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Thread of Death - Jennifer Estep 2012-01-31

Gin Blanco, aka the assassin the Spider, might have finally killed her nemesis, Mab Monroe, but that doesn't mean that it's smooth sailing. Gin goes to Mab's funeral to say her goodbyes and runs into some of Ashland's most notorious underworld power players, including Jonah McAllister and Phillip Kincaid. McAllister wants her dead, and Kincaid has his own murky motives when it comes to the Spider, and Gin once again finds herself fighting for her life. Only this time, she might wind up in the cemetery right next to Mab....

Lev - Belle Aurora 2015-12-31

From the moment Lev Leokov spots the young woman hiding behind her hair in the middle of the gentleman's club, he can't take his eyes off of her. For the very first time in his life, he is affected. Having been told his entire life that he can't process or understand emotion, he considers it a big deal. When Mina Harris gets caught red-handed with a wallet that isn't hers, she falls apart. She's tired, lonely and hasn't eaten in days. Lev offers her an ultimatum... A nice warm bed, a hot meal and a job, or the cops. Mina takes her chances with Lev. After all, a person with nothing has nothing left to lose.

Web of Lies - Jennifer Estep 2010-05-25

Curiosity is definitely going to get me dead one of these days. Probably real soon. I'm Gin Blanco. You might know me as the Spider, the most feared assassin in the South. I'm retired now, but trouble still has a way of finding me. Like the other day when two punks tried to rob my popular barbecue joint, the Pork Pit. Then there was the barrage of gunfire on the restaurant. Only, for once, those kill shots weren't aimed at me. They were meant for Violet Fox. Ever since I agreed to help Violet and her grandfather protect their property from an evil coalmining tycoon, I'm beginning to wonder if I'm really retired. So is Detective Donovan Caine. The only honest cop in Ashland is having a real hard time reconciling his attraction to me with his Boy Scout mentality. And I can barely keep my hands off his sexy body. What can I say? I'm a Stone elemental with a little Ice magic thrown in, but my heart isn't made of solid rock. Luckily, Gin Blanco always gets her man . . . dead or alive.

To Love and to Cherish - Lauren Layne 2016-10-18

Sex and the City meets The Wedding Planner in The Wedding Belles, a contemporary and witty romance series about three high-powered New York City women who can plan any wedding—but their own. Alexis Morgan has spent the past eight years devoted to turning her tiny start-up into Manhattan's premiere wedding planning company, The Wedding Belles. Now that her business is thriving, it's time to turn towards her much neglected personal life, and Alexis approaches her relationships like she does everything else: with a plan. Not a part of that plan is Logan Harris, the silent partner in the Belles, and the one person who's been there for her since the very beginning. But Alexis needs someone fun, and Logan's all business, all the time—except when a late night at the office ends with an unexpected kiss that leaves the usually cool and together Alexis reeling. Logan has lusted after Alexis since the day he walked into the tiny Harlem apartment that used to double as her office. But the ambitious wedding planner has always been untouchable...until now. Alexis has made it clear that she's on the dating market—and equally clear that he's not in the running. But when Alexis finds herself in need of a date for her sister's last minute wedding in Florida, Logan knows it's the perfect time to show Alexis that there's more to him than numbers and

spreadsheets—and beneath the pinstripes and glasses lies a hot-blooded heartthrob. As Florida's sultry days turn into even hotter nights, Logan's out to convince Alexis that the fling of a lifetime could just maybe turn into forever...

