

Blackmailed By The Beast Unlikely Love Book English Edition

Blackmailed by the Beast- 2012 Wayne Brown is ruthless when it comes to business, and with a nickname of "The Beast", no one dares to challenge him. What he wants he gets. Lily Jones is sweet innocence and despises men like Wayne. But the Jones family is desperate, and he offers them a solution to their problems. Only he wants something in return...Lily. She either marries him or her family answers to the debt collectors. With no choice left, she agrees and begins life as his wife. Through his seduction and touch, Lily's body betrays her, and as time passes, so does her heart. But how can she fall in love with a man who blackmails to get what he wants?

Beast-Jenika Snow 2016-05-13 Bridget is in trouble, and knew the only person that can help her is Beast, a hardened biker she's grown up with. He isn't just a man, but a rough around the edges, dangerous and raw alpha that acts first and asks questions later. He is also patched in with the Soldiers of Wrath: Grit Chapter, a motorcycle club that does what it has to do to stay on top. But in order for Beast to help her she's going to have to give something to him in return ... her body. He frightens her, but also arouses her, and she knows being his means more than just surrendering herself. Can Bridget let go and submit to the biker, or is being Beast's in all ways going to end up breaking her?

Rude Awakening-Natalie Dae 2012-12-01 One man, one woman...both having a rude awakening. Will Ruby's ex-Master succeed in his kidnap plan? Harry Knowles has taught subs for years but hasn't found a subservient woman he'd like to spend the rest of his life with...until the beautiful Ruby comes into his life, stumbling onto his property in the snow and collapsing from exhaustion. He takes her into his home and nurtures her, showing her that the BDSM lifestyle she'd previously been living wasn't what BDSM is all about. Ruby has run from an abusive relationship. Having shared the past few years with a sadistic man, she's skittish and unsure of herself, but Harry encourages her to blossom. He teaches her not only the true meaning of BDSM but also to love herself-something she's failed to do in the past. Their life has the promise of being idyllic, but her former lover, a man known only as Master, has other ideas on that score...

Taming the Beast-Emily Maguire 2009-10-01 A dazzling debut from one of Australia's most gifted young writers "Maguire keeps the prose crackling and the dialogue lively ... from the first page to the last." Publishers Weekly Sarah Clark's life is irrevocably changed at the age of 14 when her English teacher, Mr Carr, seduces her after class. Their affair is illegal, erotic, passionate and dangerous - a vicious meeting of minds and bodies. But when Mr Carr's wife discovers the affair, he has to choose between them and moves to another city with his family. Sarah is devastated and from that day on her life is defined by a series of meaningless, self-abasing sexual encounters, hoping with each man that she will experience the same delicious feelings she had with Mr Carr. Seven years later Daniel Carr walks back into Sarah's life and she is drawn once again into the destructive relationship. Is Sarah strong enough to "tame the beast"? PRAISE FOR EMILY MAGUIRE "At the heart of ... Emily Maguire's work lies an urgent need to pull away at the interconnecting threads of morality, society and human relationships." Sydney Morning Herald "what you get, along with a sharp mind and a keenness to investigate cultural confusions, is an engaging ability to put the vitality of the story first." Weekend Australian

Deadly Duet-Sam Crescent 2016-08-31 Deadly Duet, 1 Caleb Cassell always gets what he wants. Starting out as a fighter, Caleb and his friend, Henry, have fought their way to the top. They've left a trail of bodies behind them and forged a life out of violence and illegal dealings. They control girls, guns, drugs, and are not afraid of taking out anyone who threatens their business. When Caleb first sees Donna working in the jewelry store, he knows he wants her. Donna's latest customer scares and excites her. She tries to fight off his advances but all too soon she gives in. One date turns into a second, and before she knows what's happening they're together. When the truth of who he is comes out, can Donna find it in her heart to remain with him? Who could love a crime boss that everyone fears? The Scarred One Deadly Duet, 2 Henry is the scarred one of the deadly duet. Everyone fears him, avoids him, and he takes his pleasures out on the whores he controls. He does whatever it takes to get the job done, even kill a woman's boyfriend in front of her. Lydia knows there is more to Henry than meets the eye but she will not be the one to find out the truth. She wants nothing to do with him or the world he's involved in. When they are kidnapped, she has to put her faith in him to get them out. Witnessing the damage done to Lydia, Henry promises to kill everyone responsible. With no other choice, Lydia sees the real man within him. She can no longer walk away as she has fallen in love with the scarred one. What will she do when his need for vengeance puts her at risk once again?

