not Afraid*: "Galante crafts a chilling atmosphere in this slowly simmering horror story." --Publishers Weekly "Recommended for fans of the author and Katherine Howe's *Conversion* and Danielle Vega's *The Merciless*." --SLJ "Well-executed and decorated with some top-notch horror elements; readers who don't love this sort of suspense will find refuge in the romantic [subplot]. . . . A quick, freaky read." --Kirkus Reviews

Off the Clock Dec 29 2019 FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE LOVING ON THE EDGE NOVELS, THE FIRST IN A SENSUAL NEW SERIES Overtime has never felt so good... Marin Rush loves studying sex. Doing it? That's another story. In the research lab, Marin's lack of practical knowledge didn't matter, but now that she's landed a job at The Grove, a high-end, experimental sex therapy institute, she can't ignore the fact that the person most in need of sexual healing may be her. Dr. Donovan West, her new hotshot colleague, couldn't agree

more. Donovan knows that Marin's clients are going to eat her alive unless she gets some hands-on experience. And if she fails at the job, he can say goodbye to a promotion, so he assigns her a list of R-rated tasks to prepare her for the wild clientele of The Grove's X-wing. But some of those tasks are built for two, and when he finds Marin searching for a candidate to help her check off her list, Donovan decides there's only one man for the job—him. As long as they keep their erotic, off-the-clock activities strictly confidential and without strings, no one will get fired—or worse, get attached...

The Malt in Our Stars Jun 02 2020 There's some shady business in Shady Creek, Vermont, this spring—in the third mystery by USA Today bestselling author Sarah Fox featuring pub owner and amateur sleuth Sadie Coleman . . . Sadie is delighted to have booked famous romantic suspense novelist Linnea Bliss for an event at The Inkwell, her literary-themed pub, housed in a renovated grist mill. The author and her personal assistant Marcie are staying at Shady Creek Manor, a grand historical hotel that was once a private mansion and is rumored to still hold hidden treasure somewhere within its walls. But the hotel's storied past is nothing compared to its tragic present when Marcie plummets to her death from an open window on the third floor. After Sadie discovers signs of a struggle in the room, it's clear that someone assisted the assistant out the window. But Marcie is new in town—who would have a motive to kill her? In between pulling pints and naming literary-themed cocktails, Sadie takes it on herself to solve the case, wondering if the crime is connected to the vandalized vehicles of a film crew in town to do a feature on local brewer Grayson Blake, with whom Sadie shares a strong flirtation. Or could the poor woman's defenestration have anything to do with the legendary treasure? As Shady Creek Manor prepares for a May Day masquerade ball, Sadie is determined to unmask the killer—but when she uncorks a whole lot of trouble, will she meet a bitter end?

The Perfect Secret (A Jessie Hunt Psychological Suspense Thriller—Book Eleven) Aug 17 2021 "A masterpiece of thriller and mystery. Blake Pierce did a magnificent job developing characters with a psychological side so well described that we feel inside their minds, follow their fears and cheer for their success. Full of twists, this book will keep you awake until the turn of the last page." --Books and Movie Reviews, Roberto Mattos (re *Once Gone*) THE PERFECT SECRET is book #11 in a new psychological suspense series by bestselling author Blake Pierce, which begins with *The Perfect Wife*, a #1 bestseller (and free download) with over 500 five-star reviews. A wealthy mogul throws an exclusive party in his sprawling and secretive Beverly Hills mansion, only to have the night end with one of his high-society guests murdered—forcing Jessie to enter the sleazy world of the elite. As Jessie begins to unearth the secrets they hide behind their perfect facades, she wonders: was the murder related to an affair? Or was there a much more nefarious motive at stake? A fast-paced psychological suspense thriller with unforgettable characters and heart-pounding suspense, THE PERFECT SECRET is book #11 in a riveting new series that will leave you turning pages late into the night. The next book

in the series will release soon.

Transfigured Nov 27 2019 Embarking on a fresh set of adventures through Europe, Kress and her Conspiracy continue their search for fellow Emergents, unsure if they're about to find new friends or the deadliest collection of enemies. With Noxia and her team of Hawkers hot on their heels, the Conspiracy will come face to face with mind-blowing discoveries, the shocking truth about their dreams, and solutions to mysteries they may wish they'd never tried to solve.

They're Gone Nov 07 2020 Two women's husbands are murdered on the same night in the same way--and their investigation uncovers a terrifying connection. Two men from vastly different backgrounds are murdered one after another on the same night, in the same fashion with two bullet wounds: one in the head, another in the heart. The two slayings sends their wives on a desperate search for answers--and a desperate attempt to save their families' lives. Grief takes a heavy toll on northern Virginia freelance editor Deb Linh Thomas when she learns of her husband's murder. And utter dismay sets in when, just a week after the funeral, she discovers that he had been the subject of an FBI investigation after withdrawing a large sum of money from their shared accounts. Elsewhere, Baltimore bartender Cessy Castillo is less bereft when her abusive husband, ex-cop Hector Ramirez, is killed. But it turns out that he was deep in hock--and now Cessy's expected to pay up. Deb and the FBI agent assigned to her case start digging into her husband's murder and learn that he had been the target of criminals. As Deb and Cessy join forces to learn the truth, their investigation reveals an ever-darker web of clues, but if they're not careful, they may just end up like their husbands.

How to Draw a Character Nov 19 2021 Learn to draw charming characters! Filled with colorful illustrations and step-by-step explanations, *How to Draw a Character* is the perfect introduction to the art of sketching people. From babies to grandmothers, cyclists to shoppers, *How to Draw a Character* gives readers the skills to draw any kind of character in any setting. The easy tutorials break down seemingly complicated drawings into simple components, so even beginners will soon be drawing confidently. The book begins with a handful of simple anatomical rules that lend life and realism to the drawings. It goes on to explore all the essential aspects of figure drawing, from capturing emotions to drawing your characters in motion. Equal parts inspiration and tutorial, the charming drawings are sure to spark the imagination. Soizic Mouton's *How to Draw a Character* will give anyone who's ever wanted to learn to draw the confidence to pick up a pencil and begin!

[Exorcism and Enlightenment](#) Sep 29 2022 In the late eighteenth century, Catholic priest Johann Joseph Gassner (1727-1779) discovered that he had extraordinary powers of exorcism. Deciding that demons were responsible for most human ailments, he healed thousands, rich and poor, Protestant and Catholic. In this book H.C. Erik Midelfort delves deeply into records of the time to explore Gassner's remarkable exorcising campaign, chronicle the official efforts to curb him, and reconstruct the sufferings of the afflicted. Gassner's activities

triggered a Catholic religious revival as well as a noisy skeptical reaction. In response to those who doubted that he was really casting out demons, Gassner marshaled hundreds of eyewitness reports that seemed to prove his

exorcisms really worked. Midelfort describes the enormous public controversy that resulted, and he demonstrates that the Gassner episode yields important insights into the German Enlightenment and Counter-Enlightenment, the

limitations of eighteenth-century debate, and the ongoing role of magic and belief in an age of scientific enlightenment.

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