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**Firestorm** - Ron Susek 1999-12-01

Practical suggestions on how to avoid and overcome the destructive interpersonal conflicts many churches have experienced with leaders, members, and pastors.

**Windfall** - Rachel Caine 2005-11-01

"A rollicking good ride. Caine's prose crackles with energy, as does her fierce and lovable heroine."—Publisher's Weekly Joanne is all-out exhausted. When not donning a rain slicker and camping it up for the camera as a TV weather girl, she has to contend with a vengeful cop on her tail, her newly divorced sister moving in—with a charming but mysterious British beau in tow—and getting caught in the middle of a supernatural civil war. Worst of all, her boyfriend in a bottle can't stop draining her powers and is fast morphing from the Djinn of her dreams to the Ifrit of her nightmares. As the agreement between the Wardens and the Djinn starts to self-destruct, Joanne finds herself forced to choose between saving her lover, saving her Warden abilities...and saving humanity.

**Firestorm** - L.A. Graf 2000-09-22

Firestorm When a convert Elasian mining operation interferes with a Federation geological expedition, Captain James T. Kirk and the crew of the Starship Enterprise™ are dispatched to the planet Rakatan to mediate between the rival parties. The Elasian Dohman claims that the planet and its dilithium deposits are hers. But the geologists warn that if Rakatan Mons -- the galaxy's largest stratovolcano -- should erupt while the Elasians are mining its flanks, no amount of dilithium will save them. While Lt. Commander Uhura and a landing party struggle to determine if the Dohlman's claim is true, Captain Kirk puts his ship on the line to keep the two ships from each other's throats. Soon, however, concerns over the planet's ownership are overshadowed by the arrival of a hostile Elasian armada and a cataclysmic volcanic explosion on the surface that threatens all parties with a deadly shower of destruction...

**Secrets of the White Lake** - Daniel Chong 2014-10-10

Wind Shadow Chronicles is a profound and imaginative fantasy book-series that challenges the proverbial questions of faith, science and morals. It meticulously depicts a dark and unforgiving world where hope must be restored. The story moves with tenacious pace, unveiling heightened mysteries and revelations that capture a reader's imagination. The first book, Secrets of the White Lake takes place in a post-apocalyptic world, where a mysterious aurora hovers in the sky like a beacon, silently, eloquently. To some the mysterious lights were nothing more than a natural phenomenon while others saw religious manifestations. But for an old Indian shaman it was a prophetic sign that his seventh year has passed. Reluctantly, he must return the children back to a ravaged world—this is their journey home.

**Unspoken** - Celia McMahan 2021-11-03

Set in a kingdom of warring lands, demon curses, and hidden magic, UNSPOKEN is the perfect shifter fantasy for fans of Maggie Stiefvater's Mercy Falls Series and Sarah J Maas' Throne of Glass. hr "I cleared my entire reading schedule for this book. I stayed up well beyond when an exhausted parent of extremely energetic triplets should stay up to read this book. I used the few quiet seconds I get during the day to read this book. I declined a call from my mother to read this book. I kept my spouse up with the light from my kindle screen reading this book. It was all worth it." - Verified Reviewer hr "You are unbroken." Princess Isabelle of the New Kingdom has lived her entire life in the confines of her palace. In her spare time, she hunts and feeds the poverty-stricken Voiceless—people of the Old Kingdom who warred with the New Kingdom and lost. Yet she remains unfulfilled; she dreams of a world beyond the walls of

her home. As the only remaining child of the king and queen, she is to be married off by her eighteenth birthday—a prospect she'd rather not think about. "My father said that magic died long ago. It was evil, cursed, and wicked. My father is a liar." When Izzy witnesses the use of forbidden magic in the woods outside the palace, she is attacked and saved by Fray, a Voiceless servant from the castle. As the two become friends, they seek out the magic users who tried to kill her, determined to get to uncover the truth. Little does Isabelle know, the servant boy harbors a secret about his people that the king has tried to bury—a dark ability that the Voiceless can no longer evoke. Yet something more sinister is brewing, and to save her family, Izzy must reverse what was done to Fray and his people. She must give them their voices back, even if it unleashes a terrifying power. "I am fearless." "Are you fearless?"

**Fanny Wright** - Celia Morris 1992

Frances Wright dared to take Thomas Jefferson seriously when he wrote, 'All men are created equal,' and to assume that 'men' meant 'women' as well. Born in Scotland in 1795, she came to the United States in 1818, and spent half her adult life here, she died in Ohio in 1852, ending a lifetime devoted to promoting equality among the races and the sexes. The Marquis de Lafayette called her his adored Fanny and paid court so openly that he scandalized even his own family. The first woman to act publicly to oppose slavery. The pampered daughter of a highly stratified class society, she cast her lot with the working people, risking her health, her fortune, and her good name to realize the promise of the Declaration of Independence. With a boldness rare in women of her day, she attacked in print and in lecture halls throughout the country an economic system that allowed not only black slavery in the South but what she called wage slavery in the North. With the exception perhaps of Walt Whitman, she wrote more powerfully of sexual experience than any other American the nineteenth century.