Everybody, Always - Bob Goff 2018-04-17

What if we stopped avoiding the difficult people in our lives and committed to simply loving everybody? What happens when we give away love like we're made of it? In *Everybody, Always*, Bob Goff's joyful New York Times bestselling follow-up to *Love Does*, you'll discover the secret to living without fear, constraint, or worry. Bob teaches us that the path toward the outsized, unfettered, liberated existence we all long for is found in one simple truth: love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction and without limits. In *Everybody, Always*, Bob shows us the simple truths about life that have the power to shift our mindset forever: Jesus uses our blind spots to reveal himself to us It's easy to love kind, lovely, humble people, but you have to tackle fear in order to love people who are difficult What we do with our love will become the conversations we have with God Dark and scary places are filled with beautiful people who need our unconditional love Extravagant love has extraordinary power to change lives, including our own Driven by Bob's trademark storytelling, this book reveals the wisdom Bob learned—often the hard way—about what it means to love without inhibition, insecurity, or restriction. From finding the right friends to discovering the upside of failure, *Everybody, Always* points the way to embodying love by doing the unexpected, the intimidating, the seemingly impossible. Whether losing his shoes while skydiving solo or befriending a Ugandan witch doctor, Bob steps into life with a no-limits embrace of others that is as infectious as it is extraordinarily ordinary. *Everybody, Always* reveals how we can do the same.

Can't Help Falling in Love: The Sullivans 3 - Bella Andre 2014-01-01

Get ready for another Sullivan bad boy to fall in love in the third book of Bella Andre's bestselling contemporary romance series! BOOK DESCRIPTION: Gabe Sullivan risks his life every day as a firefighter in San Francisco. But after learning a brutal lesson about professional boundaries, he knows better than to risk his heart to his fire victims ever again. Especially the brave mother and daughter he saved from a deadly apartment fire...and can't stop thinking about.Megan Harris knows she owes the heroic firefighter everything for running into a burning building to save her and her seven-year-old daughter. Everything except her heart. Because after losing her navy pilot husband five years ago, she has vowed to never suffer through loving - and losing - a man with a dangerous job again.Only, when Gabe and Megan meet again and uncontrollable flames of desire ignite between them, how can he possibly ignore her courage, determination, and beauty? And how can she deny not only his strong bond with her daughter...but the way his sweetly sensual kisses are challenging her to risk everything she's been guarding for so long?This winter, if one - or both - of them aren't careful, they just might end up falling in love.* * * Book 1 in the Sullivan series, THE LOOK OF LOVE, Book 2, FROM THIS MOMENT ON, and Book 4, I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU, are also available! * * *REVIEWS: "Gabe just might be my favorite Sullivan yet! I LOVED this book." Marie Force, Bestselling Author of Treading WaterThe perfect combination of sexy heat and tender heart. Barbara Freethy, #1 New York Times bestselling author"Bella Andre writes warm, sexy contemporary romance that always give me a much needed pick me up. Reading one of her books is truly a pleasure." New York Times Bestselling author Maya Banks"I can't wait for more Sullivan brothers!" Carly

Phillips, New York Times Bestselling Author Loveable characters, sizzling chemistry, and poignant emotion. Christie Ridgway, USA Today Bestselling Author "No one does sexy like Bella Andre." Sarah MacLean, New York Times Bestselling Author * * *CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE is a contemporary romance of approximately 65,000 words. This book also contains the following bonus material: Excerpts from I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU, THE LOOK OF LOVE & FROM THIS MOMENT ON by Bella Andre * * *AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY: Bella Andre has always been a writer. Songs came first, and then non-fiction books, but as soon as she started writing her first romance novel, she knew she'd found her perfect career. Known for "sensual, empowered stories enveloped in heady romance" (Publisher's Weekly) about sizzling alpha heroes and the strong women they'll love forever, many of her 20+ titles have appeared on Top 50 bestseller lists, including THE LOOK OF LOVE (Sullivans #1), FROM THIS MOMENT ON (Sullivans #2), CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE (Sullivans #3), I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU (Sullivans #4), GAME FOR LOVE, and LOVE ME. Her books have been Cosmopolitan Magazine Red Hot Reads twice (GAME FOR ANYTHING and WILD HEAT) and have been translated into German, Thai, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, French and Ukrainian. NEVER TOO HOT won the Award of Excellence in 2011. The Washington Post has called her One of the top digital writers in America and she has been featured on NPR, Forbes.com and in The Wall Street Journal.