The Seventh Moon-Marius Gabriel 2014-01-14 From the international bestselling author of THE MASK OF TIME and THE ORIGINAL SIN. As World War II rages, Francine Lawrence and her small daughter, Ruth, wait in the fading splendor of Raffles Hotel in Singapore for Francine's British husband. But when he is delayed, Francine, half-Chinese and unwelcome there, is forced to begin a terrifying journey. Seeking to escape a world exploding in nightmare, Francine ultimately makes a gut-wrenching decision: to entrust Ruth to strangers in order to save the child's life. But when the war ends, all traces of Ruth have vanished; years of searching bring only heartbreak. Three decades later Francine is a formidable businesswoman, pouring all her energies into her companies. Then one day a soft-spoken young woman walks into her New York office on the Festival of the Hungry Ghosts. Her name is Sakura, and she hints that she may be Francine's daughter. What Francine does not know is that beneath Sakura's calm surface lives the heart of a warrior. Francine cannot begin to imagine the places Sakura has been, the horrors she has endured--or the secret that gives her the strongest motive in the world to lie... Also by Marius Gabriel: A HOUSE OF MANY ROOMS 'A sexy, gripping thriller that doesn't miss a beat.' - Kirkus Reviews

Sugar Free-Sawyer Bennett 2016 For years Sela Halstead dreamed of revenge for being raped on her sixteenth birthday. But the quest for payback has put her at the mercy of her rapist, Jonathan Townsend, the founder of the Sugar Bowl online dating service. In desperate need of shelter and comfort she runs to Beckett North, the one man she can trust. But can he handle the brutal truth? The passion between them runs hot, each touch of her nails down his back makes it harder to let her go ... even as their world begins to unravel.

Getaway Girl-Tessa Bailey 2020-11-27 This unlikely getaway driver never expected to help the mayor escape... After a six-year absence, Addison Potts is back in Charleston to stir things up. And what better place to make her villainous return than her estranged cousin's wedding? Only, the nuptials hit a snag when the bride doesn't show, leaving Addison to play getaway driver for the jilted groom. A groom whose heartbreaking smile and deep, southern drawl she should not be noticing... Elijah Montgomery Du Pont is the future mayor of Charleston. From his military career to city hall, every detail of his life has been meticulously planned. Until now. His only respite from life's sudden upheaval is Addison, his new, improbable best friend. She makes him happy. Grounds him. And public disapproval be damned, he's not willing to give her up. But with an election on the line and public pressure rising, Addison-and the cruel hand of fate-might not give him a choice.

The Return of Antonides: Christmas at the Castello (Bonus Novella)-Anne McAllister 2015-09-15 Crossing the line between love and hate... Widow Holly Halloran's fresh start is only a plane ride away, until Lukas Antonides—the man she hates, but has never been able to forget—strides arrogantly back into her life... Lukas was her late husband's best friend and openly disapproved of Holly. Then on one unforgettable night their acrimony ricocheted into the bedroom! Now the arrogant Greek is kicking the hornet's nest again by offering Holly a job. Holly agrees, determined not to let Lukas get beneath her surface this time. But as the tension mounts between them, so, too, does that bubbling attraction of old...

The End of Faking It-Natalie Anderson 2011-07-05 A teenage romance-turned-nightmare has taught Penny Fairburn that faking it is the only way to go. It's not until she's asked to assist gorgeous Carter Dodds in her office that she discovers how wrong she's been! Carter can have any woman on a plate, and likes the smorgasbord approach! But after some scorching nights with Penny, "no-strings" Carter has changed his tune--Penny's not faking anything in his bed, but getting her to admit her true feelings for him out in the real world is a whole new challenge....