**Payback's a Witch: an absolutely spellbinding romcom** - Lana Harper 2021-10-05

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! A spellbinding, bewitching rom com . . . 'The book I've been waiting for all my life' Emily Henry, author of Beach Read 'Like if Casey McQuiston wrote paranormal' Goodreads Emmy Harlow is a witch in exile. She hasn't been home to the magical town of Thistle Grove in years, which has a lot to do with a complicated family history and a desire to forge her own way in the world, and only the very tiniest bit to do with Gareth Blackmoore, heir to the most powerful magical family in town, casual breaker of hearts and destroyer of dreams. But when a spellcasting tournament approaches, it turns out the pull of tradition (or the truly impressive parental guilt trip that comes with it) is strong enough to bring Emmy back. She's determined to do her familial duty; spend some quality time with her best friend, Linden Thorn; and get back to her real life in Chicago. On her first night home, Emmy runs into Talia Avramov - an all-around badass adept in the darker magical arts - who is fresh off a bad breakup . . . with Gareth Blackmoore. Talia had let herself be charmed, only to discover that Gareth was also seeing Linden - unbeknownst to either of them. And now she and Linden want revenge. Only one question stands: Is Emmy in? But most concerning of all: Why can't she stop thinking about the terrifyingly competent, devastatingly gorgeous, wickedly charming Talia Avramov? The perfect witchy autumn read to get you in the mood for Halloween . . . 'A queer rom com that bewitches from the very first page' Publishers Weekly 'John Tucker Must Die but with queer witches' Goodreads 'Compulsively fun' Jacqueline Carey, New York Times bestselling author 'Sexy, charming and completely magical!' Kerry Winfrey

'The perfect autumnal witchy romance!' Goodreads  
'Hilariously funny and glue-you-to-the-page engrossing' Bookpage  
'I want to go to Thistle Grove' Seanan McGuire, New York Times bestselling author  
'It's basically John Tucker Must Die meets The Craft, with an extra serving of queer relationships' The Lesbrary  
'Charming, sweet, and magical, the perfect book to enjoy on a cosy autumn night' The Nerd Daily  
'The kind of book that you just sort of ache to step inside . . . a perfect fall read' Goodreads  
'The witchy, sapphic, revenge romcom I've been dreaming of' Goodreads

**Poison Priestess (Lady Slayers)** - Lana Popovic  
2021-04-06

Book 2 in the Lady Slayers series, about French murderess and fortune teller Catherine Monvoisin In 17th-century Paris, 19-year-old Catherine Monvoisin is a well-heeled jeweler's wife with a peculiar taste for the arcane. She lives a comfortable life, far removed from a childhood of abject destitution—until her kind spendthrift of a husband lands them both in debt. Hell-bent on avoiding a return to poverty, Catherine must rely on her prophetic visions and the grimoire gifted to her by a talented diviner to reinvent herself as a sorceress. With the help of the grifter Marie Bosse, Catherine divines fortunes in the Ile de la Citee—home to sorcerers and scoundrels. There she encounters the Marquise de Montespan, a stunning noblewoman. When the Marquise becomes Louis XIV's royal mistress with Catherine's help, her ascension catapults Catherine to notoriety. Catherine takes easily to her glittering new life as the Sorceress La Voisin, pitting the depraved noblesse against one other to her advantage. The stakes soar ever higher when her path crosses with that of a young magician. A charged rivalry between sorceress and magician leads to Black Masses, tangled deceptions, and grisly murder—and sets Catherine on a collision course that threatens her own life.

**Starfist: Firestorm** - David Sherman 2008-04-29

Combat vets David Sherman and Dan Cragg know firsthand the courage, sacrifice, and hell of war—and their experiences have made the popular Starfist novels thrill rides of the highest order. Now the explosive action continues on the remote planet Ravenette, where the Marines of the Confederation's 34th Fleet Initial Strike Team (FIST) find themselves up against a full-fledged rebellion—and a lethally loose cannon of a commanding officer. Desperate to thwart unrelenting aliens and their quest to obliterate humankind, The Confederation has beefed up its defenses. But to the citizens on the outer edges of Human Space around Ravenette—unaware that a deadly enemy even exists—the government's move seems oppressive, and ten planets have responded with a war of secession. In touch-and-go battles with the seceding planets, the 34th FIST has emerged battered but unbowed, refusing to give up . . . even while under the command of a fanatical general. The enemy determined to strike, a new mission must be carried out, though the troops will likely return in body bags. Should Ensign Charlie Bass and his Marines somehow survive the nightmarishly difficult amphibious landing, they can expect to be outmanned, outgunned, and out-armored in a fierce duel against fresh soldiers. But like any Marine worth his salt, Bass knows there's only one way to go when facing impossible odds: on the offense with all guns firing. There's no other choice—because if life was easy, there'd be no need to send in the Marines.

**Just Like Us** - Helen Thorpe 2009

"Just Like Us" offers a powerful account of four young Mexican women coming of age in Denver—two of whom have legal documentation, two of whom who don't—and the challenges they face as they attempt to pursue the American dream.