About Last Night - Belle Aurora 2015-08-27

Matt Quinn has been an escort for most of his adult life. He's so good at his job that he's booked months in advance. An enquiring email from a potential client finds him intrigued about the shy, awkward woman. A back and forth is started and before Quinn knows it, a friendship is formed. Time passes and Quinn is smitten. There's only one problem... The client is his best friend's little sister. She's off limits. He knows better. Staying away from one another is easier said than done.

Raw - Belle Aurora 2014-02-12

A young woman falls for her stalker and a complicated relationship begins.

El Deafo - Cece Bell 2014-09-02

A 2015 Newbery Honor Book & New York Times bestseller! Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid. The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn't—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become "El Deafo, Listener for All." And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.

The Bell Bandit - Jacqueline Davies 2012-05-01

The third installment of the popular Lemonade War series finds siblings Evan and Jessie Treski at their grandmother's Vermont house for the holidays, solving another mystery. Everything about this trip to Grandma's house was different: First, because of the fire, Mrs. Treski, Evan, and Jessie had driven up to Grandma's two days after Christmas instead of the day before, missing Christmas with Grandma entirely. Second, the fire had left a hole in the back kitchen wall big enough to drive a car through! And with Grandma in the hospital and not in her house, everything felt off. Third, someone had climbed the long, slow slope of Lovell Hill to the top and had stolen the old iron bell hanging on its heavy wooden crossbeam. Who on earth would steal the New Year's Bell? And how could Grandma, Mrs. Treski, Evan, Jessie, and their neighbors ring in the New Year without it? Like a modern-day Beverly Cleary, Ms. Davies writes with heart, humor, and honesty about the inevitability of profound change and reveals just how well she understands the complex emotions of the children. The five books in this fun-to-read series are: The Lemonade War The Lemonade Crime The Bell Bandit The Candy Smash The Magic Trap

P.S. I Still Love You - Jenny Han 2019-12-17

Now a Netflix original movie starring Lana Condor and Noah Centineo! In this highly anticipated sequel to the "lovely, lighthearted" (School Library Journal) New York Times bestselling To All The Boys I've Loved Before, Lara Jean still has letters to write and even more to lose when it comes to love. Lara Jean didn't

expect to really fall for Peter. She and Peter were just pretending. Except suddenly they weren't. Now Lara Jean is more confused than ever. When another boy from her past returns to her life, Lara Jean's feelings for him return too. Can a girl be in love with two boys at once? In this charming and heartfelt sequel to the New York Times bestseller To All the Boys I've Loved Before, we see first love through the eyes of the unforgettable Lara Jean. Love is never easy, but maybe that's part of what makes it so amazing.

Vik - Belle Aurora 2021-09-15

Nastasia Leokov has loved her brother's best friend since the very moment she met him. Understanding that she'll never be anything more to Viktor Nikulin than a treasure to guard, Nas sensibly hides her feelings. But when she makes a brash decision to kiss him, everything changes. That kiss. That hot, explosive, all-consuming kiss. It haunts Vik. And suddenly, Nastasia Leokov isn't just a teenage mob princess. No. She is his. Undeniably. Indisputably. An unbreakable connection. A hidden relationship. A lifetime of firsts. And yet, something is missing. Nas desperately craves the one thing Vik has never offered her. His heart.

Friend-Zoned - Belle Aurora 2014-08-21

Nikolai Leokov never thought he'd fall in love with the only girl he's ever befriended. Valentina Tomic has issues with commitment after the ultimate betrayal. When Tina decides to make broody Nik's day better, she never thought she would end up friends with the hard man. Nik has never had a woman be so affectionate to him without expecting something in return. Nik and Tina cordially invite you to read Friend-zoned. A story of friendship, humor and love.