Blackmailed by Her Bully-Sam Crescent 2020-01-03 Twelve years ago, something happened to Ava Marshall, and rather than hide it, she reported it. All this time, she's believed the man responsible paid for his crime, but she is about to learn nothing is as it seems. Logan Stanford had his whole life torn from him for an act he didn't commit. Sent to the gutter, he has built his way back up, and now he's more than a bully from Ava's past. He's the nightmare that is going to make her pay. He's set to hurt and humiliate her in every possible way. There's no escape for her. But the truth will set her free, and when it does, Logan has to face the fact he has hurt the wrong person. Torn between his need to keep her and his guilt, Logan doesn't know what to do. He's a selfish bastard who is used to taking what he wants, but he has to let her go. Only, Ava doesn't want to be let go. She has spent too long living in the past, and it is time to move on and finally live her life. Will Logan give her the chance, or will he push her away?

A School for Unusual Girls-Kathleen Baldwin 2015-05-19 Banished to a boarding school to be reformed into marriageable young ladies in war-torn early 19th-century England, Miss Georgiana and her new friends are secretly entangled in a world of spies, diplomacy and romance. Simultaneous eBook.

The Memory of Forgotten Things-Kat Zhang 2018-05-15 "A heart-tugging and mind-bending exploration of time and possibility." —School Library Journal "A pleasure to read...full of heart and imagination." —Kirkus Reviews "Zhang's story is filled with real-world lessons on compassion and kindness with a sci-fi twist—a skillfully rendered framing device for exploring deeper issues of loss, longing, and acceptance." —Publishers Weekly "With unwavering hope and focus, and new friendships with unlikely peers, the novel is entertaining and sweet." —Booklist In the tradition of *The Thing About Jellyfish* and *When You Reach Me*, acclaimed author Kat Zhang offers a luminous and heartbreaking novel about a girl who is convinced that an upcoming solar eclipse will bring back her dead mother. One of the happiest memories twelve-year-old Sophia Wallace has is of her tenth birthday. Her mother made her a cake that year—and not a cake from a boxed-mix, but from scratch. She remembers the way the frosting tasted, the way the pink sugar roses dissolved on her tongue. This memory, and a scant few others like it, is all Sophia has of her mother, so she keeps them close. She keeps them secret, too. Because as paltry as these memories are, she shouldn't have them at all. The truth is, Sophia Wallace's mother died when she was six years old. But that isn't how she remembers it. Not always. Sophia has never told anyone about her unusual memories—snapshots of a past that never happened. But everything changes when Sophia's seventh grade English class gets an assignment to research solar eclipses. She becomes convinced that the upcoming solar eclipse will grant her the opportunity to make her alternate life come true, to enter a world where her mother never died. With the help of two misfit boys, she must figure out a way to bring her mother back to her—before the opportunity is lost forever.

War Trash-Ha Jin 2007-12-18 Ha Jin's masterful new novel casts a searchlight into a forgotten corner of modern history, the experience of Chinese soldiers held in U.S. POW camps during the Korean War. In 1951 Yu Yuan, a scholarly and self-effacing clerical officer in Mao's "volunteer" army, is taken prisoner south of the 38th Parallel. Because he speaks English, he soon becomes an intermediary between his compatriots and their American captors. With Yuan as guide, we are ushered into the secret world behind the barbed wire, a world where kindness alternates with blinding cruelty and one has infinitely more to fear from one's fellow prisoners than from the

guards. Vivid in its historical detail, profound in its imaginative empathy, War Trash is Ha Jin's most ambitious book to date.

Pleasure Bound-Anne Rainey 2012-12-24 WHEN DESIRE BURNS THIS HOT. . . With his sexy smile and rock-hard body, P.I. Jonas Phoenix is used to having women flock to his bed. But these days, there's only one woman Jonas wants—and she won't give him the time of day. THE ONLY CHOICE. . . Deanna Harrison knows she can't fight her attraction to Jonas forever, but she's looking for more than a fling. So Jonas issues Deanna a challenge: give him one weekend at his Miami beach house to win her over. No strings attached. No limitations. IS SURRENDER. . . Once in Miami, the sexual tension erupts as Deanna finally lets go—and lets Jonas pleasure her in ways she's only dreamed of. But while their bond grows stronger, danger lurks close by—and it could be deadly for them both. . . Praise for Anne Rainey's Body Rush "Deliciously naughty, smokin' hot. . .read if you dare!" --Janice Maynard "With red-hot sex, hot and heavy BDSM, and three alpha males to make this book almost dangerous. You will not be disappointed!" --Coffee Time Romance, 4 Cups "Supremely sexy and beautifully emotional, Anne Rainey's writing is intensely relevant for today's woman." -Lucy Monroe *This book contains adult content*