**Catboy** - Benji Nate 2021-11

Olive is a human, and Henry is her pet cat—although he's also a person, thanks to a magic shooting star. They do all the things best friends do, like share clothes, go to parties, and complain about their jobs. Who cares if Henry gets more compliments wearing Olive's clothes, or the party snacks are dead rats? Friends love each other no matter what.

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie - Alan Bradley  
2009-04-28

WINNER OF THE AGATHA • ARTHUR ELLIS • DILYS • DEBUT DAGGER AWARDS "Wonderfully entertaining . . . sure to be one of the most loved mysteries of the year . . . [Flavia is] a delightful, intrepid, acid-tongued new heroine."—Chicago Sun-Times It is the summer of 1950—and

at the once-grand mansion of Buckshaw, young Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is intrigued by a series of inexplicable events: A dead bird is found on the doorstep, a postage stamp bizarrely pinned to its beak. Then, hours later, Flavia finds a man lying in the cucumber patch and watches him as he takes his dying breath. For Flavia, who is both appalled and delighted, life begins in earnest when murder comes to Buckshaw. "I wish I could say I was afraid, but I wasn't. Quite the contrary. This was by far the most interesting thing that had ever happened to me in my entire life." BONUS: This edition contains a The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie discussion guide and an excerpt from Alan Bradley's The Weed That Strings the Hangman's Bag.

**True Martial World(1)** - Cocooned Cow 2017-09-30

With the strongest experts from the 33 Skies the Human Emperor, Lin Ming, and his opponent, the Abyssal Demon King, were embroiled in a final battle. In the end, the Human Emperor destroyed the Abyssal World and killed the Abyssal Demon King. By then, a godly artifact, the mysterious purple card that had previously sealed the Abyssal Demon King, had long since disappeared into the space-time vortex, tunneling through infinite spacetime together with one of Lin Ming's loved ones. In the vast wilderness, where martial arts was still slowly growing in its infancy, several peerless masters tried to find their path in the world of martial arts. A young adult named Yi Yun from modern Earth unwittingly stumbles into such a world and begins his journey with a purple card of unknown origin. This is a magnificent yet unknown true martial world! This is the story of a normal young adult and his adventures!!

**This Fierce Splendor** - Iris Johansen 2011-08-08

In a classic historical romance from #1 New York Times bestselling author Iris Johansen, a bookish beauty and her rogue guide go in search of a city lost to the sands of time—and find a burning passion. Ever since she was a little girl, Elspeth MacGregor has dreamed of completing her father's quest to find the legendary lost city of Kantalan. After poring over textbooks, atlases, and tribal legends, Elspeth knows everything there is to know about the ancient metropolis—except how to reach it. Now she's made the journey to Hell's Bluff, Arizona, in search of the man who may be her last hope of reaching Kantalan, despite his dangerous reputation . . . or maybe because of it. The last thing Dominic Delaney needs is to lead some stubborn scholar around on a wild goose chase. A wanted man, Dominic has never had time for fairy tales. But there's something about Elspeth's fiery determination that has him willing to suspend disbelief . . . and something about Dominic that has Elspeth falling for the wrong man. Now, to reach the magnificent riches of Kantalan, the mismatched pair must first conquer the dark mysteries of desire. Includes a special message from the editor, as well as excerpts from these Loveswept titles: Remember the Time, The Vow, The Baron, Lightning That Lingers, Tall, Dark, and Lonesome, Dream Lover, and Legends.

**Unleashed** - Celia McMahon 2020-11-17

"I will claim my victory with claws and teeth and steel." In the wake of her battle to protect the Den, Izzy crossed back into Stormwall, ready to enact her plan with Ashe to retake the kingdom from within. Only, weeks go by with no word from the prince, and Izzy is faced once again with Ashe's betrayal. The world has always bent at odd angles for the wolf-princess, and when things don't go as planned, Izzy finds herself fighting for her life and friends once again. She embarks on a journey that will take her deeper into Mirosa to save innocent lives, and continue her brother Henry's task of breaking the Gwylis curse. While battling her own demons, her friends have pursued the path of their own destinies, weaving together for one final battle. With the Uncanny's power growing stronger, there is more at stake than ever. Amidst demons and gods, Izzy must aim to break apart the world she knew, to build something even better in its place—a kingdom without demons or wolves.

**The Chosen Few** - Gregg Zoroya 2017-02-14

The never-before-told story of one of the most decorated units in the war in Afghanistan and its fifteen-month ordeal that culminated in the 2008 Battle of Wanat, the war's deadliest A single company of US paratroopers—calling themselves the "Chosen Few"—arrived in eastern Afghanistan in late 2007 hoping to win the hearts and minds of the remote mountain people and extend the

Afghan government's reach into this wilderness. Instead, they spent the next fifteen months in a desperate struggle, living under almost continuous attack, forced into a slow and grinding withdrawal, and always outnumbered by Taliban fighters descending on them from all sides. Month after month, rocket-propelled grenades, rockets, and machine-gun fire poured down on the isolated and exposed paratroopers as America's focus and military resources shifted to Iraq. Just weeks before the paratroopers were to go home, they faced their last—and toughest—fight. Near the village of Wanat in Nuristan province, an estimated three hundred enemy fighters surrounded about fifty of the Chosen Few and others defending a partially finished combat base. Nine died and more than two dozen were wounded that day in July 2008, making it arguably the bloodiest battle of the war in Afghanistan. The Chosen Few would return home tempered by war. Two among them would receive the Medal of Honor. All of them would be forever changed.