The Bad Seed - William March 2005-06-28

Now reissued - William March's 1954 classic thriller that's as chilling, intelligent and timely as ever before. This paperback reissue includes a new P.S. section with author interviews, insights, features, suggested reading and more. What happens to ordinary families into whose midst a child serial killer is born? This is the question at the center of William March's classic thriller. After its initial publication in 1954, the book went on to become a million-copy bestseller, a wildly successful Broadway show, and a Warner Brothers film. The spine-tingling tale of little Rhoda Penmark had a tremendous impact on the thriller genre and generated a whole perdurable crop of creepy kids. Today, The Bad Seed remains a masterpiece of suspense that's as chilling, intelligent, and timely as ever before.

Clash - Belle Aurora 2021-01-25

Connor Clash was everything I wasn't. He taught me how to live. I didn't mean for things to go the way they did. But Connor was beautiful, and I was lonely. Falling in love wasn't part of the plan. He betrayed me, and I was scarred. Before I got the job, I didn't know who he was. Now I saw him every night in my dreams. We were two people, worlds apart, holding each other at arms length. This was not going to end well. Connor Clash was an a**hole. And I loved him with all of my heart.

Anna and the French Kiss - Stephanie Perkins 2013-12-16

Anna is less than thrilled to be shipped off to boarding school in Paris, leaving a fledgling romance behind - until she meets Étienne St. Clair. Smart, charming, beautiful, Étienne has it all...including a girlfriend. But in the City of Light, wishes have a way of coming true. Will a year of romantic near-misses end with a longed-for French kiss? "Magical...really captures the feeling of being in love" - Cassandra Clare, author of The Mortal Instruments series NPR's Year's Best Teen Reads, 2010. NPR's 100 Best-Ever Teen Novels, Number 53. Cybils Award Finalist for Young Adult Fiction, 2011. YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults, 2012 list YALSA's Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults: Forbidden Romance, 2012. TAYSHAS Reading List, 2012. Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers, Honor, 2012-13.

Tied - Emma Chase 2014-10-07

In the fourth sexy romance by the New York Times bestselling author of Tangled and Twisted, Drew and Kate can't wait to tie the knot—if they can survive the pre-wedding festivities. For most of my life, I never imagined I'd get married. But Kate did the impossible: she changed me. I think we can all agree I was pretty frigging awesome before, but now I'm even better. The road to this day wasn't all rainbows and boners. There were mistakes and misunderstandings worthy of a Greek tragedy. But Kate and I made it through with our inexhaustible lust, boundless admiration, and everlasting love for one another intact. That being said, there were some unexpected incidents in Vegas last weekend that could have been a problem. It

was kind of...my final test. I know what you're thinking—what the hell did you do this time? Relax. Let's not judge, or call for my castration, until you've heard the whole story. And hold on tight, because you're in for a wild ride. Did you expect anything less?

Black Hills - Nora Roberts 2009-07-07

In this #1 New York Times bestseller, Nora Roberts takes readers deep into the rugged hills of South Dakota, where the shadows keep secrets, hunters stalk the land, and a friendship matures into something more.... Cooper Sullivan spent the summers of his youth on his grandparents' South Dakota ranch, sharing innocent games and stolen kisses with the neighbor girl, Lil Chance. Now, twelve years after they last walked together hand in hand, fate has brought them back to the Black Hills. Though the memory of Coop's touch still haunts her, Lil has let nothing stop her dream of opening the Chance Wildlife Refuge, but something—or someone—has been keeping a close watch. When small pranks and acts of destruction escalate into a heartless attack on Lil's beloved cougar, memories of an unsolved murder have Coop springing to action to keep Lil safe. Both of them know the natural dangers that lurk in the wild landscape of the Black Hills. But a killer of twisted and unnatural instincts has singled them out as prey....

[Kiss of Venom](#) - Jennifer Estep 2013-07-22

The New York Times bestselling Elemental Assassin series continues with a new e-novella—from the hero's point of view! Owen Grayson is bound and determined to get Gin back...if her enemies don't get her first. When you have a history of dating an assassin, a night out on the town can turn deadly—fast. Owen Grayson is still wracked with guilt over the end of his love affair with Gin Blanco, and there aren't enough gin and tonics in all of Ashland to ease his heartache. But when Gin happens to show up at the same nightclub, he isn't the only one hoping to get her alone. Some shadowy figures will do anything to take down the Spider, Gin's assassin alter ego, and Owen will do anything to protect her. This could be the way to win her back, or at least give her a night off from fighting for her life—if Owen can survive...