An Innocent Christmas-Katy Kaylee 2019-12-06 A Christmas Eve, A fun party, A little act of seduction and... My broken heart! My brother's best friend took my innocence on Christmas eve, And abandoned me for military. That was four years ago. Now he's back - more handsome than ever, and oh, so enigmatic. My heart aches for a second chance with this bad boy. But the problem is bigger than my broken heart. It's my swollen belly! Running away from this scandal is the best thing I can do. I was naïve to believe in love four years ago. But I'm smarter now. Or am I?

Bodyguard Beast: An Enemies To Lovers Romance-Georgia Le Carre 2020-08-22 AngeloTwo things should have told me staying in this job was a mistake.How she looked.How she talked.But the inner voice that had always kept me safe and one step ahead was drowned out by the fire in my veins. But getting Involved. Not an option.Even though thinking of her curves kept me awake at night.I'd never guarded a woman before, let alone the Boss's daughter.I didn't need a spitfire minx in my life no matter how beautiful, especially not one with a murderous father.Everything changed when I broke the rules. Now I'm powerless against this stubborn, untameable woman.I have an impossible job.Keep her safe and out of my arms.But it's already too late... I need to take her again, and mark her as mine.A full length standalone enemies to lovers romance with no cheating and guaranteed HEA.

The Lady Travelers Guide to Deception with an Unlikely Earl-Victoria Alexander 2018-12-01 Set sail for love in this sparkling new adventure in #1 New York Times bestselling author Victoria Alexander's Lady Travelers Society series. Harry Armstrong has spent years in Egypt, recovering relics and disregarding rules. Now he's back in England with a new title and a new purpose: penning his exploits. But his efforts are overshadowed by London's favorite writer about Egypt—a woman they call The Queen of the Desert, of all things. Worse, her stories—serialized in newspapers and reprinted in books—are complete rubbish. Miss Sidney Honeywell didn't set out to deceive anyone. It's not her fault readers assumed her Tales of a Lady Adventurer in Egypt were real! Admitting her inadvertent deception now would destroy her reputation and her livelihood. But when the Earl of Brenton challenges her to travel to Egypt to prove her expertise, accompanied by his dashing, arrogant nephew, what choice does she have but to pack her bags? With the matchmaking founders of the Lady Travelers Society in tow, Harry is determined to expose Sidney's secret. But the truth might not be as great a revelation as discovering that love can strike even the most stubborn of hearts.

Haunted-Kelley Armstrong 2009-04-03 THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF THE SMART, SEXY — SUPERNATURAL — WOMEN OF THE OTHERWORLD Eve Levine — half-demon, black witch and devoted mother — has been dead for three years. She has a great house, an interesting love life and can't be killed again — which comes in handy when you've made as many enemies as Eve. Yes, the afterlife isn't too bad — all she needs to do is find a way to communicate with her daughter, Savannah, and she'll be happy. But fate — or more exactly, the Fates — have other plans. Eve owes them a favor, and they've just called it in. An evil spirit called the Nix has escaped from hell. She feeds on chaos and death, and is very good at persuading people to kill for her. The Fates want Eve to hunt her down before she does any more damage, but the Nix is a dangerous enemy — previous hunters have been driven insane in the process. As if that's not problem enough, the only way to stop her is with an angel's sword. And Eve is no angel. . . .

Heat Seeker-Lora Leigh 2009 A former Elite Ops captain with a dark past meets his match in a beautiful, former CIA agent who's dead-set on revenge. And this time the action--and the attraction--is more adrenaline-pumping than ever, in this third red-hot novel of Leigh's Elite Ops series. Original.

Paper Towns-John Green 2013 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.