The Beckoning Shadow - Katharyn Blair 2019-07-02

From debut author Katharyn Blair comes a heart-stopping fantasy novel, perfect for fans of Cassandra Clare and *The Young Elites*, about a teenage runaway who enters a dangerous tournament with an impossible prize. Vesper Montgomery can summon your worst fear and turn it into a reality—but she's learned the hard way that it's an addicting and dangerous power. One wrong move and you could hurt someone you love. But when she earns a spot in the Tournament of the Unraveling, where competitors battle it out for a chance to rewrite the past, Vesper finally has a shot to reverse the mistakes that have changed her forever. She turns to Sam Hardy, a former MMA fighter who's also carrying a tragedy he desperately wants to undo. However, helping heal Sam's heart will mean breaking her own, and the competition forces her to master her powers—powers she has been terrified of since they destroyed her life.

**Wicked Like a Wildfire** - Lana Popovic 2017-08-15

"Lush. Delicious. Bewildering. And darkly magical. Popovic has created a world that you tumble into from the very first words and wish you could stay in forever." —Evelyn Skye, author of *The Crown's Game*  
"Wicked Like a Wildfire was like devouring a succulent fairy fruit—it will rob your time, settle into your dreams, and leave you starving for more." —Roshani Chokshi, New York Times bestselling author of *The Star-Touched Queen*  
Fans of Holly Black and Leigh Bardugo will be bewitched by Lana Popovic's debut YA fantasy novel about a bargain that binds the fates—and hearts—of twin sisters to a force larger than life. All the women in Iris and Malina's family have the unique magical ability or "gleam" to manipulate beauty. Iris sees flowers as fractals and turns her kaleidoscope visions into glasswork, while Malina interprets moods as music. But their mother has strict rules to keep their gifts a secret, even in their secluded sea-side town. Iris and Malina are not allowed to share their magic with anyone, and above all, they are forbidden from falling in love. But when their mother is mysteriously attacked, the sisters will have to unearth the truth behind the quiet lives their mother has built for them. They will discover a wicked curse that haunts their family line—but will they find that the very magic that bonds them together is destined to tear them apart forever? *Wicked Like a Wildfire* is the first in a two-book series. Readers will be rapt with anticipation for the sequel.

Firestorm - Marshall De Bruhl 2006

De Bruhl re-creates the drama and horror of the 1945 Dresden bombings and offers the most cogent, clear-eyed appraisal yet of the tactics, weapons, strategy, and rationale for the controversial attack.

A Fierce and Subtle Poison - Samantha Mabry 2016-04-12

Legends collide with reality when a boy is swept into the magical, dangerous world of a girl filled with poison. Everyone knows the legends about the cursed girl—Isabel, the one the señoras whisper about. They say she has green skin and grass for hair, and she feeds on the poisonous plants that fill her family's lush Caribbean island garden. Some say she can grant wishes; some say her touch can kill. Seventeen-year-old Lucas spends summers with his hotel-developer father in Puerto Rico, and he's grown up hearing the stories. When letters from the cursed girl mysteriously appear in his room the same day his girlfriend disappears, Lucas turns to Isabel for answers—and finds himself lured into her strange and enchanted world. But the more entangled

Lucas becomes with Isabel, the less certain he is of escaping with his own life. "A breathtaking story in which myths come to frightening life and buried wishes might actually come true." —Nova Ren Suma, author of *The Walls Around Us* and *Imaginary Girls*  
"Samantha Mabry's magical debut is both a chilling mystery and a heartbreaking meditation on love, longing, and sacrifice . . . A Fierce and Subtle Poison will get into your blood." —Laura Ruby, author of *Bone Gap*  
"With its sparkingly sinister blend of natural history and magic, of themes that seem both modern and timeless, *A Fierce and Subtle Poison* gets under the skin." —Chicago Tribune  
**Firestorm** - Rachel Grant 2018-07-10

Truth Be Told - Kathleen Barber 2019-12-12

Soon to be a major TV series from Apple TV+ produced by Reese Witherspoon's Hello Sunshine! Starring Oscar winner Octavia Spencer and Aaron Paul. *Truth Be Told* - formerly titled *Are You Sleeping* - is an addictive psychological thriller about a hit podcast that reopens a murder case and threatens to unravel the carefully constructed life of the victim's daughter. The only thing more dangerous than a lie . . . is the truth. Josie Buhrman has spent the last ten years trying to escape her family. Following her father's murder thirteen years before, her mother ran away to join a cult and her twin sister betrayed her in an unimaginable way, leaving Josie alone. Now, Josie finally has a happy new life in New York with her fiancé, Caleb. The only problem is that she has lied to Caleb about every detail of her past - starting with her last name. When investigative reporter Poppy Parnell re-examines her father's case on her hit podcast Josie's world begins to unravel and then the unexpected death of her mother forces Josie to return home. Now she must confront the secrets from her past - and the lies on which she has staked her future.