[Willing Captive](#) - Belle Aurora 2014-08-21

Delilah "Lily" Flynn is used to her drab existence. Lily's been living it for twenty two years. Her boring life is suddenly turned on its head when she's rudely kidnapped from her bedroom. Or so she thinks. Nox Taylor is far too high up in his field to be assigned a babysitting job. There's nothing more he wants than to complete his mission so he can be rid of the smartass tomboy, Lily. Day after day, Nox watches Lily and her strange ways. She's unlike any woman he's ever met. Getting close to the girl is purely for her own protection...right? Lily never imagined she'd make her first real friends in captivity. To what lengths would she go to keep them?

[Twelve Days of Christmas](#) - Debbie Macomber 2017-10-17

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Continuing in a festive annual tradition, Debbie Macomber returns with a new original holiday novel full of romance and cheer—and the magical prospect of finding love in the most unexpected places. Friendly and bubbly, Julia Padden likes nearly everyone, but her standoffish neighbor, Cain Maddox, presents a particular challenge. No matter how hard she's tried to be nice, Cain rudely rebuffs her at every turn, preferring to keep to himself. But when Julia catches Cain stealing her newspaper from the lobby of their apartment building, that's the last straw. She's going to break through Cain's Scrooge-like exterior the only way she knows how: by killing him with kindness. To track her progress, Julia starts a blog called The Twelve Days of Christmas. Her first attempts to humanize Cain are far from successful. Julia brings him homemade Christmas treats and the disagreeable grinch won't even accept them. Meanwhile, Julie's blog becomes an online sensation, as an astonishing number of people start following her adventures. Julia continues to find ways to express kindness and, little by little, chips away at Cain's gruff façade to reveal the caring man underneath. Unbelievably, Julia feels herself falling for Cain—and she suspects that he may be falling for her as well. But as the popularity of her blog continues to grow, Julia must decide if telling Cain the truth about having chronicled their relationship to the rest of the world is worth risking their chance at love. Praise for Twelve Days of Christmas "Another heartwarming seasonal [Debbie] Macomber tale, which fans will find as bright and cozy as a blazing fire on Christmas Eve."—Kirkus Reviews "Twelve Days of Christmas is a delightful, charming read for anyone looking for an enjoyable Christmas novel. . . . Settle in with a warm blanket and a cup of hot chocolate, and curl up for some Christmas fun with Debbie Macomber's latest festive read."—Bookreporter "If you're looking for a

quick but meaningful holiday romance that will be sure to spark a need inside you to show others kindness, look no further than Twelve Day of Christmas."—Harlequin Junkie "Twelve Days of Christmas is a charming, heartwarming holiday tale. With poignant characters and an enchanting plot, Macomber again burrows into the fragility of human emotions to arrive at a delightful conclusion."—New York Journal of Books

[Happily Enemy After](#) - Ashlee Price 2020-09-29

Landing my dream job: Check. Signing the lease on a luxury apartment: Double Check. Finding out my new boss is the jerk that broke my heart in college, And he's my new neighbor: FML. Asher Hawthorne is the epitome of a stuck-up suit, He's got a rich daddy with endless connections, And a drop-dead smile that could have a saint week in the knees, But not these knees, not after he took me to a party in college only to leave with someone else...typical. I swear he's set his sights on making my life a living hell, Between the micro-managing and nitpicking, And the endless stream of moaning women in and out of his apartment, This grudge is about to turn into an all out war. Rude and arrogant I can handle, But when he starts to play nice, My entire plan goes out the window. Who the hell does he think he is making me fall for him all over again? One stupid, thoughtless kiss and there go my traitor knees, But as one kiss turns into so much more, I realize that the line between love and hate, Is blurred by the reminder of why I fell for him in the first place. ***Dive In and Explore this Full-Length Enemies-to-Lovers Romance. ***No Cheating. No Cliffhangers. And, of course, Includes an Unbeatable HEA. ***All Books In This Enticing Series Can Be Read As A Standalone.