Posthuman Bliss?-Susan B. Levin 2020-12-03 A tightly argued and expansive examination of the pitfalls of transhumanism that

reacquaints us with what it means to live well. Advocates of transhumanism, or "radical" enhancement, urge us to pursue the biotechnological heightening of select capacities - above all, cognitive ability - so far beyond any human limit that the beings with those capacities would exist on a higher ontological plane. For proponents of such views, humanity's self-transcendence through advancements in science and technology may even be morally required. Consequently, the human stakes of how we respond to transhumanism are immeasurably high. In *Posthuman Bliss? The Failed Promise of Transhumanism*, Susan B. Levin challenges transhumanists' overarching commitments regarding the mind and brain, ethics, liberal democracy, knowledge, and reality, showing their notion of humanity's self-transcendence into "posthumanity" to be little more than fantasy. Uniting philosophical with scientific arguments, Levin mounts a significant challenge to transhumanists' claim that science and technology support their vision of posthumanity. In a clear and engaging style, she dismantles transhumanists' breezy assurances that posthumans will emerge if we but allocate sufficient resources to that end. Far from offering theoretical and practical "proof of concept" for the vision that they urge upon us, Levin argues, transhumanists engage inadequately with cognitive psychology, biology, and neuroscience, often relying on questionable or outdated views within those fields. Having shown in depth why transhumanism should be rejected, Levin argues forcefully for a holistic perspective on living well that is rooted in Aristotle's virtue ethics but that is adapted to liberal democracy. This holism is thoroughly human, in the best of senses: It directs us to consider worthy ends for us as human beings and to do the irreplaceable work of understanding ourselves rather than relying on technology and science to be our salvation.

Covert Game-Christine Feehan 2018-03-20 Rescuing an industrial spy from the hands of a criminal mastermind is a suicide mission for the GhostWalkers. And there's no one more up to the task than Gino Mazza. He's the perfect killing machine--a man driven by demons so dark and destructive that his blighted soul has given up trying to find solace. But his laser-sharp focus on his target has transformed into something nearing desire. A treasonous senator dangled top secret GhostWalker data in front of a Chinese crime lord, and he bit. Zara Hightower, one of the world's leading experts on artificial intelligence, was sent in to psychically wipe the crime lord's computer network. She succeeded, but at a huge cost. Now she's the captive of a man who has descended into paranoid madness. Torture and death await her... But GhostWalkers never leave one of their own in enemy territory. And it's up to Gino to save Zara, or kill her if it turns out she's led them into a trap. Either way, heaven or hell won't stop him...

His Pregnant Princess Bride-Catherine Mann 2016-02-01 A princess and a Southern billionaire are expecting twins! Only from USA TODAY bestselling author Catherine Mann! His focus is on his family's football dynasty. Louisiana billionaire Gervais Reynaud has no time for romance. But he can't say no to a tryst with Erika Mitras. True, she's a princess, but in no way prim...or proper. Their time together is unbelievable...and all too short. When Erika said goodbye, she meant it. But now she must tell Gervais the truth. He's about to be a father...to royal twins. After leaving her overbearing family, Erika wants nothing from Gervais. But the tempting tycoon just may charm her into a future she desires all too much.

The Inevitable-Nikki Ash 2021-04-16 Sierra Since the moment Kolton walked into The Orange Sunrise I've felt the connection between us. Like fireworks waiting to be set off on the Fourth of July, they'll all shoot off with one spark, beautiful and dazzling, and explode in the sky. But what happens once they burn out? When the colors fade into ash, and we're left with only the aftermath? Every word that leaves his mouth is more tempting than the last. He won't take no for an answer, but I can't say yes when there's a chance he'll break my heart. Even though I have no doubt the fireworks would be worth chasing, knowing the destruction they'll leave behind means I can't risk it. Getting hurt would be inevitable... but so is falling for him. Kolton I know Sierra wants me. Even when she tries like hell to hide it. But I'm not shy about the fact that I'm more interested in what's brewing between us than the drinks she's serving. Something about her has me drawn to her, has me wanting to reach inside and find out everything there is to know about her. So, I'll keep asking. Waiting for the day she finally gives me a chance. Because when she says yes-and she will-I'm going to prove to her that this thing between us is more than a spark. It's a slow burning flame that will only ignite brighter over time.