Fire Rising - Donna Grant 2014-06-03

For centuries, the Dragon Kings have battled heaven and earth to protect their dragon magic. But when a beautiful mortal seeks refuge in their lair, she ignites a warrior's love, an enemy's wrath, and a firestorm of passion that could destroy them all... A WOMAN ON THE RUN Sammi Miller lives a quiet life as a pub owner in the Scottish Highlands—until the mob bursts in with guns blazing, looking for her ex-lover. Taking a bullet in the shoulder, she manages to escape and make her way to her half-sister Jane. Hidden away in the mountain fortress of the mysterious Dreagan Industries, Sammi finds more than a safe haven. She finds Tristan—the most gorgeous, beguiling, and haunted man she has ever known... A WARRIOR ON FIRE Newest of the Dragon Kings, Tristan fell from the sky in a snowstorm naked with a sword—but with no memories of his ancient struggles. When he meets the wounded Sammi, something powerful stirs within his heart. When he sees the dragon symbol etched into the bullet from her shoulder, something fierce burns within his soul. With his darkest enemies closing in, Tristan must take wing, take sides—and take no prisoners—to save the woman he's destined to love...in *Fire Rising*, second novel in the Dark Kings series "Donna Grant spins a searing and intense tale [that] will keep readers spellbound." —Romance Reviews Today on the Dark Sword series

What We Saw - Aaron Hartzler 2015-09-22

"A smart, sensitive, and gripping story about the courage it takes to do what's right." —Deb Caletti, National Book Award finalist  
Critically acclaimed memoirist Aaron Hartzler, author of *Rapture Practice*, takes an unflinching look at what happens to a small town when some of its residents commit a terrible crime. The party at John Doone's last Saturday night is a bit of a blur. Kate Weston can piece together most of the details: Stacey Stallard handing her shots, Ben Cody taking her keys and getting her home early... But when a picture of Stacey passed out over Deacon Mills's shoulder appears online the next morning, Kate suspects she doesn't have all the details. When Stacey levels charges against four of Kate's classmates, the whole town erupts into controversy. Facts that can't be ignored begin to surface, and every answer Kate finds leads back to the same questions: Who witnessed what happened to Stacey? And what responsibility do they have to speak up about what they saw? This honest, authentic debut novel—inspired by the events in the Steubenville rape case—will resonate with readers who've ever walked that razor-thin line between guilt and innocence that so

often gets blurred, one text at a time.

**Fierce Like a Firestorm** - Lana Popovic 2018-08-21

"Lush. Delicious. Bewildering. And darkly magical. Popovic has created a world that you tumble into from the very first words and wish you could stay in forever." -Evelyn Skye, author of *The Crown's Game* In the bewitching conclusion to Lana Popovic's sumptuous and romantic teen fantasy duology, perfect for fans of Holly Black and Leigh Bardugo, Malina must rescue her twin sister from a magical power more dangerous than Death. Twin sisters Iris and Malina thought they knew how to reverse the ancient curse that haunts their line, the spell that destines them to use their gleams—unique forms of beauty-manipulating magic—to entice and enchant none other than Death himself. But both sisters thought wrong. Instead of ending the wicked bargain with the power of her infinite bloom, Iris is taken to an uncanny realm between this world and the next. Only, unlike all of Death's companions before, Iris's body goes on the one-way journey along with her soul, arriving in a kingdom never meant to sustain a living girl. Left behind, Lina searches for a way to save Iris. But as Lina unearths the dark secrets that bind her family and Iris tries to outwit Death on his own terrain, a power resurfaces that even Mara, the original witch mother, fears. Now both sisters must learn to fully embrace their gleams—or else they'll truly lose each other forever.

**Whirlwind** - David Klass 2009-03-17

In *Firestorm*, the first book of the *Caretaker Trilogy*, seventeen-year-old Jack Danielson saved the world's oceans, but at great personal cost -- his parents were killed and everything he knew and believed in was turned upside down. Now Jack has come home to see P.J., his girlfriend and sole remaining touchstone. But she's missing, and blame falls on Jack. On the run with Gisco, his crafty canine sidekick, Jack is literally caught up in a whirlwind as he travels to the heart of darkness to rescue P.J. -- a journey that will bring him face-to-face with the father of his old nemesis, the colonel, aka the Dark Lord from the future. Jack's quest becomes all the more complicated as he discovers that the only person who can stop the Dark Lord is another time traveler, the wizard Kidah, who has disappeared in the present. Book 2 of the *Caretaker Trilogy* mixes heart-racing adventure with an urgent ecological warning about the fragility of the world's rain forests and the importance of respect for indigenous peoples. Readers will be drawn into the vortex of the quest -- whether or not they're familiar with Book 1.