[The Man in the High Castle](#) - Philip K. Dick 2011

In a classic work of alternate history, the United States is divided up and ruled by the Axis powers after the defeat of the Allies during World War II. Reissue. Winner of the Hugo Award for Best Novel.

[The Well of Loneliness](#) - Radclyffe Hall 2021-05-29

The Well of Loneliness, first published in 1928, is a timeless portrayal of lesbian love. The thinly disguised story of Hall's own life, it was banned outright upon publication and almost ruined her literary career as the subject was that of an obscenity trial and forbidden at the time in England. The novel tells the story of Stephen, an ideal child of aristocratic parents—a fencer, a horse rider and a keen scholar. Stephen grows to be a war hero, a bestselling writer and a loyal, protective lover. But Stephen is a woman, and is attracted to women. As her ambitions drive her, and society incarcerates her, Stephen is forced into desperate actions. Although Gordon's attitude toward her own sexuality is anguished, the novel presents lesbianism as natural and makes a plea for greater tolerance. It became an international bestseller, and for decades was the single most famous lesbian novel.

Sugar Rush - Belle Aurora 2015-08-26

Max Leokov has watched the people around him find love. At one point in life, he not only wanted that, but lived for it. He loved once. He loved with all his heart. His heart broken, he was left to care for his young daughter. He deserves a second chance. Helena Kovac has spent years studying. She has worked hard to get her degree. She doesn't have time for love. Books and work are her life. Everything else comes second. When Max and Helena join forces to help his daughter, Ceecee, they are shocked at the spark between them. When love hits, it hits hard. And sometimes, love hurts.

Sophie's World - Jostein Gaarder 2007-03-20

One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl (EasyRead Super Large 20pt Edition) - Harriet A. Jacobs 2008-11-05

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Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcoholics Anonymous World Services 1986

The basic text for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Look Both Ways - Jason Reynolds 2020-10-27

"A collection of ten short stories that all take place in the same day about kids walking home from school"--

Gravity's Rainbow - Thomas Pynchon 2012-06-13

Winner of the 1974 National Book Award "A screaming comes across the sky. . ." A few months after the Germans' secret V-2 rocket bombs begin falling on London, British Intelligence discovers that a map of the city pinpointing the sexual conquests of one Lieutenant Tyrone Slothrop, U.S. Army, corresponds identically to a map showing the V-2 impact sites. The implications of this discovery will launch Slothrop on an amazing journey across war-torn Europe, fleeing an international cabal of military-industrial superpowers, in search of the mysterious Rocket 00000, through a wildly comic extravaganza that has been hailed in *The New Republic* as "the most profound and accomplished American novel since the end of World War II."

Teaching To Transgress - Bell Hooks 2014-03-18

First published in 1994. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Breath of Scandal - Sandra Brown 2013-02-26

AVAILABLE AS AN EBOOK FOR THE FIRST TIME! On a rainy Southern night, Jade Sperry endured a young woman's worst nightmare at the hands of three local hell-raisers. Robbed of her youthful ideals and at the center of scandal and tragedy, Jade ran as far and as fast as she could. But she never forgot the sleepy "company town" where every man, woman, and child was dependent on one wealthy family. And she never forgot their spoiled son, who, with his two friends, changed her life forever. Someday, somehow, she'd return, exact a just revenge -- and free herself from fear, and the powerful family that could destroy her.