Bedded By Blackmail-Julia James 2011-01-01 Everything and everyone has its price! He's visiting London for the most glittering event of the year, and all eyes are on him--sexy South American billionaire Diego Saez. Infamous for his astounding rise from rags to riches, as far as Mr Saez is concerned, everything and everyone is for sale. As for Society heiress Portia Lanchester, her family name is in tatters and she's been left penniless. Diego's got her firmly in his sights and she's got only one chance of survival--surrender to his blackmail and to him

Exquisite Taste-J. D. Hollyfield 2018-11-04 He was a dare she couldn't walk away from. She was a game he was determined to win. Jensen Stone was thriving in her first year of college. So thirsty for success she could already taste the achievements on her lips. Nothing would get in the way of her dreams, not even the social pressures of pledging. Until one night, she finds herself in the lion's den of sorority row, accepting a dare she knew she couldn't complete. Damien Cross was bored. He no longer craved the dominance and control he had swirling in the palms of his powerful hands. He was determined to walk away from the empire he'd spent the last ten years building. What he didn't factor in was the unexpected distraction. He might be angry at her inconvenient timing, but the urge to break the new toy dangling in front of him was all consuming. It wouldn't hurt to play one last time. One night. His rules. Will she obey his demands to fulfill a dare? Or will she realize his dark tastes are anything but exquisite?

Chasing Ella-Jillian Quinn 2019-06-22 One kiss. A mistaken identity. A second chance at love...When a masked girl throws herself at Shawn Finch at a costume party, he assumes she's another football groupie trying to get his attention. Except she's not just any girl. She's the blonde in the blue dress who kissed him and ran away. Desperate to find her, Shawn searches for her with no luck. So, it must be fate when his grade point average drops and the college assigns him a tutor not knowing they just handed over his mystery girl. Ella had a crush on Shawn since the first time she spotted him on campus. One kiss was all she'd ever wanted. But Shawn has other plans

once he discovers the truth about his tutor. Scroll up to discover why readers are captivated by this fairy tale re-telling, complete with a happily ever after and your next Prince Charming.

The Beast-Óscar Martínez 2014 An El Salvadoran investigative journalist for the Latin American gang violence project, El Faro, documents the recent abduction of 300 migrant workers from the border towns between Mexico and Arizona and how their disappearances reflect the increasing dangers facing migrants.

The Big Book of Words You Should Know-David Olsen 2008-12-17 Do you know what "quatrefoil" and "impolitic" mean? What about "halcyon" or "narcolepsy"? This book is a handy, easy-to-read reference guide to the proper parlance for any situation. In this book you will find: Words You Absolutely Should Know (covert, exonerate, perimeter); Words You Should Know But Probably Don't (dour, incendiary, scintilla); Words Most People Don't Know (schlimazel, thaumaturgy, epergne); Words You Should Know to Sound Overeducated (ad infinitum, nugatory, garrulity); Words You Probably Shouldn't Know (priapic, damnatory, labia majora); and more. Whether writing an essay, studying for a test, or trying to impress friends, family, and fellow cocktail party guests with their prolixity, you will achieve magniloquence, ebullience, and flights of rhetorical brilliance.

More Than Her (More Than Series, Book 2)-Jay McLean 2019-07-02 Please note that this is the second book in the series and should not be read prior to reading More Than This. "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction." "For every choice you make there are rewards, or there are consequences. It was my choice to walk away the first time. And my choice to chase her the second. But sometimes you don't get a choice, and all you get are the consequences." "Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage." "Unless that someone is Logan Matthews. Because loving him didn't give me the strength to walk away. It didn't give me the courage to fight for him. And when it was over, all it gave me was a broken heart."