**A Hole in Texas** - Herman Wouk 2004-04-13

With this rollicking novel hailed equally for its satiric bite, its lightly borne scientific savvy, and its tender compassion for foible-prone humanity, one of America's preeminent storytellers returns to fiction. Guy Carpenter is a regular guy, a family man, an obscure NASA scientist, when he is jolted out of his quiet life and summoned to the corridors of power in Washington, D.C. Through a turn of events as unlikely as it is inevitable, Guy finds himself compromised by scandal and romance, hounded by Hollywood, and agonizingly alone at the white-hot center of a firestorm ignited as three potent forces of American culture -- politics, big science, and the media -- spectacularly collide.

**Firestorm** - David Klass 2008-04-01

His mother is not his mother. His father is not his father. But if Jack hadn't broken the high school rushing record that night, he never would have known and nothing would have changed. He'd just be going out for pizza, playing football, trying yet again to score with his girlfriend, P.J. But he did break the record. He appeared on the news. And now they've found him. Jack plunges into a space-time-bending game of survival with no way out. The rules are shrouded in secrets. But one thing he learns fast: Trust no one. After centuries of abuse, the earth is dying, and it's up to Jack to reverse the decline before the Turning Point, when nothing will ever be the same again. Beaten into shape by a ninja babe and a huge telepathic man's best friend, Jack hurtles across the ocean to save the future from the present and to solve the mystery of his purpose. Exactly who, or what, is *Firestorm*, and what does it have to do with Jack? And what comes next when everything you have ever known turns out to be wrong? In the first book of the *Caretaker Trilogy*, readers are taken on an electrifying, fast-paced adventure of hunting truth, all in the name of staying alive.

**The Artist** -

**Tyrannia: Schools of Magic** - Stuart Hickton

**Little Broken Things** - Nicole Baart 2020-08-25

"If you liked *Big Little Lies*, you'll want to crack open [*Little Broken Things*]." -Southern Living An unforgettable and moving novel about an affluent suburban family whose carefully constructed façade crumbles with the unexpected arrival of an endangered young girl. I have something for you. When Quinn Cruz receives that cryptic text message from her older sister Nora, she doesn't think much of it. They haven't seen each other in nearly a year and their relationship consists mostly of infrequent phone calls and the occasional email. But when a haunted-looking Nora shows up just hours later, a chain reaction is set into motion that will change both of their lives forever. Nora's "something" is more shocking than Quinn could have ever imagined: a little girl, cowering and wide-eyed. Nora hands her over to Quinn with instructions to keep her safe and disappears, leaving Quinn as the unlikely caretaker of a girl introduced simply as Lucy. "Steeped in menace...a race-to-the-finish family drama" (People), *Little Broken Things* explores life and death, family and freedom, and the lengths one woman will go to protect the ones she loves.

**Blood Countess** - Lana Popovic 2020-01-28

"A lush and bloody historical thriller" based on the infamous real-life inspiration for *Countess Dracula*, a Hungarian noblewoman turned serial killer. (Kirkus Reviews) In sixteenth-century Hungary, Anna Darvulia has just begun working as a scullery maid for the young and glamorous Countess Elizabeth Báthory. When Elizabeth takes a liking to Anna, she's vaulted to the dream role of chambermaid, a far cry from the filthy servants' quarters below. She receives wages generous enough to provide for her family, and the Countess begins to groom Anna as her friend, confidant and lover. It's not long before Anna falls completely under the Countess's spell—and the Countess takes full advantage. Isolated from her former friends, family, and fiancé, Anna realizes she's not a friend but a prisoner of the increasingly cruel Elizabeth. Then come the murders, and Anna knows it's only a matter of time before the *Blood Countess* turns on her, too. "Popovic balances lush, romantic language with gruesome imagery in this tale of innocence lost. Readers will likely be inspired to do actual research into Lady Bathory's murderous misdeeds." -Booklist "Popovic also touches on how a patriarchal society can drive women to extremes without letting the truly terrifying Bathory, or Anna, off the hook for their own actions." -Kirkus Reviews "Hand to fans of dark historical fiction and powerful female characters." -School Library Journal

**In the Firestorm of the Last Years of the War** - Wilhelm Tieke 1999

**The Way of the Mysterical Woman** - Suzanne Anderson, MA 2016-04-12

*The Way of the Mysterical Woman* is for every woman who feels the call into greatness, authenticity, and meaningful living. This is *The Way* for women who are stepping into their lives with mind, body, heart, and soul fully engaged, ready to awaken to their true potential. We hear the clarion call, but how will we meet it? It's almost like we need a completely new internal operating system. *The Mysterical Way* is the upgrade we've been searching for. Women's leadership development pioneers and co-authors Suzanne Anderson and Susan Cannon know that we're not alone in our yearning to meet this call. In fact, they assure us that this is a naturally occurring global imperative for women. *The Way of the Mysterical Woman* reveals a Feminine source code, helping us once and for all break through our old limitations, and effectively take our lives to the next level so we can meet the unique callings and urgent challenges of these dynamic times. This is not a passive book for armchair travelers. Drawing upon real life success stories, based on their 12 years of running University certificate women's leadership programs, readers are guided through a step-by-step, transformative "Mysterical Sequence." Each interactive chapter offers practical and fun insights and practices that compel us toward genuine shifts and solid growth. *The Way of the Mysterical Woman* is a blend of cutting edge transformational psychology, ancient Mystery school

secrets, and visionary evolutionary thinking delivered in a warm, down-to-earth style. Here is the elegant code we've been searching for that finally unlocks our greatest potential.