Scrapper - Matt Bell 2015-09-15

A man embarks on a desperate quest for redemption in a devastated Detroit, in this novel that "has the feel of Cormac McCarthy's *The Road* . . . Powerful" (*Publishers Weekly*). Detroit has descended into ruin. Kelly scavenges for scrap metal from the hundred thousand abandoned buildings in a part of the city known as "the zone"—an increasingly wild landscape where one day he finds something far more valuable than the copper he's come to steal: a kidnapped boy, crying out for rescue. Briefly, Kelly is celebrated as a hero. But even after he has brought the boy to safety, he is driven to secretly avenge this crime and solve the mystery behind the kidnapping—a task that will take him deeper into the zone, and into a confrontation with his own past and long-buried traumas. From the acclaimed author of *In the House Upon the Dirt Between the Lake and the Woods*, *Scrapper* is a devastating reimagining of one of America's greatest cities, its beautiful architecture, its lost houses, shuttered factories, boxing gyms, and storefront churches. With precise, powerful prose, it asks: What do we owe for our crimes, even those we've committed to protect the people we love?

Life's Too Short - Abby Jimenez 2021-04-06

THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "A hilarious, tender, and altogether life-affirming gem of a book." --Emily Henry, bestselling author of *Beach Read* A brilliant and touching romantic comedy about two polar opposites, one adorable dog, and living every day to its fullest. When Vanessa Price quit her job to pursue her dream of traveling the globe, she wasn't expecting to gain millions of YouTube followers who shared her joy of seizing every moment. For her, living each day to its fullest isn't just a motto. Her mother and sister never saw the age of 30, and Vanessa doesn't want to take anything for granted. But after her half sister suddenly leaves Vanessa in custody of her baby daughter, life goes from "daily adventure" to "next-level bad" (now with bonus baby vomit in hair). The last person Vanessa expects to show up offering help is the hot lawyer next door, Adrian Copeland. After all, she barely knows him. No one warned her that he was the Secret Baby Tamer or that she'd be spending a whole lot of time with him and his geriatric Chihuahua. Now she's feeling things she's vowed not to feel. Because the only thing worse than falling for Adrian is finding a little hope for a future she may never see. *BookRiot*, *Top Books of 2021* *Goodreads*, *Best of 2021 Romance Finalist* *She Reads*, *Best of 2021 Romance Winner*

Parenting Matters - National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2016-11-21

Decades of research have demonstrated that the parent-child dyad and the environment of the family—which includes all primary caregivers—are at the foundation of children's well-being and healthy development. From birth, children are learning and rely on parents and the other caregivers in their lives to protect and care for them. The impact of parents may never be greater than during the earliest years of life, when a child's brain is rapidly developing and when nearly all of her or his experiences are created and shaped by parents and the family environment. Parents help children build and refine their knowledge and skills, charting a trajectory for their health and well-being during childhood and beyond. The experience of parenting also impacts parents themselves. For instance, parenting can enrich and give focus to parents' lives; generate stress or calm; and create any number of emotions, including feelings of happiness, sadness, fulfillment, and anger. Parenting of young children today takes place in the context of significant ongoing developments. These include: a rapidly growing body of science on early childhood, increases in funding for programs and services for families, changing demographics of the U.S. population, and greater diversity of family structure. Additionally, parenting is increasingly being shaped by technology and increased access to information about parenting. *Parenting Matters* identifies parenting knowledge, attitudes, and practices associated with positive developmental outcomes in children ages 0-8; universal/preventive and targeted strategies used in a variety of settings that have been effective with parents of young children and that support the identified knowledge, attitudes, and practices; and barriers to and facilitators for parents' use of practices that lead to healthy child outcomes as well as their participation in effective programs and services. This report makes recommendations directed at an array of stakeholders, for promoting the wide-scale adoption of effective programs and services for parents and on areas that warrant further research to inform policy and practice. It is meant to serve as a roadmap for the future of parenting policy, research, and practice in the United States.