The Polymath-Peter Burke 2020-09-01 The first history of the western polymath, from the fifteenth century to the present day From Leonardo Da Vinci to John Dee and Comenius, from George Eliot to Oliver Sacks and Susan Sontag, polymaths have moved the frontiers of knowledge in countless ways. But history can be unkind to scholars with such encyclopaedic interests. All too often these individuals are remembered for just one part of their valuable achievements. In this engaging, erudite account, renowned cultural historian Peter Burke argues for a more rounded view. Identifying 500 western polymaths, Burke explores their wide-ranging successes and shows how their rise matched a rapid growth of knowledge in the age of the invention of printing, the discovery of the New World and the Scientific Revolution. It is only more recently that the further acceleration of knowledge has led to increased specialisation and to an environment that is less supportive of wide-ranging scholars and scientists. Spanning the Renaissance to the present day, Burke changes our understanding of this remarkable intellectual species.

Man Vs. Beast-Robert Muchamore 2013-04-16 When a new radical animal protection group argues that it is right to kill or threaten one human in order to save the lives of many animals, James and the other agents must try to stop the group from completing a violent mission.

The Bitten-L. A. Banks 2005-02-01 The vampire civil war has been averted, deadly were-demons have been beaten back and now it Damali Richards and Carlos Rivera (now a Council level vampire) will finally have the chance to settle in and explore their deeper, sexier love. But Carlos and Damali should know by now that there is no rest for the saviors of the known world. One of the four topside Master vampires has stolen one of the Keys—the living blood of Christ—that opens the sixth seal as foretold in Revelations. He who possesses the Key and the Seal can decide to the outcome of the Final War, a.k.a. Armageddon. With a vampire in possession of the Key, the balance between the Light and the Dark have been thrown off and even Damali is deeply effected. She is now sporting a pair of fangs. In order to retrieve the Key, Carlos and Damali are quickly thrust into a web of vampire politics and intrigue. And when Carlos's secret drug, Oblivion, finds its way into the hands of the enemies, even the seventh level of Hell comes calling.

Tell Me How It Ends-Valeria Luiselli 2017-03-13 American Book Award Winner: A "moving, intimate" account of serving as a translator for undocumented children facing deportation (The New York Times Book Review). Nonfiction Finalist for the Kirkus Prize Finalist for National Book Critics Circle Award for Criticism Structured around the forty questions volunteer worker Valeria Luiselli translates from a court system form and asks undocumented Latin American children facing deportation, Tell Me How It Ends humanizes these young migrants and highlights the contradiction between the idea of America as a fiction for immigrants and the reality of racism and fear—here and back home. "Luiselli's prose is always lush and astute, but this long essay, which borrows its framework from questions on the cold, bureaucratic work sheets with which she became so familiar (for example, 'Did anything happen on your trip to the U.S. that scared or hurt you?'), is teeming with urgency... In this slim volume about the spectacular failure of the American Dream, she tells the stories of the unnamed children she's encountered and their fears and desires, as well as her own family's immigration story." —Vulture "Worthy of inclusion in a great American (and international) canon of writing about migration." —Texas Observer "A powerful indictment of American immigration policy, [Tell Me How It Ends] examines a system that has failed child refugees in particular." —Financial Times "Masterfully blends journalism, auto/biography, and political history into a compelling and cohesive narrative. . . . Luiselli uses the personal to get political but smartly sidesteps identity politics to focus on policy instead." —The Rumpus

Deeper-Jenika Snow 2013-06 [Siren Allure: Erotic Contemporary Romance, bondage, public exhibition, light spanking, sex toys, HEA]

When Stella Vincent's father gambles away her childhood home, it is up to her to get it back, but when she finally meets the man who holds the deed, she realizes just how dangerous he really is. He is tall, dark, and gorgeous, and so very bad for her. Tate Wessen knows he is dangerous, and he counts on others realizing the same thing in order for him to get what he wants. Running an illegal underground fight club isn't the worst he has ever done. When Stella walks into his office the attraction is instant. She'll do anything to get her father's house back, and he knows that he can use this to his advantage. What he offers her is very simple. She must submit her body to him for the next two weeks. After that her father's debt is absolved. The only problem is he finds himself falling hard for the woman who was only supposed to warm his bed. ** A Siren Erotic Romance