*From Bad to Cursed* - Lana Harper 2022-05-17

OPPOSITES ATTRACT IN THIS WICKEDLY CHARMING ROM COM FROM LANA HARPER, THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF PAYBACK'S A WITCH 'The book I've been waiting for all my life' Emily Henry, author of Beach Read 'Like if Casey McQuiston wrote paranormal' Goodreads Wild child Isidora Avramov is a thrill chaser, adept demon summoner, and despite the whole sexy-evil-sorceress vibe-also a cuddly animal lover. When she's not designing costumes and new storylines for the Arcane Emporium's haunted house, Issa's nursing a secret, conflicted dream of ditching her family's witchy business to become an indie fashion designer in her own right. But when someone starts sabotaging the celebrations leading up to this year's Beltane festival with dark, dangerous magic, a member of the rival Thorn family gets badly hurt-throwing immediate suspicion on the Avramovs. To clear the Avramov name and step up for her family when they need her the most, Issa agrees to serve as a co-investigator, helping none other than Rowan Thorn get to the bottom of things. Rowan is the very definition of lawful good, so tragically noble and by-the-book he makes Issa's teeth hurt. In accordance with their families' complicated history, he and Issa have been archenemies for years and have grown to heartily loathe each other. But as the unlikely duo follow a perplexing trail of clues to a stunning conclusion, Issa and Rowan discover how little they really know each other... and stumble upon a maddening attraction that becomes harder to ignore by the day. Praise for Lana Harper 'A queer rom com that bewitches from the very first page' Publishers Weekly 'John Tucker Must Die but with queer witches' Goodreads 'Compulsively fun' Jacqueline Carey, New York Times bestselling author 'Sexy, charming and completely magical!' Kerry Winfrey 'The perfect autumnal witchy romance!' Goodreads 'Hilariously funny and glue-you-to-the-page engrossing' Bookpage 'I want to go to Thistle Grove' Seanan McGuire, New York Times bestselling author 'It's basically John Tucker Must Die meets The Craft, with an extra serving of queer relationships' The Lesbrary 'Charming, sweet, and magical, the perfect book to enjoy on a cosy autumn night' The Nerd Daily 'The kind of book that you just sort of ache to step inside . . . a perfect fall read' Goodreads 'The witchy, sapphic, revenge romcom I've been dreaming of' Goodreads

**Under a Flaming Sky** - Daniel Brown 2016-02-01

On September 1, 1894 two forest fires converged on the town of Hinckley, Minnesota, trapping over 2,000 people. Daniel J. Brown recounts the events surrounding the fire in the first and only book on to chronicle the dramatic story that unfolded. Whereas Oregon's famous "Biscuit" fire in 2002 burned 350,000 acres in one week, the Hinckley fire did the same damage in five hours. The fire created its own weather, including hurricane-strength winds, bubbles of plasma-like glowing gas, and 200-foot-tall flames. In some instances, "fire whirls," or tornadoes of fire, danced out from the main body of the fire to knock down buildings and carry flaming debris into the sky. Temperatures reached 1,600 degrees Fahrenheit--the melting point of steel. As the fire surrounded the town, two railroads became the only means of escape. Two trains ran the gauntlet of fire. One train caught on fire from one end to the other. The heroic young African-American porter ran up and down the length of the train, reassuring the passengers even as the flames tore at their clothes. On the other train, the engineer refused to back his locomotive out of town until the last possible minute of escape. In all, more than 400 people died, leading to a revolution in forestry management practices and federal agencies that monitor and fight wildfires today. Author Daniel Brown has woven together numerous survivors' stories, historical sources, and interviews with forest fire experts in a gripping narrative that tells the fascinating story of one of North America's most devastating fires and how it changed the nation.

*Winter Rising* - Alex Callister 2020-05-18

'Winter,' he says. 'You're going rogue again.' 'Desperate times.' 'This is like chess and you're the Queen. The best player on the board doesn't get into a fight with a pawn.' 'The Guardsman is no pawn.' Winter returns to face the most feared hitman of all time: the nameless, faceless contract killer, the Guardsman.