Screwdrivered - Alice Clayton 2014-09-02

Readers back for a third round of the bestselling *Cocktail* series will enjoy a madcap romantic comedy about bodice ripping and chest heaving, fiery passion and love everlasting. Plus a dash of paperwork filing and horseshi—wait, what? By day, Viv Franklin is a tough-as-nails software engineer who designs programs and loves hospital corners. By night, Vivian's a secret romance-novel junkie who longs for a knight in shining armor, or a cowboy on a wild stallion, or a strapping firefighter to sweep her off her feet. And she gets to wear the bodice—don't forget the bodice. When a phone call brings news that she's inherited a beautiful old home in Mendocino, California from a long-forgotten aunt, she moves her entire life across the country to embark on what she sees as a great, romance-novel-worthy adventure. But romance novels always have a twist, don't they? There's a cowboy, one that ignites her loins. Because Cowboy Hank is totally loin-ignition worthy. But there's also a librarian, Clark Barrow. And he calls her Vivian. Can tweed jackets and elbow patches compete with chaps and spurs? You bet your sweet cow pie. In *Screwdrivered*, Alice Clayton pits Superman against Clark in a hilarious and hot battle that delights a swooning Viv/Vivian. Also within this book, an answer to the question of the ages: Why ride a cowboy when you can ride a librarian?

The Threat of Pandemic Influenza - Institute of Medicine 2005-04-09

Public health officials and organizations around the world remain on high alert because of increasing concerns about the prospect of an influenza pandemic, which many experts believe to be inevitable. Moreover, recent problems with the availability and strain-specificity of vaccine for annual flu epidemics in some countries and the rise of pandemic strains of avian flu in disparate geographic regions have alarmed experts about the world's ability to prevent or contain a human pandemic. The workshop summary, *The Threat of Pandemic Influenza: Are We Ready?* addresses these urgent concerns. The report describes what steps the United States and other countries have taken thus far to prepare for the next outbreak of "killer flu." It also looks at gaps in readiness, including hospitals' inability to absorb a surge of patients and many nations' incapacity to monitor and detect flu outbreaks. The report points to the need for international agreements to share flu vaccine and antiviral stockpiles to ensure that the 88 percent of nations that cannot manufacture or stockpile these products have access to them. It chronicles the toll of the H5N1 strain of avian flu currently circulating among poultry in many parts of Asia, which now accounts for the culling of millions of birds and the death of at least 50 persons. And it compares the costs of preparations with the

costs of illness and death that could arise during an outbreak.

Love Thy Neighbor (Friend-Zoned #2) - Belle Aurora 2013

Asher 'Ghost' Collins and Natalie Kovac shared a passionate night together. One neither of them can forget. Why is it so hard for them to be around each other? With no hope of the two getting along they decide to go their separate ways. And somehow end up closer than they've ever been. Will friendship ever be enough for the pair?

Thoughtless - S.C. Stephens 2012-09-21

For almost two years now, Kiera's boyfriend, Denny, has been everything she's ever wanted: loving, tender, and endlessly devoted to her. When they head off to a new city to start their lives together, Denny at his dream job and Kiera at a top-notch university, everything seems perfect. Then an unforeseen obligation forces the happy couple apart. Feeling lonely, confused, and in need of comfort, Kiera turns to an unexpected source - a local rock star named Kellan Kyle. At first, he's purely a friend that she can lean on, but as her loneliness grows, so does their relationship. And then one night everything changes . . . and one thing's for sure - nothing will ever be the same.

Global Trends 2030 - Office of the Director of National Intelligence Council 2017-03-11

This publication covers global megatrends for the next 20 years and how they will affect the United States. This is the fifth installment in the National Intelligence Council's series aimed at providing a framework for thinking about possible futures and their implications. The report is intended to stimulate strategic thinking about the rapid and vast geopolitical changes characterizing the world today and possible global trajectories during the next 15-20 years by identifying critical trends and potential discontinuities. The authors distinguish between megatrends, those factors that will likely occur under any scenario, and game-changers, critical variables whose trajectories are far less certain. NIC 2012-001. Several innovations are included in Global Trends 2030, including: a review of the four previous Global Trends reports, input from academic and other experts around the world, coverage of disruptive technologies, and a chapter on the potential trajectories for the US role in the international system and the possible the impact on future

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