House of Earth and Blood-Sarah J. Maas 2020-10-01 Think Game of Thrones meets Buffy the Vampire Slayer with a drizzle of E.L. James - Telegraph Perfect for fans of Jessica Jones and True Blood, this is a blockbuster modern fantasy set in a divided world where one woman must uncover the truth to seek her revenge. Half-Fae, half-human Bryce Quinlan loves her life. Every night is a party and Bryce is going to savour all the pleasures Lunathion - also known as Crescent City - has to offer. But then a brutal murder shakes the very foundations of the city, and brings Bryce's world crashing down. Two years later, Bryce still haunts the city's most notorious nightclubs - but seeking only oblivion now. Then the murderer attacks again. And when an infamous Fallen angel, Hunt Athalar, is assigned to watch her every footstep, Bryce knows she can't forget any longer. As Bryce and Hunt fight to unravel the mystery, and their own dark pasts, the threads they tug ripple through the underbelly of the city, across warring continents, and down to the deepest levels of Hel, where things that have been sleeping for millennia are beginning to stir ... With unforgettable characters and page-turning suspense, this richly inventive new fantasy series by #1 New York Times bestselling author Sarah J. Maas delves into the heartache of loss, the price of freedom - and the power of love.

Empire of Pain-Patrick Radden Keefe 2021-04-13 NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • A grand, devastating portrait of three generations of the Sackler family, famed for their philanthropy, whose fortune was built by Valium and whose reputation was destroyed by OxyContin. From the prize-winning and bestselling author of Say Nothing, as featured in the HBO documentary Crime of the Century. The Sackler name adorns the walls of many storied institutions—Harvard, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Oxford, the Louvre. They are one of the richest families in the world, known for their lavish donations to the arts and the sciences. The source of the family fortune was vague, however, until it emerged that the Sacklers were responsible for making and marketing a blockbuster painkiller that was the catalyst for the opioid crisis. Empire of Pain begins with the story of three doctor brothers, Raymond, Mortimer and the incalculably energetic Arthur, who weathered the poverty of the Great Depression and appalling anti-Semitism. Working at a barbaric mental institution, Arthur saw a better way and conducted groundbreaking research into drug treatments. He also had a genius for marketing, especially for pharmaceuticals, and bought a small ad firm. Arthur devised the marketing for Valium, and built the first great Sackler fortune. He purchased a drug manufacturer, Purdue Frederick, which would be run by Raymond and Mortimer. The brothers began collecting art, and wives, and grand residences in exotic locales. Their children and grandchildren grew up in luxury. Forty years later, Raymond's son Richard ran the family-owned Purdue. The template Arthur Sackler created to sell Valium—co-opting doctors, influencing the FDA, downplaying the drug's addictiveness—was employed to launch a far more potent product: OxyContin. The drug went on to generate some thirty-five billion dollars in revenue, and to launch a public health crisis in which hundreds of thousands would die. This is the saga of three generations of a single family and the mark they would leave on the world, a tale that moves from the bustling streets of early twentieth-century Brooklyn to the seaside palaces of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Cap d'Antibes to the corridors of power in Washington, D.C. Empire of Pain chronicles the multiple investigations of the Sacklers and their company, and the scorched-earth legal tactics that the family has used to evade accountability. The history of the Sackler dynasty is rife with drama—baroque personal lives; bitter disputes over estates; fistfights in boardrooms; glittering art collections; Machiavellian courtroom maneuvers; and the calculated use of money to burnish reputations and crush the less powerful. Empire of Pain is a masterpiece of narrative reporting and writing, exhaustively documented and ferociously compelling. It is a portrait of the excesses of America's second Gilded Age, a study of impunity among the super elite and a relentless investigation of the naked greed and indifference to human suffering that built one of the world's great fortunes.

The Raven Prince-Elizabeth Hoyt 2006-11-01 Widowed Anna Wren is having a wretched day. After an arrogant man on horseback nearly crushes her, she arrives home to learn that she is in dire financial straits. THERE COMES A TIME IN A LADY'S LIFE The Earl of Swarthingham is in a quandary. Having frightened off two secretaries, Edward de Raaf needs someone who can withstand his bad temper and boorish behavior. WHEN SHE MUST DO THE UNTHINKABLE . . . When Anna becomes the earl's secretary, it would seem that both their problems are solved. But when she discovers he plans to visit the most notorious brothel in London, she sees red-and decides to assuage her desires . . .

On Solid Ground-K. L. Grayson 2016-01-05

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