Secret Service agent Winter knows global crime boss Alek Konstantin's days are numbered after she seduced him, then revealed his identity to the world. Now, permanently on the run from the authorities, Alek fights to regain control as the brutal criminal organisation he ruled with an iron fist crashes down around him. Then a young woman called Lucy is viciously stabbed and dumped on a mossy grave, a harrowing message for Winter carved on her forehead. Winter follows the trail to the Guardsman - a pitiless contract killer, and Alek's top hitman. Has the Guardsman gone rogue or is Alek pulling the strings to taunt Winter once more? In a desperate bid to lure Lucy's killer from the shadows and find a path to Alek, Winter books the Guardsman for a hit on herself. If she succeeds, she'll have the world's most dangerous killer at her mercy. But if she fails... A spine-tingling suspense thriller, perfect for fans of Sandra Brown and The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo. What readers are saying about Alex Callister: 'Wow! Double wow!! Triple wow!!!... This book took me for a ride on a rollercoaster... This book definitely gets a place in my top for 2020... If this is what Winter is like, I don't like the other seasons anymore.' B for Book Review, 5 stars 'A clever, original spy thriller... There are nods to Bond and Bourne throughout Winter Dark... She could seduce Bond and leave him heart broken. She could outfight Bourne and leave his legs broken... Winter Dark is a gripping, pacy and highly original thriller. Highly recommended.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'This book was really good! I love the main character! I can't wait to read more of the stories! The book is full of action-packed thrills and rides!' Goodreads reviewer 'Winter is a badass character. There will be a movie made about this book... The author set out to create a female James Bond and pretty much hit it spot on... The book is a page-turner.' Goodreads reviewer 'A high-octane thriller... It is a thrill-a-minute, edge-of-your-seat thriller that will have you quickly turning the page... will keep you entertained and engrossed until it's thrilling denouement. A great read that will spike your blood pressure accordingly - not for the faint-hearted!' Goodreads reviewer 'I wound up wrapped up in the story and couldn't put it down.' Goodreads reviewer 'Loved it! I want more! Can't wait for the next instalment.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'It is hard to put this one down! Lots of twists in this quite different and spectacular read! RECOMMEND HIGHLY!!!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'I loved it. Intense and filled with twists and turns. Just when you think you know what is going to happen next, Winter surprises you... I cannot wait for the next instalment!' Goodreads reviewer 'Now there is a new kid on the block, the love-child of Jack Reacher and Lisbeth Salander... she can out-punch Bourne and out-pull Bond.' Independent 'I am in heaven.' Goodreads reviewer

**Euphoria** - Lily King 2014-09-11

The New York Times Top Ten Bestseller From the author of Writers & Lovers, Euphoria is Lily King's gripping novel inspired by the true story of a woman who changed the way we understand our world. 'Pretty much perfect' - Curtis Sittenfeld, author of Rodham In 1933 three young, gifted anthropologists are thrown together in the jungle of New Guinea. They are Nell Stone, fascinating, magnetic and famous for her controversial work; her intelligent but aggressive husband Fen, who is uneasy with her success; and Andrew Bankson, who stumbles into the lives of this strange couple and becomes totally enthralled by Nell. Within months the trio are producing their best ever work, but soon a firestorm of fierce love and jealousy begins to burn out of control, threatening their bonds, their careers and, ultimately, their lives . . . 'Lily King is one of our great literary treasures' - Madeline Miller, author of The Song of Achilles 'Dazzling' - Emma Donoghue, author of Room 'Taut, witty, fiercely intelligent . . . a love triangle in extremis' - The New York Times

**Audrey, Wait!** - Robin Benway 2009-04-02

California high school student Audrey Cuttler dumps self-involved Evan, the lead singer of a little band called The Do-Gooders. Evan writes, 'Audrey, Wait!', a break-up song that's so good it rockets up the billboard charts. And Audrey is suddenly famous! Now rabid fans are invading her school. People is running articles about her arm-warmers. The lead singer of the Lolitas wants her as his muse. (And the Internet is documenting her every move!) Audrey can't hang out with her best friend or get with her new crush without being mobbed by

fans and paparazzi. Take a wild ride with Audrey as she makes headlines, has outrageous amounts of fun, confronts her ex on MTV, and gets the chance to show the world who she really is.

**Back In A Spell** - Lana Harper 2023-01-03

An awkward first date leads to a sparkling romance between one of the most powerful witches in town and a magical newbie in this rom-com by Lana Harper, New York Times bestselling author of Payback's a Witch. Even though she won't deny her love for pretty (and pricey) things, Nineve Blackmoore is almost painfully down-to-earth and sensible by Blackmoore standards. But after a year of nursing a broken heart inflicted by the fiancée who all but ditched her at the altar, the powerful witch is sick of feeling down and ready to try something

drastically different: a dating app. At her best friend Jessa's urging, she goes on a date with Morty Gutierrez, the nonbinary, offbeat soul of spontaneity and owner of the Shamrock Cauldron. Their date goes about as well as can be expected: awkward and terrible. To make matters worse, once Morty discovers Nina's last name, he's far from a fan; it turns out that the Blackmoores have been bullishly trying to buy the Shamrock out from under Morty and his family. But when Morty begins developing magical powers—something that usually only happens to committed romantic partners once they officially join a founding family—at the same time as Nina's own magic surges beyond her control, Nina must manage Morty's rude awakening to the hidden magical world, uncover its cause, and face the intensity of their own burgeoning connection.